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Synopsis :

Kawasaki Steel Corporation has developed two different types of combined-blown processes for basic oxygen steelmaking; (1)inert gas-stirred LD(LD-KG) and (2)oxygen bottom-blown LD with the powdered lime injection (K-BOP). Small amount of bottom flows gas improves stirring intensity of steel bath and suppresses excessive oxidation of steel bath; hence LD-KG results in higher yields of iron and manganese than those of LD. K-BOP has shown much more advantages than other types of combined-blown processes, particularly in the removal of phosphorous and sulfur by the enhanced reaction with injected powdered lime.

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## Combined-blown Converters\*

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$Q_A$  is the amount of top-blown oxygen). The amount,  ~~$Q_B$  has been selected on the conditions that the total~~

executed in various steel-works are classified into the following three types:

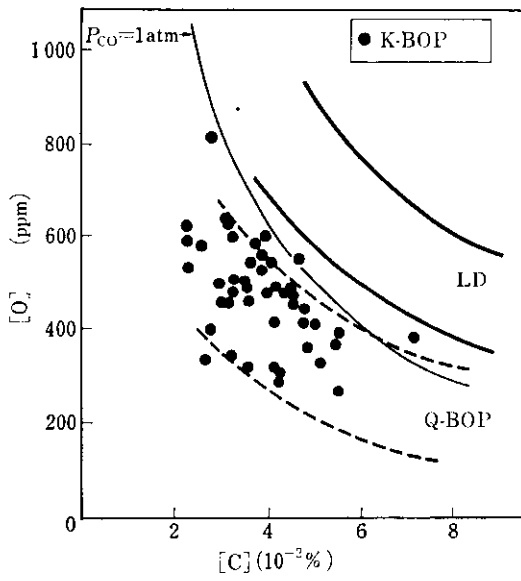


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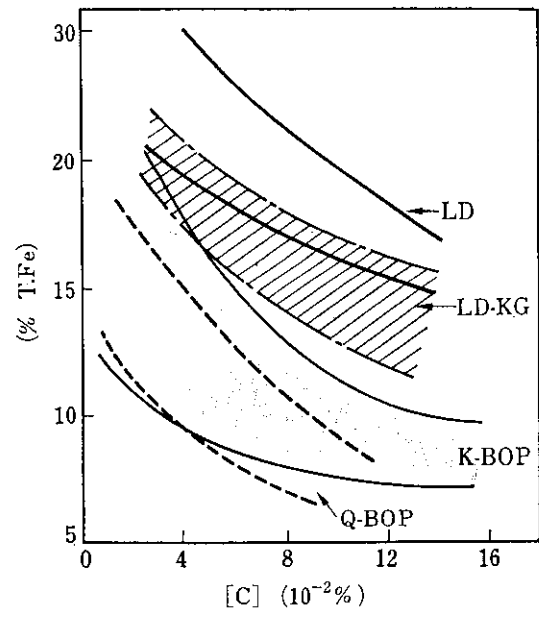


Fig. 4 Relation between (T. Fe) and [C] at blow end

more intense the bath stirring, the lower (T.Fe) in

alloy by about 1 k/t. Moreover, at the time of prod-

There is no appreciable difference in the

using low-carbon steel, low-cost high-carbon ferro-

between LD-KC and LD; thus the contribution

manganese alloy can be used, instead of the expensive  
low-carbon ferro-manganese alloy. The reason for the

powdered lime injection seems significant in the K-  
POD and Q-POD in addition to the

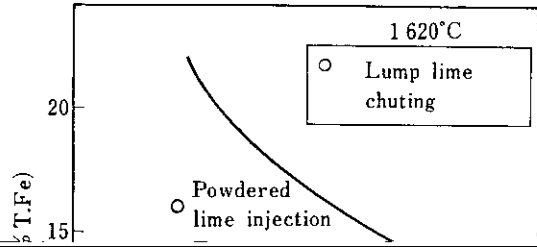
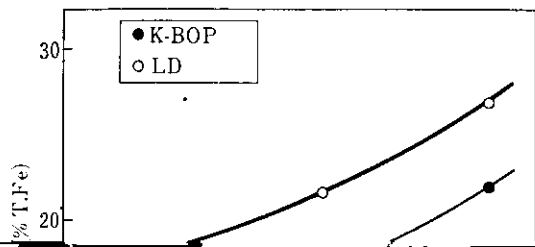
slag and metal in the K-BOP is within 10°C and is smaller than that of 20 to 40°C in the LD. In the examples of other steel works, it is reported that the temperature difference was reduced from 40–70°C to 20–30°C in the STB process<sup>12)</sup> and from 10–30°C to 10–10°C in the NK-BOP process<sup>13)</sup>

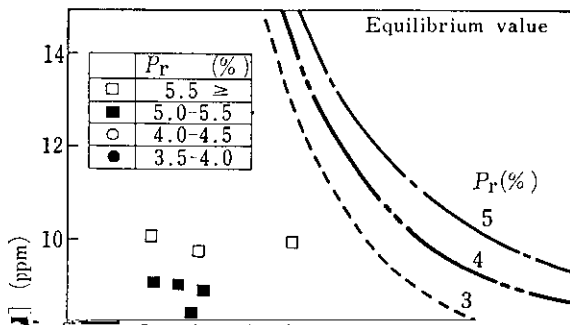
### 3.1.3 Gas contents in metal bath

Fig. 10 shows the relation between blow-end [C] and [N]. In the K-BOP, [N] is lower than in the LD and is close to that in Q-BOP, thereby proving an advantage in producing low nitrogen steel.

Since the K-BOP has a function of powdered lime

Hydrogen content in metal bath



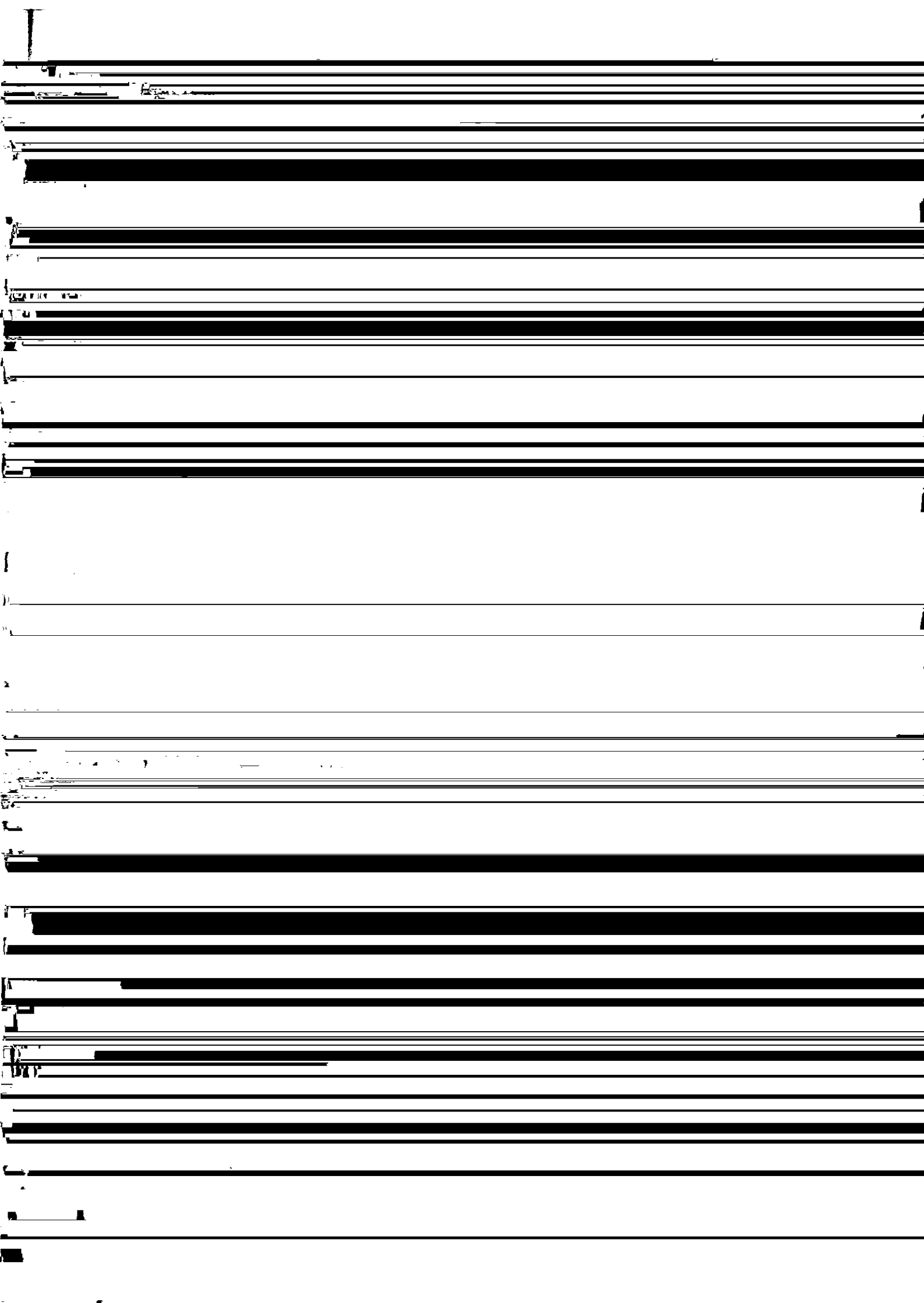


Eventually, the following eq. (11) is obtained:

$$\frac{d[\%H]}{89.3Q_{O_2} \cdot \eta_{O_2} \cdot dt} = \frac{0.2\eta[\%H]^2}{\{K_H^2 \cdot P_0 - \eta[\%H]^2\}W} \dots(11)$$

By using eq. (11), hydrogen contents during blowing has been estimated at propane ratios of 4%, 5%, and 6% taking into consideration the oxygen efficiency





	LD-KG	K-BOP
Steel yield (%)	+0.15	+1.0

Aluminum addition (kg/t)

-0.05

-0.2