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# Heat Oxy-combustion

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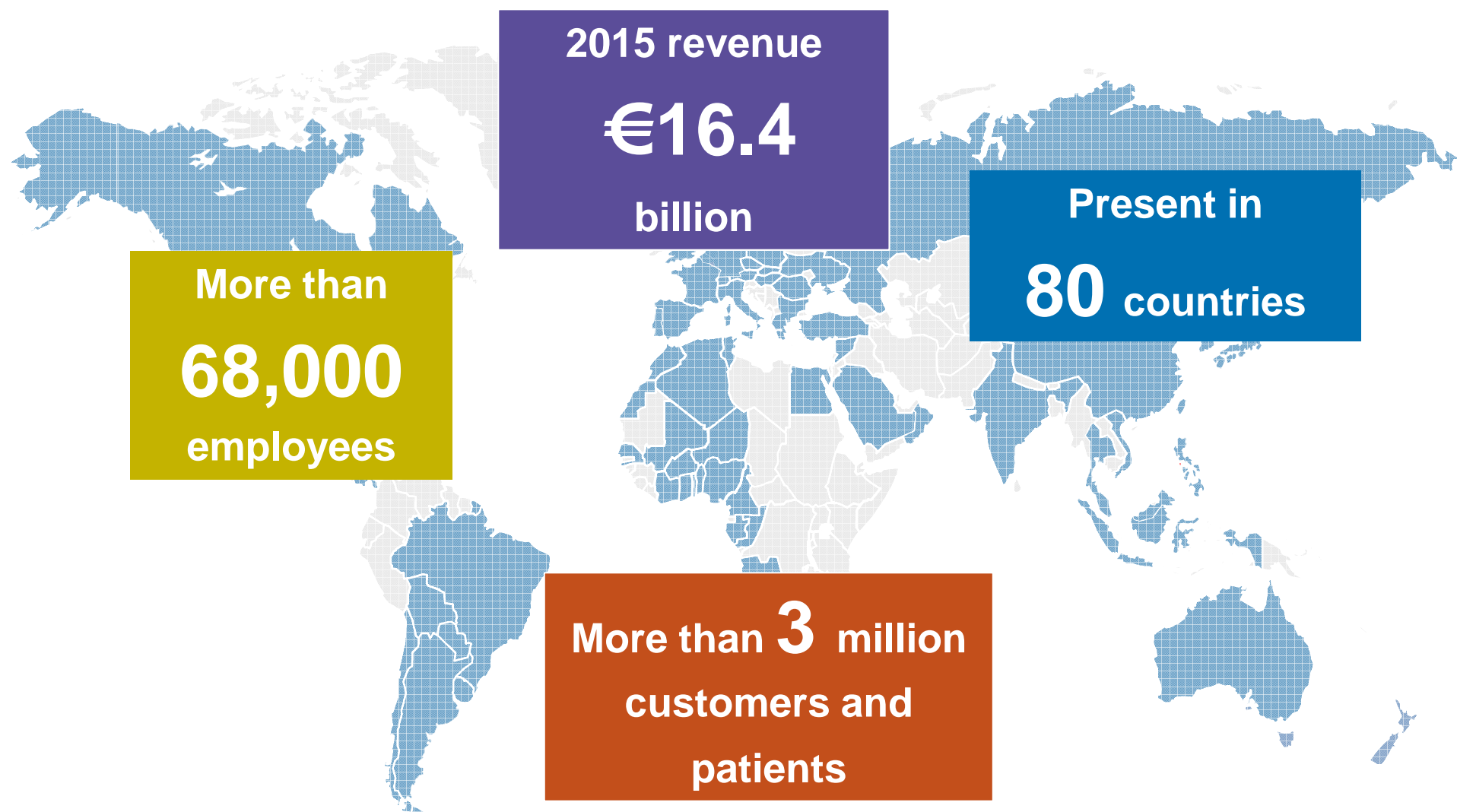


# Introduction to Air Liquide



World leader in gases, technologies and services for  
Industry and Health

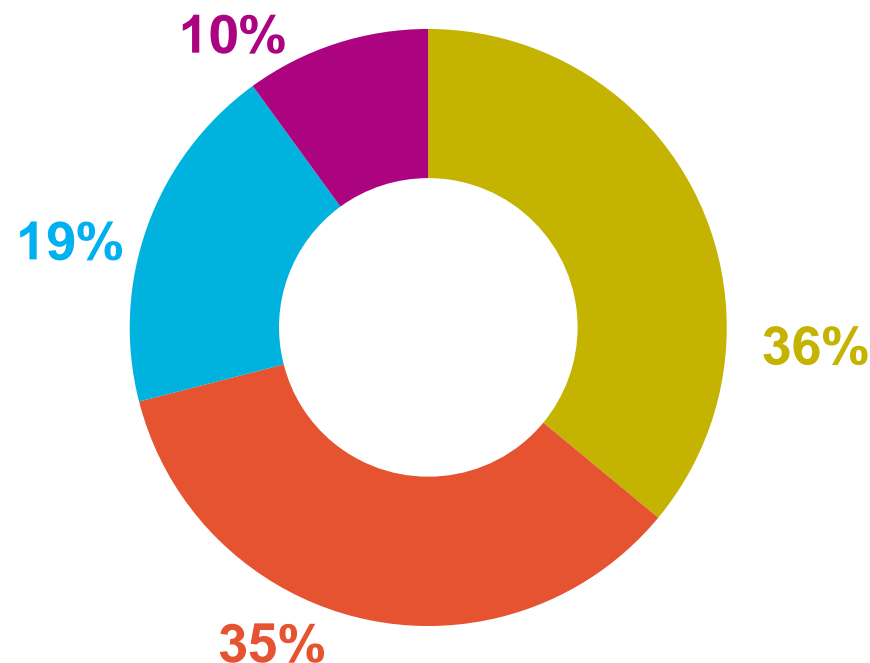
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2015 Gas & Services revenue: €14.8 billion

### Industrial Merchant

At the core of Air Liquide Gas & Services business, we provide industrial and specialty gases, application technologies and process expertise to our customers at every process stage.



### Large Industries

- Air gases, hydrogen and CO
- 15-year contracts
- Pipeline networks
- Industrial basins

### Healthcare

- Hospitals
- Home healthcare
- Hygiene
- Specialty ingredients

### Electronics

- Carrier gases
- Specialty gases
- Equipment & installations



## Statement with glass

### Strong industrial constraints

- **Long** production cycles (8-15 years)
- **Energy intensive** (60-80% for melting)
- **Increasing regulation** on emissions and carbon footprint

## Customer expectations

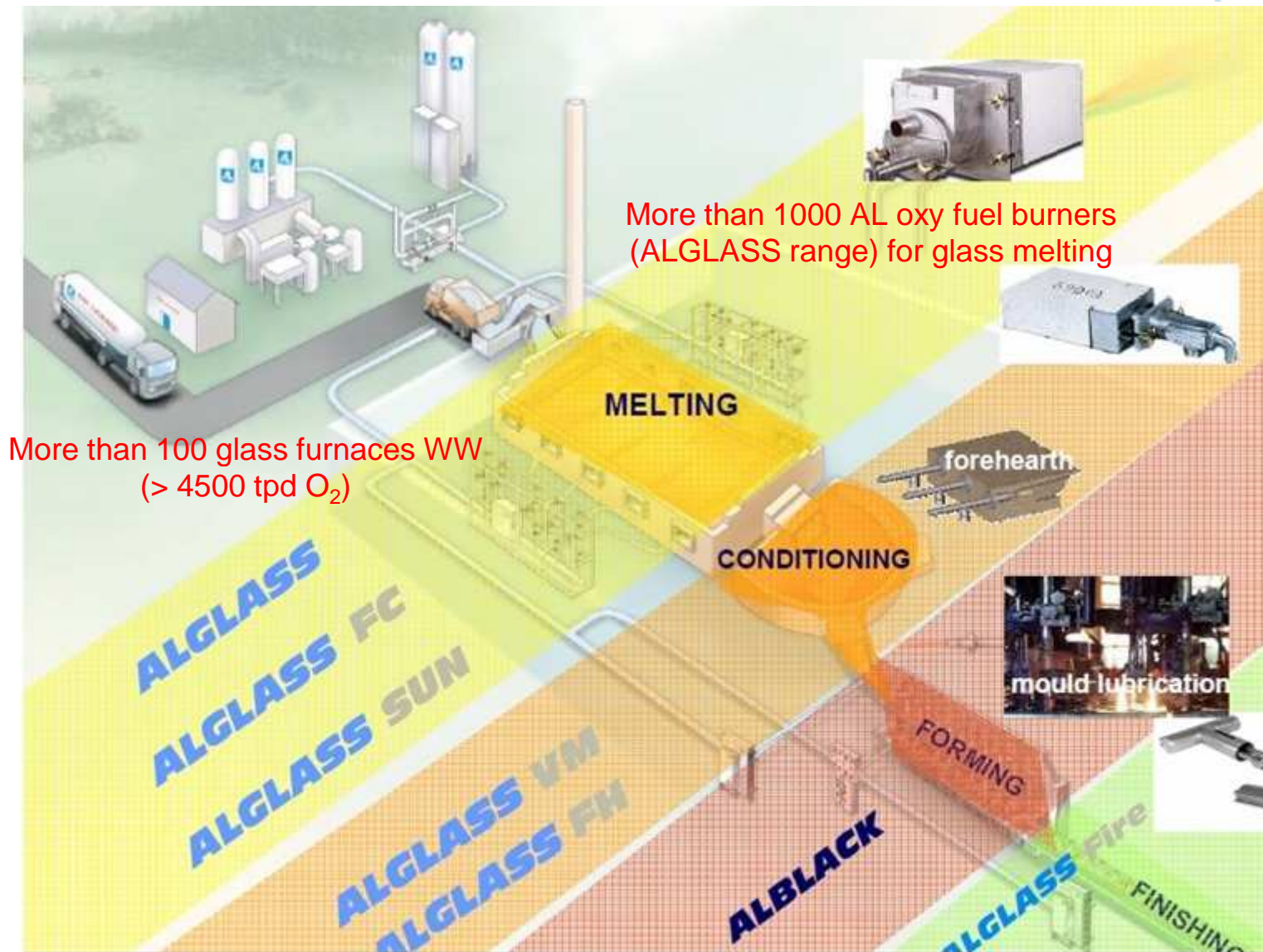
### Cost savings and efficiency

- **Energy savings:** electric boosting, fuel and oxygen
- NOx and CO<sub>2</sub> **emissions reduction**
- **CAPEX:** 3 to 5 years payback

- **More than 330 active patents** and 3 combustion platforms
- **Dedicated ALTEC experts** on 5 continents
- **A broad range of gases, equipments and services:**
  - ✓ O<sub>2</sub> for melting and polishing
  - ✓ N<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub> for tin bath blanketing
  - ✓ SiH<sub>4</sub>, Kr, Ar, He for coating or insulating

# Air Liquide O2 burners at every process step

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### ALGLASS – *First generation*

- ✓ Pipe – in pipe / Conical / Cylindrical flame



### ALGLASS FC – *Full Coverage*

- ✓ Staged Oxygen flame / Separated jets  
/ Low NOx / Flat flame



### ALGLASS VM – *Variable momentum*

- ✓ Adjustable flame length



### ALGLASS SUN – *Highly flexible*

- ✓ Ultra low NOx (flat flame)

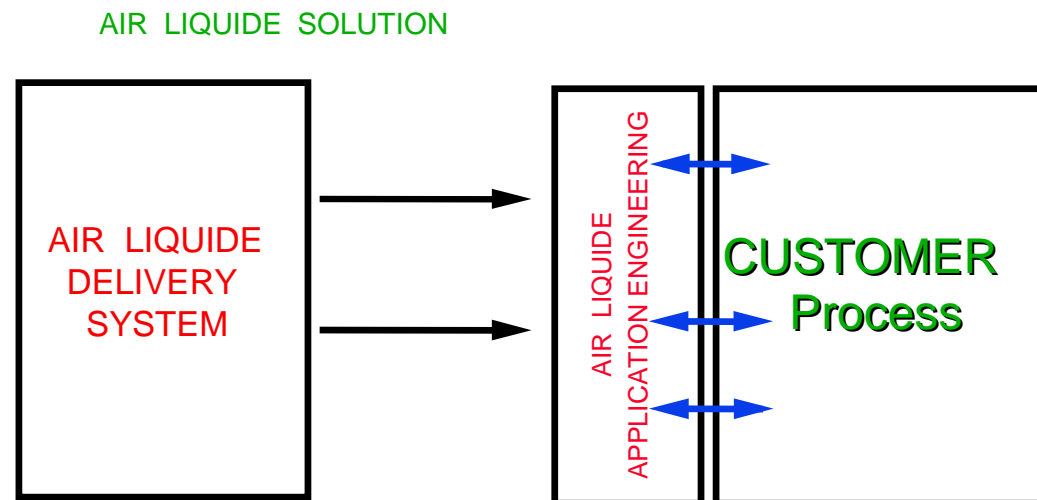


### *Main generic features of the burners*

- ✓ Oxygen cooled – no water or other cooling agent requested
- ✓ Well connected to the refractory block – no air or flame leaks
- ✓ No pre-mixing: more safe (no backfire risk)
- ✓ High emissivity flames
- ✓ Robust – low maintenance frequency and easy inspection
- ✓ High turndown ratio ( from 50% to 150 % nominal and more)



- Assess customer's requirements
- Evaluate feasibility / interest & design solutions
- Provide customer with
  - ✓ Industrial gases
  - ✓ Equipments
  - ✓ Services
- Through technology knowledge



- O2 supply (bulk, on-site or pipe)
- Combustion technologies
  - ✓ Flow control equipment (FLAMOXAL)
  - ✓ ALGLASS burner family
  - ✓ Oxygen lances(in compliance with adequate safety regulations)
- Optimization services
  - ✓ Support design work through modeling services
  - ✓ Engineering, start up & maintenance
  - ✓ Combustion training
  - ✓ Furnace's audit (energy & environment)
  - ✓ Process control & supervision

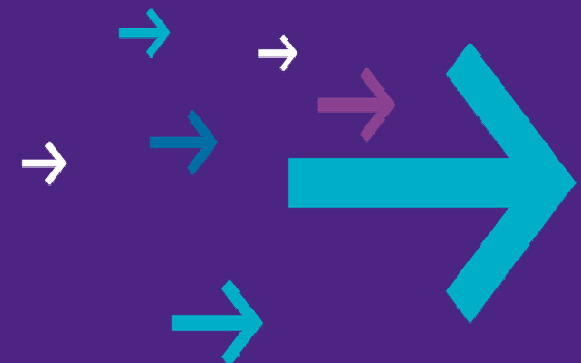
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For Melting - Heat Oxy-Combustion



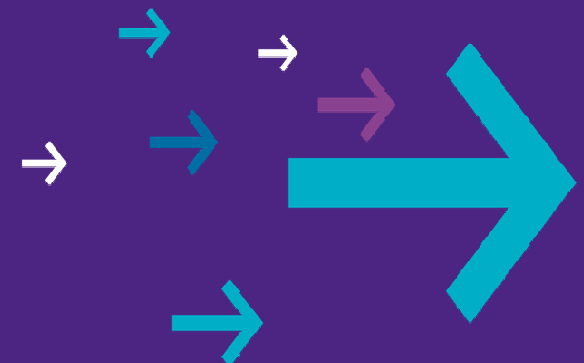
## **A simple solution**

Add 10% additional efficiencies to oxy-combustion performance.



## A simple idea

Recover energy from flue gases  
to preheat oxygen and fuel





# Oxygen and natural gas preheated at high temperature

## Heat-Oxy combustion

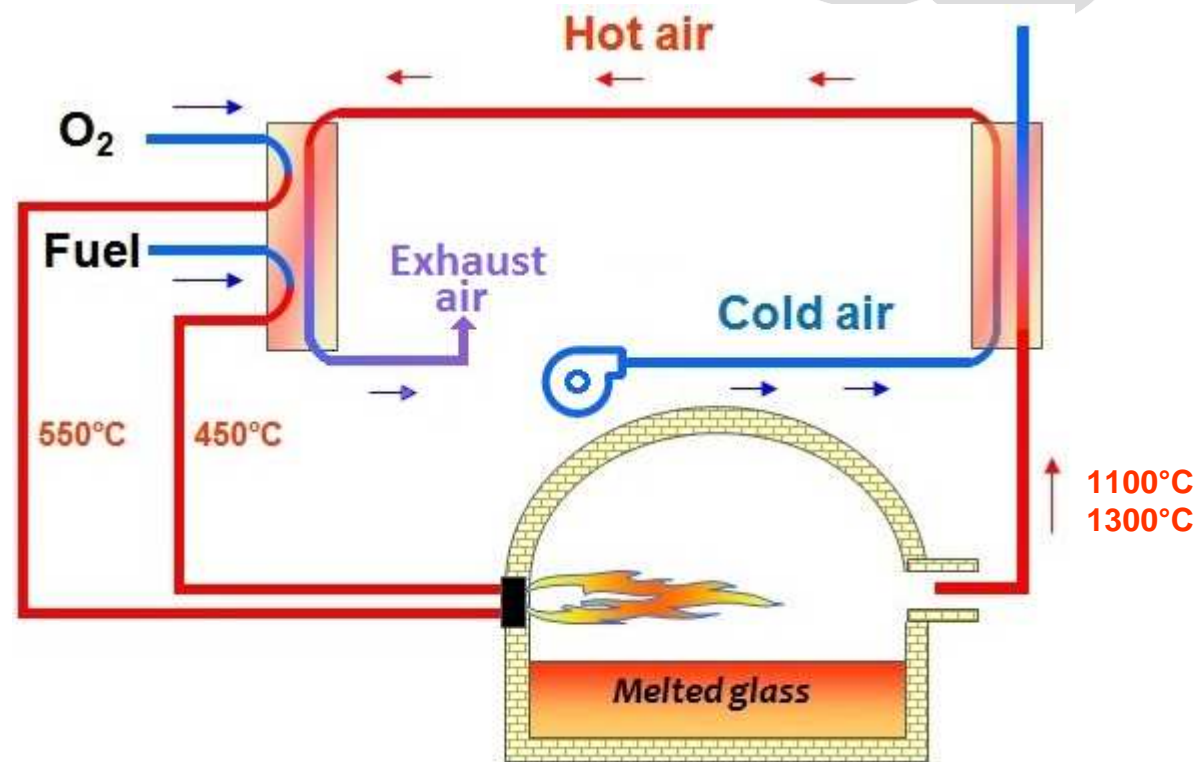
A GREEN SOLUTION

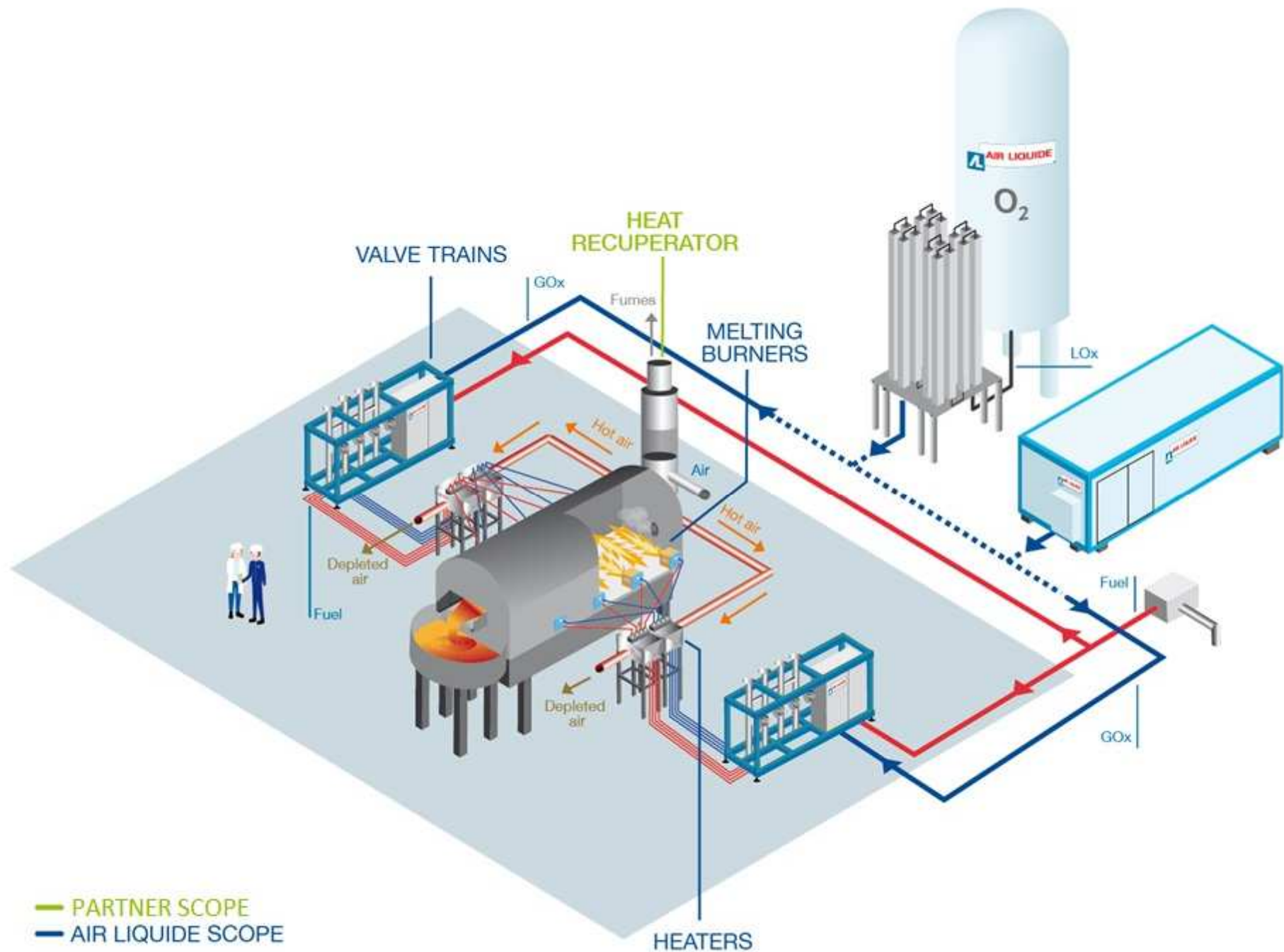
NO<sub>x</sub> -90%

CO<sub>2</sub> -35%

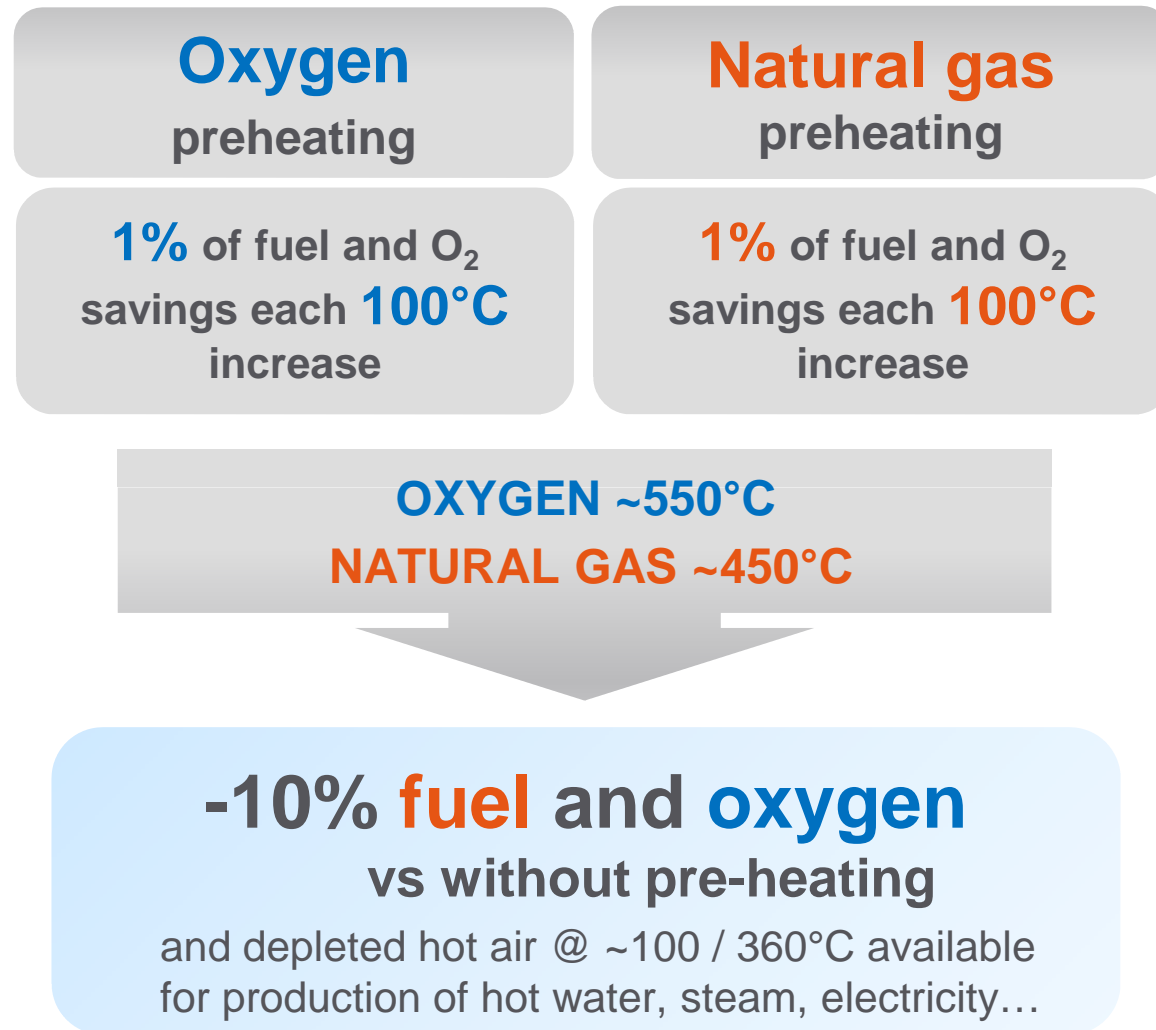
A COMPETITIVE  
SOLUTION ...

*Mixing advantage of  
oxy-fuel and heat  
recovery*



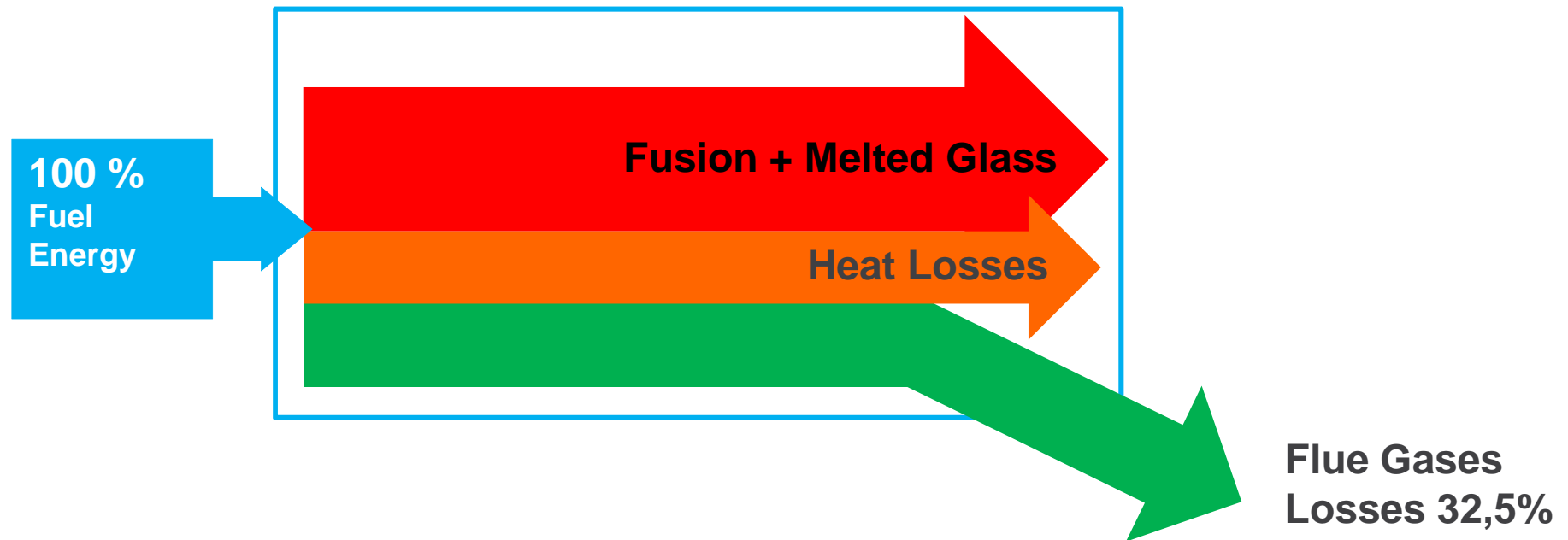


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## ColdOx efficiency – schematic energy balance

- Oxy combustion with cold reactants – real case

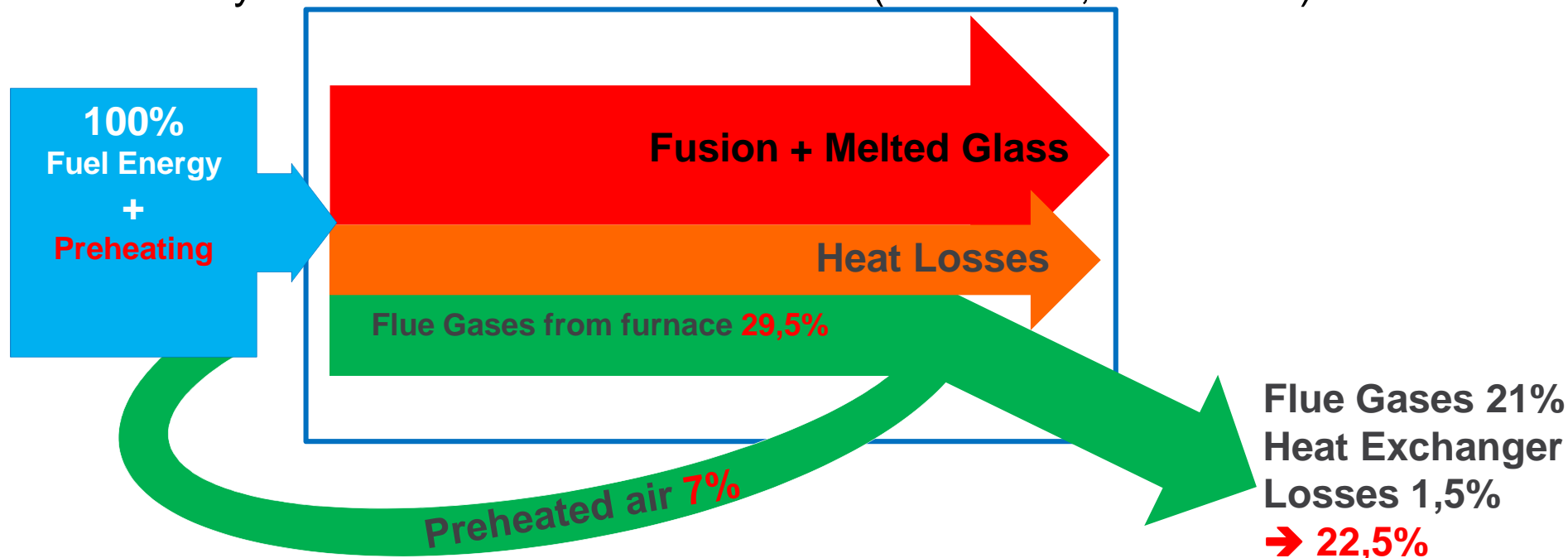


$$\text{Combustion efficiency Coldox} = \frac{\text{Fuel Energy at the burner} - \text{Exhaust gases losses}}{\text{Fuel Energy at the burner}}$$

$$\text{Combustion efficiency ColdOx} = 67,5 \%$$

# HeatOx efficiency – schematic energy balance

- Oxy combustion with Hot reactants (550°C O<sub>2</sub>, 450°C NG) - real case



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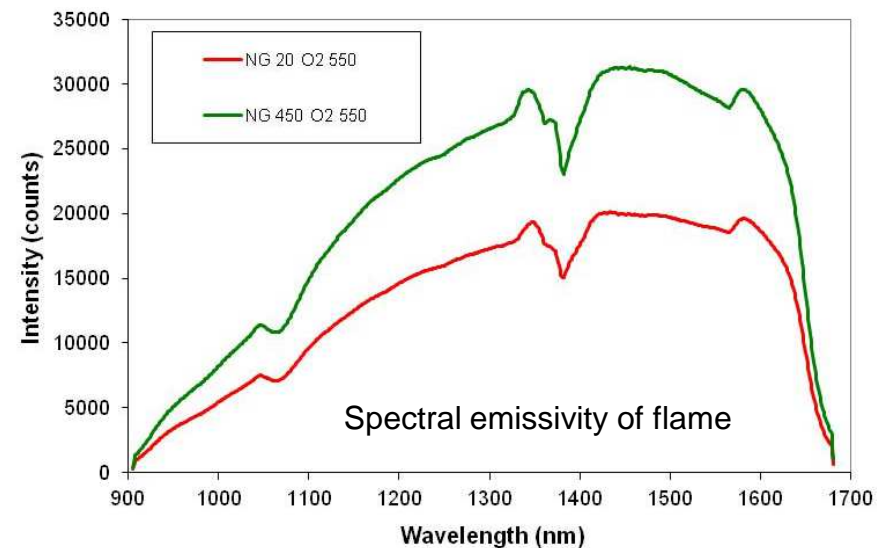
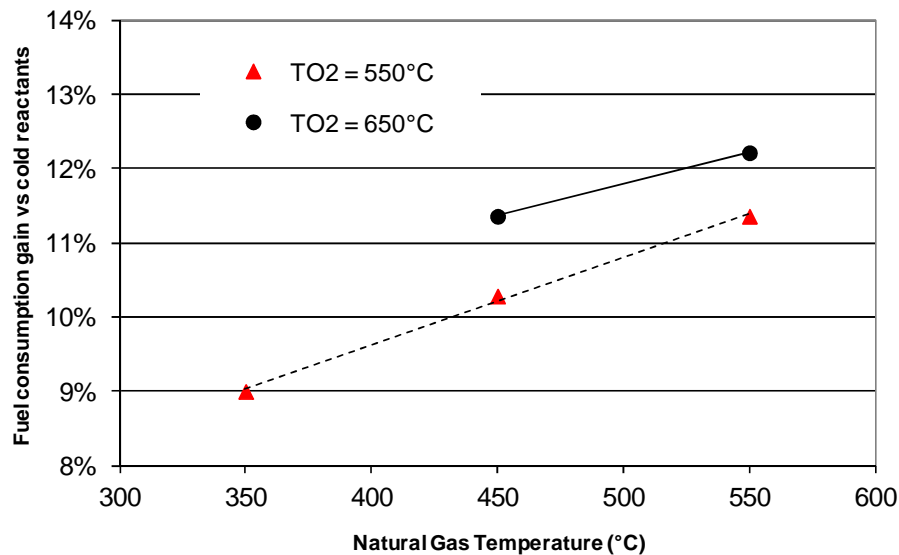
$$\text{Combustion efficiency HeatOx} = 77,5\%$$



# HeatOx efficiency breakdown

- Savings:
  - Reactants enthalpy → 6-7 %
  - Less fumes flow (-7,5% mass flow) → 2-3 %
  - Higher flame emissivity / (Fumes T° decreasing -50°C) → 1-2 %

HeatOx 10% additional savings vs ColdOx



## NEXELIA HEAT-OXYCOMBUSTION: MAIN FEATURES

- **Oxy-combustion patented technology using exhaust fumes from the combustion to pre-heat oxygen and fuel**
- **Proven 10% additional savings compared to traditional oxy-combustion (+hot air available)**
- **Indirect pre-heating to ensure safety**
- **Designed to operate with hot or cold reactants**
- **Easy integration into standard furnace processes**





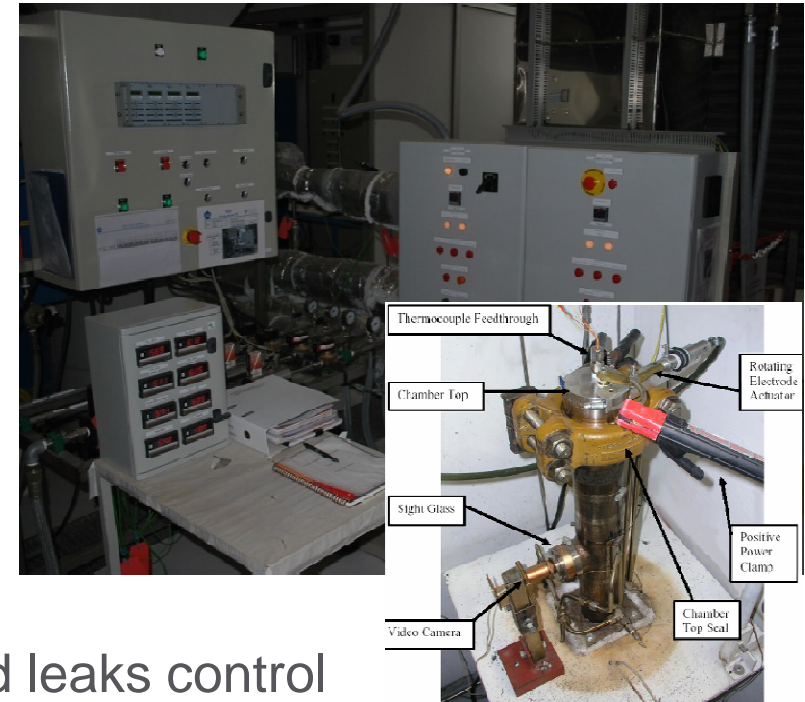
## **And safety !**

... How to deal with Hot reactants safely?



# 10 years of experience

- One challenge of heat recovery project at the beginning was related to the evaluation of the preheated oxygen/natural gas hazards.
- Main risks :
  - Ignition & Flame propagation:
    - Promoted combustion study
  - Corrosion:
    - Cyclic oxidation tests
    - Long term exposure tests
- *Specific Technology Design* :
  - Material selection for all equipments
  - Flange & piping design / Gaskets and leaks control
  - Automatic control and regulation of reactants temperature
  - Design requirements & manufacturing process for the O<sub>2</sub> exchangers

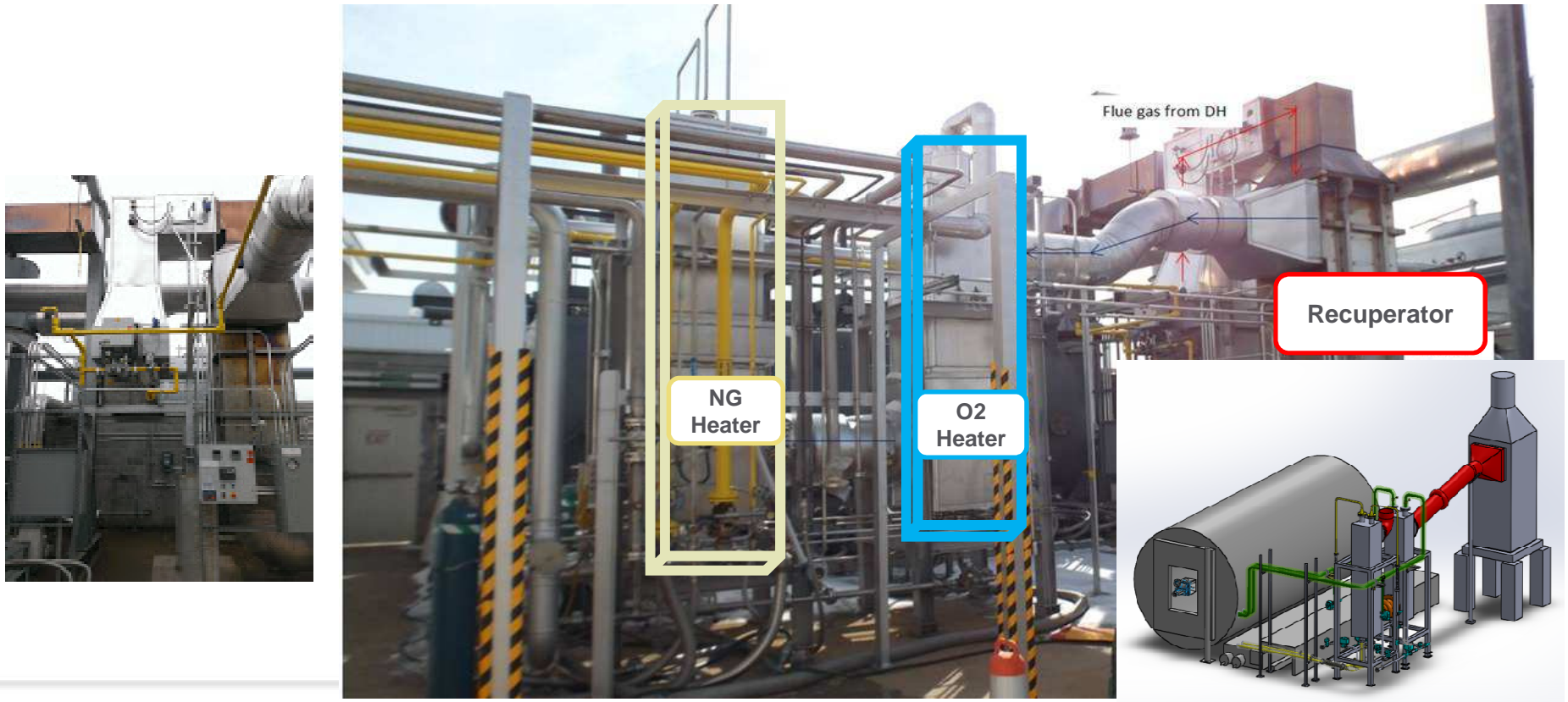


➔ Confirmed at industrial scale

# Combustion Platform at DRTC - USA

## HeatOx Pilot scale tests

- O<sub>2</sub>/NG heaters with multiple independent inlets/outlets to supply burners.
- Temperature control schemes were validated.
- HeatOx burners approved with cold and hot reactants in a furnace.





# References



Boussois (FR) 2008  
& Retenize (CZ) 2013

- Energy savings = - **25% Vs Air** combustion
- CO2 savings from combustion= - **25% Vs Air**
- Reduction of hazardous emissions = - **83 % on NOx**



Trakya Glass (Bulgaria)  
2016

- Energy savings objectives = - **20 % Vs Air combustion**
- CO2 savings from combustion= - **20% Vs Air**
- Reduction of hazardous emissions= - **90 % on NOx emissions**

# ALGLASS HeatOx: Proven on float glass

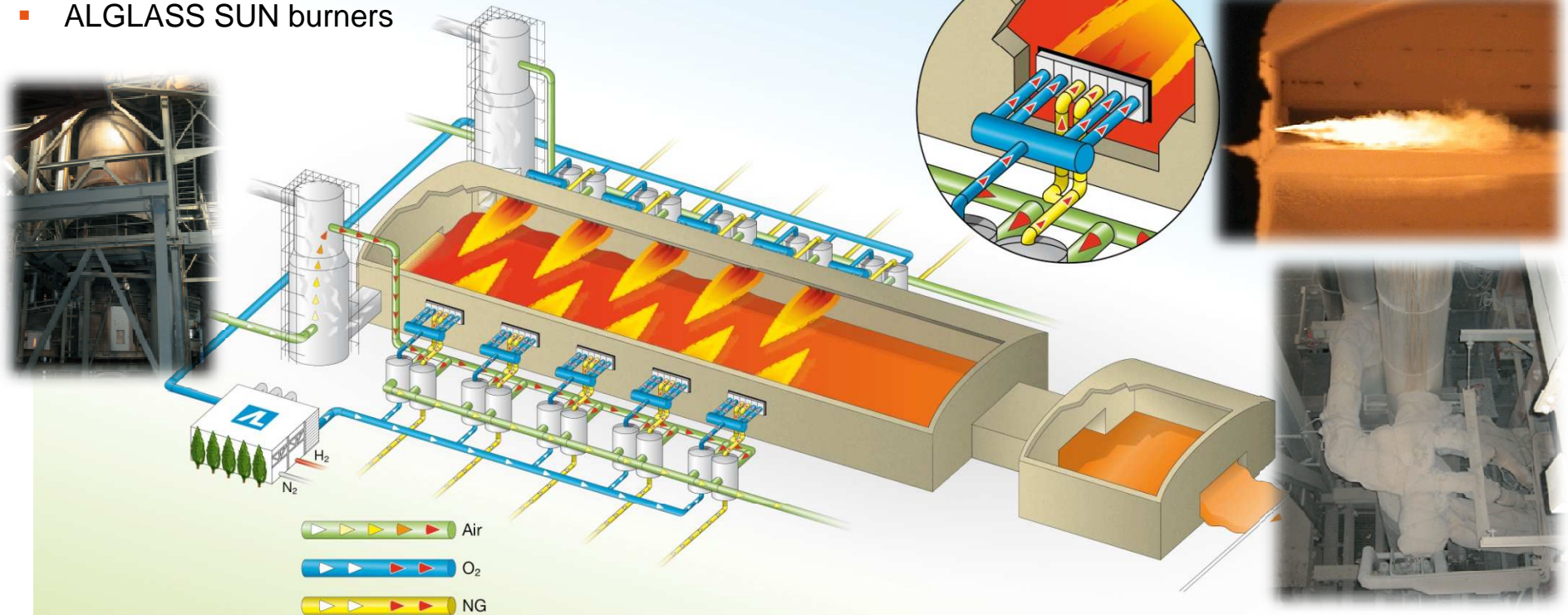
- Air / fumes Recuperator (1 per side)
- ONE Air/O<sub>2</sub> & Air/NG heater per burner
  - O<sub>2</sub> @ 550°C & NG @ 450°C
- ALGLASS SUN burners

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*Creative Oxygen*

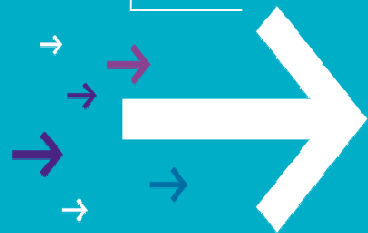


- **ALGLASS** HeatOx 25% fuel savings is validated with **two** float glass tanks.
- *Burner & HX technology adapted for float glass market segment*



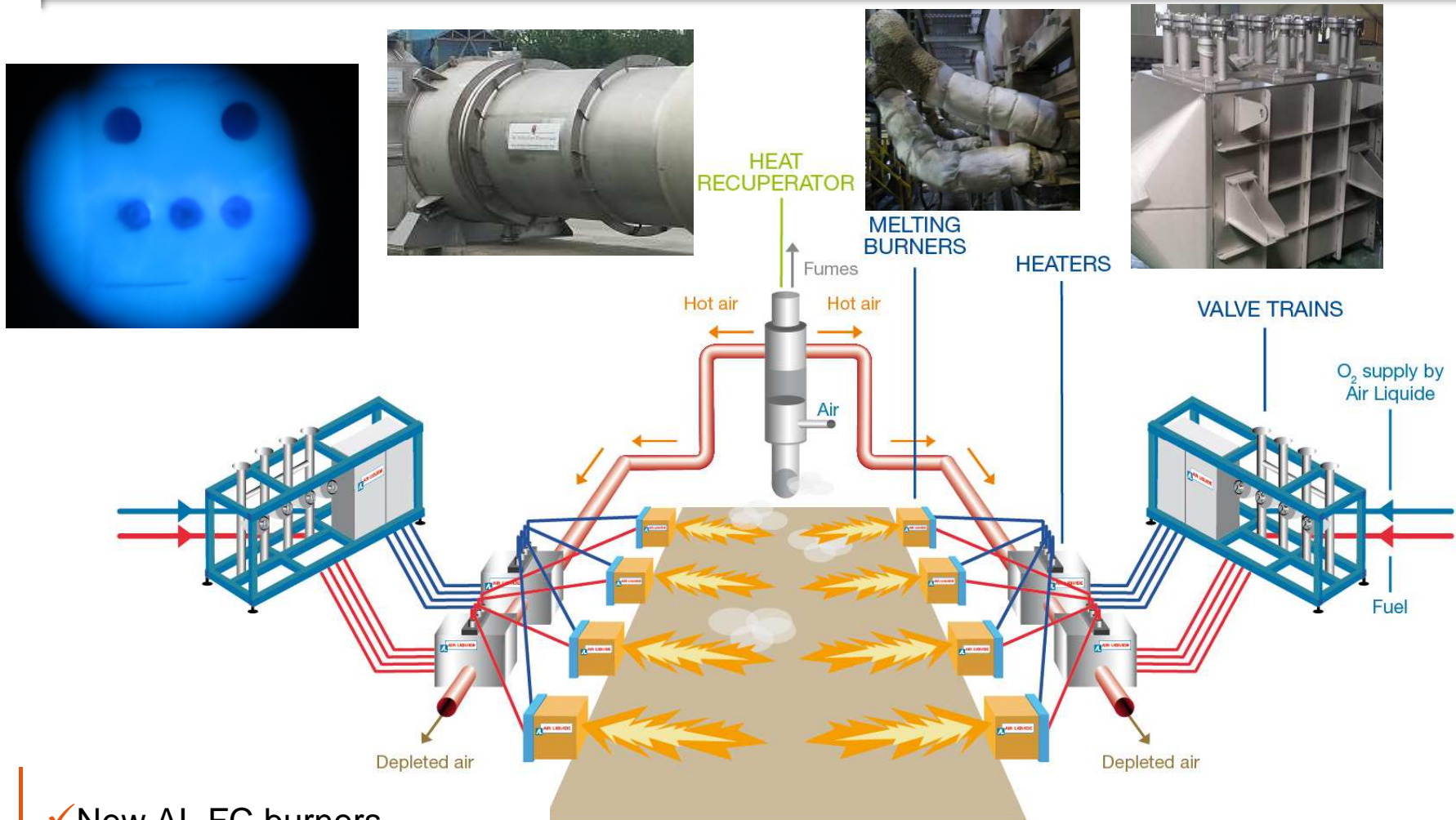
## NEW PATENTED AL TECHNOLOGY FOR SMALL & MEDIUM FURNACES

- One heat exchanger (O<sub>2</sub>/NG) can accommodate multiple burners
- Flow rate and temperature can be controlled individually
- New burner HeatOx FC
- Lifetime for 2 furnace campaigns



**CAPEX savings and smaller footprint**

# Heat Oxy-combustion solution for small/medium furnaces



- ✓ New AL FC burners
- ✓ New AL O<sub>2</sub> & NG Heaters

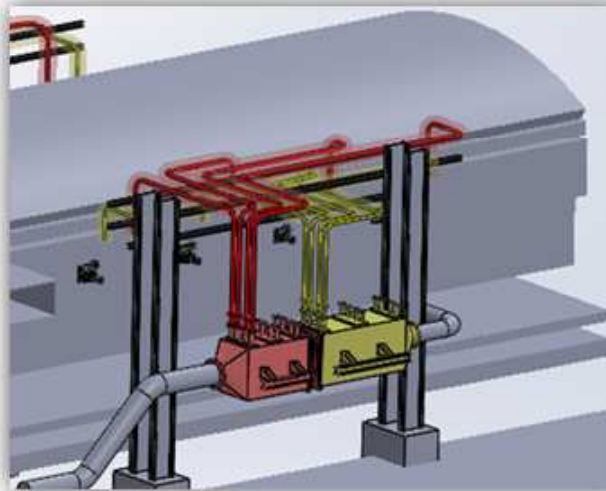


# HeatOx Şişecam installation



- Installation on the fly after furnace start-up (3 months)
- Compliance with architectural / structural limitations

Air fumes heat exchanger during installation

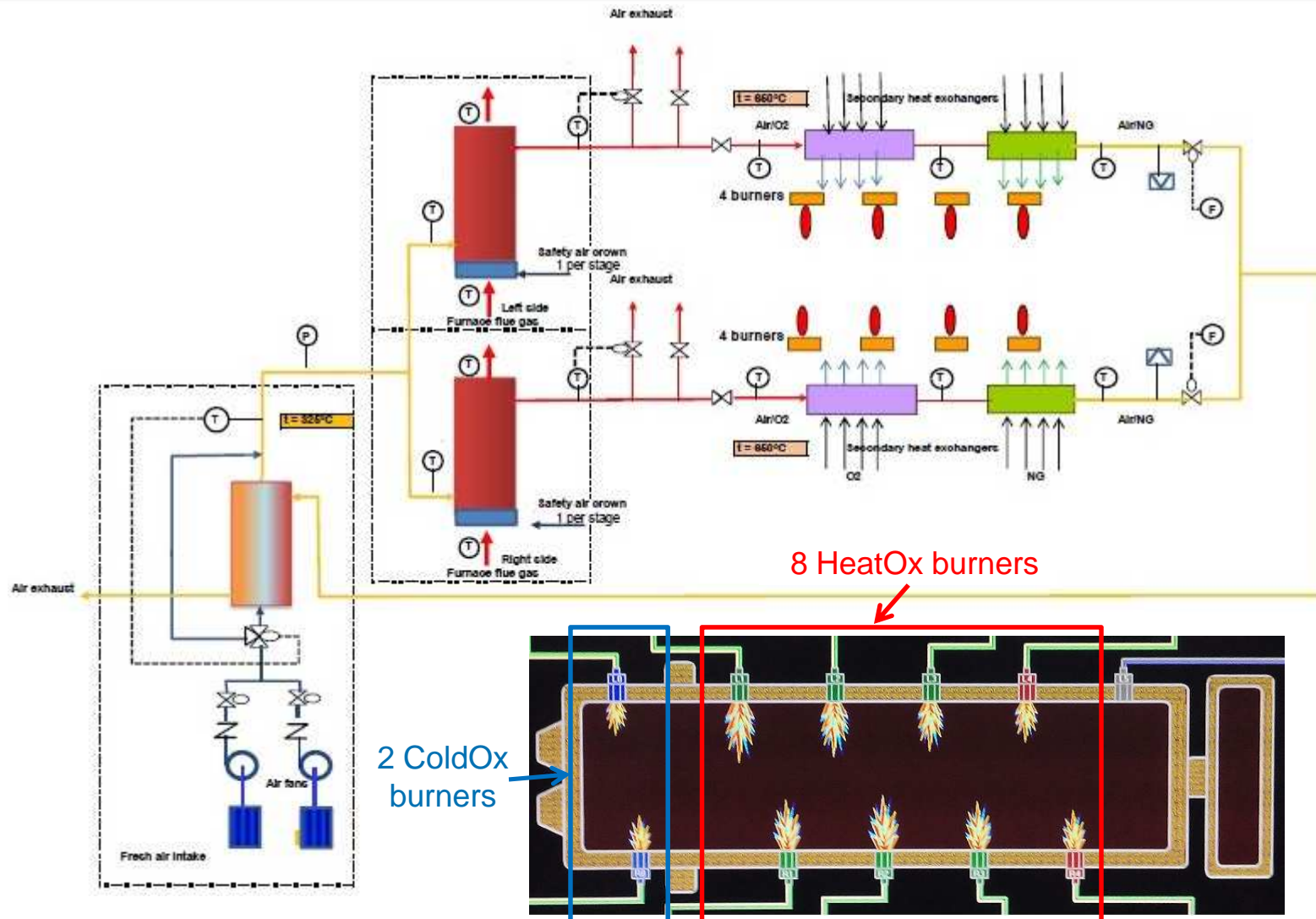


Piping lay-out

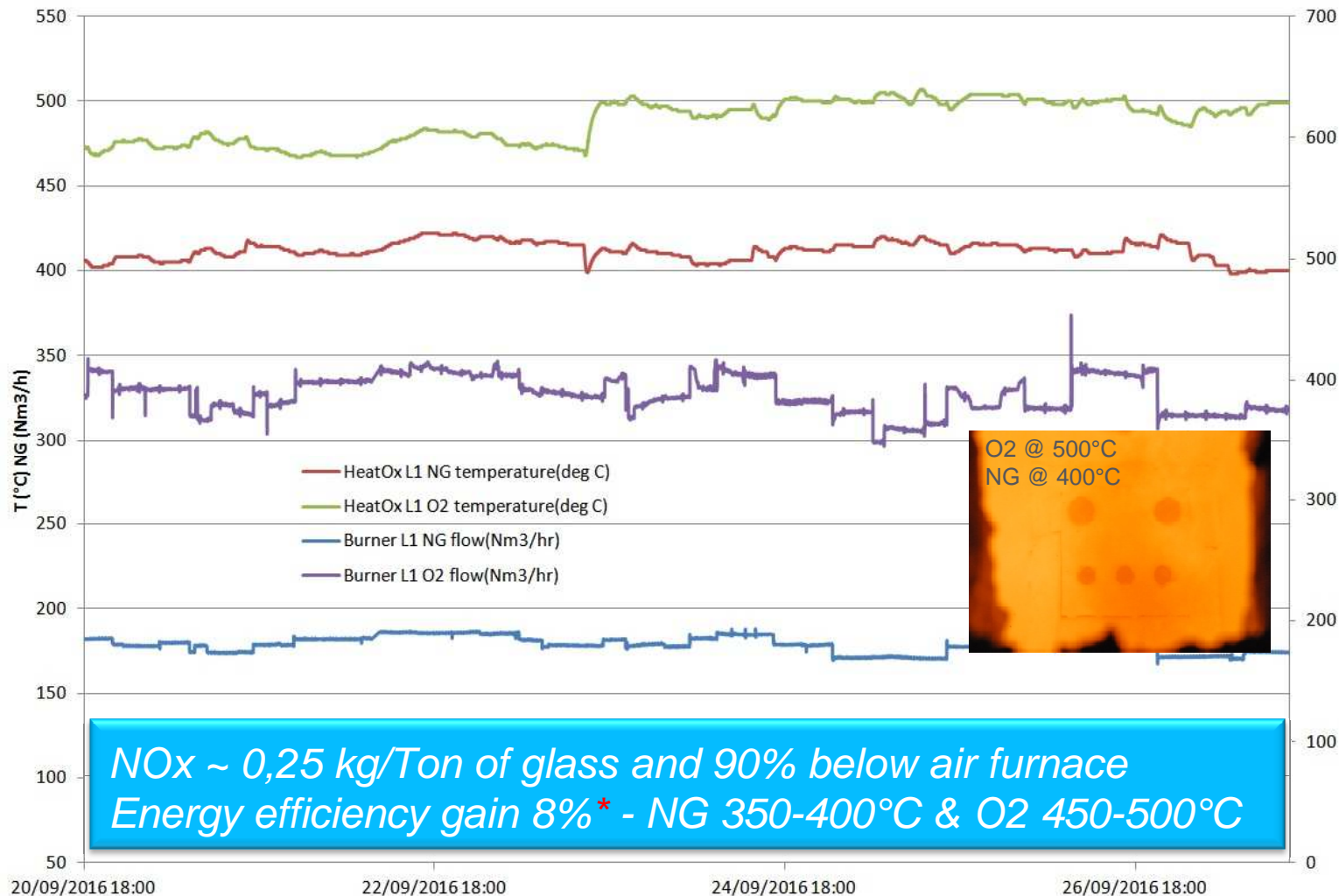


Secondary heat exchanger during installation

# HeatOx Şişecam configuration



# HeatOx Şişecam results



\* 1,0 – 1,5% more savings expected at design conditions with improvements in progress



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