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70 years of combustion development for industrial gas turbines in Lincoln

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169 years of history – Milestones





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Megatrends – Challenges that transform our world

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Digitalization

 By 2020, the digital universe will reach 44 zettabytes – a 10-fold increase from 2013.



Urbanization

By 2050, 70 percent of the world's population will live in cities. (2009: 50 percent)



Demographic change

The earth's population will increase from 7.3 billion people today to 9.6 billion in 2050. Average life expectancy will then be 82 years.



Globalization

Since 2000, the volume of world trade has nearly doubled.



Climate change

In 2013, scientists measured the highest CO_2 concentration in the atmosphere in 800,000 years.

Digitalization – The great paradigm shifter



Physical world

Siemens installed base – 280k connected devices



Virtual world

Insights from 16TD: 01010010100101000perations data per month 1011001010101000 1011001010101000 Autonomous fault recovery CAx 01001011 Traffic management 1001 MES Analytics 010100101 Imaging software Fleet management¹⁰⁰ Smart grids

Image-guided therapy

Collaboration in the cloud PLM Embedded software Collaboration in the cloud PLM Embedded software

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Digitalization– Technologies for growth





Vision 2020 – A customer-oriented setup



Power and Gas	Wind Power and Rene- wables	Energy Manage- ment	Building Techno- logies	Mobility	Digital Factory	Process Industries and Drives	Health- care (separately managed)	Financial Services
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Power Generation Services								

Power Generation		Power Transmission and Distribution	Efficient Energy Application		Imaging & In-vitro Diag- nostics			
Corporate Corporate 30 Core Services		30 Lead Countr	30 Lead Countries					

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Acquisitions strengthen Oil & Gas business – Portfolio across entire value creation chain





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Our Products Gas Turbines





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Global presence – Close to customers all over the world





All figures refer to continuing operations. CIS: Commonwealth of Independent States.

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Our heritage





In 1946, a team of Sir Frank Whittle's engineers, led by Bob Feilden, came to Lincoln to develop the first industrial gas turbine, using Frank Whittle's jet engine technology.

Developments have continued ever since …

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Our heritage





- 1946 Ruston & Hornsby developed prototype gas turbine
- 1952 Ruston & Hornsby delivered first production gas turbine to Kuwait
- 1968 Ruston & Hornsby acquired by GEC
- 1969 Ruston Gas Turbines Ltd formed
- 1989 GEC ALSTHOM formed
- 1990 European Gas Turbines created by GEC ALSTHOM and GE (USA)
- 1998 ALSTOM Gas Turbines formed as part of ALSTOM
- 1999 ABB ALSTOM POWER formed (GE agreement terminated)
- 2000 ALSTOM acquired ABB's 50% to form ALSTOM Power

2003 – New ownership – Siemens

Siemens Industrial Turbomachinery Ltd.

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- Over 60 years global experience in Gas Turbine design, manufacture & support
- Main markets:
 - Oil and Gas
 - Industrial Power
 Generation
 - Gas Turbine Service
- 1,500 in the UK
- 3,500 units sold in over 90 countries
- 1,700 of these are in operation
- Global purchasing network

Ruston Works Gas Turbine Manufacturing



Freeman Road

Parts Warehouse



Feilden House, Teal Park

Service Centre



Firth Road

Research & Development Test



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Industrial Small Gas Turbines Range < 15 MW Current Lincoln gas turbine portfolio







Portfolio upgrades/ New Products



SGT-200 / 7 MW, 31.5%



SGT-100 / 5 MW, 32.9%



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SGT-300 / 8 MW, 34.6%



SGT-400 / 15 MW, 36.8%



Technology considerations Gas Turbine Engine Trends





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TA **Combustion system, 1952**

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TB Combustion system, 1970

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- ✓ Reverse flow combustion system
- ✓ Easy and quick installation
- ✓ Increased component life

Visual flame monitoring!

Evolution of Combustion Systems From diffusion to premixed flame

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- Robust design
- Large footprint
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- Increased efficiency
- Small footprint
- Increased component life

- Increased efficiency
- Increased thermal loading
- Low emissions

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Evolution of Combustion Systems From diffusion to premixed flame

Trend:

Reduction in air consumption for combustion can cooling, leaner flames & more uniform temperature profiles

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DLE Combustion System

DLE Combustion System

The well-proven and reliable Dry Low Emission (DLE) combustor offers clean combustion with low emissions over a wide operating range.

The combustor also has the capability to burn a great variety of fuels.

- Six reverse flow tubular chambers
- · Simple robust construction
- · High energy igniter in each combustor
- NO_x emissions: \leq 15 ppmV (corrected to 15 % O₂ dry)

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Typical CFD of a DLE combustor

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Combustion Development Approach Component Test Facilities

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High Pressure Combustion Rigs

- Allows combustion testing at full engine temperature and pressure
- □ Facility to cover all current product range

Gas Fuel Mixing Facility

- □ Ability to mix fuels to meet full WI range
- □ Covers range 15 65+MJ/m³ WI

Combustion Development Approach Lessons learned - Past

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Integrated Combustion Development Process

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Design modelling

- 3d solid modelling
- Integrated design systems
- Fundamental understanding
 - Combustion, chemical kinectics, aerodynamics, heat transfer, lifing and integrity, acoustics
- Advanced modelling methods
 - CFD (RANS, URANS, LES): combustion, heat transfer, …
 - FEA: Creep, LCF, HCF, acoustics
- Advanced experimental methods
 - Low and high pressure rig facilities and engine testing
 - PIV, LIF, chemiluminescence, Raman, emissions, thermal paints...

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Typical Development Process Combustor Design or Enhancement

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Design Process and Requirements from CFD

Current industrial expectation

- Mixing calculations
- Trend predictions for temperatures
- Flame location
- Transient aerodynamics

Technology targets

- Emissions predictions
- Accurate temperature predictions
- Combustion instabilities
- Liquid fuel combustion

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Combustion development Lessons learned - Current

CFD part of the development process -> need to increase accuracy Integrated development approach -> reduced time to market Optimized design concepts

-> increased efficiency & reduced component costs

Reduced number of development tests (as a result of using more CFD)

-> reduced cost and increased production capacity

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Combustion development Future trends

Multi-physics & multi-component design concepts

-> increased product efficiency

-> increased flexibility, reduced cost

CAD to CAE & digital factory Novel manufacturing techniques

Novel design concepts

- -> rapid prototyping & reduced time to market
- -> product competitiveness

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Digitalization – Big data in Lincoln

Physical world

- Data collection from each factory tested engine
- ✓ Additional development datasets from whole engine development tests
- ✓ High quality full package test datasets
- ✓ Remote monitoring and that collection of field engines

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Virtual world

- Condition based maintenance recommendations
- Outage optimization and reduction of unscheduled rectification costs through trend and root cause analysis
- Prediction emissions capability (PEMs instead of CEMs)

Computational combustion Increasing prediction accuracy

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Computational requirements

Always limited by computational resource!

- Traditional concerns over run times for CFD still valid
 - Better models/more detailed geometries
 - Parallel efficiencies, CPU & GPU
- Modern methods (CFD and experimental) produce so much data that new analyses techniques are required

Model development

- The potential of new methods (LES) is being demonstrated at industrial scale
- Comparatively still very computationally expensive to run and analyze
 - Need for an model recommendation as an industry standard

Learning and model development from high end modelling/experiments

- DNS understanding to support combustion models
- Detailed understanding of combustion and aerodynamics at industrial conditions
 - Need of good quality experimental datasets

Understanding and exploiting the ever increasing computational capacity is critical to industry adopting future applications of combustion models

• Well demonstrated in the CFD development over the decades

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Academic industrial interaction

UKTRFC benefits:

The forum provides through meetings and workshops an excellent single point for knowledge transfer

✓ Visibility of current work

✓Visibility of new researchers in field

✓ Networking opportunities

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Summary

> Combustion is an attractive and evolving field of engineering development

- Significant product enhancements have been achieved due to combustion R&D over last 70 years of gas turbine development
- DLE technology mature and well accepted in the field
 - ✓Lower emissions
 - ✓Increased fuel flexibility
 - ✓ Increased reliability and operability
- Computational requirements for combustion is still high
 - >Need for increase of model accuracy
 - >Need for multi-component/ multi-physics experimental datasets
- Additive manufacturing techniques and digital factory approach will promote the applicability of combustion engineering

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