

# Worldwide Resource Efficient Steel Production

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# Hypothesis and objectives

**Assumption:** tendency towards Electric Arc Furnace (EAF) technology supported by increased scrap availability

**Objective:** provide **new insights** for future long term developments in the steel sector using modelling tools

How much scrap will be available for steel production and where? How will scrap availability affect investments?

*Emerging technologies:* -top gas recycling in blast furnace -JET Blast Oxygen Furnace (BOF) -scrap purification technology



# SAAM – Scrap Availability Assessment Model



$$S_{t} = \sum_{i=0}^{n} \eta_{i} \cdot \rho_{i} \cdot (1 - \gamma_{i}) \cdot P_{i},$$

where,

 $S_t$  = scrap made available during the time period t;

n<sub>i</sub> = share of steel use that each product group, i, has in the total in-use steel stock;

 $\rho_i = \text{recycling rate;}$   $\gamma_i = \text{fraction of the in-use}$  steel forming obsolete stocks; and  $P_i = \text{total steel produced for}$  the time period equal to t minus the average life-time, T, of the product group i



# Steel production cost optimisation model



modelling horizon: 2013 to 2100 (milestone: 2050)



## **Modelling scenarios**

## Scrap availability

## **Carbon pricing**

## baseline

• No carbon price placed (0€)

#### less low quality scrap (Scenario 1)

 Recycling rate from 60% to 80% in 2050

#### baseline (Scenario 2)

•Recycling rate from 60% to 85% in 2030

#### less high quality scrap (Scenario 3)

•25% less high quality scrap by 2030

## T15 - EU

• carbon price 15€ after 2020

## T15 - WORLD

• carbon price 15€ after 2020

## T50 - EU

• carbon price up to 50€ by 2050

### T50 - WORLD

• carbon price up to 50€ by 2050



## **Results – scrap availability and use**



high model accuracy for global historical values, uncertainties for regional values



# **Results – steel production technologies**



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primary & secondary route balance is stable for flat steel, changes for long steel



## **Results – emerging technology adoption**



adoption of new technologies depends on rising CO2 prices and excess capacity



scrap purification becomes more attractive when less high quality scrap is available



# **Results – trade and policy impacts**





increasing scrap use and adoption of new technologies contribute to emission decrease only after 2050 in all scenarios and as production peaks



# Conclusions

- -global steel production increases, peaking in 2070
- -primary and secondary route split evolves from 1:2.5 in 2015 to an almost 1:1 split in 2050 – secondary route exceeds primary in 2060
- -secondary route will be favored regardless of policy instruments due to lower costs and higher energy efficiency
- -secondary route very important for developing countries (long steel demand for growing infrastructure needs)
- -introduction of **emerging technologies** may require **more stringent policies** (e.g. increased global carbon price)

