

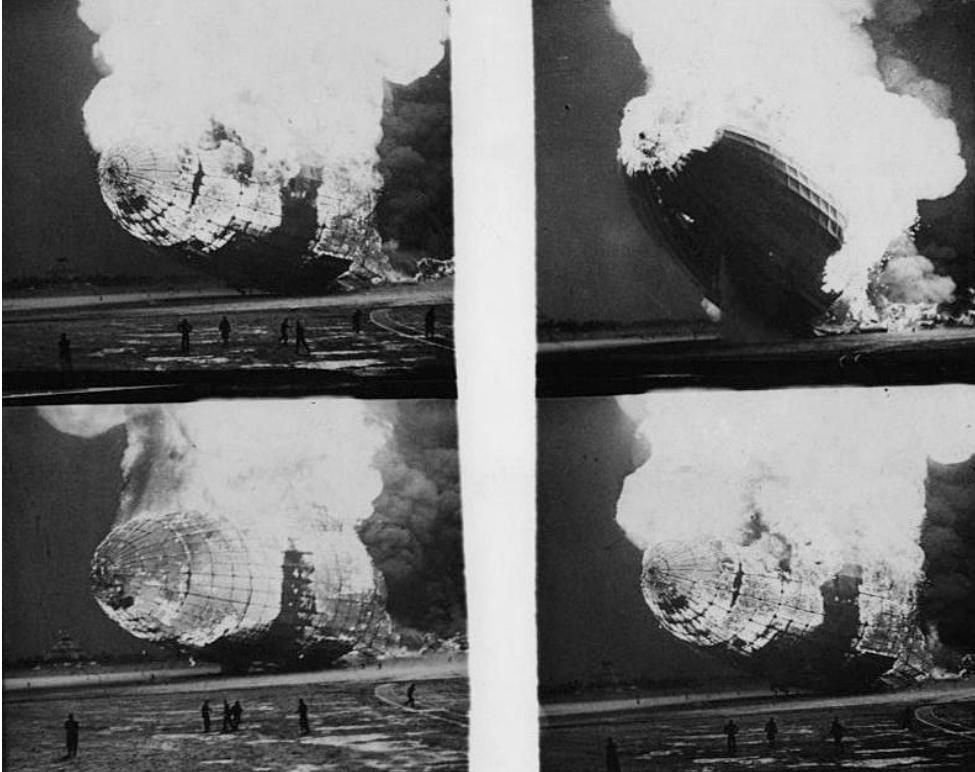
# Hydrogen Burner Development

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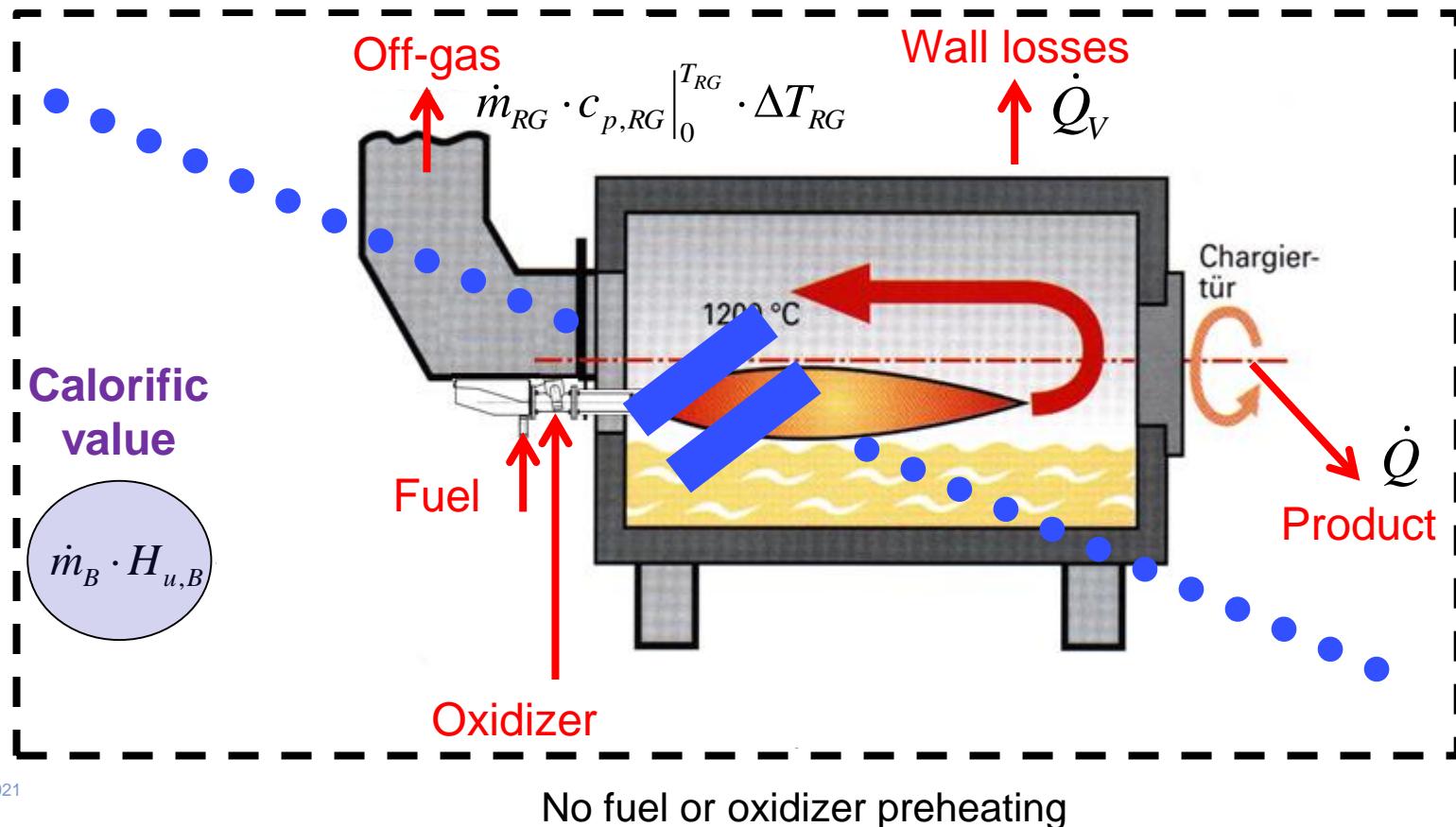
# Fact Sheet Hydrogen

- Odorless, colorless, very light
- Low ignition energy often leads to combustion but not explosion ( $H_2$ : 0.017 mJ;  $CH_4$ : 0.23 mJ)
- Safety for regulations
  - No enclosure
  - Purge with Nitrogen
  - Welded stainless steel pipes
  - But „technically tight“ is enough
  - Forced aspiration of skid with Hydrogen sensor recommended



# Energy Balance

$$\dot{m}_B \cdot H_{u,B} = \dot{m}_{RG} \cdot c_{p,RG} \Big|_0^{T_{RG}} \cdot \Delta T_{RG} + \dot{Q} + \dot{Q}_V$$

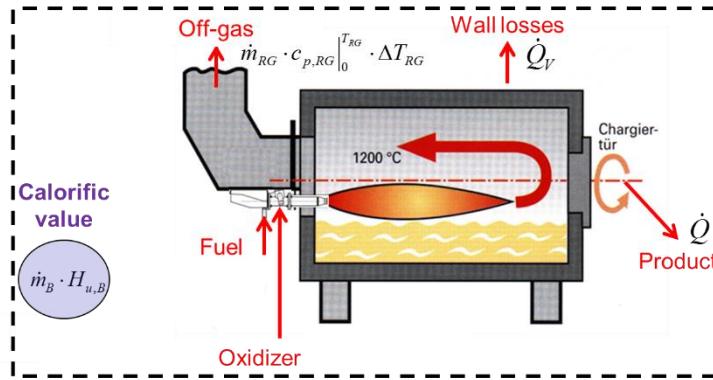


# Combustion Efficiency

“All thermal energy not lost through the off-gas, related to the fuel usage”

$$\eta_F = \frac{\dot{Q}_V + \dot{Q}}{\dot{m}_B \cdot H_{u,B}} = 42,4\%$$

Air-fuel furnace @ 1200 °C  
No preheating



Calorific value fuel

$$\dot{m}_B \cdot H_{u,B}$$

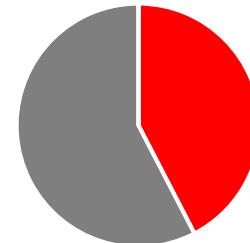
Off-gas losses

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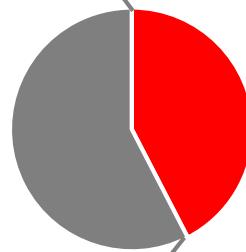
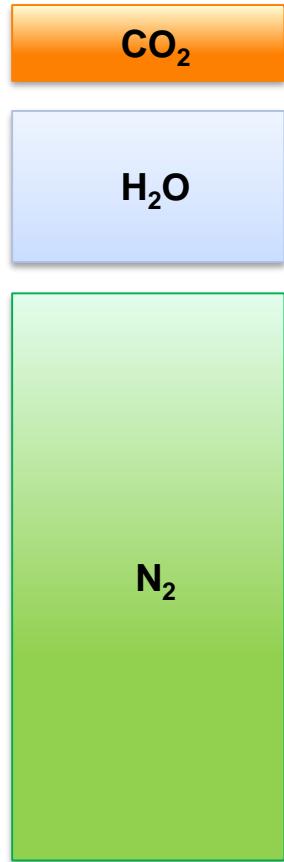
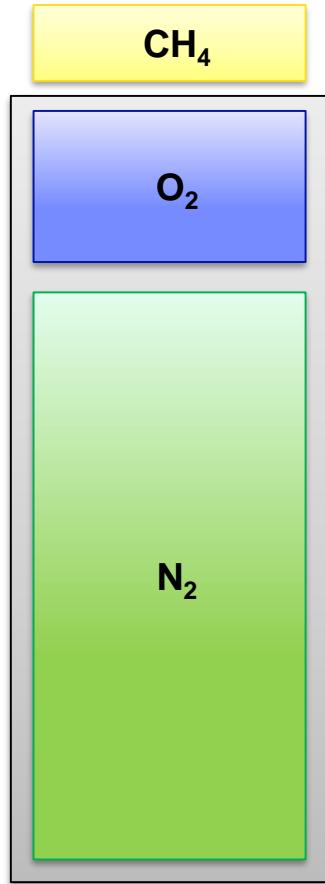
Prod.

$$\dot{Q} + \dot{Q}_V$$

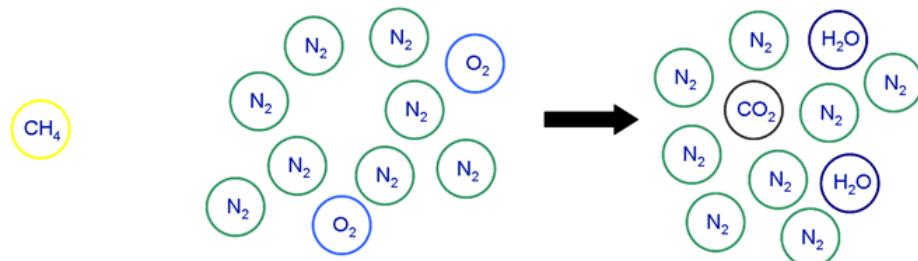
57.6%  
Off-gas losses

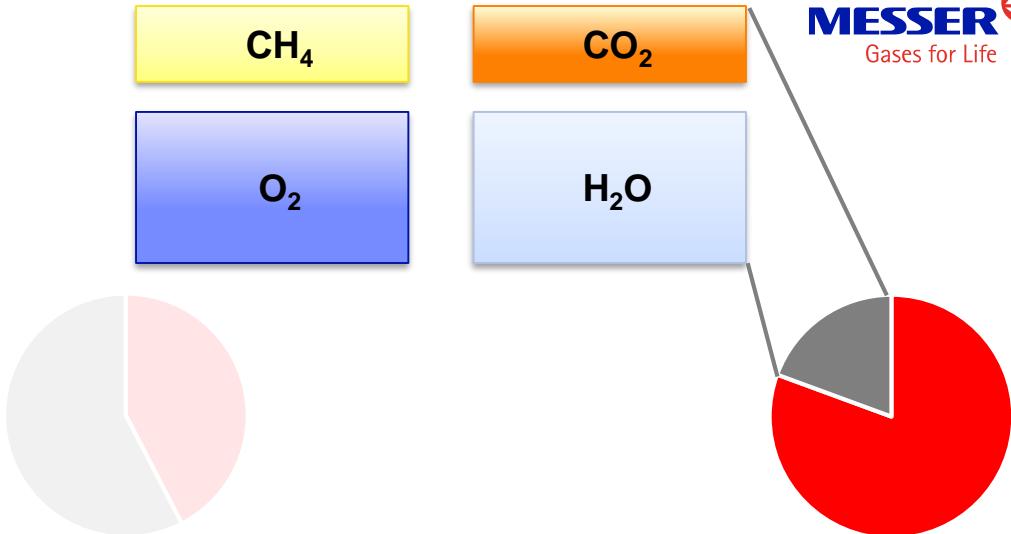


42.4%  
Product & wall losses

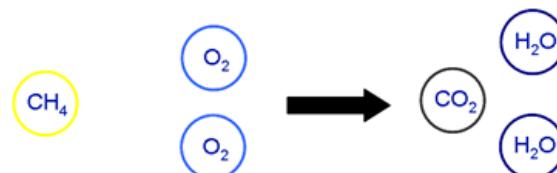


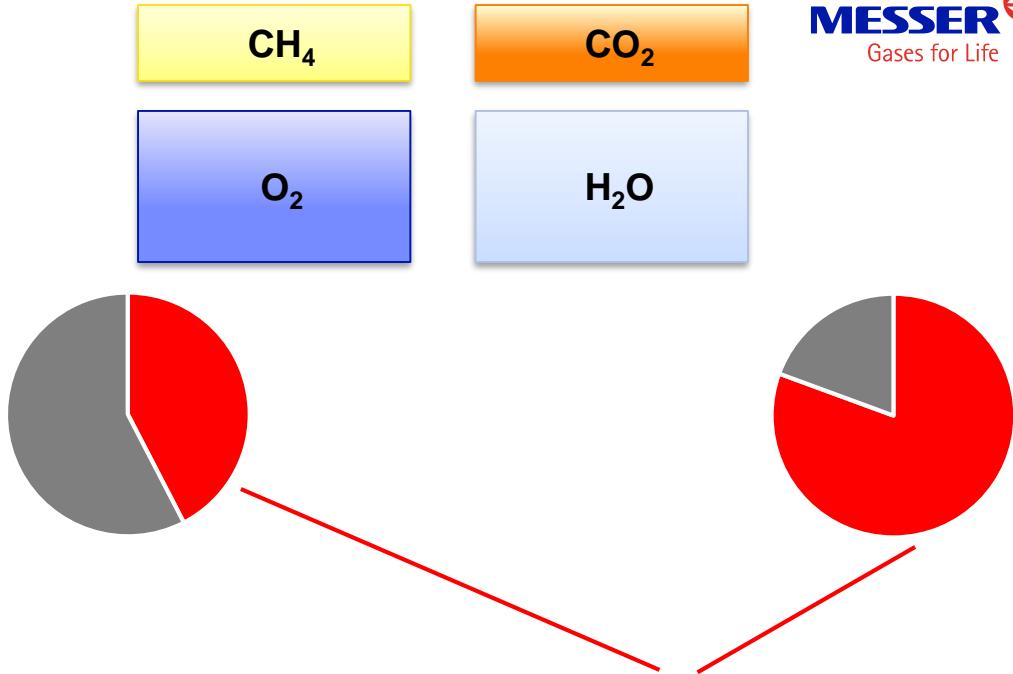
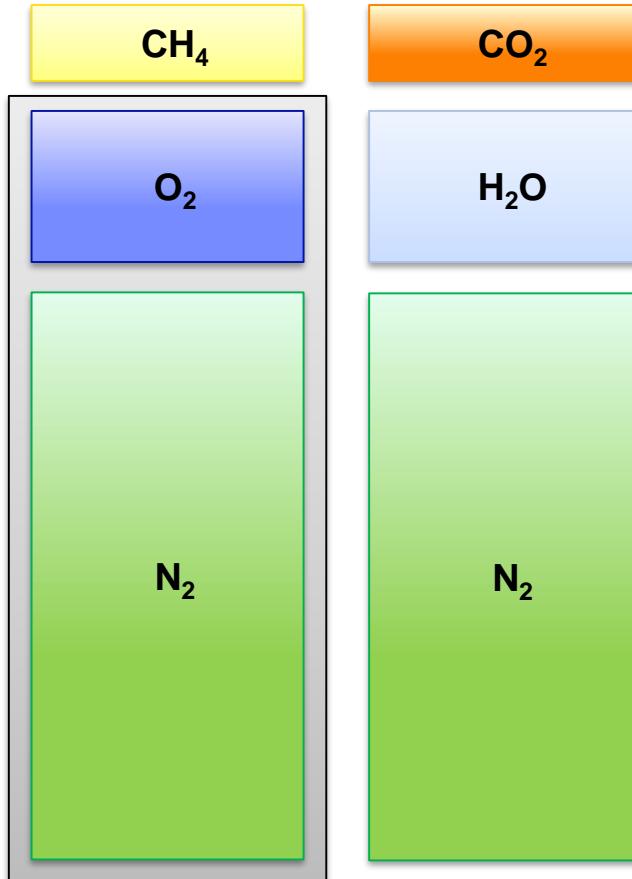
- Lower heating value natural gas H: 36 000 kJ/Nm<sup>3</sup>
- $1 \text{ CH}_4 + 2 \text{ O}_2 + 7,52 \text{ N}_2 \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + 2 \text{ H}_2\text{O} + 7,52 \text{ N}_2$





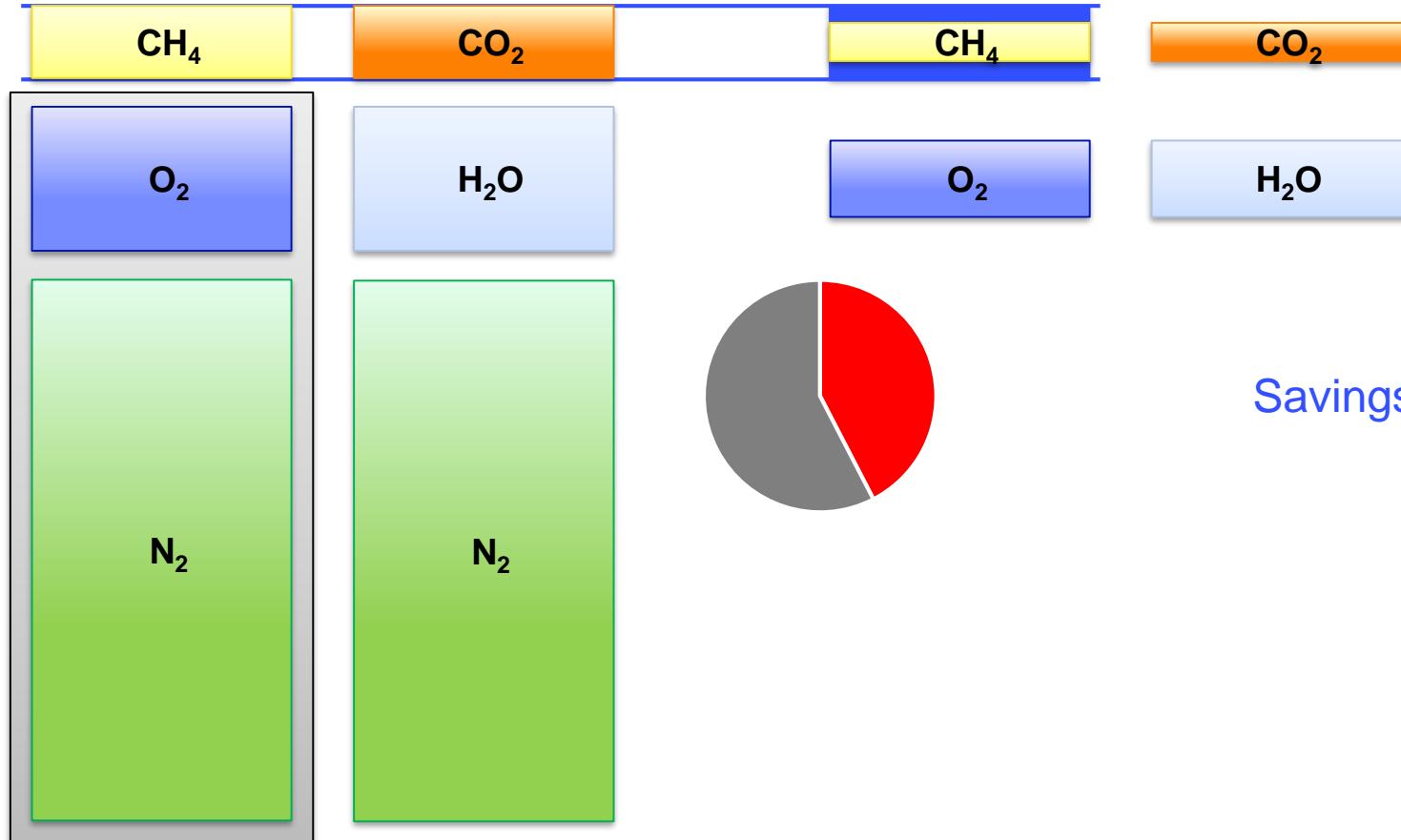
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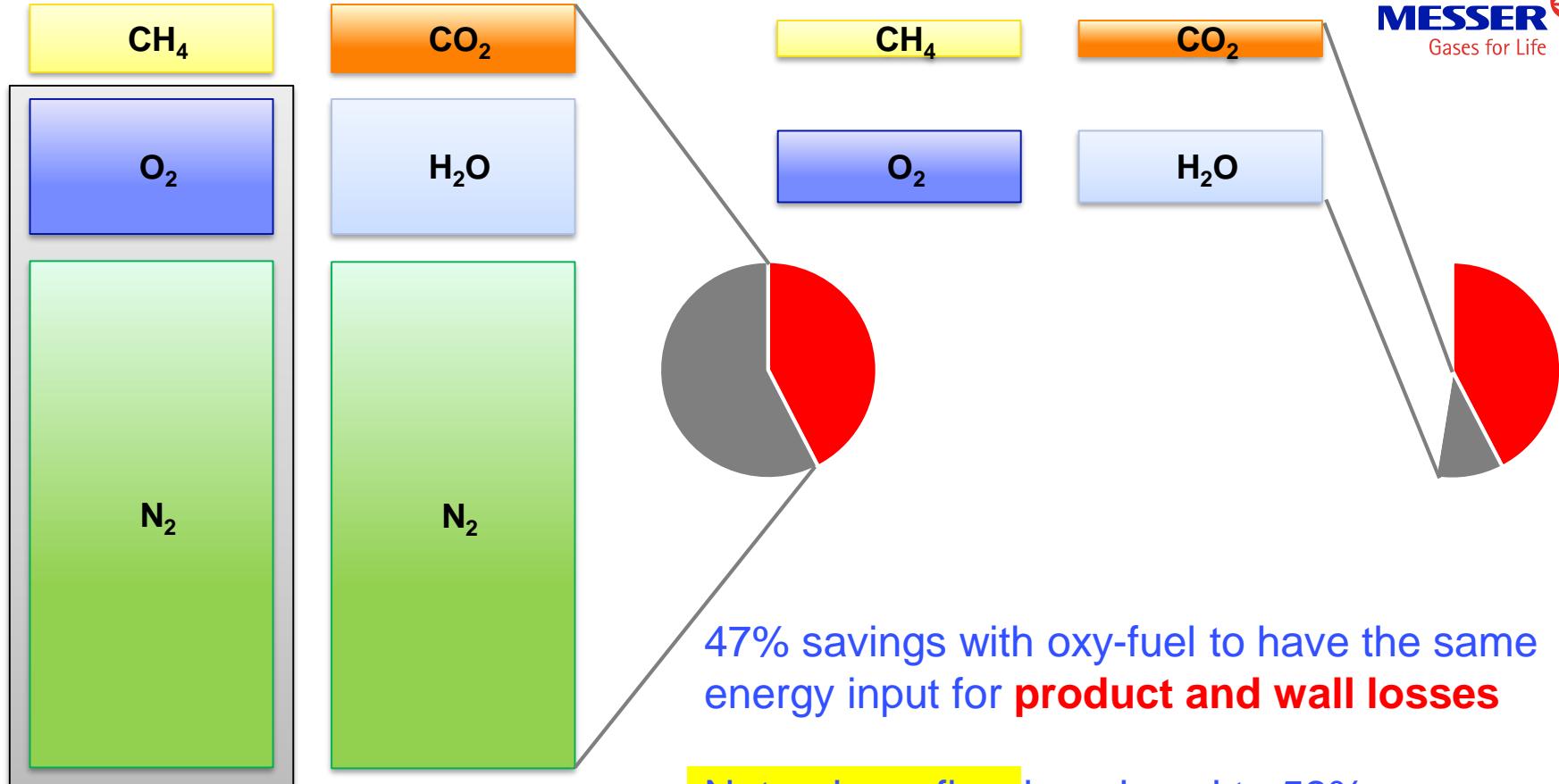


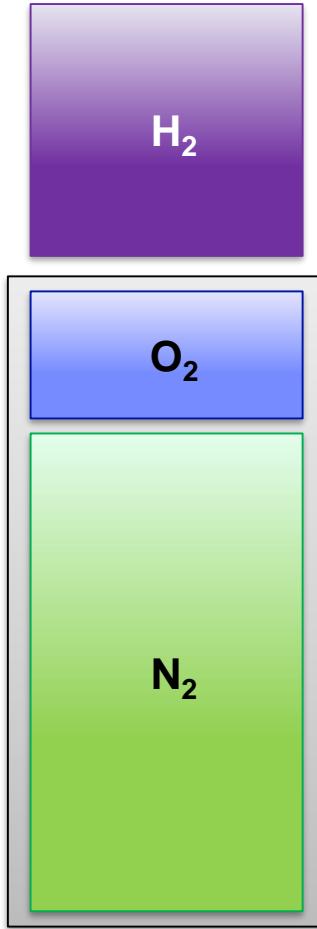


Without production increase: 42.4% efficiency  
has to stay the same!

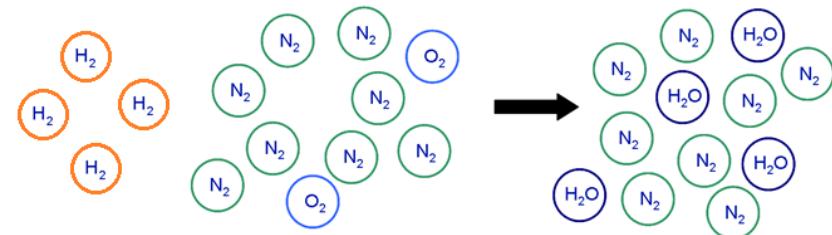
**Reduction of fuel**







- For the same burner power [kW]:
  - 3,33 times higher flow rate as natural gas H
  - 84% of stoichiometric combustion air
  - No  $CO_2$ , only  $H_2O$  as reaction product
  - 91% of off-gas
  - A bit more efficient than natural gas air-fuel
- Lower heating value hydrogen: 10 780 kJ/Nm<sup>3</sup>
- $1 H_2 + 1/2 O_2 + 1,88 N_2 \rightarrow 1 H_2O + 1,88 N_2$



$\text{H}_2$

$\text{H}_2\text{O}$

$\text{O}_2$

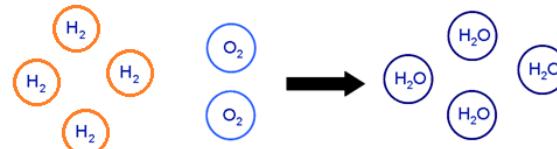
$\text{N}_2$

$\text{H}_2$

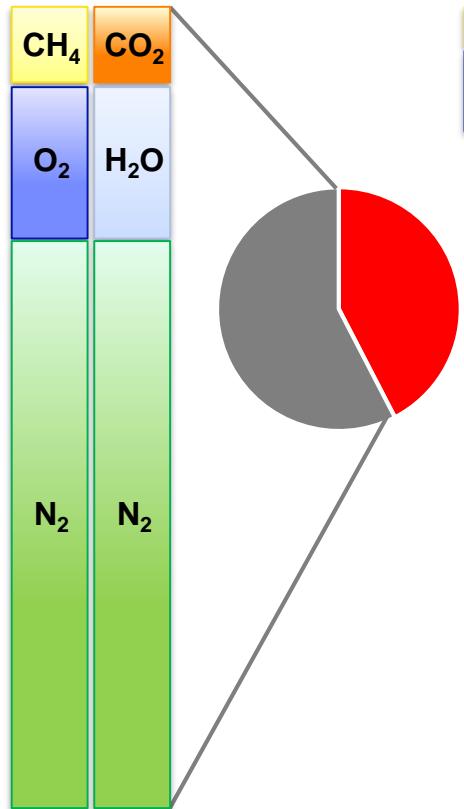
$\text{H}_2\text{O}$

$\text{O}_2$

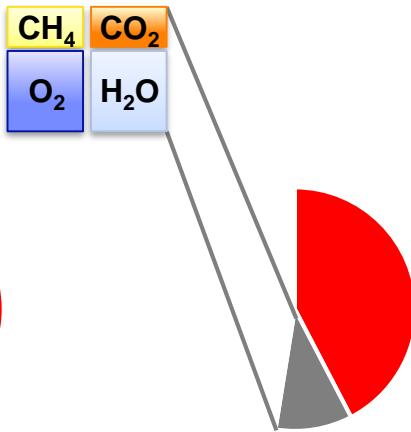
- Only  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  (water vapor) in off-gas (measurement?)
- Lower heating value hydrogen: 10 780 kJ/Nm<sup>3</sup>
- $1 \text{ H}_2 + 1/2 \text{ O}_2 \rightarrow 1 \text{ H}_2\text{O}$



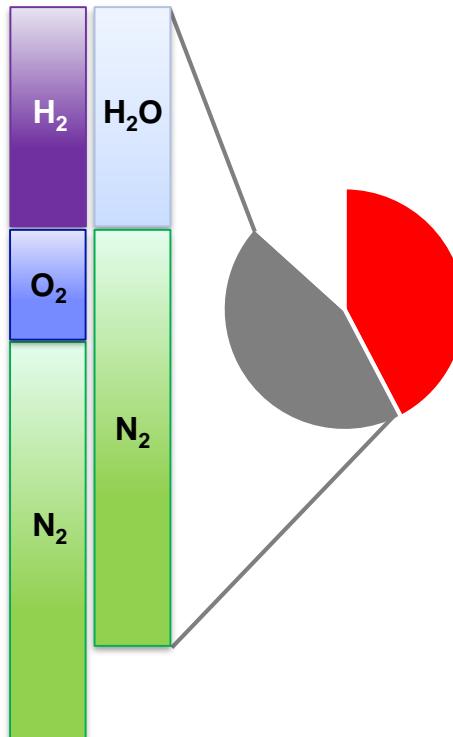
$\text{CH}_4 + 9.5 \text{ air}$



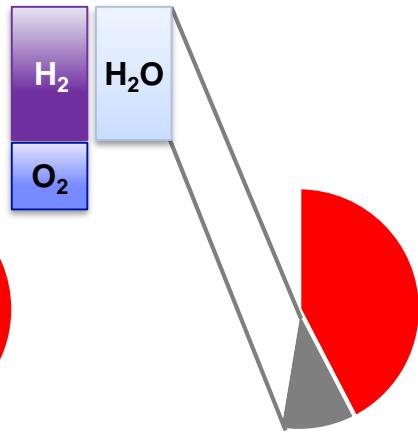
$\text{CH}_4 + 2 \text{ O}_2$



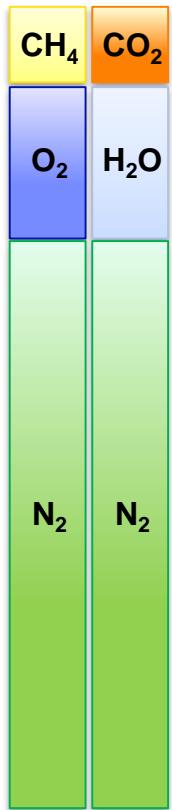
$\text{H}_2 + 2.38 \text{ air}$



$\text{H}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \text{ O}_2$  MESSER  
Gases for Life

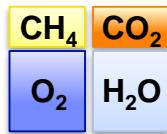


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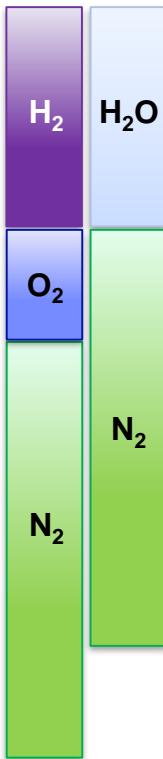
Savings  
to cold NG  
air-fuel  
 $@1200^\circ\text{C}$ :

$\text{CH}_4 + 2 \text{ O}_2$



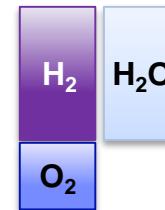
47% fuel  
47%  $\text{CO}_2$

$\text{H}_2 + 2.38 \text{ air}$



13% fuel  
100%  $\text{CO}_2$

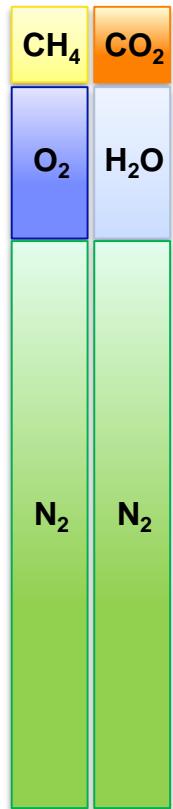
$\text{H}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \text{ O}_2$  MESSER  
Gases for Life



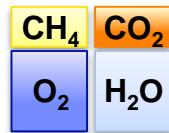
47% fuel  
100%  $\text{CO}_2$

To NG/oxy-fuel:  
17%  $\text{O}_2$

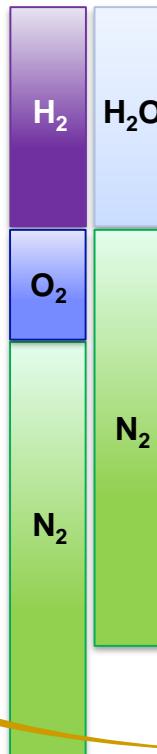
$\text{CH}_4 + 9.5 \text{ air}$



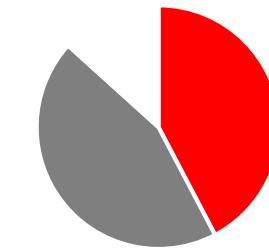
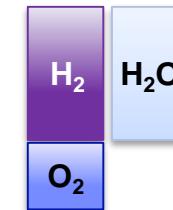
$\text{CH}_4 + 2 \text{ O}_2$



$\text{H}_2 + 2.38 \text{ air}$



$\text{H}_2 + \frac{1}{2} \text{ O}_2$  MESSER  
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Oxy-fuel "standard"

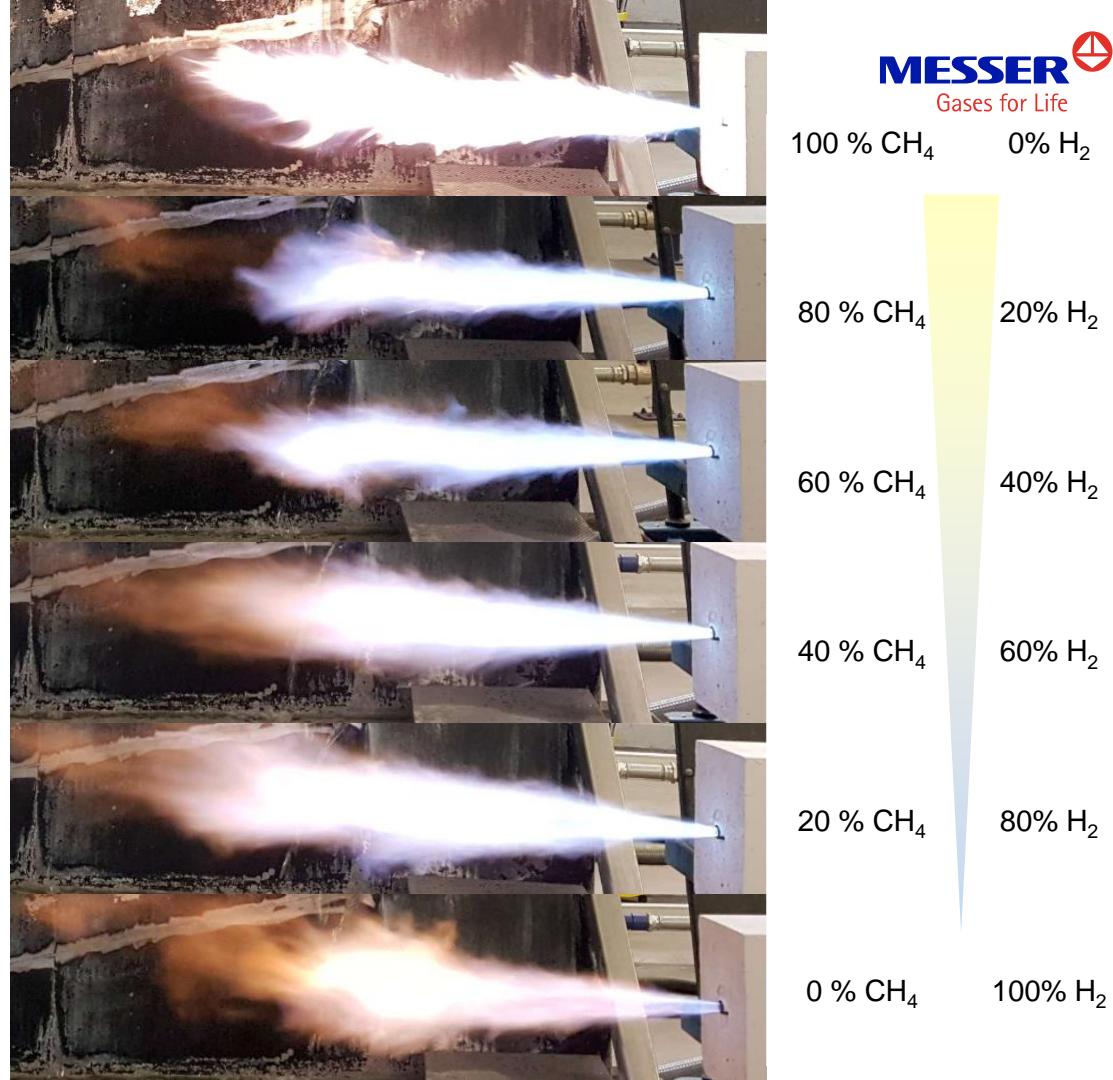
Off-gas compositions (stoichiometrical)

Hydrogen oxy-fuel  
feasible with more R&D

# $\text{CH}_4\text{-H}_2\text{/O}_2$ -Burner

## Oxipyr-F @ 200 kW

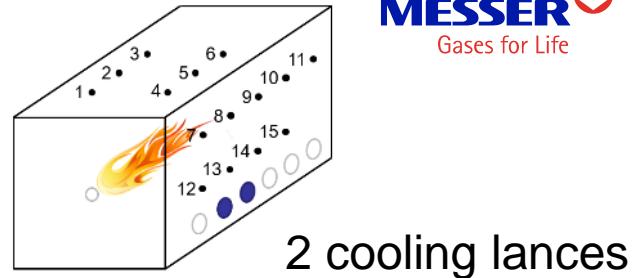
- Mix of natural gas and hydrogen in every ratio possible
- Similar flame length
- Similar temperature distribution
- $\text{H}_2\text{-O}_2$ -flame is highly visible ( $\text{H}_2$ -air-flame is quite invisible)



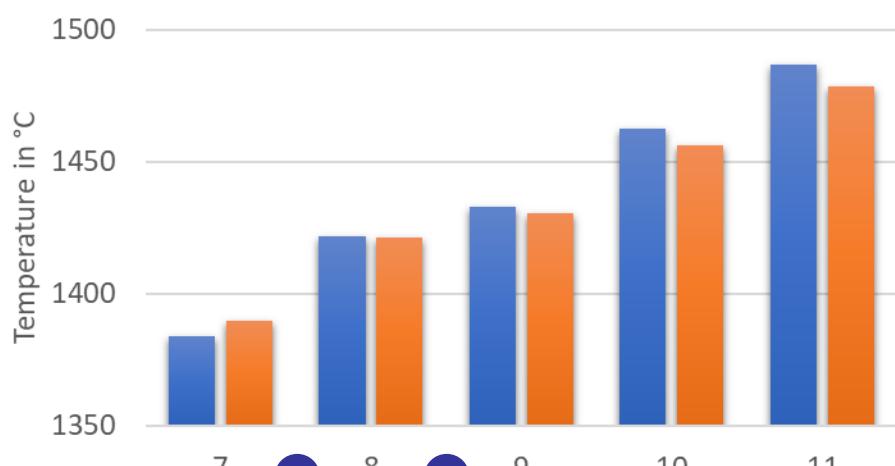
# Stationary Temperature Distribution

Oxipyr-F @ 250 kW

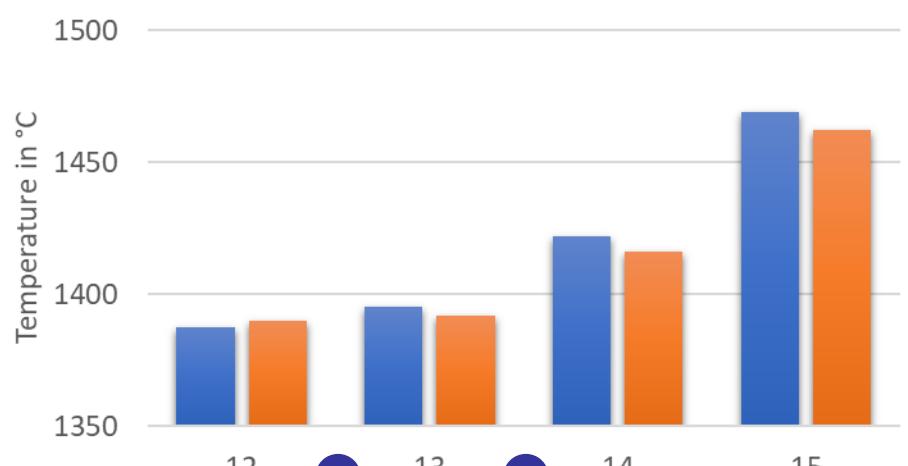
■ NG/O<sub>2</sub> ■ H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>



SIDE - TOP



SIDE - BOTTOM

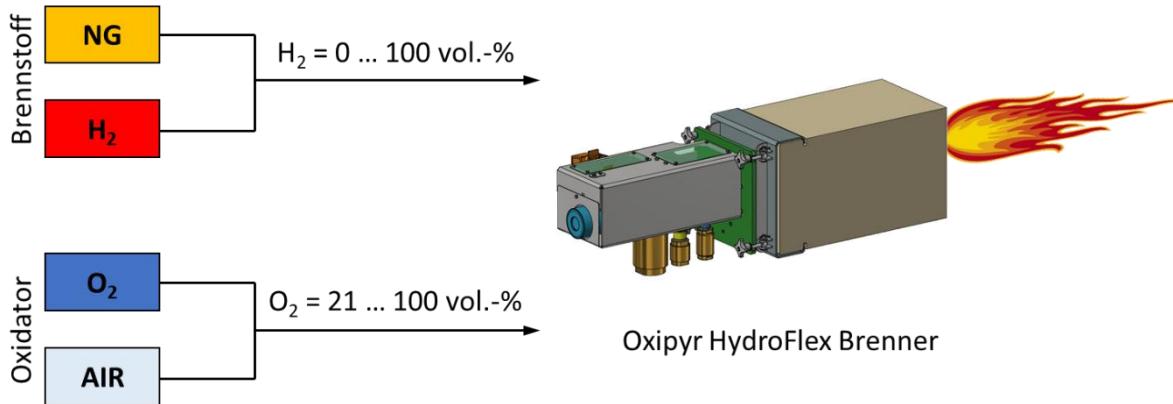


Same temperature profile with NG and H<sub>2</sub>

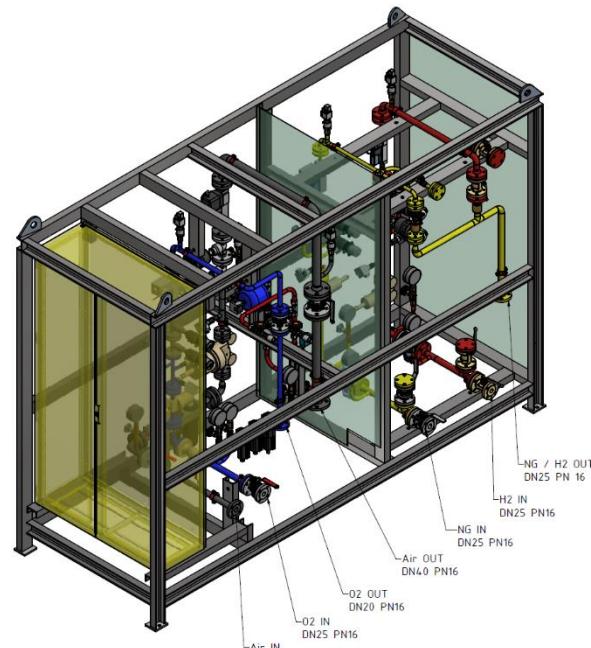
# Maximum Flexibility

## Oxipyr-HydroFlex @ 150 kW

- Mix of natural gas and hydrogen in every ratio
- Mix of air and oxygen in every ratio



Oxipyr HydroFlex Brenner



# Hydrogen combustion Oxipyr-HydroFlex

NG

O<sub>2</sub>

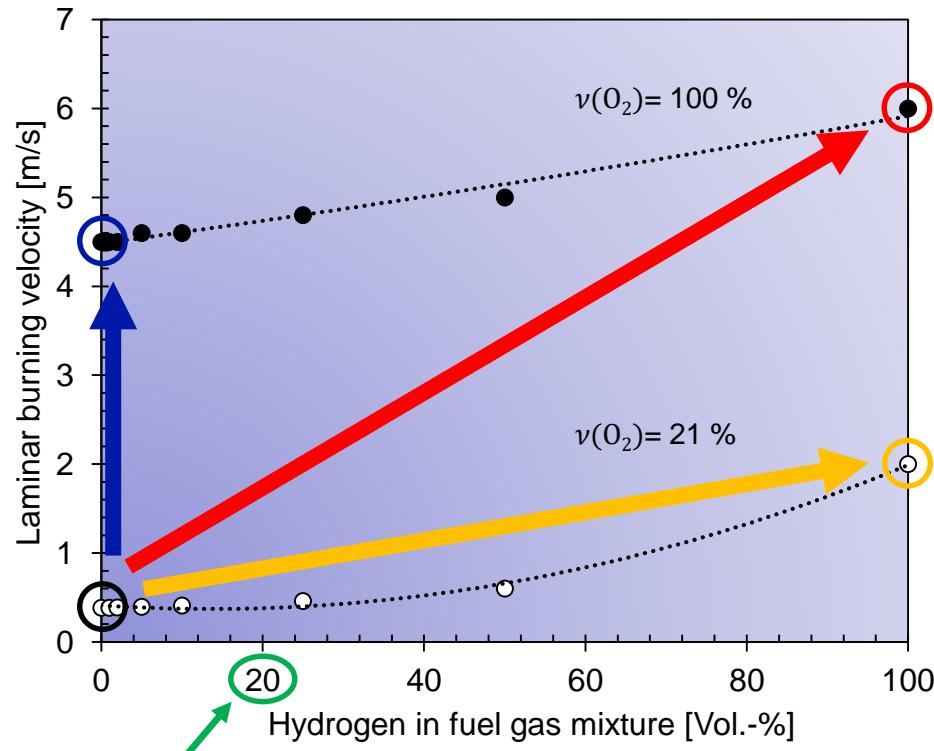
Burning velocity x10



NG

Air

Burning velocity x1 (ref.)



Only 7% power substitution

A. Mazas, D. Iacoste und S. T., „Experimental and numerical investigation on the laminar flame speed of CH<sub>4</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> mixtures diluted with CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O,“  
M. Kuznetsov, R. Redlinger, W. Breitung, J. Grune, A. Friedrich und N. Ichikawa, „Laminar burning velocities of hydrogen-oxygen-steam mixtures at elevated temperatures and pressures,“  
M. İlbas, A. Crayford, I. Yilmaz, P. Bowen und N. Syred, „Laminar-burning velocities of hydrogen-air and hydrogen-methane-air mixtures: An experimental study,“

H<sub>2</sub>

O<sub>2</sub>

Burning velocity x15



H<sub>2</sub>

Air

Burning velocity x5



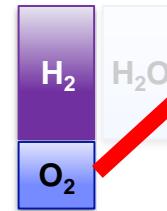
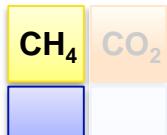
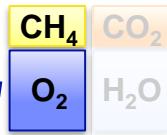
# Fuel/Oxidizer-Flows Oxipyr-HydroFlex

NG  
O<sub>2</sub>

1

2

Burning velocity x10



3.3

1.7

Burning velocity x15

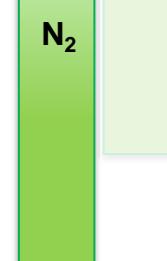


NG  
Air

1

9.5

Burning velocity x1 (ref.)



H<sub>2</sub>  
Air

3.3

8

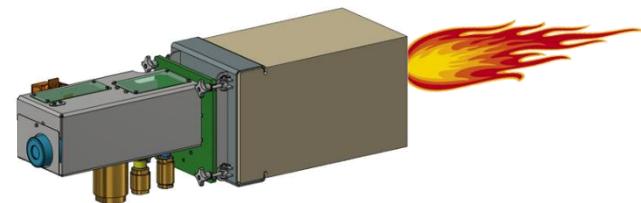
Burning velocity x5



# Maximum Flexibility

## Oxipyr-HydroFlex @ 150 kW

- Mix of natural gas and hydrogen in every ratio
- Mix of air and oxygen in every ratio
- Ideal for adding H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> to NG/air continuously
- Oxy-fuel burner surrounded by swirl air & shifting device



Oxipyr HydroFlex Brenner

Patent  
pending

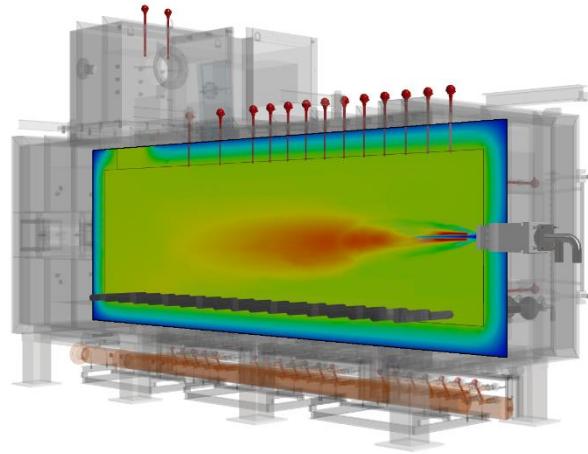
# Hydrogen Future HTP

## Opportunities

- Messer burners are H<sub>2</sub>-ready, H<sub>2</sub>/NG/air/O<sub>2</sub> available
- H<sub>2</sub> regulations available, H<sub>2</sub> trial regulation being built
- H<sub>2</sub> burner trials possible @ Messer R&D center
- A lot of funded H<sub>2</sub> projects: Perfect for tailor made solutions
- O<sub>2</sub> can also partially decarbonize and is a lot cheaper

## Challenges

- Green H<sub>2</sub>/electricity sourcing & logistics for trials
- Electrolyzers are potential game changers (H<sub>2</sub> & O<sub>2</sub>)



# Hydrogen Burner Development

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# Price Comparison Hydrogen

	Hydrogen	Natural gas H
<b>Actual costs</b>	0.9 €/Nm <sup>3</sup>	0.25 €/Nm <sup>3</sup>
H <sub>2</sub> from fuel station (industry trials 150-300 €/MWh)	10 €/kg <b>300 €/MWh</b>	0.34 €/kg <b>25 €/MWh</b>
Certificates 50 €/t CO <sub>2</sub>		<b>10 €/MWh</b>
<b>Projected costs</b>	0.18 €/Nm <sup>3</sup>	0.50 €/Nm <sup>3</sup>
H <sub>2</sub> from electrolyzer Max. 30-40 €/MWh_el_green	2 €/kg <b>60 €/MWh</b>	0.68 €/kg <b>50 €/MWh</b>
Certificates 100 €/t CO <sub>2</sub>		<b>20 €/MWh</b>

# 50 Shades of Grey (and Blue and Green) H<sub>2</sub>\*

Hydrogen	
Brown	Brown coal gasification
Black	Black coal gasification
Grey	<b>Steam reforming from natural gas</b>
Turquoise	Steam reforming from natural gas & Carbon production / CCU
Blue	<b>Steam reforming from natural gas &amp; CCS</b>
Yellow	Electrolysis with electrical power mix <u>OR</u> solar power only
Pink	Electrolysis with nuclear energy
Green	<b>Electrolysis with renewable energy</b>

# Fact Sheet Hydrogen

	Hydrogen (H <sub>2</sub> )	Methane (CH <sub>4</sub> )
Lower explosive limit	4.0 Vol%	4.4 Vol%
Upper explosive limit	77.0 Vol%	17.0 Vol%
Limiting oxygen concentration	4.3 Vol%	9.9 Vol%
Max. explosion pressure	8.3 bar	8.1 bar
Pressure buildup over time [K <sub>G</sub> ]	800 bar / (m * s)	52 bar / (m * s)
Maximum experimental safe gap	0.29 mm	1.14 mm
Minimum ignition energy	0.017 mJ	0.23 mJ
Ignition temperature	560 °C	595 °C

# Combustion 1 MW Burner Power

	<b>CH<sub>4</sub> &amp; Air</b>	<b>H<sub>2</sub> &amp; Air</b>	<b>CH<sub>4</sub> &amp; O<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>H<sub>2</sub> &amp; O<sub>2</sub></b>
Fuel	100 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h CH <sub>4</sub>	333 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h H <sub>2</sub>	100 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h CH <sub>4</sub>	333 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h H <sub>2</sub>
Oxidizer	950 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h Air	800 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h Air	200 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h O <sub>2</sub>	170 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h O <sub>2</sub>
Off-gas (wet)	1050 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	960 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	300 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	333 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h
Off-gas (dry)	850 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	630 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	100 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	0 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h
Off-gas CO <sub>2</sub>	100 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h CO <sub>2</sub>	0 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h CO <sub>2</sub>	100 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h CO <sub>2</sub>	0 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h CO <sub>2</sub>
Comb. efficiency	42,4%	48,8%	80,6%	80,5%
@ 1200 °C				

# Combustion 1 MW “Effective Power”

	<b>CH<sub>4</sub> &amp; Air</b>	<b>H<sub>2</sub> &amp; Air</b>	<b>CH<sub>4</sub> &amp; O<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>H<sub>2</sub> &amp; O<sub>2</sub></b>
C. eff. 1200 °C	42,4%	48,8%	80,6%	80,5%
Fuel	236 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h CH <sub>4</sub>	682 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h H <sub>2</sub>	124 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h CH <sub>4</sub>	414 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h H <sub>2</sub>
Oxidizer	2242 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h Air	1638 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h Air	248 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h O <sub>2</sub>	207 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h O <sub>2</sub>
Off-gas CO <sub>2</sub>	236 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h CO <sub>2</sub>	0 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h CO <sub>2</sub>	124 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h CO <sub>2</sub>	0 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h CO <sub>2</sub>
for 5000 h/a:				
Off-gas CO <sub>2</sub>	2317 t/a CO <sub>2</sub>	0 t/a CO <sub>2</sub>	1217 t/a CO <sub>2</sub>	0 t/a CO <sub>2</sub>
Savings CO <sub>2</sub>	Reference	2317 t/a CO <sub>2</sub>	1100 t/a CO <sub>2</sub>	2317 t/a CO <sub>2</sub>