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## II.B.4 Integrated High Temperature Coal-to-Hydrogen System with CO<sub>2</sub> Separation

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### Objectives

The objective of this project to GE Global Research (GEGR) is to design a single module to perform two functions: hot gas clean-up and hydrogen separation from coal-derived syngas. GEGR will develop a high-temperature membrane material, which is at the core of the design. The simplified “one box” process would combine shift reactors with the high temperature CO<sub>2</sub>-selective membrane; this would convert CO to CO<sub>2</sub>, remove sulfur compounds, and remove CO<sub>2</sub> in a fully-integrated system, leaving behind high purity hydrogen.

### Approach

Guided by GE’s Design for Six Sigma Process (DFSS), the technology development effort will follow three tasks. First, a “one-box” design concept will be analyzed to meet targets of higher efficiency lower capital cost, and smaller footprint to produce the performance targets for the system and the new membrane. Second, feasibility of high-temperature CO<sub>2</sub>-selective membrane materials that also remove H<sub>2</sub>S will be demonstrated. Third, a detailed design will be produced of a “one box” syngas cleanup module using the membrane materials developed, and the performance and cost metrics will be predicted. The outcome will be the scientific basis for an integrated coal-to-H<sub>2</sub> clean-up system that includes system designs and membrane materials suitable for scale-up and demonstration.

### Accomplishments

- Developed a conceptual reactor design and performance targets for system and membrane.
- Synthesized inorganic mesoporous membrane structures with varying pore sizes and architectures and identified functional materials that enhance CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>S transport. Characterized membrane selectivity and permeability as a function of temperature.

### Future Directions

- Integrate syngas clean-up and conversion module design and predict performance of optimized integrated module.
- Prepare projected capital and operating costs of integrated module.