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Introduction

The importance of hydrogen is related to the possibility to produce electricity in the fuel cells avoiding the mechanical conversion of the traditional thermo-electrical plants.



Advantages

The smart combination and sizing of the three technologies will allow obtaining high recoveries of hydrogen at very low costs. The process can also be extended to other hydrogen recovery systems with low hydrogen content.

Membrane module

Figure 1. Fuel cell system

Objectives

- Design, scale-up and demonstration at industrially relevant conditions of a novel membrane based hybrid technology for the direct separation of hydrogen from natural gas grids.
- Targets: hydrogen separation system with power of < 5 kWh/kg_{H_2} and costs of < 1.5 \notin/kg_{H_2} .
- Output pilot designed for >25 kg/day of hydrogen will be built and tested.





Figure 3. Hygrid system from natural gas to pure hydrogen

Experimental and modeling approach

- Define of the reference case and sizing of the HyGrid pre-commercial scale plant
- Experimental tests with Pd-Ag and carbon membranes to increase permeability and reduce the costs of the system.
- Thermogravimetry analysis to analyze the difference of composition with the temperature for a better understanding of temperature swing adsorption system.

Figure 2. Partners of the project

• Modeling of the prototype system in order to implement the economic analysis.

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