

H₂ Readiness, Challenges and Solutions – the OEM View"

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2023 was the warmest year on record. By a record margin!

Global surface air temperature (July)



Source: C3S, on behalf of EU Commission; Documentary "Voice of the glaciers"



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Zero Emissions via Hydrogen Combustion Fuel Characteristics



Differences of hydrogen and natural gas as a fuel in gas turbines

H₂ Properties are different from NG

Hydrogen Reactivity

Hydrogen has lower density & volum. energy content (~1/3 of NG) Prone to leakage. Requires larger flows to be handled by fuel system, but the Wobbe Index remains in natural gas range, i.e., 37 – 49 MJ/Nm³.

Hydrogen has wider flammability limits (H_2 : 4-75% NG: 5-15%) Much wider range of fuel/air-ratio to burn compared to natural gas. Adaption required of ventilation and gas detection system as well as fuel system.

Hydrogen has lower ignition energy (~15 times lower than NG) Only a fraction of ignition energy is needed to get H₂ "going" compared to natural gas

Hydrogen auto-ignites & burns faster (up to 10x faster than NG)

 H_2 combustion moves flame closer to injector – avoidance of "flash-back" by optimizing air and fuel distribution.

Risk of changing combustion pressure pulsations may damage hardware.

Hydrogen has higher flame temperature (~200°C higher than NG) Potential for increased NOx emissions from unmixed regions.



NOx emissions are dependent of the fuel used

NOx emissions are usually measured in **relative concentration** units (ppm, mg/Nm³), referenced to dry exhaust and 15% O_2 content in exhaust

When burning hydrogen, due to the much higher water content in the exhaust gas and lower flue gas volume, the calculated NOx values are **overinflated by up to 37.2%**

→ A new emission unit is required to provide a true and fair comparison of different fuels and power generation technologies (e.g. with a fuel correction factor or measurement in mg/kWh energy output).



Figure 1. Energy-based emissions correction factor for increasing hydrogen content in natural gas

Source: Position Paper by European Turbine Network, 2023

"H2 Readiness" and "H2 Capability" does not mean the same!



A power plant is considered H_2 ready if the powerplant is pre-equipped upfront for a future retrofit to the defined level of H_2 . The pre-equipment is an optimization between initial investment and later retrofit costs and allows for a later conversion with economically reasonable costs/disruption

Step 2: H₂ Capability

A power plant is considered " H_2 capable" if all the installed equipment is fully <u>capable of operating</u> up to that defined level of H_2 .

Examples:

- 50% "H₂ readiness" means the plant is designed for operation with natural gas, but already prepared for a later retrofit to 50% hydrogen capability
- 30% "H₂ capability" means the plant can operate with up to 30% hydrogen content without any additional changes
- A new plant built "100% H₂ ready" and "30%H₂ capable" means the the plant can operate at 30% initially and is prepared for a later retrofit to 100% capability



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H2 Ready Concept with TÜV Süd Certificate

SE is able to offer H_2 ready power plants to customer H2 requirements





Phase

New build power plants prepared for later retrofit to hydrogen (" H_2 ready plants") when immediate H_2 operation is not required/possible yet:

- Optimized equipment configuration meeting future plant H_2 roadmap.
- Plant with low additional front-end investments.
- Offering allows for future H₂ retrofit with low costs/disruptions.
- Backed by TÜV Süd Certification scheme for bidding, construction and retrofit phases

The Certificate confirms that SE offering is H2 ready according to technical requirements and customer specific boundary conditions considering:

Areas:	Equipment/Systems considered:
Fuel Supply:	Materials, sizing, aux. fuel, metering, additional systems
Gas Turbine:	Combustion System, Burner, Package Systems, etc.
Fire/Ex Protection:	Fire/Ex protection concepts, space provision for inert. system
HRSG:	Materials, temperatures, purging requirements
I&C & Electrical:	Design acc. to IIC*
Safety:	Safety Integrity Levels definition and design

*or equivalent NFPA requirement, e.g. "NEC 500 Class I Div. 2 Group B."

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Hydrogen co-firing capabilities of Siemens Energy gas turbines Heading towards 100% with full fuel flexibility $H_2 \leftrightarrow$ Natural Gas



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Hydrogen as a Gas Turbine Fuel



100% H_2 DLE requires extensive combustion technology developments. 0%-100% H_2 in Natural Gas DLE was demonstrated in SGT-400 in 2023.



H2-Ready power plants are increasingly being offered and contracted throughout the world.





Combined heat and power plant

Customer: Stadtwerke Leipzig GmbH Country: Germany

Commercial operation: 2022

Reference HKW Leipzig Süd, Germany

Challenge

- New gas power plant to substitute existing heat supply from nearby lignite power plant
- Successive conversion from natural gas to hydrogen operation
- The plant is expected to operate with 30 to 50 percent green hydrogen only a few years after start of commercial operation
- The long-term goal is to operate the facility with **100 percent green hydrogen**

Solution



- The new gas power plant, with combined heat and power technology, will produce electricity and district heat for the city
- Successive conversion to hydrogen operation paves the way for Leipzig's decarbonization
- Electrical capacity of ~125 MW and thermal capacity of ~163 MW
- Up to 93% plant fuel efficiency thanks to district heat production (41% electrical efficiency)
- Commissioning scheduled for end of 2022

Technology



- 2 x SGT-800 62 MW gas turbines
- 2 x SGen-100A generators
- SIESTART battery energy storage system
- Long term service contract over a period of 15 years

Benefits

- High electrical and total plant efficiency
- Lowest emissions in its class with outstanding high fuel flexibility
- Competitive lifecycle costs
- Reliable and secure combined heat and power plant with black start capability
- Sustainable and future proof district heating
 power plant

May 2024



60% Hydrogen at 25ppm NO_x

Customer: Braskem

Country: Brazil

Commercial operation: 2022

Hydrogen gas turbine reference Braskem, Brazil

Challenge



Technology



- Low cost for O&M
- Use of hydrogen as fuel gas to reduce use of natural gas, up to 60% but not exceeding 25 ppm NO_x
- Reduced need for external grid supply
- High availability and reliability

2x SGT-600 PG with 3rd generation DLE system for up to 60% H₂ co-firing at 25ppm NO_x

 Operation at up to 88% H2 blending rate has been demonstrated



Solution



Benefits



- Advanced Additive manufactured burners capable for 100% H₂
- Complete plant delivery, Siemens Energy will build, own & operate the CHP, HRSG and gas compressor
- O&M contract based on delivery of steam and power

- Fuel cost savings operation on high levels of hydrogen in DLE, no need for water injection
- Lowest emissions using the latest DLE combustion system and control system <25 ppm NO_x
- Predictable operation and maintenance cost
- Tailor made flexible solutions in all important aspects

Zero Emission Hydrogen **Turbine Center**

The zero emission demonstrator plant at the gas turbine test facility in Finspång, Sweden

- Use of excess power from turbine test runs to produce hydrogen in an electrolyzer
- Solar panels for continuous green hydrogen production
- A micro grid together with batteries for backup
- Utilization of the produced hydrogen as a turbine fuel for upcoming turbine tests to reduce our own LNG consumption and provide inhouse testing of 3D-printed hydrogen burners

Three-year project with funding from EU

- Start of operation in 2021
- Supports Siemens Energy's efforts in achieving
 - 100% hydrogen ready gas turbines by 2030
 - climate neutral own operations by 2030
 - green electricity 100% of own power consumption by 2023
- Funded by the six partners and EU project ERA-Net Smart Energy Systems program through the Swedish Energy Agency

The **future energy system** on display







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EU-funded HYFLEXPOWER Project 100% H₂ gas turbine in DLE mode demonstrated in Sept. 2023



World-first demonstration of a power-to- H_2 -to-power path for CO_2 -free power generation pilot including an advanced DLE H_2 gas turbine

• Decarbonizing papermill by modernizing combined heat and power plant in Saillat-sur-Vienne, France.

HYFLEXPOWER

• Siemens Energy led consortium of EU funded 4-year project until 2024



HYFLEXPOWER 100% Hydrogen Gas Turbine DLE Combustion System Development

High Fidelity Simulations

Full system assessment

Massively parallel computations with >1,000 CPUs for ~2 weeks



Automated design optimization Enabling > 1,000 design iterations

Rapid Prototyping using AM

Additive manufacturing enables

- Monolithic prints
- Complex internal purging features for extended flashback margin
- Internal cooling features
- Advanced mixing concepts for low emissions
- Fast design iterations due to rapid prototyping

26 Hardware variants have been tested

Iteration Loop

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Design Validation

High-pressure combustion tests at Clean Energy Center (CEC) in Berlin



48 Test Days In 5 campaigns

2 x SGT-400 engine tests at customer site





2 Test Campaigns with Natural Gas in Lincoln

Developed and Demonstrated DLE combustion system with 100% H2 at SGT-400 engine conditions

EU Clean Hydrogen Partnership: HyCoFlex Project Executive Summary and Consortium Partners





Demonstration of the power-to- H_2 -to-power **cogeneration plant** with an H_2 gas turbine for flexible operation with NG/ H_2 fuels up to 100% H_2

 HyCoFlex project will utilize and advance the infrastructure of the HYFLEXPOWER advanced plant concept

Key Targets

- 100% H₂ capability without derate
- Operate on blends of H2 and NG from 0-100% H₂
- <25 ppm NOx (without SCR).
- Efficiency to be within 0.5%-2.0% at 100% load.
- Achieve minimum load ramp-rate of 10% @100% H₂
- Accommodate H₂ fluctuations ±30% vol./min.
- At least 60 cummulative fired hours of H₂ operation.
- Overall budget: ~ 10.2 M€
- EU contribution: ~ 4.44 M€
- UK contribution: ~ 1.56 M€
- Project Start: February 1, 2024 | End Date: October 31, 2026

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Siemens Energy is the right partner for hydrogen-fueled gas turbines in a sustainable, hydrogen-based energy world

Hydrogen capabilities in Siemens Gas Turbines

- All newly built Siemens Energy gas turbine types capable to burn different levels of hydrogen in the fuel mix
- Smaller hydrogen contents not requiring any modification compared with standard natural gas turbines (new unit applications)
- Operating gas turbines¹ (field installations) able to be upgraded to burn hydrogen
- Siemens Energy with a roadmap in implementation to burn 100% hydrogen fuel in gas turbines

Conclusions



Existing assets and future investments in gas turbines are protected also in a fully decarbonized world



Carbon-free power generation in gas turbines with green hydrogen



Hydrogen-capable gas turbines with **increased fuel flexibility** to burn both hydrogen and natural gas



Siemens Energy gas turbines **fully compliant with emission limits** when burning hydrogen



1 Limits to be evaluated

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