



Membrane for pre-combustion capture from a IGCC

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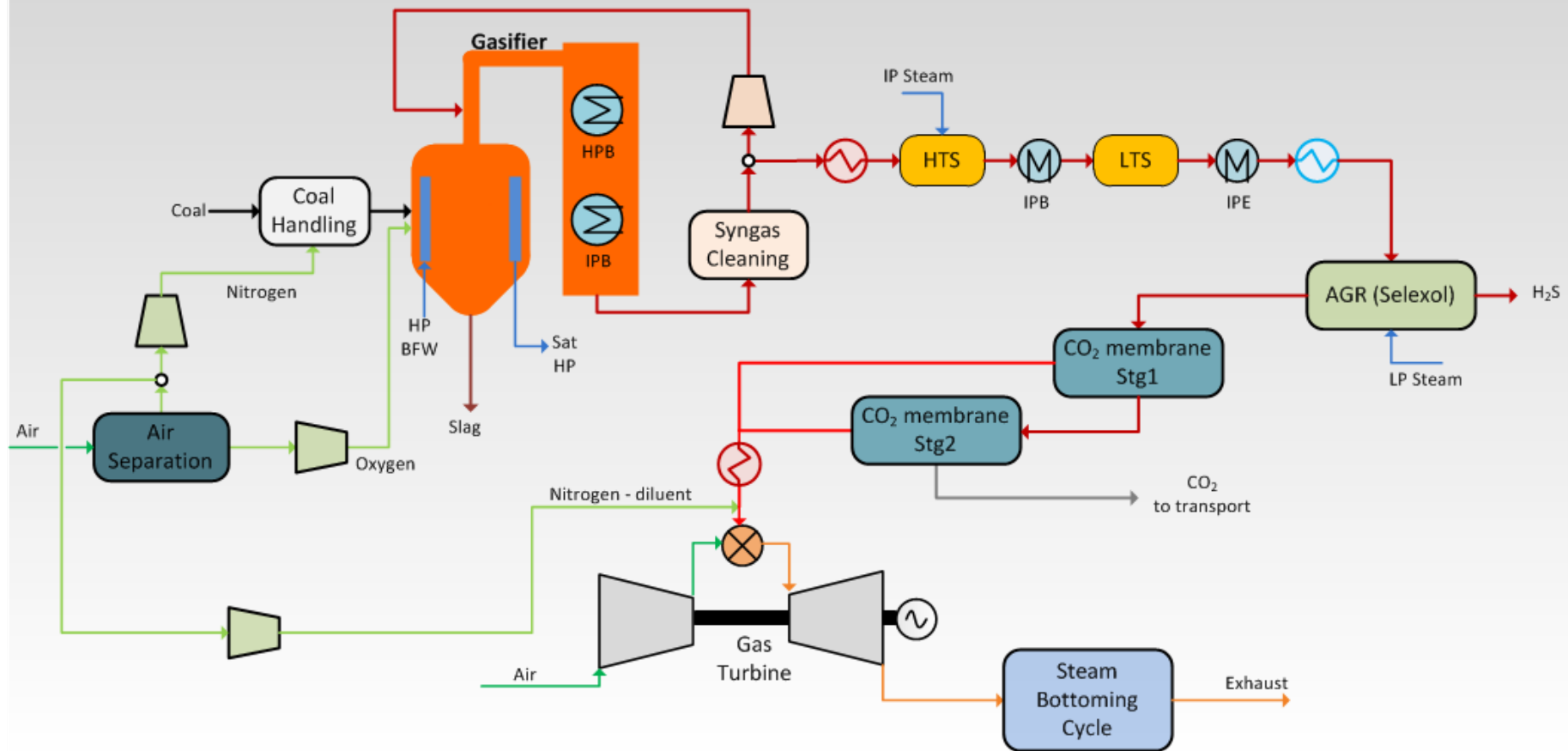


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Conceptual process diagram



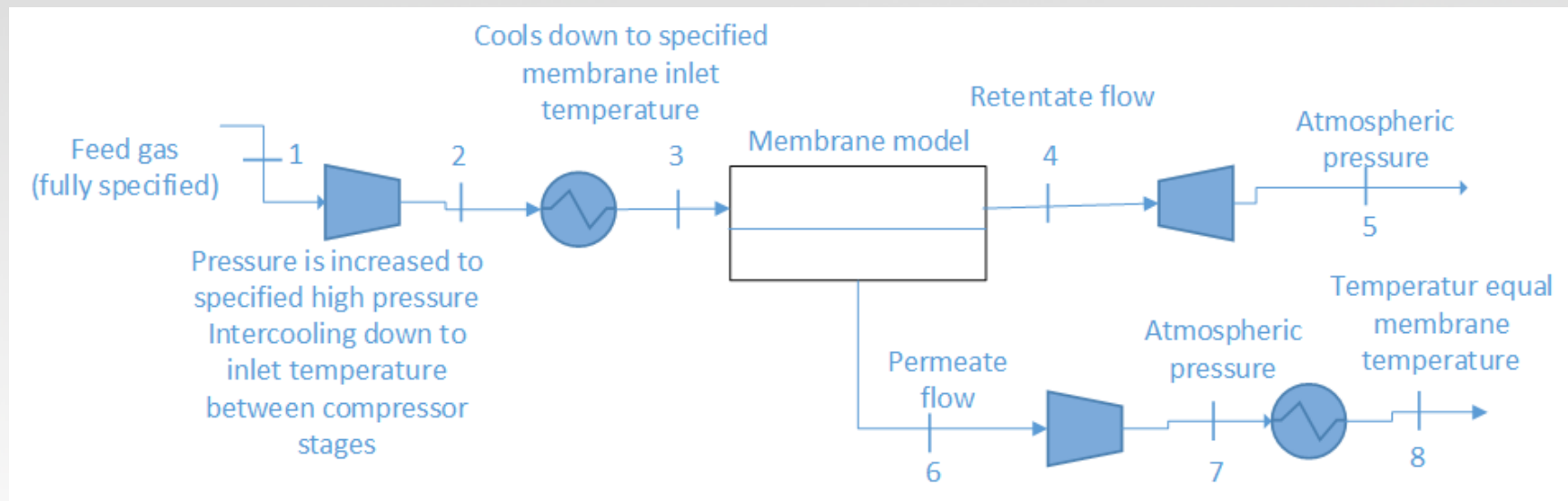
Membrane process model



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Screen shot of the model



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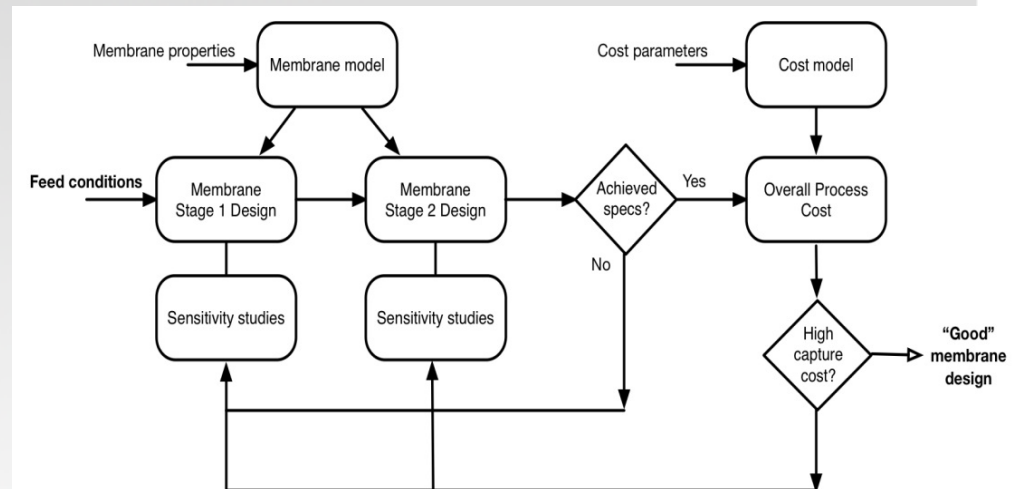
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189
190
191     for gas in self.streamArr:
192         i += 1
193         p = gas.p/self.kToUnity
194         T = gas.T - self.CtoK
195         mfl = gas.mfl
196         zCO2 = gas.getComponentByName("CO2").z
197         zN2 = gas.getComponentByName("N2").z
198         print str(i).rjust(width),str("%.1f" % p).rjust(wid
199
200 def calculate(self):
201     self.netPower = 0
202     # Compressor
203     self.compressor.calculate()
204     self.compPower = self.compressor.power
205     self.netPower += sum(self.compressor.power)
206
207     # Cooler and intercooler
208     self.coolerArea = 0.0
209     self.coolerMfl = 0.0
210
211     # Intercooler
212     self.coolerArea += self.compressor.interCoolerArea
213     self.coolerMfl += self.compressor.intercoolerWaterMfl
214
215     # Cooling after last compression stage
216     self.cooler.calculate()
217     self.coolerArea += self.cooler.area
218     self.coolerMfl += self.cooler.extMfl
219     #self.cooler.printHx()
220     # Membrane
221     self.membrane.solveMembrane(self.inputParamName, self.i
222     self.membraneArea = self.membrane.area
223     self.stageCut = self.membrane.theta
224     self.CCR = self.membrane.CCR
225     self.captureRate = self.membrane.captureRate
226     self.purity = self.membrane.purity
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What membrane properties for post-combustion CO₂ capture from a coal power plant?

- Identify which membrane properties and process configuration which can compete with solvent based capture
 - Which will give feedback for membrane development
- Common methodology for evaluation is mainly based on sensitivity analyses
 - Not suitable to identify desired properties
- A new methodology called the Attainable region is here used to
 - Optimise multi-stage capture processes
 - Identify which properties are required to compete with solvent based capture
 - This have already been done for post-combustion and it will be done for the pre-combustion in PilotCCS



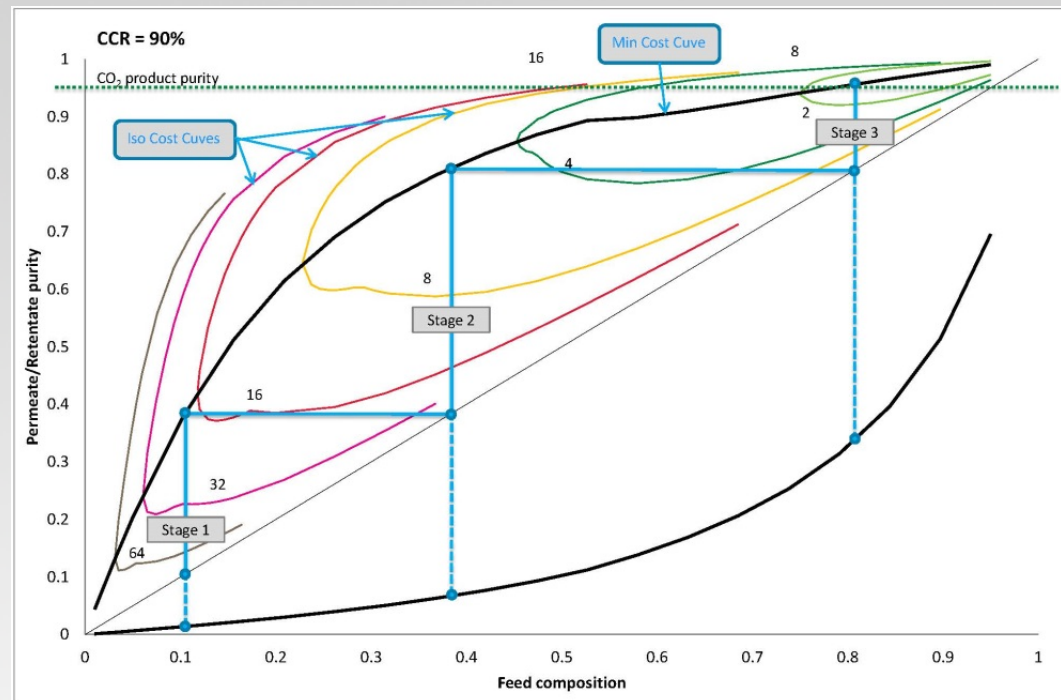
Sensitivity analyses based approach



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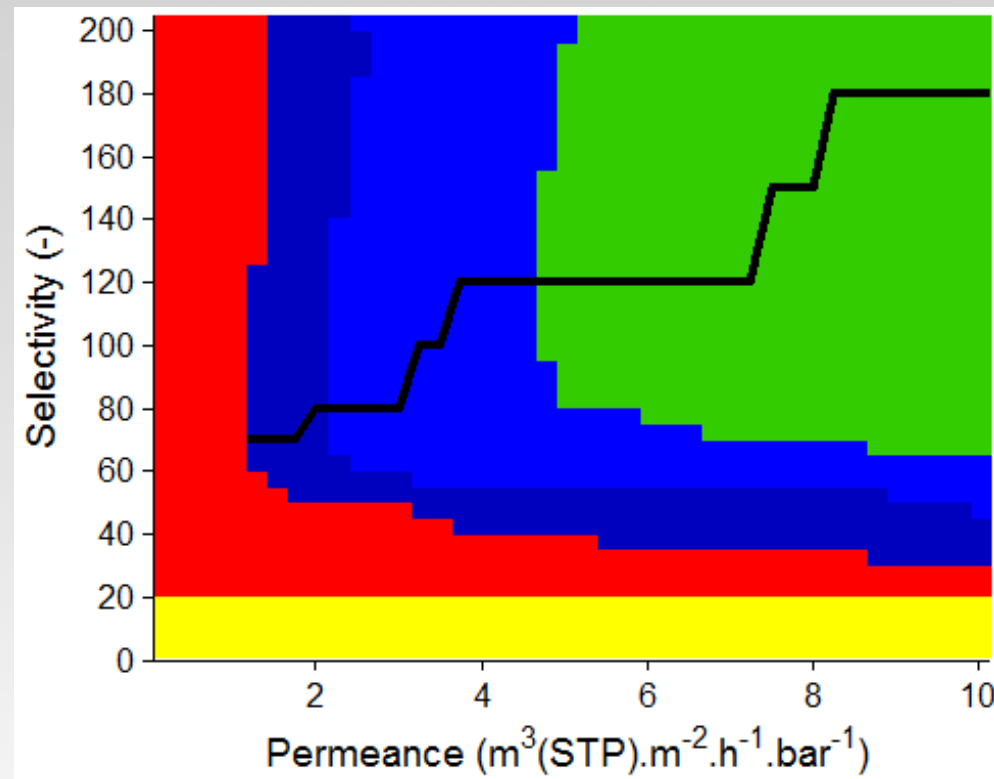
The Attainable Region approach



- ▶ The methodology produces a curve that is simple to use and also gives feedback on potential of particular membranes.
- ▶ The design procedure has been automated to provide optimal designs for a given flue gas and membrane



What membrane properties for post-combustion CO₂ capture from a coal power plant?



- More cost efficient than MEA
- Cost competitive with MEA when considering a 12.5% margin
- Cost competitive with MEA when considering a 25% margin
- Not cost competitive with MEA even with a 25% margin
- Not feasible
- Cost optimal selectivity curve

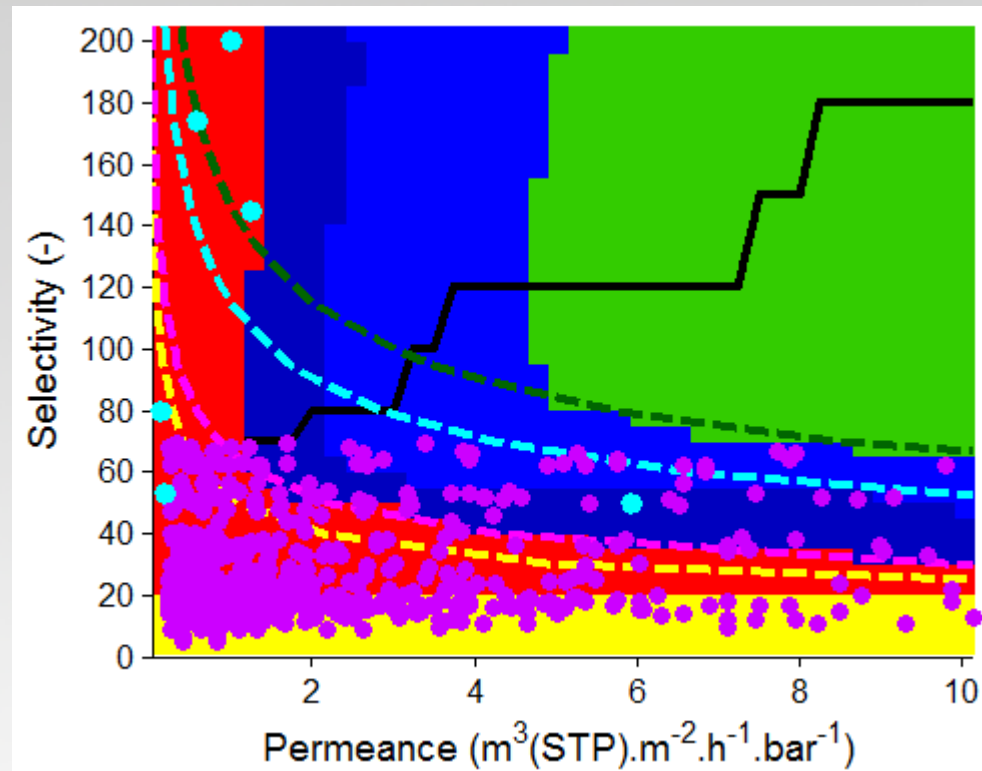


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What materials for post-combustion CO₂ capture from a coal power plant?



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- Cost competitive with MEA when considering a 25% margin
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- Not feasible
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- Upper Bound limit 1000nm
- Upper Bound limit 500nm
- Upper Bound limit 100nm
- Upper Bound limit 50nm
- Polymeric materials with film thickness from 1000nm to 50nm
- Existing and under development polymeric membrane modules

Conclusions



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- The methodology developed at SINTEF Energy Research allows to identify the membrane properties required for CO₂ capture from a specific application
- The results identify:
 - When advanced configurations will be required
 - The trade-off between membrane properties
 - Membrane materials and modules relevant
- Results can:
 - Guide the development of membrane materials for cost-effective CO₂ capture
 - Help the industry to select membranes that can compete with solvent-based capture systems.
- In the PilotCCS project, we plan to perform the same assessment and comparison for pre-combustion CO₂ capture from an IGCC power plant