

Low-Carbon Steel Production

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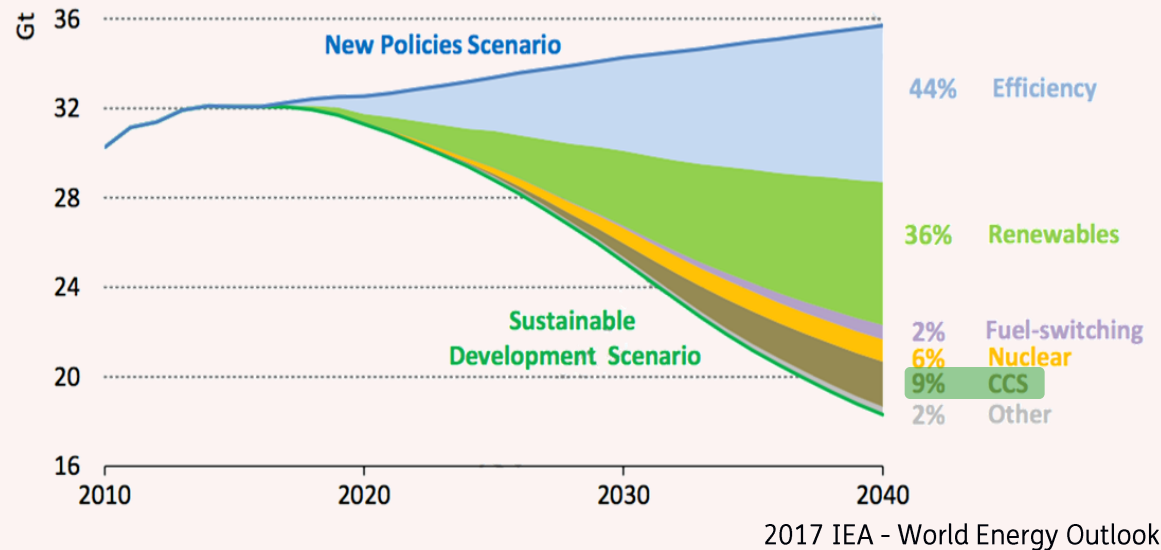


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Why CCS and CCU in Iron and Steel ?

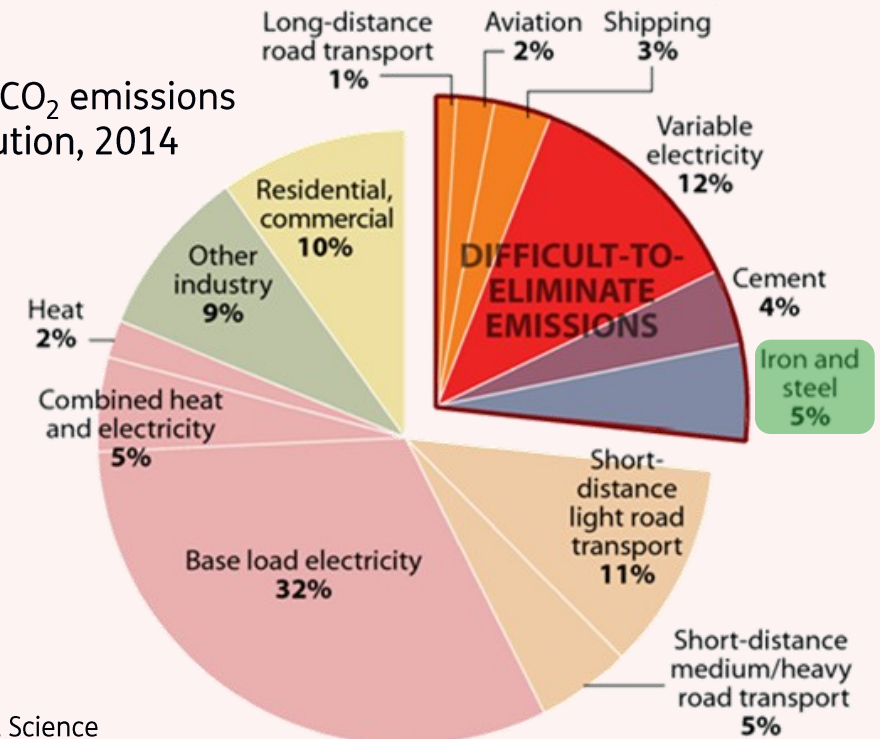
IN ALL SCENARIOS RELATED TO THE PARIS GOALS, CCS AND CCU PLAY A ROLE

Global CO₂ emissions reductions in the New Policies and Sustainable Development Scenarios



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

Global CO₂ emissions distribution, 2014



Davis et al, Science

Challenge for Iron and Steel

Facts

- Iron & Steel: 3.0 GtCO₂/yr = 7% of the worldwide CO₂ industrial emissions
1.7 - 1.9 ton of CO₂ per ton steel (typical European values)
360,000 employees in EU

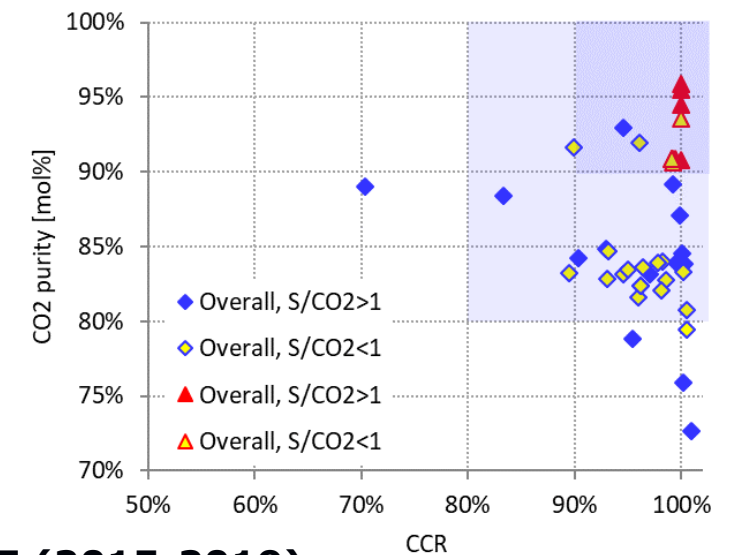
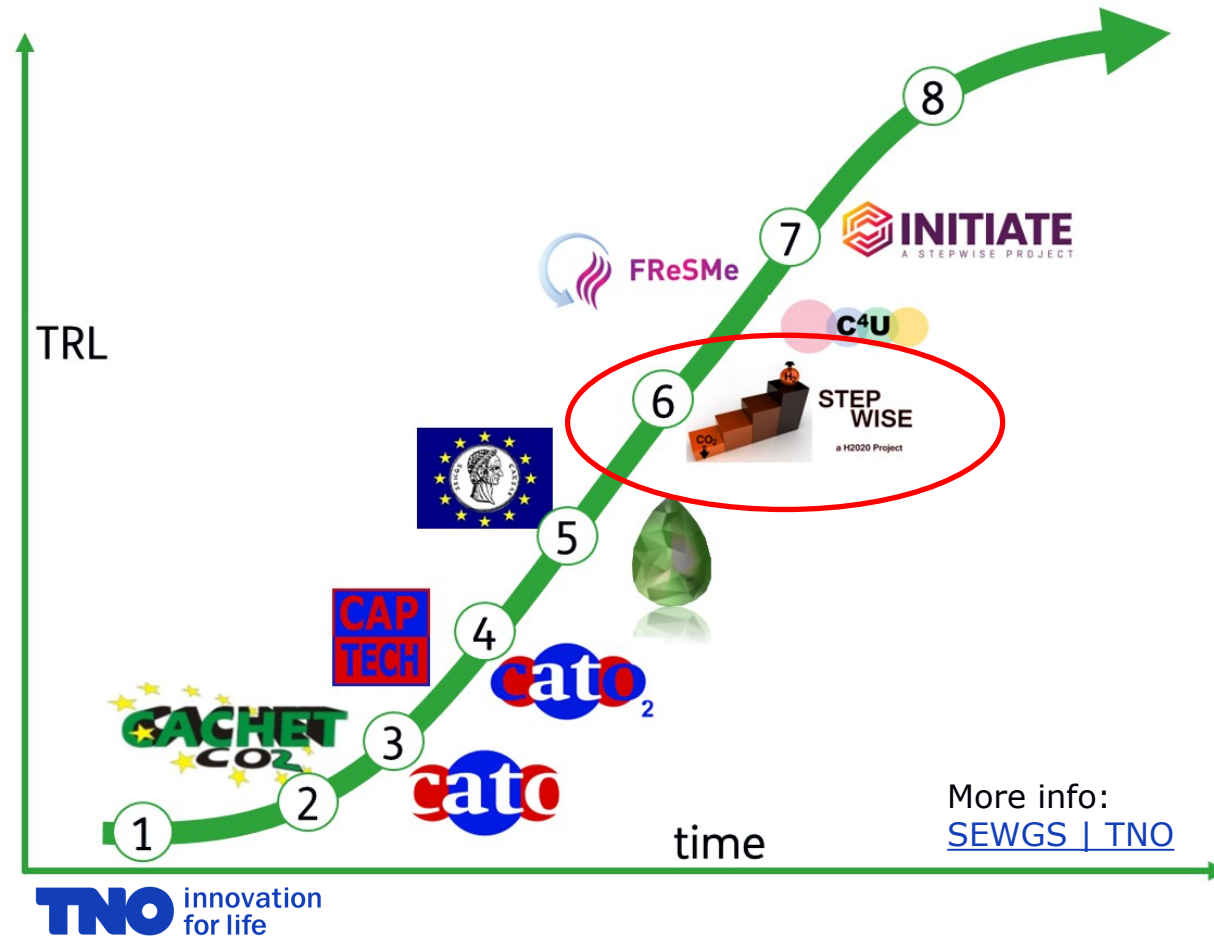
Reduce CO₂-footprint

- Recycle more scrap
- Improve efficiency of iron making e.g. Hisarna
- Switch reductants e.g. H₂, electrical routes
- Capture CO₂ and permanent sequesterate

← **Green  Smith**

STEPWISE Technology applying Sorption Enhanced Water-Gas Shift (SEWGS)

STEPWISE technology



STEPWISE (2015-2019)

CO₂ capture from residual steel-off gases for power generation

High efficient capture performance

A SPECCA of less than 2 MJ/kg

Up to 35% cost advantage compared to state-of-the-art capture solutions

Lower impact on all LCA factors relative to amine scrubbing technologies

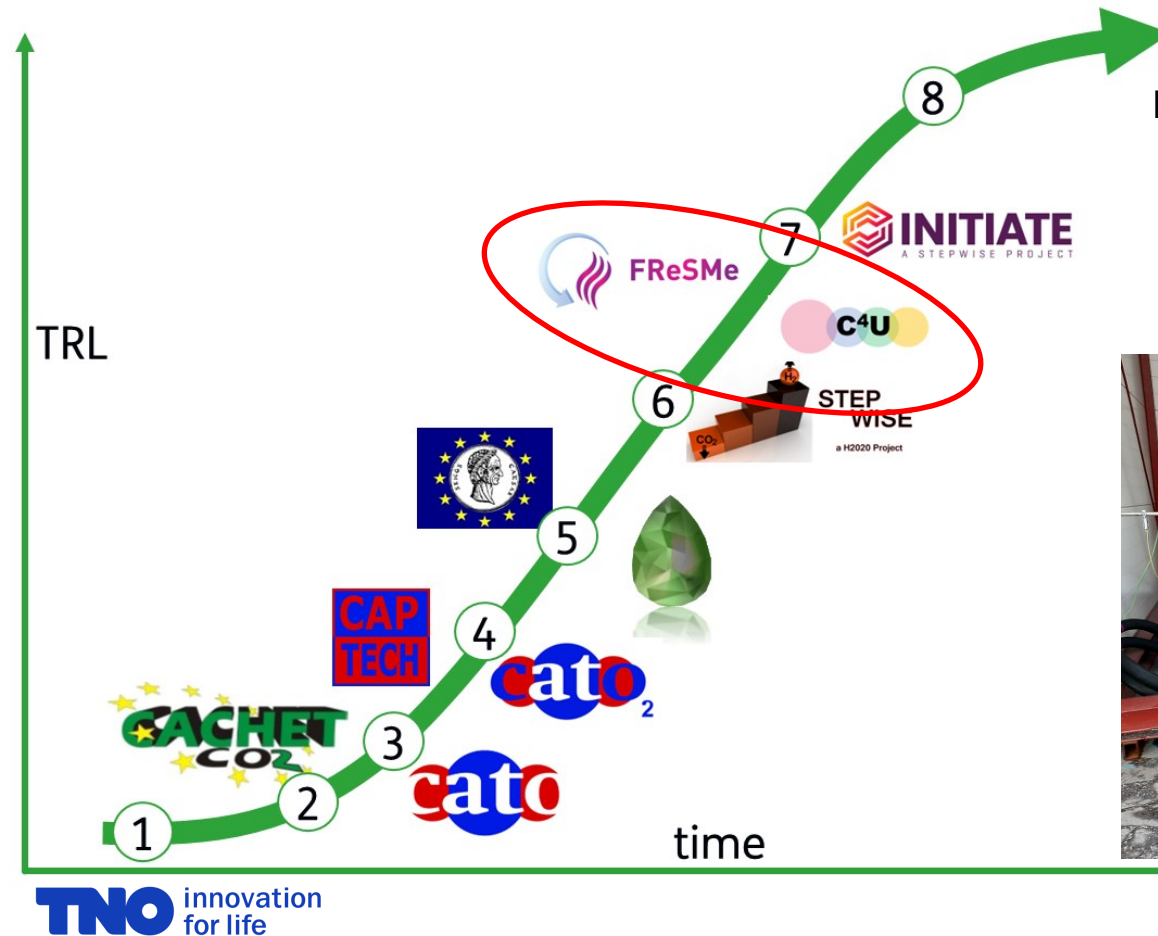
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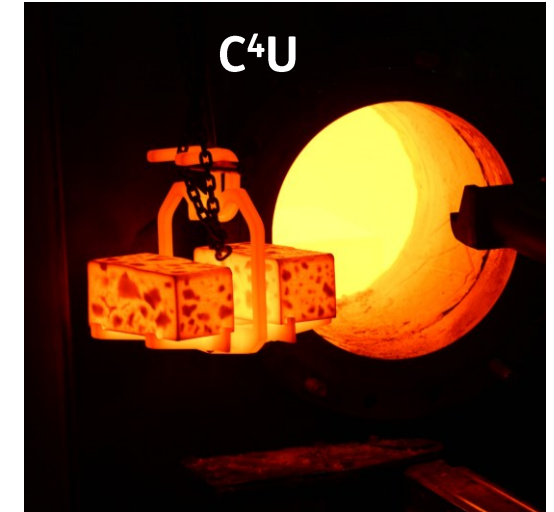
STEPWISE technology



C⁴U (ongoing, start 2020)

Full decarbonisation of traditional steel mills

First time demonstration of decarbonised blast furnace gas as fuel for reheating furnaces



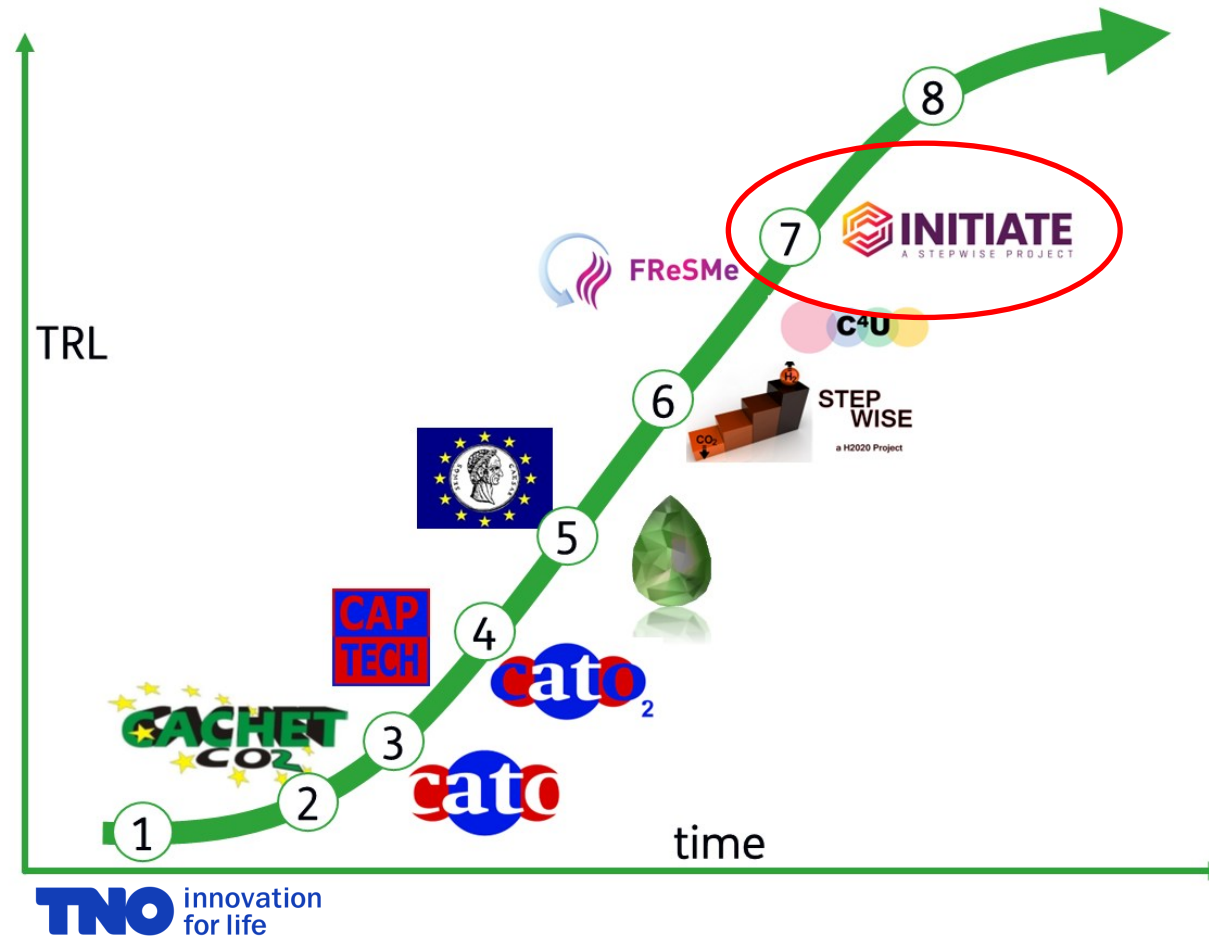
FReSMe (2016-2021)

Methanol production from residual steel residual gases

Demonstration of full production chain from steel residual gases to methanol used on STENA ferry

Positive business case for valorising energy content of the residual gases for MeOH production

STEPWISE technology

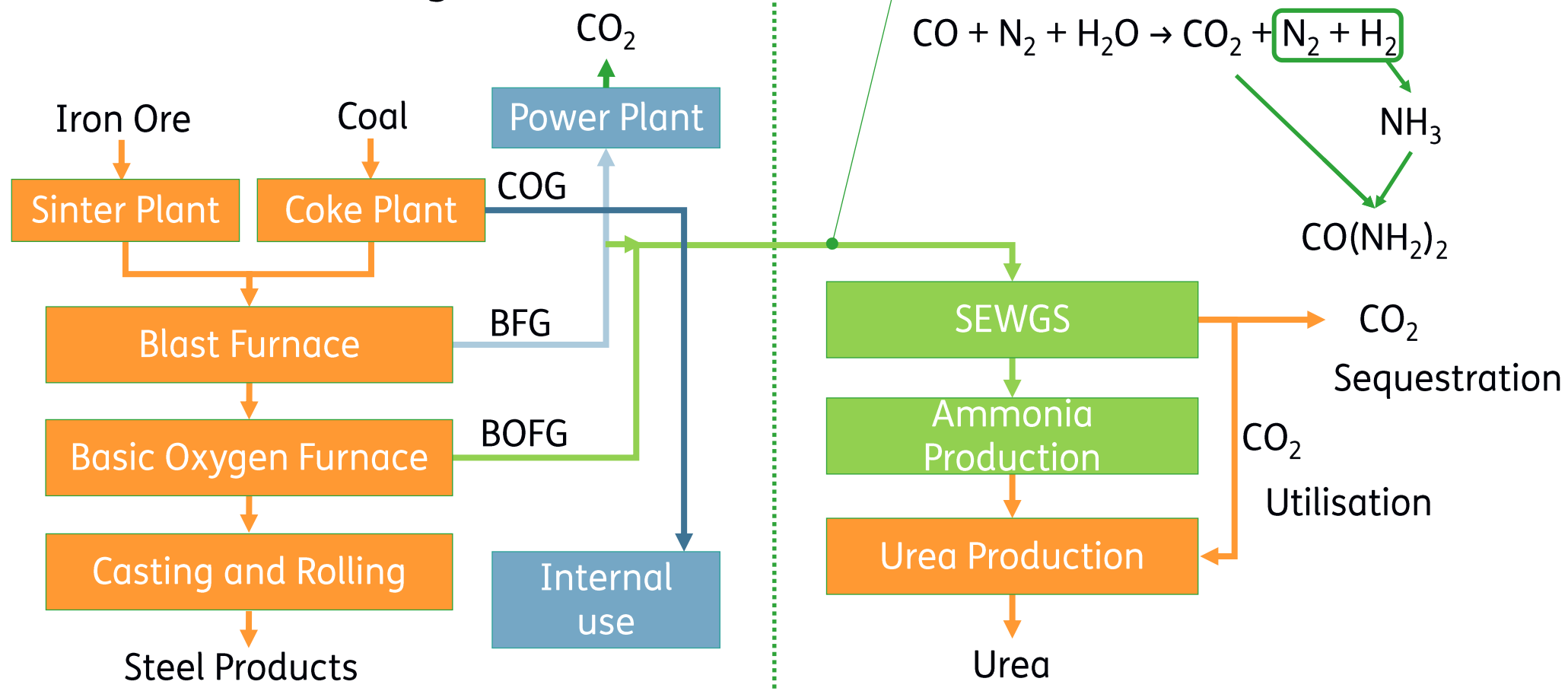


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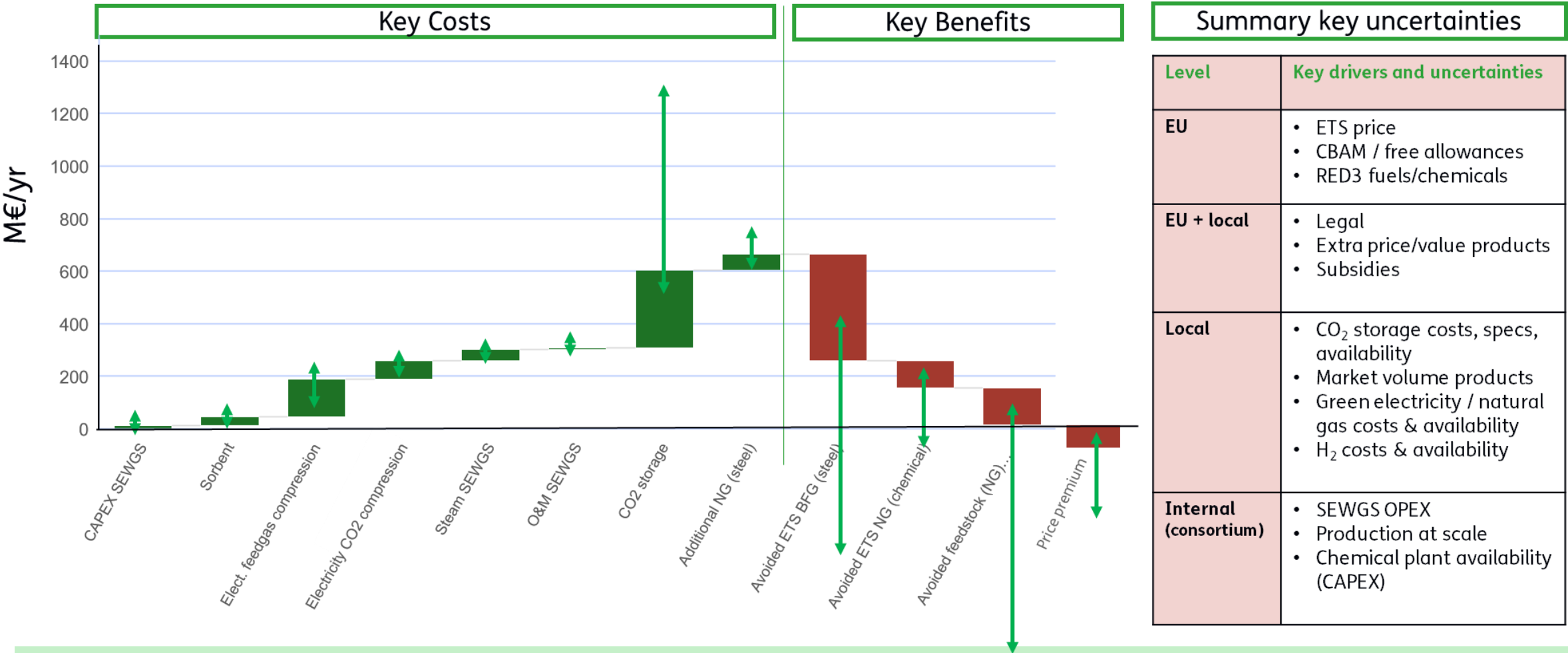
Industrial Symbiosis between the Iron & Steel and NH₃ & Urea industries



INITIATE Industrial symbiosis



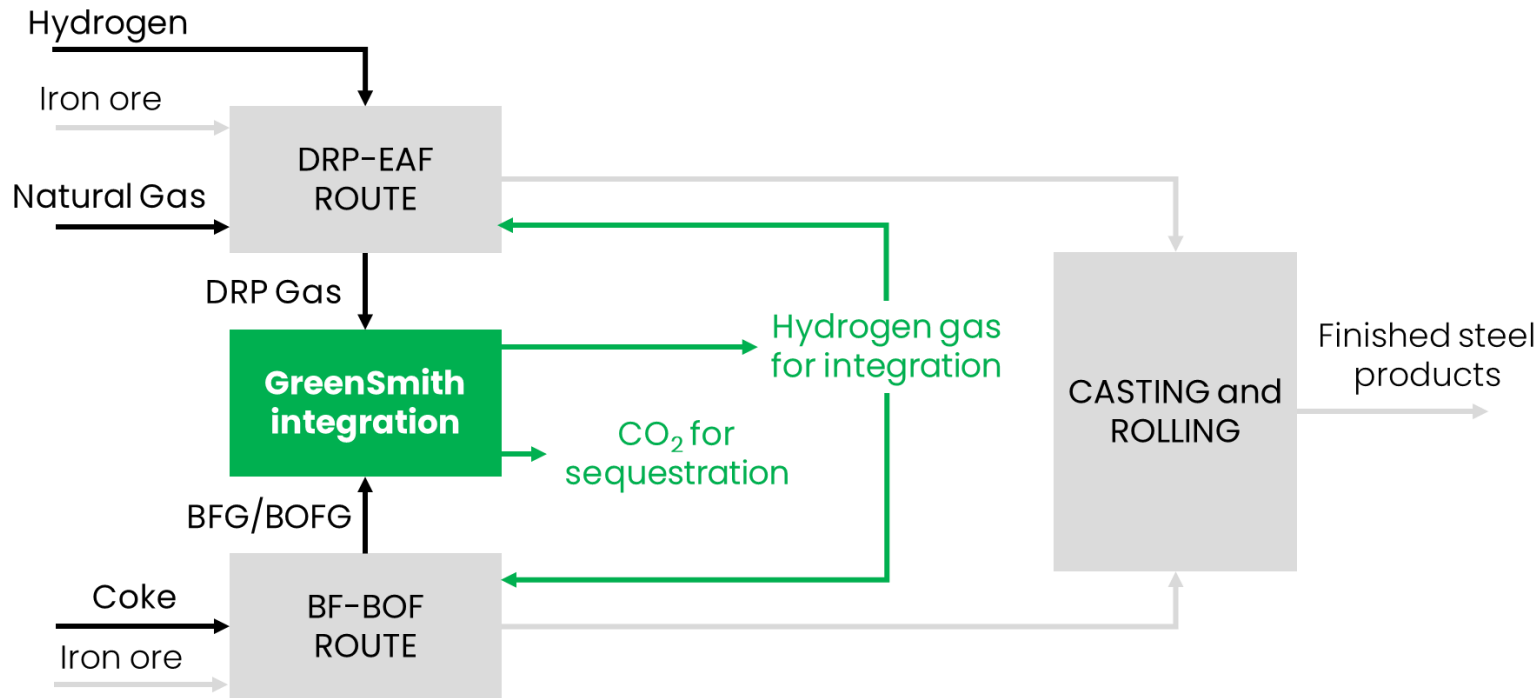
INITIATE – Key cost drivers and uncertainties



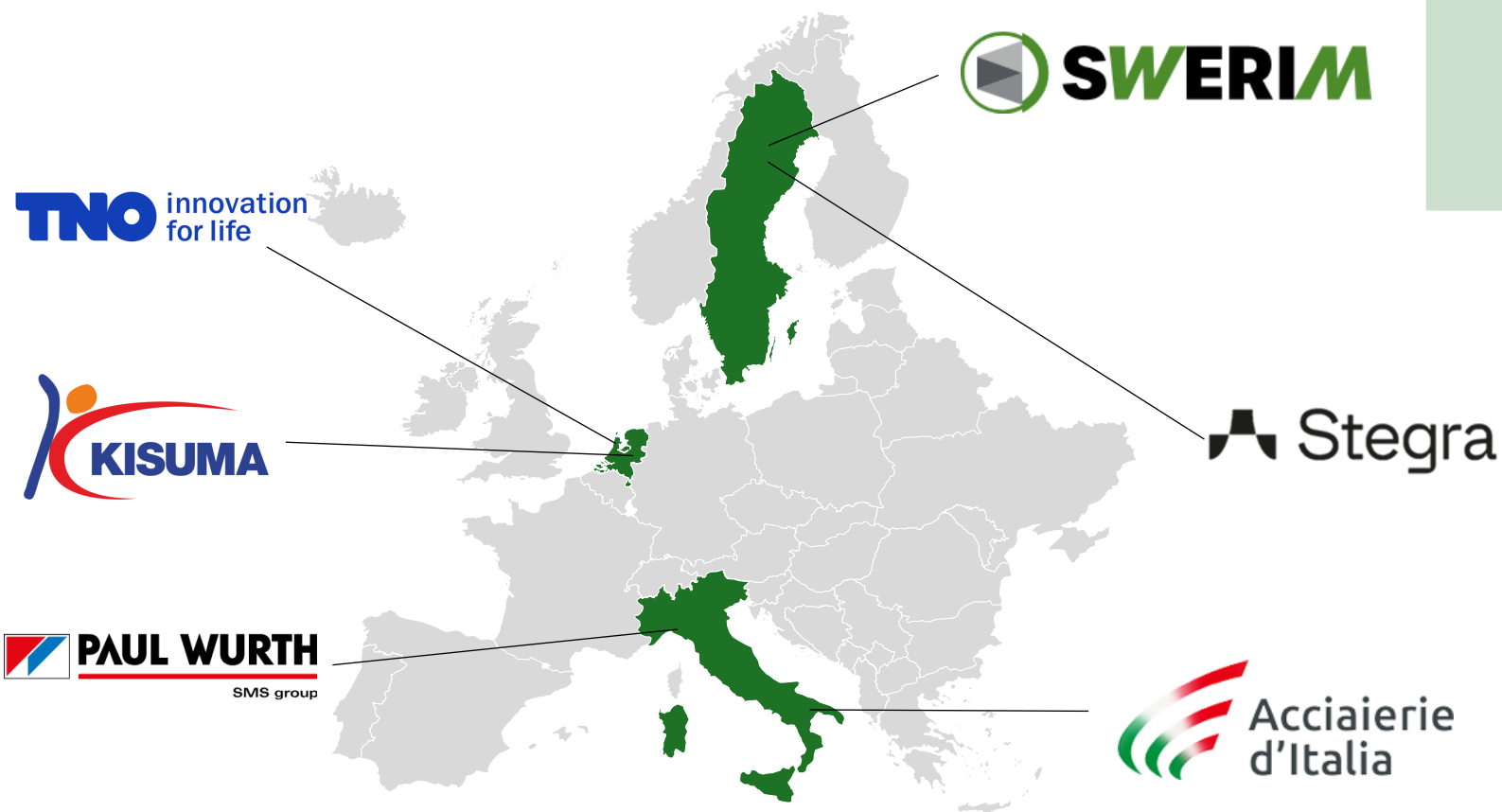
Positive business case, but some large uncertainties remain - mainly on benefit side

The GreenSmith Project

Demonstration of hydrogen/CO recovery from various integration routes of BF and DRP:



Green Smith - Partners

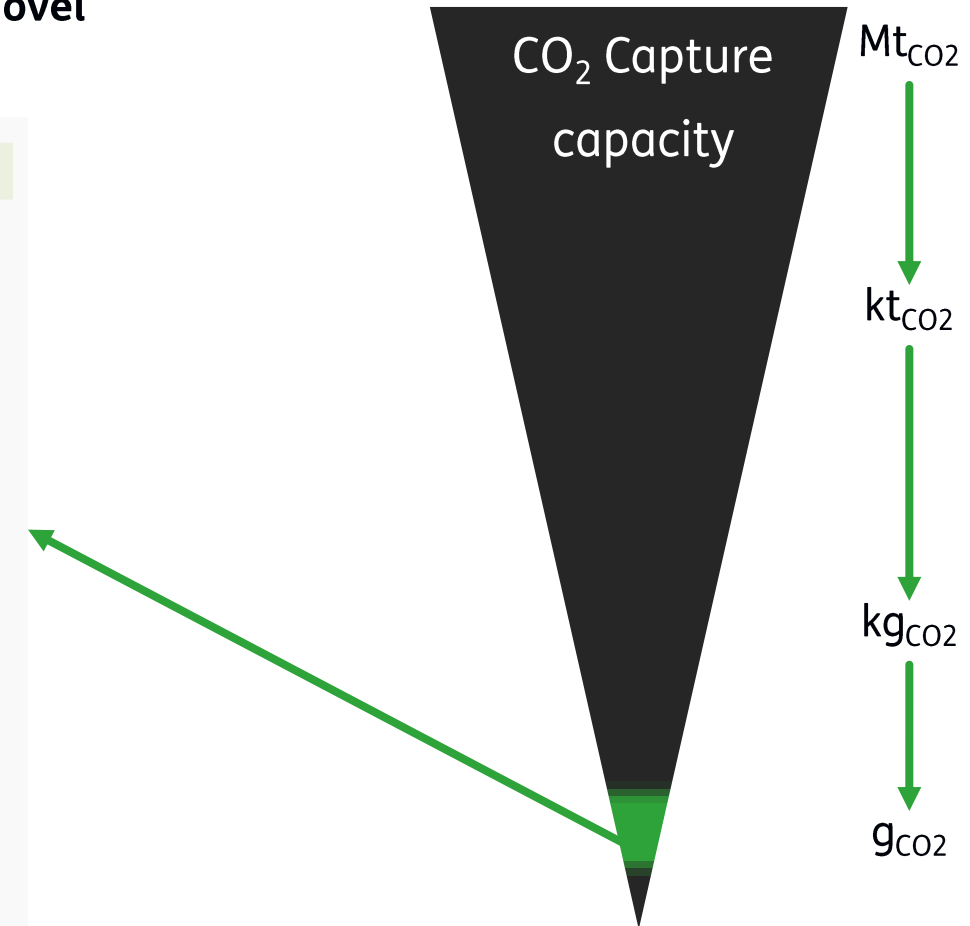
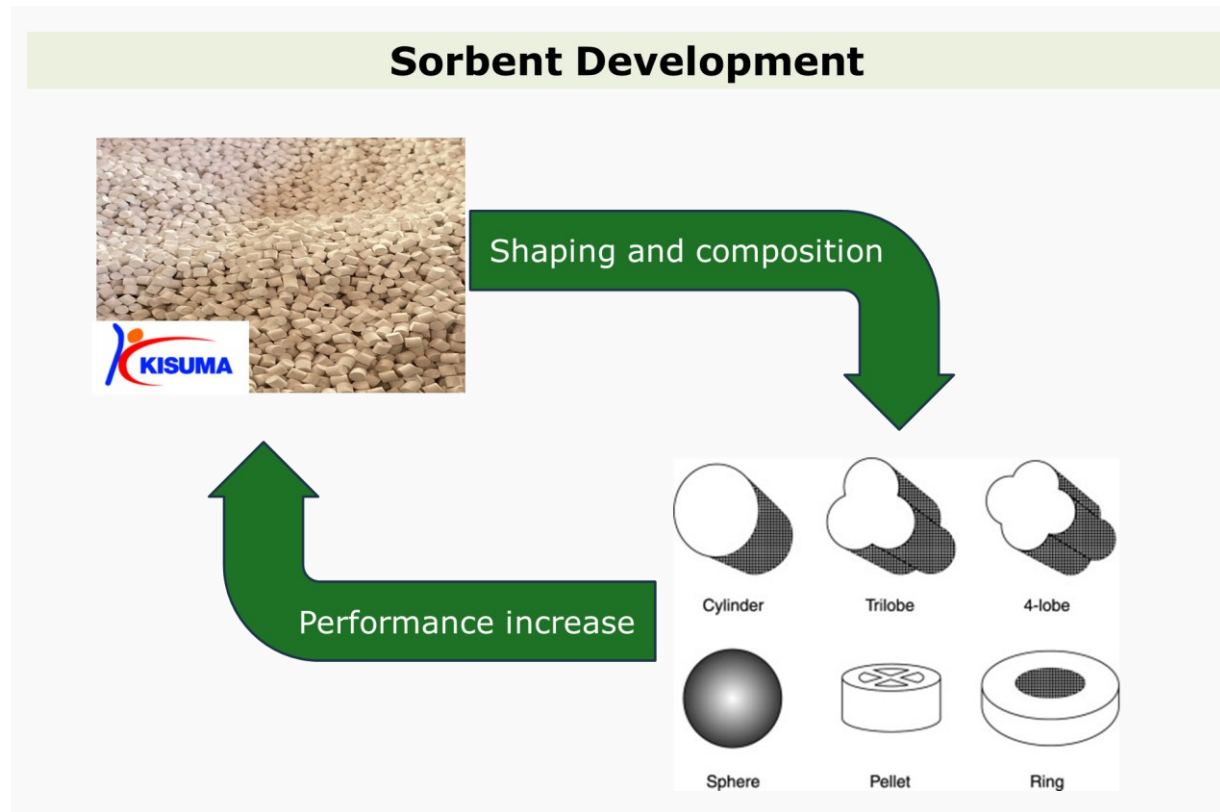


Project Passport

Duration	July 2024- Sept 2026
Budget	2.8 M€
Consortium	Full Value Chain covered: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• End-Users• Technology Suppliers• Research organisations

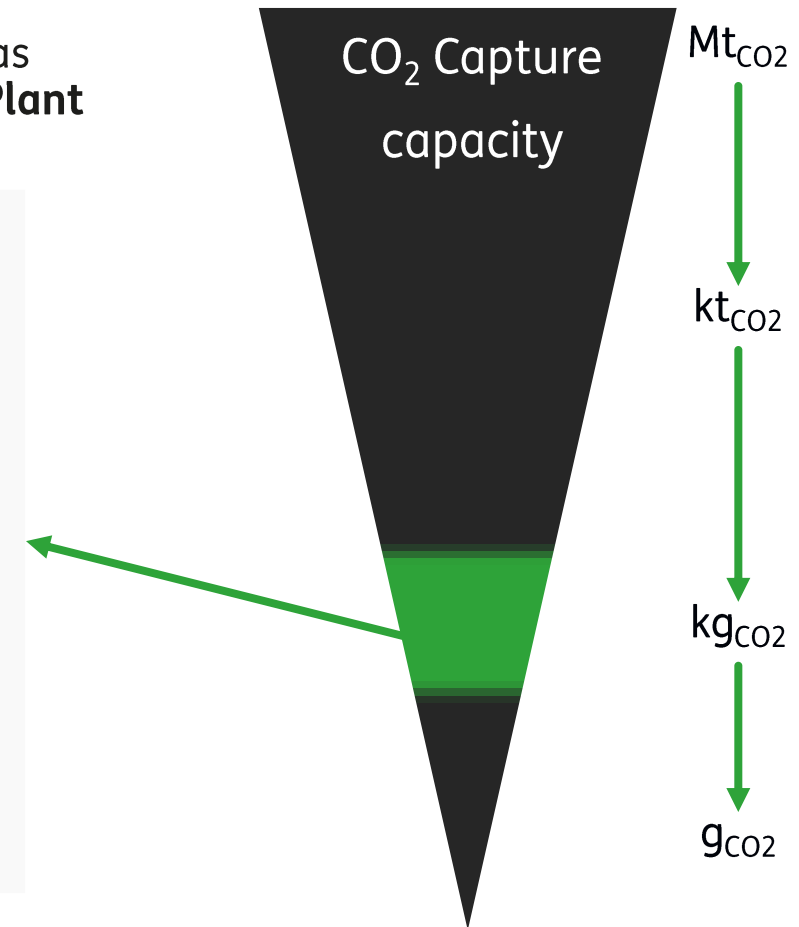
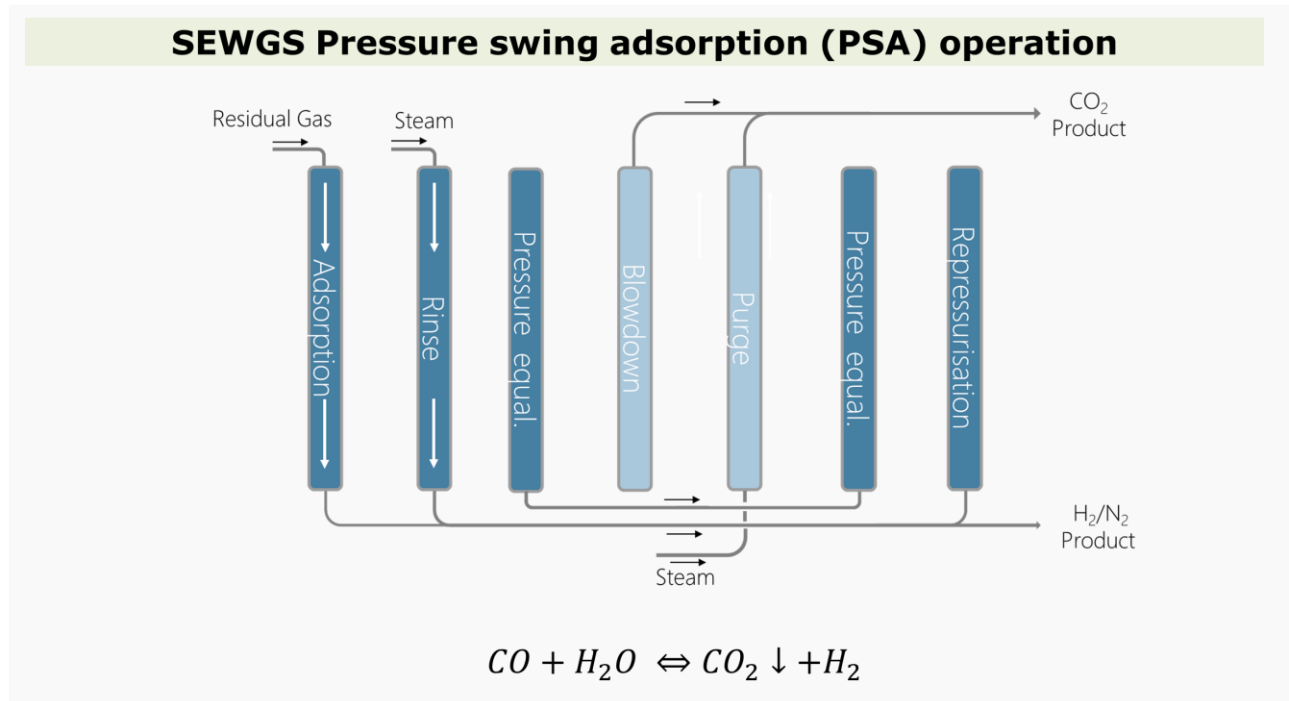
The GreenSmith Project : Goals and Outcomes

- Demonstrating a two-fold increase of SEWGS productivity by utilising **novel Himago™ adsorbents** crafted with advanced shaping techniques;



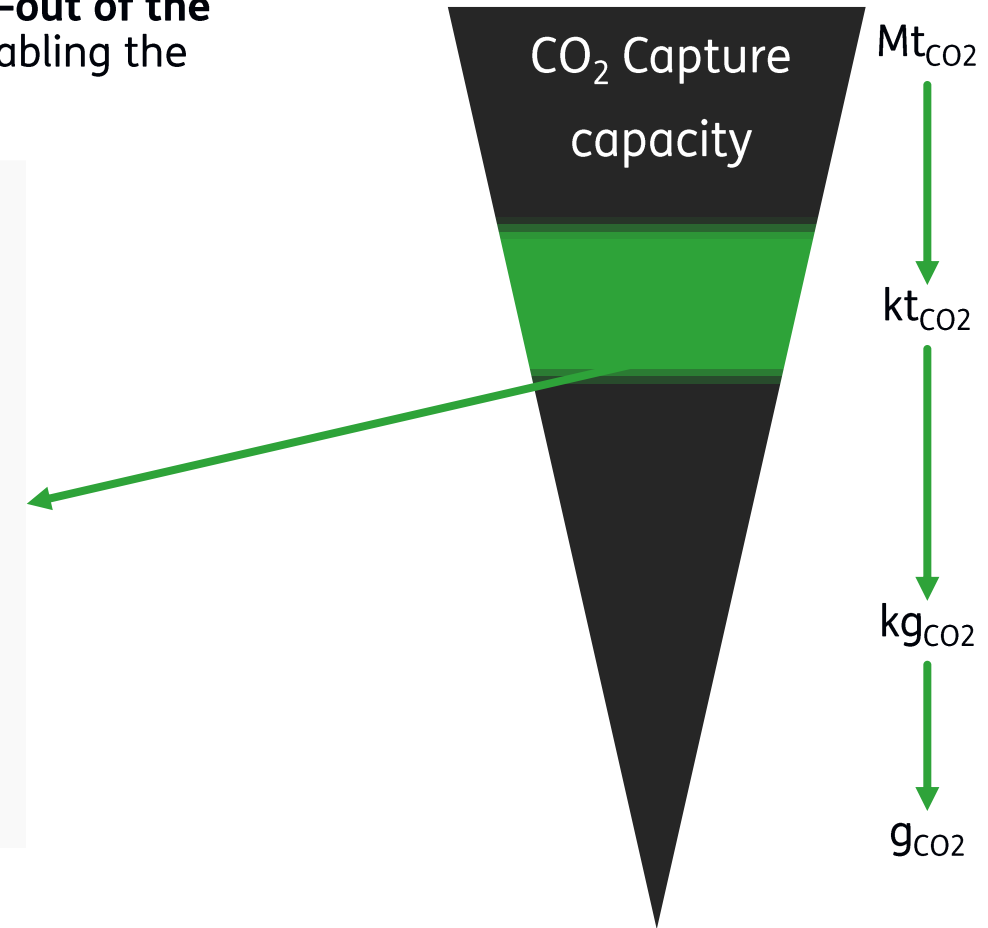
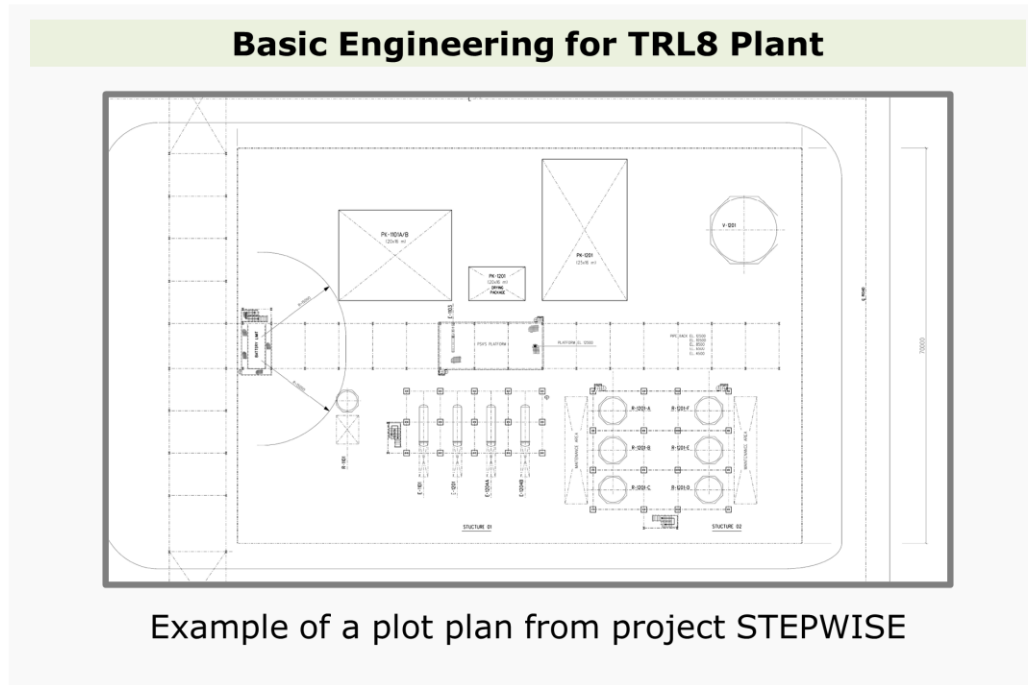
The Green Smith Project : Goals and Outcomes

- Achieving TRL5 demonstration of H₂-rich product streams recovery by SEWGS (Sorption Enhanced Water-Gas Shift) from relevant mixtures of residual steel gas from **Blast-Furnace (BF)** route and novel CH₄- and H₂-based **Direct Reduction Plant (DRP)** route



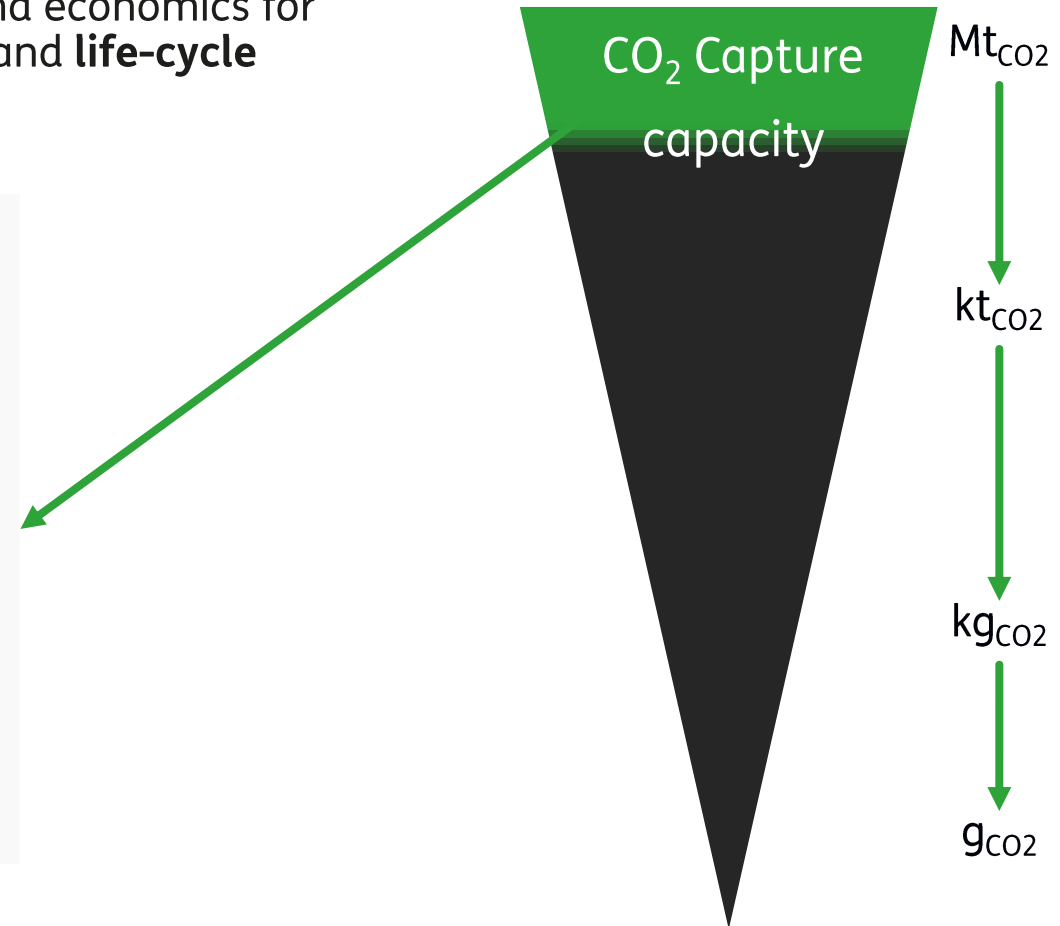
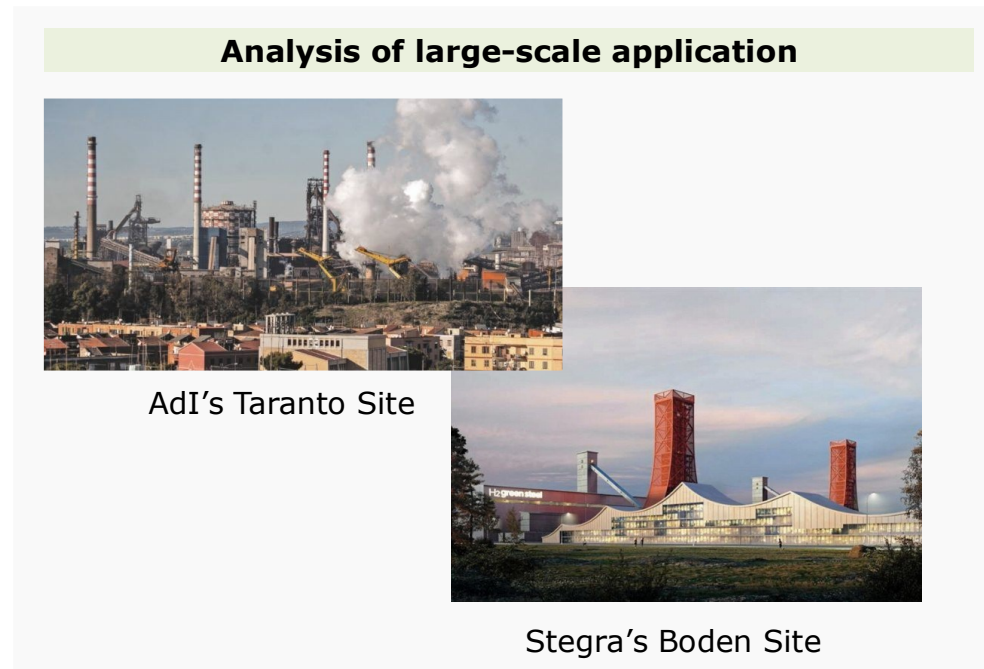
The Green²Smith Project : Goals and Outcomes

- Establish a generic **Basic Engineering Design Package** for a TRL8 roll-out of the **technology** (50 ktonCO₂/y from BFG at ADI's site in Taranto, Italy), enabling the replication potential and market diffusion.



The Green²Smith Project : Goals and Outcomes

- Showcasing competitive performance in terms of sustainability and economics for two implementation cases through **full scale techno-economics** and **life-cycle analysis**



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More info at: greensmith-cetp.eu



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