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**Analytical Solutions for Oil & Gas
Blue Hydrogen Clean Energy Projects**

AGENDA

➤ Topic Highlights:

- Clean Energy trends that are driving blue hydrogen in the Oil & Gas market
- Types of processes to generate blue hydrogen
- Critical measurements within each process

O&G DECARBONIZES VIA EFFICIENCY, EMISSION CAPTURE, & H2 FUEL

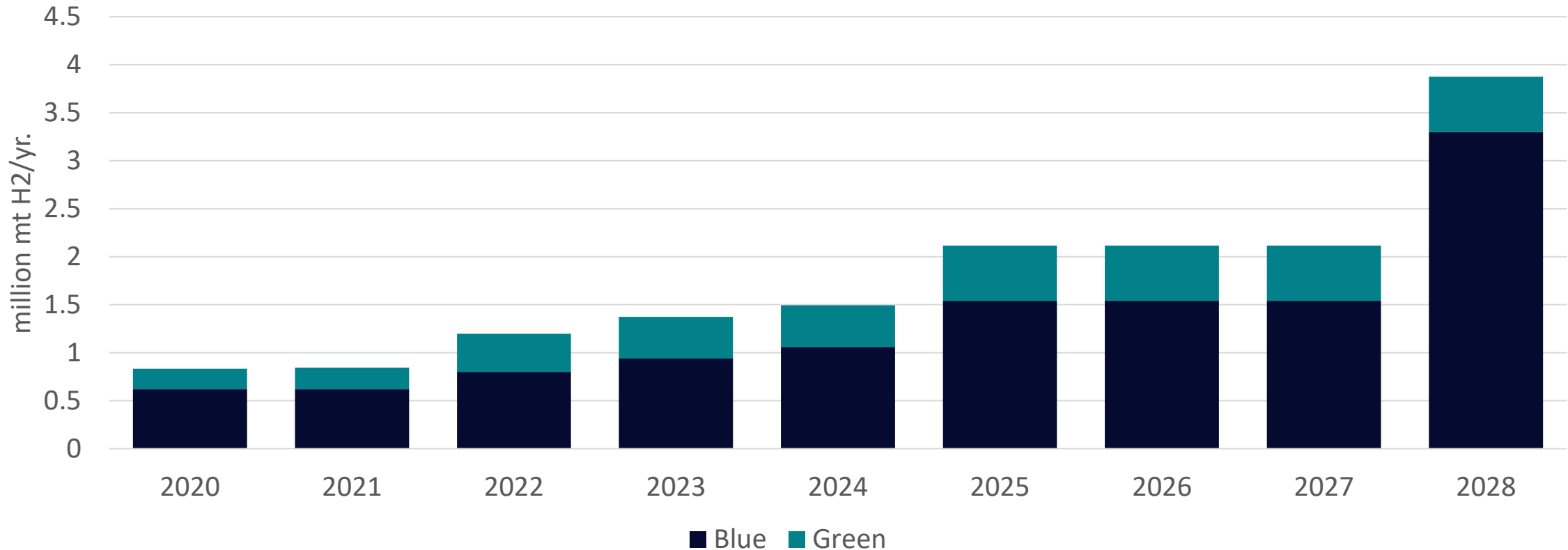
- The market is built on mature technology & focused on efficiency & flexibility
 - End users are **lowering O₂** level to reduce fuel/emissions (risking safety margin)
 - **Reduced flaring** means plants are redirecting these wastes to fuel gas headers
 - **Carbon capture** is the long-term emission primary strategy for O&G majors
 - Efficiency gains reduce near-term emissions on **existing assets**, later by **CCUS**

- Energy transition is focused on migrating to hydrogen fuels (and production)
 - Hydrogen is positioned as the zero-carbon fuel of the future, **now spiked in NG**
 - Most/all major O&G players have a stake in **blue H₂ production (some green)**
 - Cross-country & cross-company **partnerships** drive down costs of hydrogen / CC



BLUE H2 WILL DRIVE NEAR-TERM CLEAN ENERGY MEGA-PROJECTS

- Significant spending to expand production capacity in **Blue** Hydrogen
- Both green & blue H₂ production driven by **Europe, N. America**, then APAC



“CLEAN” HYDROGEN DEPENDS ON ITS ORIGINAL SOURCE VS. EMISSIONS

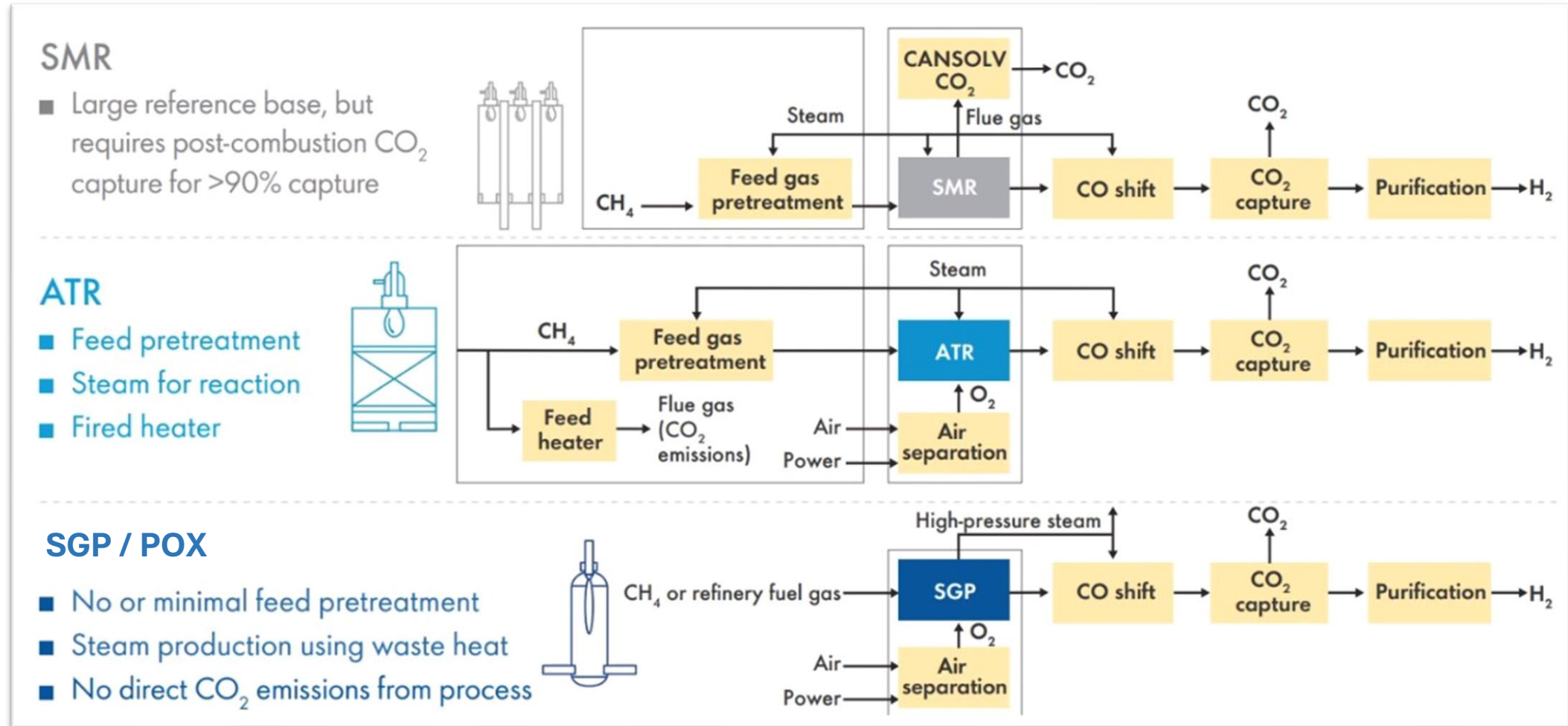


Blue Hydrogen (requires CCUS)

Biomass Gasification

Green Hydrogen

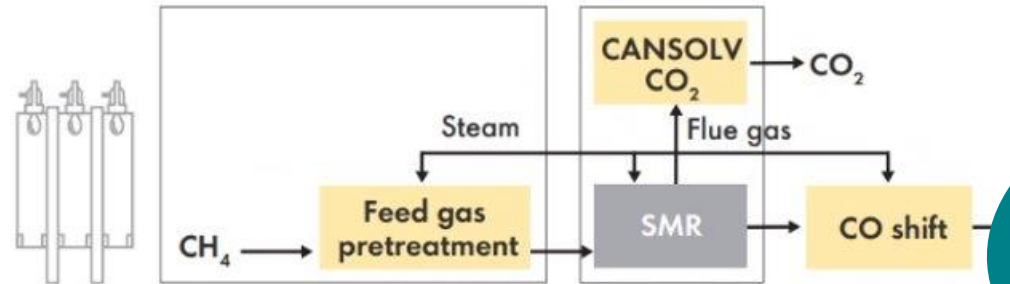
THREE (3) KEY TECHNOLOGIES FOR PRODUCING BLUE HYDROGEN



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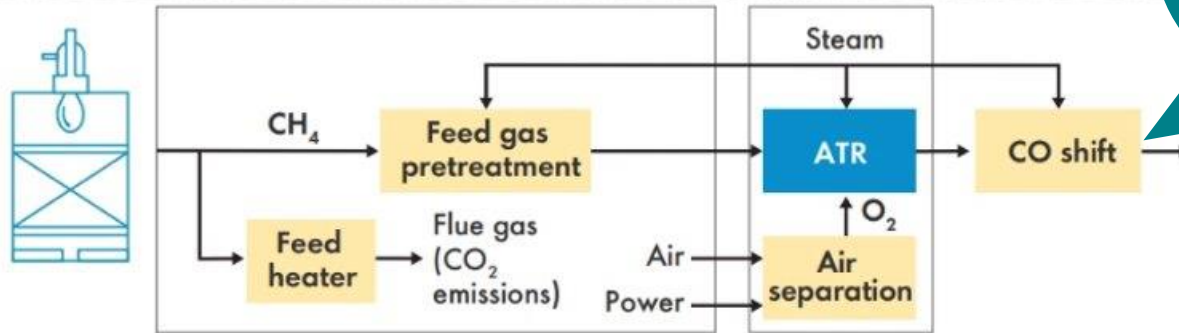
SMR

- Large reference base, but requires post-combustion CO₂ capture for >90% capture



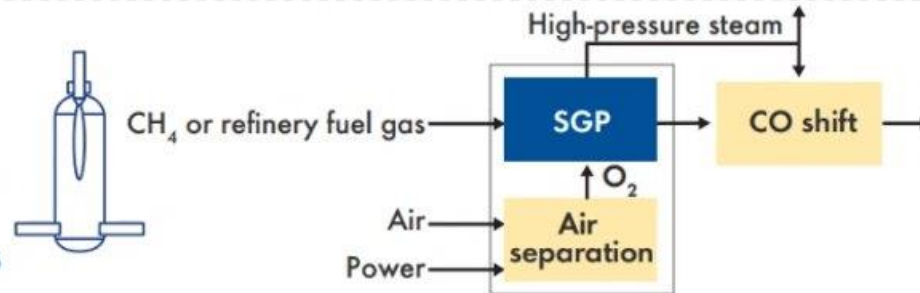
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- Feed pretreatment
- Steam for reaction
- Fired heater



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- No or minimal feed pretreatment
- Steam production using waste heat
- No direct CO₂ emissions from process

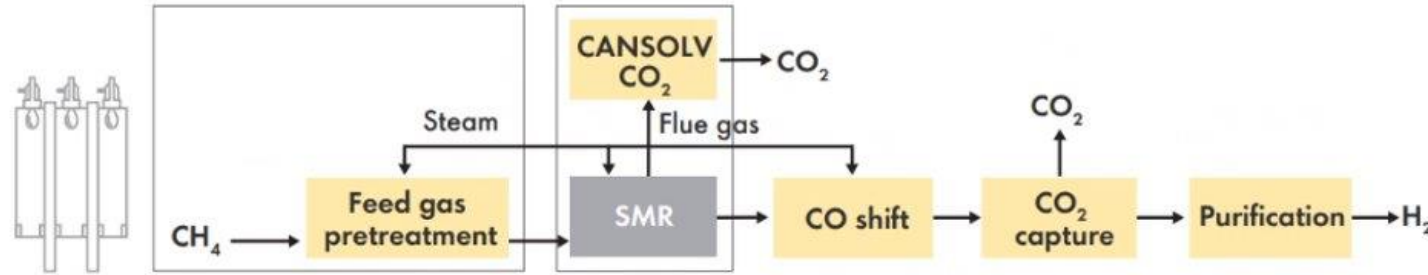


Without carbon capture, the process is “Grey Hydrogen”

THE BACK END OF BLUE H2 IS CARBON CAPTURE, MAKING IT “BLUE”

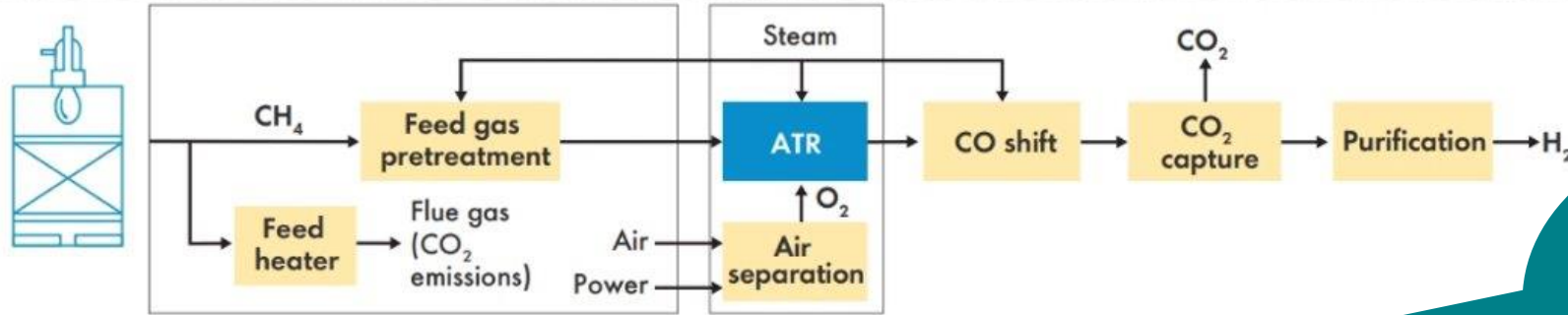
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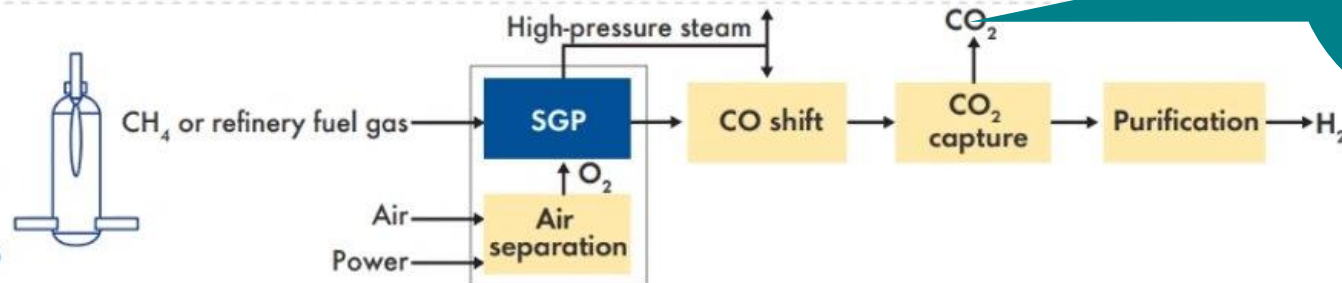
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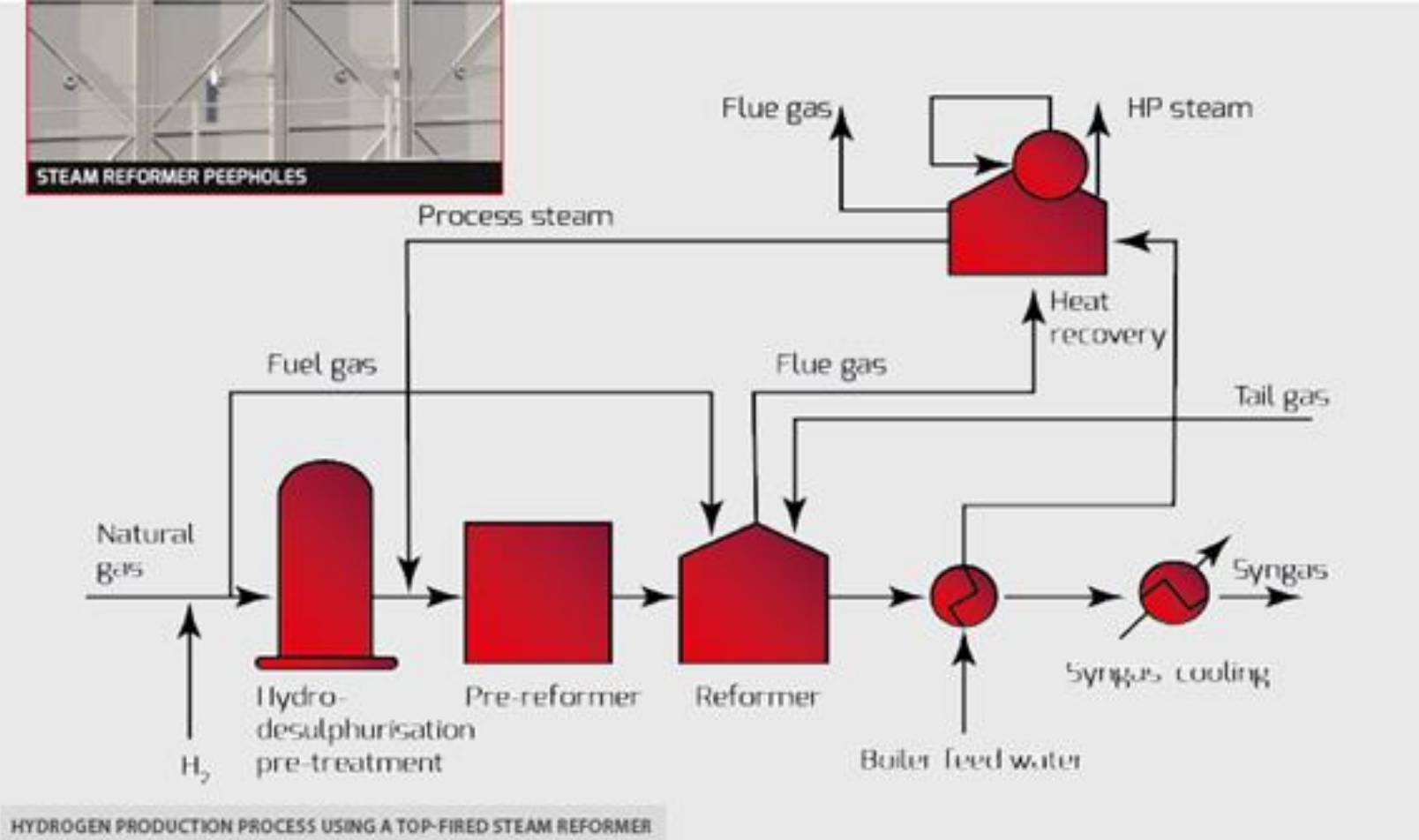
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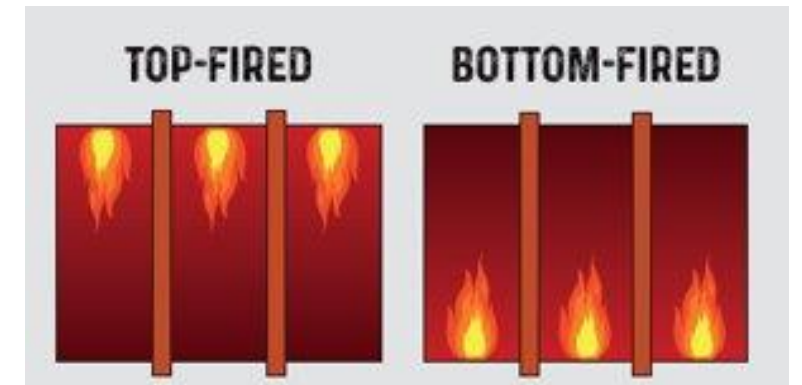
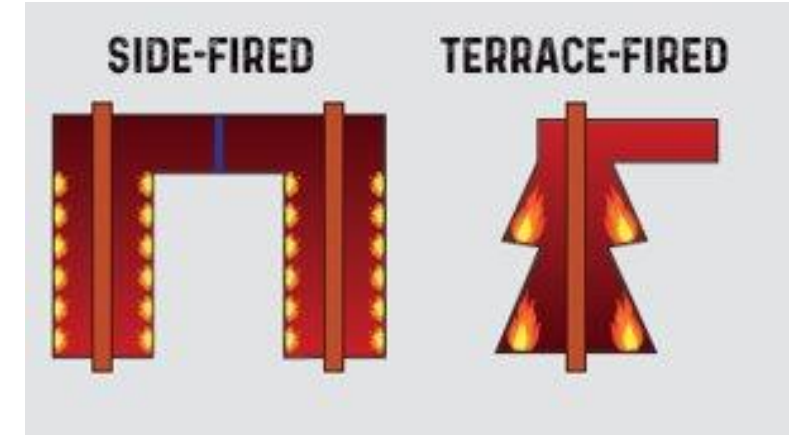


Carbon Capture lowers the emissions to atmosphere

STEAM METHANE REFORMING (SMR)



HYDROGEN PRODUCTION PROCESS USING A TOP-FIRED STEAM REFORMER

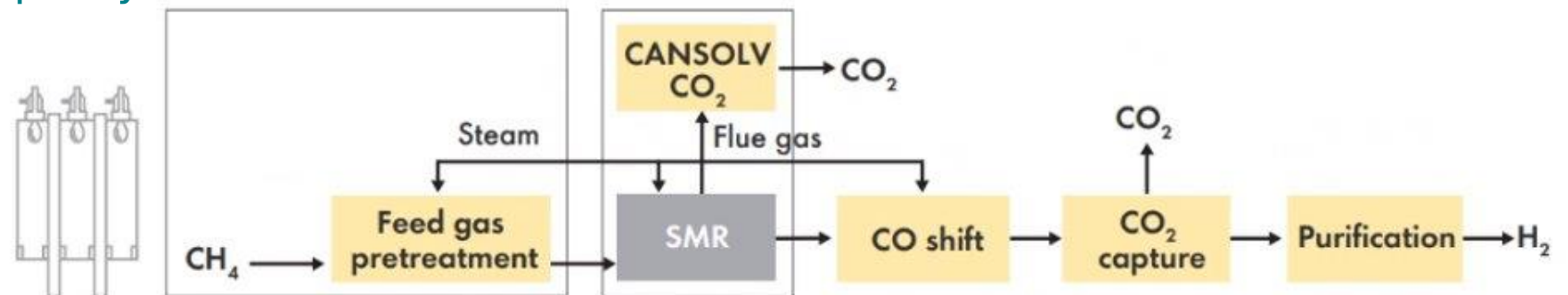


LARGE INSTALLED BASE OF SMRS FOR GREY H₂, REQUIRING CCUS

- Highlights:
 - Proven catalytic technology for existing grey H₂ production w/ wide installed base
 - Primary developments are around efficiency: burners, tube alloys, refractory, instr.
 - Process mixes with steam, uses catalyst, & has many tubes with external firing
 - More common for plants re-using their H₂ production internally (not for sale)
- Measurements:
 - Flue gas measurements (O₂, Combustibles, CH₄) to control flame in reformer
 - Syngas purity after steam reformer
 - Captured CO₂ & H₂ impurity measurements

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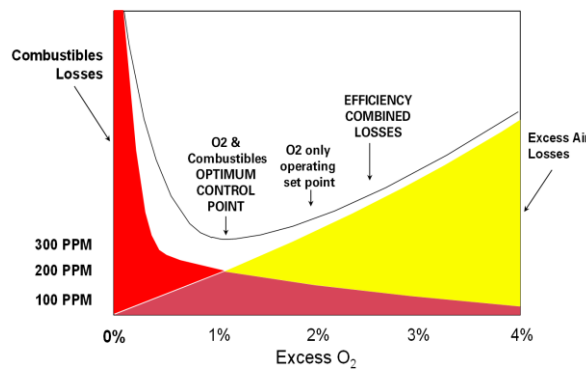
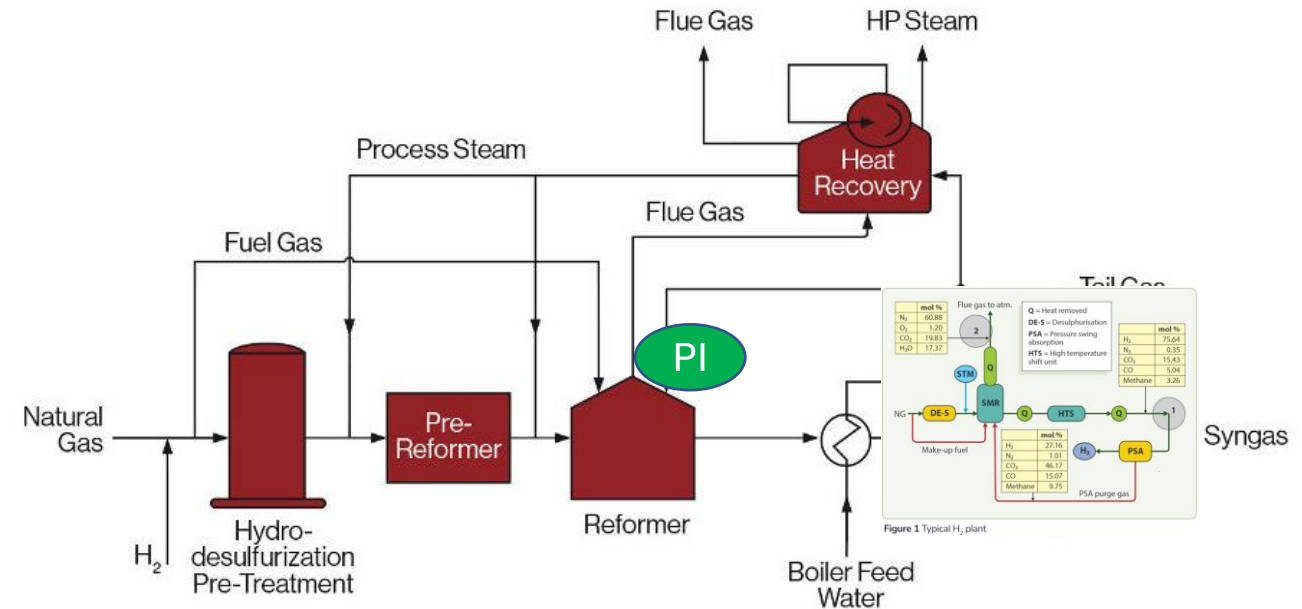
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COMBUSTION OPTIMIZATION OF THE STEAM METHANE REFORMER

- Combustion Control
 - Technology: Zirconium Oxide
 - Measure: O_2 , Comb., CH_4 +

- Low Emission Monitoring
 - Technology: TDLAS
 - Measure: CO_2 , CO/CH_4



Combustion Optimization: (for energy efficiency)

- Lower Oxygen concentrations to reduce fuel & emissions
- Fast & safe monitoring via close-coupled design & SIL-2
- Flexibility to monitor for burner & tube leaks, including O_2
- Supports the greater SMR (grey H₂) installed base

ANALYTICAL MEASUREMENTS OF SMR SYNGAS & CARBON CAPTURE

➤ SMR Syngas Analysis

- Technology: TDLAS/UV
- Measure: CO, CH₄, H₂S

➤ Captured CO₂ measurements

- Technology: TDLAS
- Measure: H₂O, CO, CO₂, CH₄, H₂S

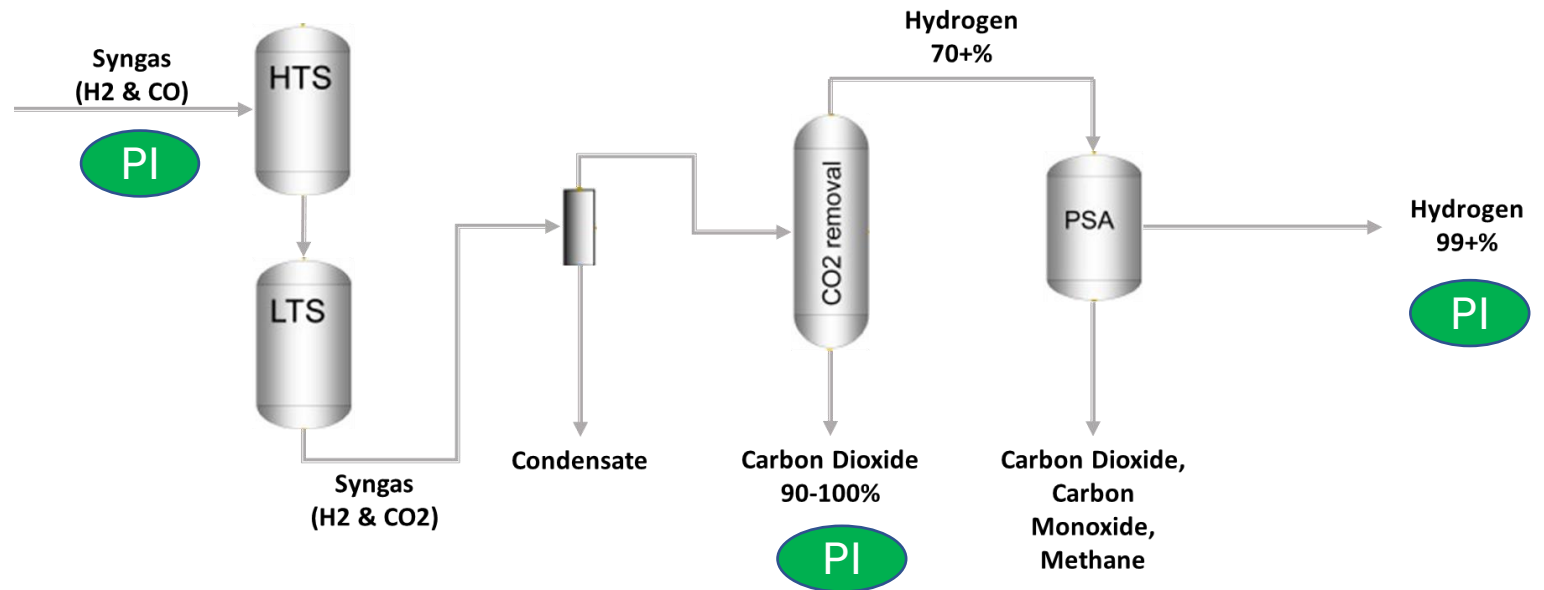
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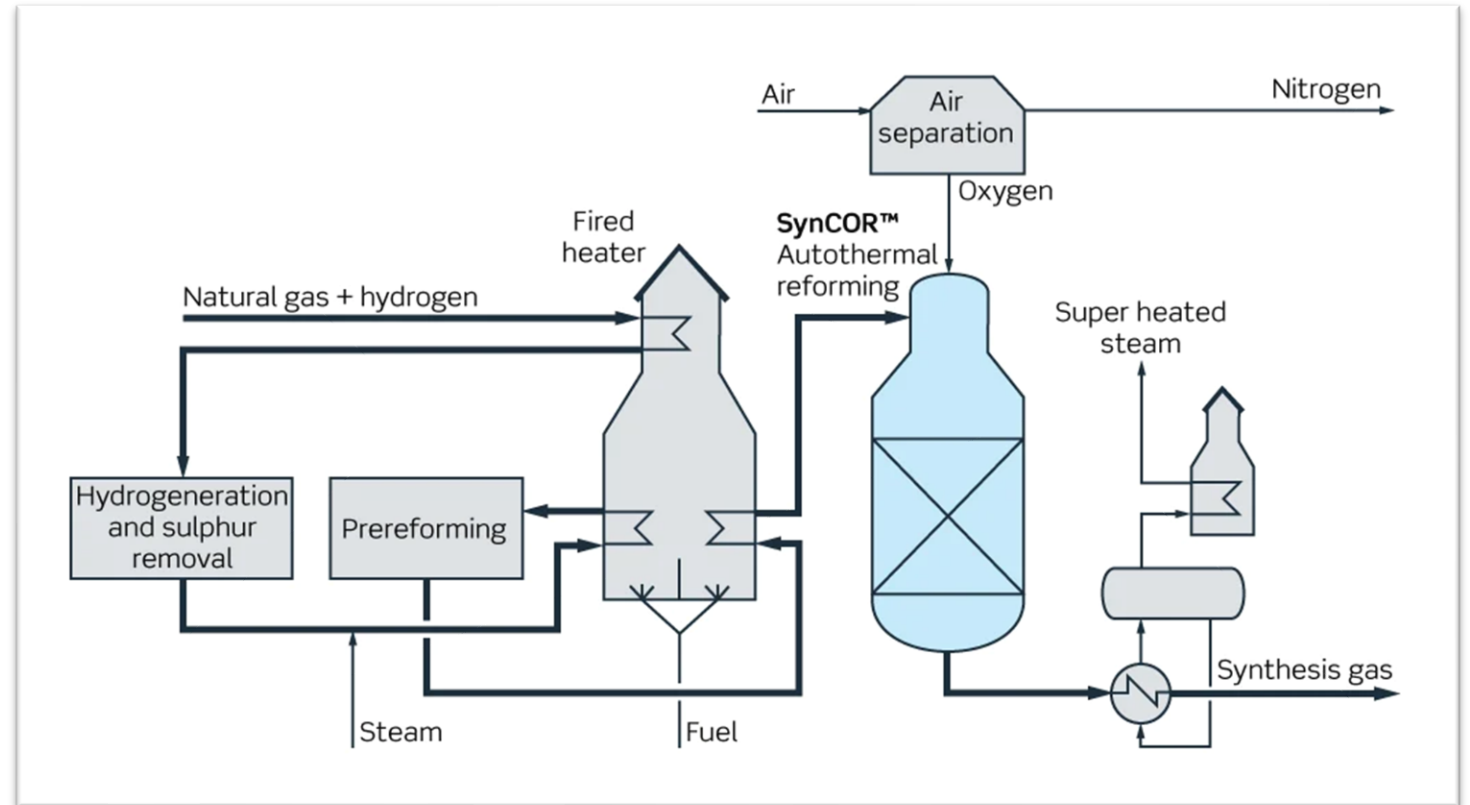
Steam-methane reforming reaction



Water-gas shift reaction



AUTOTHERMAL REFORMING (ATR)



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Overview:

- Mature technology as O₂-based, catalytic alternative to SMR... low market share
- Touted as more cost-effective vs. SMR for blue hydrogen (single nozzle)
- Process mixes O₂ with steam, direct firing (no tubes), single catalyst bed
- Expected to be more common when end users are planning to sell / export H₂

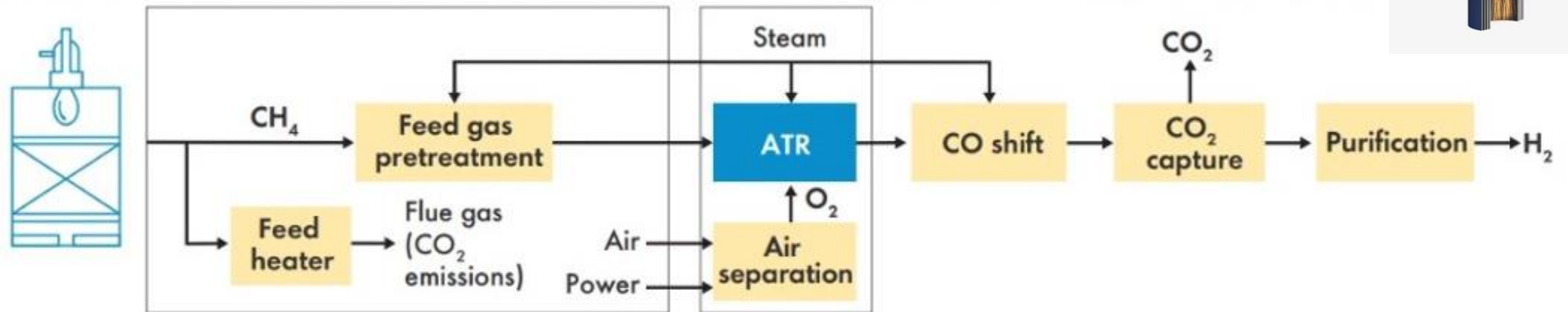
Measurements

- Flue gas measurements (O₂, Comb., CH₄) to control flame in fired heater zone
- Syngas purity following autothermal reforming
- Captured CO₂ & H₂ measurements



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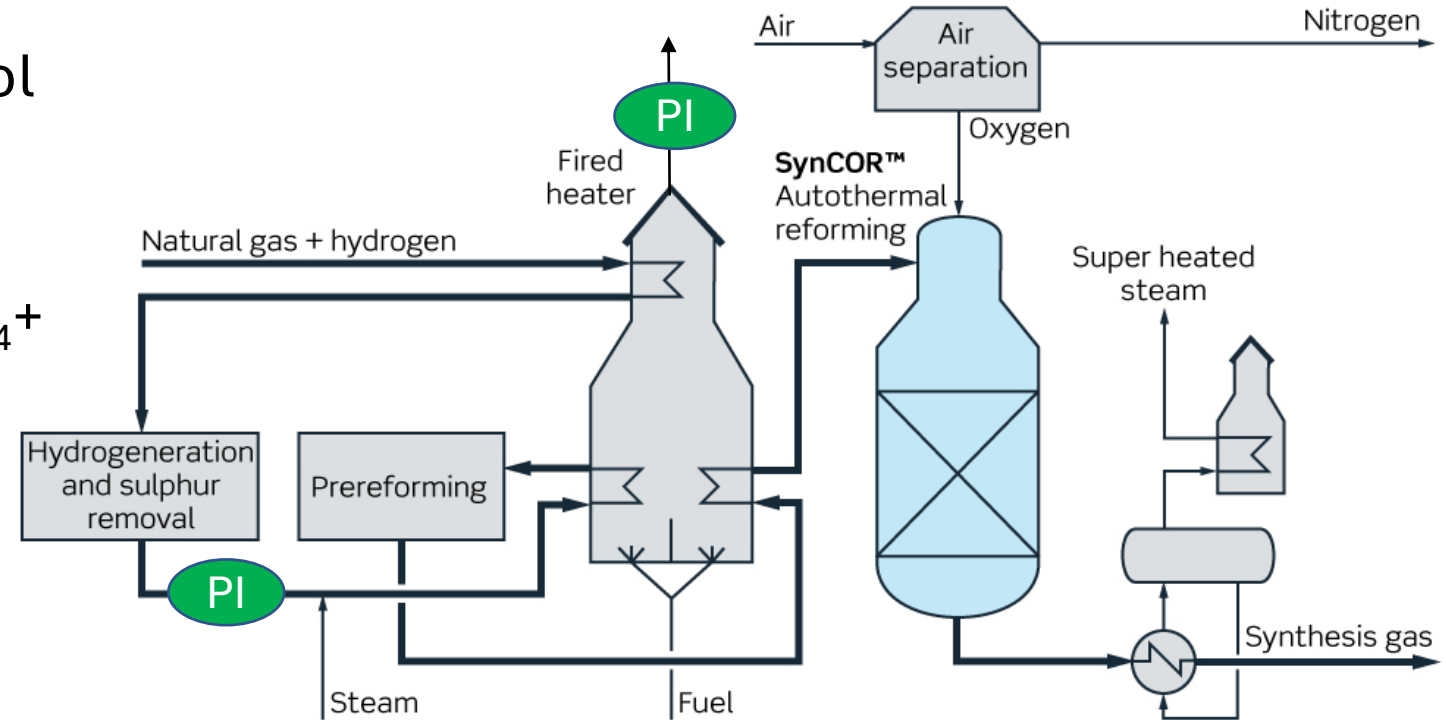
COMBUSTION & SULFUR MEASUREMENTS FOR ATR

➤ Fired Heater Combustion Control

- Technology: Zirconium Oxide / TDLAS
- Measure: O₂, Combustibles, CH₄+

➤ Sulfur Removal Outlet

- Technology: UV/TDLAS
- Measurements: ppm H₂S



ANALYTICAL MEASUREMENTS OF ATR SYNGAS & CARBON CAPTURE

➤ ATR Syngas Analysis

- Technology: TDLAS/UV
- Measure: CO, CH₄, H₂S

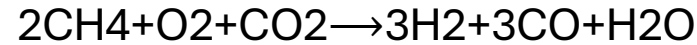
➤ Captured CO₂ measurements

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ATR reforming reaction



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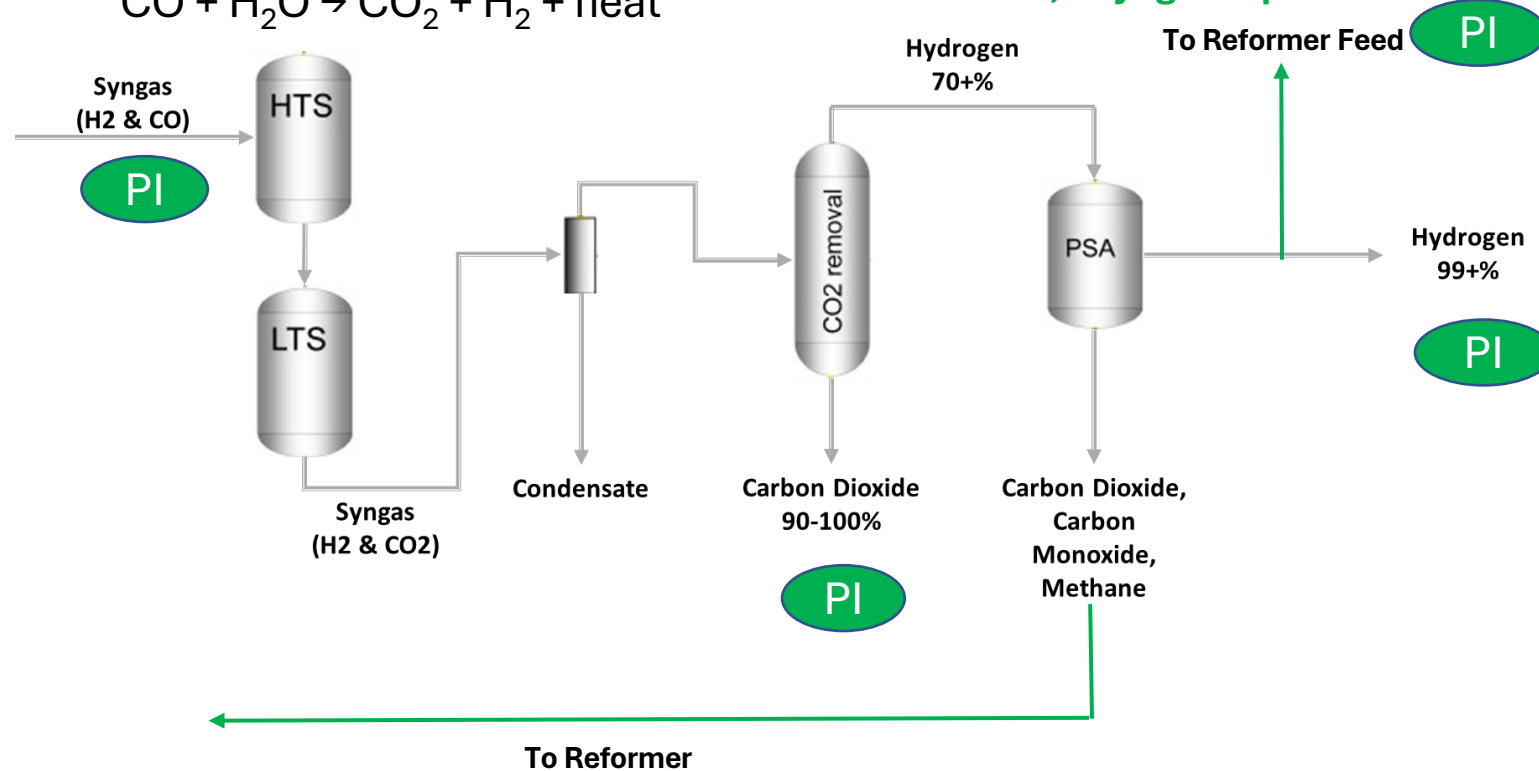


* Alternate technologies and layout

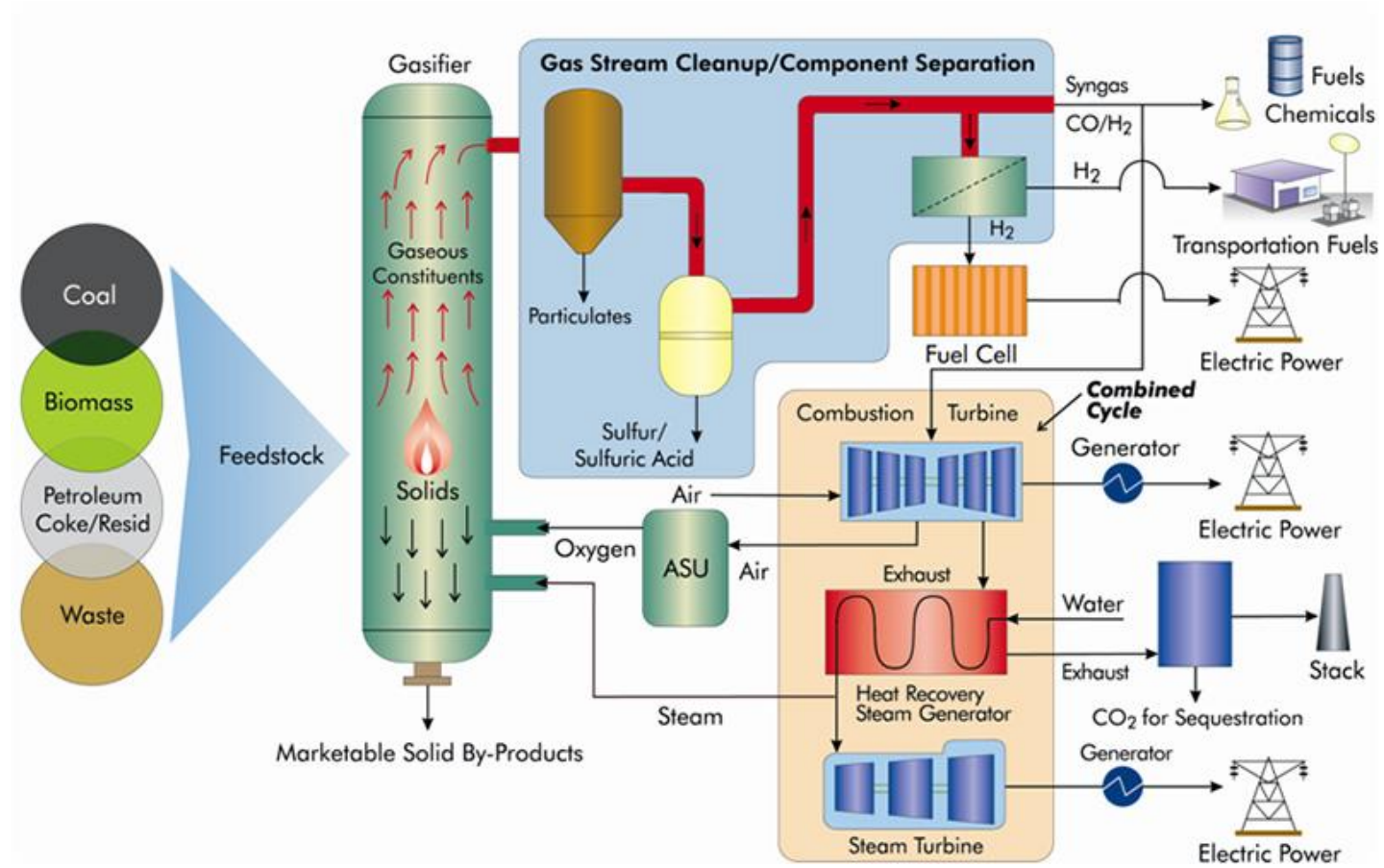
- VPSA

- Compressor

- Membranes, Cryogenic processes



**PARTIAL
OXIDATION
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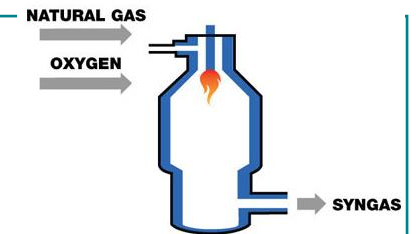
Overview:

- Process is an O₂-based system with a direct firing reactor, and noncatalytic
- Does not consume steam (rather generates it) and has no direct CO₂ emissions
- Leverages a simpler/smaller design to reduce cost of H₂ by 22% (vs. ATR)
- Wide flexibility of feedstocks



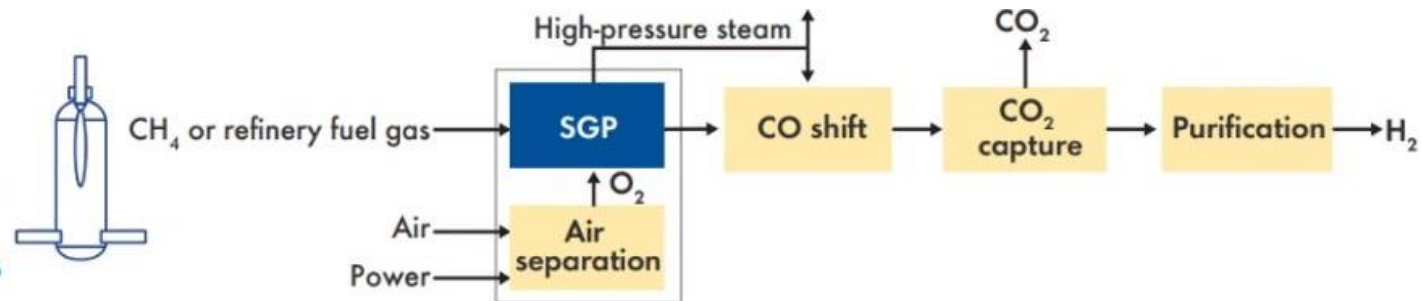
Measurements:

- No combustion measurements
- Syngas purity
- Captured CO₂ and H₂ purity



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ANALYTICAL MEASUREMENTS OF POX SYNGAS & CARBON CAPTURE

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- Technology: TDLAS/UV
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➤ Captured CO₂ measurements

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- Measure: H₂O, CO, CO₂, CH₄, H₂S

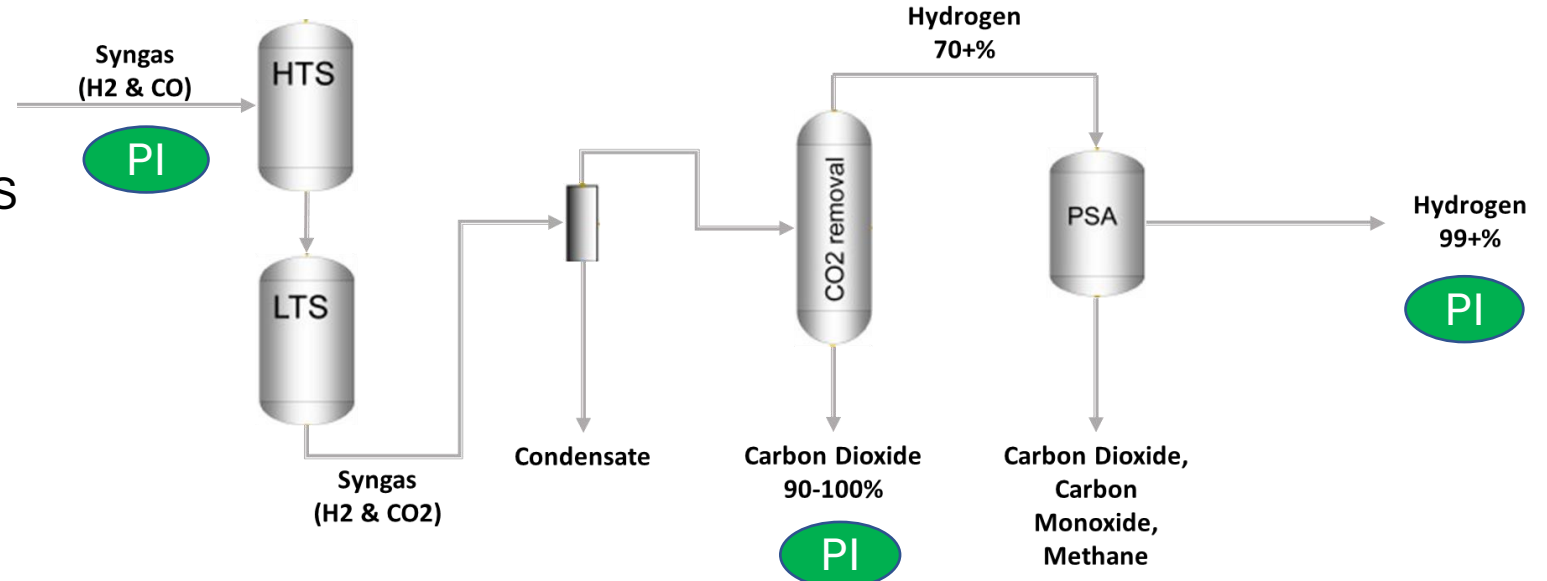
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Partial oxidation of methane reaction

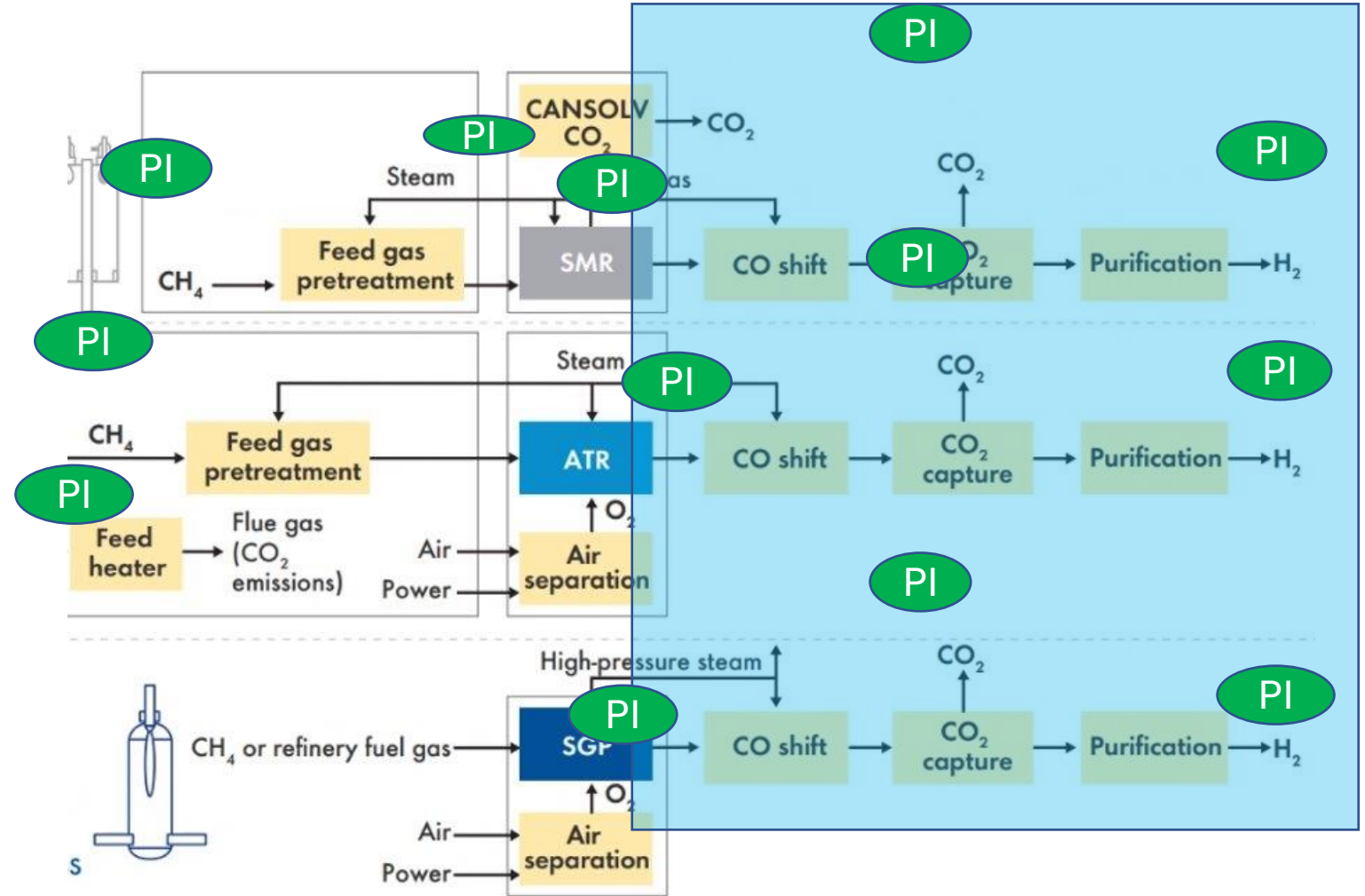


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OVERALL, STRONG OPPORTUNITY IN BLUE HYDROGEN

- Combustion Control
 - Technology: Zirconium Oxide, TDLAS
 - Measure: O_2 , Comb., CH_4 +
- SMR Syngas Analysis
 - Technology: TDLAS/UV
 - Measure: CO , CH_4 , H_2S
- Captured CO_2 measurements
 - Technology: TDLAS
 - Measure: H_2O , CO , CO_2 , CH_4 , H_2S
- Captured H_2 measurements
 - Technology: TDLAS
 - Measure: H_2O , CO_2 , CH_4



TAKEAWAYS

➤ Market Takeaways

- **Blue hydrogen** poses a large opportunity across end users, for new & expansion projects
- Much of the installed base is SMR technology (requiring CCUS) and **focusing on efficiency**
- New blue H₂ plants will likely consider **ATR** or partial oxidation to reduce H₂ production costs

➤ Measurement Takeaways & Considerations

- **Flue gas measurements:** Required for SMR & ATR, but will likely face pressure to meet lower O₂ levels, faster responses, and greater measurement points for greater control
- **Analytical measurements:** TDLAS offers measurements for syngas, captured CO₂, and H₂ generation, and we have provided these solutions for years.

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