

# Hydrogen Use in Hard to Abate Industries

THE FAST TRACK TO THE HYDROGEN ECONOMY

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# Summary

- NIPPON GASES presence in Europe
- Combustion fundamentals
- DiluJet<sup>®</sup> JL O<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>/NG
- Experiences in Industrial tests



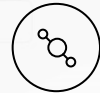
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## NIPPON GASES, Our Presence in Europe



**14** Pipelines



**12** CO<sub>2</sub> Plants



**5** Specialty Gases Laboratories



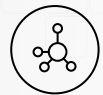
**1K** trucks



**30** Air Separation Units



Over **2.8 M** cylinders



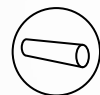
**6** Hydrogen Plants



**40** PAG Plants



**44** On-Site



**7** Operative Terminals

Regions:

**Northern Europe**

- Norway
- Sweden
- Denmark
- United Kingdom
- Ireland

**BNF**

- Belgium
- Netherlands
- France

**Germany**

- Germany
- Poland

**Iberia**

- Spain
- Portugal

**Italy**





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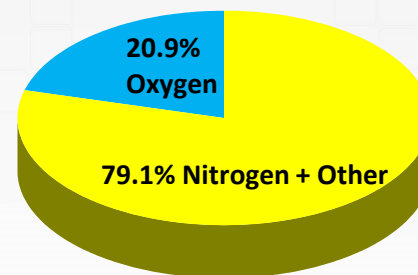


## Combustion Fundamentals

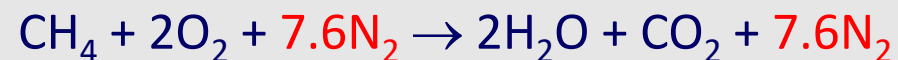


# The Adverse Impact of N<sub>2</sub> on Heat Input

Composition of Air



## Air-Fuel Combustion



1 Nm<sup>3</sup> of air per Mcal<sub>HHV</sub> of heat input  
241 Nm<sup>3</sup> of air per GJ<sub>HHV</sub> of heat input  
868 Nm<sup>3</sup> of air per MWh<sub>HHV</sub> of heat input

1 Volume of Methane produces ~ 11 volumes of waste gas

## Oxy-Fuel Combustion



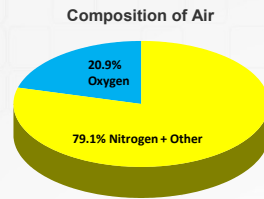
0.21 Nm<sup>3</sup> of O<sub>2</sub> per Mcal<sub>HHV</sub> of heat input  
50 Nm<sup>3</sup> of O<sub>2</sub> per GJ<sub>HHV</sub> of heat input  
181 Nm<sup>3</sup> of O<sub>2</sub> per MWh<sub>HHV</sub> of heat input

1 mol of Methane produce 3 mol of waste gas



# Flue Gas Composition According to Fuel Used

## Combustion with Air



100% H <sub>2</sub> + Air
0% CO <sub>2</sub>
3,1% O <sub>2</sub>
67,3% N <sub>2</sub>
29,6% H <sub>2</sub> O

Assuming an excess air of 1/11,5

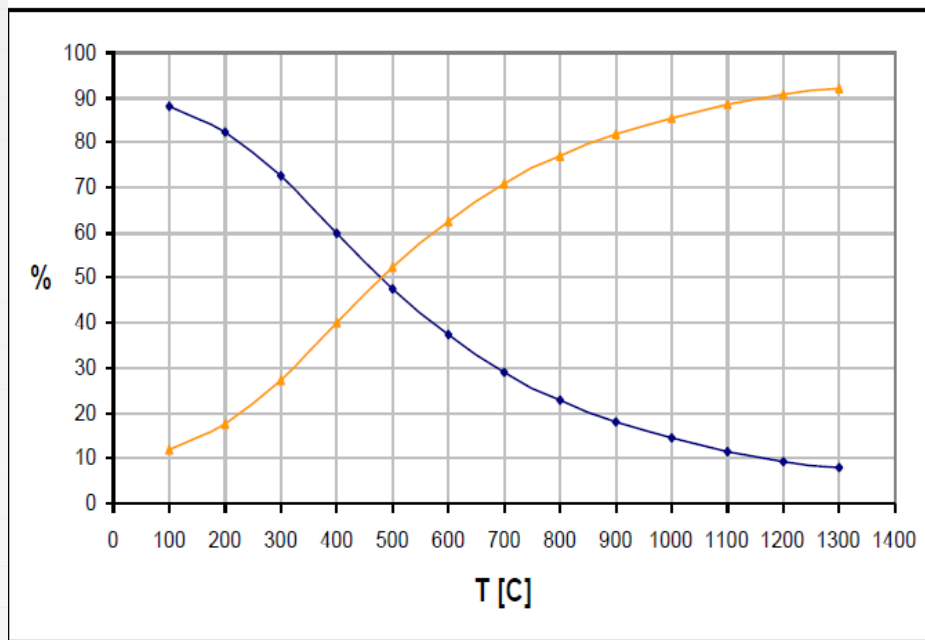
## Combustion with Oxygen





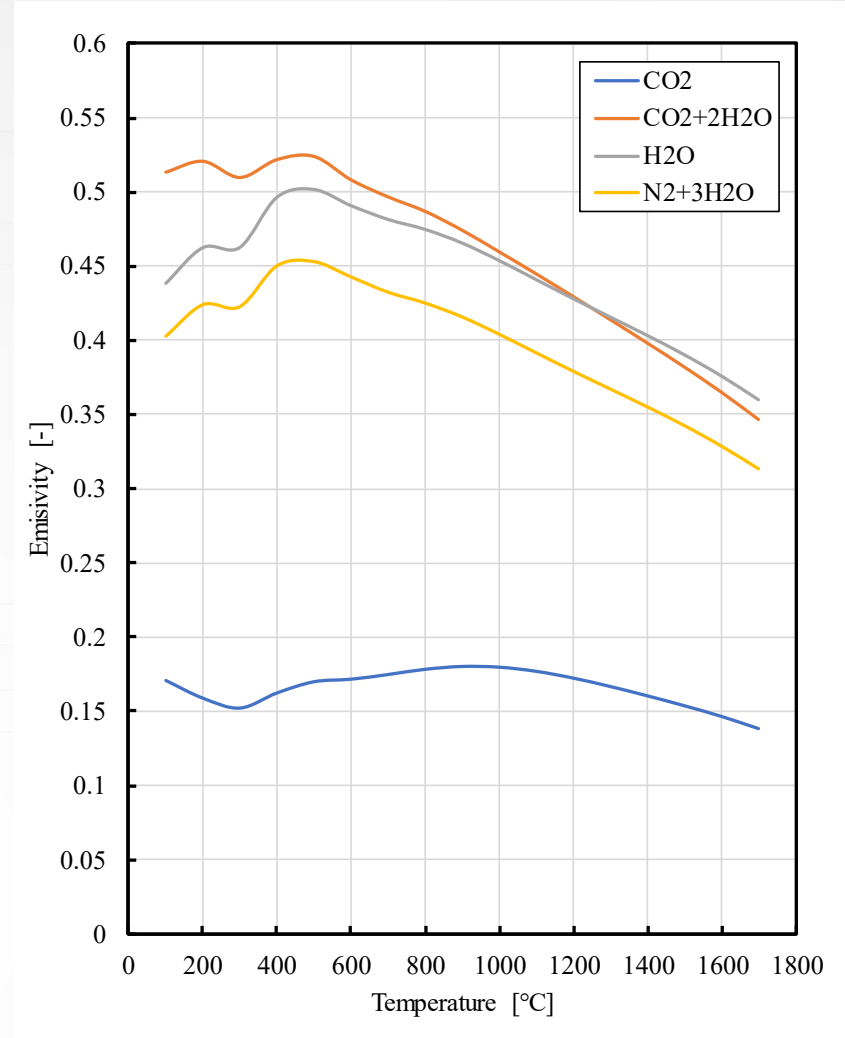
100% H <sub>2</sub> + O <sub>2</sub>
0% CO <sub>2</sub>
0% O <sub>2</sub>
0% N <sub>2</sub>
100% H <sub>2</sub> O



## Heat Transfer

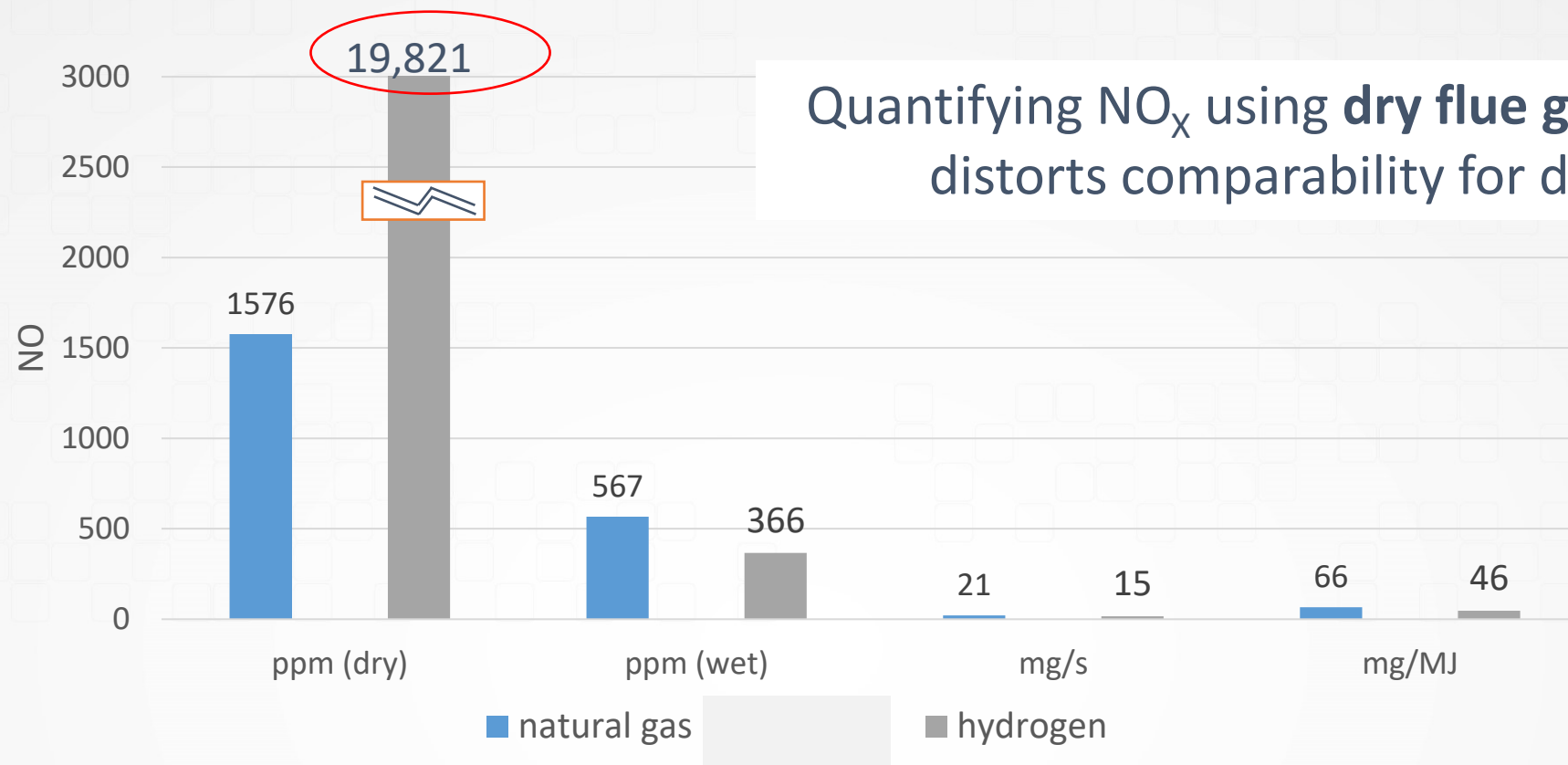


 Convection  
 Radiation





# The Metric Matters When Comparing NO<sub>x</sub> in Oxy-fuel!



Quantifying NO<sub>x</sub> using **dry flue gas concentrations** distorts comparability for different fuels





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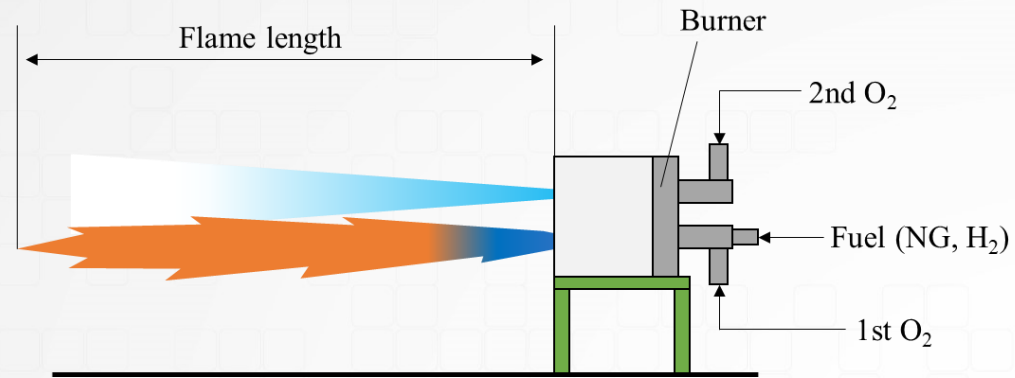


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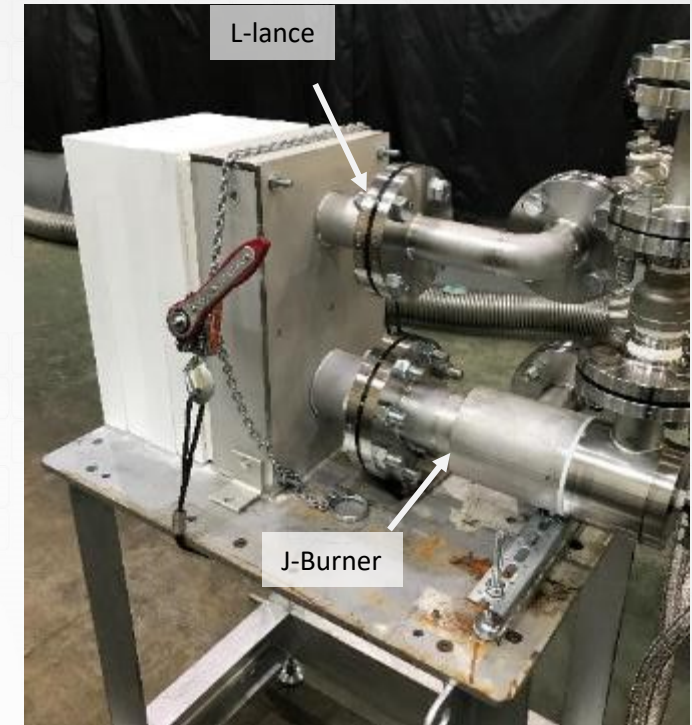
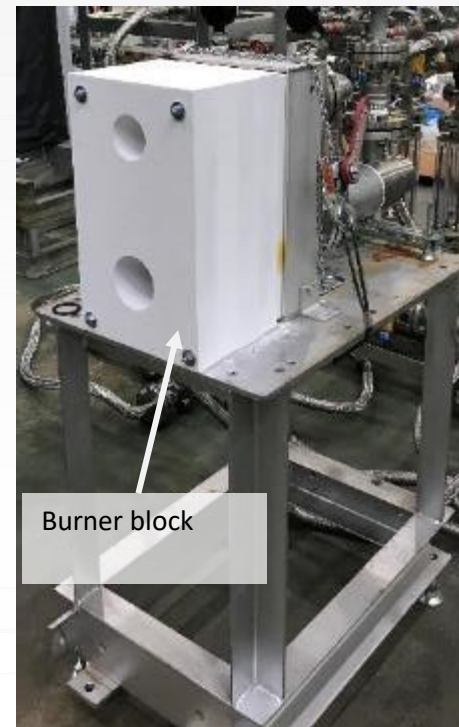
Burner Test



# DiluJet<sup>®</sup> JL. O<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>/NG test in open-air



Schematic drawing of experimental setup

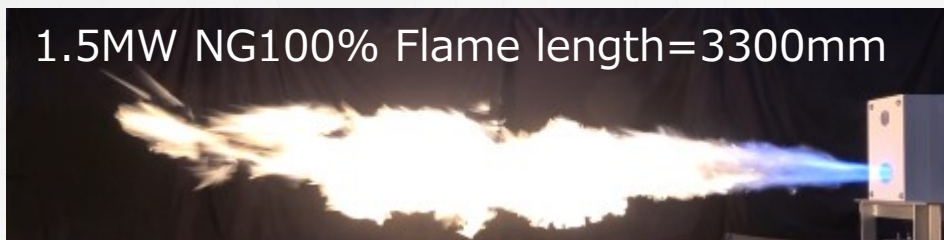


Power: max 1.5MW

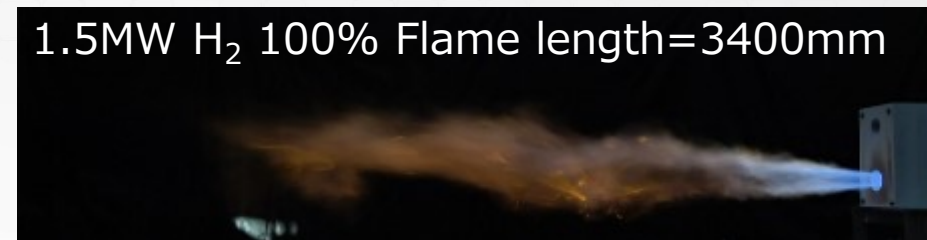


# DiluJet<sup>®</sup> JL. O<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>/NG test in open-air

1.5MW NG100% Flame length=3300mm



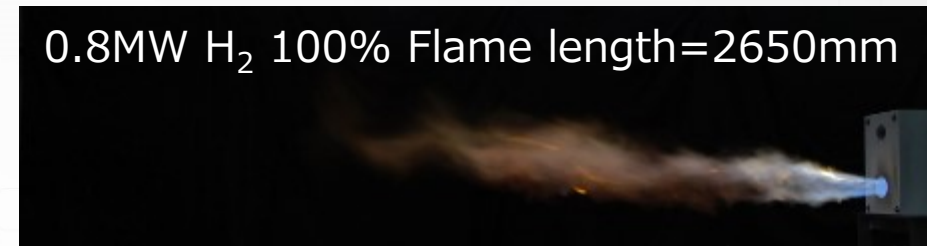
1.5MW H<sub>2</sub> 100% Flame length=3400mm



0.8MW NG100% Flame length=2800mm



0.8MW H<sub>2</sub> 100% Flame length=2650mm



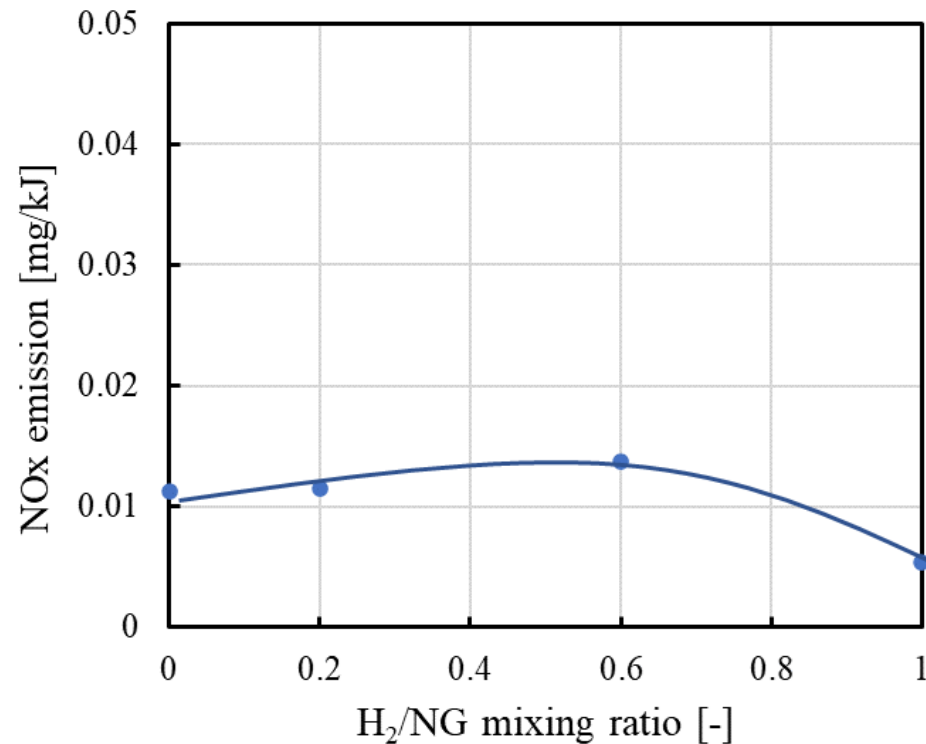
0.6MW NG100% Flame length=2500mm



0.6MW H<sub>2</sub> 100% Flame length=2300mm



# DiluJet<sup>®</sup> JL. O<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub>/NG NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions



- The higher the hydrogen mixing ratio, the higher the **NO<sub>x</sub> concentration**.
- The effect of the hydrogen mixing ratio is small when evaluated in terms of **NO<sub>x</sub> production**.



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Industrial Experience

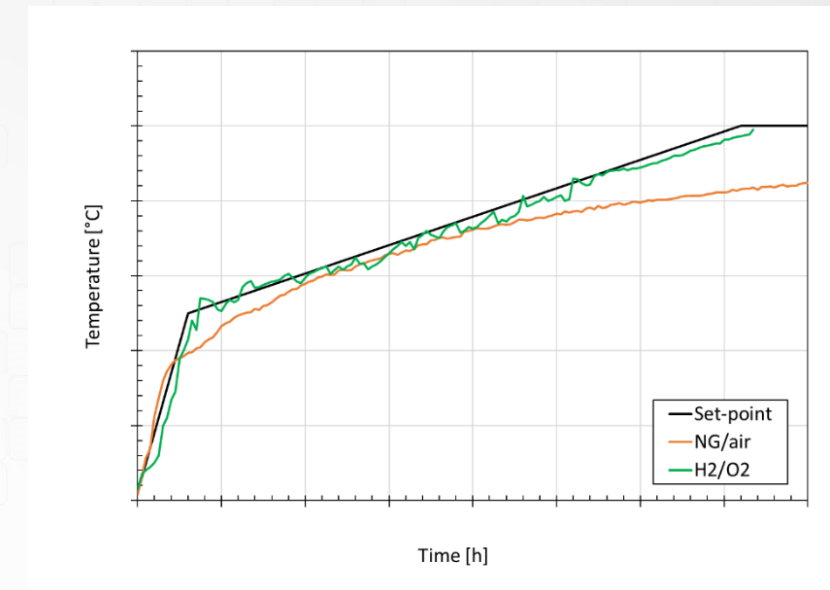


# DiluJet® JL. O<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub> In Steel Ladle Preheating

## Heating and Drying Curve Trail Campaign:

- Monitoring of temperatures
- Study of refractory materials
- Measurement of flue gases

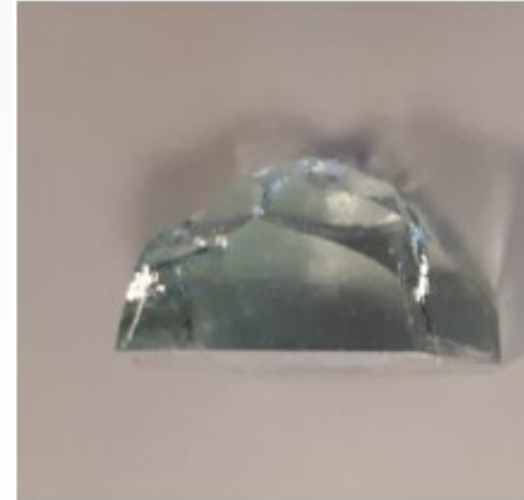
Industrial heating/drying trials with  
100% H<sub>2</sub>



# DiluJet<sup>®</sup> JL. O<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub> In Glass Furnaces



Oxy-fuel



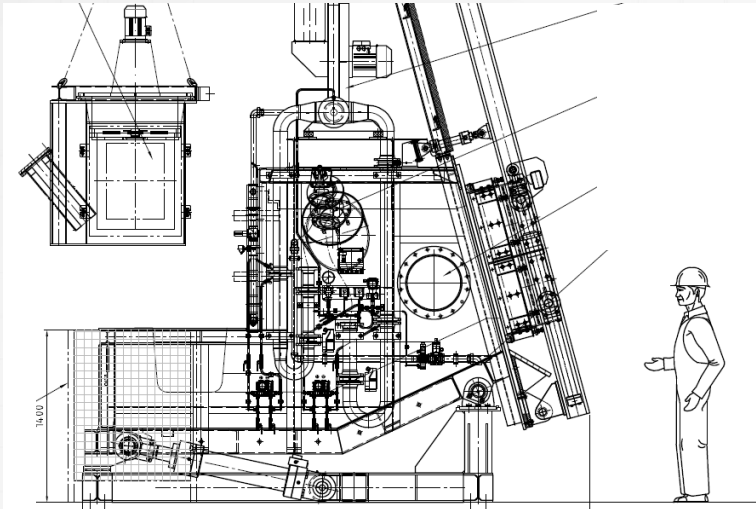
H<sub>2</sub> combustion



Photographs of glass samples are no marked differences visible

- Study of refractory materials
- Measurement of flue gases

# DiluJet<sup>®</sup> JL. O<sub>2</sub>-H<sub>2</sub> In Non-Ferrous



- Testing of H<sub>2</sub> combustion.
- 2 tons test furnace.
- Successful test.
- Slight pick up of H<sub>2</sub> into the melt.
- SNIF in-line system remove it.
- Not consider this as a problem.





# What did we learn?

- The technology to use H<sub>2</sub> as fuel is ready to use.
- The emissions associated to the H<sub>2</sub> use are in line with today BAT.
- Creating experience on using H<sub>2</sub> on hard to abate industries.



- H<sub>2</sub> on necessary volumes and price to be used in the industry

