

# **National and Regional Gas Turbines Market**

**Opportunities and Challenges towards a hydrogen economy** 



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## Drivers – Hydrogen Economy in India



- Hydrogen is a chemical can be stored like Oil & Gas
- Energy content remains stable over long time unlike electricity stored in batteries
- Overseas trade of hydrogen is much easier relative to electricity



## **Energy revolution and policies**

### Need for flexible and reliable back-up capacity Capacity Mechanisms to support security of supply



Low carbon gas regulatory and policy considerations

- Gas markets
  - Gas quality standards (including the H2 blending and biomethane)
  - Certification system (=market) for low-carbon gas (industry, NG grid, mobility etc)
  - Compatibility of gas based solutions with the (electricity) market models
  - Potential impact of storage on the generation capacity market and integrated development of that market (including the various P2G applications)
- Electricity market
  - Long term investment models for all technologies
  - Investigate capacity market schemes
  - Creation of an improved model for balancing and for demand side flexibility
  - Discussion on pricing models and reforming the network tariff structures to take into account the increasing variability of generations
  - Reinforce the governance framework, (incl. distributed generation (RE), storage, smart technologies etc)
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### **Indian Energy Scenario**



#### Energy Mix shifts to lower-carbon fuels



Source: Exxon Mobil



Top Five market comprised over half of global energy supply investment





Potential scale of hydrogen demand

Source: TERI analysis based on (ETC, 2018; BNEF, 2020; Hydrogen Council, 2017). Shaded bars represent the range of forecasts

Source: IEA

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"India is committed to the rapid expansion of the hydrogen economy, ensuring the cost effective deployment of low carbon hydrogen technologies across the transport, industry and power sectors by 2030" Hon'ble PM of India emphasized that India will be leading Green H2 exporter by 2030

- Clear recognition of hydrogen's cross-economy role, with outlines for scaling-up use in transport, industry and power
- Commitment to update existing regulations to permit the safe use of hydrogen, at high pressure, across a number of end-use sectors
- 'Make in India' policy support to maximise domestic manufacturing content across all parts of the value chain, including joint ventures with multinational companies
- Champion electrolyser manufacturing and commercialisation, realising their suitability to the Indian market and significant potential for emissions reduction
- Significant increases in existing hydrogen R,D&D spending, to support demonstration projects in the steel and power sectors, as well as the commercialisation of more mature Technologies
- Policies to create a guaranteed market for hydrogen technologies, where they are not yet at cost parity with fossil-fuel equivalents, for example in the steel sector
- Meaningful engagement in international collaborations on developing hydrogen technologies, including Mission Innovation and the Clean Energy Ministerial.
- Mandate for Use of Green hydrogen (GHCO) for captive consumption in Refineries and Fertilizer Industry



## IndianOil's Hydrogen Initiatives

1<sup>st</sup> Indigenous Type 3 hydrogen cylinder

#### **Applications and Demonstrations**



(Entire  $H_2$  requirement of Mathura / 8 % of IOC requirement )

IndianOil – 1<sup>st</sup> Indian O&G PSU to be inducted to World Hydrogen Council



It is often said that gas turbines can burn (almost!) any combustible gas:

- Natural gas
- Landfill gas, sewage gas, digester gas
- □ Syngas from coal, biomass and wastes
- Steelworks gases: Coke oven gas, blast furnace gas
- □ Very high hydrogen gases and blends (such as refinery gases)
- □ And more....

#### Changing conditions for power generators

- Changing fuel composition (within current delivery specification)
- Widening delivery specifications, Operational flexibility
- Power to Gas (P2G), Emissions legislations
- Opportunity fuels (waste gases: refinery gases, process gases, gasification gases etc)

#### Challenges :

- NG price Economic Constraint ------
- Each individual gas turbine can only tolerate limited changes in gas composition and properties depending on the gas turbine design & some gases may have an adverse impact on component life.
- Each OEM need to assess based on metallurgy





## **Hydrogen Supply Opportunities**





Enhancing scale for Hydrogen activities through its integration with Govt of India's initiatives like:

SATAT – Biomethanation to Hydrogen Promoting Gas based economy - with CCUS Waste to energy – Agro Residue / Biomass Gasification to Hydrogen Solar Mission – Solar to Hydrogen through Electrolysis



#### **Combustion of Hydrogen-containing gas**

NG Network Exists in India over 600 GAs Awarded for CGD Potential for firing Natural gas-hydrogen mixture

Power to gas (P2G) – use of excess renewable electricity to produce hydrogen as an energy storage medium

o diffusion systems tolerate high levels of H2 : upto 100%vol
o lean premix specifications range from "trace" to 20%vol+
o wide range of operational, integrity and safety concerns if H<sub>2</sub> added to gas network

#### **Mitigation measures**

- Combustion system re-design
  - $_{\odot}\,$  Has effectively eliminated most flashback issues
  - o Improvements in stability, emissions and dynamics
- Measurement of fuel composition and compensation through GT control
  - $\circ\,$  Issues with speed of composition measurement
  - $_{\odot}\,$  Effective in controlling high C2+ in sequential combustion system
- Measurement of Wobbe index and compensation through fuel heating

#### Variation in Wobbe index and fuel composition

- Increasing NO<sub>x</sub> with increasing wobbe index
- Flame stability issues with changing wobbe index (leading to dynamics and part load CO problem)
- Increases in dynamics with increasing C2+ or changes in wobbe index
- Flashback damage



Fig. Flashback damage due to high level of C2+



Fig. Damage due to high dynamics



### **Development needs and possibilities**



**Development needs** 

- Robust fuel combustion system
- Improved automatic tuning
- Improved hot corrosion resistant
- Full range operation on high inert fuels
- Hydrogen tolerant GTs
- Generate low cost retrofits of new solutions



- ✤ Govt of India mandate is to increase NG from current 6 to 15% by 2030
- Lot of Opportunity as NG network being expanded all across the country
- Hydrogen is one of the Enabling factor
- Multiple sources to produce hydrogen Locally
- ✤ Reduction in renewable electricity enables green and economically viable hydrogen.
- ✤ O&G companies can play complimentary role by supplying hydrogen for blending
- Power sector can be one of the starting points to adopt hydrogen both as HCNG and neat for electricity production The past decade has seen significant increases in grid fuel variability
- ✤ OEMs have developed more robust systems, automatic tuning systems and other mitigation measures.
- Cost of upgrades and implementation of mitigation measures remains an issue in the competitive power generation market