

# **MITIGATING CO<sub>2</sub> PRODUCTION IN COAL-TO-LIQUIDS PROCESSES**

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# INTRODUCTION

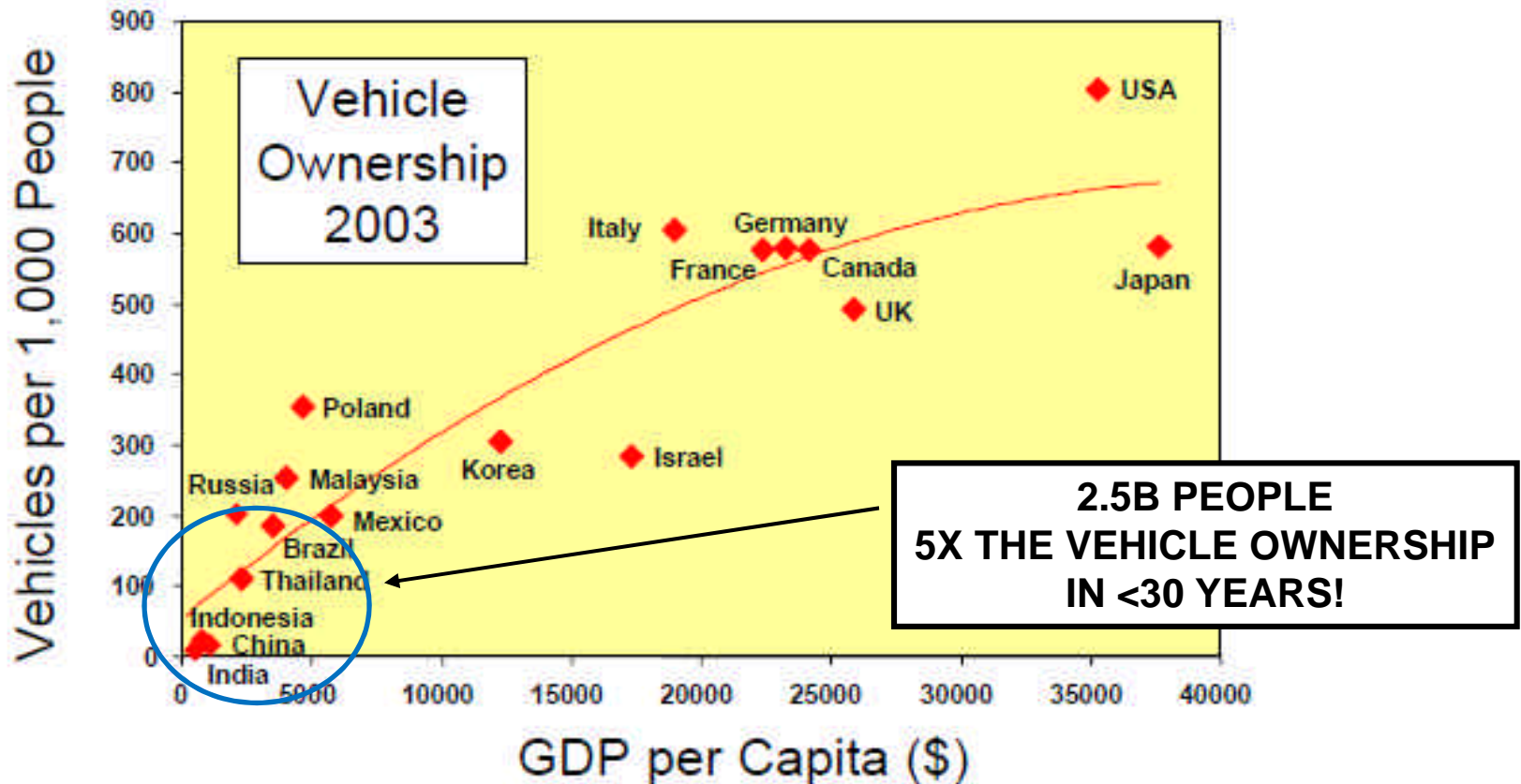
- **Coal-To-Liquids Definition**

- Process of converting all or part of the raw coal to liquid alternative fuels with petroleum fuel properties.
- Requires thermo-chemical treatment to accomplish the conversion.
- Results in CO<sub>2</sub> production equivalent to the net fossil-fuel energy required to drive the processes.

- **Environmental Challenges**

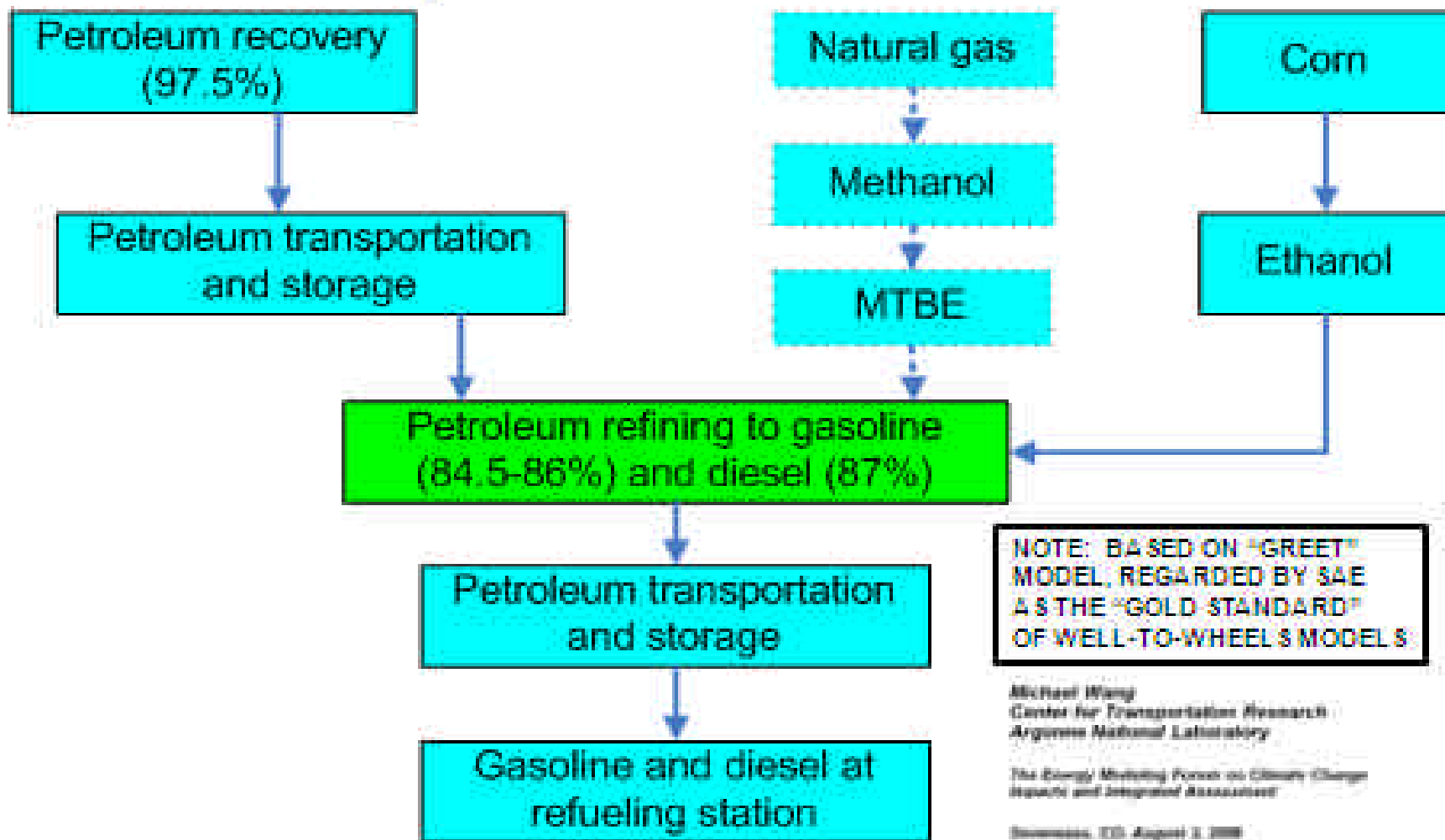
- Compliance with current local, state and federal regulations.
- Technology to capture and convert all pollutants to products.
- Mitigate the life-cycle CO<sub>2</sub> footprint of synthetic fuel to less than that of petroleum fuels.

## Enormous Potential for More Vehicle Use Highlights Need for Increased Liquid Fuel Supply



SOURCE: OECD/IEA (2006) ©, copied from *Some Background on U.S. and Global Energy Flows with Implications for Energy Security*, Howard Grunspacht, Deputy Administrator, DOE/EIA, National Bureau of Economic Research Energy Security Workshop, Cambridge, MA, February 14, 2008.

# Petroleum Refining Is the Key Energy Conversion Step for Gasoline and Diesel



# UNITED STATES ENERGY SECURITY AT RISK

DRIVEN BY US AND FOREIGN DEMAND WITH DECREASING OIL RESOURCES

## INELASTIC DEMAND WITH DECLINING US PRODUCTION

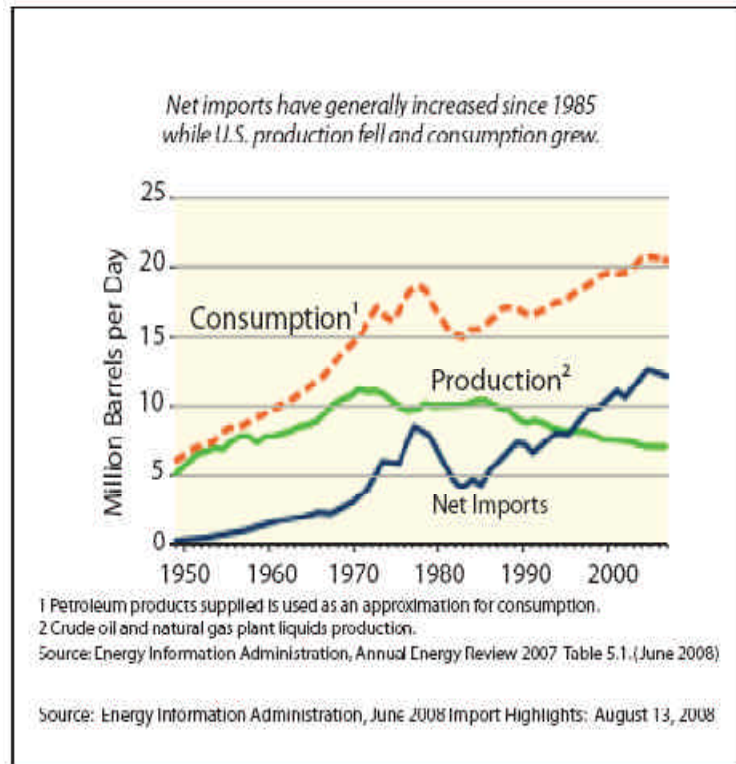
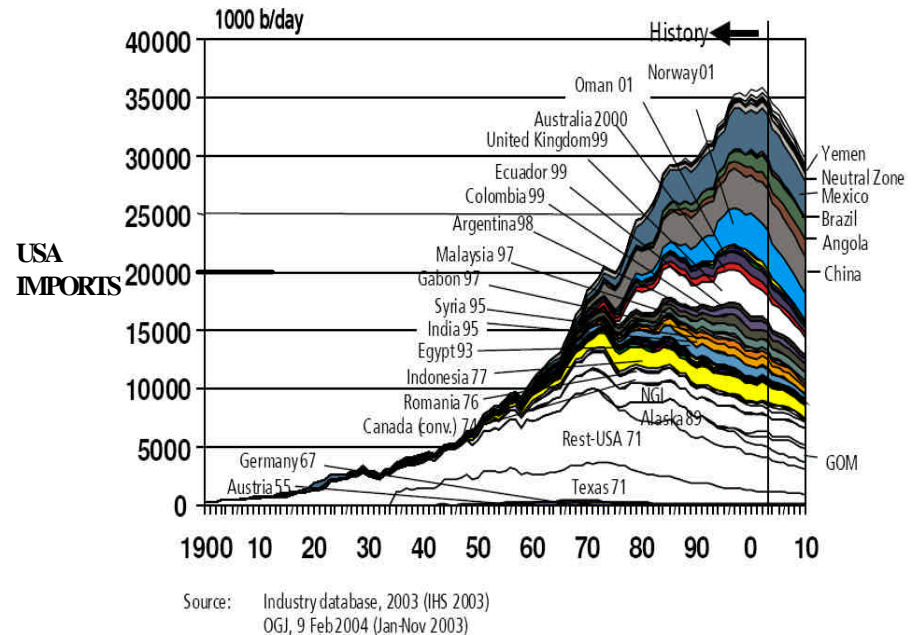


Figure 1/: Consumption, Production and Import trends for Petroleum (1950-2007)

## COMPOUNDED BY DWINDLING GLOBAL SUPPLY

### THE WORLD'S OIL PRODUCTION IS IN DECLINE



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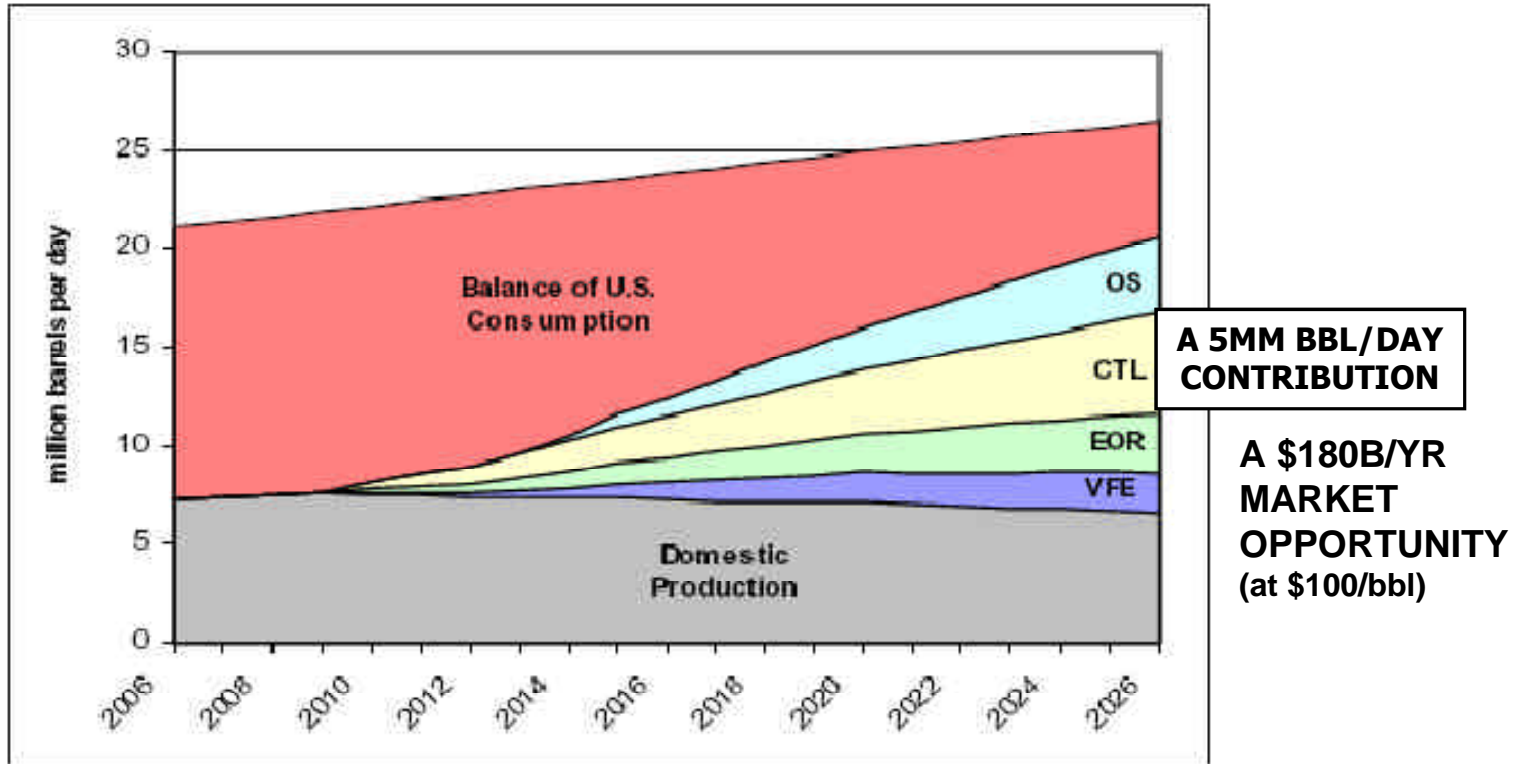
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# REDUCING AMERICA'S DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTS

Figure EX-5. Mitigation Impacts if Initiated in 2006



VFE: Vehicle Fleet Efficiency  
CTL: Coal to Liquids

EOR: Enhanced Oil Recovery  
OS: Oil Sands

**PRODUCTS MUST CONFORM TO PETROLEUM STANDARDS**



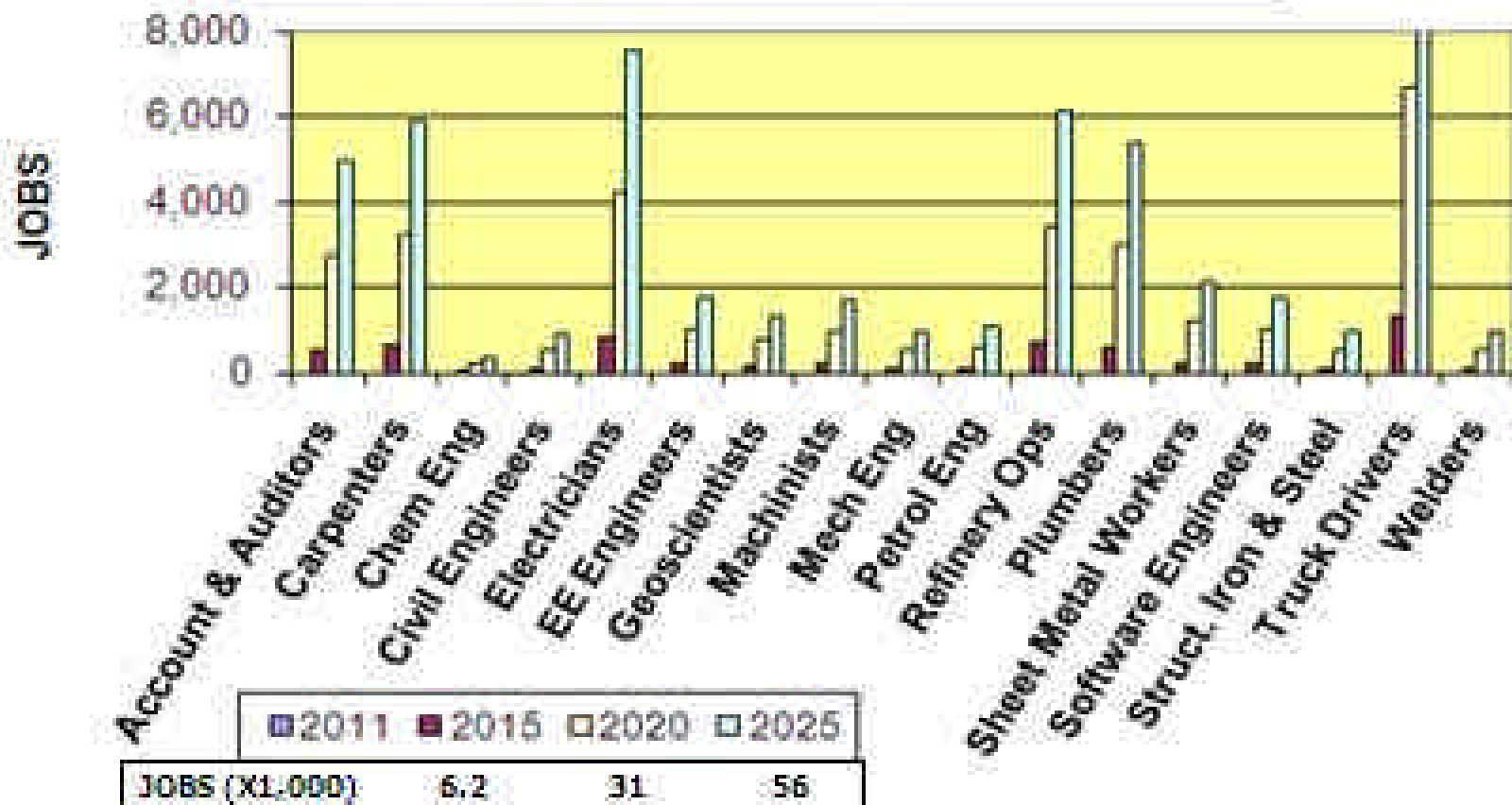
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**PROJECTED ECONOMIC IMPACT BASED ON A BUILD-OUT OF 2 PLANTS PER YEAR**

YEAR	2005	2011	2013	2015	2017	2018	2021	2023	2025
ADDED/YR (BBL /DAY)			3,800	7,600	15,200	15,200	15,200	15,200	15,200
INSTALLED CAP (BBL /DAY)			3,800	19,000	49,400	79,800	110,200	140,600	171,000
FEED COAL (MM D/YR)		0	2	10	27	43	60	79	92
INSTALLED CAPITAL (MM)	50	50	2550	5150	5450	5750	511,020	514,080	517,100
EST. REVENUE (\$MM/YR)		50	5150	5754	52,271	54,248	55,793	570,062	514,785

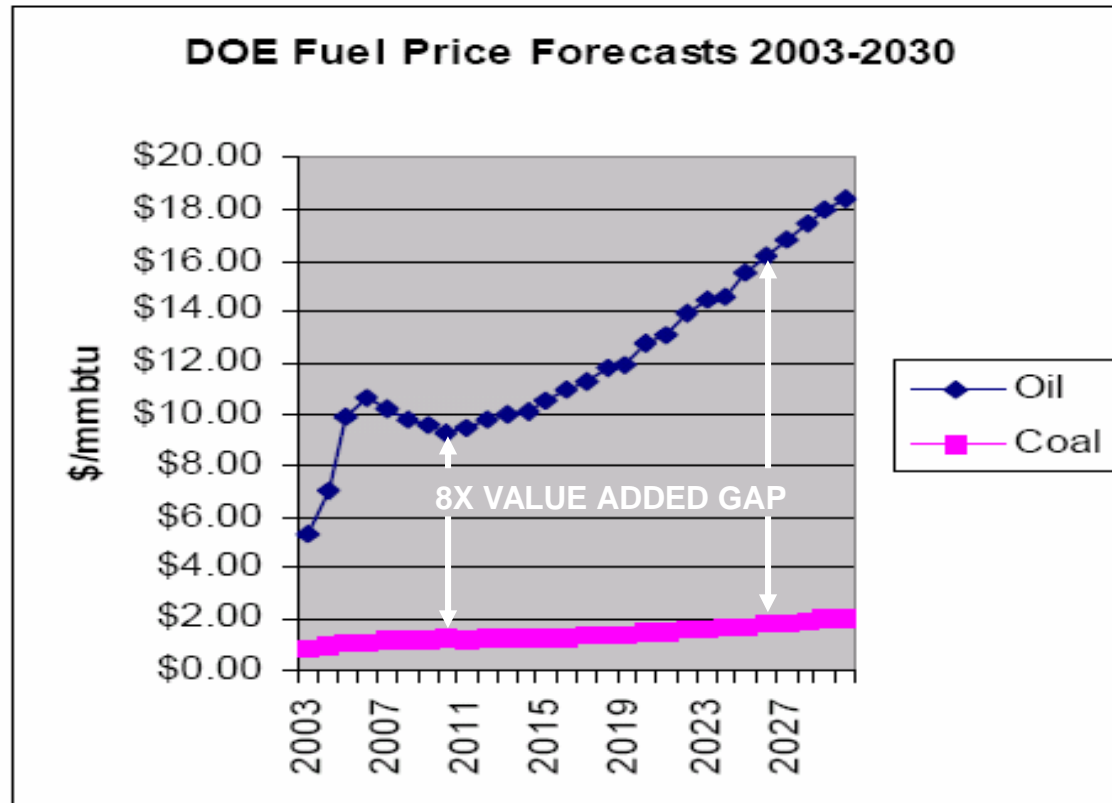
**PROJECTED<sup>1</sup> EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION**



1. Based on DOE/NETL-2006-1237

# LONG-TERM ECONOMIC VIABILITY

DRIVEN BY THE VALUE OF OIL RELATIVE TO COAL



Source: US DOE Annual Energy Outlook 2006

**Coal is Projected to Have a Significantly Lower Cost Than Oil Over the Next 25-30 Years—Btu Arbitrage**



# **SUMMARY OF COAL-TO-LIQUIDS TECHNOLOGIES**

- **DIRECT CONVERSION**

- Finely ground coal is mixed with solvent and reacted in the presence of hydrogen and catalyst to produce synthetic crude oil.
- Requires moderate temperature and high pressure.
- Processing results in high process energy and water consumption.
- Equipment is high in foreign content.

- **INDIRECT CONVERSION**

- Finely ground coal is gassified to produce syngas which is reformed over a catalyst to produce synthetic diesel and other products.
- Requires moderate pressures at very high temperatures, (>2,800 deg. F).
- Processing results in high process energy and water consumption.
- Equipment is high in foreign content incorporating expensive ceramic lined hot gas handling components and catalysts.

- **PARTIAL CONVERSION**

- Coarse ground coal is heated producing coal char and condensable gasses which are converted into synthetic crude oil by hydrogenation over a catalyst.
- Requires moderate temperatures, pressures.
- Processing results in moderate energy consumption and produces water.
- Equipment is simple steel and stainless steel construction with high US content.

# WORLD'S LARGEST DIRECT CONVERSION PROJECT

## WVU/NRCCE Supporting Shenhua Project

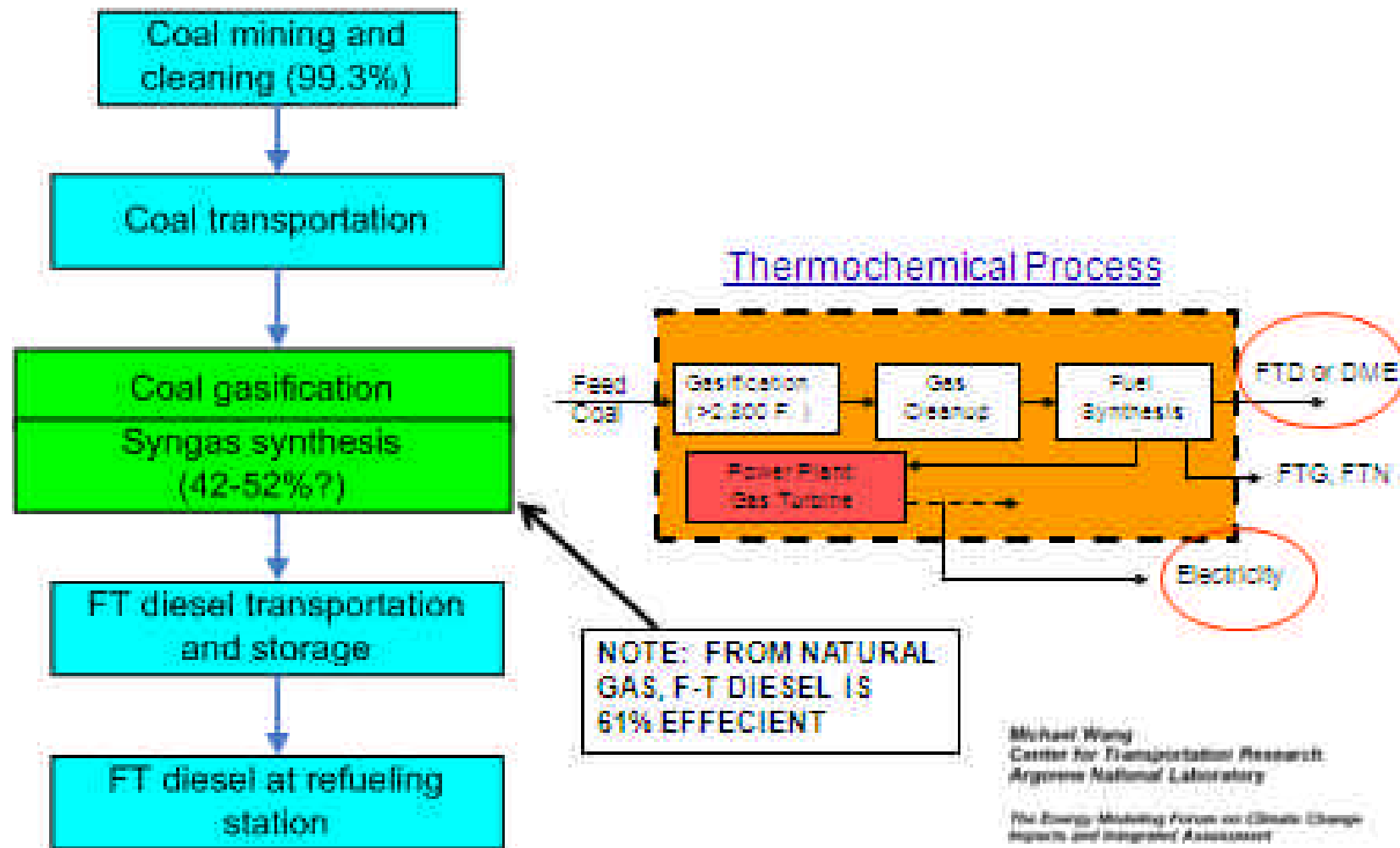
- Shenhua (China's largest coal Co.) building 100,000 bpd plant\*
  - 20,000 bpd production starts this year
  - Construction 99.5% complete
  - Direct liquefaction technology



Mr. Ren (Shenhua), Drs. Fletcher and Sun (WVU) at Shenhua Liquefaction Pilot Plant

- \$1.5 million study of plant's economic and environmental effects underway
- Carbon sequestration to be included
- Collaborators:
  - USA: DOE/FE and WVU/NRCCE
  - China: Shenhua Group and National Development Reform Commission

# INDIRECT CONVERSION IS VERY ENERGY INTENSIVE



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# PARTIAL CONVERSION: CLEAN COAL PLUS OIL

**ENCOAL PLANT OPERATED 1992 - 1997**



DOE Final Report No. DE-FC21-90MC27339 Sept. 1997  
Demonstration plant - 1,000 tons of feed coal per day

CLEAN COAL FUEL



**SUCCESSFULLY TESTED IN SEVEN POWER PLANTS  
+7% EFFICIENCY, -70% SULFUR, (-85% Mercury)  
NOTE: POWER PRODUCTION IS DECOUPLED  
FROM FUEL PRODUCTION**

Truck & semi-trailer

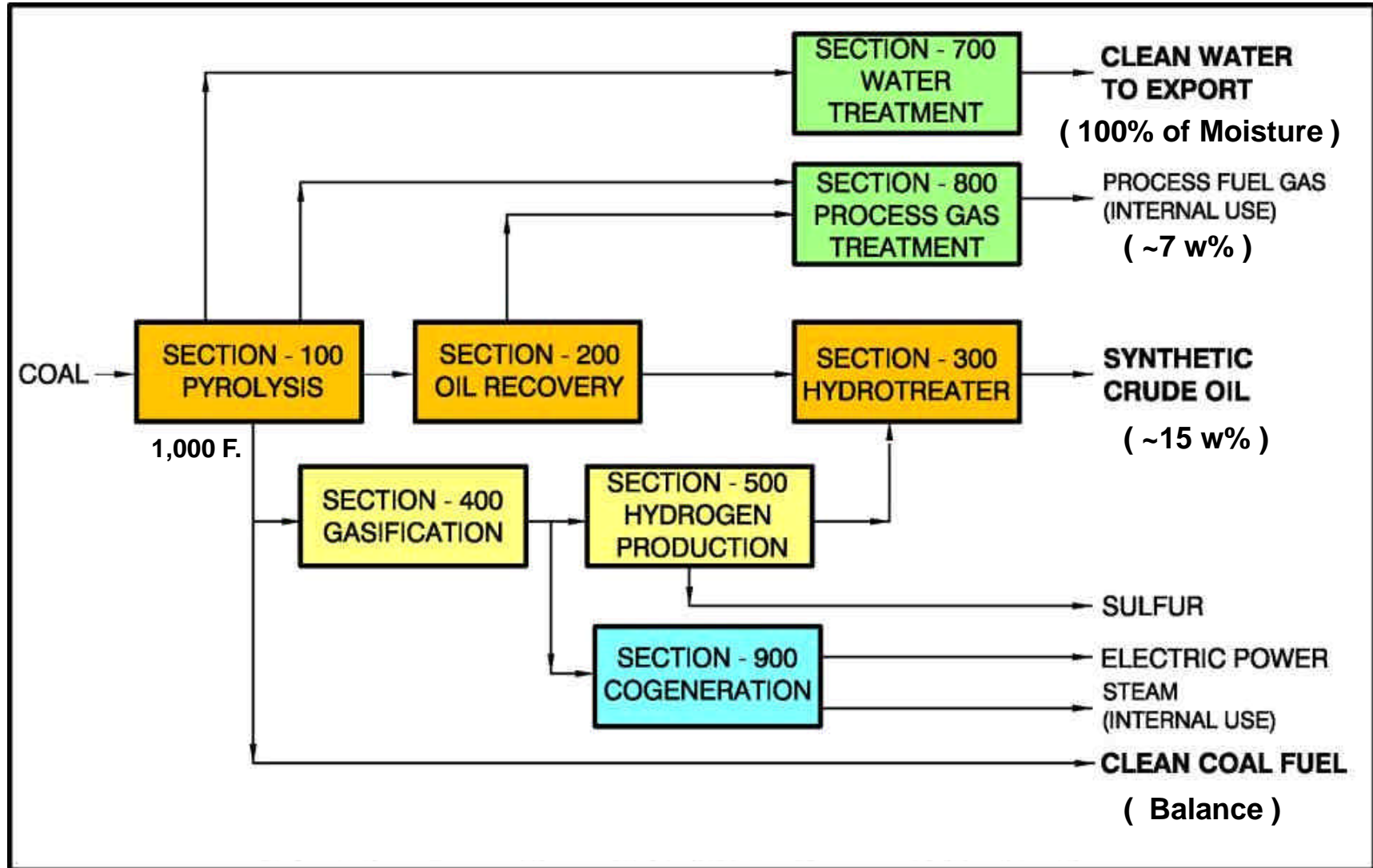
COAL- OIL



FRESH WATER

**HYDROTREATED TO  
SYNTHETIC CRUDE OIL**

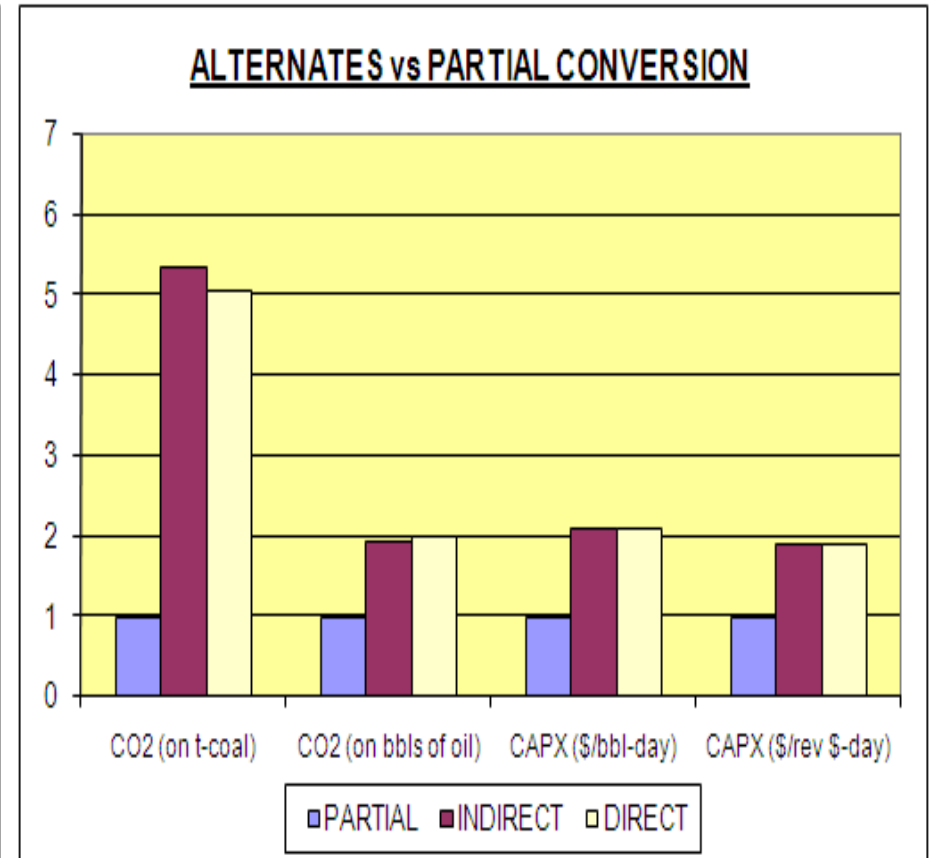
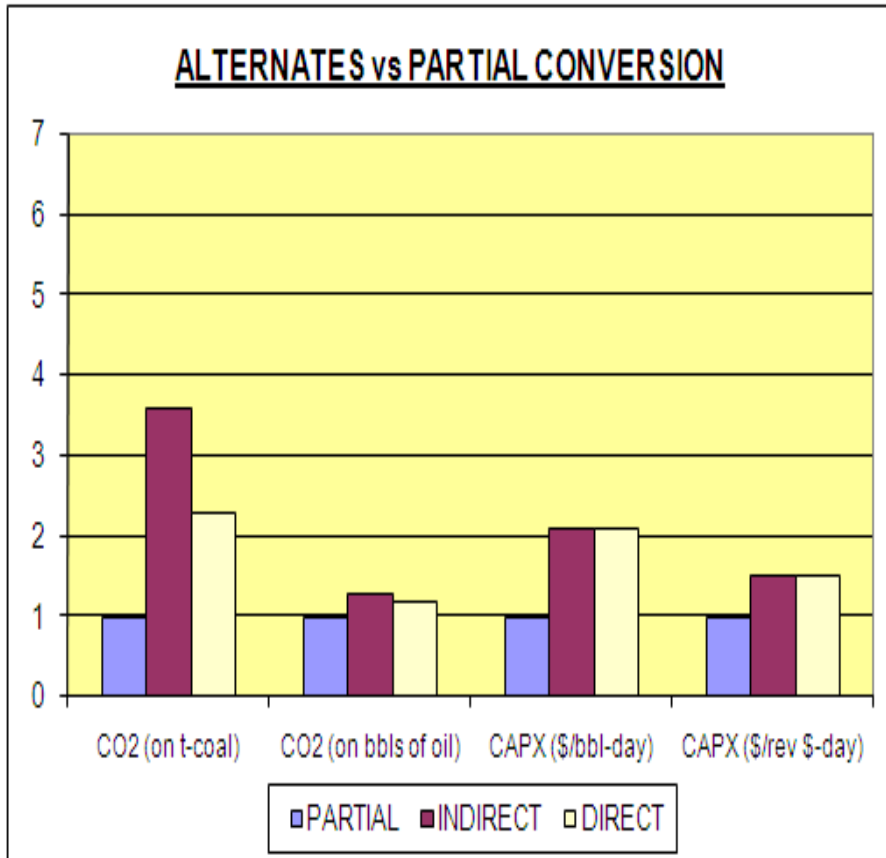
# PARTIAL CONVERSION PROCESS



# EFFICIENCY DRIVES CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS AND CAPITAL

## COAL WITH 30% MOISTURE

## COAL WITH 10% MOISTURE





# Carbon Emissions Could Be a Major Concern for Coal to FT Diesel

- If coal-to-liquid (CTL) plant has an energy efficiency of 52%, CTL WTW CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be two times as much as those of petroleum diesel
- With carbon capture and storage, CTL WTW CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be about the same as those of petroleum diesel
- If CTL plant has an energy efficiency of 42%, CTL WTW CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will be 2.3 times as much as those of petroleum diesel
- Integrated design of CTL plants to produce fuels and power will help improve plant efficiency

**NOTE: CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSIONS ARE INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO EFFICIENCY AND ARE NOW THE MAJOR CONCERN**

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# THE CO<sub>2</sub> CHALLENGE TO F-T SYNTHETIC FUELS

## Secretary of Air Force Goals \*

- By 2011, certify entire AF fleet to use 50/50 synfuel blends
- By 2016, acquire 50% of CONUS aviation fuels from domestically produced synthetic fuel blends



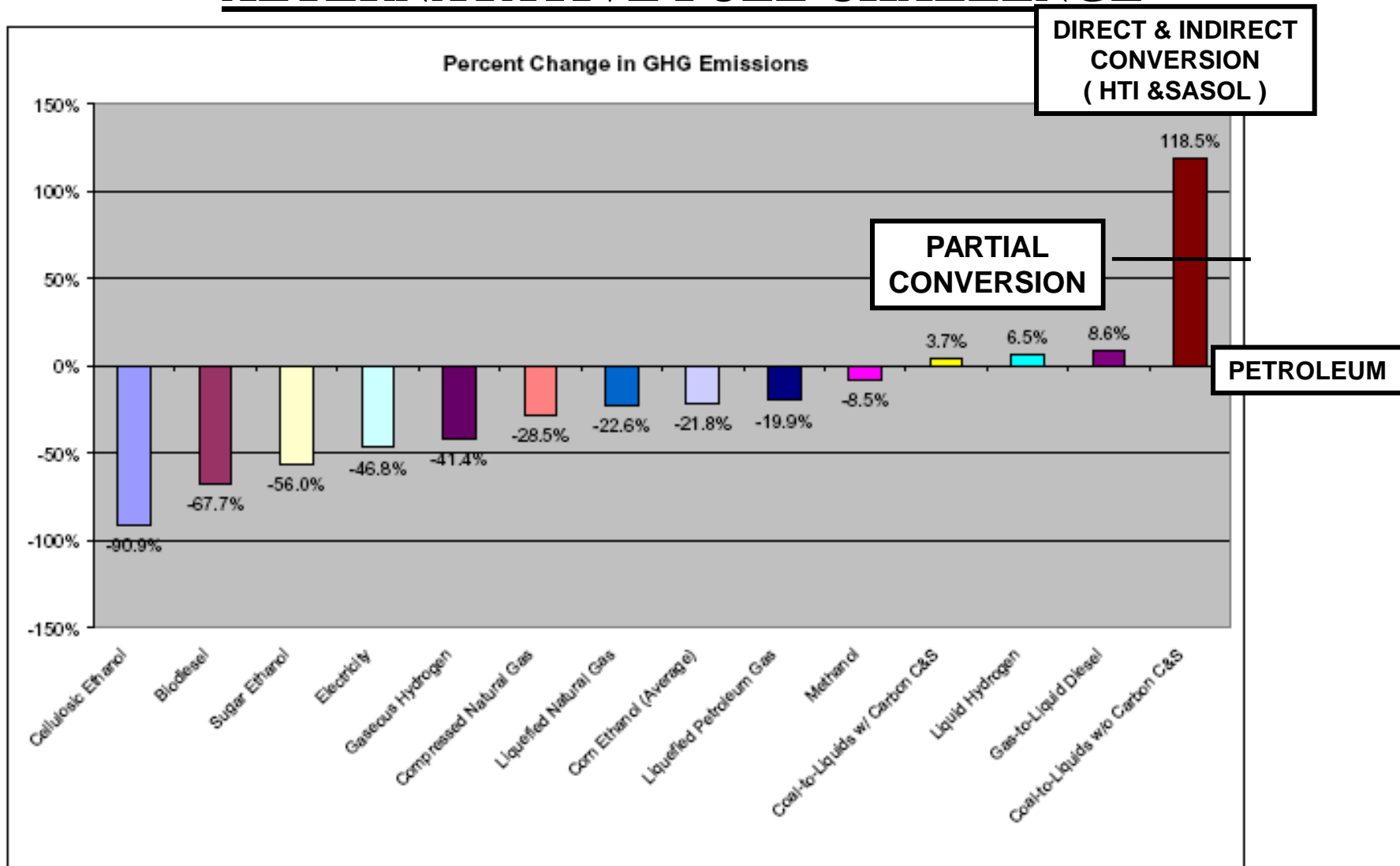
- \* EPACT 2007 says fuel must have equal or lower carbon footprint than petroleum fuels

**RESULT: 25,000 BPD F-T DEMONSTRATION IN MONTANA WAS CANCELED IN 2008**

**\*CTL MUST BE CO<sub>2</sub> NEUTRAL OR NEGATIVE!**



# MEETING THE “0” CO<sub>2</sub> ALTERNATIVE FUEL CHALLENGE



# CO<sub>2</sub> STRATEGY #1- CAPTURE AND SEQUESTER

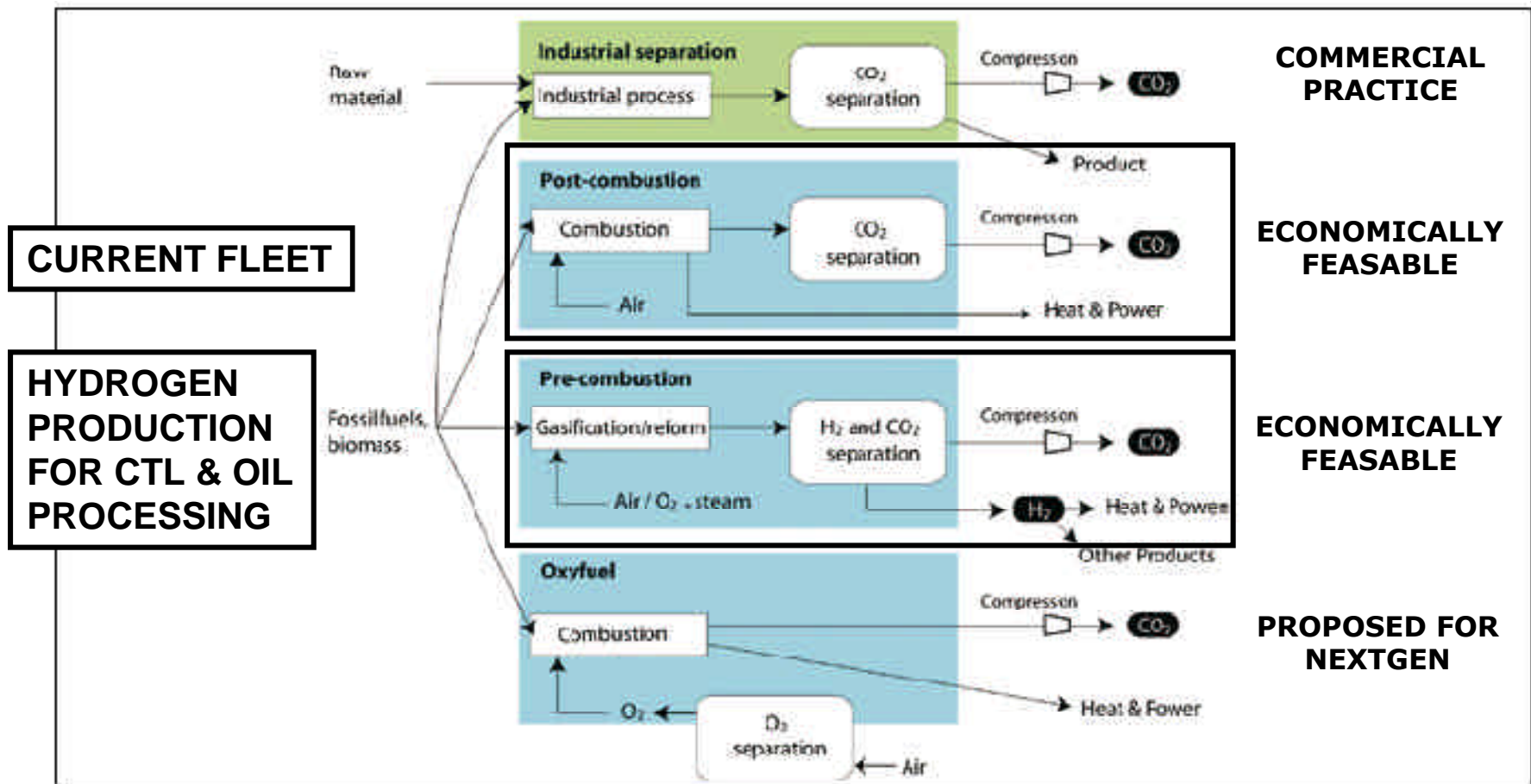
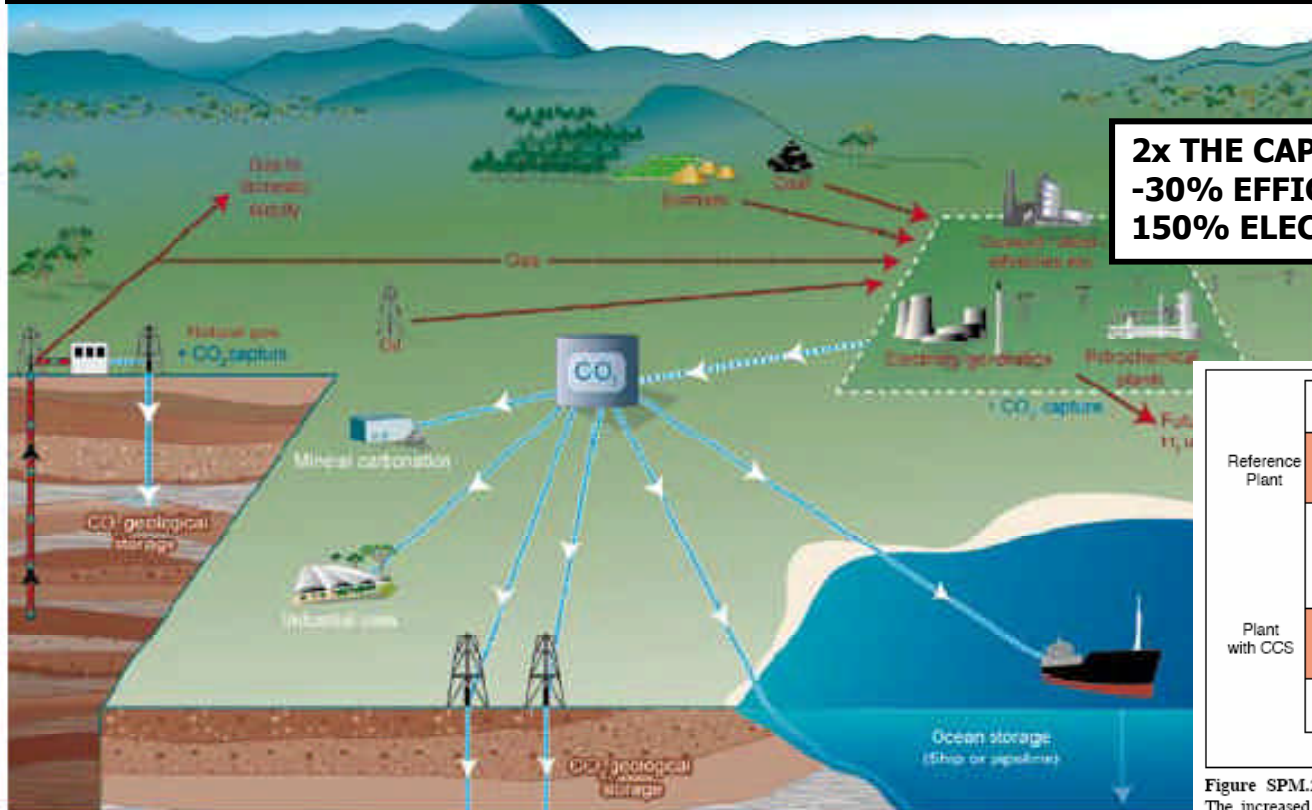


Figure SPM.3. Schematic representation of capture systems. Fuels and products are indicated for oxyfuel combustion, pre-combustion (including hydrogen and fertilizer production), post-combustion and industrial sources of CO<sub>2</sub> (including natural gas processing facilities and steel and cement production) (based on Figure 3.1) (Courtesy CO<sub>2</sub>CRC).

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# CO<sub>2</sub> CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION

**MITIGATING CO<sub>2</sub> IS ESSENTIAL BUT SEQUESTERING CO<sub>2</sub> IS A DIFFICULT AND EXPENSIVE PROPOSITION.**



**2x THE CAPITAL (1)  
-30% EFFICIENCY  
150% ELECTRICITY COST**

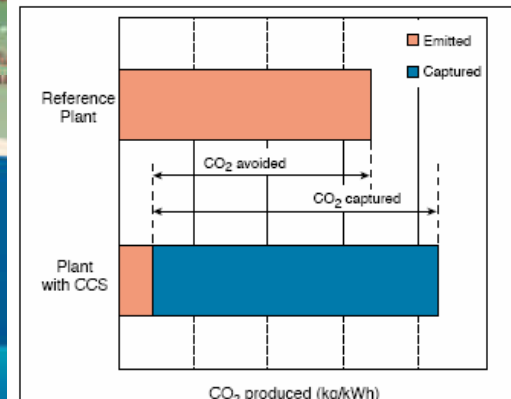


Figure SPM.2. CO<sub>2</sub> capture and storage from power plants. The increased CO<sub>2</sub> production resulting from the loss in overall efficiency of power plants due to the additional energy required for capture, transport and storage and any leakage from transport result in a larger amount of "CO<sub>2</sub> produced per unit of product" (lower bar) relative to the reference plant (upper bar) without capture (Figure 8.2).

Figure SPM.1. Schematic diagram of possible CCS systems showing the sources for which CCS might be relevant storage options (Courtesy of CO<sub>2</sub>CRC).

This summary, approved in detail at the Eighth Session of IPCC Working Group III (Montreal, Canada, 22-24 September 2005), represents the formally agreed statement of the IPCC concerning current understanding of carbon dioxide capture and storage.

(1) MIT THE FUTURE OF COAL 2007  
Confirmed by AEP & NETL

## **“CLOSED LOOP” CO<sub>2</sub> MITIGATION W/ BIOMASS** **( TERRESTRIAL OR AQUATIC )**

- Plants absorb CO<sub>2</sub> and biomass can fuel processes.
- Waste heat is available for drying the biomass.
- Biomass can be co-fired with other solid fuels like coal.
- Biomass can yield additional oil products.
- Land can be used which is not suitable for food crops.

<b>CTL ENVIRONMENTAL &amp; ECONOMIC COMPARISON</b>			
<b>PLANT DESIGN</b>	<b>REF 01</b>	<b>SASOL</b>	<b>HTI</b>
	Reference	South Af.	Shenhua
Feed Coal (t/day)	10,000	23,400	9,450
bbls/day	7,600	80,000	20,000
<b>CTL PROCESS</b>	<b>PARTIAL</b>	<b>INDIRECT</b>	<b>DIRECT</b>
Oil Product	15%	29%	32%
Metallurgical Coal Product	60.0%	0	0
Water (% of Coal)	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Ash (% of Coal)	5%	5%	5%
Energy (% of Coal)	10%	56%	53%
Water (gal/bbl oil)	29	-294	-815
Relative % CO <sub>2</sub>	19%	100%	94%
CO <sub>2</sub> (tons / ton feed coal)	0.26	1.39	1.32
CO <sub>2</sub> (tons / bbl oil)	0.29	0.56	0.58
<b>Nul CO<sub>2</sub> w/Biomass (t/bbl)</b>	<b>0.22</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>0.43</b>
Biomass (t/d) @10k bbl/d	2,153	4,134	4,318
CAPX (\$/bbl-year) <sup>1</sup>	\$100	\$208	\$208
CAPX (\$/rev \$-day)	\$530	\$1,000	\$1,000

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(1) CCI CAPX allocated based on 2:1 revenue split between M-Coal & Oil

# FOREST BIOMASS PROCESS FUEL EXAMPLE

Kentucky State Energy Plan, 2008 for Forest Products or Miscanthus

Table 3: Renewable Electricity Generation Targets to 2025

Renewable Resource	Thousand Megawatt-Hours (MWh)			
	Existing <sup>1</sup>	2012	2018	2025
<b>Total Generation</b>	<b>3,052</b>	<b>4,509</b>	<b>6,694</b>	<b>9,244</b>
Wind Energy	0	69	172	293
LFG / Biogas	88	191	347	528
Solar PV	0	272	679	1,154
Hydropower	2,592	2,708	2,883	3,087
Forest Biomass	372	1,268	2,613	4,182
Equiv. tons Biomass / day	739	2,516	5,185	8,298

At an oil production rate in bbls/day =	7,600	79,800	171,000
F-T diesel / Direct t/day to "0" CO <sub>2</sub> =	3,116	32,718	70,110
Partial Conversion t/day to "0" CO <sub>2</sub> =	1,672	17,556	37,620

( BASED ON COAL DRY WEIGHT )

# CO<sub>2</sub> RECYCLING RETROFIT WITH ALGAE BIOMASS

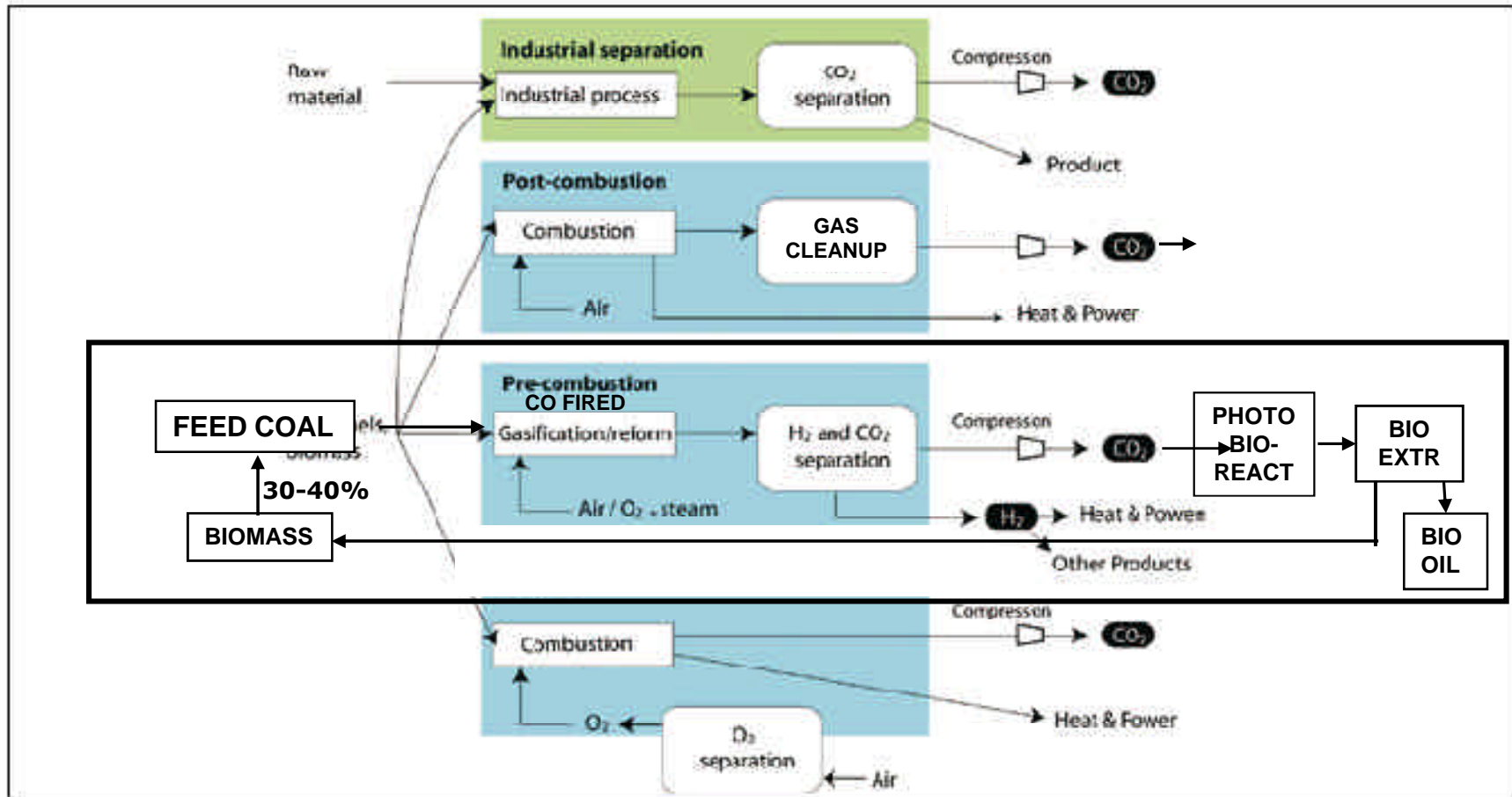
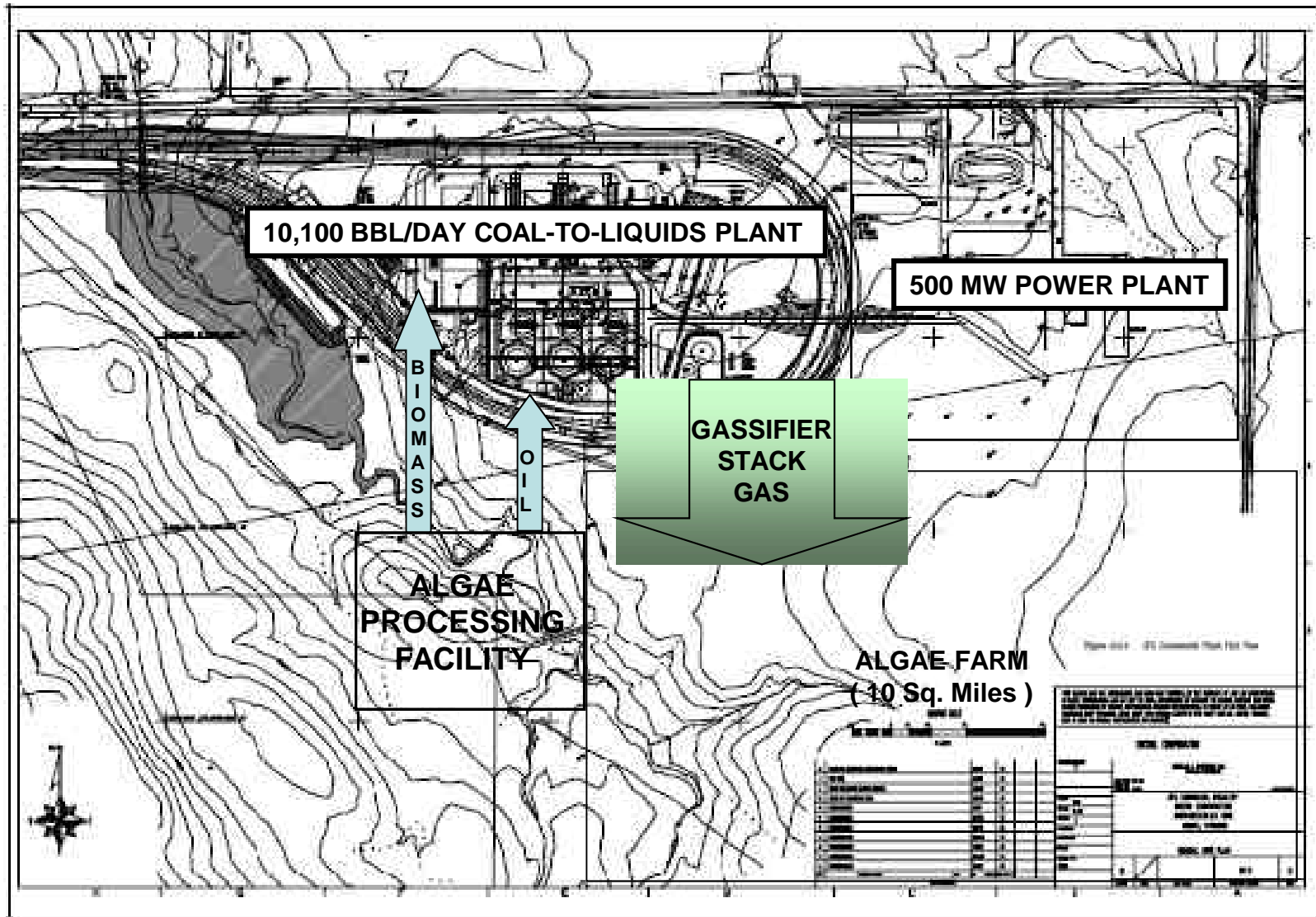


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# CLEAN ENERGY PLANT CONCEPT





# SUMMARY

- Coal-to-liquids process offers opportunities for domestic fuel supply and energy security.
- While these technologies are technically mature they face significant environmental challenges, especially from CO<sub>2</sub> emissions.
- Advances in bio-energy production can significantly mitigate the CO<sub>2</sub> issues when integrated with the right CTL processes.
- Work is needed to integrate these processes and scale them up for industrial application.

**THANK YOU!**