

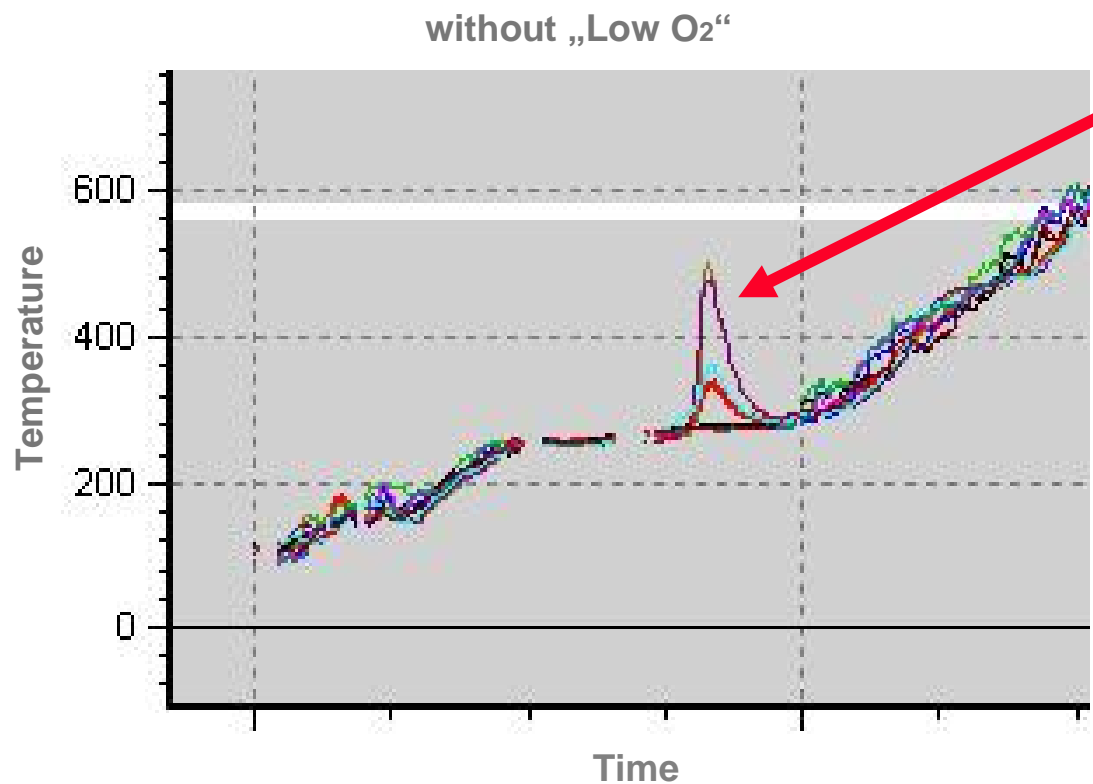
# Innovative Heat Treatment of Ceramics Using „Low O<sub>2</sub>“ Technology

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# Debinding Processes

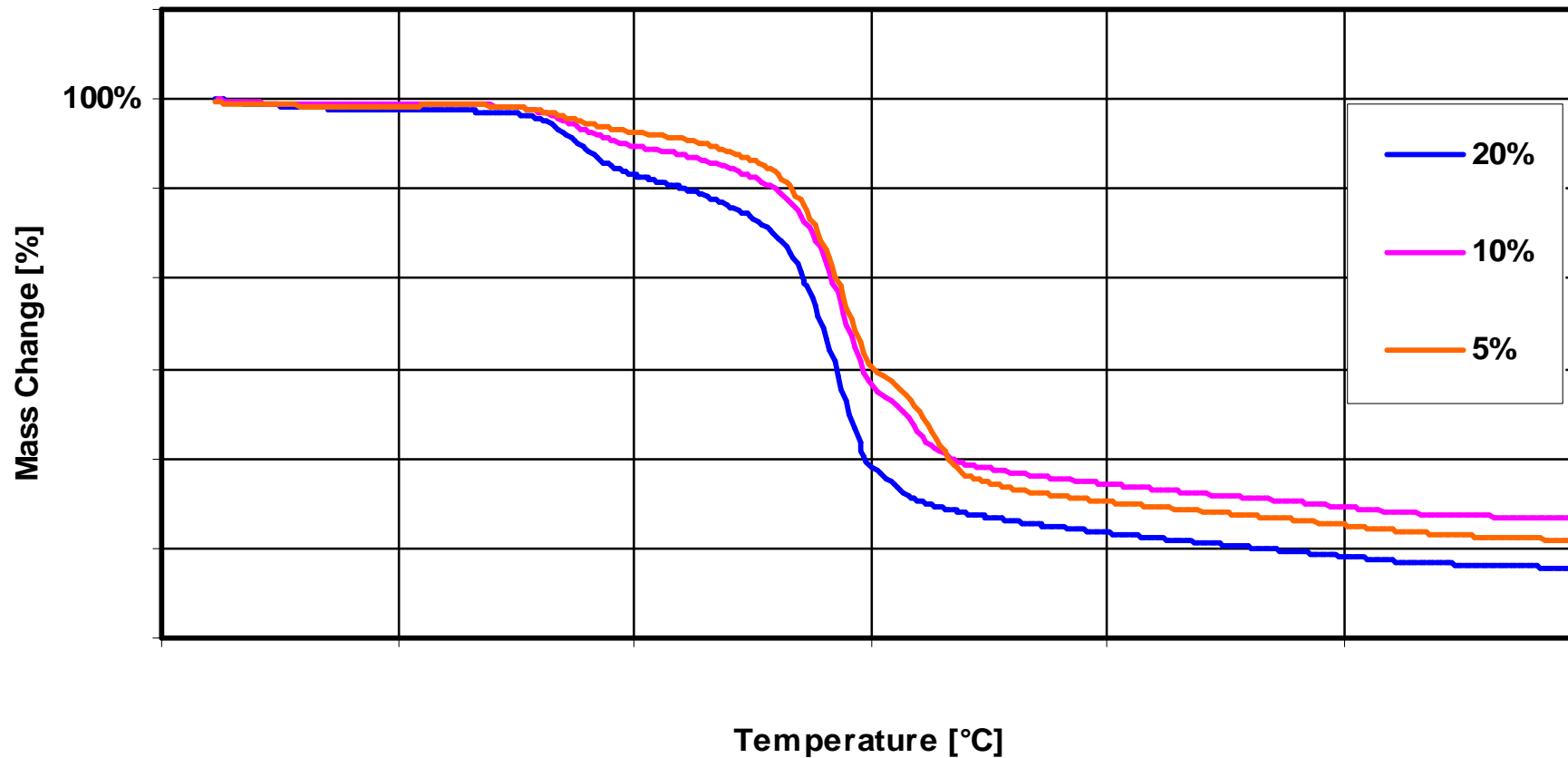
In the traditional firing the debinding time requires up to 50 % of the entire firing time



Uncontrollable reaction in the product

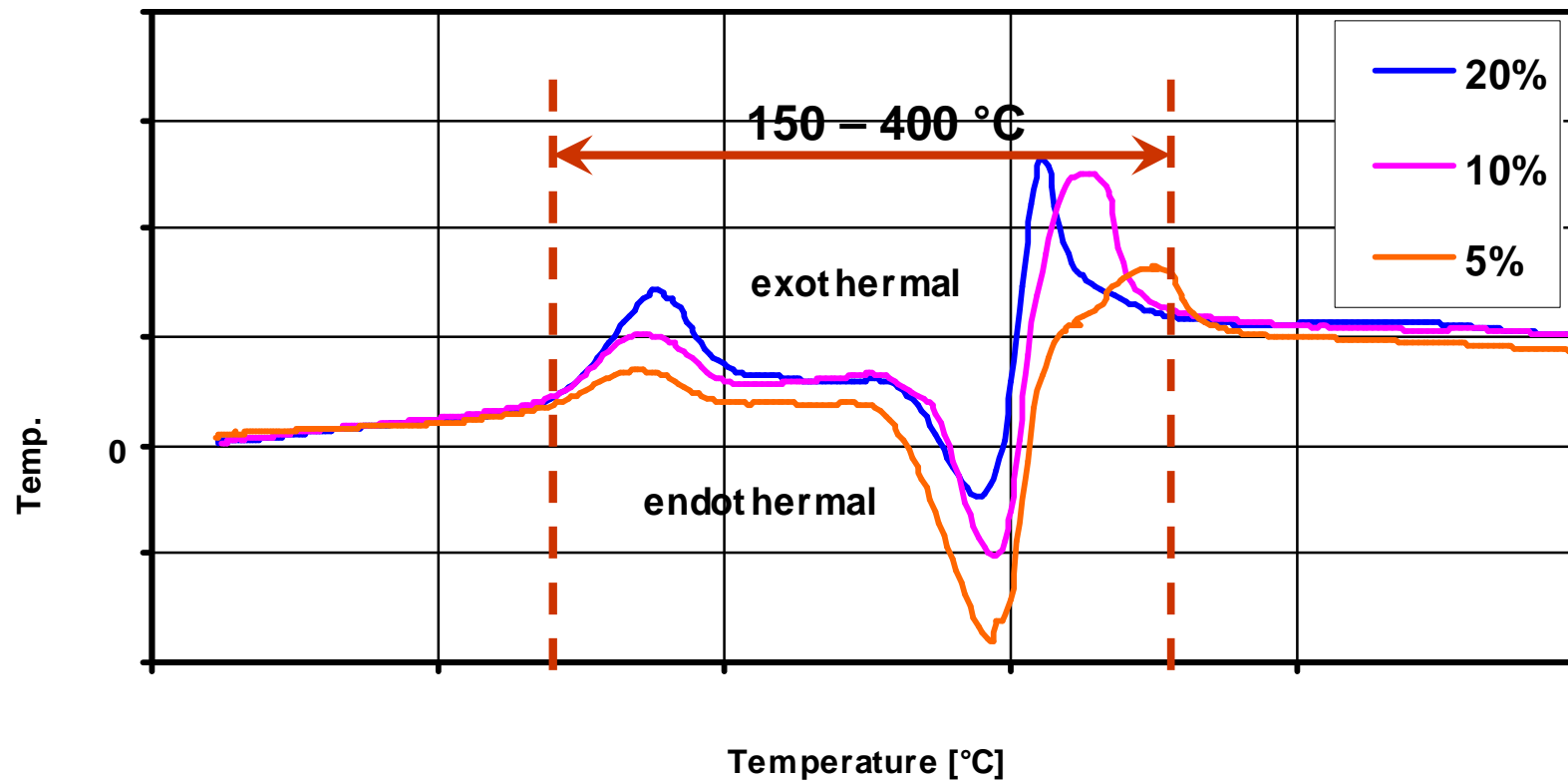
Almost the entire weight loss takes place between 150 °C and 400 °C

### Mass Change Subject to O<sub>2</sub>-Content



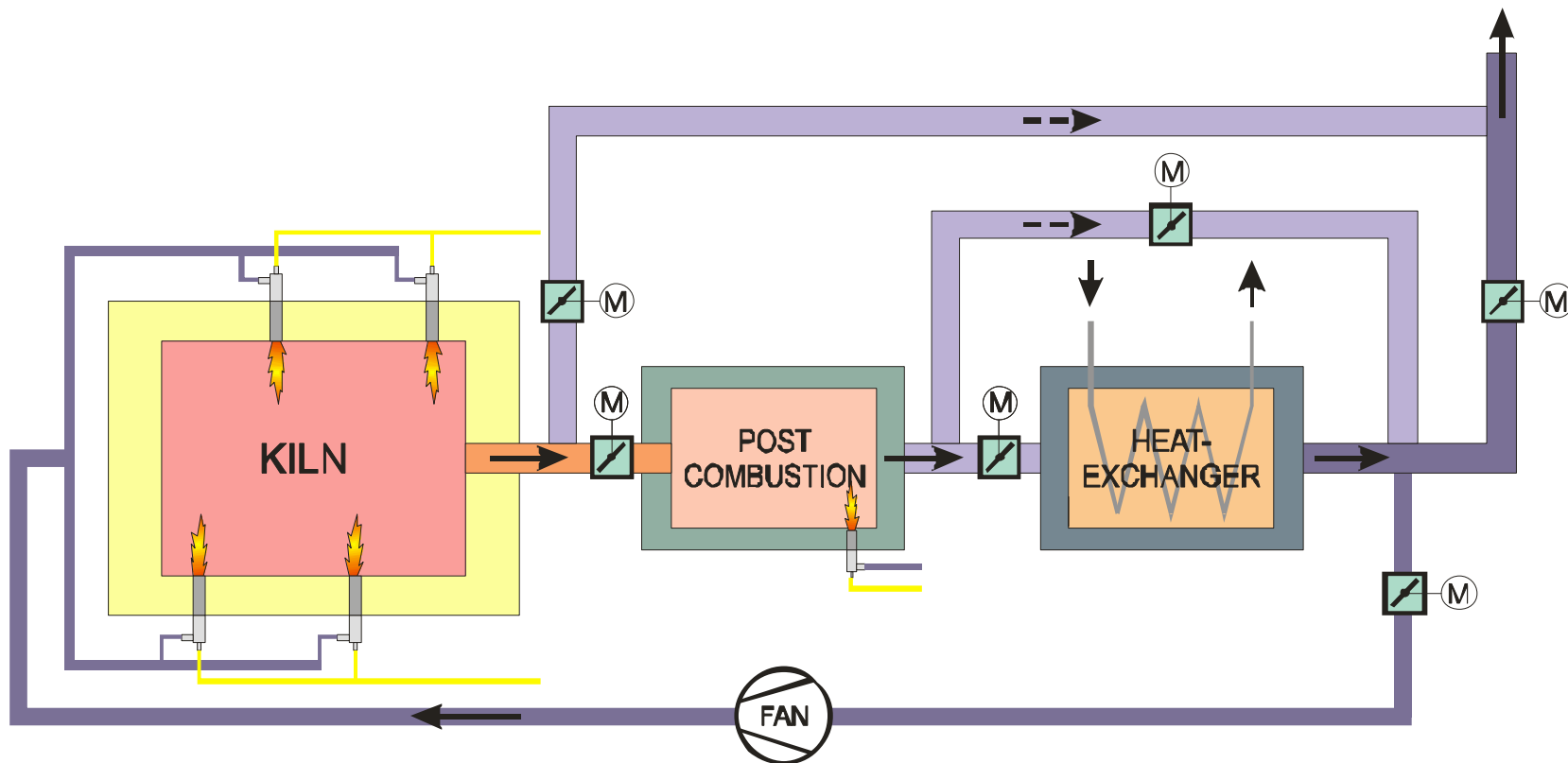
The strongest reactions run between 150 °C and 400 °C

## Exothermic and Endothermic Reaction Subject to O<sub>2</sub>-Content



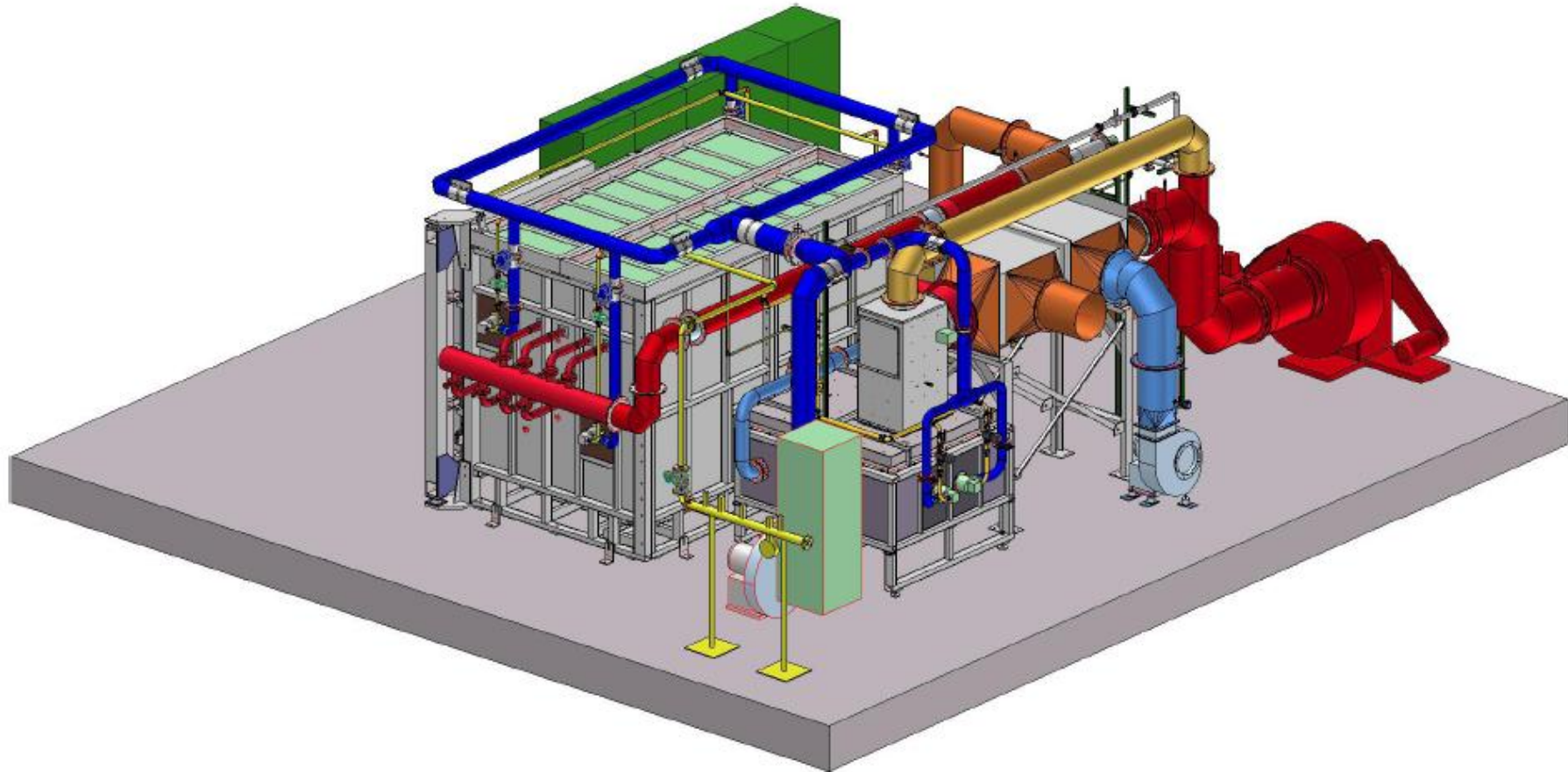
# Discontinuously operated kiln plant with „Low O<sub>2</sub>“ Technology

The „Low O<sub>2</sub>“ technology principle for discontinuous firing



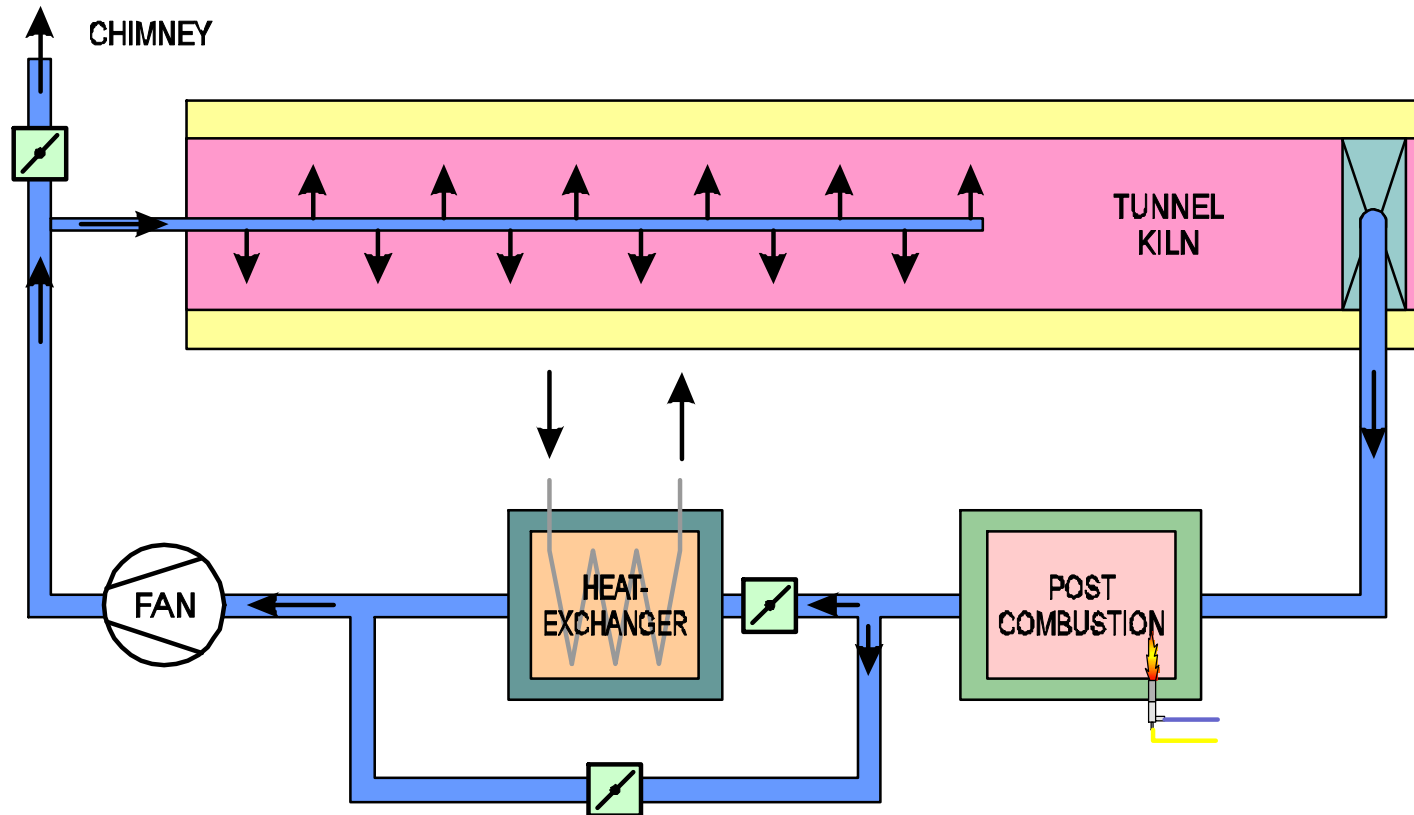
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Shuttle kiln with „Low O<sub>2</sub>“ technology



# Continuously operated kiln plant with „Low O<sub>2</sub>“ Technology

The „Low O<sub>2</sub>“ technology principle for continuous firing





# Continuously operated kiln plant with „Low O<sub>2</sub>“ Technology

Debinding kiln



Gas-tight sintering kiln



## Continuously operated kiln plant with „Low O<sub>2</sub>“ Technology

Debinding zone of the tunnel kiln with following components:



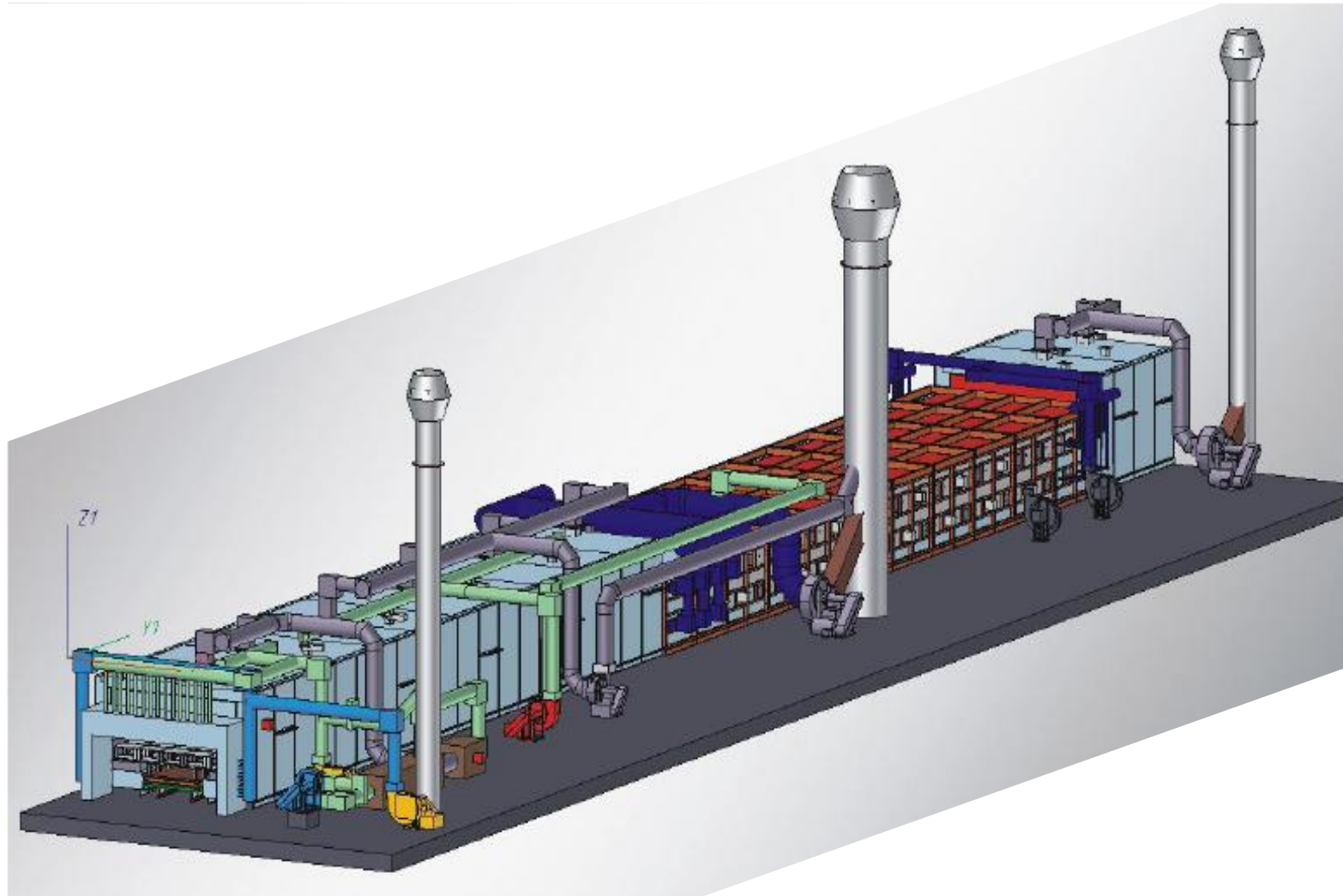
Air-water heat  
exchanger

Thermal post-  
combustion



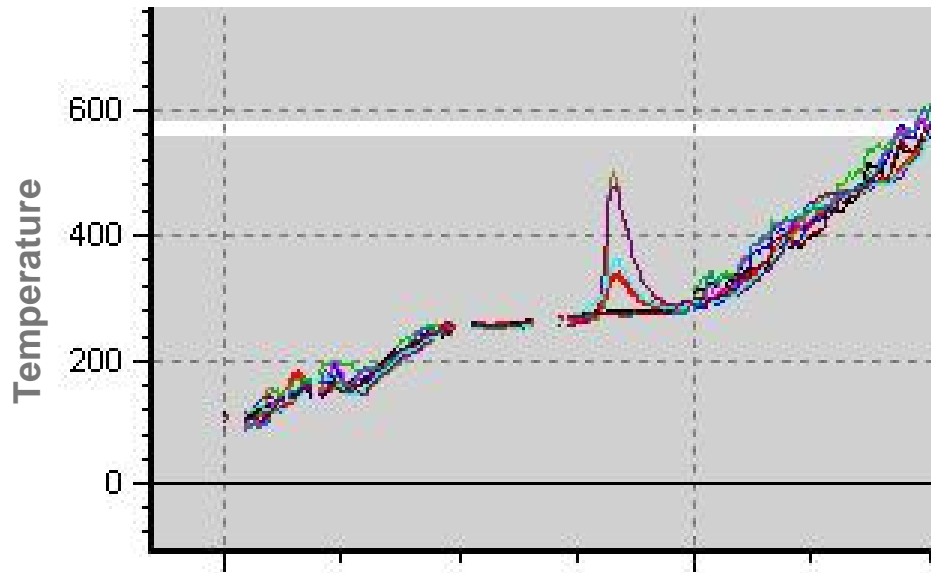
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Tunnel kiln with „Low O<sub>2</sub>“ Technology

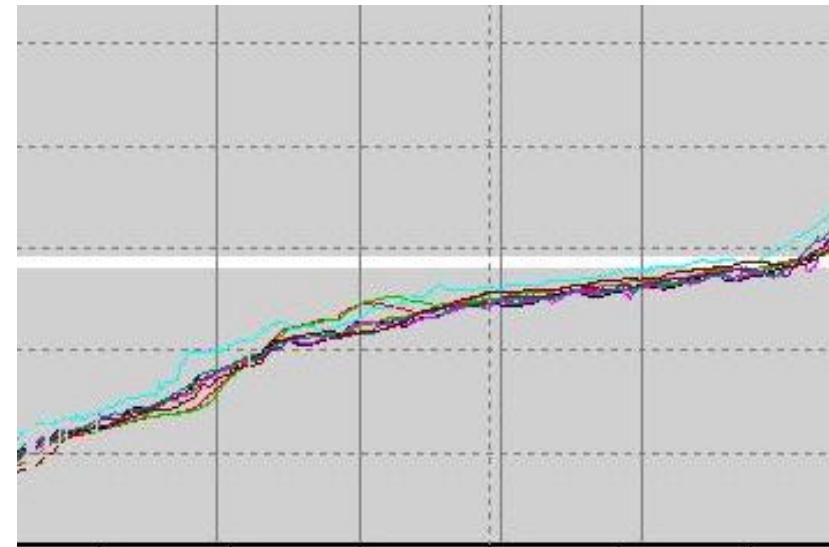


With „Low O<sub>2</sub>“ technology firing time can be radically shortened

without „Low O<sub>2</sub>“



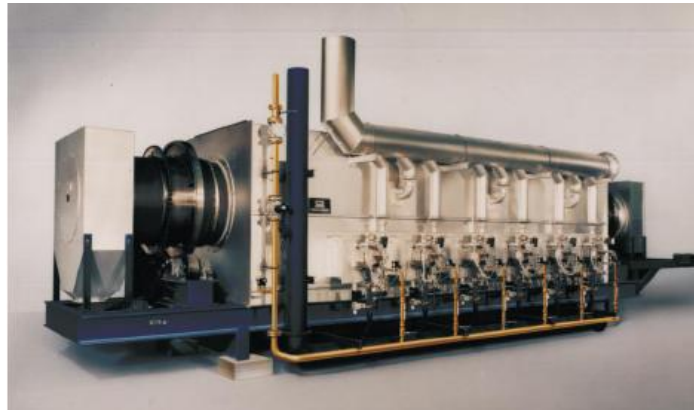
with „Low O<sub>2</sub>“



Time

# State of the Technology

Thermal treatment with „Low O<sub>2</sub>“



Indirectly heated rotary kiln



Pit furnace for baking carbon



Gas-tight top hat kiln

Heat treatment of ceramics with a regulated kiln atmosphere is the stand of the art (e. g. hard porcelain)

Regulation of the oxygen content in a gas-heated kiln in a low temperature area is a real innovation with following advantages:

- „Low O<sub>2</sub>“ e „O<sub>2</sub> control“ regulation of the kiln atmosphere in a wide area
- low investment cost
- low required space
- low energy consumption
  - Ø short duration of the process
  - Ø recirculation of waste gas
- Applicable für continuously and discontinuously operated firing processes
- Debinding and sintering in one firing cycle

