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NanoMaterials Enhanced Membranes for Carbon Capture



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- **Nano-material enhanced membranes for carbon capture**
- Membrane separation can be applied to CO₂ capture processes:
 - pre-combustion (CO₂-H₂/CO₂-CH₄ separation)
 - post-combustion (CO₂-N₂)
 - oxyfuel-combustion (O₂-N₂)
- Membrane separation can be applied to a range of carbon-intensive industry sectors
- Compared to other capture methods, membrane-based separation can potentially be highly flexibility, with lower operating costs
- Current materials lack the separation performance and durability needed for an efficient and economically feasible exploitation of such technology

- The NanoMEMC² research aims to overcome current limitations by focusing on the development of innovative CO₂ selective membranes with high flux and selectivity, suitable for application to both pre and post-combustion capture processes
- Various materials will be manufactured and functionalized:
 - nanofibrillated cellulose (NFC)
 - graphene (G)
 - graphene oxide (GO)
- These will be used to form two different types of membranes:
 - novel facilitated transport hybrid membrane (FTHM)
 - continuous phase hybrid membrane (CPHM)

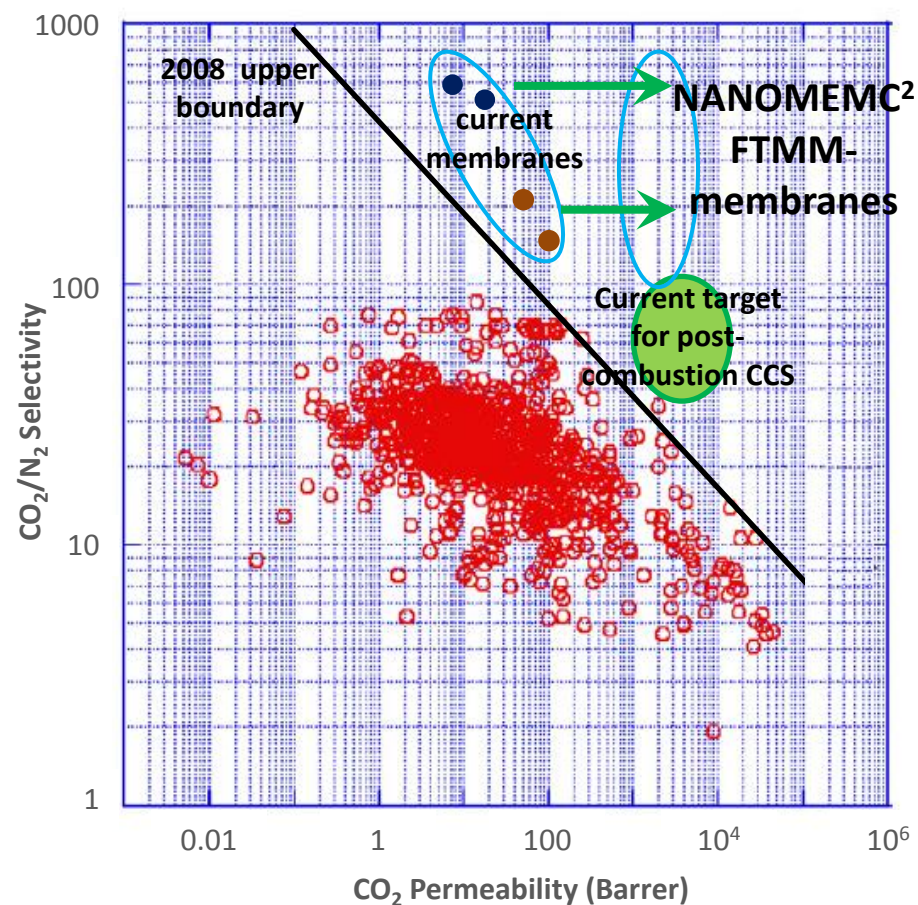
BACKGROUND, AIM & GOAL

MEMBRANES:

selectivity vs. permeability
capture ratio vs. gas purity
energy costs vs. membrane area

AIM: to contribute to the real, effective deployment of CCS technologies by **reducing the cost and energy penalty** of CO₂ capture through the development and optimal integration of innovative membranes within different energy-intensive processes

GOAL: to fully develop the potential of membranes in the selective capture of CO₂, **increasing the efficiency** of the capture and **reducing the overall CCS cost** below the value of €40/t of CO₂ avoided





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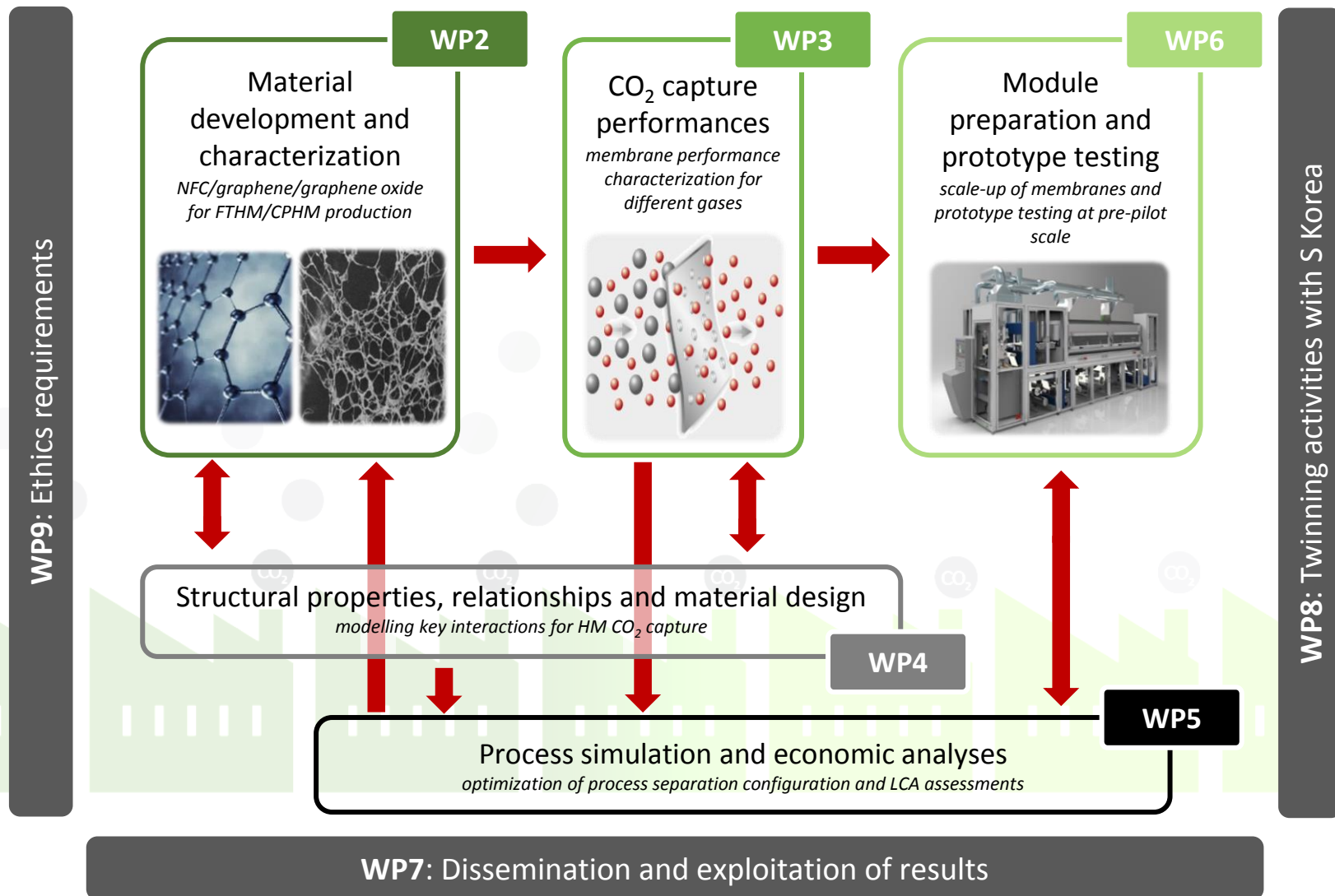


From Nature to the Future



WORK PROGRAMME

WP1: Coordination and management



POWER PRODUCTION: natural gas

- conventional NGCC (BAU)
- NGCC + **post**-combustion capture
- raw-hydrogen-fuelled CCGT + **pre**-combustion capture

POWER PRODUCTION: coal integrated gasification combined cycle

- IGCC with acid removal using Selexol (BAU)
- IGCC with acid removal and **pre**-combustion CCS

INDUSTRY: hydrogen production by steam methane reforming (SMR)

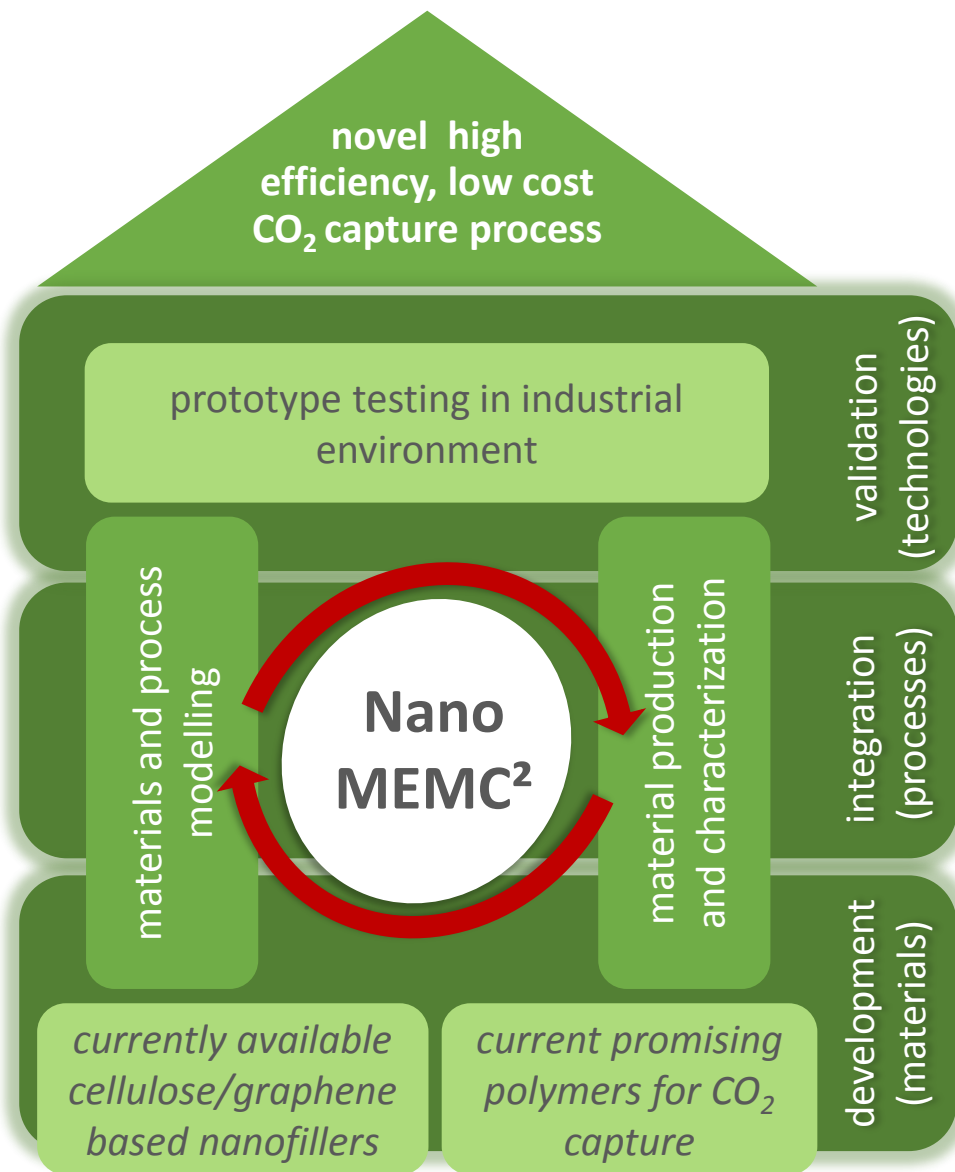
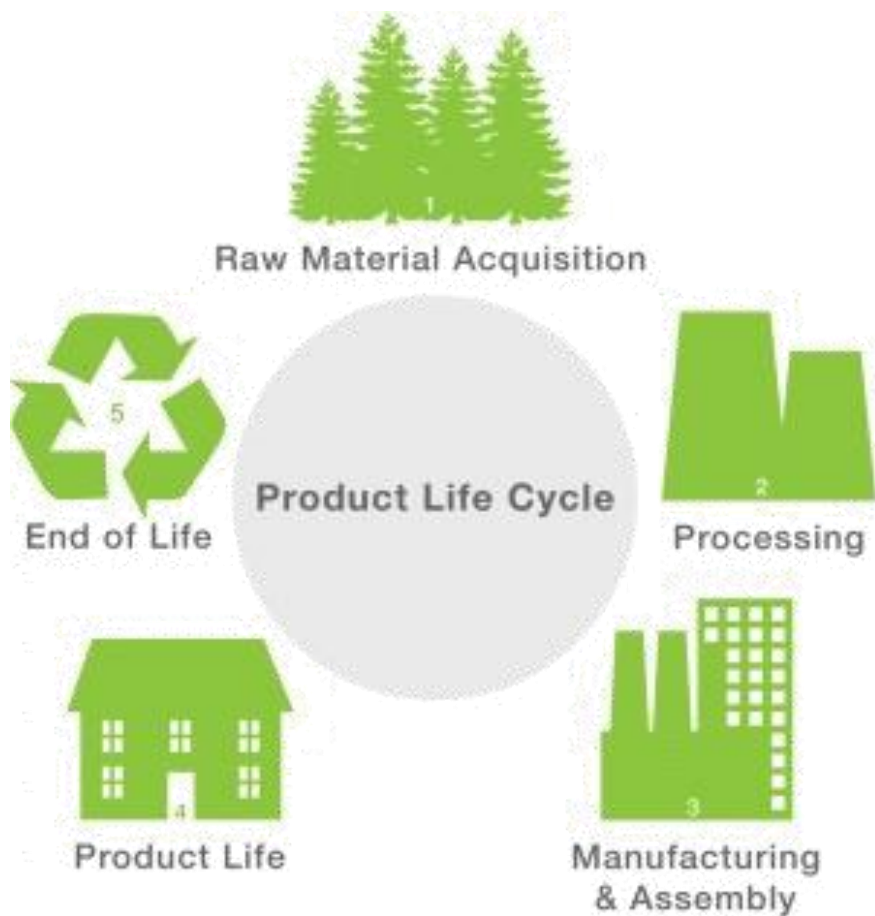
- conventional SMR plant (BAU)
- SMR plant with **post**-combustion carbon capture
- SMR plant with **pre**-combustion carbon capture from syngas (burners: NG- + H₂-fired)

INDUSTRY: cement production

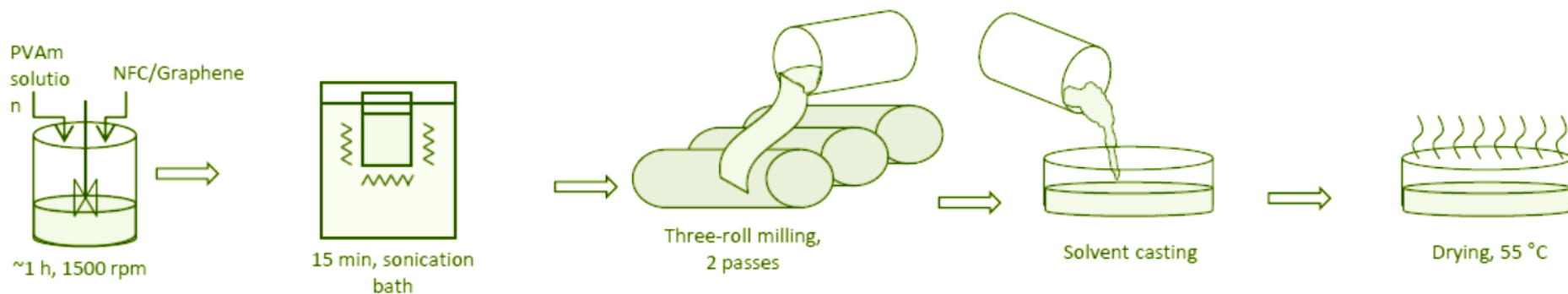
- conventional dry kiln cement plant (BAU)
- dry kiln cement plant with **post**-combustion capture

RESULTS SO FAR

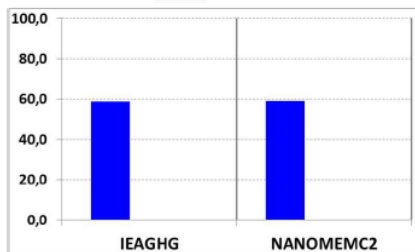
- The research has focused on WP2, 3, 4 and 5



- PVA-based membranes:
 - fillers: G and NFC
 - polymer: polyvinylamine (CO₂ selective polymer) at different degrees of purification
 - casting: solution casting in water
 - thickness: 60 μm
 - test conditions: 35 °C, 1 bar upstream, single humid gas
- Characterisation and testing for permeability and selectivity for over 50 first generation membranes using NFC, G and GO

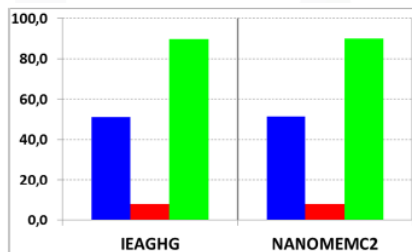


- Molecular modelling facilitated transport membranes
 - analyse/quantify interactions between CO₂ and membrane materials and develop structure-property associations
 - predictive tools for inside modules as a function of conditions
- Process design, optimisation and assessment – scenario analysis and development for baseline and membrane integrated models



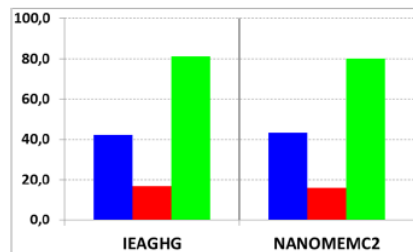
NGCC (BAU)

- solvent = n/a
- η_{LHV} = 59.1%
- EP = 0.0 %points
- CPR = 0.0%



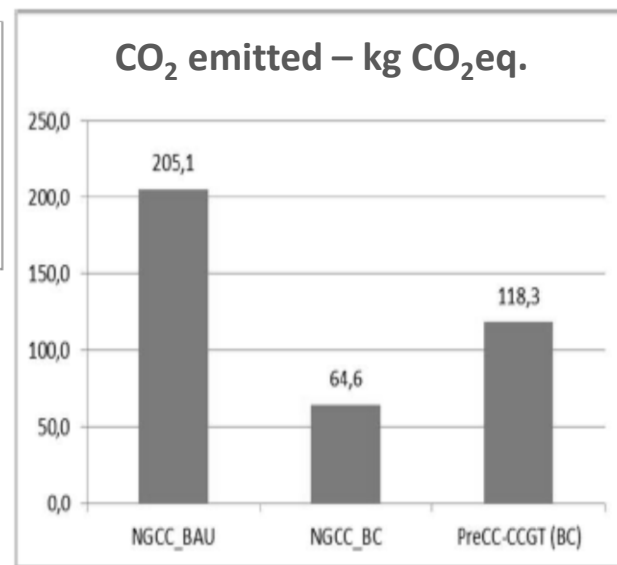
NGCC_BC (post-CCS)

- solvent = MEA-based
- η_{LHV} = 51.2%
- EP = 7.9 %points
- CPR = 90.0%



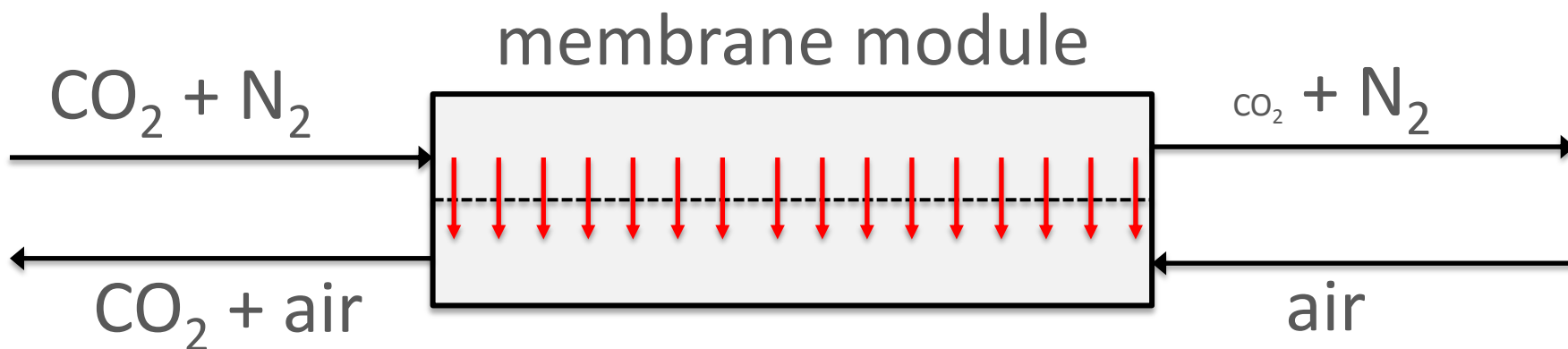
CCGT (pre-CCS)

- solvent = Selexol
- η_{LHV} = 43.3%
- EP = 15.9 %points
- CPR = 80.2%



■ overall efficiency (%)
 ■ energy penalty (%pt)
 ■ capture rate (%)

comprehensive baseline tests with $\text{CO}_2\text{-N}_2$ for benchmarking over the whole range of operational regimes

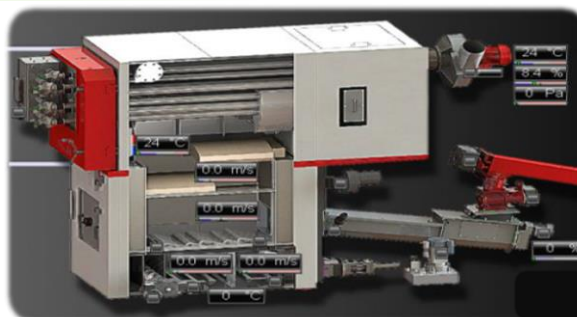


Measurements for:

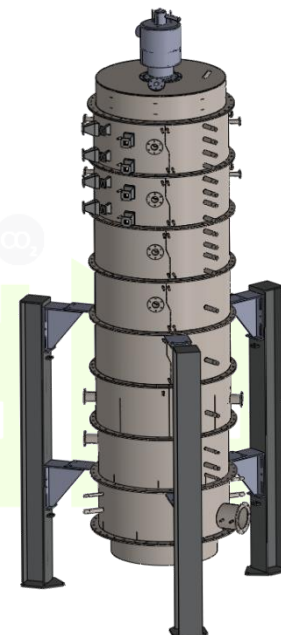
- compositions
- flowrates
- temperatures
- pressures

PACT AT SHEFFIELD

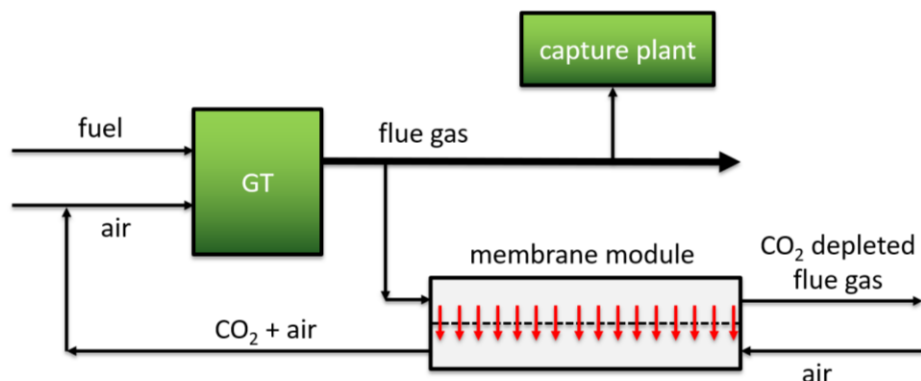
PACT



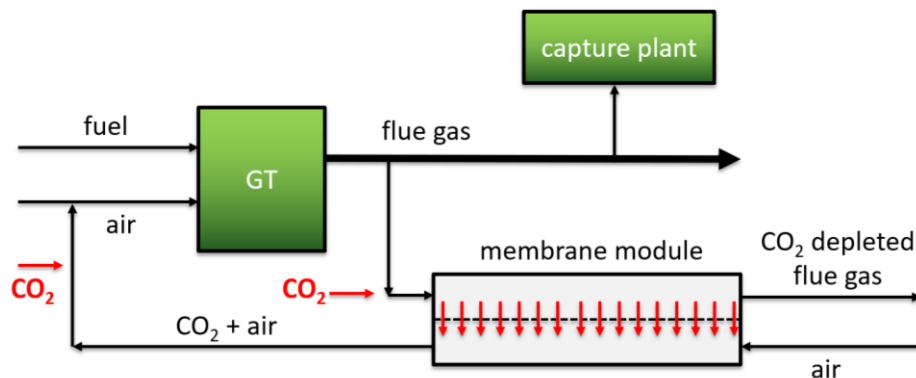
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NO_x
SO_x
N₂O
etc.



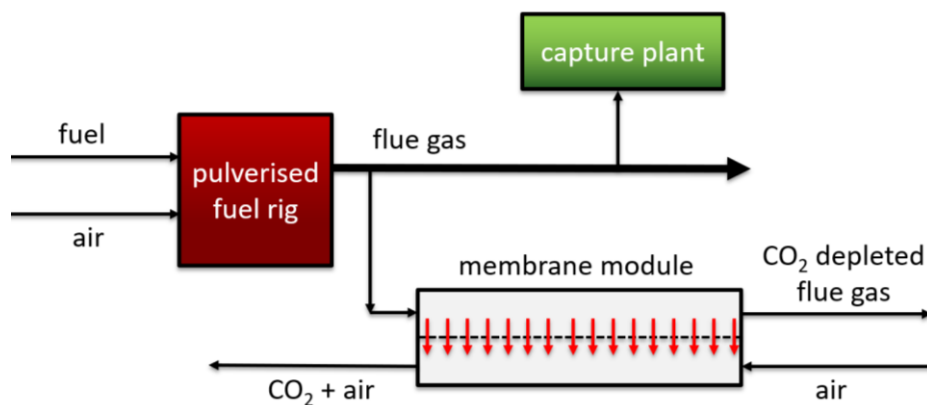
membrane integration with gas turbine



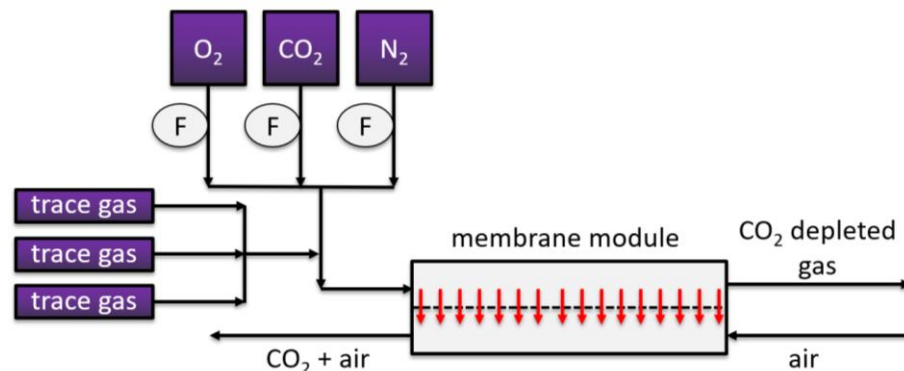
membrane with GT and CO_2 injection

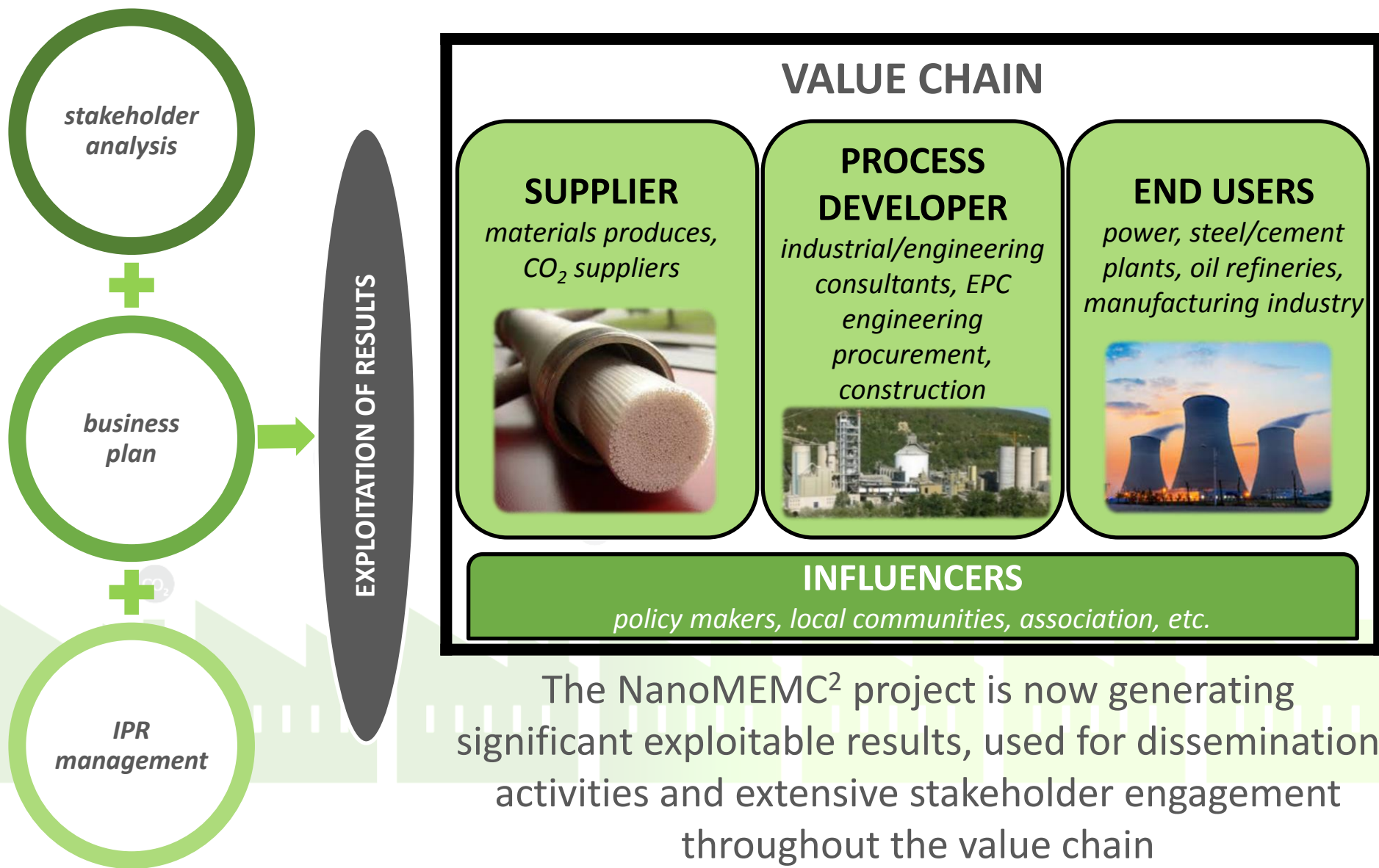


membrane with coal/biomass fuels



membrane integration synthetic gas skid (industrial separation)





CONCLUDING REMARKS

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