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CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Project

## Pre-Combustion Technology Overview

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## Outline

- CCP objectives
  - Scenarios
- Capture routes
- Pre-combustion decarbonization (PCDC) work scope
  - Review and evaluation studies
  - Engineering studies
  - Research and development projects
- Key findings and conclusions



# CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Project



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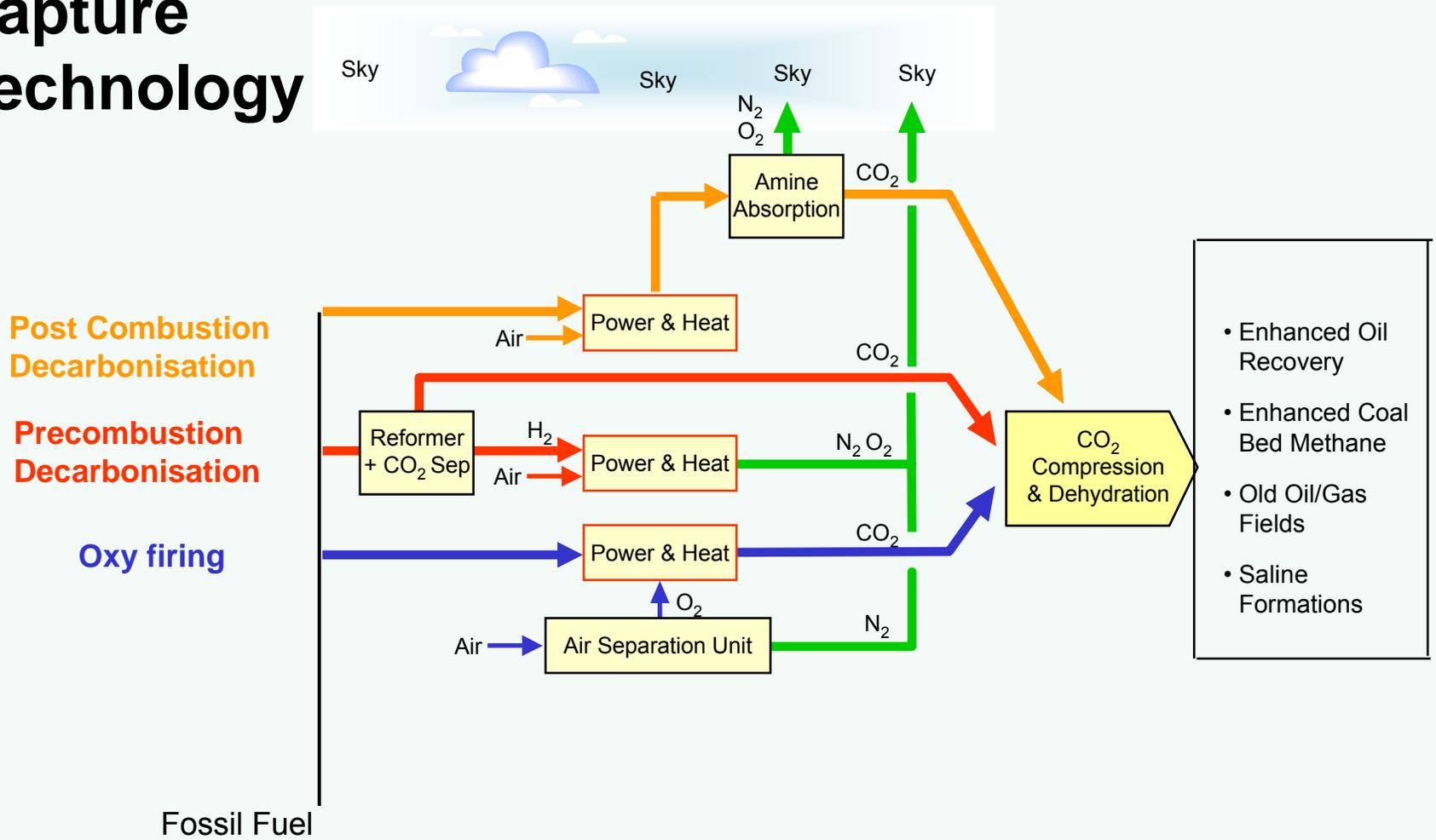
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## CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Project Objectives

- Achieve major reductions in the cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Storage:
  - 50% reduction when applied to a retrofit application.
  - 75% reduction when applied to a new build application.
- Demonstrate to external stakeholders that CO<sub>2</sub> storage is safe, measurable, and verifiable.
- Progress technologies to:
  - 'Proof of concept' stage by 2003/4.



## Capture Technology





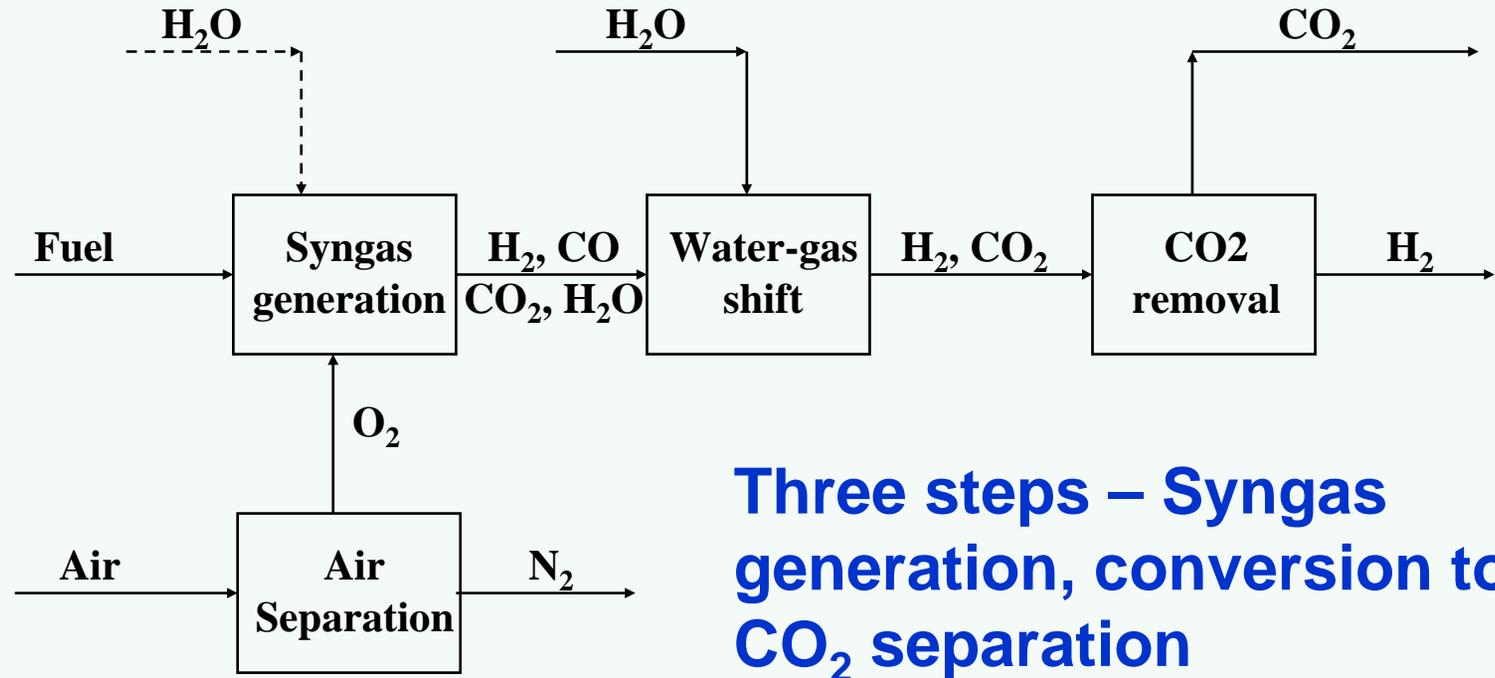
## CCP Baseline Scenarios

| Scenario   | Fuel             | CO <sub>2</sub> Source             | CO <sub>2</sub> Sink | Capture Target (MM tonne/yr) |
|--|------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Grangemouth</b><br>Refinery in Scotland               | Gas and Fuel Oil | Flue gas from heaters and boilers  | Offshore EOR         | 2.0                          |
| <b>Norway</b><br>385-MW power plant in Karsto, Norway    | Gas              | Flue gas from turbine outlet       | Offshore EOR         | 1.1                          |
| <b>Alaska</b><br>Eleven 30-MW single cycle gas turbines. | Gas              | Flue gas from distributed turbines | Onshore EOR          | 1.8                          |
| <b>Canada</b><br>Gasification plant                      | Pet Coke         | Syngas from gasifier               | Onshore EOR          | 6.8                          |

**Each technology was evaluated in one or more scenarios.**



## Basic Pre-Combustion Process Scheme



**Three steps – Syngas generation, conversion to H<sub>2</sub>, CO<sub>2</sub> separation**



## PCDC advantages

- CO<sub>2</sub> removal via solvent absorption is proven
  - Elevated pressures and high CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations aid removal
- Applicable to new-build or retrofit
  - Can be designed as stand-alone – minimum integration
- Possible production of CO<sub>2</sub> at moderate pressures (lower compression costs)
- Produces hydrogen
- Low SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>
- Flexible fuel sources (gas, oil, coke, coal, etc.)

## PCDC disadvantages

- Must convert fuel to syngas first
- Requires major modifications to existing plants
- Gas turbines, heaters, boilers, must be modified for hydrogen firing



## Precombustion Work Scope

- **Review and Evaluation studies**
  - Verified economic benefits and determined performance targets
- **Engineering studies**
  - Evaluated several alternative process schemes
    - IFE power concept, Fluor CO<sub>2</sub>LDSEP, APCI Gemini
  - Evaluated enabling technologies (e.g. gas turbine firing with H<sub>2</sub>)
  - Evaluated impact of standardization and large capacity plants

## Advanced Gasification Technology

- Canadian scenario (IGCC concept w/ H<sub>2</sub>, steam)
- Two Baseline cases (uncontrolled & controlled)
- Multiple capture technologies considered
  - Membranes, adsorbents, etc.
- Fluor's CO<sub>2</sub>LDSEP process chosen

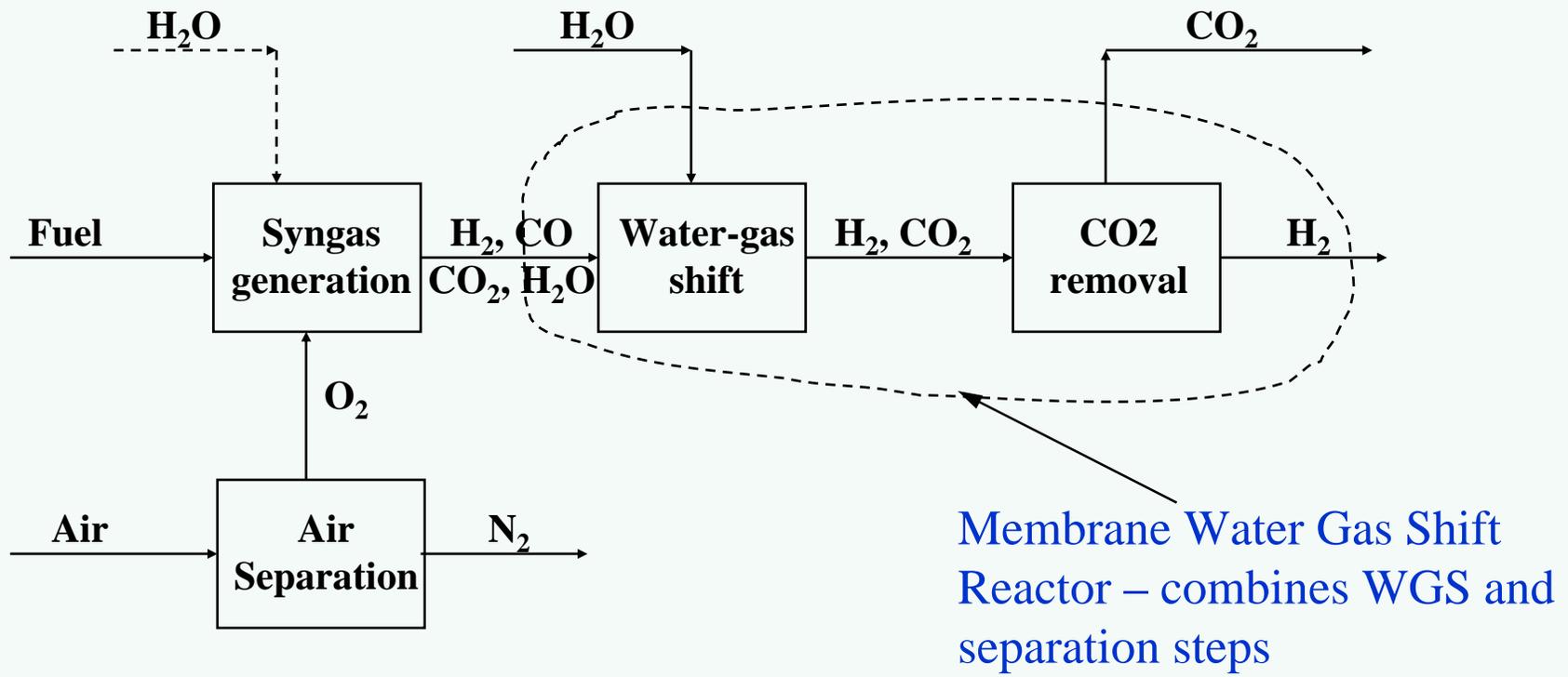


## Precombustion Work Scope (Cont'd)

- **Technology R&D projects**
  - Membrane Water Gas Shift – Eltron - DOE
  - Membrane Water Gas Shift – Sintef – EU Grace
  - Membrane Reformer – Norsk Hydro – Klimatek
  - Sorption Enhanced Water Gas Shift – APCI - DOE

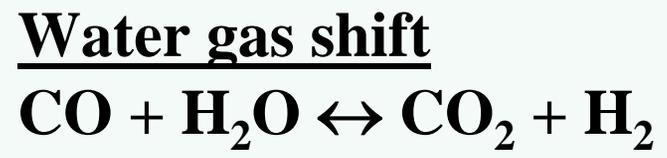
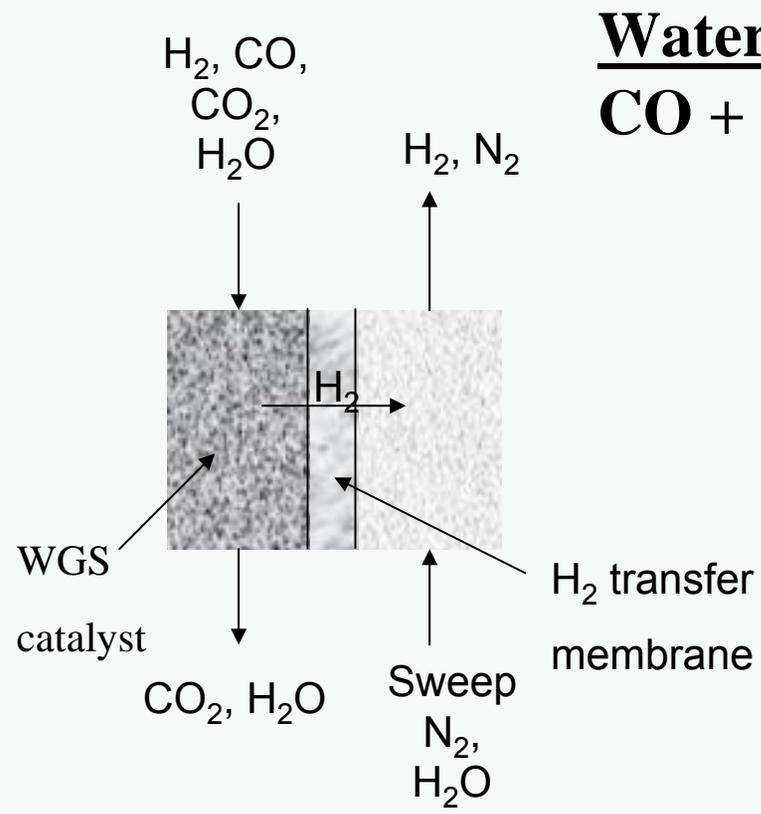


## Basic PCDC/MWGS Process Scheme





## MWGS Reactor Concept



## DOE MWGS Overview

- Objective
  - Develop a sulfur tolerant, highly selective hydrogen membrane for a water gas shift reactor
- Four sulfur tolerant membrane development programs
  - Silica, ECN
  - Zeolite, University of Cincinnati
  - Palladium alloy, CSM/TDA
  - Ceramic metal composite, Eltron
- Failure to develop sulfur tolerant membrane
  - Either inadequate H<sub>2</sub>/CO<sub>2</sub> selectivity or intolerance to H<sub>2</sub>S

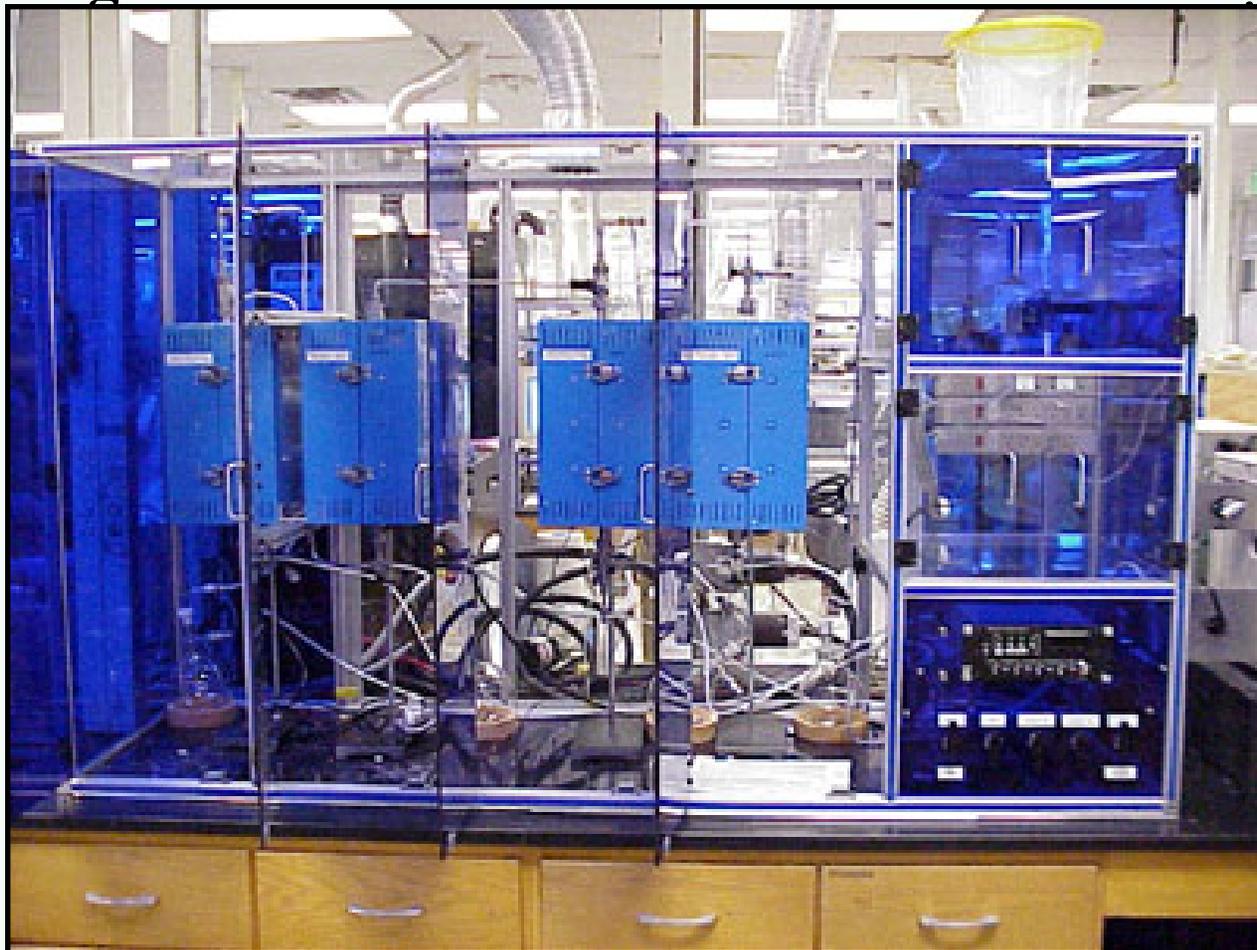


## DOE MWGS Overview – Phase II

- Eltron membrane development program
  - Focus on metal alloy membrane for sweet syngas
  - Significant improvement in flux/permeance
    - Two orders of magnitude improvement in flux over current state of the art (25 micron Pd )
  - Proof of concept testing successfully completed at ambient pressures
- SOFCo commercial MWGS reactor design

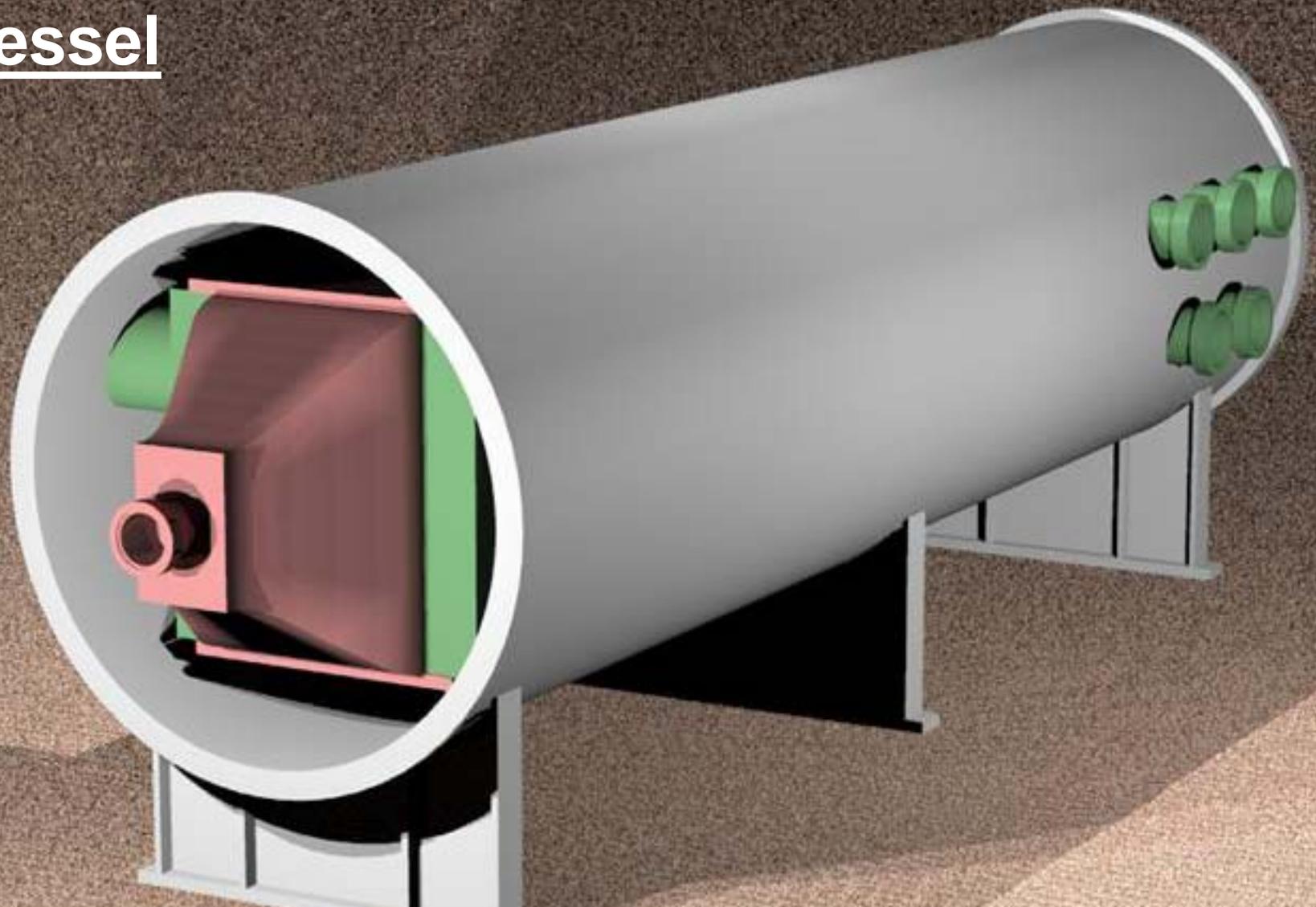


## **New Ambient Pressure Reactors for Testing Membranes Integrated with Beds of Water-Gas Shift Catalyst**





## Vessel





## EU Grace MWGS Overview

- Objective
  - Develop a highly selective hydrogen membrane for a water gas shift reactor

## EU Grace MWGS Technology Program

- Porous membranes
  - Silica – Univ. of Twente, Holland
  - Zeolite – Univ. of Zaragossa, KTH - Stockholm
  - Both membrane types exhibited inadequate CO<sub>2</sub>:H<sub>2</sub> selectivity
  - Unstable in steam atmosphere (silica)
- Dense membrane - SINTEF
  - 1-3 μm Pd/Ag alloy foil (dense) sputtered on single crystal silicon

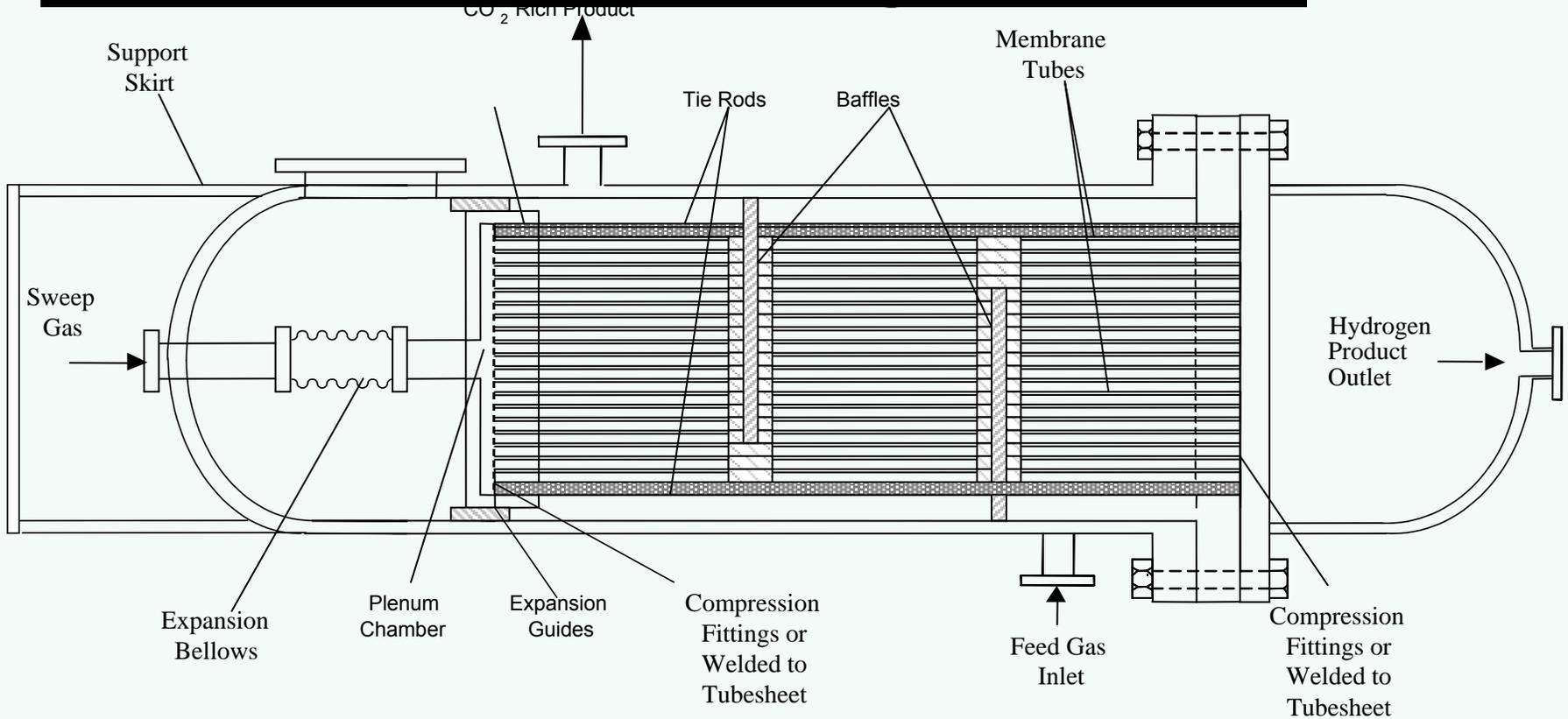


## Membrane development





## Membrane Module Design (Rotated)





## MWGS Conclusions

- Pre-Combustion Decarbonisation by Membrane Shift Reaction is technically feasible
  - Both Eltron and Sintef membranes look promising
- Sequential reaction/separation lower risk
- The efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> capture for the process is higher than the baseline
- Capital cost significantly lower than baseline.
- Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> avoided significantly lower than baseline (natural or fuel gas feeds)



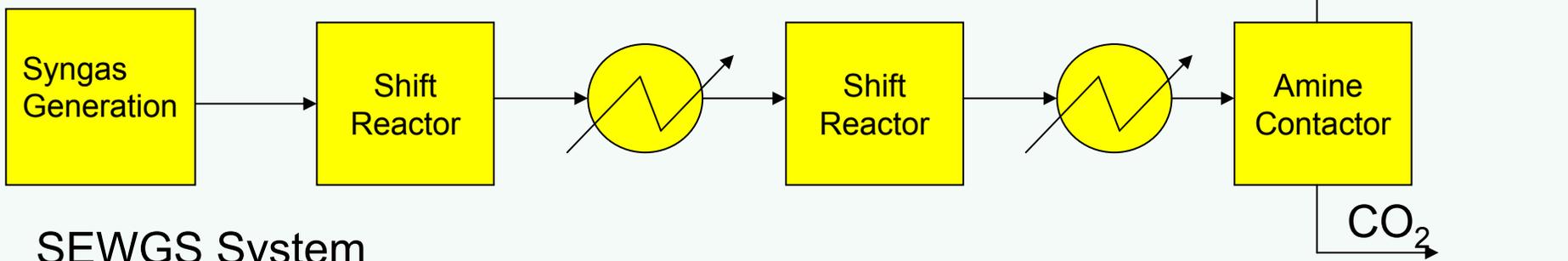
## Sorption Enhanced WGS Overview

- Objective
  - Develop and test an adsorbent for a water gas shift reactor

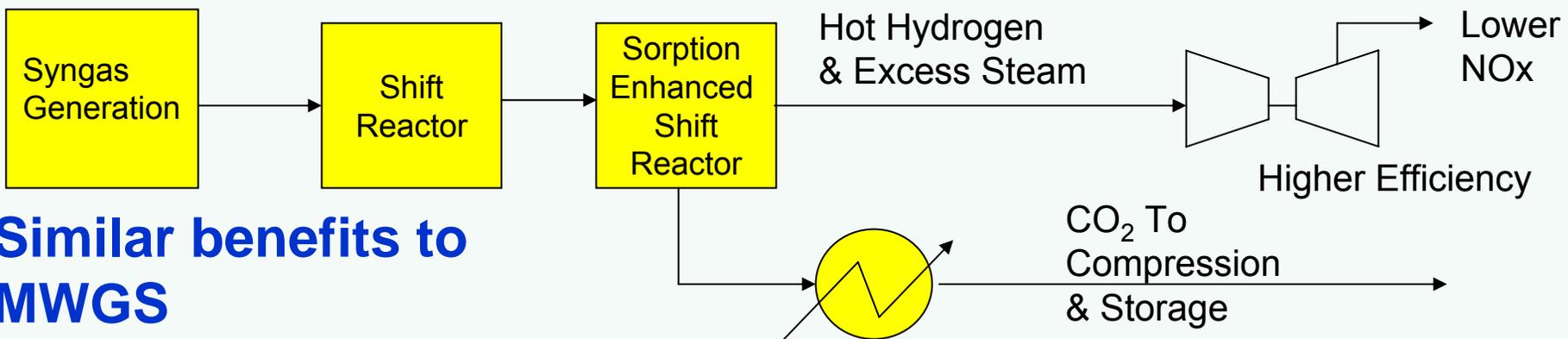


## What does the technology do?

### Conventional System



### SEWGS System



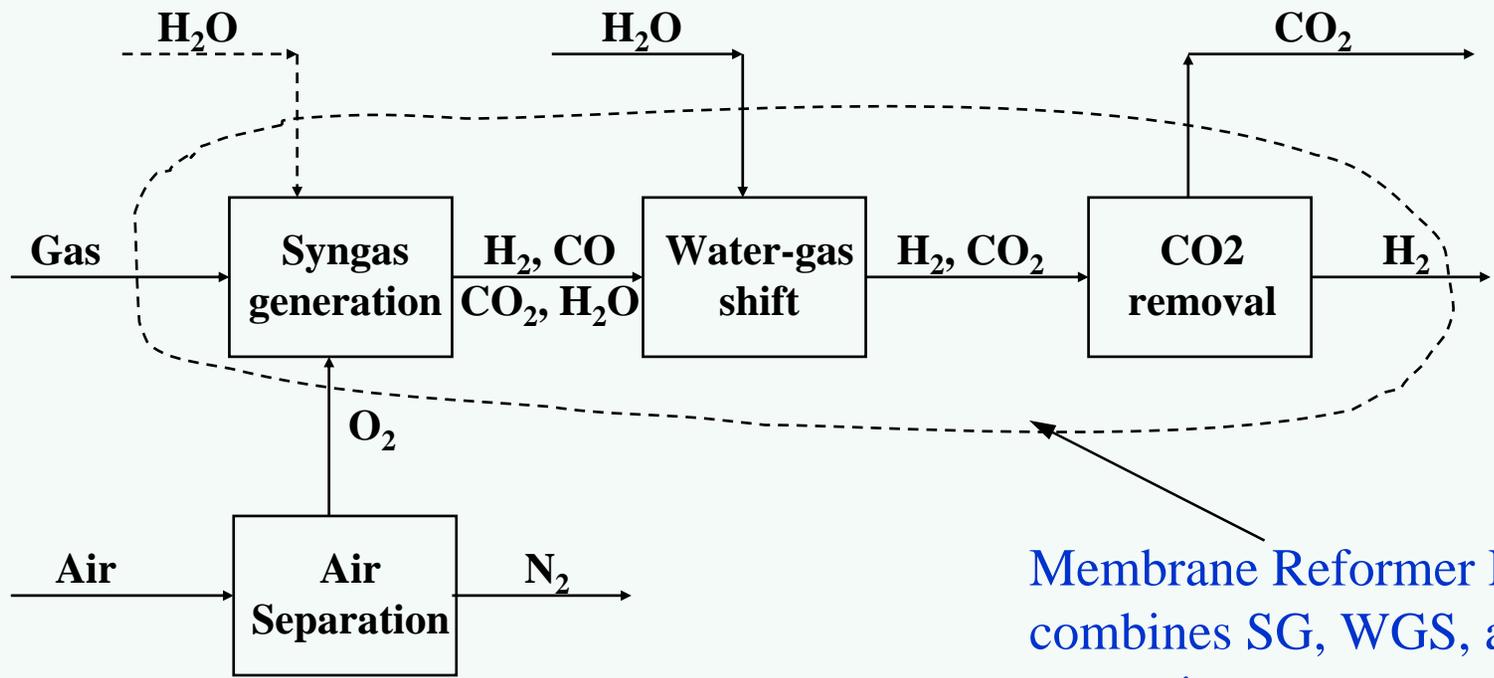
**Similar benefits to MWGS**

## SEWGS conclusions

- SEWGS Concept proved
- Avoided CO<sub>2</sub> Cost reductions in Norcap to 31%
- 26% Capex reduction in Alaska  
But avoided cost reduction only 19% due to gas cost
- Technology relatively low risk & short timescale
- NO<sub>x</sub> emission reductions possible to <25ppm
- Possible further savings- better adsorbents



## Membrane Reformer Process Scheme



Membrane Reformer Reactor – combines SG, WGS, and separation steps



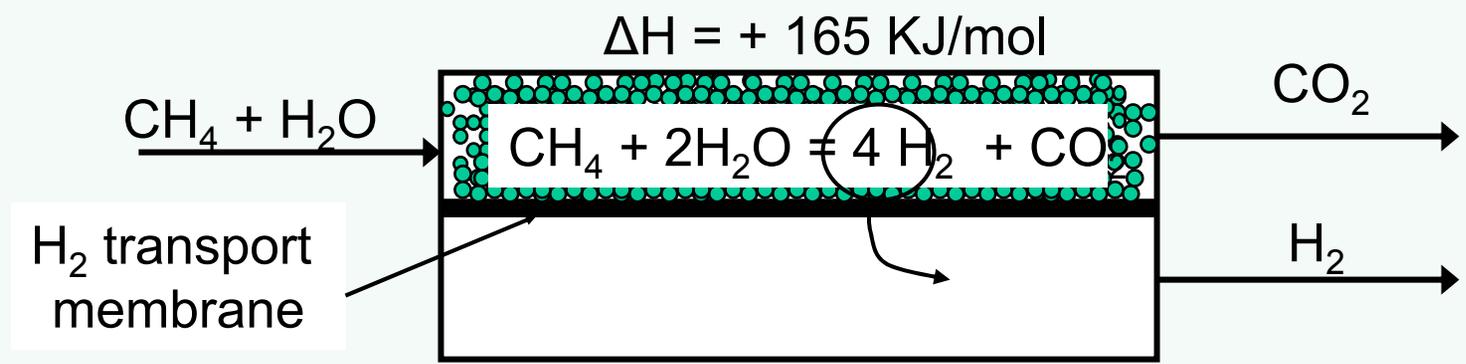
## Membrane Reformer - Project overview

- Objectives
  - Develop Mixed Conducting Membrane (MCM) with sufficient H<sub>2</sub> transport rates and stability under selected process conditions.
  - Develop a techno-economically viable PCDC process



## Hydrogen Membrane Reformer

- Combination of reforming reactor and separation
- Extract product gas (H<sub>2</sub>) from reactor, no traditional CO<sub>2</sub> removal system required
- Drive equilibrium limited reactions towards completion
- Expand allowed range of temperatures and pressures



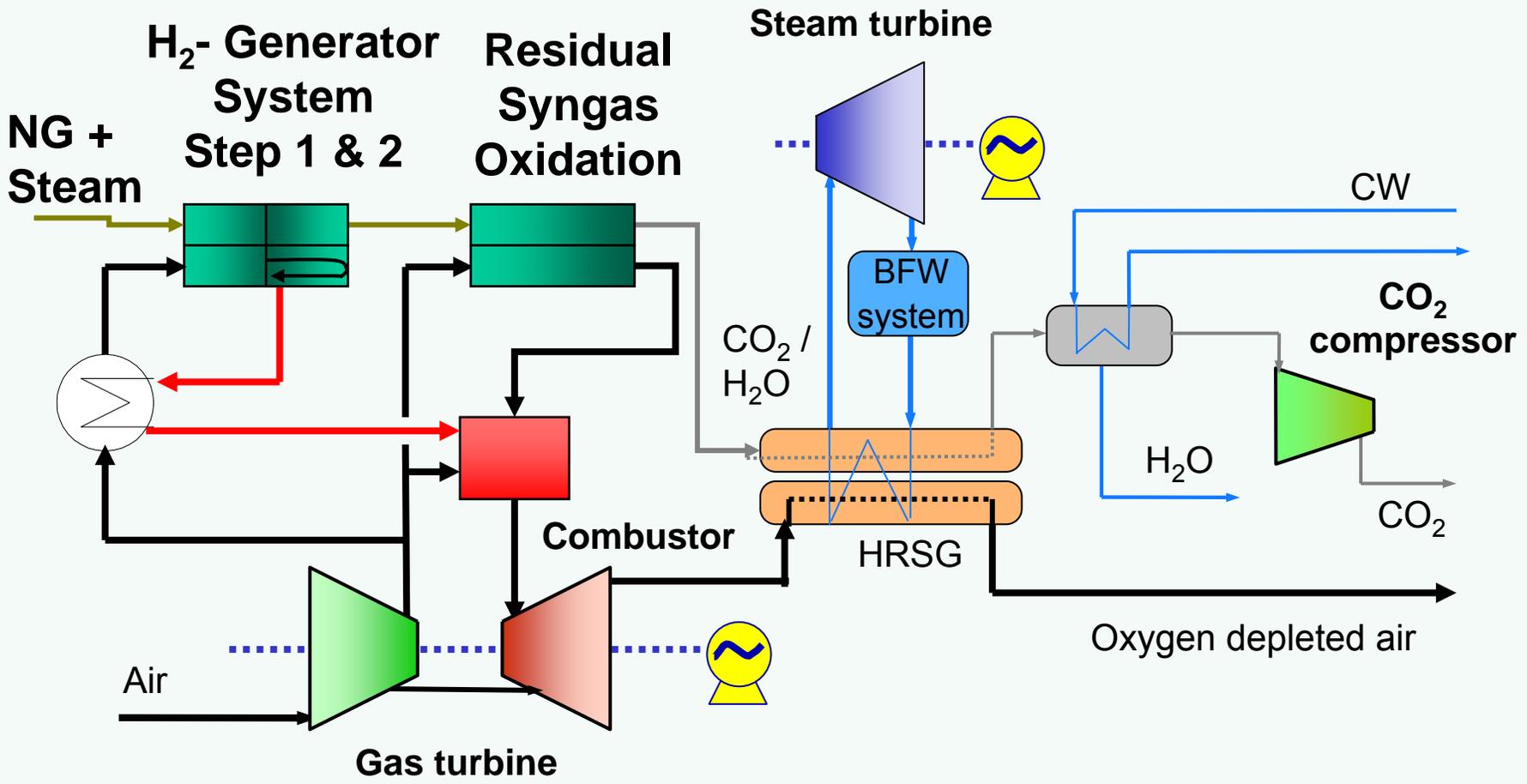


## Overall membrane performance

- Experiments/model predict hydrogen flux above target
  - Scatter not fully understood
- Model predicts stability in process above 750°C
  - May be further improved
- Excellent high temperature stability
  - melts at around 2000°C, sinters >1700°C
  - high temperature creep unlikely to limit life time
- Excellent stability at low oxygen partial pressure
  - in H<sub>2</sub> and natural gas



## H<sub>2</sub> Membrane Reformer - Power Plant





## Key Findings and Conclusions

- Advanced Pre-combustion technology offers significant long-term cost reduction opportunities and the possibility of hydrogen production with minimal associated CO<sub>2</sub> emissions;
  - Cost reductions of 55% over BAT at the start of the CCP
  - For situations where syngas must be produced for reasons other than carbon sequestration (for example to make H<sub>2</sub> or to produce power by IGCC), the incremental cost to capture CO<sub>2</sub> can be as low as \$15/t."
  - Process step reduction and H<sub>2</sub> membranes offer significant capital cost reductions and further potential for reducing CO<sub>2</sub> avoided cost