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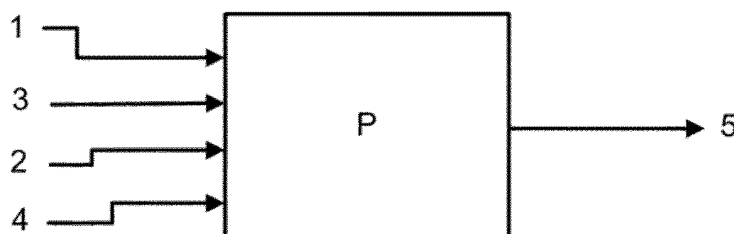


Figure 1

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to a process for converting feed streams selected from • (1) a gas stream comprising carbon dioxide and a hydrogen rich gas stream; • (2) a methane rich gas stream; and • (3) a combination of feed streams (1) and (2) into a product stream comprising carbon monoxide, water and hydrogen, the process comprising introducing feed streams selected from (1), (2) or (3) and oxygen into a reaction vessel, wherein the process comprises in switching mode performing a reverse water gas shift reaction introducing feed stream (1) and oxygen (method I) or a partial oxidation reaction introducing feed stream (2) and oxygen (method II) in the reaction vessel wherein no catalyst is present. The reaction vessel is provided with a burner located at the top of the reaction vessel, the burner comprising coaxial channels for the separate introduction of the different gas streams. During the switching mode from method I to method II or vice versa, the feed streams are gradually changed to the relevant feed streams, so that feed stream (3) is present in an intermediate phase, while also changing the temperature of the reactor to the desired temperature for the relevant method.

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