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CSIRO's membrane technology





Pilot Plant Hardware





The CSIRO process

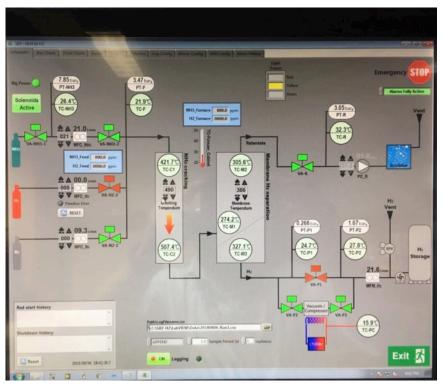






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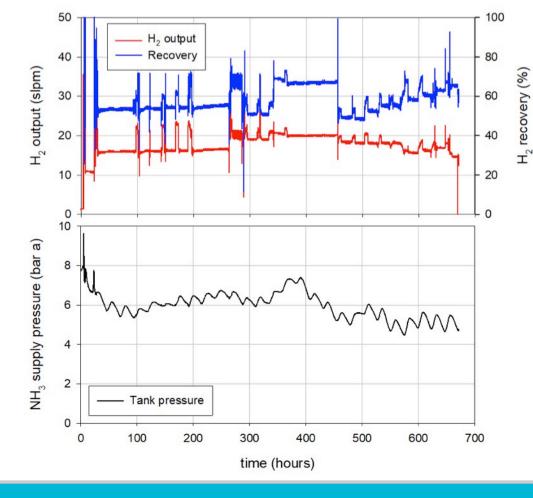




Pilot Plant Performance







Actual NH₃ cracking rate much lower than anticipated

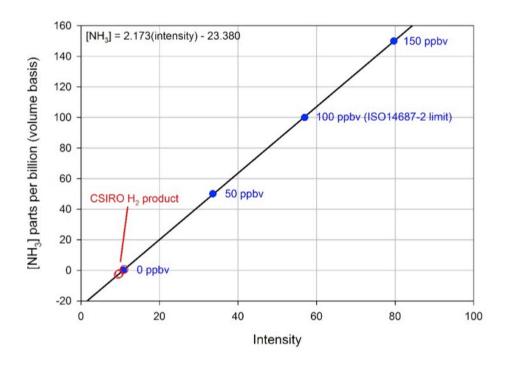
- Failed heating elements
- Poor heat transfer

Unseasonably cold Brisbane winter limited NH₃ supply pressure

 Poor recovery through membranes

H2 purity analysis

Trailer-mounted SYFT Voice 200 Secondary Ion Flow Tube Mass Spectrometer



- Calibrated against 4.7ppmv certified NH₃-in-H₂ mixture supplied by BOC, diluted on-demand with UHP-H₂
- Detection limit << 10 ppbv
- SIFT-MS not suitable for field applications: FTIR is best option for online monitoring











What's next?





Towards commercialisation

- Strategic relationship with one of the world's largest resources companies
- 200 kg/day H₂ plant operating within 24 months
 - Membrane manufacturing pilot plant
 - 20 ft-containerised BOP
 - Integration with commercial fueling infrastructure
- Demonstration in conjunction with FCEV fueling

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