

The Hisarna Ironmaking Process

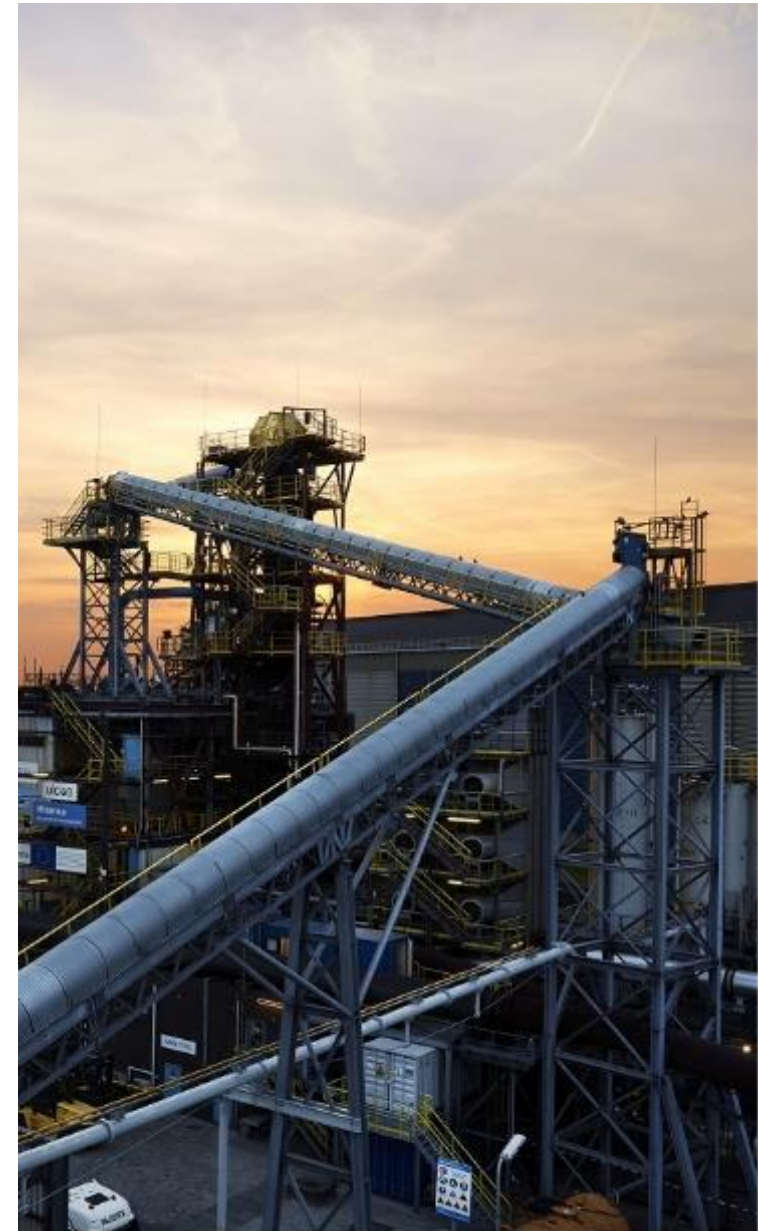
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1. Introduction

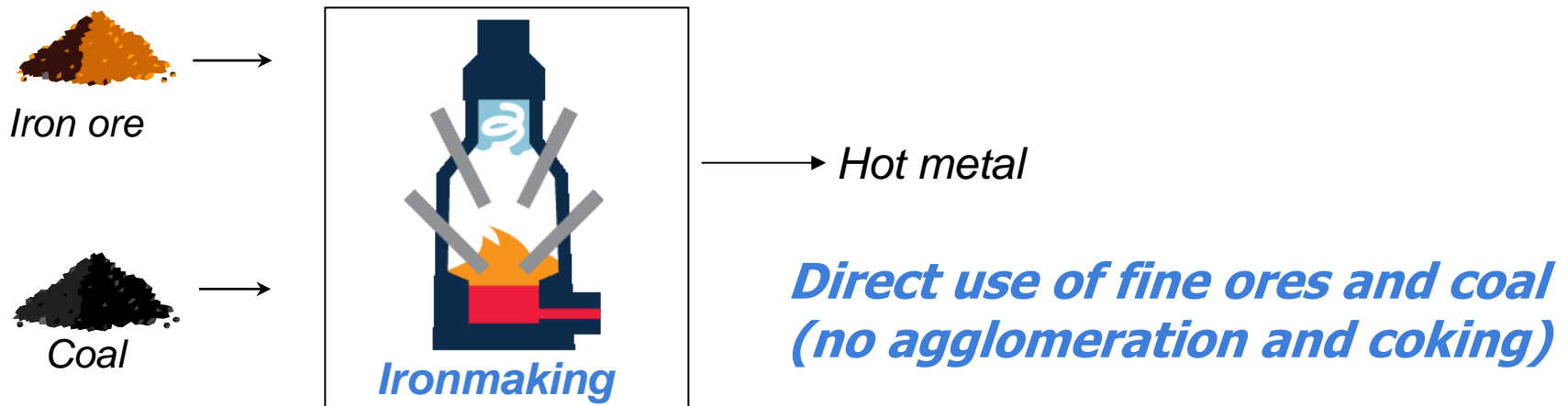
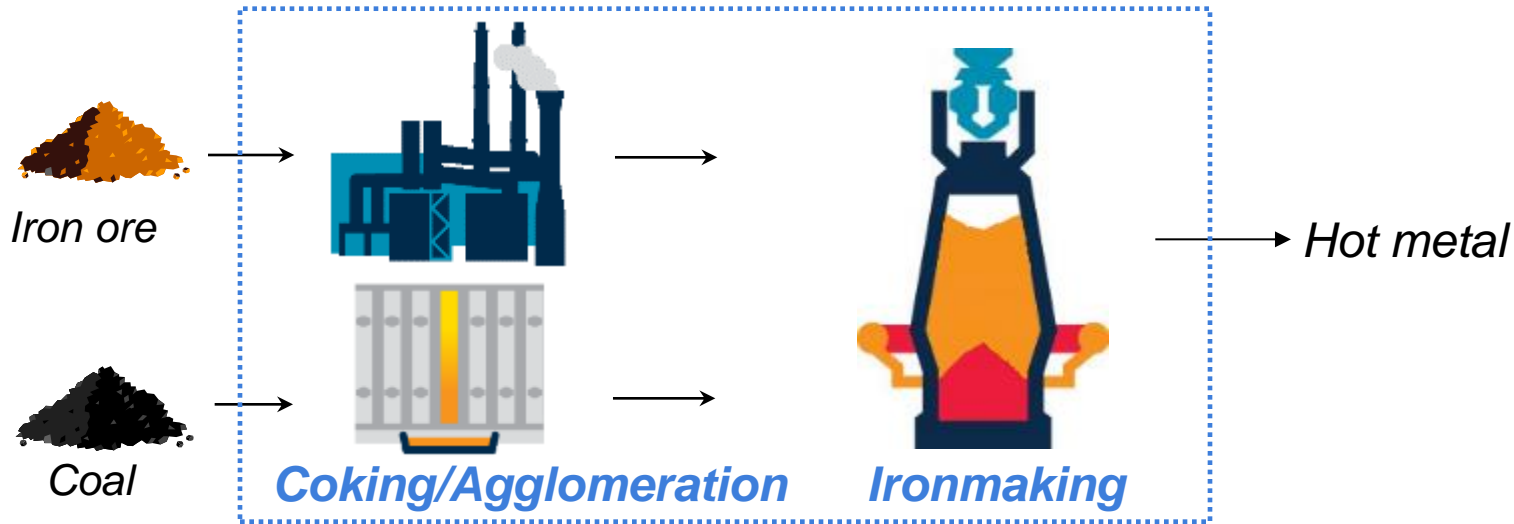


- In 2004 several European steelmakers proactively started the ULCOS project with the objective to achieve 50 % reduction of the CO₂ emissions of steelmaking
- HIsarna is one of the four process development that originate from the ULCOS project.
- Since 2007 Tata Steel, Rio Tinto and ULCOS have been active developing this coal-based smelting reduction process.
- The HIsarna process offers a combination of **environmental** and **economical** benefits.



2. The benefits of HIsarna

Comparison BF route - HIsarna



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Economic benefits

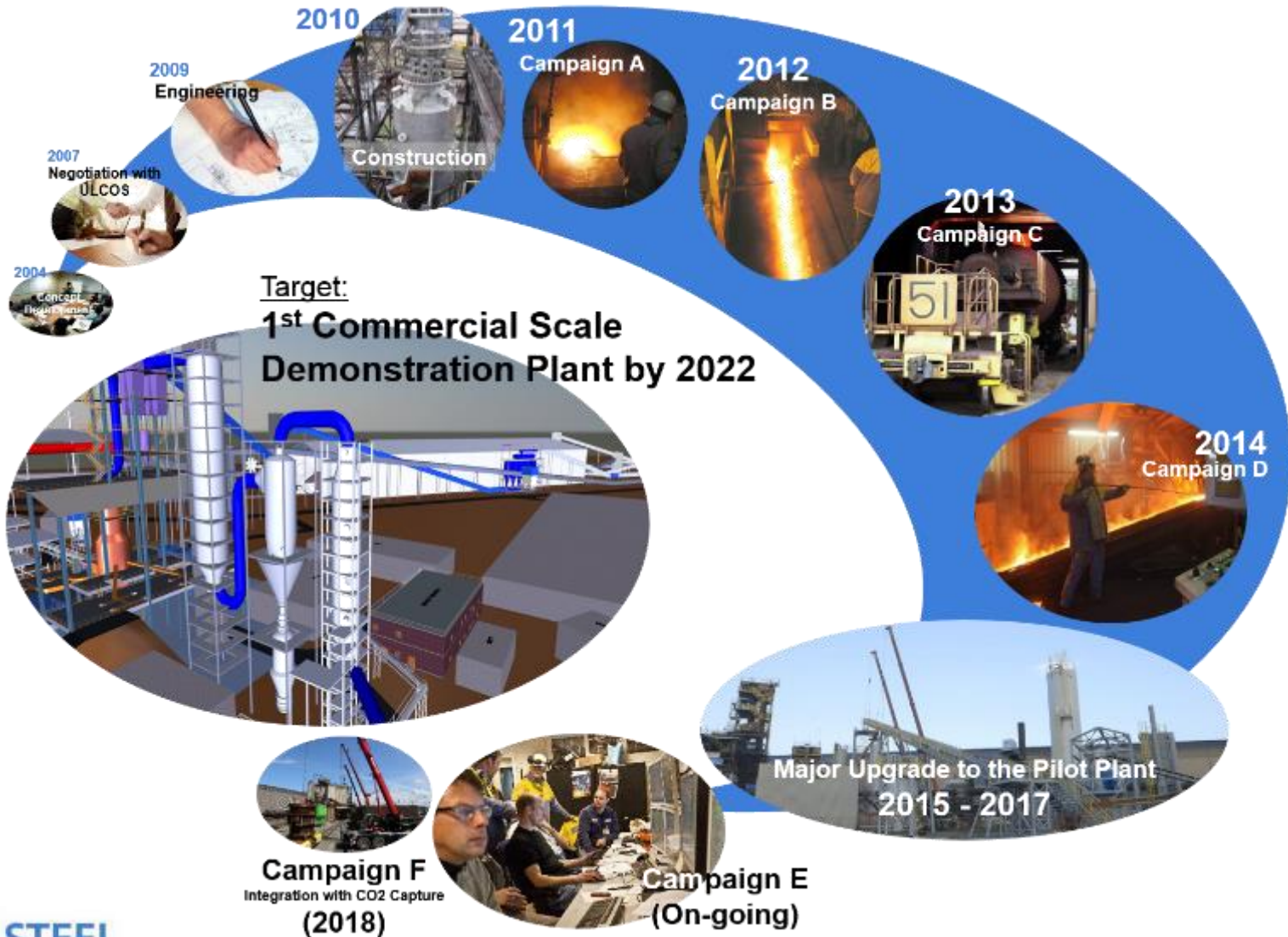
- Ironmaking with low cost raw materials, non-coking coals and low grade ores
- Recycling of waste oxides, slags and galvanised scrap
- Higher energy efficiency
- Lower steelmaking costs because of low Si, P in hot metal
- Greenfield developments with much lower CAPEX

Environmental benefits

- CO₂ emission reduction 20 % without CCS
- CO₂ emission reduction 80 % with CCS
- Lower emissions SO_x, NO_x, dioxines and fine dust
- Avoidance of dumping slags and dusts

3. HIsarna Pilot Plant

Over 10 Years of Development



3. Hlsarna pilot plant

Achievements

2011

- First metal tap

2012

- First long operating period

2013

- High energy efficiency
- First metal delivered to BOS plant

2014

- Recycling of high Zn waste oxides
- Recycling of scrap

2015 - 2017

- Major plant expansion (20 M€ investment)
- CO₂ reduction target of 35 %
- Long duration testing of process and equipment
- Financial support from EU Horizon2020
- Dutch Government DEI (Demonstratie Energie Innovatie)



Hlsarna Pilotplant

- 1 Alternative raw materials storage silos
- 2 Off-gas duct
- 3 Gas cooler
- 4 Coal and lime storage silos
- 5 Cooling towers
- 6 Bag filter
- 7 Secondary dedusting
- 8 Smelting cyclone
- 9 Smelting reduction vessel
- 10 Fore hearth
- 11 Control room
- 12 Coal grinding, drying and screening
- 13 Ore drying and screening
- 14 Raw materials storage
- 15 Offices
- 16 Workshop



Raw materials preparation



Hot metal production



Regular slag tap and slag sampling



3.1 Campaign C & D: Raw Materials

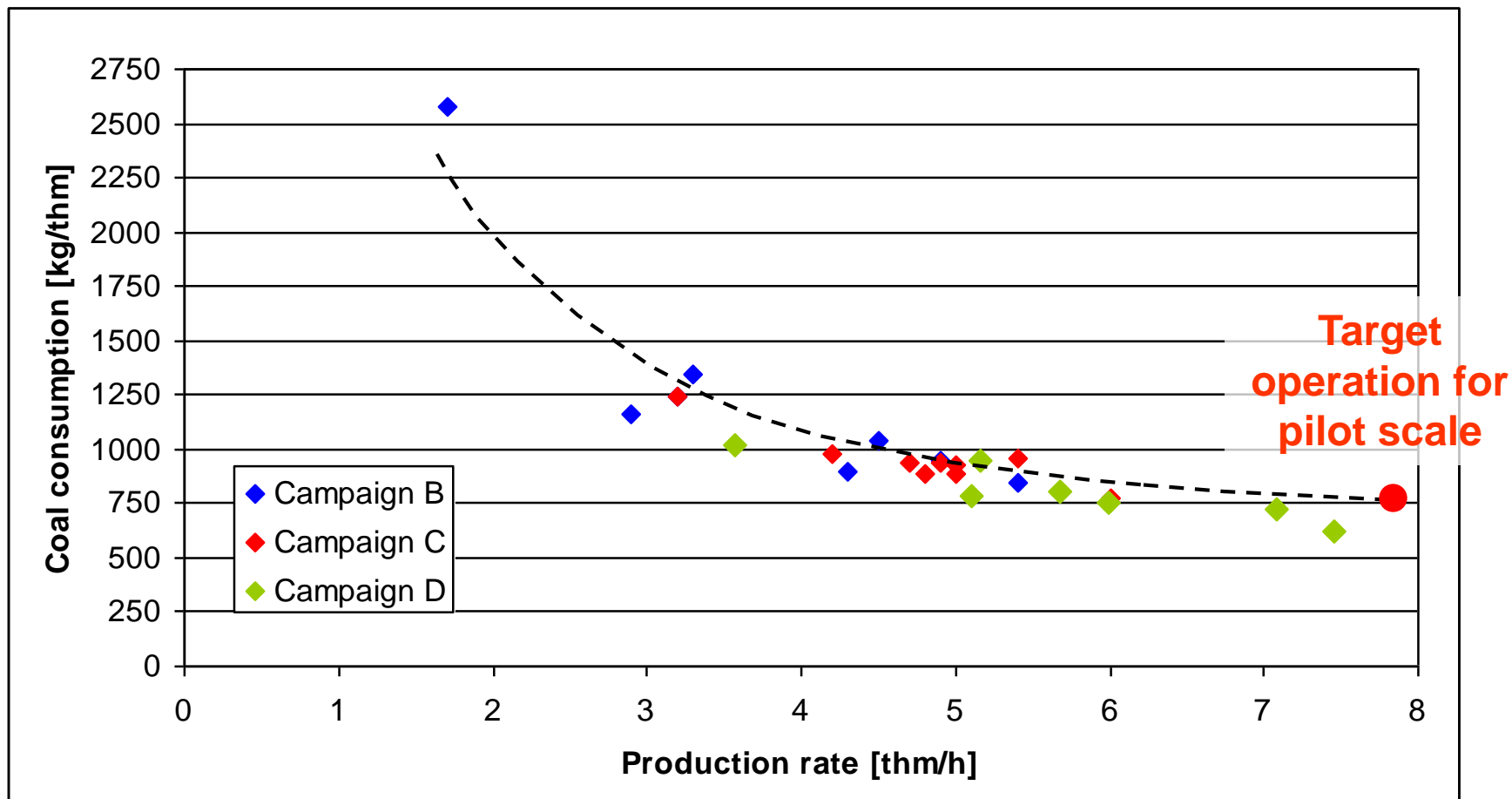


- Standard Ore:
 - Campaign C: high quality hematite (65% Fe), finer granulometry
 - Campaign D: high quality hematite (63% Fe), coarser granulometry
- Alternative Ores:
 - Ironstone: Low quality (33% Fe)
- Coal Types:
 - Standard: Low-volatile 8% VM
 - Alternative 1: Mid-volatile coal 22% VM
 - Alternative 2: High-volatile coal 39% VM
- Fluxes
 - Lime
 - BOF sludge (high lime content)

3.2 Coal requirement



Coal rate achieved during the 4 campaigns



3.3 Overall results Campaign C & D



- Stable operation at ~ 90 % nameplate capacity (~ 7 tHM/h)
- Successful operation with hematite ores, low-vol, mid-vol and high-vol coals
- Cyclone capture efficiency and pre-reduction in line with earlier experience
- Coal rates reached expectation (design 750 kg/tHM at pilot scale)
- Post Combustion Ratios $> 90\%$ achieved for long stable periods
- Successful tapping into torpedo ladle cars, subsequently used for steel making at BOS plant

4. Further development



Demo plant preparation:

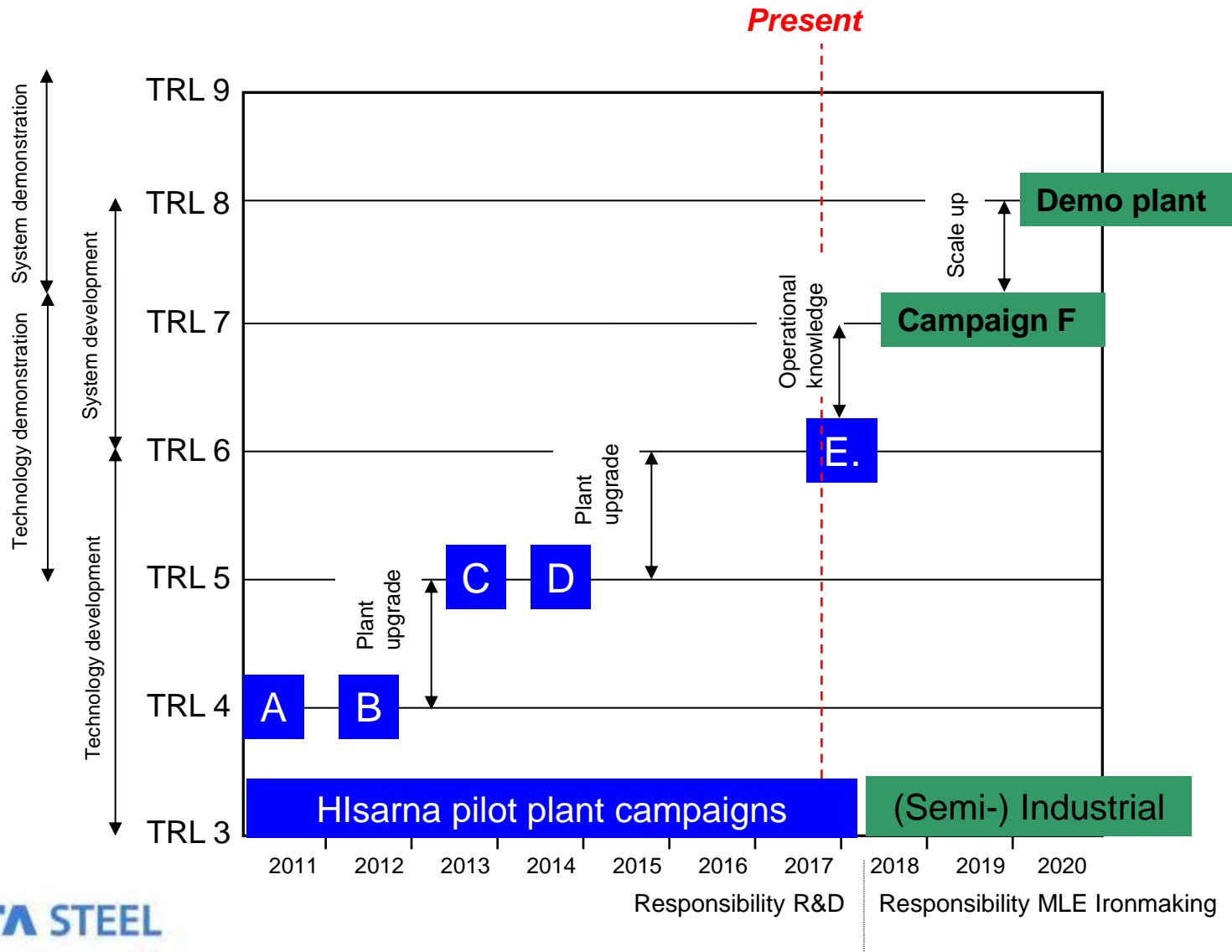
- Scale up
- Demo plant engineering study

Further technology development at the pilot plant:

- CO₂ capture at the pilot plant
- Recycling of galvanised steel scrap
- Zn recovery from steel plant waste oxides
- Partial replacement of coal by natural gas and/or biomass

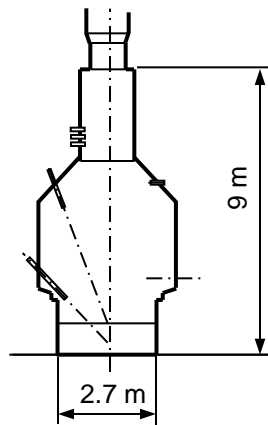
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4.1. Towards the Demo plant



4.2 Scale up

Pilot plant

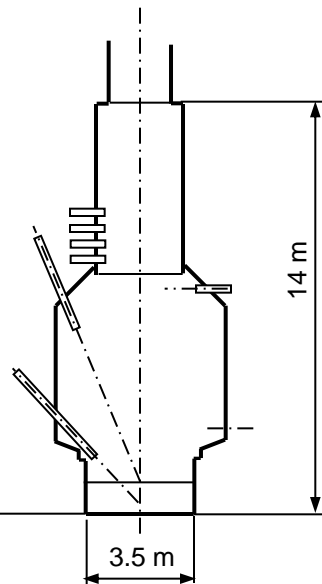


60,000 thm/year

Atmospheric

1.0 bar abs

**Small size ironmaking
but industrial size
recycle plant**

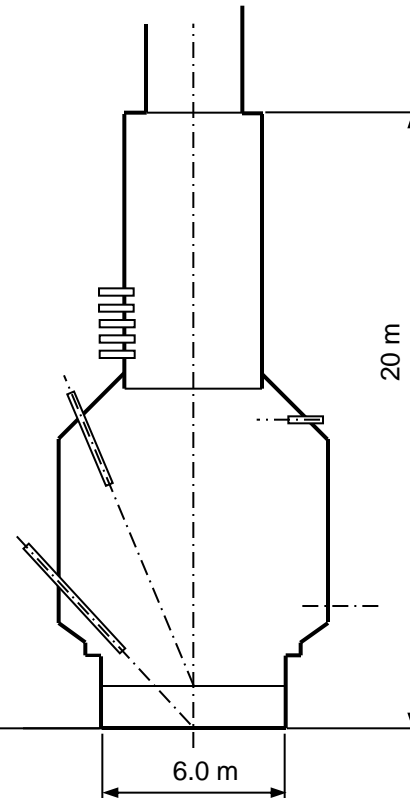


400,000 thm/year

Pressurised

1.8 bar abs

**Industrial size
ironmaking**

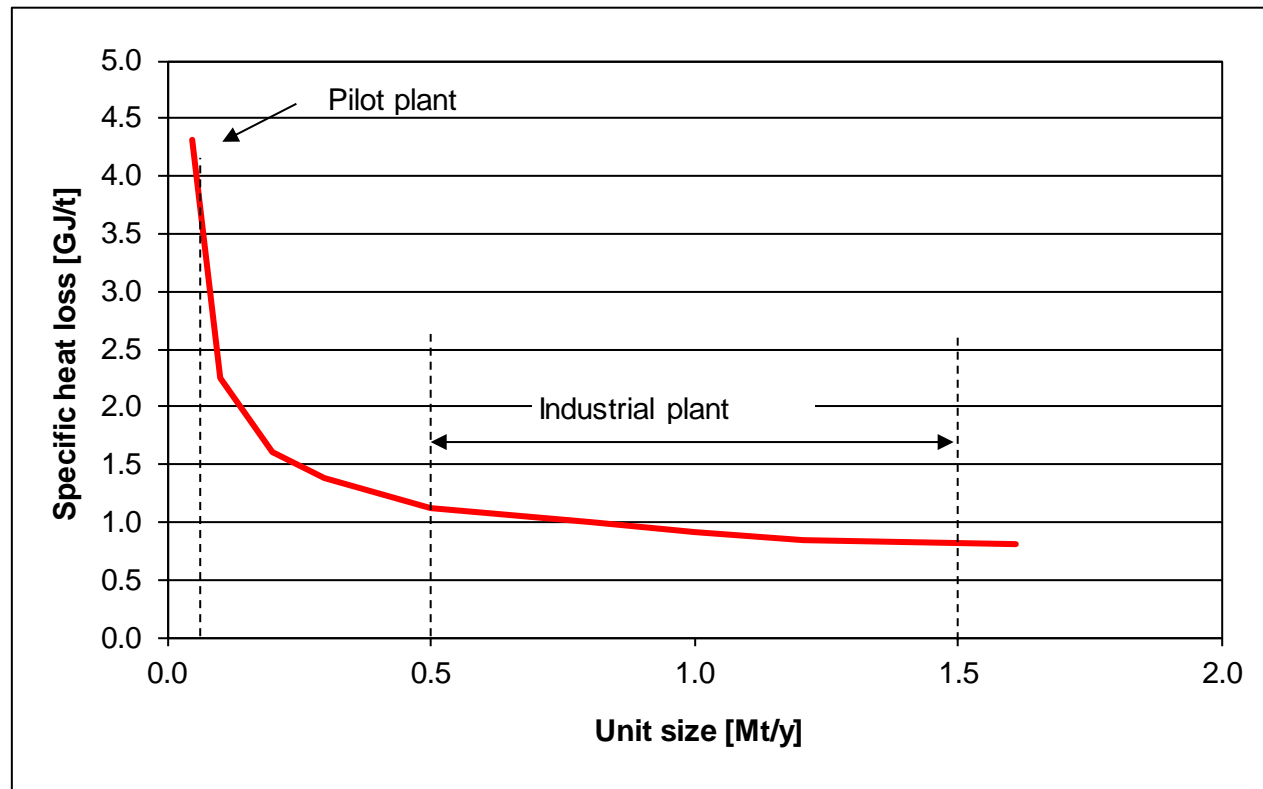


1,000,000 thm/year

Pressurised

1.8 bar abs

Bigger plants are more efficient



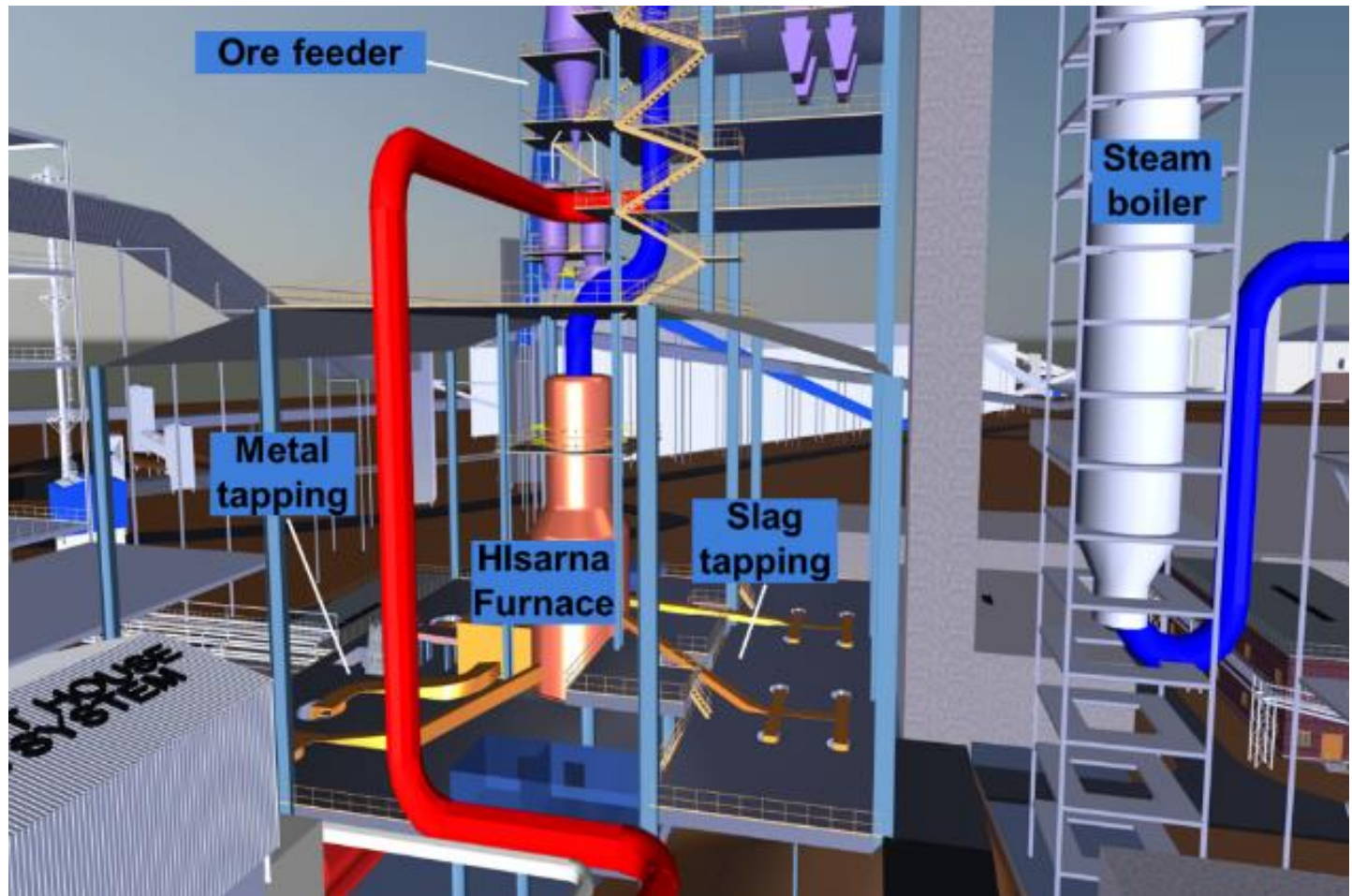
4.3 Industrial scale HIs melt

- A HIs melt furnace with a hearth diameter of 6.5 m operated in Kwinana, Australia and now in Molong, China.
- An engineering package (12,000 documents) of this facility is owned by Rio Tinto



4.4 Engineering study

- Study made for 1 Mt/y HIsarna plant at Tata Steel IJmuiden site

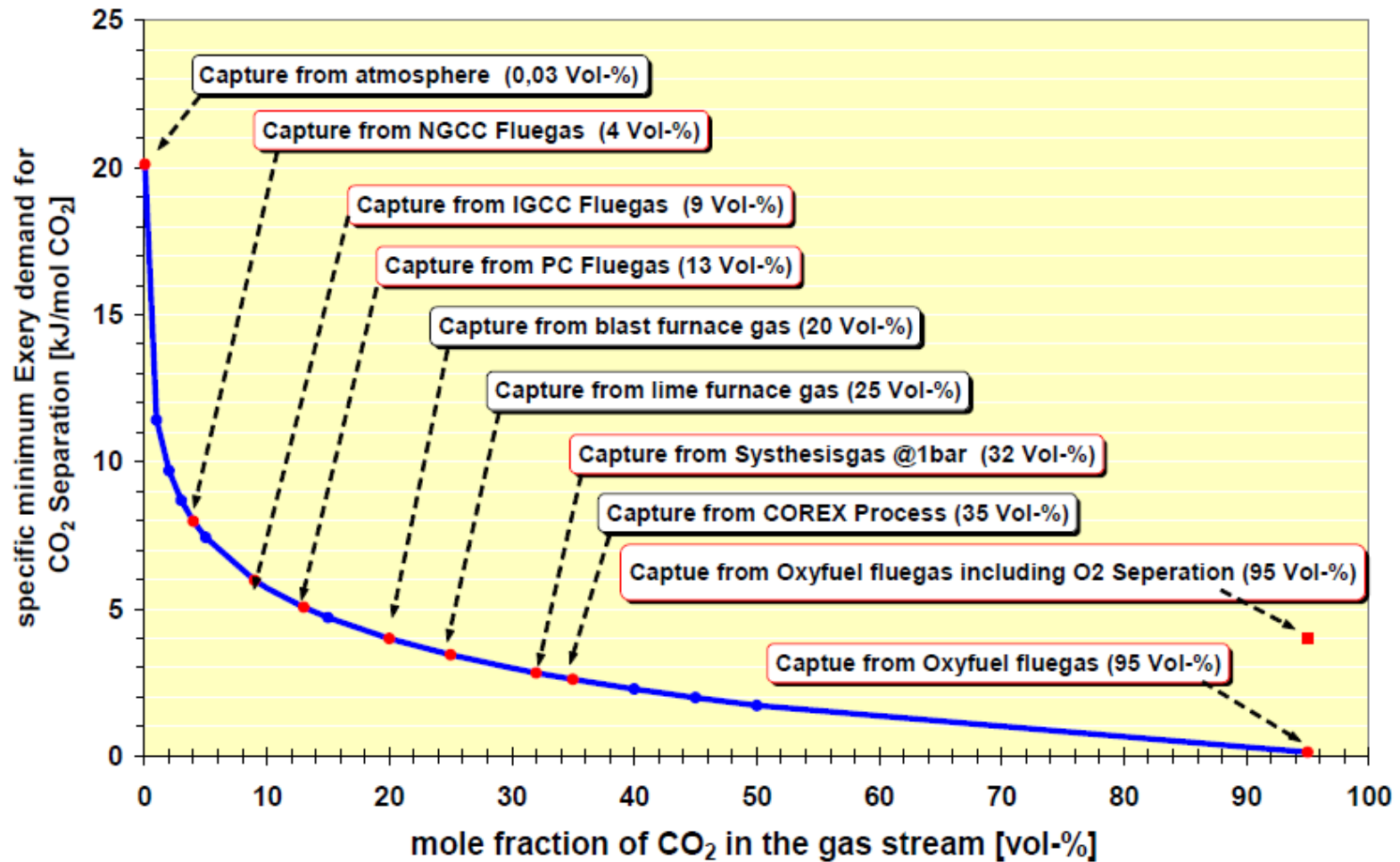


4.5 CCU or CCS

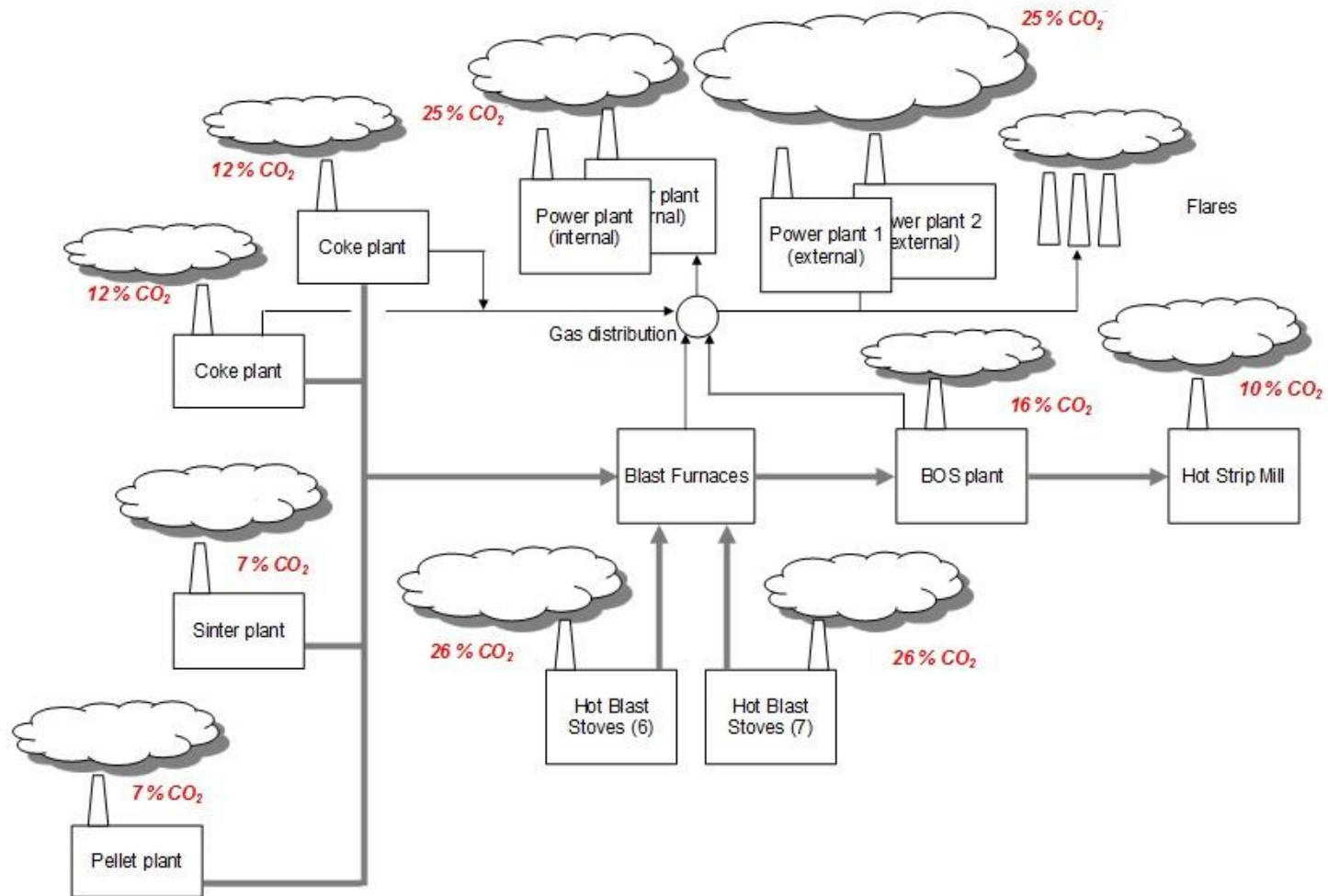


The Hlsarna process is very suited for a combination CCS or with CCU because:

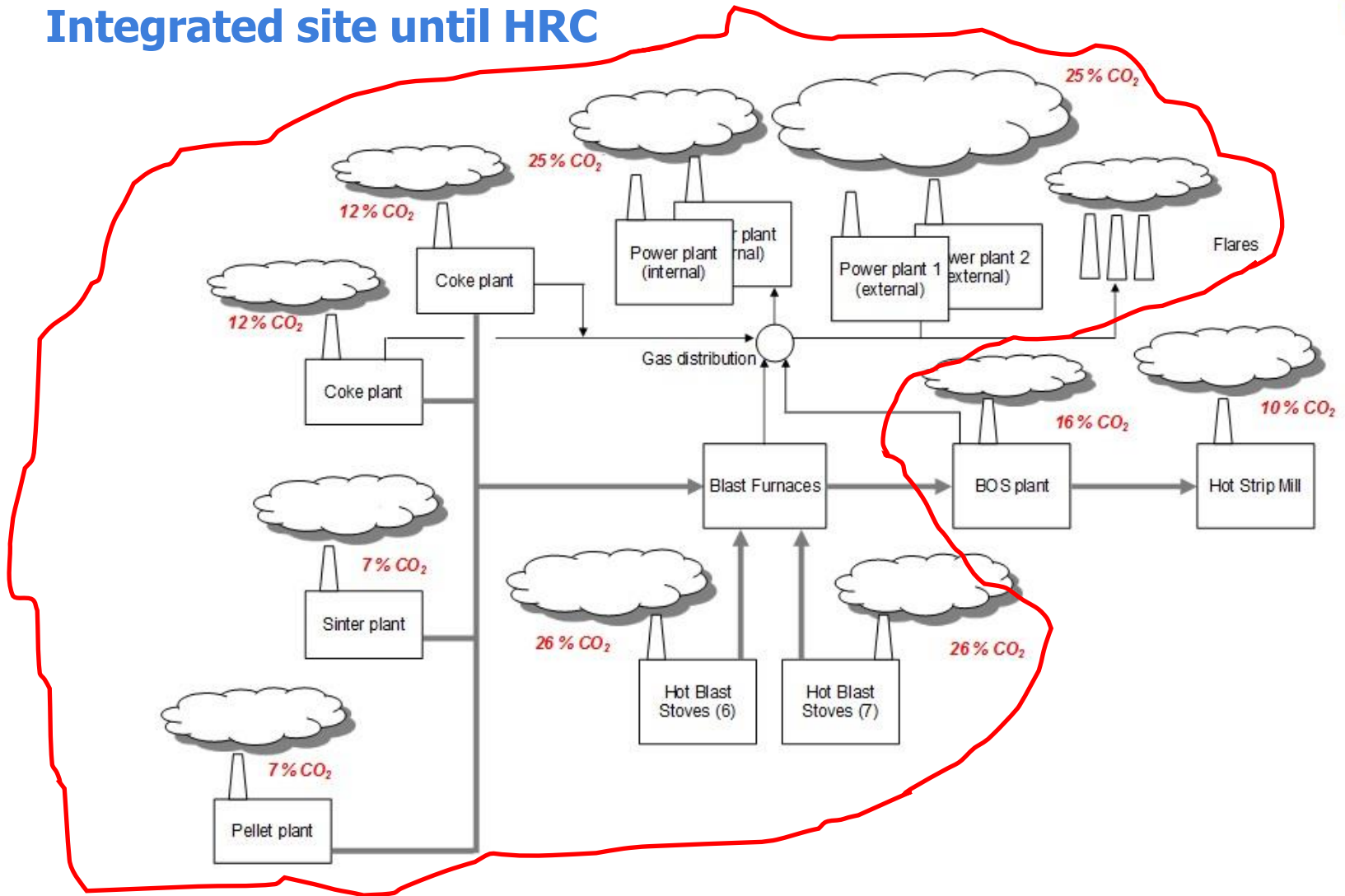
- The CO₂ concentration in the Hlsarna off gas is > 85 %
- With the Hlsarna process the emissions are concentrated at a single stack



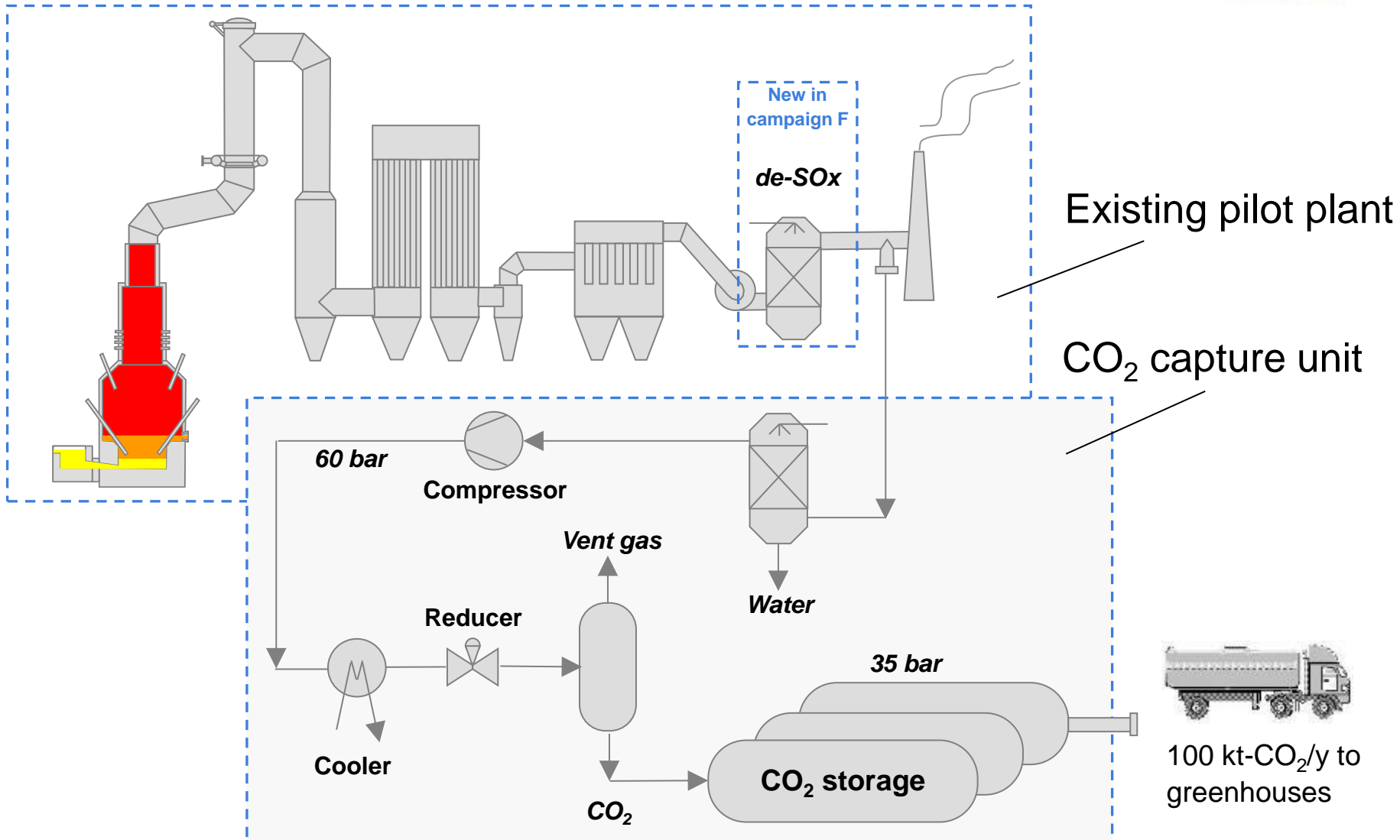
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4.6 HIsarna pilot plant with CO₂ capture unit



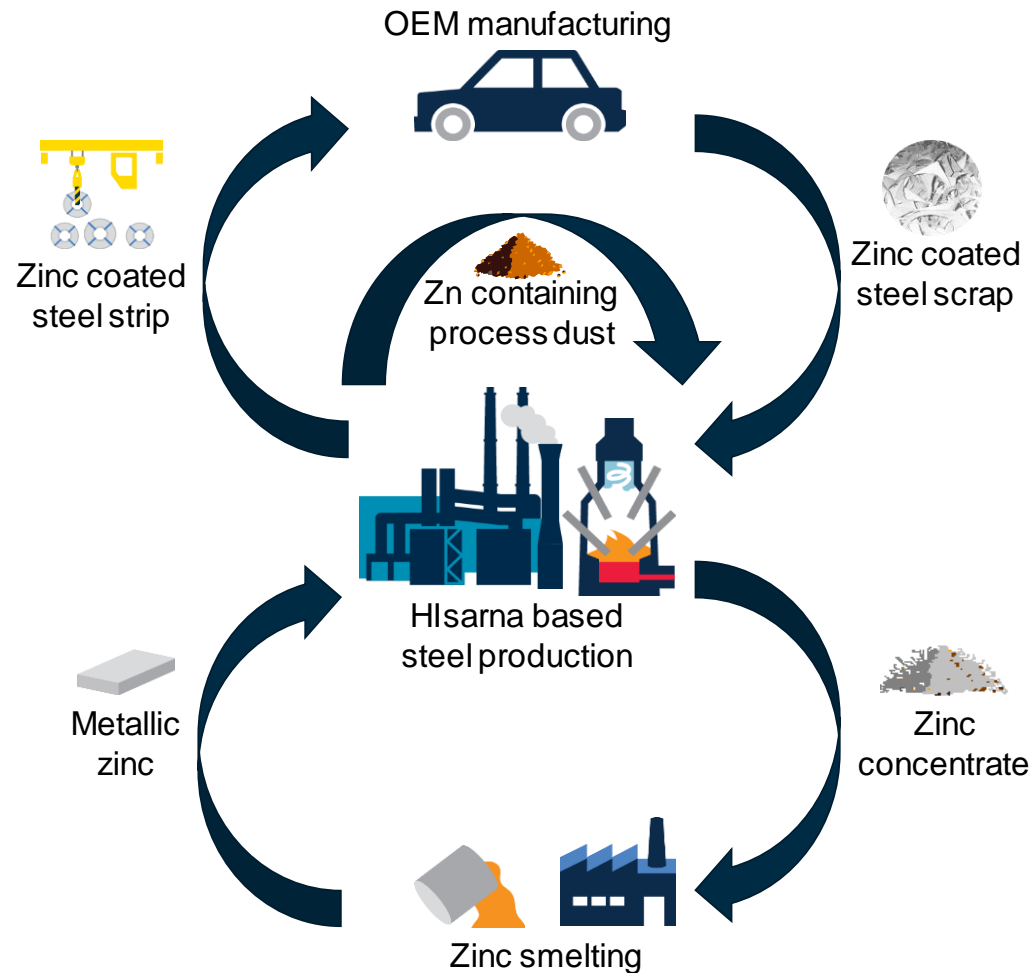
4.7 By-product recycling



Hlsarna can use Fe rich process dusts and sludges from other process as a raw material.

These include BOF sludge and BF dust, also those with a high Zn fraction. This was successfully done for the first time in campaign D (2014)

The objective is to reach sufficient Zn rich dusts for use in Zn smelters



5. Conclusions



- HIsarna is a new coal-based ironmaking process offering both economical and environmental benefits
- The environmental benefits include a 20 % reduction of CO₂ emissions without CCS/CCU
- 80 – 90 % CO₂ reduction with CCS/CCU
- Experimental results of the plant in IJmuiden have confirmed the:
 - High energy efficiency
 - Raw material flexibility
 - Good start/stop abilities of the process
- Conceptual engineering for the first industrial scale plant, 0.5 to 1.0 M t/y, has started