

Transformer go green



bluemint® Steel

CO<sub>2</sub> reduced steel for the energy industry

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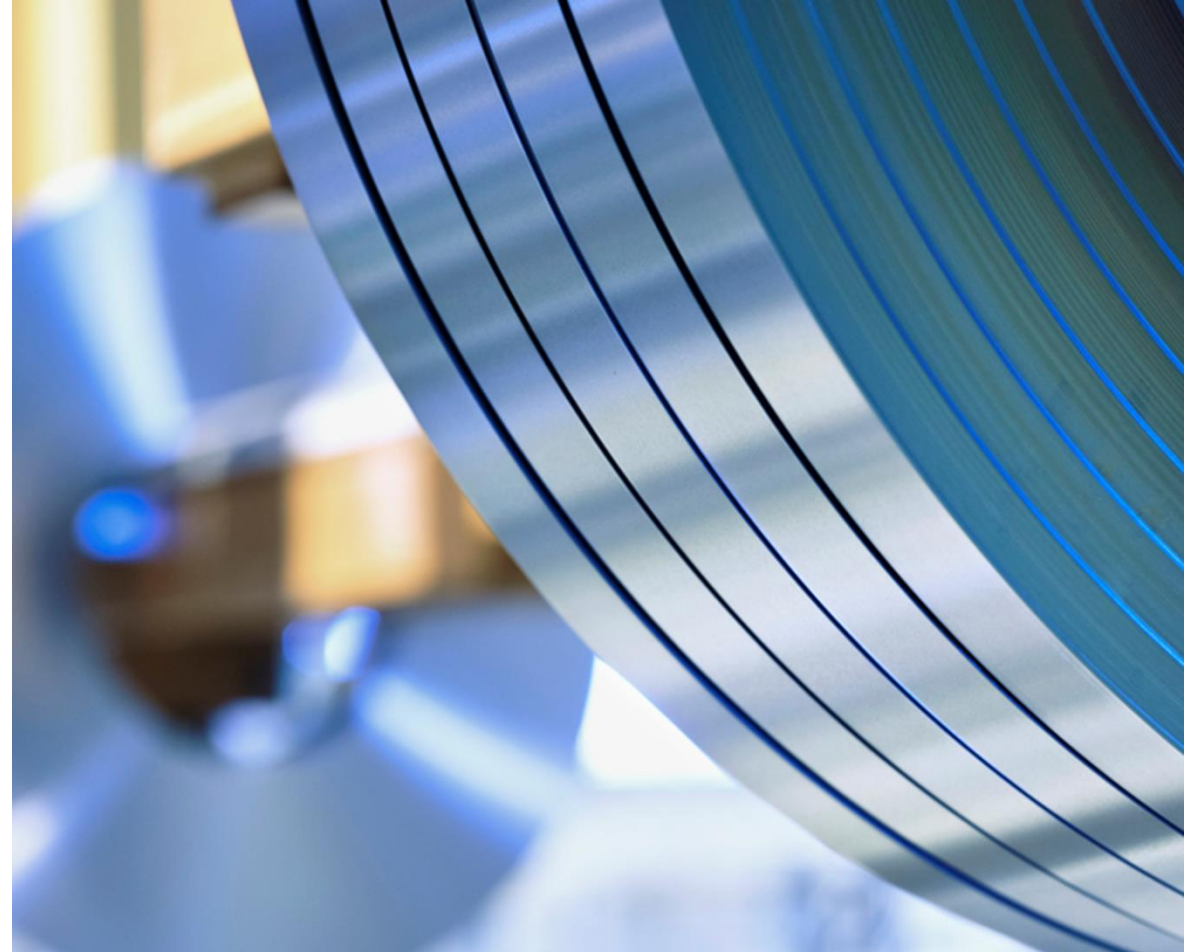
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# Who we are

Germany's largest flat steel manufacturer



~ 10.5 m metric tons  
crude steel p.a.



~ 26,300  
employees

Automotive  
sector



Special  
vehicles



General  
industry



Power  
generation &  
turbines



Consumer  
goods



Transformers  
& charging  
infrastructure



Structural  
elements

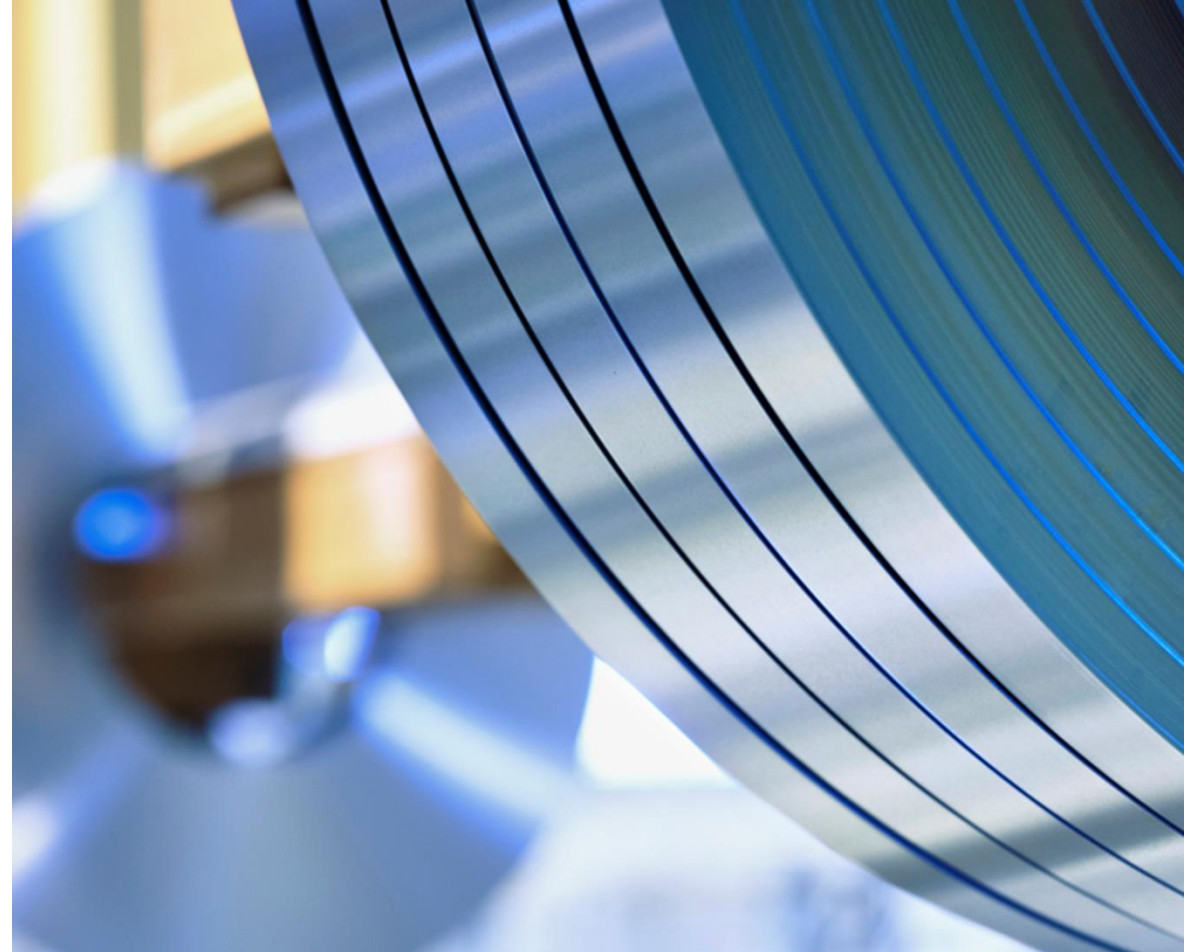


Packaging  
(e.g. cans  
and closures)



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thyssenkrupp AG

thyssenkrupp Steel Europe

thyssenkrupp Electrical Steel

### Plant Gelsenkirchen

Employees: 688

Area: 17 ha

Production volume: 75 kt/a



### Plant Isbergues

Employees: 537

Area: 11 ha

Production volume: 75 kt/a



### Plant Nashik

Employees: 501

Area: 62 ha

Production volume: 40+ kt/a



Top grades GOES – further  
development of low loss  
grades



Low noise performant  
GOES



Decarbonization strategy  
implementation



E-mobility with  
new drive concepts



# Material flow around the world

Production network thyssenkrupp Electrical Steel

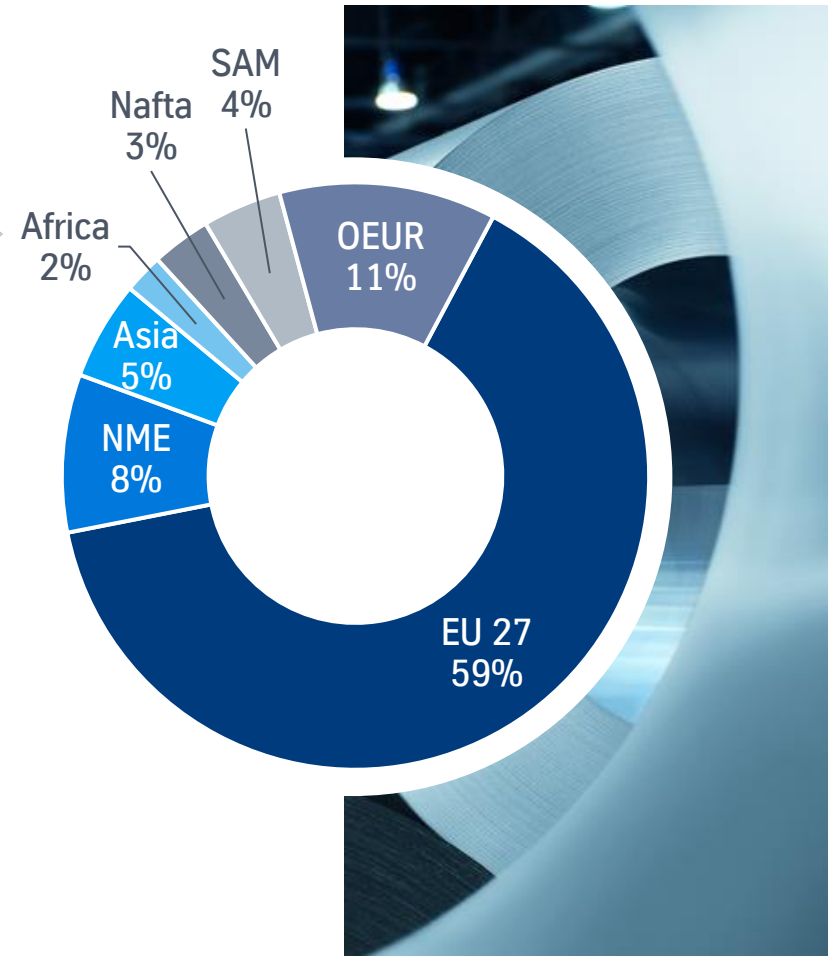
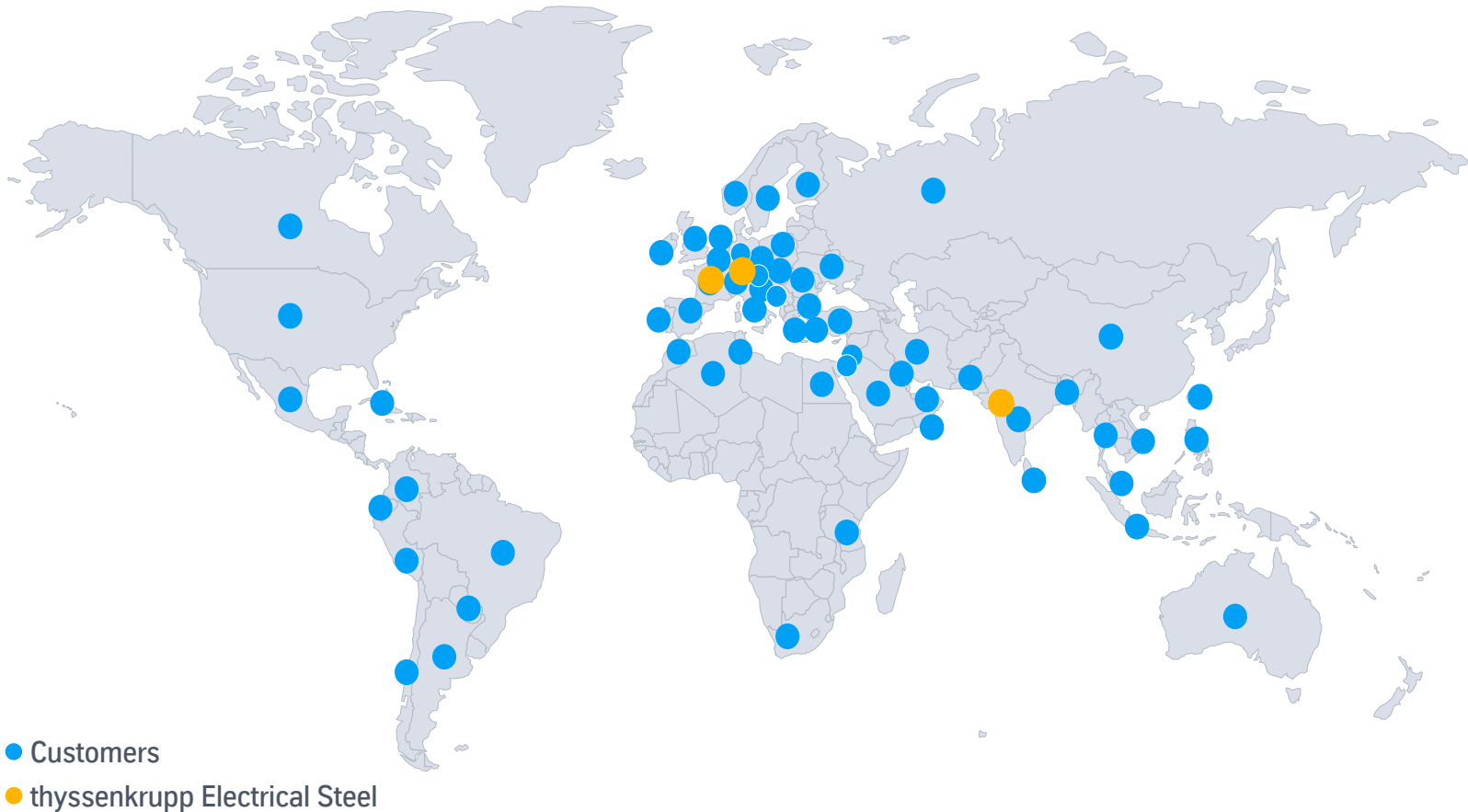




# Sustainable customer relationships worldwide

## Shipments by regions

More than 200 customers in 60 countries worldwide



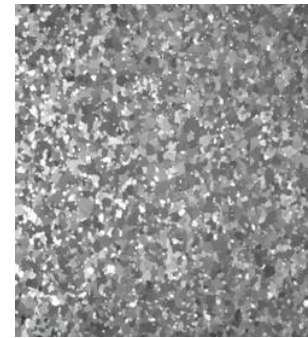
# Grain oriented electrical steel

## Electrical steel

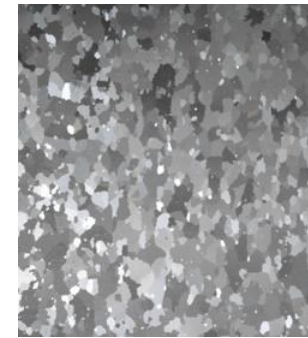
- Flat steel based on special iron-silicon alloys
- Technical capabilities:  
thickness 0,18 – 0,35 mm, width  $\geq 6 - 1.040$  mm
- Soft-magnetic material
- Carries and enhances the magnetic flux
- Its properties determine the efficiency of electric devices

## Different grades of electrical steel

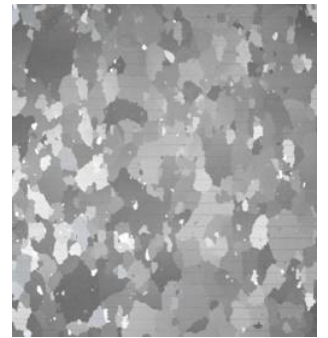
powercore® C



powercore® H



TOP-Grades



## Typical core loss at 1.7 T, 50 Hz

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C-Grades

1.05 – 1.50

W/kg

powercore®

Standard H-Grades

0.80 – 1.05

W/kg

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TOP-Grades

0.70 – 0.78

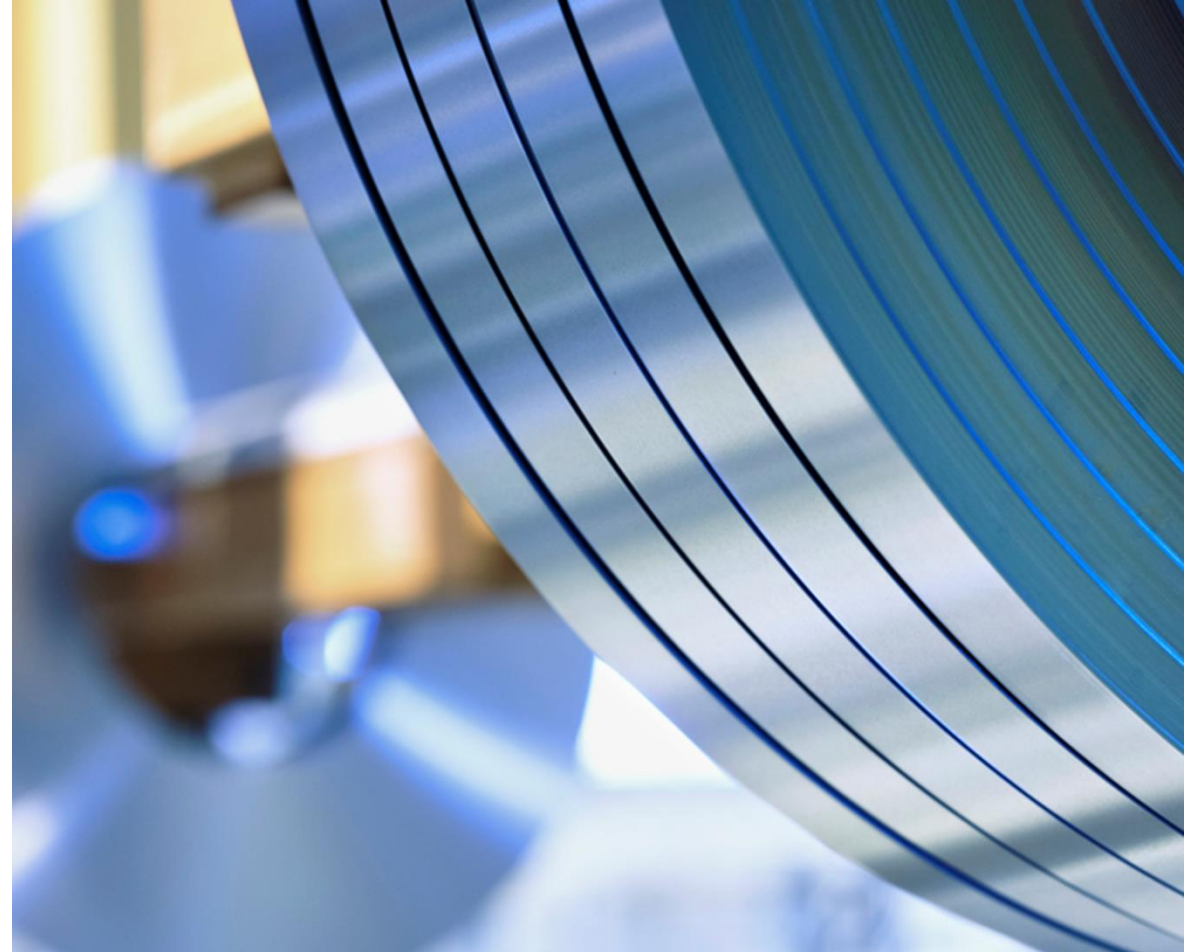
W/kg





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# Digitalization at thyssenkrupp Electrical Steel

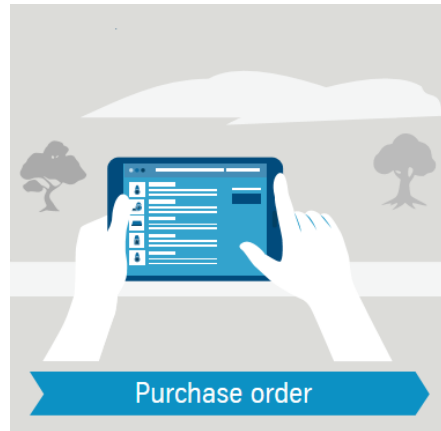
Transparency via SteelOnline platform



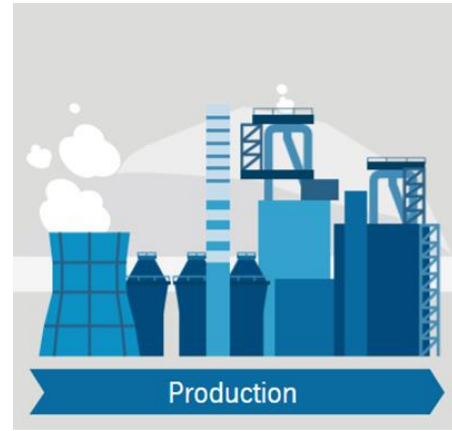
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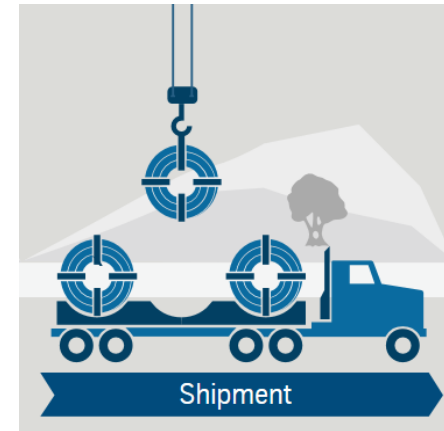
Sale of stock material  
via e-auction



- Sale of stock material
- Sales of IA-Material



Order status and progress



- Material ready for shipment
- Documents: delivery notes, invoices, order confirmation, certificates



More than 90 customers out of 72 companies from  
24 different countries are already activated as users



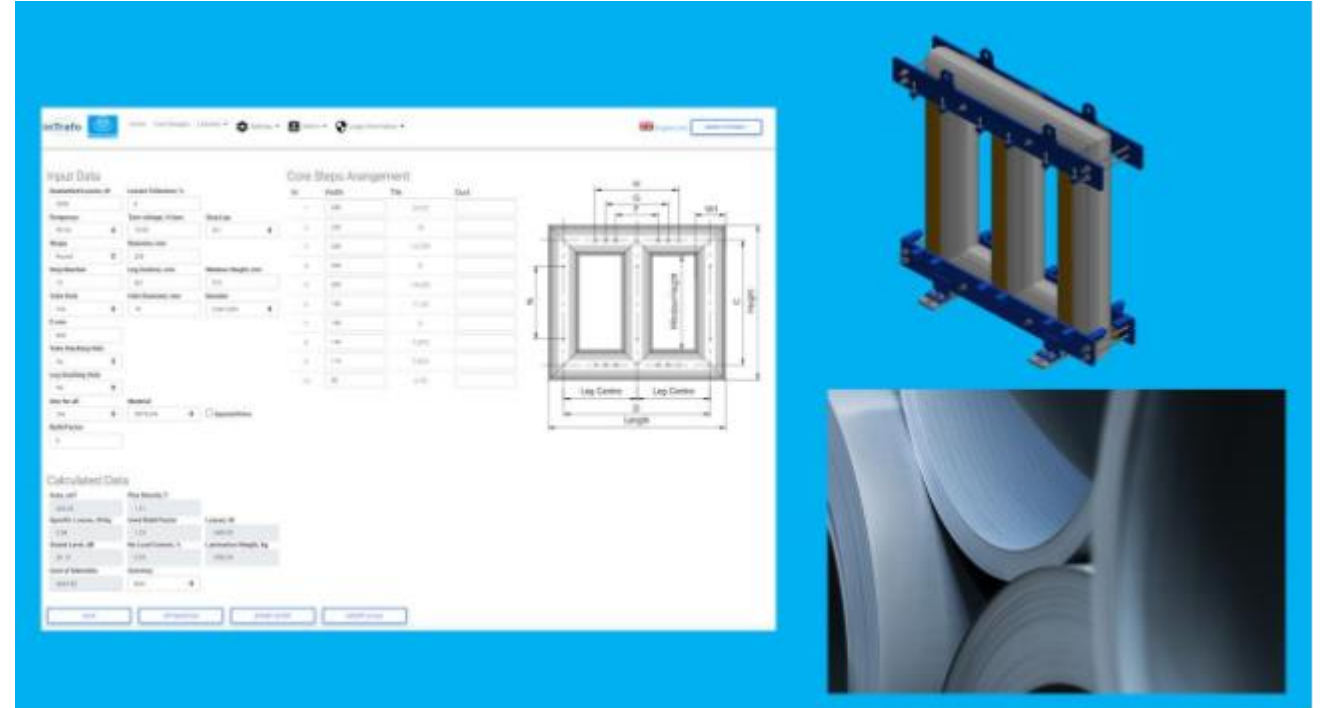
The portal is available in English,  
German, French, Spanish & Italian language





# inTrafo-Software – smart calculation of transformer cores

- One step beyond in digitalization and innovation at thyssenkrupp Electrical Steel.
- All our customers now have free access to our new software solution: we ease the way of designing and optimizing transformer cores.
- The inTrafo – Core software helps to calculate various types of transformer cores in a very efficient way – it allows to use different thyssenkrupp Electrical Steel grain oriented electrical steel grades within the same core.
- The result is the best and most cost efficient core material combination to achieve desired no load losses.
- The creation of this cost-efficient design and optimization of transformer cores is in line with IEC standards and global efficiency regulations.

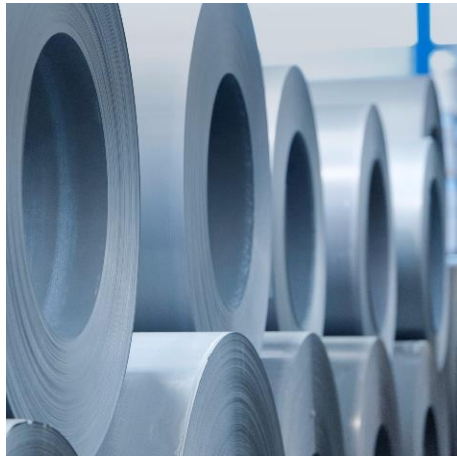


# Efficient material usage – handling of GOES and its impact on transformer properties

The transformer no-load loss not only depends on “pure” magnetic properties of GOES. Also handling (incl. slitting and stacking) and core geometry (i.e. flux distribution) affect the efficiency of the device.

$$W_{\text{core}} = P_{\text{sheet}} \times m_{\text{core}} \times \text{BF}$$

$W_{\text{core}}$	No-load loss measured at fully assembled core
$P_{\text{sheet}}$	Specific magnetic loss of GOES sheet (e.g. P17 on MTC for full-width properties)
$m_{\text{core}}$	Weight of the core
BF	Building Factor ( $\geq 1$ )



Mother Coils  
BF = 1.00



Slit Coils  
BF  $\approx$  1.03-1.07



Stacked Core  
BF  $\approx$  1.15-1.30





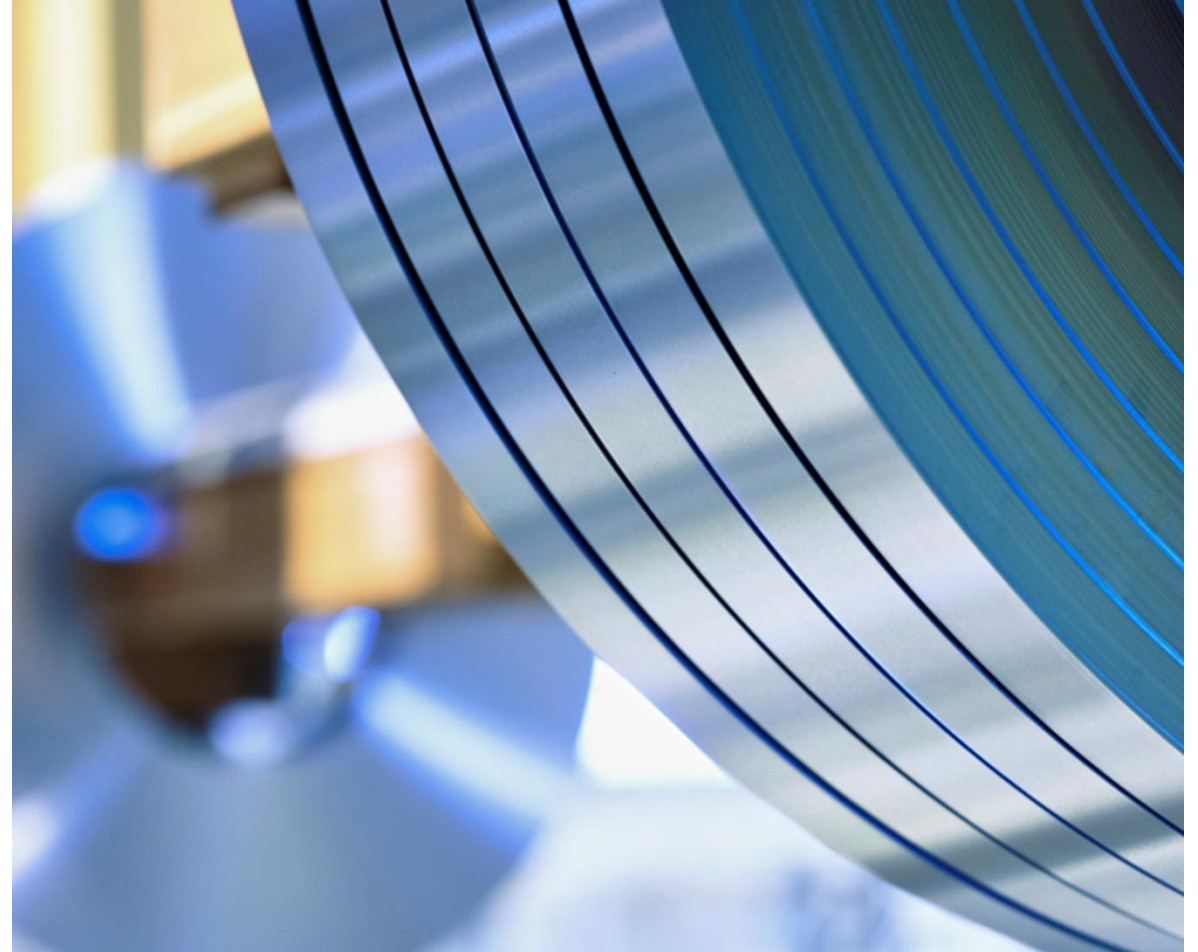
## inTrafo Transformer Go Green

- The worldwide increasing demand for electricity is a major cause of rising CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in the world.
- Adding more transformers to the power system increase the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions from the grid.
- Carbon footprint calculation available in inTrafo software is the powerful tool for transformers manufacturers and utilities for strategic planning and design.
- inTrafo software is able to calculate CO<sub>2</sub> emission during production phase and lifecycle for a transformer and support CO<sub>2</sub> reduction of Scope 3 direct & indirect



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# Green transformation

## Challenges and opportunities



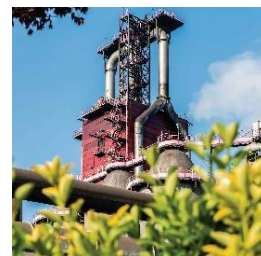
~ 419 kg  
Steel per  
capita & year



~ 5 %  
CO<sub>2</sub> share  
steel



~ 7 %  
CO<sub>2</sub> share  
steel



~ 2.5 %  
CO<sub>2</sub> share  
tk in D



~ 25 %  
CO<sub>2</sub> share  
tk in the Ruhr region

**2030** 6 m t CO<sub>2</sub> saving

Conversion of 3 million cars  
to electric propulsion



tkSE requirement: ~ 14 TWh 2030

Corresponds to 120 % of the  
electricity demand of the city of  
Hamburg



H<sub>2</sub> Best exchange rate

1 t H<sub>2</sub> saves  
26 t CO<sub>2</sub>

Our goal  
by 2030

**>30 %** Reduction in CO<sub>2</sub>  
emissions  
(-6 m metric tons)

-30% CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2030 refers to Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions (reference year 2018). Additional target by 2030,

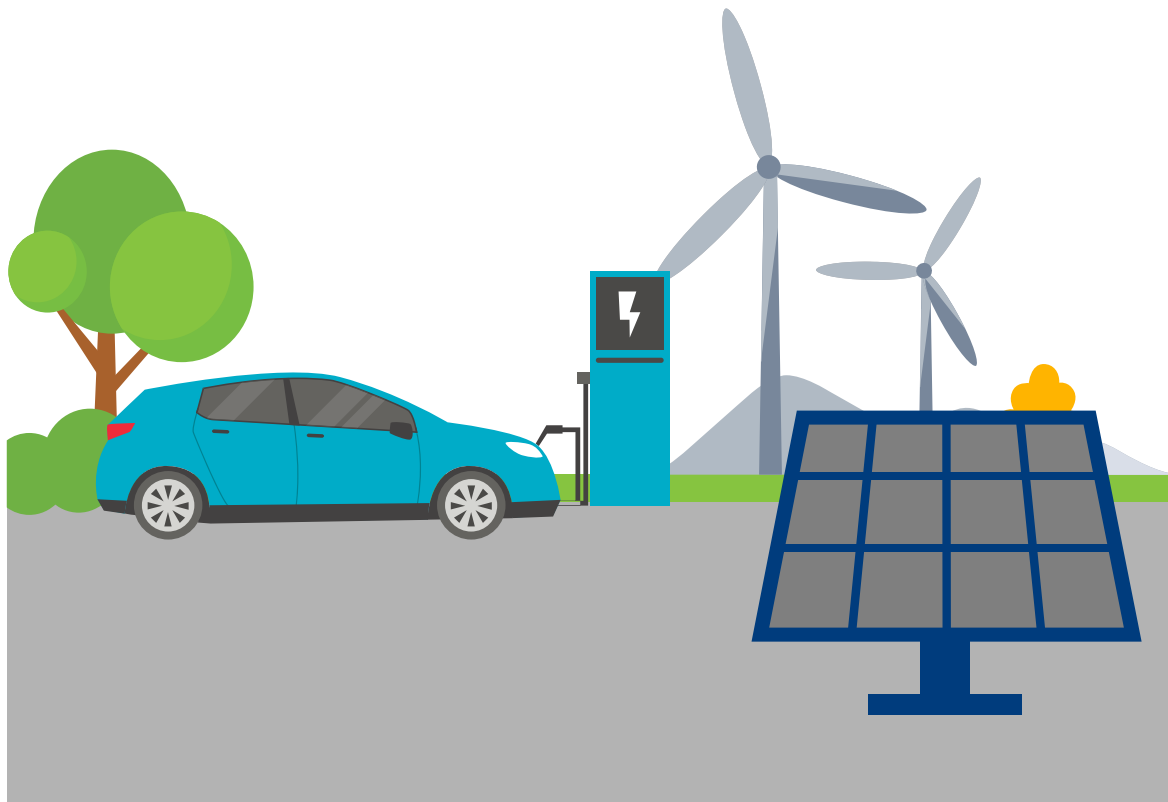
Our goal  
by 2045 at the latest

**-100 %** CO<sub>2</sub> emissions  
(-20 m metric  
tons)



# Steel is an essential component for a sustainable and successful energy transition ...

## ... which is why we are converting our production to "green" to meet this requirement



Today



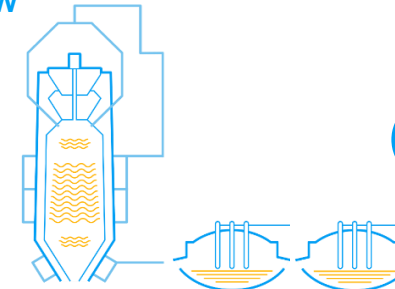
Blast furnace



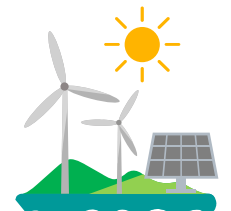
Iron ore & coking coal



Tomorrow



Direct reduction plant  
with melting units



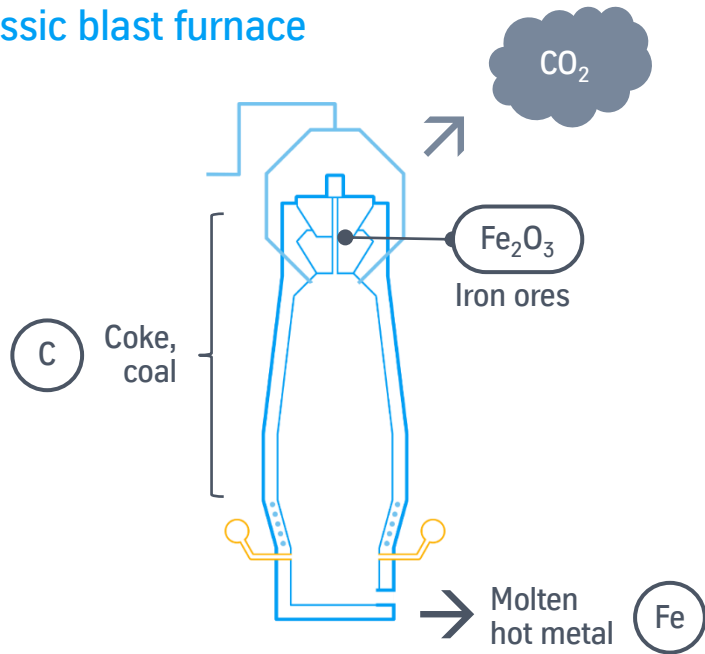
Iron ore, hydrogen & green  
electricity



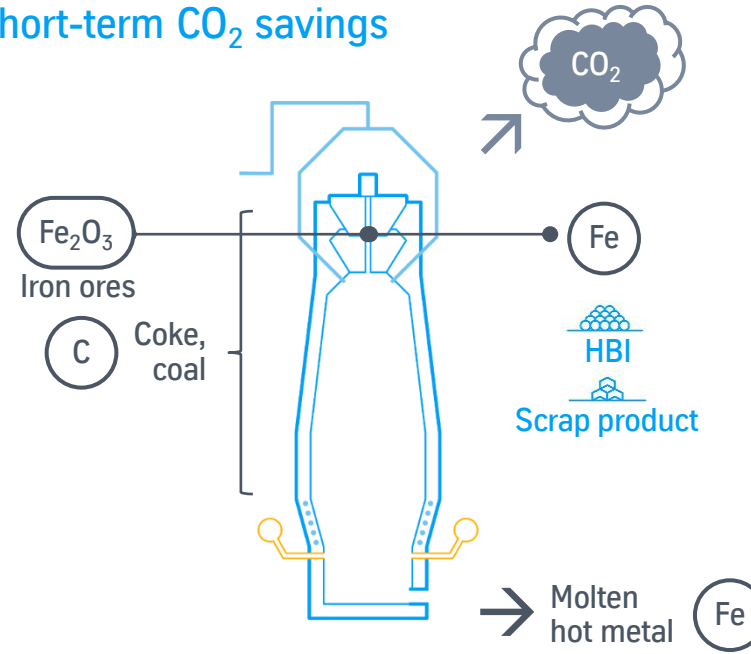


# Mechanisms of action of the transformation and possibilities for short-term CO<sub>2</sub> savings

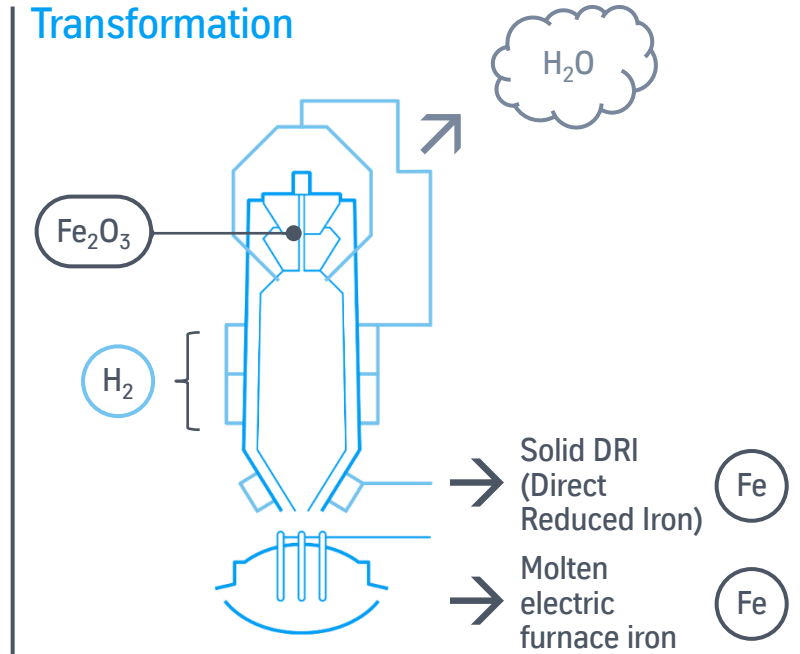
## Classic blast furnace



## Short-term CO<sub>2</sub> savings



## Transformation



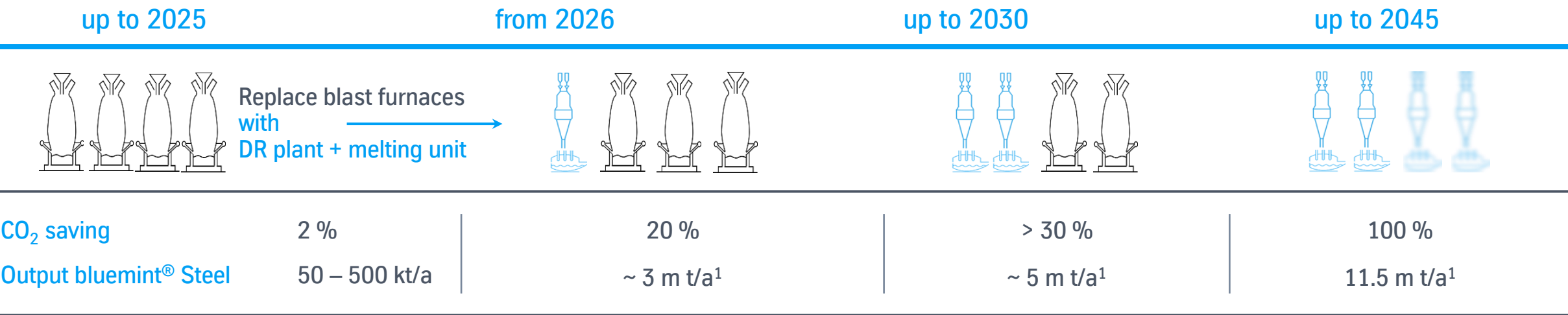
- Carbon as a reducing agent and energy carrier

- Change of input materials in existing processes leads to real CO<sub>2</sub> saving
- Already marketing CO<sub>2</sub>-reduced products

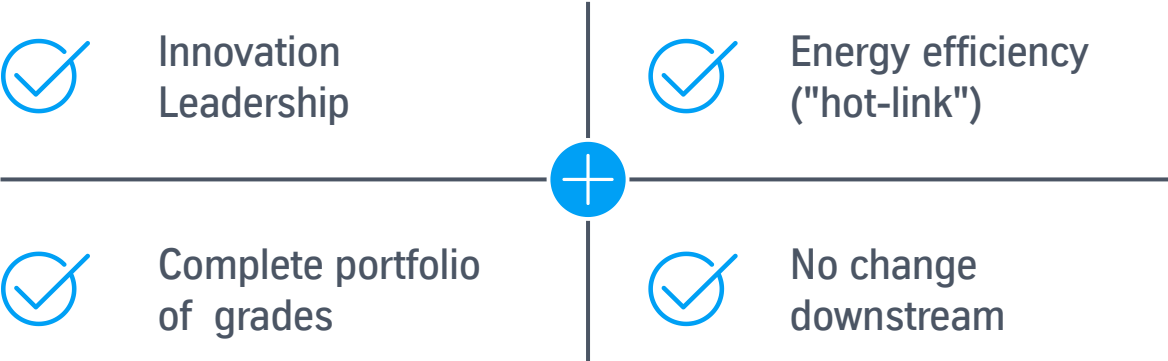
- Hydrogen as a reducing agent in the direct reduction plant
- Green electricity as an energy carrier in the melting unit



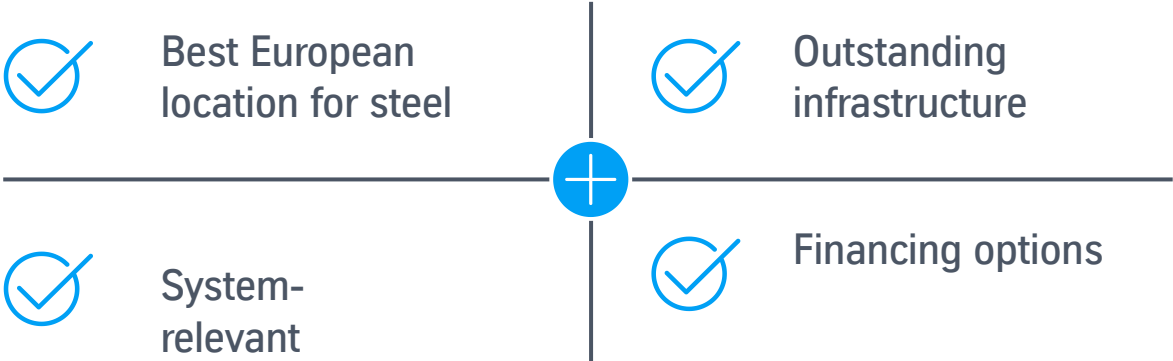
# Green transformation – Clearly defined master plan to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions



## Advantages – tkH<sub>2</sub>Steel technology



## Advantages – Duisburg

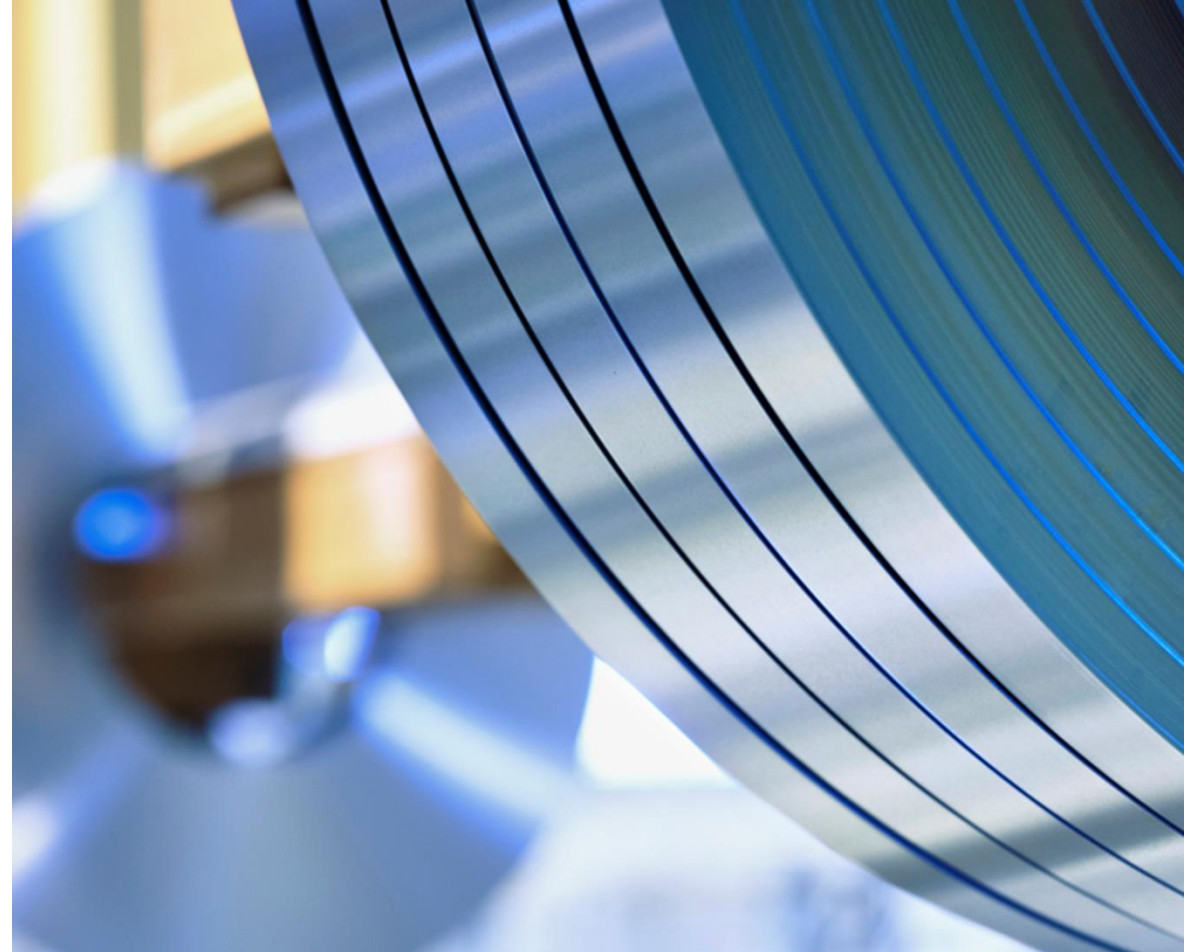


1. Quantity after plant ramp-up



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# bluemint® Steel

Artificial word with meaning



## bluemint® Steel



The **blue** symbolizes the power of nature, purity and our climate.



**mint** stands for fresh and new, formative for our future.



# bluemint® pure and bluemint® recycled products support you in improving your carbon footprint – credibly and reliably

## Balance-sheet approach requires clear CO<sub>2</sub> savings

- Balance-sheet approaches do not conflict with LCA standards<sup>1</sup> – analogous to how green electricity is handled
- Physical connection between the production route and bluemint® products – no compensation



- Only dedicated, additional CO<sub>2</sub> savings measures are taken into account
- No deterioration in the CO<sub>2</sub> value of conventional products
- Achieved CO<sub>2</sub> savings are externally audited and certified

## CO<sub>2</sub> saving with certificate



### bluemint® pure

Allocation of CO<sub>2</sub> savings in the overall process to the bluemint® quantities

1. DIN EN ISO 14067, GHG protocol



### bluemint® recycled

Mass balancing via a scrap product route in the blast furnace process



# bluemint<sup>®</sup> pure and bluemint<sup>®</sup> recycled

Plenty of quality, less CO<sub>2</sub>

Genuine CO<sub>2</sub> saving through changes in blast furnace charge materials



Certified accounting approach allows allocation of CO<sub>2</sub> savings to a product



Complete portfolio of grades can be produced with the usual high quality

## bluemint<sup>®</sup> pure

Use of hot briquetted iron (HBI) in the blast furnace  
Use of biomethane as a natural gas substitute and prospects for H<sub>2</sub> use in the blast furnace

1.5 t CO<sub>2</sub> (70 %)

GHG Protocol for Product Accounting, DNV

Carbon intensity of 0.6 t CO<sub>2</sub>/t hot strip



Measure

CO<sub>2</sub> saving

External certification

Carbon footprint of conventional steel  
2.1 t CO<sub>2</sub>/t hot strip

## bluemint<sup>®</sup> recycled

Use of a specially processed scrap product in the blast furnace

1.35 t CO<sub>2</sub> (64 %)

DIN EN ISO/IEC 17029 TÜV SÜD  
VERIsteel standard

Spec. CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of 0.75 t CO<sub>2</sub>/t hot strip





# "Zero emissions" does not mean "zero"



## Company searches for carbon credits

- More and more companies are claiming to produce zero emissions products



## Technically not feasible

- Steel production is not possible without carbon for purely physical reasons



## Transparency and credibility

- Calculating “zero” emissions is achieved by overbalancing or compensating
- Mass-balancing for technically feasible products is to be preferred

“zero emissions” claim not credible

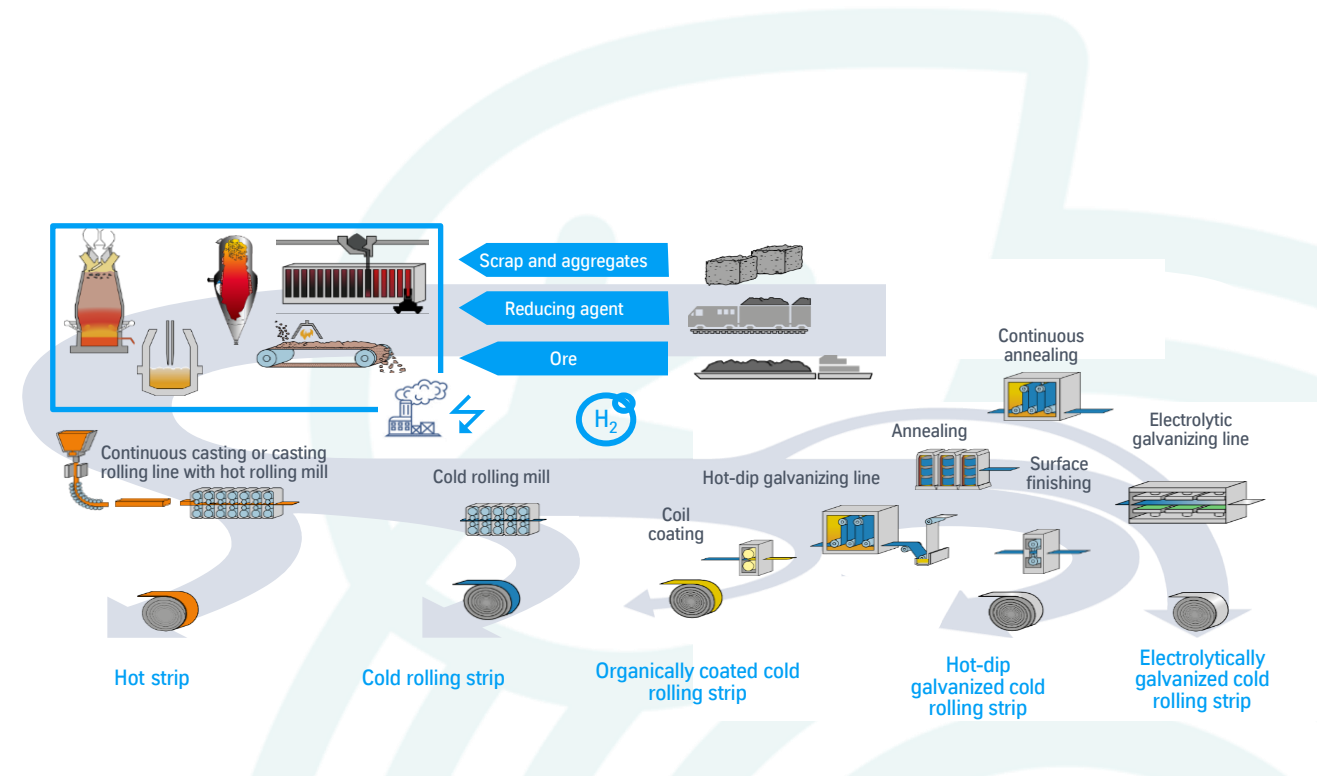


# bluemint® Steel reflects real CO<sub>2</sub> savings applicable to all flat steel produced at tkSE

CO<sub>2</sub> footprint, in t CO<sub>2</sub>e/t

Conventional steel	bluemint® recycled	CO <sub>2</sub> savings from bluemint® recycled
Hot strip		
2.10	0.75	64%
Hot-dip galvanized		
2.37	0.95	60%
NO electrical steel		
2.75	1.13	59%
GO electrical steel		
3.80	1.9	50%

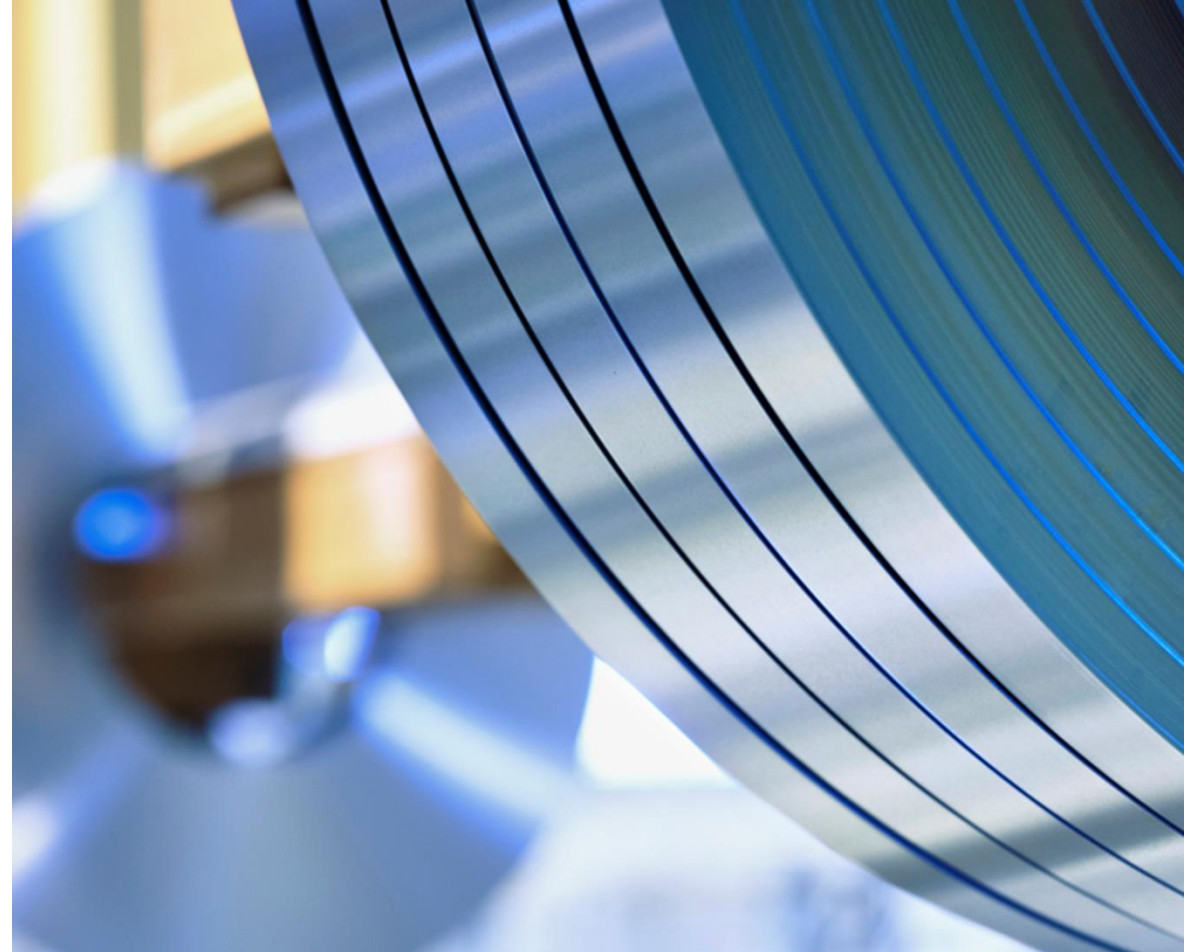
All relevant production steps are taken into account in our detailed life cycle assessment model for our integrated iron and steel plant



Certification of the genuine CO<sub>2</sub> savings by TÜV Süd

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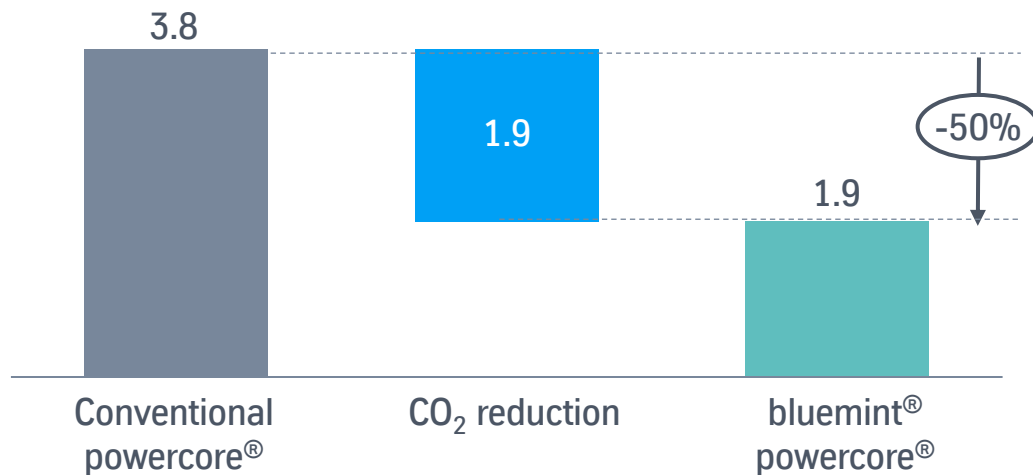
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# bluemint® powercore® provides you with numerous advantages and opportunities to reduce upstream emissions along the supply chain

CO<sub>2</sub> intensity in grain oriented electrical steel  
(t CO<sub>2</sub>-equ/t powercore®)



Effortless technical implementation

Continuation of existing processes means there is no need for (re-) qualification

Continuous commitment to excellent magnetic and low-noise performance

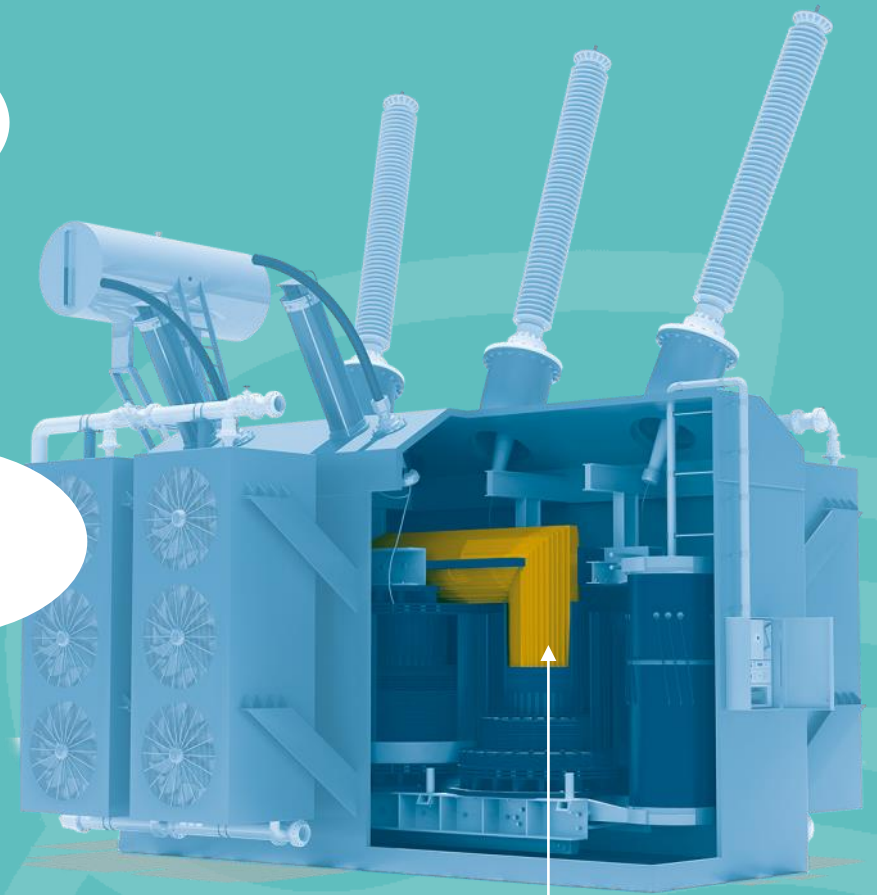


# What is a green transformer ?

- Low CO<sub>2</sub> footprint during transformer lifetime
  - reduced no-load loss by using GOES TOP grade leading to reduced CO<sub>2</sub> scope 3 emissions over life time
- Low CO<sub>2</sub> footprint of used transformer components:
  - Grain oriented steel with a reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emission factor leading to a reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emission for the production phase

scope 3  
indirect

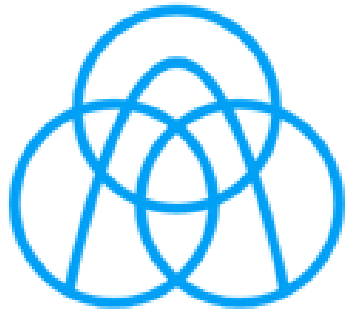
scope 3  
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powercore®  
Grain Oriented Electrical Steel



thyssenkrupp Electric Steel GmbH in partnership with inTrafo S.r.l.



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DESIGN SMART

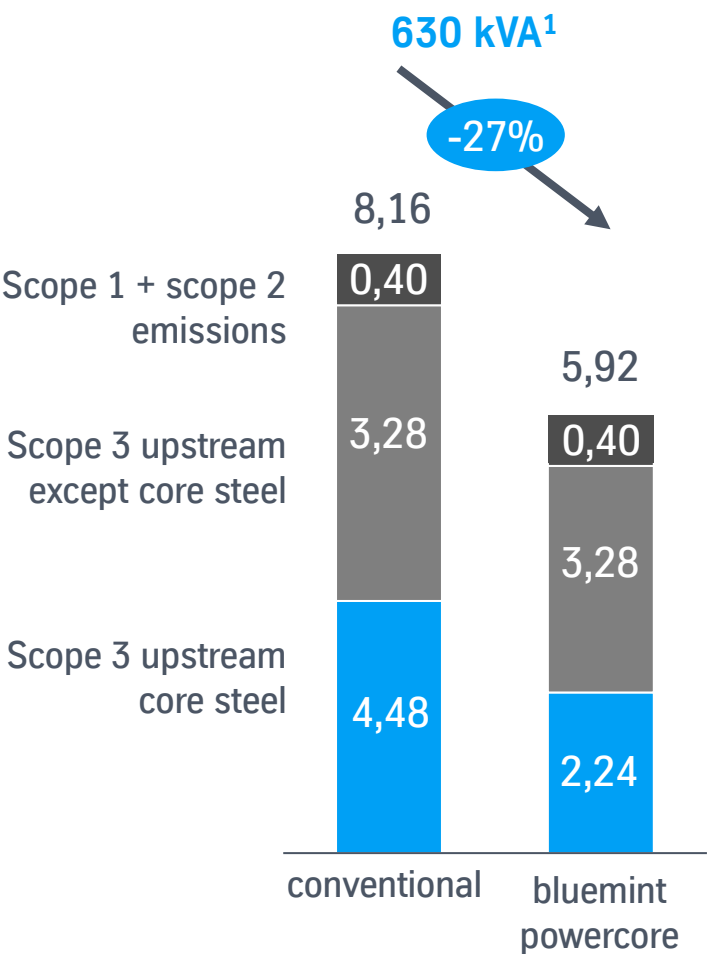




# bluemint® Powercore® in your transformer reduce Scope 3 direct upstream CO2 footprint up to 30%

With inTrafo core software we have access to all materials produced at thyssenkrupp Electrical Steel and we can design optimal transformer based on losses and materials cost to fulfill latest regulations and save CO2 emission & ownership cost

Transformer emissions during production phase (in t CO<sub>2</sub>)



Transformer costs and smart design will contribute to better performance during life cycle (30 years)

Design	No Load Losses, P <sub>0</sub>	Load Losses, P <sub>sc</sub>	Total transformer cost	Total weight, kg	Dimensions		
	W	W			Length	Width	Height
Traditional design - C120 - 27 (M4) - losses CkEo	1300	6500	5.733,50 €	1.760	1.425	930	1.560
Low losses design - H085 - losses Tier 1	600	6500	7.115,98 €	1.950	1.405	925	1.670
Low losses design - H075 (BLUE MINT) - losses Tier 2	540	4600	9.569,85 €	2.370	1.200	955	1.780
Low losses design - H080 - Tier 2	540	4600	9.362,95 €	2.520	1.280	960	1.840
Low losses design - H085 - Tier 2	540	4600	9.666,63 €	2.650	1.300	965	1.870

Energy saving by 29%

Smart design: reduced dimensions and weight

According to latest EU regulation as Tier 2 EcoDesign



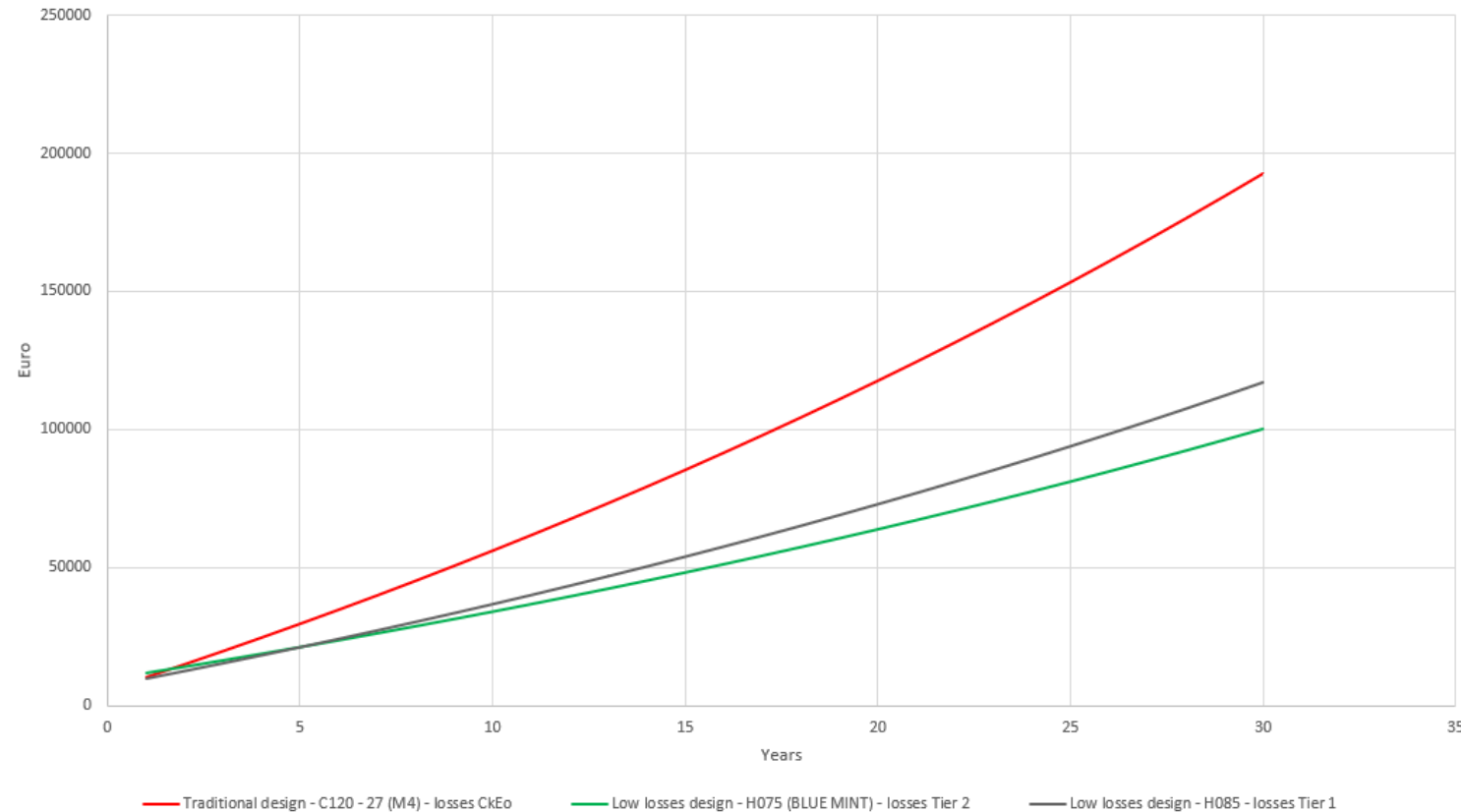
# Top grades by tkES lead to cost benefits and CO<sub>2</sub> reduction

scope 3  
indirect



Cost comparison: 630 kVA transformer acc. to CkEo, Tier 1, Tier 2 calculated by intrafo-software

Total ownership cost with average transformer loading 25%



Higher transformer costs made by  
H075-23 bluemint compensated by  
higher efficiency during operational time



After 30 years cost  
advantage of around 50 %

Electricity price: F1: 362 €cent/kWh, F2 & F3: 262 €cent/kWh | yearly price increase 2% | 37,5 % price gap between C120-27 and H075-23 bluemint

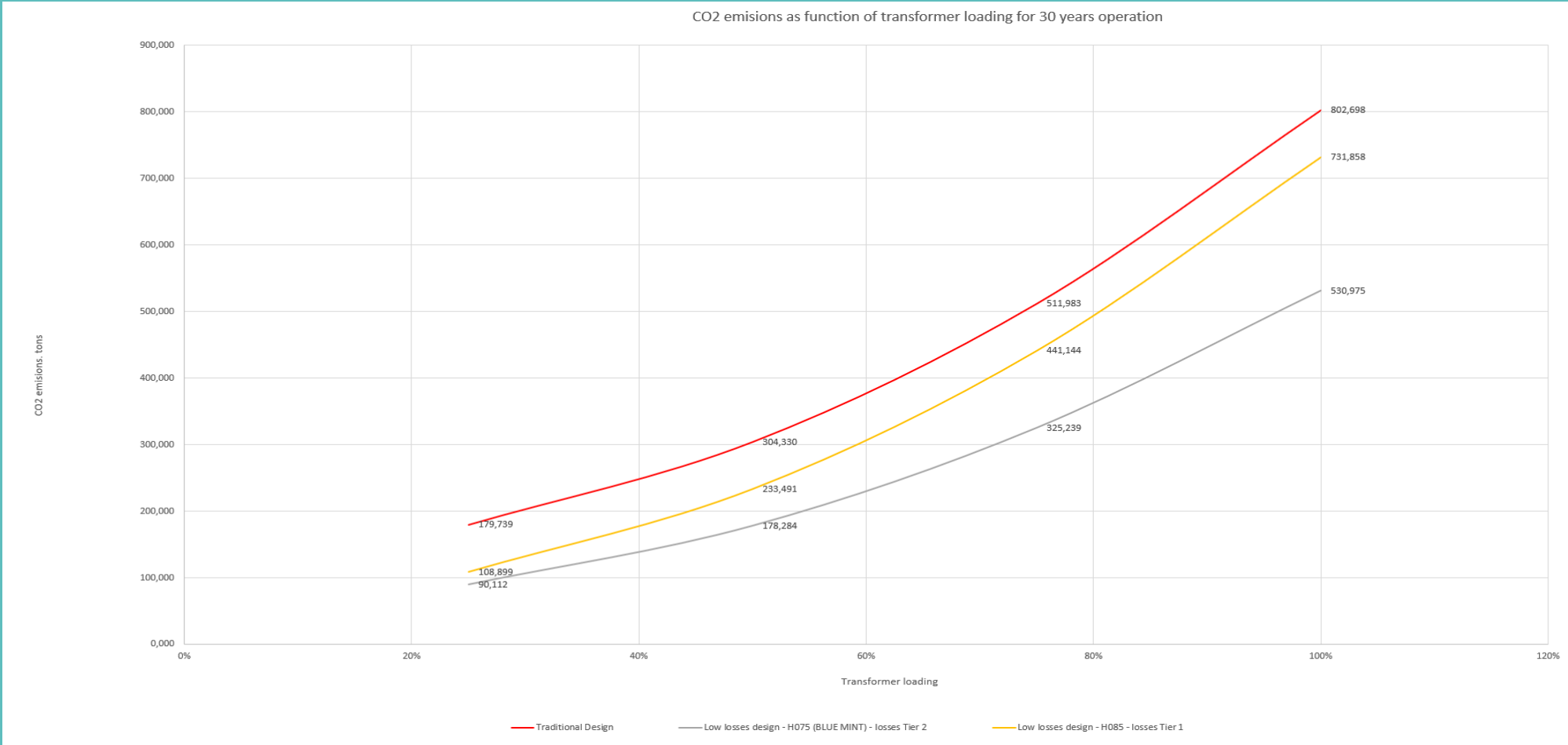


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Decrease Scope 3 Indirect up to 33% over life cycle (30 years)



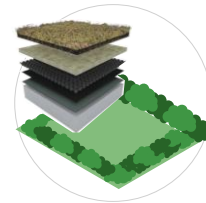


bluemint® is a major lever for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

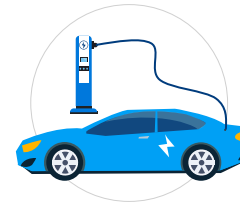
240 t CO<sub>2</sub>  
can be reduced  
by ...



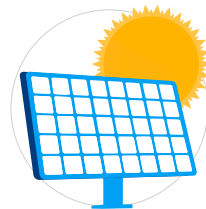
Switching ~9,600  
light bulbs to LED



Greening roofs of  
>790 transformer  
houses (functioning  
for 10 years)



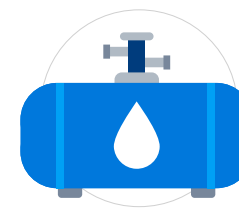
Driving 1.4m km with  
electric vehicles instead  
of combustion engines  
(~36x around the earth)



Installing ~48 solar  
PV panels operating  
for 25 years



Replacing ~84  
transformers to more  
energy efficient  
models



Sourcing ~2.4mn MJ  
biomethane instead of  
natural gas (heating  
~83 single-family  
homes for one year)



Producing 1  
Power  
transformer  
(126t core weight)  
with bluemint®  
powercore®



# Reduction of emissions in purchased transformers is an important part of DSO's strategy

## Transformers and Reactors

Low Losses and Biodegradable Insulating liquids (Natural and Synthetic esters)



### SUSTAINABILITY

Lower CO2 emissions from manufacturing to use



### FIRE RESISTANCE

Class K insulating liquid, self-extinguishing



### OVERLOADING CAPABILITY/ LIFE EXTENSION

Higher possible operating temperature



### BIODEGRADABILITY

Lower environmental impact in case of liquid losses



- Enel Global Standards are open to alternative Insulating liquids
- Enel Purchases: 10% of Power Transformers and more than 50 % of Distribution Transformers

Can we optimize the standards for less raw material consumption exploiting natural ester increased performances?

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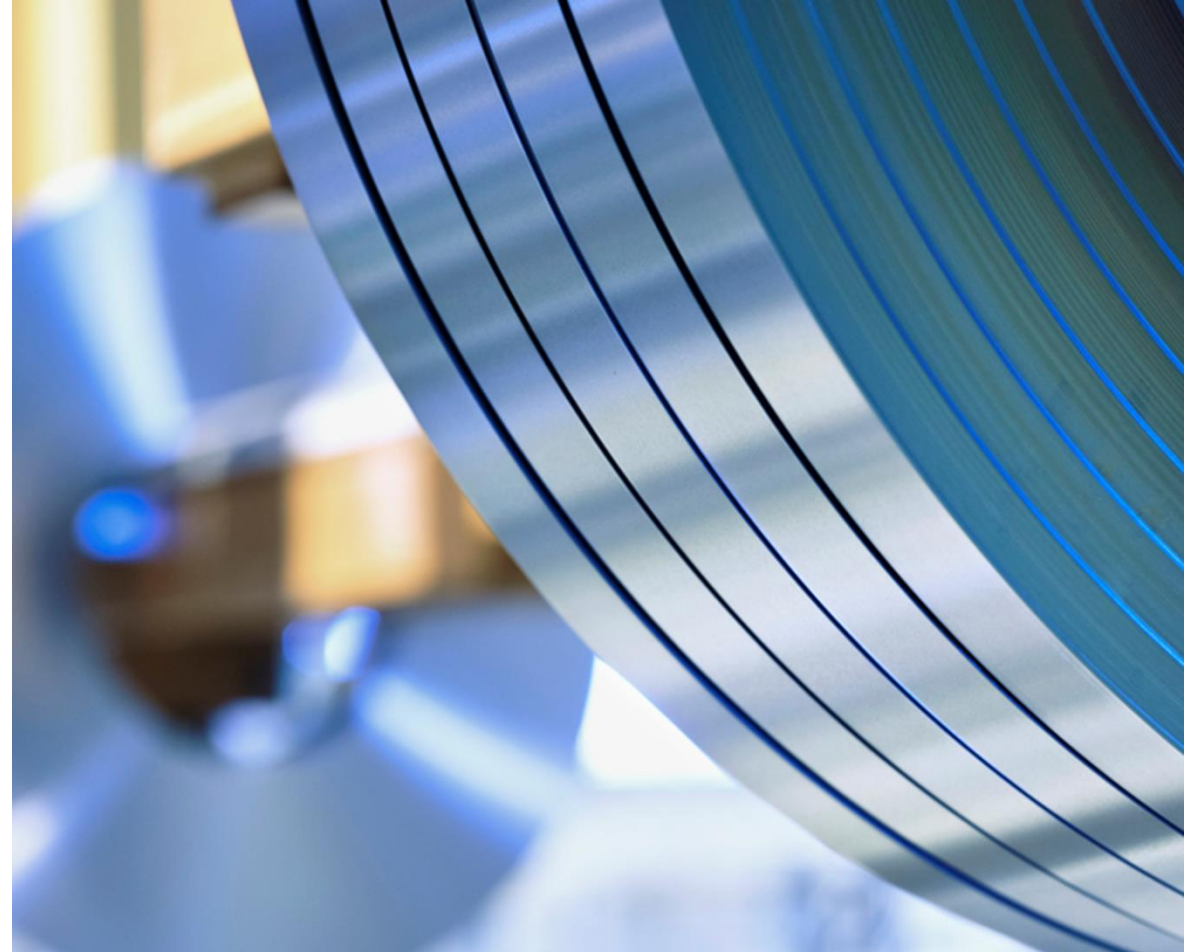
Green steel is an important additional lever to achieve your customers goals for sustainably sourced transformers





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Realising the potential of circularity has long been a priority for the transformer industry...



All parts that can be recycled economically are already reused in the global transformers industry



Other parts are entered in the scrap cycle and all raw materials reused for transformers and other products

... but direct recycling of transformer parts is unviable due to efficiency constraints

40+

Transformers have a typical lifetime of 40+ years



Significant efficiency advancements have been made due to eco-design approaches in the past decades



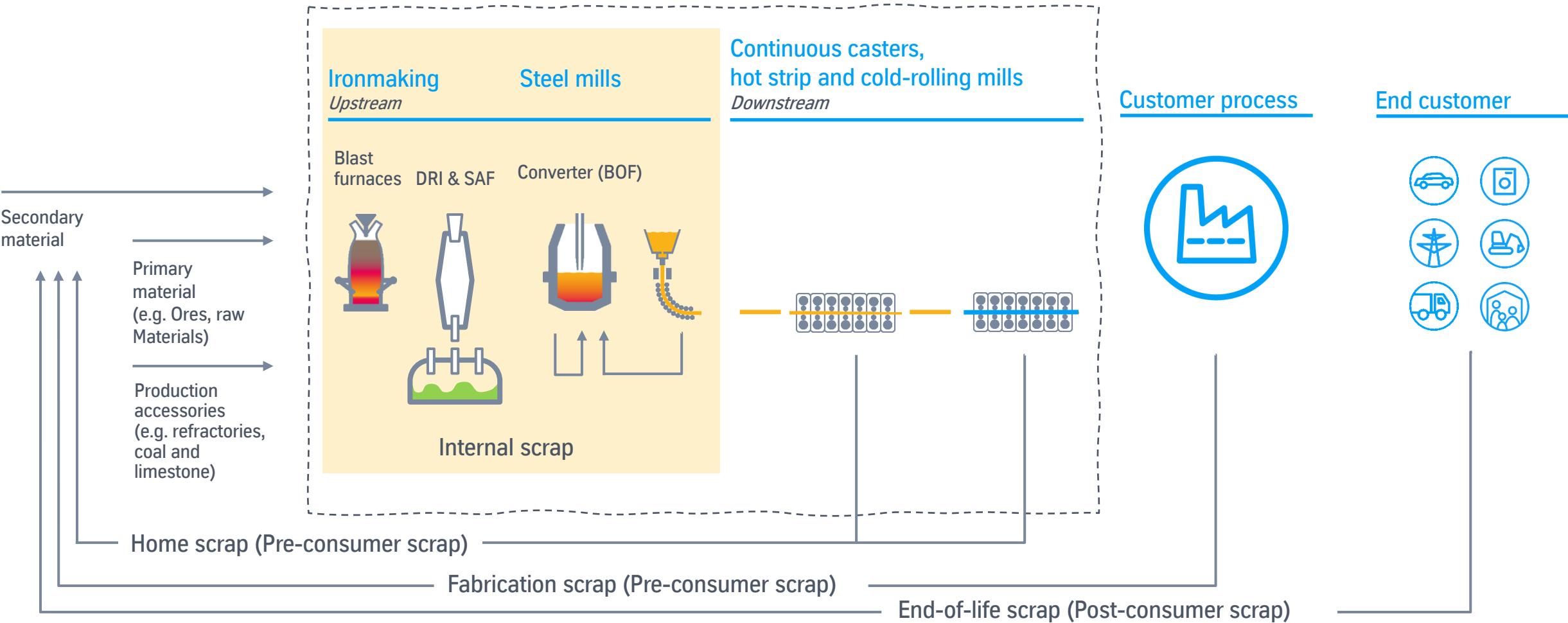
Re-used parts do not realize this potential and are hence not competitive in terms of efficiency

*tkES is ready to develop circularity solutions and closed loops with you!*



# Scrap input to our steelmaking process

Defined according to ISO 20915:2018



# bluemint® powercore® supports the decarbonization of the energy industry

## What we know

1 To achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement, all industries must **accelerate decarbonization**



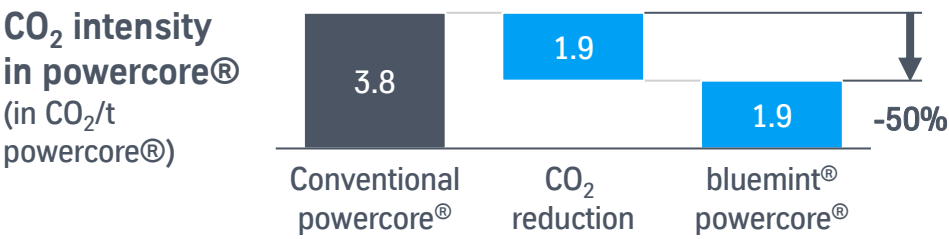
**1.5°**  
Limitation of global warming

**2050**  
Climate neutrality reached

2 Energy players are setting ambitious **decarbonization targets**



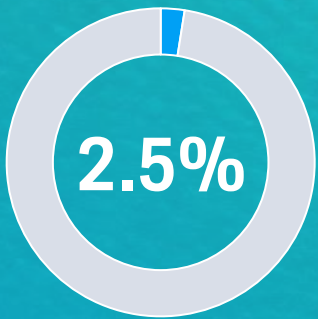
3 Decarbonized steel, e.g., **bluemint® powercore®** in the transformer core is a **lever that already exists** today to achieve targets



## Our answers

Current share of tkSE in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in Germany

Our target until 2045



**-100%**  
CO<sub>2</sub> emissions (-20 mn t)

## This translates to...



... 10 mn cars replaced with electric vehicles



... 8 years of domestic flight traffic in Germany





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