

# **CO<sub>2</sub>-philic Block Copolymers with intrinsic Microporosity for Post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Capture (SC0020730)**

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## **Objectives of DOE STTR Phase 2A Project**

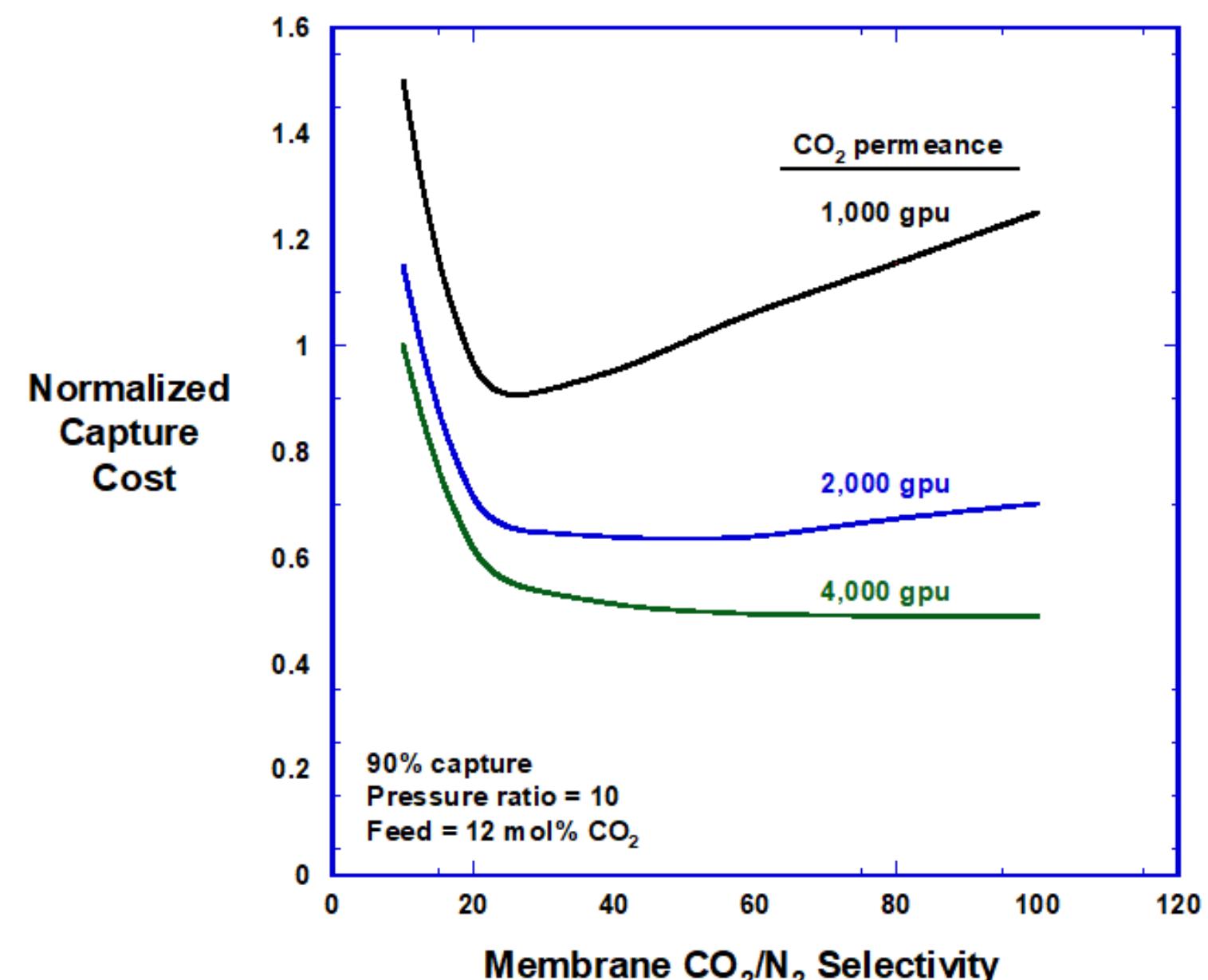
**Objective 1:** Optimize TFC membrane for CO<sub>2</sub> permeance  $\geq 4,500$  GPU and CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> selectivity  $\geq 40$

**Objective 2:** Validate stability in long-term tests

**Objective 3:** Scale-up TFC membrane fabrication;  
fabricate/test bench scale modules

**Objective 4:** Refine TEA

## **Defining Membrane Properties for CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> Separation**



**Target:** CO<sub>2</sub> permeance of 4,500 GPU and CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub> selectivity of 40

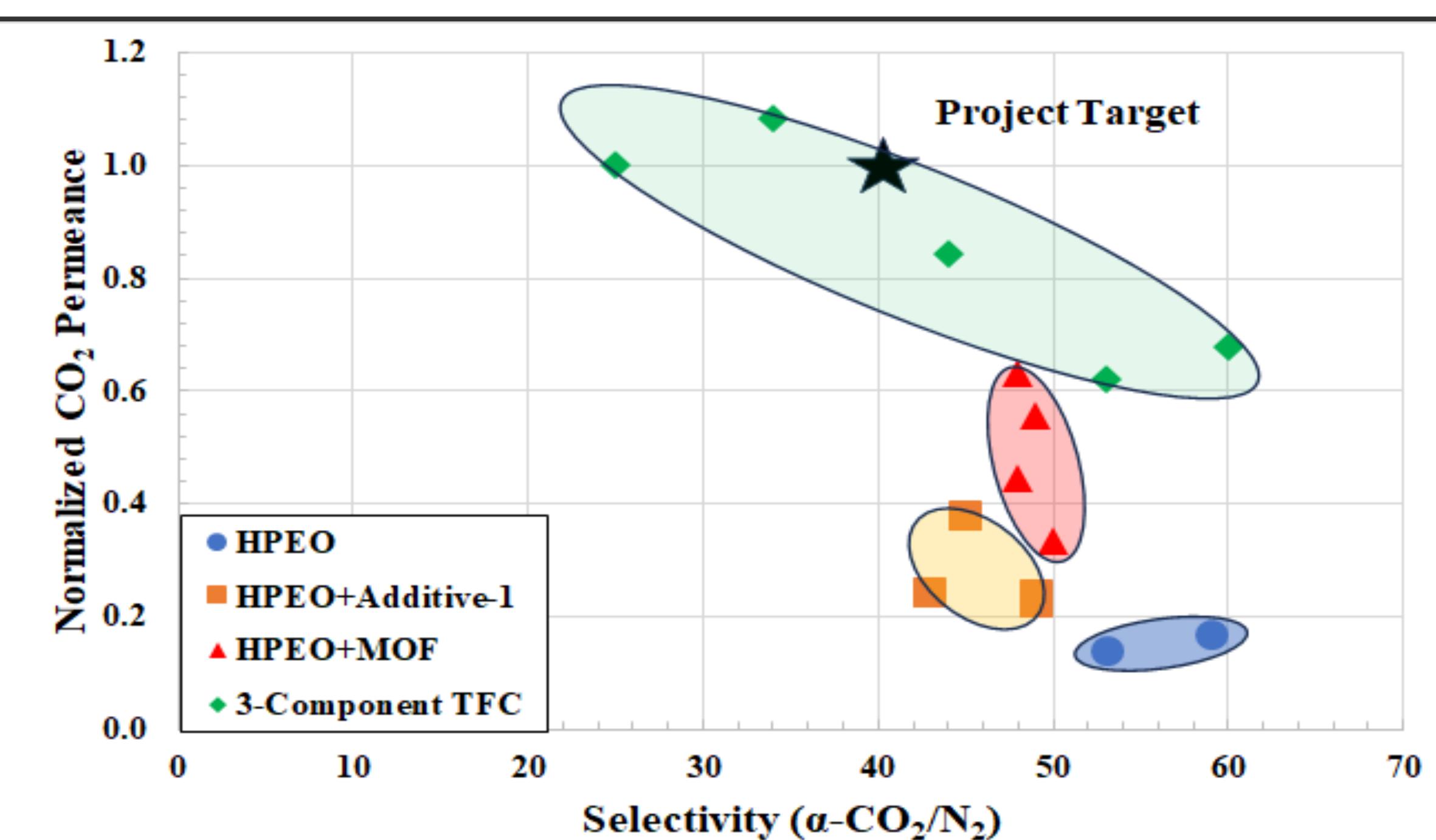
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## **Our Approach: TFC Membranes Based on Modified Poly(ethylene oxide)**

### **Five steps:**

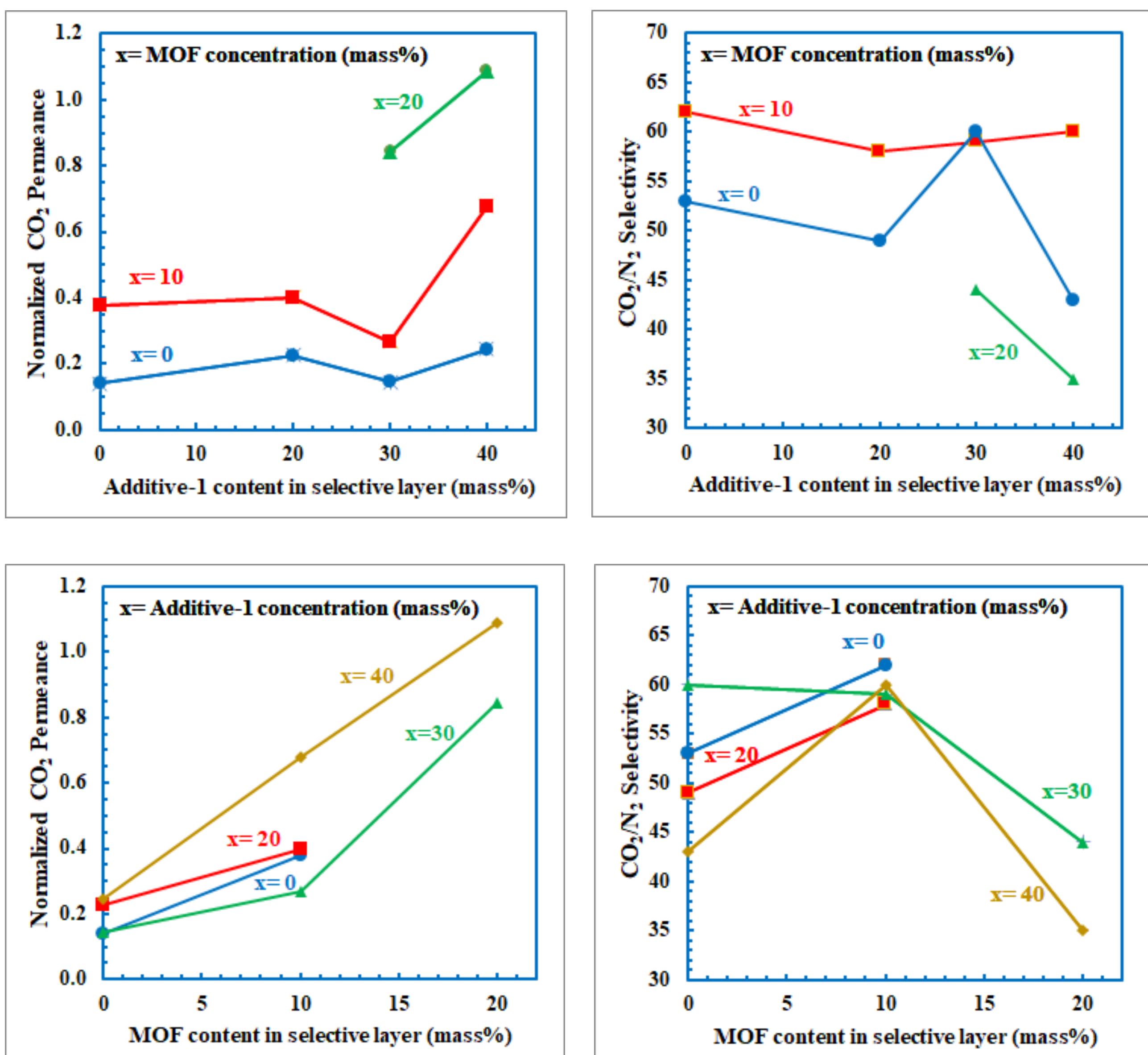
1. Optimize the gutter layer to increase gas permeance of the membrane
2. Synthesize high molecular weight poly(ethylene oxide) (HPEO)
3. Synthesize MOF nanoparticles
4. Incorporate Additive-1 into the selective layer to enhance permeance
5. Add MOF into the selective layer to further increase permeance

## **Advancement in TFC Membrane Development**



Significant progress achieved in advancing TFC membranes towards Project Target

## **Pure-gas Separation Performance of 3-Component TFC Membranes**



CO<sub>2</sub> permeance increases with increasing Additive-1 and MOF concentration in the selective layer at 22 °C

## **Process Development and Economic Analysis**

Metric	Target Properties		Phase 2 Properties	
	4,500 GPU; $\alpha = 40$		3,000 GPU; $\alpha = 40$	
	W/o Cryo	W/- Cryo	W/o Cryo	W/- Cryo
Overall Capture Efficiency	91.5%	91.5%	91.5%	91.5%
Prod CO <sub>2</sub> Concentration	87.0%	100.0%	87.0%	100.0%
Total Capital (MM \$)	200.4	233	239.8	272.5
CO <sub>2</sub> Capture Cost (\$/ton)	23.8	33.8	26.7	36.7

### **• 550MW SC-PC plant**

### **• Process:**

- 2-Stg Cascade + Cryo or MTR 3-Stg + Cryo
- Capture efficiency: 91.5%

### **• Membrane properties:**

- CO<sub>2</sub> Perm: Target vs Phase 2
- $\alpha$ -CO<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>: 40-48

### **• 64 mil Power; \$50/m<sup>2</sup>**

