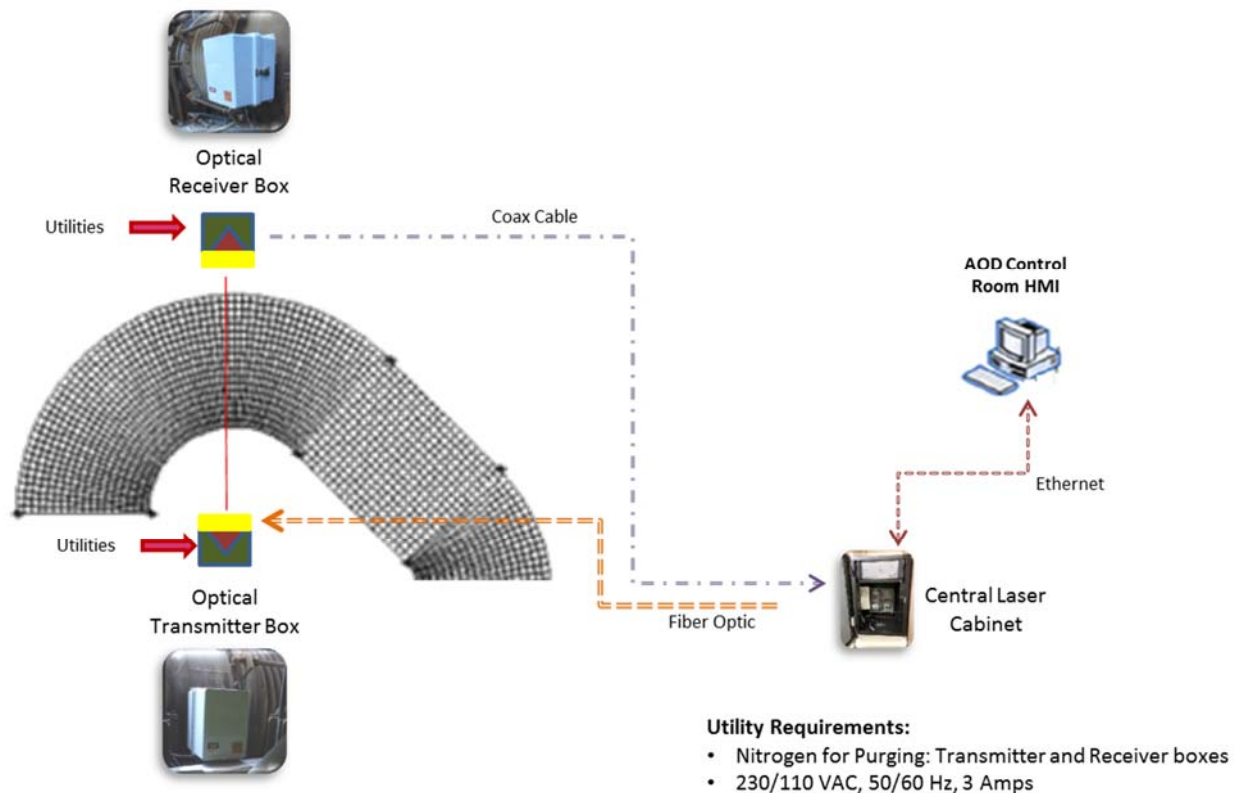




## NextGen<sup>®</sup> for AOD

Reliable off-gas measurement  
for greater return on investment

The proprietary in-situ laser NextGen<sup>®</sup> System is a proven reliable off-gas measuring system for a variety of steel furnace applications including AOD.



## NextGen<sup>®</sup> Configuration for AOD

- ◆ One optical receiver box
- ◆ One optical transmitter box
- ◆ Fibre optic and coax cable connections
- ◆ One central laser cabinet
- ◆ One HMI in AOD control room

CO/CO<sub>2</sub> measurements are taken and then made available to the operators via the control room HMI screens for off-gas visualization, historical data and process analysis.

## Chemistry Quality for AOD, Secondary Metallurgy

In-situ real-time measurement of CO and CO<sub>2</sub> provides valuable information:

- ◆ To maximize the Carbon Removal Efficiency (CRE) during oxidation phase by controlling O<sub>2</sub> to N<sub>2</sub> ratio
- ◆ To define when to switch from forced decarburization phase to natural decarburization (N<sub>2</sub> bubbling)
- ◆ To define the optimum moment to enter the reducing phase (addition of reductant)
- ◆ To help define the final C content reached and break the vacuum

In-situ laser analysis provides the most comprehensive off-gas chemistry measurement throughout the heats that can be used to optimize the overall process.

Using additional real-time information analyzed together with the off-gas chemistry, NextGen<sup>®</sup> provides a more thorough understanding of the information gained from the CO and CO<sub>2</sub> measurements for the control and optimization of a particular heat.

### Benefits

- ◆ Reliable start to finish heat measurement
- ◆ Reduction of Chromium oxidation, equaling savings in reducing agents (FeSi)
- ◆ Improved process heat time
- ◆ Savings for shorter vacuum time
- ◆ Reductions in process gases (O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>)
- ◆ No routine maintenance
- ◆ No loss of data (data availability >95% of time during heats)
- ◆ High accuracy and repeatability

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