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## **Sustainable routes towards the carbon neutrality of the reheating process**

**from the perspective of a technology provider**

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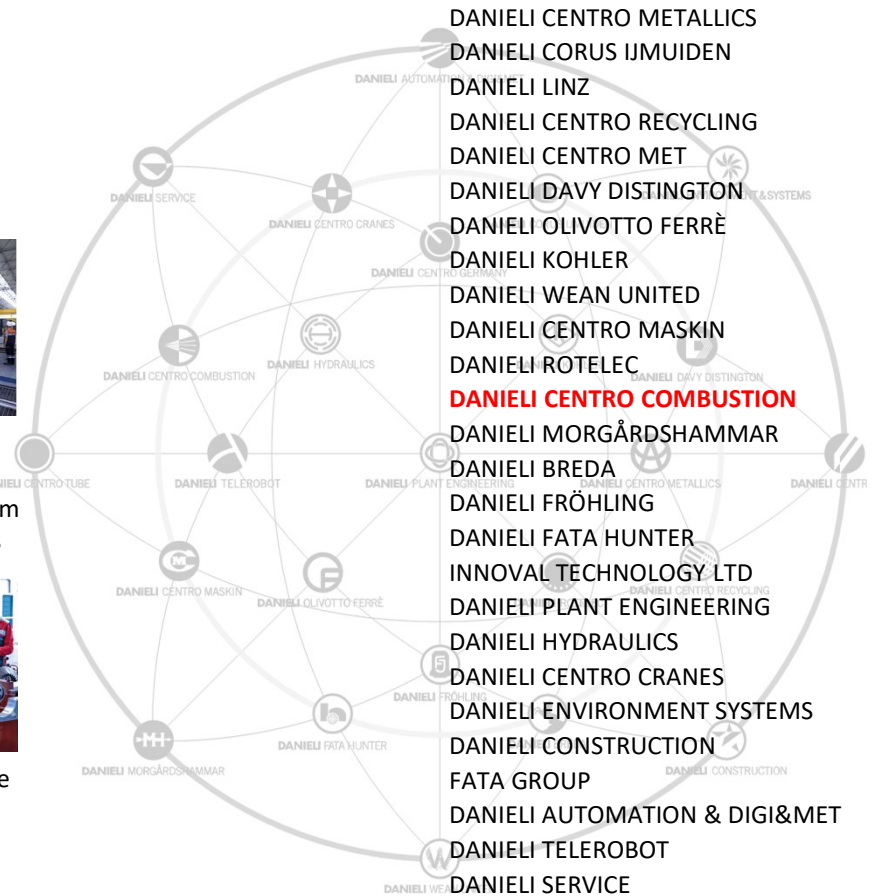
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- **Global leader** in heating and heat treatment systems in the steeland aluminum industry.
- **Established in 1991**, in just over two decades the company has grown into a worldwide organization.
- **DCC's** area of expertise is in the **design of combustion systems**, with an in-house R&D Centre and a full range of proprietary burners and innovative equipment applied to the steel and aluminum market for billets, blooms, slabs, plates, pipes, strips, bars and wires.
- **DCC's network** has grown constantly thanks to the acquisition of prestigious technology of the brand Olivotto-Ferrè (DFO) and the opening of regional offices located in Pune and Mumbai - India (DCC India).
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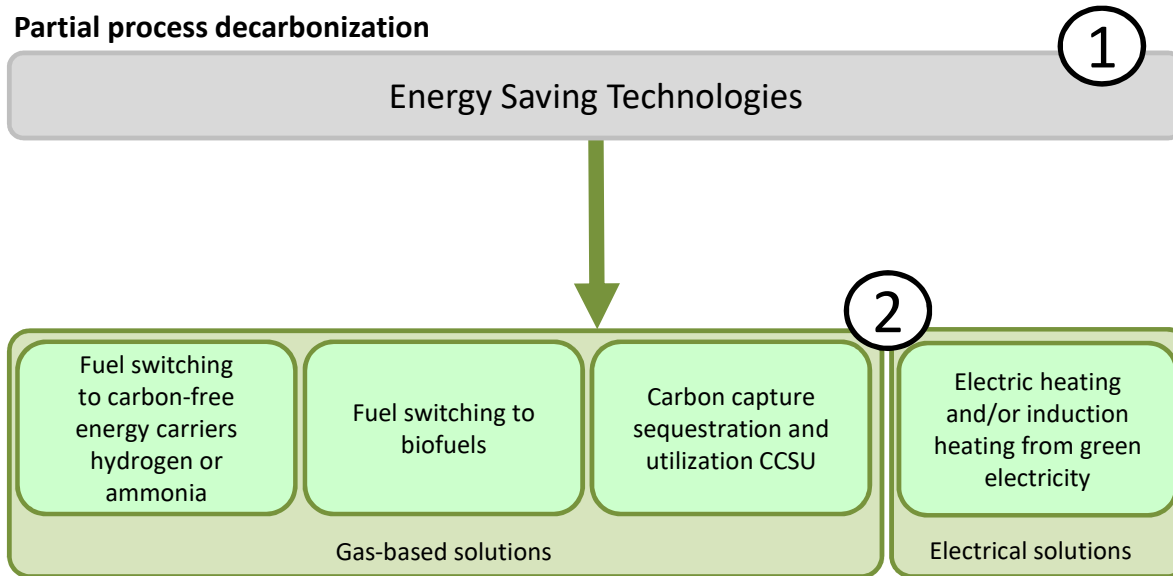
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# THERMAL PROCESS DECARBONIZATION

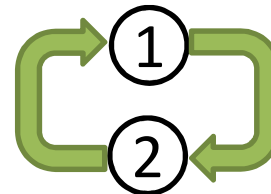
**Partial process decarbonization**



- High temperature air preheating high-performance heat recuperators
- High temperature air preheating regenerative burners
- High temperature air preheating self-recuperative burners
- Hot charging
- Oxygen enrichment, oxygen lancing, oxy-fuel combustion
- Construction techniques heat losses reduction
- Control techniques L1 and L2
- Removing cooling DRY Plus Furnace
- Downstream heat recovery Boilers, absorbers, ORC
- .....

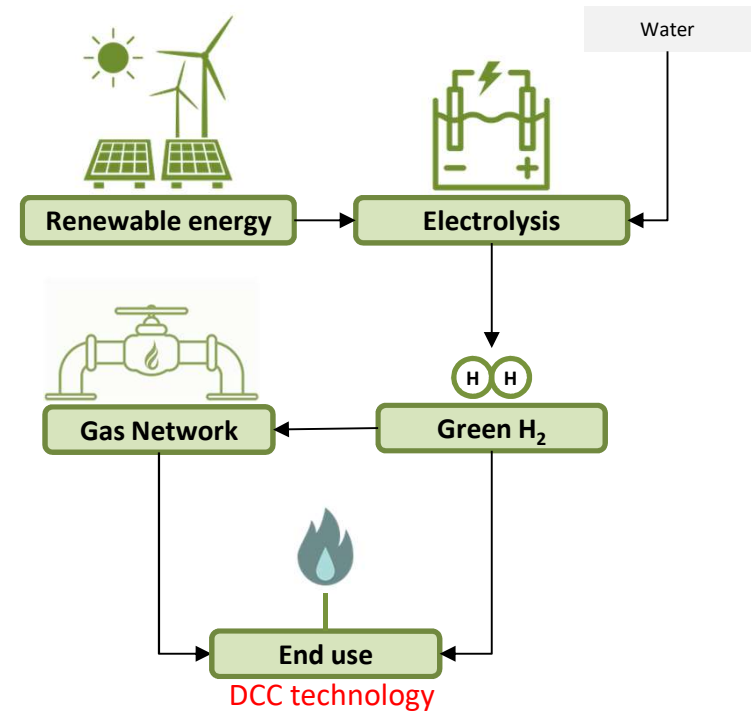
**Total process decarbonization**

*Possibility of combining different technologies according to different strategies for managing the transition and the intermediate check-points in a framework of economic and environmental sustainability*



> Fuel switching to carbon-free energy carriers like hydrogen or ammonia

<b>Task and Technology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Replacing or mixing carbon-based fossil fuels or by-product fuels with carbon-free energy carriers like hydrogen or ammonia;</li> <li>&gt; H2 Ready Burners and combustion technology</li> </ul>
<b>Requisite</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Massive H<sub>2</sub> production infrastructure through renewable energy sources and distribution;</li> <li>&gt; Combustion systems transformation.</li> </ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Up-to-100% progressive carbon avoidance according to the percentage of carbon-free energy carrier;</li> <li>&gt; Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> taxes (ETS).</li> </ul>
<b>Concerns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; Existing pipelines H<sub>2</sub> adaptation or construction of new ones (conventional fuels are distributed by pipeline networks);</li> <li>&gt; Huge amount of green energy and costs for H<sub>2</sub> production;</li> <li>&gt; Medium-to-long full decarb. time to market.</li> </ul>



(\* red text represents DCC's approach to decarbonization)



**>** Fuel switching to biofuels

**Task and Technology** > Replacing traditional fuels with biofuels produced from biomasses or synthetic fuels produced by green hydrogen and biogenic CO<sub>2</sub>

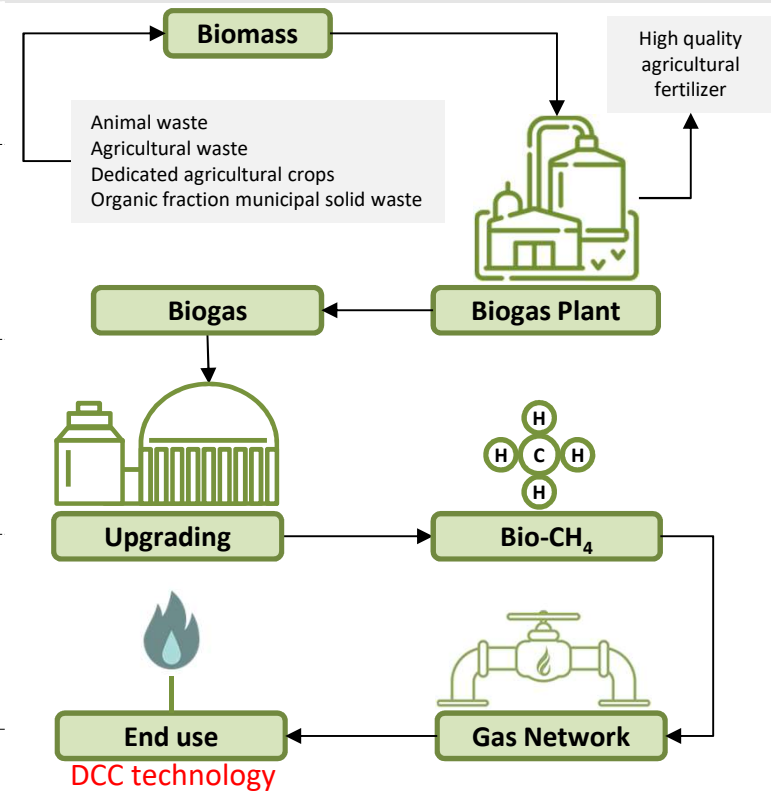
**Requisite** > Infrastructure for massive production of biofuels and/or synthetic fuels by means of renewable energy

**Benefits**

- > Up-to-100% progressive carbon avoidance according to the percentage of carbon-free energy carrier;
- > Reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> taxes (ETS);
- > Limited change to the existing plants.

**Concerns**

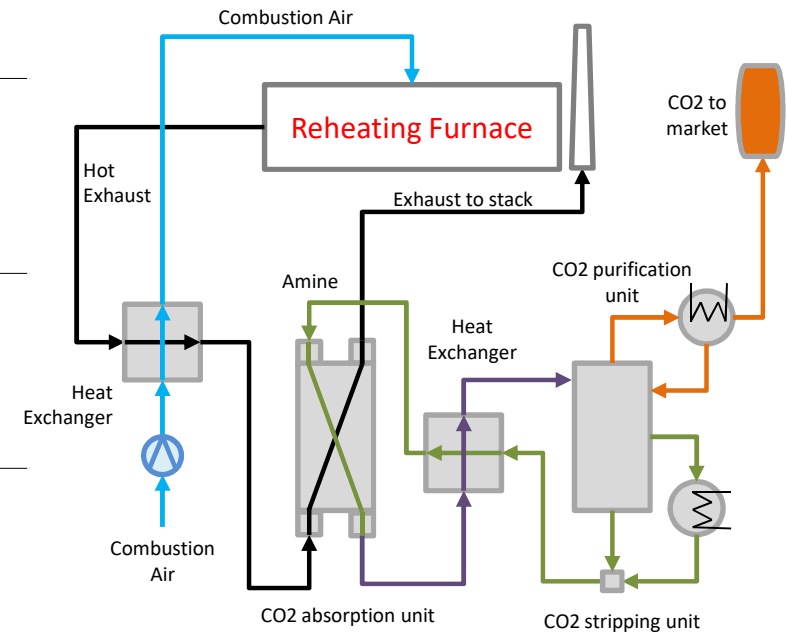
- > Large amount of green energy to produce fuels and relevant costs;
- > Medium-to-long full decarb. time to market..



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➤ CCS Carbon capture sequestration and utilization CCSU

<b>Task and Technology</b>	> CO2 separation from the stream/waste gases by means of technologies like CO2 Absorption or PSA (Pressure Swing Adsorption)
<b>Requisite</b>	> Infrastructure for CCS
<b>Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; No or limited transformation of the existing plants;</li> <li>&gt; Possible application with green technologies, including partial hydrogen feeding</li> </ul>
<b>Concerns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>&gt; New plants for CCS and relevant CaPex and OpEx;</li> <li>&gt; CO2 usage economic concerns;</li> <li>&gt; Medium-to-long full decarb. time to market.</li> </ul>



**>** Electric heating and/or induction heating

**Task and Technology** > Electric or magnetic heating for heat treatments and reheating

**Requisite** > Green electricity availability

**Benefits**

- > No direct CO<sub>2</sub> or NO<sub>x</sub> emissions with green electricity;
- > No CO<sub>2</sub> taxes (ETS);
- > Short-medium ROI;
- > Very effective existing application for long-product heat treatment and heating processes

**Concerns**

- > Electricity costs;
- > Thick products medium throughput in reheating processes

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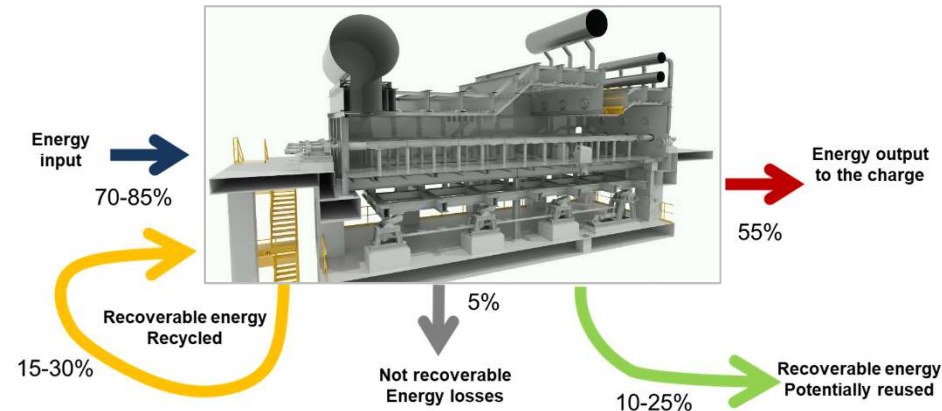


**>** Energy Savings

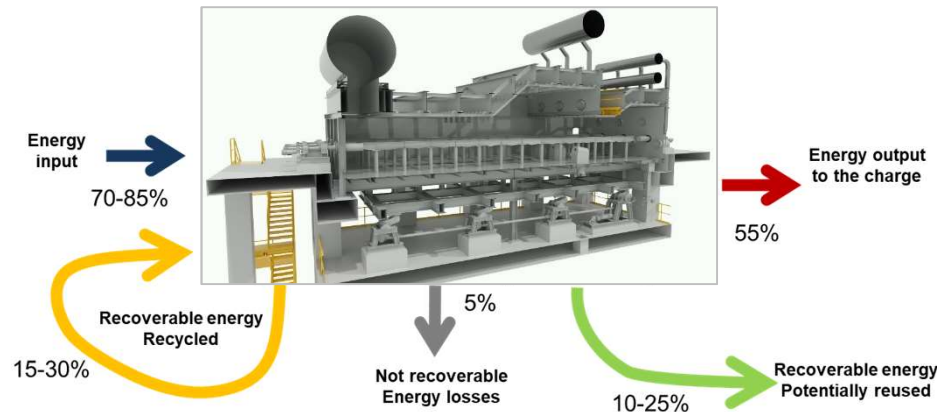
<b>Task and Technology</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; High temperature combustion air preheating through high-performance heat recuperators;</li><li>&gt; Regenerative, self-recuperative burners;</li><li>&gt; Hot charging;</li><li>&gt; Oxygen enrichment, lancing and oxyfuel combustion;</li><li>&gt; Reducing heat losses through: improved combustion, L1, L2 control systems and construction technology;</li><li>&gt; Removing cooling (e.g. DRY plus Furnace)</li><li>&gt; Downstream heat recovery from cooling systems through boilers</li></ul>
<b>Requisite</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Conventional fuels availability</li></ul>
<b>Benefits</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Existing efficient and sustainable tech;</li><li>&gt; Great contribution to progressive decarb. on plants which can be made more efficient;</li><li>&gt; Possible application with green technologies, including partial hydrogen feeding;</li><li>&gt; No need for additional large infrastructures;</li><li>&gt; Short time to market and fast ROI</li></ul>
<b>Concerns</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>&gt; Partial carbon avoidance;</li><li>&gt; Limited CO2 taxes (ETS) reduction</li></ul>



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- Energy output to the charge is fixed according to the process temperature.
- The target is to minimize energy input considering that part of the energy is lost and cannot be recovered.
- A part of energy cannot be recovered and can only be minimized  
Part of the energy input can be recovered and conveyed back to the furnace (recycling)  
Part of the energy input can be recovered and potentially used for other facilities outside the furnace (reuse) on example by means of a boiler or of ORC systems.



### Minimizing energy input:

- Hot charging
- Control techniques (Level 1 / Level 2)
- Combustion technology (Air enrichment by O<sub>2</sub> Oxygen lancing and Oxy-fuel)

### Maximizing Recoverable Energy: Recycled

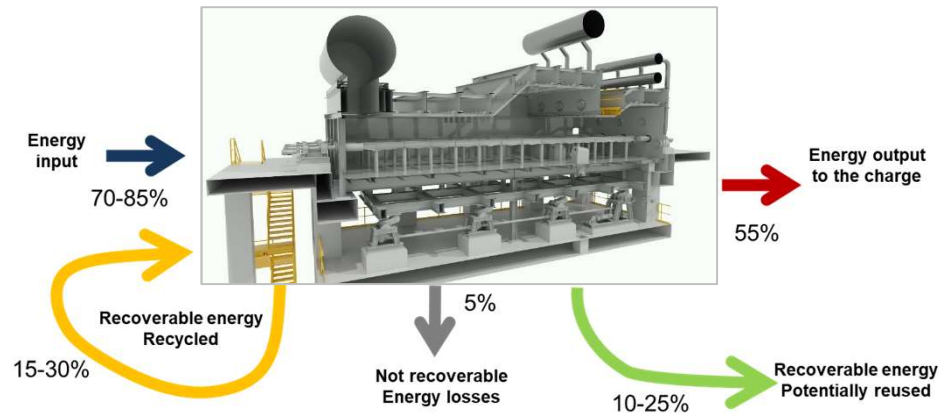
- High efficiency heat recuperators (up to 650°C)
- Combustion technology (Regenerative burners)

### Minimizing Not-Recoverable Energy

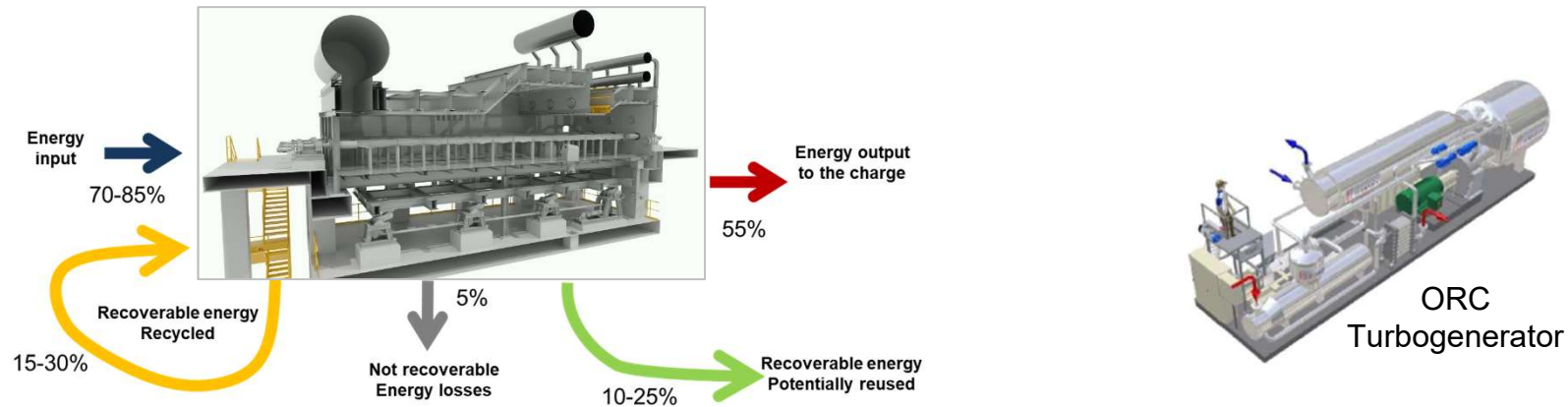
- Construction techniques and material choice
- Combustion technology (Regenerative burners)
- Control techniques (Level 1 / Level 2)

Part of the energy input can be recovered downstream (at lower enthalpy) and **potentially reused** in other facilities outside the furnace

- Steam production by means of a boiler from the pressurized cooling water
- Steam production by means of a boiler from the waste gases
- Electric energy produce by means of turbogenerators with ORC
- Hot water production



- Regenerative burners for air preheating ( $>1100^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) and/or gas preheating
- Recuperators for air preheating (up to  $650^{\circ}\text{C}$ )
- Recuperators for gas preheating (up to  $400^{\circ}\text{C}$  according to the calorific value)



A part of the energy leaving the furnace can potentially be reused for other processes operated progressively at lower temperature or for other plants nearby the furnace. If, for many reasons, it is not "convenient" to reuse such energy it will definitively be lost.

- Steam generators from cooling water
- Steam generators from waste gases
- Electric power generation through ORC (Organic Rankine Cycle) from cooling water and/or from waste gases
- Hot water production



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# DANIELI CENTRO COMBUSTION'S HYDROGEN BURNERS

During 2019 Danieli Centro Combustion decided to cover the maximum number of furnaces and processes types with the development of three types of burners families able to fire natural gas and hydrogen mixtures up to 100% hydrogen.

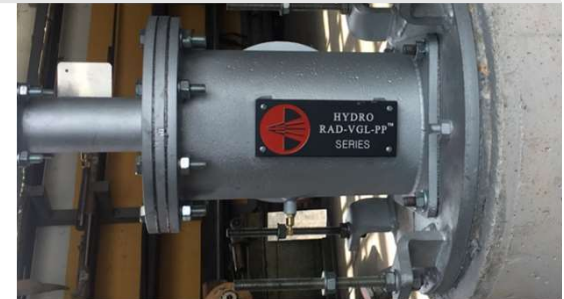
**HYDRO-MAB**

Low NO<sub>x</sub> side recuperative flame and flameless burner for reheating furnaces



**HYDRO-RAD**

Low NO<sub>x</sub> roof recuperative flame and flameless burner for reheating furnaces



**HYDRO-TFB-REK**

Low NO<sub>x</sub> self-recuperative flame and flameless burner for heat treatment furnaces and strip processing lines



**HYDRO MAB200 F-FL-PP Value (metric)**

Nominal Power	580 kW
Air Temperature (°C)	500 °C
Fuel Temperature (°C)	Ambient
Air Excess (%)	5%
Air Pressure (daPa)	500 daPa
Gas Pressure (daPa)	2500 daPa
Air Flow with NG	490 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h
NG Flow	49 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h
Air flow with H <sub>2</sub>	417 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h
H <sub>2</sub> Flowrate	167 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h

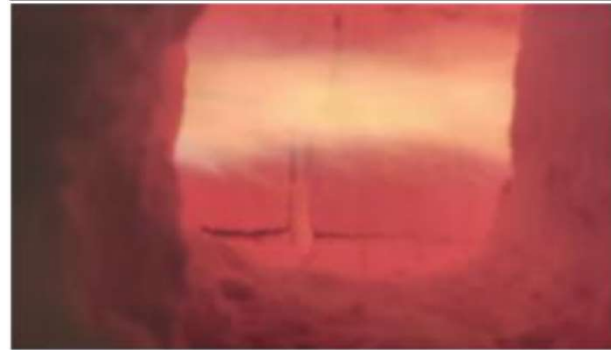


- > HYDRO-MAB series is designed to operate with hydrogen and natural gas mixtures in the range 0-100%. During ignition HYDRO-MAB burner operate in Flame mode;
- > Low NO<sub>x</sub> emissions are accomplished by means of multi-air staging combustion;
- > Once reached autoignition temperature, HYDRO-MAB works in Flameless mode in order to achieve very low NO<sub>x</sub> emissions with any NG-H<sub>2</sub> mixture.

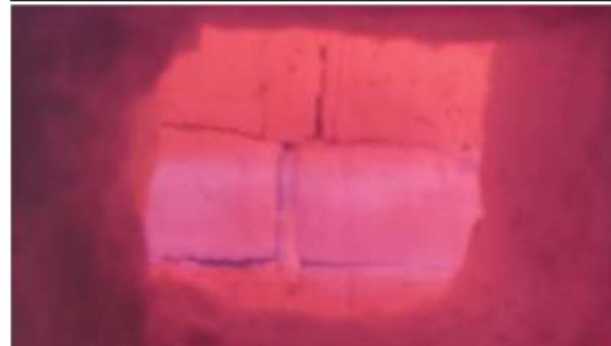


- > HYDRO-MAB burner was installed on a sperimental test rig in Italy and the tests confirmed the results of the CFD simulations.
- > After the transition from flame to flameless operating mode at a temperature of 880°C, NOx emissions of HYDRO-MAB drop down as much as is higher the hydrogen content in the fuel mixture.
- > Hot tests and measures have been carried out starting from 0% H2 up to 100% H2 in the mixture with an average furnace temperature of 1230°C

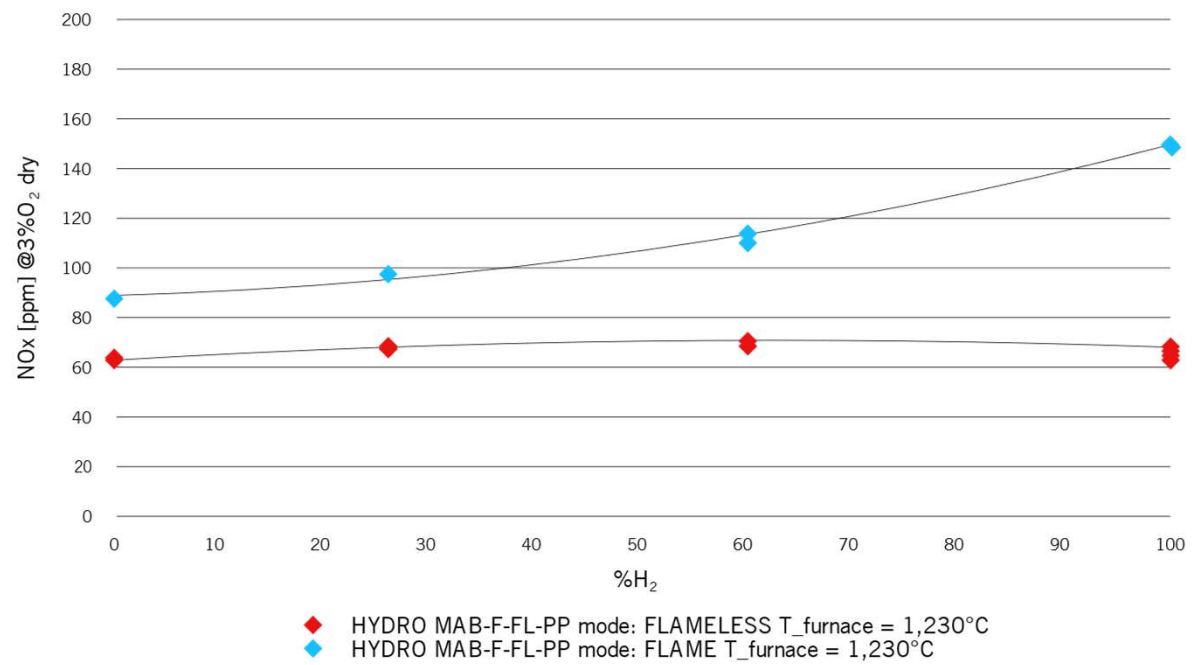
HYDRO MAB200 F-FL-PP – FLAME MODE



HYDRO MAB200 F-FL-PP – FLAMELESS MODE



- > In flame mode  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions raise as much is higher the hydrogen content
- > In flameless mode  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions are kept almost flat for any mixture of natural gas and hydrogen



**HYDRO RAD-VGL4 F-FL-PP Value (metric)**

Nominal Power	230 kW
Air Temperature (°C)	500 °C
Fuel Temperature (°C)	Ambient
Air Excess (%)	5%
Air Pressure (daPa)	500 daPa
Gas Pressure (daPa)	2500 daPa
Air Flow with NG	193 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h
NG Flow	19 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h
Air flow with H <sub>2</sub>	167 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h
H <sub>2</sub> Flowrate	67 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h

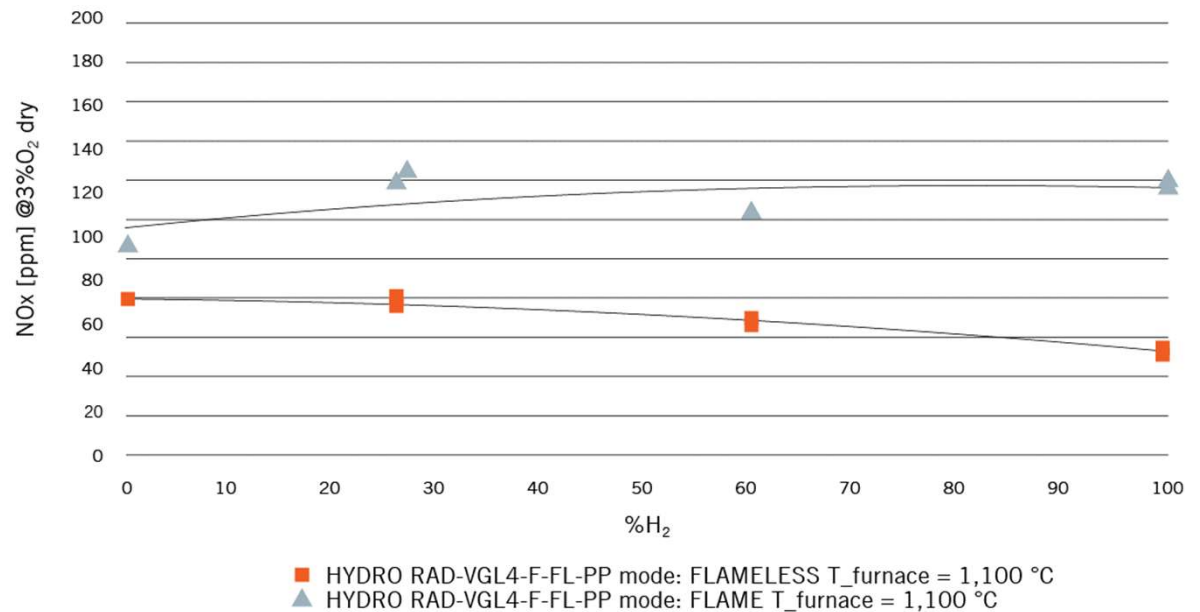


- > HYDRO-RAD series is designed to operate with hydrogen and natural gas mixtures in the range 0-100%.
- > During ignition HYDRO-RAD burner operate in Flame mode.
- > Once reached autoignition temperature, HYDRO-RAD works in Flameless mode in order to achieve ultra-Low NOx emissions with any NG-H<sub>2</sub> mixture.





- > HYDRO-RAD burner was installed on a sperimental test rig in Italy and the tests confirmed the results of the CFD simulations.
- > In flame mode  $\text{NO}_x$  emissions are higher than those in flameless mode which were lowered with full hydrogen



**HYDRO MAB200 F-FL-PP Value (metric)**


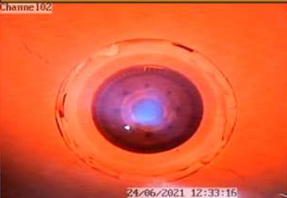
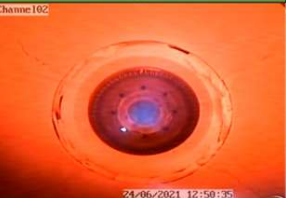
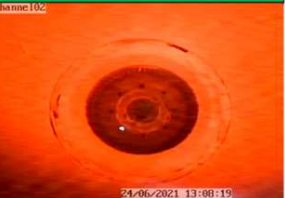
Nominal Power	250 kW
Air Temperature (°C)	up to 650 °C
Fuel Temperature (°C)	Ambient
Air Excess (%)	10%
Air Pressure (daPa)	500 daPa
Gas Pressure (daPa)	710 daPa
Air Flow with NG	220 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h
NG Flow	21 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h
Air flow with H <sub>2</sub>	183 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h
H <sub>2</sub> Flowrate	70 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h



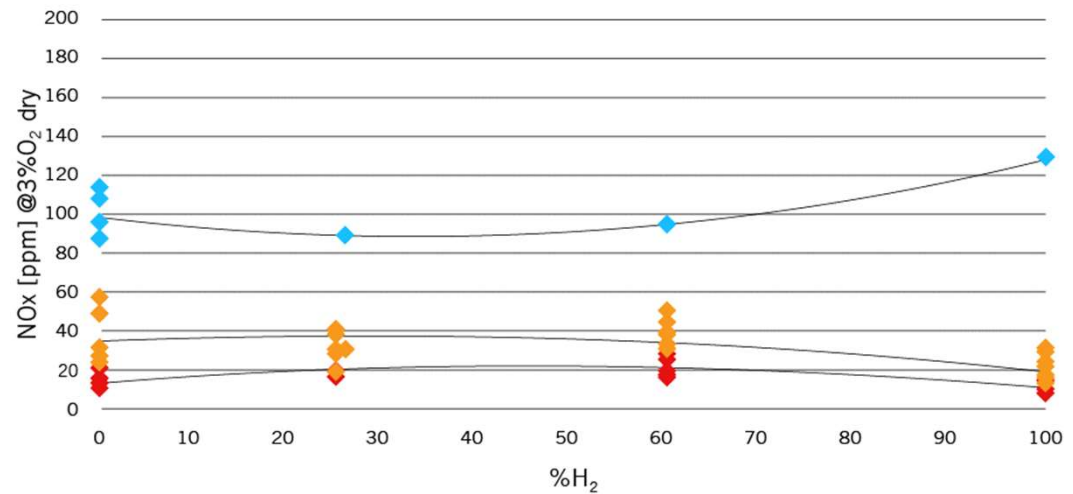
- > HYDRO-TFB-REK series is designed to operate with hydrogen and natural gas mixtures in the range 0-100%;
- > Starting point was the TFB-REK burner, typically installed on the heat treatment furnaces. A version can be coupled with P or double-P radiant tubes for vertical HDGL;
- > TFB-REK burner has been tested in two versions: Low NO<sub>x</sub> and F-FL. The first one is suitable for furnace temperatures up to 950°C, the second version can operate at higher furnace temperatures both in flame and flameless mode;
- > During ignition HYDRO-TFB-REK burner operate in Flame mode;
- > Once reached autoignition temperature, HYDRO-TFB-REK works in Flameless mode in order to achieve very low NO<sub>x</sub> emissions with any NG-H<sub>2</sub> mixture.



- > HYDRO TFB-REK80 F-FL version has been fueled from 0% H<sub>2</sub> up to 100% H<sub>2</sub> in the mixture.
- > Average furnace temperatures selected for hot tests are 930 °C and 1,100°C.

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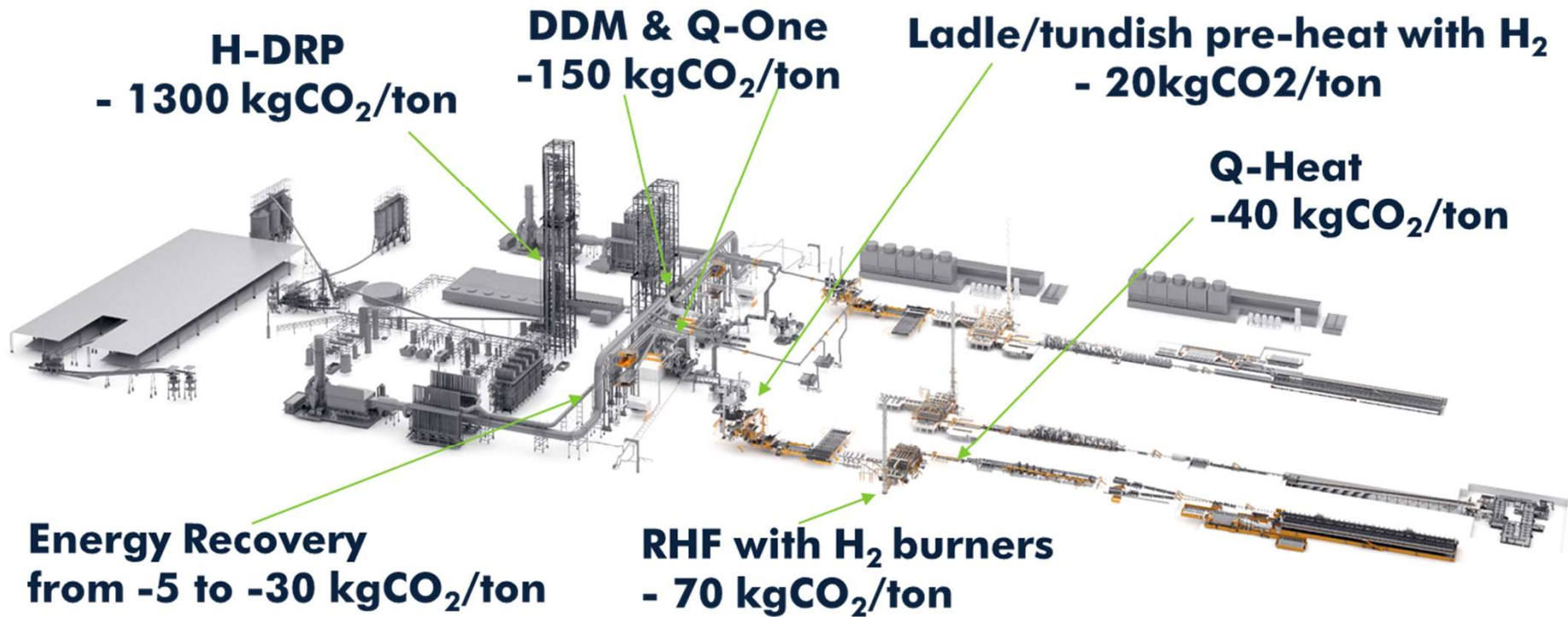


- ◆ HYDRO TFB-REK80-F-FL mode: FLAMELESS T<sub>furnace</sub> = 930 °C
- ◆ HYDRO TFB-REK80-F-FL mode: FLAME T<sub>furnace</sub> = 930 °C
- ◆ HYDRO TFB-REK80-F-FL mode: FLAMELESS T<sub>furnace</sub> = 1,100 °C

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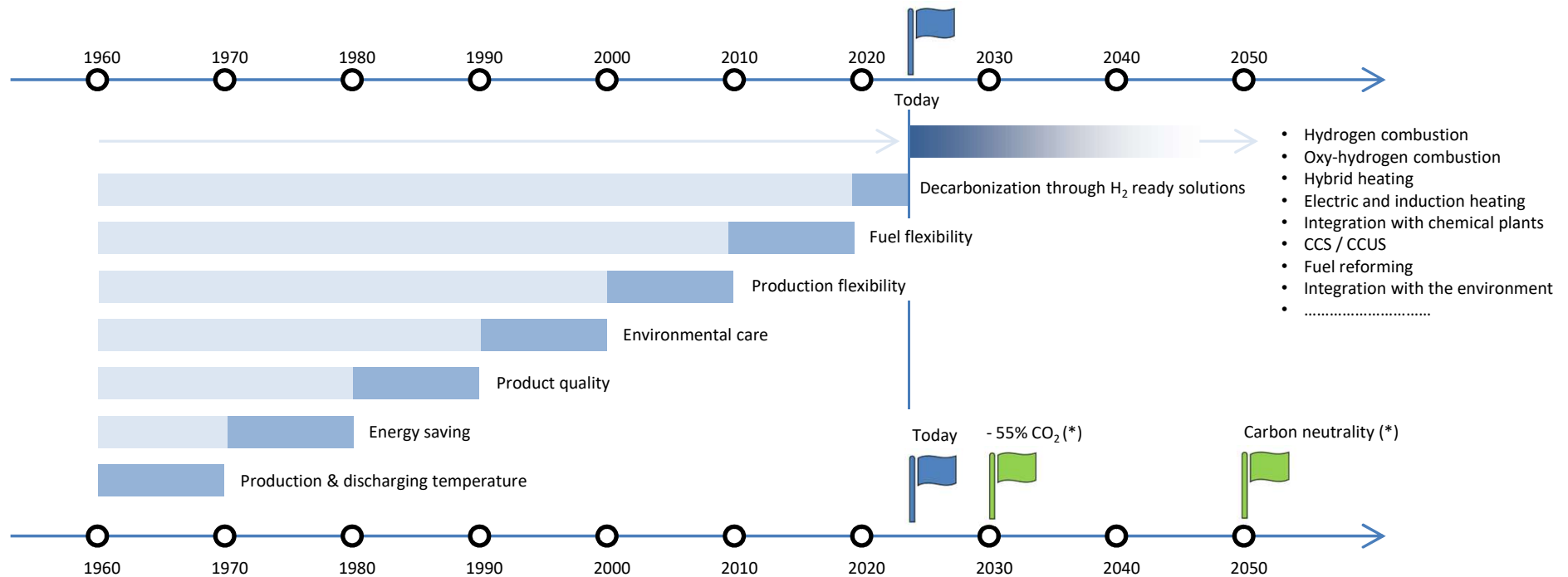


CO<sub>2</sub> reduction expressed as kilograms of CO<sub>2</sub> per ton of liquid steel as LCA of product

# Reheating furnaces evolution



Each decade (from the '60s of the past century) was characterized by trends and targets and a correspondent development and application of new technologies, solutions, materials with a progressive attention to the environmental issues and to the concept of **sustainability**. Automation, process control and level 2, digitalization of the thermal processes and the application of Industry 4.0 technologies (artificial intelligence, robotics, additive manufacturing, augmented reality...) are supporting this progressive evolution.



(\*) CO<sub>2</sub> reduction is referred to the average value of 1990 emissions according to the EU Green Deal Initiative.



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