# DECARBONIZING OLEFINS PROJECTS

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# OLEFINS PRODUCTION — $CO_2$ EMISSIONS

- Steam cracking is the main industrial process to produce light olefins
- Steam cracking is the most energy consuming process in the chemical industry
- ~300 MM metric ton of CO<sub>2</sub> is produced from steam cracking each year



Source: EPA.gov/IPCC (2014)

~0.8% of global CO2 emissions!!



### WHERE DOES ENERGY GO?

#### **TYPICAL ETHANE CRACKER**



Distribution	Percentage			
Heat of Reaction	35.2%			
Losses:				
Heat & Stack Losses	6.7%			
Heat Rejected to Atm	28.1%*			
Process Users:				
Major Drive Shaft Work	13.2%			
DSG	9.8%			
Other Process Users	6.8%			
Heat Recovery	0.2%			
TOTAL	100%			

\*Includes compressor surface condensers and QW coolers.

### REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS FROM STEAM CRACKING: SCOREKLEAN™





# SCOREKLEAN<sup>sm</sup> OVERVIEW

SCOREKlean<sup>SM</sup> is a suite of decarbonization technologies for steam crackers that address direct, indirect, and other indirect emissions in the olefin value chain

Scope 1 Scope 2	Scope 3	Newness
Low CO2 designs utilizing Optimized Process Performance, Air Preheat, and Selective Electrification	Cracking Unconventional Recycled and Rio-	Cracking Furnace Electrification
Hydrogen Firing	Sourced Feedstocks	Unconventional Feed Cracking Hydrogen
Net Zero Integration with Blue Hydrogen or Carbon Capture		Combustion Air Preheat & Enhanced H <sub>2</sub> Electrification Recovery Cracking Furnace
Furnace Electrification		Design Optimization 1 Horizon 2 Horizon 3
		SCORE <sup>®</sup> , Selective Cracking Optimum Recovery Technology Horizon 0

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# HYDROGEN FIRING



**Hydrogen firing** is the most accessible way to decarbonize olefins production, by reducing carbon in the flue gas from pyrolysis furnaces

- 100% hydrogen combustion can be accommodated in SCORE® Furnace proprietary burners
- Existing connections existing in floor fired burners can be used to convert to 100% hydrogen firing
- Stable 100% hydrogen firing has been proven in our test facilities over a range of operating conditions
- Fuel flexibility is retained should hydrogen not be available
- Our ethane crackers have operated for over 15 years with fuel gas hydrogen content over 84 mol%

**Enhanced hydrogen recovery** designs maximize the recovery of hydrogen from the recovery section for firing in pyrolysis furnaces



# JUBAIL UNITED PETROCHEMICAL COMPANY (JUPC)

#### **Feedstock**

Ethane

#### Capacity

1000 KTA (Original, 2004); 1350 KTA (Expansion, 2006)

#### Reliability

- Highest among all SABIC plants and Affiliates
- Back-to-back records of **798** days and **865** days continuous production
- Also completed 997 days prior to scheduled turnaround earlier

this year

#### Operability

- 26 days from MC to on-spec product
- 18 hours from first hydrocarbon feed to on-spec product

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### Hydrogen Firing Capability: • Operation with 84 mol% H<sub>2</sub> Fuel Gas

- Burner tested up to 90 mol% at burner vendor







# LOW CO<sub>2</sub> CRACKER DESIGN



KBR SCOREKlean<sup>SM</sup> provides low  $CO_2$  cracker design, emission reductions without requiring carbon capture or an external source of hydrogen by decarbonizing flue gas, reducing overall heat duty, and moving heat from the steam system into the process.

- High severity and pressure cracking using SCORE® technology reduces furnace firing rate and recovery section power requirements
- Combustion air preheat and selective recovery section electrification moves heat from the steam system into the cracking process, reducing fuel consumption
- Hydrogen firing combined with enhanced hydrogen recovery decarbonizes furnace flue gas
- Aspects of Low CO2 Cracker Designs are suitable for Greenfield and Revamp application

#### Standalone low CO2 ethane cracker designs can reduce direct emissions by 70%



# NET ZERO CRACKER DESIGNS



Net Zero steam cracker designs eliminate carbon emissions. This can be done through either blue hydrogen supply, blue ammonia facility, or utilization of KBR's post combustion carbon capture technology.

- Tail gas utilization designs use methane in tail gas to produce a decarbonized energy carrier such as blue hydrogen, or convert the methane into other chemical feedstocks, such as blue ammonia
- Hydrogen import or an energy vector may be used to supplement hydrogen from enhanced hydrogen recovery in the cracking process, without carbon capture
- Combustion air preheat and selective recovery section electrification moves heat from the steam system into the cracking process, reducing fuel consumption
- Alternatively, post-combustion carbon capture facility size is reduced by our Low CO2 cracker designs

#### KBR Net Zero cracker designs remove direct carbon emissions from steam crackers



# **CRACKING FURNACE ELECTRIFICATION**



**Steam cracking furnace electrification** concepts are being developed, completely removing the flue stacks and direct emissions from pyrolysis furnaces.

- Options are being developed to electrify cracking furnaces, based upon indirect electrification and direct electrification
- Our electrification design concepts include configurations of electrical heat input, associated electrical systems and controls, and configurations of the furnace radiant and convection sections

#### Designing and operating an electrically powered Steam Cracking process is not new to KBR

- In 1991 KBR developed an electrified cracking furnace pilot plant
- A miniature version of an early version of our cracking furnace designs



## **KEY ENABLERS FOR NET ZERO**

Technology	Revamp	New Build
Hydrogen Firing	YES	YES
Enhanced Hydrogen Recovery	YES	YES
Cracking Design Point Optimization	YES (More effective for Gas Cracking)	YES (More effective for Gas Cracking)
Combustion Air Preheat & Selective Process Electrification	CHALLENGING (Furnace Structure Adjustment)	YES
Unconventional Feed Cracking	YES	YES
Hydrogen Addition	YES (Fuel Gas Infrastructure Check)	YES
Cracking Furnace Electrification	CHALLENGING (New Tech. & Electrical Infrastructure)	MAYBE (New Tech. & Electrical Infrastructure)
Carbon Capture Integration	MAYBE (Plot Space & Carbon Sink)	MAYBE (Plot Space & Carbon Sink)
Blue Hydrogen Integration	MAYBE (Plot Space & Carbon Sink)	MAYBE (Plot Space & Carbon Sink)



# **UNCONVENTIONAL FEEDSTOCK CRACKING**

KBR has leveraged its experience in unconventional feed cracking for biosourced and recycled feedstock.

- Studies have looked at the constraints in cracking heavier feedstocks (such as pyoil) in different areas of existing steam cracking furnaces:
  - Mixed feed coil, PQE, SQE, Radiant Coil, and PFO treating facilities
  - The impact of impurities within unconventional feedstocks
- Unconventional deployment strategies have been evaluated for existing furnaces:
  - Dilution versus designated coil passes versus upgrading
  - KBR has various upgrading options unconventional feedstocks
- New Furnace installations can be specified to crack heavier feedstocks
- Hybrid-cracking (splitting the firebox into 8 passes) could have great benefits in cracking different types of feeds when:
  - Amounts of unconventional feed from the single source is not enough for full furnace capacity and Co-cracking is not favored due to yield loss
  - Various feed cracking at optimum cracking conditions for the best yields is required
  - Feed supplies are not fully secured, and it needs to replace the feed with different type of feeds





Hybrid cracking different feedstocks in single firebox

## DECARBONIZATION TOOLKIT FOR EXISTING CRACKERS





### OTHER OLEFINS TECHNOLOGY DECARBONIZATION





# K-COT<sub>®</sub> : <u>K</u>BR <u>C</u>ATALYTIC <u>O</u>LEFINS <u>T</u>ECHNOLOGY



KBR Proprietary Modified ZSM-5 catalyst

KBR's well proven Orthoflow fast fluidized reactor with 70 years experience

KBR's over 100 olefins plant design experience



# **K-COT**<sup>®</sup> **DECARBONIZATION**

KBR is developing a suite of decarbonization technologies for K-COT that address direct, indirect, and other indirect emissions in the olefin value chain



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### **REDUCING CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS FOR K-COT**<sub>®</sub>



# **KBR OLEFINS TECHNOLOGIES**



#### SCORE<sup>®</sup>

- Steam Cracking Process
- Furnace Flexibility: Ethane to Gas Oil
- Highest Yield in Industry
- Lower CAPEX
- Lowest CO<sub>2</sub> Footprint



#### K-COT®

- Catalytic Olefins Process
- C4 C10 Olefinic, Paraffinic or Mixed Feeds
- Higher Propylene-to-Ethylene Production
- Energy Transition Technology: Upgrading Low Value Gasoline Streams



#### **MTO Recovery**

- Optimized Recovery Section Design
- Low CAPEX and OPEX

#### K-PRO<sup>®</sup>

- Propane to Propylene (PDH)
- FCC Based: Easier to Operate and More Reliable
- Environmentally Friendly Catalyst
- Lower CAPEX and OPEX

#### K-SEET<sup>™</sup>

- Ethanol to Ethylene Technology
- Newest addition to Olefins Portfolio
- Production of 'bio-ethylene'



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