

Workshop DevH2forEAF  
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# Decarbonizing Steel industry

Participation to EU funded Project (\*):

Developing and enabling H2 burner utilization to produce  
liquid steel in EAF



*(\*9) The research leading to these results has received funding from the European Union's Research Fund for Coal and Steel research program under grant agreement number: 101112264*



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# Summary

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# Project Overview

## Problem tackled by DevH<sub>2</sub>forEAF

Analyze issues related to **storage, transportation, and injection** of H<sub>2</sub> into the EAF and provide some indication about the **influence of the hydrogen combustion** in substitution of fossil fuels in **EAF process metallurgy**

## Main objectives



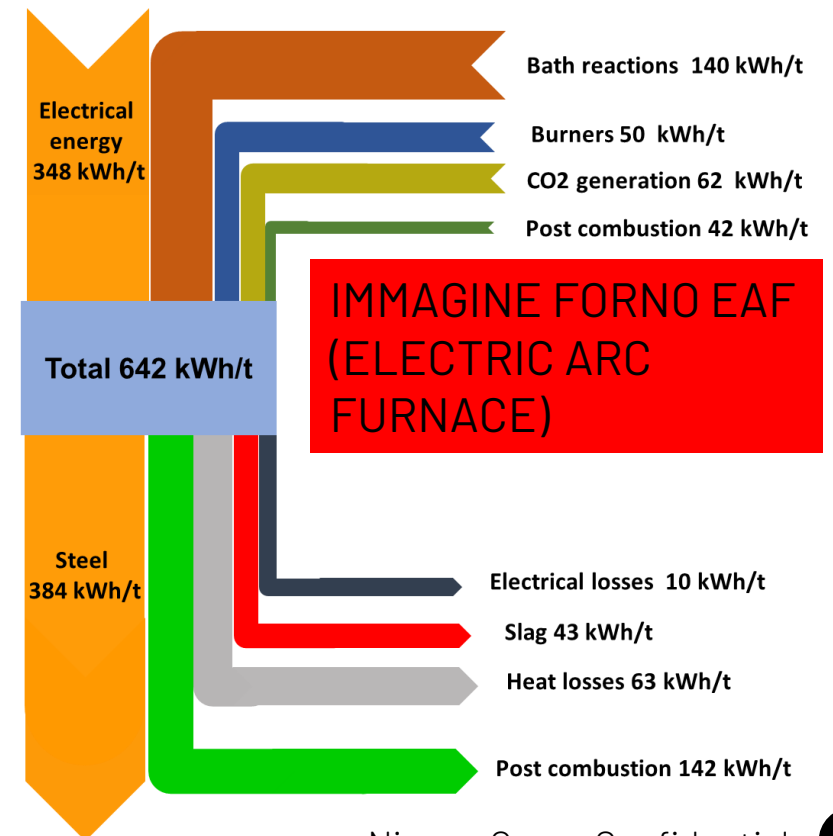
**Design and realization of burners**, able to work with NG/H<sub>2</sub> mixture, up to 100% hydrogen. The burners are designed and manufactured to work in severe environment, thus ensuring mechanical and thermal resistance in respect of EAF operative conditions.



**Risk analysis** for the definition of the correct actions and countermeasures **when hydrogen is used in EAF process**: safety issues related to **storage, transport and injection** identified and risks minimized.



Analysis the **performance of hydrogen burner** in replacement of NG through experimental trials at two industrial sites.



# Partners' Activity

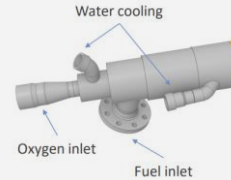
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## DESIGN and CONSTRUCTION

### SMS group

Design and realization of EAF burners, able to work with NG/H2 mixture, up to 100% hydrogen



Design and realization of Fuel Supply Regulation System NG/H2 mixture, up to 100% H2



## DEMO TRIAL



Prototype burner on 600kW pilot EAF. Trials to investigate off-gas composition H2 pickup of the melt



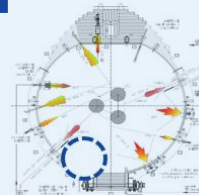
Pilot trials on combustion chamber. Investigation on heat transfer, T profile in the burner, Off gas chemical composition



## TEST AT INDUSTRIAL SITE

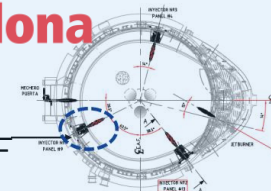
### PITTINI

Experimental campaign on 147 t (liquid) EAF



### celsa barcelona

Experimental campaign on 162 t (liquid) EAF



### AFV BELTRAME GROUP

Feasibility Study - Identification of relevant scenario and other suitable applications



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# Hydrogen Vs. Methane properties

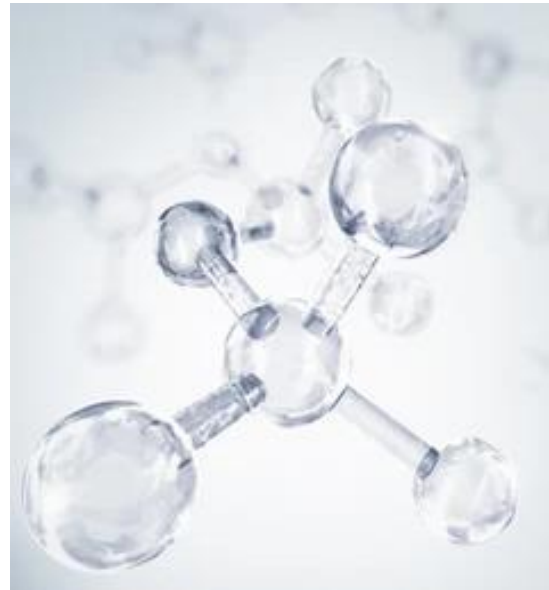
## Density

- **H<sub>2</sub>** 0,089 kg/Nm<sup>3</sup>
- **CH<sub>4</sub>** 0,7174 kg/Nm<sup>3</sup>



## Auto-ignition temperature

- **H<sub>2</sub>** 500 °C
- **CH<sub>4</sub>** 595 °C



## Heating value

- **H<sub>2</sub>** 141,8 MJ/kg
- **CH<sub>4</sub>** 56 MJ/kg

## Inflammability Range

- **H<sub>2</sub>** 4% - 75% vol
- **CH<sub>4</sub>** 4,4% - 15% vol

## Combustion reaction

- **H<sub>2</sub> + ½O<sub>2</sub> → H<sub>2</sub>O**
- **CH<sub>4</sub> + 2O<sub>2</sub> → CO<sub>2</sub> + 2H<sub>2</sub>O**

## Heating value

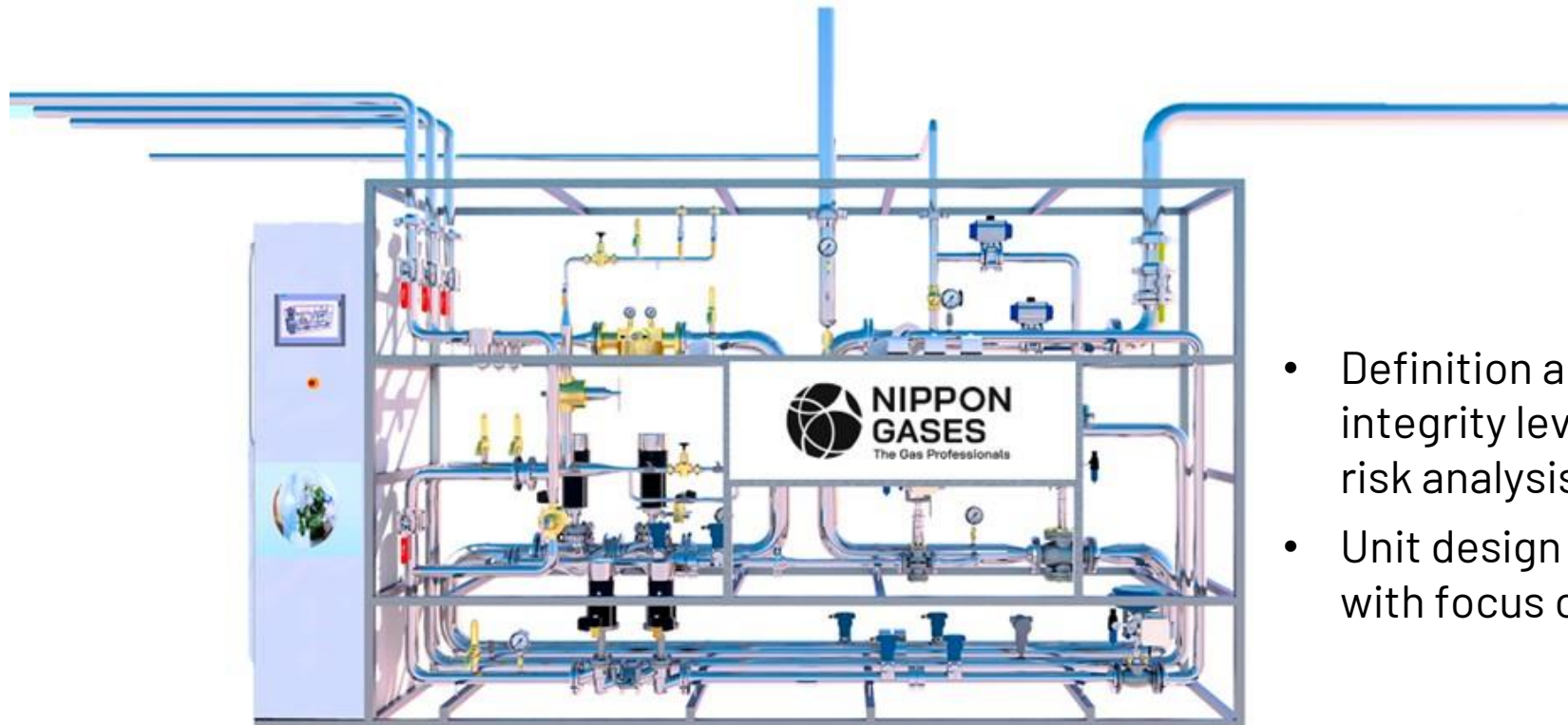
- **H<sub>2</sub>** 12,75 MJ/Nm<sup>3</sup>
- **CH<sub>4</sub>** 39 MJ/Nm<sup>3</sup>





# Fuel Supply Regulation System

## FSRS critical design aspects



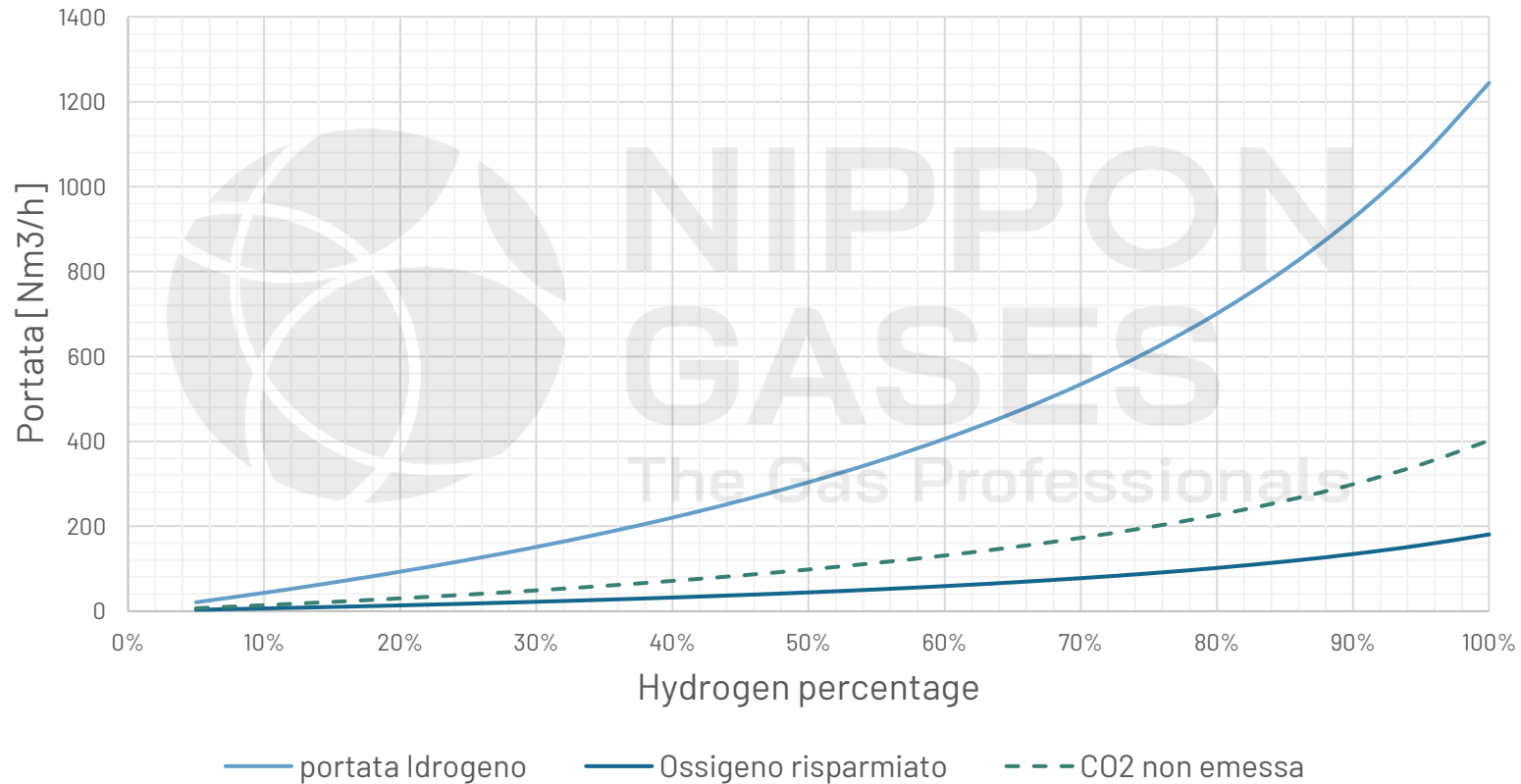
- Definition and Design of proper safety integrity level based on semi-quantitative risk analysis ( SIL Vs. PL).
- Unit design based on multiple variables with focus on accuracy & sensitivity.



# Hydrogen flow-rate estimation

FSRS project design

Blending sensitivity analysis



# UNI EN ISO Standards

FSRS project design

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- ✓ UNI EN 746-2:2011 - Industrial thermo processing equipment -  
Part 2: Safety requirements for combustion and fuel handling systems.
- ✓ UNI EN 12067-1:2006 - Gas/air ratio controls for gas burners and gas burning appliances -  
Pneumatic types.
- ✓ EN ISO 13849-1:2023 - Safety of machinery - Safety-related parts of control systems -  
Part 1: General principles for design.
- ✓ IEC 61508:2010 - Functional safety of electrical/electronic/programmable electronic  
safety -  
related systems - Parts 1 to 7.
- ✓ IEC 62061:2021 - Safety of machinery - Functional safety of safety-related control  
systems.

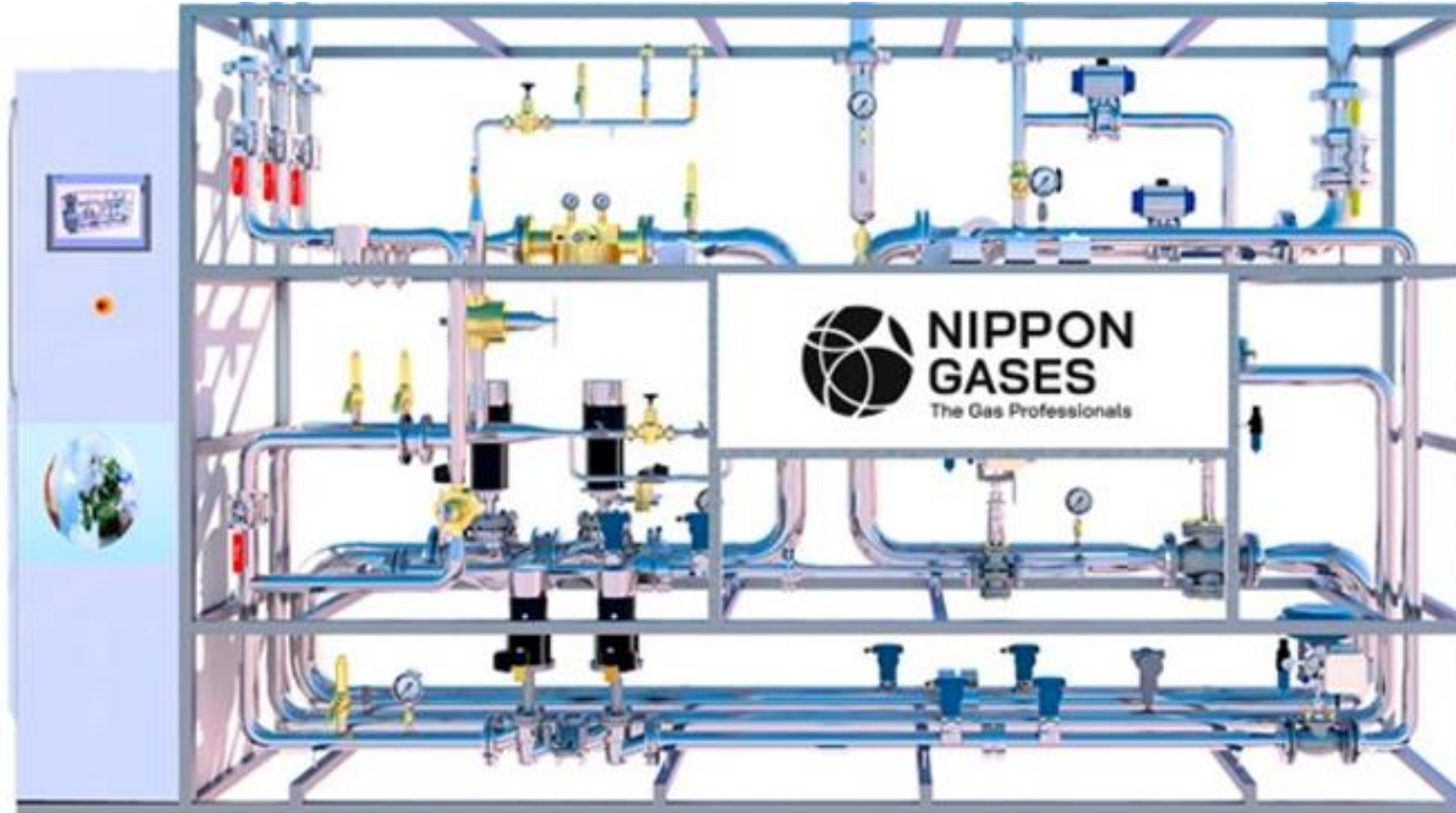




# FSRS (Fuels Supply Regulation System)

FSRS project design

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## INLET GASES:

- **H<sub>2</sub>** up to 1'400 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h
- **CH<sub>4</sub>** up to 400 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h
- **N<sub>2</sub>** up to 960 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

## DIMENSIONS:

- L 4,5 m
- P 1 m
- H 2,5 m



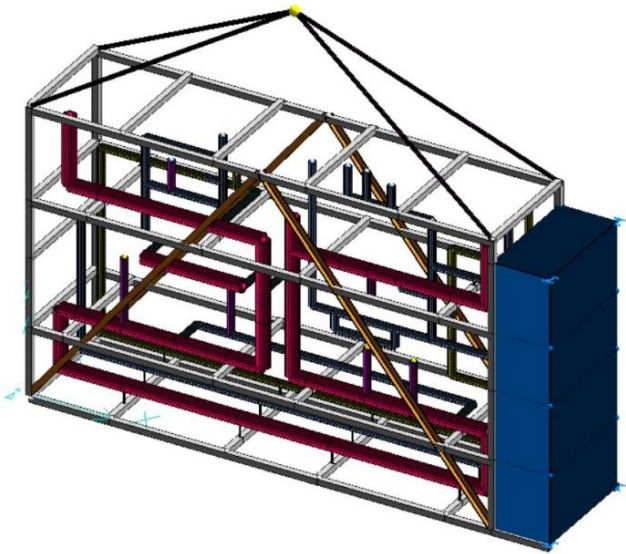
# FSRS structural and lifting analysis

FSRS project design

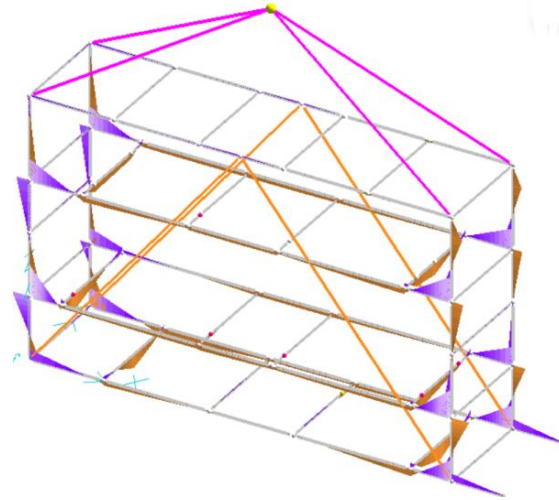
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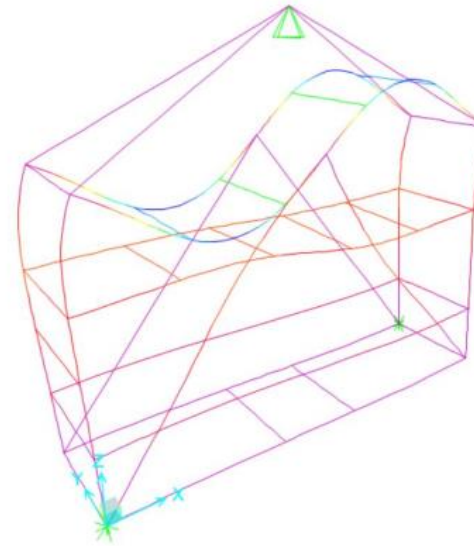
A resistance and stability check of the regulation control unit was carried out according to UNI EN 1993-1:2022 for both the lifting phase and the static phase.



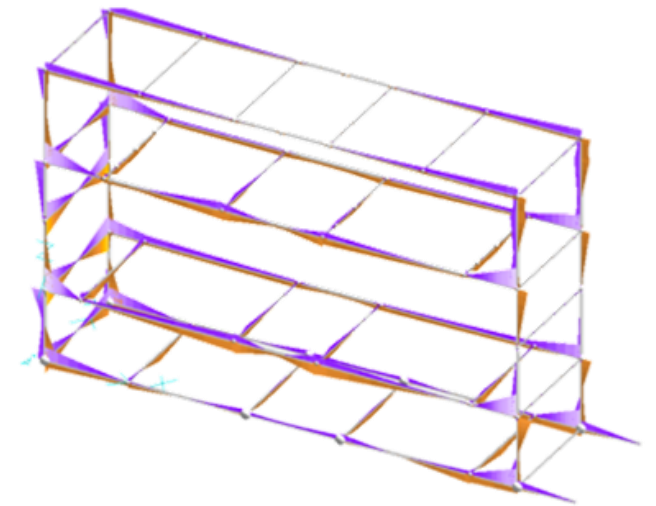
*3D view of the structure during the handling phases, with bracing rods and lifting ropes.*



*Dynamic Stress Diagrams*



*Buckling Analysis*



*Static Stress Diagrams*



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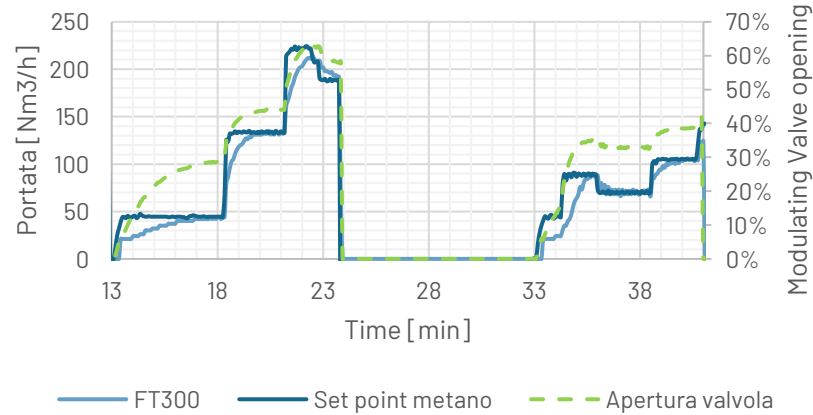


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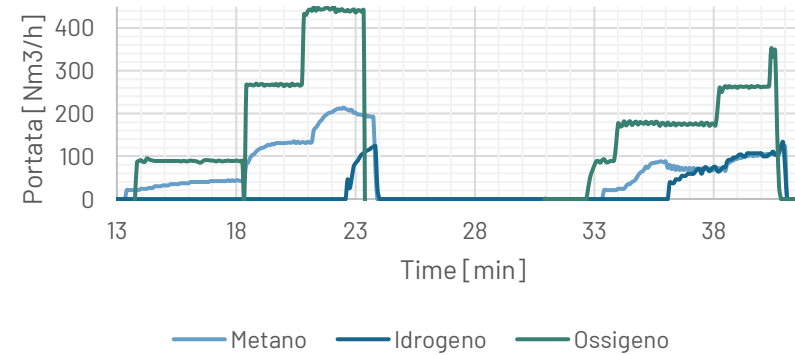


# FSRS (Fuel Supply Regulation System) Control philosophy

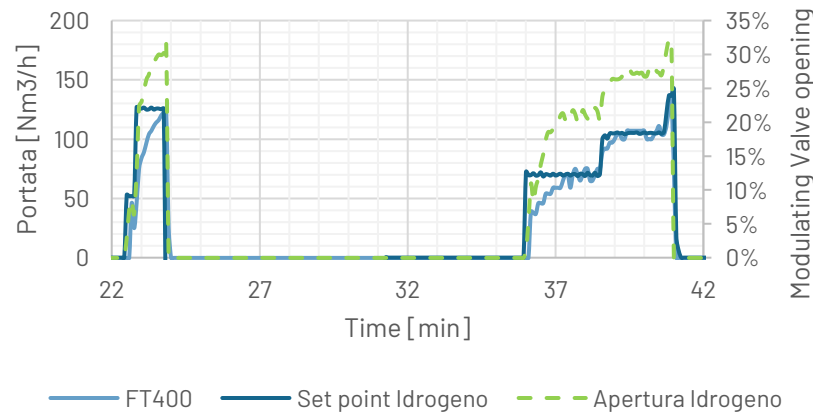
Natural gas regulation test



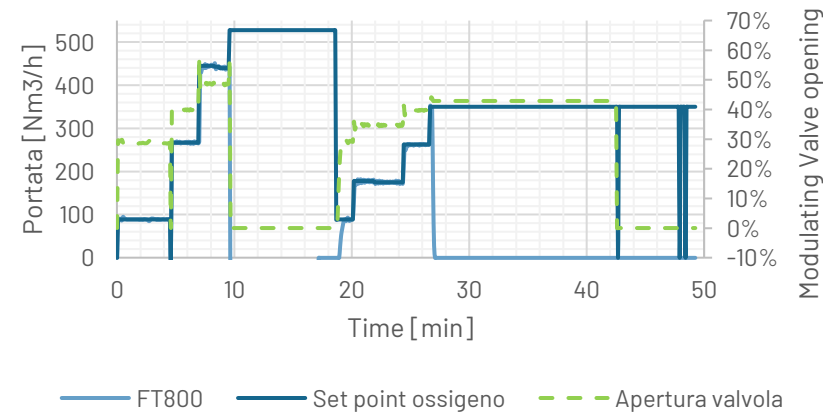
Oxygen, Hydrogen, Natural gas regulation test



Hydrogen regulation test



Oxygen regulation test



# FSRS control philosophy

Project design

Hydrogen and H<sub>2</sub>/CH<sub>4</sub> Mixtures handling

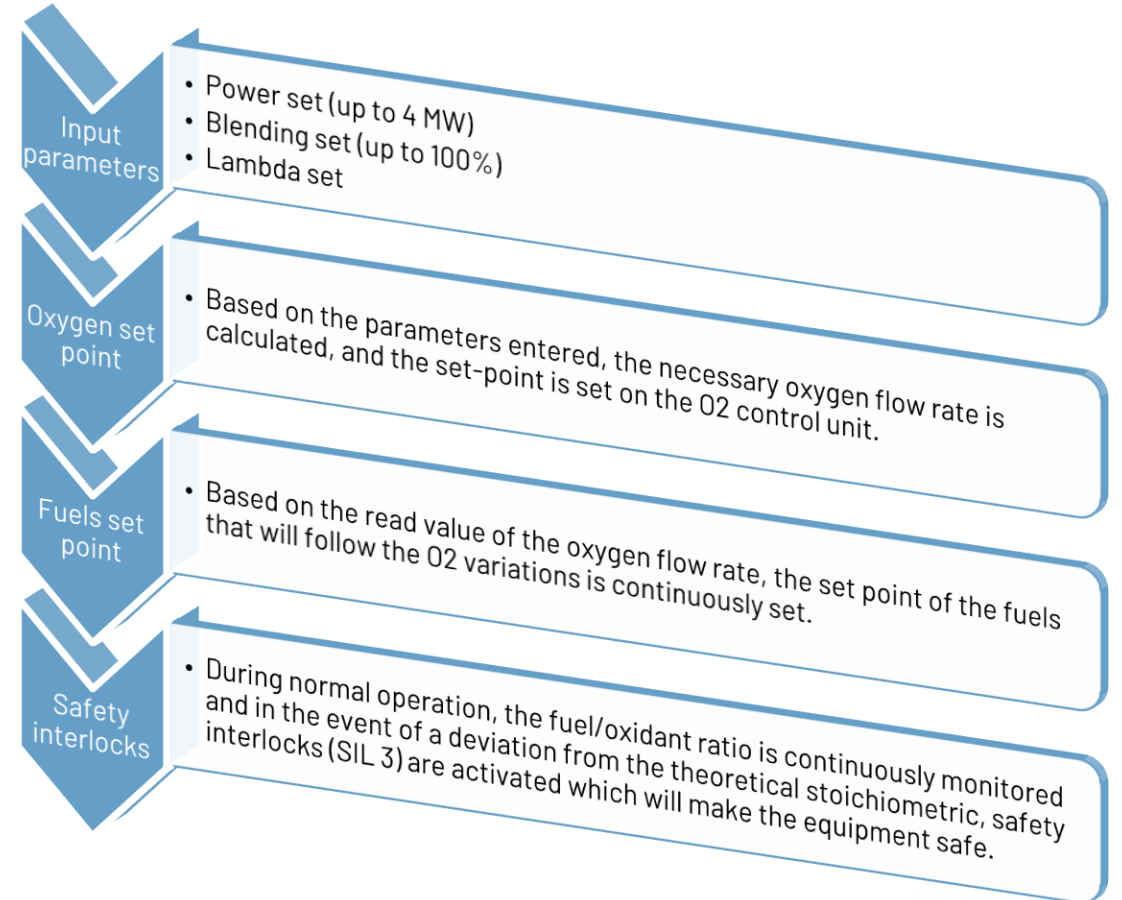
Functional safety logic (SIL and Performance Level)

Layers of protection analysis (LOPA) methodology risk analysis

Sensitivity of measuring systems and adjustment accuracy

3-D modelling and structural analysis of control skids

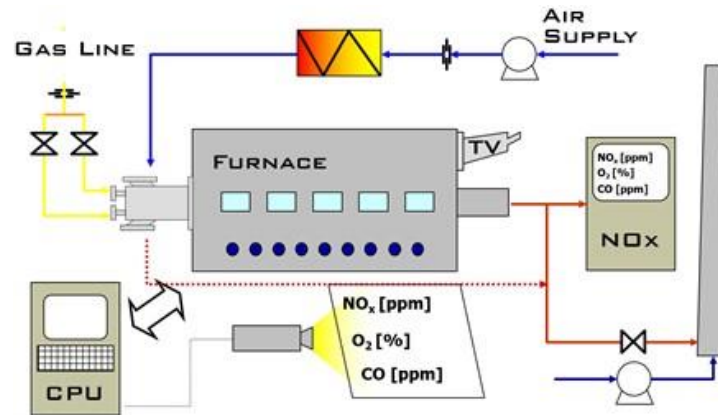
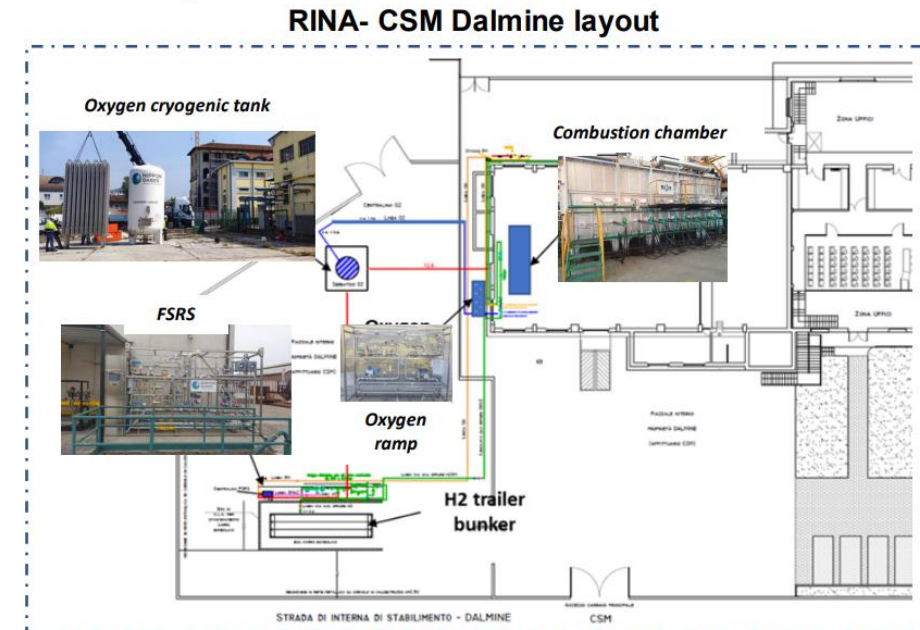
## BURNING MODE





# Current Project's Status

- Completed the pilot trials on RINA-CSM combustion chamber to investigate the heat transfer, temperature profile into the burner, chemical composition of off gas (O<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, CO and NO<sub>x</sub>).
- Prototype burner on 600kW pilot EAF in RWTH premises with pure NG (reference) as well as mixtures of H<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>4</sub> up to 100% H<sub>2</sub> operation. The trials will be used to investigate the off-gas composition hydrogen pickup of the melt.
- First experimental campaign at FeNo to be started by 2024 and CELSA will follow.



## RINA-CSM combustion Chamber

Maximum Fuel flow rate: 300 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h of NG, 2000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h for syngas compositions

Pollutants Monitoring and Recording: O<sub>2</sub>, CO, CO<sub>2</sub> & NO<sub>x</sub>

Control System of furnace

Flow rate, Pressure and temperature monitoring and recording

Continuous Video Monitoring



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Established in  
30<sup>th</sup> Oct **1910**

Head office  
in Tokyo **Japan**

With more than  
employees **19K**

Operations in  
countries **30** | Operating over  
Air Separation Units **130**



Sales FYE 2023: **460 Mi€**

Employees: approx. **670**

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- 21 Sales offices
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- 2 Specialty gas production plant
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- 6 Storehouses

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-  **9** CO<sub>2</sub> Terminals
-  **3** CO<sub>2</sub> Ships



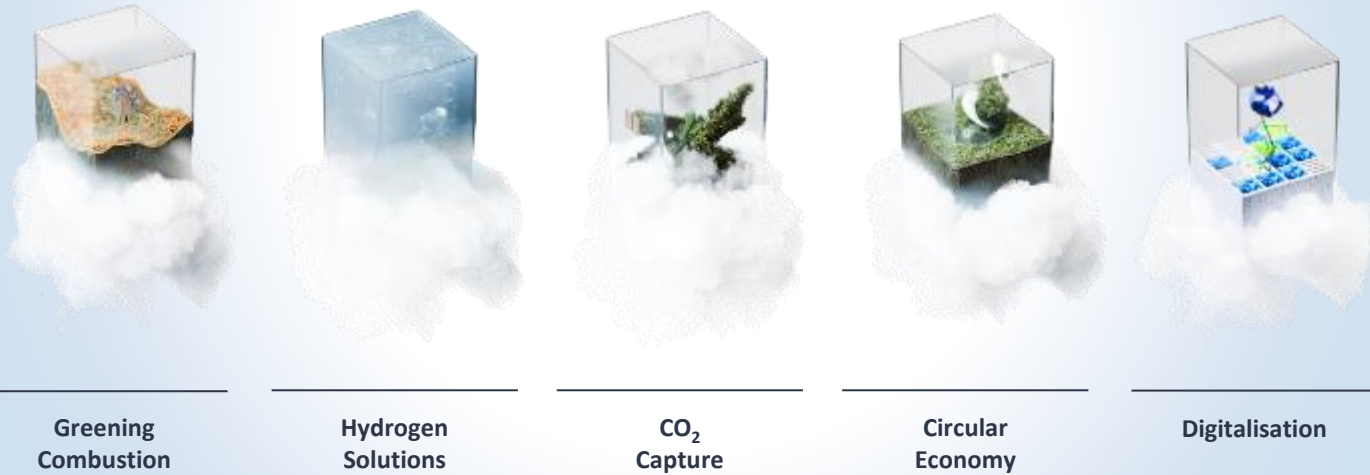


# Carbon neutral world

Carbon neutral world is the new initiative of Nippon Sanso Holdings (NSHD), oriented towards helping our customers reduce their carbon footprint.

## What are we doing to achieve this change?

As part of our strategy to contribute to this change we are refocusing our gas-based solutions on five key pillars.



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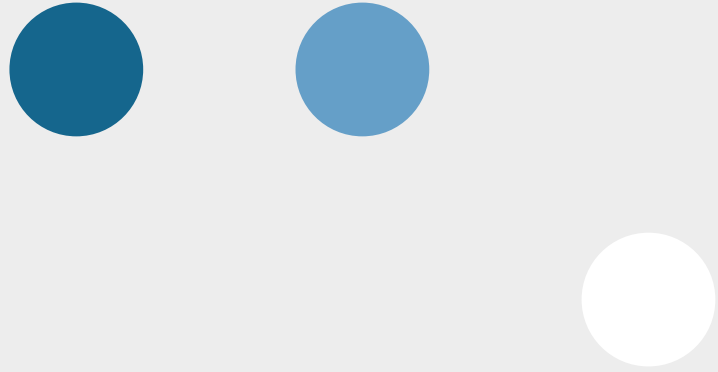
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