

# Advantages of using recuperative FLOX® combustion for the thermal treatment of landfill gas



### **Chapters:**

- Flameless oxidation FLOX<sup>®</sup>
- Autothermal methane concentration
- Recuperative combustion of landfill gas
- Waste heat recovery
- Aerobisation and climate protection effect

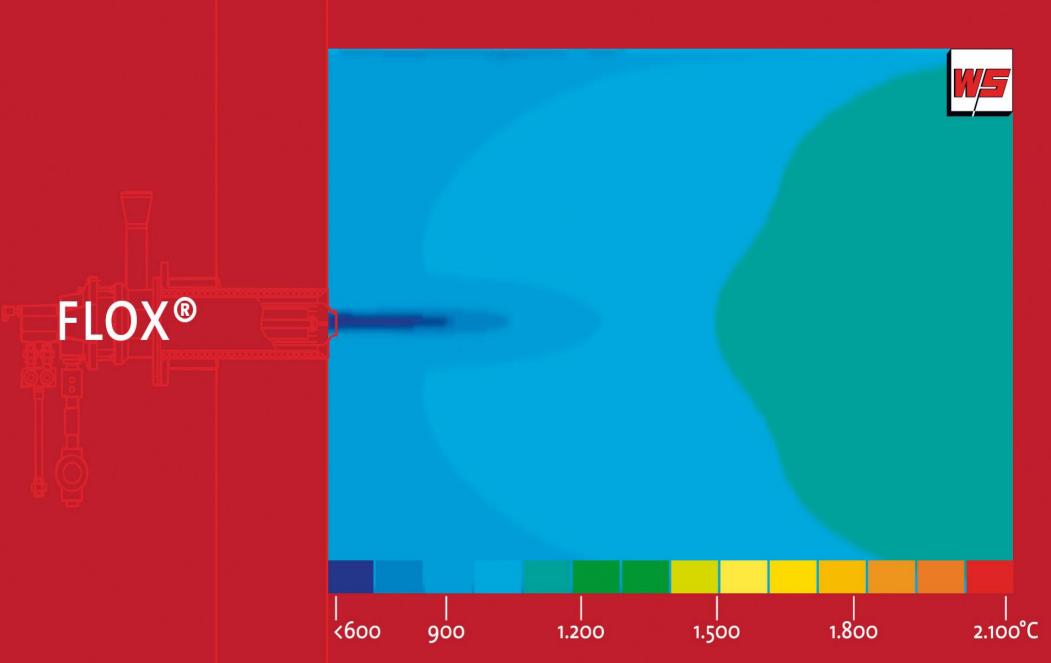
### Flameless Oxidation FLOX®



# FLOX<sup>®</sup> describes a fire without a flame

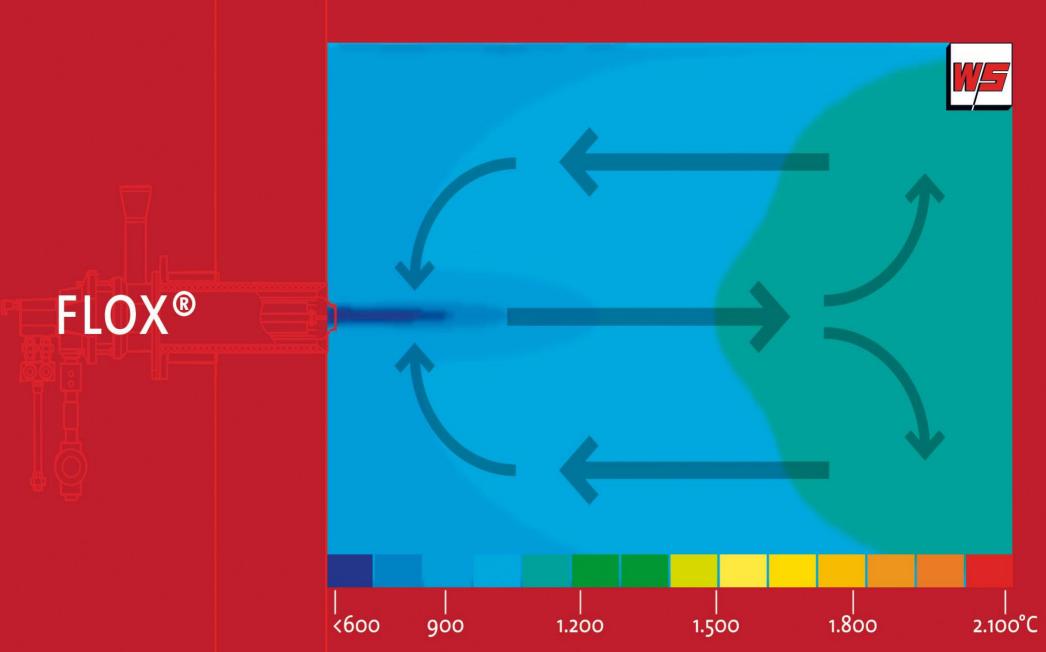
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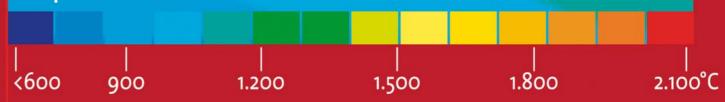




#### No flame front – mixing of fuel and air inside the combustion chamber

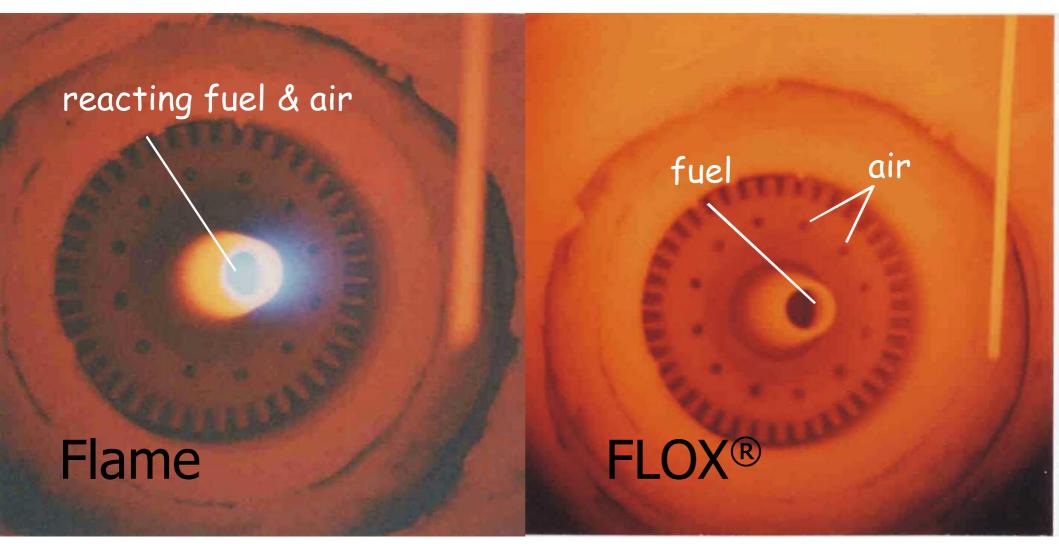
#### strong recirculation

# Internal temperature supervision



#### <u>Flameless</u> <u>Ox</u>idation – FLOX<sup>®</sup>





WS GmbH test lab, 1989

### **Flameless Oxidation**



### Advantages of FLOX®

- Suppression of NOx-formation
- Recuperation of flue gas energy
- no flame stabilization required
- Robust combustion of low calorific value gas or CO<sub>2</sub> rich gases

Autothermal methane concentration (AMC): Minimal methane concentration which is required for combustion at sufficient temperature without supplement fuel. Typical limitations are instable flame and resulting flame detection problems.

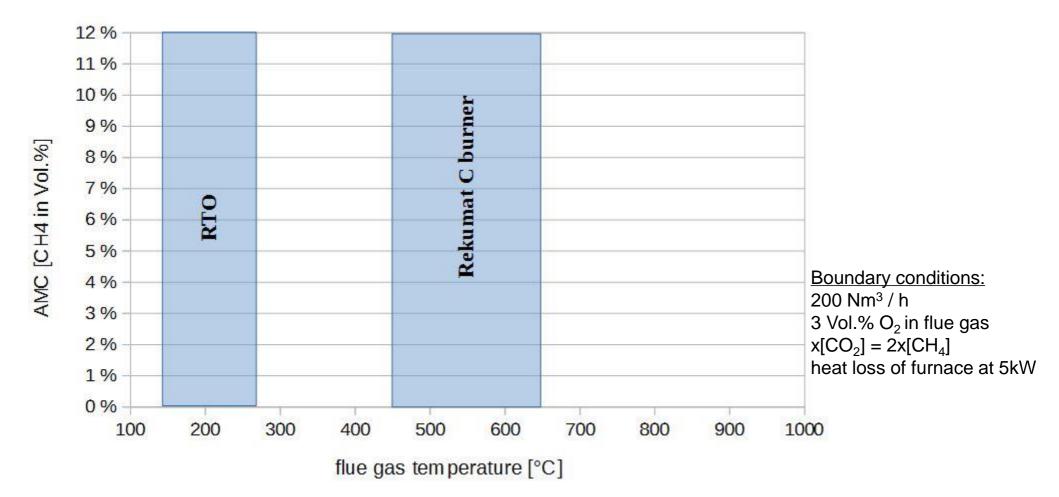




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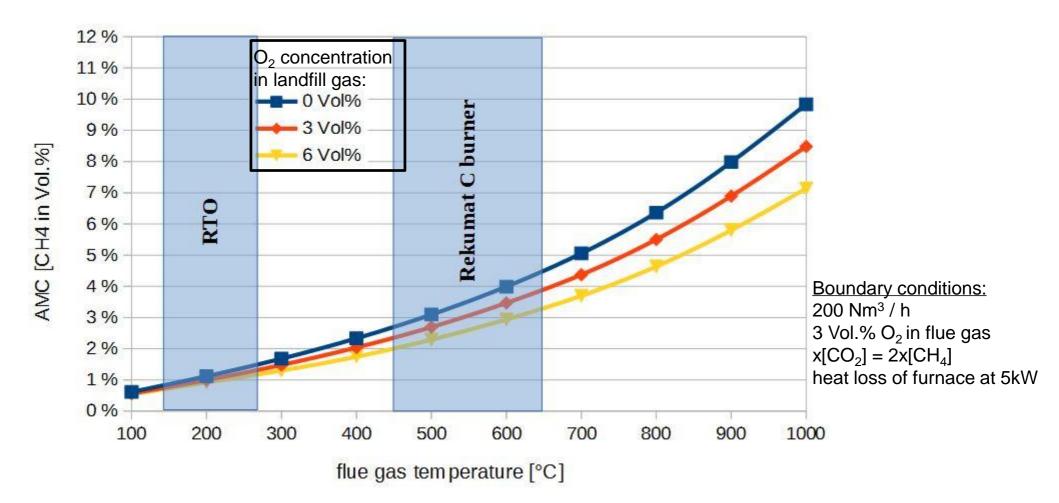
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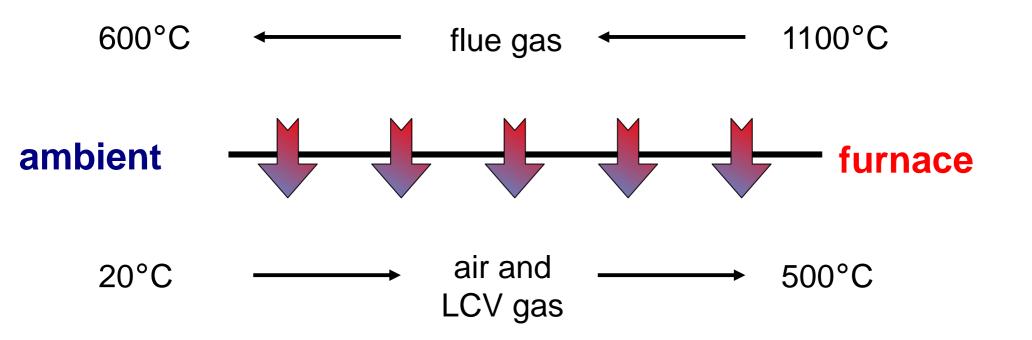
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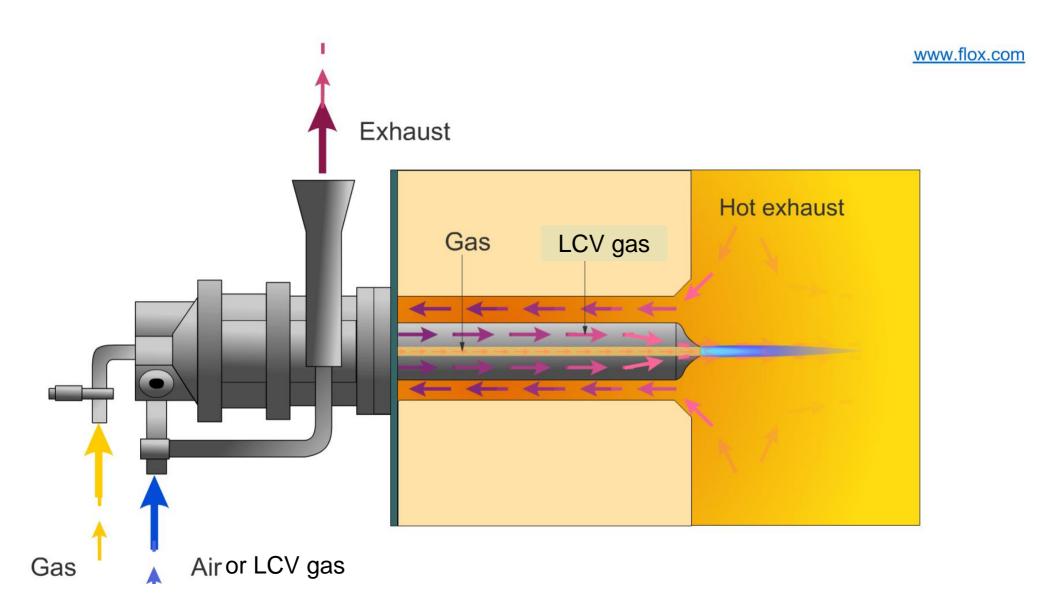




#### Heat recovery with recuperative (counter flow) heat exchanger



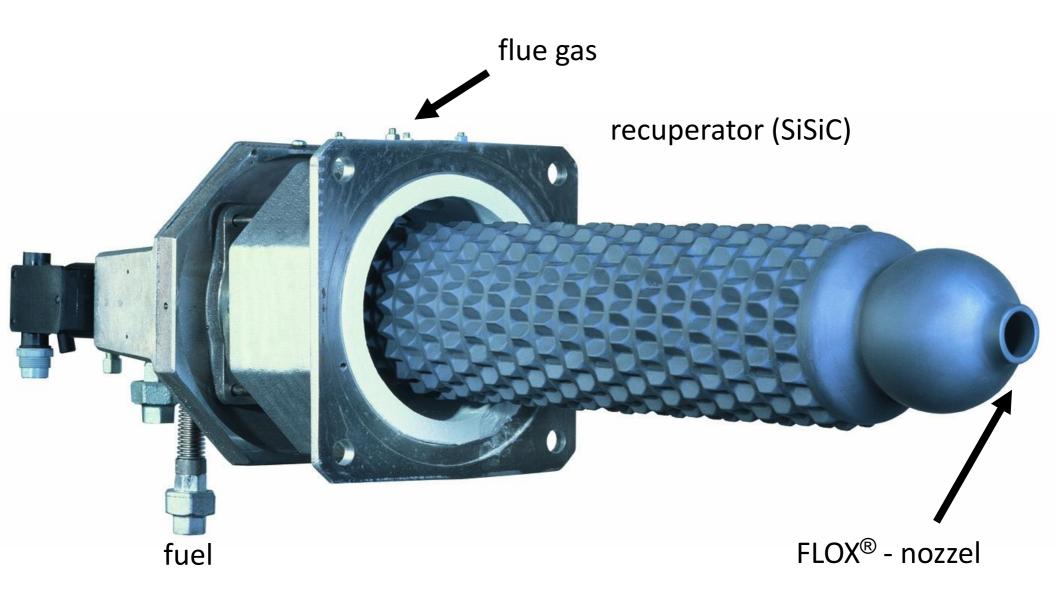
#### Recuperative combustion of LCV gas



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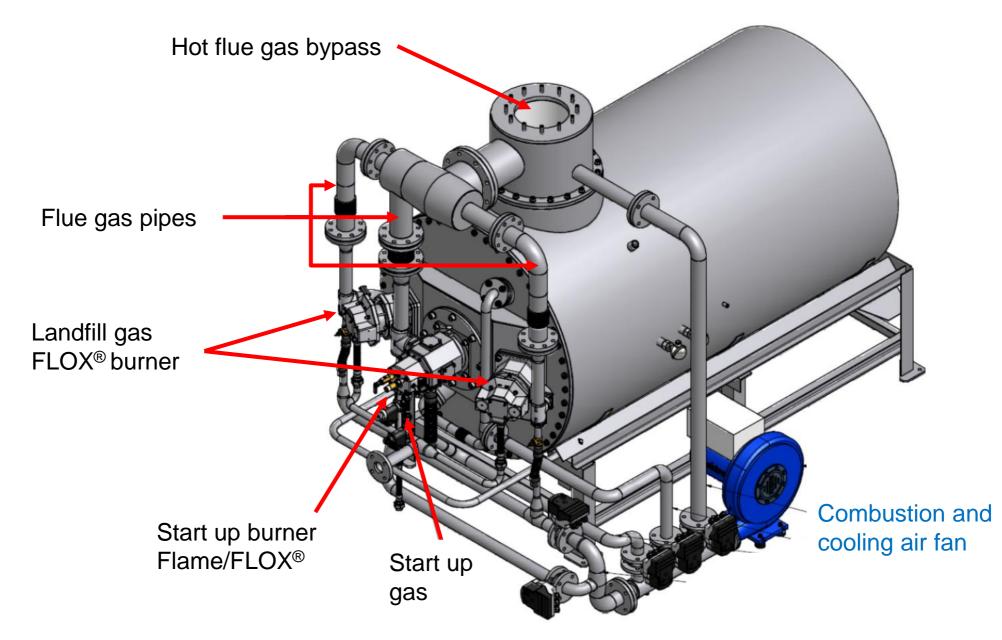
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#### Landfill gas combustion plant







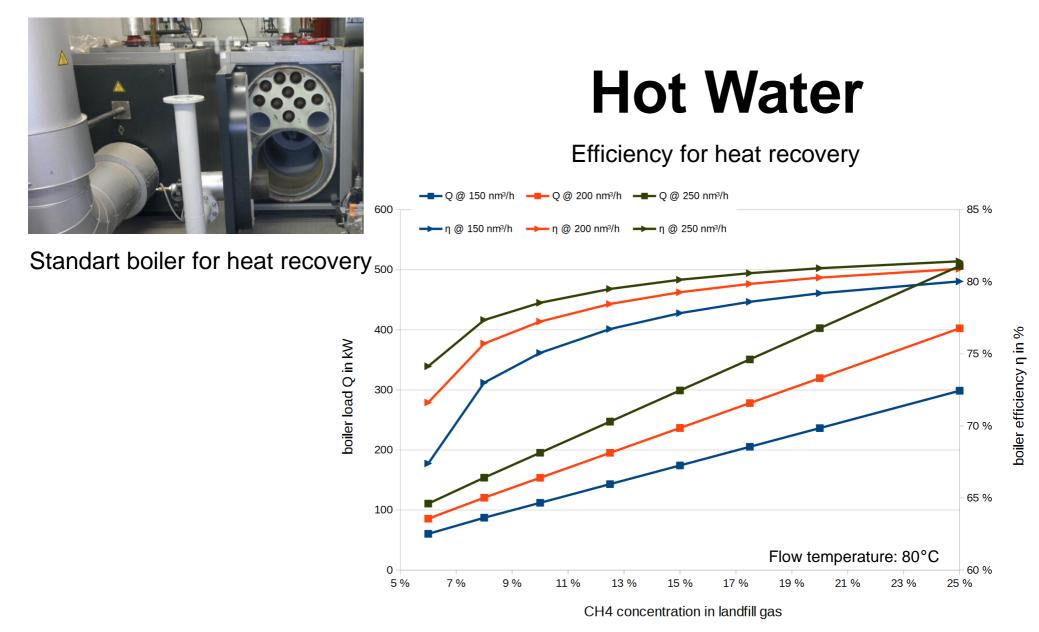
**Conversion to electricity** 

#### Landfill gas energy (methane)

Preheat combustion air Regenerative (RTO) Recuperative (FLOX®)

**Remaining WASTE HEAT** 







# Electricity



Organic rankine cycle:

Efficiency(el.) approx. 13 - 18 % Economic feasible > 500 kW<sub>th</sub>



### Dryer (wood chips)





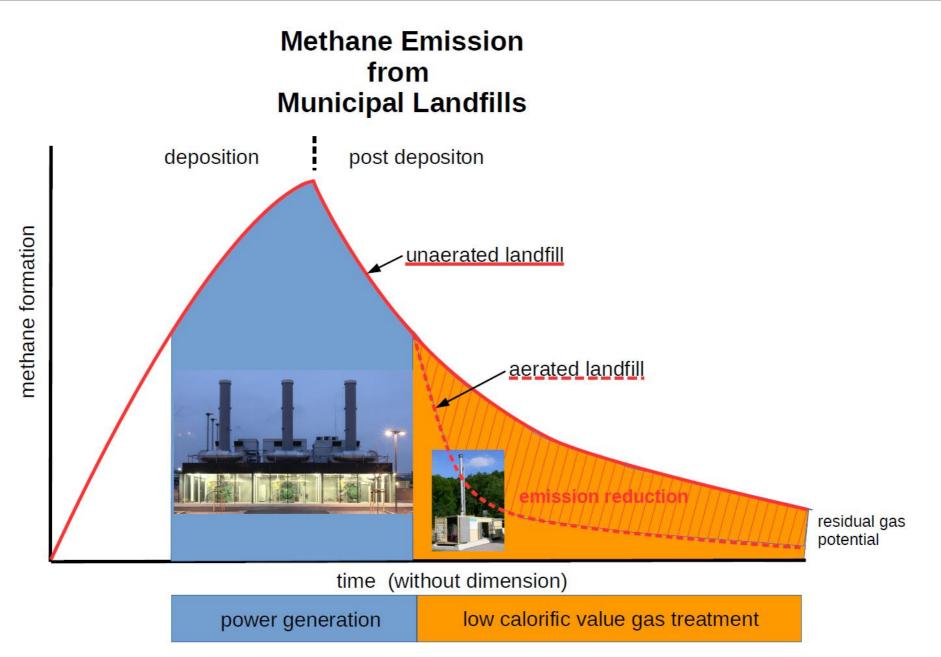
		GWP	
	Lifetime (yr)	Cumulative forcing over 20 years	Cumulative forcing over 100 years
C0 <sub>2</sub>	b	1	1
CH <sub>4</sub>	12.4	84	28
N <sub>2</sub> O	121.0	264	265
CF <sub>4</sub>	50,000.0	4880	6630
HFC-152a	1.5	506	138

#### **Global Warming Potential (GWP)**

An index measuring the *radiative forcing* following an emission of a unit mass of a given substance, accumulated over a chosen time horizon, relative to that of the reference substance, carbon dioxide (CO2). The GWP thus represents the combined effect of the differing times these substances remain in the atmosphere and their effectiveness in *Causing radiative forcing*.

# Aerobisation and climate protection effect





adapted from DBU-Project ORKESTRA / IFAS, Hamburg

## Advantages of Aerobisation

Reduces methane emissions from landfills

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- Contribution to climate protection
- Accelerated degradation of organics
- Acceleration and shortening of settlement
- Sooner reuse of the landfill site

#### Conclusions



# **Advantages**

- FLOX<sup>®</sup> is a robust combustion technology
- ➢ Very low NO<sub>x</sub> an CO emissions
- >no flame has to be supervised or stabilized
- Thus landfill gases with varying calorific values can be treated (3% to 60 Vol.% of methane)
- Preheating of air and landfill gas with high system efficiency
- One technology for the aftercare time span of landfill
- Contributing to climate protection goals