



ROADMAP presentation for low carbon future for steel reheating furnaces

Burner technology

Technology impact and integration research:

Combustion heating

with fuel flexible burners for future **fuels**: Hydrogen, biofuels, ammoniac Oxidizers: air, OEC, oxy-fuel -100% O₂ **NO**_x-emissions: Flameless or ultra LowNO_x burners

- Impact on product heating:
 - Flame temperature and shape ٠
 - Radiative heat transfer of ٠ combustion gases (H_2O)



 $H_2 +$ NH₃ biofuel

oxidizer

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Heating technology - efficiency



Technology impact and integration research:

- Efficient heating with new technologies by heatrecovery from exhaust to preheat:
 - Oxidizer, future fuels or mixtures with exhaust
 - Product in dark zone / heating with off gas from new fuels, hybrid and combinations
 - Impact of measures on efficieny in specific plants / use cases

Oxidizer	Preheating oxidizer	Dark zone
Air		
OEC*		
100 % O ₂		

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* OEC: oxygen enhanced combustion
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Technology impact and integration research:

Impact on product and plant

- Hydrogen combustion, electrical heating and combinations:
 - Influence on product-material, temperature uniformity, scaling
 - Influence on furnace and heating equipment when technolgies are combined: i.e. high H₂O content in exhaust gas => influence on resistance heaters
 - => influence on refractory and insulation
 - Security when handling H₂ and/or O₂

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Technology impact and integration research:

Specific combinations of combustion and electric heating driven by

- Availability of future fuels and renewable energy:
 - Impact on use of H₂ produced by electricity or direct use of electricitiy for heating
 - Local availability of biofuels
- Product geometry and material:
 - Efficient induction heating not possibel for all formats of casted steel by current induction heating technology
 - Impact of heating method on materials / product

Hydrogen combustion

- Most simple retrofitting option, can preserve current infrastructure to a large degree
- Needs investment in electrolyzer or bought from market, preferably through gas grid
 - Electrolyzers currently undergoing upscaling to levels matching reheating furnaces
 - Gas grid a possible H₂ storage



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Electrical heating from industrial PoV

Greenfield installations

- New electrical furnace
- Induction furnace pre-heating for productivity
- Resistive for soaking
- Possible to use protective atmosphere

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Retrofitting of existing furnaces

- Induction heating, but with relatively large losses
- Due to power density of resistive heating, only partial replacement of fuel possible
- RDH possible future market competitor with higher power density





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Flexifuel strategies

- Optimization of hybrid fuel usage (H₂, NG, O₂, electricity)
 Technology integration research
- Hybrid furnace operation (induction, combustion, resistive)
 - Retrofit
 - Greenfield









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System integration research

- Internal integration within steel mill
- Options for CCS/CCU
- Flexible interaction with gas and power grids
- Oxygen use

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- Integration with chemical industry for synthetic fuel production
- Heat integration with steam production or hot water production
- Steel flow logistics for optimal hot charging





Future research need Relevant new technologies

- Improved Kinetic Scheme
- pollutant prediction (including the formation of NOx and particulate emissions)
- Flame monitoring

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Tools:

- Kinetic scheme interpreter (CHEMKIN, Cantera)
- CFD software (Fluent, OpenFOAM...)
- CPU (Cluster, Servers)









Future research need Relevant new technologies



• Extended statistical approach











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 Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning approach





Research Fund for Coal & Steel

Future research need Big Data and Advanced Analytics overview







Impact of alternative heating systems on furnace control

Multi-fuel burners require adapted burner control systems and furnace operation





Impact of alternative heating systems on off-gas measurements

Water content in off-gas using alternative fuels and oxyfuel





Impact of alternative heating systems on standards and regulations

Revision of emission measurement standards for measurement on moist basis









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EN 14792

Stationary source emissions – Determination of mass concentration of nitrogen oxides – Standard reference method: chemiluminescence

EN 14181

Stationary source emissions — Quality assurance of automated measuring systems

EN 15267-3/-4

Assessment of air quality monitoring equipment –Part 4: Performance criteria and test procedures for stationary/portable automated measuring systems for periodic measurements of emissions from stationary sources



Impact of alternative heating systems on standards and regulations

- Revision of NO_x limit definitions for flexible operation
 - for flexible fuel operation
 - for hybrid heating operation (electric & gas)



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 Revision of BREF Ferrous Metals Processing to include new BAT-AELs definitions

To date, BAT AELs for the heating of feedstock in hot rolling are only

defined for two fuel categories: "100% natural gas" and "other fuels"



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Impact of alternative heating systems on standards and regulations

- Use of alternative fuels according to ISO 13577-2 "Industrial furnaces and associated processing equipment - Safety - Part 2: Combustion and fuel handling systems":
 - "When other fuels like e.g. hydrogen are used additional risk assessment is conducted to prove suitability of components"
 - "Where fuel gas with a volume fraction of more than 80 % hydrogen (H₂) is used additional risk assessment shall prove suitability of components etc. and procedures"
 - "In case of hydrogen and fuel gases with a volume fraction of more than 80 % hydrogen the safety time for ignition shall be limited to 3 s"
 - "In case of gaseous fuels with a volume fraction of more than 80 % hydrogen or acetylene (C₂H₂) residual fuel from the automatic shut-off valves to the burners shall be safely discharged or burned"



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Final comments

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 - Reports
 - Abstracts
 - Recorded webinars with one webinar per main topic incl guest speakers
 - Heating and burner technology
 - Modeling of the entire furnace
 - Measurement technology and standards, regulations
 - Materials in the furnace and product quality
 - Heat transfer, heat recovery, productivity and CAPEX, OPEX
 - Recorded webinar of this event- Roadmap
 - Presentation material from Workshop at ESTAD 2023

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