



**NATIONAL ENERGY TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY**  
**“Coal-Fired Power Plants, CCS, and a Use for the CO<sub>2</sub>”**

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# National Energy Technology Laboratory

- **Only DOE national lab dedicated to fossil energy**
  - Fossil fuels provide 85% of U.S. energy supply
- **One lab, one management structure, five locations**
  - Full-service DOE Federal laboratory
  - 3 R&D locations
- **>1,200 Federal and support-contractor employees**
- **Research spans fundamental science to technology demonstrations**

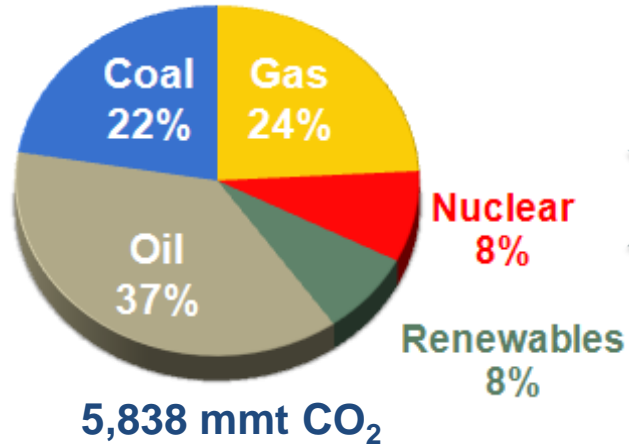


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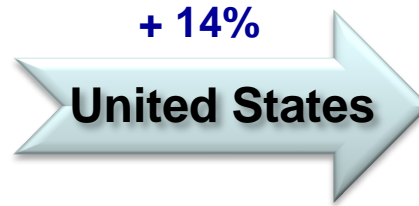
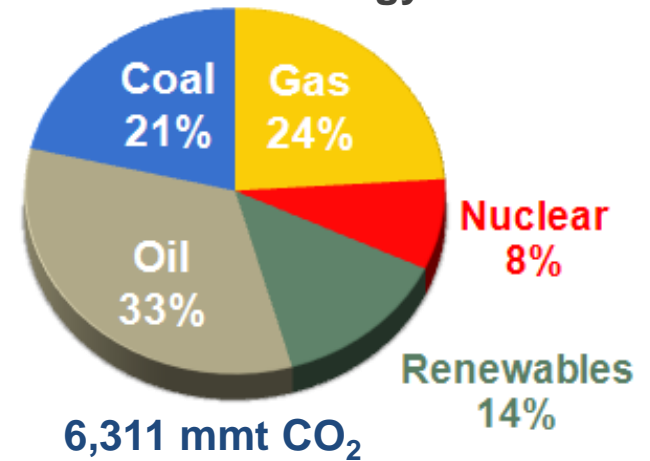
# Energy Demand 2008

100 QBtu / Year  
84% Fossil Energy

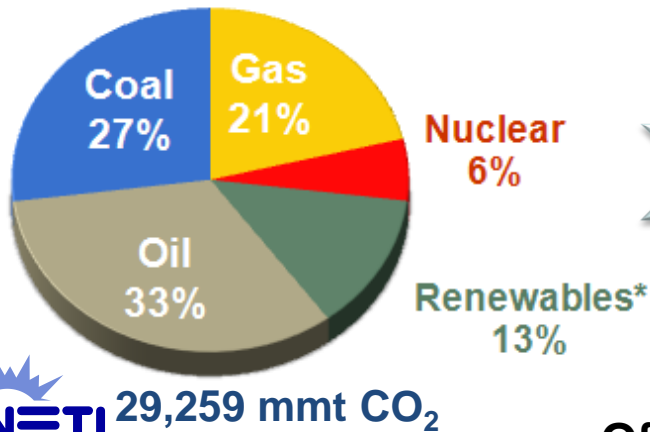


# Energy Demand 2035

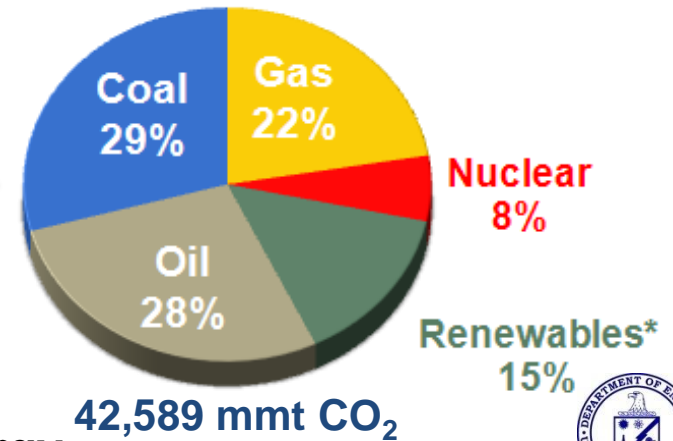
114 QBtu / Year  
78% Fossil Energy



487 QBtu / Year  
81% Fossil Energy



716 QBtu / Year  
79% Fossil Energy

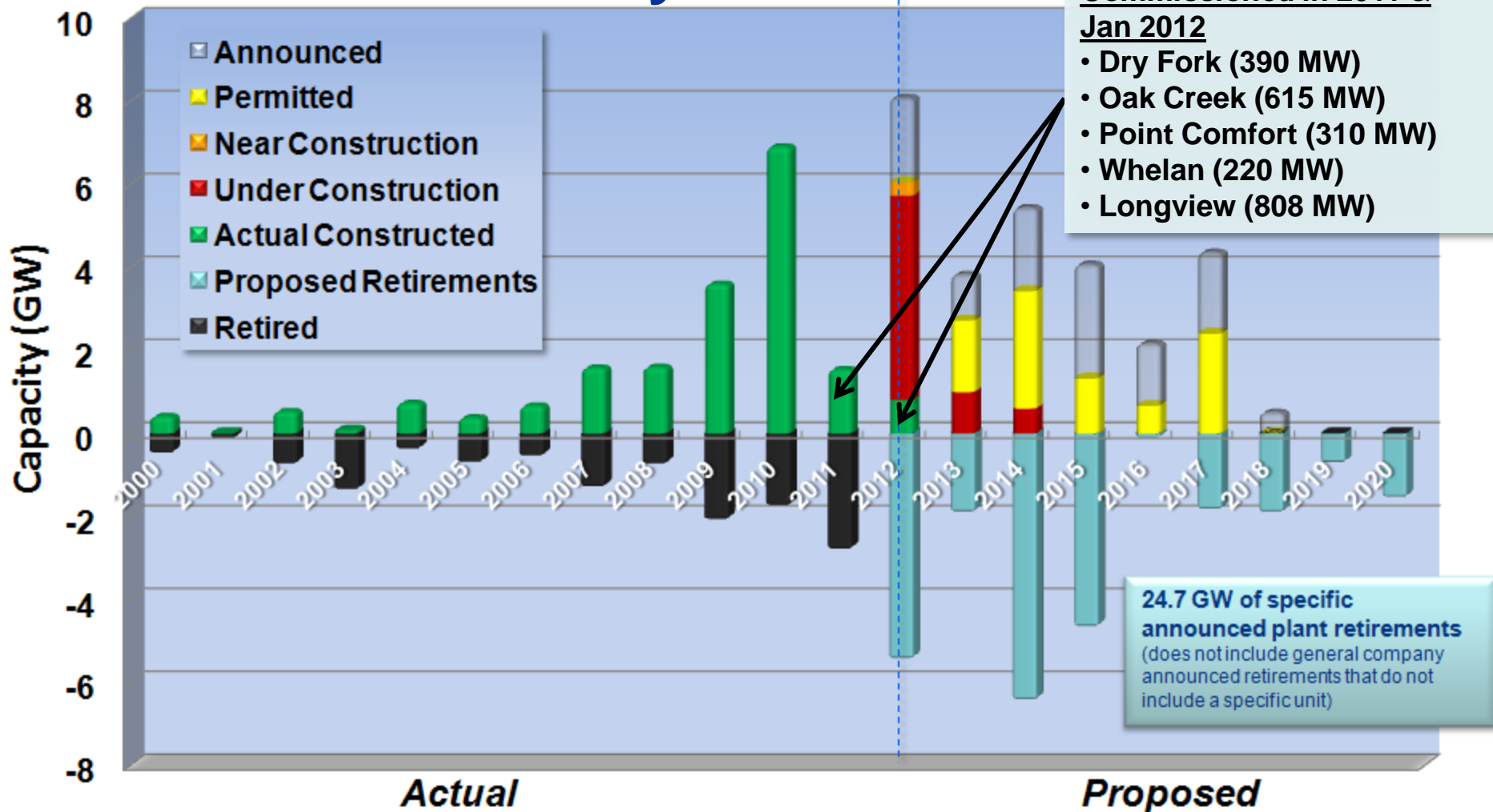


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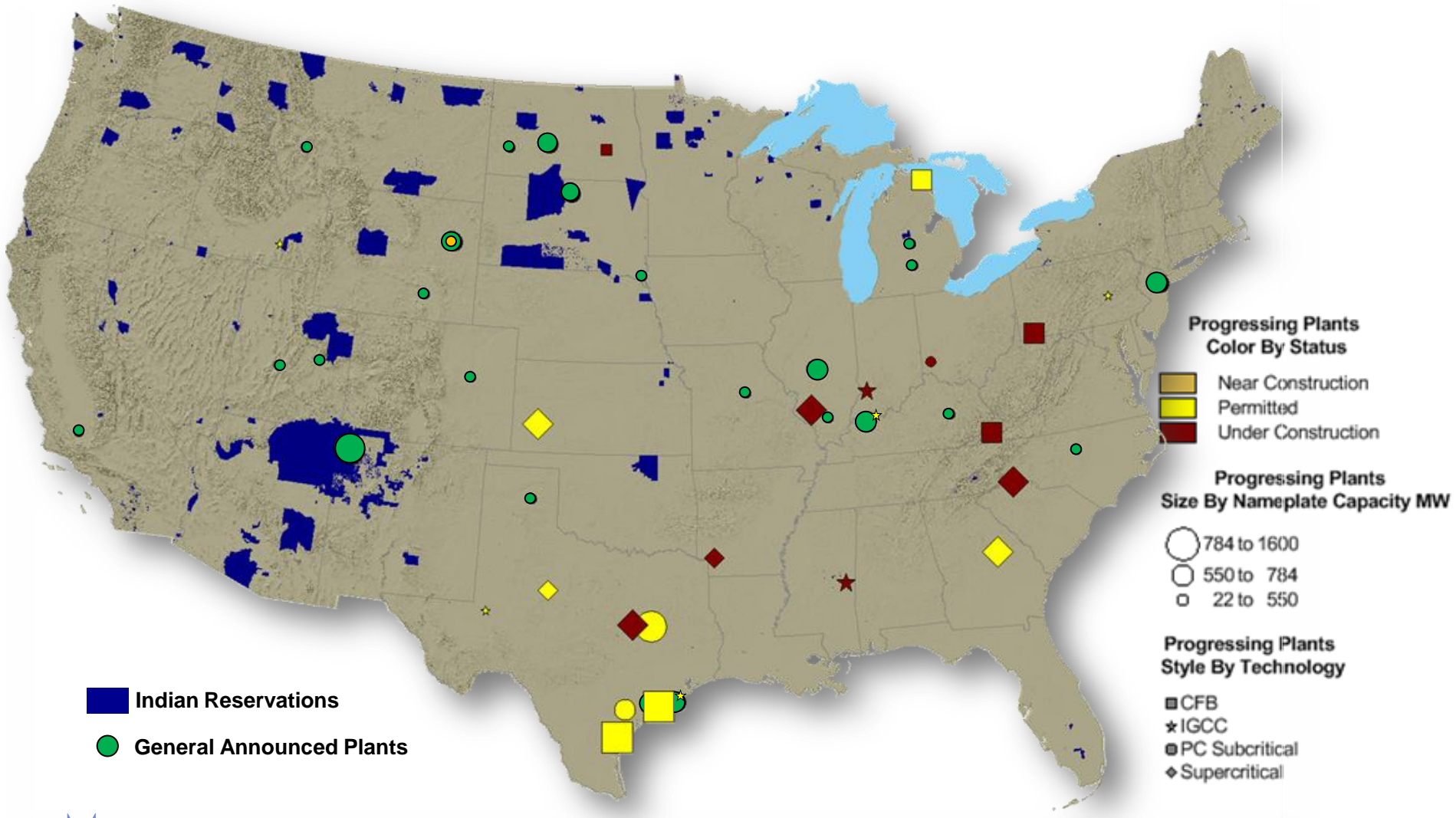
# Current Coal Capacity Additions/Retirements by Years



Operational Dates (above) / Retirement Dates (below)  
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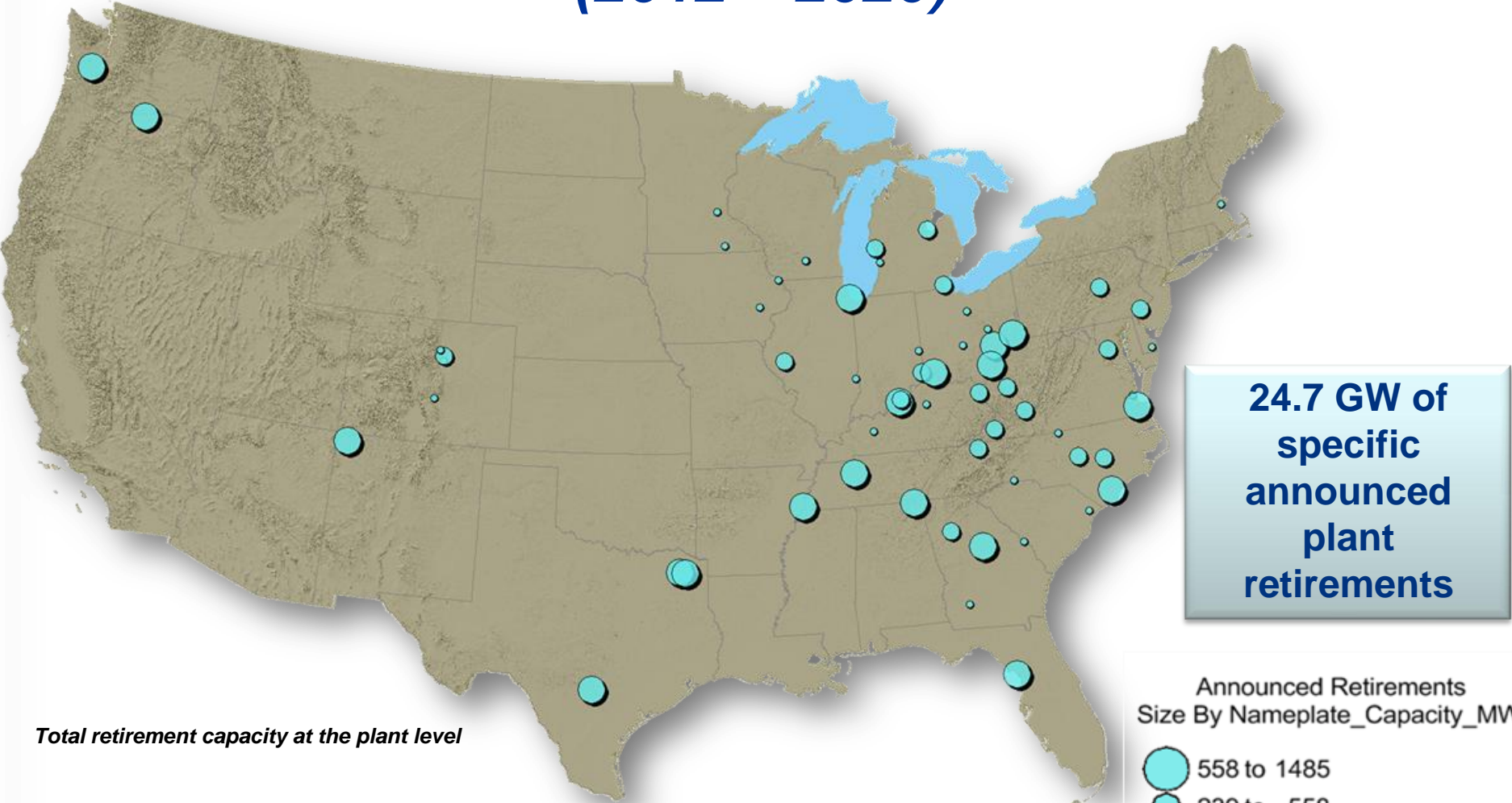
# Progressing and Announced New Coal Units



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# Announced Coal-Fired Retirements (2012 – 2020)



Total retirement capacity at the plant level



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# U.S. Coal-Fired Power Plant Summary – 2011

12/13/2010 – 1/13/2012

- **Five new coal-plants totaling 2,343 MW were *Commissioned* in 2011**
- ***Progressing/Commissioned* projects by January 2012 have had a net increase of 3 plants; a net change in capacity of 1,388 MW (+10%) over *Progressing* projects**
- **1,599 MW of new capacity has been *Announced* and 2,890 MW have been canceled**
  - Of 2,890 MW canceled plants, 54% were *Announced* phase and 46% were *Progressing*
- **Compared to previous years, fewer projects are being *Announced* to offset recent *Commissioning***



# Pathways To CO<sub>2</sub> Emission Reduction

- **Energy efficiency (14 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr)<sup>1</sup>**
  - Vehicles, Buildings, industrial equipment
- **Low-carbon energy supply (12 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr)**
  - Wind, Nuclear, Solar Energy
  - Biofuels for transportation
  - **Fossil fuels with Carbon Capture and Storage**
- **Terrestrial carbon (12 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr)**
  - Reforesting, halting deforestation
  - CO<sub>2</sub> storage in soils through changing agricultural practices
- **Behavioral change (~4 GtCO<sub>2</sub>e/yr)**

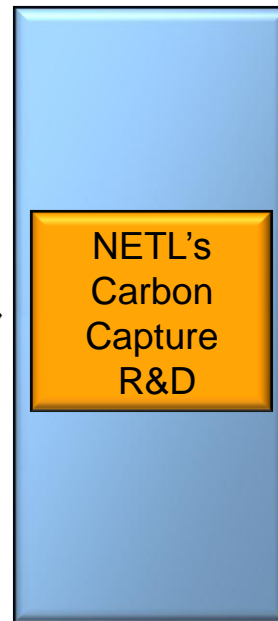
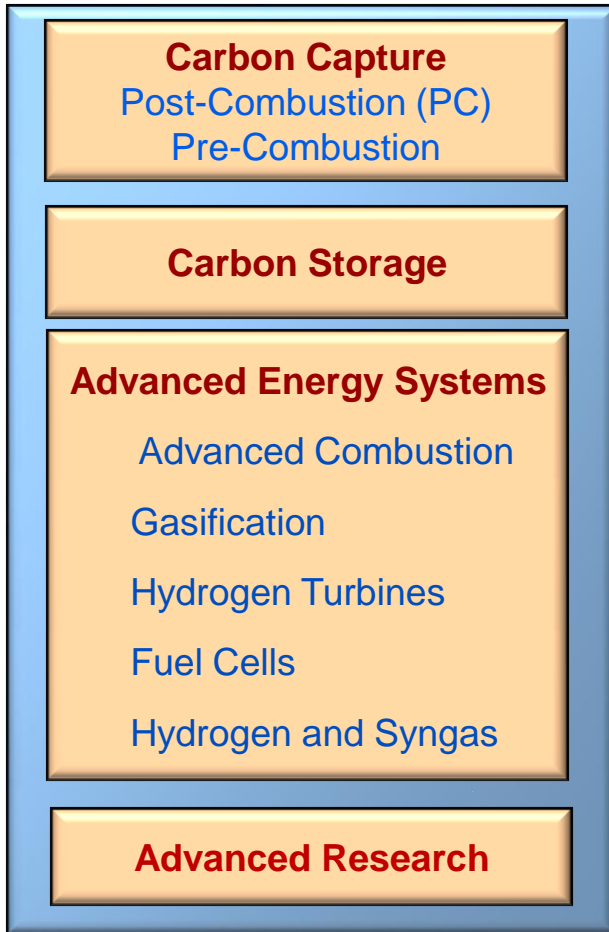
1. CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction opportunities by 2030 from Pathways to a Low-Carbon Economy, McKinsey & Company, 2009.



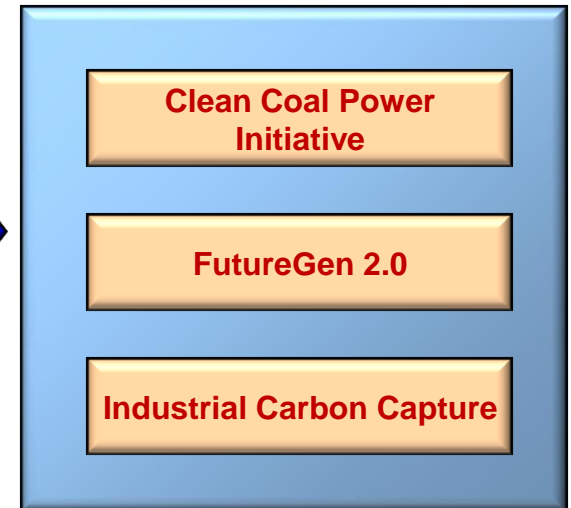


# DOE/NETL CO<sub>2</sub> Capture RD&D

## R&D Programs



## Demonstration Programs



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# Deployment Barriers For CO<sub>2</sub> Capture On New And Existing Coal Plants Today

## 1. Energy Penalty

- 20% to 30% less power output

## 2. Cost

- Increase Cost of Electricity by 80%
- Adds Capital Cost by \$1,500 - \$2,000/K

## 3. Scale-up

- Current Post Combustion capture ~200 TPD
- 550 MWe power plant produces 13,000 TPD

## 4. Regulatory framework

- Transport — pipeline network
- Storage

## 5. Economies of Scale

- Land, power, water use, transportation, process components, ...



# High Efficiency Low Emission (HELE) Coal-Fired Power Plants

- **Coal is an inexpensive and abundant energy source**
- **World coal usage is projected to more than double by 2050 in base-line scenarios**
- **U.S. coal usage is projected to increase by ~10%**
- **Non-OECD countries will be the main coal consumers**
- **CCS and efficiency improvements are critical for future use of coal in power generation**





# Technologies For Improving The Efficiency Of Existing Power Plants

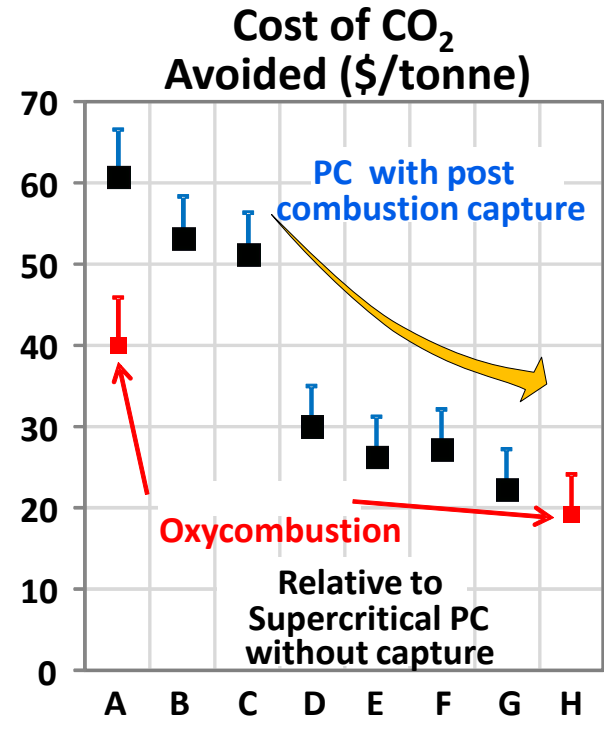
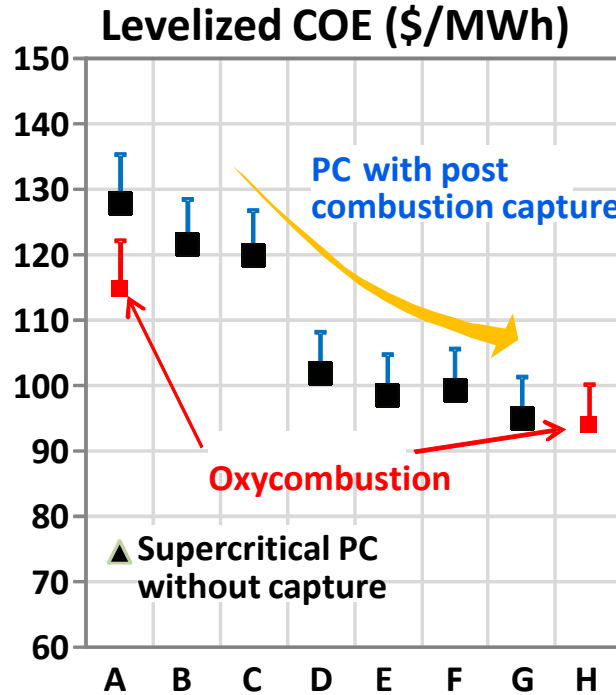
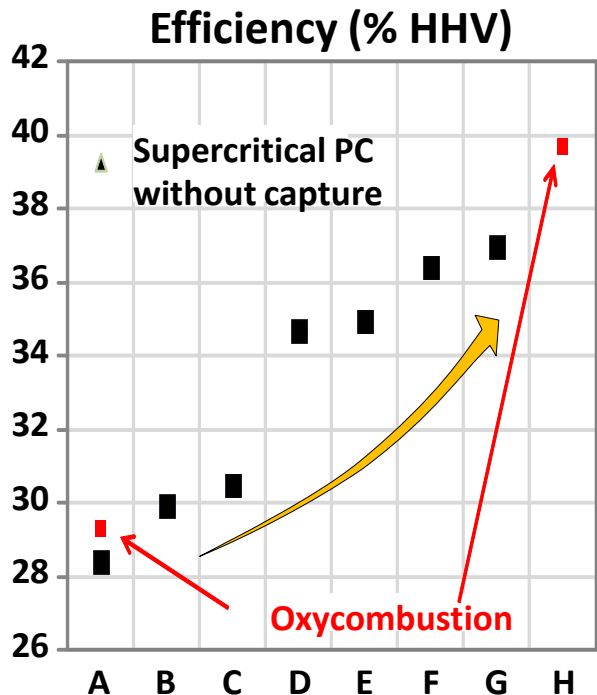
- **Renovation and Modernization Technologies for Existing Power Stations**
  - ~40% of U.S. CO<sub>2</sub> from electricity generation [1]
  - Average age of >250 MW plants in U.S. is 34 years [1]
- **Waste Heat Recovery from Power Plants**
- **Higher-Efficiency New Power Plant Technologies**
  - **Supercritical and Ultra-Supercritical Technologies**
  - **Integrated Coal Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC)**
  - **Advanced Ultra-Supercritical Technology**
- **Development and Deployment of Other Innovative High-Efficiency Cycles**
  - **More Efficient CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Technologies**

[1] <http://www.netl.doe.gov/publications/proceedings/11/co2capture/presentations/1-Monday/22Aug11-Hutson-EPA%20Rulemaking%20for%20GHG.pdf>

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# Advanced Combustion Systems



- A – Supercritical PC, Current Amine
- C – Supercritical PC, Amine + Adv. Comp.
- E – Supercritical PC, Adv. CO<sub>2</sub> Membrane
- G – USC PC, Adv. Membrane + Adv. Comp.

- B – Ultrasupercritical PC, Current Amine
- D – Supercritical PC, Adv. CO<sub>2</sub> Sorbent
- F – USC PC, Adv. Sorbent + Adv. Comp.
- H – Advanced Oxycombustion



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\*USC = Ultra-supercritical PC (4,000 psig/1,350°F/1,400°F)

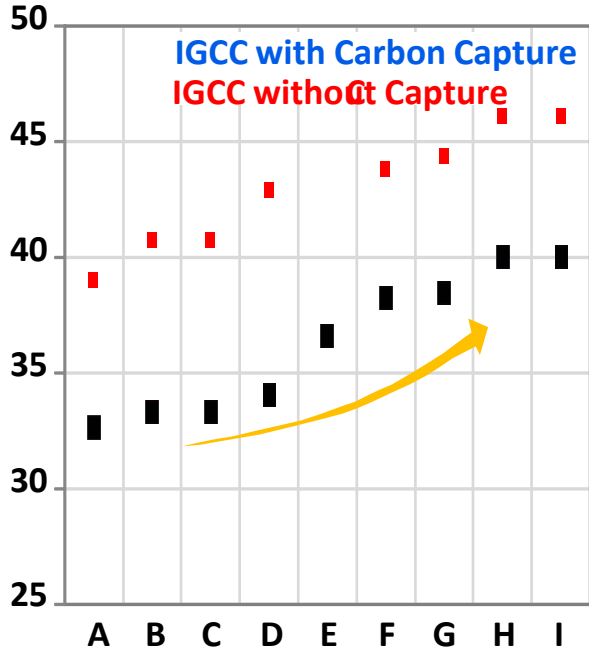


CO<sub>2</sub> transport, storage and monitoring cost

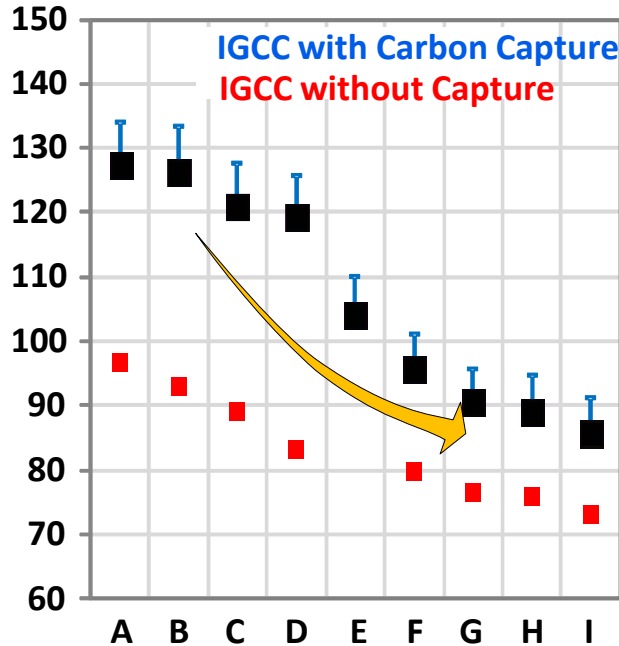


# Advanced Gasification Systems

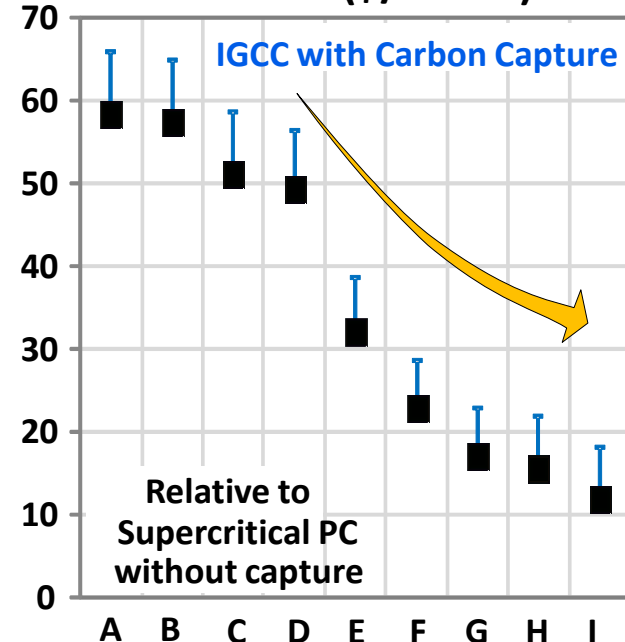
Efficiency (% HHV)



Levelized COE (\$/MWh)



Cost of CO<sub>2</sub> Avoided (\$/tonne)



A – Current State of the Art IGCC

C – Advanced Gasifier Materials

E – Hydrogen Membrane

G – Ion Transport O<sub>2</sub> Membrane


I – Advanced Controls

B – Advanced Coal Pump

D – Warm Gas Cleanup

F – Advanced Hydrogen Turbine (2,550°F)

H – Advanced Hydrogen Turbine (2,650°F)

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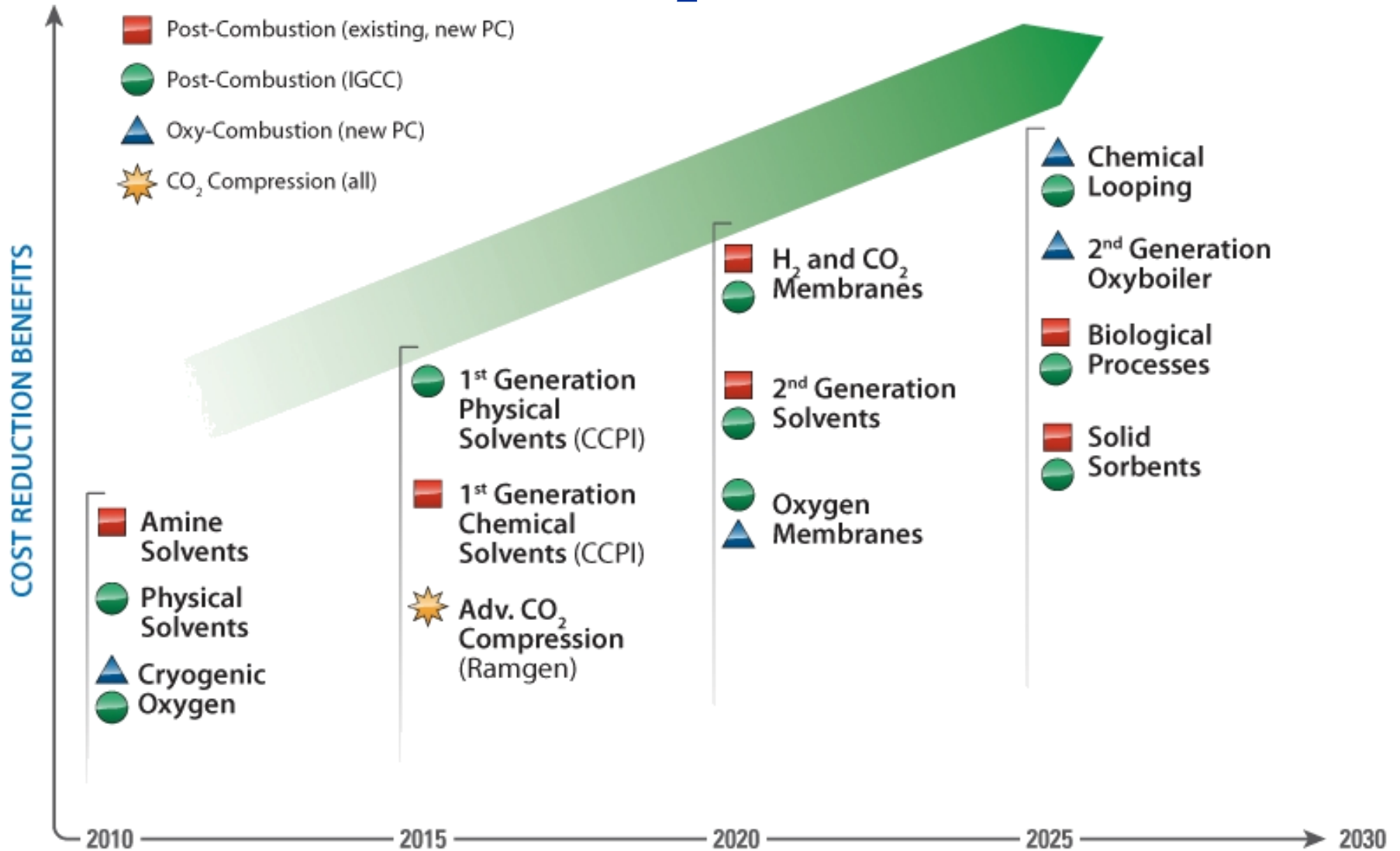
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# Fossil Energy CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Solutions



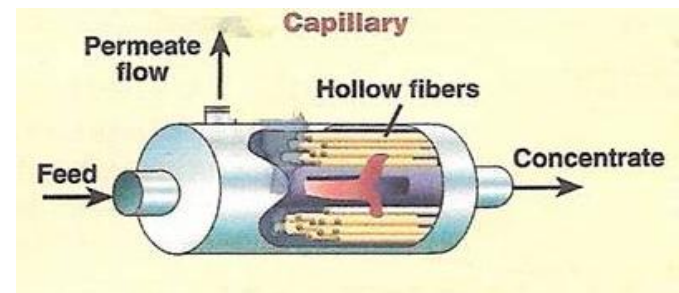
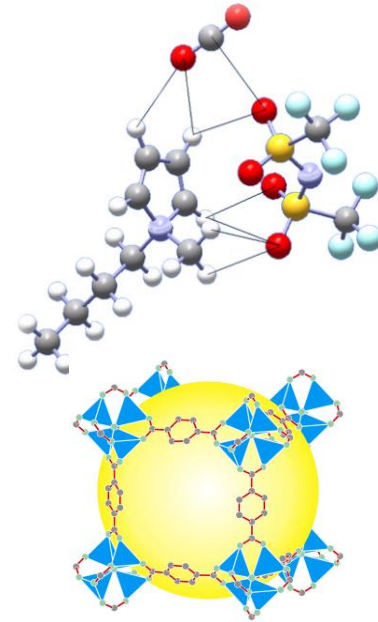
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<http://www.netl.doe.gov/technologies/coalpower/ewr/index.html>



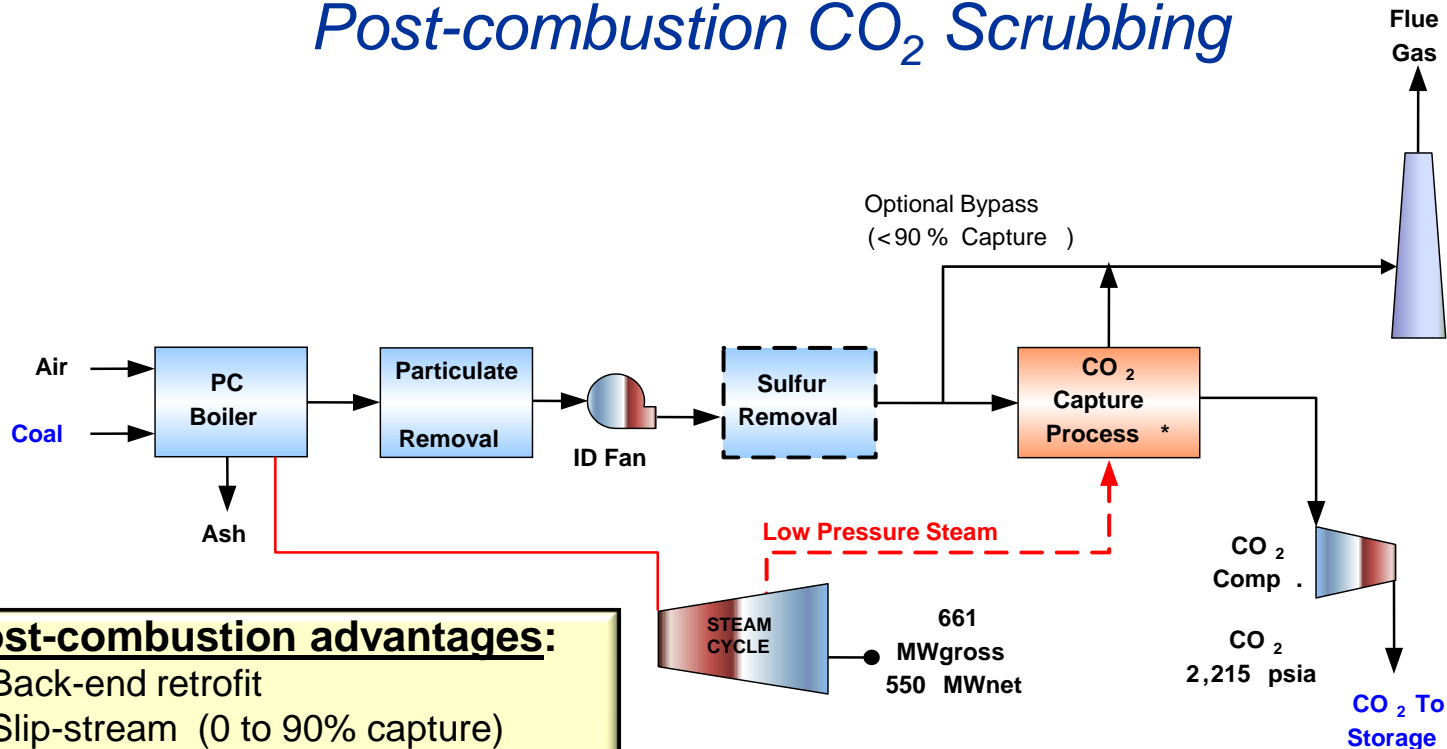
# CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Technologies

- 1) Solvents
- 2) Sorbents
- 3) Membranes
- 4) Oxy-combustion
- 5) Chemical looping
- 6) CO<sub>2</sub> Compression



# Pulverized Coal Power Plant System

## Post-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Scrubbing



### Post-combustion advantages:

- Back-end retrofit
- Slip-stream (0 to 90% capture)

### Amine scrubbing Advantages:

- Proven Technology (Petroleum refining, NG purification)
- Chemical solvent → High loadings at low CO<sub>2</sub> partial pressure
- Relatively cheap chemical (\$2-3/lb)

### Key Challenges:

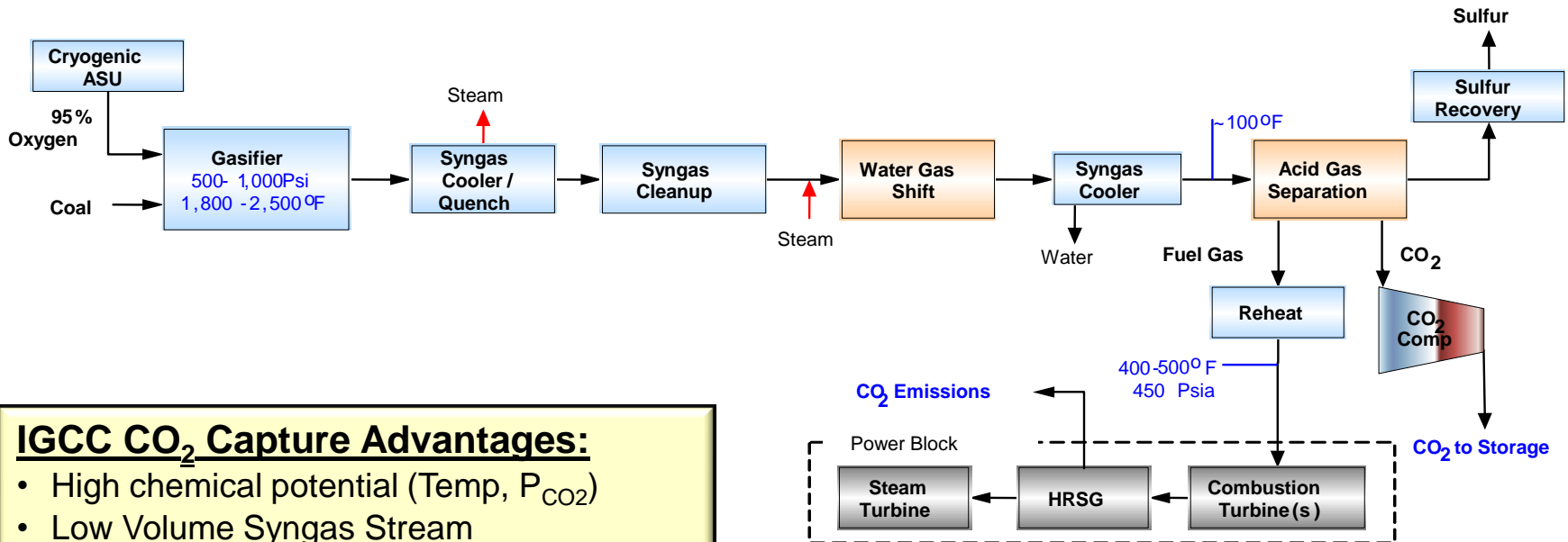
- Dilute flue gas (12-15 volume %)
- 2-3 MM acfm for a 500-600 MWe plant
- ~50% currently scrubbed for SO<sub>x</sub>/NO<sub>x</sub>
- Increased cooling requirements





# IGCC Power Plant System

## Pre-combustion CO<sub>2</sub> Scrubbing



### IGCC CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Advantages:

- High chemical potential (Temp, P<sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub>)
- Low Volume Syngas Stream

### Selexol™ CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Advantages:

- 30+ years of commercial operation (55 worldwide plants)
- Physical Liquid Sorbent
- Highly selective for H<sub>2</sub>S and CO<sub>2</sub>
- CO<sub>2</sub> is produced at “some” pressure

### Key Challenges:

- Complex, integrated power process
- Additional process (WGS) to get high capture rates
- Current technology (Selexol) requires cooling and reheating



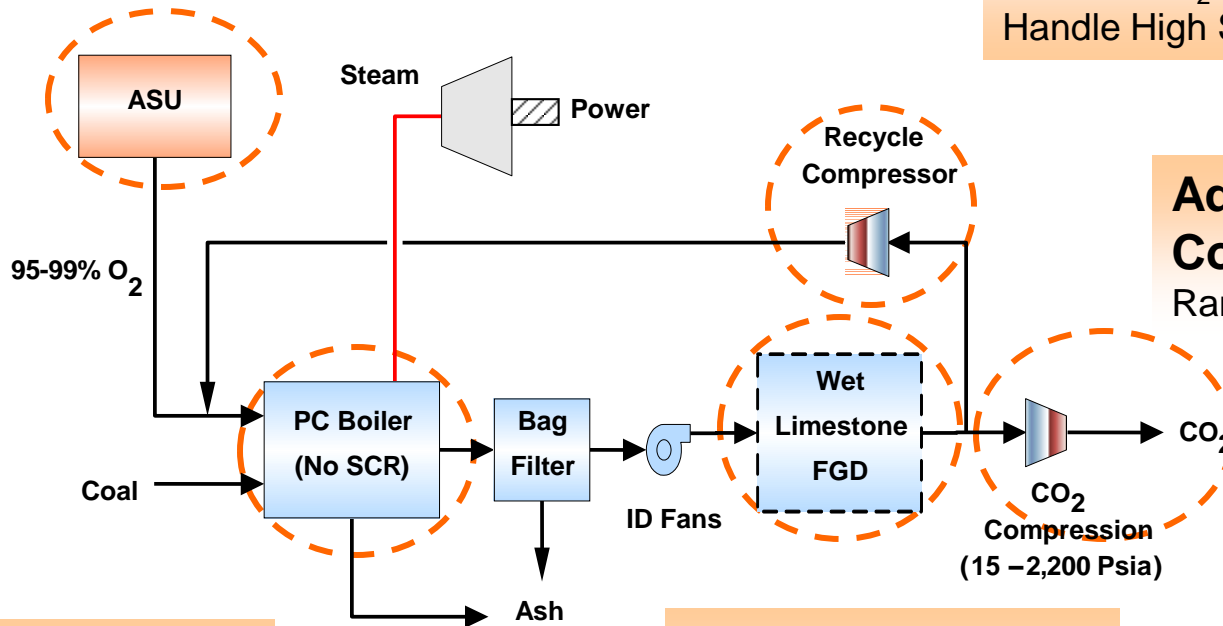
# Pulverized Coal Oxyfuel Combustion

## Technology Opportunities

**Cheap Oxygen**  
Oxygen Membrane



**Advanced MOC\***  
Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> Recycle  
Handle High Sulfur Conc.



**Advanced Compression**  
Ramgen, SwRI

### Oxyfuel Boilers

Compact Boiler Designs  
Adv. Materials (USC)  
Advanced Burners

### Co-Sequestration

Multi-pollutant capture



\*Materials of Construction

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# Advanced CO<sub>2</sub> Solvents

## R&D Focus

- High CO<sub>2</sub> working capacity, optimal  $\Delta H_{rxn}$ , low heat capacity, non-volatile
- Fast kinetics (enzymes)
- Thermally and chemically stable
- Non-corrosive, environmentally safe
- Low cost solvent and process MOC\*
- Improved mass transfer systems
- Advanced Process Design/Integration

## Solvent Technologies

- Novel high capacity oligomers
- Phase change solvents
- Ionic liquids
- Amino Acids
- Carbonates
- Enzymes
- Advanced Processes



\*Pre-combustion Applications

## Partners:

1. *GE Research Corporation (Polymers)*
2. *3H (Phase change)*
3. *Ion Engineering (IL/Amine mixtures)*
4. *University of Notre Dame (IL)*
5. *Georgia Tech. (IL)*
6. *Akermin (Enzymes)*
7. *Illinois St. Geological Survey (Carbonate)*
8. *University of Illinois (Carbonate)*
9. *URS Group (Piperazine)*
10. *Southwest Research Institute (Carbonate)\**
11. *LBNL (Bicarbonate, Membrane ILs)*
12. *Babcock and Wilcox (Amine-based)*
13. *Novozymes (Enzymes)*
14. *Carbon Capture Scientific (Process)*
15. *Battelle (CO<sub>2</sub>BOLs)*
16. *NETL ORD (Amino Acid)*
17. *Linde (amine, process)*
18. *Southern Company (HX Process)*
19. *University of Kentucky (amine, process)*
20. *Siemens Energy (Amino Acids)*
21. *Neumann Systems Group (Process)*

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# Advanced CO<sub>2</sub> Sorbents

## R&D Focus

- Optimal CO<sub>2</sub> working capacity, low heat capacity, fast kinetics (enzymes)
- Matching systems to sorbents
- Durability: thermally, chemically and physically
- Non-corrosive, environmentally safe
- Low cost sorbent and process MOC
- Hybrid (Shift + Capture) for IGCC

## Project Types

- Metal organic frameworks
- Supported amines
- Metal organic framework (MOF)
- Carbon-based
- Alumina
- Water-gas shift (IGCC)
- Sorbent systems development

## Partners:

1. *ADA-ES (amine, process)*
2. *University of Akron (amine)*
3. *SRI International (carbon)*
4. *TDA (Carbon, alumina)\**
5. *URS Group (IGCC WGS sorbent)\**
6. *NETL ORD (Supported amines)*
7. *NETL/LBNL (Membrane/MOFs)*
8. *Innosepra (Zeolite, process)*
9. *W.R. Grace (Zeolite, process)*
10. *RTI International (Amines)*
11. *Univ. of North Dakota*
12. *Georgia Tech.*

**2011: Bench scale → 1 MWe  
slipstream design (ADA-ES)**

**2016: 10 – 25 MWe Pilot Scale**

**2020: 50 MWe – ready for demonstration**



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\*Pre-combustion Applications

# Advanced Membranes

## Membrane Advantages

- Simple operation; no chemical reactions, no moving parts
- Tolerance to acid gases & O<sub>2</sub>
- Compact, modular → small footprint
- Builds on existing technology at similar scale (NG purification)

## Membrane Approaches

- Spiral wound & hollow fiber
- Cryogenic membrane separation
- Membrane/solvent hybrid
- Fuel Cell Hybrid
- Integrated water-gas shift\*
- H<sub>2</sub> Selective zeolite\*
- High Temperature Polymer\*
- Nanoporous\*
- PSA/Membrane Hybrid\*
- Palladium Alloy\*

## Partners:

1. *Membrane Technology Research (MTR)*
2. *RTI International*
3. *Air Liquide*
4. *Gas Technology Institute*
5. *GE Research*
6. *Ohio State University*
7. *Rice University*
8. *Fuel Cell Energy*
9. *Univ. of Minnesota\**
10. *Pall Corporation\**
11. *Arizona State University\**
12. *Gas Tech. Institute\**
13. *Membrane Technology\**
14. *New Jersey Institute of Technology\**
15. *LANL/SRI\**

**Bench scale → 1 MWe slipstream design**



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# Pulverized Coal Oxy-combustion

## Challenges

- Cryogenic ASUs are capital and energy intensive
- Existing boiler air infiltration
- Corrosion and process control
- Excess O<sub>2</sub> and inerts (N<sub>2</sub>, Ar) ↑ CO<sub>2</sub> purification cost

## Project Types

- “2<sup>nd</sup> Gen” oxyboiler designs
  - Adv. Materials and burners
- Existing boiler retrofits
  - Air leakage, heat transfer, corrosion, process control
- Low cost O<sub>2</sub> (membrane)
- CO<sub>2</sub> purification
- Co-sequestration

## Partners:

1. *Praxair (O<sub>2</sub> Membrane, CO<sub>2</sub> Purification)*
2. *Air Products (CO<sub>2</sub> Purification)*
3. *Jupiter Oxygen (Burners)*
4. *Alstom (Pilot plant)*
5. *B&W (Cyclone pilot test)*
6. *Foster Wheeler (Corrosion)*
7. *Reaction Engineering Int. (Retrofit)*
8. *Southern Research Institute (Retrofit)*
9. *NETL ORD (Modeling, CO<sub>2</sub> Purification)*

## Development Timeline

**Today:** 10 MWe wall-fired test (B&W)  
5 MWe T-fired pilot (Alstom)  
5 MWe burner pilot (Jupiter)

**by 2015:** 1<sup>st</sup> Gen (Cryogenic) demo.

**2020:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen demonstration\*



# Chemical Looping Combustion

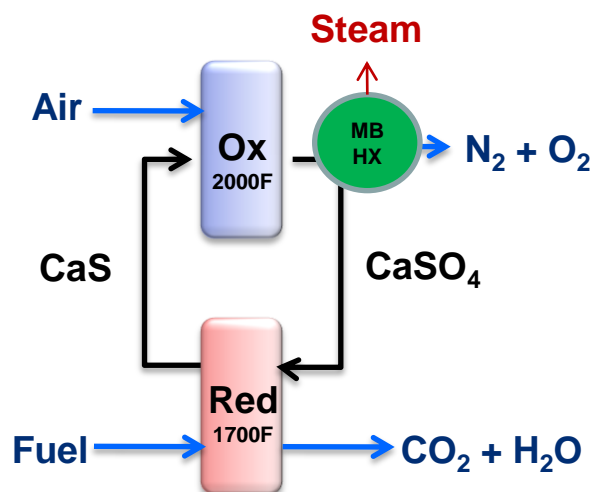
## Oxy-combustion without an O<sub>2</sub> plant

- *Potential* lowest cost option for near-zero emission coal power plant
- New and existing PC power plant designs

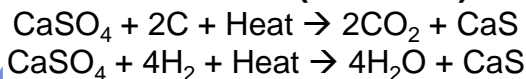
## Key Challenges

- Solids transport
- Heat Integration

### Air Reactor (Oxidizer)



### Fuel Reactor (Reducer)



## Oxy-Firing without Oxygen Plant

- Solid Oxygen Carrier circulates between Oxidizer and Reducer
- Oxygen Carrier: Carries Oxygen, Heat and Fuel Energy
- Carrier picks up O<sub>2</sub> in the Oxidizer, leaves N<sub>2</sub> behind
- Carrier Burns the Fuel in the Reducer
- Heat produces Steam for Power

### 2011 Alstom Pilot test (1 MWe)

- ✓ 1000 lb/hr coal flow
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Integrated operation
- ✓ 1<sup>st</sup> Autothermal Operation



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Key Partners (2 projects): *Alstom Power (Limestone Based), Ohio State (Metal Oxide)*





# Advanced CO<sub>2</sub> Compression

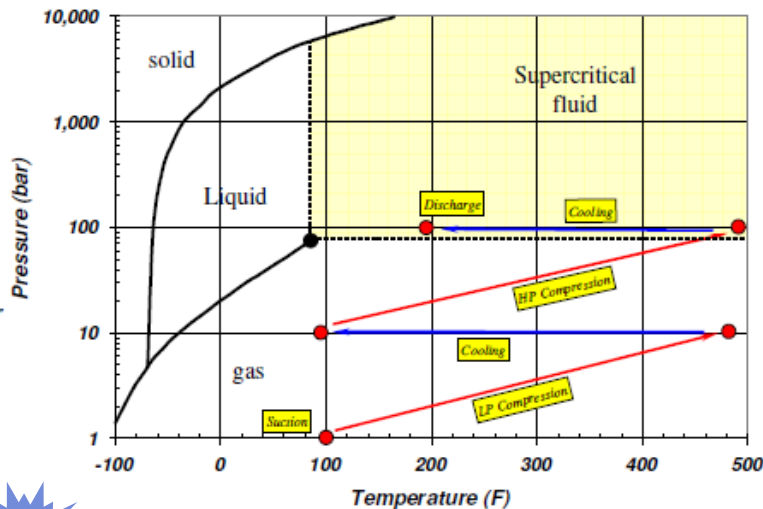
## Challenges

- Scale-up (550 MWe plant = 15,000 TPD)
- Parasitic load
- Contaminants (O<sub>2</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, ...)
- Cost

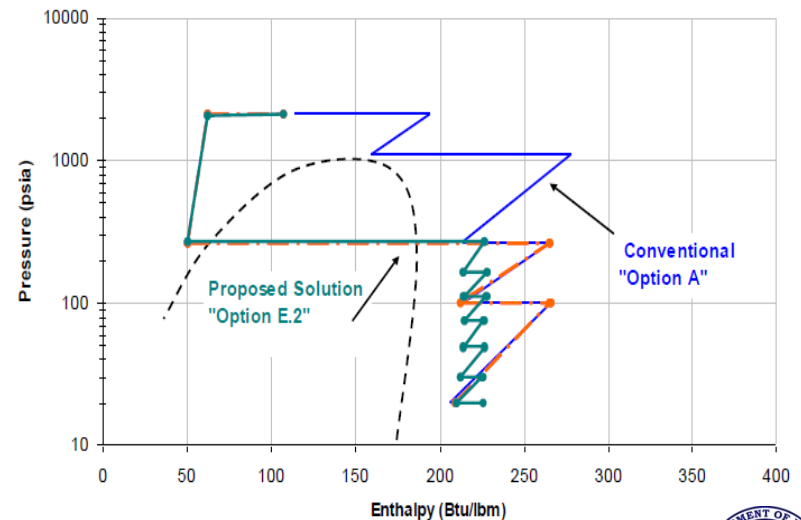
## R&D Objectives

- Increase compression efficiency
- Reduce footprint and capital cost
- Power plant integration/heat recovery

**Approach 1:  
High PR 2-Stage  
Inter-stage Heat Recovery**

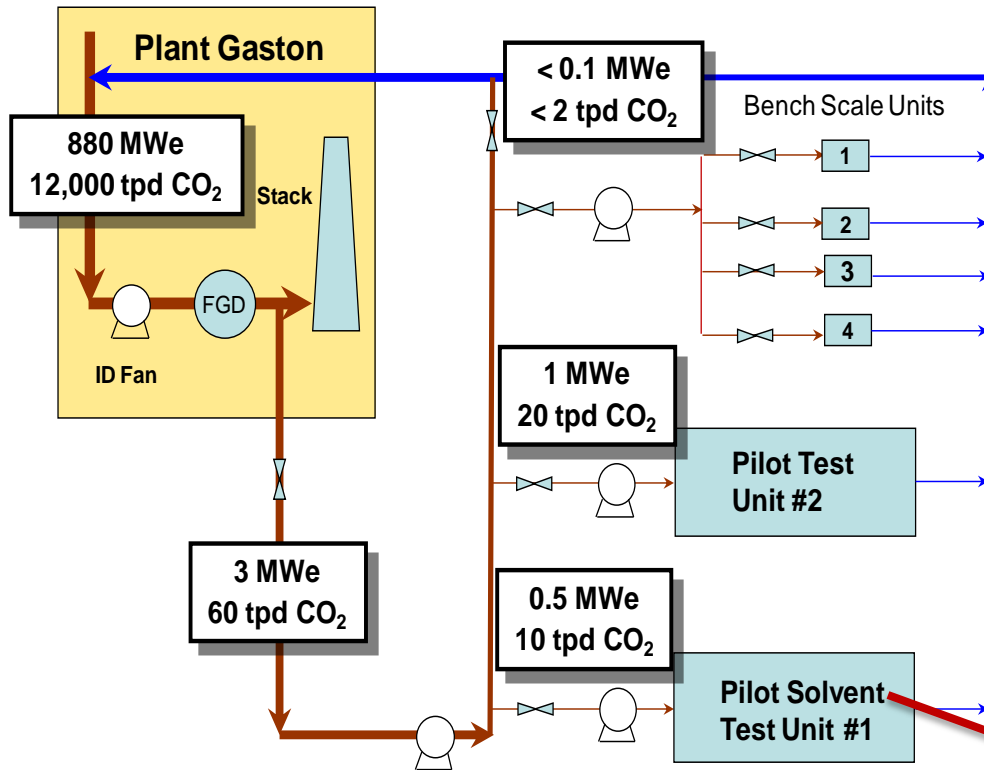


**Approach 2:  
Compression → Cool → Pump**



# DOE National Carbon Capture Center

## Post-combustion Carbon Capture



- 6 MWe Transport Gasifier
- 3 MWe Post-Combustion Slipstream

### Pilot Solvent Test Unit Wilsonville, AL



Pilot Solvent Test Unit:

\*Amine baseline

\*B&W Advanced CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Solvent

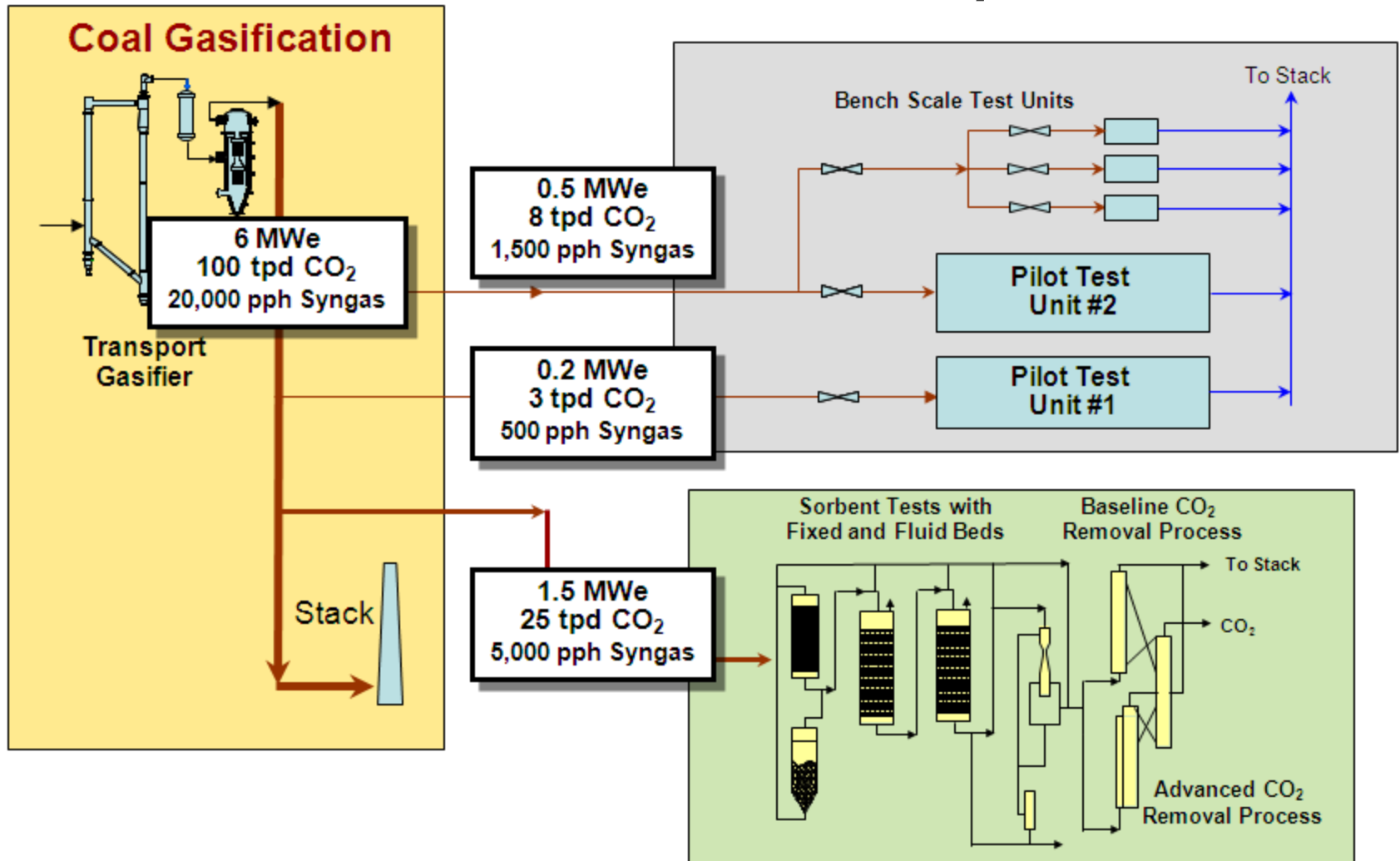


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# DOE National Carbon Capture Center

## Pre-combustion Carbon Capture



**Planned**

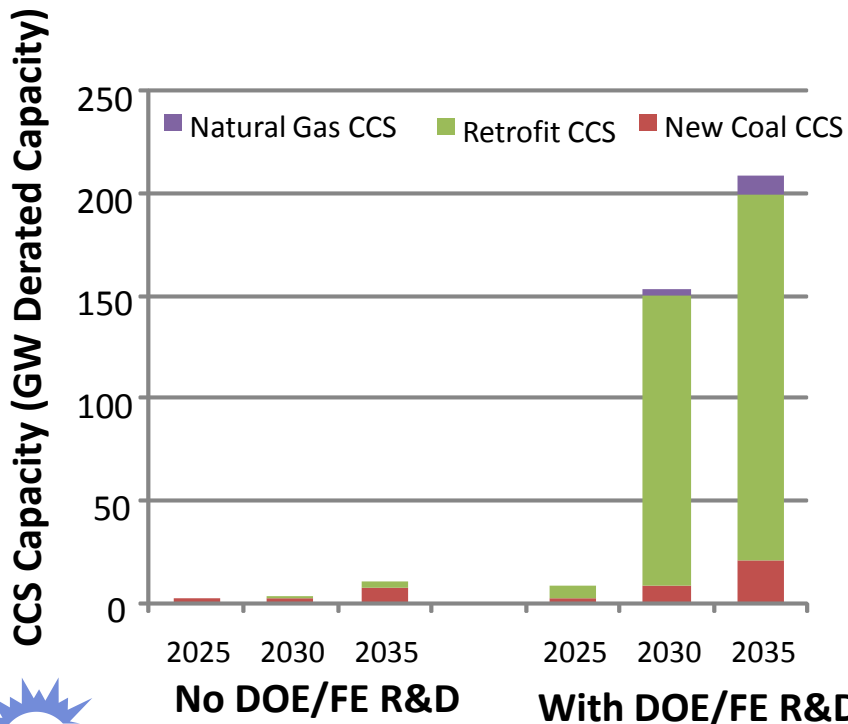


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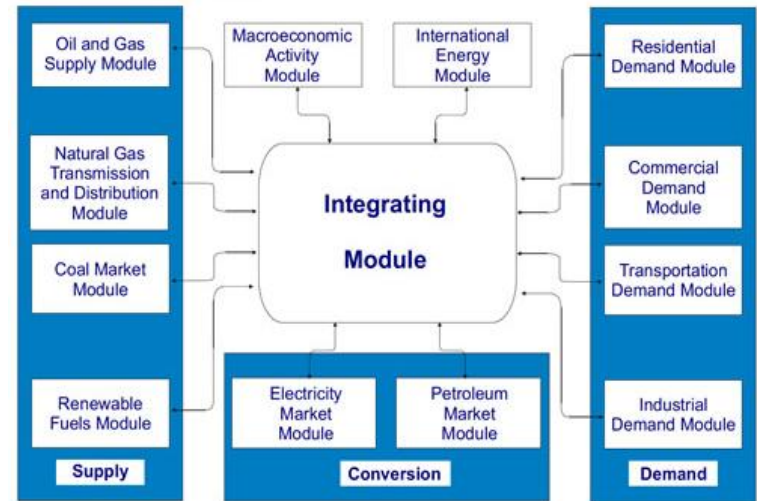


# Would Advanced CCS Technologies Dispatch?

- EIA uses the National Energy Modeling System (NEMS) to project energy-economic-environmental impacts of policy through 2035



NEMS schematic (EIA)



.....**Yes!**





# Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR) As A Catalyst For CCS

- **Current Status**
  - 50 years of experience
  - 50MMT added to system every year
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Gen capture technologies economic at today's oil prices
- **Advantages**
  - Existing infrastructure and knowledge base
- **Challenges**
  - Is it storage? 1:0.8 BAU and 1:1.2 at best
  - Second generation recovery approaches need to be demonstrated
  - Distributing Value of CO<sub>2</sub> to incentivize capture



# Methods of Oil Production

## Primary Recovery

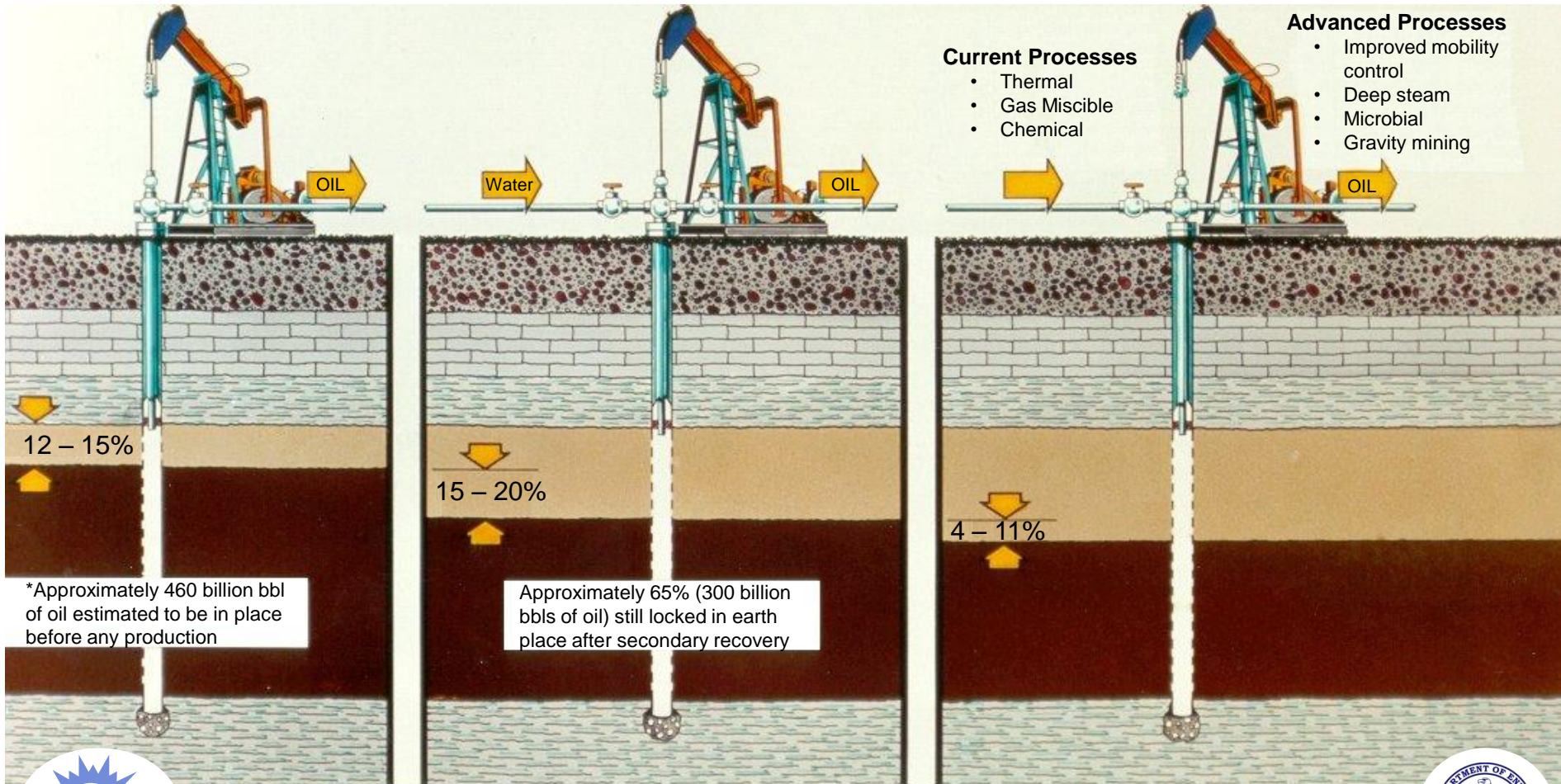
Produces 12 – 15% of oil in place\*

## Secondary Recovery

Another 15 – 20% of the original oil in place\* may be produced by water flooding

## Enhanced Oil Recovery (EOR)

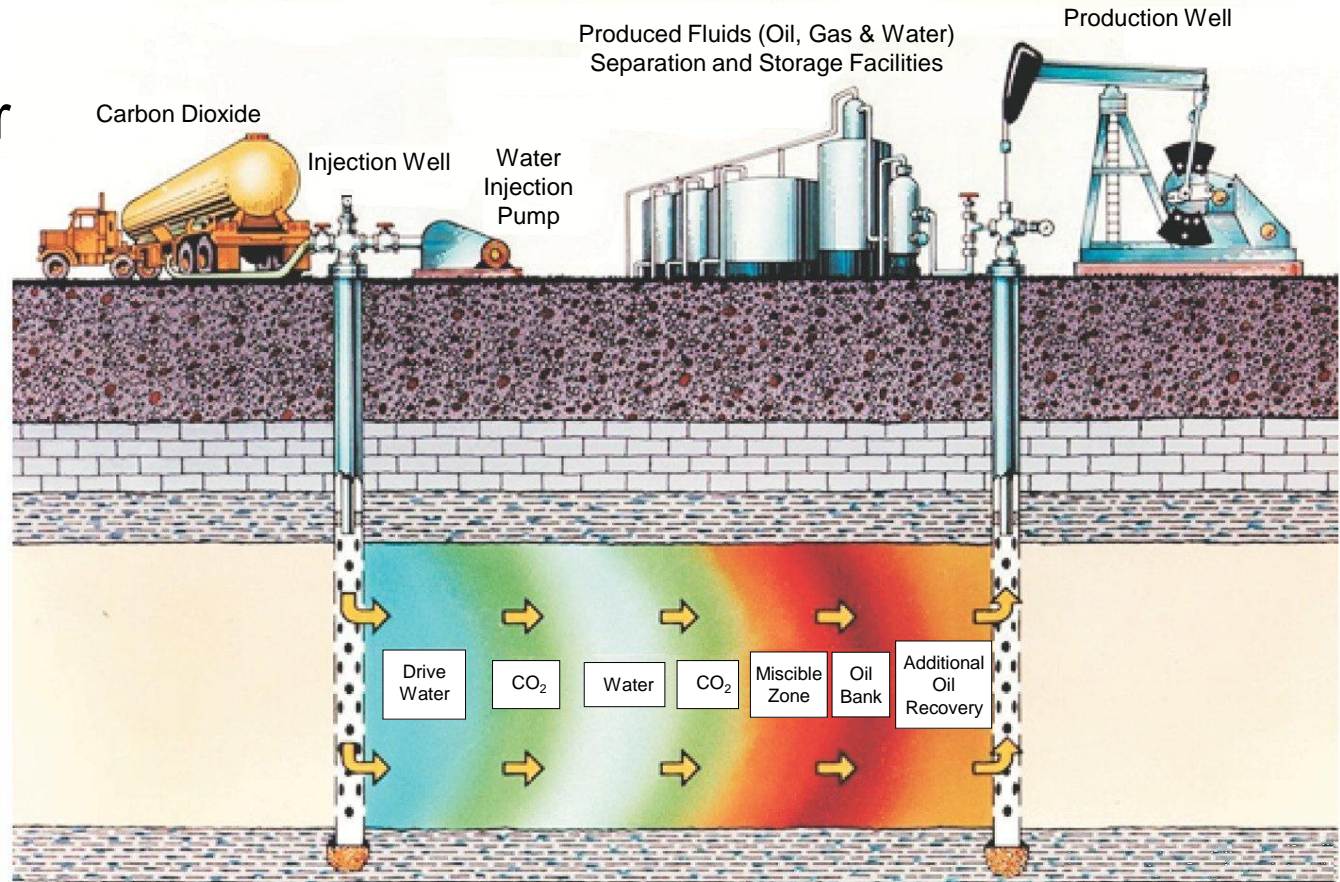
Another 4 – 11% of the original oil in place\* may be produced using current and advanced technology





# CO<sub>2</sub> Enhanced Oil Recovery

- Currently, over 48 million metric tons (tonnes) per year of CO<sub>2</sub> are used for EOR. Of this total, about 25% is anthropogenic in origin.
- Worldwide, potential for CO<sub>2</sub> EOR is 130 billion tonnes.



Viscosity of oil is reduced providing more efficient miscible displacement



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# Examples of DOE- Sponsored CO<sub>2</sub> Sequestration Projects in the U.S. Involving EOR

EOR Field	CO <sub>2</sub> Source	Geological Stratum	Injection Start Date	Cumulative CO <sub>2</sub> Injection	Description
Zama Field, Alberta, Canada	Natural Gas Processing Plant	Pinnacle Reef, Middle Devonian Keg River	December 2006	230,000 tons	The Zama oil field validation test being conducted in Alberta, Canada, is evaluating the potential for geologic sequestration of CO <sub>2</sub> in an acid gas stream that also includes high concentrations of hydrogen sulfide (H <sub>2</sub> S) for the concurrent purposes of CO <sub>2</sub> sequestration, H <sub>2</sub> S disposal, and EOR. The acid gas is generated as a by-product during the processing of raw natural gas being extracted from the field.
Williston Basin	Pulverized Coal Power Plant	Devonian Duperow or Mississippian Madison Group	2011	500,000 tons/year	The Williston Basin demonstration test will evaluate the potential for geological sequestration of CO <sub>2</sub> in a deep carbonate reservoir for the dual purpose of CO <sub>2</sub> sequestration and EOR. Characterization studies indicate that the oil fields of the Williston Basin may have over 1 billion tons of CO <sub>2</sub> storage capacity. Additionally, the volume of incremental oil that could be produced from Williston Basin oil fields has been estimated to be approximately 1 billion barrels.
Louden Field, Illinois	Refinery or Ethanol Plant	Mississippian Weiler Sandstone	March 2007	43 tons	The Louden field test, an enhanced oil recovery "huff-n-puff" project, is designed to inject (huff) CO <sub>2</sub> into a producing well for 3-5 days, allow the gas to soak for approximately one week, then place the well back on production and measure the amount of petroleum fluids produced (puff).
Louden Field, Illinois	Refinery or Ethanol Plant	Mississippian Weiler Sandstone	February 2008	2,500 tons	The well conversion EOR field test does not require the drilling of any new wells because available well(s) will be converted to handle CO <sub>2</sub> injection and the pattern and spacing of existing wells is adequate to test EOR processes in the reservoir. Well conversion represents a potential near-term, low-cost opportunity to implement EOR.
Snyder, Permian Basin, Texas	McElmo Dome	Strawn- and Canyon-age carbonate reefs	Second Quarter 2008	700,000 tons	This test will include a post-audit modeling analysis of injected CO <sub>2</sub> for EOR over the last 30 years at the SACROC Unit in the Permian Basin of Texas, in addition to intense monitoring analyses of ongoing CO <sub>2</sub> injection at SACROC.
Aneth Oil Field, Bluff, Utah	McElmo Dome	Paradox Formation, Pennsylvanian Desert Creek	Second Quarter 2007	300,000 tons	The primary research objective of this EOR-sequestration test is to evaluate and maximize the efficacy of CO <sub>2</sub> subsurface monitoring technologies, and to improve the ability to track the fate of injected CO <sub>2</sub> and to calculate ultimate storage capacity.
Weyburn, Saskatchewan	Dakota Gasification Plant	The Midale Beds of the Mississippian Charles Formation,	September 2000	33 million tons	The Weyburn program is organized around five technical themes: geological integrity, wellbore integrity, storage monitoring methods, risk assessment and storage mechanisms, and data validation and management. The technical objectives are to determine the long-term storage risks and monitoring requirements to mitigate risks.



# Summary of CO<sub>2</sub> EOR

CO<sub>2</sub> EOR is a promising technology to safely store CO<sub>2</sub> underground so that it cannot contribute to climate change. While this technology has been implemented by the oil industry since 1972, further research is needed to ensure that the stored CO<sub>2</sub> remains isolated from the atmosphere and the biosphere on the order of thousands of years and that the storage process remains as safe and economically viable as possible.

DOE's Carbon Sequestration Program is currently addressing the following challenges:

- Improving understanding of oil reservoir characteristics relative to CO<sub>2</sub> fate and transport
- Reducing the costs of capturing, processing, and transporting anthropogenic CO<sub>2</sub>, particularly from power generation facilities
- Further developing technologies to monitor and verify CO<sub>2</sub> storage, and
- Developing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions trading protocols.





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