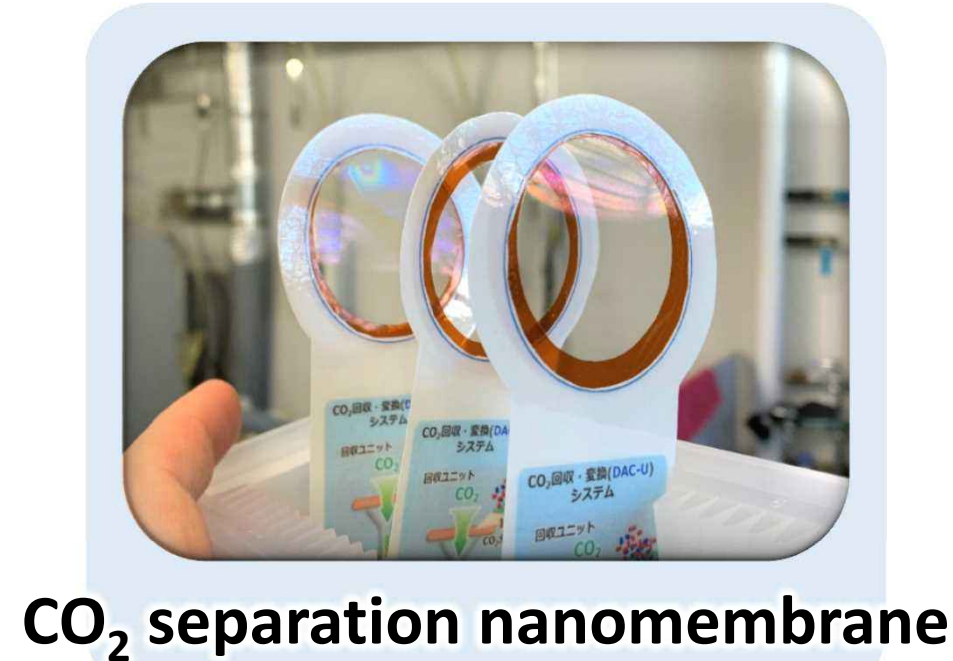


Toward a Beyond Zero Society through Ubiquitous Carbon Capture and Utilization (CCU)

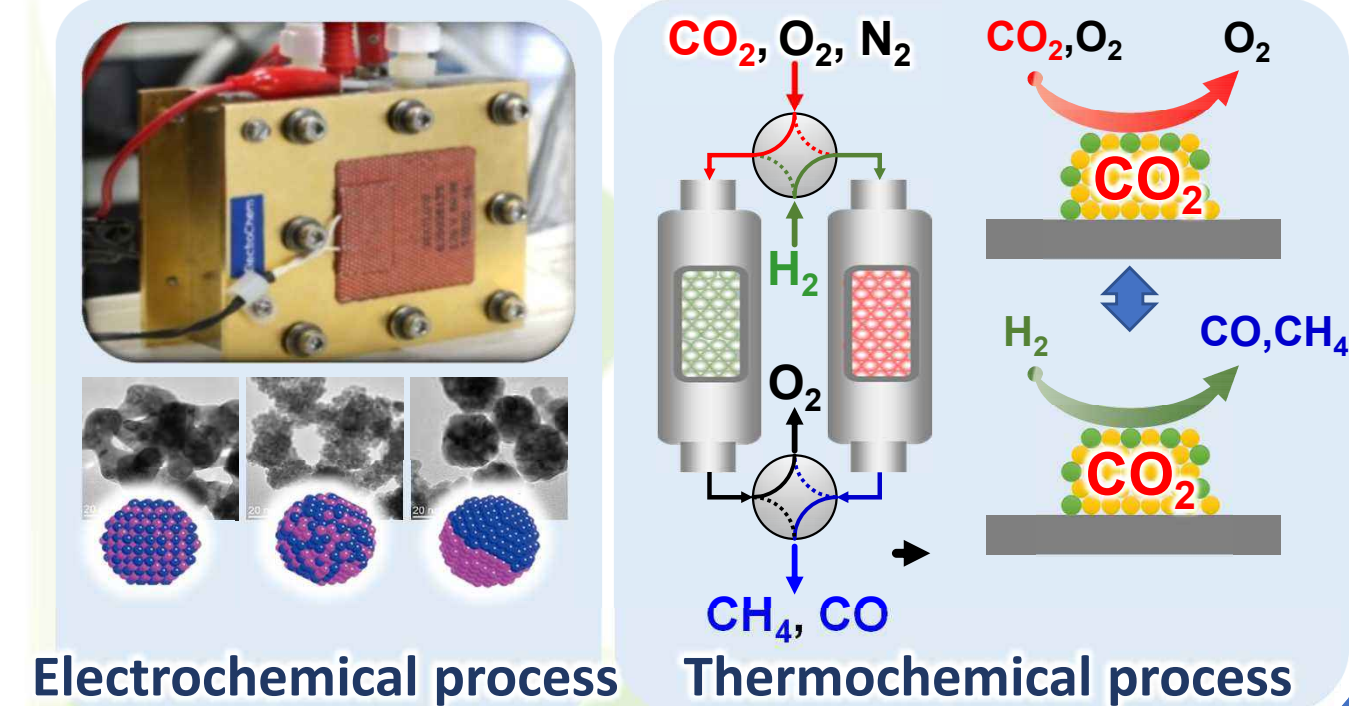
CO₂ separation nanomembranes with overwhelming high CO₂ permeability

- Kyushu University has developed a nanomembrane that is only 1/2500 as thin as the diameter of a hair.
- Developed nanomembranes show highest CO₂ permeance, which is 20 times higher than conventional membranes



Catalyst technology for CO₂ conversion and small conversion system

- Nanocatalysts and electrochemical process system for highly efficient conversion of CO₂ to useful substances
- Novel thermochemical catalysts and processes for simultaneous O₂ removal and CO₂ conversion

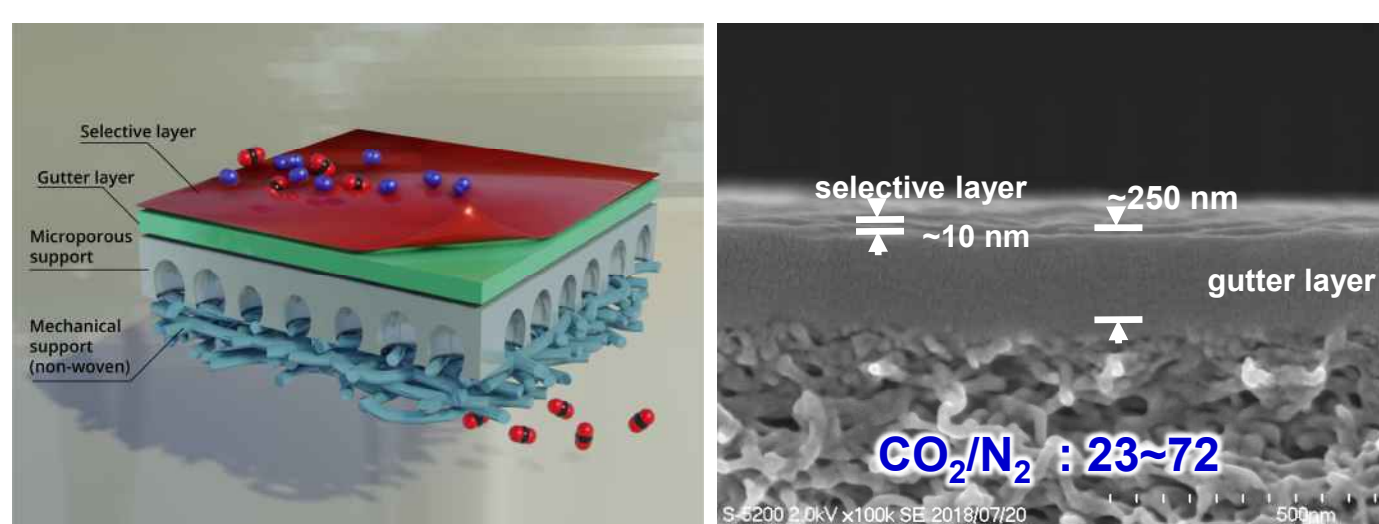


Goals of the Project

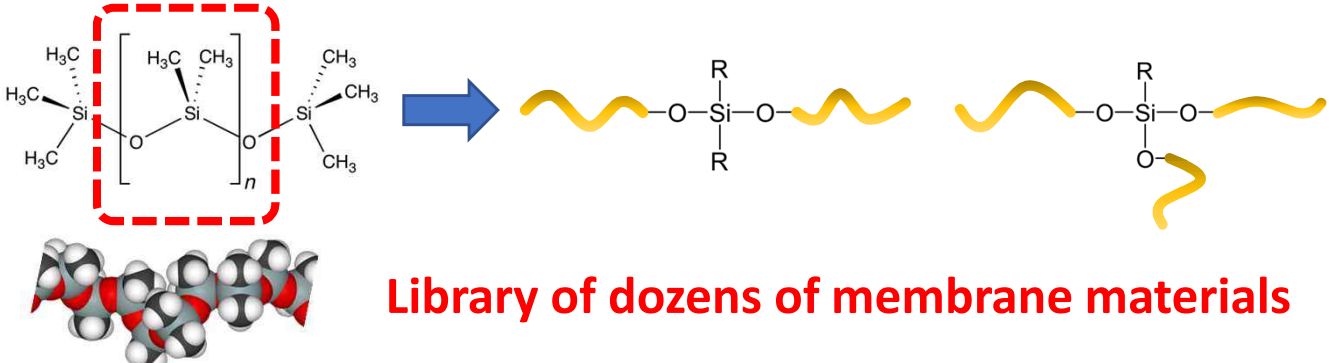
Compact, Scalable, Distributed Deployable Direct Air Capture-Utilization (DAC-U) System



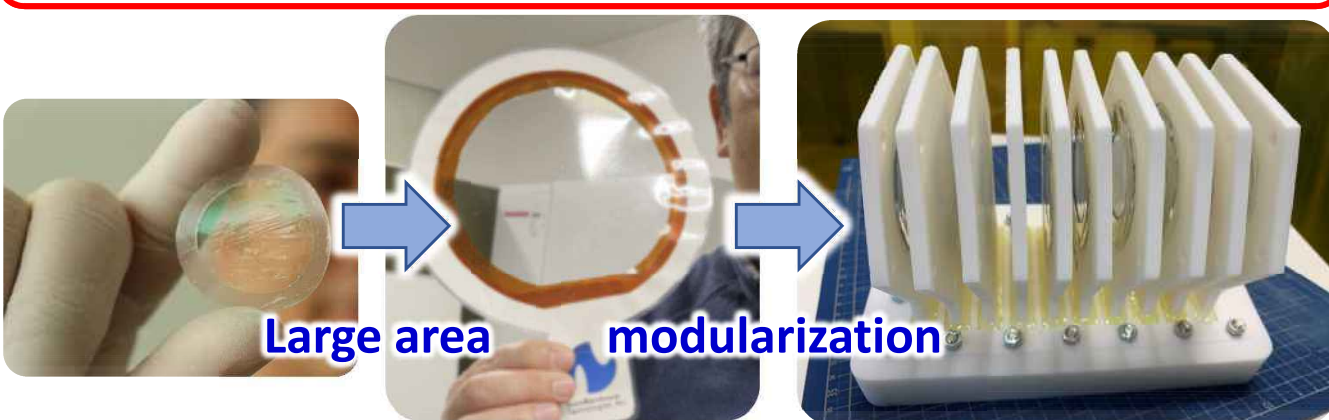
Enhancement of CO₂ selectivity



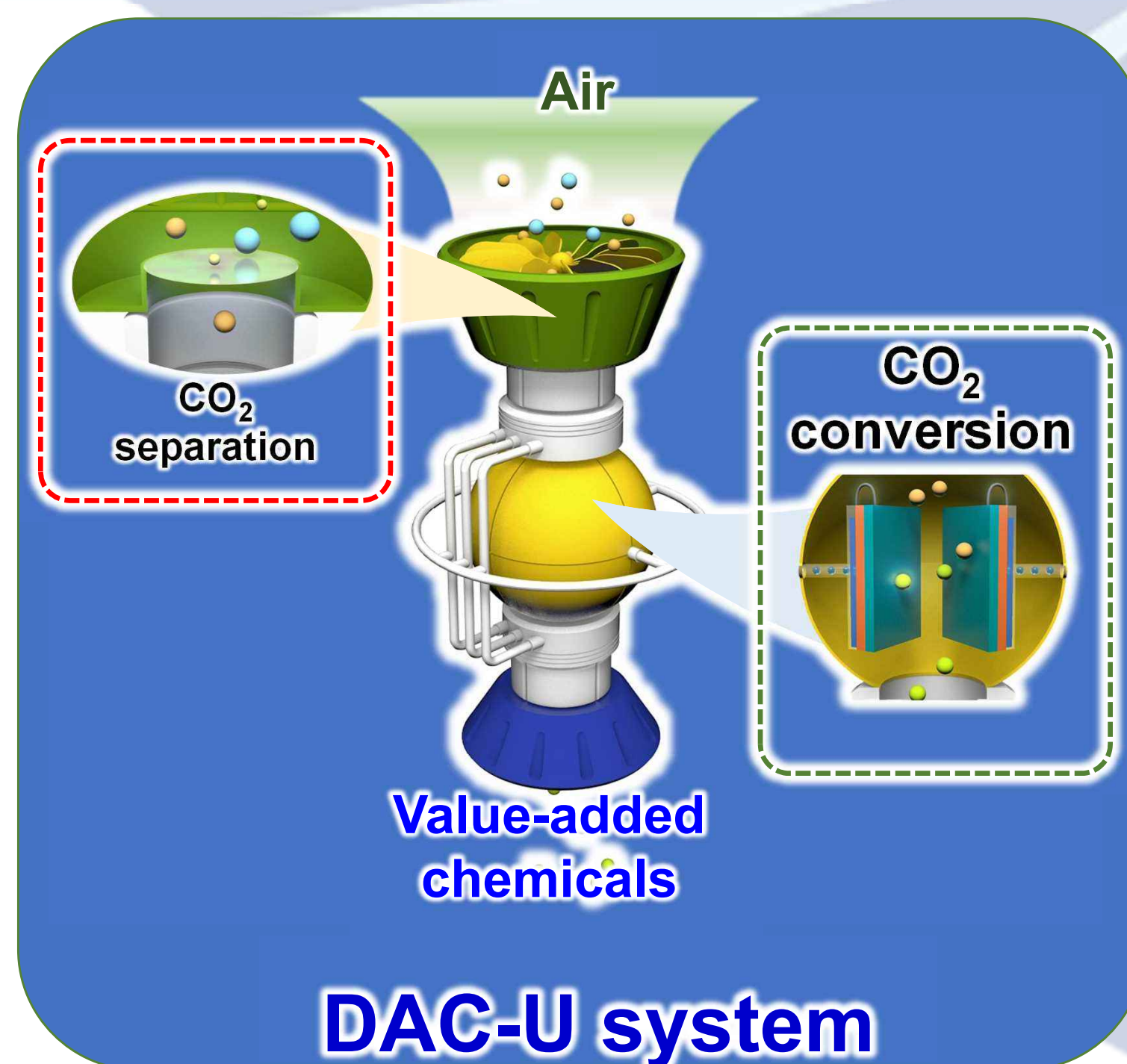
Development of membrane materials



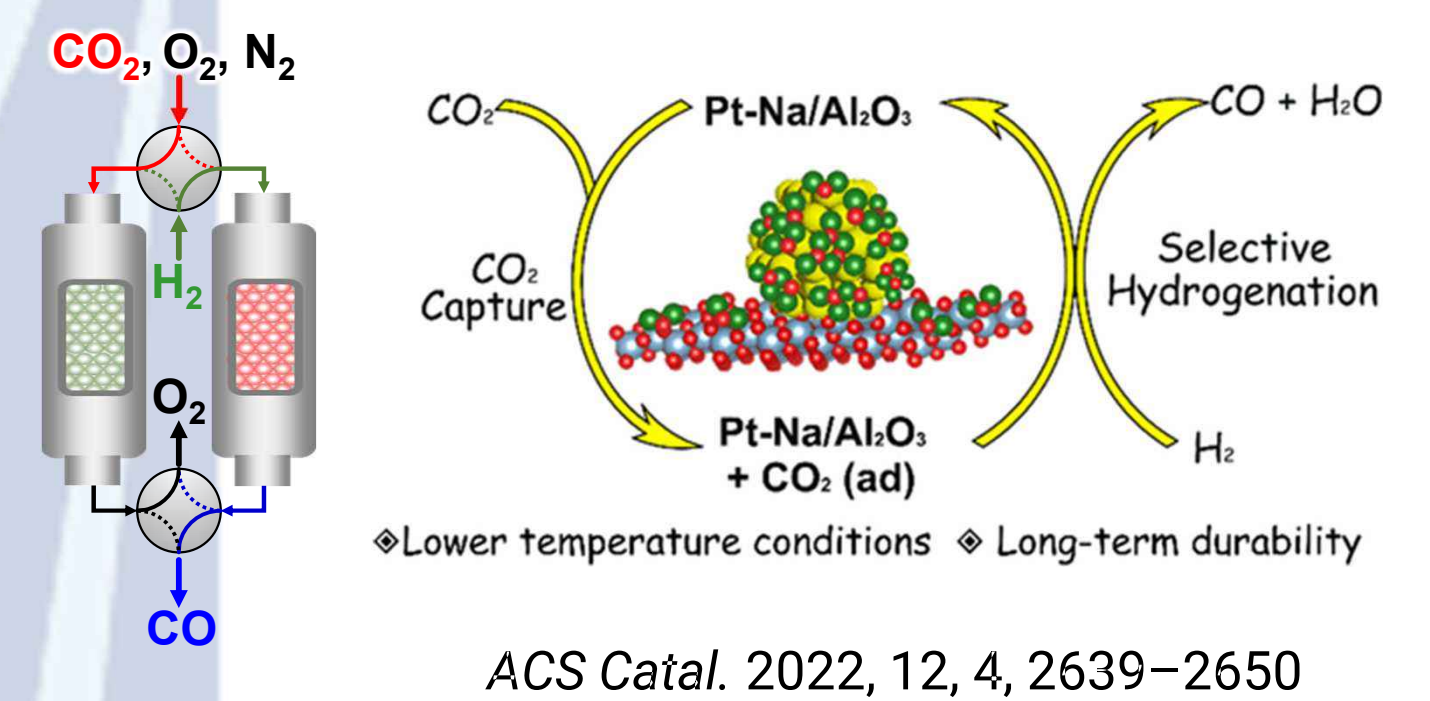
Large area and modularization of nanomembranes



systematization

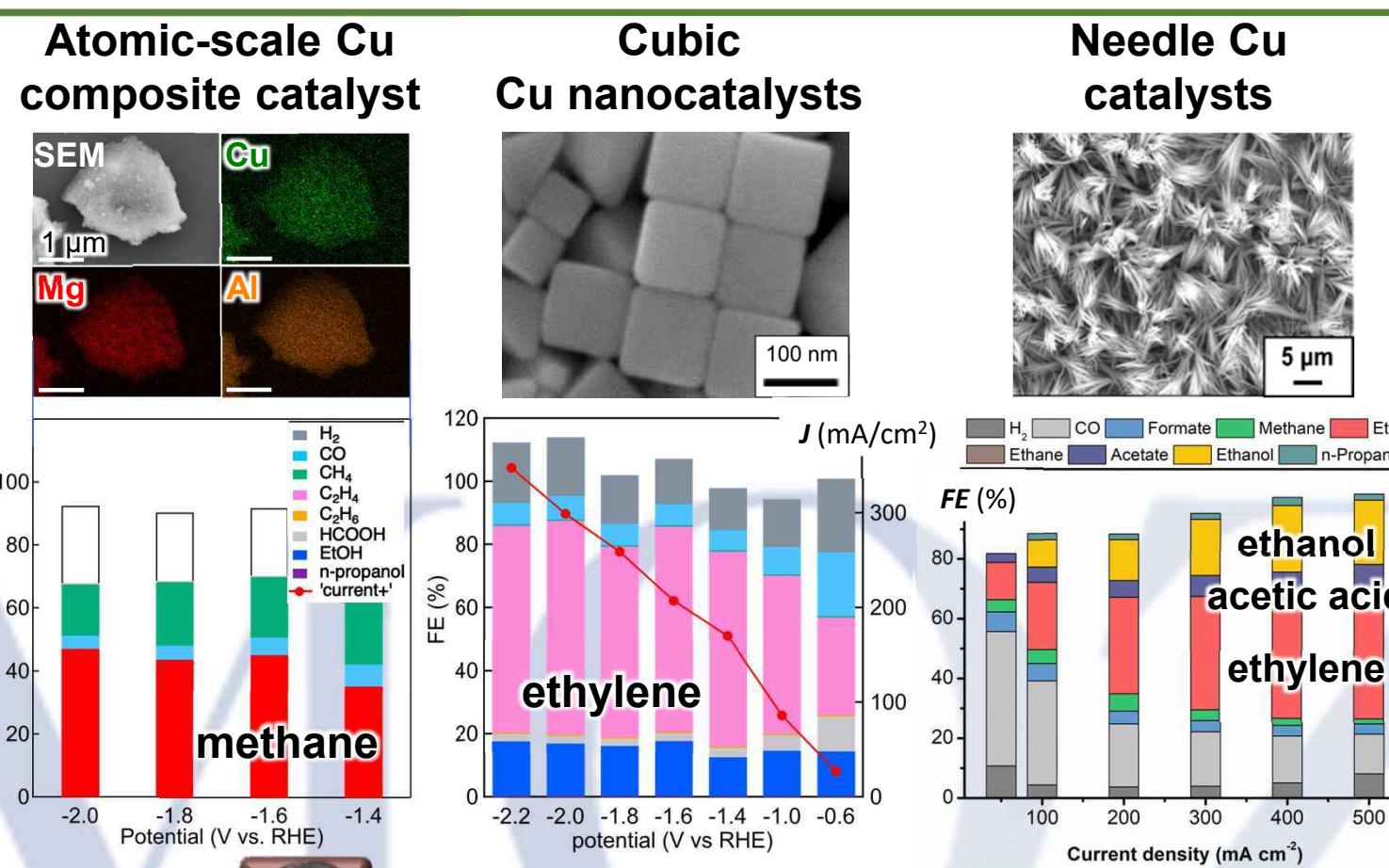


CO₂ absorption and thermochemical CO₂ conversion



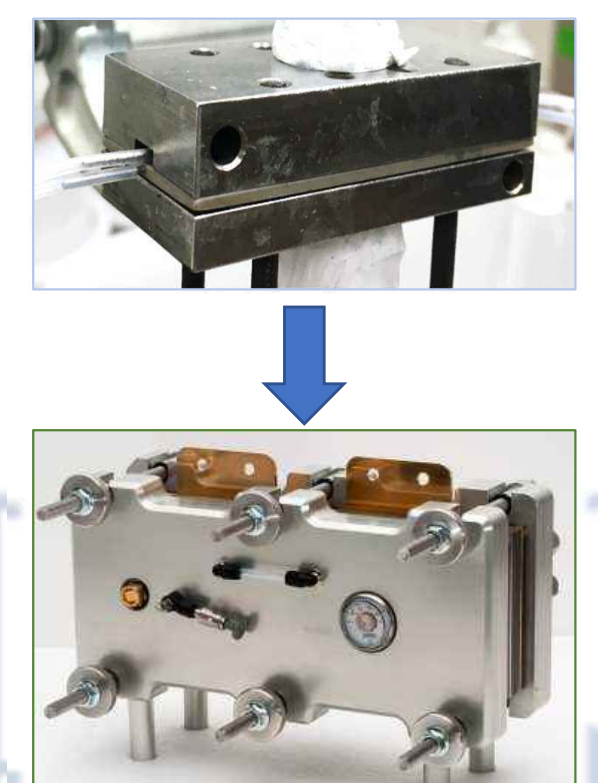
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Nanocatalysts for electrochemical CO₂ conversion

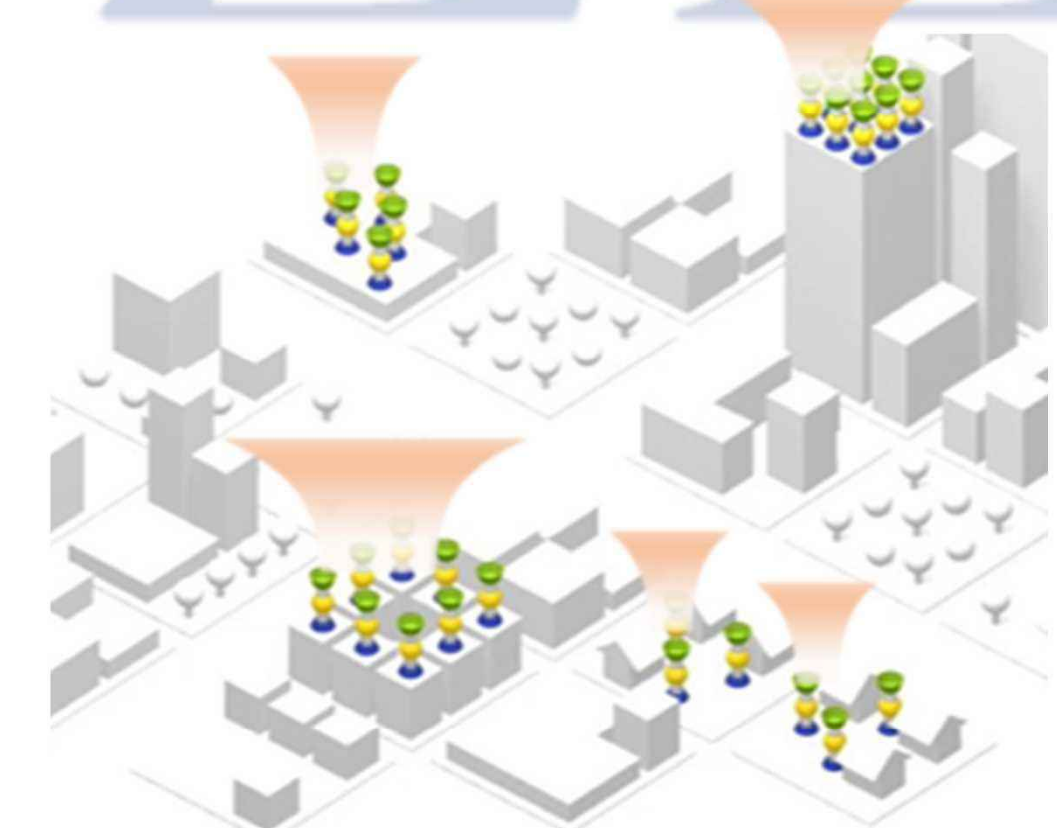


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Development of high-performance electrochemical cells

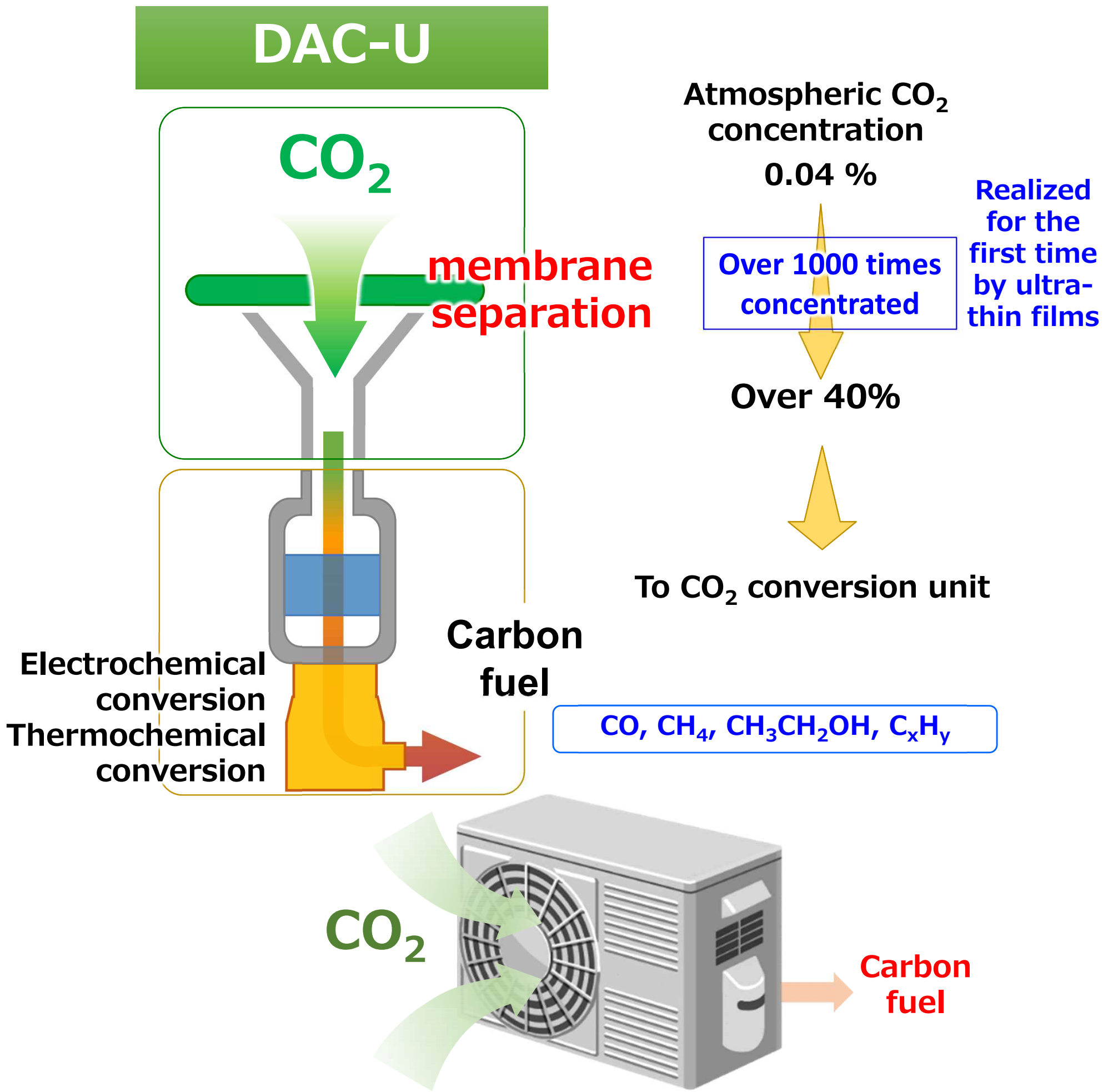


Univ. Illinois at Urbana Champaign Prof. Paul KENIS



Carbon resource recycling society with decentralized deployment of DAC-U systems

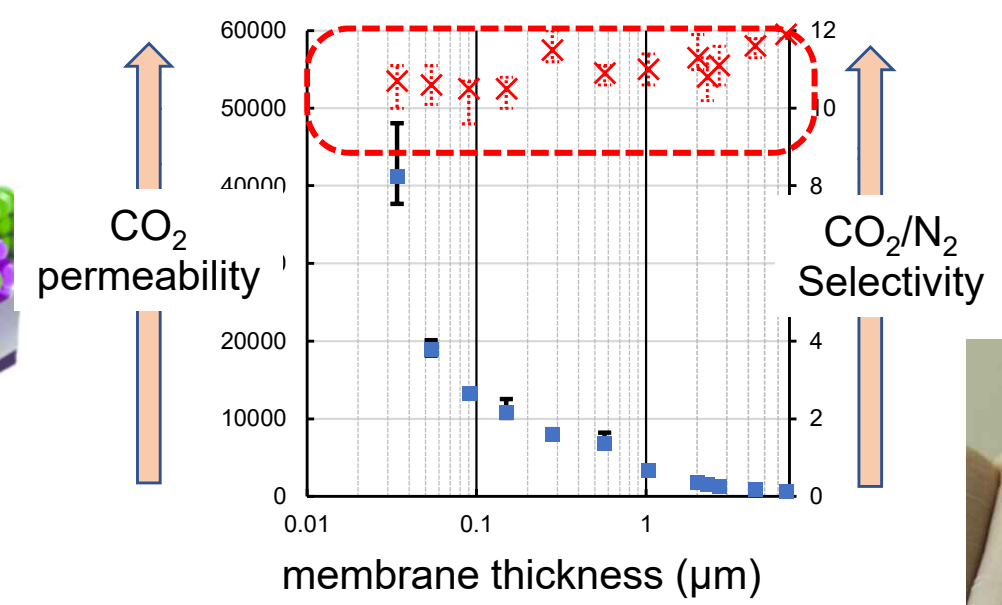
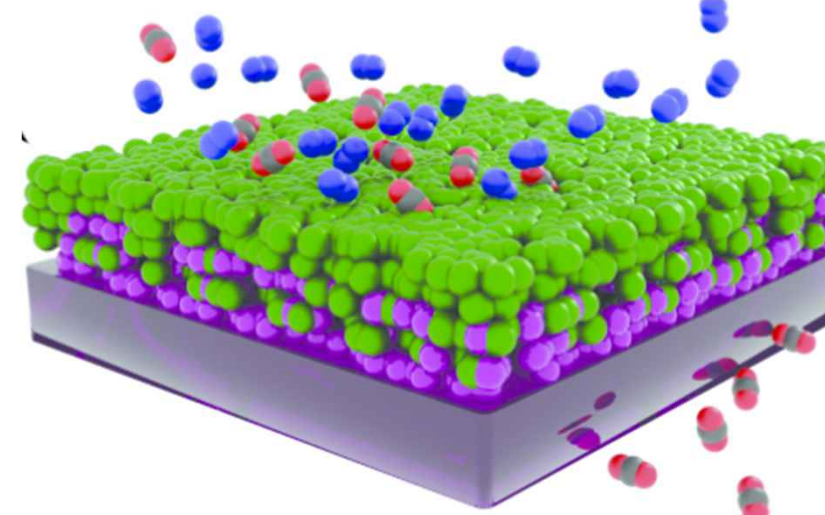
Membrane Separation Technology for CO₂ Recovery with High Scalability and Distributed Arrangements



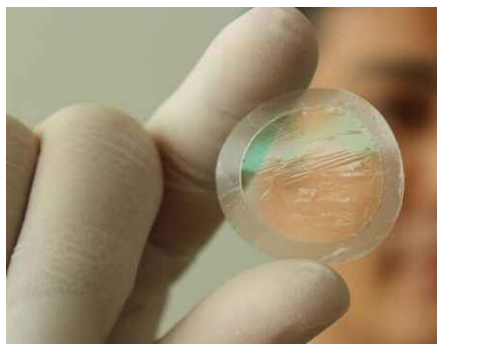
With innovative separation nano-membranes developed in-team that have overwhelmingly high CO₂ permeation capacities, the direct recovery of CO₂ from the atmosphere will be achieved by membrane separation, which was thought to be impossible.

The CO₂ recovery team is in charge of the development of the membrane separation unit in the "Direct Air Capture and Utilization (DAC-U) system" that continuously and consistently performs everything from atmospheric CO₂ capture to carbon fuel production.

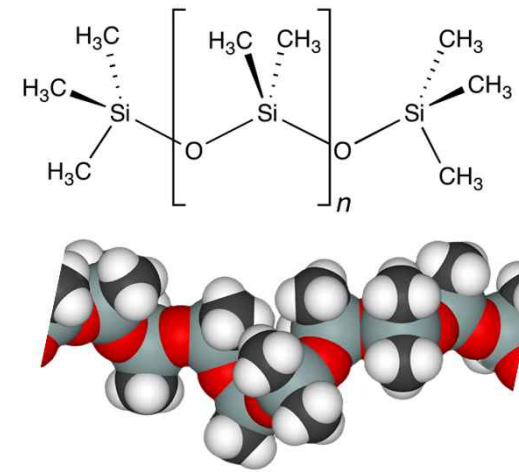
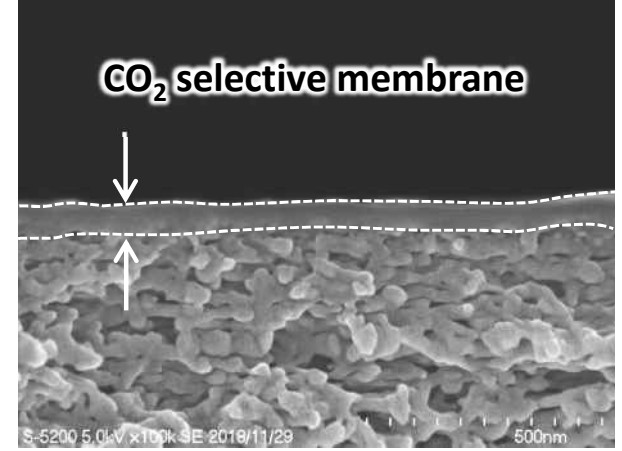
High CO₂ selective nanofilm



Fujikawa, et al., Chem. Lett. 2019, 48, 11, 1351-1354



High CO₂ permeable supported membrane



Development of novel permeable membranes based on polydimethylsiloxane(PDMS)

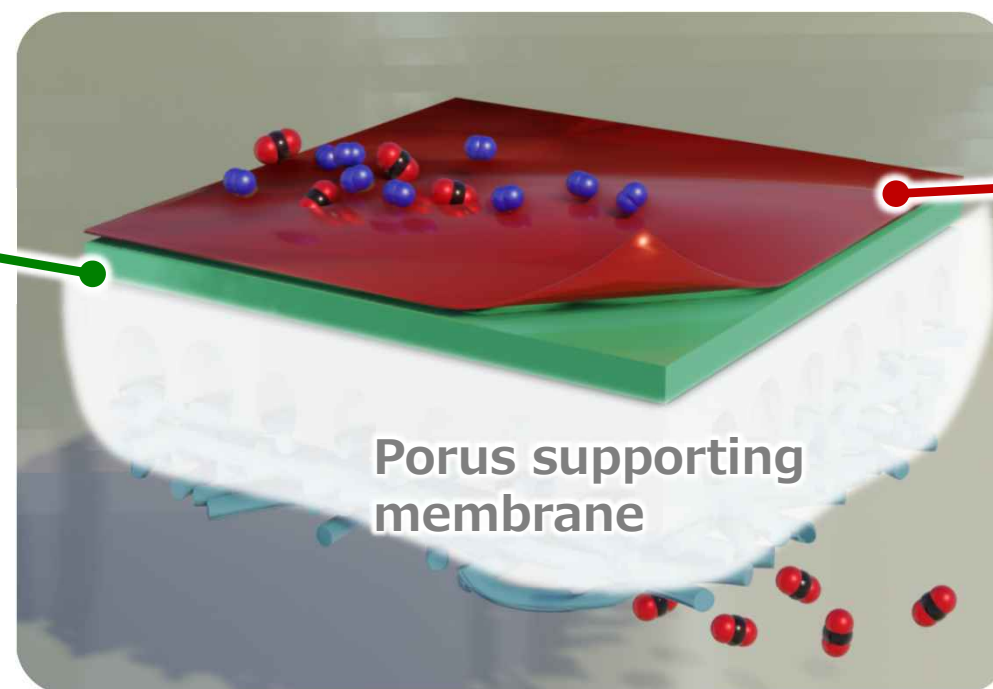
Supported Nanomembrane with high permeability

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Selective ultra-thin nanofilms with high CO₂ selectivity

Development of Separation Nano-Membranes with High CO₂ Permeability

Support nanomembrane

- Thickness: below 100 nm
- Self-supporting
- Low density
- Surface modification ability



CO₂ selective molecular layer

Thickness: monomolecular layer level

Target performance values 2024

- CO₂/N₂: around 30
- CO₂/O₂: around 10
- CO₂ permeability: 5,000 GPU

① Design of Selective Layers: "Improve selectivity"

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Fabrication of CO₂ selective layers with molecular-thickness

→ Screening for CO₂ affinity molecular materials

② Design of Selective Layers: "Improve permeability"

Low-density CO₂ permeable PDMS by polymer cross-linking structure.

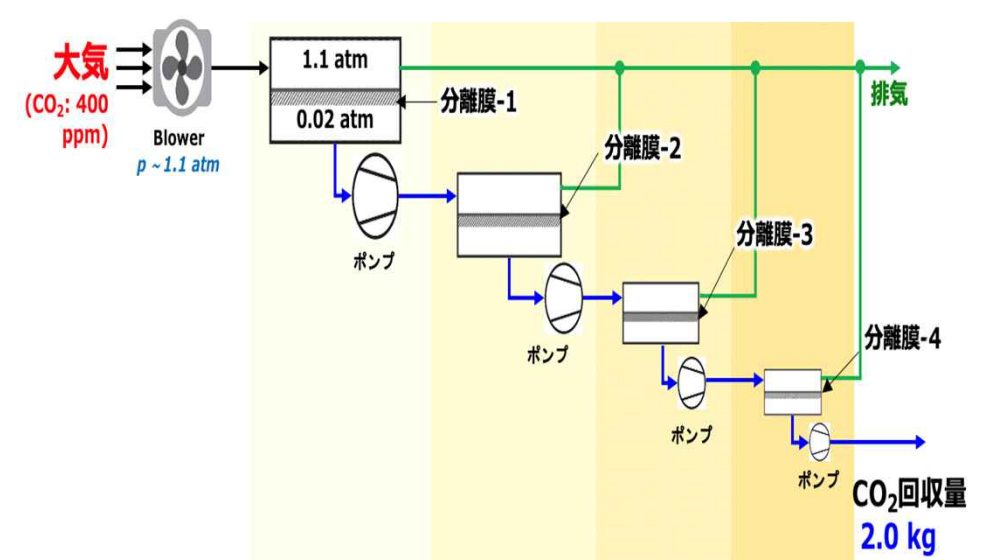
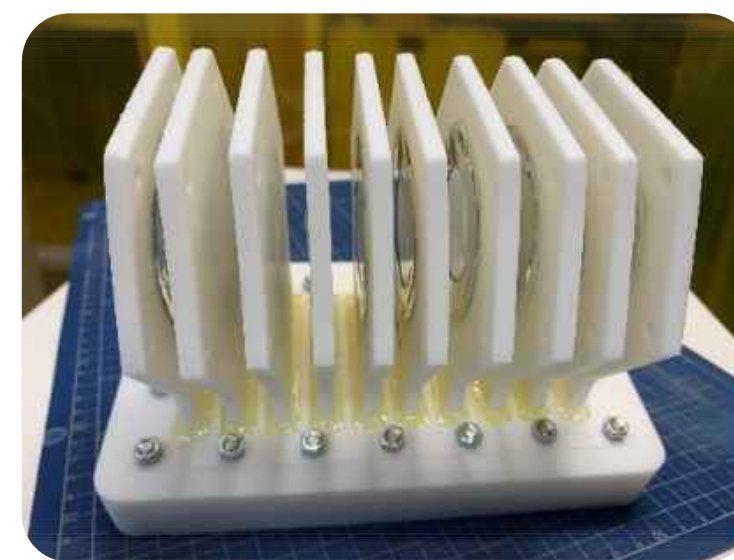
③ "Integration of selective layer and support membrane"

→ Modification of support membrane surfaces

④ Interactions between gas molecules and the surface

→ Feedback to design separation membrane materials

⑤ "System Construction" with Large-area membranes

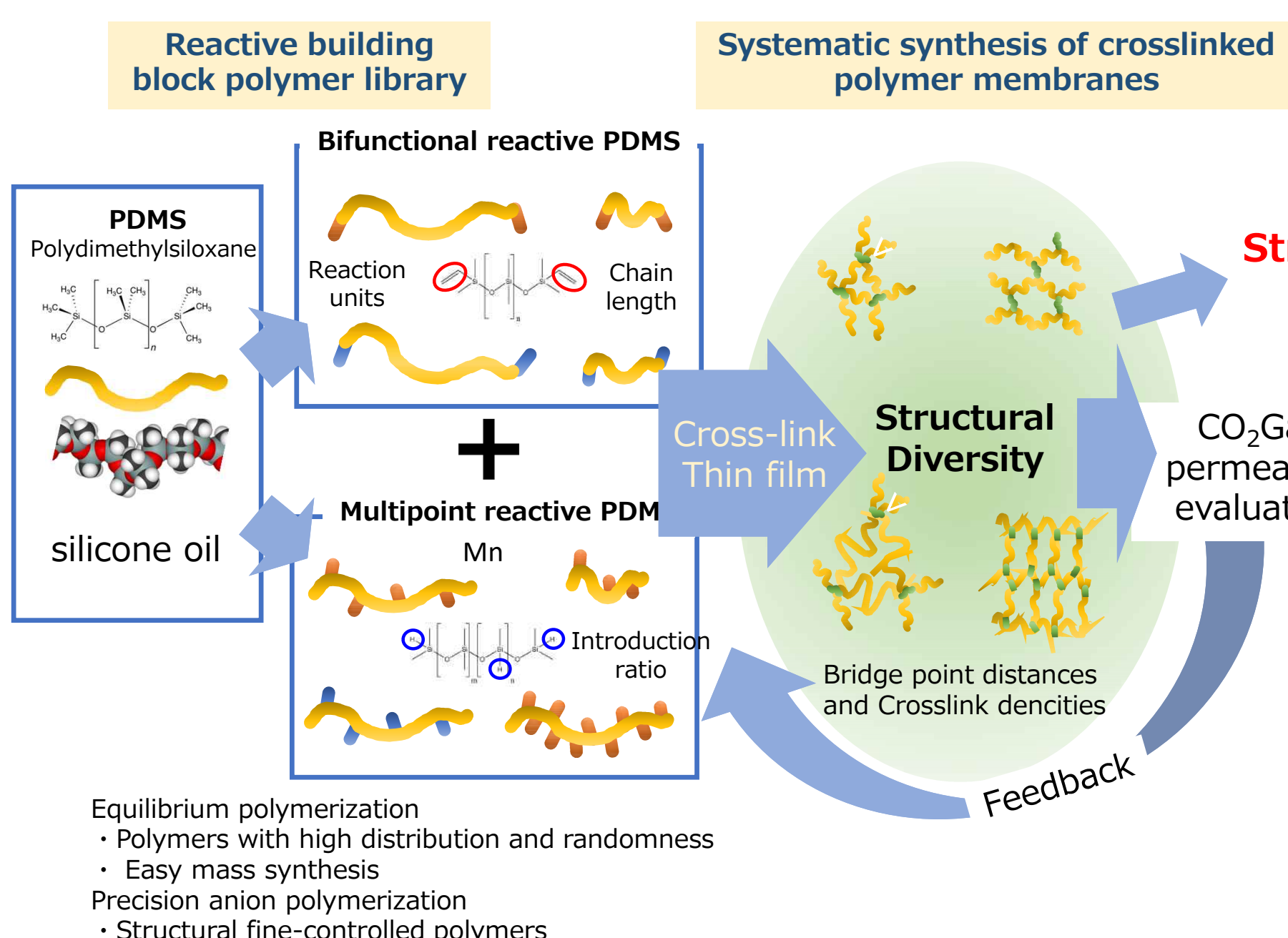


Scale-up large area Modularization

Multi-step concentration Integration as a system

Development of Silicone polymer materials for high CO₂ permeable support membranes

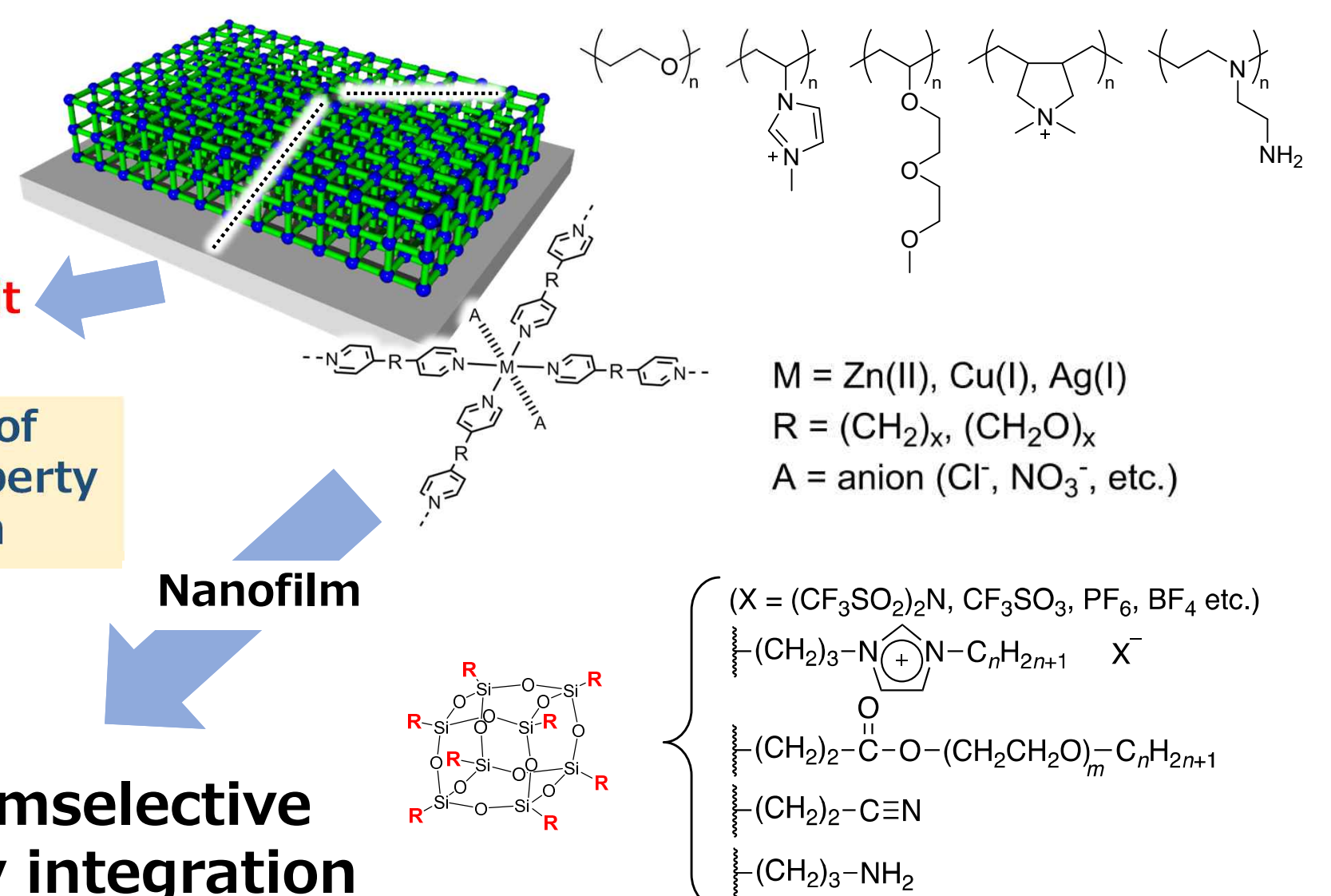
Development of polar materials for highly CO₂-selective nanofilms



In cooperation with Structural Analysis Unit

Elucidation of Structure-Property correlation

High CO₂ permselective membranes by integration with supporting membrane



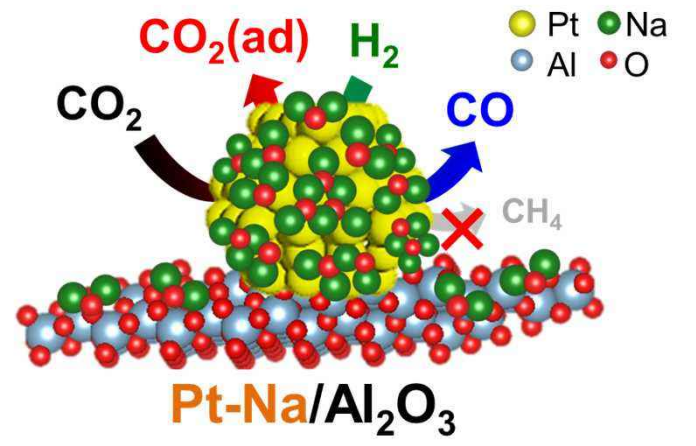
Introduction

CO₂ capture and reduction (CCR) using dual functional material

- ✓ No need for CO₂ separation and purification
- ✓ Reaction proceeds even in containing O₂

This work

- We developed novel catalyst for selective CO production through CCR.
- This catalyst performed at lower temperature than conventional systems. (350 °C)
- The effect of basic components on selectivity was examined.
- A continuous CO₂ capture and reduction system was developed.



L. Li, S. Miyazaki (co-first author), Z. Maeno, K. Shimizu et al., ACS Catal., 2022, 12, 2639

CH₄ production

(Ru-Ca, Ru-Na, Ni-Na, etc.)

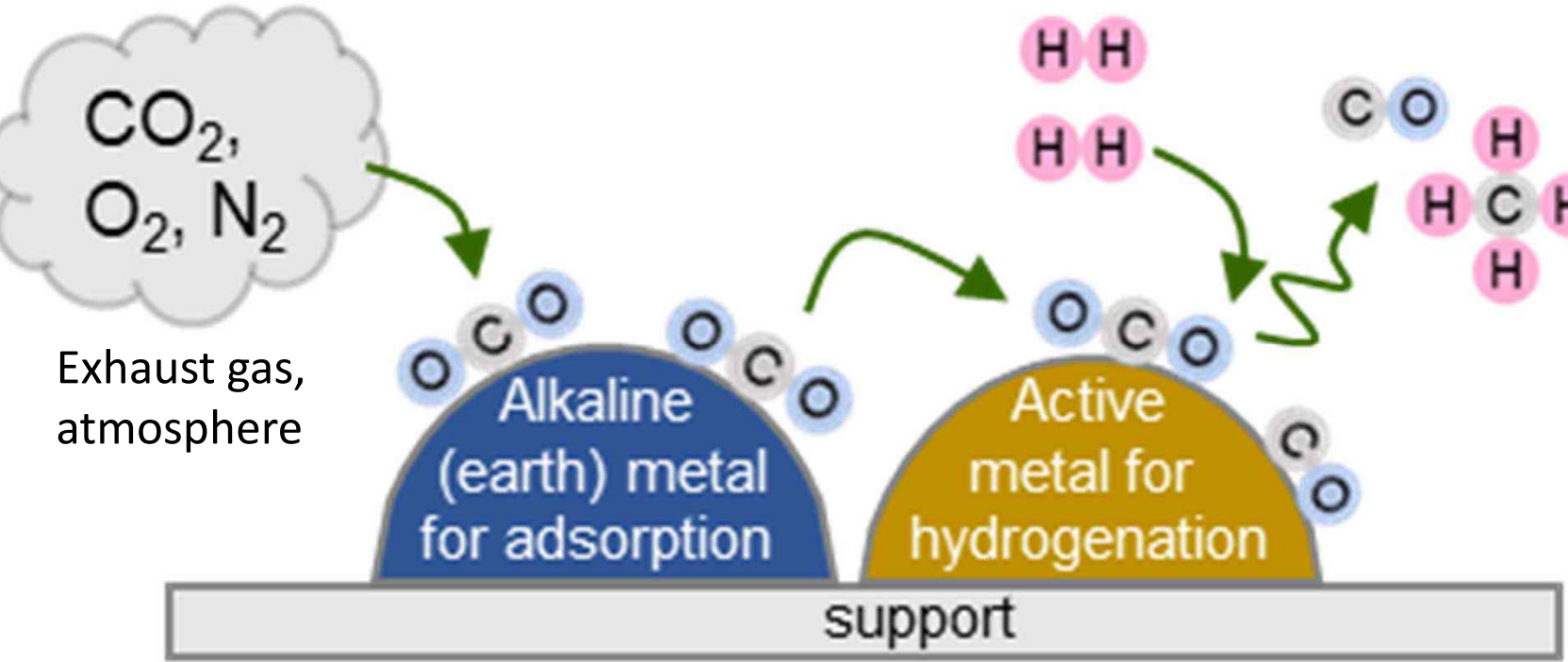
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CO production

(FeCrCu-K, Ni-Ca.)

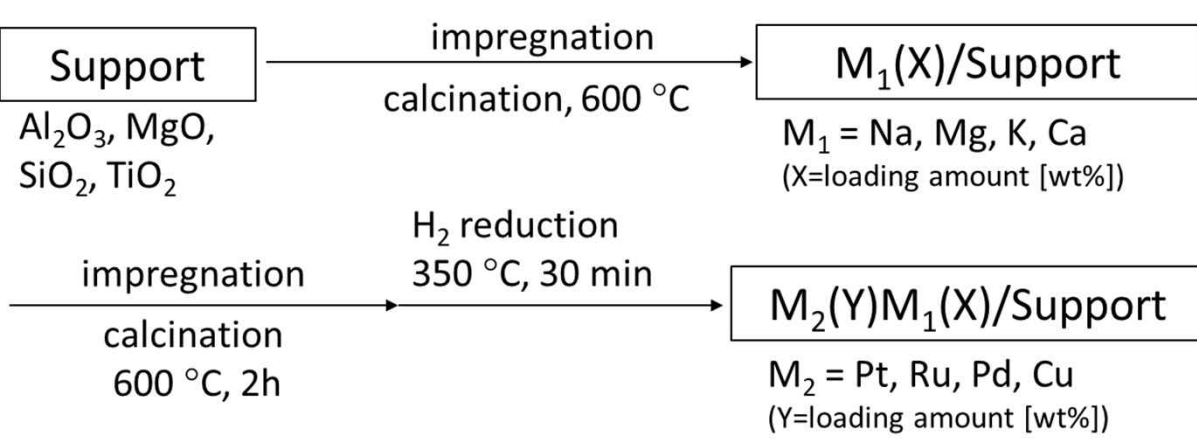
Few catalysts are effective for CO formation.

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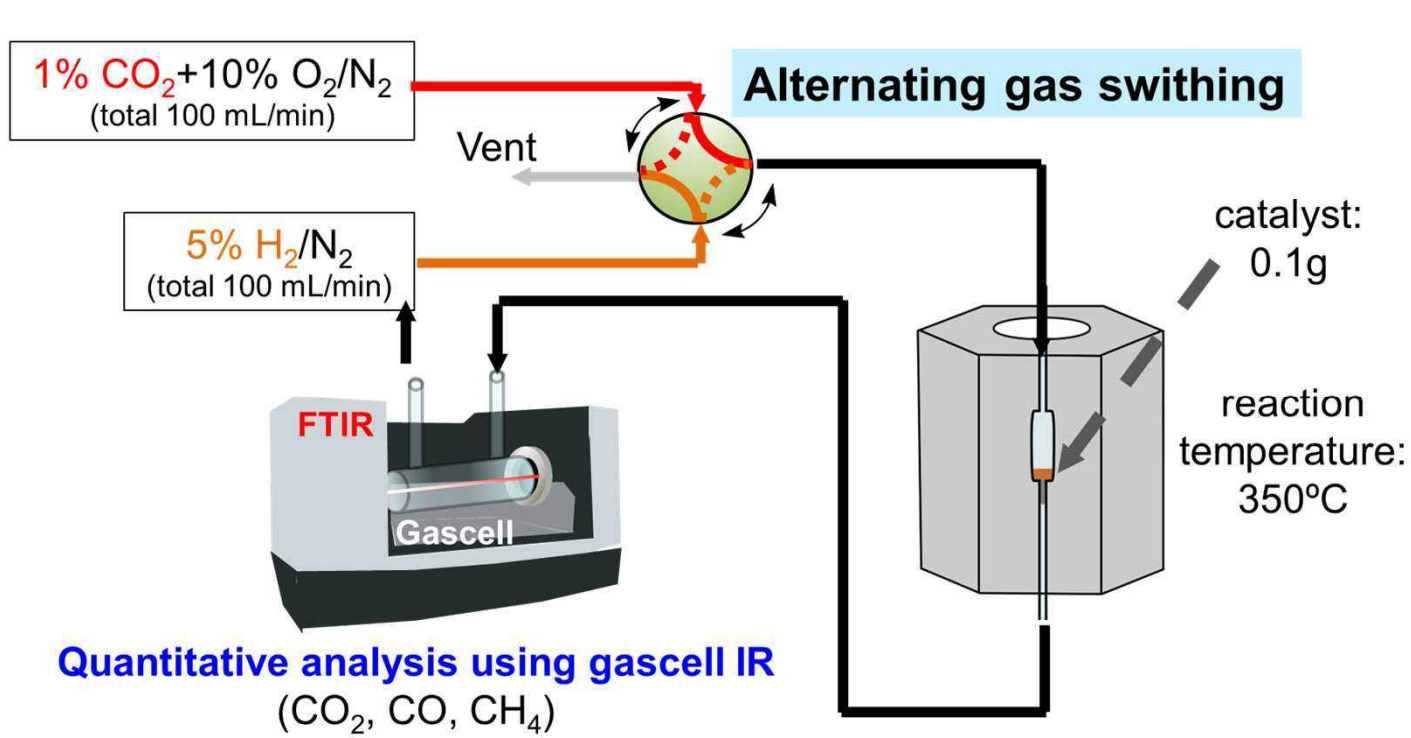


Experimental

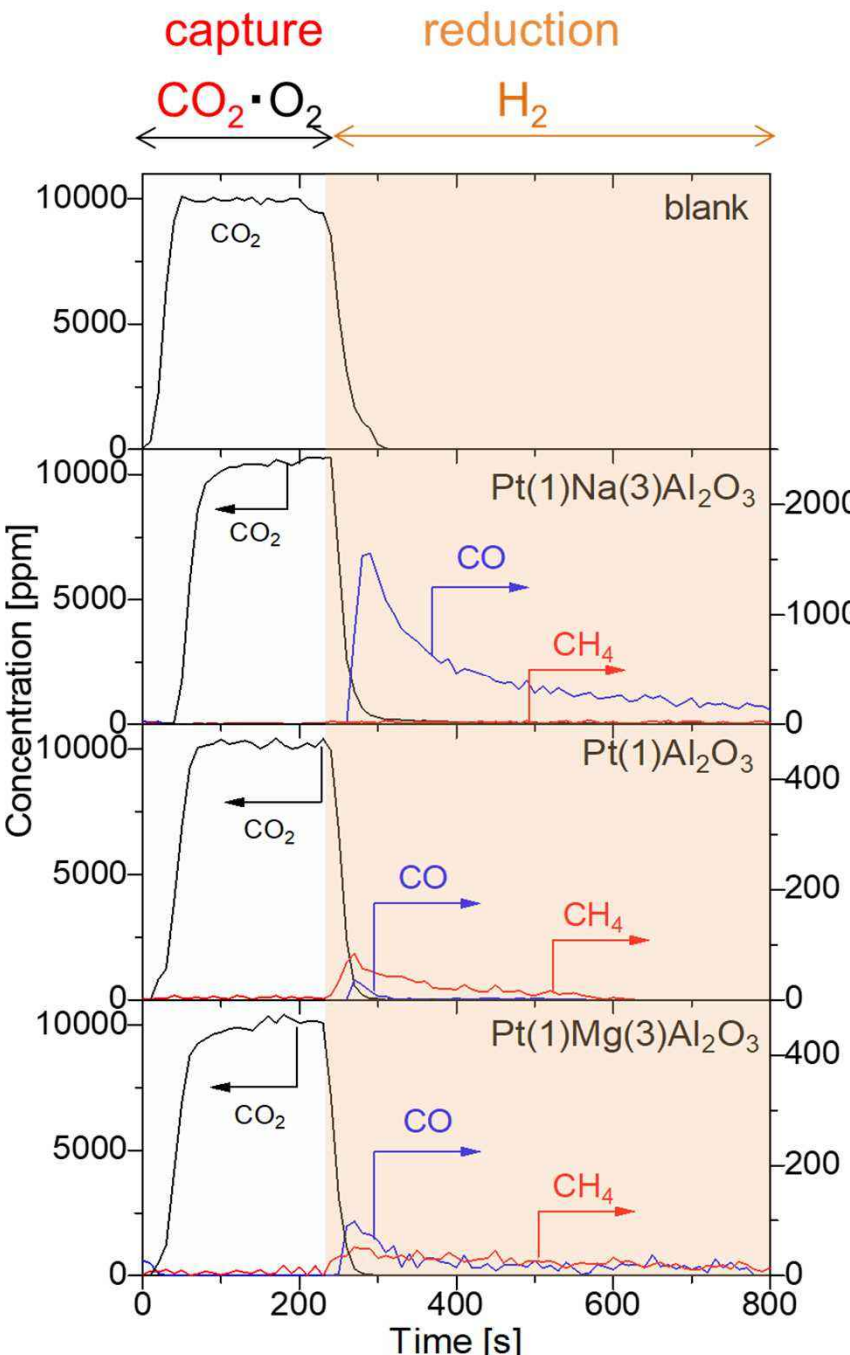
Catalyst preparation: wetness impregnation



CO₂ Capture and reduction (after H₂ pretreatment, 350°C)



Catalyst screening

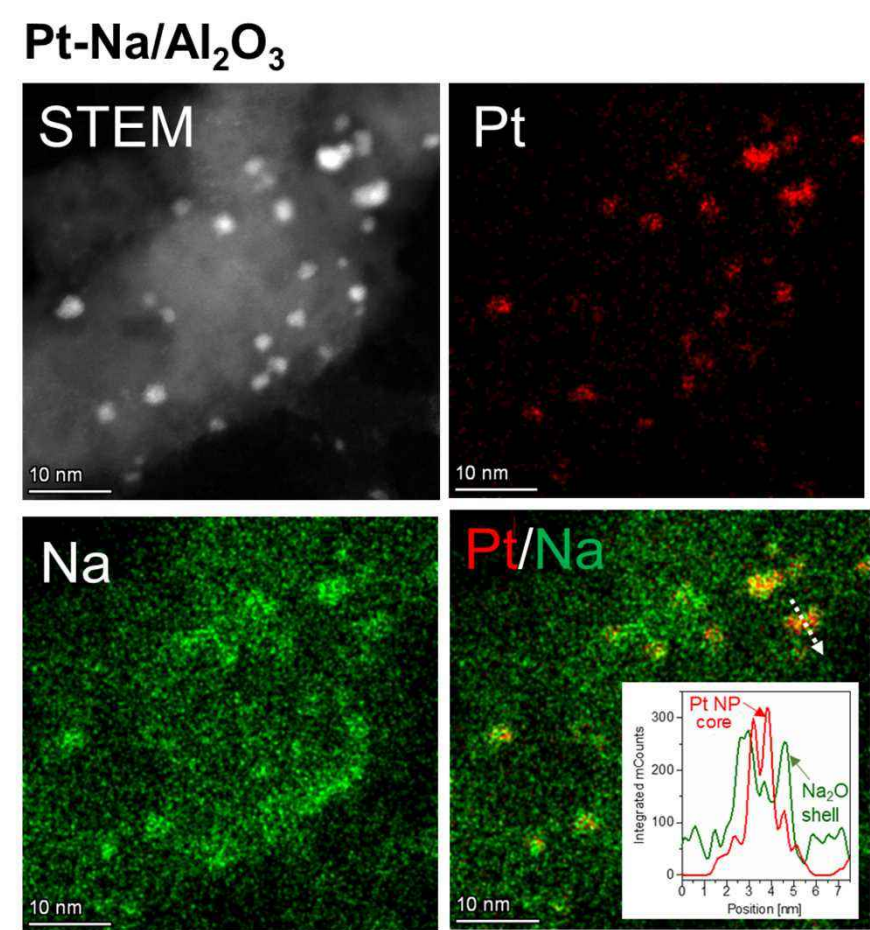


Catalyst	Max CO [ppm]	CO [mmol/g]	CO Sel. [%]	Abs. CO ₂ [mmol/g]	Conv. abs. CO ₂ [%]
Pt(1)/Al ₂ O ₃	37	0.001	11.1	0.08	9
Pt(1)Na(3)/Al₂O₃	1559	0.158	93.2	0.19	89
Pt(1)K(6)/Al ₂ O ₃	57	0.007	31.1	0.12	19
Pt(1)Mg(3)/Al ₂ O ₃	98	0.013	50.8	0.12	22
Pt(1)Ca(6)/Al ₂ O ₃	310	0.041	84.1	1.07	5
Pd(1)Na(3)/Al ₂ O ₃	100	0.006	31.3	0.16	11
Ru(1)Na(3)/Al ₂ O ₃	39	0.006	17.4	0.61	6
Cu(1)Na(3)/Al ₂ O ₃	20	0.003	50.2	0.13	8
Pt(1)Na(3)/MgO	351	0.061	82.4	0.13	57
Pt(1)Na(3)/SiO ₂	64	0.006	47.5	0.32	4
Pt(1)Na(3)/TiO ₂	303	0.029	61.2	0.39	12

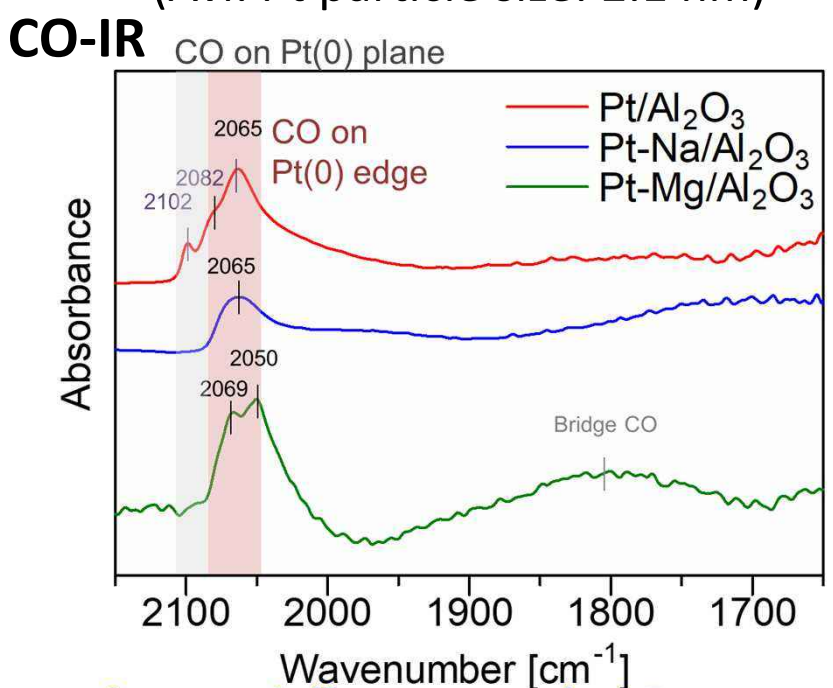
- CH₄ is the main product of Pt/Al₂O₃.
- Pt-Na/Al₂O₃ has the best CO selectivity, CO production, and conversion rate of absorbed CO₂.

Characterization

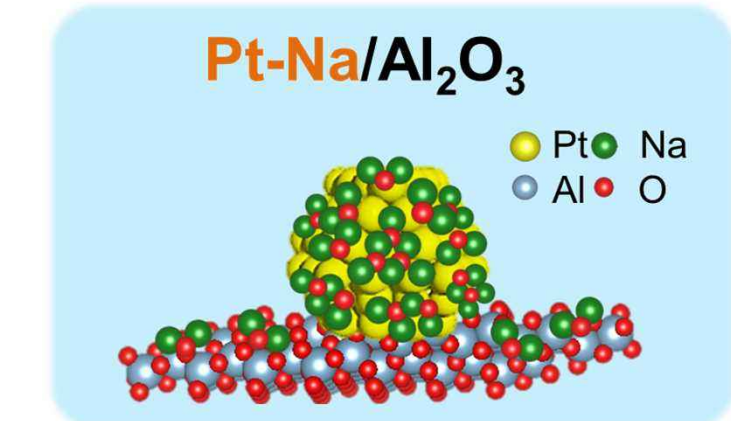
STEM&EDX



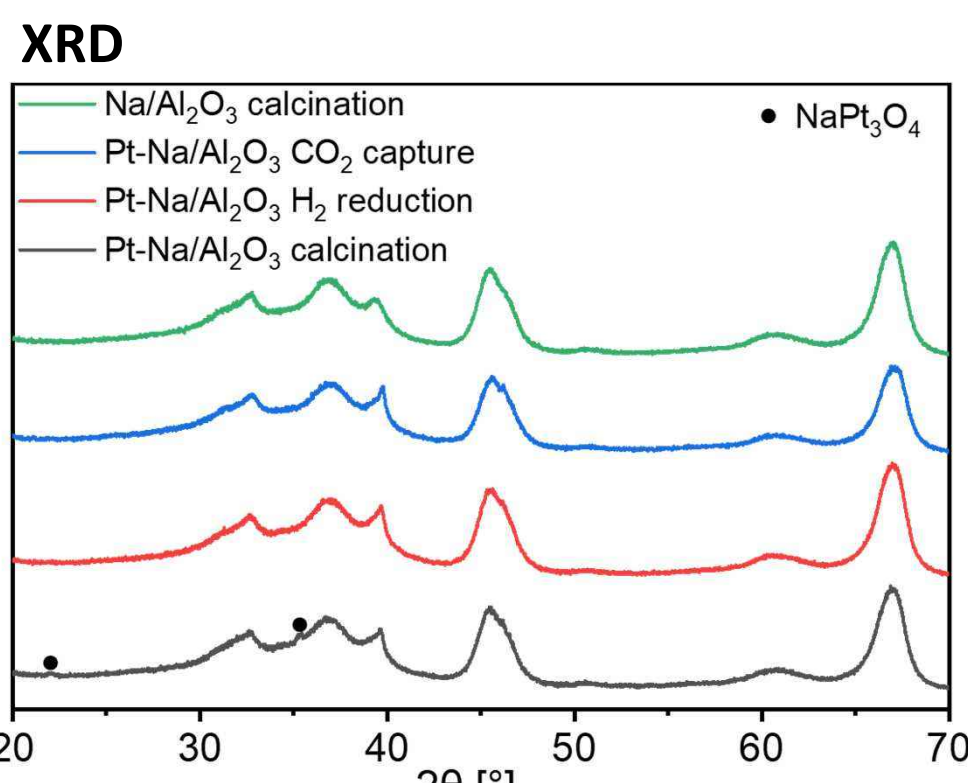
Na species surround Pt nanoparticles (Avr. Pt particle size: 2.1 nm)



Na species partially surrounded Pt nanoparticle surface



Na modified the surface of Pt nanoparticles (core shell like catalyst)



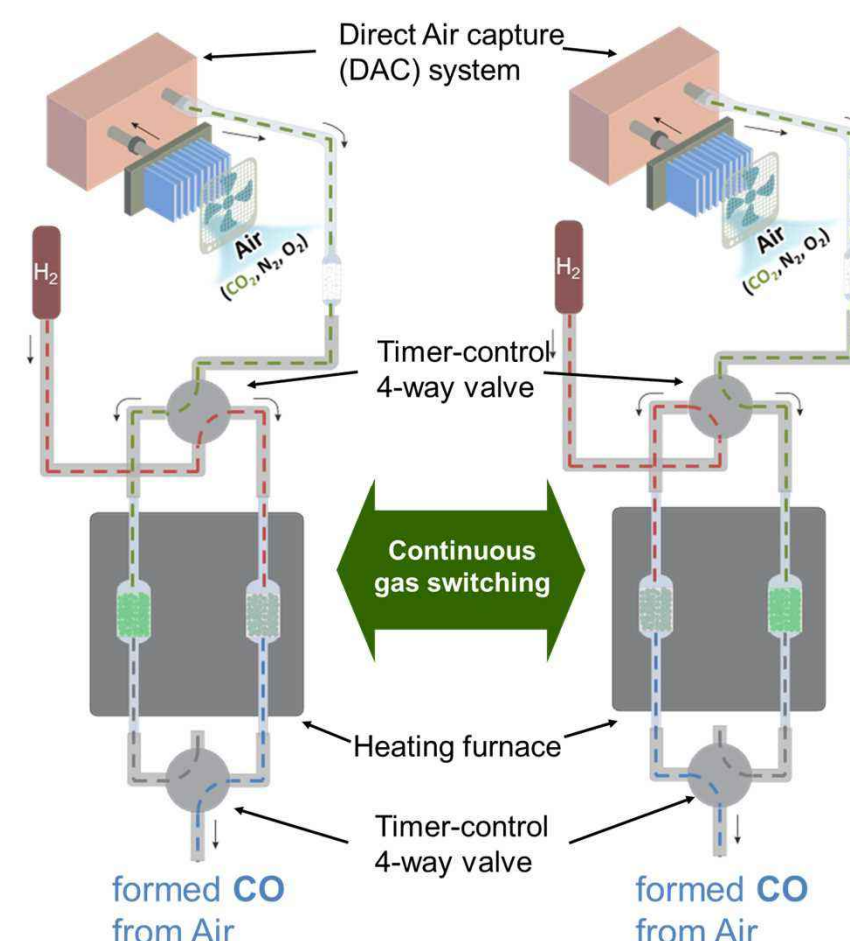
NaPt₃O₄ formed on calcined Pt-Na/Al₂O₃

Possible mechanism



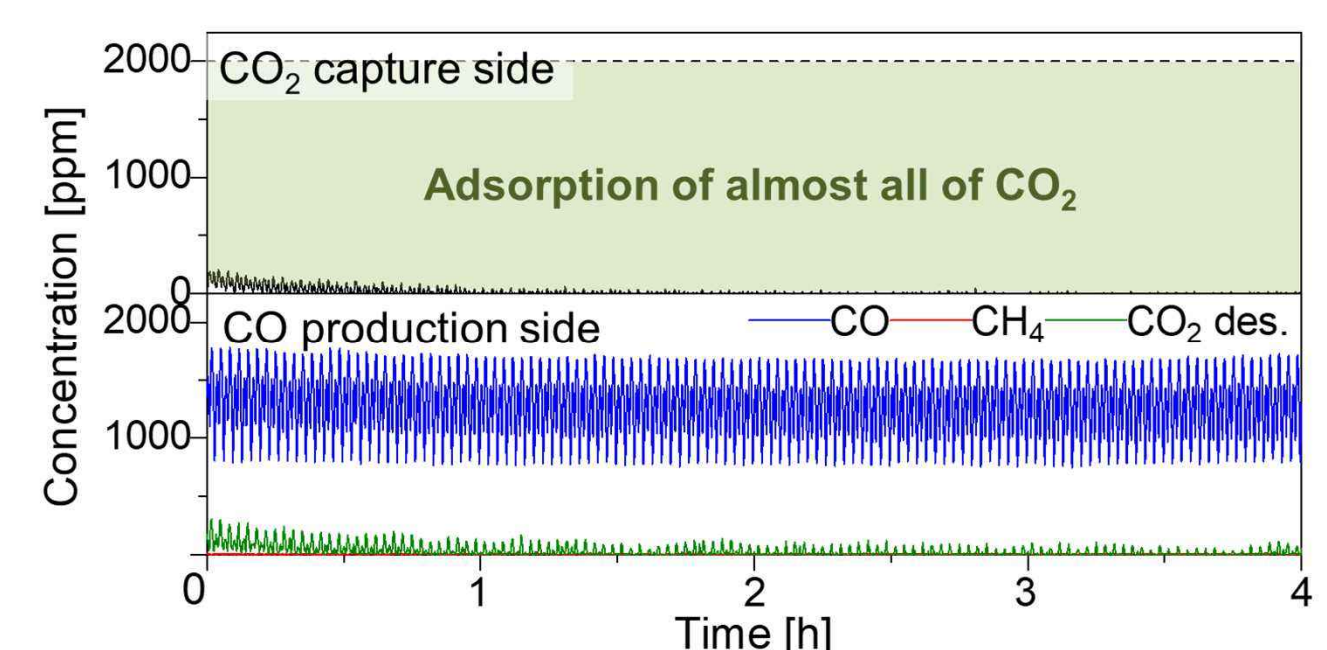
1. Carbonate adsorbed on Na species near Pt nanoparticles
2. Adsorbed CO₂ is rapidly reduced by H₂
3. CO adsorption is suppressed on Pt nanoparticles surrounded by Na species
→ Successive reduction of CO to CH₄ is inhibited and CO is selectively formed

Continuous DAC-CCR operation



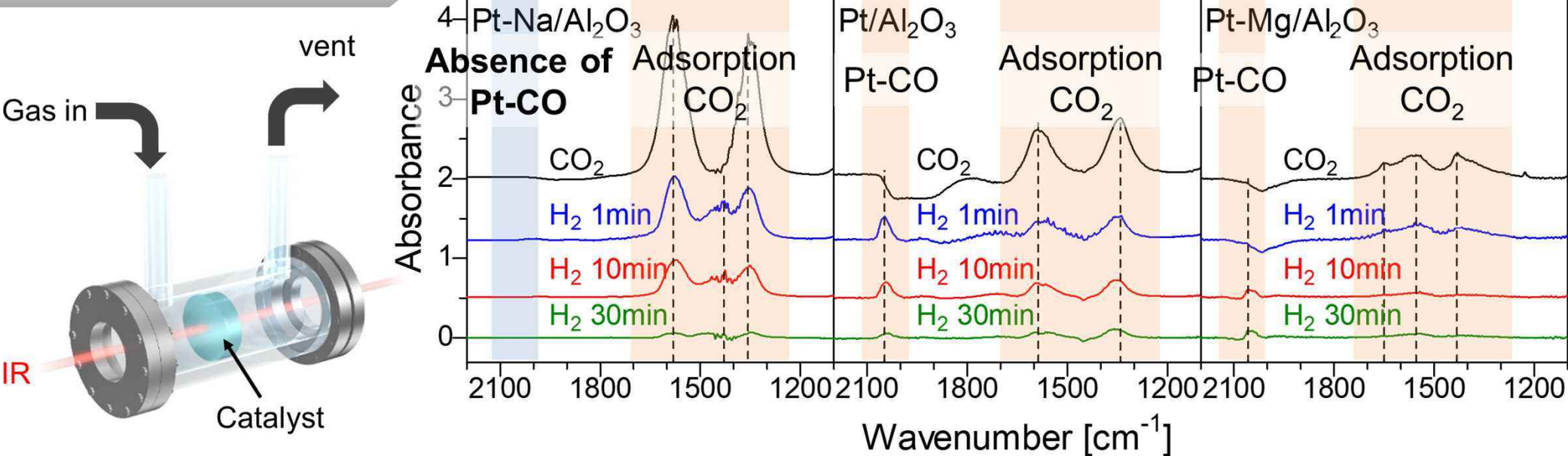
Continuous capture of dilute CO₂ from the air and selective CO generation was demonstrated.

- Reaction condition
- Catalyst amount : 2 g
- Reaction temperature : 300°C
- Adsorption gas from DAC : CO₂/1500 ~ 2500 ppm O₂/20% (80~120 mL/min)
- Reduction gas : H₂/100% (100 mL/min)
- Valve switching : every 1 min



- ✓Continuous generation of CO from dilute atmospheric CO₂.
- ✓High selectivity was maintained in continuous operation. (100h)

In situ FTIR



The adsorption of the formed CO was suppressed over Na-modified Pt NPs