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# GLASS: INSPIRING NEW FRONTIERS OF DEVELOPMENT

## SmartMelter: New Industry Standard in Furnace Life Optimization

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# Glass: Inspiring New Frontiers of Development

- **Radar Technology: Development and New Industry Standard in Furnace Health Monitoring**
- **Case Studies from Float, Container & Tableware**
- **Digitizing and Tracking Furnace Risk and Reliability**

1,61km=100mm

# Enablers

- O-I
- Libbey
- United States Defense Contracts
- Miniaturization
- Cloud Computing



**We See Leaks Before You Do**

# Radar Technology for Furnace Risk Minimization

SmartMelter radar technology identifies potential furnace failure points and glass leaks 1-3 years in advance in comparison to human eye and thermal sensors.

This allows manufacturers to:

- Safely Extend Rebuilds
- Avoid Costly Emergency Repairs
- Minimize Repair Scopes
- Delay overcoats

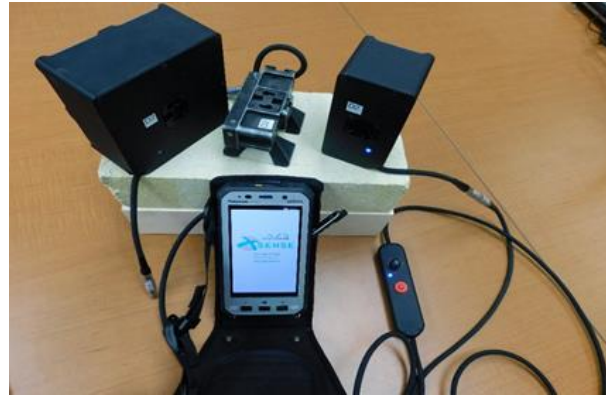




# SmartMelter Technology

SmartMelter Technology is comprised of two key components

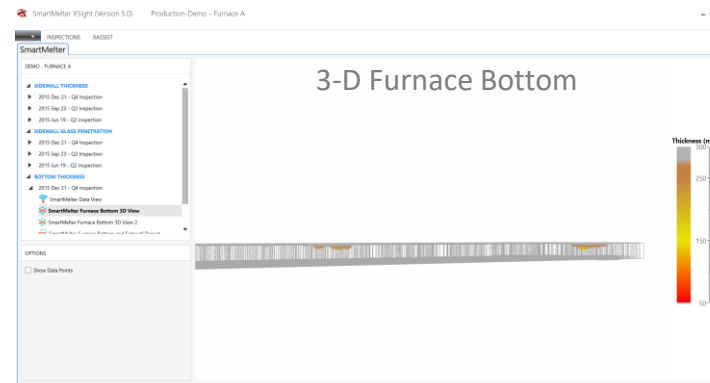
- Easy to use advanced radar sensors with portable and permanent versions
- Comprehensive based software for furnace health management



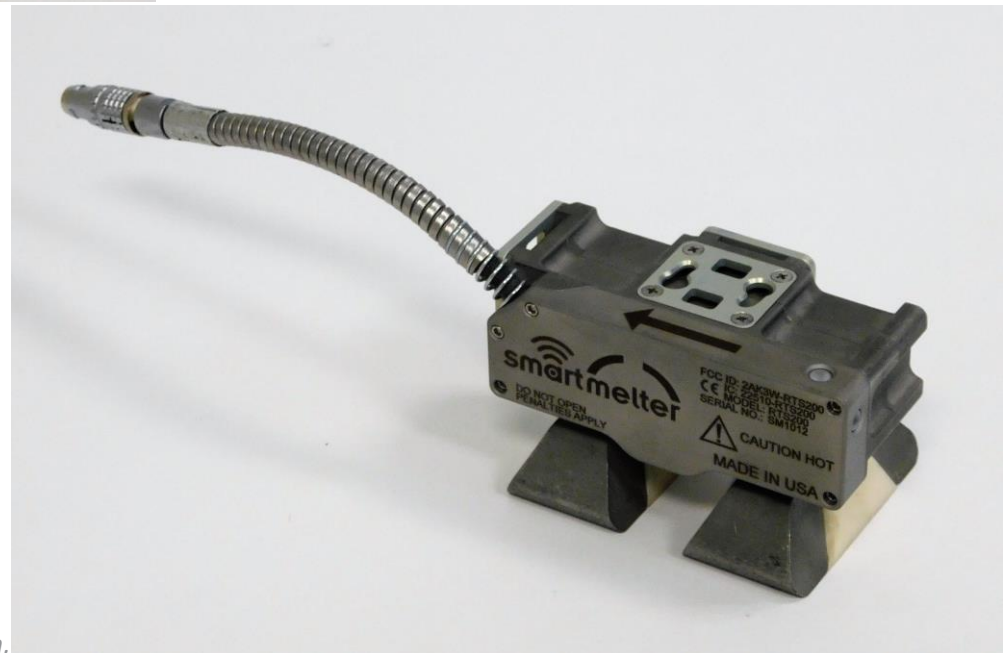
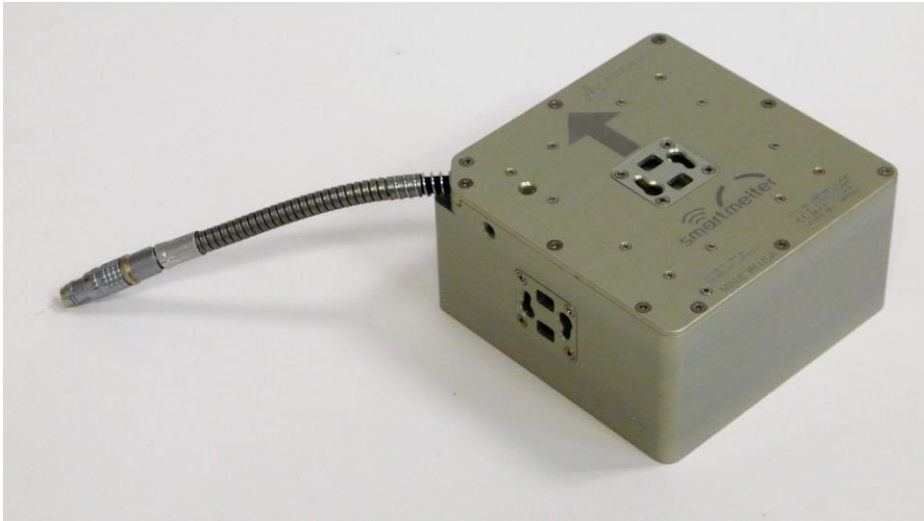
Portable Sensors



Permanently Installed Sensors



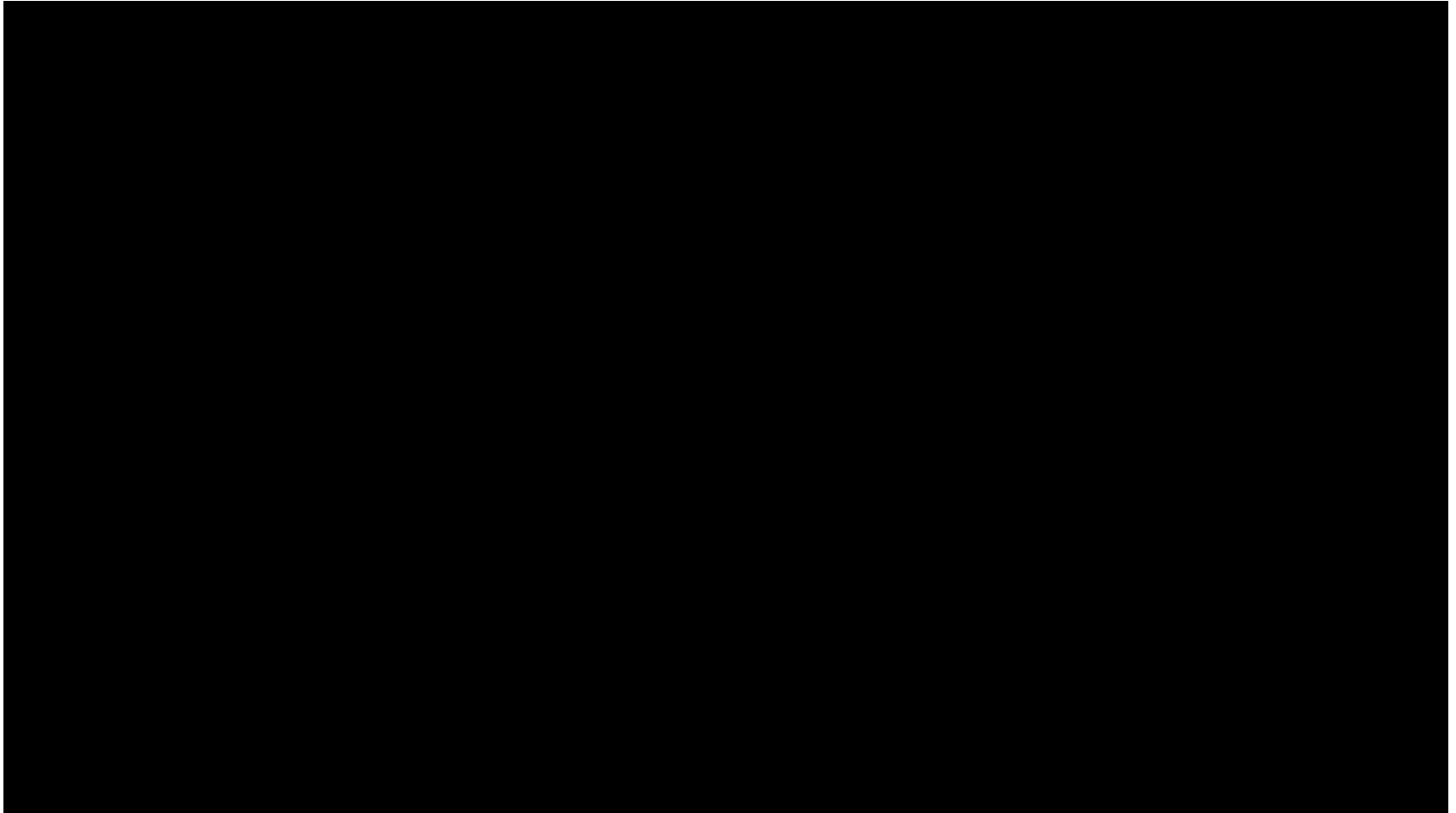
# Sensor families







# SmartMelter Technology



# New Grating Sensor



# Deliverables

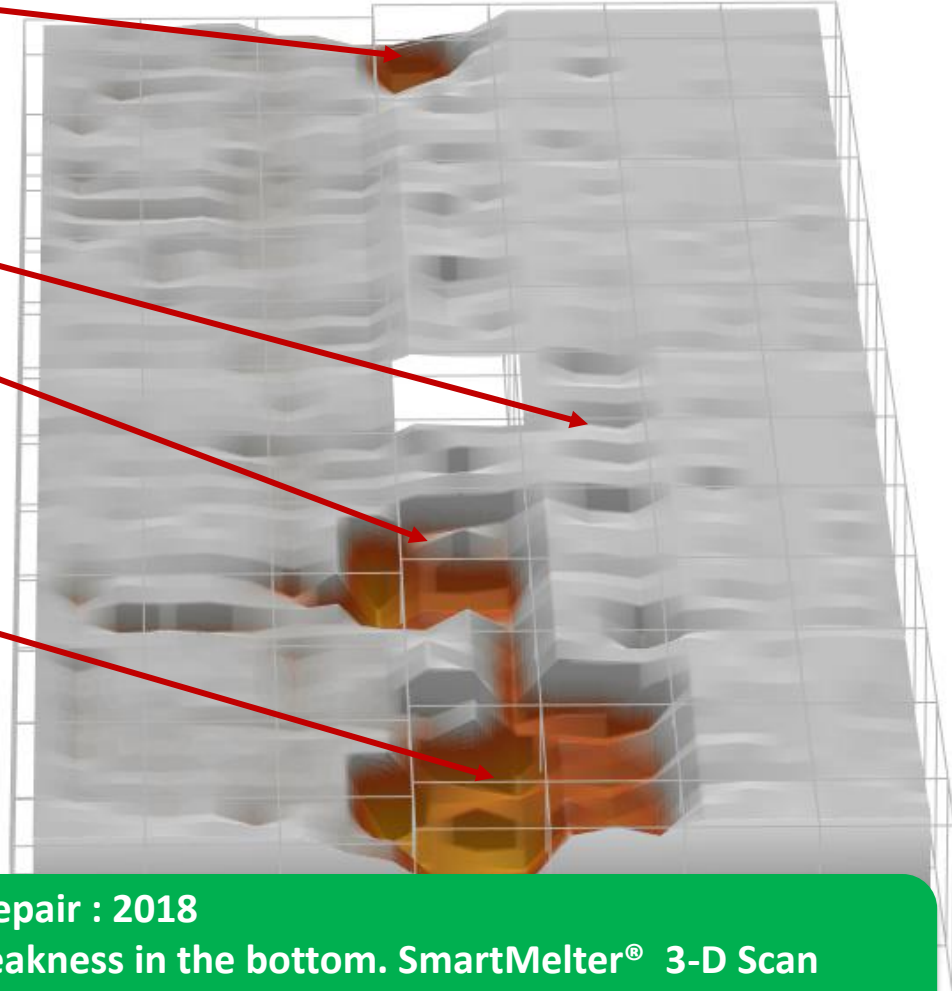
- Software program to visualize results
- A written report within 7 days
- A telephone/web conference after 7 days to discuss findings and next steps



# Case Study 1: Float Bottom Risk Management



SmartMelter® 3-D Scan



**SmartMelter® Monitoring Start Year: 2016, Cold Repair : 2018**

Customer engaged SmartMelter to identify any weakness in the bottom. SmartMelter® 3-D Scan indicated large glass penetration in the refiner area and guided the customer for proper and effective cooling. This furnace lasted another 2 years since our first indication of glass penetration into the bottom insulation. We monitored this furnace at least every 6 months.

# Case Study 2: Float Bottom Risk Management

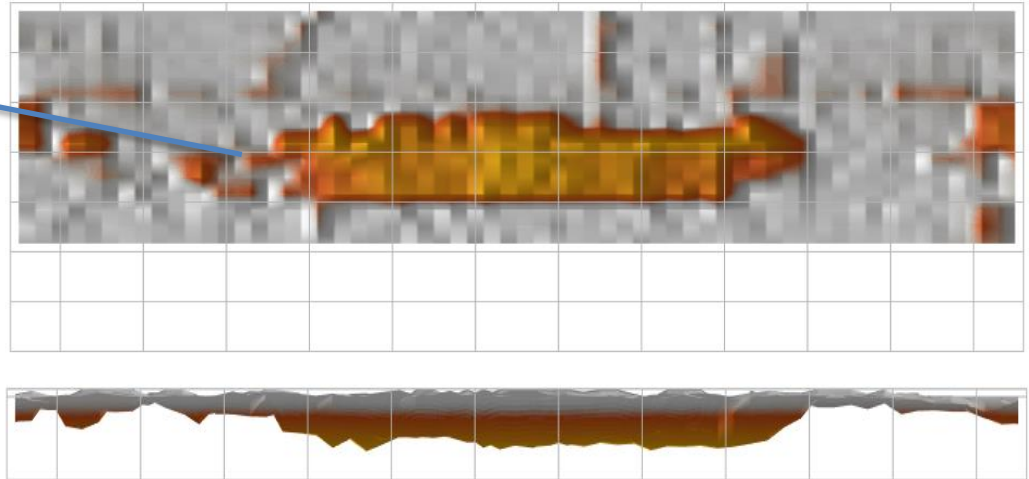
SmartMelter® Monitoring Start Year: 2017

Cold Repair : 2019

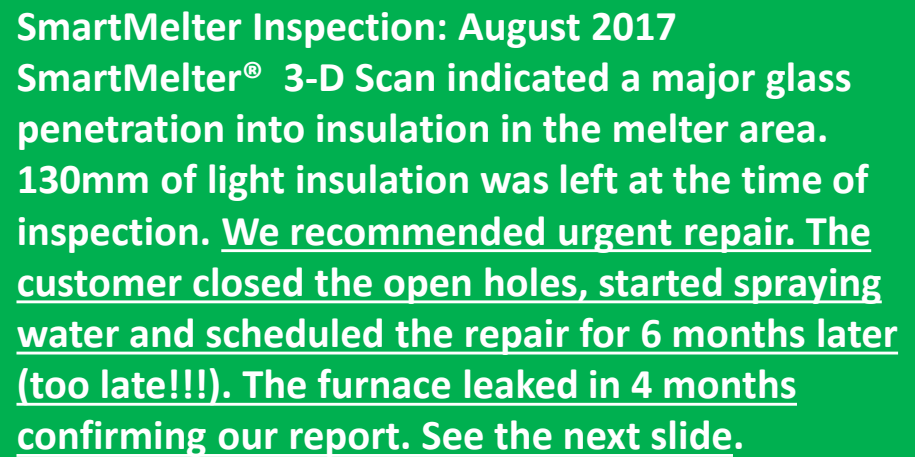
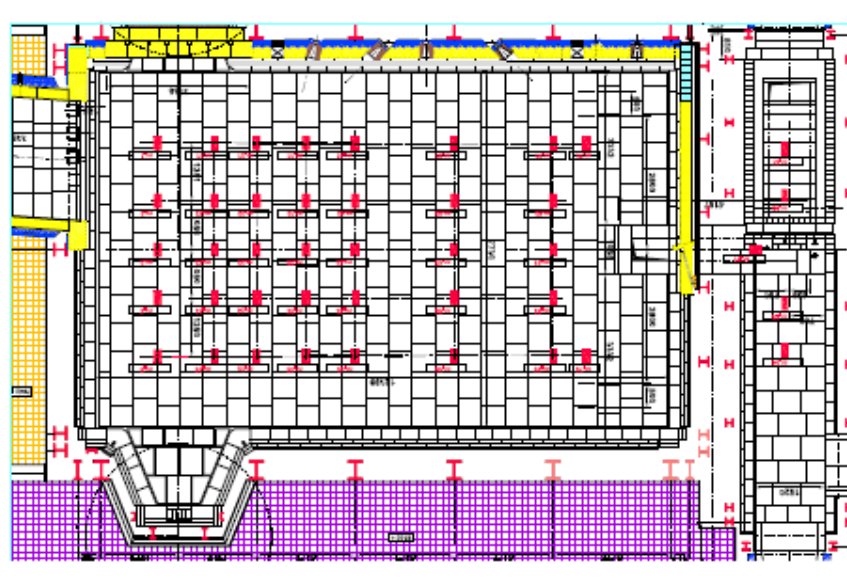
SmartMelter® 3-D Scan indicated large glass penetration with 220mm insulation left in February of 2017. We helped the customer with the proper and effective cooling. They were able to keep running the furnace two more years while the glass slowly penetrated through the insulation (Clay flux) in the bottom. We monitored this furnace at least every 6 months (sometimes 3 months) to determine the pace of erosion and assess the effectiveness of cooling



SmartMelter® 3-D Scan

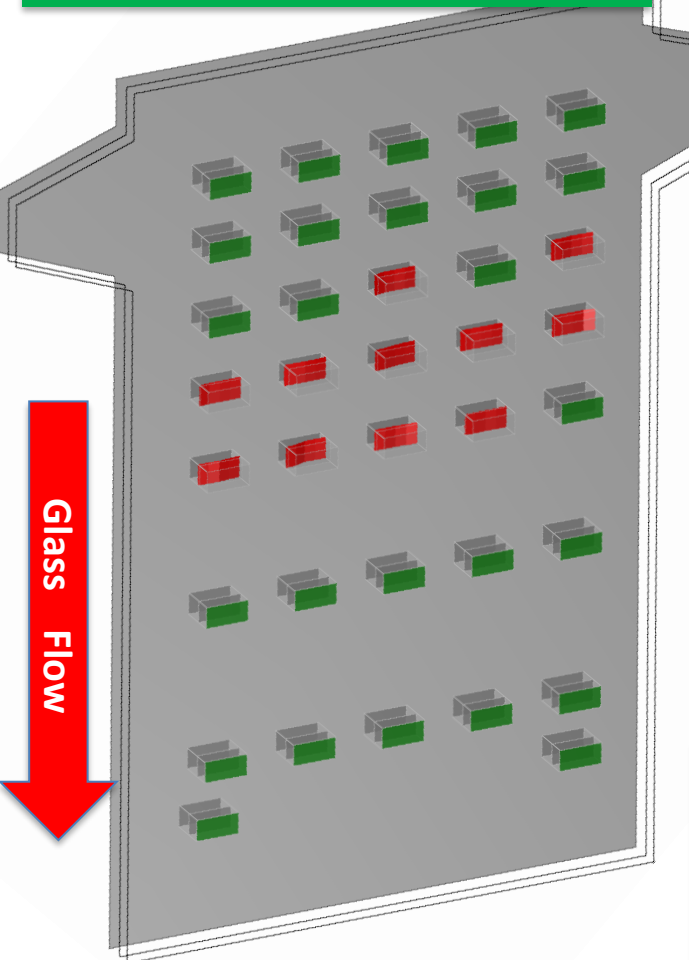






# Case Study 4: SmartMelter Report vs. Reality

SmartMelter Inspection Map  
(4 Months Before Leak)



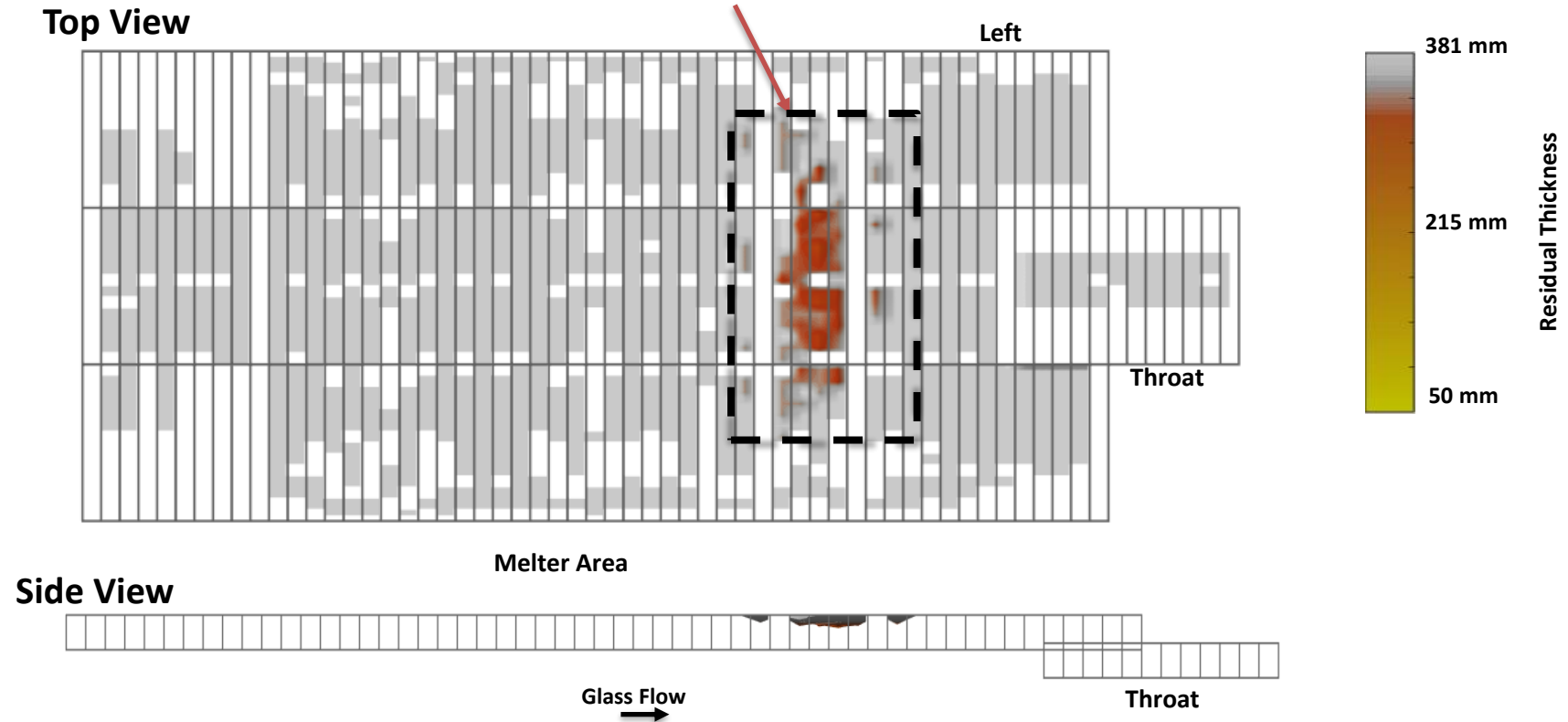
Post-Leak Photo



Post-leak photos confirmed the accuracy of the SmartMelter Inspection Report. Customer scheduled the repair too late (6 months later) despite our request for urgent action. Furnace lasted 4 months.

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# Case Study 5: Metal + Glass Penetration in Container Bottom



SmartMelter® 3-D Scan of this furnace bottom indicated major penetration into the bottom. Customer has been working with 3 other audit/inspection firms to do thermal and visual inspection of their furnace bottom. None has indicated any issue until SmartMelter inspection. Customer drilled several spots and confirmed both metal and glass penetration into the bottom. The customer is closely monitoring the area with regular SmartMelter inspections and in the meantime working on having a hot bottom repair done.



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# Furnace Life Extension Story: Shreveport Furnace A

By

**Elmer Sperry**

**Former Global Furnace Leader at Libbey Glass**

# Shreveport Furnace A

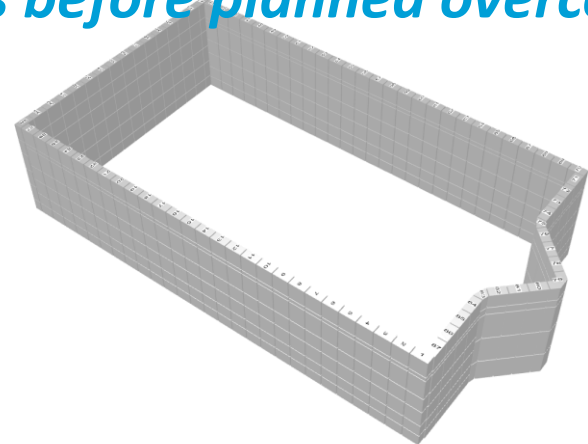
## Libbey Shreveport Furnace A

- Tableware furnace, Low iron, oxidized soda-lime glass

**Scheduled overcoat maintenance date: December 2015**

- Planned overcoat timing based on analysis of historical data, total pull, and observation of melter, pulls were higher than historical data.

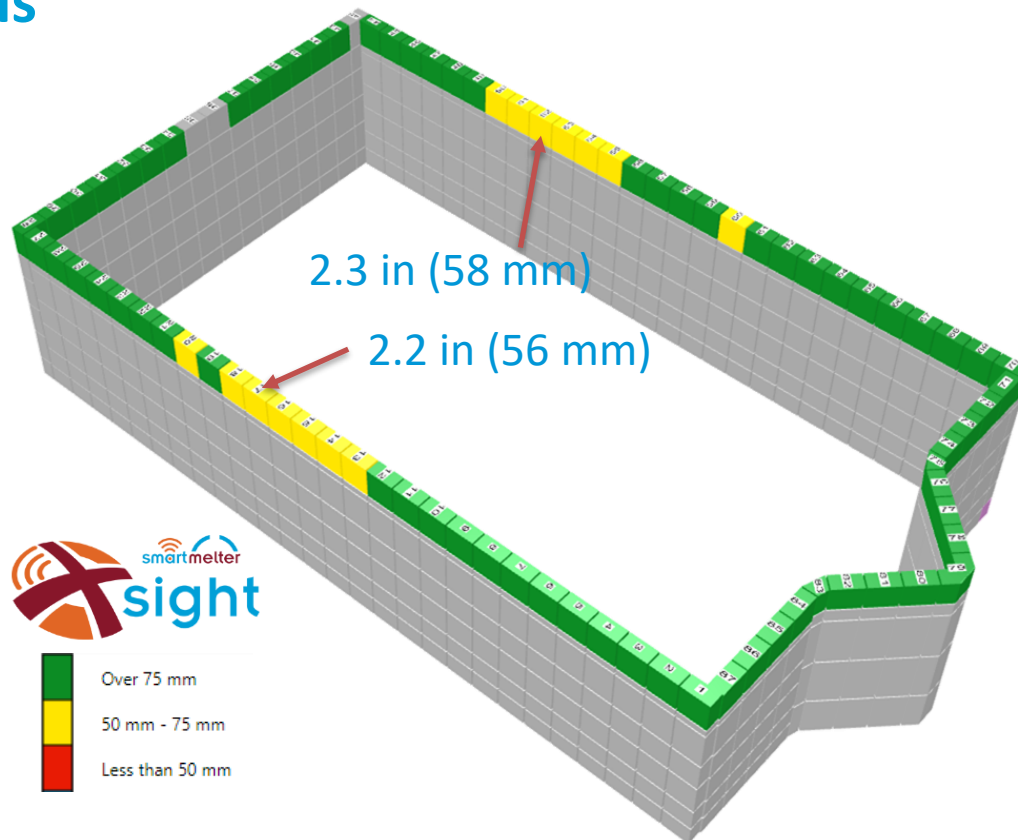
**First SmartMelter® Inspection: 2 months before planned overcoat**



# October 2015 SmartMelter Inspection

Oct 2015 SmartMelter® Inspection: Over 50mm remaining at metal line

Overcoat delayed given the clear picture on the current state of the melter sidewalls

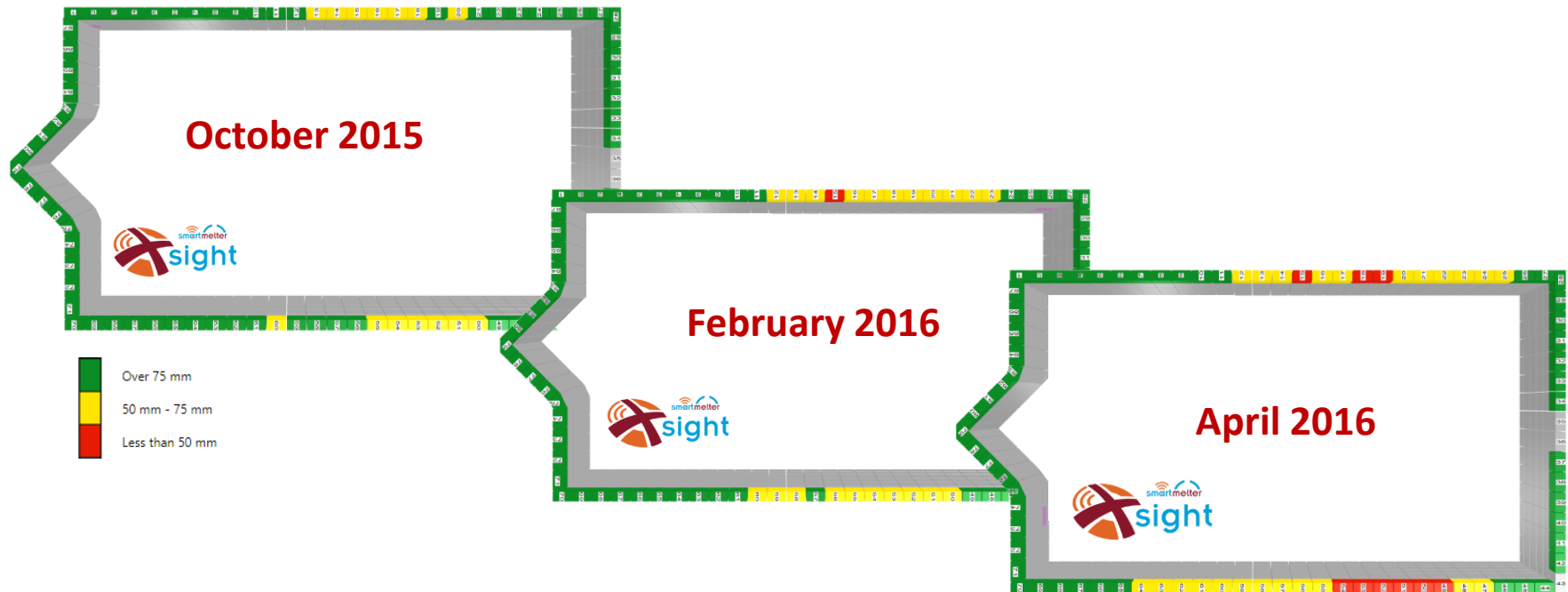




# SmartMelter Inspections, 2015-2016

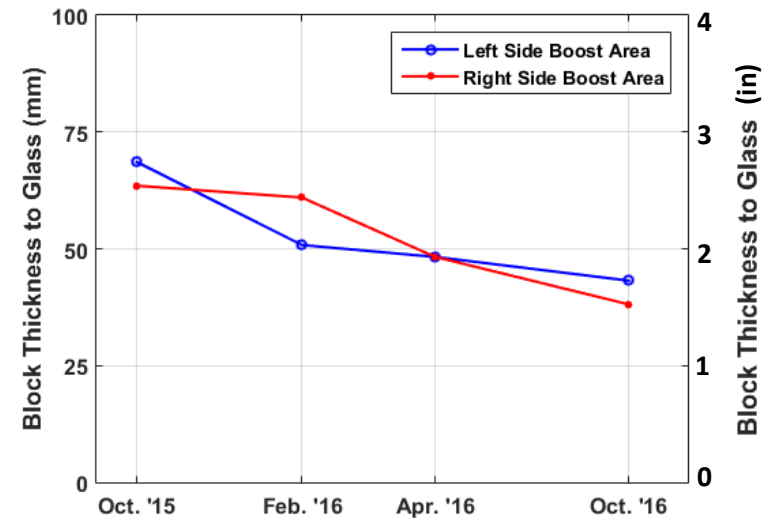
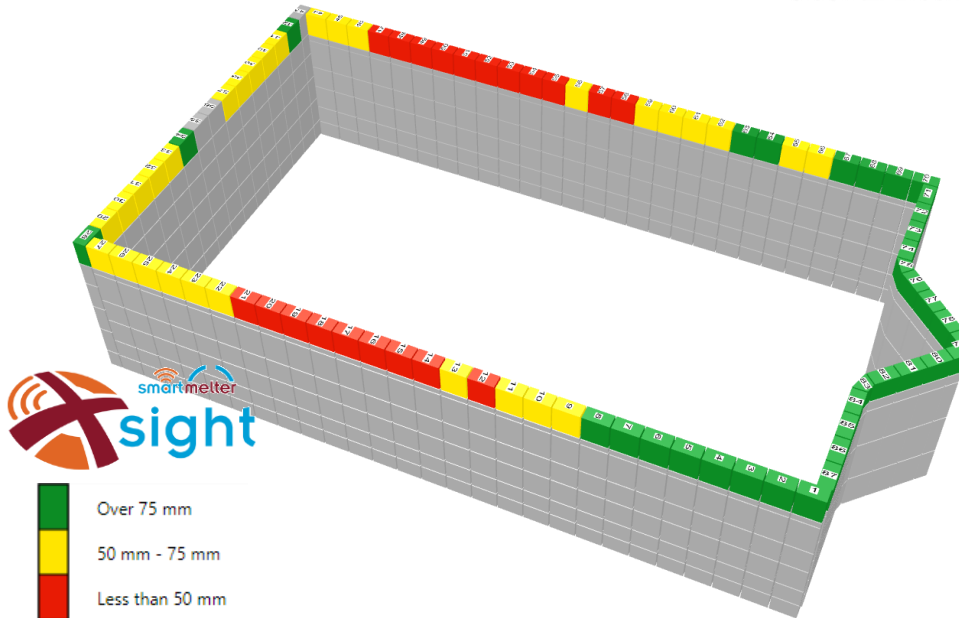
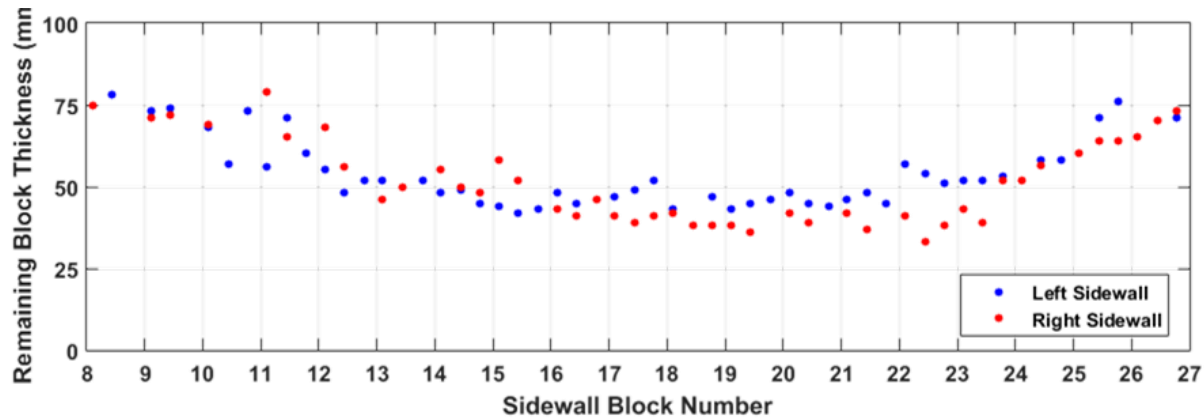
Overcoat operation moved to Dec 2016: One year after original plans  
Continuous inspections of metal line thickness in 2016

Changing furnace conditions (pull, boost) over the campaign invalidated the original historical analysis



# October 2016

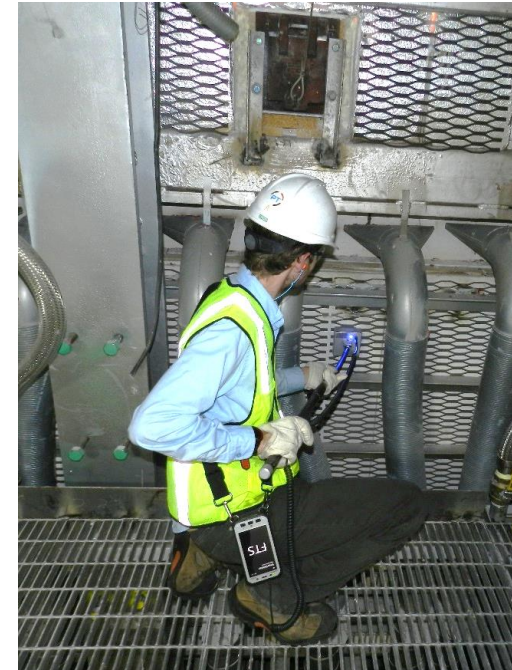
Last SmartMelter inspection October 2016 before overcoat



# Sidewall Insulation

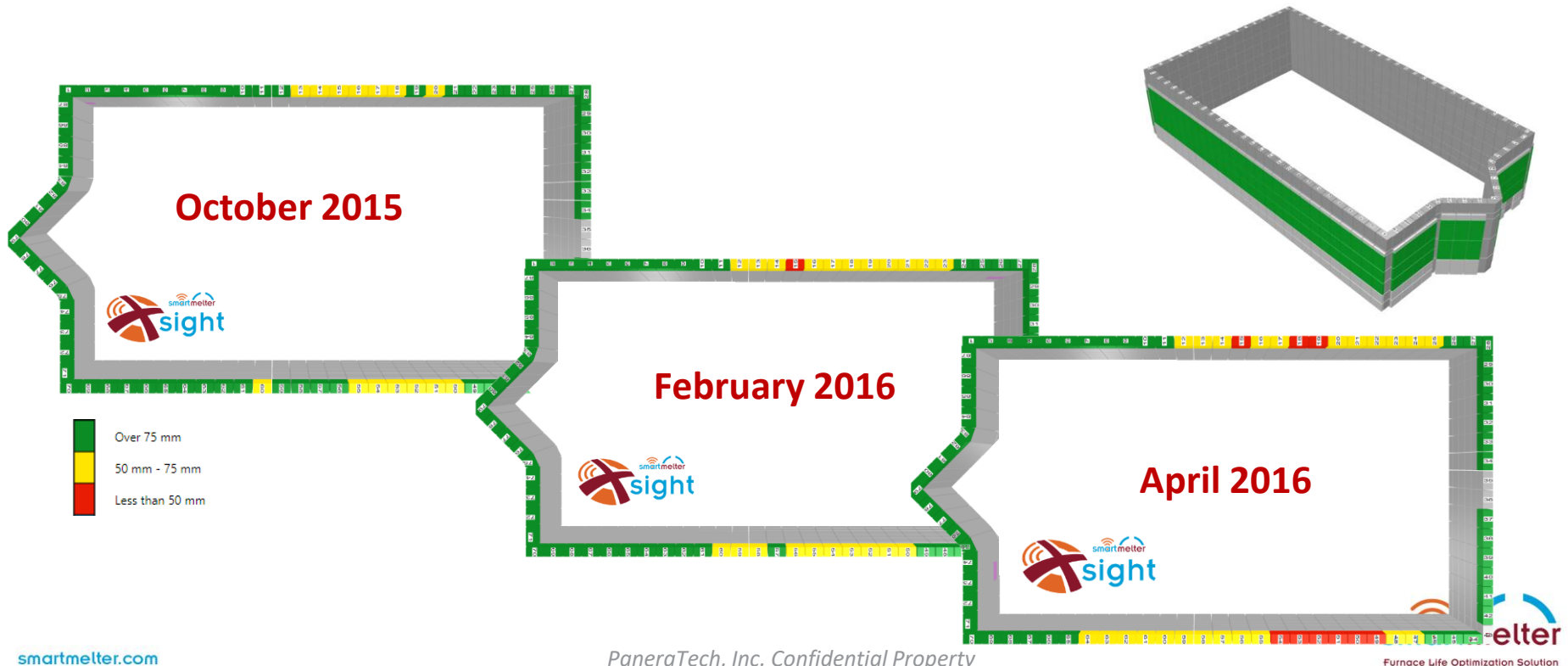
Beginning in October 2016, sidewall insulation for glass penetration has been monitored in addition to the metal line AZS thickness

“Secure containment in the areas of the furnace that we cannot monitor accurately gives confidence to extend the repair significantly past the repair dates that are indicated by historical furnace data”



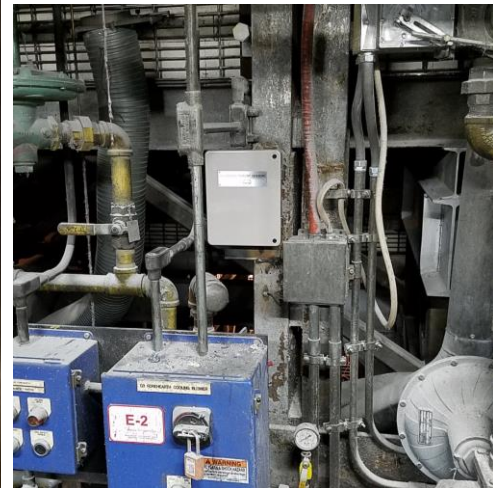
# Furnace Life Extension at Libbey Shreveport A

At the end,  
Overcoat Delayed 1 Year  
Rebuild Delayed 1.5 Year  
25% More Production than originally planned





# PaneraTech IoT Sensor Pilot Program





**Let your insurer pay for your inspections**



# Global Application of SmartMelter



**Since we became commercial in 2017, we have inspected more than 150 furnaces in over 40 countries**

# Technology Validation by Global Manufacturers



THE NEXT Frontier of Development

# **XSIGHT FURNACE HEALTH MANAGEMENT PLATFORM**

# A Need for Digital Furnace Health Management Platform

## Risk Management

- Data-driven risk and reliability assessment of furnaces

## Industry 4.0 Compliance

- Standard management of furnace health in compliance with best industry digital practices

## Global Visibility Across the Organization

- Full Transparency between corporate and the plants in determining the reliability and risk of furnaces

## Standard Data Management with 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Vendors

- Platform is open to every vendor for performing audits and inspection: Manufacturer can work with any vendor

## Spend Wisely

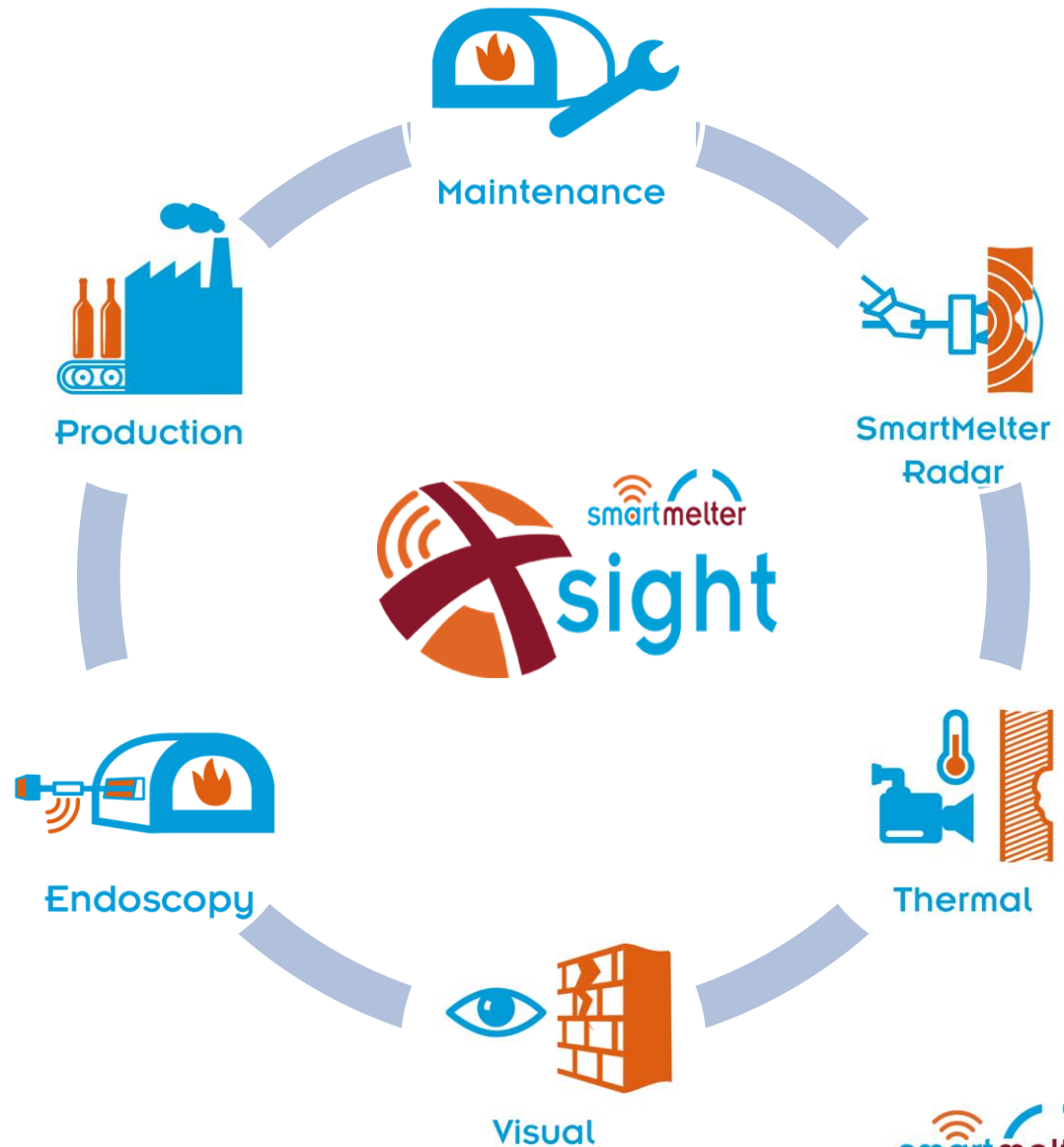
- Optimize maintenance budget across the asset portfolio



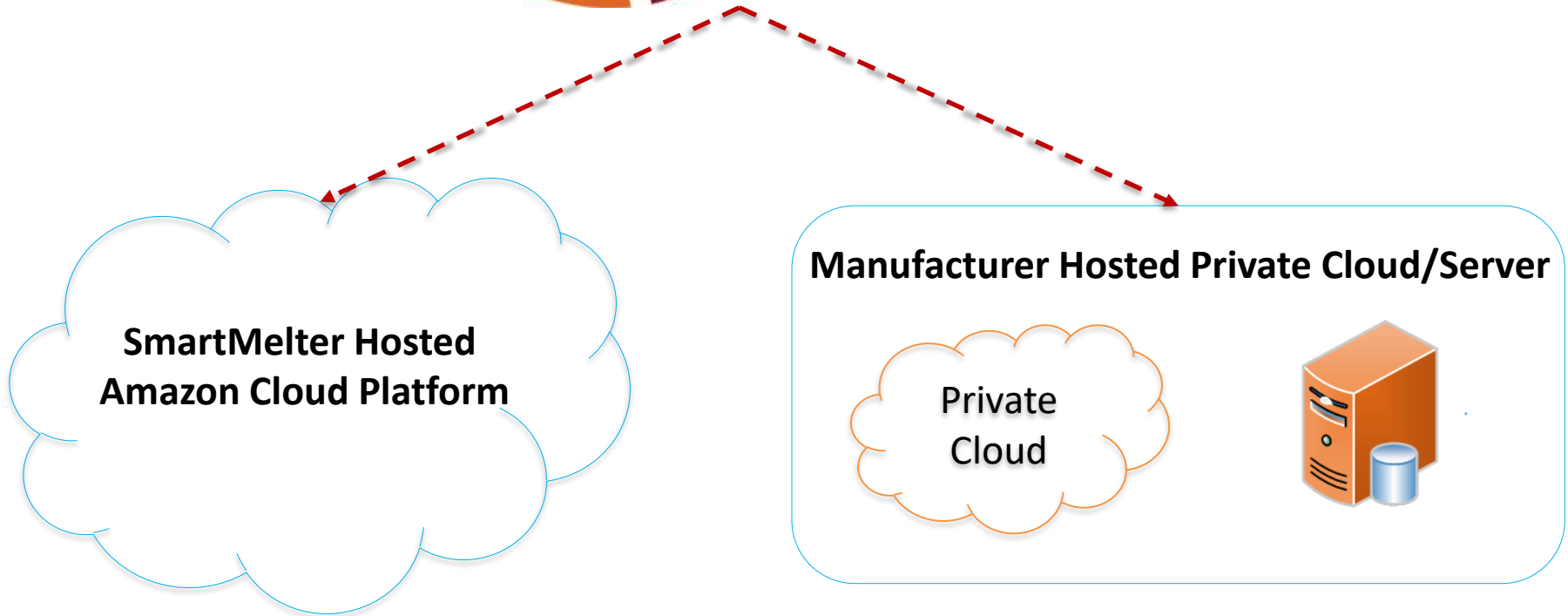
# SmartMelter XSight: Furnace Health Management Platform

SmartMelter XSight offers data-driven health management platform for furnace risk tracking and assessment.

- Single platform to integrate all health audits/inspections
- Quantifies and tracks risk and reliability of the furnaces
- Improved maintenance planning and tracking
- Data-driven furnace risk analysis

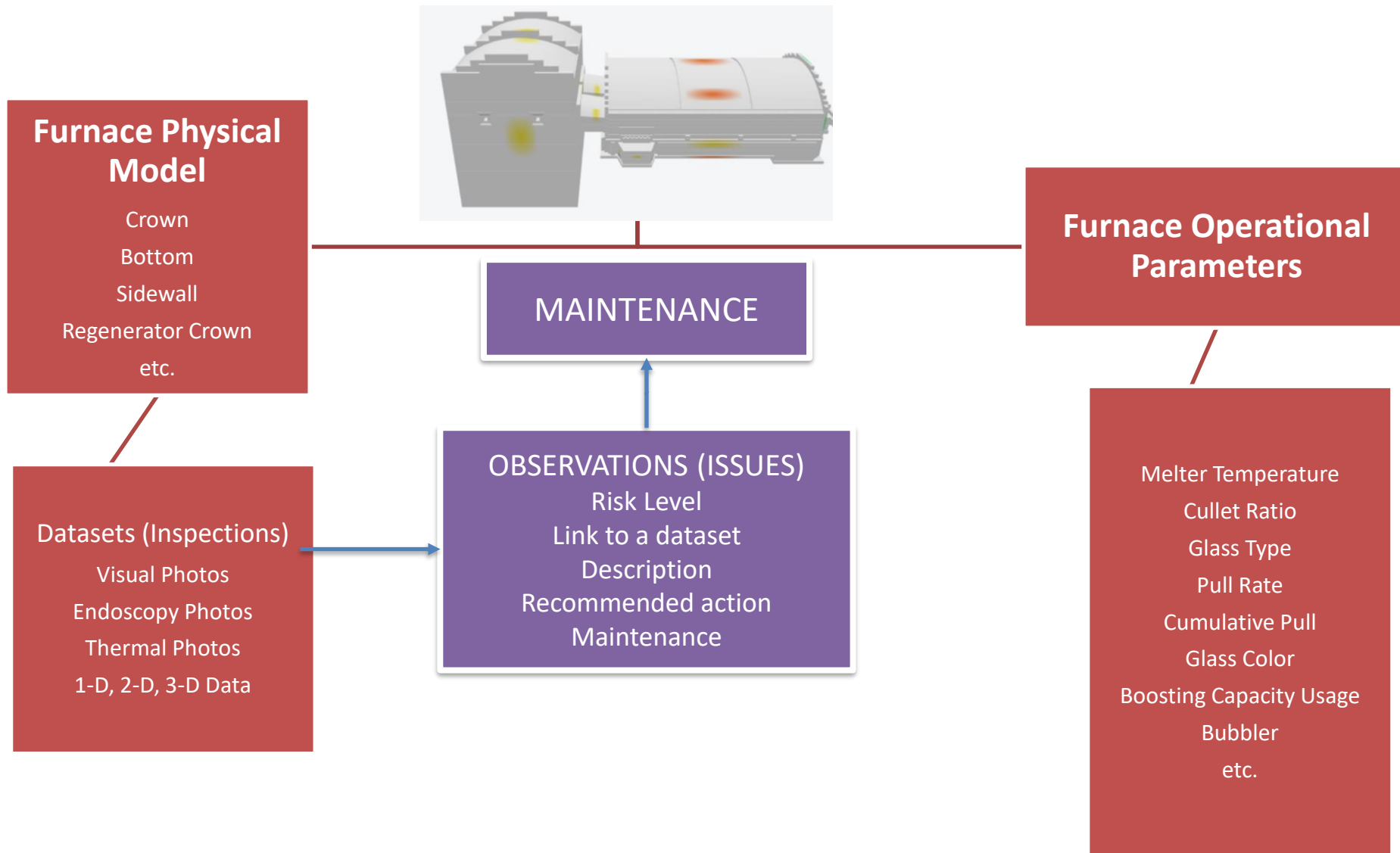


# How we are offering it?





# XSight Information Flow Diagram



# Dashboard for Global Furnace Visibility

Libbe  
Toledo  
Furnace #1



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Dashboard

## Dashboard - select a furnace for details

Sort by: Plant Risk Update date

### All Furnaces

2 Plants • 12 Furnaces

1

2 Furnaces

2

3 Furnaces

3

5 Furnaces

4

2 Furnaces

### TOLEDO, OH

2

Toledo, OH  
Furnace #1

08/02/2019

1

Toledo, OH  
Furnace #2

08/02/2019

3

Toledo, OH  
Furnace #3

08/02/2019

4

Toledo, OH  
Furnace #4

08/02/2019

### SHREVEPORT, LA

1

Shreveport, LA  
Furnace #1

08/02/2019

3

Plant #A  
Furnace #2

Last update on 08/02/2019

2

Shreveport, LA  
Furnace #3

08/02/2019

2

Shreveport, LA  
Furnace #4

08/02/2019

3

Shreveport, LA  
Furnace #5

08/02/2019

4

Shreveport, LA  
Furnace #6

08/02/2019

3

Shreveport, LA  
Furnace #7

08/02/2019

3

Shreveport, LA  
Furnace #8

08/02/2019

## Risk areas

Sort by: Plant Risk

### PLANT A

#### Bottom

Plant #A - Furnace #1



#### Crown

Plant #A - Furnace #1



#### Back part wall

Plant #A - Furnace #1



#### Left sidewall

Plant #A - Furnace #1



#### Regenerator

Plant #A - Furnace #1



#### Right Dog House

Plant #A - Furnace #1



### PLANT B

#### Crown

Plant #B - Furnace #3



#### Back part wall

Plant #B - Furnace #3



#### Left sidewall

Plant #B - Furnace #3



#### Regenerator

Plant #B - Furnace #3



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# Furnace Health View

ibbe  
oledo  
Furnace #1

Current Furnace Health

Audit Reports and Inspections



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You can rotate Furnace model.  
Click & move. 3D

**Furnace 1**

**Risk factor:** 3.2

**Age(months):** 17

**Capacity:** 350 Ton

**Designed by:** Company A

**Glass color:** Flint

Furnace campaign started in 2012. Furnace is in good condition considering age. Process Team put great effort in keeping furnace healthy.

The plant is highly motivated and interested in Hot End Process and is constantly looking for possible process and glass improvements. Plant needs to do a better job with creating new leaders in maintenance procedures.

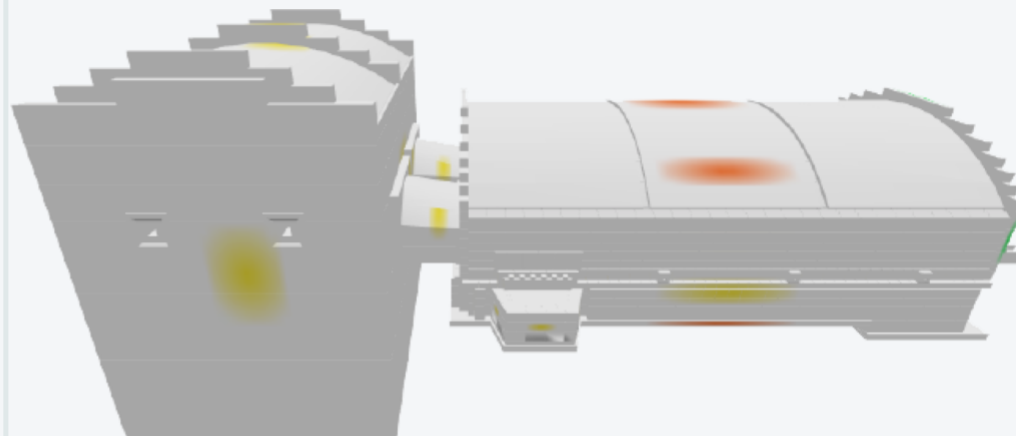
Overall, plant is very clean, yet issues addressed in this report should be prioritized.

Recommendations:

We also recommend addressing the firing reversal sequences. These sequences are not optimal and increase production costs.

Major problem was detected in pressure management and control system, which has a huge impact on furnace efficiency.

Low Risk:  
Require Regular Monitoring



AREA LIST

- Bottom ★★★★★
- Crown ★★★★★
- Back part wall ★★★★★
- Left sidewall ★★★★★
- Regenerator ★★★★★

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# Furnace Health View

Libbe  
Toledo  
Furnace #1

Current Furnace Health

Audit Reports and Inspections

Furnace 1

2

AREA LIST

Bottom

★★★★☆

Back port wall

★★★★☆

Crown

★★★★☆

Executive Summary:

Expansion joint between cap Section #1 and Section #2 has risks

DETAILS

9 observations

2

1

4

2

Left sidewall

★★★★☆

Regenerator

★★★★☆

Right dog house

★★★★☆

Right sidewall

★★★★☆

Throat

★★★★☆

You can rotate Furnace model.  
Click & move.

3D

Crown

★★★★☆

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Expand

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# Audit/Inspection Module

Libbe  
Toledo  
Furnace #1

Furnace

Current Furnace Health
Audit Reports and Inspections

← BACK TO FURNACE VIEW

Crown
★★★★☆

AUTO CALCULATION: OFF

+ ADD MAINTENANCE
+ ADD DATASET

Sort by:
Date
Risk
Inspection type
Inspection name

OBSERVATIONS (2)

30 October 2018 • by Jeremy Graham
Extensive Damage on expansion joint between cap Section #3 and Section #4

30 October 2018 • by Jeremy Graham
Good condition of coal separator

MAINTENANCES (2)

30 October 2018 • by Jeremy Graham
Extensive Damage on expansion joint between cap Section #1 and Section #2

30 October 2018 • by Jeremy Graham
Medium Damage on expansion joint between cap Section #3 and Section #4

DATASETS (3)

30 October 2018 • Endoscopy • Amanda Young / Internal
Monthly endoscopy inspection

30 October 2018 • Endoscopy • Katie Bradley / SORG
Monthly thermal inspection

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Dataset (3)
Observations (2)

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Furnace Life Optimization Solution



# Xsight Furnace Health Platform

- In pilot phase with select customers Q4 2019
- Can be the topic of a future AFGM presentation

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