

Microwave Plasma Reforming of CH₄/CO₂ Mixtures

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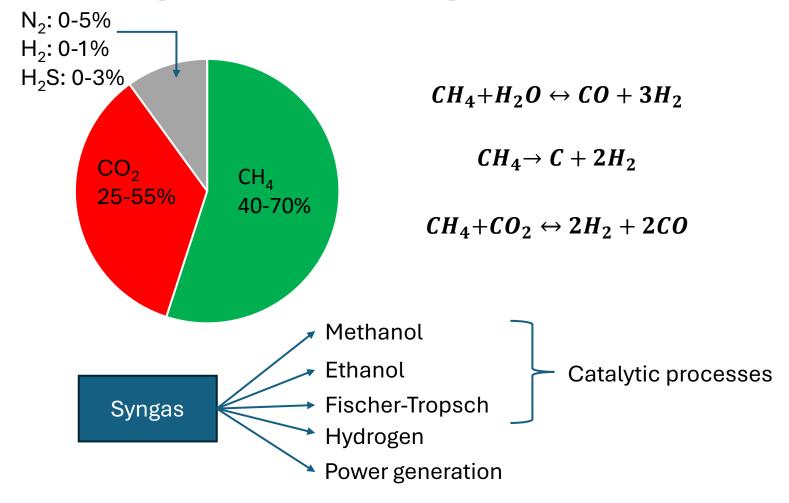


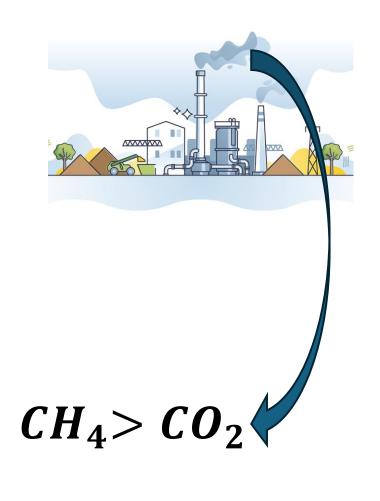
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- Rapid population growth.
- Ever-increasing energy demand.
- Escalating waste generation.
- Greenhouse gas emissions and accelerating climate change.
- Utilization of waste and greenhouse gases to produce valuable products.

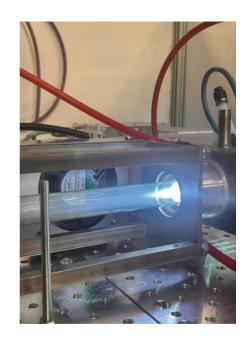


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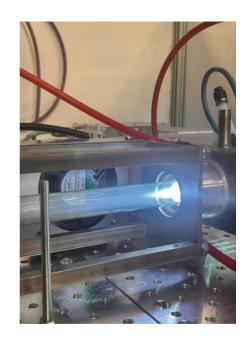
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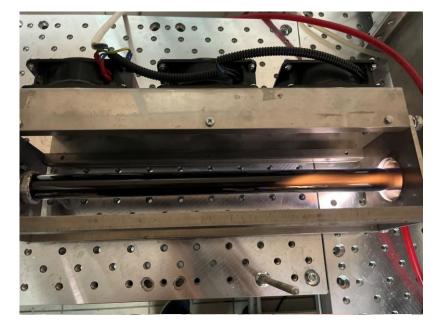
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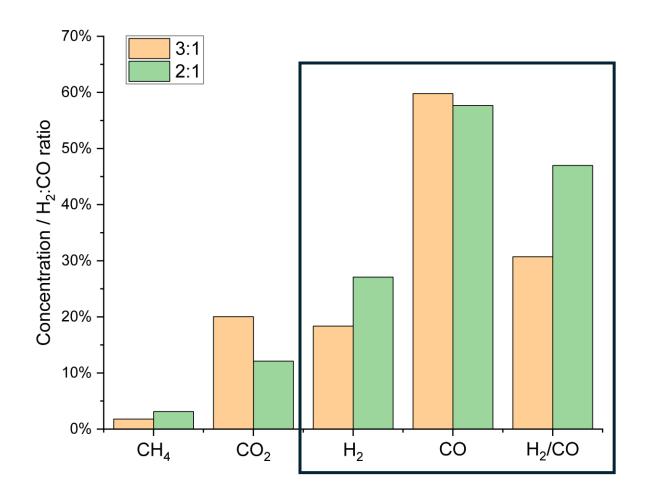
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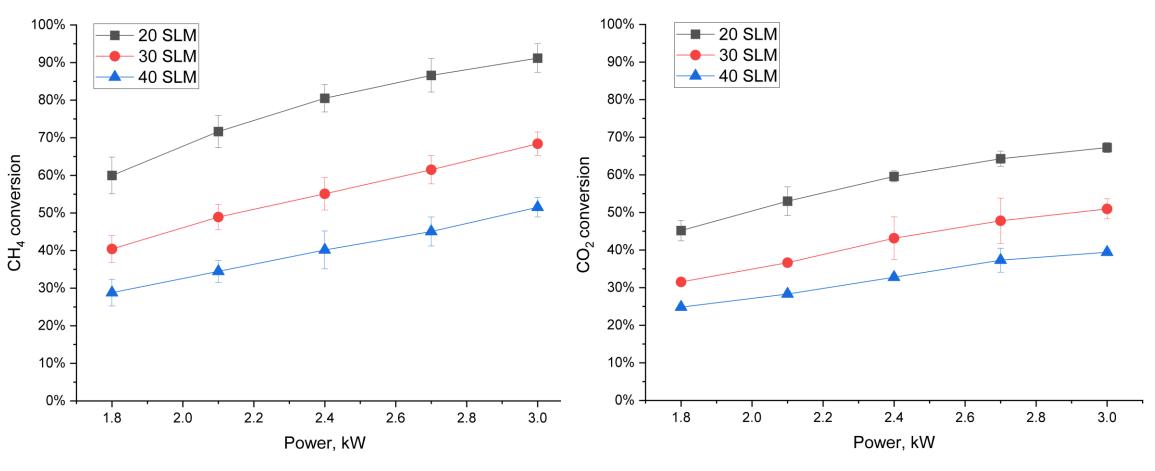
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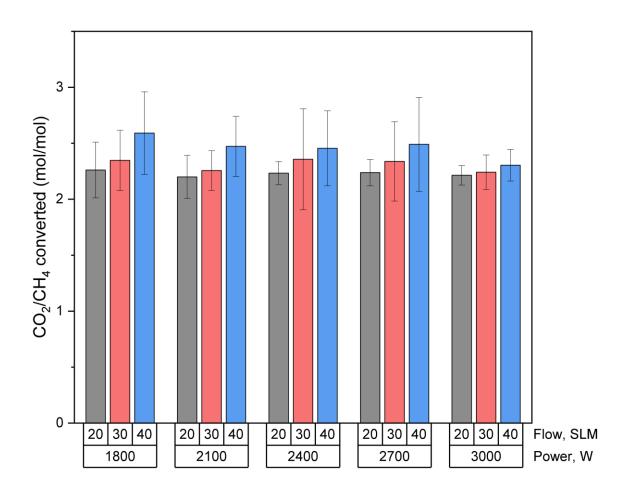
Reverse Water-Gas Shift reaction (RWGS)

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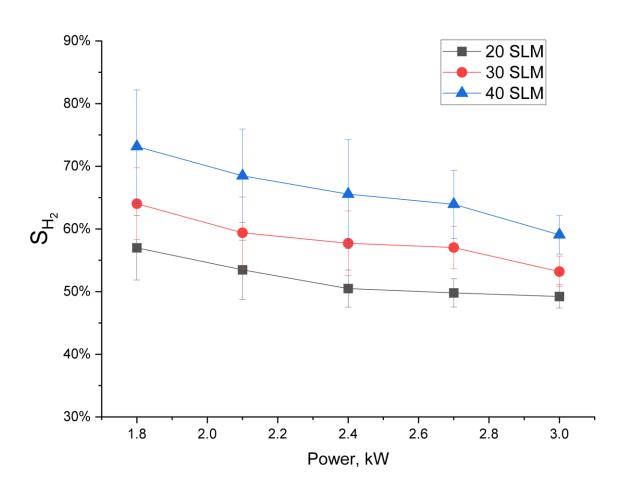
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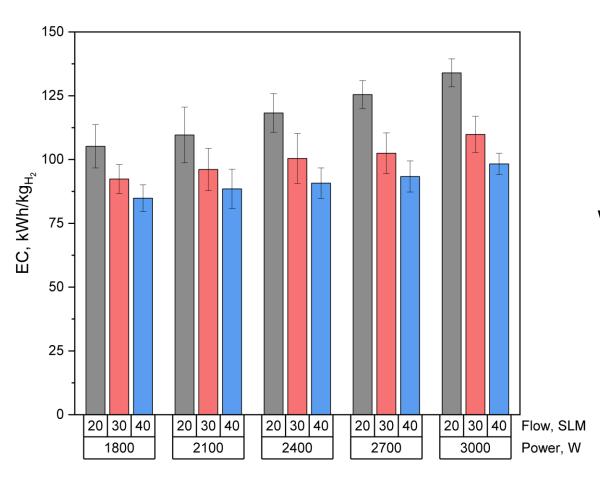
$$CO_2 \leftrightarrow CO + 1/2O_2$$

MW plasma DRM – results Selectivity



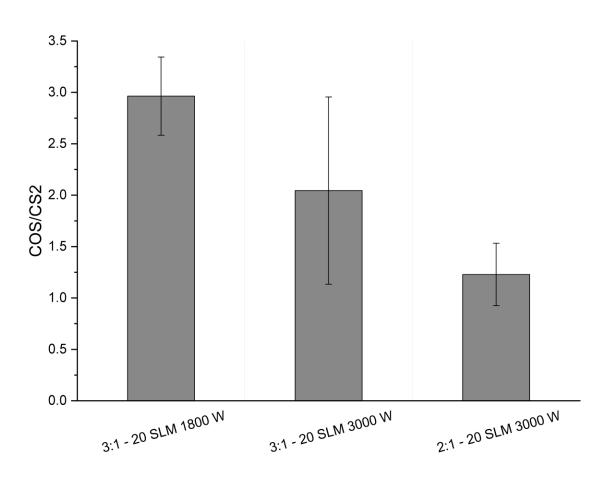
- CO selectivity is 99-100%
- The rest of H-based selectivity is mostly towards water

MW plasma DRM – results Energy consumption



Water electrolysis: 50-60 kWh/kg_{H2}

MW plasma DRM – results Fate of H₂S



$$H_2S + CO \leftrightarrow COS + H_2$$

$$CH_4 + 2H_2S \rightarrow CS_2 + 4H_2$$

Research Conclusion and Future Perspectives

- MW plasma DRM presents a promising and environmentally friendly method for syngas production.
- High CO_2 : CH_4 ratios mitigate the soot problem but at the cost of lower H_2 output due to the RWGS reaction.
- In MW plasma environment, H_2S is converted into COS and CS_2 , making the removal of H_2S before the process an advised approach.
- Substituting part of CO_2 with steam should limit the RWGS reaction impact and provide an additional pool of H_2 , yet still mitigate the soot issue.

THANK YOU!

Any Questions?

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