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Studies on the FPSO Application of Natural Gas to Dimethyl Ether Process

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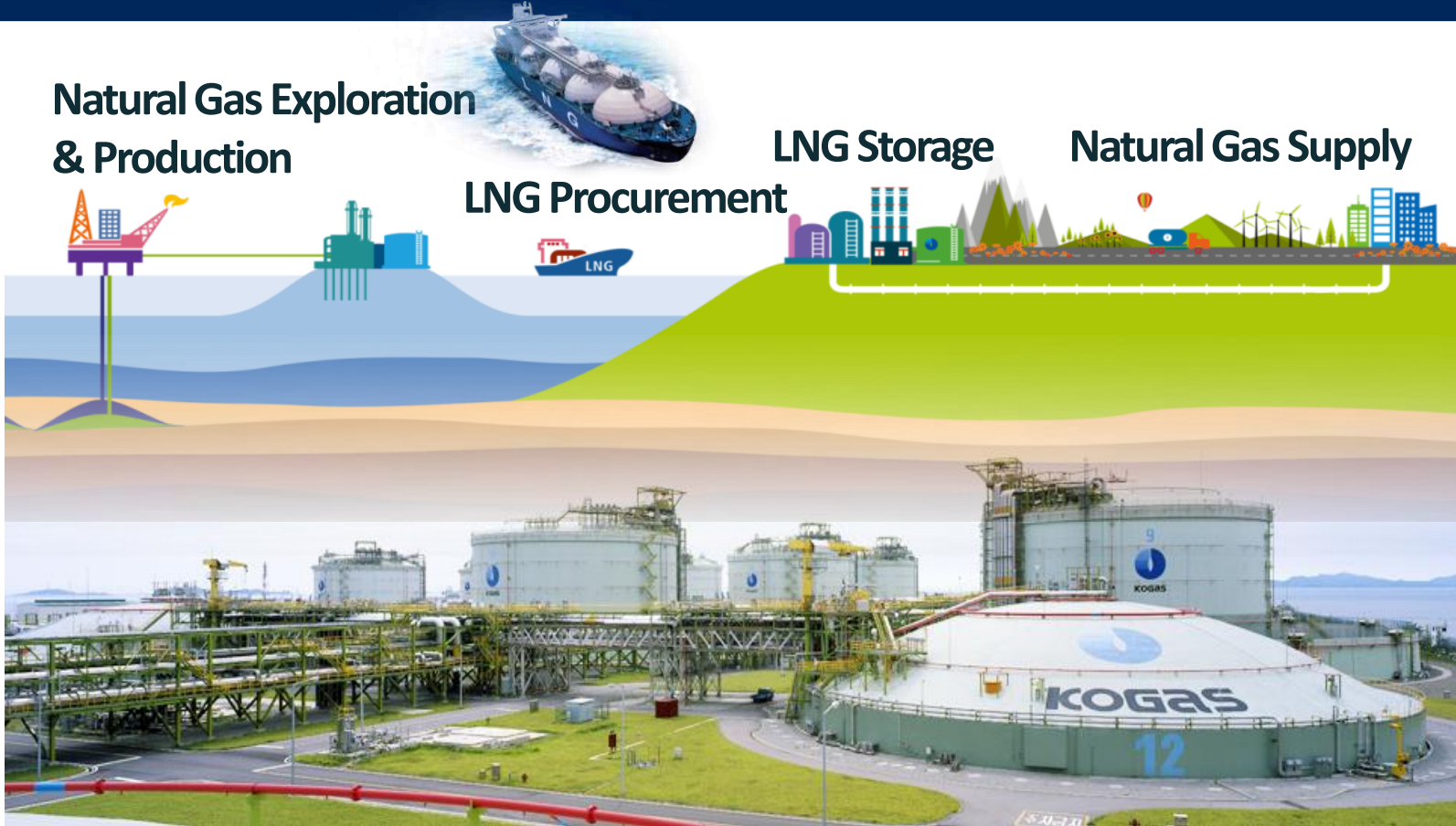
LNG Procurement



LNG Storage



Natural Gas Supply



DME Dimethyl Ether

- organic compound with the formula CH_3OCH_3
- physically similar to LPG
- produced from natural gas, CBM, biomass, coal
- clean fuel, promising alternative automotive fuel

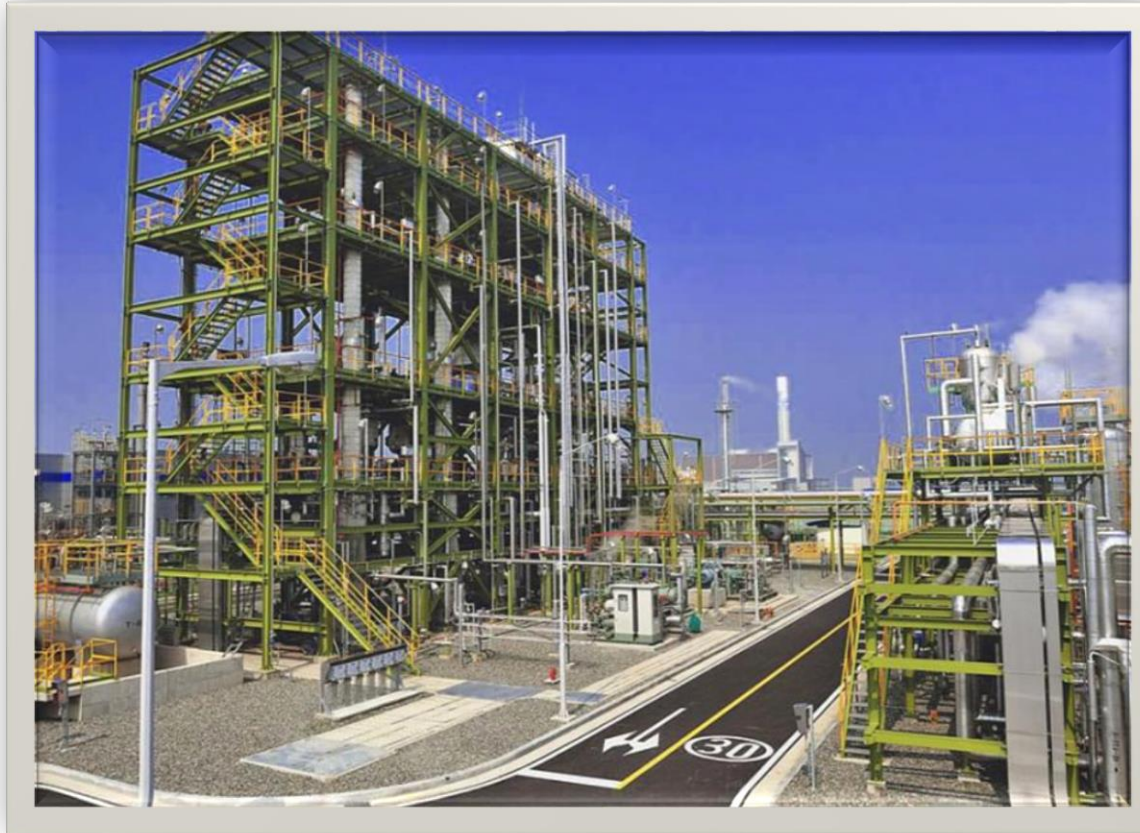


DME fueled BUS by KOGAS

KOGAS DME Technology

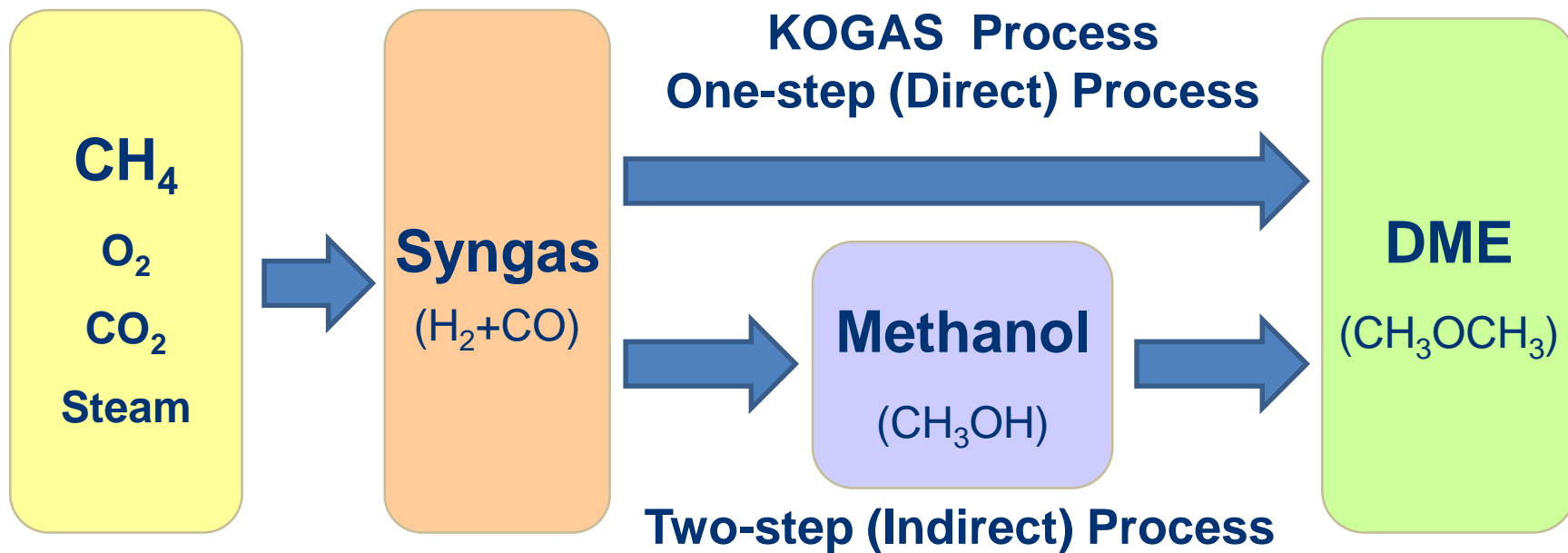
- **KOGAS DME Technology Development**
 - Catalyst and process development started in 2000
 - Tri-reformer and DME reactor design
 - 50 kg/day pilot plant
 - 10 metric ton/day demo plant in operation since 2008
- **K-DME Engineering Designs**
 - Conceptual design : 1,000,000 metric ton/year
 - Basic engineering package : 300,000 metric ton/year

KOGAS DME Demo Plant

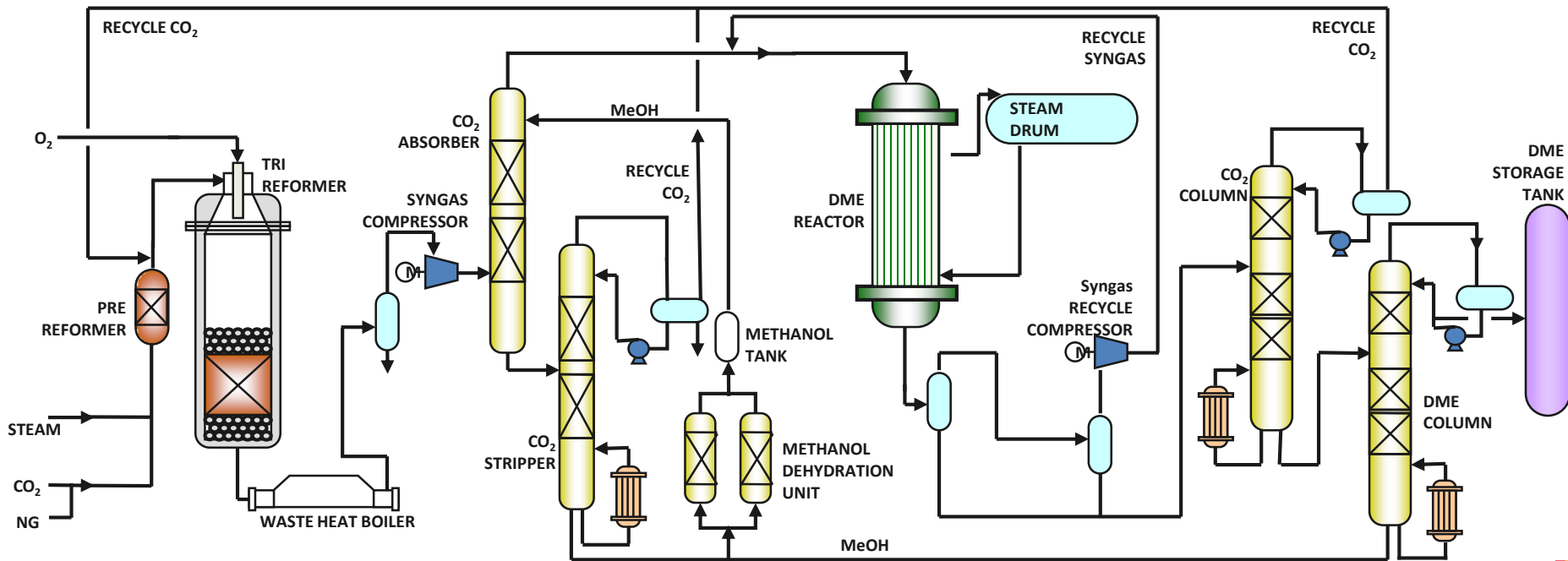


- Incheon, Korea
- 3,000 mt/year

One-Step DME Process



KOGAS DME Process



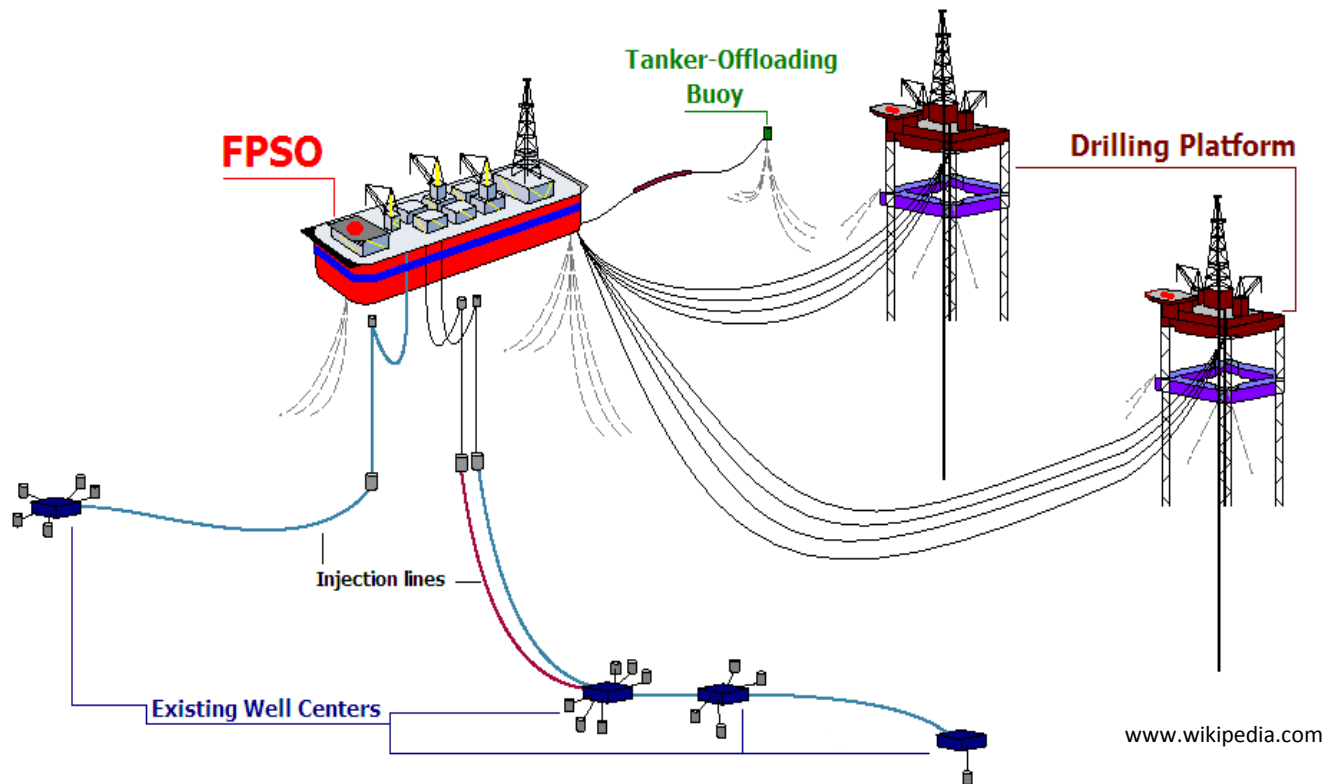
TRI-REFORMING

CO_2 REMOVAL

DME REACTION

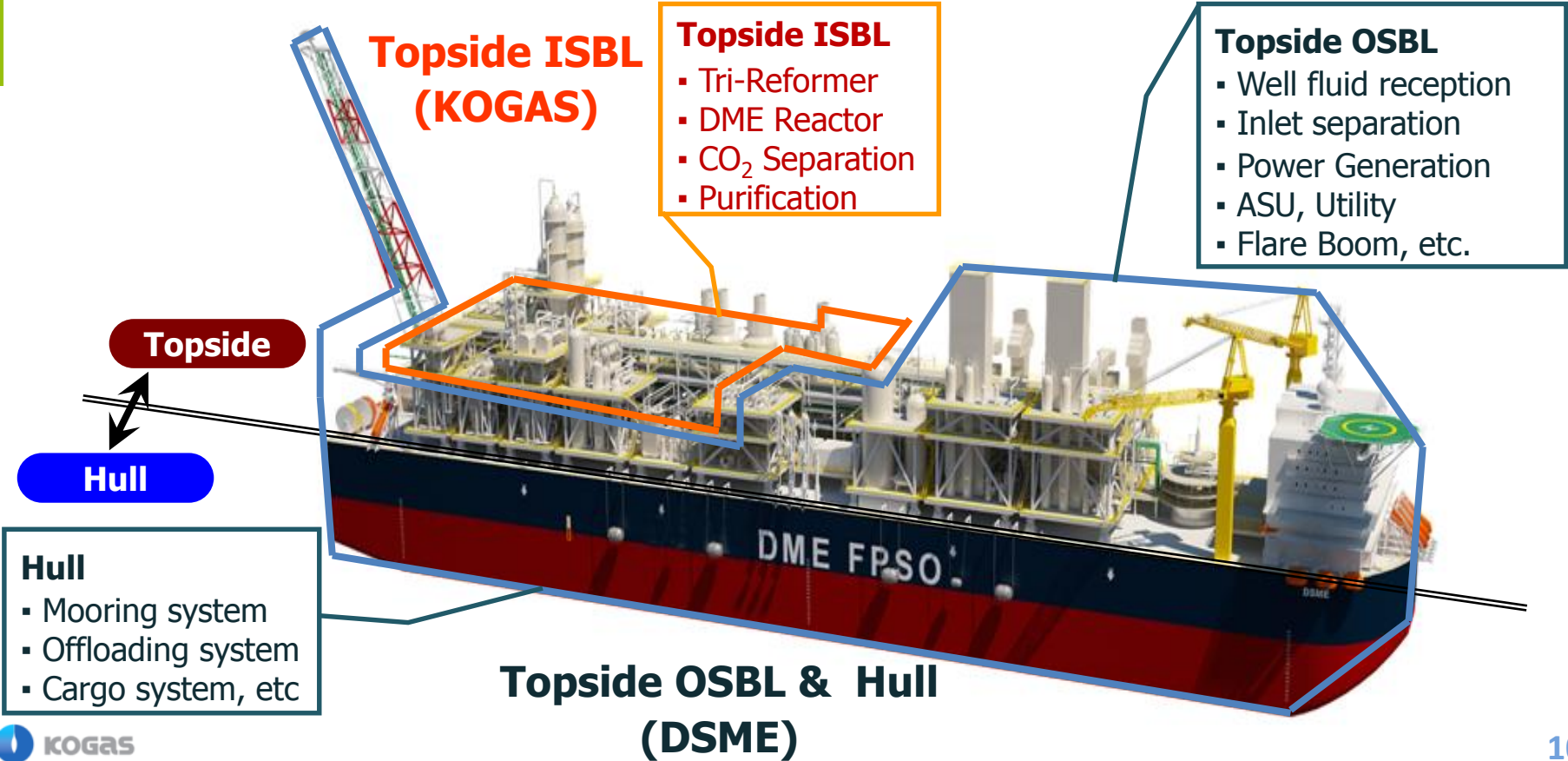
PURIFICATION

FPSO Floating Production Storage & Offloading



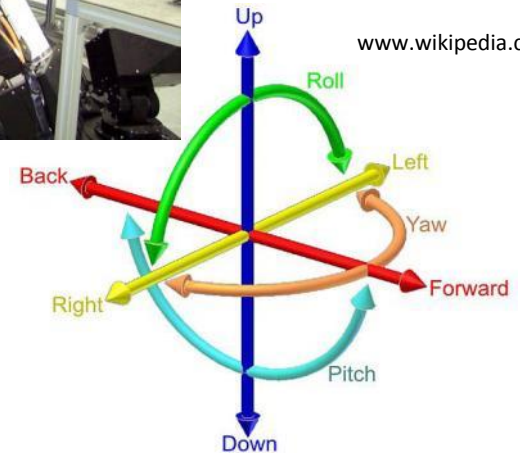
Collaboration with DSME

Daewoo Shipbuilding & Marine Engineering



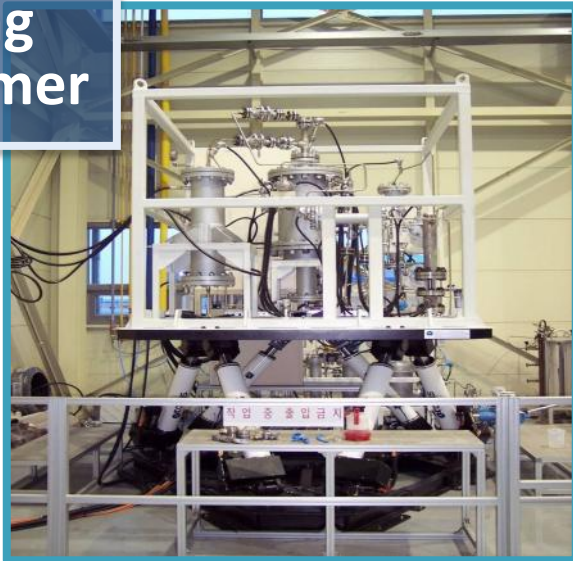
Floating Platform

- Floating Platform
 - Ship Motion Impact on the Tri-reformer and DME reactor
 - Reactivity, Temperature Profile, etc.
- Specification
 - Max. Load : 3t
 - 6DoF (degrees of freedom)



Floating Tri-reformer & DME Reactor

Floating
Tri-reformer



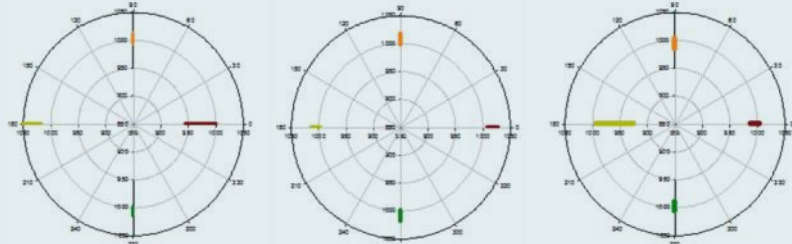
- Compare Floating Tri-reformer to Land-base Tri-reformer
- Check CH_4 Conversion, Syngas ratio, temperature profile, etc.

Floating
DME Reactor

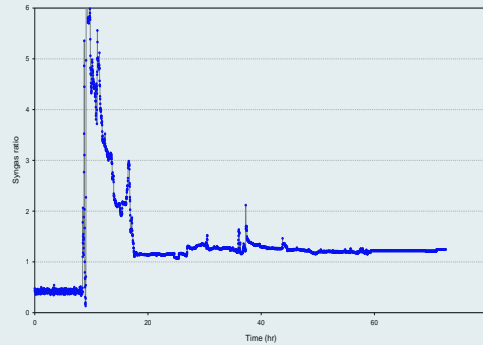


- Compare Floating DME reactor to Land-base DME reactor
- Check CO conversion, temperature and pressure profile, etc.

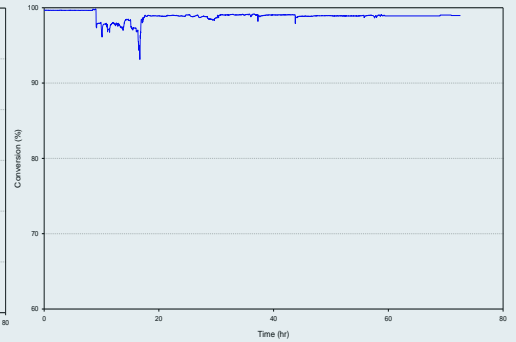
Ship Motion Effect Test Result



Wall Temperature Profile of Tri-reformer



Syngas Ratio

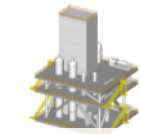


Methane Conversion



Modified Reactor Design for FPSO Application

DME FPSO Pre-FEED



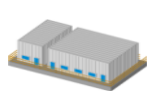
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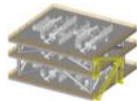
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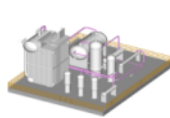
Storage & Utility



Offloadig



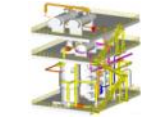
Refrigeration & Chilled Glycol



Steam Generation



DME Purification



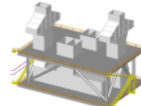
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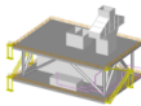
DME Synthesis 2



DME Synthesis 3



Power Generation 1



Power Generation 2



Inlet Separation & Stabilization



Desulfurization



Reforming 1



Reforming 2



CO2 Removal 1



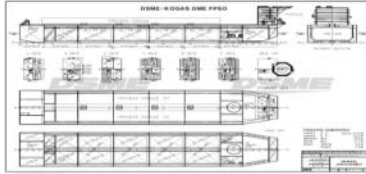
CO2 Removal 2



Flare



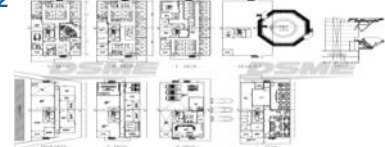
Pipe rack



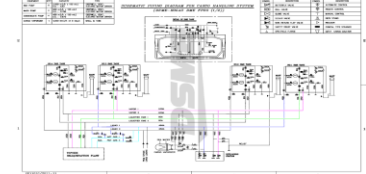
General Arrangement



Machinery Arrangement



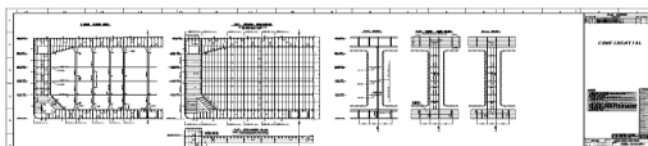
Accommodation



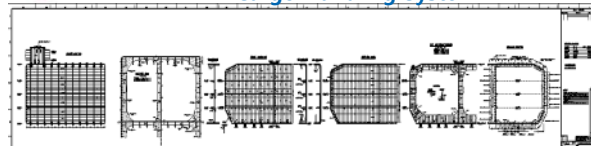
Cargo Handling System



Midship Section



Typical Trans. Bulkhead



Typical Cargo Tank

DME FPSO Pre-FEED : Design Basis

Wind Conditions

Return Period	1 hour mean [m/s]	1 minute mean [m/s]	3 second gust [m/s]
1 yr	14.0	16.2	18.0
10 yr	17.8	21.5	23.0
100 years	25.0	30.1	34.1

Wave Characteristics

Criteria/ Return Period	Hs [m]	Tp [sec]
1 yr	3.0	7.6
10 yr	4.4	8.9
100 years	6.2	9.5
Towing	11.10	12≤15.1≤18.2

Products Specifications

DME

- H2S: ≤ 3mg/kg
- Purity: 99.6 wt% pure

Methanol

- H2S: ≤ 3mg/kg
- Purity: 98.0 wt%

Production Rate

- DME: 3000 TPD (4976 m³/d)
- Methanol: 725 TPD (949 m³/d)
- Condensate: - Max. 230.4 TPD @ Rich case

Hull dimensions

- Length Overall, LOA: 319 m
- Length between PP, Lpp: 319 m
- Breadth Molded: 60 m
- Depth Molded: 31.5 m
- Draught, Design: 16 m
- Draught, Scantling: 17 m

Feed gas composition

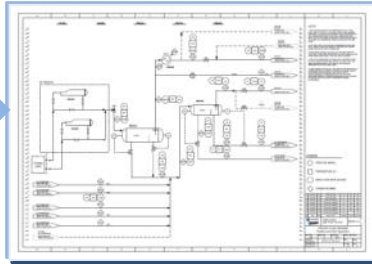
Component	Base Case	CO ₂ Low Case	CO ₂ High Case	Rich Case
	Mole Fraction	Mole Fraction	Mole Fraction	Mole Fraction
CO ₂	0.10010	0.05001	0.25000	0.10020
N ₂	0.00300	0.00300	0.00300	0.00300
CH ₄	0.84635	0.89364	0.66045	0.75355
C ₂ H ₆	0.02640	0.02790	0.03820	0.05600
C ₃ H ₈	0.01140	0.01200	0.02660	0.04540
n-C ₄	0.00260	0.00280	0.00640	0.01110
i-C ₄	0.00440	0.00460	0.00720	0.01200
n-C ₅	0.00090	0.00100	0.00180	0.00300
i-C ₅	0.00160	0.00160	0.00270	0.00450
C ₆	0.00110	0.00120	0.00170	0.00310
C ₇	0.00130	0.00140	0.00120	0.00290
C ₈	0.00040	0.00040	0.00030	0.00180
C ₉	0.00040	0.00040	0.00040	0.00340
H ₂ S	0.00005	0.00005	0.00005	0.00005
TOTAL	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000	1.00000

Cargo Storage Capacity

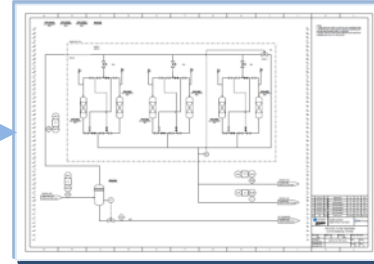
	Gross Volumes	Estimated Offloading Volumes
DME Storage Tanks (m ³):	178,000	40,000
Methanol Storage Tanks (m ³):	41,000	20,000
Condensate Storage Tanks:	TBA	TBA
DME Production:	3,000 TPD	
Production Storage Capacity:	35.7 day	

Process Flow Diagram

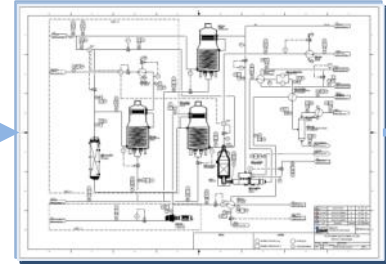
**Inlet Separation
& Stabilization**



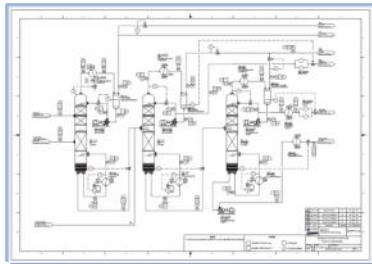
Sulfur Removal



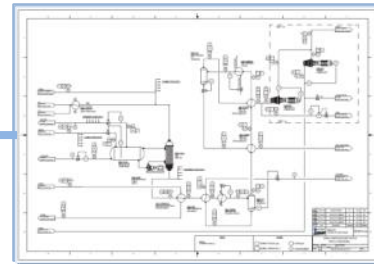
**Pre-Reforming
& Reforming**



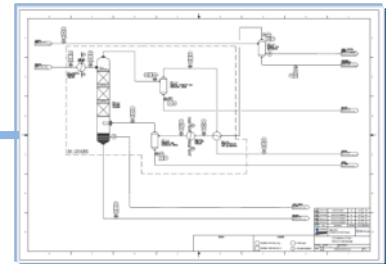
**DME/MeOH Recovery
& Purification**



**Syngas Compression
& DME Synthesis**



CO₂ Removal

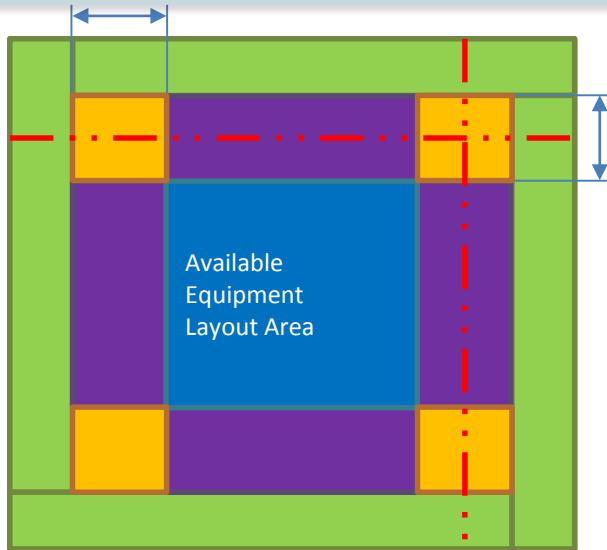


Natural Gas

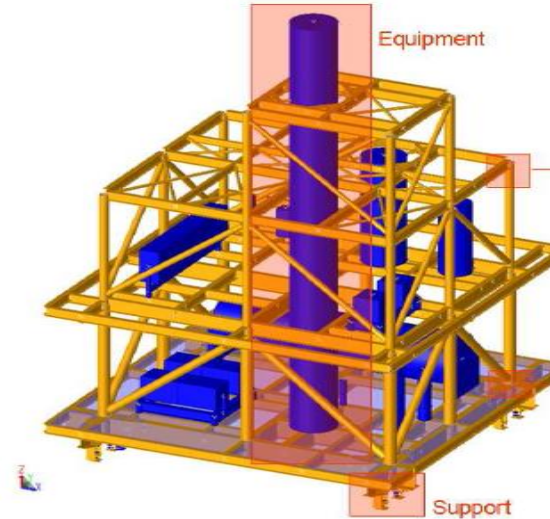
DME

Module Design

Topside equipment should be located inside vertical column & diagonal brace area.



Equipment Layout Area
in Module

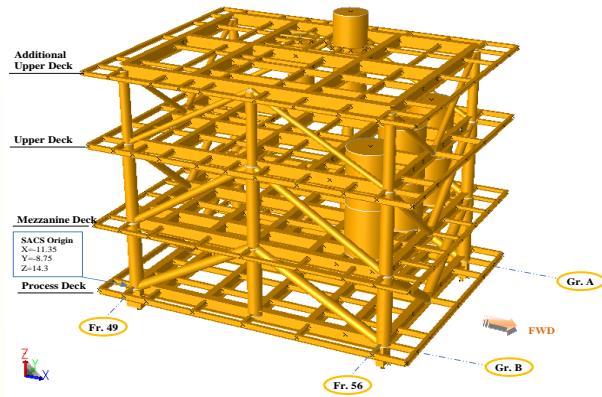


Typical Module
Structure Example

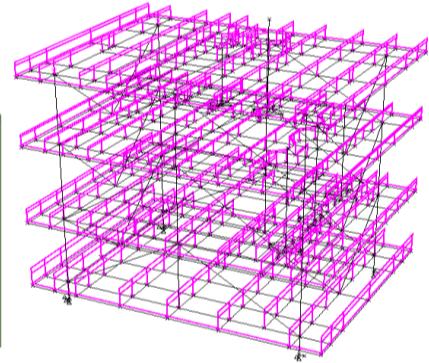
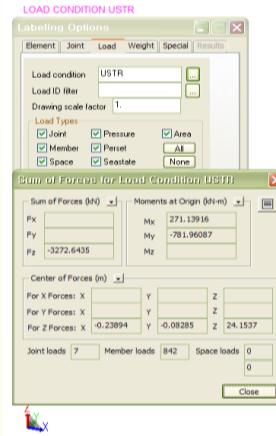
Structural Analysis

Structural Analysis :
Analyze module structure considering topside weight, ship motion

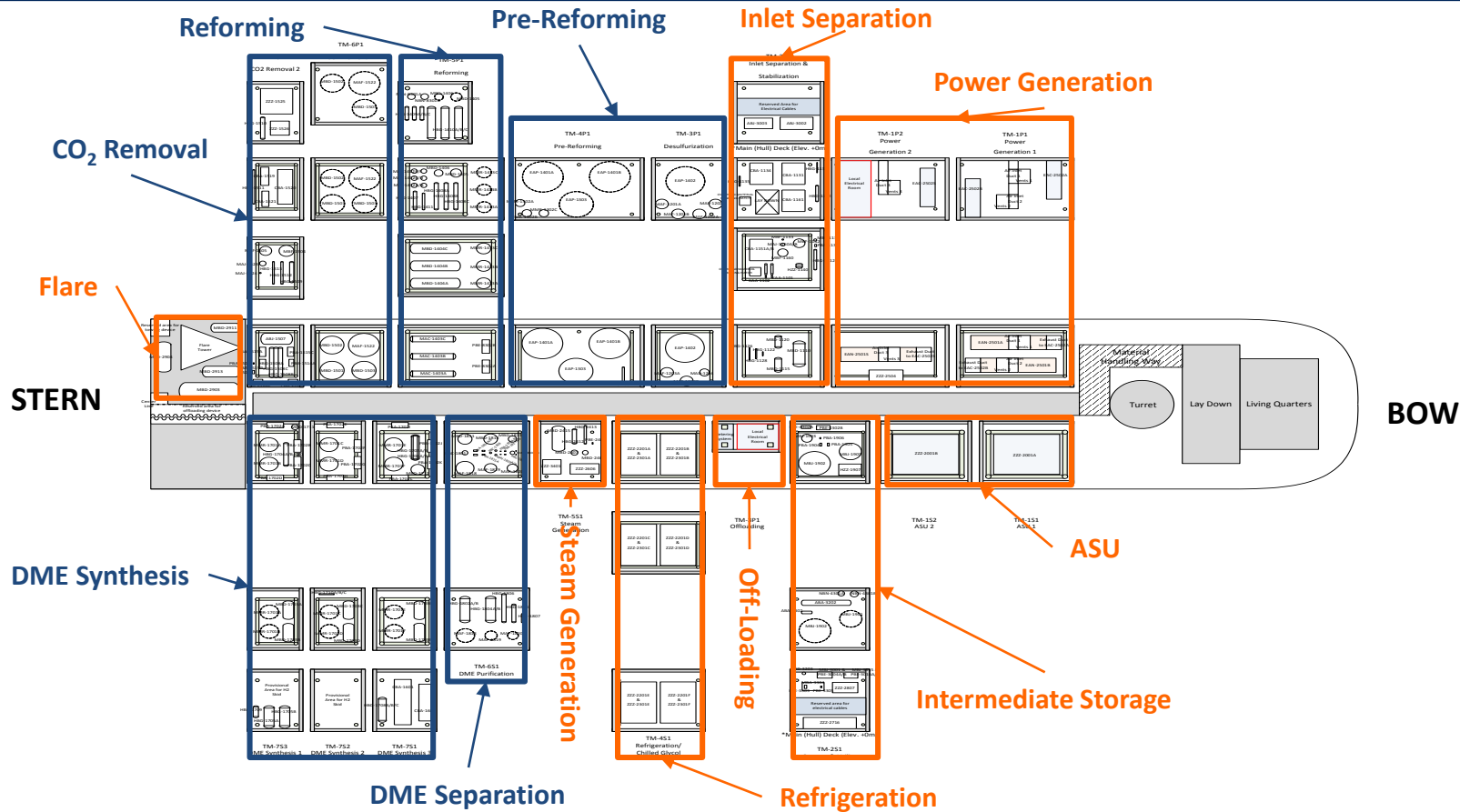
Reforming Module Structure



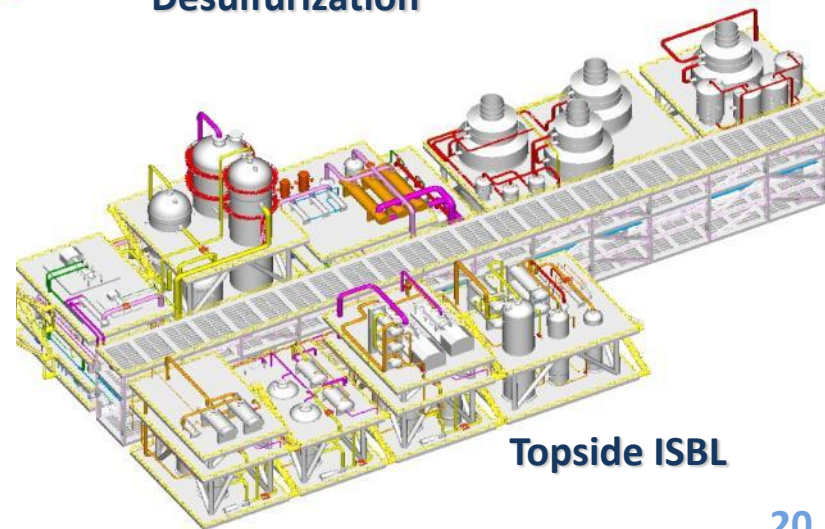
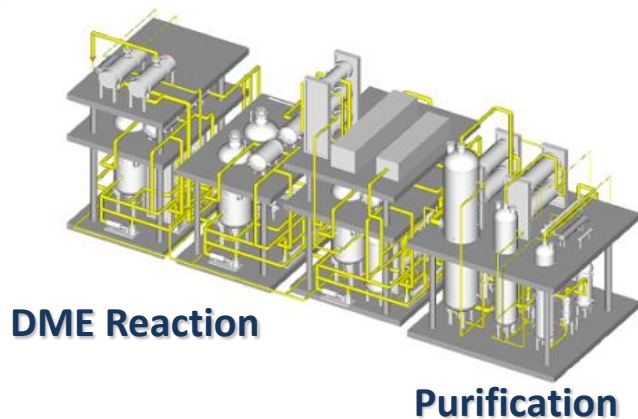
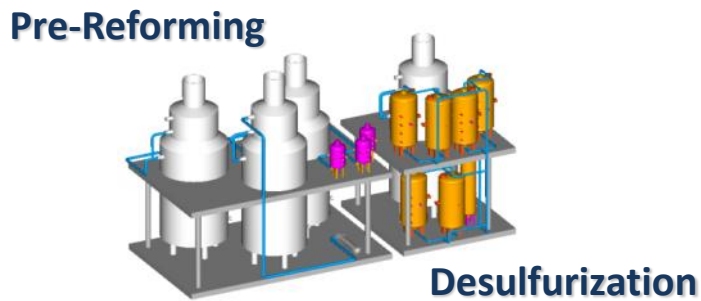
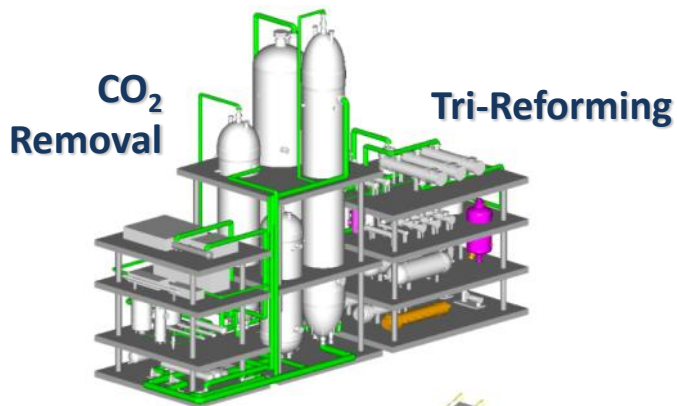
Reforming Module Load Calculation



Topside Layout Overview



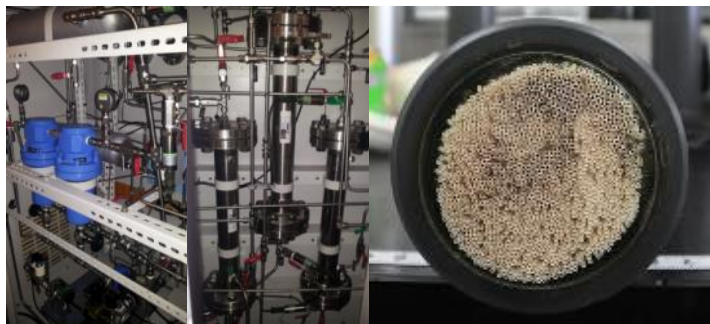
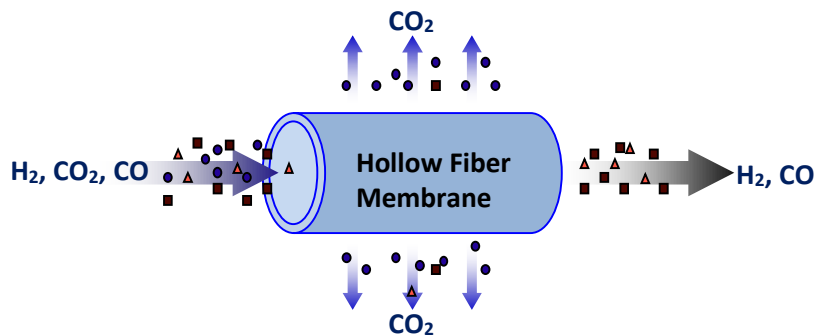
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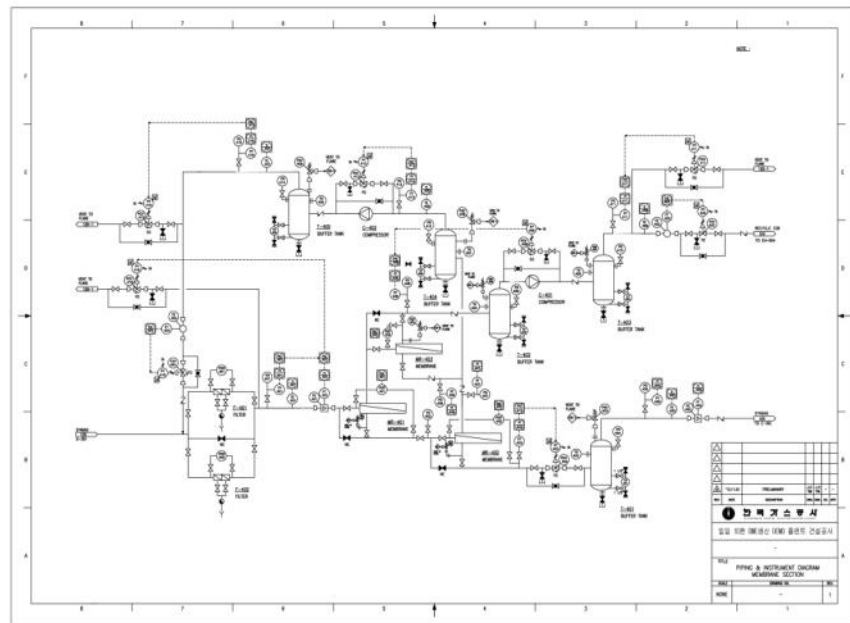
3D Modeling



Current Work : CO₂ Separation by Membrane

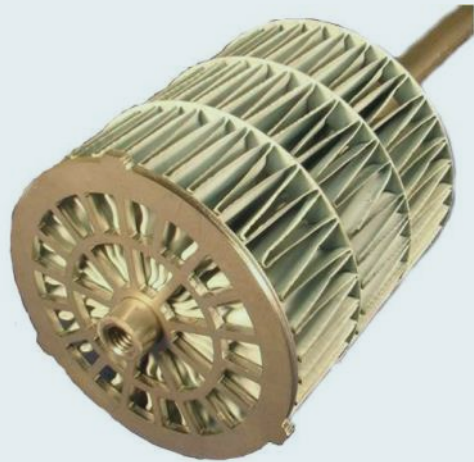


Bench Scale Membrane System



P&ID of Membrane Separation System for 10tpd DME Demo Plant

Current Work : Stackable Structural Reactor



Catacel SSR®
(Stackable Structural Reactor)
by Johnson Matthey



KOGAS Catalyst



Bench Scale SSR System

Conclusions

- **KOGAS carried out Pre-FEED study for DME FPSO based on KOGAS' DME process.**
- **KOGAS tested ship motion effect on the main reactors for the optimized process design of DME FPSO.**
- **KOGAS is developing new reformer and CO₂ separation system for the FPSO application.**

