## Topsoe Furnace Manager benefits for ammonia producers

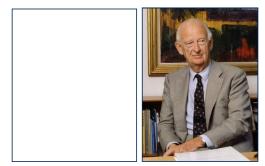
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### Haldor Topsoe Company in brief

- Established in 1940 by Dr. Haldor Topsøe.
- Market leader in heterogeneous catalysis and surface science for 75 years.
- More than 2,800 employees in 11 countries across five continents.
- 2015 revenue of approximately USD 1 billion
- Headquarters in Denmark.
- Production in Denmark, and Houston, Texas, USA.
- New plants in Tianjin, China, and Joinville, Brazil, in 2015.
- Spends more than 10% of revenue on R&D.





### We provide a full range of products and services for a broad range of business

#### **Chemical Processing** Hydroprocessing **Emissions Management** Ammonia **Syngas** Methanol Hydrogen SNG Naphtha Sulfur removal Sulfuric acid Kerosene NOx & CO removal **Dimethyl ether** Diesel Formaldehyde VGO **VOC** abatement **Particulate filtration Gasoline synthesis** Resid

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Process design, Engineering, & licensing

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+ High-performance catalysts

Proprietary equipment Business & technical services

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### **Conventional methods to operate the furnace**



### **Critical areas associated manual inspections**



### Skills

 A new Topsoe study shows the 1.0 pyrometers the most accurate. They are also very sensitive and difficult to operate and requires enhanced training.

### Safety

• Manual inspections exposes risk to personnel.

 IR can cause long-term, permanent eye damage leading to impaired vision or blindness. Source: ISEA

### Frequency

- Is it being done?
- Lack of manpower due to slimming
- During transition constant monitoring is crucial.

### **Critical areas associated with planned maintenance**



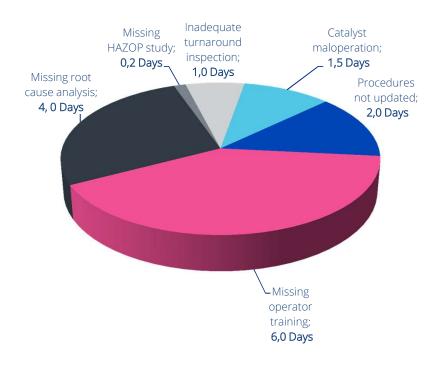
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- What if tubes have been stressed and need replacement before it is planned?
- What if you could avoid replacing "healthy" tubes?

### **Topsøe observations. Unplanned stops**

• 15 days down / year, related to typical faults





### **Operating with high safety margins**



• Relatively small temperature differences can lead to significant revenue loss

# $\div$ 20 °C $\rightarrow$ ~ 2% $\rightarrow$ 7MM USD/year

\*2,000 MTPD ammonia plant – 480 USD/MT ammonia

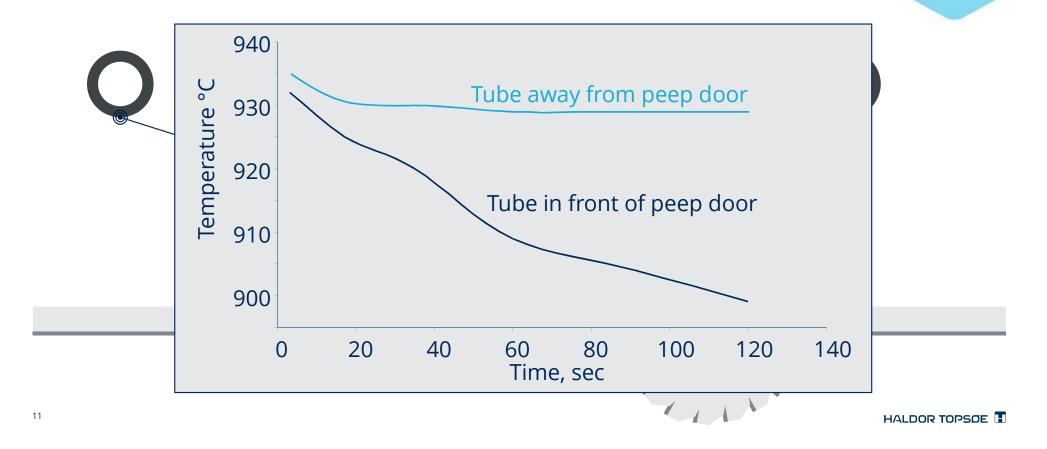
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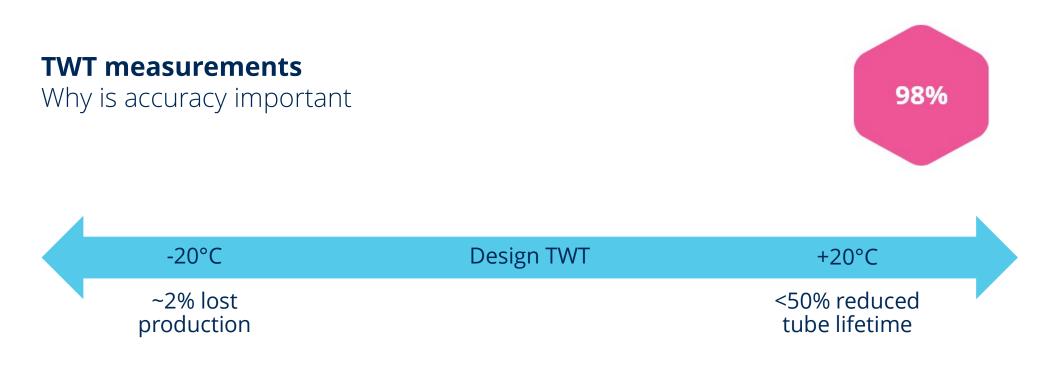
**Tube measuring sequence** Cooling at peep door opening

# O O O O Maximum 3 sec opening for measuring in front of the peep door

### Tube measuring sequence

Cooling at peep door opening

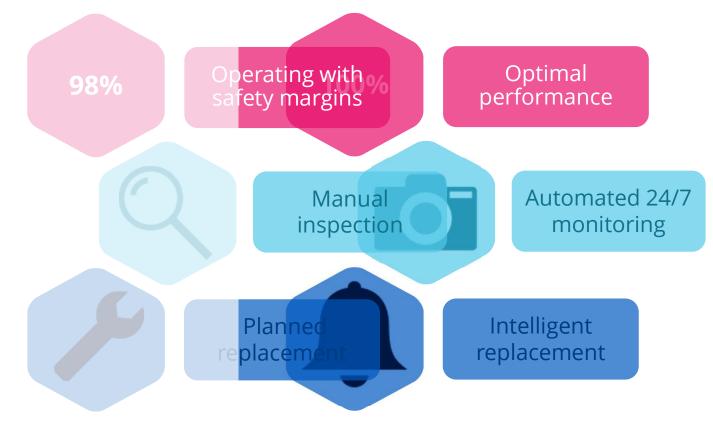




# ~7 million USD/year lost production

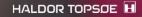
How well do you know your temperatures?

### **A new way forward...** TOPSOE FURNACE MANAGER



## Topsoe Furnace Manager

Furnace Information Acquisition & Analysis



### What is it?

Topsoe Furnace Manager (TFM) is a patented, computerized, fully integrated, image-based system that monitors the furnace inside the SMR continuously.

TFM is a "furnace GPS" providing:

- Process efficiency
- Reliability
- Safety and
- Equipment status
- To your entire organization locally and remotely 24/7

Topsoe Furnace Manager shows the '<u>big picture</u>' continuously

### What is it monitoring?

- 100% of all burners (typical)
- Critical heat transfer tube surface area
- Mechanical Integrity images with data
- Overall furnace status

Topsoe Furnace Manager Views the Furnace

### What does it do?

- Provides Status Change indications with alarms
- Archives benchmark operational & equipment information
- Provides direct visual images with translated data displays
- Provides a User friendly Historian

Topsoe Furnace Manager is Practical

### Image-modules and control-boxes

- Modular, Multi Unit System
- Plug-and-play
- Interchangeable components
- Weather proof, industrial grade
- Ease of access for PM & upkeep
- Readily available spare parts
- Long life design
- Flexible mounting orientation to avoid interference with furnace work



Topsoe Furnace Manager is <u>"industrial grade"</u>

## End Wall Burner Configuration



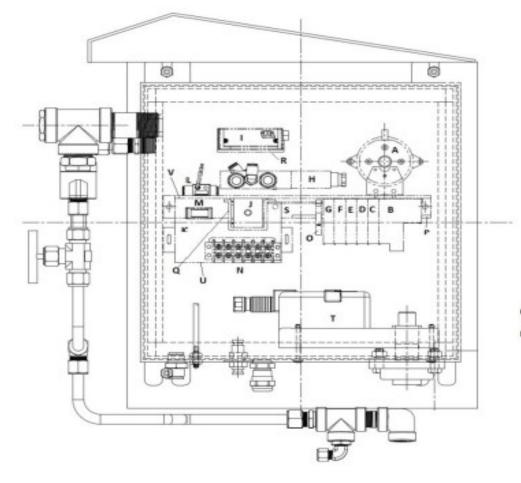
# Side Wall Tube Configuration



### FMT Sensor



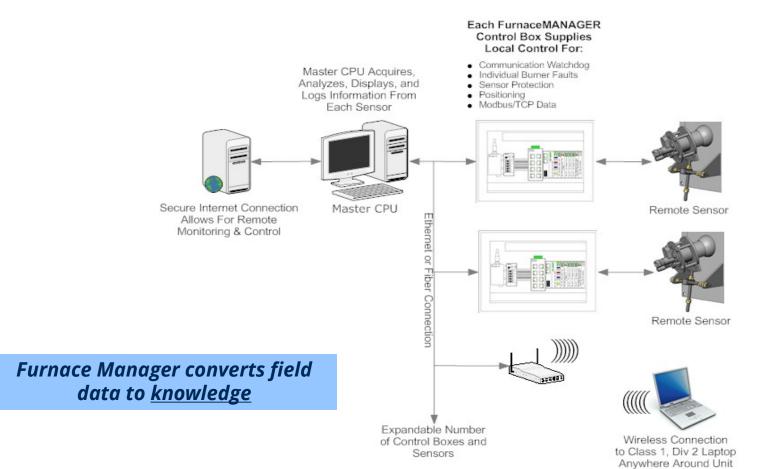
### **Control Box**



A- Box pressure Switch B- PLC C- Digital Output Card D- Analog Output Card E- Digital Input Card F- Analog Input Card G- End Modules H- Retract Solenoid I- Camera J- Power Supply K- Power Cover L- Line pressure Switch M- Main Power Switch N- Line Terminal Strip O- Switching Relay P- Vertical Mounting Bracket Q- Power Clamp Bracket R Camera Mounting Bracket S- 24VDC Terminal Strip T-Camera Actuator U- 24 Volt P.S.U. V- 12 Volt P.S.U.

#### CONTROL BOX COMPONENTS

Note: Components may be in different locations In different Boxes.

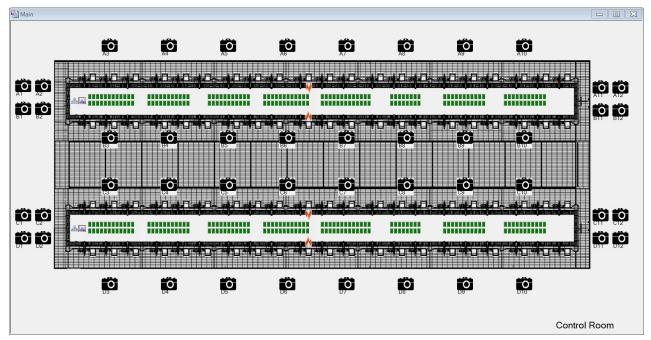


### **Topsoe Furnace Manager architecture**

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### Furnace data display screen

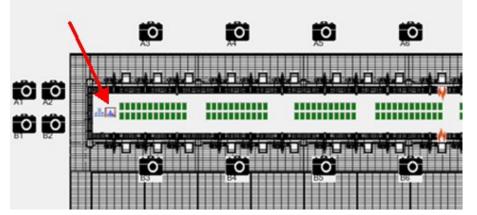
- Example overview graphic with status of tube monitoring
- Rows of green boxes in the center of each cell indicate the tube status:
  - Green = within tolerance
  - Yellow = slightly out of tolerance
  - **Red** = out of tolerance
  - Cyan = camera has not inspected this tube yet.

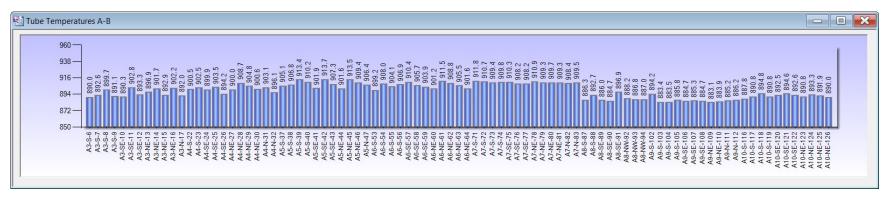


Topsoe Furnace Manager snapshots highlight problems early

### **Tube Temperature details**

- Clicking the icon indicated displays a tube temperature graph showing tube number and average tube temperature.
- Each of the tube imagers, A3-A10, B3-B10, C3-C10 and D3-D10 move to one-of-four positions every minutes. This cycle ensures that the temperature of every tube updates every 20 minutes.





#### Topsoe Furnace Manager detailed data drives action

### **Tube details**

- Clicking one of the Tube imager icons displays the view from that imager with status shown below.
- Tube images correlated to temperature data.



Topsoe Furnace Manager correlates image to data

### **Tube images**

- Tubes viewed directly in a group
- Tubes viewed individually
- Tube images captured at different angles



Center Left View







Center Right View

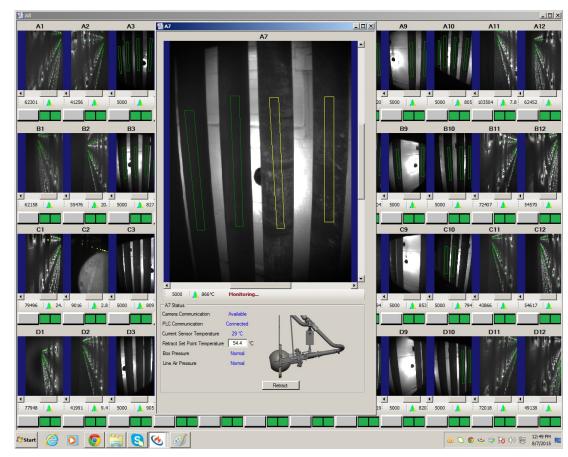
Topsoe Furnace Manager looks at all angles



**Right View** 

### **Problem Tube Images**

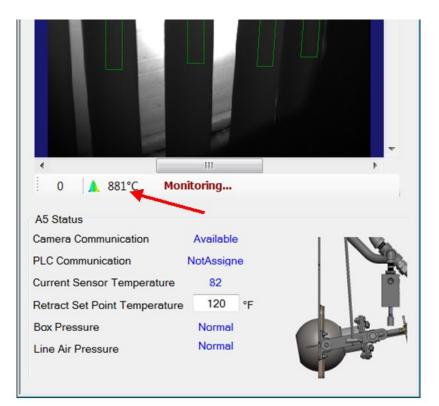
- Easy to see problems
- Compare and contrast quickly
- Store & compare over time
- Earmark for outage reference
- Distribute for analysis



Topsoe Furnace Manager finds the problems

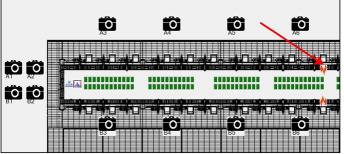
### **Detailed asset status**

- The temperature displayed below the picture of the tubes indicates a point temperature from anywhere the cursor is pointed.
- The message next to that indicates current status of the image module.
- The remaining data provides status of cooling and pressure for sensor and control box.

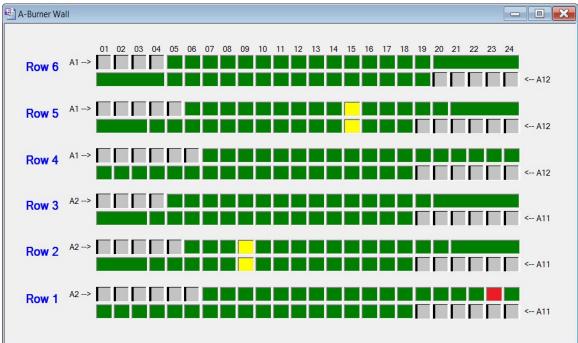


Topsoe Furnace Manager monitors firebox & its own health

### **Burner status**

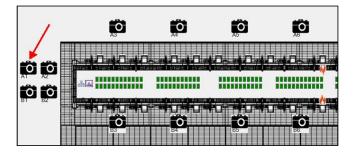


- Clicking the icon indicated brings up a screen showing the status of burners on wall selected:
  - Grey = not visible from this camera
  - Green = within tolerance
  - Yellow = slightly out of tolerance
  - Red = out of tolerance
  - Cyan = camera has not inspect inspected inspected this burner yet.

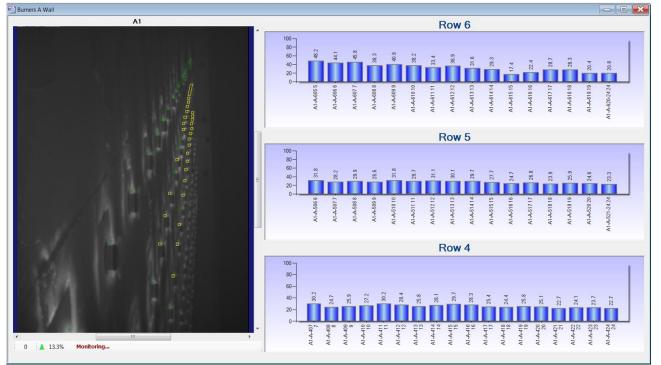


*Topsoe Furnace Manager interprets burner performance* 





- This image shows one of the four burner imagers looking at this burner wall.
- Can view multiple burner rows.
- Charts indicate burner intensities for each of the rows monitored.

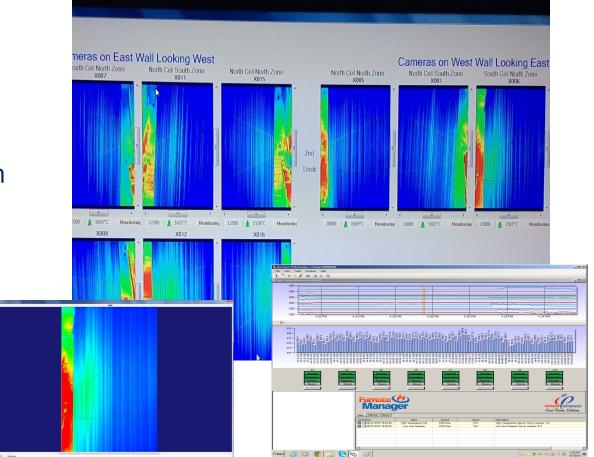


#### Topsoe Furnace Manager provides process knowledge

### Image color coding

- Color coded surface temps
- Easy identification of abnormalities
- Quick view of furnace health
- Images provide context of overall furnace condition
- Images correlated with data





Topsoe Furnace Manager has vivid displays

### **Benefits – operational excellence**

Asset protection: Reliability and mechanical integrity:

- Longer tube life and catalyst life
- Real-time images of firebox integrity (arch condition, refractory, burners, tube integrity)

### Safe operation: Safety and compliance

- During burner ignition burner status will be indicated directly
- Detection of overheated tubes immediately, minimizing risk of tube rupture.
- Efficient burner operation, with elimination of afterburning, poor combustion & startup problems
- Reduced operator interaction with the hot parts of the furnace. No burned eyes or eyebrows!

Topsoe Furnace Manager leverages entire organization

### **Benefits – operational excellence**

- Plant Optimization: Productivity and variable margin Improvement
  - Lower energy consumption with balanced firing
- On-line monitoring (remotely accessible)
  - Data collection 24/7 retained in Historian
  - Benchmark operation easily identified
  - Data collected continuously, systemically and without interference. More accurate data

Topsoe Furnace Manager leverages entire organization

Thanks for your attention *Questions are welcome*!