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# OWENS CORNING DECARBONIZATION ROADMAP APPLIED TO GLASS FIBER

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# WHO IS OWENS CORNING?



**1938** First Board of Directors



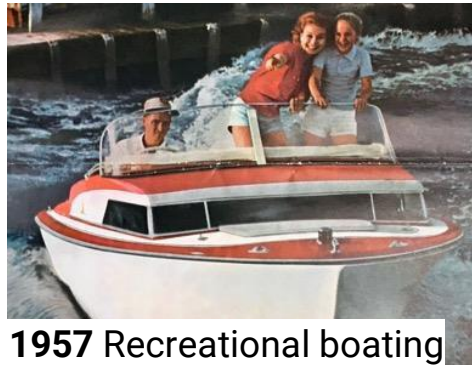
**1939** World's Fair



**1953** Chevrolet Corvette



**1956** The color PINK



**1957** Recreational boating



**1969** Space suits



**1975** Trans-Alaska Pipeline



**1980** The Pink Panther™



**1981** Hajj airport terminal



**2005** Wind H glass



**2008** Bird stadium



**2018** PAROC

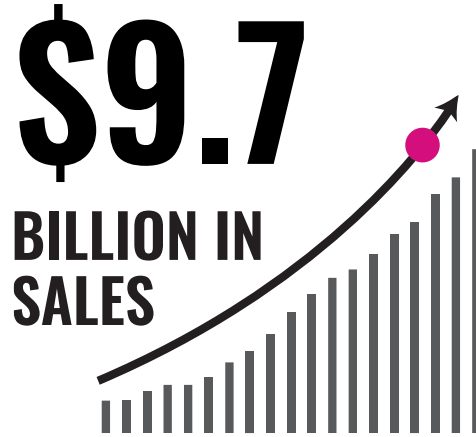


**2022** OC Lumber

# OWENS CORNING AT A GLANCE



CONSECUTIVE YEARS  
AS A FORTUNE® 500  
COMPANY



\*2023 REVENUE



18,000

EMPLOYEES PLUS 1  
PINK PANTHER



COUNTRIES WHERE  
WE OPERATE

Serving residential, commercial, and industrial markets

ROOFING | INSULATION | COMPOSITES

# GLASS FIBER MANUFACTURING



# GLASS FABRIC TECHNOLOGIES



# WHAT WE MAKE

## Owens Corning products & applications



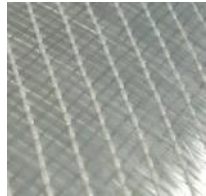
### **WearDeck™ Decking**

Commercial decking application and structural lumber for use in construction applications



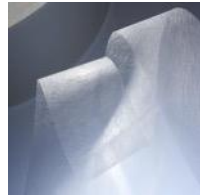
### **Ultraspar™ Pultrusions**

High performance pultrusions for the wind energy market to enable longer blades



### **Knitted or woven fabrics**

Wind, pipe, thermoplastic composites, industrial, recreational



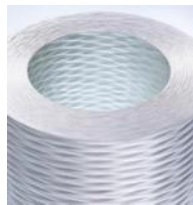
### **Nonwoven veil**

Construction, industrial, automotive, road paving



### **Chopped strand mat and continuous filament mat**

Marine, transportation, recreation, corrosion resistance, construction



### **Continuous Fiber Type 30® single end roving**

Chemical and sewage, oil, water processing (pipe and tanks), industrial (high-pressure vessels, pultruded items), wind energy, aerospace, ballistics, transportation (muffler filling), electrical (optical cable)



### **Continuous fiber multi-end roving**

Construction (panels and translucent panels), corrosion resistant pipe and tanks, consumer (sanitary, recreational vehicles), transportation (headliner, body parts, semi-structural parts)



### **Chopped strand, wet-use**

Building products (roofing and gypsum), industrial specialties



**WHERE WE LIVE**



**WHERE WE WORK**



**HOW WE MOVE**



**HOW WE POWER OUR LIVES**



**WHAT WE DO**

**DECARBONIZE  
GLASS FIBER OPERATIONS  
AT OWENS CORNING**



# COMBATING CLIMATE CHANGE – WHAT ARE OUR GOALS

## 2030 Owens Corning GOALS

**A 50% reduction in absolute Scope 1 and Scope 2 market-based GHG emissions from the base year of 2018.**

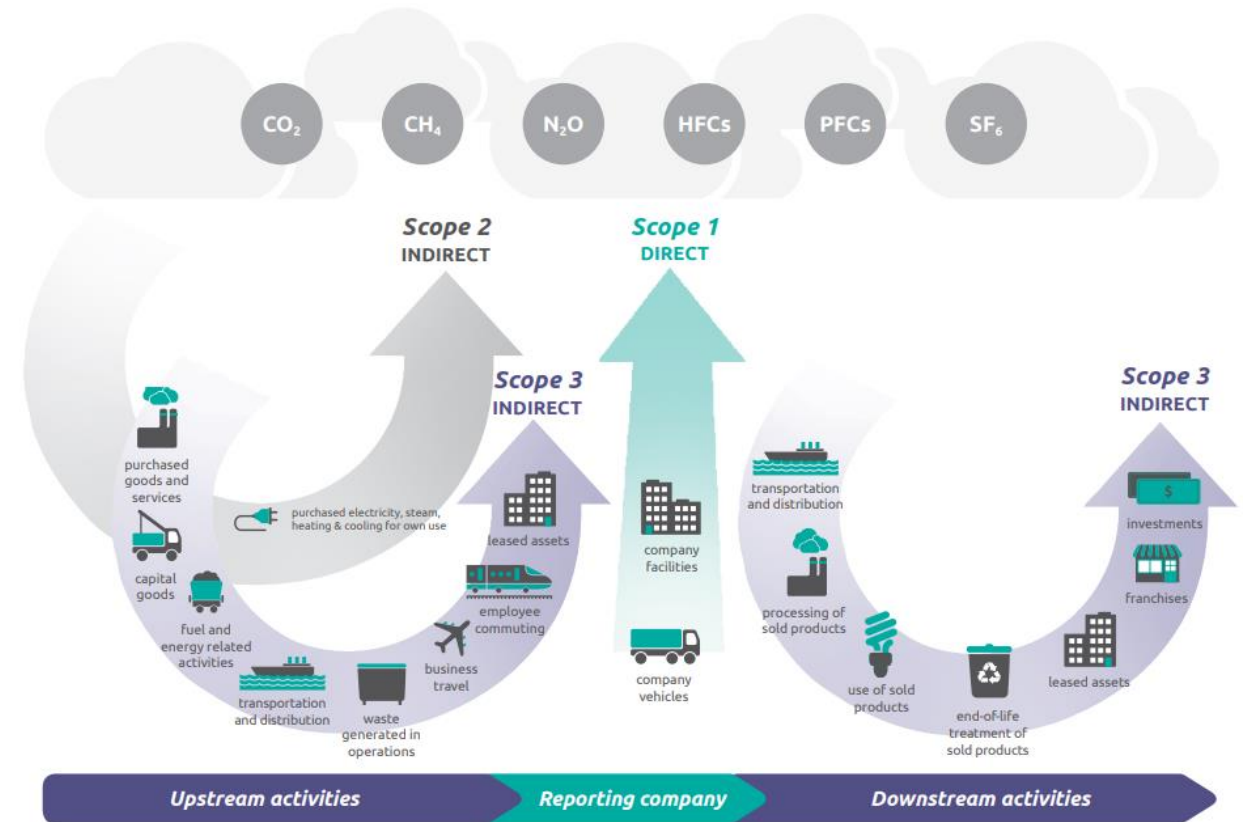
- Scope 1 include the direct emissions from our own manufacturing operations.
- Scope 2 include indirect emissions from the generation of purchased energy.

**A 30% reduction in absolute Scope 3 emissions, compared to the base year of 2018.**

- Scope 3 refers to other indirect emissions, primarily those from our supply chain.

## Scope 1, 2 and 3 as reported by Owens Corning

Figure [1.1] Overview of GHG Protocol scopes and emissions across the value chain



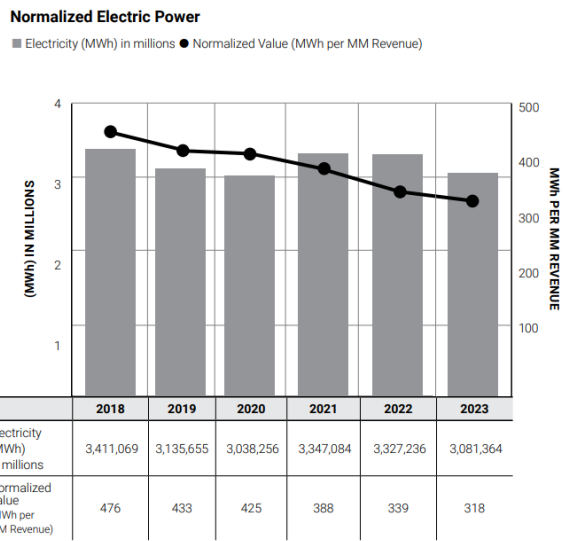
Source: WRI and WBCSD Corporate Value Chain (Scope 3) Accounting and Reporting Standard

# HOW TO WIN – DEFINE 3 HORIZON ROADMAP

## 3 HORIZONS ROADMAP



DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY
Waste heat recovery projects
Efficient lighting projects
Compressed air efficiency projects
Energy efficiency projects of various types including pump upgrades, motor upgrades, and other infrastructure
Projects impacting our processes, resulting in improved energy efficiency, including right-sizing of systems, efficient coating systems, and other process optimizations
HVAC efficiency projects
Replacing equipment with more energy-efficient technologies



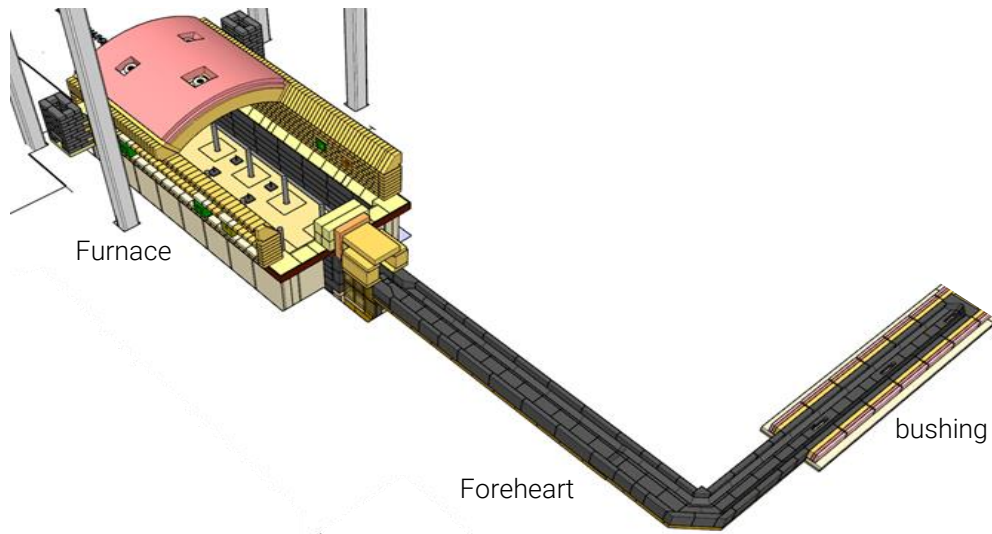
Source: 2023 OC Sustainability page 248



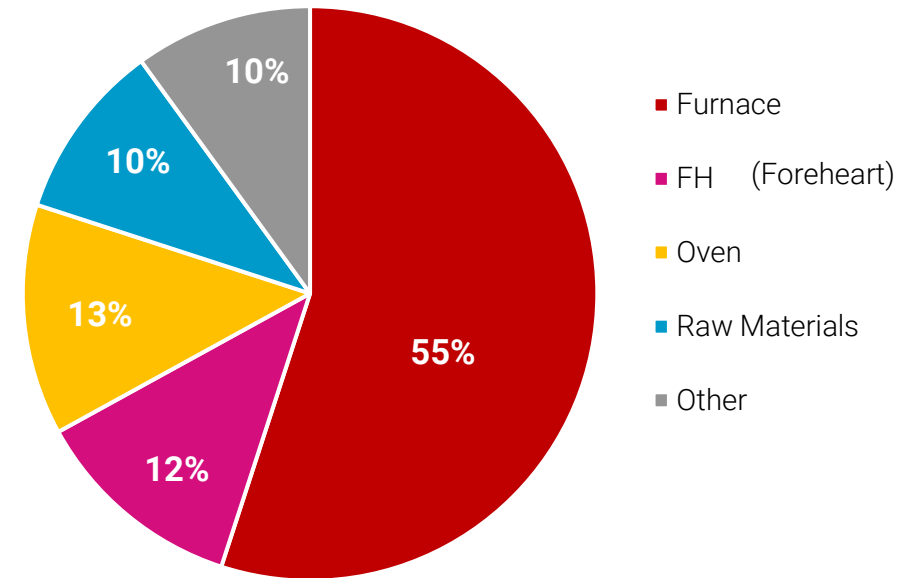
# WHERE DO CO<sub>2</sub><sub>EQ</sub> EMISSIONS COME FROM ?

## Usual Glass Fiber manufacturing footprint

- Hybrid furnace design (combustion / e-boost)
- Furnace combustion (oxy/gas or oxy/fuel)
- Downstream hot air equipment
- Raw Materials (carbonated or decarbonated)

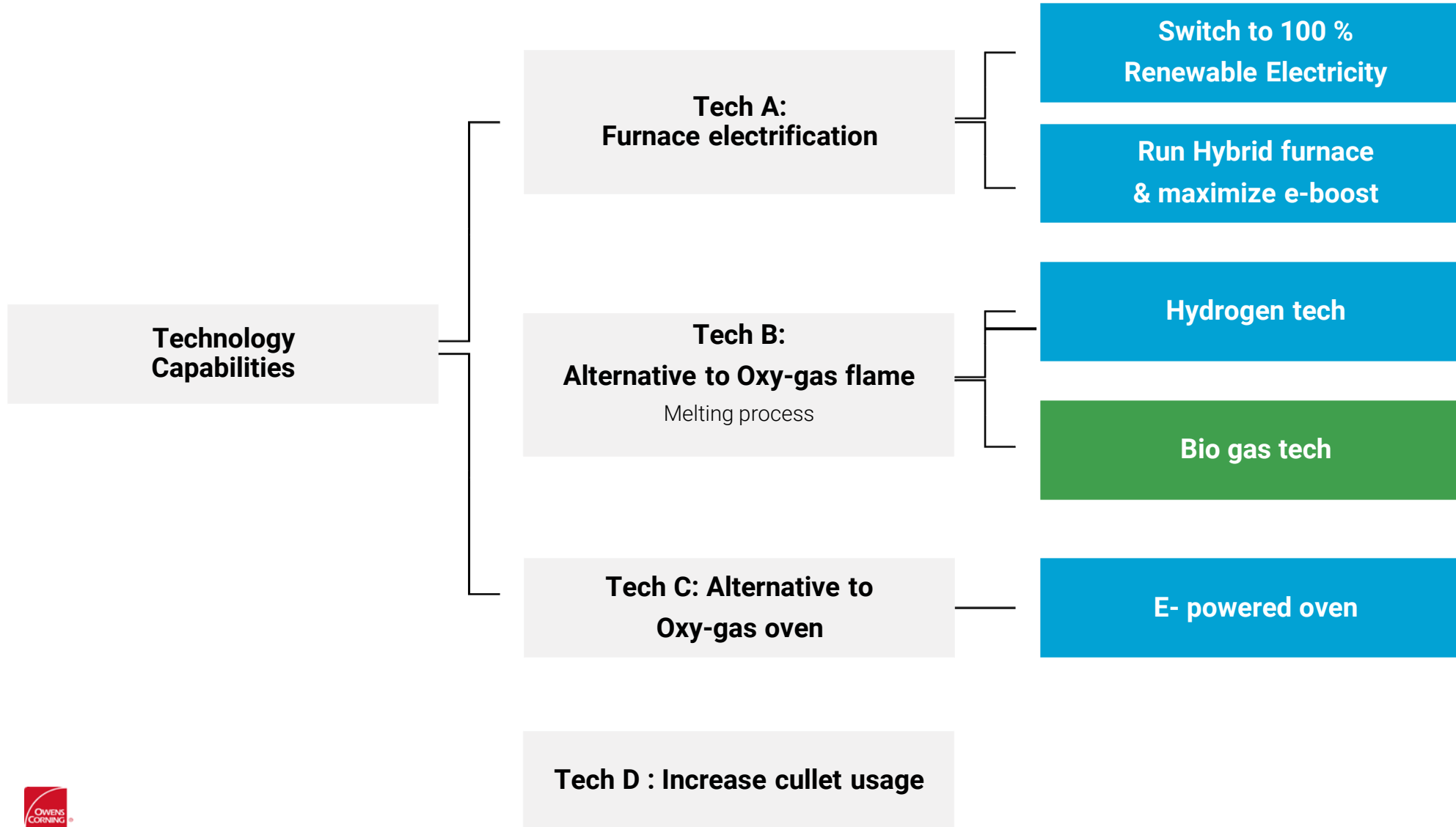


## Scope 1 Breakdown – reference Reinforcement Glass Fiber plant



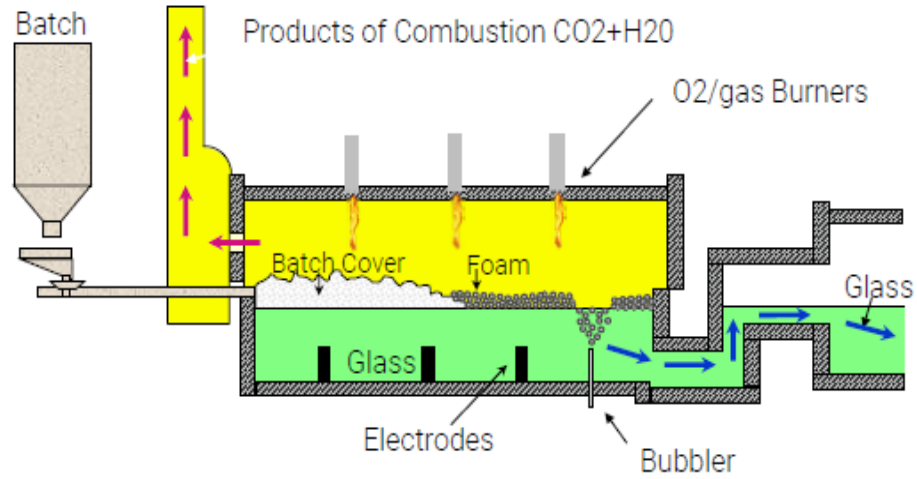
Furnace - the biggest CO<sub>2</sub> emission contributor

# TECHNOLOGY OPTIONS FOR HORIZON 3

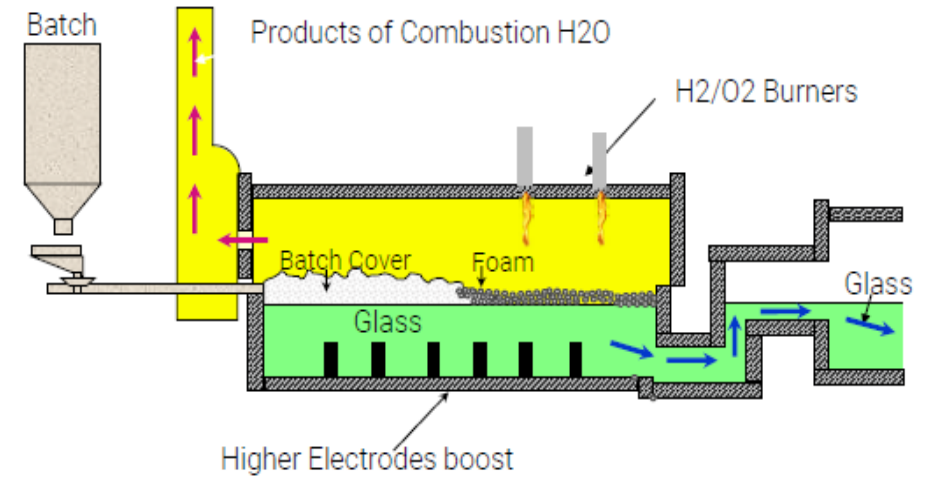


# PATH TO ZERO CO2 IN GLASS FURNACE

## Initial state



## Carbon Neutral - Future state



## STEP 1: R&D FUNDAMENTALS GLASS/REFRACTORIES/HYDROGEN

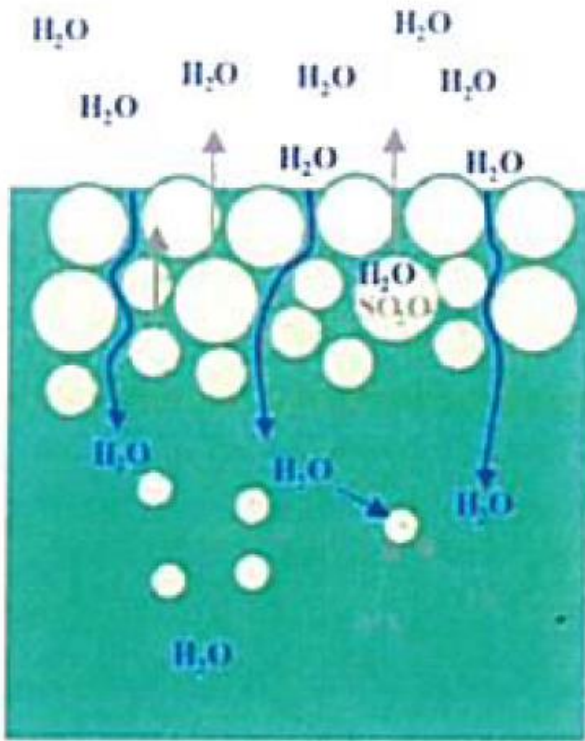


### **Impact of Hydrogen combustion on**

- Glass melting quality
- Refractories

# IMPACT OF HYDROGEN COMBUSTION ON GLASS FOAMING/BUBBLE RATE (1/2)

**ASSUMPTION:** With Hydrogen combustion, Water partial pressure above glass batch will significantly increase



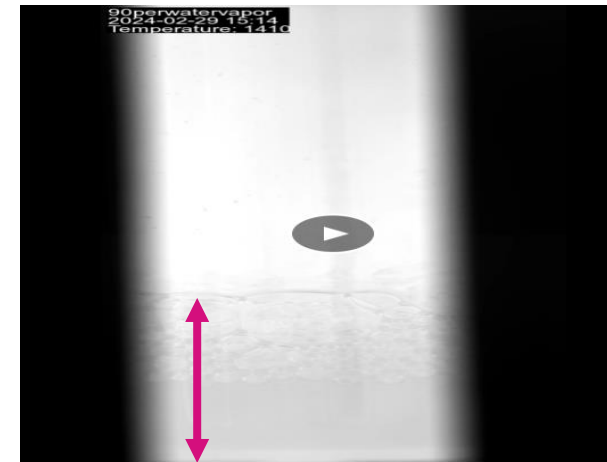
Air-Gas



O<sub>2</sub>-Gas



90% humidity



90% water vapor

Advantex Glass\* alkali R<sub>2</sub>O < 1 % wt; 0 added sulfate

## RESULTS

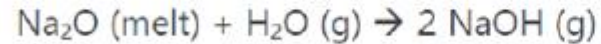
- Glass foam increases with increasing partial water pressure
- Operational risk on higher bubble rate and so BBH impact

# IMPACT OF HYDROGEN COMBUSTION ON FURNACE REFRACTORIES (2/2)

## 1) No impact on Silica refractory

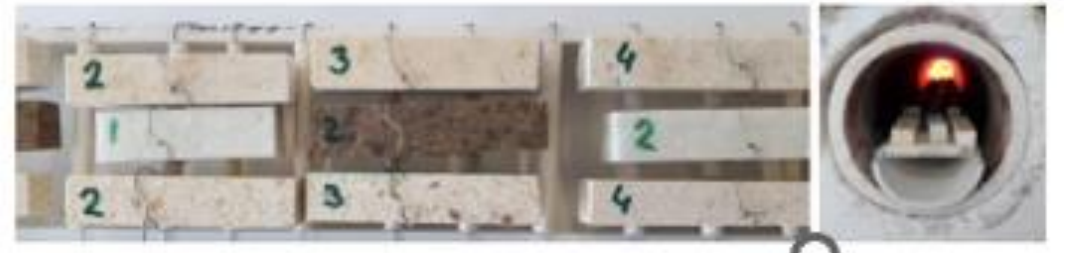
- Thermodynamic calculations strategy
  1. Simulation of the formation of volatile gas species by reaction of glass melt components with water in combustion atmosphere
  2. Simulation of chemical interaction between volatile gas species and the refractory material

- Reactions



- **Result:** no alkali in Advantex glass, so partial pressure of NaOH will be too low in the atmosphere to react with silica refractories

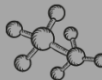
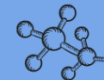





## 2) Mullite – Thermodynamic calculations not possible; lab tests on going





# STEP 2: EVALUATE INDUSTRIAL READINESS AND BUSINESS CASE

## 1) Source Blue, Green, Pink or Yellow Hydrogen is needed

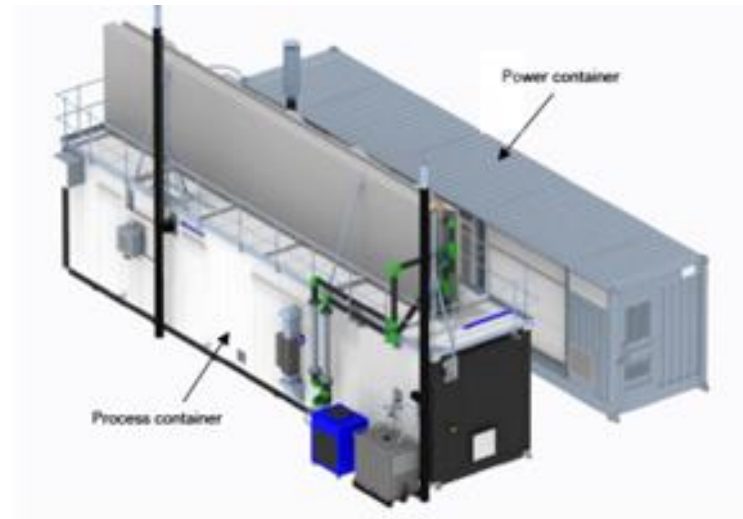
<p><b>Grey Hydrogen</b></p> <p>Process: Steam Reforming</p> <p>Source: Natural Gas </p>	<p><b>Blue Hydrogen</b></p> <p>Process: Steam Reforming With Carbon Capture</p> <p>Source: Natural Gas </p>	<p><b>Green Hydrogen</b></p> <p>Process: Electrolysis</p> <p>Source: Renewable Energies </p>	
<p><b>Black Hydrogen</b></p> <p>Process: Gasification</p> <p>Source: Coal </p>	<p><b>Pink Hydrogen</b></p> <p>Process: Electrolysis</p> <p>Source: Nuclear Energy </p>	<p><b>Turquoise Hydrogen</b></p> <p>Process: Pyrolysis</p> <p>Source: Natural Gas </p>	<p><b>Yellow Hydrogen</b></p> <p>Process: Electrolysis</p> <p>Source: Solar Energy </p>



Source: Acciona web site

**2) Run trials in normal industrial conditions (Q4 2024)**  
 Capture learnings on furnace thermal profiles, glass quality and Operational efficiencies.

## H2 supply option: trucks or electrolyser



# RELEVANT LITERATURE



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## **Risk-Based Maintenance models for hydrogen systems: a review for the glass and aluminium industry**

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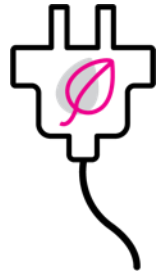
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# EU PROGRESS END 2023 TOWARDS CLIMATE ACTION (SCOPE 1+2)



**Reduce greenhouse gas emissions**  
from our operations by 50% (Scope 1 & 2) from our 2018 baseline



**Switch to 100% renewable electricity.**  
Purchase electricity only from renewable

Scope 1 & 2



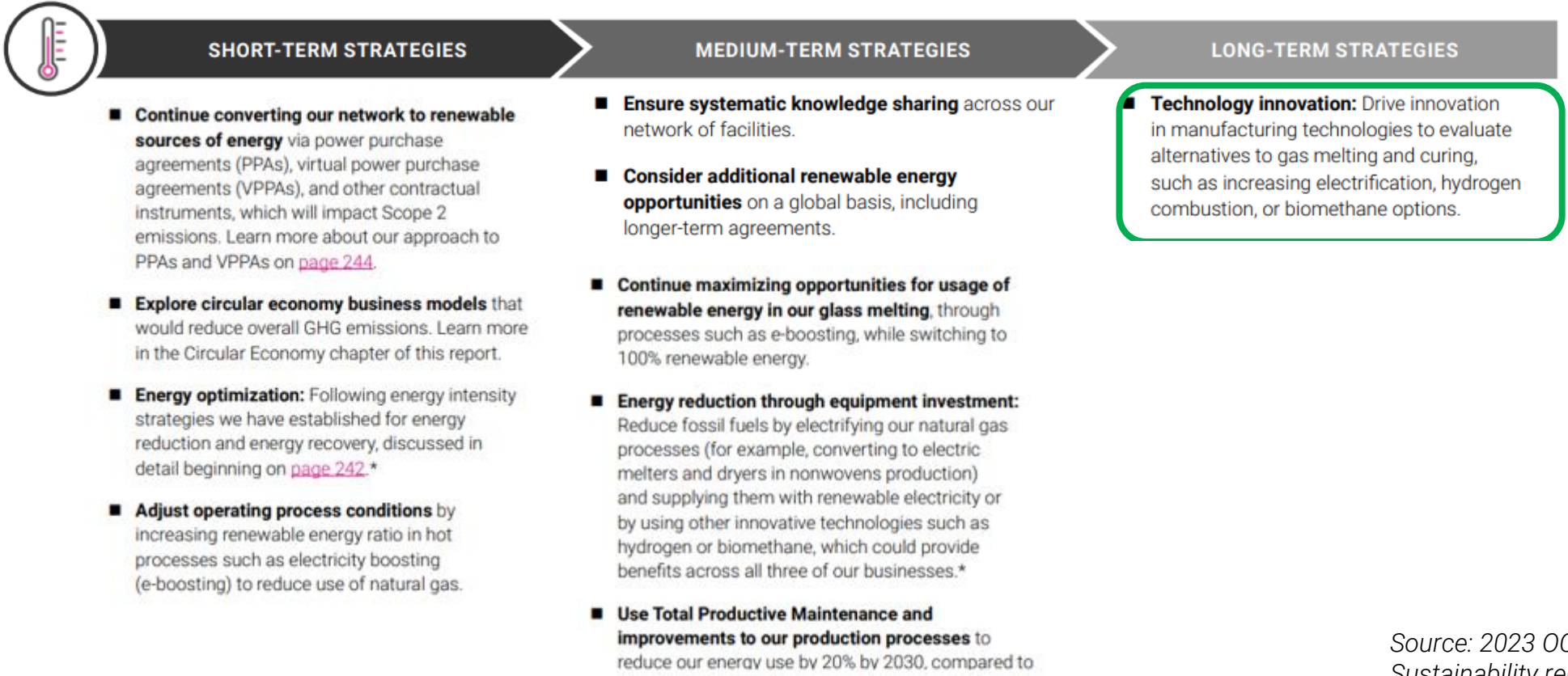
Our greenhouse gas emission reduction goals are in line with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s standards, which urge that global temperatures cannot increase above 1.5° C vs. pre-industrial levels.

Our 2030 goals to combat climate change are approved by the **Science Based Targets Initiative** as meeting these standards.

For more information:  
JEC 2024 – OC booth communication

## 2030 ROADMAP TO GHG REDUCTION (SCOPE 1 & SCOPE 2)

Our plan to reduce Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions includes the following strategies:



Source: 2023 OC Sustainability report page 256



A 3 horizon RoadMap requiring day to day Ops focus and long term R&D



# 2023 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT

Our 18th annual sustainability report highlights our progress and our Environmental, Social, and Governance commitments. It's full of stories about how our employees make a difference and data that reflects our successes and our opportunities.

LEARN MORE

<https://www.owenscorning.com/en-us/corporate/sustainability/docs/2024/2023-Owens-Corning-Sustainability-Report.pdf>

