







"FUTURE-PROOFING" TODAY'S INDUSTRIAL GAS TURBINES : COMBUSTION SYSTEM FUEL FLEXIBILITY IMPROVEMENTS FOR HYDROGEN CONSUMPTION IN A RENEWABLE DOMINATED MARKETPLACE

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Gas Turbine Drivers in a Renewable Market Place

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Full Service Capabilities





Market Challenges Facing Gas Turbines

Renewables Changing Power Generation

Declining Revenue Increasing O&M Costs + Lower Marginal Prices Aging Assets Reduced Capacity Factors • Added Starts & Stops Ramping of **Conventional Units Renewable Power Relative Renewable Power Growth** Generation 28 An increase of 10.9GW over three hours 26 (February 1st 2016) 40% 24 40% -EU 22 -US 2012 20 -World 30% 30% 2013 -China 1995-2015 18 2015-2035 16 20% 20% 2016 14 12 2020 10% 10% 10 1 00:00 06:00 12:00 18:00 24:00 0% 0% *Demand minus China 1995 2005 2015 2025 2035 EU US OECD India Africa

Increasing Renewable and Distributed Generation and Energy Efficiency driving need for Flexible Power Supply

Asia

renewable generation

Source: California ISO



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Major elements of consideration

- Combustion system
- Fuel skid
- Control System / AutoTune







High hydrogen Secondary fuel nozzle upgrade



AES Elsta Perspective – Voice of Customer

- Steam + Electrical capacity = 630MW
- 3 x GE9E MS9171E gas turbine
- 1 x GE steam turbine
- 3 x Ansaldo HRSG with additional duct firing



- Competitiveness in a changing Electricity Market within the contractual boundaries?
- Increase of production and fuel flexibility
- Availability of "Sitegas" a blend of methane and hydrogen, byproduct of a neighbouring facility
- Usage of low cost fuel and positive effect on emissions
- In January 2011 first proposal to stakeholders for increasing the H₂ percentage in the fuel mix to the gas turbines, from 10% to ..
- Begin 2017 final approval to execute the project

Technical specifications and drivers for the project



AES Elsta Perspective – Voice of Customer

- PSM's LEC-III[®] combustion equipment installed in 2009/2010
- Modify the current installation with:
 - Fin mixer secondary fuel nozzles
 - CDMS and AutoTune system



- Additional equipment changed or modified:
 - Gas control valve fuel mixing station, H₂ analyzers and flame scanners
- Results of the project:
 - Maximum of 25% H₂ over the full operating range, 55 123 MW, tested up till 35% H₂
 - Low emissions, CO is on the edge without H_2 on minimum load
- Challenges of the project:
 - Connecting AutoTune system to the MK V control system
 - Position of the CDMS probes on the combustion cans
- Last gas turbine modified in week 23, 2018

Execution of the modification of three gas turbines and test and commissioning



E-class Fuel Flexibility – Netherlands 9E Demonstrated Engine Operation with Hydrogen



Stable, robust and flexible sub 9ppm operation from 0% to 35% hydrogen

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- Waste gas and refinery by product gas use substantially reduces the fuel bill
 - Example: For natural gas priced at ~4.5€/MMBTU (or 4.75€/GJ), a 9% energy savings on a base loaded Frame 9E.03 combined cycle would save ~€3million/year
 - 9% reduction $CO_2 \sim 50,000$ metric tons/year reduction in $CO_2 = 10,700$ cars off the road
- Low emissions gas turbine combustor is the cleanest way to consume waste gas





Significant Saving Potential by Using Alternative Fuel Source – Refinery, Wind, Solar





AutoTune Safely Operates while Keeping Dynamics Low

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FlameSheet[™] Combustion System Retrofit

 OTF / 501F FlameSheet™

 OF / 7F FlameSheet™

FlameSheet[™] Combustion Systems for:

- <u>GE:</u> Frame 5, 6B, 6F, 7E, 6F, 7F, 9E, 9F
- <u>Siemens / Mitsubishi:</u> 501F, 501G, 701F, 701G
- <u>Siemens:</u> 501B/D

FlameSheet[™] Attributes

- Extended Fuel Flexibility
 - 30% Modified Wobbe Index (MWI) Variation
 - Hydrogen Up To 40%
 - C2 Up To 40%
 - Dual Fuel Capable
- Turndown as low as 30% on Standard Firing Curve
 - Extended Turndown Also Realized On Reduced Low Load Firing Curve To Protect Unit HRSG
- Sub 9ppm NOx and CO with no diluent
- 32k hours / 1250 Starts Inspection Interval
- Drop in retrofit with common hardware across platforms

Retrofit designed for turndown, fuel flexibility & emissions capability

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- 5 FlameSheet[™] machines in operation, fleet leader at ~30,000 hours
- Key attributes 20% additional load turndown and fuel flexibility, with sub 9ppm NOx



FlameSheet[™] retrofit enhances operational and fuel flexibility

Operational Flexibility - FlameSheet™ Commercial Engine Installation – NOx Performance



- Demonstrated Sub-5ppm NOx over normal operating range 40% 100% load
- Demonstrated Sub-10ppm NOx above 20% load
- Demonstrated +50°C upgrade on 2 commercial F-class machines, emissions below 9ppm
- Technology applicable to E, F and H/J-class

F-class FlameSheet[™] substantially reduces start-up and normal operating NOx Emissions advantage from start-up to peak fire



FlameSheet[™] Hydrogen Rig Experience

Enhanced Fuel Flexibility

Fuel Constituent Comparison (Premix Operation, %Vol) Current Commercial Engine Release		
Constituent	501F DLN	FlameSheet™
CH4 (min)	90%	40%
H2 (max)	0%	40%
C2 (max)	5%	40%
C3 (max)	2.5%	20%
C4 – C6 (max)	0.5%	10%

- Ability to operate with a variation in Modified Wobbe Index (MWI) of up to 30%
- Insensitive to fuel temperature



80% hydrogen operation

Hydrogen Blending

• Demonstrated capability to run with 65% blended hydrogen by volume at baseload, and more recently up to 80%



H2 Volume Fraction %

Robust operation at all fuel temperatures and over a wide range of fuel constituents



Engine Hardware Inspection

Engine Validation – Scheduled Major October 2017

• 16,300+ operating hours with 50+ starts (fleet leader continues at 30,000+ hrs)









Combustion Hardware in Excellent Condition Verifying 32,000 Hour Interval

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Ansaldo Energia GroupFlameSheet™ Hydrogen
Ongoing Development Roadmap

- Using *advanced analytical techniques* to demonstrate 100% hydrogen capability
- Initiate atmospheric rig tests to show *further improvement* from the already demonstrated 80% hydrogen to achieve the 100% hydrogen goal, *with no diluent*
- Complete high pressure (full-scale conditions) to verify robust 100% hydrogen operation
- Perform engine demonstrator, with combustor retrofit on existing E- or F-class machine, with <u>fuel-switching from 100% natural gas to 100% hydrogen</u>



Development toward 100% hydrogen flexibility



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Significant Increase in Spinning Reserve of Installed Assets Possible



• Gas turbines have ultimate flexibility ... BUT they must be relevant for the market they serve



- Existing gas turbine power plants have unique abilities to provide support critical to the renewable grid ... they just need to be re-configured to support this new goal
- Gas turbines must be cost effectively re-packaged for the demands of a renewable market place
- Renewable Retrofit Solution considers not just the gas turbine but also all the accessory equipment, including steam cycle where applicable
- Hydrogen can be an effective energy storage media
- A combustion system upgrade for flexible synthetic/hydrogen fuel operation enables existing power plants to become part of the energy storage solution
- Proven **AutoTune** and **LEC/FlameSheet[™]** systems provide path to fuel flexible retrofit solution for all frame machines

Gas Turbine Retrofit for Flexibility