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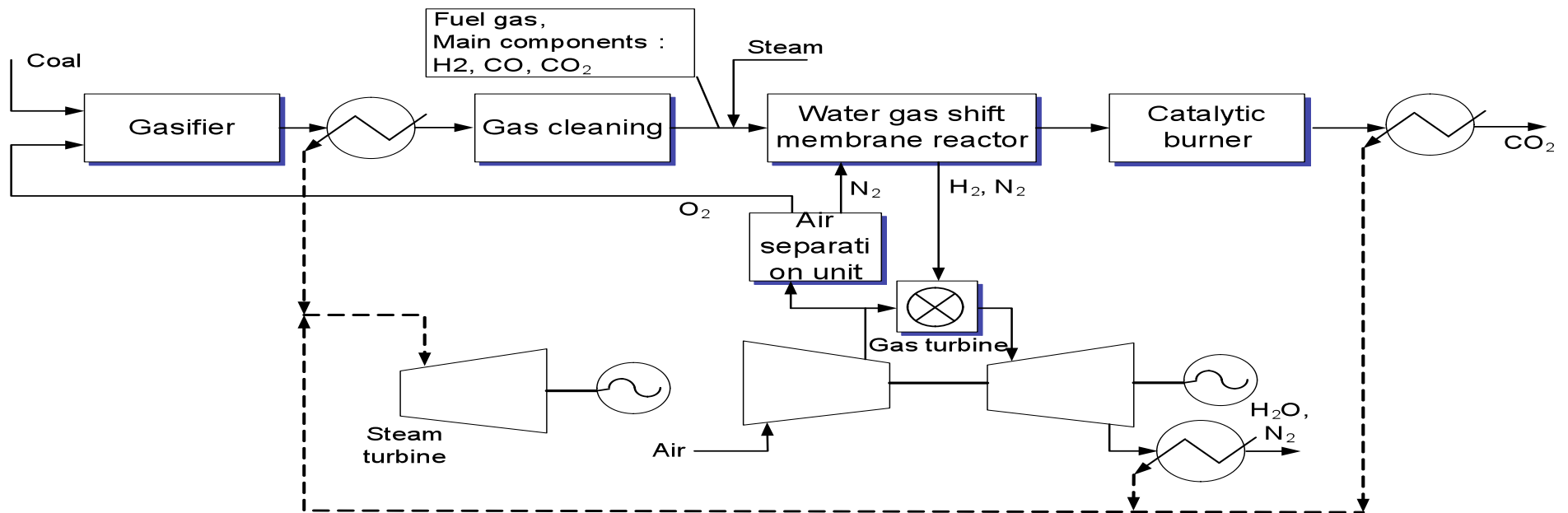
**DE-FE0001322 Hydrogen Selective Exfoliated Zeolite Membranes**

**Proposal in response to Funding Opportunity NO. DE-PS26-08NT00699-01**

**Pre-combustion carbon capture technologies for coal-based gasification  
plants**

**Topic Area 1 – High-Temperature, High-Pressure Membranes**

# Hydrogen Selective Membranes in IGCC Plants

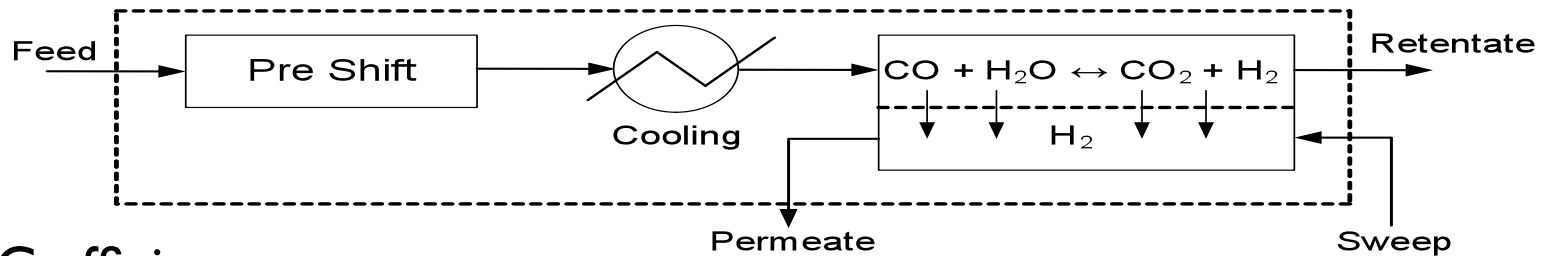


## Challenges under WGS conditions of IGCC plants

- high temperature and pressure
- presence of impurities (H<sub>2</sub>S)

Bracht et al., *Energy Convers. Mgmt* **38**, S159-164 (1997)

# IGCC w/ WGS-MR



## IGCC efficiency

- without  $\text{CO}_2$  capture: 46.7%
- with conventional  $\text{CO}_2$  removal: 40.5%

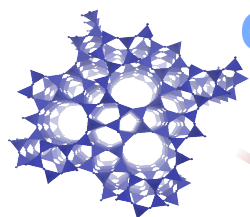
With WGS-MR and  $\text{CO}_2$  recovery: 42.8% (LHV) based on

- 35 atm feed, 20 atm permeate (15 atm pressure drop)
- 330°C in the feed
- hydrogen/carbon dioxide selectivity = 15
- hydrogen permeability = 0.2 mol/(m<sup>2</sup>.s.bar)

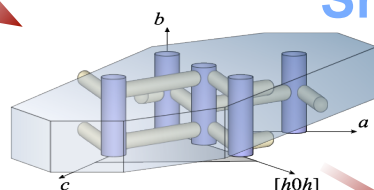
**Membrane Area Needed: 2,200 m<sup>2</sup> (400MW)**

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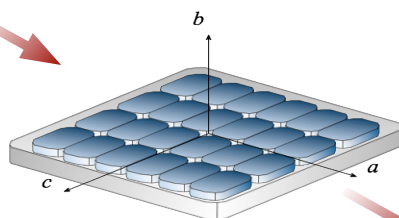
# Motivation: Hierarchical Manufacturing of Zeolite Films



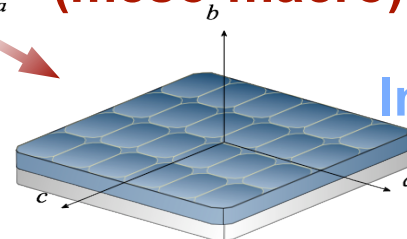
**Crystal Structure**  
(nm)



**Shaped Crystal**  
(10-100nm)



**Oriented  
Monolayer of  
Crystals**  
(meso-macro)



**Intergrown  
Film**

*For a Review:*

*Mark A. Snyder, Michael Tsapatsis,*

*Angew. Chem. Int. Ed.* **2007**, *46*, 7560–7573

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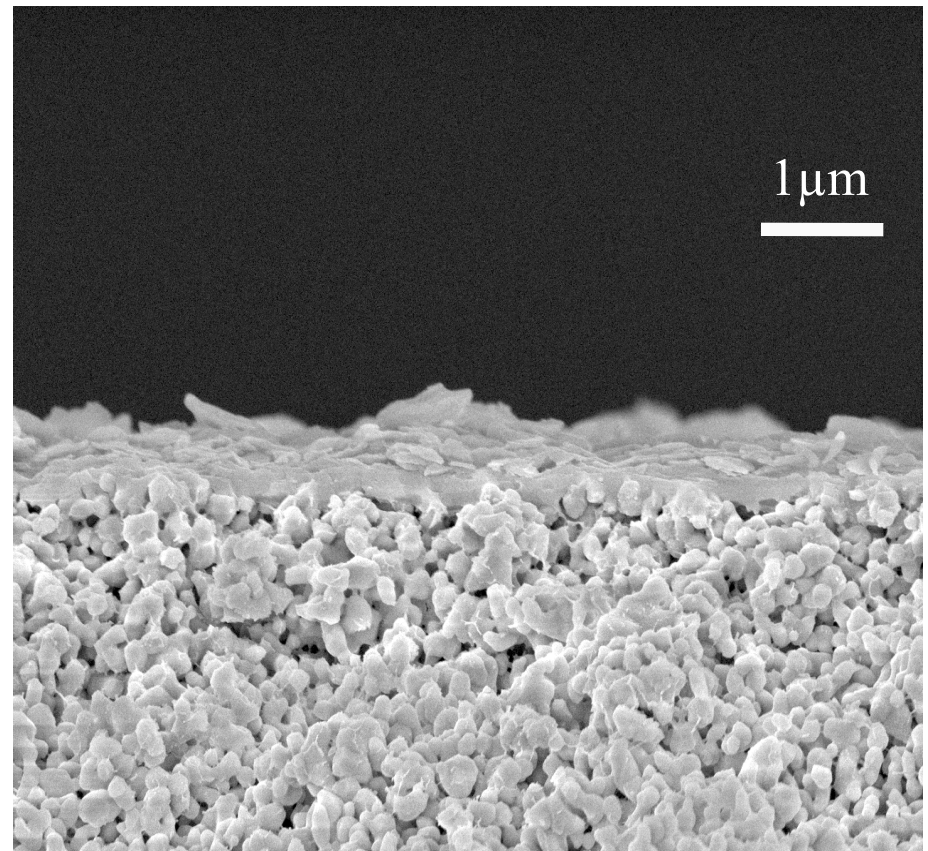
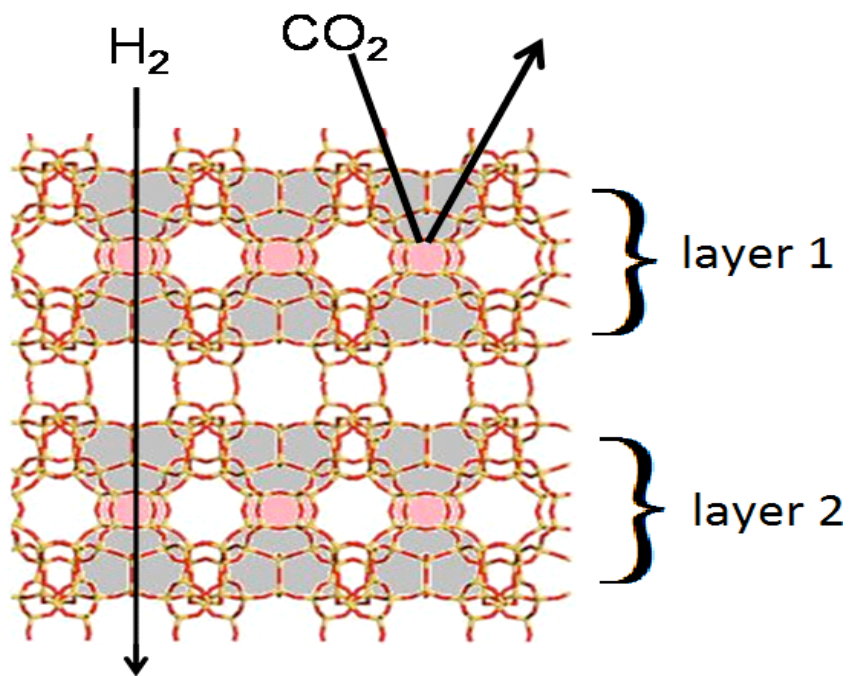
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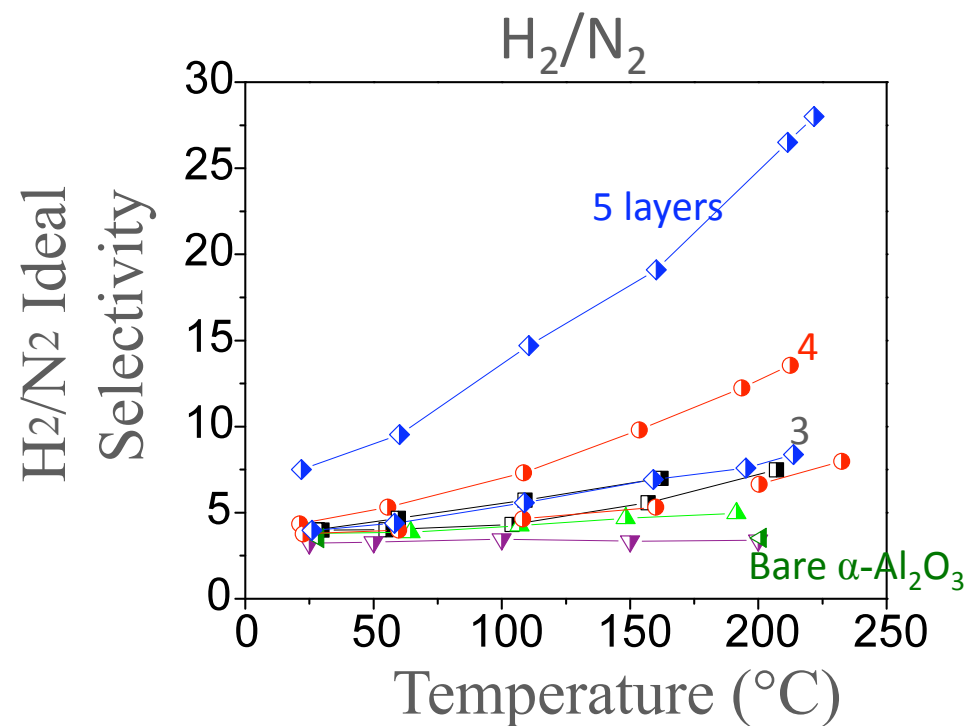
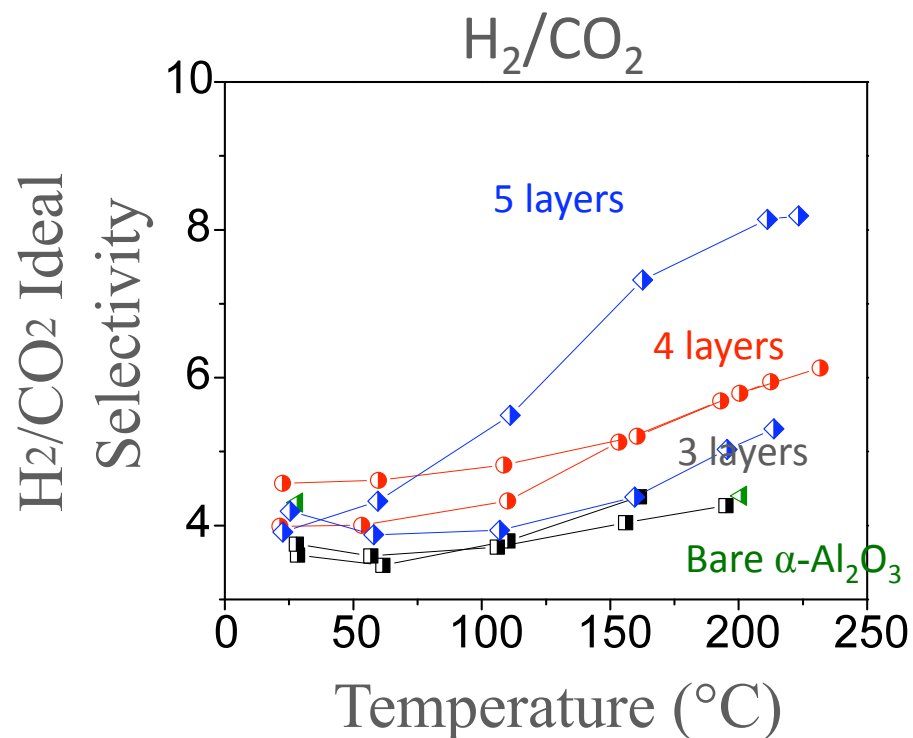
**Science** **325 (5940)**, 590-594 (2009)

## Layer by Layer Deposition (JACS 132(2), 448-449 (2010))

5 layers of MCM-22/surfactant-templated-mesoporous-silica  
on porous alumina



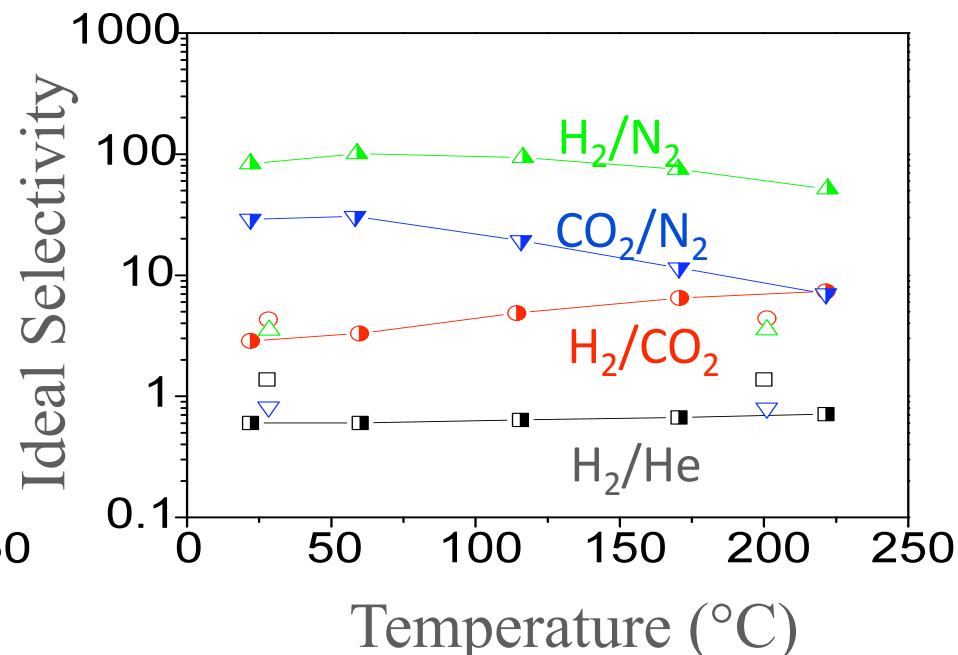
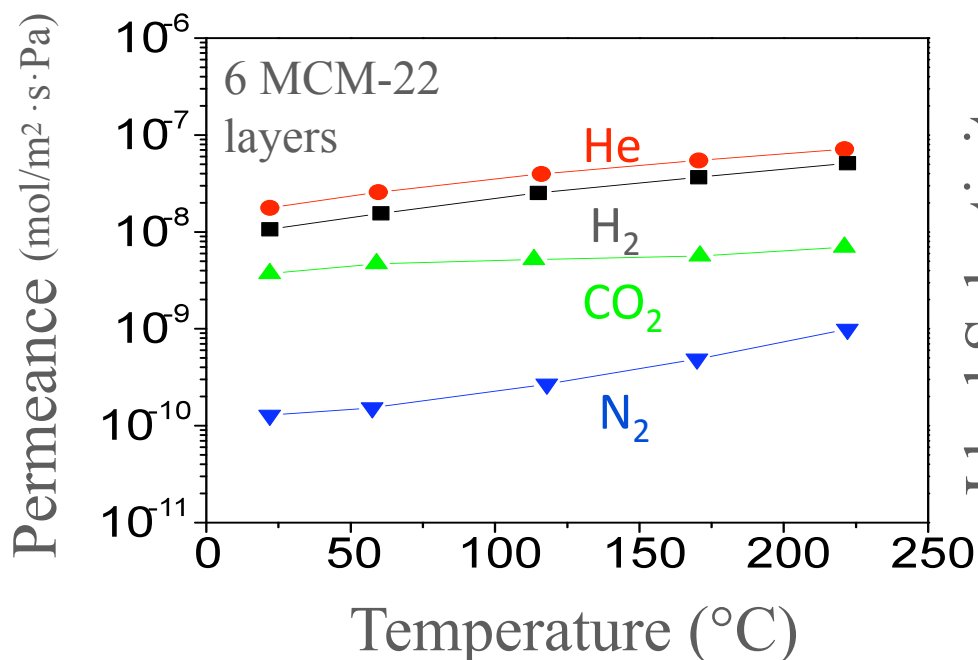
# Comparison of Ideal Selectivity



The ideal selectivity ( $H_2/CO_2$  and  $H_2/N_2$ ) increased monotonically with temperature and improved with the number of deposition cycles.

# MCM-22/Silica Membranes for Hydrogen Separations

\*Open symbols : selectivity through  $\alpha$ -Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> discs

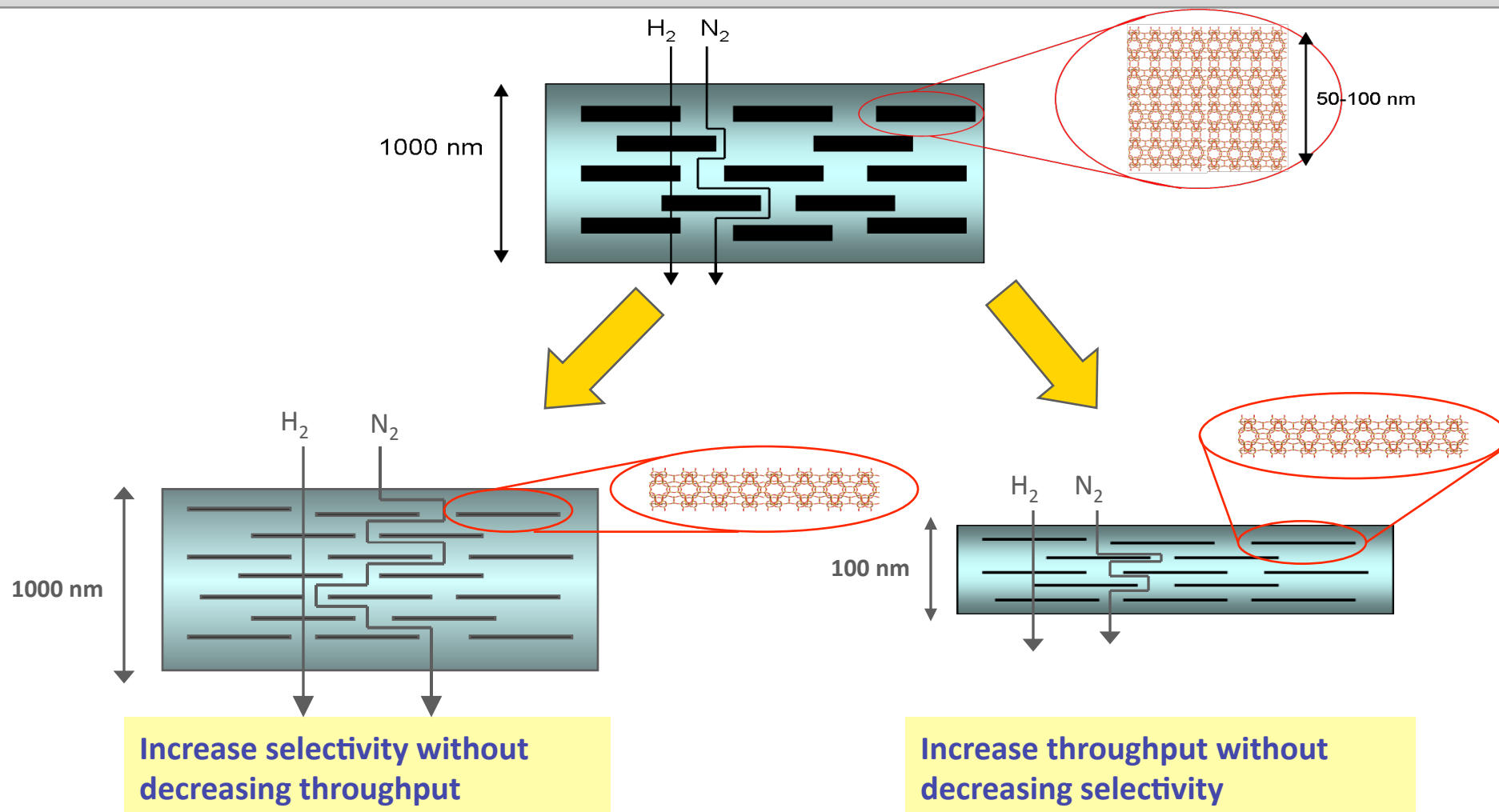


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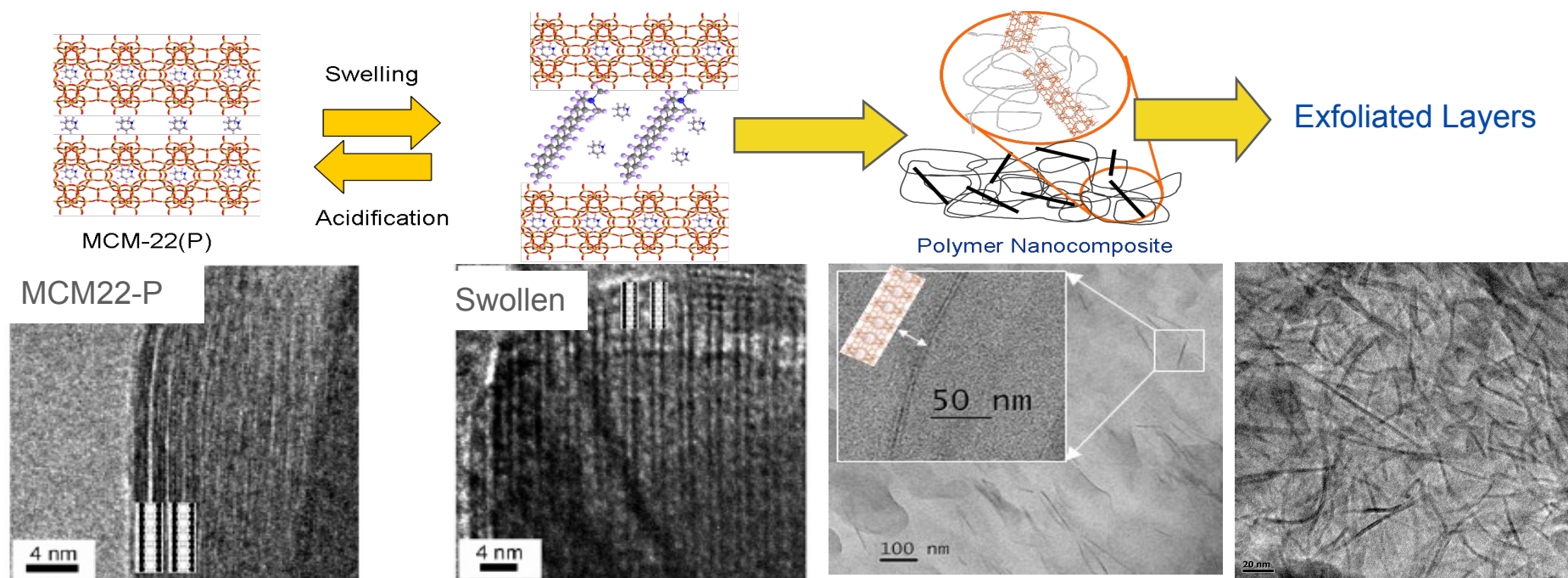
*Experimental Demonstration of Selective Flake Composite Concept*

# Advantages by Reduction in Flake Thickness



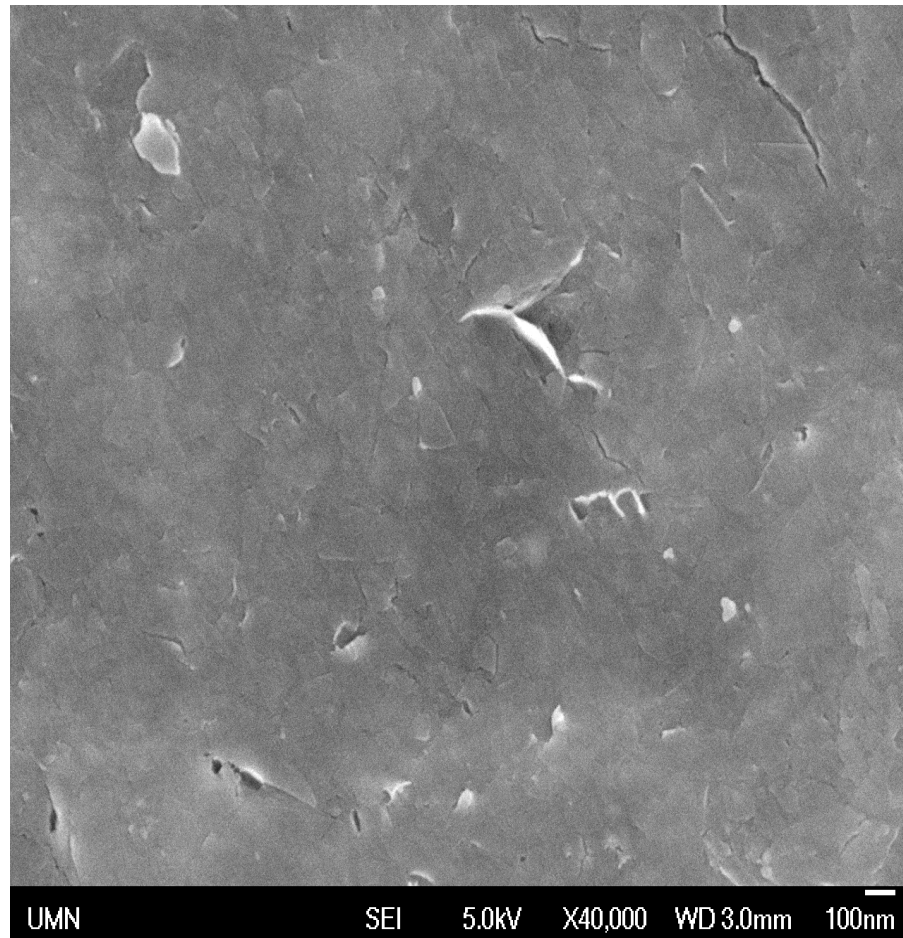


# Membrane Preparation Procedure

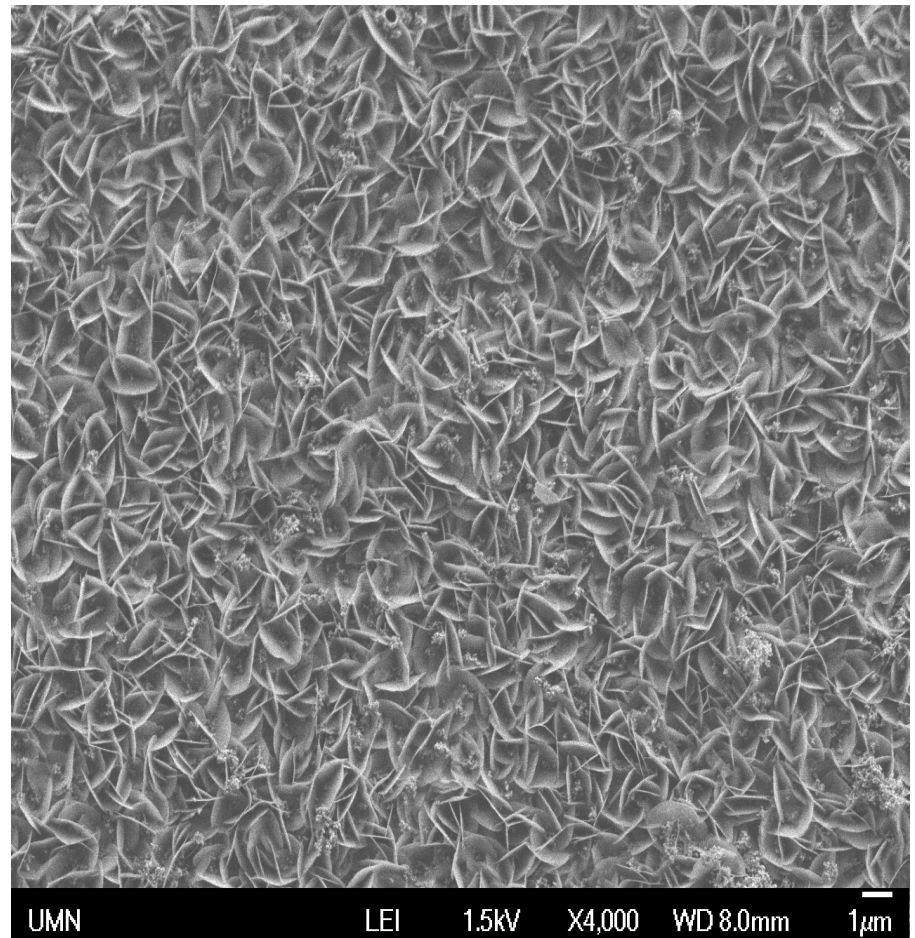


Purified nanosheets in toluene were filtered through porous alumina supports and then secondary growth was conducted.

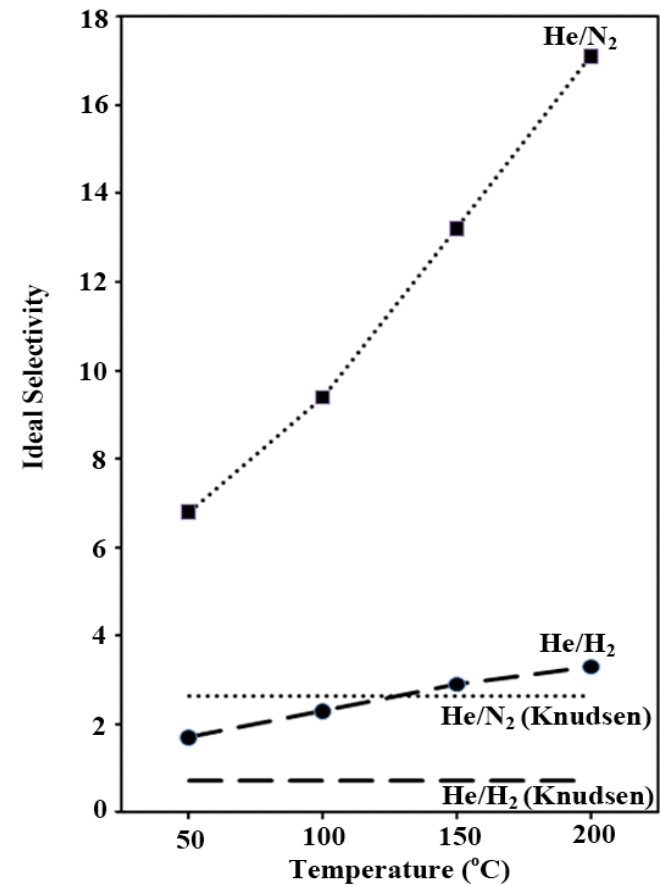
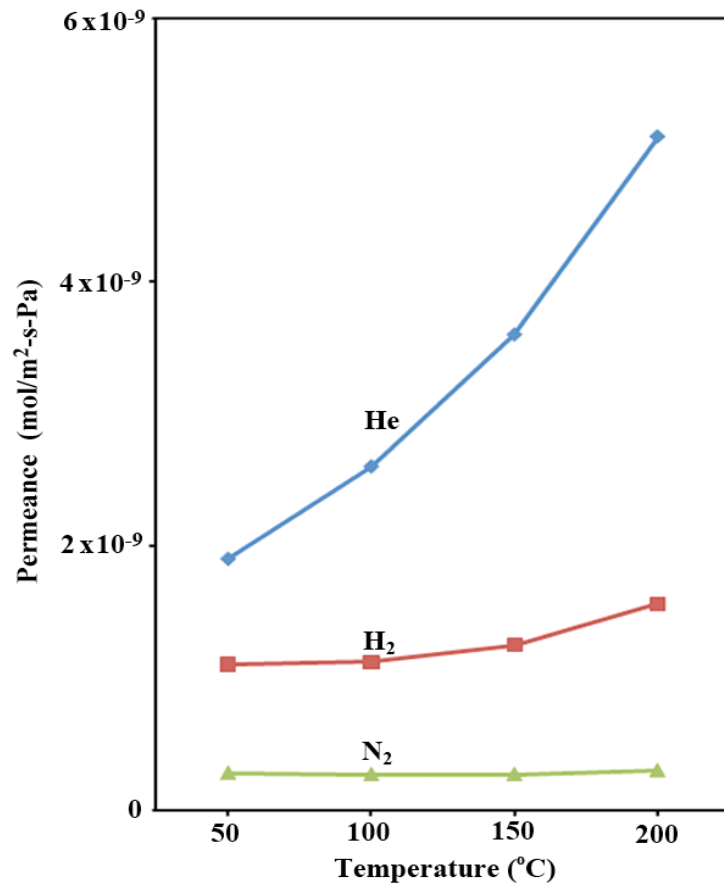
- Exfoliated ITQ-I on Alumina Disk



- After Secondary Growth of ITQ-I



# Performance of ITQ-1 Membrane

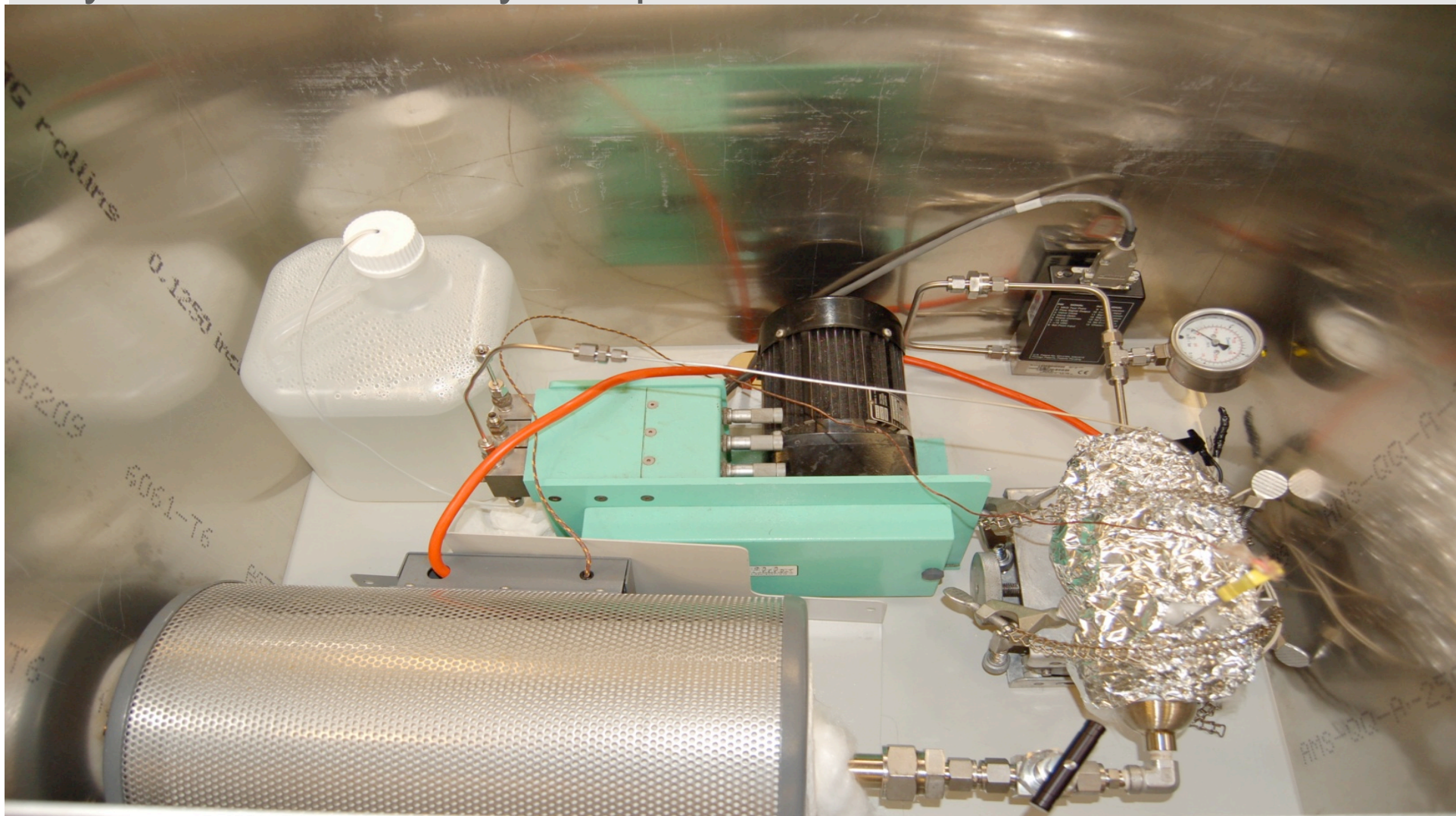


Varoon et al., *Science* 334:(6052), 72–75 (2011)

## Steam Stability Studies

Four layered zeolites (MCM-22, ITQ-1, NU-6(2), RUB-24) with 6-MR perpendicular to the layers were investigated.

# Hydrothermal Stability Setup



## Hydrothermal Stability of MCM-22 and ITQ-1

- Temperatures: 350°C, 600°C
- Pressure: 10 bar (95% steam, 5% nitrogen)
- Samples were analyzed in 21-day intervals for 84 days

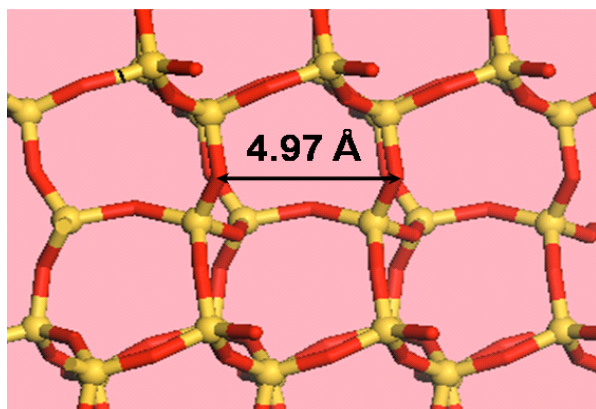
Both MCM-22 and ITQ-1 showed poor steam stability at 600°C.

MCM-22 outperformed its all silica counterpart (ITQ-1) at 350°C. This behavior was related to the lower concentrations of structural defects in MCM-22.

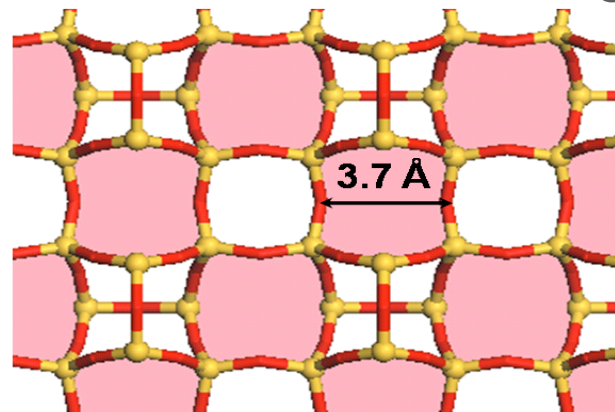
## Hydrothermal Treatment Conditions for RUB-24 and NU-6(2)

- Temperature: 350°C
- Pressure: 10 bar (35% steam in nitrogen)
- Duration: 6 months

Nu-6(2) was structurally stable after 6 months of steaming.



RUB-24 lost its crystallinity after 6 months of steaming.



## Summary of Stability Analysis & Future Work

- **Achievement**
  - **long-term steam stability of zeolites MCM-22, ITQ-1, NU-6(2), and RUB-24 were investigated**
  - **NU-6(2) preserved its crystallinity after 6 months of steaming (35% H<sub>2</sub>O, 65% N<sub>2</sub>) at 350°C**
- **Future Work**
  - **study of membrane performances at high temperatures**
  - **hydrothermal stability study of membranes**



# Systems Modeling: Objectives and Approach

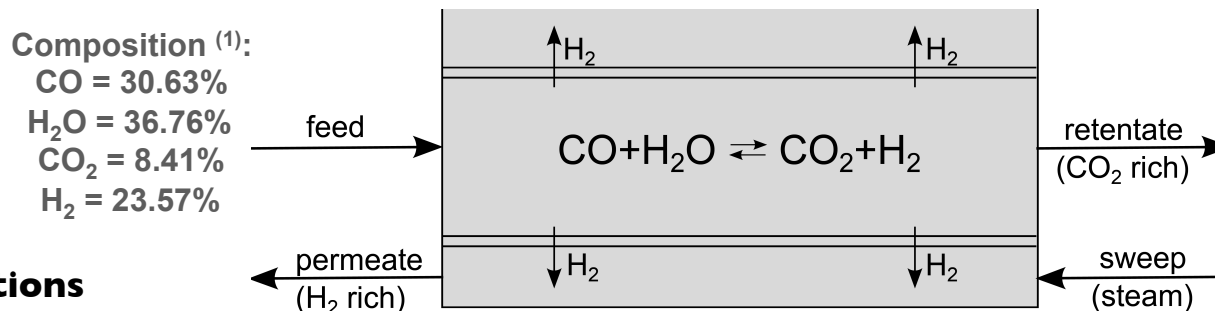
- **Develop a WGS membrane reactor (MR) model**
- **Integrate MR model into IGCC system model**
- **Analyze effect of reactor design and membrane characteristics on integrated plant performance**
  - **achieve DOE R&D target goal of 90% CO<sub>2</sub> capture <sup>(1),(2)</sup>**
  - **satisfy stream constraints for CO<sub>2</sub> capture and gas turbine fuel (H<sub>2</sub> rich) <sup>(3)</sup>**
  - **quantify process efficiency and power generation**
- **Perform preliminary techno-economic analysis of integrated IGCC-MR process**
- **Received input from DOE/NETL personnel (John Marano and Jared Ciferno)**

(1) Marano, Report to DOE/NETL (2010)

(2) Marano and Ciferno, *Energy Procedia* **1**, 361-368 (2009)

(3) Lima et al., *Ind. Eng. Chem. Res.* **51**, 5480-5489 (2012)

# MR Modeling Assumptions and Simulation Set Up



- **Assumptions**

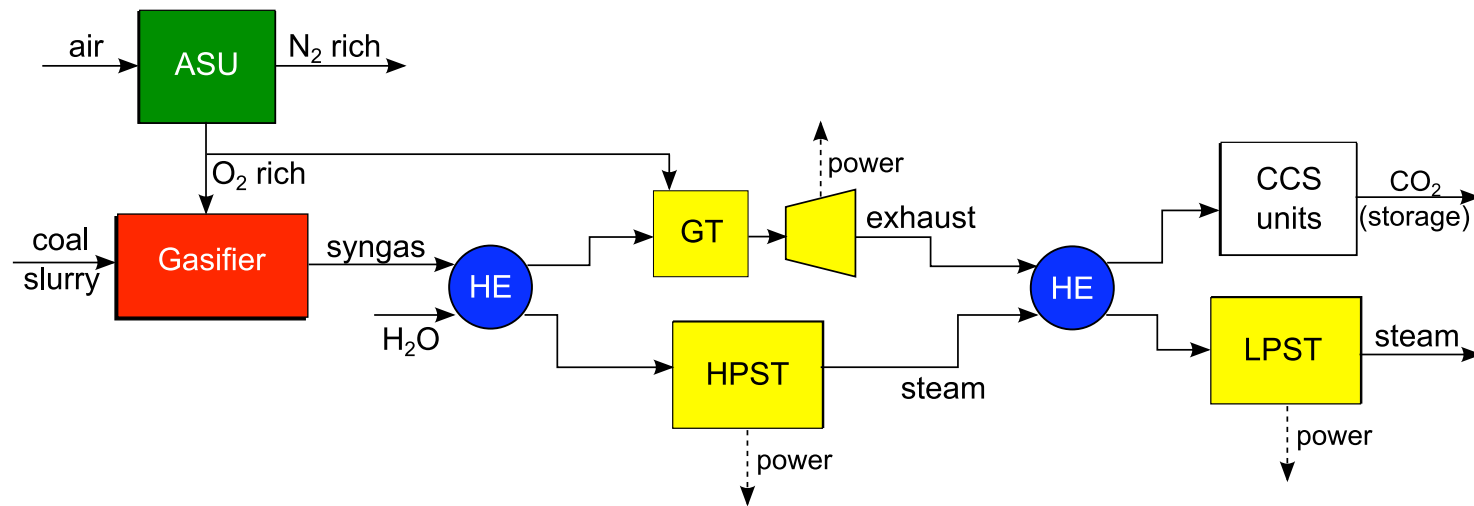
- **I-dimensional shell and tube reactor**
  - **catalyst packed in tube side**
  - **thin membrane layer placed on surface of tube wall**
  - **sweep gas flows in shell side**
  - **plug-flow operation**
  - **constant temperature and pressure**
  - **steady-state operation**
  - **ideal gas law**
- **Flow configurations**
    - ◆ **co-current**
    - ❖ **counter-current**
  - **Simulation conditions**
    - ◆ **catalyst type and reaction rate <sup>(2)</sup>**
    - ◆ **reactor dimensions (lab)**
    - ◆ **consistent with IGCC specifications**
  - **Model used to perform simulation and optimization studies <sup>(3)</sup>**

(1) Jillson et al., *J. Proc. Cont.* **19**, 1470-1485 (2009)

(2) Choi and Stenger, *J. Power Sources* **124**, 432-439 (2003)

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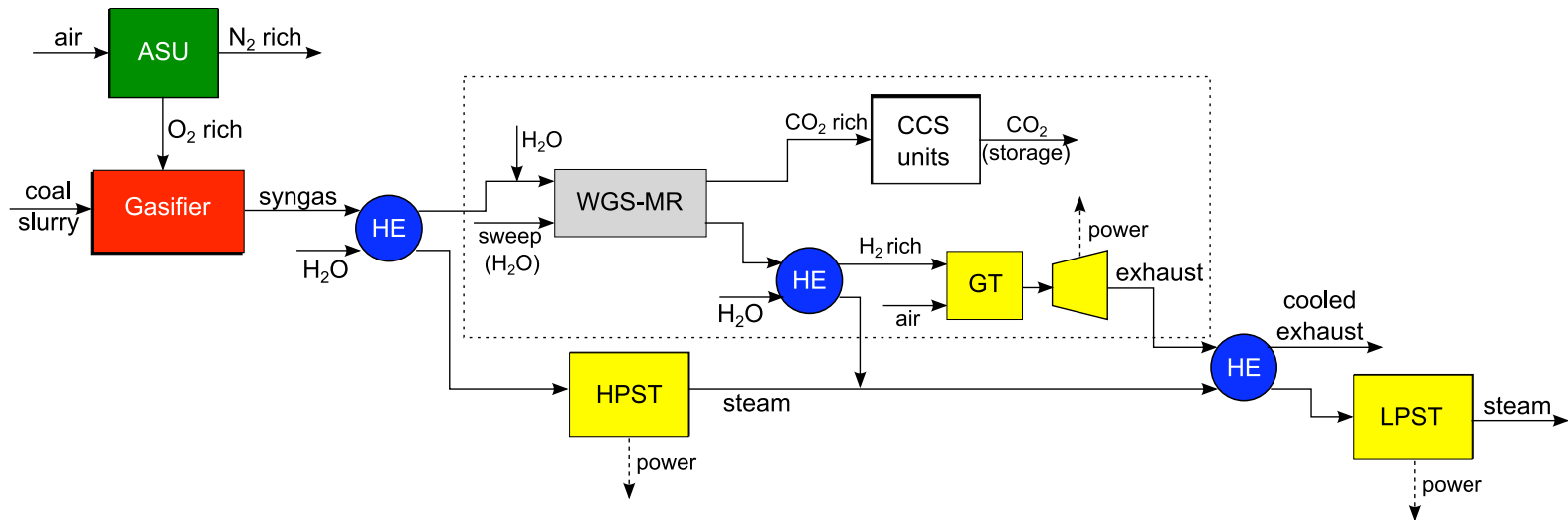
# IGCC Plant Modeling Assumptions



- **Simplified systems-level model of entire process (ASU, gasifier, turbines, and heat exchangers) in MATLAB**
- **Assumptions: few basic components, lumped compartments in gasifier/ turbines, static heat exchanger models (1)**
- **Developed model validated using published simulation data (1)**

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# Integration of MR into IGCC Plant (MATLAB)

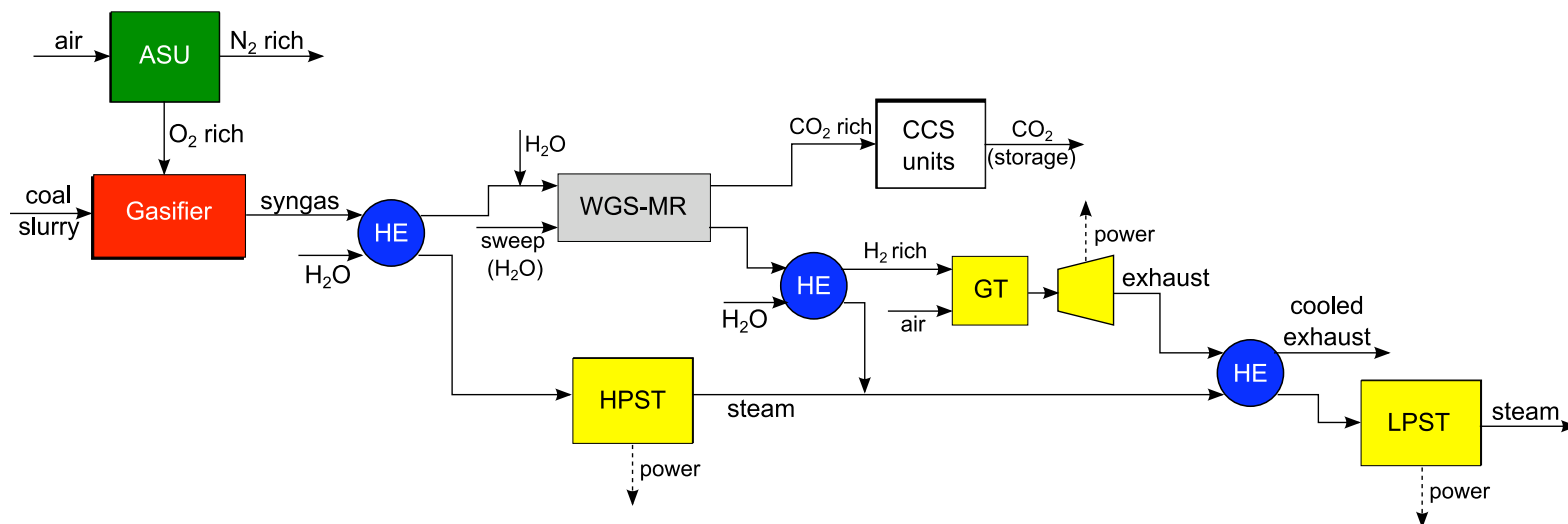


- **Scale up MR model at steady state**
- **Integration directly downstream of gasifier (1),(2)**
- **Effect on heat exchangers/turbines**
- **Perform preliminary technical assessment of IGCC-MR integrated plant**

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(2) Bracht et al., *Energy Convers. Mgmt* **38**, S159-164 (1997)

# Integration of MR into IGCC Plant (MATLAB): Simulation Results



- **Process simulation conditions (1),(2),(3)**

- ◆  $P_t = 53.29 \text{ atm}, P_s = 25.86 \text{ atm}$
- ◆  $T_t = 380^\circ\text{C}, T_s = 380^\circ\text{C}$
- ◆  $S_{\text{H}_2/\text{all}} = 1000, Q_{\text{H}_2} = 0.2 \text{ mol}/(\text{s}\cdot\text{m}^2\cdot\text{atm})$
- ◆  $A_m = 6800 \text{ m}^2$

- **Performance variables (2)**

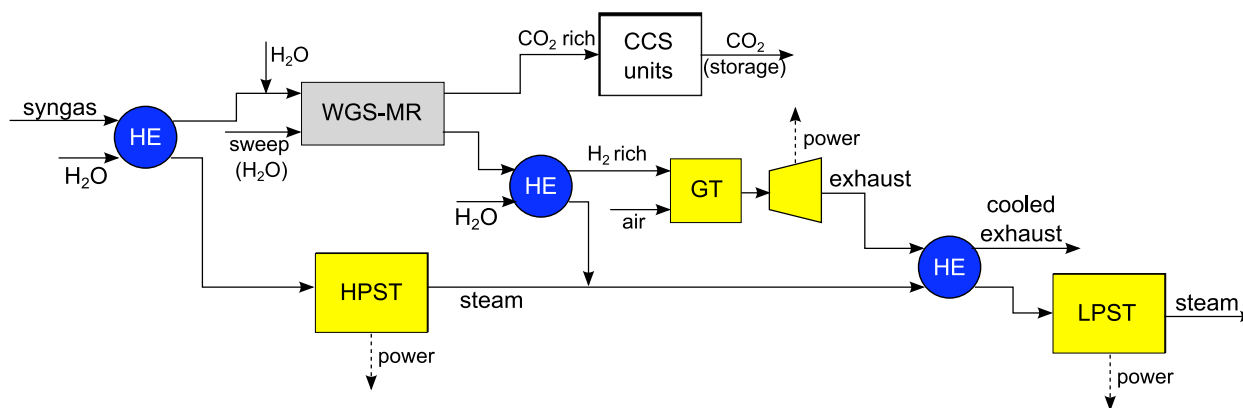
- ◆ **carbon capture**  $C_{\text{CO}_2} = \frac{\text{carbon captured}}{\text{carbon in feed}} = 98.94\%$
- ◆ **process efficiency**  $\eta = \frac{\text{power generated}}{\text{HHV energy in coal}} = 40.83\%$
- ◆ **power generation**  $W = 716.78 \text{ MW}$

(1) Jillson et al., *J. Proc. Cont.* **19**, 1470-1485 (2009)

(2) Haslbeck et al., *Baseline Report to DOE/NETL* (2010)

(3) Field and Brasington, *Ind. Eng. Chem. Res.* **50**, 11306-11312 (2011)

# IGCC-MR Simulation Results: Changing Membrane Characteristics

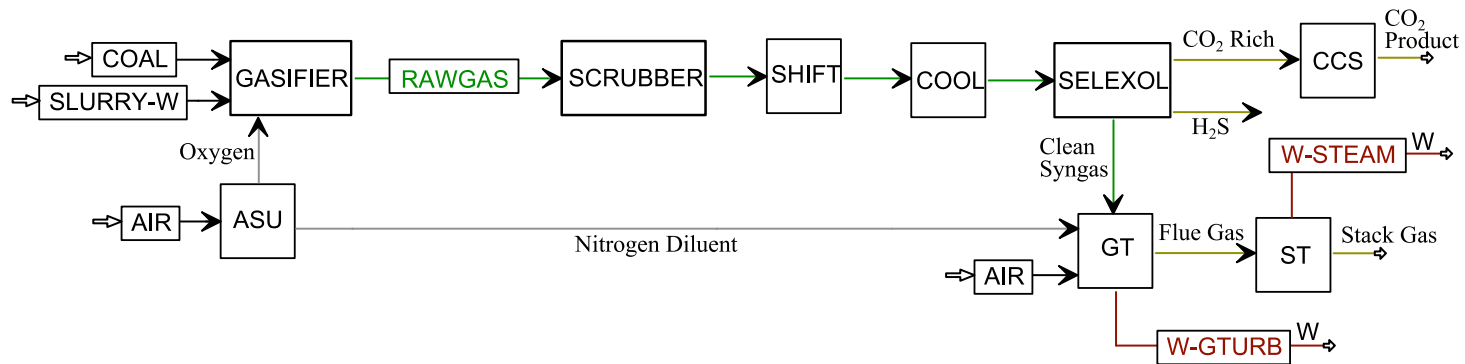


<b>IGCC Performance Variable</b>	<b>Value</b> ( $S_{H_2/all} = 1000,$ $Q_{H_2} = 0.2$ )	<b>Value</b> ( $S_{H_2/all} = 1000,$ $Q_{H_2} = 0.1$ )	<b>Value</b> ( $S_{H_2/all} = 100,$ $Q_{H_2} = 0.2$ )
$C_{CO_2} = \frac{\text{carbon captured}}{\text{carbon in feed}} [\%]$	98.94	99.55	<b>89.79</b>
$\eta = \frac{\text{power generated}}{\text{HHV energy in coal}} [\%]$	40.83	34.14*	41.15
$W = \text{power generated} [\text{MW}]$	716.78	599.31	722.27

(\*)  $P_{H_2,P} \leq 44 \%$

# Integration of MR into IGCC Flowsheet (Aspen)

## GE IGCC with CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

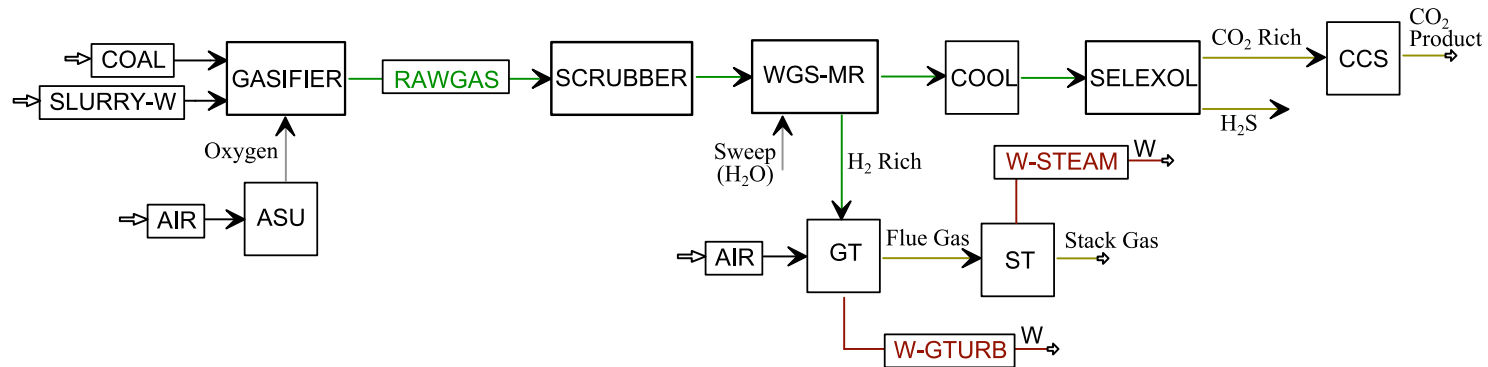


- **MR integration into Aspen flowsheet (Ongoing)**
  - ◆ use available baseline IGCC model (MITEI) <sup>(1)</sup>
  - ◆ MR model implemented (co-current) in Aspen Custom Modeler
  - ◆ similar results to MATLAB model obtained
- **Perform simulation & techno-economic analysis**
  - ◆ feasibility of replacing current technology (CO shift followed by physical absorption) for CO<sub>2</sub> capture
  - ◆ achieve DOE target goals (CO<sub>2</sub> capture, COE)

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# Modeling Conclusions & Future Work

- **Conclusions**
  - **MR model integrated into IGCC process model in MATLAB**
  - **preliminary technical assessment of IGCC-MR plant performed**
  - **MR model (co-current) implemented in Aspen**
- **Future Work**
  - **develop relationships between membrane parameters and cost**
  - **carry out IGCC-MR design optimization (MATLAB)**
  - **develop counter-current MR model (Aspen)**
  - **adjust MR model to incorporate into Aspen IGCC baseline model <sup>(1)</sup>**

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