



Environmental Vision 2050

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01 Outline of JFE Group Environmental Vision for 2050

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Towards Carbon Neutrality

SDGs



- Climate change is an extremely important issue from the perspective of business continuity.
- Global climate-change issues, such as increasingly abnormal weather, must be addressed urgently.

2020 was the starting point for responding to climate change through CO₂-reduction activities.

Achieving carbon neutrality in 2050 is the most important issue in JFE's medium-term business plan.

- Based on our corporate philosophy of **contributing to society with the world's most innovative technology**, we will accelerate our research and development of new technologies and **pursue super-innovative technologies** to combat climate change.
- In addition to addressing our **business risks**, we will seek business opportunities that allow us to help **realize a more sustainable world** and enhance our corporate value by contributing to CO₂ emissions reduction across society.
- The philosophy of the Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosure (TCFD) will be reflected in our business strategies and deployed in a systematic manner

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(Group-wide investment in GX in the 7th Medium-term Business Plan: **340 billion yen**)

R&D, etc. 50 billion yen
ST CAPEX for electrical steel sheet in Kurashiki 49 billion yen
EN monopile approx. 40 billion yen

ST: JFE Steel
EN: JFE Engineering

1. 7th Medium-term Business Plan Initiatives

- Steel business: **Reduce steel-business CO₂ emissions in FY2024 by 18% vs. FY2013**

2. Initiatives for carbon neutrality by 2050

*CCU: Carbon dioxide Capture and Utilization

a. Reduce CO₂ emissions at JFE Steel

- Pursue super-innovative technologies mainly for carbon-recycling blast furnaces and CCU***
- Develop hydrogen-based ironmaking (direct-reduction) technology, maximize use of electric arc furnace technology, etc.

b. Expand contributions to CO₂ emissions reduction in society

- Engineering business: Expand and develop renewable-energy power generation and carbon-recycling technologies.
- Steel business: Develop and market eco-products and eco-solutions.
- Trading business: Increase trading in biomass fuels, steel scrap, etc. and strengthen business in supply chain management (SCM) for eco products.

CO₂ emissions reduction contributions:

12 million tons in FY2024
25 million tons in FY2030

c. Accelerate groupwide commercialization of offshore wind-power business

Initiatives in Carbon Neutrality by 2050

Steel business: Reduce CO₂ emissions in FY2024 by 18% vs. FY2013

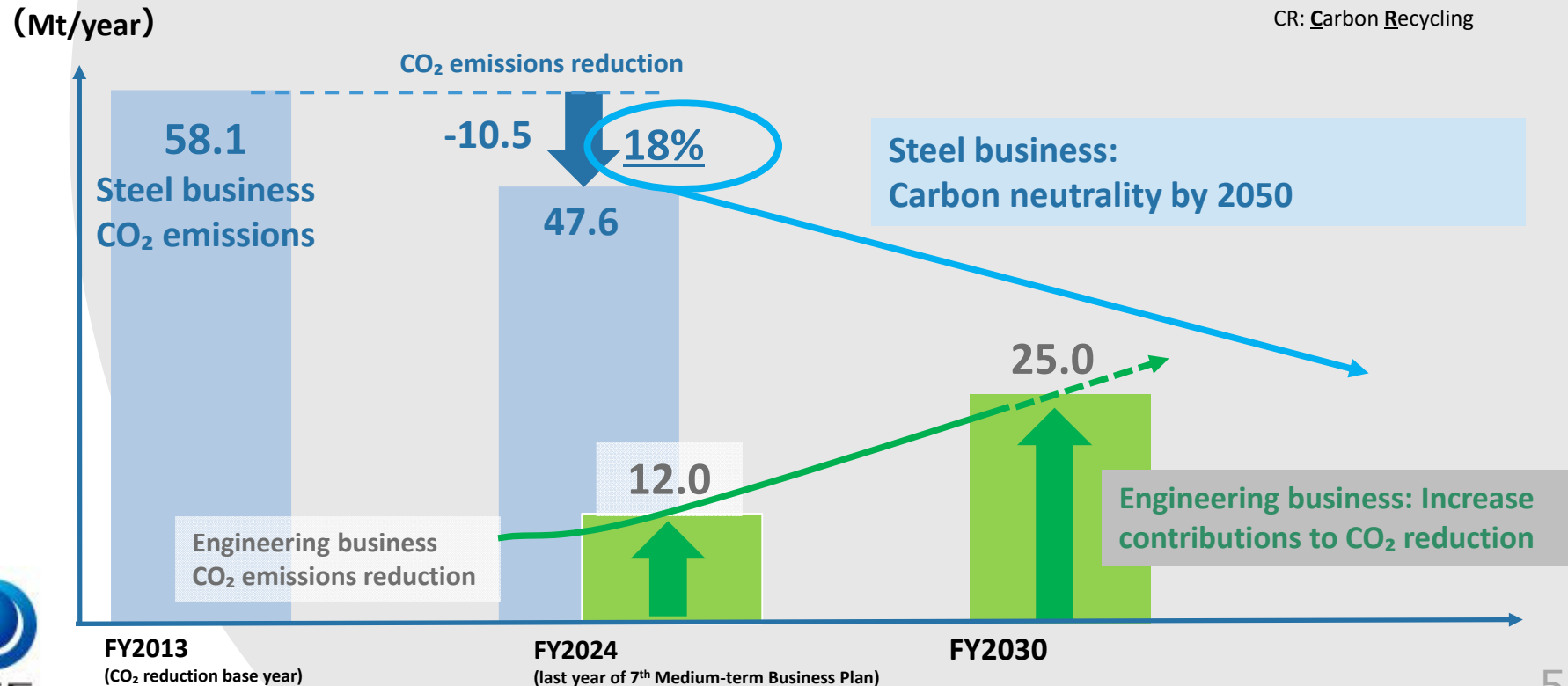
Drive JFE's carbon neutrality by decarbonizing steel processes, etc.

GX investment in steel business: 160 billion yen over 4 years

Engineering business: Support carbon neutrality in society through expansion and development of renewable-energy power generation and CR technologies, etc.

GX investment in engineering business: 130 billion yen over 4 years

CR: Carbon Recycling



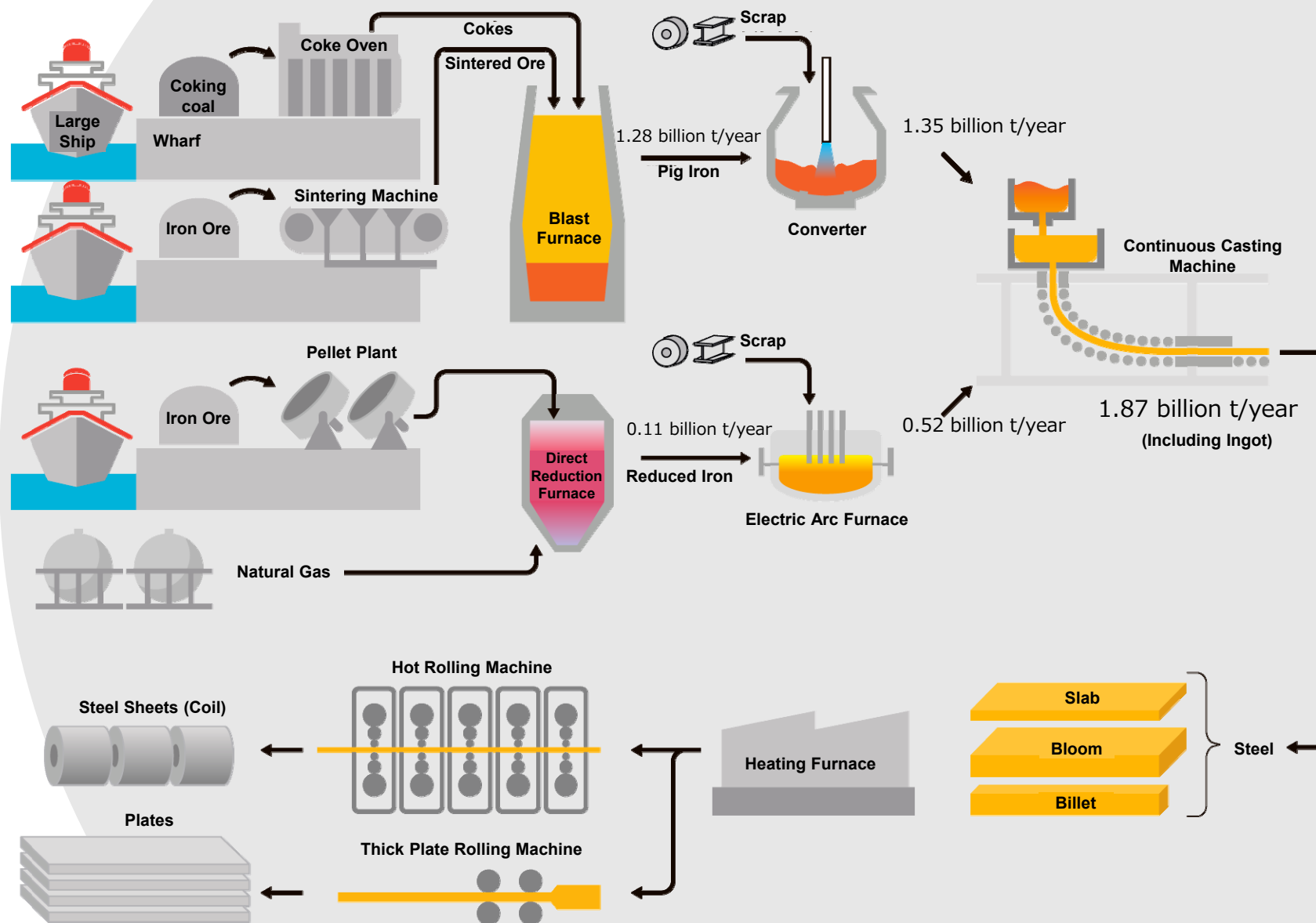
02 Steel-business Initiatives for Carbon Neutrality



02 Outline of Steelmaking Process

Steel Manufacturing Process

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Source: 2019 data on production volumes, World Steel Association (WSA)

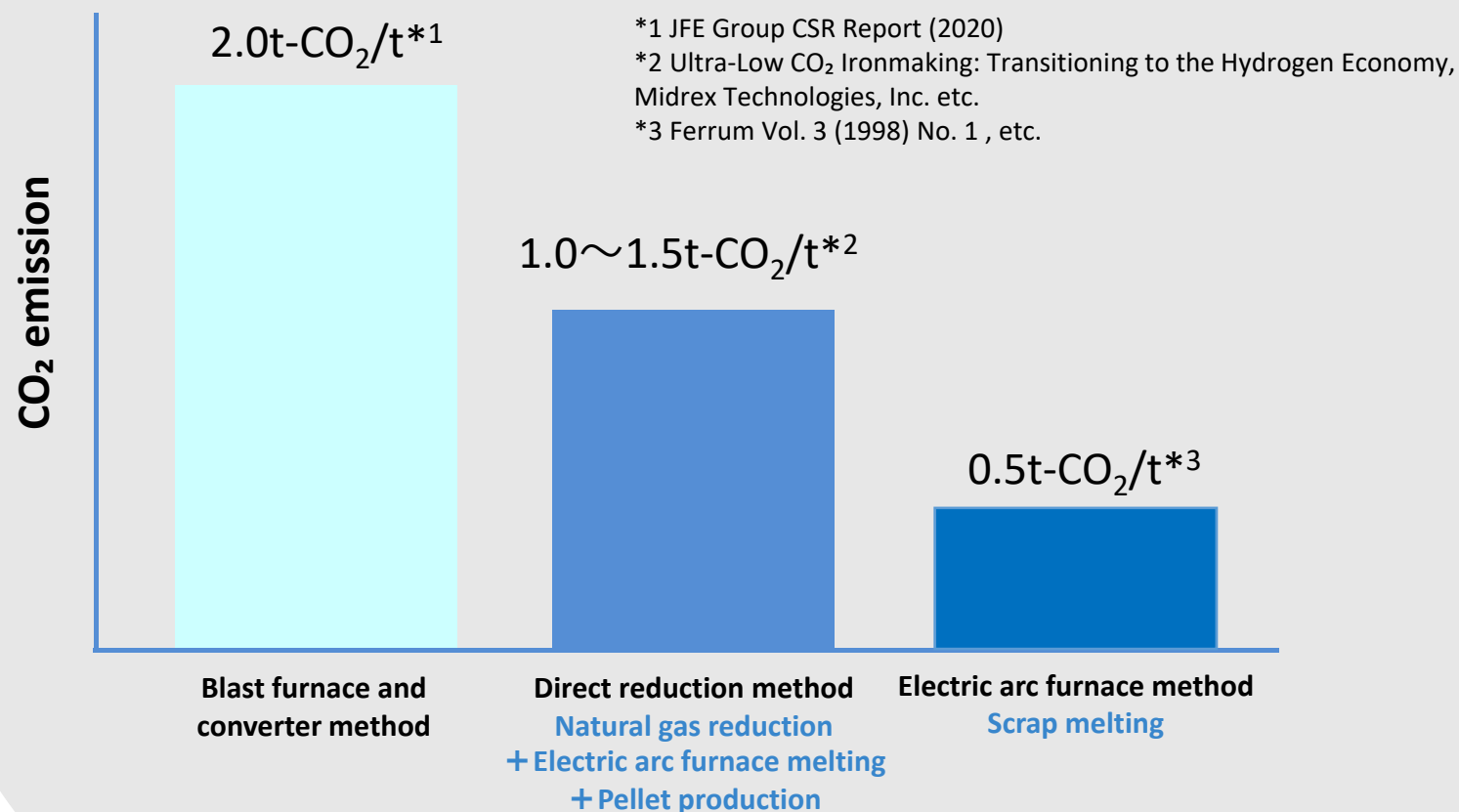
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Blast furnace and converter method:

Carbon (reducing material) used to remove oxygen from iron oxide in iron ore

Combustion of carbon (heat resource) provides heat to melt iron

→ More CO₂ generated compared to direct-reduction or electric-arc-furnace methods

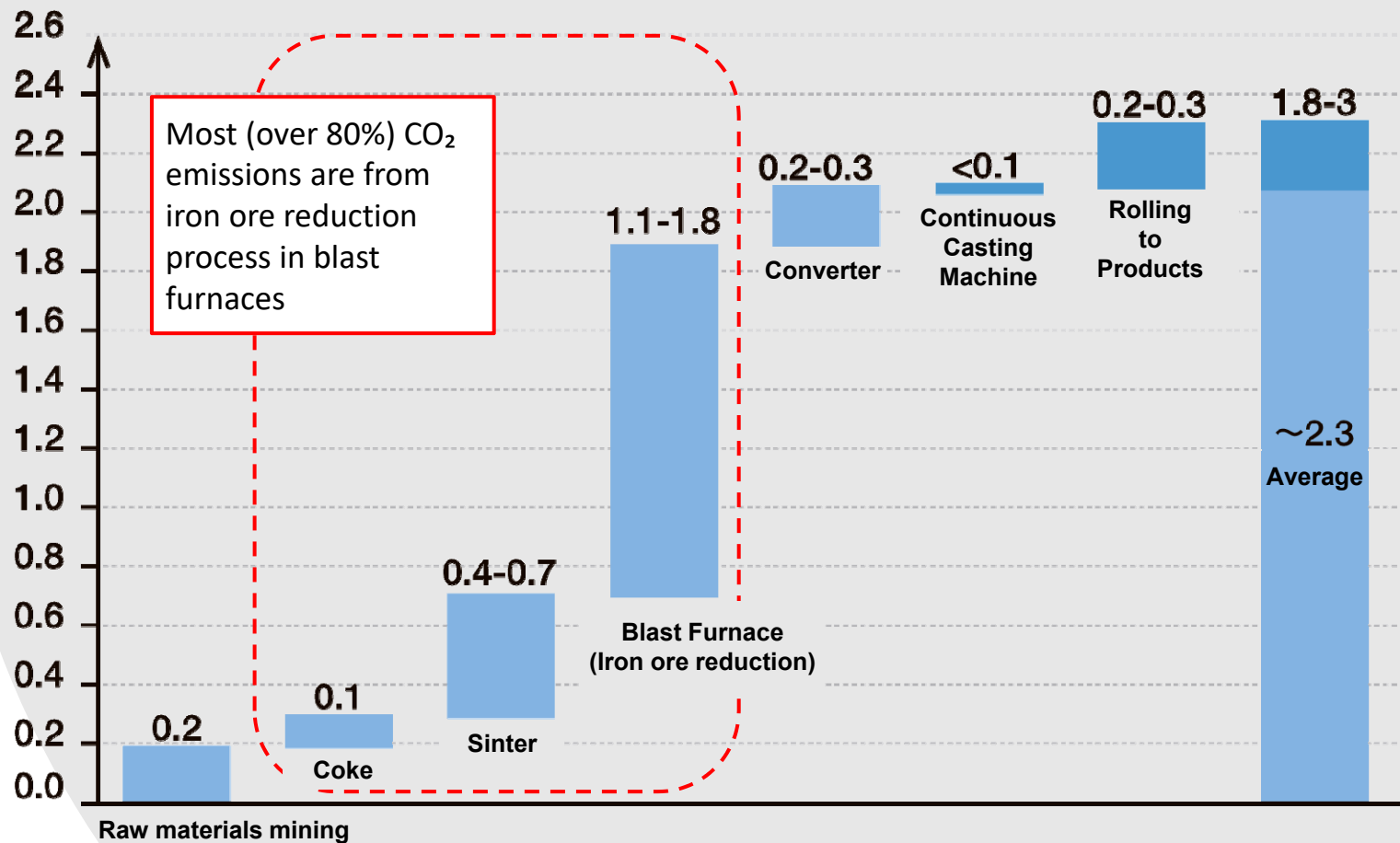


CO₂ Emissions in Steelmaking (Blast furnace and converter method)

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- 14% of domestic CO₂ emissions come from steel manufacturing
- CO₂ reduction in ore reduction process is important to achieve carbon neutrality

Ratio of CO₂ emissions from steel manufacturing processes (t-CO₂/t-crude steel)

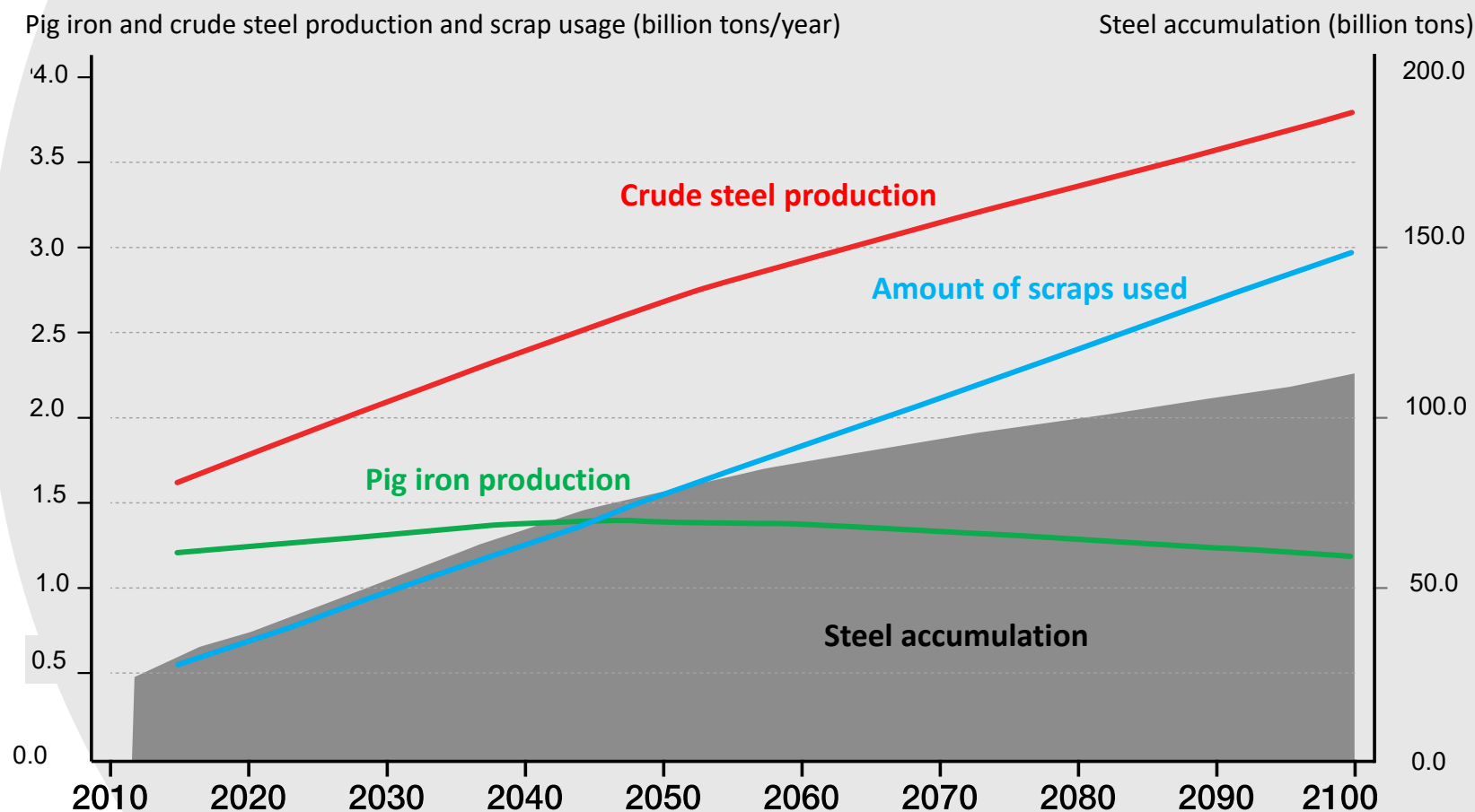


Source: "2050 Carbon Neutral Basic Policy," Japan Iron and Steel Federation, February 15, 2021

Outlook for Global Steel Production and Accumulation

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- Demand for crude steel will increase
- Obsolete scrap will also increase, but not enough to meet steel demand
- Constant supply of pig iron is essential for supply of high-performance steel products

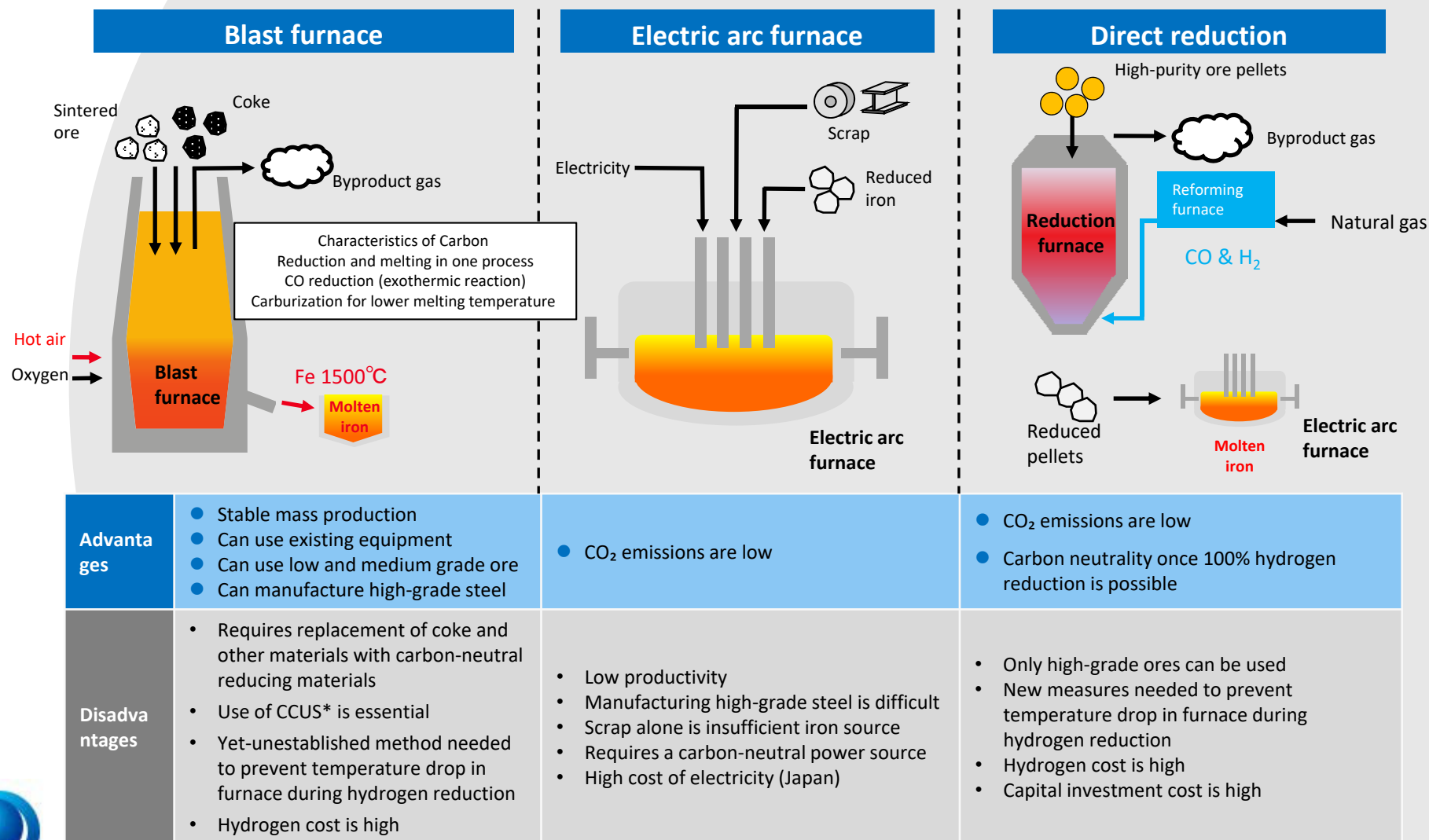


Source: "The Challenge of Zero Carbon Steel: Long-term Global Warming Countermeasures," Japan Iron and Steel Federation, November 2018

Advantages and Problems of Current Steelmaking Process

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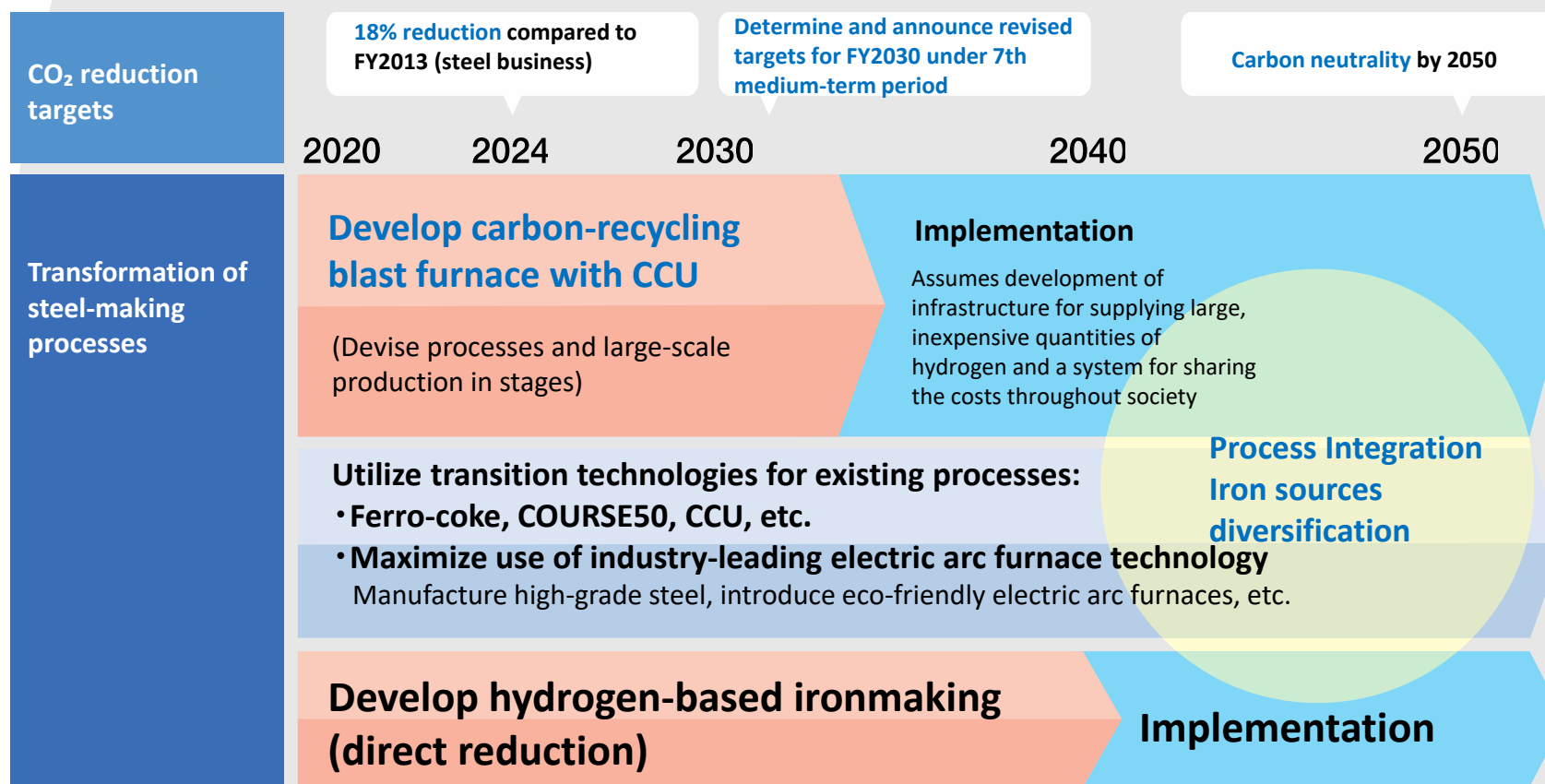
Each method has advantages and disadvantages that require multi-track technological development.



Roadmap to Carbon Neutrality in 2050

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- Accelerate research and development for early establishment of new technologies
- Adopt multi-track approach to develop super-innovative technologies, focusing on carbon recycling blast furnace + CCU and hydrogen ironmaking (direct reduction)
- Maximize utilization of industry-leading electric arc furnace technology

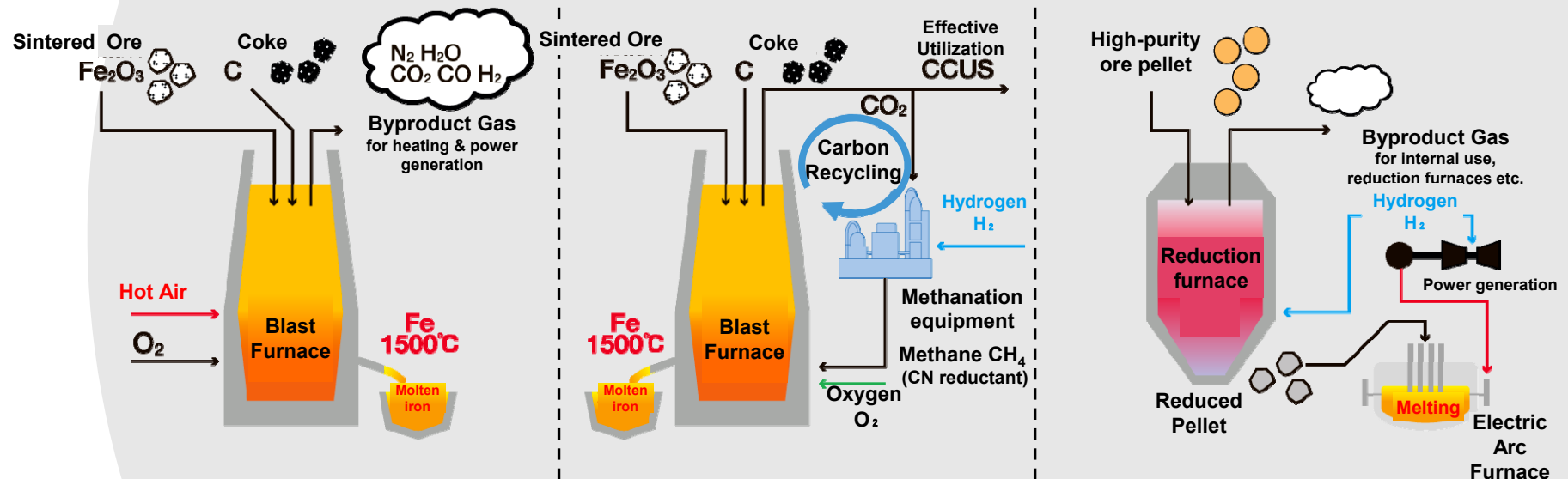


02 Carbon-recycling Blast Furnace Technology Development

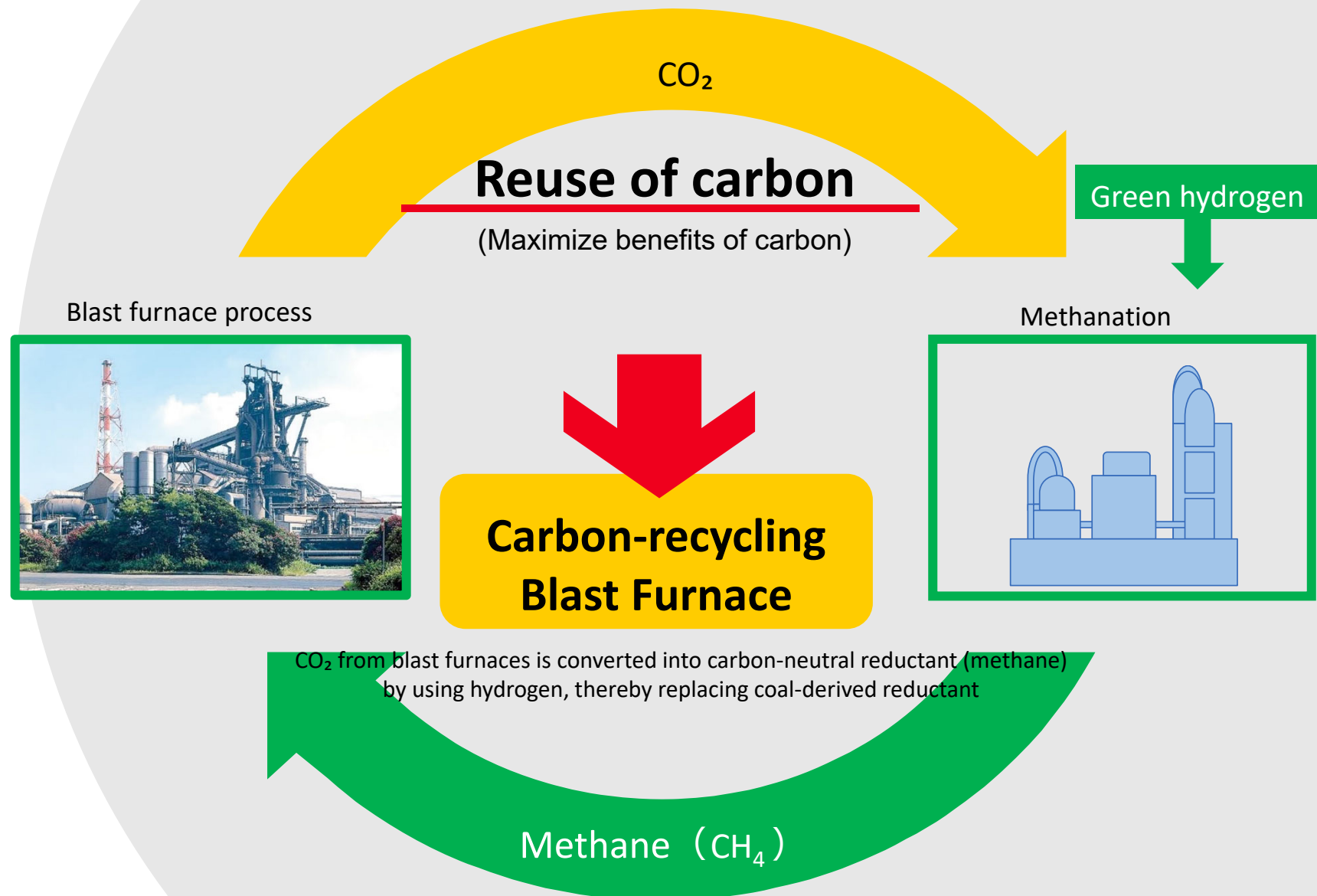


Carbon-recycling Blast Furnaces

- To maximize the blast furnace method for mass, high-efficiency production, including for high-grade steel, technologies for reducing CO₂ emissions from blast furnaces are vital.
- Combining carbon-recycling blast furnaces with carbon dioxide capture, utilization and storage (CCUS) will enable steel works to recycle CO₂ while using raw materials of the same grade as those in conventional blast furnaces, thereby leading to net zero-carbon emissions.



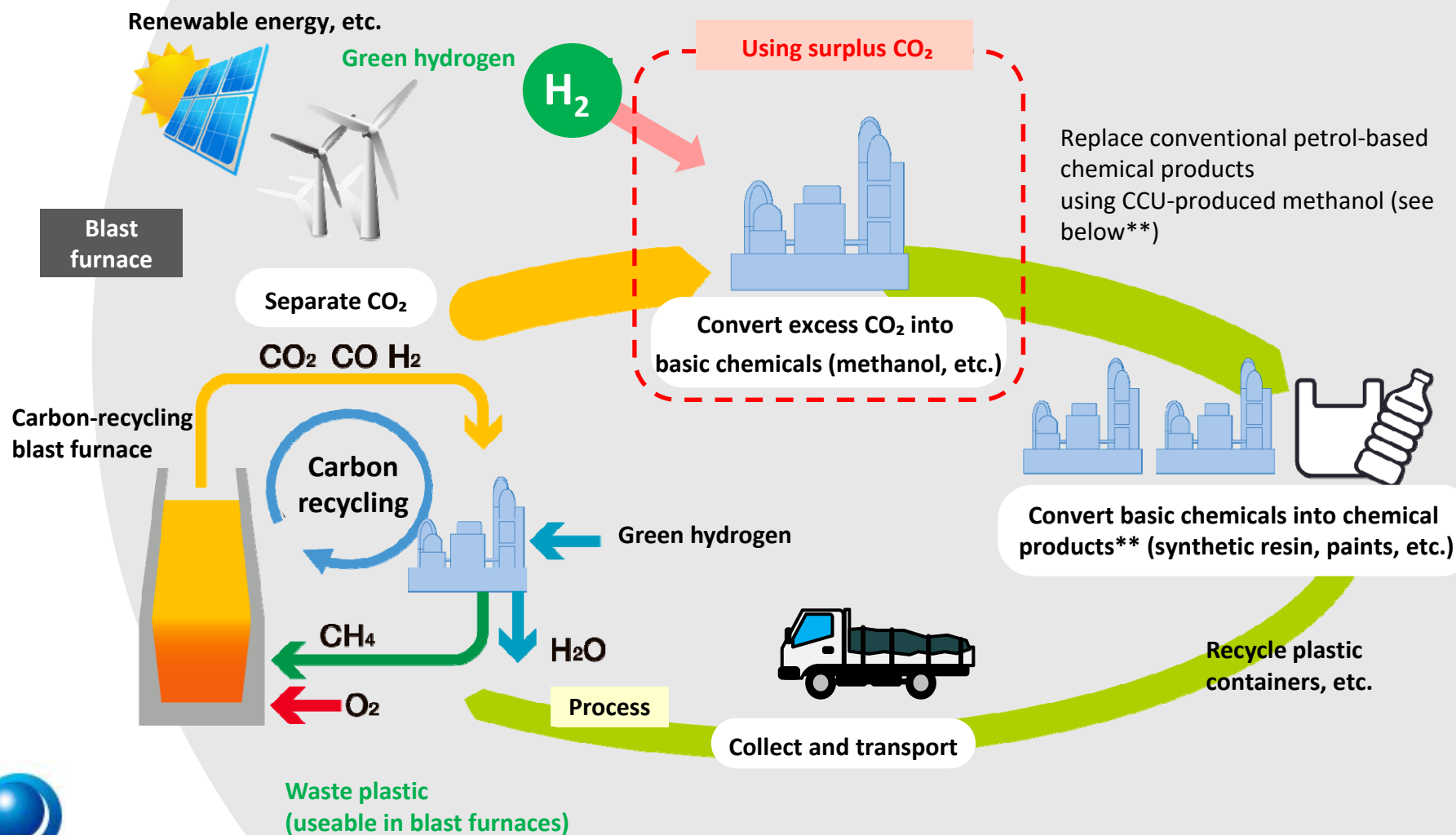
	Normal blast furnace	Carbon-recycling blast furnace	Hydrogen-based ironmaking
Production scale	4 million tons per unit per year	4 million tons per unit per year (similar to normal blast furnace)	2 million tons per unit per year (similar to normal direct-reduction method)
Reductant	Coke and pulverized coal	Coke and recycled methane	Hydrogen
Raw materials	Low-grade raw materials possible	Low-grade raw materials possible	Restricted (high-grade ore)
CO ₂ emissions	Two tons of CO ₂ per ton of pig iron	Targeting zero (blast furnace reductions and CCUS methods)	Targeting zero (carbon-free method)



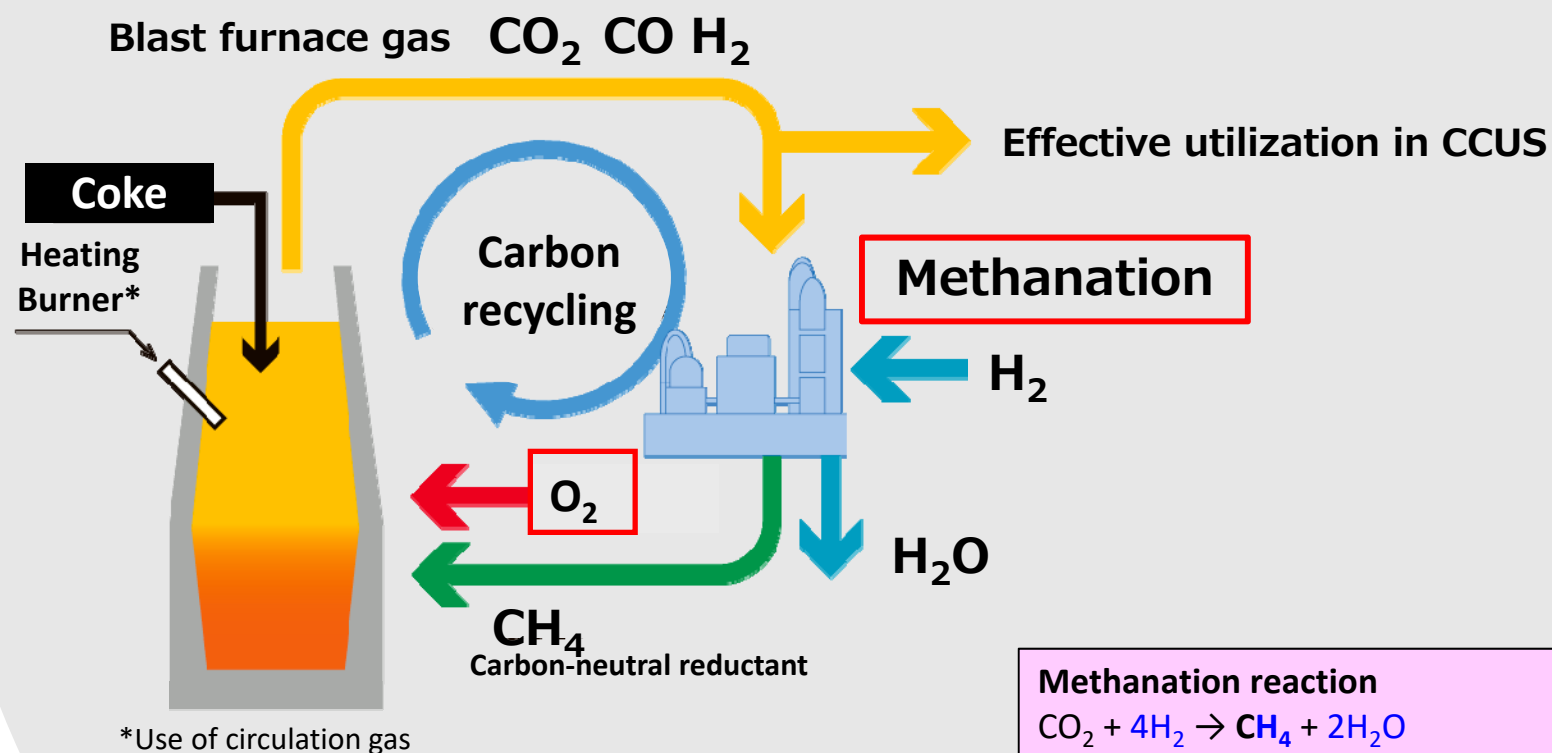
Carbon-recycling Blast Furnace and Carbon Cycle (CCU*)

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- Carbon recycling maximized in blast furnace to reduce CO₂ emissions
- CO₂ emissions minimized through society-wide carbon recycling of excess CO₂

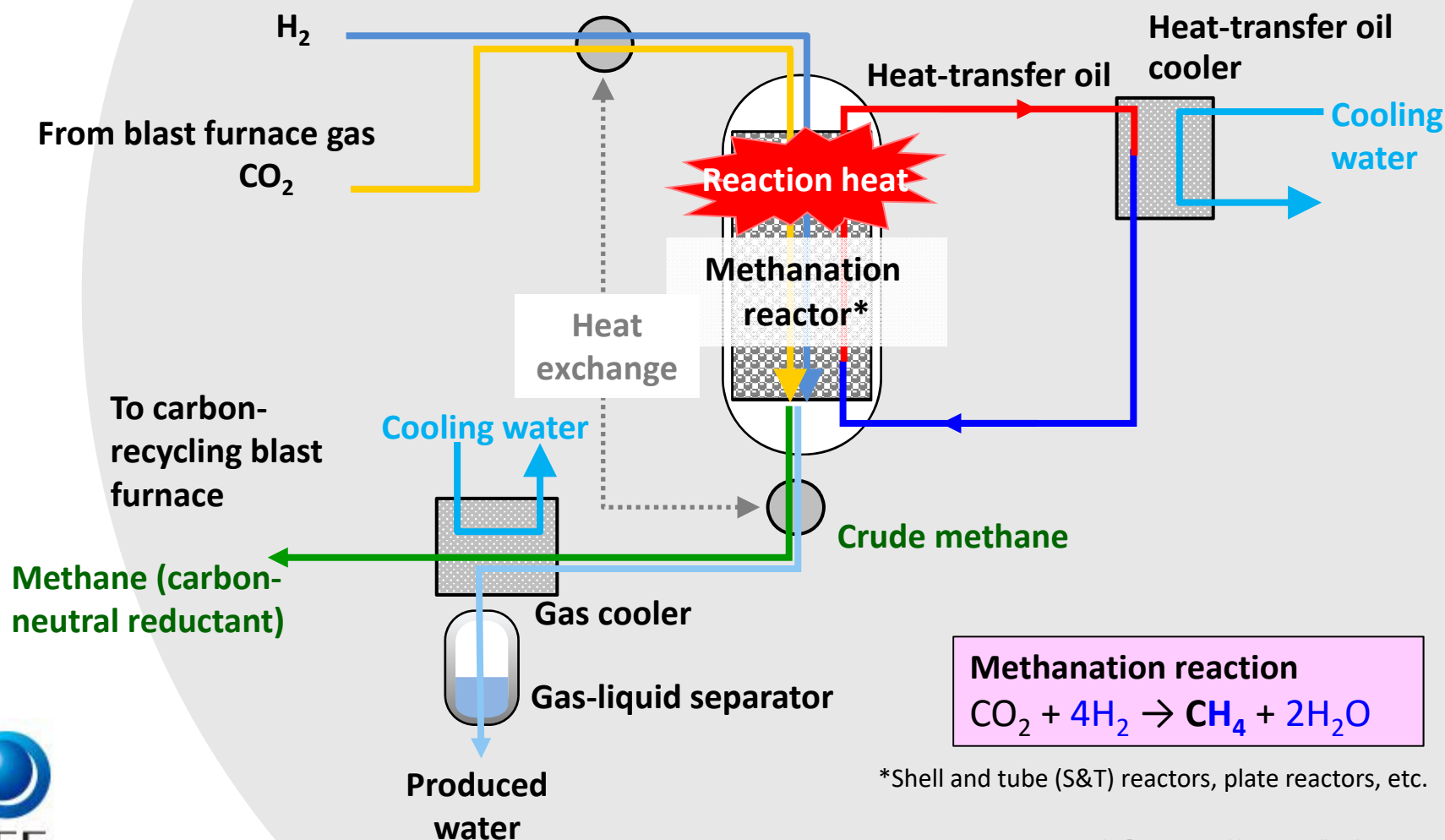


- CO₂ generated from blast furnace is converted to methane and used repeatedly as reducing material.
- CO₂ emissions are reduced by replacing coke with carbon-neutral methane as the reducing material.



CO₂ reduction target of 30% in blast furnace, aiming at carbon neutrality through CCUS utilization

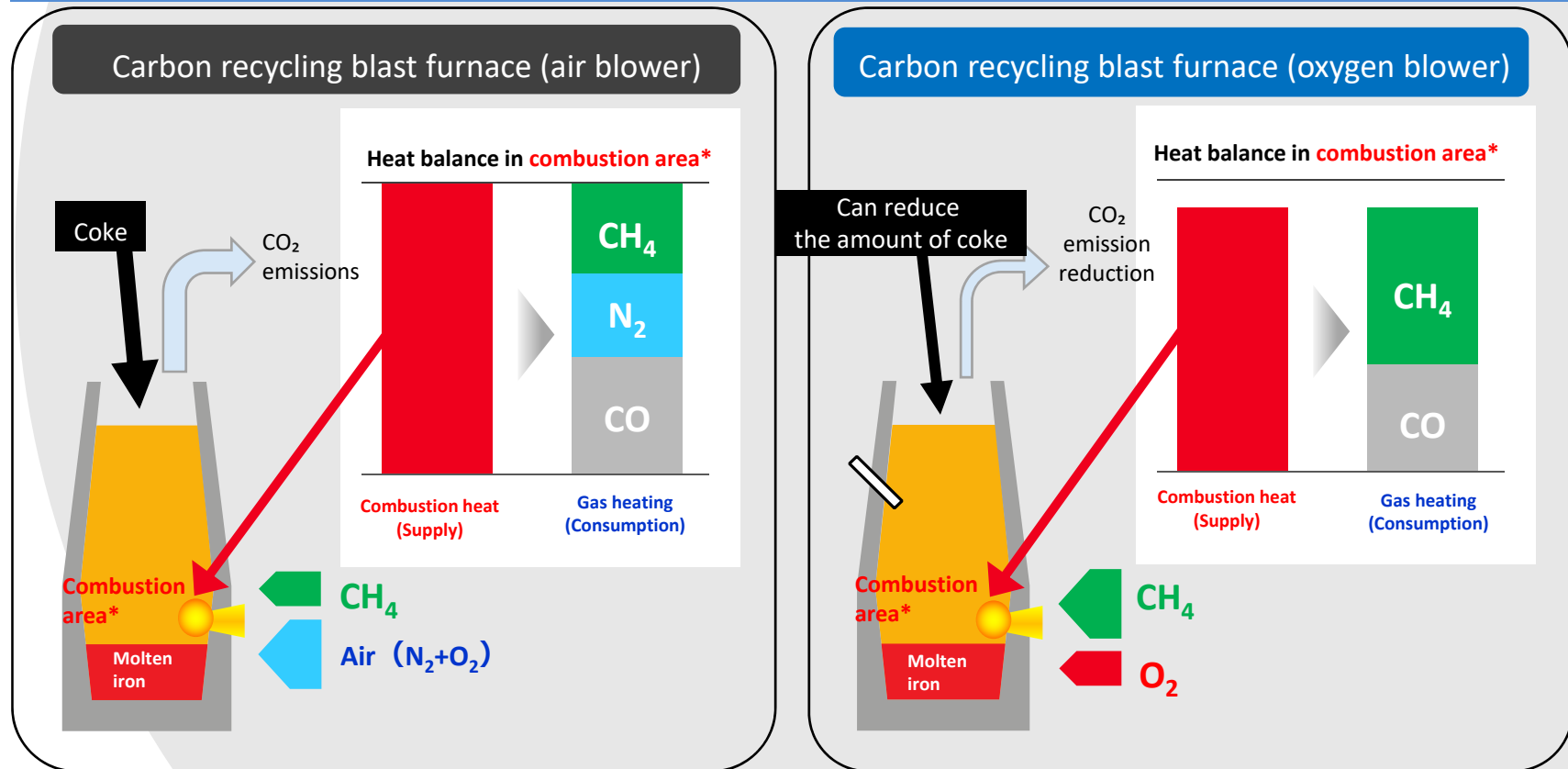
- Methanation: Technology for using green hydrogen to convert CO₂ (blast furnace exhaust gas) into methane (carbon-neutral reducing material)
- Key CCU technology expected to help realize carbon-neutral society



Effectiveness of Oxygen Blast Furnace (1)

An oxygen blast furnace can maximize the amount of methane blown in by heating carbon-neutral methane with combustion heat that conventionally is used to heat nitrogen gas.

Challenge Need to develop an all-new technology to reduce CO₂ emissions by blowing in large amounts of carbon-neutral methane with oxygen. (world's first)

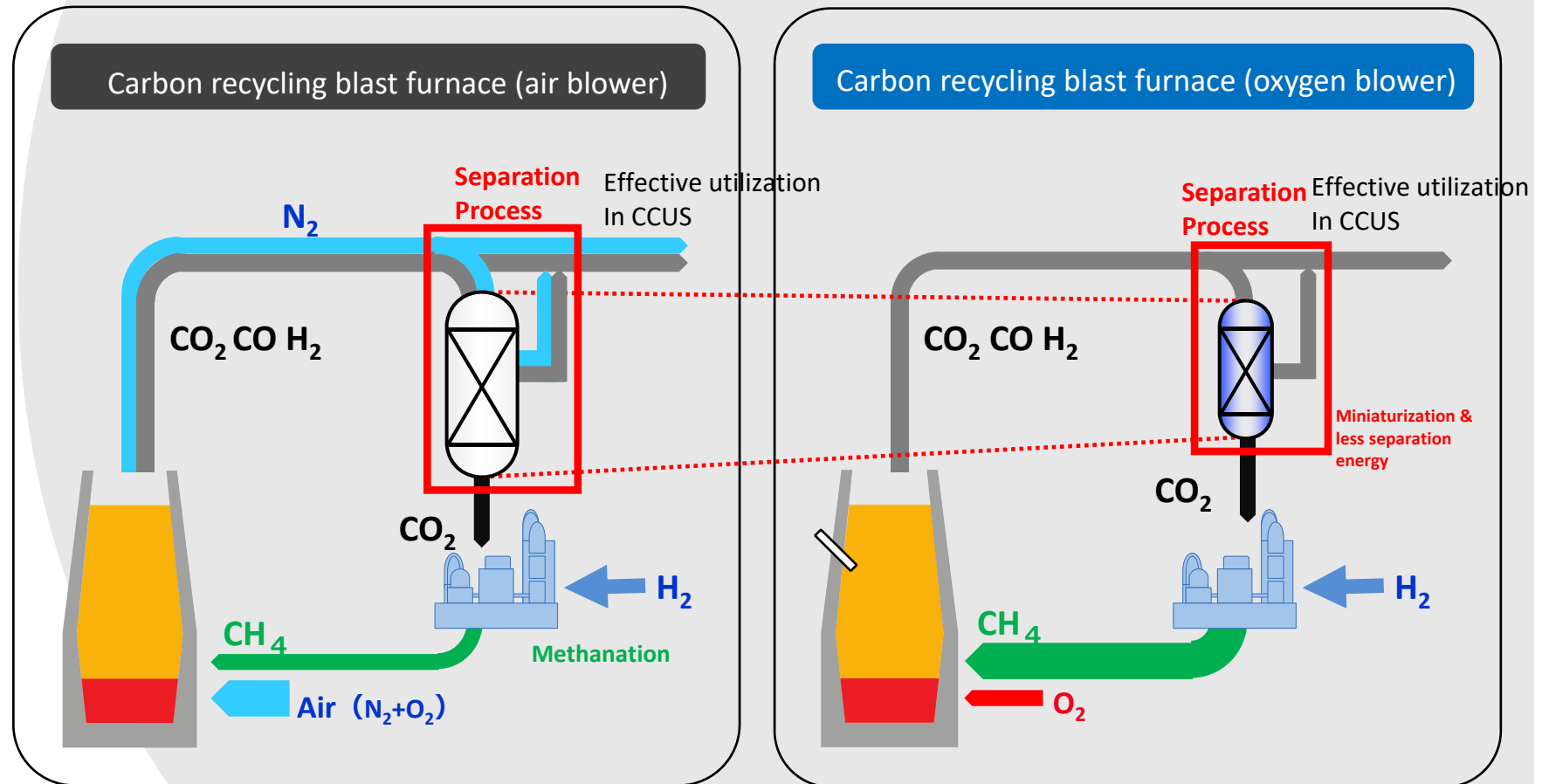


Effectiveness of Oxygen Blast Furnace (2)

Zeroing out nitrogen in blast furnace gas reduces amount of exhaust gas by about ½, and increasing CO₂ concentration enables CO₂ separation process to be downsized since less energy is required

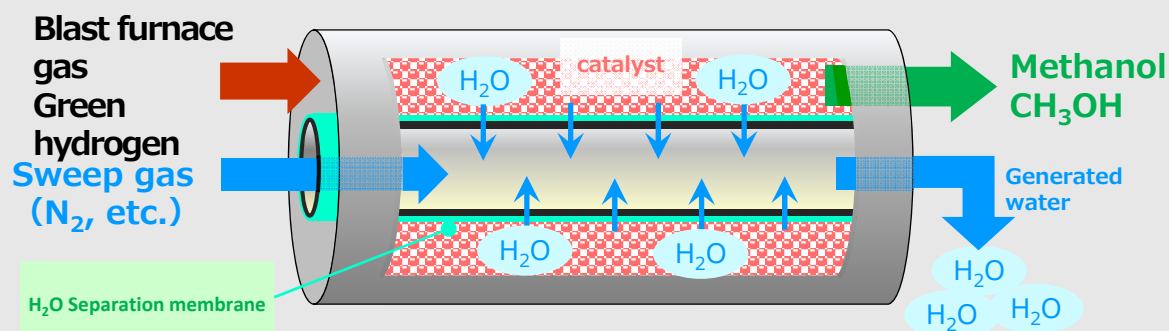
Challenge

Interlock operation with large-scale methanation facilities (world's first)

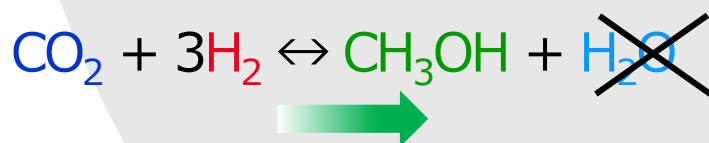


Application in carbon-recycling blast furnaces with CCU for CO₂ emissions reduction currently is jointly being developed by JFE and Research Institute of Innovative Technology for the Earth (RITE).
New type of reactor for CCU methanol synthesis uses steel works exhaust gas to produce methanol significantly cheaper compared to conventional reactors.

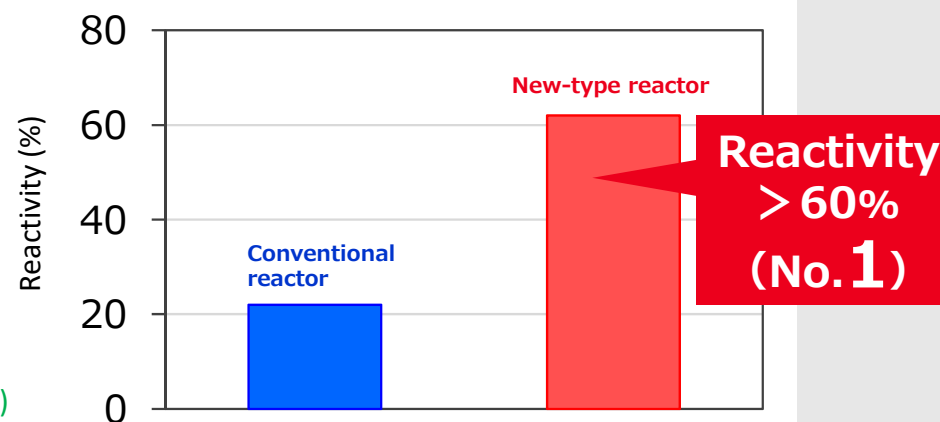
CCU Methanol Synthesis New-type reactor



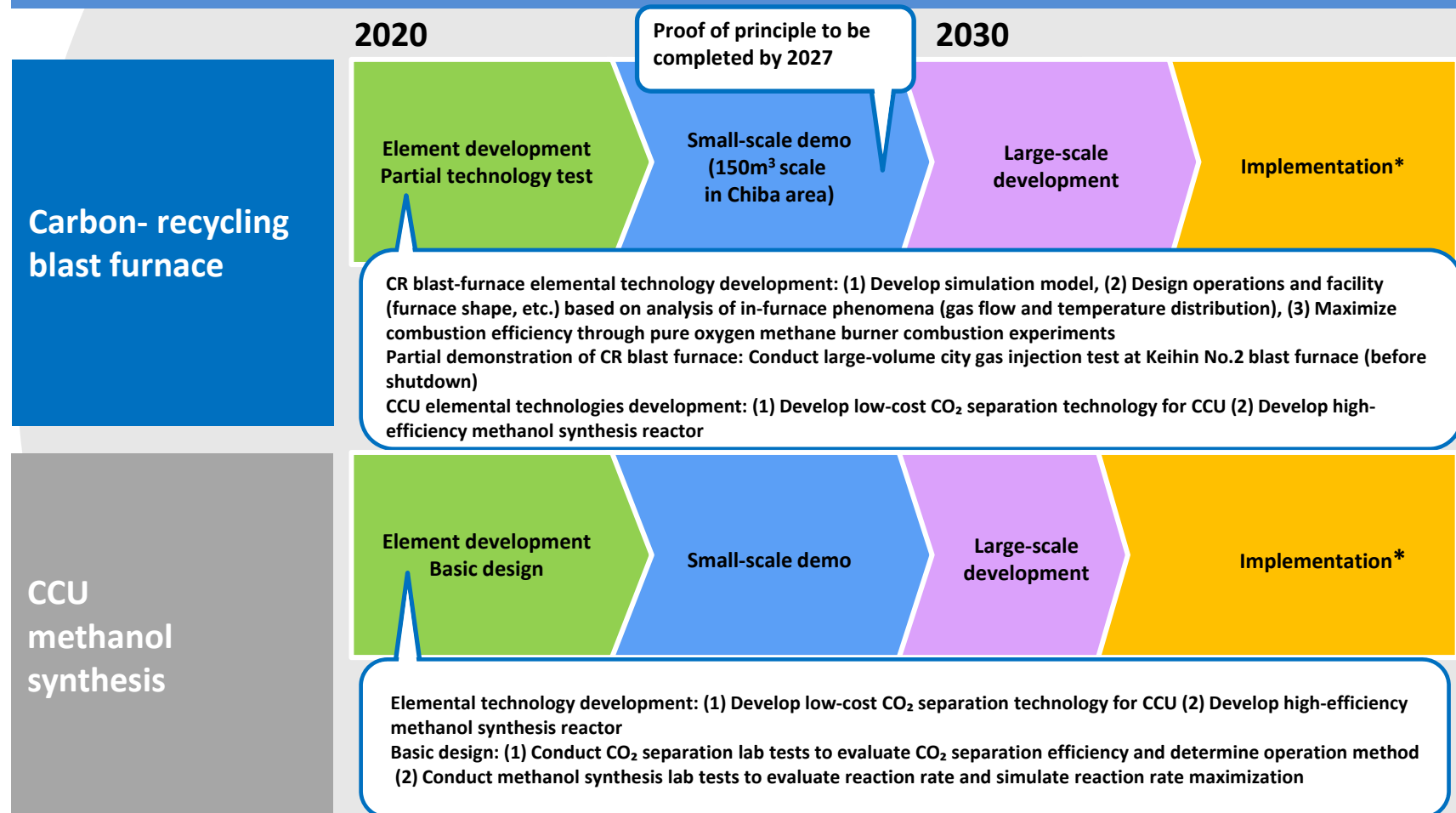
H₂O selectively permeates separation membrane for greatly increased reaction rate



Methanol synthesis lab experiments



Conduct elemental technology development and small-scale testing for both carbon-recycling blast furnaces and CCU methanol synthesis, targeting completion of proof-of-principle process by 2027



*Pursuant to development of infrastructure for cheap, high-volume hydrogen supply and system for sharing related costs throughout society

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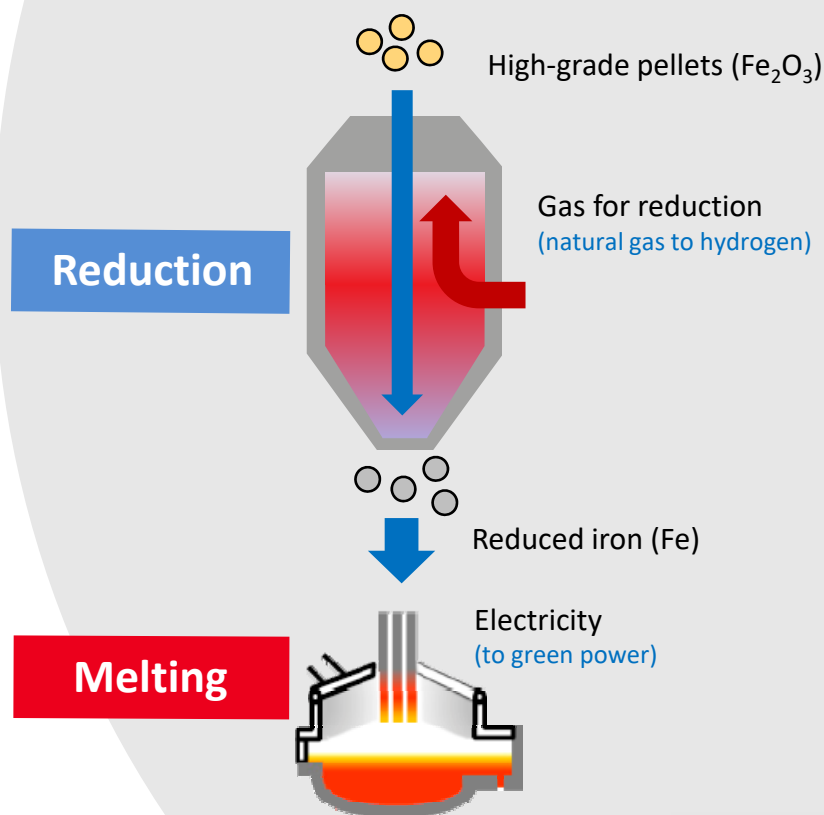
Development of Technology for 100% Direct Hydrogen Reduction

Effectiveness of Hydrogen-reduction Technology

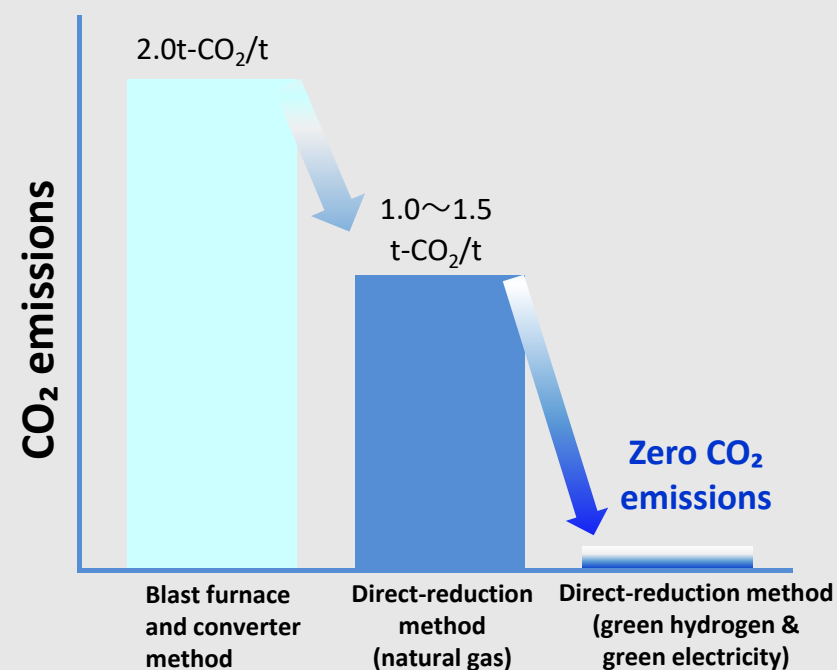
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- Oxygen is removed from iron ore in a reduction furnace to produce reduced iron (Fe), which is then melted in an electric arc furnace.
- The amount of CO₂ generated with the current direct-reduction method is about 1/2 that of the blast furnace method.
- Using hydrogen during reduction and green electricity during melting produces zero CO₂ emissions.

Direct-reduction process



CO₂ emissions from various steel processes



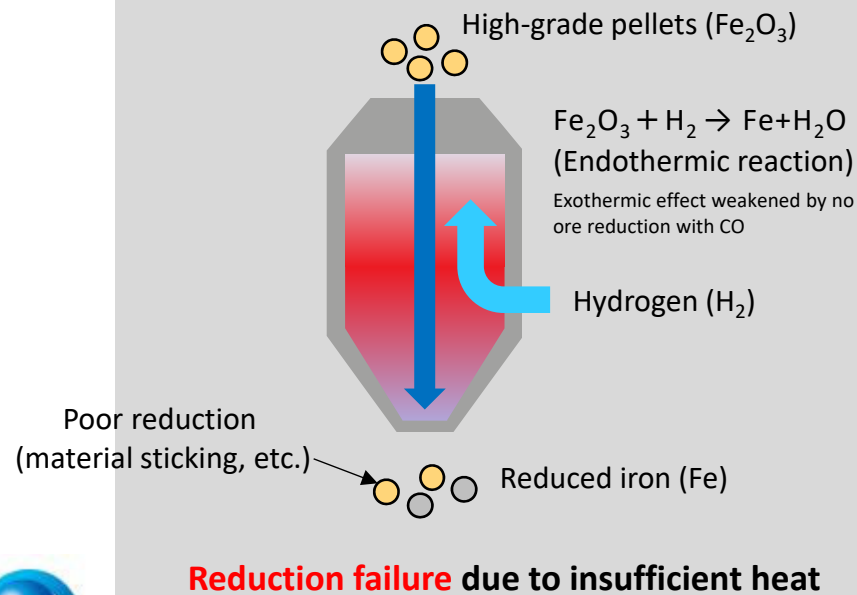
Problems and Solutions for Hydrogen Reduction (1): Endothermic Reaction

Problem Endothermic reaction inhibits reduction
(Hydrogen reduction causes endothermic reaction)

Solution Develop raw material preheating and hydrogen heating technology

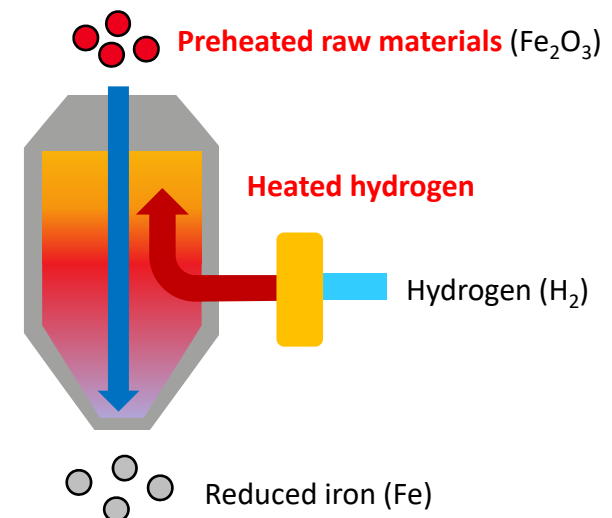
Problem

Endothermic reaction inhibit reduction



Solution

- Develop raw material preheating technology
- Develop hydrogen heating technology



Problem High-grade raw materials are produced in limited quantities and difficult to obtain.

Solution Expand sourcing through collaboration with raw material supplier (BHP*)

Problem

Currently, direct reduction can only use scarce high-grade raw materials, of which production is limited.

	Direct reduction	Blast furnace
Quality	High grade	Low to medium grade
Production (billion tons/year)	0.17	2.06

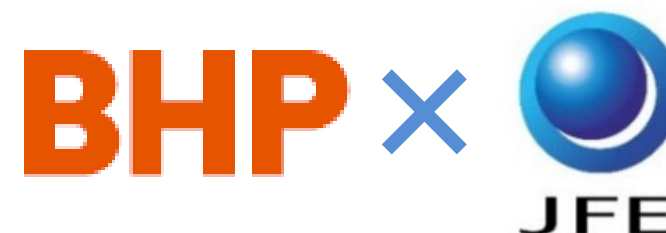
Low- and medium-grade raw materials are not used for direct iron reduction because they are difficult to pelletize and have low Fe content.

Solution

Develop processing technology for low- and mid-grade materials with BHP



Use as raw material for direct reduction



*One of three largest iron ore suppliers, mainly producing in Australia

02 Development of Electric Arc Furnace Process Technology

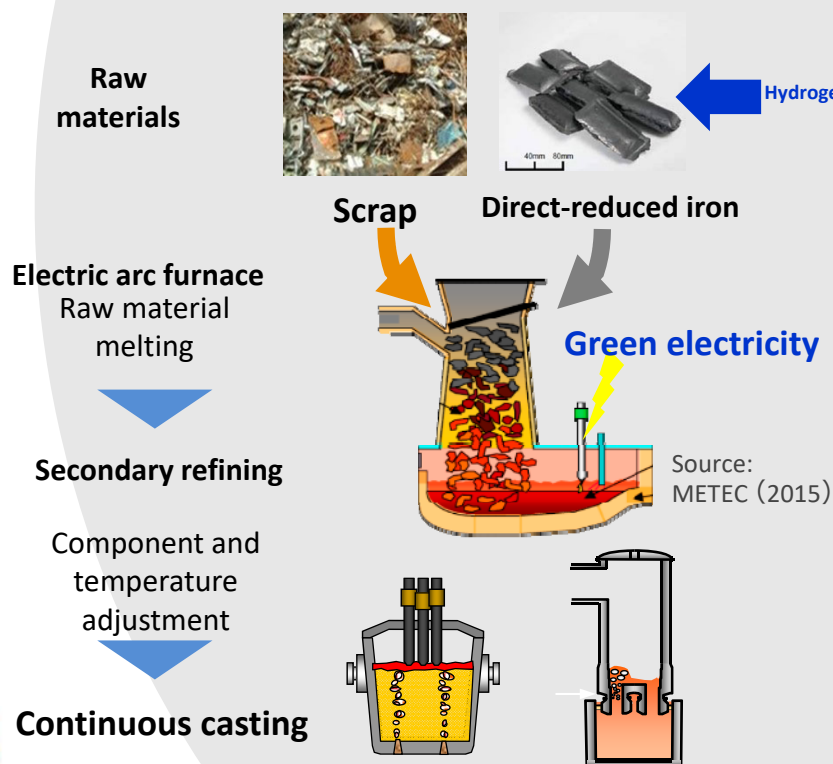


Production of High-grade Steel in Electric Arc Furnace Process

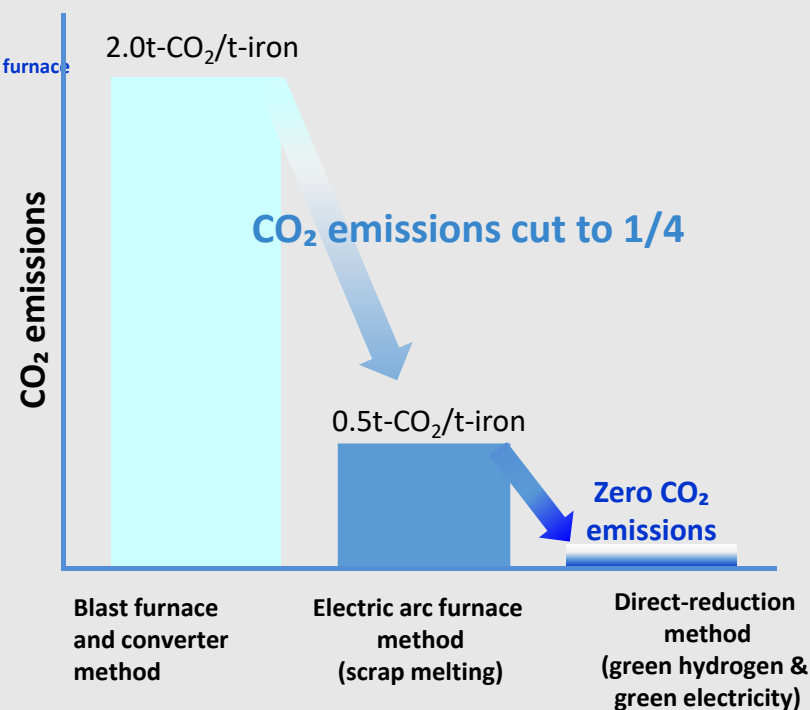
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- Steel products are manufactured by melting steel scrap and direct-reduced iron in an electric arc furnace.
- The resulting CO₂ amount is about 1/4 that generated by the blast furnace-converter method.
- CO₂ emissions should be reducible to zero using hydrogen-reduced iron and green electricity.

Electric Arc Furnace process



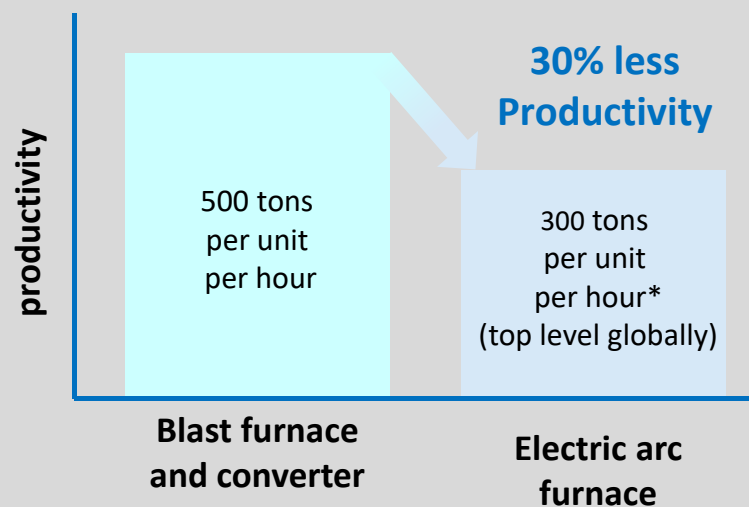
CO₂ emissions from various steel processes



- Problem** Improve productivity of electric arc furnaces, currently 30% less than that of blast furnace-converters
Reduce electric power intensity
- Solution** High-speed, high-efficiency melting technology for use in electric arc furnaces

Problem

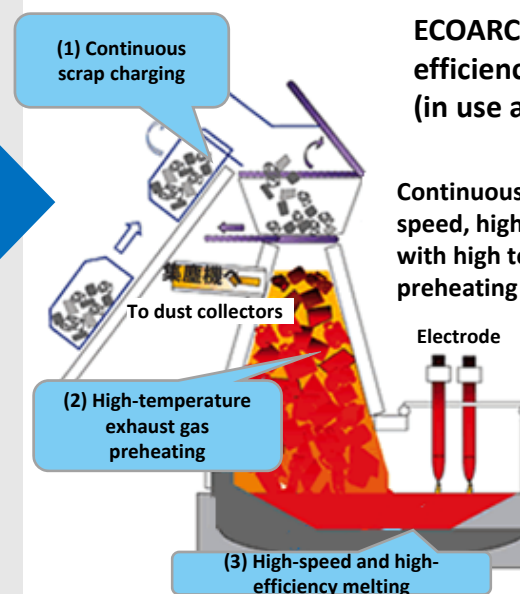
Productivity improvement



Solution

- (1) Technology to melt scrap and reduce iron at high speed
(2) Technology for efficient melting
with less electric power

ECOARC™ eco-friendly, high efficiency electric arc furnace
(in use at JP Steel Plantech Co.)



Continuous scrap charging in high-speed, high-efficiency melting furnace with high temperature exhaust gas preheating

Need to further improve energy efficiency and productivity

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Problem Quality constraints for products with electric arc furnaces
(Many steel types are difficult to manufacture in terms of quality)

Solution Technology to remove impurities and detoxify impurities

Problem

Elimination of quality constraints

Electric arc furnace process (scrap & reduced iron)

Material degradation due to increased impurity concentration

- Many steel types hard to manufacture in electric arc furnaces

- Vehicle steel sheets: Defects & poor processing performance

- Electrical steel sheets: Deterioration of properties

Blast furnace and converter¹

For ex.: Cu 0.02-0.03%
N ~0.003%

Electric arc furnace steel²

For ex.: Cu 0.2-0.4%
N 0.004%~

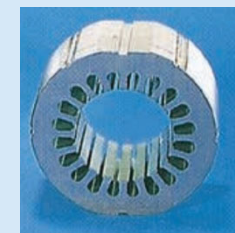
Solution

(1) Technology to remove impurities

(2) Technology to detoxify impurities



Steel plates for cars



Electrical steel sheet (motor cores)

02 Technology for Using Scrap in Converters



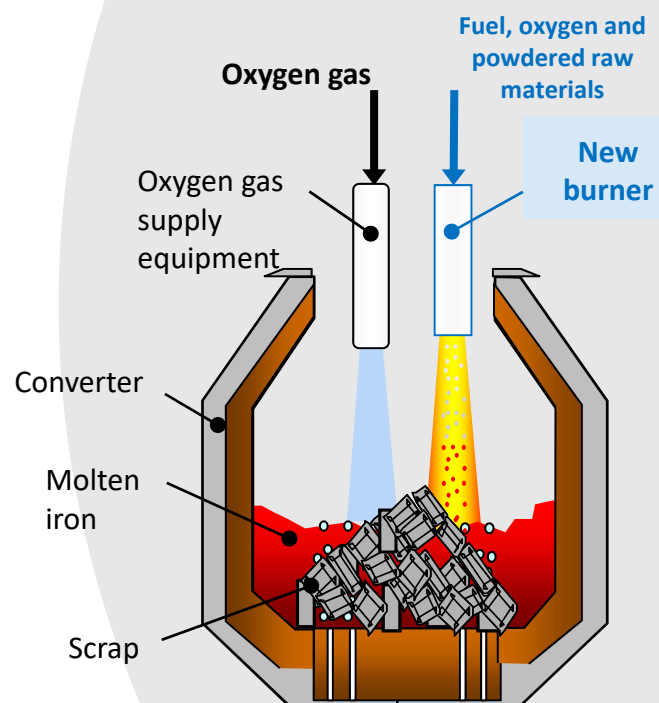
Problem

Need more robust melting technology to increase use of scrap in converters

Solution

(1) Design and engineer larger and more durable burners for use in large converters

(2) Utilize carbon-free fuels (hydrogen or carbon-recycled methane) to reduce CO₂ emissions



Problem

Increasing volume of scrap usage in a converter reduces heat



New heat technology

Solution

High-efficiency heat-transfer burner for melting scrap in converters

Transferring combustion heat to iron using powdered material* heated with new burner



JFE Steel's "ONLY1" technology
(already commercialized stainless-steel converters)
Develop burner for normal steel converter



Development Goals:

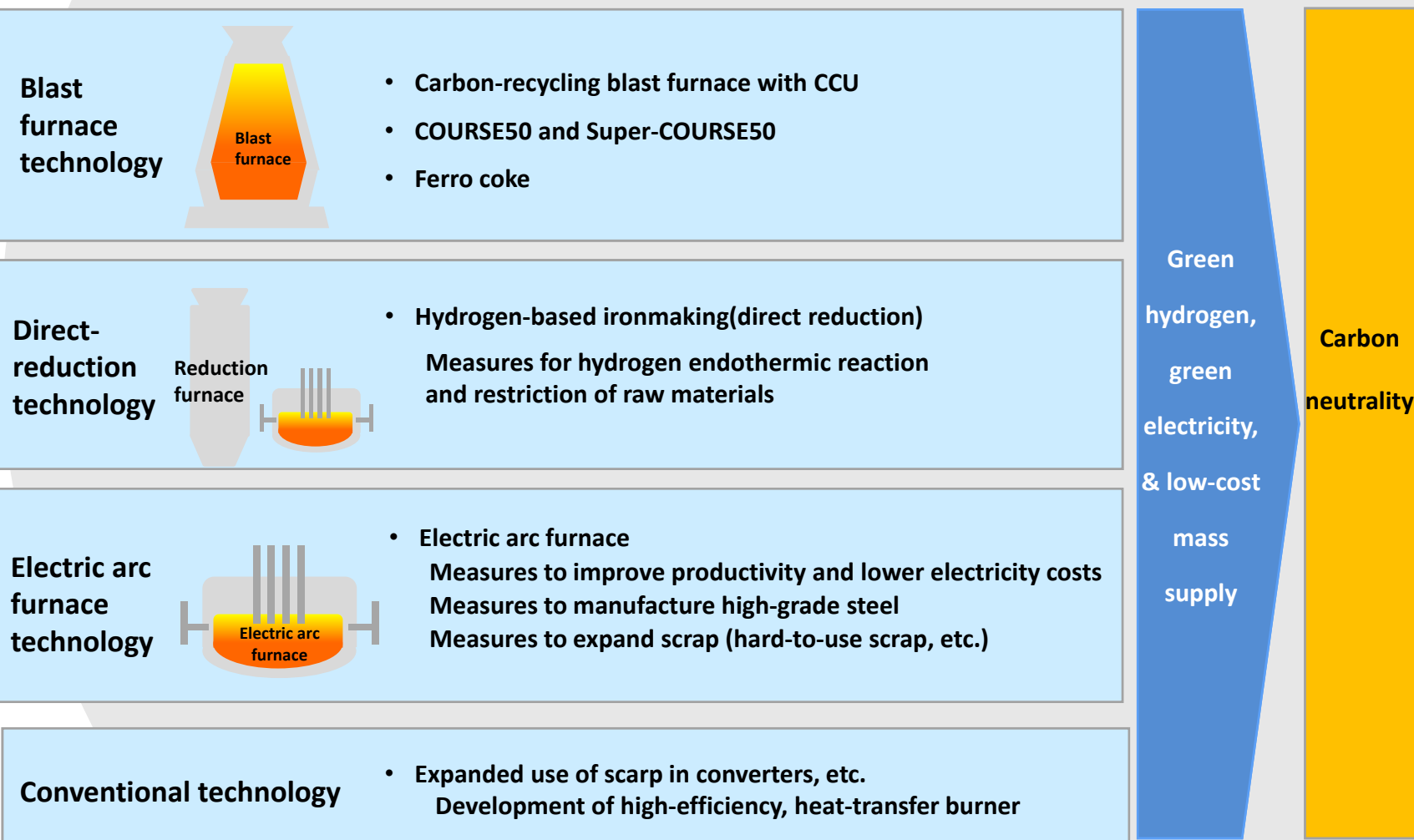
(1) Design and engineer large burners
(2) Use carbon-free fuels such as hydrogen gas

*Source: JFE Technical Report No. 38, p. 53 (2016)

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Development of Process for Achieving Carbon Neutrality

Accelerate R&D for (1) blast furnace technology, (2) direct-reduction technology, (3) electric arc furnace technology and (4) conventional technology
→ Develop innovative technologies multilinearly, aiming to achieve carbon neutrality

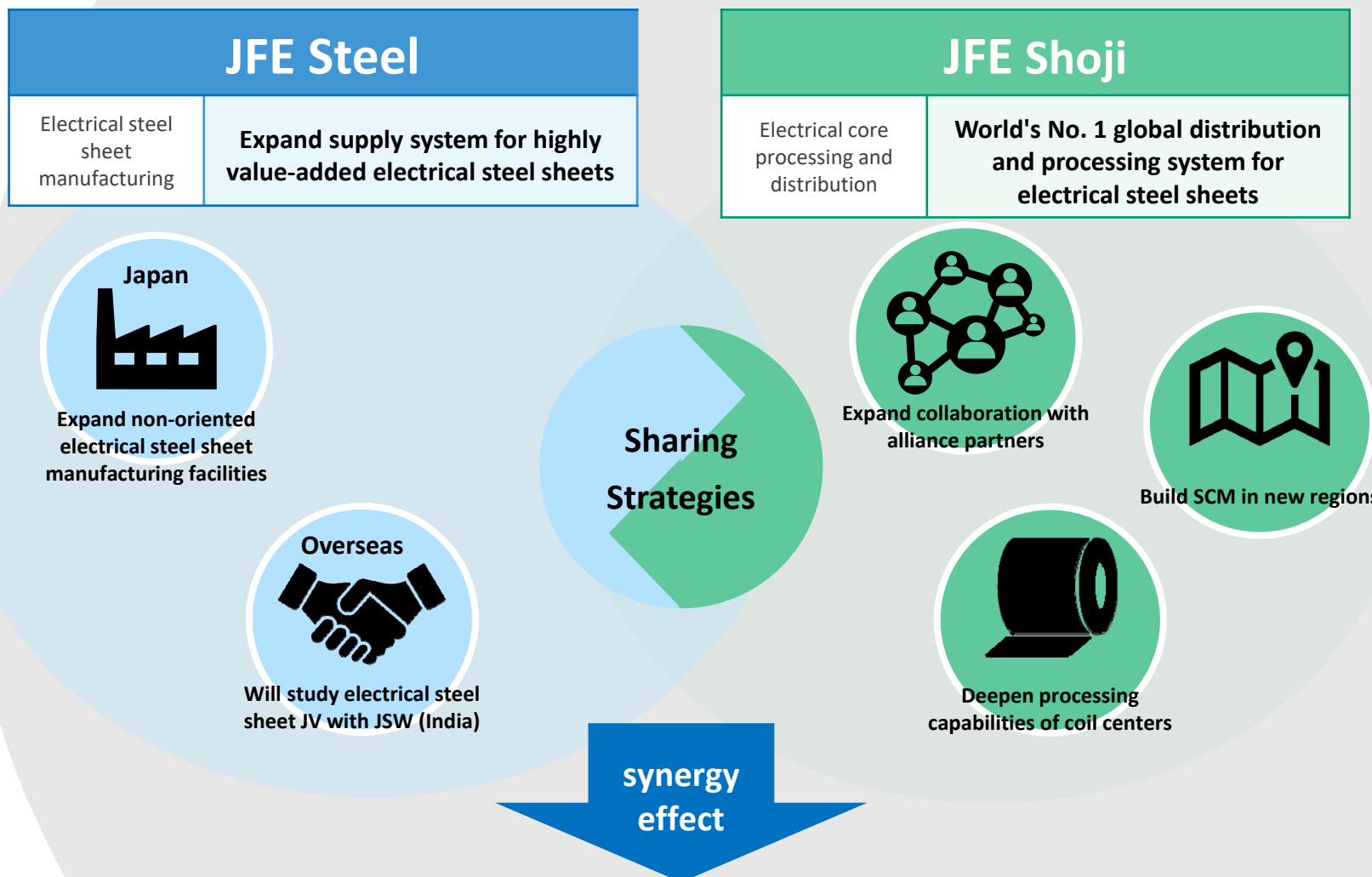


02 Eco Products (Electrical Steel Sheets Strategy)



Eco-products: JFE's Electrical Steel Sheets Strategy

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Capture growing demand for high-grade electrical steel sheets both in Japan and overseas on group-wide basis

Eco-products: Strategy for Electrical Steel Sheets in Japan

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Japan



Expand manufacturing facilities for non-oriented electrical steel sheet (N/O)*

*Announced on April 1, 2021

Increase capacity of West Japan Works (Kurashiki district) to meet **rising demand for high-grade non-oriented electrical steel sheets** used in EV drive motors

Total investment

Approx. 49 billion yen

Operation start

First half of FY2024

Production capacity

Double current production capacity for high-grade non-oriented electrical steel sheets

CO₂ reduction

About 1.5Mt CO₂/year (due to increased adoption of electric vehicles)

Demand Forecast of high-grade non-oriented electrical steel sheets

Demand for high-grade non-oriented electrical steel sheets, indispensable for electric automobiles, is **expected to rapidly increase** as global environmental regulations are accelerated/strengthened

Europe: Ban sales of gasoline vehicles

2025: Norway
2030: Germany, Netherlands & UK
2040: France

Japan: Promote electrification

Shift to all electric vehicles
Government: from 2035
Tokyo: from 2030

USA: Convert to ZEVs and ban use of gasoline vehicles

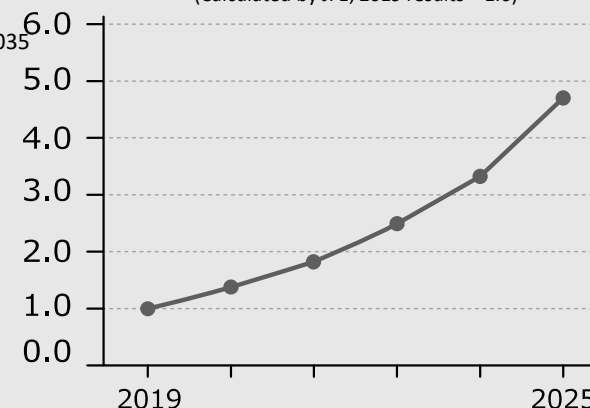
ZEV (EV, FCV, PHEV): 13 states have regulations
California: Ban gasoline vehicles in 2035

India: Promote shift to EVs
100% by 2047

China: Shift to new energy vehicles and HEVs

EVs, FCVs & PHEVs
2025: At least 20%
2030: At least 50%
Convert gasoline vehicles to HEVs
2025: At least 50%
2030: 100%

Demand for High-Grade Non-Oriented Electrical Steel Sheets
(Calculated by JFE; 2019 results = 1.0)





MOU with JSW of India to study feasibility of electrical steel sheet JV*

*Announced on May 7, 2021

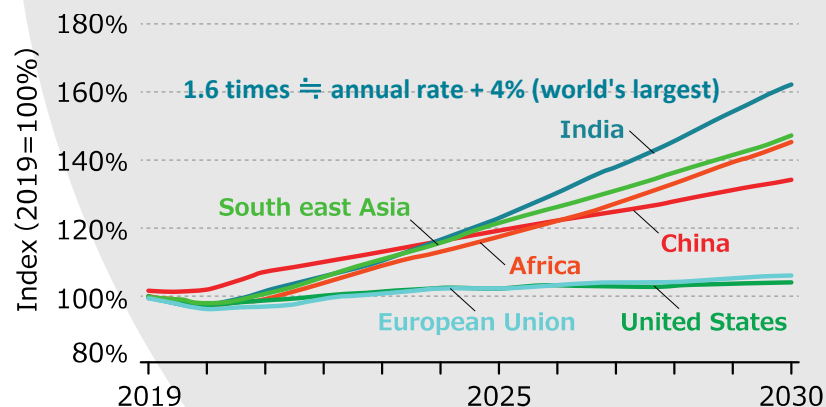
Agreed with strategic-alliance-partner JSW to study establishing grain-oriented steel (G/O) manufacturing and sales company in India



Demand Forecast of Grain-oriented Electrical Steel Sheets

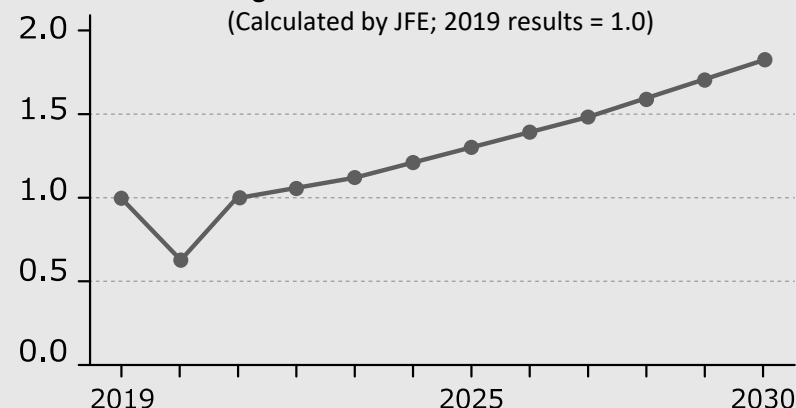
The global demand for grain-oriented electrical steel sheets in transformers is expected to increase due to continuous growth in demand for electric power and the expanding adoption of renewable energy. The demand in India for grain-oriented electrical steel sheets is expected to increase by 1.7 times in 2030 compared to 2019 results.

Electricity demand in India



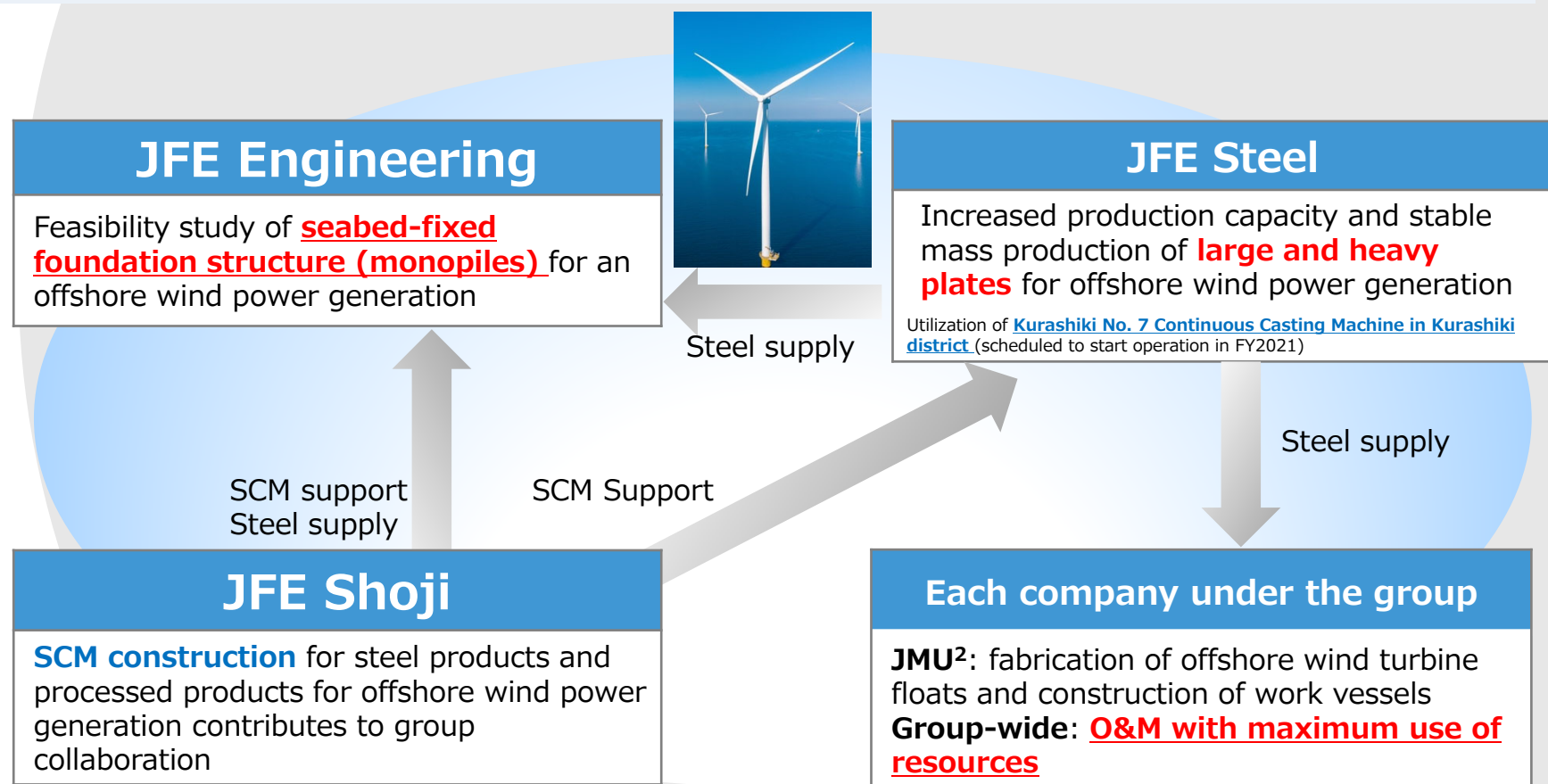
Source: World Energy Outlook 2020, IEA

Demand for grain-oriented Electrical Steel Sheets in India
(Calculated by JFE; 2019 results = 1.0)



03 Carbon Neutrality Initiatives in Engineering and Trading Businesses

- By **commercializing our manufacturing of foundation structures (monopiles)**, we will become the forerunner in the business of offshore wind-power generation and **establish a supply chain across the entire group**, including foundation manufacturing and O&M.¹
- **Aim to expand business in the field of renewable energy** by leveraging **the JFE Group's collective strengths (synergies)** with JFE Engineering as the main player.



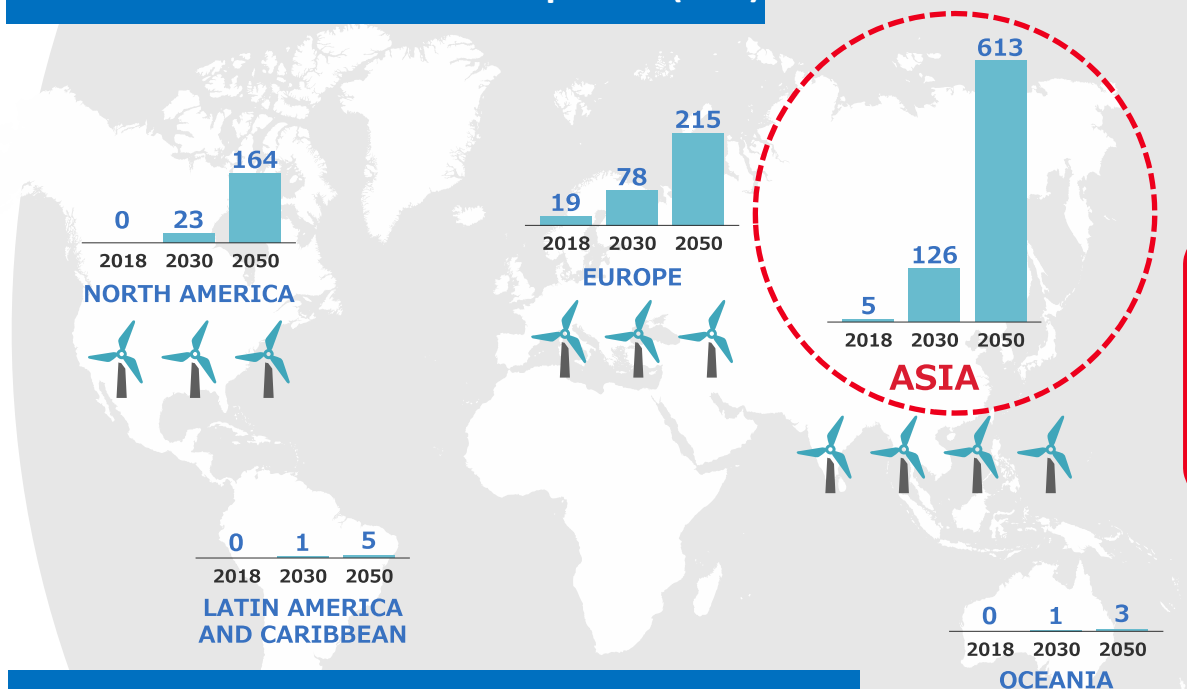
Offshore Wind Demand and Monopile Market Trends

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Offshore wind power has been introduced mainly in Europe and China (24 GW as of 2018), but significant growth is expected in Asian countries (including Japan) and North America.

Total installed offshore wind power (GW)

Source: "Future of Wind," IRENA (2019)



Estimated market expansion in Japan

	Expected power generation (GW)	Steel consumption (Mt)
2030	10	1.5
2040	30~ Public and private sector adoption targets 45	4.5~ 6.75
2050	90	13.5

Source: Japan Wind Power Association

Trends in Japan's monopile market

From around 100,000 tons per year in FY2024, it is forecast to expand to 160,000 tons in the late 2020s and exceed 200,000 tons from the 2030s.

Note: Market size and steel consumption estimates based on ratio of foundation types per target installations

Study of monopile foundation-structure manufacturing

Strategy	Establish monopile plant, first of its kind in Japan , deploying technologies for designing offshore structures, processing and welding large and heavy steel plates, and applying robust marine anticorrosion coatings
Investment scale	About 40 billion yen for plant buildings, machinery and equipment, wharf maintenance, etc.
Production period	Production targeted to start in April 2024 (corresponding to start of construction of Round 1 project)
Market share	50% share (target)



Transition pieces

(pipes connecting to wind turbine tower)

- 9 to 11m in diameter
- About 500t in weight

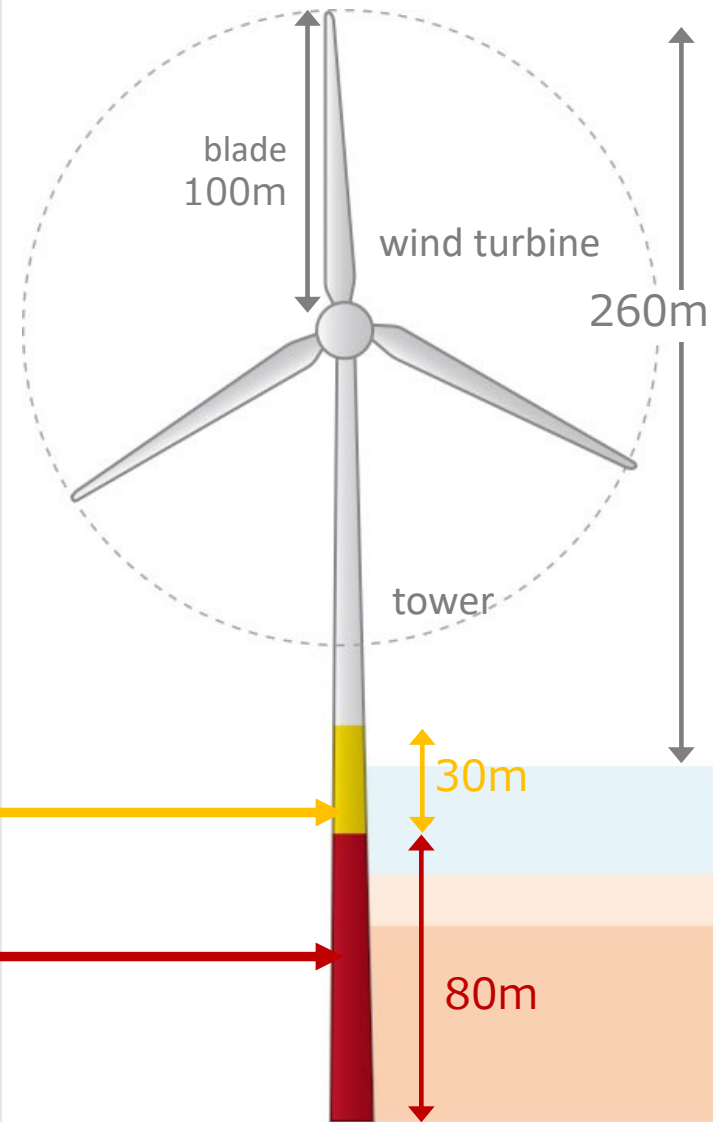


Monopiles (super heavyweight)

Thick walls, large diameters & long length

- 9 to 11m in diameter
- About 1,400t in weight

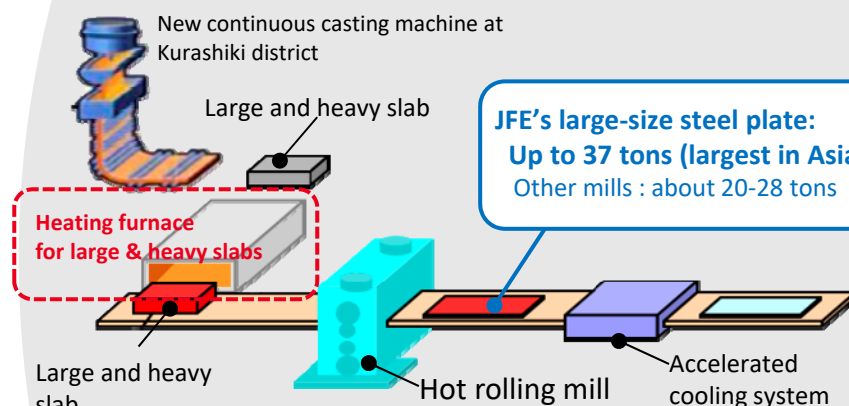
Approx. size of main machine (12MW class)



Larger wind turbines to reduce power costs **require larger foundation structures**

⇒ Contribute to offshore wind power business with large, thick, high-quality cross-section plates manufactured from **world top-class continuous-casting machine with large cross section**

Investment in facilities for large and heavy plates for offshore wind

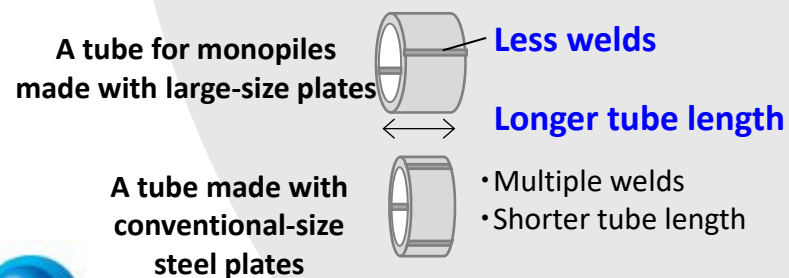


<New continuous casting machine>

- High-efficiency casting of large cross-sectional slabs
- Advanced control technology for greatly improved slab surface and internal quality

Mass production of high-quality, large cross-section, large single-weight thick plates
Large-size plates for offshore wind: over 200k tons/year

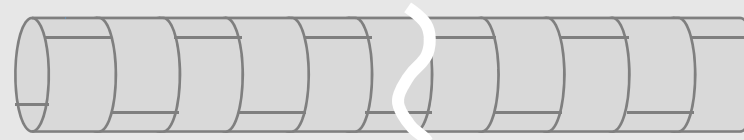
Advantages of large-size plates in monopile manufacture



- Reduction of welding
- Reduction of assembly man-hours
- Shorter production lead time
- Increase in production volume

Lower production cost

Promote introduction of offshore wind power



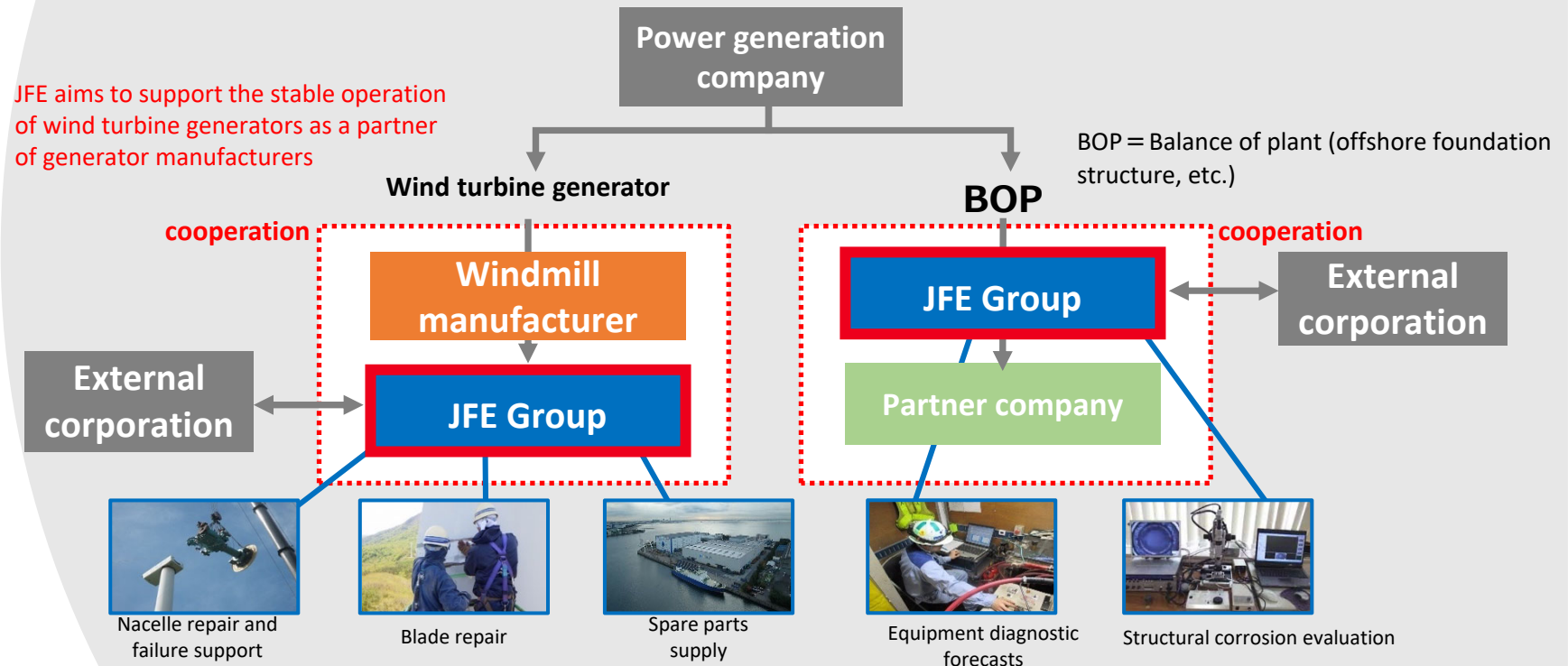
O&M Using Group Resources

Lifecycle cost structure for seabed-fixed offshore wind turbines (European case: METI-Mitsubishi Research Institute data)



O&M market size: around 2 trillion yen

(Mitsubishi Research Institute data; based on Japan's target of introducing 10 GW by 2030)



- Utilize know-how cultivated in onshore wind O&M and steel structure fabrication
- Collaborate with other companies to support the stable operation of domestic offshore wind farms

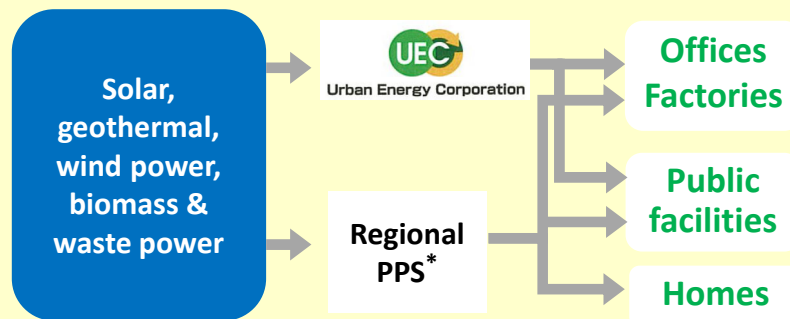
Contributions to CO₂ Reduction through Engineering Business

Renewable Energy

- Biomass, geothermal, solar, offshore wind power (through group synergies), etc.
- Waste power generation

Renewable-energy business (EPC & projects)

- Diversify power sources (offshore wind & hydro)
- Participate widely in EPC and project management
- Provide energy services such as local supply of renewable energy sources and zero-emission plans for clients



*Power producer and supplier that produces electricity locally for local consumption

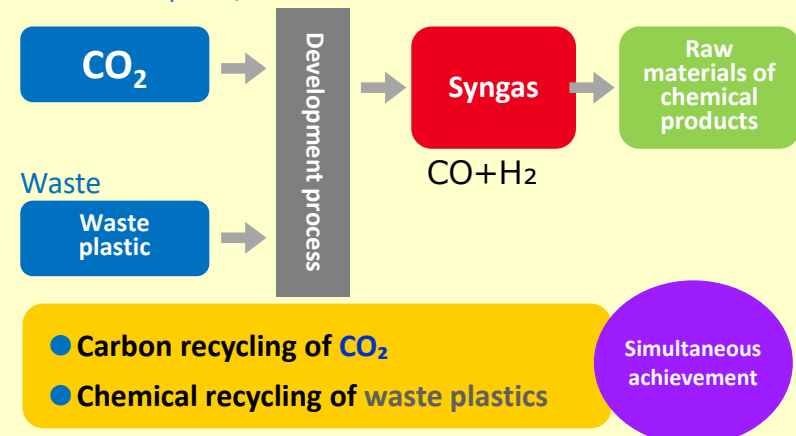
Carbon Recycling

- Conversion of CO₂ into synthesis gas and chemical products
- CO₂ separation and recovery

Practical use of carbon recycling

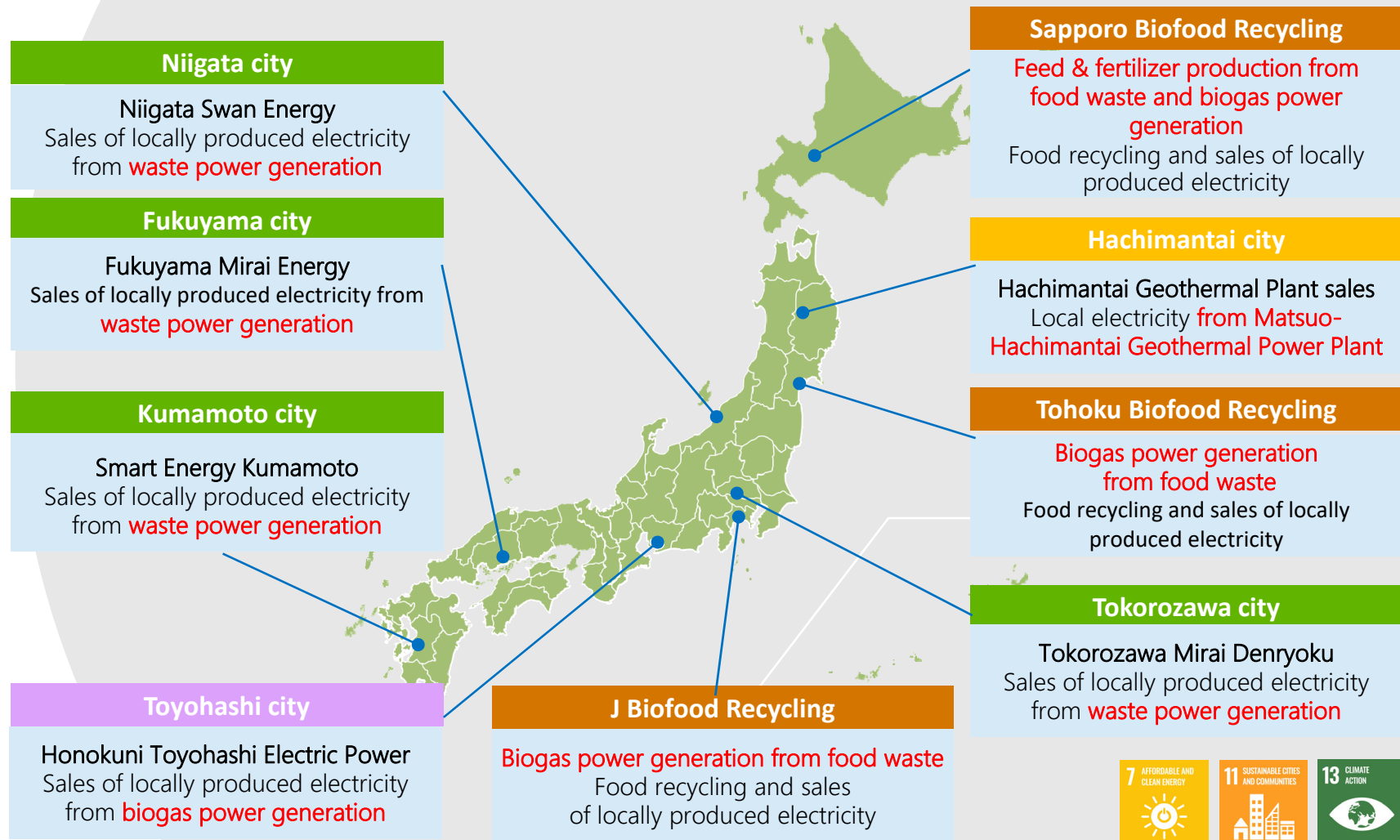
(CO₂-based chemical production technology)

Incinerators, steel works, power and chemical plants, etc.



JFE Engineering's Support of Local Production for Local Consumption Environmental Vision 2050

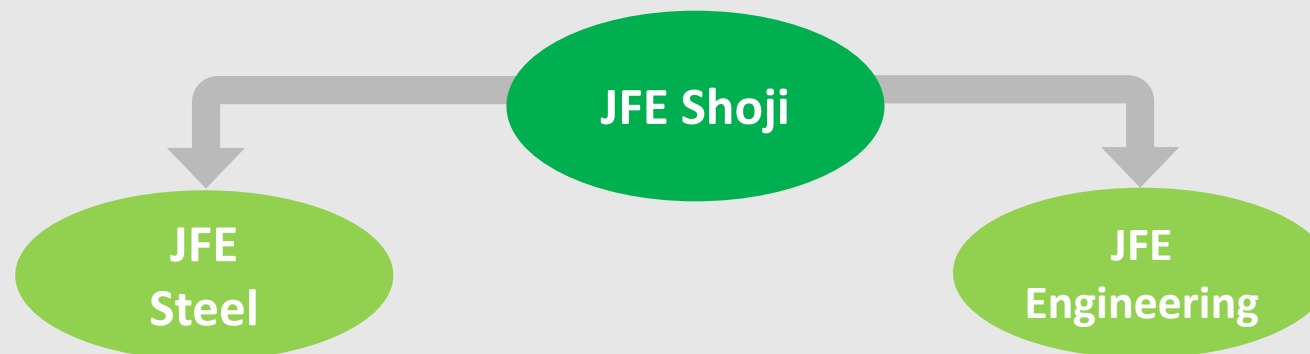
Support **local energy production for local consumption** (independent and decentralized) and **regional carbon neutrality** through biogas power generation from food waste and expansion of regional power producers and suppliers (PPS)*



*Produce electricity locally for local consumption



Leverage global network and corporate resources
for carbon neutrality within JFE group and society



Reduce CO₂ emissions in steel business

Collaborate with JFE Steel
to expand steel scrap
procurement and explore
procurements of reduced
iron and later hydrogen



Scrap

Reduced iron

Hydrogen

Facilitate wider use of renewable energy

Support the stable supply of
fuel for biomass power plants
operated by JFE Engineering to
help reduce CO₂ emissions



Biomass fuel

Aim to become carbon neutrality

04 Carbon Neutrality Proposals to Society

JFE's key business concern is developing carbon-neutral steelmaking, but many other issues also must be resolved.

Costs of Achieving Carbon-neutral Steel

- ◆ **Massive research and development costs**

- ⇒ Approximately 100 billion yen by 2030 and more by 2050 (will require maximum use of government R&D support, such as Green Innovation Fund)

- ◆ **Massive investment in equipment**

- ⇒ Total capital investment in steel works will exceed R&D costs (approximately 500 billion yen per blast furnace with a capacity of 4 million tons per year)

- ◆ **Stable supply of inexpensive, high-volume green hydrogen and electricity, and development of related infrastructure (Ensure the global competitiveness of industrial power price)**

- ◆ **Even with cheap hydrogen, production costs will significantly increase***

*Assuming 20 yen per Nm³ of hydrogen

Significant cost increases are inevitable and there are limits to the efforts of individual companies. Government support and cooperation with society will be essential, including for the creation of a mechanism through which society would bear the increased costs.



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