

## Hot Oxygen Technology: Supporting Decarbonization, Resource Efficiency, and Circular Economy Development

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## Linde Background

#### World's Largest Industrial Gases Company

- Sales at \$33 B (2022)
- Market Capitalization at \$170 B
- Activities in 100+ Countries
- Integrated Gases and Engineering Divisions

#### World-leading Supplier of Hydrogen

- Sales >\$3 billion/year
- Capacity 8000 t/d
- Active Across the Whole Value-chain
- Part-owner of ITM Power Electrolysis
- Building world's largest PEM Electrolyzer
- Tripling Clean Hydrogen Capacity by 2028



#### Proprietary technologies Linde 2022 Sa \$ 2.7 B 2022 Sales 2022 Sales \$ 30.0 B Engineering Gases Profile Division Division Gas 3rd **customers** party Experience





## Linde Offerings for Steel Decarbonization





# Oxyfuel Combustion

Oxyfuel burners and technology to convert air-fired furnaces to oxyfuel combustion Fuel savings, production increase and emissions reduction

## **Clean Gasification-to-X**





## **Hot Oxygen Burner – Principle of Operation**

- Internal oxygen fired flame
- Excess of oxygen reacts with fuel
- Leftover O2 and combustion products are very hot and reactive
  - 55-85% O2, 1000-2500°C
- Accelerate mixture through a nozzle
  - High velocity / momentum through exit nozzle → Excellent mixing

Major Strength: Reactive Mixing

- Hot Oxygen is a Platform Technology
  - Refineries, Cement Kilns, Chemicals
  - Gases, Liquids, Sludges, Particulates

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFpAkTMQ-\_E



O<sub>2</sub> preheated by highly fuel lean combustion upstream of nozzle



View upstream of nozzle - from the back









### **Gasification of Low Carbon Fuels** Linde's Hot Oxygen Technology

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#### **HOT POx Pilot Scale with Midrex – COG Reforming for DRI Production**

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- Pilot scale system: 1800 Nm3/hr syngas, 2-7 barg
- 3 campaigns to study performance
  - Feedstocks Simulated COG, NG
  - HOB Fuel NG, low heating value off gas
  - Feedstock injection method
  - HOB scale up and operating envelope
  - Vessel scale up and design
  - Detailed measurements
    - H2+CO yield, H2:CO, CH4 and hydrocarbon slip, soot minimization
- Linde performance model development and validation



#### Thorough understanding of HOB Syngas process for COG

DRI Production Using Coke Oven Gas (COG): Results of the MIDREX® Thermal Reactor SystemTM (TRS®) Testing and Future Commercial Application, AISTech 2015, Gary Metius, Henry Gaines, Michael F. Riley, Lawrence E. Bool III, and Bradley Damstedt

### **Example Results from HOT POx Testing at Midrex**





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### HOT POx Commercial Installation – Fulcrum Bioenergy Sierra Biorefinery



- Sierra Biofuels Plant, Nevada
  - MSW feedstock
  - 11 MM gallons/yr of syncrude production
  - In commissioning and startup
- Linde Scope
  - O2 supply with 2 VPSA's and backup
  - Linde Technology
    - HOB and POx control



First of a kind startup for Linde and the Biofuels industry

#### **Fast Pyrolysis Oil Gasification as Renewable Feedstock**

#### Why Pyrolysis Oil?

- Raw feedstock flexible can handle 'opportunity wastes'
- Energy-dense liquid biomass ("liquid wood")
- Decouples biomass source from syngas production
- Easily transported and processed vs. solid biomass
  - Tank truck, railcar, barge, pipeline
  - Pumpable, meterable
- Can be gasified using conventional techniques



## **ENSYN**





#### Hot Oxygen Technology to Gasify Liquid Feedstock

#### **HOT Benefits over standard atomizer / injectors**

- High temperature O2 → higher sonic velocity → higher velocity
  / momentum for given supply pressure
- Increasing shear with hot O<sub>2</sub> temperature results in reduced mean droplet size
- Increased local temperature increases droplet evaporation and reaction rates, even at short residence time







HOT significantly improves atomization and reaction compared to conventional burners

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#### HOT Pilot Scale Pyrolysis Oil Gasification Test – Linde and Ensyn





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### **Pilot Scale Pyrolysis Oil Gasification with HOT: Observations**



#### **Test objectives:**

- Demonstrate effective gasification of commercial grade pyoil
- Confirm prediction capability

#### Scale:

- 500 Nm3/hr syngas
- 4.5 barg
- 1.5 sec residence time

#### **Results:**

- Liquid POx behaves similar to gaseous feed POx
- Validated predictive performance tool
- Excellent carbon conversion (>99.5%) even at short residence time



HOT gasification of pyrolysis oil is an effective way to produce syngas for conversion to a range of renewable products

## **External Gasification with Linde's Hot Oxygen Technology** Maximizing Blast Furnace Tuyere Injection



Linde's Hot Oxygen Technology For External Gasification



- Efficient, small-scale gasifier to generate reducing gas/syngas
- Scale: Up to 34,000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h syngas per unit

### Syngas Injection into the Blast Furnace Tuyere

- Blast furnace model studies show syngas injection leads to coke reductions beyond the limitations associated with NG
- Syngas injection shows higher adiabatic flame temperatures than for NG at comparable injection temperature
- CFD studies show injection method important to limit potential for flame impingement





Syngas injection into blast furnace enables coke reduction and decarbonization

### **Conclusions**

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- Hot Oxygen Technology produces syngas using a wide variety of feedstocks for a wide variety of applications
  - COG reforming for DRI
  - MSW / Raw syngas reforming for Biofuels
  - Pyrolysis Oil gasification
  - Syngas generation for Blast Furnace coke reduction
- Syngas has many uses, including decarbonization of blast furnaces via reduced coke consumption
- Partnering with Linde brings both engineering and operational expertise
  - Linde Technology team is experienced in implementing first of a kind solutions at many scales and levels of complexity, including for syngas installations
  - We work closely with customers for full integration into system, including safety and process optimization

Linde HOT Syngas ready to serve Steel Industry for decarbonization

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