

# Hydrogen Production through SMR with CCS

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#### Agenda

- Air Liquide and CCS
- SMR with CCS Options
- Port-Jerome Demonstration
- **Hybrid Technologies**



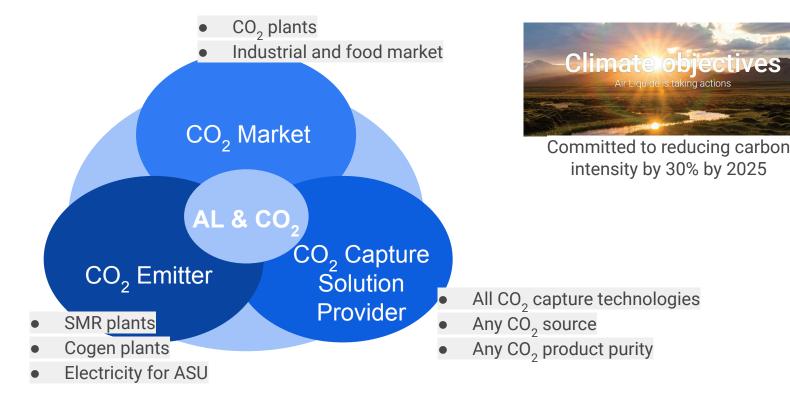


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#### **Air Liquide and CCS**





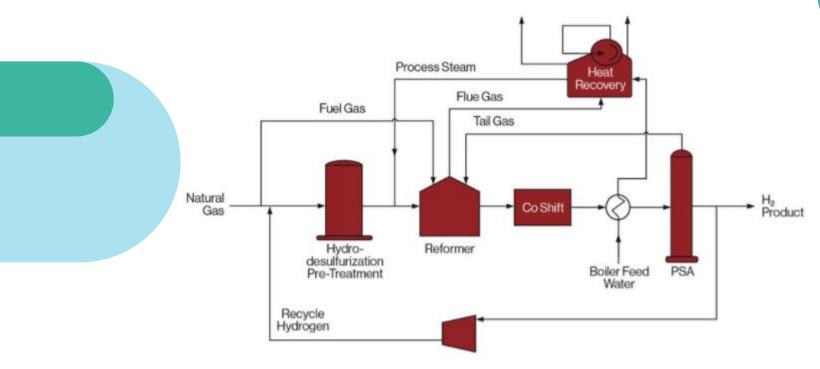
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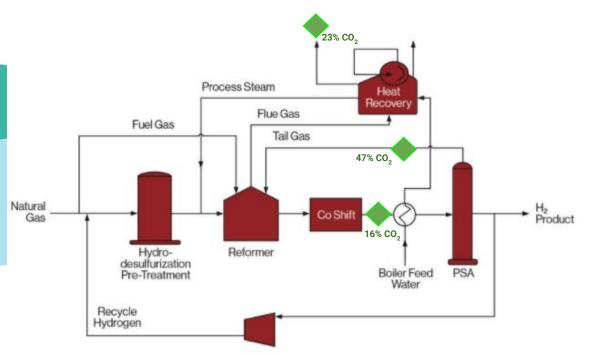


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## H<sub>2</sub> Production through SMR



CO<sub>2</sub> can be captured at three locations

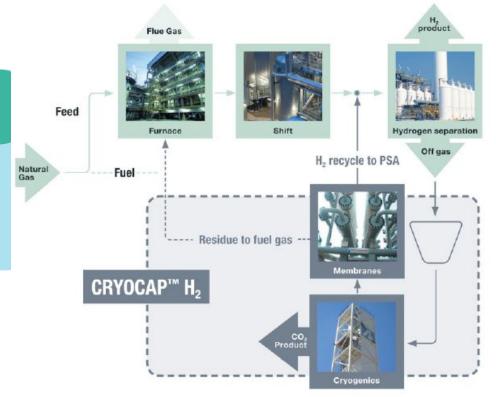
The flue gas is 23% CO<sub>2</sub> with nitrogen, but the other two locations are CO2 with hydrogen

CO<sub>2</sub> capture points and concentrations

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#### Cryocap™ H<sub>2</sub> Process



- More than 97% of CO<sub>2</sub> from syngas can be captured
- Hydrogen production increase ranges from 10 to 15%

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## **Commercial Scale Demonstration at** Port-Jérôme SMR



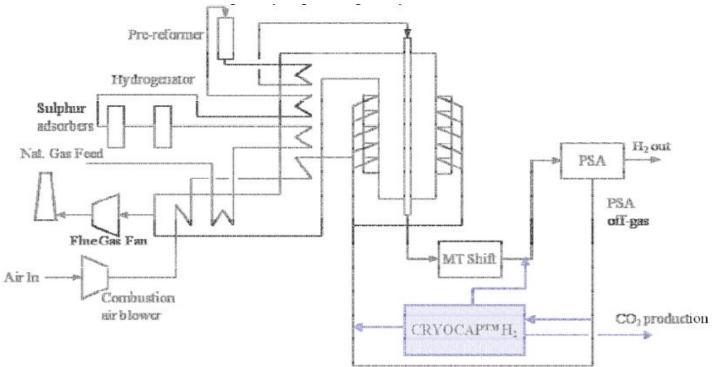


This Cryocap™ unit has an annual capture capacity of 100 000 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> at this site.

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#### **Simplified Scheme at Port-Jerome**





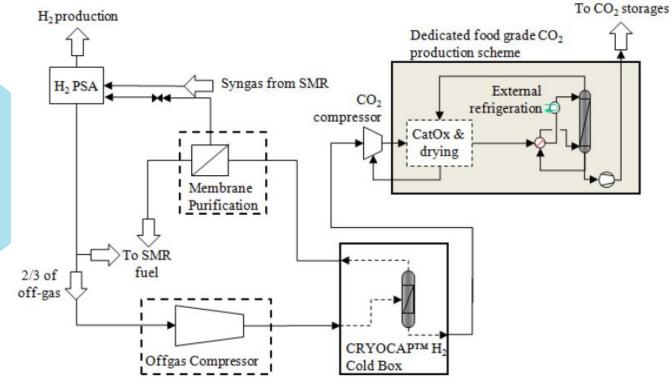
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## **Process Flow Diagram**



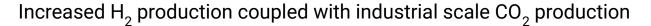


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#### **Commercial Operation**



Case	SMR only	SMR + CRYOCAPTM H <sub>2</sub>	SMR + CRYOCAPTM H <sub>2</sub>
		Partial $CO_2$ capture (Port-Jérôme unit)	Full CO <sub>2</sub> capture
H <sub>2</sub> production	47 000 Nm³/hr	50 155 Nm <sup>3</sup> /hr	52 480 Nm³/hr
Additional H <sub>2</sub> production	-	+7%	+12%
H <sub>2</sub> recovery from PSA offgas	0%	87%	87%
Overall H <sub>2</sub> recovery from syngas	88.0%	93.9%	98.3%



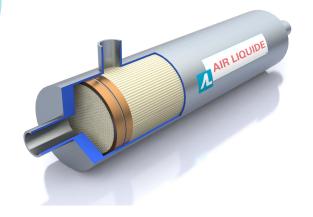
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#### **Hybrid Systems**

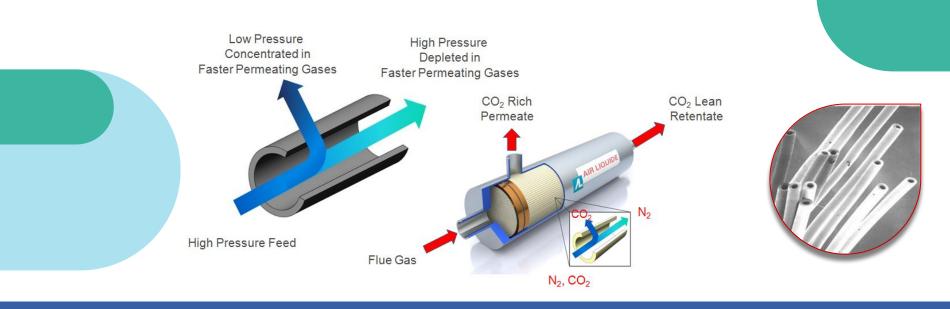
- Cryogenic solutions have two advantages:
  - High purity of the CO<sub>2</sub>
  - Liquid CO<sub>2</sub> Product





- Hybridization of the process to achieve high recovery of CO<sub>2</sub>
- Recovery with PSA or Cold Membranes

#### **Hollow Fiber Membranes**

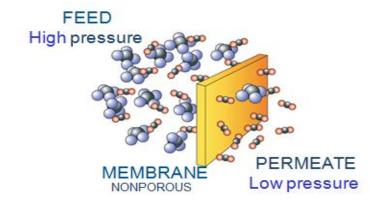


Hollow fibers allow low cost manufacture of membranes with high surface area per unit volume. Large natural gas installations have been installed at membrane costs of ~\$20/m².

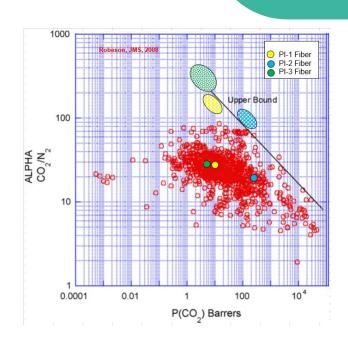
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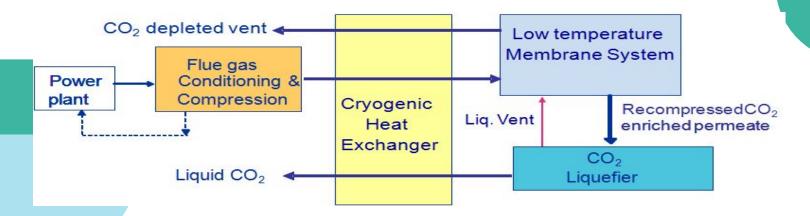
## Air Liquide Cold Membrane Technology



- Why Cold? -- Improve selectivity without loss of productivity
  - Discovered by Air Liquide R&D in 2008: Improved CO, selectivity at T below ambient
- Why PI-2? -- Improved productivity lowers cost
  - 4-5 X higher CO<sub>2</sub> productivity/bundle



#### **Cold Membrane Process**



- Pre-concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> by highly selective membrane before liquefier
- Energy integration between membrane/liquefier through heat exchange
- Efficient recovery of compression energy
- Direct production of liquid CO<sub>2</sub>
- High purity suitable for EOR / sequestration / consumer applications

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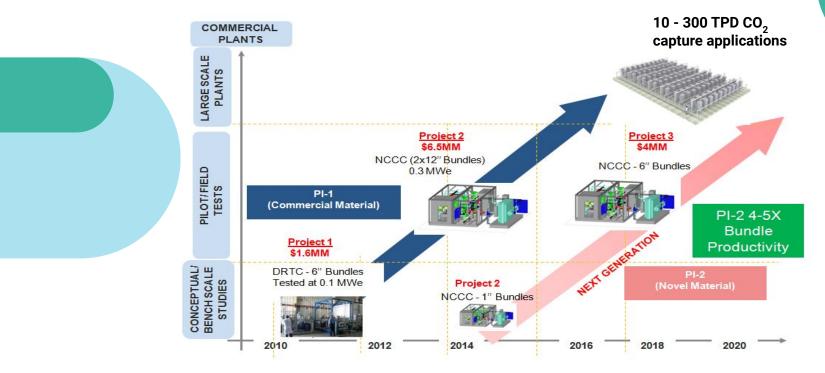
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## **DOE Funded Projects Timeline**





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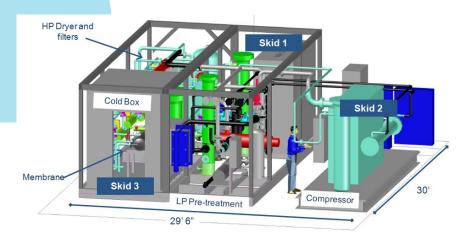
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#### Flue Gas Testing - Coal Plant flue gas



3,000+ Hours operation PI-1 3,000+ Hours operation PI-2





#### **Summary**

- SMR with CCS:
  - Cryocap<sup>TM</sup>  $H_2 \rightarrow$  Increase in  $H_2$  production while also capturing  $CO_2$ 
    - Hydrogen production increase ranges from 10 to 15%
    - Partial capture at 60+% CO<sub>2</sub> recovery
    - Hybrid Process can capture 90+% of CO<sub>2</sub> from SMR Flue gas
      - Cold Membrane technology can be implemented in SMR





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