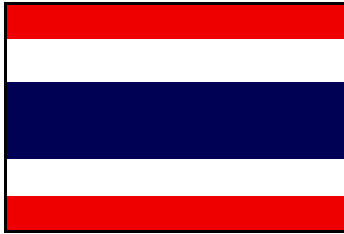


Overview and EE&C of Steel Industry in Japan



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***1. Recent status of Energy Conservation
in Mini Mill Industry in Japan***

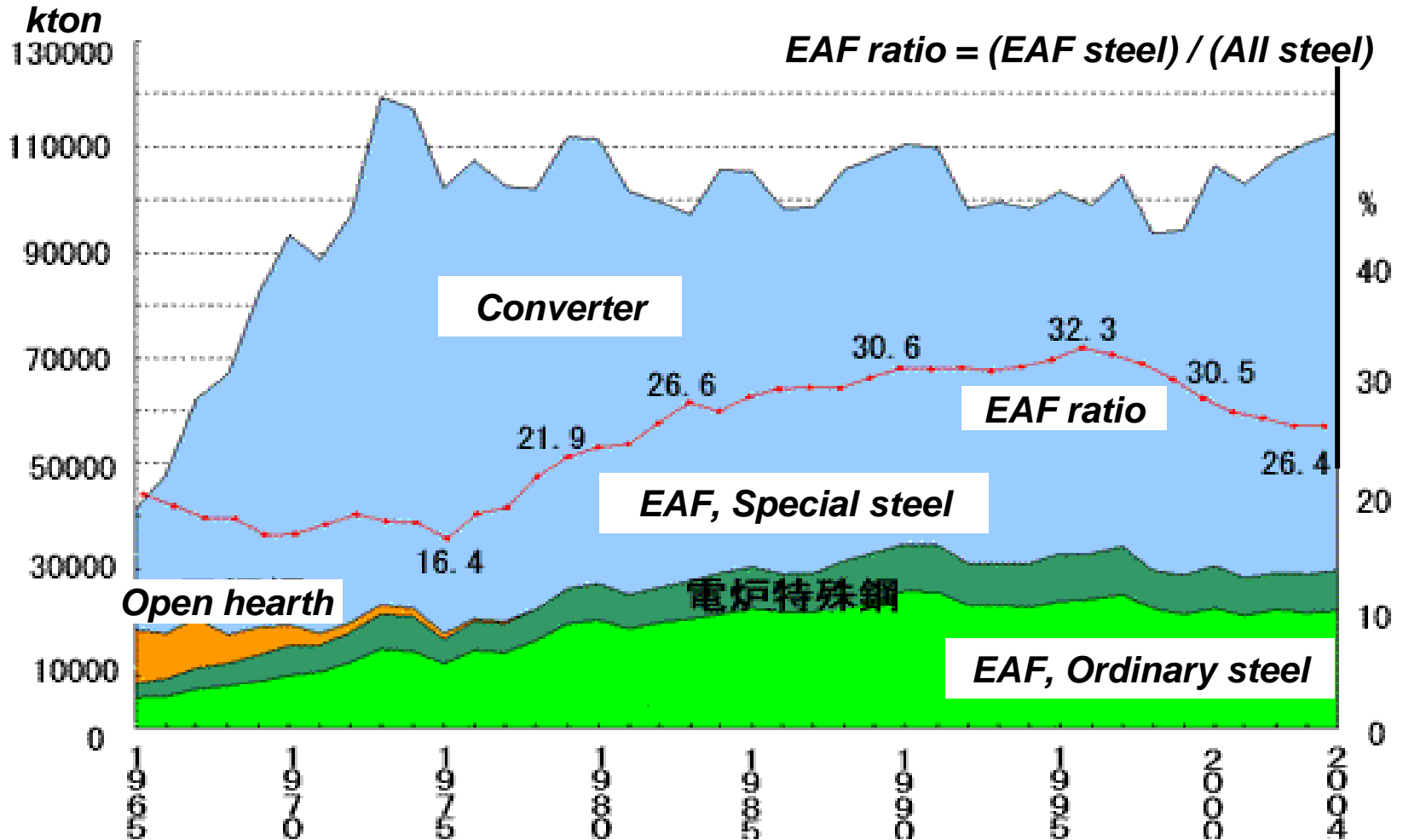
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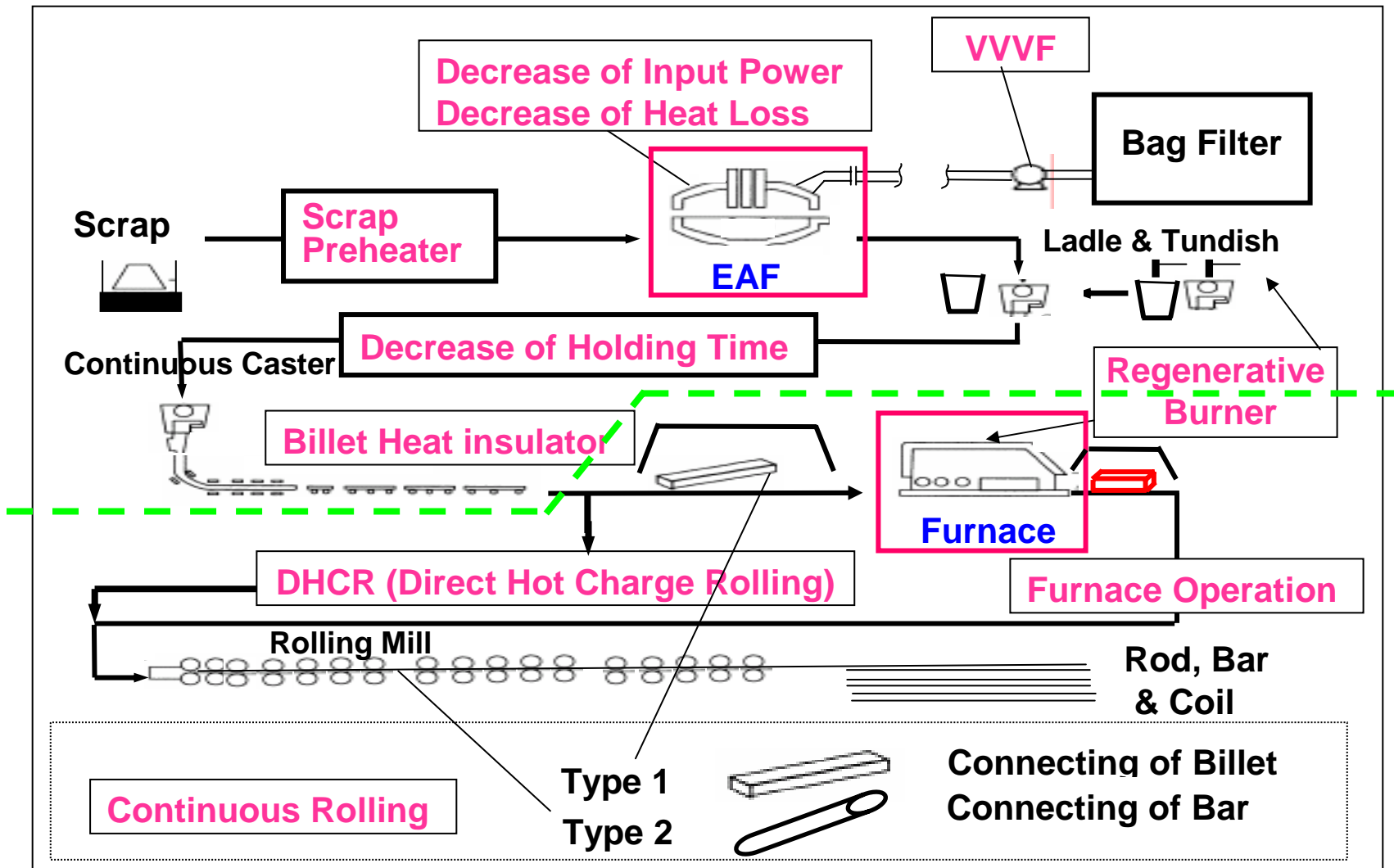
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***5. Transition of Total Energy Intensity
(Crude oil equivalent) - Example -***

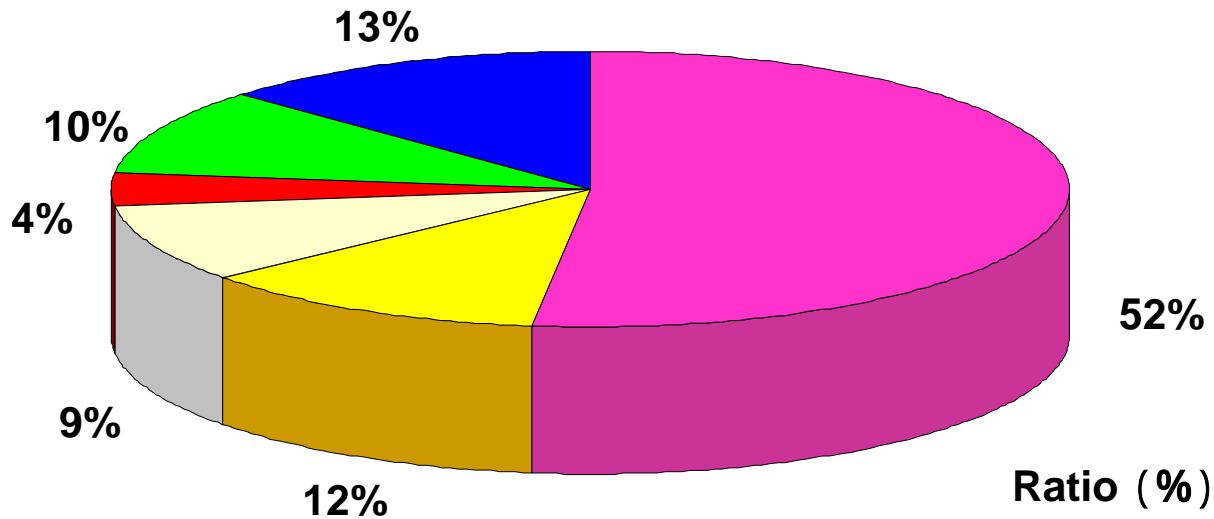
(1) Trend of Crude Steel Production, Operation Status in Japan



(2) Energy Saving Technologies in Mini Mill Process



(3) Energy Use in Mini Mill Factory (Products: Steel Bars for Concrete Reinforcement)



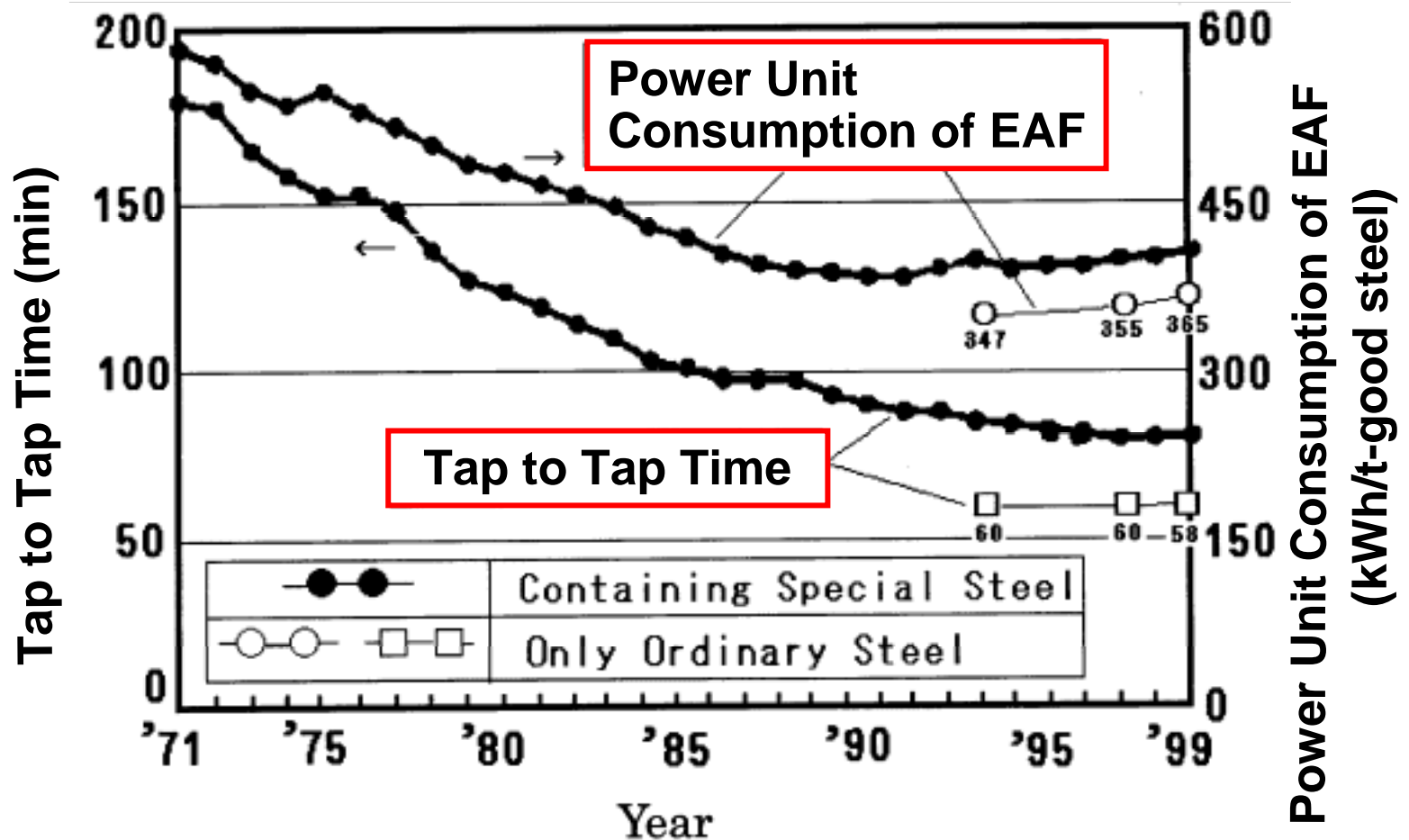
- EAF (Power)
- EAF (Chemical Reaction : O₂, Oil, Others)
- Auxiliaries of Steel Making Shop (Power)
- Burner (Ladle+Tundish)
- Burner (Re-heating Furnace)
- Rolling Mill Shop (Power)

(1) Transition of Technical Development

(EAF-CC)

<i>Period</i>	<i>Introduction of new Technologies</i>	<i>Tap-Tap Time (min)</i>	<i>Power Consum. (kWh/t)</i>	<i>Oxygen m³N/t</i>	<i>Oil L/t</i>
~ 1976	<i>Traditional operation method</i>	176	560	10	--
1976~ 1978	<i>LF installation Burners on wall Furnace water cooling</i>	147	497	12	3.2
1979~ 1980	<i>Wider water cool area High power factor operation Carbon injection</i>	110	390	20	2.8
1981~ 1984	<i>SPH installation Oxygen rich operation (PSA) New casting machine</i>	95	345	28	2.3
1985~	<i>EBT installation Installation of more wall burners</i>	85	325	32	1.8
1988~ 2000	<i>Bottom stirring DC furnace (More than 20 f'ces) Aluminum arm, Slag detector Powder casting or nozzle casting Large tundish, EMS Mist cooling</i>	63	<i>Hot metal operation Night time operation Utilization of waste materials</i>		
2001~ 2006	<i>Ecoarc (Shaft furnace and continuous operation)</i>		200		

(2) Trend in Operation Indices of EAF



(3) Energy Conservation Activities in EAF Process

1) Energy conservation in EAF shop

(EAF: Electric Arc Furnace (AC, DC))

a) Increase of **input energy**

Enrichment of O₂

According to above countermeasure

*Increase of **Oil** (Burner), **Carbon**,*

*Low cost alloys (**Aluminum ash**,*

*Bundle made from **Can**, etc.)*

b) Increase of **efficiency in input energy**

Power

Common (DC, AC):

VVVF *control of electrode lifting*

Introduction of Inverter control system

Foaming slag control *in refining stage, etc.*

AC: **Al-arm**, *Reactor (in case of enough capacity of power station and high voltage operation), etc*

Other

*Post combustion (**Shaft furnace**), **Supersonic lance**, etc.*

c) Decrease of output energy

*Increase of **Heat size***

*Decrease of **Tap to Tap time** and **waiting time** of the time after tapping (from tapping to the start of scrap charge)*

*Decrease of **heat loss by slag***

***Hot recycle of slag**, Control of scrap's dust, etc.*

Scrap preheating

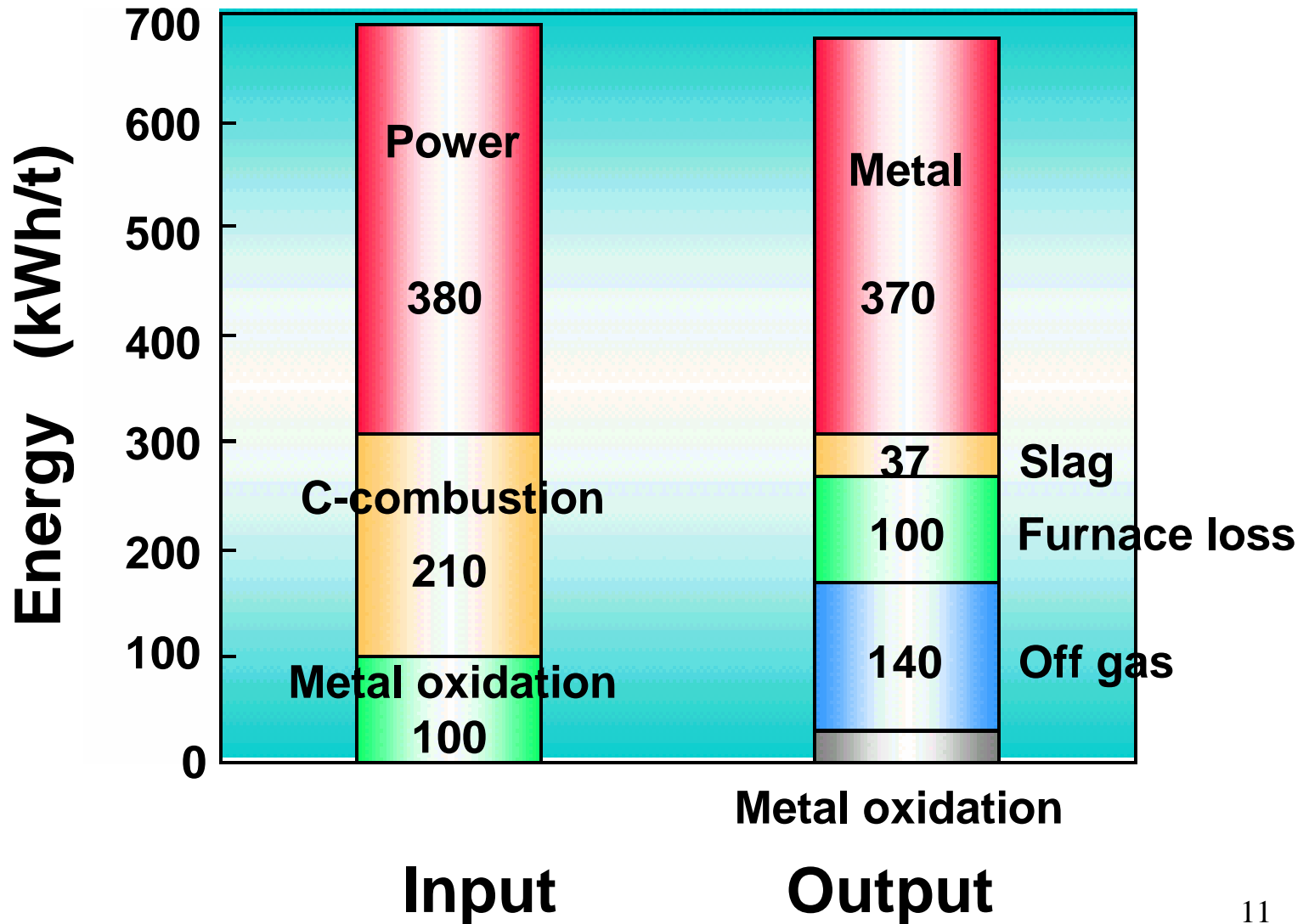
Shaft furnace with decreasing technology of dioxin

2) Others

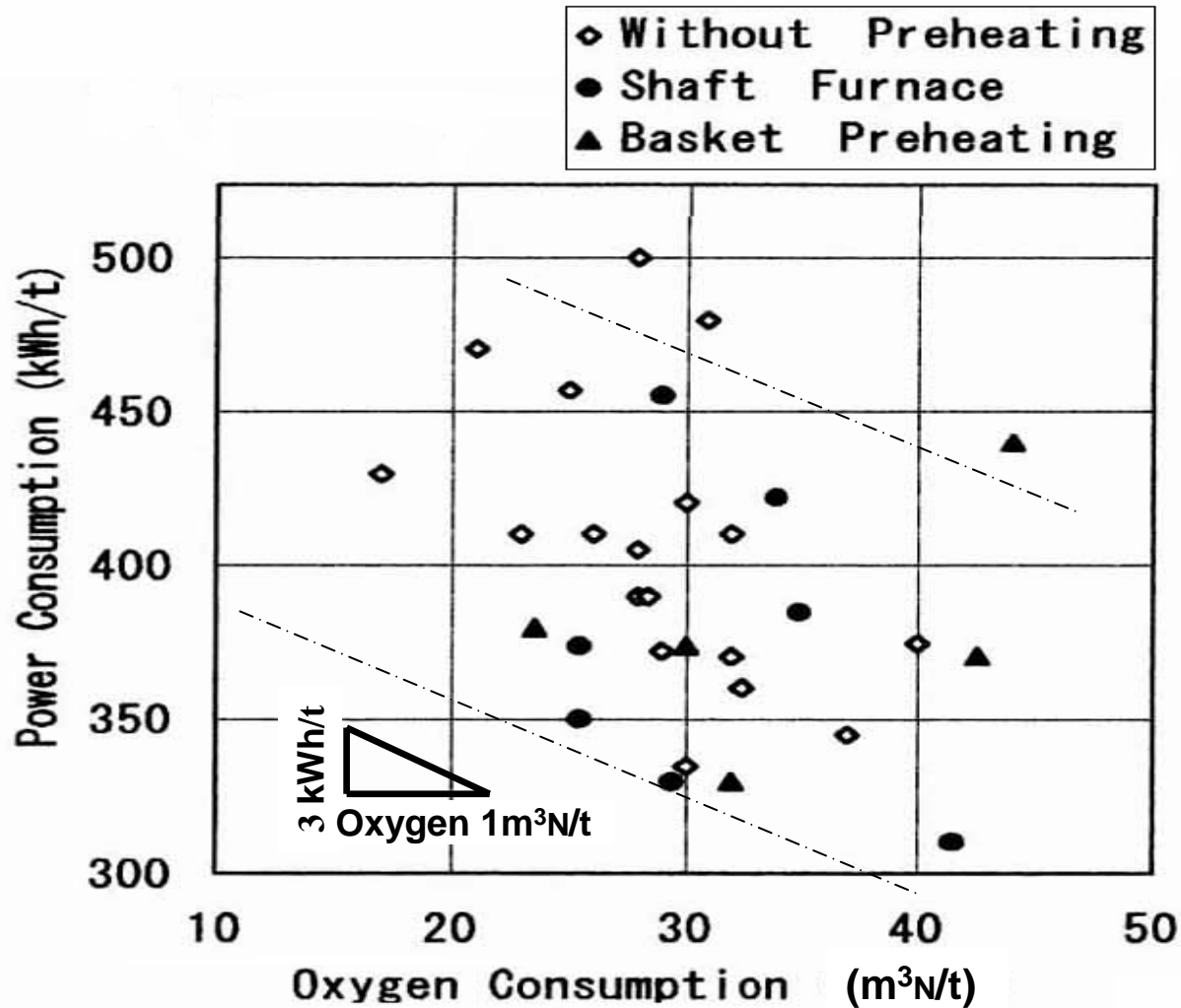
Power saving in auxiliaries

***VVVF** control of dust collecting fan motor, etc.*

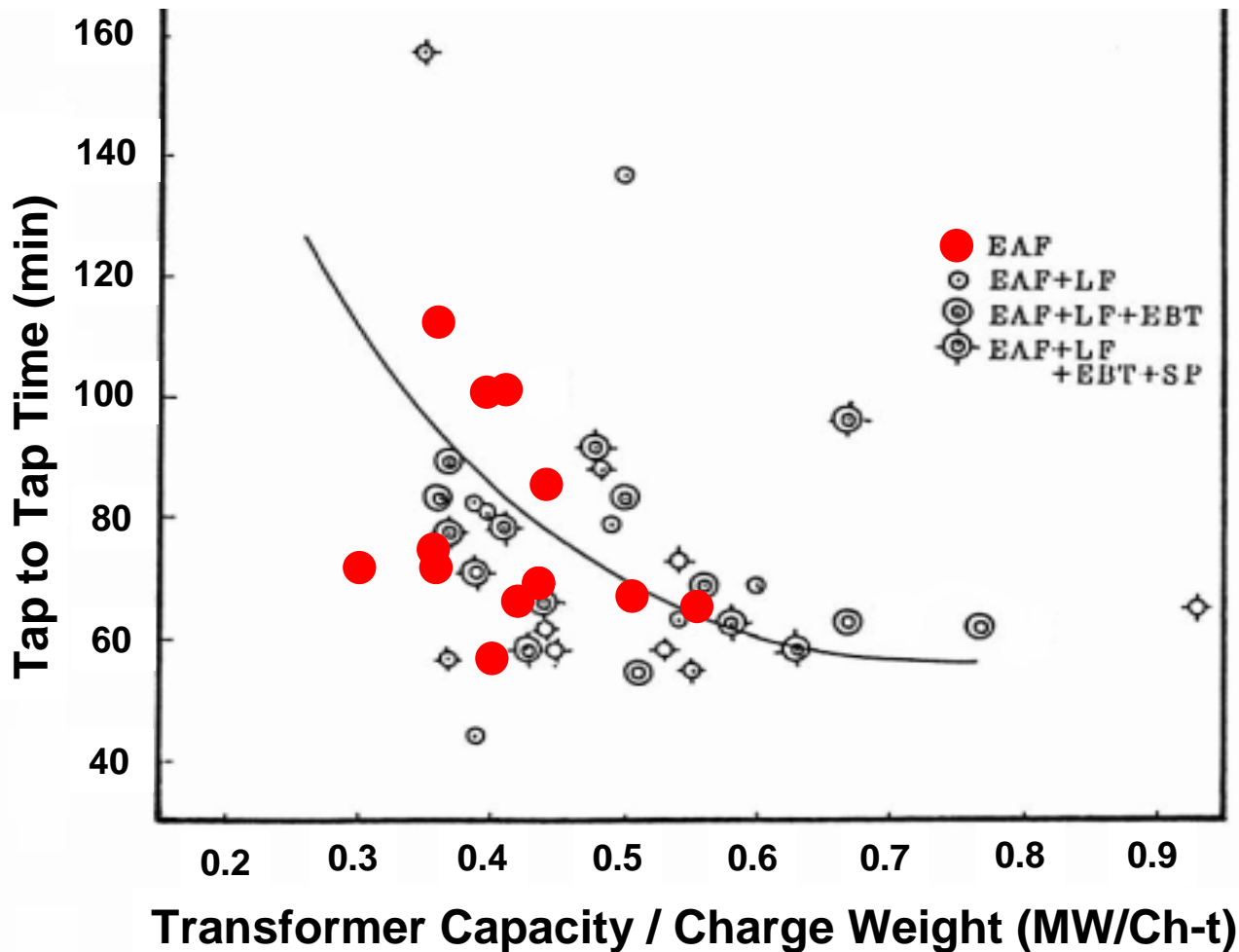
(4) Energy Balance-1



(6) Influence of Oxygen and Reheat on Power Consumption



(7) Relation between Transformer Capacity and Tap to Tap Time of EAF

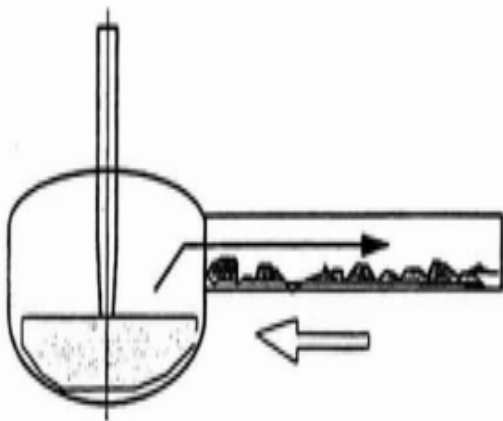


(8) Scrap Preheater

Several Types of Recent Scrap Preheater

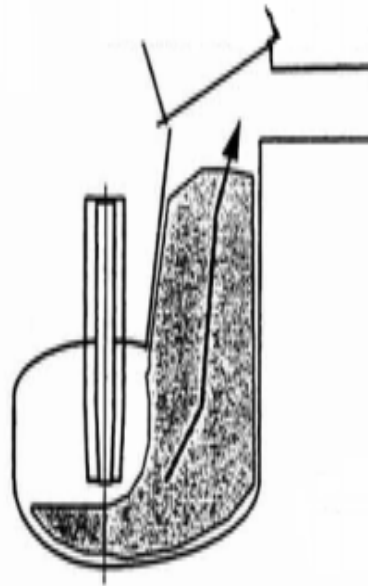
Consteel

Effect: 45kWh/t
(Reported value)



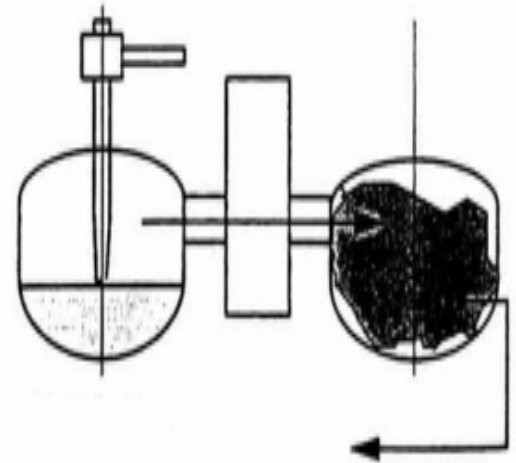
Shaft Furnace

Effect: 70kWh/t
(Reported value)



Twin Shell Furnace

Effect: 30kWh/t
(Reported value)



(9) Effect of VVVF

(Example of Power saving calculation)

(80t furnace)

	Without VVVF	With VVVF
Blower Motor of Direct Dust Collector (970kW)	$970 \cdot 0.85 \cdot (\text{min}/60)$ = 960kWh/ch.	$970 \cdot 0.85 \cdot [1 \cdot 11/60$ $+ 0.85^3 \cdot 10/60$ $+ 0.75^3 \cdot 49/60]$ = 520kWh/ch.
Power Consumption	$960/80 = 12\text{kWh/t}$	$520/80 = 6.5\text{kWh/t}$
Difference	5.5kWh/t	

Operation rate: 100% 85% 75%
 1 charge = 70 min: 11 + 10 + 49 min

(10) Energy Control System

Standardized Operation and Reduction of Production Cost in EAF

Melting Control

- Power control
- Melting profile calculation
- Raw/Submaterial feed control
- Additional scrap charging & meltdown determination

Refining Control

- Slag foaming guidance
- Thermal model calculation
- Metallurgical model calculation

Data Management

- Statistical data analysis
- Operation tracking and reporting (Electricity & fuel: daily & monthly report)

Other Functions

- Trend graph of kWh/t
- Correlation between kWh & oxygen
- Etc.

(1) EE&C Activities in CC

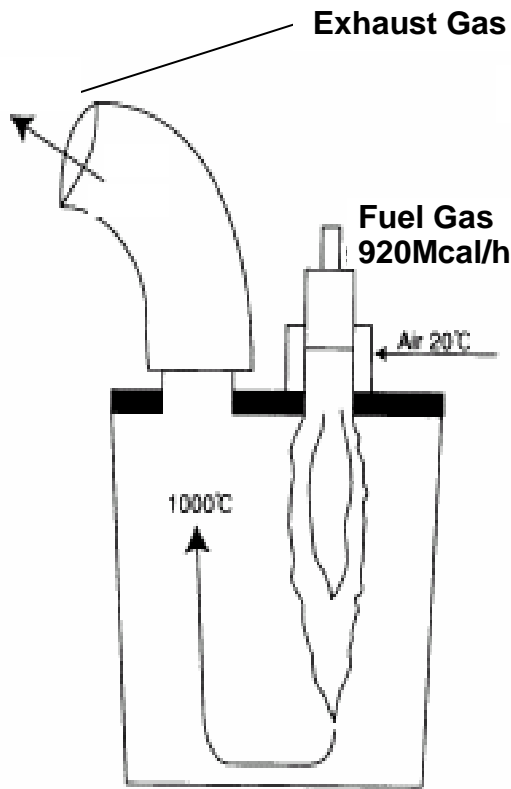
(1) Energy conservation in Ladle and CC

Regenerative burner for ladle & tundish
Matching of the productivity between EAF
and CC (Continuous Casting)

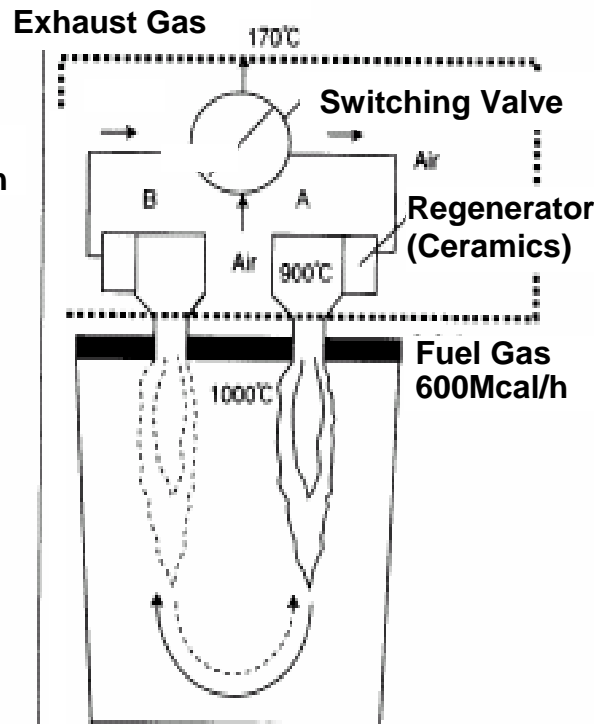
(2) Energy conservation after CC

Billet heat insulating equipment
DHCR (Direct Hot Charge Rolling), etc.
Matching of the productivity between CC
and Rolling Mill

(2) Regenerative Burner for Ladle (Same System for CC Tundish)



Conventional



Regenerative
Burner

Effect:

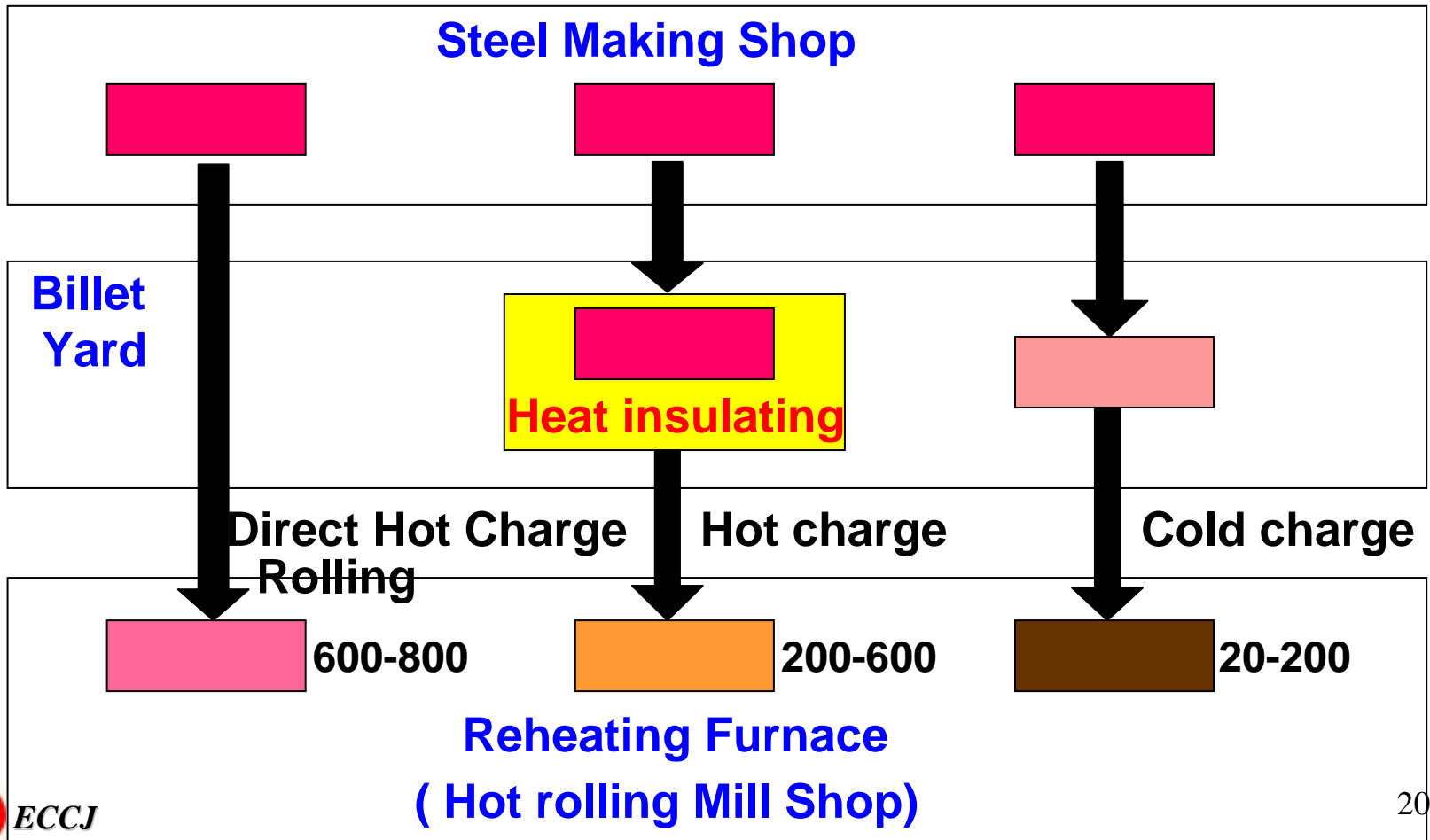
Fuel Reduction Ratio
= 51%

[Condition]

- Ladle Capacity: 100 t
- Heating Period: 10 hours

(3) Billet heat insulating equipment

This equipment maintain the billet temperature in hot at waiting to the reheating furnace.



(1) Transition of Technical Development (Rolling Mill)

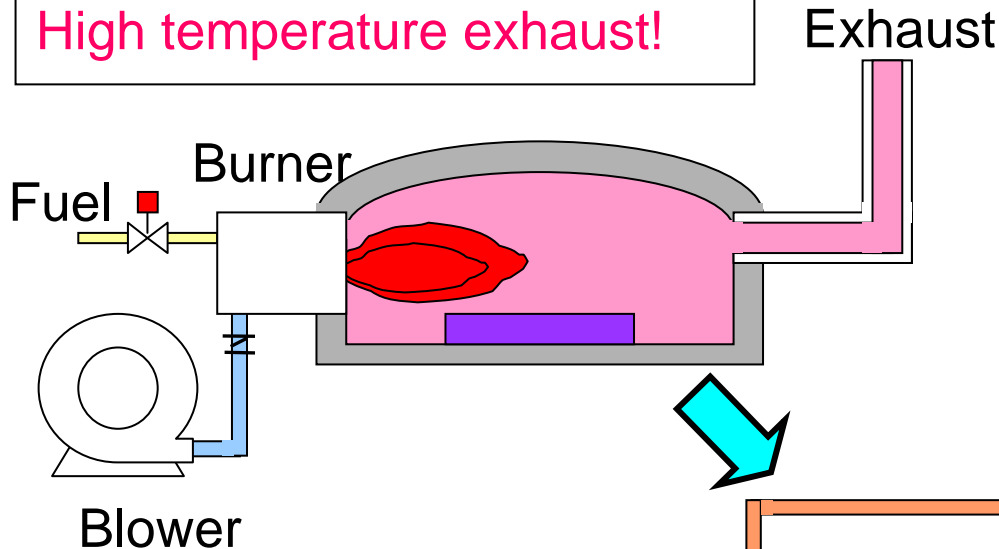
<i>Period</i>	<i>Introduction of new Technologies</i>	<i>Power Consum. (kWh/t)</i>	<i>Oil L/t</i>
1995~	<i>Regenerative burner</i>		<i>Oil reduction: 20~29%</i>
2001~	<i>DHCR (Direct Ht Charge rolling), and subsidiary furnace (Heat keeping furnace)</i>		<i>Oil reduction: 52%</i>
2001~	<i>Endless rolling</i>		
2002~	<i>Hot eddy current inspection</i>		

(2) Energy Conservation Measures in Rolling Mill Factory

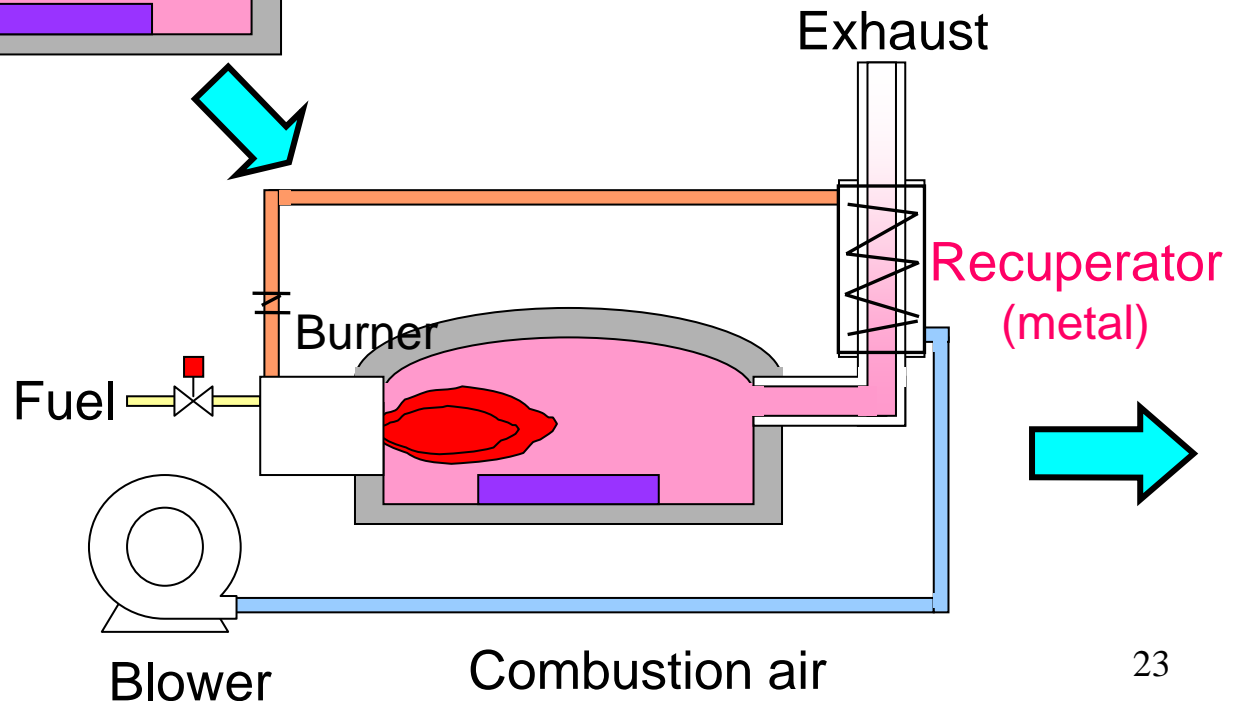
- (1) Matching of the productivity between CC and Mill**
- (2) DHCR (Direct Hot Charge Rolling), etc.**
- (3) Reheating furnace:**
 - Application of regenerative burner system**
- (4) Energy saving of fluid machinery:**
 - Pump, Fan, Air Compressor, etc.**

(3) Application of Regenerative Burner

Regular Industrial Furnace
High temperature exhaust!

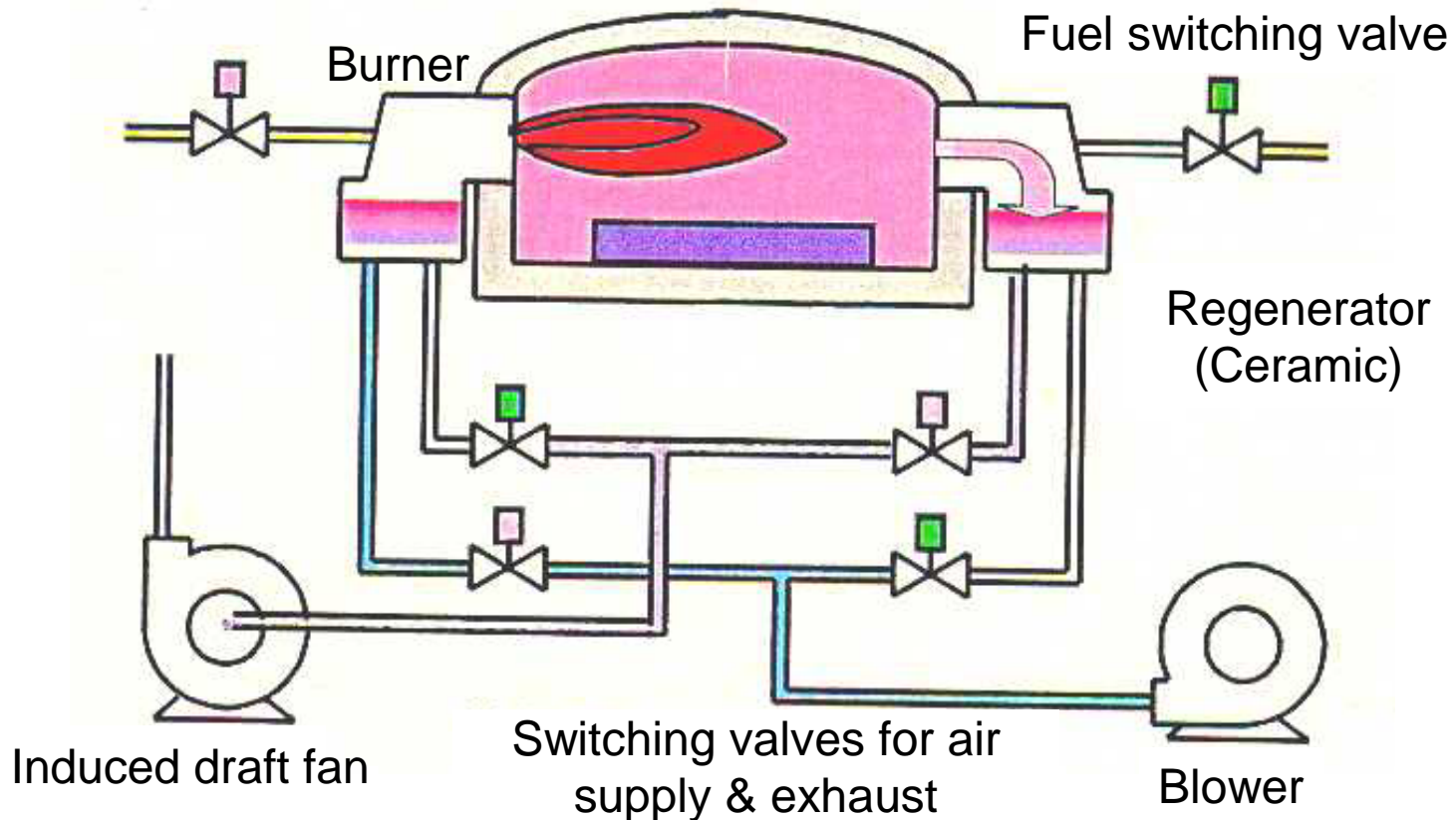


High-performance
Industrial Furnace (1)
Metal type heat exchanger



High-performance Industrial Furnace

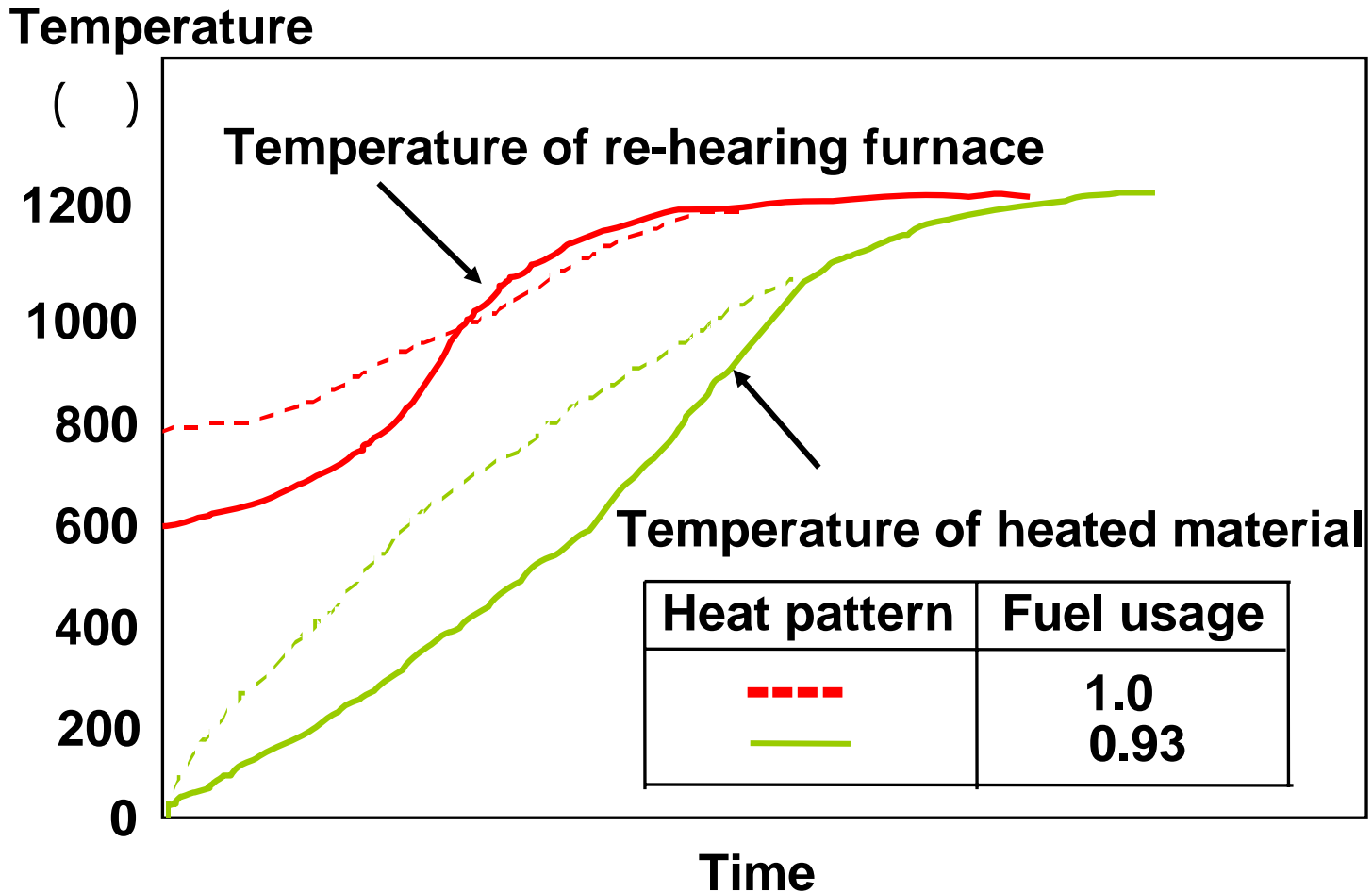
Alignment of a pair of burners with a built-in ceramic storage heat exchanger, combustion and exhausting in turn, temperature preheated of combustion air



Merit of Regenerative Burner in Furnace

- **Energy – saving**
 - ◆ **Effect of high temperature combustion air over 1,000 (Reduction of fuel = - 20%)**
- **Uniform heating**
 - ◆ **Effect of the stirring of waste gas by cyclic combustion**
- **Compact equipment**
 - ◆ **Shortening of the furnace length by installing burners along the full length of the furnace**

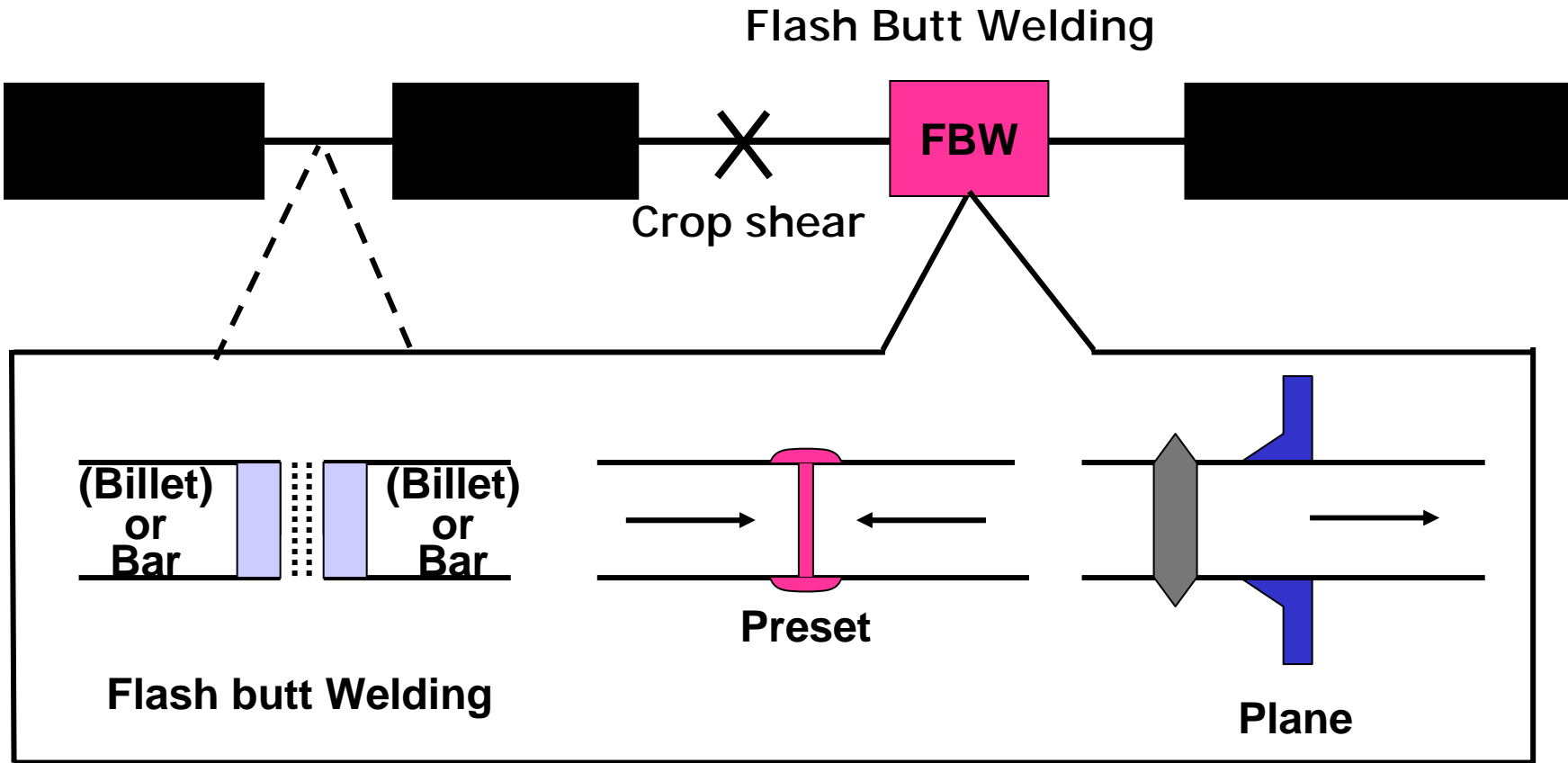
(4) Effect of Heat Pattern Change in Re-heating Furnace



(5) Endless Bar Rolling System

- Loss reduction by eliminating of cutting off at both ends of bars
- Reduction of the **idle time** before feeding each new billet and the **factors** for rolling errors
- Drastic reduction in products of wrong dimension or insufficient length
- Reduction in energy cost 3%

Endless Bar Rolling - Welding



(6) Energy Conservation System

- Accumulation and analysis of the energy consumption data
- Control and management of energy consumption & intensity
- Application of existing system examples
Energy monitor and analysis system
 - Local devices

(1) Transition of Total Energy Intensity (Crude oil equivalent) - Example -

