# **H2Retake**<sup>™</sup>

# Ammonia Cracking – TOPSOE's innovative technology

Building on industrial experience



# **TOPSOE**

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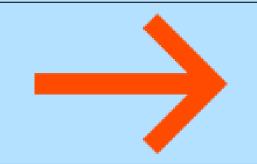
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#### **TOPSOE AT A GLANCE**

### YOUR GO-TO PARTNER FOR TECHNOLOGY, LICENSING AND CATALYSTS







9%

Of revenue invested in R&D

+500

Patent families

918

In revenue
(EUR million)

2,800

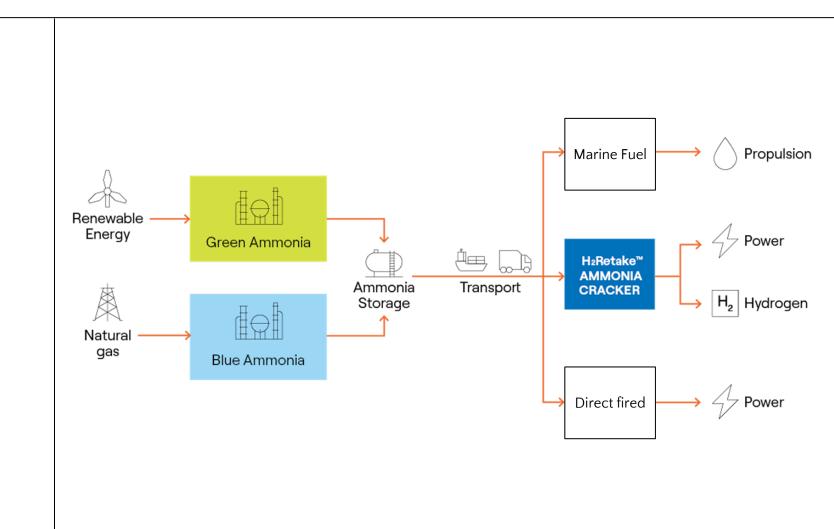
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#### AMMONIA: NON CARBON BASED COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE ENERGY CARRIER

# H2Retake<sup>™</sup>

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# AMMONIA CRACKING AT TOPSOE SOME MILESTONES

# 1993

- Largest ammonia crackers installed in PIAP, Argentina
- 2 x 2400 MTPD NH<sub>3</sub>



# 2023

- Launching of H2Retake™ process
  - o Market leading H<sub>2</sub> and energy efficiencies
  - o Improving the fully referenced process scheme
  - o High performance ammonia cracking catalysts

# 1978

- First grassroot ammonia cracker in the world
- Part of the heavy water production

# 2022

- NH<sub>3</sub> cracking process for H<sub>2</sub> production
- Relied on the process referenced in heavy water plants
  - ✓ Fully referenced process at industrial scale
  - √ Fully referenced catalyst and catalyst manufacturing



#### KEY LEARNINGS AND PROVEN RESULTS FROM INDUSTRIAL AMMONIA CRACKERS

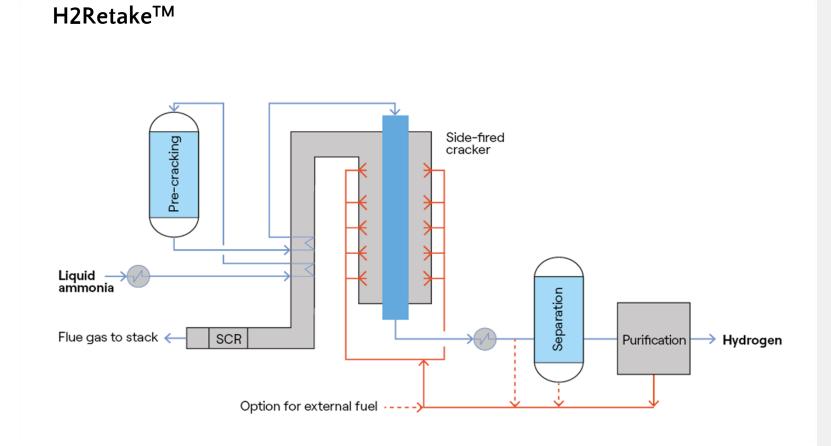


### Key learnings and proven results

- Proven design for high temperature, high pressure, 100% ammonia process streams
- Proven materials to tolerate harsh nitridation conditions
- Catalyst optimization and proven manufacturing route
- Decades of operation and technical service experience
- Catalyst and tube life >= 100.000 hours proven

#### TOPSOE AMMONIA CRACKING TECHNOLOGY

#### BUILDING ON EXISTING KNOW-HOW AND IMPROVED FOR HIGHER EFFICIENCY



Market leading hydrogen and energy efficiency

**95% Energy efficiency** based on actual state HHV

**78 - 96% Hydrogen efficiency** depending on fuel choice

Available for **100 – 3400 MTPD** ammonia feed capacity range

Catering for **various applications** with hydrogen purity of up to**+99.999%.** 

Default fuel option with zero CO<sub>2</sub> emission. External fuel such as NG optional.

# H2Retake<sup>™</sup>



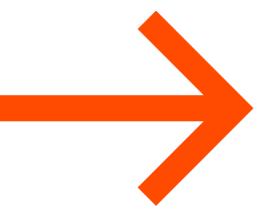
# **TOPSOE AMMONIA CRACKING**

Option		1	2
Fuel		NH3 (Cracked) + PSA tail gas	Natural gas + PSA tail gas
H2 purification unit		Single-stage PSA	Double-stage PSA
Ammonia feed	MTPD	3400	3400
Hydrogen product	MTPD	470	575
Energy efficiency*	%	95%	95%
Hydrogen efficiency	%	78%	96%
Natural gas consumption	Nm³ NG / Kg H <sub>2</sub>	0	0.6
CO <sub>2</sub> footprint	kg CO <sub>2</sub> /kg H <sub>2</sub>	0	1.2

# **AMMONIA CRACKING - CATALYSTS**

### **DNK SERIES**

<b>DNK-2R</b> (LOW-HIGH TEMPERATURE)	<b>DNK-20</b> (LOW - MED TEMPERATURE)	<b>DNK-30</b> (MED - HIGH TEMPERATURE)	<b>DNK-40</b> (HIGH TEMPERATURE)
<ul> <li>Fe-Co based</li> <li>Industrially Proven</li> <li>Highest activity among base-metal catalysts</li> <li>Demonstrated durability</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ni based catalyst</li> <li>High performance</li> <li>Techno-economical optimization options</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ni based catalyst</li> <li>High performance</li> <li>Low pressure drop</li> <li>Techno-economical optimization options</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ni based catalyst</li> <li>High performance</li> <li>High strength</li> <li>Low pressure drop</li> <li>Techno-economical optimization options</li> </ul>







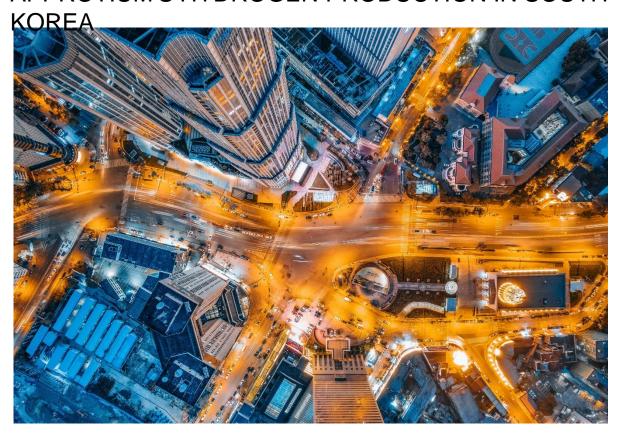
### **H2RETAKE FEATURES AND BENEFITS**

		Impact		Results	
Industrial references	Catalyst	Catalyst guarantees available  Catalyst manufacturing route in place		risk	
	Side fired cracker	Mature and proven design  Best available temperature control  Automated load following operation	i	Prolonged tube and catalyst lifetime  Plant load flexible and adjust on end- product consumption	
Process optimized	• Energy	No need for active cooling  No steam production	•	Every 1% Ammonia feed savings is -0.9% lower hydrogen cost	
	Cost	Reduced investment per installed capacity Increased max capacity to 3400MTPD	٠	10% lower investment at fixed capacity is -1% lower hydrogen cost.	
Clean and sustainable operations	Effluents	Internal waste handling, no other effluents generated		Environmentally clean	
	• Emissions	Flue gas NOx emissions meeting strictest project requirements	•	Meeting regulatory requirements	

### H2RETAKE™ - BUILDING ON INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

February 19, 2024

TOPSOE AMMONIA TECHNOLOGY TO BOOST APPROTIUM'S HYDROGEN PRODUCTION IN SOUTH



- Approtium plans to build an ammonia cracking plant to produce 75,000 metric tons of low-carbon hydrogen annually using Topsoe H2RETAKE™ technology.
- Topsoe has completed process design package

The plant will be built in Ulsan, South

Korea, and producting 2027.

South Korea

Ulsan

### H2RETAKE™ - BUILDING ON INDUSTRIAL EXPERIENCE

- ✓ Proven technology
  ✓ Catalysts
  ✓ Energy efficiency
- 2400 MTPD ammonia crackers
  - Decades of operation
- Proven, high performance catalyst available
- Technology risks fully mitigated.
- All components referenced, tested and verified
- Technology updated to meet market demand
  - 95% energy efficiency
  - 78% to 96% hydrogen efficiency
- ATC cracker and eCracker development



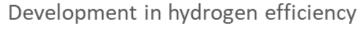


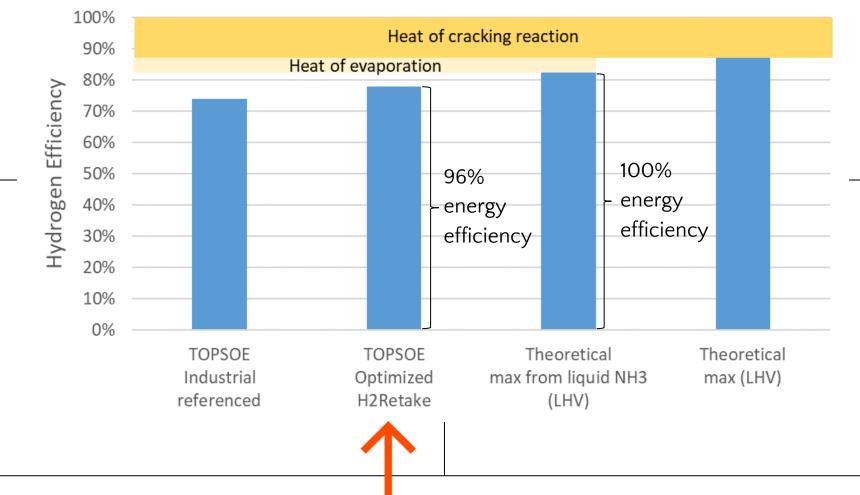
# **BACKUP**

# HYDROGEN EFFICIENCY

# THEORETICAL LIMIT

AMMONIA /
CRACKED GAS
FUEL CASE





# TOPSOE AMMONIA CRACKING DEVELOPMENT CAPABILITIES BASED ON EXTENSIVE CATALYST AND TECHNOLOGY CATALOGUE

#### H2Retake<sup>™</sup>

- Building on proven fired cracker technology and catalysts
- Optimized for high H2 efficiency
- · Commercially available now



#### ATC cracker

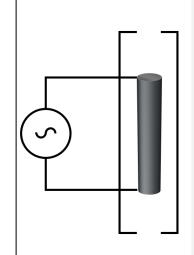
- Heat by in-process combustion of NH<sub>3</sub> / H<sub>2</sub> mixture
- · Economy of scale in limited space
- Proven for ammonia production





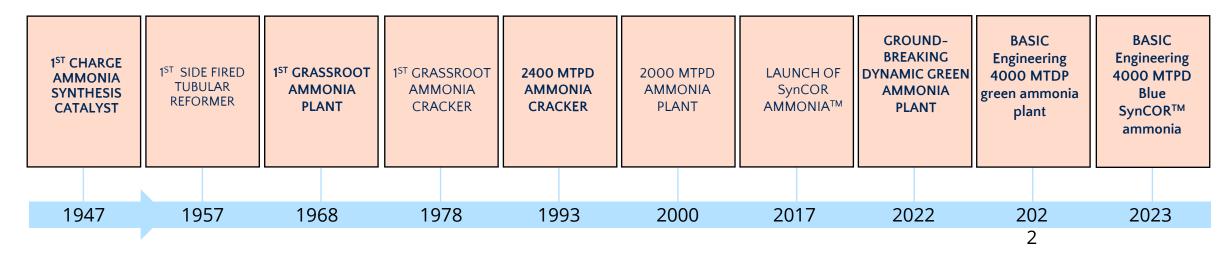
#### eCracker

- Process energy from electrically heated catalysed hardware
- Maximizes the hydrogen output
- Topsoe eReact<sup>TM</sup> is proven in pilot scale for SMR and RWGS





#### **TOPSOE AMMONIA MILESTONES**









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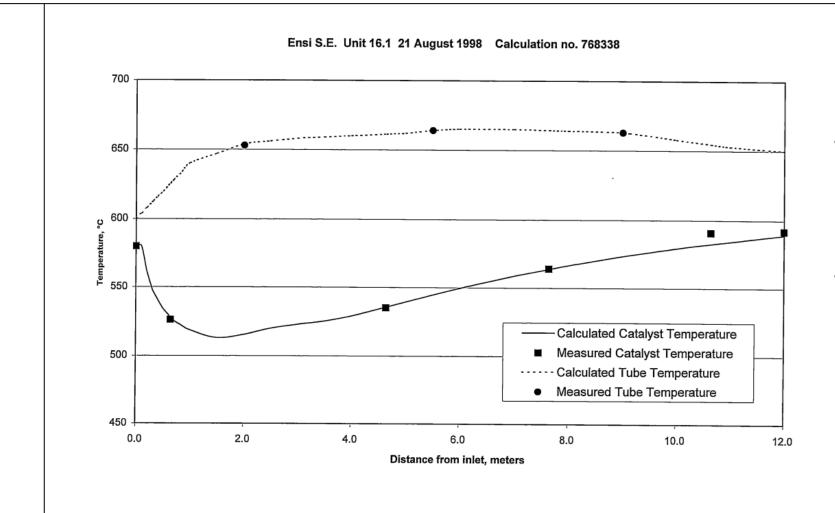
### **TOPSOE AMMONIA CRACKING REFERENCES**

Start-up year	Plant / Client	Location	Capacity MTPD NH3	Status
1993	Planta Industrial de Agua Pesada 1 (PIAP 1)	Arroyito, Argentina	2400	Stand-by
1994	Planta Industrial de Agua Pesada 2 (PIAP 2)	Arroyito, Argentina,	2400	Stand-by
1991	Undisclosed	Undisclosed	2x308	In continuous operation since SU
1987	Undisclosed	Undisclosed	2x308	In continuous operation since SU
1978	Undisclosed	Undisclosed	2x308	Decomissioned



## TOPSOE HAS THE ONLY LARGE-SCALE AMMONIA CRACKING REFERENCES, GLOBALLY

### TOPSOE RADIANT WALL CRACKER PERFORMANCE SIMULATION



- Accurate calculation of heat transfer from furnace to tubes and from tube to catalyst
- Accurate calculation of catalytic activity, i.e. ammonia cracking reaction