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(57) **Abstract:** An integrated process for making methanol, acetic acid, and a product from an associated process is disclosed. Syn-
gas (120) is produced by combined steam reforming (109) and autothermal reforming (118) of natural gas (102) where a portion
(112) of the natural gas bypasses the steam reformer (109) and is blended with the steam reformer effluent for supply to the autother-
mal reformer (ATR) (118) with CO₂ recycle (110). A portion of the syngas is fed to CO₂ removal (122) to obtain the recycle CO₂
and cold box (130) to obtain a hydrogen stream (131) and a CO stream (135). The remaining syngas, hydrogen stream (131) and
CO₂ from an associated process are fed to methanol synthesis (140), which produces methanol and a purge stream (124) supplied to
the CO₂ removal unit. The methanol is supplied to an acetic acid unit (136) with the CO (135) to make acetic acid, which in turn is
supplied to a VAM synthesis unit (148). Oxygen for both the ATR and VAM synthesis can be supplied by a common air separation
unit (116), and utilities such as steam generation can further integrate the process.



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