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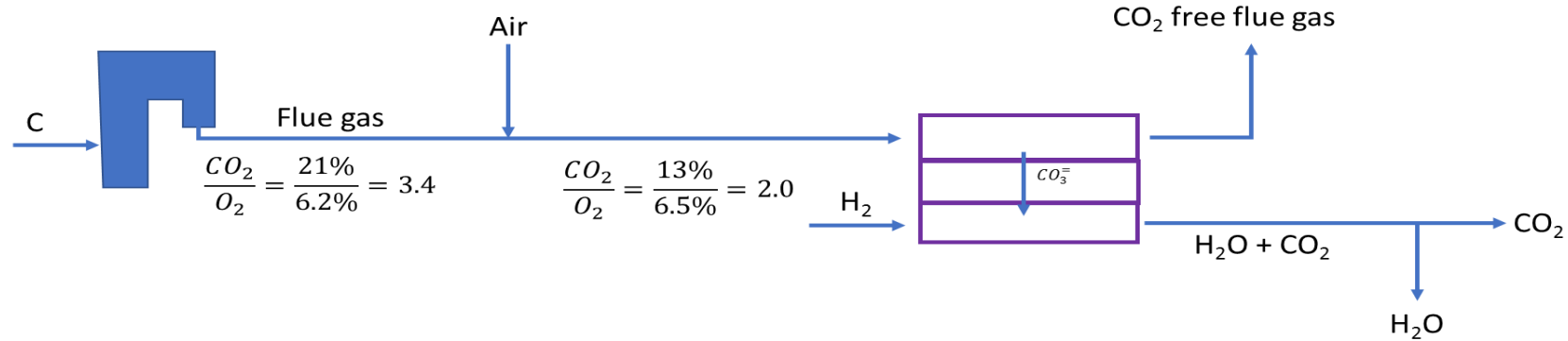
Industrial research of CCS installation with MCFC stacks

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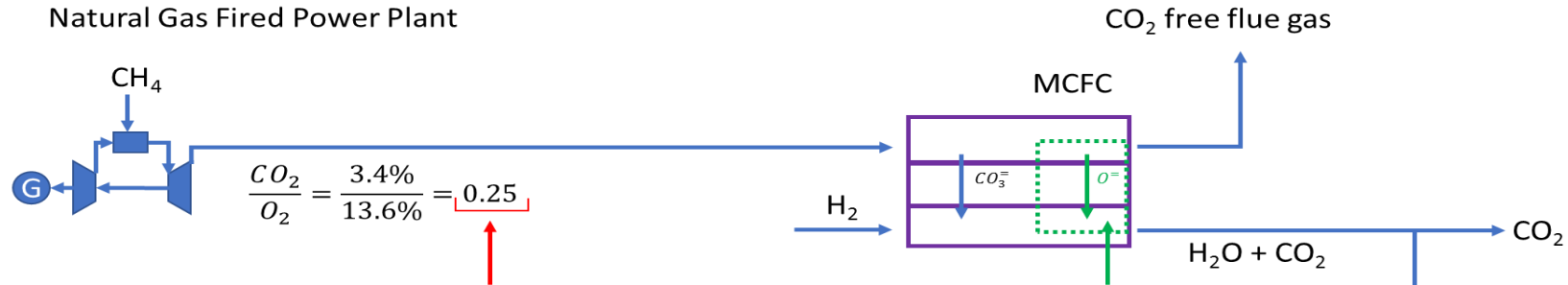
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# Topic and excellence

Coal Fired Power Plant



Natural Gas Fired Power Plant



**PROBLEM!**  
Low terminal voltage of MCFC,  
resulting with low electric efficiency

**SOLUTION:**  
Modifying electrolyte/matrix  
materials for obtaining a  
tailored  $CO_3^{2-} / O^{2-}$  conductivity

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- Flue gas composition

**Table** Typical composition of flue gas originated from gas turbines

Major species	Typical concentration, % volume
N <sub>2</sub>	66..72
O <sub>2</sub>	12..18
CO <sub>2</sub>	1..5
H <sub>2</sub> O	1..5

**Table** General Electric F-class engine (GE9371FB) exhaust gas and fuel composition

COMPONENT	Fuel, %vol	Flue gas composition, %vol
CH <sub>4</sub>	93.1	0
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	3.2	0
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	0.7	0
C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	0.4	0
N <sub>2</sub>	1.6	0
CO <sub>2</sub>	1.0	3.9
H <sub>2</sub> O	0	8.4
O <sub>2</sub>	0	12.4
N <sub>2</sub>	0	74.4
Ar	0	0.9

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## • **Planned research activities**

- Verification of the MCFC operation with the various composition of flue gases
  - examination of the MCFC operation stability as the component of CCS installation
  - Testing scenarios
    - up to 3 short operating periods
    - up to 3 medium operation periods
    - 1 long operating periods – at least 1000 hours
- } Oriented into verification of the basic functionalities of the container installation

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**Goal:** Long-term tests during operation lasting 120 – 1000 hours

- Task 4.1: Long-term studies of a pilot container installation with a MCFC stack
- Task 4.2: Research on the impact of exhaust gas composition on the efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> capture in the context of increased efficiency

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- Task 4.1: Long-term studies of a pilot container installation with a MCFC stack

**Aim:** collect following operational data:

- Temperatures at measured locations inside the stack
- Temperatures of external construction plates of the stack (exposed to large temperature difference)
- Temperatures of gas in inlet and flue gas outlet channels
- Pressure on the inlet and outlet to both anode and cathode
- Absolute fuel pressure
- Pressure drop between inlet and outlet in the anode and cathode channel
- Pressure drop in the main pipelines of the installation

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**Aim:** collect following operational data:

- Fuel and air/flue gases composition control
- Fuel and air/flue gases flow control
- Detailed control of the value of CO<sub>2</sub> capture coefficient and decrease of concentration of CO<sub>2</sub> at the cathode outlet
- Fuel and oxidized utilization coefficient
- Data acquisition for ex-post analysis in the resolution of 1 seconds (for steady states) and 0.1-0.2 seconds for transient states.

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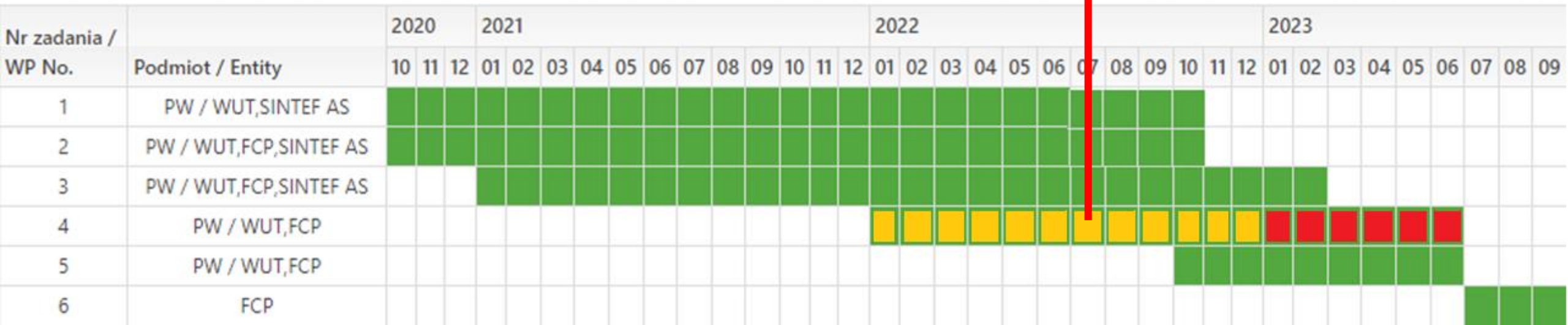
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- Task 4.2: Research on the impact of exhaust gas composition on the efficiency of CO<sub>2</sub> capture in the context of increased efficiency
  - General analysis of facility cooperation with MCFC, including:
    - Various amounts of gas turbine flue gas flow through cathode channel vs. Electricity generation efficiency
    - Various amounts of gas turbine/boiler flue gas flow through cathode channel vs. CO<sub>2</sub> generation by unit
    - Effect of high/low amount of CO<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub> in gas turbine flue gas composition on MCFC effectiveness

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# Work Package 4 (01.2022 .. 06.2023)

• **Planned schedule of tasks realisation**



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## • Planned schedule of tasks implementation

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- 1st start-up of full installation aimed to formate 10kW MCFC stack

120h - 1<sup>st</sup> start-up of MCFC stack requires special conditions for removing polymers and reduce the anode electrode

- 10kW MCFC stack test under reference conditions

100h – 1<sup>st</sup> start-up under final procedure, investigation of MCFC stack on reference gases (H2 as fuel; 30%CO2, 15%O2, 55%N2)

- Short time investigation of MCFC for CO2 separation from flue gases (starting 20.01.2023)

120..240h - investigation of MCFC stack with flue gases on cathode side, parameters stabilization and optimization, cool down – analysis of installation parameters during start-up, short time operation and cool down

- Mid time investigation of full instalation (starting 06.02.2023)

480h - investigation of MCFC stack with flue gases on cathode side; feasibility assessment of BoP equipment for long perspective

- Long-term investigation of full instalation (starting 03.03.2023)

1000h - investigation of MCFC stack with flue gases on cathode side aiming to separate CO2 in long perspective; degradation test will be conducted for operating voltage and power; dynamic behavior under changing thermal-flow parameters will be studied; measuring of key performance indicators

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