

# Facilitating the Hydrogen Roll-out with Ammonia Cracking

Dr. Zac Cesaro September 2022 Programme Manager – Ammonia Cracking and e-Fuels



# Agenda

Brief intro to Siemens Energy

Why consider ammonia as part of hydrogen economy?

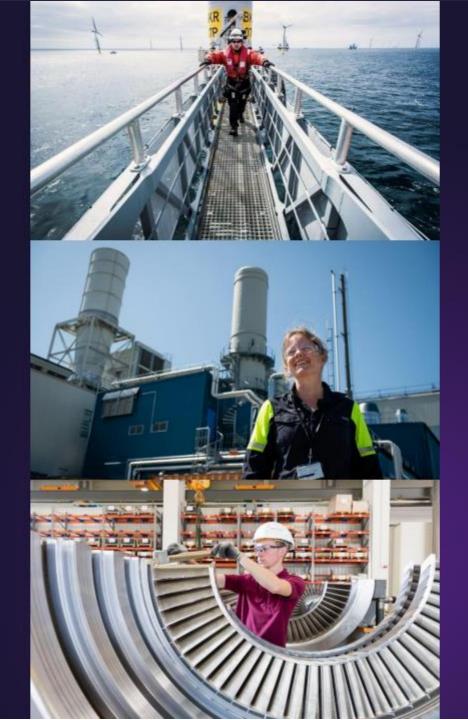
What is the role of ammonia cracking?

4 Summary



# We are a

global leader in the energy business.



~ 1/6

of global electricity generation is based on our technology.

> 50%

of our portfolio is based on technology that is relevant in a decarbonized energy world.

We are present in

> 90 countries.

91,000

employees work as a team to energize society.1

# We are building an integrated energy technology company







Low- or zero-emission power generation

Transport and storage of energy

Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> footprint and energy consumption in industrial processes







# Silyzer 300 – Full Stack Array

The next paradigm in PEM electrolysis

# Silyzer 300

Full stack array (24 stacks) ...



... and close-up of 6 stacks (Linz plant)



# **SIEMENS** Chargy

17.5 MW plant power demand

>75.5% plant efficiency

24 stacks
to build a full stack array

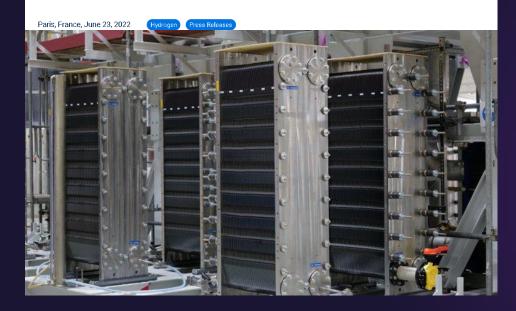
335 kg hydrogen per hour

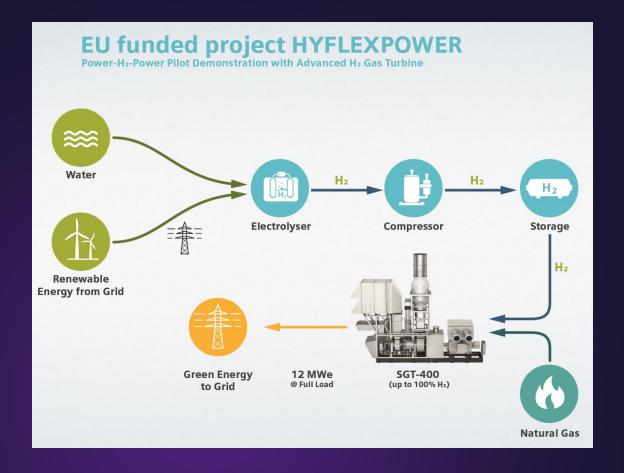
# **Recent Siemens Energy Hydrogen Developments**





Air Liquide and Siemens Energy form a joint venture for the European production of largescale renewable hydrogen electrolyzers









# How much hydrogen does it take to fuel a gas turbine?





Tube trailer ~500kg H2



1.4m dia pipe @100bar



NASA Tank ~230 Tons



Teesside Salt Cavern ~810 tons

tons H<sub>2</sub>/hr



80.7 MW\* 58% eff \*CCGT

Assumptions: Tube trailer = 500 kg H<sub>2</sub>, Pipeline<sup>1</sup>: 1.4 Diameter pipeline at 100 bar (12 ton H<sub>2</sub>/km), NASA Spherical Liquid Cryogenic Tank<sup>1</sup>: 230 tons H<sub>2</sub>, Teeside Salt Caverns<sup>2</sup> 810 tons (210,000 m<sup>3</sup> at 45 bar) 1. J. Andersson and S. Gronkvist, "Large-scale storage of hydrogen," International Journal of Hydrogen Energy, vol. 44, pp. 11901-11919, 2019. 2. E. Wolf. "Large-scale hydrogen energy storage," J. Garche (Ed.), Electrochemical energy storage for renewable sources and grid balancing, Elsevier, Amsterdam (2015), pp. 129-142

# 9000HL: How much H<sub>2</sub> onsite storage is needed?





1.4m dia pipe @100bar



NASA Tank ~230 Tons



Teesside Salt Cavern ~810 tons



1.4m dia pipe @100bar

41.5 tons H<sub>2</sub>/hr

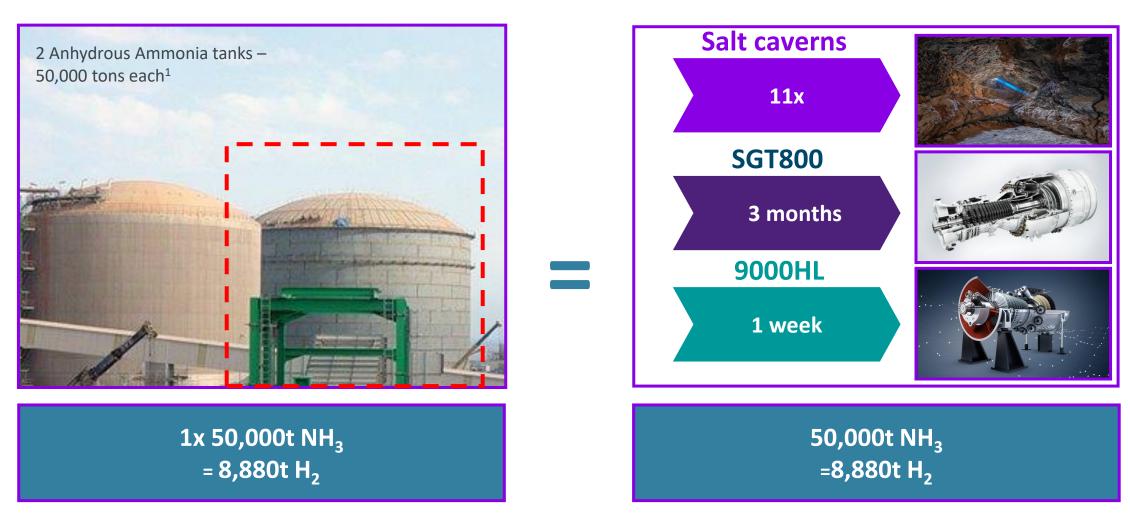


870 MW\*
63% eff
\*CCGT

Assumptions: Tube trailer = 500 kg H<sub>2</sub>, Pipeline<sup>1</sup>: 1.4 Diameter pipeline at 100 bar (12 ton H<sub>2</sub>/km), NASA Spherical Liquid Cryogenic Tank<sup>1</sup>: 230 tons H<sub>2</sub>, Teeside Salt Caverns<sup>2</sup> 810 tons (210,000 m<sup>3</sup> at 45 bar) 1. J. Andersson and S. Gronkvist, "Large-scale storage of hydrogen," *International Journal of Hydrogen Energy*, vol. 44, pp. 11901-11919, 2019.

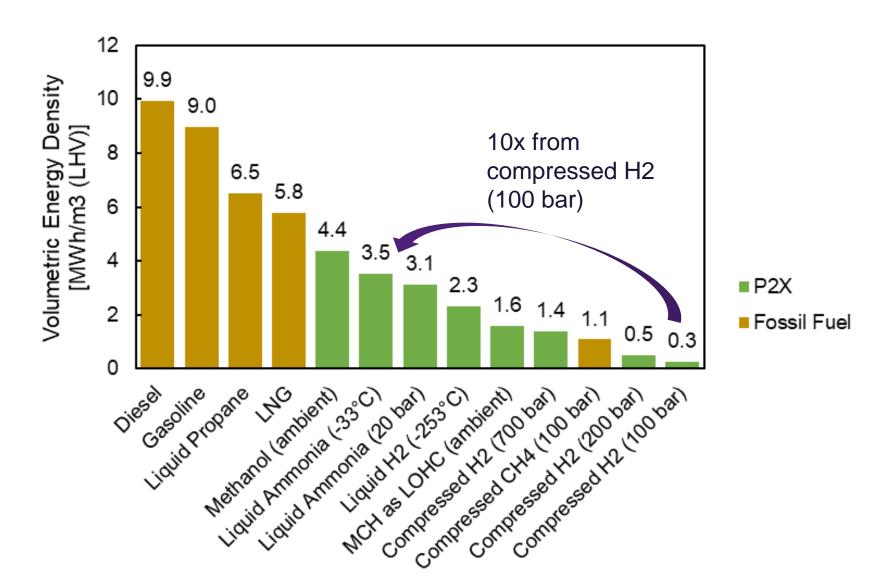
2. E. Wolf. "Large-scale hydrogen energy storage," J. Garche (Ed.), Electrochemical energy storage for renewable sources and grid balancing, Elsevier, Amsterdam (2015), pp. 129-142

# Why use NH<sub>3</sub> to store H<sub>2</sub>?

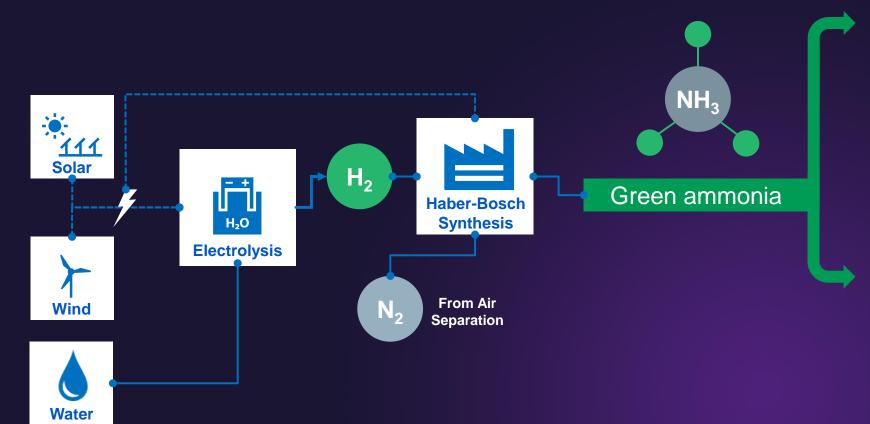


<sup>1.</sup> https://www.mcdermott.com/What-We-Do/Project-Profiles/QAFCO-Ammonia-Storage-Tanks - tanks are approximately 50 meters in diameter and 40.5 meters high, single-wall refrigerated, concrete containment walls.

# Ammonia is much more energy dense than hydrogen



# Green ammonia is a carbon-free chemical with many applications



# Industrial ammonia (existing)

- Fertiliser
- Refrigeration
- Other chemicals

# **Energy uses (new)**

- Transport (e.g. maritime fuel)
- Electricity storage
- Hydrogen carrier

# **Green Ammonia Demonstration Plant Rutherford Appleton Labs in Oxfordshire, UK**

World's first roundtrip green ammonia demonstrator: Power-to-Ammonia-to-Power



# Green ammonia is key for >5% GHG mitigation, >\$10bns of investment already announced

### 1. Fertiliser

- ~1.5% GHG emissions
- Projects announced:
  - Australia, Norway, Spain, Chile, Brazil, USA, etc.
  - First step: 'green' ~10% of existing plants' hydrogen feedstock



# 2. Shipping Fuel

- ~3% GHG emissions
- Projects announced:
  - Pilot ships 2023 (EU) onwards
  - MAN Engine by 2024, retrofit existing engines by 2025
  - Maersk giga-scale production (Denmark)



# 3. Energy/ Hydrogen trade

- ??% GHG emissions
  - To be used in transport, power generation, industry, heating, etc.
- Projects announced:
  - Saudi Arabia, Australia, Oman,
     Morocco, Chile, Namibia, etc.



# Part 3: What is the role of ammonia cracking?



# Leveraging ammonia as a simple and cost-effective carrier molecule to overcome challenges in hydrogen supply



Ammonia cracking to release hydrogen when and where it is needed





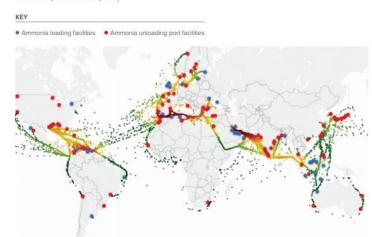
- N<sub>2</sub>
- Ammonia cracking is well known process
- Used today in metal annealing processes
- New applications require H<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> separation (e.g. PEM fuel cell purity H<sub>2</sub>)
- Safe to vent nitrogen



# Ammonia benefits from a **mature**, **low-cost**, existing infrastructure

- Produced in >60 countries at all income levels
- Handled at many ports around world
- 20 Million tonnes shipped per year
- >3,000 miles NH3 pipeline in USA for farm fertiliser

Ammonia shipping infrastructure, including a heat map of liquid ammonia carriers and existing ammonia port facilities (2017).



Source: "Ammonia: zero-carbon fertiliser, fuel and energy store," The Royal Society, London, 2020.





# What are the market and technology segments? → 3 active technology segments to watch



### **Decentralized cracking**

USE CASE: hydrogen refueling stations (HRS), off-grid power, and on-board cracking (UAV, planes, ships),











### **Centralized cracking**

Centralized cracking for bulk H2 import (e.g. at port) for industry (e.g. steel), transport, heat (e.g. gas grid injection).







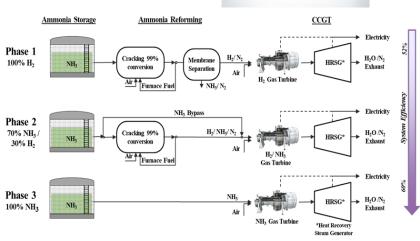






### Integrated with H<sub>2</sub> Gas Turbine

Crackers utilizing waste heat to crack NH3 for H2 Gas turbines



Source: Z. Cesaro, M. Ives, R. Nayak-Luke, M. Mason, R. Bañares-Alcántara, "Ammonia to Power: Forecasting the Levelized Cost of Electricity from Green Ammonia in Large-scale Power Plants", Applied Energy, 2021.

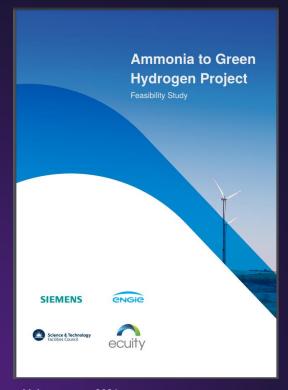
Dr. Zac Cesaro **17** © Siemens Energy, 2022

# Ammonia cracking can help enable the hydrogen economy



### **Key messages**

- Ammonia is a high density hydrogen carrier with unmatched existing infrastructure and knowhow
- Ammonia cracking is a known process, previously used for different applications (e.g. N<sub>2</sub> generation, forming gas for metal annealing)
- Decentralized ammonia cracking may have highest ability to pay in near term
- Centralized cracking and integrated with GT are mid-long term



Link to report - 2021

# **Contact**





Dr. Zac Cesaro

Zac.Cesaro@siemens-energy.com

Programme Manager, Ammonia Cracking and e-fuels Oxford, UK