

## Lambda DIGITAL Drying

## Wavelengths ahead

#### LAMBDA POWER

for YOUR drying tasks for various applications, reduce your energy costs and your carbon footprint

Gunther Ackermann, Christian Gächter 03/2025



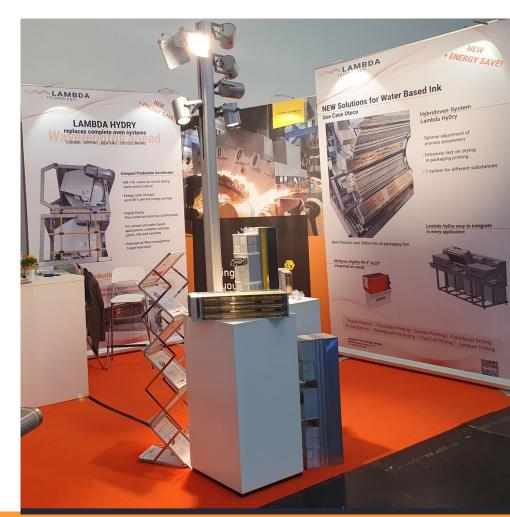


#### **Our USPs**

- industrial experience for both, bespoke solutions and serial production
- emitter protected by quartz glass panel
- two separate yet combinable air circulation paths for emitter cooling and substrate/layer treatment
- compact mechanical integration due to modular design
- long lifetime of the system and the emitters also in challenging 24/7 operation cond.
- **ATEX** possible



II 3G Ex pzc IIB T3 Gc



#### What is drying?

## Drying inks is not just evaporating solvent!

We do expect from a dried liquid:

- cross-linking (adhesion to the substrate)
- cohesion (inner stability and functionality of the layer)
- physical (eg. electrical or thermic conductivity, structural properties),
- or chemical (evaporation, oxidation or polymerisation) properties

## Drying is the process to activate the solvents and to transfer them out of the system



## What does digital drying have to do with sustainability?





## What does digital drying have to do with sustainability?

- Industrial + commercial processes require heat to change materials, coatings or products, for production processes such as casting, hardening, sintering, firing or for drying processes.
- Process heat accounts for 66% of the total industrial energy consumption, making it the most important commercial handle to reduce costs



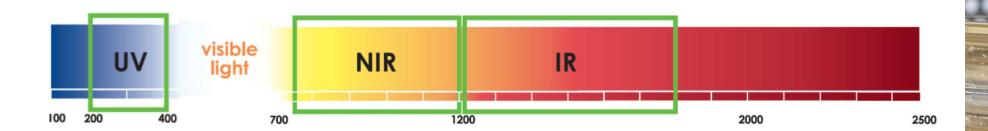
Process heat in industry accounts for 21.6 % of total energy consumption in Germany (2015, source: Federal Environment Agency)

#### Process optimized technology



#### Innovative drying and cross-linking technology

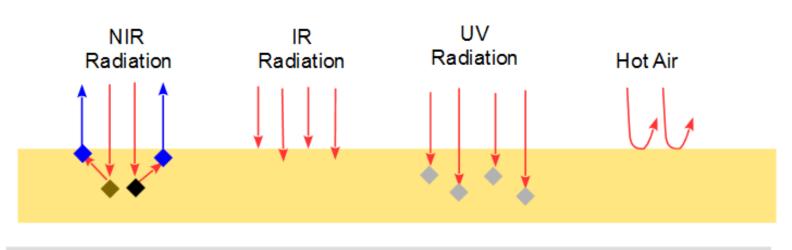
- the shorter the wavelength the deeper the penetration into the coating
- highest effectiveness of energy input
- reduced penetration into the substrates
- due to extremely fast process
- long lifetime of the emitters
- different types of emitters are interchangeable
- combination of air technology (cold + warm) matched radiation technology



#### Process optimized technology



#### Innovative drying and cross-linking technology



#### SUBSTRATE

Water or Solvents

Only possible with UV pigments

Chemical reaction

**UV** Pigments

Surface warming

Skin formation and blistering

Swirling

Radiation penetrates

Fast, homogeneous warming

Reaction from internal to external

Water and solvents can be released

Radiation is too weak to pen etrate

Pigm ents

Surface layer warming

Skin formation and blistering



#### What does digital drying mean?

### In physics digital means the resolution of a process in it's single steps and full gradual control of each and every step

#### In drying these steps consist of

- radiation intensity
- wavelength
- time
- internal and external air flow
- air management
- excess radiation removement
- energy recovery and reuse

- → full irradiated field can be used
- → stable wavelength at all power levels
- → in web is speed of line or stretch
- → volumes and speed controllable
- → temperature controllable
- → via reflector/absorptor
- → air for cooling the lamps is used for process as warm air

## Dryer concept with cool air protecting the substrate



When drying is necessary on delicate material (e.g. thin plastic films, temperature critical film material, etc.) the film material is protected by the incorporation of cold air through the air nozzle from top and through the cooled reflector from below. With these measures, temperature impact can be controlled whilst the cold air is still managing effectively the transport of the matter.

Electrical sensors and thyristors are integrated in the module, which makes the control cabinet more compact and, in the event of electrical problems, the electrical units can be replaced practically as if they were circuit boards. The air ducting in the module has all air ducts arranged in such a way that all air ducts are separated. The heat exchanger to preheat the radiator air is in the supply air area.

Cool air for the Emitter Warm air is heated up a little out Exhaust with the exhaust air? Cool air in for Air nozzle

reflector water or air cooled and dark (absorption) or polished (reflection)

#### **Digital Drying Systems**

#### arranged as a lengthwise module for high

#### power densities over short distances



for tacted drying of coatings

for tacted drying of base materials

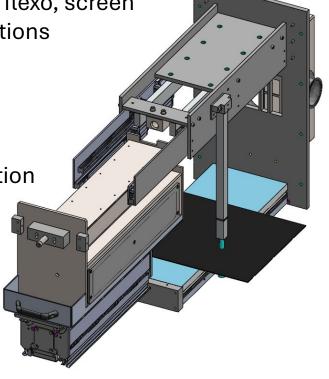
for single color drying in flexo, screen

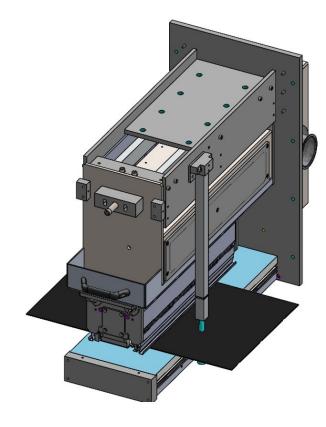
and rotogravure applications

available from 30 cm web to any bespoke width

stable and reliable production through pyrometer and Lambdas proprietary **DIGITAL DRYING®** 

technology





#### **Digital Drying Systems**

#### արարարար LA!

## arranged as a lengthwise module for high speed web complex drying over short distances

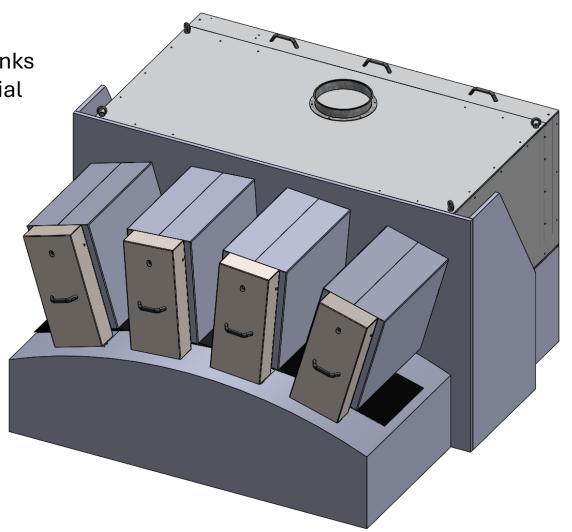
for tacted drying of digital print inks

for temperature sensitive material in coating applications

cooled bed protects material

available from 30 cm web to any bespoke width

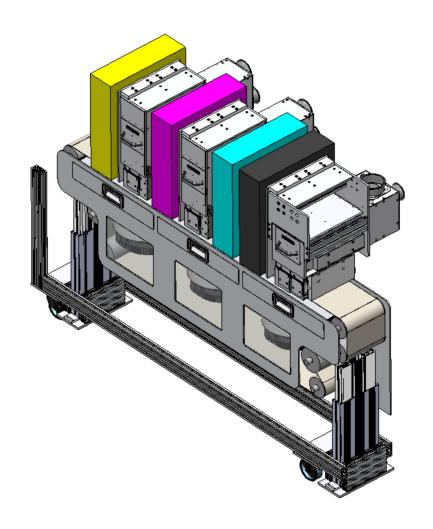
stable and reliable production through pyrometer and Lambdas proprietary **DIGITAL DRYING®** technology



#### TECHNOLOGY

# SINGLEPASS Drying With vacuum conveyor belt

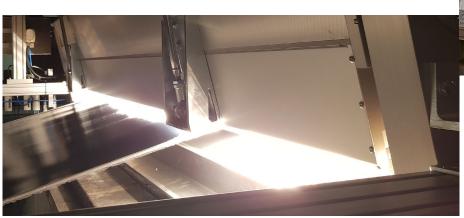
- pinning module after every ink
- vacuum belt (cooling via the belt)#or
- thin mesh VA stainless steel belt
- bespoke solutions for all web widths
- NIR modules with 1/2/3 emitter rows

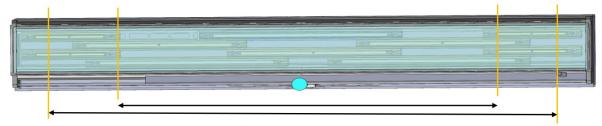




#### **Booster Solution** raise profits – reduce CO<sub>2</sub> footprint

- air nozzle, with warm or cold air
- high power with NIR + IR
- on spot extraction of exhaust air
- process control and regulation possible





Emitters are arranged in a way that edge areas can also be switched off

- module power 60 to 100 kW
- web width from 30 cm to whatever width needed
- productivity increase up to 50% with one single module
- energy savings up to 50 % at stable production speed
- 20 cm minimum space requirement in your web

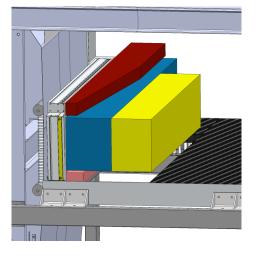
#### **Digital Drying Systems**

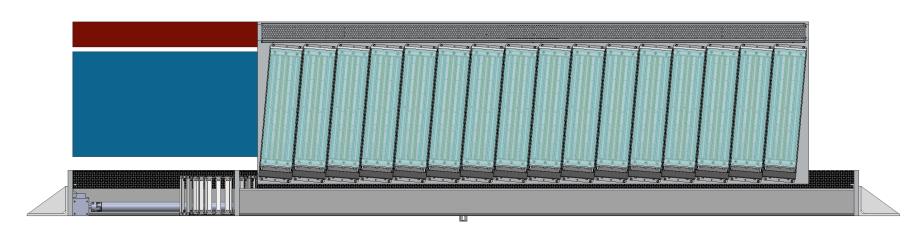


#### arranged as a lengthwise module for high power densities over short distances

- Emitter protected by special glass panel
- Separate air circulations for emitter and colour
- Effective emitter design with different wavelengths
- Compact mechanical integration due to modular design
- Long lifetime of the system and the emitters



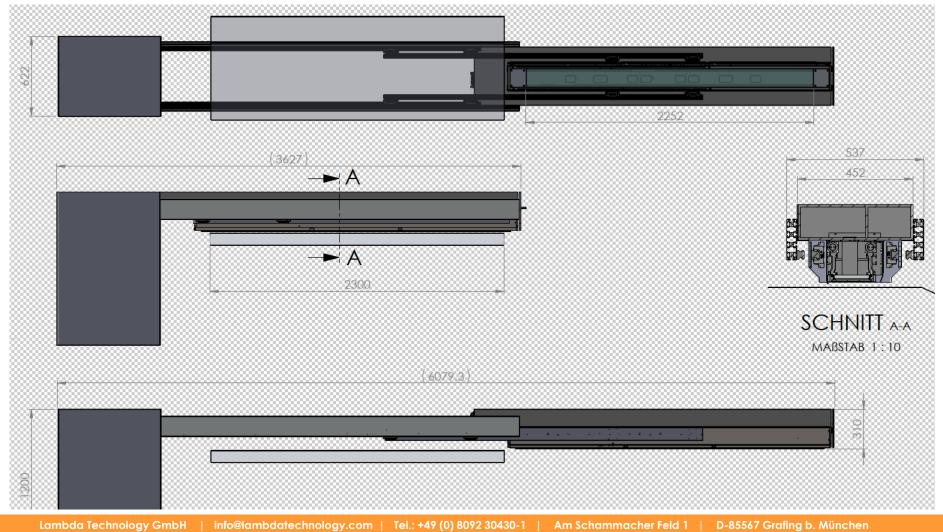






#### NIR -PH transversal module

#### Modules as pull-out systems

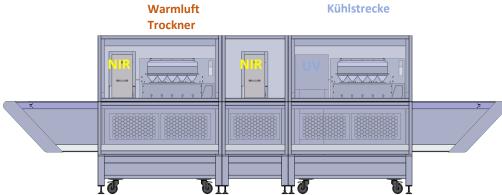


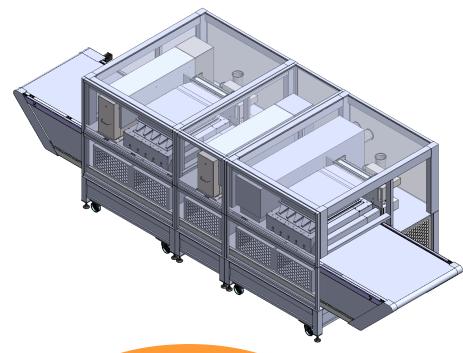


#### NIR - modular conveyor belt system

for screenprint and direct-to-object applications

- bespoke setups and widths for thermal treatment and controlled cooling
- high power density with NIR
- on spot extraction of exhaust air
- process control and regulation possible
- combination with other curing methods (mercury UV, LED UV, e-beam, etc.)
- web speeds up to 100 m/min





up to 60 % less energy & space

#### installed in 2024

#### Manda LAMBDA

#### **LAMBDA HyDry roto-print dryer station**

#### complete 600kW installed electricity power instead of natural gas furnace with a power of 3.500kW







#### Design, Engineering and Manufacturing by:

#### Lambda Technology ® GmbH

Society for Thermal Processes Am Schammacher Feld 1 D-85567 Grafing bei München



sales@lambdatechnology.com