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**Air Staging and  
understoichiometric Lambda Control**

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## Air- staging

**air-staging:** **Create area of reducing fire to reduce NOx  
add any missing oxygen downstreams later**

Purpose

Method

Control

Lambda Control

### **Problem:**

Without precise control DeNOx effect is unstable

Without precise control You get **skyrocking energy consumption**

Without precise control CO may **damage furnace and regenerator**

### **Solution for precise control:**

- Oxygen measurement & CO monitoring
- Instead of controlling O2% or CO: Control Lambda value
- **Understoichiometric Lambda Control is a proven technology !**

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Lambda value is linear with combustion air flow – O<sub>2</sub>% and CO[ppm] are not linear

# Lambda Control

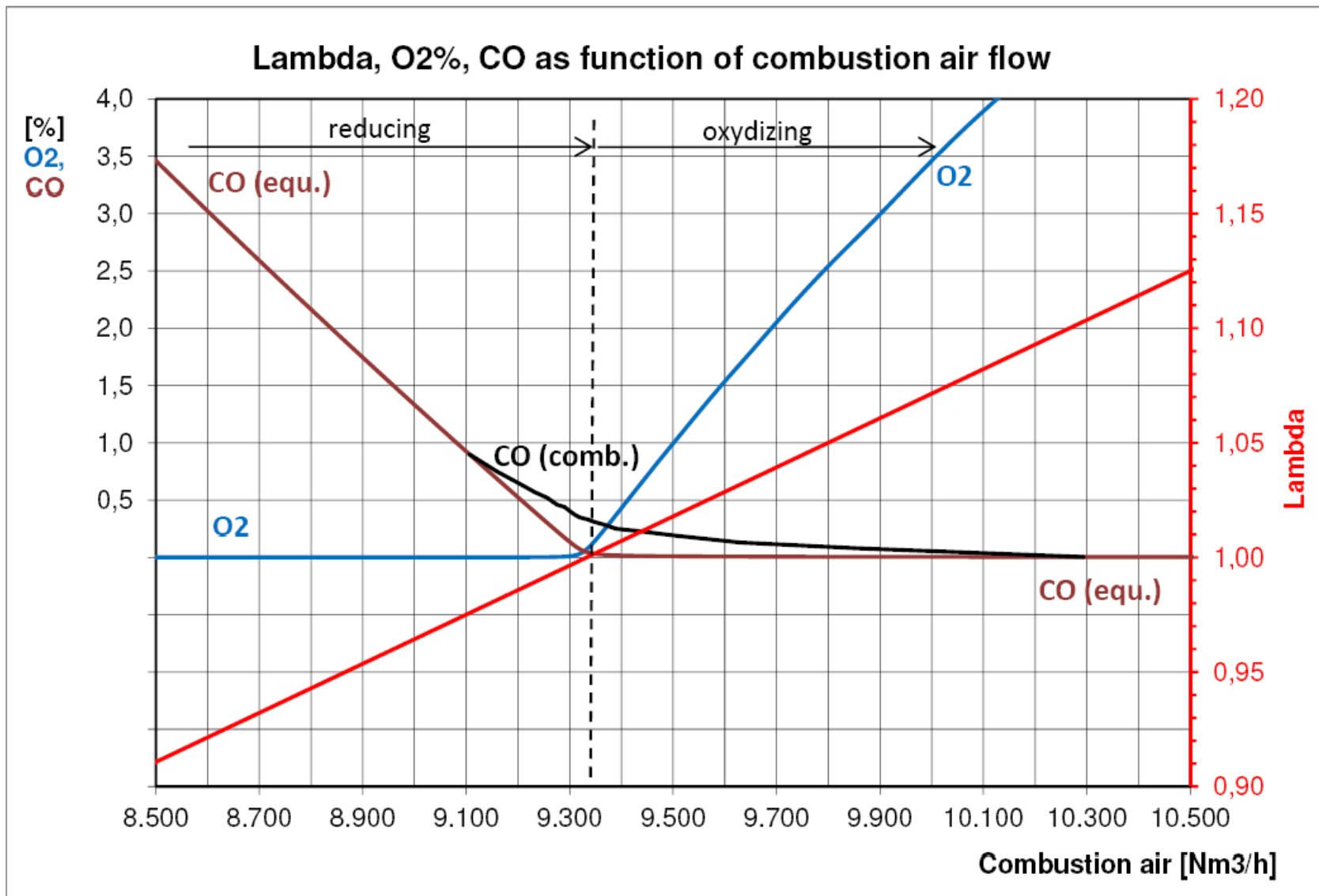
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Control air ingress XF

Indicate insufficient burner setting & insufficient purging

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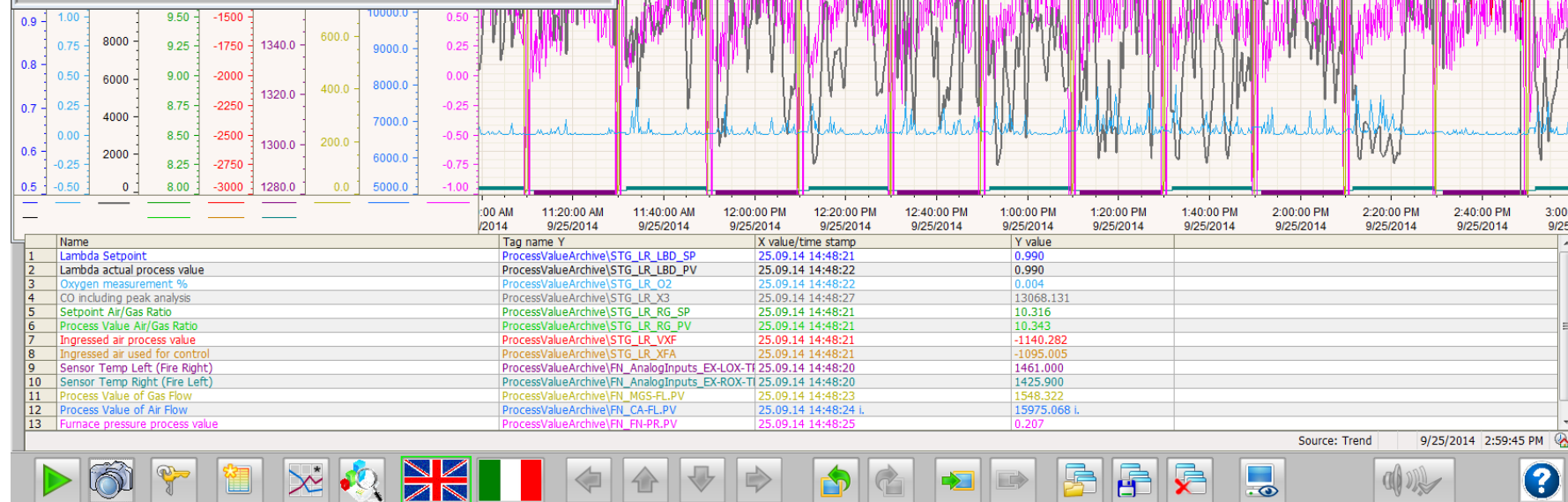
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Under-stoichiometric operation

Understoichiometric operation  
Setpoint\_Lambda = 0,990

Line 3 Parameter Window Ratio und Lambda

Fire Left		Fire Right				
Lambda	O2 [%]	Lambda	O2 [%]			
Setpoint	0.990	0.00	λ	0.990	0.00	λ
Process Value	0.992	0.06		0.991	0.00	
RATIO_MAX	11.00 [1]			11.00 [1]		
SP RATIO	10.19			10.30		
PV RATIO	10.15 [1]	R		10.29 [1]	R	
RATIO_MIN	9.00 [1]			9.00 [1]		
XF_MAX	+500 Sm <sup>2</sup> /h			+500 Sm <sup>2</sup> /h		
XF	-837 Sm <sup>2</sup> /h			-1069 Sm <sup>2</sup> /h		
XF_MIN	-1500 Sm <sup>2</sup> /h			-1500 Sm <sup>2</sup> /h		
AXF	0.200			0.200		
LBD TRACK	<input type="checkbox"/>			<input type="checkbox"/>		



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## Lambda Control of understoichiometric operation: Lambda setpoint 0,97

### Lambda Control

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Under-stoichiometric operation



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## Lambda Sensor

Advanced signal processing

Provides:

O2%  
CO[ppm]  
PV Lambda  
XF air ingress

## Advanced signal processing provides:

Sensor Left (FR)		Sensor Right (FL)	
O2	1.09 %	O2	0.21 %
$\lambda$	1.062	$\lambda$	1.010
CO	237 ppm	CO	474 ppm
CO2	12.23 %	CO2	12.78 %
H2O	16.35 %	H2O	17.07 %
SO2	0.01 %	SO2	0.01 %
N2	70.29 %	N2	69.88 %
U	1.2 mV	U	112.2 mV
Uasy	1 mV	Uasy	0 mV
COmax	260 ppm	COmax	7649 ppm
active T.	1443.8 °C	active T.	1439.6 °C
R	109.1 Ohm	R	143.0 Ohm
Cycles	15 of 16	Cycles	15 of 15

O2% ← Sensor voltage & temperature

CO[ppm] ← Sensor voltage dynamics & temperature

Lambda [1] ← Sensor voltage & temperature & fuel composition

Flue gas composition ← Sensor voltage & temperature & fuel composition

XF[Nm3/h] air ingress ← Sensor voltage & temperature & fuel composition & actual air and fuel flow

Different „sensor signal patterns“ indicating different O<sub>2</sub>%/CO combustion situation:



**Normal combustion:**

- 1..1,5% O<sub>2</sub>%
- very low CO[ppm]



**Insufficient air – reducing fire:**

- O<sub>2</sub>% nearly zero
- very high CO[ppm]



**Insuff. burner setting & port design:**

- 1...1,5% O<sub>2</sub>% *but*
- 2000 ... 5000 ppm CO



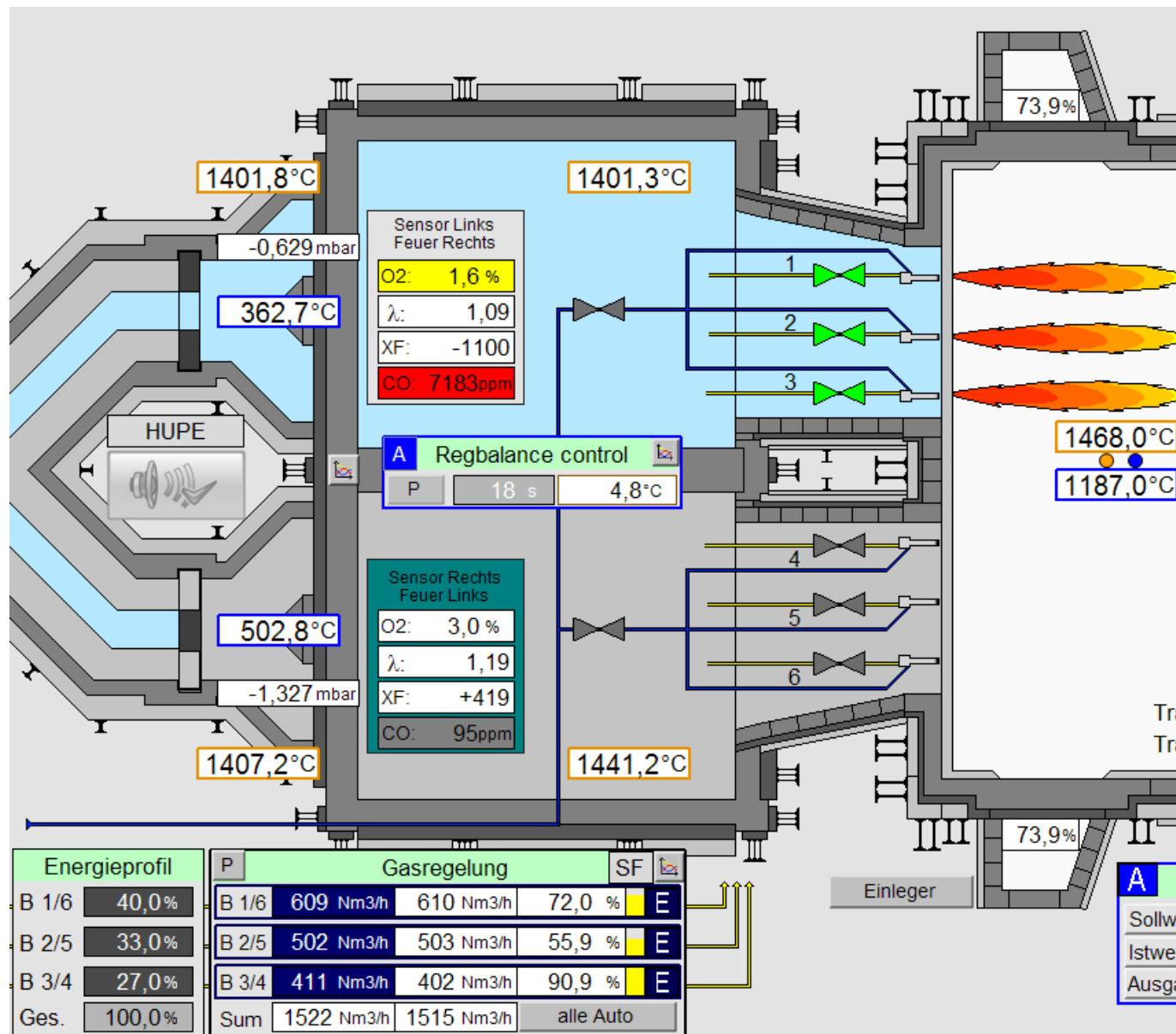
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Peaks of CO[ppm] due to insufficient burner settings

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Example:

peaks of CO while sufficient air is available:

Indication of insufficient burner setting

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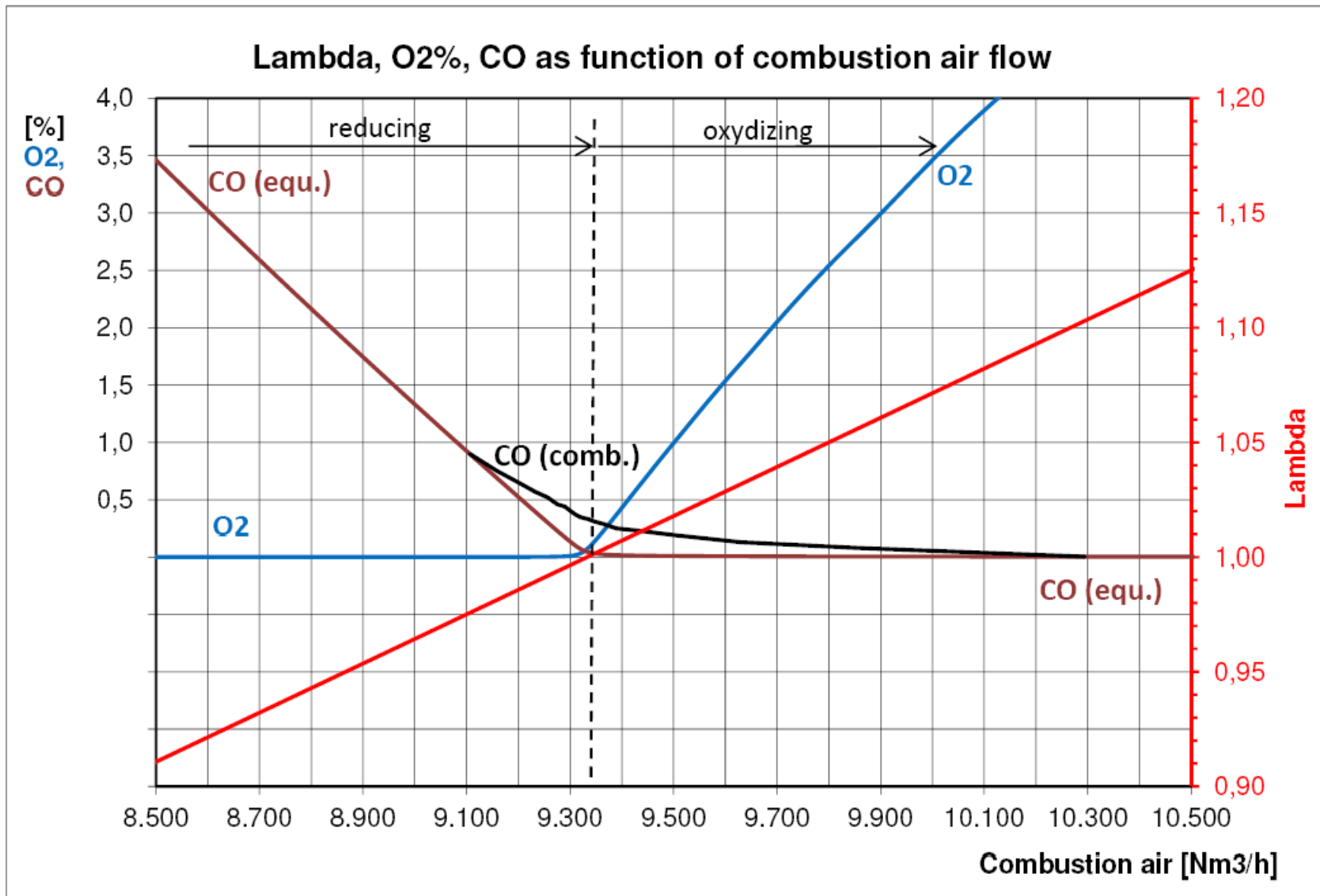
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### For Lambda Control:

Convert measurements O2% and CO into linear variable Lambda:

(D_51)	$\lambda = 1 + \frac{0,2094 * (\kappa + \omega + Ge) - 0,7906 * \psi * \frac{[O_2 \%]}{20,94\% - [O_2 \%]} - \frac{\psi}{\sigma}}{\sigma}$		
notice:	20,94% is oxygen percentage in oxydant (air)	O2% in Vol.%	
	79,06% is nitrogen percentage in oxydant (air)	N2% in Vol.%	

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## Lambda Control

Control Lambda

Safety limitations

Fire Left		Fire Right	
RESET		RESET	
Setpoint	Lambda 1,030 O2 [%] 0,54	Lambda 1,030 O2 [%] 0,54	$\lambda$
Process Value	Lambda 1,031 O2 [%] 0,56	Lambda 1,031 O2 [%] 0,55	$\lambda$
RATIO_MAX	11,00 [1]	11,00 [1]	
SP RATIO	8,28	8,20	R
PV RATIO	8,27 [1]	8,18 [1]	R
RATIO_MIN	7,00 [1]	7,00 [1]	
XF_MAX	+3000 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	+3000 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	
XF	+622 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	+755 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	
XF_MIN	-1000 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	-1000 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	
AXF	0,250	0,250	
LBD TRACK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Ratio: upper & lower limit

Uncontrolled air XF:  
upper and lower limit

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## Lambda Control

Control Lambda

Example endport furnace stable Lambda = 1.03

Stable control of combustion condition **based on a model of XF air ingress** (yellow trend)



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## Lambda Control

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Example endport furnace stable Lambda = 1.03

Same furnace with CO peaks

Same furnace 1 year later and CO-indication from oxygen sensor installed



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Symmetrical regenerator crown temperatures proof: different Ratio left/right is correct

## Lambda Sensor

quality and design of probe

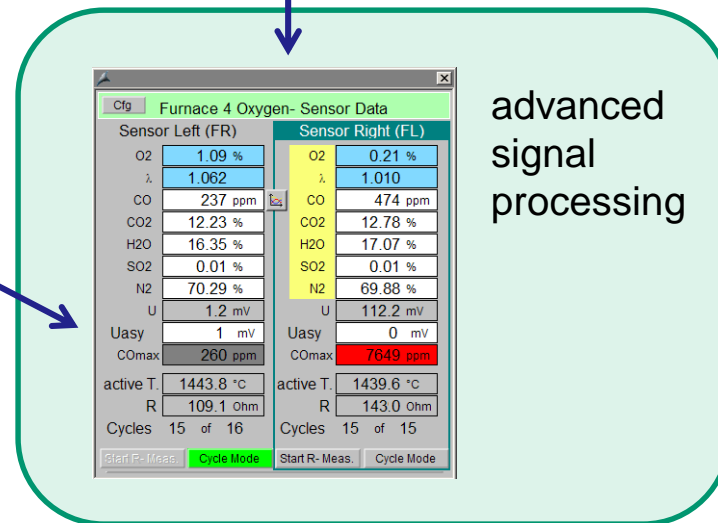
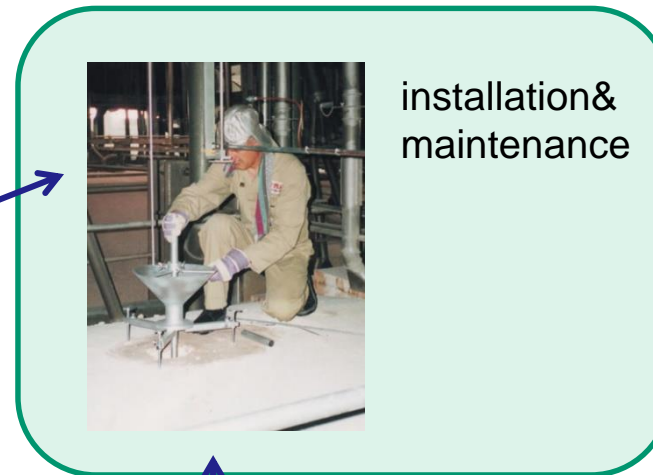
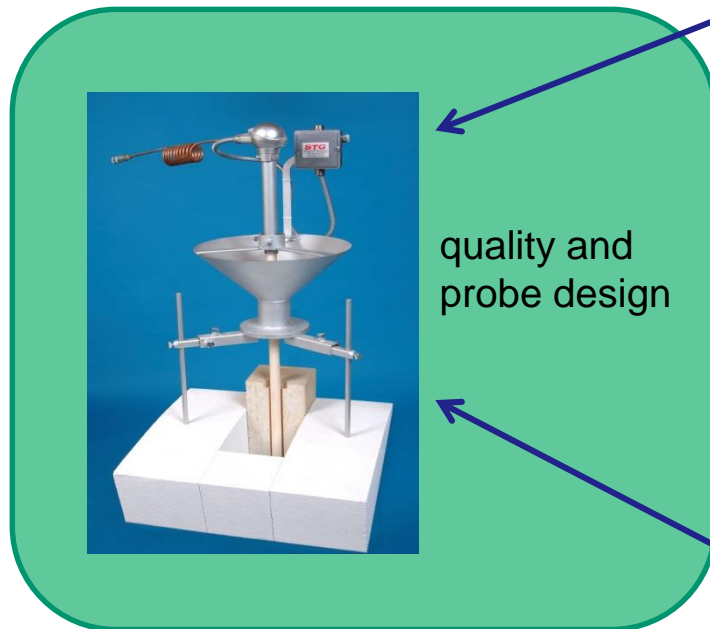
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installation & maintenance

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advanced signal processing

## What decides about result and benefit:



Any chain is as strong as it's weakest link.

## Lambda Sensor

2..8 years of service life

700...1550°C

0...30% O<sub>2</sub>

0...40000ppm CO

automatic reliability check

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Worldwide:

300 furnaces equipped  
= 1200 STG Lambda sensors

- thereof 50 float furnaces
- thereof over 200 container glass furnaces
- thereof about 10 oxyfuel furnaces

50% of installations in regular service

20% of installations used for automatic control  
3-4% in understoichiometric operation



## Lambda Sensor

Installed in  
regenerator  
crown

each port  
each firing side

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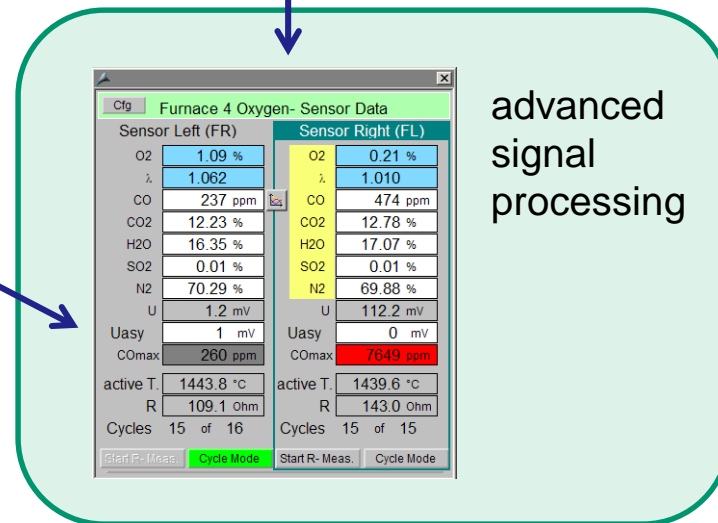
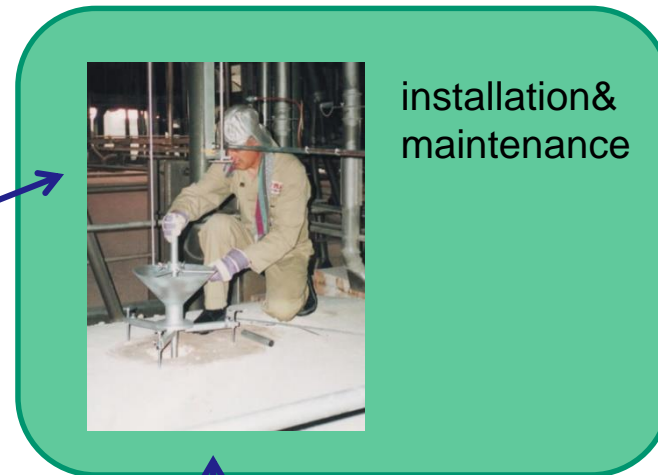
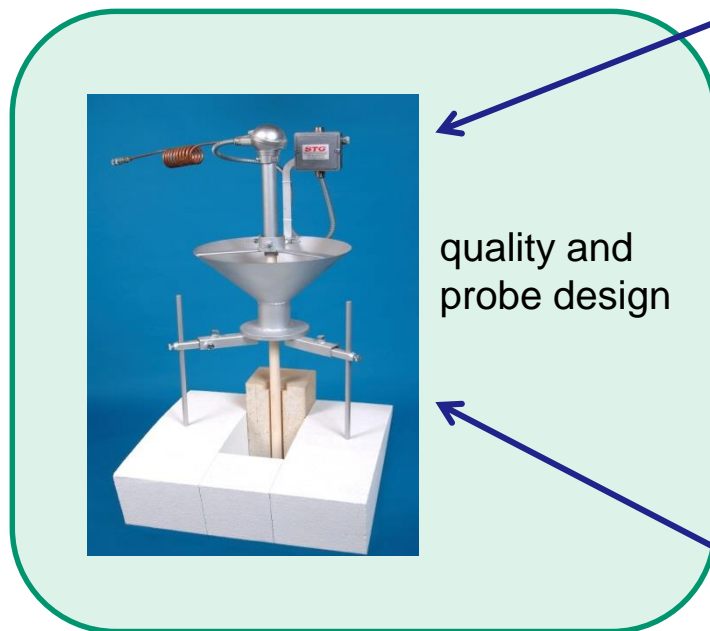
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## What decides about result and benefit:



**Any chain is as strong as it's weakest link.**

## Lambda Sensor

regular on-site  
maintenance  
indispensable

service contract

or

signal renting

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### Regular maintenance decides:

- service life
- reliability of measurement
- customer benefit

### 50% of installations under regular maintenance:

- 1...3 service visits per year
- remote data access
- record sensor lifetime data
- service contracts
- **signal renting**

# Lambda Sensor

quality and design of probe

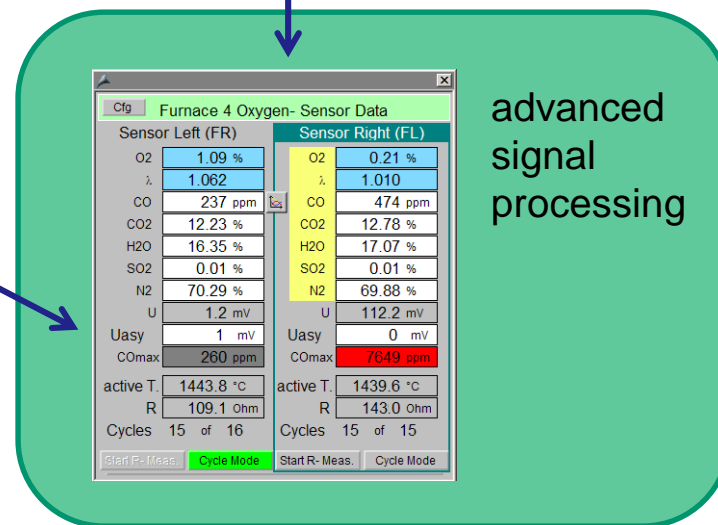
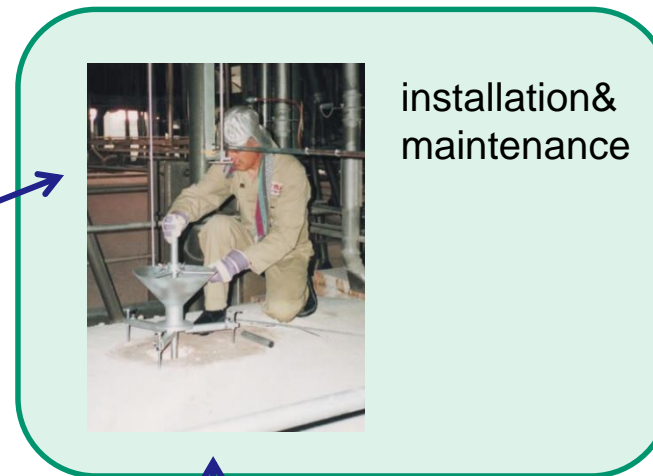
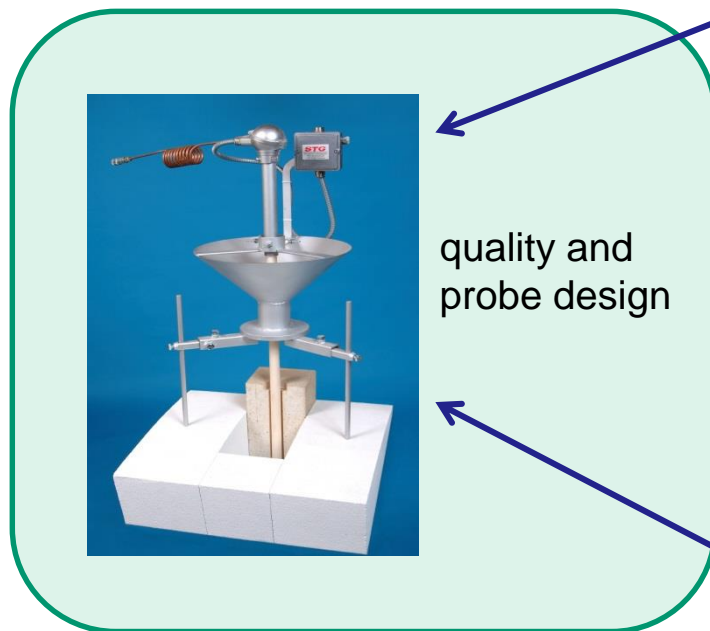
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## Lambda Sensor

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PLC based signal processing unit

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Sensors Left-Fire Right saved			Sensors Right-Fire Left active		
$\lambda$	1.071	[1]	$\lambda$	1.078	[1]
O2	1.25	%	O2	1.37	%
CO	34	ppm	CO	32	ppm

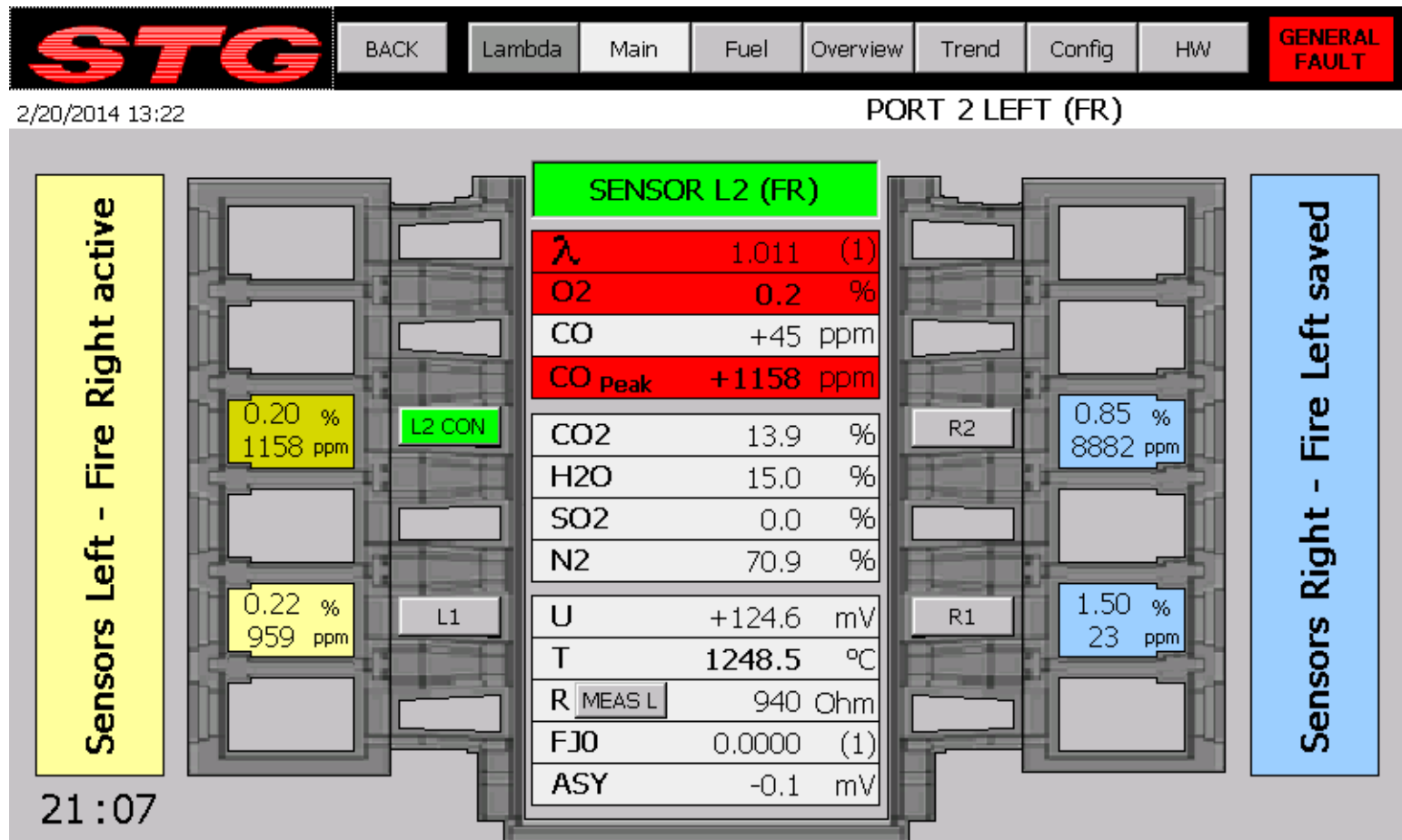
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PLC based signal processing unit

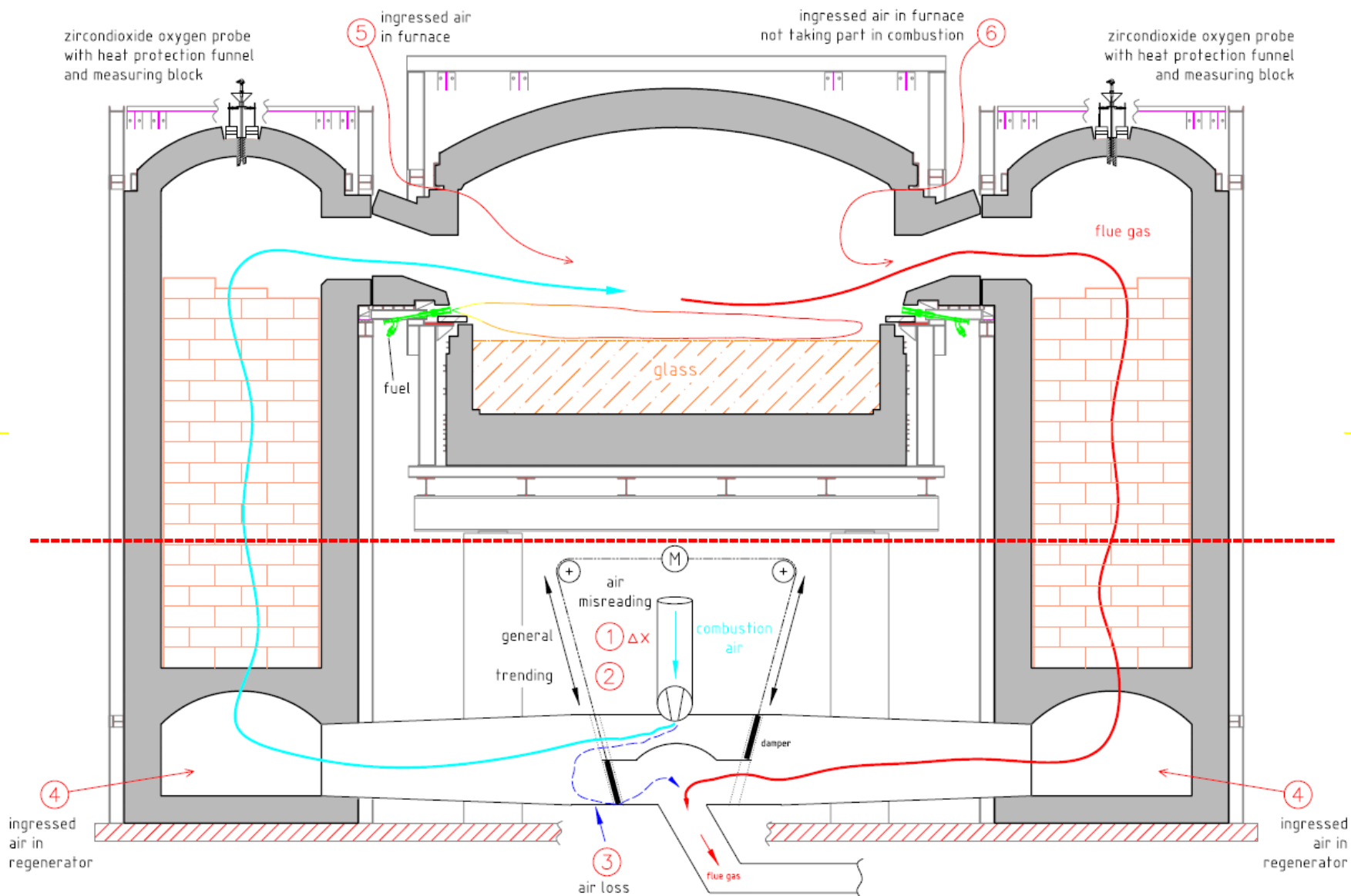
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**Source of air ingress decides about control strategy:**



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Sources of air ingress XF

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## Lambda Control

Control Lambda and online CV meter

**combustion calculation gas**  
CV - Meter Measurement

10,9 kWh/Nm3 **MEAS** → HU  
**MANU**  
**CALC**

RESET ERROR

**Gas composition**

Base Values (INPUT)	measurement	CALC values
H2	0,800 %	0,635 %
CO	0,900 %	0,714 %
CO2	0,600 %	0,476 %
CH4	90,500 %	88,600 %
C2H6	3,500 %	4,857 %
C2H4	0,300 %	0,416 %
C3H8	1,300 %	1,804 %
C3H6	0,400 %	0,555 %
C4H10	0,200 %	0,278 %
C4H8	0,300 %	0,416 %
C5H12	0,200 %	0,278 %
C5H10	0,200 %	0,278 %
C6H14	0,100 %	0,139 %
H2S	0,200 %	0,159 %
H2O	0,100 %	0,079 %
SO2	0,100 %	0,079 %
O2	0,200 %	0,159 %
N2	0,100 %	0,079 %
SUM	100,00 %	Release
REST	+0,000 %	
Density		0,8163
WOBBE index	13,7 kWh/Nm3	13,7226
raw CV		11,8224
net. CV	10,9 kWh/Nm3	10,8935
Temp. CV-meter box		

**combustion parameters**

K	1,139
OMEGA	1,841
SIGMA	1,914
NY	0,001
RHO	0,002
KAPPA	8,228
OMIN	2,18 Nm3/Nm3
LMIN	10,39 Nm3/Nm3
AMIN	11,45 Nm3/Nm3
LMINE	1,632 kJ/Nm3/K

**HU**

HU_MAX	15,00 kWh/Nm3
HU	10,89 kWh/Nm3
HU	10,91 Mode
HU	10,90 kWh/Nm3
HU_MIN	8,00 kWh/Nm3

consider  
stoichiometric gas data  
as result of  
CV meter measurement

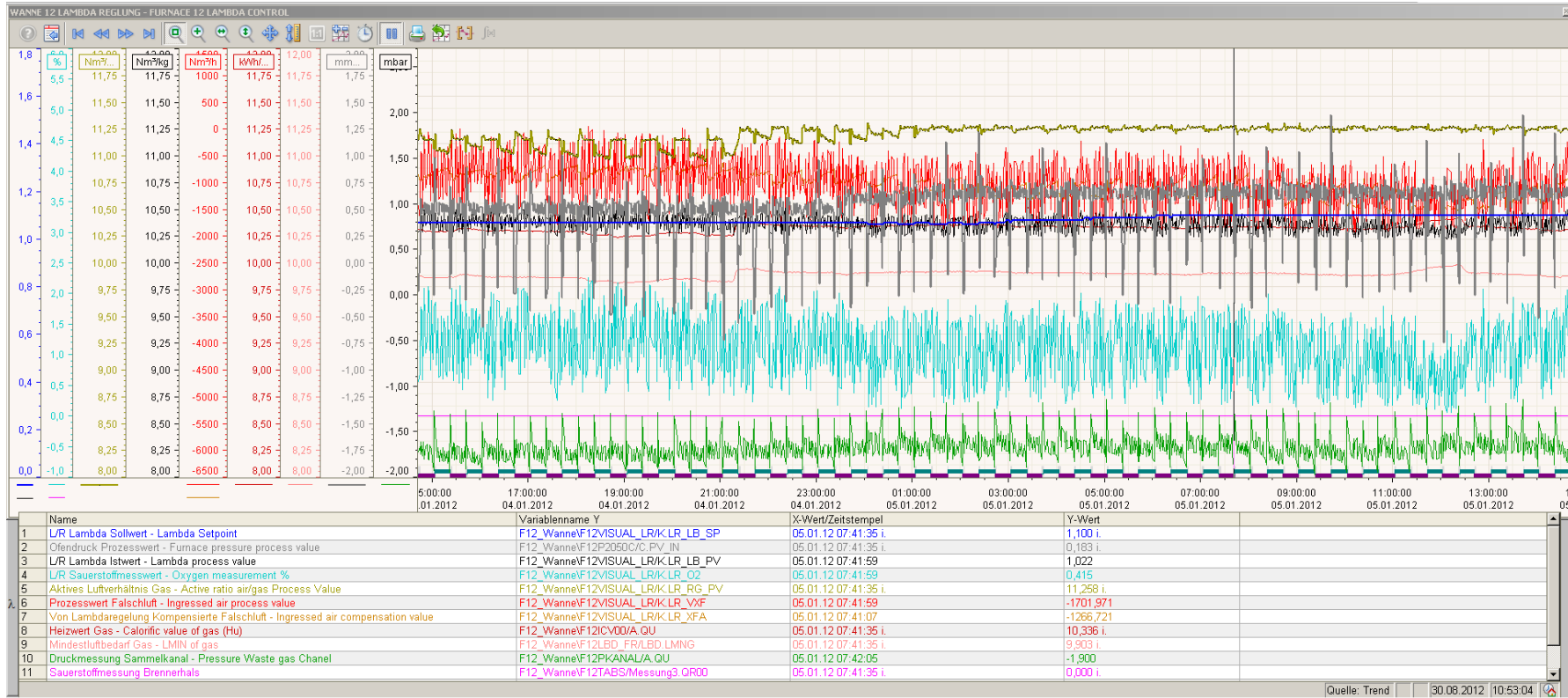
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# Lambda Control

Control Lambda and Furnace Pressure

## Lambda Control as indicator for optimal furnace pressure



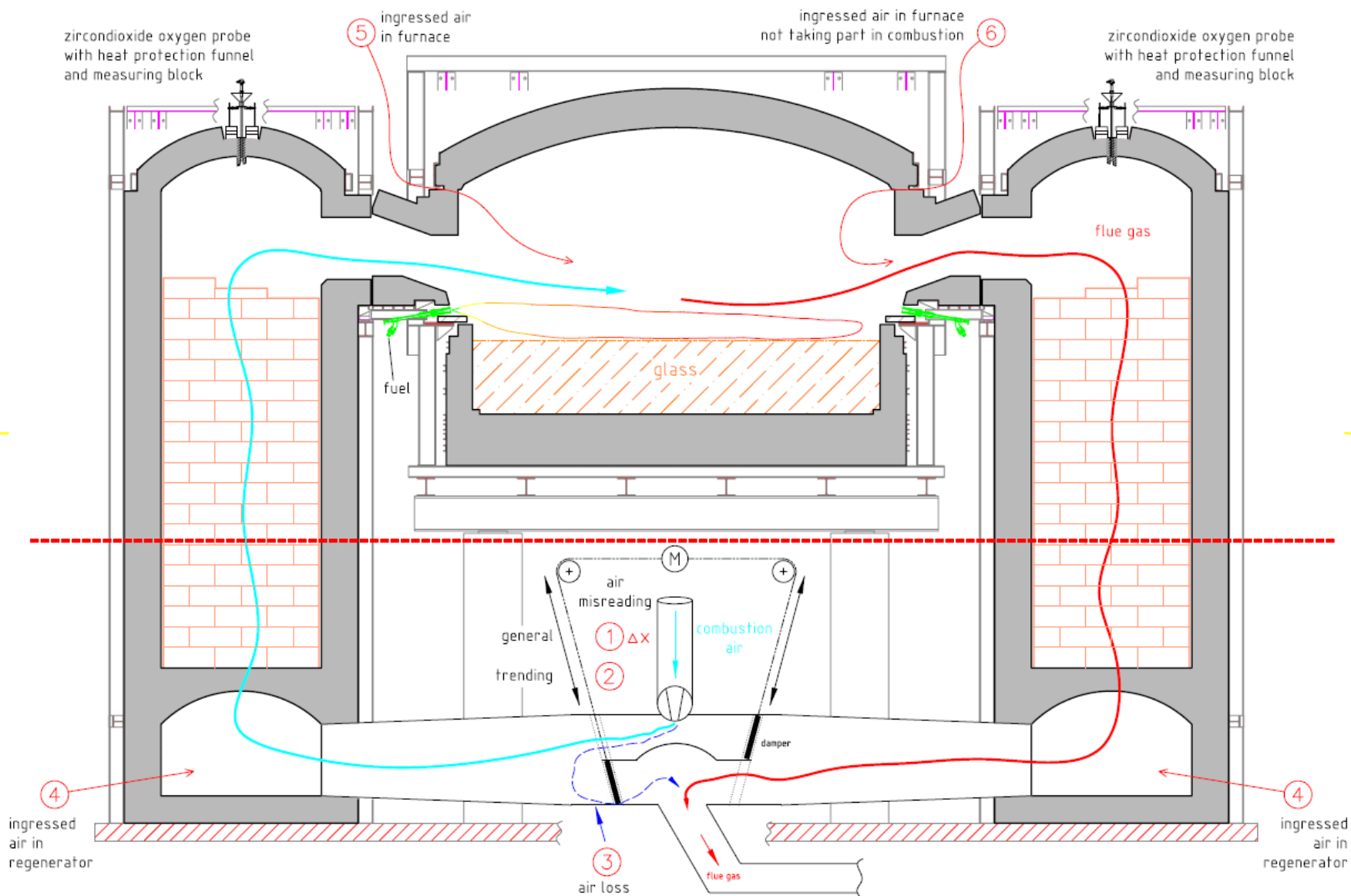
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Increase of furnace pressure from 5 to 7 Pa (dark grey trend)



XF air ingress reduced (red) brings in line left and right RATIO (green)

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## Lambda Control

Summary

Principles

### LAMBDA Control : Summary & Principles

- ➡ Advanced signal processing provides O<sub>2</sub>% and CO[ppm]
- ➡ Convert to linear process value Lambda and XF air ingress
- ➡ Use XF to identify optimal furnace pressure to avoid air ingress into furnace chamber at all
- ➡ Continuously forming model of XF air ingress
- ➡ Compensating XF air ingress in limits
- ➡ Choose Lambda setpoint lowest to avoid CO peaks
- ➡ Improve burner settings to reduce Lambda setpoint
- ➡ or let Lambda setpoint be determined by glass quality requirements (as for crystal glass)

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## Lambda Control

Customers

Benefit

### LAMBDA Control : Customers benefit

- ➔ 1...5% energy savings due to stable operation at low excess air (identification of CO peaks as limit conditions)
- ➔ energy savings while avoiding air ingress into furnace chamber (identification of optimal furnace pressure)
- ➔ energy savings due to identification and improvement of insufficient burner settings
- ➔ 5...10% increase of melting rate as result of stable continuous combustion
- ➔ improve quality conditions for white crystal glass (keeping 3% O<sub>2</sub> reliably constant)
- ➔ 1/2...1 year longer service life while avoiding CO peaks from insufficient purging of regenerators

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