

# Gas Turbine Technology Enhancements for Traditional and Novel Applications: Improved Fuel Efficiency, Use of Low Carbon Fuels and Low Combustion Emissions

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### Siemens Energy covers the complete energy value chain



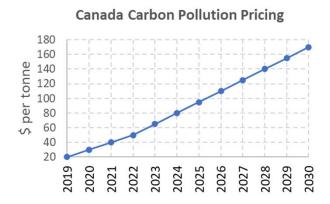
### Developing Solutions for a Sustainable Future

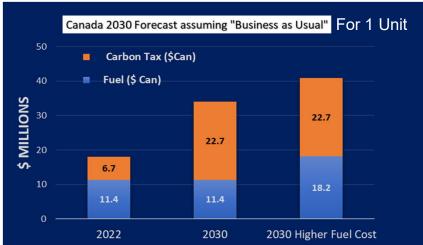
# SGT-A35 Gas Turbine Installed Base Business as Usual?





Year 2030, Baseload, 8760 hrs	Per Unit	Canada	Global
Number of Units	1	91	660
Capacity	28 - 34 MW	2.6 GW	18.9 GW
CO <sub>2</sub> Emissions (annual)	133 000 t	12 millon t	87 million t
Carbon Price (per tonne)	\$ 170 / t	\$ 170 / t	\$ 80 /t (indicative)
Carbon Price (annual)	\$ 22.6 million	\$ 2.1 billion	\$ 15.2 billion





Fuel Cost \$5 to \$8 /MMBTU; CO2 cost \$50 to \$170 / tonne UNRESTRICTED

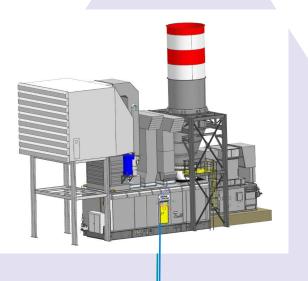
### How to reduce carbon emissions



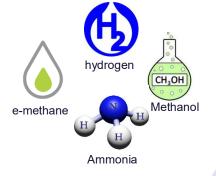


Post Combustion Capture & storage

Replace or blend the gas turbine's fuel supply with Carbon free/neutral fuels









Improve Efficiency, use less fuel

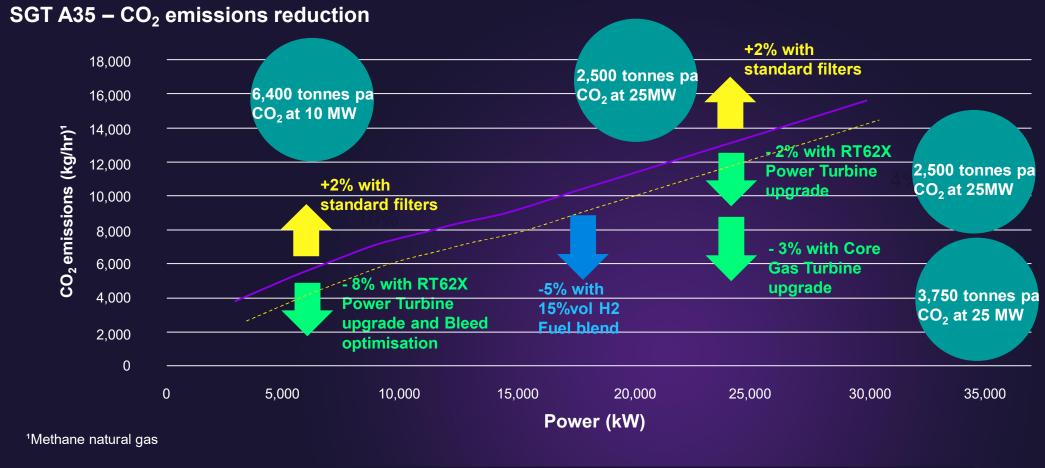


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### **Product Efficiency Modifications**

### Immediately Available Solutions





### Renewable Liquid Fuels – Known Solutions Requiring Demonstration

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Bio-fuels made from biological feedstocks such as agricultural waste, municipal solid waste and sewage

Electro-fuels made using captured carbon dioxide and hydrogen produced from renewable electricity

Examples – methanol, ethanol, bio-diesel, hydrotreated vegetable oil, sustainable aviation fuel

Optimize choice of fuel based on properties, availability and price

Demonstrations with operators and developers that are considering using green fuels

### **Example - Methanol**

Lower carbon alternative to diesel using existing infrastructure

Bio-methanol or electro-methanol options

Established infrastructure, green production increasing

Fuel system & burner upgrade required, fire and gas system should be assessed

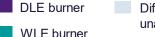
SGT-A20 demo at RWG in Aberdeen, UK

Coming in fall of 2022

Live stream of the test

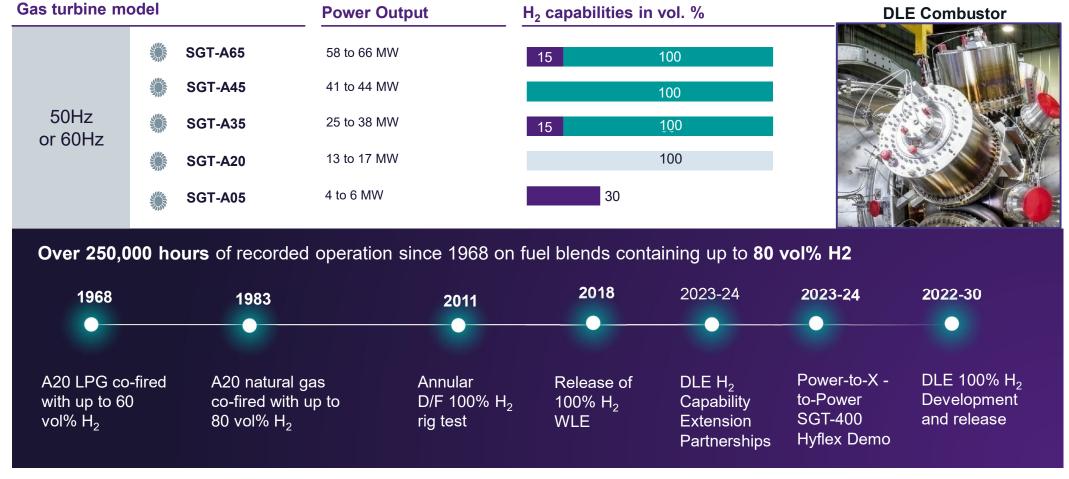


### **Hydrogen Capability: Aeroderivatives**



Diffusion burner with unabated NOx emission

100% Hydrogen firing possible today in WLE configuration



# **Decarbonizing Midstream Gas Compression**Feasibility Study and Preliminary Concept Design





Siemens Energy and Enbridge Gas partnership



Self production of H2 and blending into SGT-A35 DLE fuel at an Enbridge site



H2 production by electrolysis, powered using waste energy recovered from existing gas pressure let down process

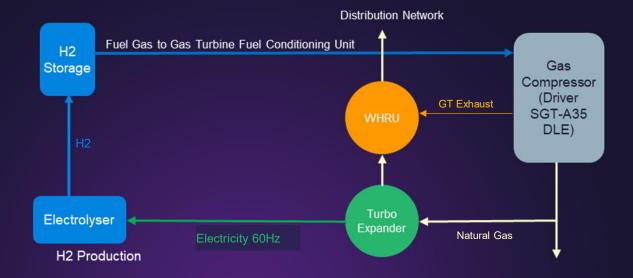


Demonstrate capability of the gas turbine with up to 40% volume H2, by combustor rig test and site engine test



Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by up to 17%

### **Hydrogen Deployment Vision for Compressor GT**





SGT-A35 (34-38 MW)





**SGT-A05 (4-6 MW)** 





Challenges	Solutions
Wide Range of Power	Scalable to 300+ MW with A35 & A05 combinations
City Location	Power dense, small footprint
Emergency Grid Backup	Very fast start (< 2 minutes) with no hot lockout Instant with batteries
Grid Capacity Limitations	Dispatchable peaker
Start & Operational Reliability	Extremely reliable with N+1 or N+2 redundancy
Fuel Flexibility	Multi fuel options with fuel changeover at power
Capable of up to 100% H2	Upgrades available 2030 or earlier
Low Operating Expenses	Low fuel and oil consumption, low maintenance



Some Combustion considerations...



### **Fuel Interchangeability**

#### Wobbe index

### NH<sub>3</sub>

 Uncracked NH<sub>3</sub> (Gaseous at SGT-A35 injection conditions) has a low WI

=> Larger Injector required (larger fuel passages)

### CH<sub>3</sub>OH

 CH<sub>3</sub>OH (liquid) has a 2.3x smaller energy density (MJ/L)

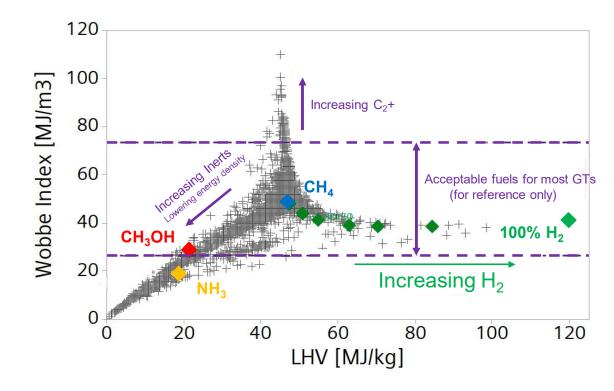
=> Larger Injector required (larger fuel passages)

### $H_2$

 Pure H<sub>2</sub> will most likely require a Larger Injector area (approx. +20%)

**Note:** that modifications to other systems will also be required

Fuel	NH <sub>3</sub>	CH₄	H <sub>2</sub>	СНЗОН	Diesel
Lower heating value (MJ/kg) (MJ/L)	18.6 (11.5)	50.0	120	20 (15.6)	43.4 (38.6)
Wobbe index (MJ/m3)	18.7	48.2	40.9	[-]	[-]
Maximum laminar burning velocity (m/s)	0.07	0.37	2.91	0.45****	0.33****



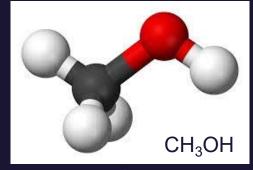
Wobbe-index = 
$$\frac{LHV}{\sqrt{\rho_{rel}}}$$
  $(\rho_{rel} = \frac{\rho_{gas}}{\rho_{air}})$ 



### **Methanol:**

Some Combustion considerations...

(Not exahustive!)





# Why use Methanol as a fuel for land-based gas turbine application?



- Improved heat rate\* (~+3% vs wet diesel)
- Higher power output at constant turbine inlet temperature (potentially as much as 10%)
- · Reduced NOx emissions (potentially as much as 75 %). Better NOx with Dry Methanol than Diesel with water injection\*!
- No soot production no visible exhaust
- No Sulfur
- Reduced life impact because:
  - · Methanol is a cleaner liquid fuel than diesel (Hot section
  - Virtually no flame radiation (combustor components)
- · Infinite shelf life
- Power-to-X: Potential reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> footprint if made from renewable (30 to 90% depending on the process used to synthesize the methanol)
- Cheaper than Diesel on a \$/MJ basis\*\*!



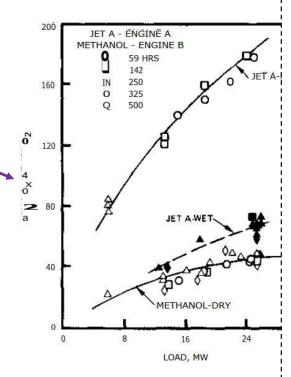


Figure 4 NOx at 15% 02 vs. Load on Methanol

#### A20 Case study





**Cone Angle** 

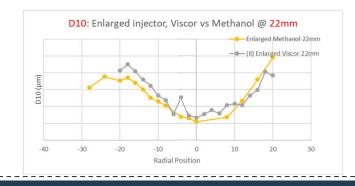


Conventional Dual Fuel Swiler Burner



Increased Flow Capacity Dual Fuel Swiler Burner

#### **Dropplet size**

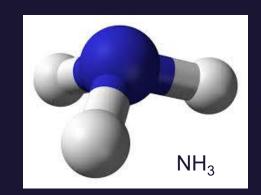


<sup>\*\*</sup> https://www.methanol.org/ - based on European and Chinese case studies



## **Ammonia:**

Some real emission data...





# Ammonia as a fuel for land-based gas turbine application?

Scaled SGT-A35 testing at SINTEF

Experimental set up

How to burn NH<sub>3</sub> in a GT?

- [ Burn NH3 directly (unlikely due to low reactivity and major modifications to key systems required)
- (Fully) "Crack & Burn" (75% H<sub>2</sub> 25% N<sub>2</sub>)
- Partially "Crack & Burn" (mixture of NH<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub> & N<sub>2</sub>)

• Partially "Crack & blend" (mixture of NH3, H2, N2 & CH<sub>4</sub>) • NH<sub>3</sub> - CH<sub>4</sub> blends Dry Low Emission (DLE) or conventional (RQL)? SGT 750 combustion system (GT2021-60057) ➤ Partially Cracked NH<sub>3</sub>: NOx and N2O vs Primary zone Φ ▶ Pressure effect: PZ of variations for 30% NH<sub>3</sub> - 70% CH<sub>4</sub> NO\_@15%O, vs PZ ER for 1 - 2 - 5 [bar] and 30% NH 2500 ◆ 5 [Bar]. 30%NH, -70%CH, NO, @15%O, (Power = 50 [kW]) ♦ N,O @15% O, Š 1000

- NH<sub>3</sub> as an energy carrier... OK (Energy density is better than liquified H<sub>2</sub>!).
  - But more unlikely as an uncracked fuel...
- => Rich-Quench-Lean!!

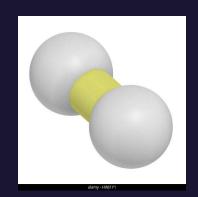
NOx vs %NH3 in CH4

Minimum



# **Hydrogen:**

**OEM** Trends and basic considerations





## Hydrogen as a Gas Turbine fuel...

### **H2** combustion physics vs. Natural Gas

### Higher reactivity and flame velocity

Increased Flashback propensity

#### **Higher flame temperature**

Increased Thermal NO<sub>x</sub> for higher amounts of H<sub>2</sub>

#### Lower energy content per unit volume

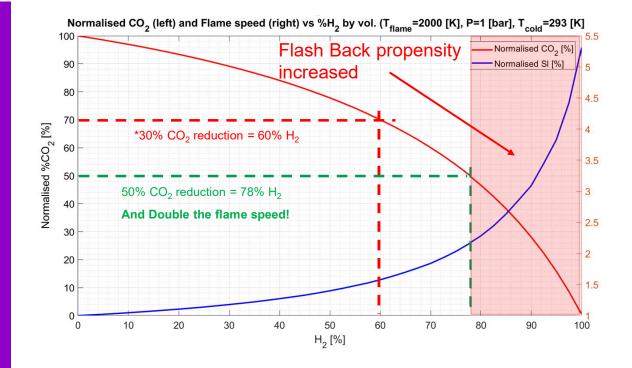
Higher volume flow in fuel systems (+ 20%)

#### **Explosivity characteristics**

- Modifications in auxiliary protection systems and flame detection systems
- Much larger flammability limits

#### **Thermo-acoustics**

- More stable or unstable??
- Frequency changes??



- ➤ The real benefit for CO₂ is for high %H₂ where flame speed increases very rapidly
- > => NEED MODIFICATIONS TO THE COMBUSTION SYSTEM!

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... and the combustion system needs to work as well as today for pure Natural Gas, pure H2 and all blends

\*Under the Paris Agreement, Canada has committed to reducing GHG emissions by 30% below 2005 levels by 2030

# **OEM** trends for H<sub>2</sub> combustion (and why)...

H<sub>2</sub> has a higher flame speed, so FB is a risk for the injector's integrity...

Well, what about using Non-Premixed flames?

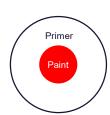
Not a bad idea, but you then need large amount of demineralised water to control NOx emissions...

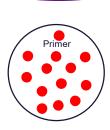
Hmm... what about mixing fast in the combustor itself then (not in a premixer passage)?

But you have a lot of air and fuel to mix, which will be a challenge!

Then lets have smaller but more flames to mix less fuel and air faster...

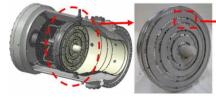






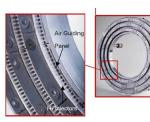


### Kawsaki (KHI)





### Honeywell



GE

Advanced hydrogen combustion technology development

F and HA DLN 2.6, 2.6+ combustion systems



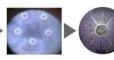
First commercial use: 1996 Fuel nozzles: 6 H2 limits: ~5 to ~18% (by volume) US DOE High Hydrogen Turbine Program



Program dates: 2005-2012

GE Gas Power developed a combustion system targeted at operation on high  ${\rm H_2}$  fuels

50% Hydrogen capable combustor for HA gas turbines



First commercial operation: 2021\*
Fuel injectors: > 500
H2 limits: ~ 50% (by volume)

\*COD expected in 2021 on 100% natural gas

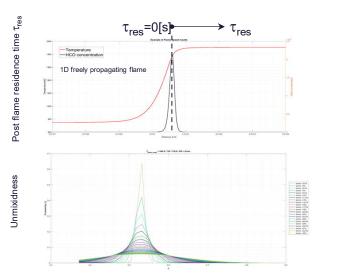


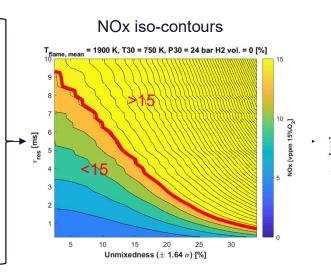
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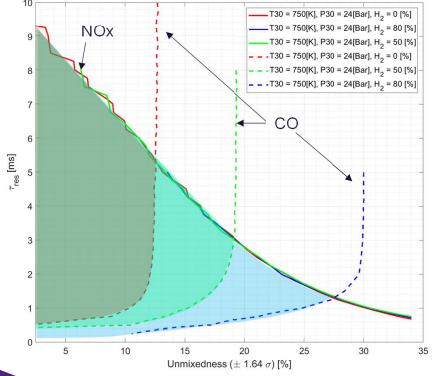
Conditions	Turbine speed (%)	Gas turbine load (%)			
	0 20 40 60 80 0	10 20 30	40 50 60 70 80 90		
Fuel	Oil		Syngas		
Mode	Mode O	Mode C	Mode A		
	Oil spray nozz	le F1 + F2-1 + F3-1	F1 + F2-1 + F2-2 + F3-1 + F3-2		
Operating burners					

## Micro-mixing... OK, but what about emissions?

### Some considerations: theoretical frame







NOx and CO=15 [ppm] for  $T_{flame, mean}$  = 1900 [K], Inlet T=750 [K], P=24 [bar] and H<sub>2</sub> vol.=0, 50,

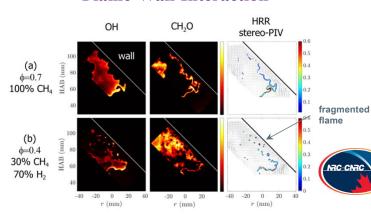
- High Methane fuels: Good mixing is required for CO, longer post-flame residence times can be tolerated for NOx
- High Hydrogen fuels: Lower mixing can be tolerated for CO, but shorter post-flame residence times are required for NOx

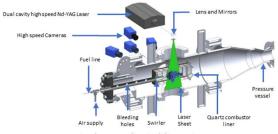
Collaborations with universities to address new challenges

(Mission Alliance)

Static and dynamic stability

#### **Flame-Wall Interaction**

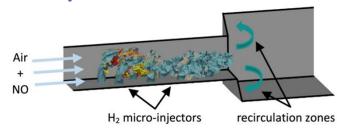








Flame location and shape, combustion efficiency and NOx/CO emissions

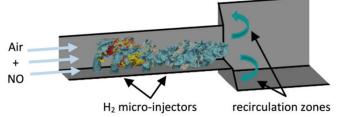






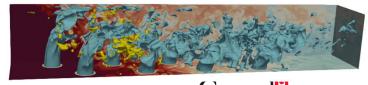
### **Mixing characteristics**







**High-fidelity simulations (DNS)** 



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