

IMPROVEMENTS

in glass melting technology

to meet **sustainability requirements**

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WHO WE ARE

HORN BAU &
SERVICE GMBH

GLASS PLANT
TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT

CONTAINER & SPECIAL
GLASS DEPARTMENT

ADMINISTRATION

LOGISTICS +
MANUFACTURING

ELECTRICAL
WORKSHOP

HORN is a medium-sized company with many years of experience in **planning, manufacturing and building glass melting furnaces** as well as **turn-key glass plants**.

FACTS

- 🔥 Turnover: between 60 and 140 million euros
- 🔥 About 475 employees worldwide
- 🔥 650 customers in 75 countries
- 🔥 Approx. 15 - 20 major furnace projects per year
- 🔥 Approx. 35,000 t/d of glass produced by HORN
- 🔥 > 60 [e-Fusion](#) melting boostings in operation
- 🔥 > 1,000 HORN burners in operation
- 🔥 150 HORN furnaces in operation worldwide
- 🔥 11 turn-key plants in operation
- 🔥 > 150 automations in operation



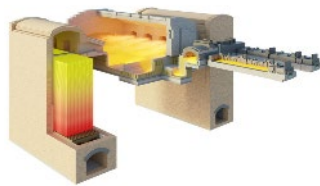
TRENDS & CONTENT

REDUCING THE CARBON FOOTPRINT

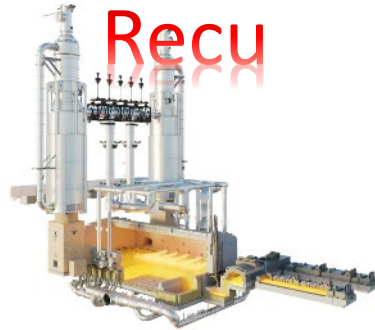
End Fired



Cross Fired



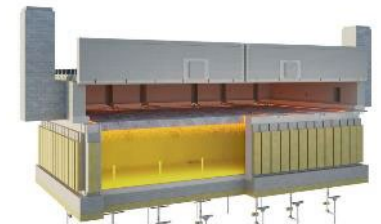
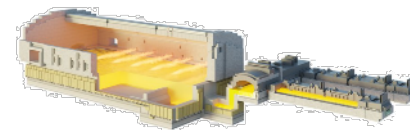
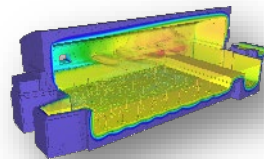
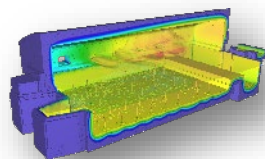
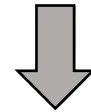
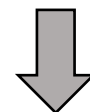
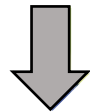
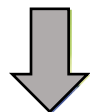
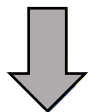
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Oxy-Gas



All electric

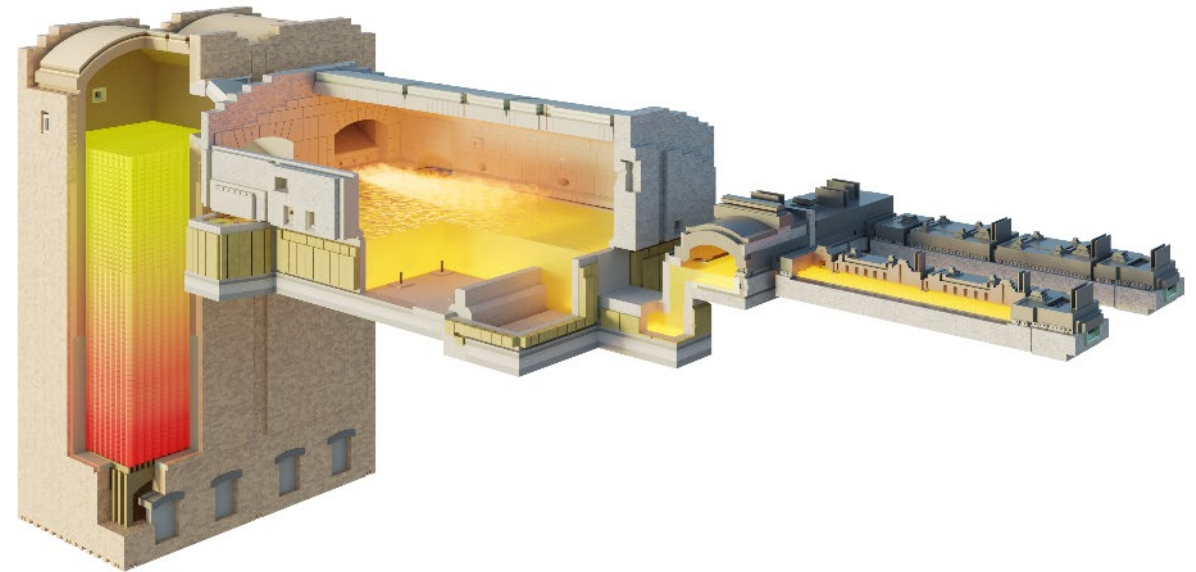


OPTIMIZED HYBRID SUPER-HYBRID H₂/O₂ LARGE AEF

FURNACES

ECO END FIRED FURNACES < 3 GJ/TO (<717 KCAL/KG)

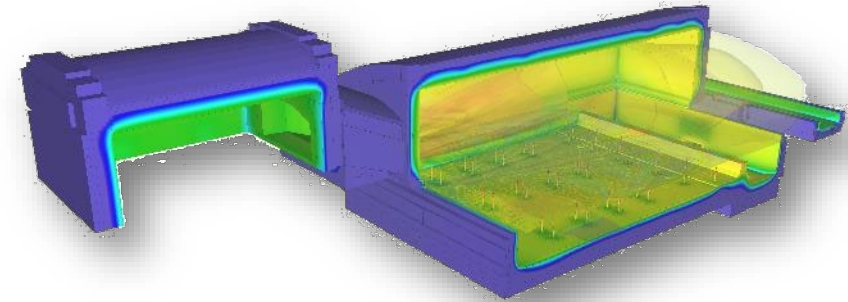
- 🔥 Lowest energy consumption
- 🔥 Cullet share >85%
- 🔥 Bottom boosting >10% with double electrodes
- 🔥 HORN pusher batch charger with semi-closed doghouse
- 🔥 Advanced insulation concept for furnace/regenerator
- 🔥 Optimized design of regenerator / port neck / superstructure / glass bath



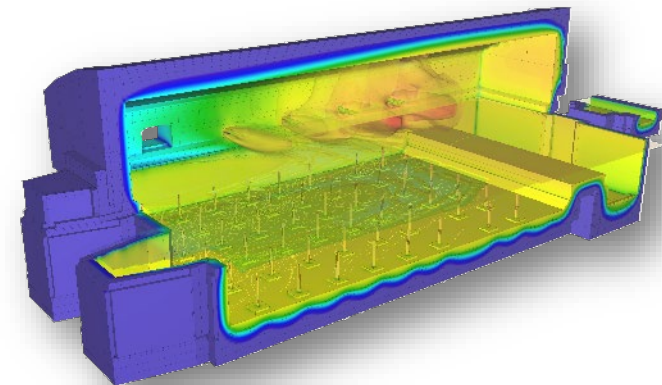
FURNACES

HYBRID FURNACES – ELECTRICAL SHARE UP TO 50%

- Based on proven technology
 - Hybrid – End Fired Furnace EFF
 - Hybrid – Oxy Gas Furnace OXY
- Security of invest



Hybrid - EFF

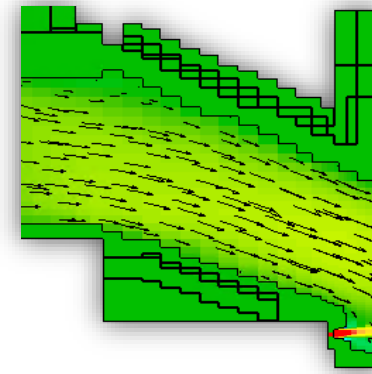
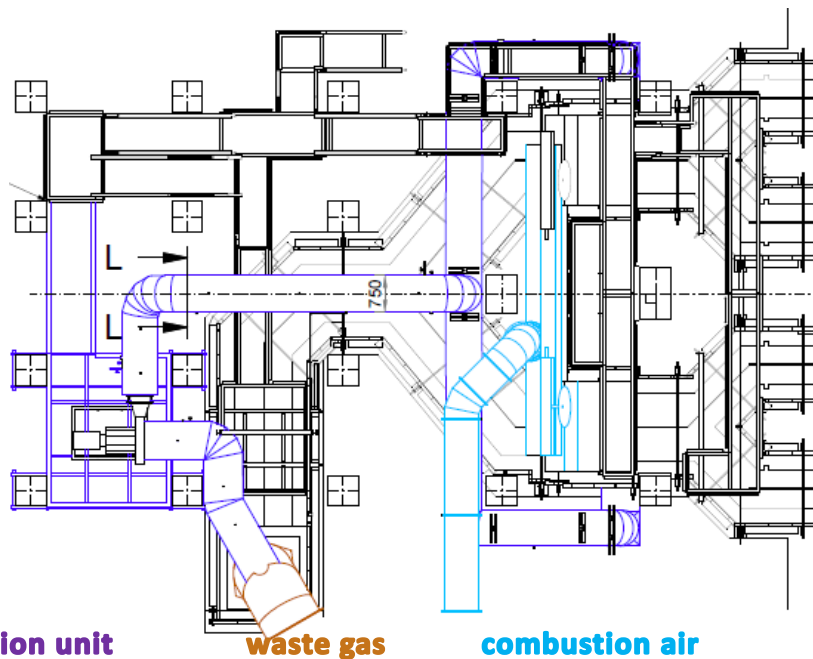


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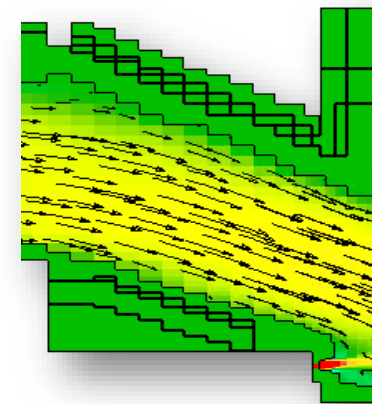
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END FIRED HYBRID FURNACES – ELECTRICAL SHARE UP TO 40%

- Partial recirculation of waste gases into combustion air (about 20% recirculation) @ EFF
- Recirculation increases the velocity of combustion air > normal flame length



Without recirculation
> low air velocity @ 40% E.



With recirculation
> normal air velocity @ 40% E.

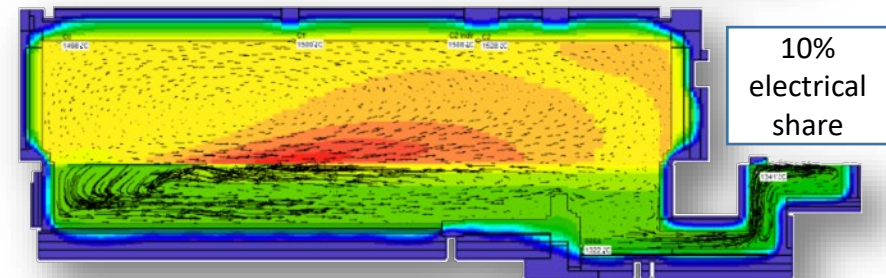
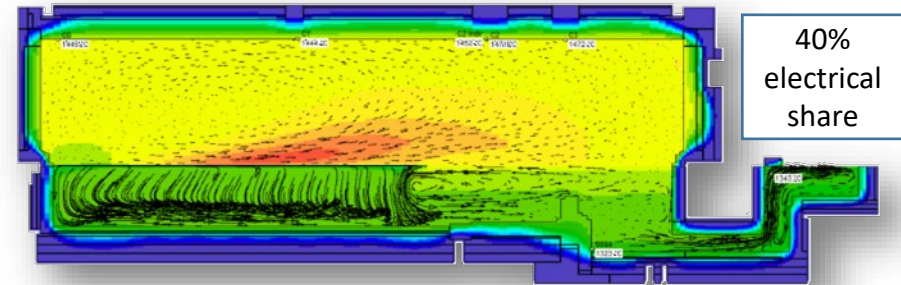
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- Electric power share 20% up to 40% @ EFF
up to 50% @ OXY /

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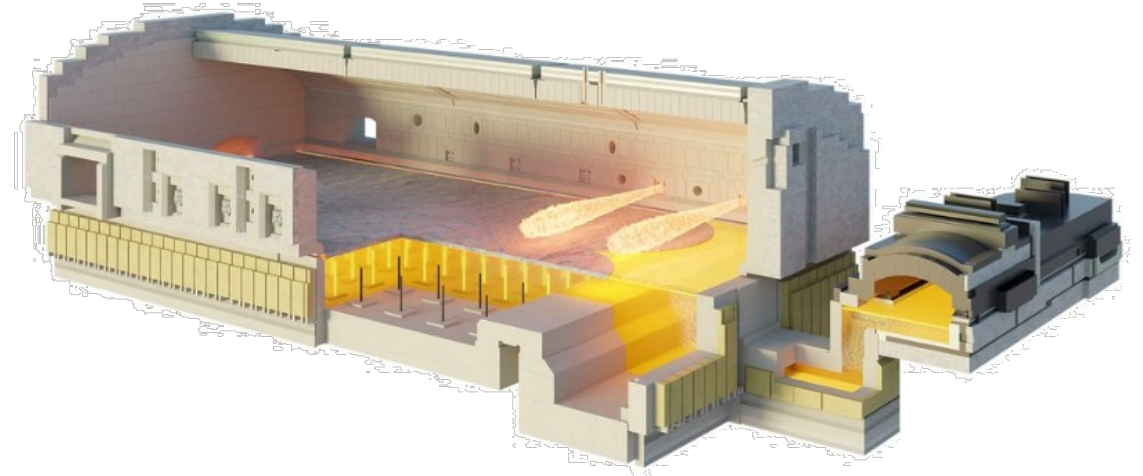
- Low specific energy consumption (< 3 GJ)
Low carbon footprint



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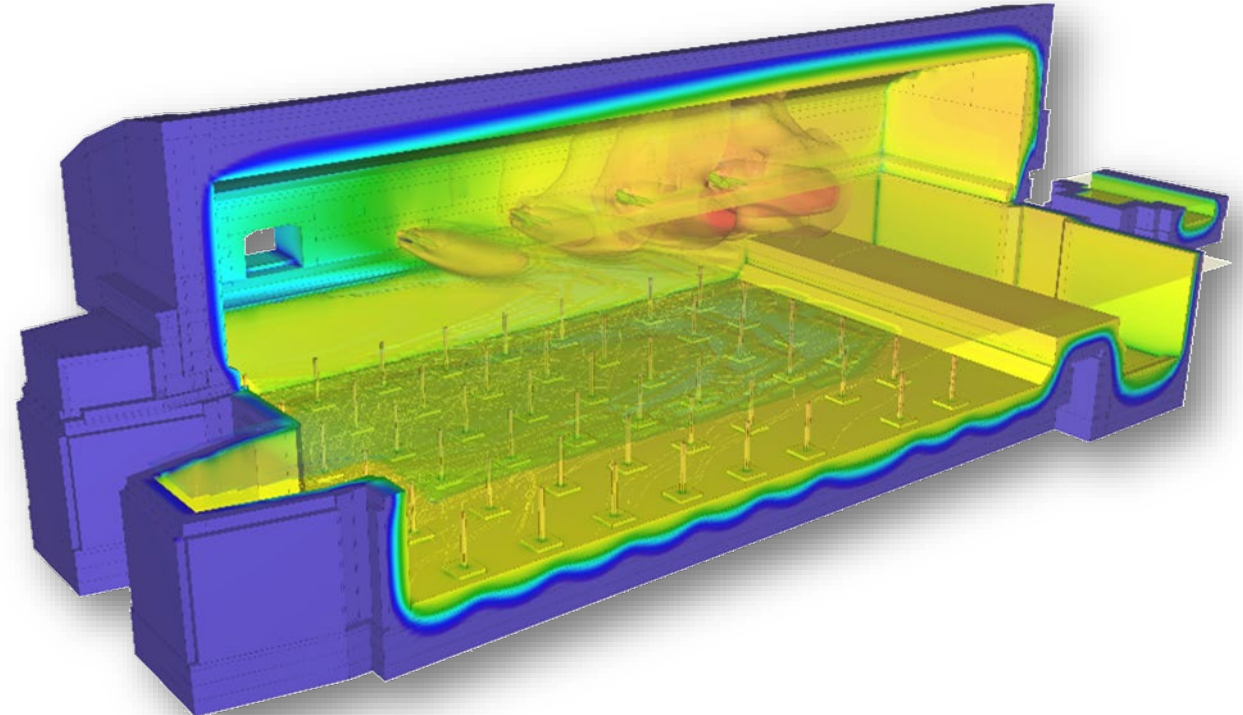
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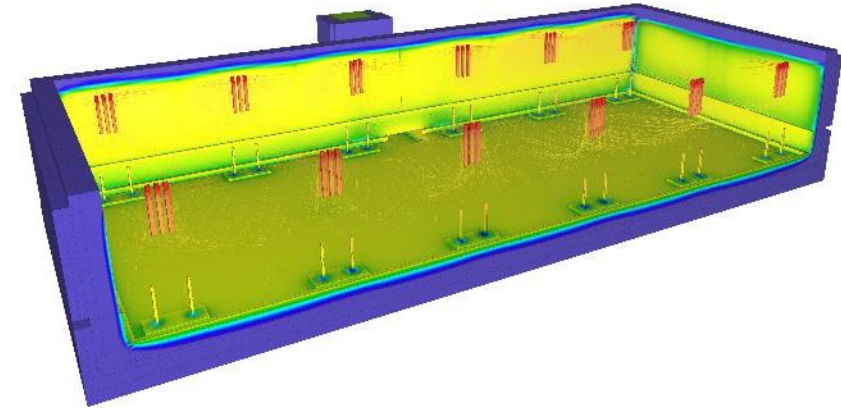
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- 🔥 Deep refining section: > 2,5 m glass bath
- 🔥 No lime Silica crown or Jargal



FURNACES

ALL ELECTRIC FURNACES – 100% ELECTRICAL SHARE

- Top electrode technology in combination with bottom electrodes
- Rectangular furnace:
 - > even distribution of glass convection below the batch layer
 - > higher temperature gradient bottom-top
 - > more stable melting conditions (compared to round furnaces)



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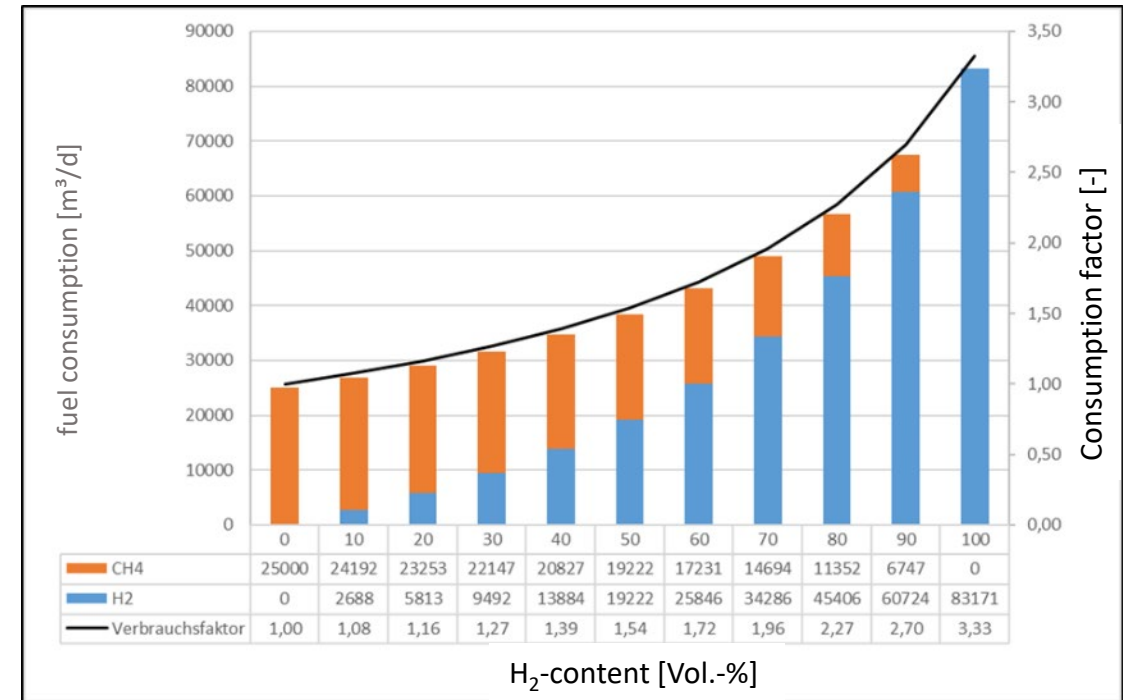
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- 🔥 Rectangular furnace:
 - > even distribution of glass convection below the batch layer
 - > higher temperature gradient bottom-top
- 🔥 Easy paving of metal line
- 🔥 Simple furnace expansion to the sides



HYDROGEN-FIRING

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 - > **higher volume flow** of the mixture required
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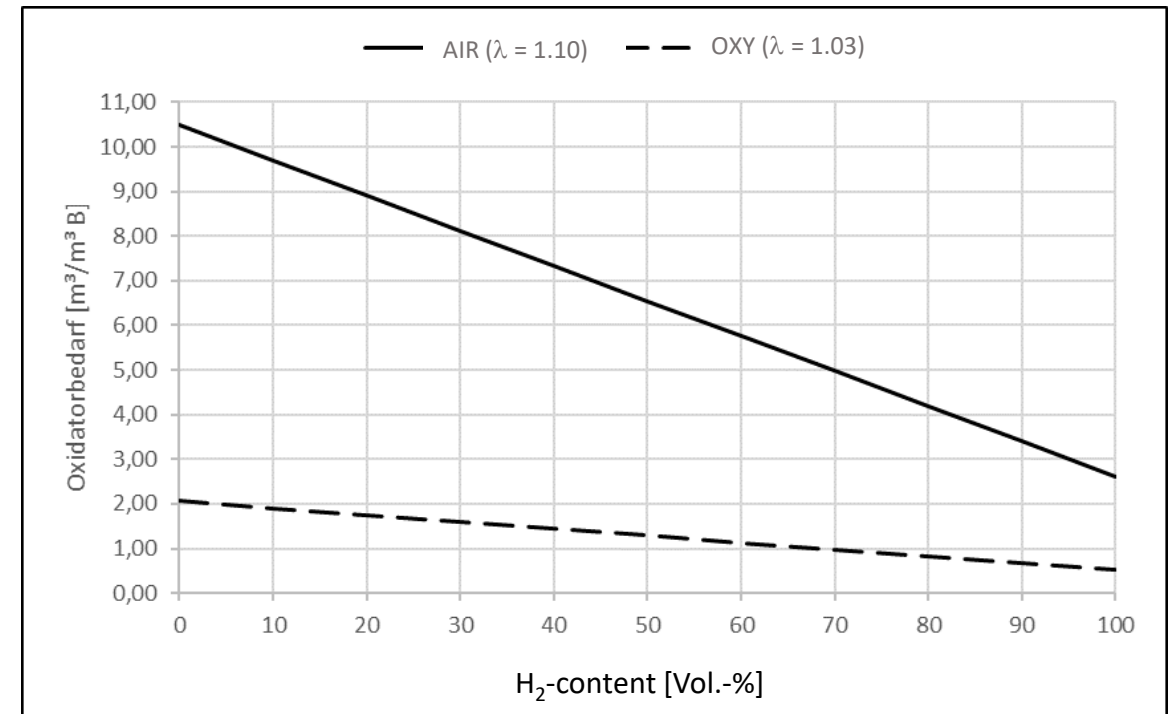
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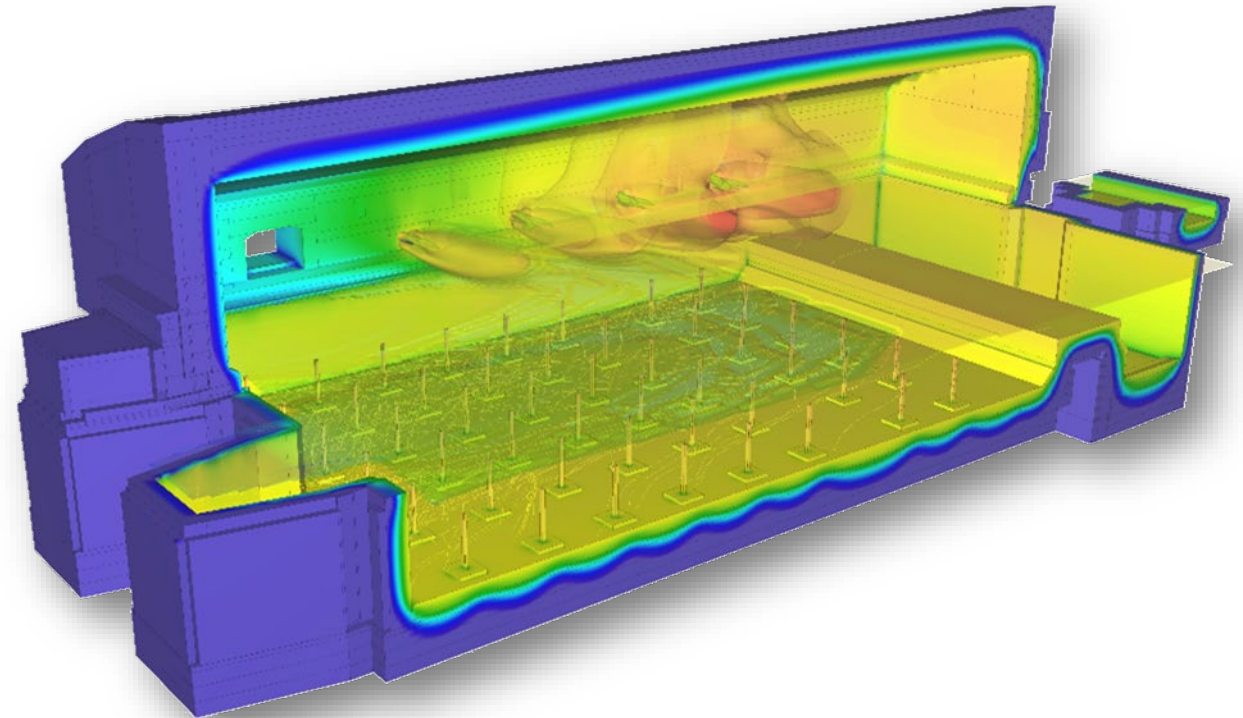
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- Impact of higher water content in furnace atmosphere
 - refractory corrosion, foam formation, water content in the melt




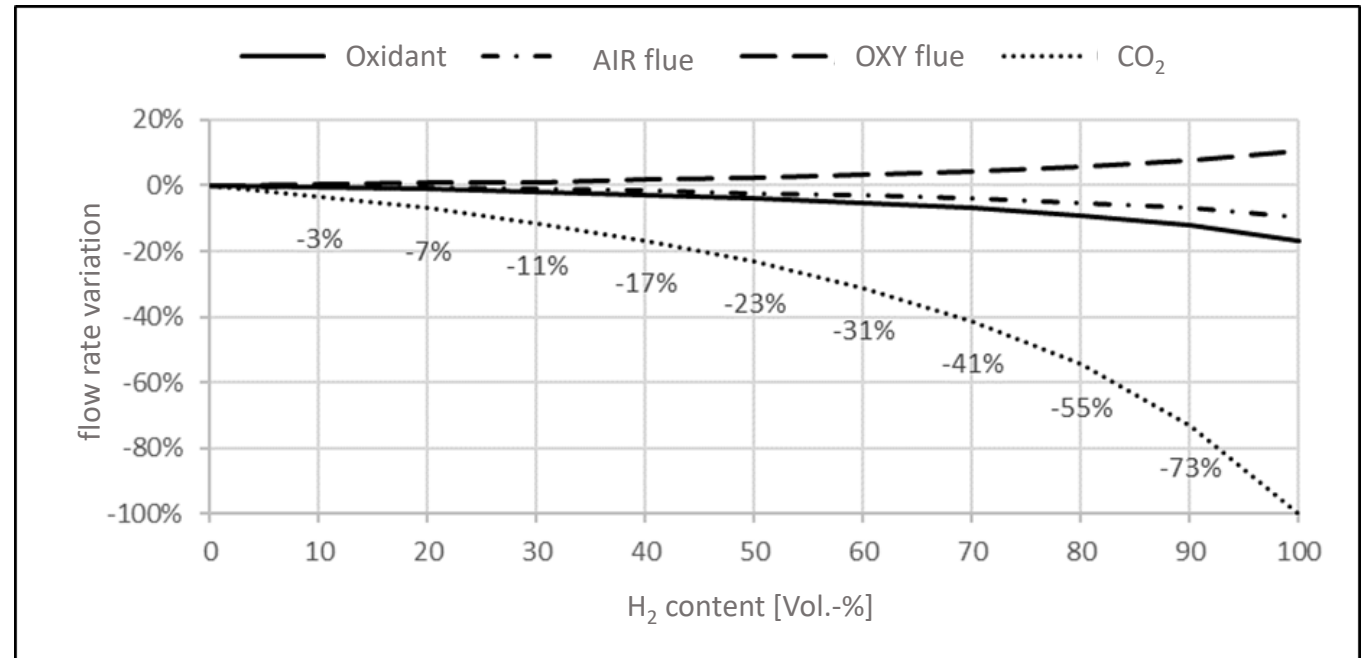
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CO₂-REDUCTION

-  @ 20 % H₂ = 7 % reduced CO₂
 > possible with normal heating equipment

-  @ 50 % H₂ = 23 % reduced CO₂
 > requires special H₂-equipment

-  Significant reduction of CO₂ from combustion
 only at high hydrogen content (> 80% H₂)



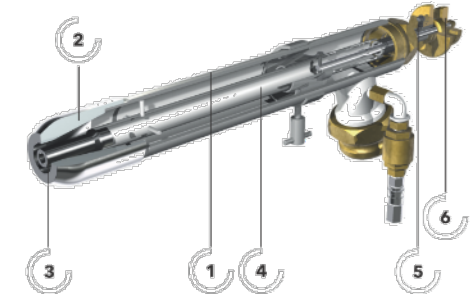
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HORN® DUALFLAME GAS BURNER

- 🔥 Underport installation
- 🔥 For all types of gases, including LPG/air-mixtures and hydrogen
- 🔥 Two different adjustment possibilities: the manual controlled burner, DUALFLAME MC, and the automatic controlled burner, DUALFLAME AC
- 🔥 Velocity control and mixing impulse from outside without nozzle replacement
- 🔥 Low NOx formation at DUALFLAME AC

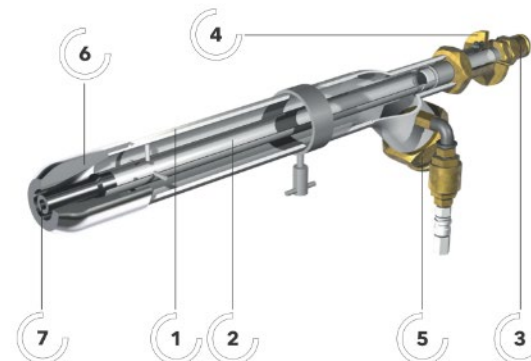


HORN® DUALFLAME MC burner



1. Casing pipe
2. Gas nozzle - outside
3. Gas nozzle - inside
4. Inner gas pipe
5. Control wheel - inner nozzle position
6. Control wheel - outer nozzle gas stream

HORN® DUALFLAME AC burner

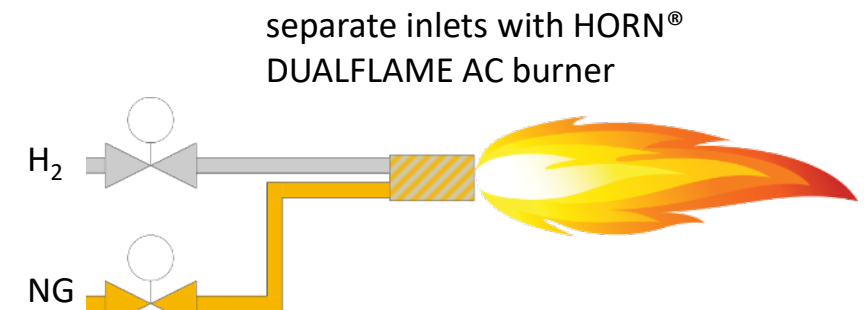
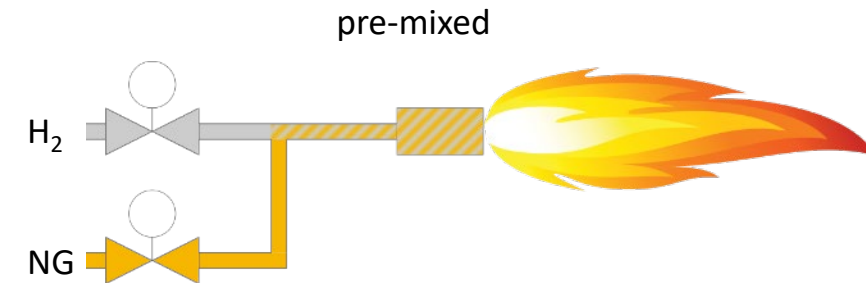


1. Casing pipe
2. Inner gas pipe
3. Gas connection - inside nozzle
4. Control wheel - inner nozzle position
5. Gas connection - outer nozzle
6. Gas nozzle - outer
7. Gas nozzle - inside

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PRE-MIXED OR SEPARATE INLETS

- Two ways to supply the burners with fuel are possible
- Mixing natural gas and hydrogen before distribution to the burners
 - Mixing station currently in development by a Horn sub-supplier
- Mixing directly at the burner tip
 - Applicable with HORN® DUALFLAME AC burner
 - two separate gas inlets for inner and outer nozzle



HYDROGEN-FIRING

CURRENT STATUS

- ❶ Mixing with NG up to 20+Vol-% possible
- ❷ Higher share requires special H₂-Gas - Equipment
- ❸ No significant issues with Air-Gas-furnaces up to 50% (Furnaces are operating)
> similar flame length and energy transmission
- ❹ Significant reduction of CO₂ from combustion only at high hydrogen content (> 80% H₂)
- ❺ Intensive scientific study by practical tests on combustion technology, glass chemistry, refining mechanism and refractories
- ❻ Modelling studies required to simulate the heat transfer in regenerators



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