



Oxy-fuel combustion with preheated Oxygen-Natural gas (HeatOx) for small and medium size glass furnaces

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Background

HeatOx solution development for small/medium furnaces

ALGLASS HeatOx technology components

HeatOx burner tests results

- 2MW ALGLASS HeatOx NOx results
- Flame length
- Flame luminosity enhancement
- Burner pressure drop curves

Summary



Background



• $\sim 10\%$ NG and Oxygen saving thanks to NG (450°C) and O₂ (550°C) preheating.

- The saving was validated for a float glass tank as a first reference.
- More compact HeatOx solution has been developed for small/medium furnaces and will be implemented for a tableware glass tank under LIFE+ as a second reference.



Background (Cont.)

Material study for preheated oxygen Cyclic oxidation / Promoted combustion study Long term exposure



Macroscopic analysis



Oxide scale



Promotion Ignition Chamber

Special attention has been paid to oxygen preheating hazards:

- Material selection
- Flange design and choice



HeatOx solution development for small/medium furnaces

One heat exchanger for multiple burners

- CAPEX savings and smaller footprint
- Independent control of flowrate and temperature

ALGLASS FC HeatOx burner

Compact and operable with hot and cold reactants
 Constant flame length (~3m) with hot and cold reactants





HeatOx solution development for small furnaces (Cont.)

Pilot scale tests at DRTC

- Tested O2/NG heat exchangers with multiple independent inlets/outlets.
- 1MW and 2MW HeatOx burners were tested with cold and hot reactants.
- Temperature control schemes were validated.





HeatOx solution development for small furnaces (Cont.)

Industrial demonstration under LIFE+ (start-up in 2015)

- One O2/NG heat exchanger for four burners (total 8 burners).
- Heat recovery process optimized by Air Liquide



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ALGLASS HeatOx Technology Components



One heat exchanger (O₂/NG) can accommodate multiple burners (Patent pending, WO 2014/052627 and WO 2014/052635).

Flowrate and temperature can be controlled individually.

- ALGLASS FC HeatOx burner can be operable with cold and hot reactants without operator's manipulation (Patent pending).
- Built-in safety and control logic.



2MW ALGLASS HeatOx burner NOx results







Flame length

Flame length was about 2.7-3m irrespective of operating temperature of reactants.





Flame luminosity enhancement

2.5MW cold O2 and NG

2.5MW hot O2 and NG





Burner Pressure Drop Curves





Air Liquide, world leader in gases for industry, health and the environment

Pilot scale HeatOx system was demonstrated at DRTC.

- O2/NG temperature (400°C 600°C)
- Multiple burners can be simultaneously operated with independent power control.

ALGLASS FC HeatOx burner

- Compact and operable with hot and cold reactants
- Constant flame length (~3m) with hot and cold reactants.
- NOx level under 200ppm at any given power.
- Flame luminosity enhancement.
- Pressure drop and fluctuation is minimal during the transition from cold to hot operation.

