

Is IGCC a Viable Option for Biomass?

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Gasification applications: Power w/o and w/ CCS, chemicals, poly-generation

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Primary feedstocks for gasification



Source: Chris Higman, Higman Consulting GmbH, "2016 Status of the Gasification Industry", presented at the "ACI Gasification 2016 Conference", Rotterdam, 23rd March 2016

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Number of gasifiers by primary feedstock



Source: Chris Higman, Higman Consulting GmbH, "State of the Gasification Industry: Worldwide Gasification Database 2015 Update", presented at the "Gasification Technologies Conference", Colorado Springs, 14th October 2015

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Gasification capacity by application



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Cumulative worldwide gasification capacity and growth (total for all applications)



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Cumulative global IGCC net power capacity and yearly capacity additions



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Cumulative global IGCC net power capacity and contribution of projects with Siemens GT technology



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Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC): simplified interface diagram and Siemens scope

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(example for power only application, w/o CCS)



Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle Power Plant: IGCC in Principle





IGCC plant solutions need proper integration design for the interfaces and a robust plant design with implementation of the lessons learned.

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Power and Gas Division: Organizational structure



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The Siemens gas turbine portfolio: The right engine for every requirement

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Heavy-Duty Gas Turbines



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SGT-2000E gas turbines series provide solutions for the full gas range

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Standard combustion system covers wide Wobbe range for fuels w/o H_2/CO . Hydrogen-containing syngas and steel mill gases require special solutions.

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Special conditions for combustion of syngas or H₂-containing fuels in gas turbines

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 Higher stoichiometric combustion temperature

- Smaller volumetric calorific values
- High flame speed
- Large increase in volumetric fuel flow rates
- Increased overheating potential

Fuel Properties	CH ₄	H ₂	СО
LHV [MJ/kg]	50.3	119.9	10.1
[MJ/m ³]	33.9	10.2	12.6
Flame speed in air [cm/s]	43	350	20
Stoich. comb. temp. [K]	2227	2370	2374
Density [kg/m³ _{STP}]	0.72	0.09	1.25
Specific heat [kJ/kgK]	2.18	14.24	1.05
Flammability limits [vol %]	5 - 15	4 - 75	12.5 - 74

- Fast homogeneous mixing of fuel and air within shortest possible time
- Elimination of any flow separation
- High gas flow velocity to compensate increased flame speed

Syngas and steel mill recovery gas operation requires diffusion-type combustion with fuel "dilution" for control of NOx emissions and flame speed.

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Siemens syngas burner technology: SGT5-2000E(LC) gas turbine

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Flexible and proven syngas burner for low calorific syngas and steel mill recovery gas

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Heavy-duty gas turbines Fuel compositions for 50 Hz syngas references

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Project	Buggenum (Netherlands)	Puertollano (Spain)	Priolo Gargallo (Italy)	Servola (Italy)	Tianjin (China)
Application	IGCC (coal-based)	IGCC (coal-based)	IGCC (oil-based)	Steel mill gas CCPP	IGCC (coal-based)
Fuel type (Diluent)	Diluted syngas $(H_20 \text{ and } N_2)$	Diluted syngas $(H_20 \text{ and } N_2)$	Diluted syngas Diluted syngas $(H_2^0 \text{ and } N_2)$ (H_2^0)		Diluted syngas $(H_20 \text{ and } N_2)$
Fuel composition					
H ₂	12,3 Vol%	10,7 Vol%	31,7 Vol%	9,0 Vol%	15,3 Vol%
СО	24,8 Vol%	29,2 Vol%	28,5 Vol%	16,3 Vol%	33,7 Vol%
CO ₂	0,8 Vol%	1,9 Vol%	3,2 Vol%	13,6 Vol%	1,1 Vol%
N ₂	42,0 Vol%	53,1 Vol%	0,9 Vol%	41,0 Vol%	9,0 Vol%
CH ₄				14,6 Vol%	0,5 Vol%
C _n H _m					
Ar	0,6 Vol%	0,6 Vol%			0,1 Vol%
H ₂ O	19,1 Vol%	4,2 Vol%	36,0 Vol%	5,5 Vol%	40,3 Vol%
O ₂	0,4 Vol%	0,3 Vol%			
Fuel heating value (LHV)	4,3 MJ/kg	4,2 MJ/kg	9,1 MJ/kg	7,2 MJ/kg	6,6 MJ/kg

Syngas composition and LHV of diluted fuel depends on application.

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Industrial gas turbines Fuel heating values (LHV) for syngas references

Syngas from small-scale air-blown gasification applications:

- Värnamo (biomass)
- HRL (lignite)
- ARBRE (biomass)

4.5 MJ/Nm³ 4.0 MJ/Nm³ 5.0 MJ/Nm³

Syngas LHV in same order as for nitrogen/steam-diluted fuels at large-scale coal-based plants with oxygen-blown gasification.

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General considerations for application of syngas as gas turbine fuel

- The fuel has to meet the typical gas turbine fuel purity requirements.
- Due to the hydrogen content in the fuel, syngas has to be combusted in diffusion-type burners.
- Depending on the syngas composition, dilution with nitrogen and/or steam may be required for reactivity and/or NO_x emission control.
- In case of low LHV and/or low fuel reactivity, natural gas may need to be added.
- In any case a project/fuel-specific evaluation is needed from combustion point of view.
- Especially the lower LHV design limits have to be checked in conjunction with fuel composition and reactivity, respectively.

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Gas turbine fuel purity requirements

Contaminants for which limit values in low ppm range are defined e.g. include

- Sodium (Na)
- Potassium (K)
- Vanadium (V)
- Lead (Pb)
- Calcium (Ca)
- Particulates/Dust
- Hydrogen Sulfide (H₂S)/Total Sulfur (S)

Contaminants for which limit values in ppb range are defined e.g. include

- Iron (Fe)
- Nickel (Ni)
- and related Carbonyls $(Ni(CO)_4, Fe(CO)_5)$

Fuel purity requirements are defined for standard fuels with high LHV. Limit values have to be corrected for syngas applications with LHV ratio.

Global syngas/IGCC projects incorporating Siemens GT or CCPP technologies

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From world's first to world's largest IGCC power plant: more than 40 years of experience with applications for coal and refinery residues.

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Indicative influence of plant size on relative CAPEX of coal-based IGCC power plants

Specific Capital Investment in %

140 130 120 110 100 Equivalent output from co-gasification 90 of ~30 wt % biomass at 80 **Buggenum IGCC** 70 60 100 200 300 500 600 700 800 0 400 **Net Electric Power Output in MW**

Larger units contribute to reduction of IGCC specific costs.

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Guascor engines for syngas application Syngas quality requirements and references



Biomass				Syngas	•		
	Gasification & Gas Cleaning		Fuel LHV range 4,7- 14 MJ/Nm ³ Fuel mainly containing CO and H_2 Typical Impurities: Tars, solid particles, sulfur, ammonia,		Syngas Requirements:		
					LHV		4,6-14 MJ/Nm ³
					C4+BTEX		< 10% of total LHV
ATTE					0 ₂		< 2% Vol.
		_			H_2S		< 70 mg/MJ
San Juan de los Olivos (Argentina)			Dordtech plant (UK)		H ₂		< 40% of total LHV
Location:	Argentina	 Location: Combined output: Model (Tech): 		UK (Wales)	Gas Humidit	y	< 60%
 Combined output: Model (Tech): 	0,5 MWe SFGLD 360 (Syngas)			6,3 MWe, 5 MWth SFGLD 560 (Syngas)	Ethylene		< 12% of total LHV
 Power per engine: 	500 kWe	Power	r per engine:	700 kWe	Acetylene		< 5% of total LHV
Number of engines:	1	Number of engines:		s : 9	NH ₃ Ammon	ia	<1,5 mg/MJ
Const. year:Client:	2013 San Juan de los Olivos	Const	year:	2014 Dordtech	Tar Oils a	nd tar	Condensates not allowed
	Aliaga Rice husk Location:	plant (Pl Philippine	hilippines) s	1	1 ring 2 ring 3 ring >3 ring	1 ring 2 rings 3 rings >3 rings	<1,500 mg / MJ < 200 mg / MJ < 3 mg / MJ 0 mg / MJ
	 Model (Tech): Power per engine: 	SFGLD 5 646 kWe	60 (Syngas)		Dust-solid particles		< 5µm
	Number of engines.Const. year:Client:	1 2016 Aliaga					

Guascor SFGLD engine series specially developed to work with lean gases from biomass gasification.

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Conclusions and outlook for IGCC applications

- In general, IGCC power plants are still a niche application for gasification and in the power industry.
- **Coal-based** IGCC still has significant development potential
- ...but needs incentives in competition with SPP for power only applications.
- ...and is more attractive in combination with co-production of higher value products.
- Refinery residues-based IGCC plants are commercially applied on (very) large scale
- ...typically co-produce hydrogen and process steam for refinery supply.
- ...future application depending on refinery capacity additions and/or upgrades.
- **Biomass-based IGCC** so far with very limited experience in small-scale units
- ...co-gasification of biomass in large coal-based plants may be more attractive
- ...co-firing of syngas in boilers or use of syngas in gas engines expected to be commercially more viable for small-scale gasification plants.
- ...higher value (chemical) products may be more attractive than power.

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