

# Naphtha Catalytic Cracking for Propylene Production by FCCU



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## Purpose (Objective)

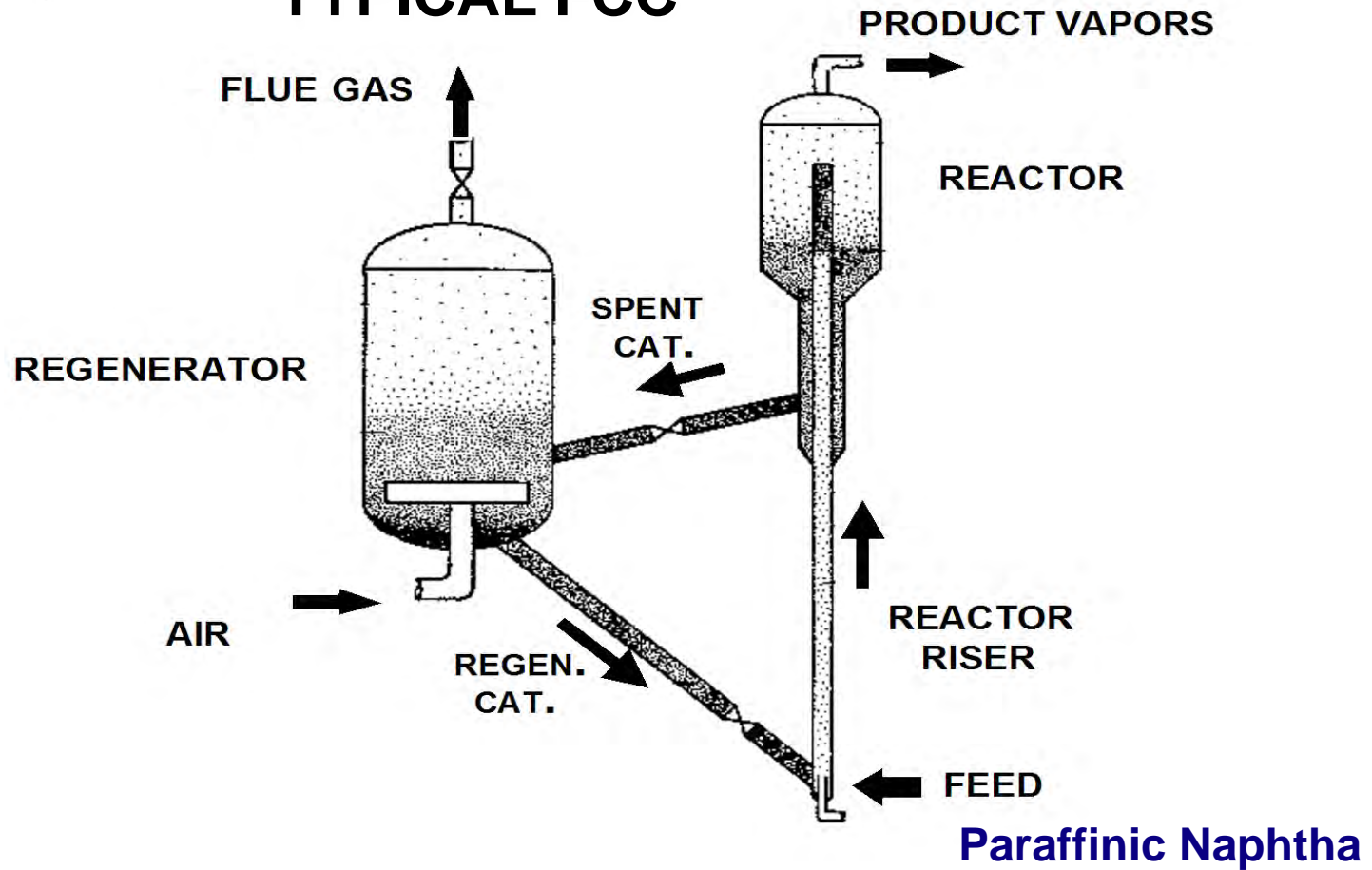
- To present and discuss producing propylene (C<sub>3</sub>=) by catalytic cracking paraffinic naphtha utilizing Fluid Catalytic Cracking processes



## Contents- Covering 3 Points

- Why Propylene from FCCU's ?
- Naphtha Feedstocks – Supply Balances
- Naphtha Catalytic Cracking Processes
  - FCC Catalytic Processes
  - Traditional Steam Cracking (Comparison)

# REACTION SECTION TYPICAL FCC





# Benefits

- MOTOR GASOLINE
- PETROCHEMICAL FEEDSTOCKS
  - Propylene (C<sub>3</sub>=)

## TODAY & FUTURE PLANNING

- Minimizing to no gasoline production from FCC
- Additional Focus
  - Light Olefins (Ethylene & Butylenes)
  - Aromatics



## Why Propylene from FCCU's ?

- Europe, North America (US) refineries are facing **profitability challenges**
  - Gasoline demand declining both areas
  - Middle Distillates (Diesel) markets increasing both areas
  - European surplus gasoline export markets are declining
  - US lighter shale crudes, “tight oil” use is increasing that produce more naphtha and less diesel
- Asia market is for distillates and petrochemical feedstocks
- Large Middle East, Asia, India and South America are building large integrated Refinery/ Petrochemical Complexes

# Petrochemicals Opportunities

Main Building Blocks ← **Produced by Steam Cracking  
Ethane & Liquid Feeds  
Naphtha Reformers**

- Olefins - Two Main Blocks

- Ethylene

- Propylene ← **Secondary Source Produced by FCC's**

- Aromatics

- Benzene

- Paraxylene (other xylenes too)

- High Olefins - FCC (HOFCC) produces C3= and byproducts of other light olefins and aromatics

# Why Propylene ??

- C3= is the second important raw material after ethylene
- C3= by-product from steam cracking for ethylene with traditional FCC's the other main source
- Ethylene demand is expanding proportionally faster than Propylene demand (Propylene was exceeding ethylene growth up thru 2007-2008 Recession)
- To meet C2= demand new steam crackers are using Ethane as feedstock!
- With new SC, C3= shortages are expected; Existing FCC's can't meet the demand

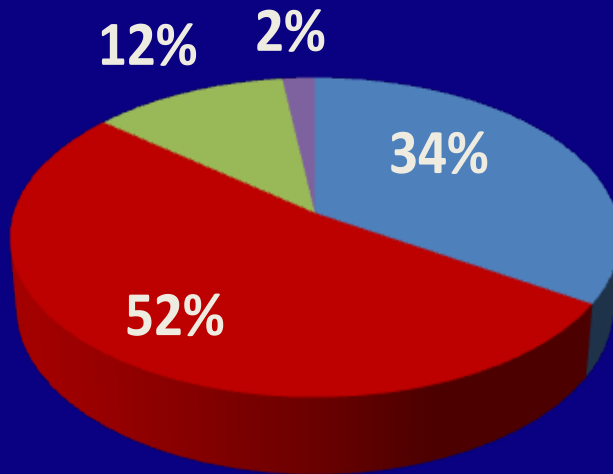
**On Purpose Propylene Processes (OPP) will be developed**



# Ethylene & Propylene Supply Sources

## Ethylene Supply Sources

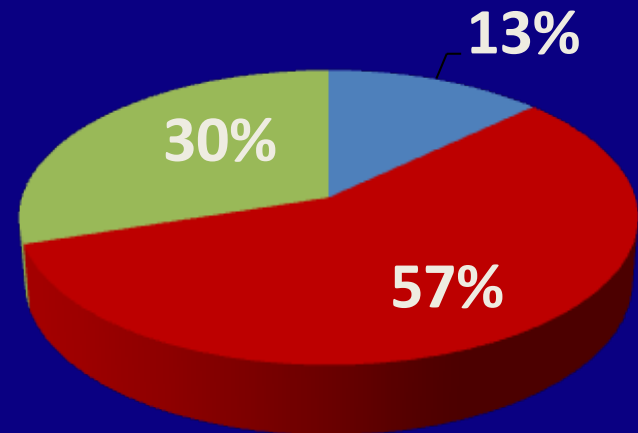
■ Ethane                      ■ Naphtha& Gasoil  
 ■ Propane & Butane   ■ Other



127 Million Tons (US) 2011\*

## Propylene Supply Sources

■ On Purpose                ■ Steam Crackers  
 ■ Refineries



79 Million Tons (US) 2011\*

# Steam Cracking Yields

**Propylene/Ethylene( P/E) Ratio indicates propylene selectivity**

| Typical light olefin yields for steam cracking |               |                |               |
|--|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| Feedstock                                      | Ethylene, wt% | Propylene, wt% | P/E           |
| Ethane   | 80            | 3              | 0.04 (0.0375) |
| Propane  | 44            | 15             | 0.34          |
| Naphtha  | 30            | 16             | 0.53          |
| Gas oil  | 23            | 15             | 0.65          |

**Table 1**

**Meet Future C3= Demand in Asia A P/E Ratio 0.85 is required**



# WHY NAPHTHA CATALYTIC CRACKING ?

## NAPHTHA SUPPLY



# Naphtha Supply Balances

## **Supply is Increasing Globally**

- **Steam Cracking**
  - Shifting to Ethane & Lighter Fuels from Naphtha & Gasoil
  - LNG/NGL
- **Increased Byproduct Condensates from Gas Production**
- **Lighter Crude Slates for refiner feedstocks**
  - Produce more naphtha
- **Increasing demand for diesel not gasoline**
- **In North America: Fracking for Natural Gas and Shale Oil (Tight Oil)**
- **Aromatics supplies are being squeezed ???**

**“Somewhat decoupling” of naphtha pricing from crude”**



# Naphtha Cracking

## Steam Cracking - Thermal

- Not Selective to Propylene makes Ethylene (P/E Ratio)
  - P/E Ratio of 0.55-0.68 (Naphtha & Gasoil Cracking)
- Steam Cracker capacities are world class size > 1000 KTA

## Naphtha Cracking - Catalytic

- Propylene Selective not Ethylene
- P/E Ratio of 1.0 to 2.4
- Naphtha FCC capacities 20 MBPD == 64 KTA of ethylene

SC 20 MBPD = 264 KTA



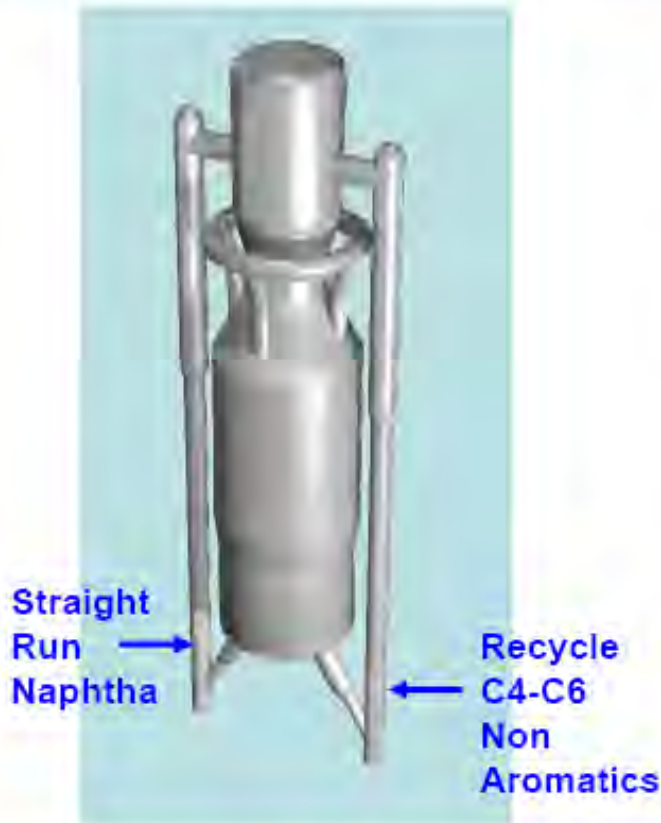
# Naphtha Cracking Comparisons

## Paraffinic Naphtha Feedstock Driven Catalytic & Thermal Processes

- ACO (Advanced Catalytic Olefin)
  - KBR License
  - Riser Technology
- HS-FCC (High Severity FCC)
  - Axens/S&W License
  - Downer Reactor
- Steam Cracking
  - Generic

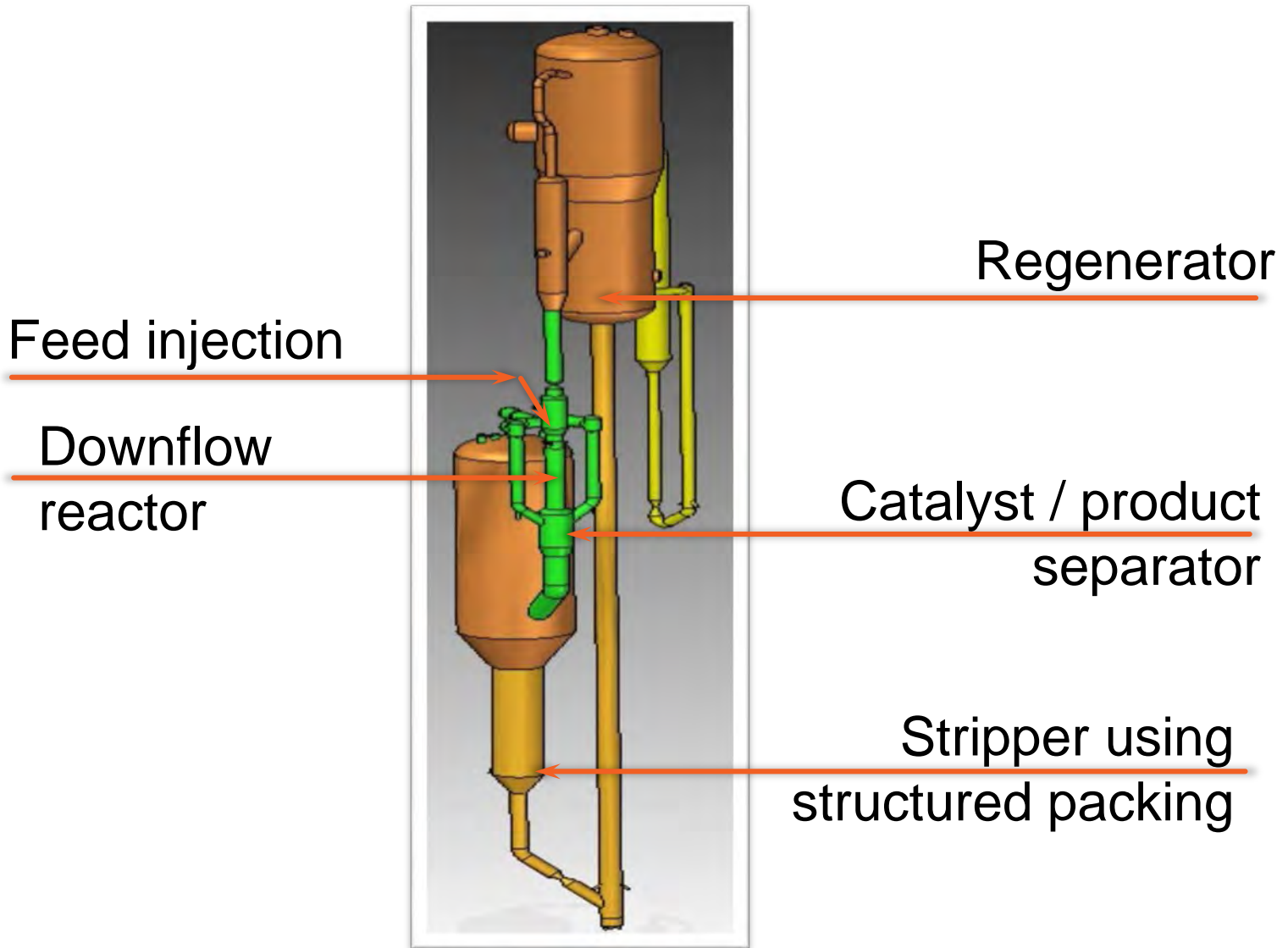
# Advanced Catalytic Olefins (ACO) Process

## ACO Process Key Features - Reactor



- ◆ Proprietary KBR FCC reactor features
- ◆ Propylene/ethylene (P/E) Product Ratio ~1/1
- ◆ Proprietary catalyst from SK Corporation
- ◆ All proven hardware and processes
- ◆ Robust and flexible, compared to other processes

# HS-FCC Key Components







# Features & Advantages of HS-FCC

## Features

- Downflow Reactor (Downer)
- High Reactor Temperature
- High Catalyst to Oil Ratio
- Short Contact Time

## Advantages

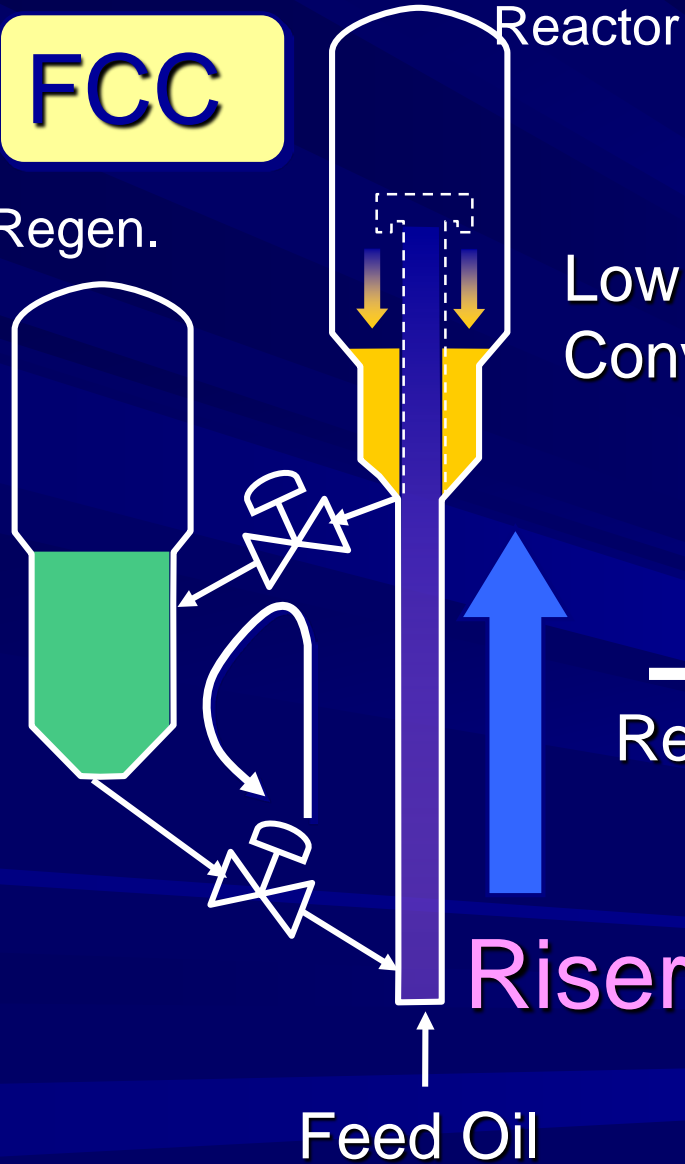
- High Propylene Yield
- High Butylene, iso-butylene Yields
- High Gasoline Octane ( High Aromatics Content)
- Minimized Dry Gas

# CATALYST FLOW

## HS-FCC

### FCC

Regen.



Low Conversion

Over Cracking

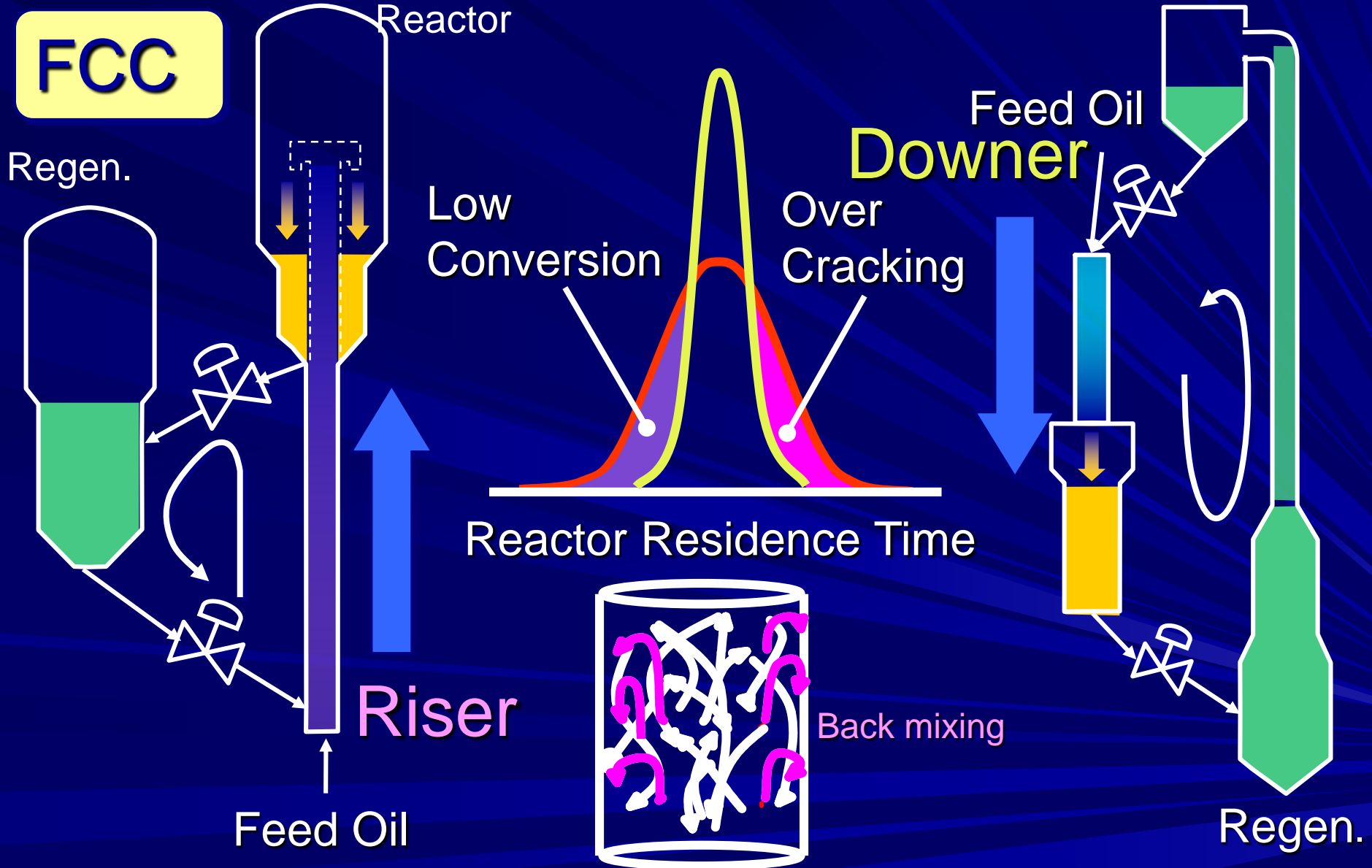
### Downer

Feed Oil

Reactor Residence Time



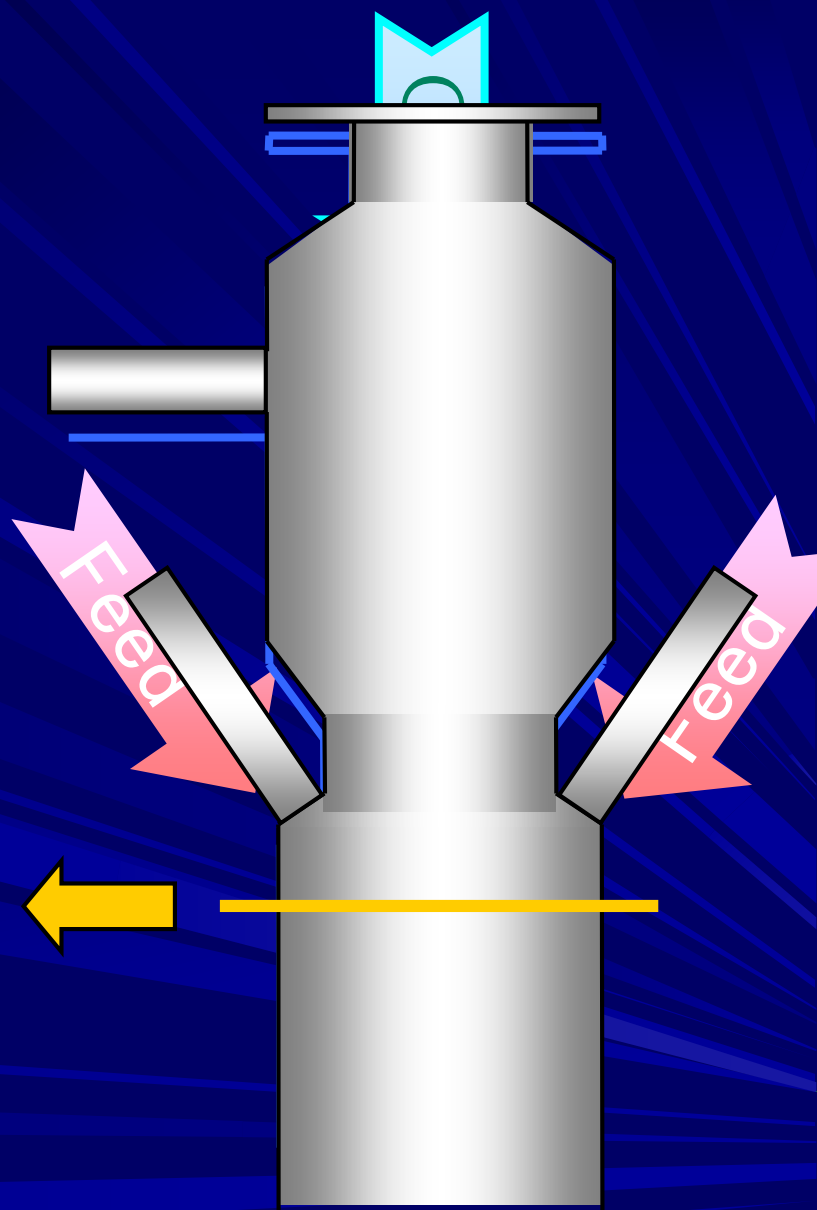
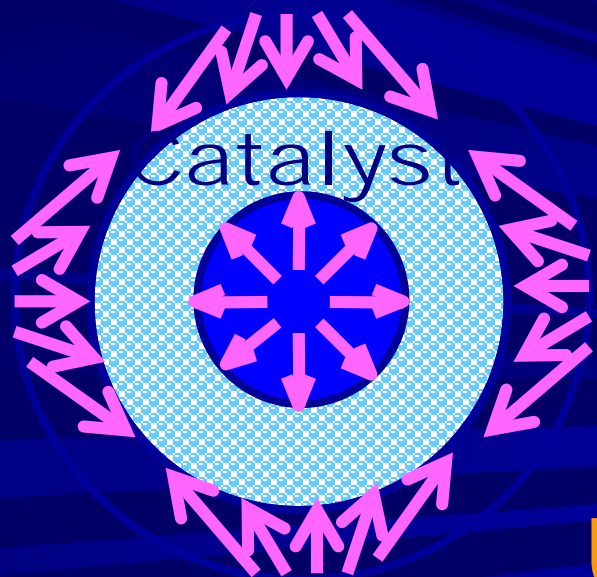
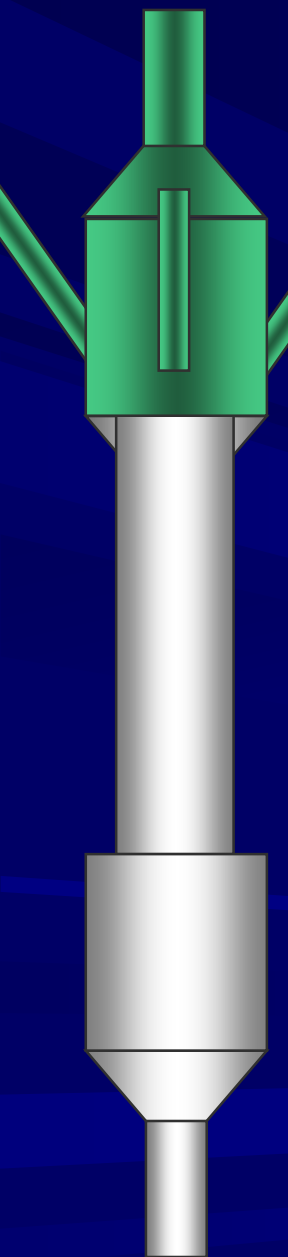
Regen.



# FEED INJECTOR

quick contact  
of  
feed & catalyst

Injector



US Patent 6186658

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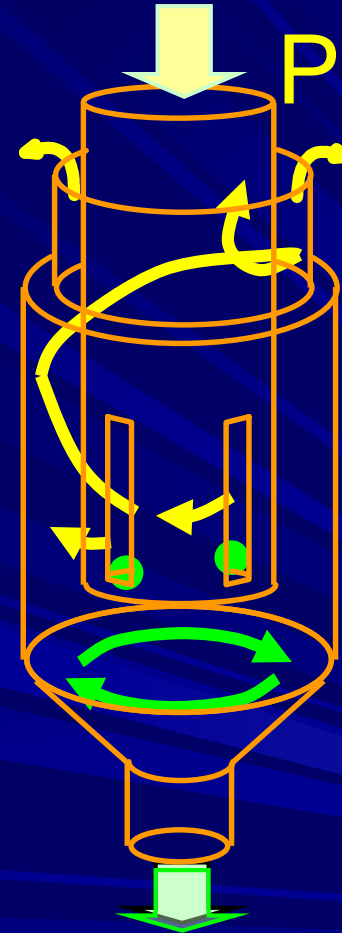


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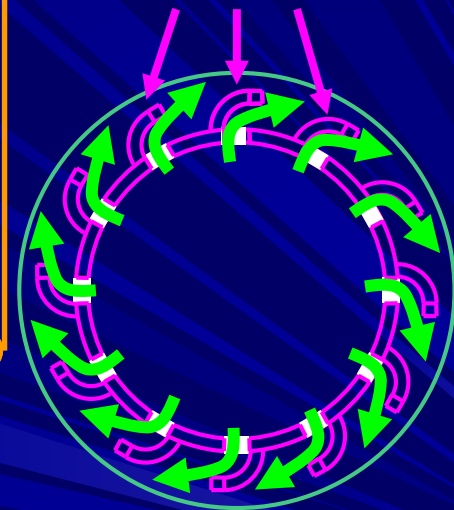
Quick separation  
Catalyst & Gas

Separator

Product Gas + Cat  
Product Gas



Guide Vane

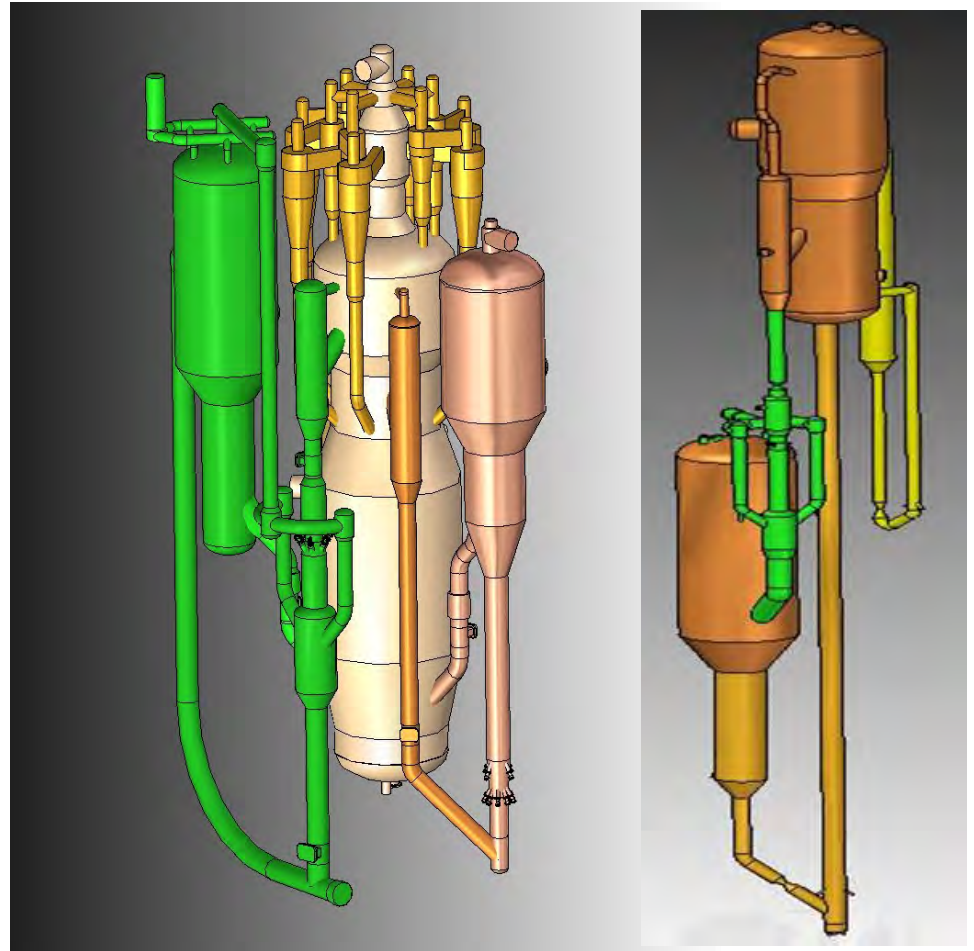


Centrifugal  
force

Catalyst

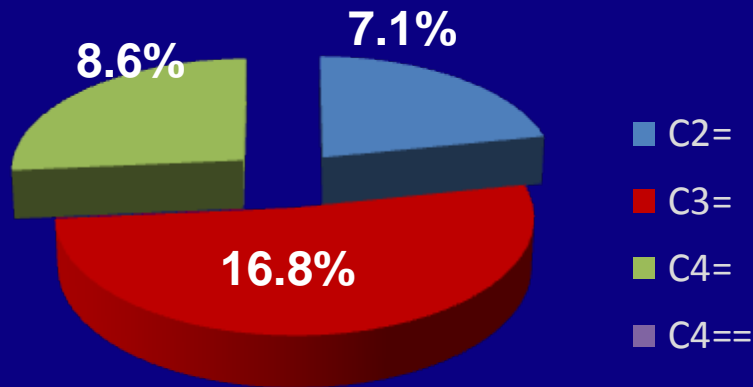
# HS-FCC Naphtha Process

- Retrofit Type to existing FCCU
- Standalone Unit



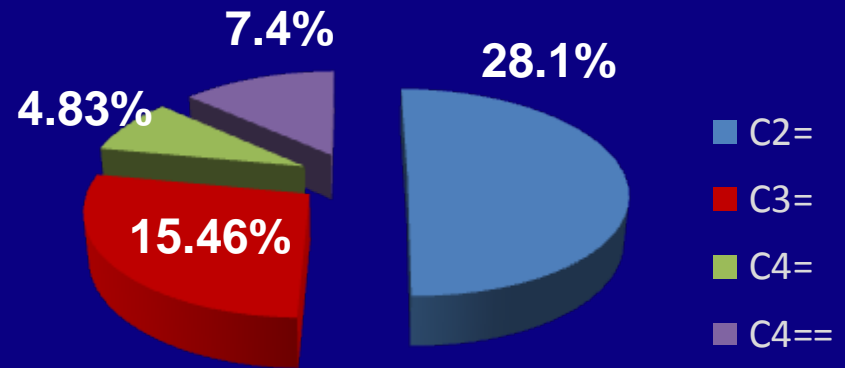
# Full Range Naphtha Yields Olefins wt%

## Catalytic Cracking Downer Reactor



P/E of 2.4

## Steam Cracking Furnace Reactor



P/E of 0.55



# Naphtha Cracking Fluid Processes

**ACO Commercial  
Demonstration Unit  
Ulsan, South Korea**



**HS-FCC Semi-Commercial Unit  
Mizushima, Japan**





# Conclusions

## Petrochemical Opportunities

- Naphtha Fluid Catalytic Cracking is a viable “On Purpose Propylene Process”
- Naphtha Catalytic Cracking produces higher propylene selectivity than Steam Cracking
- Naphtha Catalytic Cracking will help meet future propylene demand
- Naphtha Catalytic Cracking byproducts of other light olefins and aromatics for petrochemicals
- Paraffinic Naphtha Catalytic Cracking processes are in the initial stages of commercialization





# THANK YOU

**The End**

**Questions ???**