

DETAILS OF AWARDED PROJECTS

SN	Research Theme	Proposal Title	Proposal Description	Project Investigator (PI) Team
1.	Hydrogen (H ₂)	Ammonia Cracking: New Catalyst Development, Reaction Engineering and System Design	<p>Project aim: To develop more efficient processes to release H₂ from ammonia, by examining the development of robust and efficient ammonia cracking technologies suitable for use in Singapore.</p> <p>Potential benefits: H₂ is difficult to transport in its native state, which requires high pressures and extremely cold temperatures to compress. One way to make it easier to transport is to convert the H₂ into a carrier such as ammonia. However, releasing H₂ from ammonia is an energy intensive process. An improved and more efficient process will reduce the energy penalty of transporting H₂ in the form of ammonia and reduce the cost of H₂ adoption in Singapore.</p>	<p>PI Institute: National University of Singapore (NUS)</p> <p>Lead Project Investigator: Assoc Prof Yan Ning, NUS</p> <p>Project Team: Prof Chan Siew Hwa, NTU and Asst Prof He Qian, NUS;</p> <p>Academic/Industry Collaborator(s): Surbana Jurong Infrastructure Pte Ltd and NUS</p>

2.	H ₂	Miniature H ₂ leakage and purity sensors for downstream H ₂ use	<p>Project aim: To develop two types of H₂ sensors, a hydrogen purity sensor and a hydrogen leakage sensor, with small form factor, high selectivity minimal interferences and immunity to poisoning for downstream use. Standards will also be created for H₂ sensors evaluation and quality.</p> <p>Potential benefits: Improve the safety of H₂ use, allow deployment of sensors economically to enable trading and safety and increase confidence towards adoption of H₂ for downstream uses.</p>	<p>PI Institute: Institute of Microelectronics (IME), Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR)</p> <p>Lead Project Investigator: Dr. Doris Ng Keh Ting, A*STAR's IME</p> <p>Project Team: Dr Cai Hong, A*STAR's IME; Dr Kai Fuu Ming, National Metrology Centre (NMC), Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR); Assoc Prof Zhao Dan, NUS; Dr Liu Jihang, A*STAR's IME; and Dr Subhranu Samanta, A*STAR's IME</p> <p>Academic/Industry Collaborator(s): Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Association of Singapore (TAC)</p>
3.	H ₂	Methane Pyrolysis for H ₂ and Carbon Nanotube Production via Novel Catalytic Membrane Reactor System	<p>Project aim: To develop an improved process for methane pyrolysis, i.e. catalytic cracking and separating natural gas/methane into H₂ gas and solid carbon. It examines development of a novel bi-functional catalytic membrane reactor (CMR) process, where ultra-pure H₂ and highly-ordered carbon nanotubes (CNTs) are co-produced via methane (natural gas) pyrolysis process with zero carbon dioxide (CO₂) emission.</p>	<p>PI Institute: NUS</p> <p>Lead Project Investigator: Assoc Prof Sibudjing Kawi, NUS</p> <p>Project Team: Prof Wang Chi-Hwa, NUS; Assoc Prof Yang Wenming, NUS; and Dr Chang Jie, Institute of Chemical and Engineering Sciences (ICES), Agency for Science, Technology and Research (A*STAR)</p>

			<p>Potential benefits: Methane pyrolysis is a potential pathway to producing low-carbon H₂ in Singapore. The process is currently costly and energy intensive. If successful, this can reduce the cost of H₂ production in Singapore whilst producing valuable carbon products at the same time.</p>	<p>Academic/Industry Collaborator(s): Dyna Mac Engineering Services; Sembcorp Industries Ltd; University of California@Davis; Curtin University; Université de Toulouse-Centre RAPSODEE-CNRS and A*STAR's ICES,</p>
4.	H ₂	<p>Liquid Organic Hydrogen Carriers (LOHCs) Technology for Singapore</p>	<p>Project aim: To develop new catalysts and systems to reduce the costs of extracting hydrogen from methylcyclohexane (MCH) as an LOHC technology and to design a minimum-cost hydrogen supply chain network for Singapore.</p> <p>Project benefits: MCH can be transported in liquid state at ambient conditions using the existing petroleum infrastructures, but the process to extract hydrogen from the MCH molecule requires high-performance and cost-effective catalyst and is energy intensive. This proposal could improve the performance and reduce the cost of existing SPERA catalyst from Chiyoda and design new reactors of better heat transfer, therefore reducing the cost of importing hydrogen using this carrier. A comprehensive financial model to access</p>	<p>PI Institute: NTU</p> <p>Lead Project Investigator: Prof Xu Rong, NTU</p> <p>Project Team: Asst Prof Tej Choksi, NTU; Assoc Prof Raymond Lau Wai Man, NTU; Asst Prof Paul Liu, NTU; Assoc Prof Alessandro Romagnoli, NTU; Prof Iftekhar A. Karimi, NUS; Prof Farooq Shamsuzzaman, NUS</p> <p>Academic/Industry Collaborator(s): Chiyoda Corporation; PSA Corporation Limited; Sembcorp Industries Ltd; City Gas Pte Ltd; Jurong Port Pte Ltd; Singapore LNG Corporation and Mitsubishi Corporation;</p>

			the cost of the hydrogen supply chain in Singapore will also be developed by collaborating with our industrial partners.	
5.	Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS)	Alternative Sand from Carbon Dioxide and Waste Materials	<p>Project aim: To examine the processes for the capture and mineralisation of CO₂ into alternative sand that can be used for building and construction purposes.</p> <p>Project benefits: Captured CO₂ can be used to make useful products such as construction material in this case.</p>	<p>PI Institute: A*STAR's ICES</p> <p>Lead Project Investigator: Dr. Bu Jie, A*STAR's ICES</p> <p>Project Team: Asst Prof Liu Wen, NTU; Assoc Prof Pang Sze Dai, NUS; and Mr Yeo Tze Yuen, A*STAR's ICES</p> <p>Academic/Industry Collaborator(s): Samwoh Innovation Centre Pte Ltd and EnGro Corporation Ltd</p>
6.	CCUS	Capturing waste with waste: Continuous carbon capture using highly efficient sorbents derived from	<p>Project Aim: To develop a carbon capture process (calcium looping) by using novel sorbents derived from calcium-rich incineration ashes, collected from Singapore's waste-to-energy facilities.</p> <p>Potential benefit: This will enable the use of incineration ash, which is a waste material, for CO₂ capture. Both waste streams: incineration ashes and CO₂, can be</p>	<p>PI Institute: Nanyang Technological University (NTU)</p> <p>Lead Project Investigator: Asst Prof Liu Wen Paul, NTU</p> <p>Project Team: Prof Simon Redfern, NTU; Snr Scientist Dr Bu Jie, A*STAR's ICES; Asst Prof Grzegorz Lisak, NTU; Prof Lim Teik Thye, NTU; Snr Research Fellow Dr Andrei</p>

		incineration ashes	subsequently turned to sustainable construction materials after carbon capture.	Veksha, NTU and Snr Research Fellow Dr Chan Wei Ping, NTU Academic/Industry Collaborator(s): Surbana Jurong Infrastructure Pte Ltd; Mursun Pte Ltd; Tsinghua University; and Kunming University of Science and Technology
7.	Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS)	Towards Energy Efficient Electrochemical CO ₂ Reduction to Synthetic Chemicals: A Paradigm Shift in Sustainable Chemical Production	Project aim: To examine the development of a sustainable technology to produce important commodity chemicals for Singapore (e.g., ethylene and propanol), using only CO ₂ and water as feedstock. Thus, reduce the energy intensity of producing chemicals from CO ₂ . Potential benefits: Converting CO ₂ to fuels/chemicals is a potential utilisation pathway for captured CO ₂ . Reducing the energy requirement for such processes will improve the economic viability of such CO ₂ utilisation pathways.	PI Institute: NUS Lead Project Investigator: Prof Chen Wei, NUS Project team: Prof Xu Zhichuan, NTU; Dr Zhang Jia, Institute of High Performance Computing (IHPC), A*STAR; Asst Prof Lum Yanwei, Institute of Materials Research and Engineering (IMRE), A*STAR/NUS; Asst Prof Wang Lei, NUS; and Asst Prof Hou Yi, NUS Academic/Industry Collaborator(s): NUS; Stanford University; Tsinghua University and ExxonMobil.
8.	CCUS	Development and module scale validation of novel hollow	Project Aim: To develop more efficient ways to capture CO ₂ from exhaust streams. It aims to develop and validate hollow fiber membranes for efficient carbon capture via novel chemistry and machine learning. The	PI Institute: NUS Lead Project Investigator: Asst Prof Zhang Sui, NUS

		fiber membranes for CO ₂ capture	<p>performance of the developed and scaled membranes will be validated through in-house pilot testing under simulated conditions as well as field-testing on larger pilot under real-world conditions.</p> <p>Potential benefits: To improve the capture efficiency of CO₂ from existing exhaust/flue gas which is the first step in CCUS.</p>	<p>Project Team: Provost Chair Prof Neal Chung Tai-Sheng, NUS and Dr Gudipathi Chakravarty, START, NTUitive</p> <p>Academic/Industry Collaborator(s): Chevron Singapore Pte Ltd; Surbana Jurong Infrastructure Pte Ltd and NUS</p>
9.	CCUS	Stable and long term carbon dioxide hydrate based storage (CO ₂ -HyStore) in deep ocean sediments	<p>Project aim: To demonstrate a proof-of-concept requiring design, build and validation of potential of CO₂ storage in deep-ocean sediments as gas hydrates. It will help to validate the possibility of storing CO₂ in deep ocean sediments (as opposed to conventional sites which require specific geological formations)</p> <p>Potential benefits: This may open possibilities for long term storage of captured CO₂.</p>	<p>PI Institute: NUS</p> <p>Lead Project Investigator: Prof. Praveen Linga, NUS</p> <p>Academic/Industry Collaborator(s): ExxonMobil; NUS; Purdue University and Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory</p>
10.	CCUS	Process Systems Engineering for Guiding R&D on Low-Carbon Technologies	<p>Project aim: This project proposes a new paradigm in which materials research is conducted under the continuous of Process Systems Engineering (PSE) in order to keep focus on the KPIs right from the start of research.</p>	<p>PI Institute: NUS</p> <p>Lead Project Investigator: Prof Iftexhar A Karimi. NUS</p> <p>Project Team: Prof Shamsuzzaman Farooq, NUS</p>

			<p>Potential benefits: It develops digital toolkits that predict the system-level performances of several CCUS and H₂ projects, helping to guide them to faster and successful scale-up.</p>	<p>Academic/Industry Collaborator(s): ExxonMobil and NUS</p>
11.	CCUS	<p>Adsorptive Carbon Capture Using Framework Materials</p>	<p>Project Aim: To develop more efficient ways to capture CO₂ from exhaust streams. This project enhances CO₂ capture by using state-of-the-art framework sorbents engineered for high CO₂ selectivity, high intrinsic stability, and facile regenerability from moisture.</p> <p>Potential benefits: Improve the capture rate of CO₂ from existing exhaust/flue gas which is the first step in CCUS.</p>	<p>PI Institute: NUS</p> <p>Lead Project Investigator: Assoc Prof Zhao Dan, NUS</p> <p>Project Team: Assoc Prof Jiang Jianwen, NUS; Prof Shamsuzzaman Farooq, NUS; Prof Jiang Donglin, NUS; and Asst Prof Grzegorz Lisak, NTU</p> <p>Academic/Industry Collaborator(s): ExxonMobil; NUS; and Northwestern University</p>
12.	CCUS	<p>Nanostructured Catalysts for Direct CO₂ Hydrogenation to Higher Alcohols and Fuels</p>	<p>Project aim: To reduce the energy intensity of producing higher alcohols and fuels from CO₂. It examines development of nanostructured catalysts and computational capability in catalyst design and reaction modelling, including process optimisation.</p> <p>Potential benefits: CO₂ to fuels/chemicals is a potential utilisation pathway for captured</p>	<p>PI Institute: NUS</p> <p>Lead Project Investigator: Prof Zeng Hua Chun, NUS</p> <p>Project Team: Asst Prof Paul Wen Liu, NTU; Scientist Dr Kelvin M.Y. Kwok, A*STAR's ICES; Asst Prof</p>

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