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# Coal-Derived Hydrogen and Liquid Fuels... to Help Meet a Growing Demand



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# Transportation Fuels: A Likely Scenario

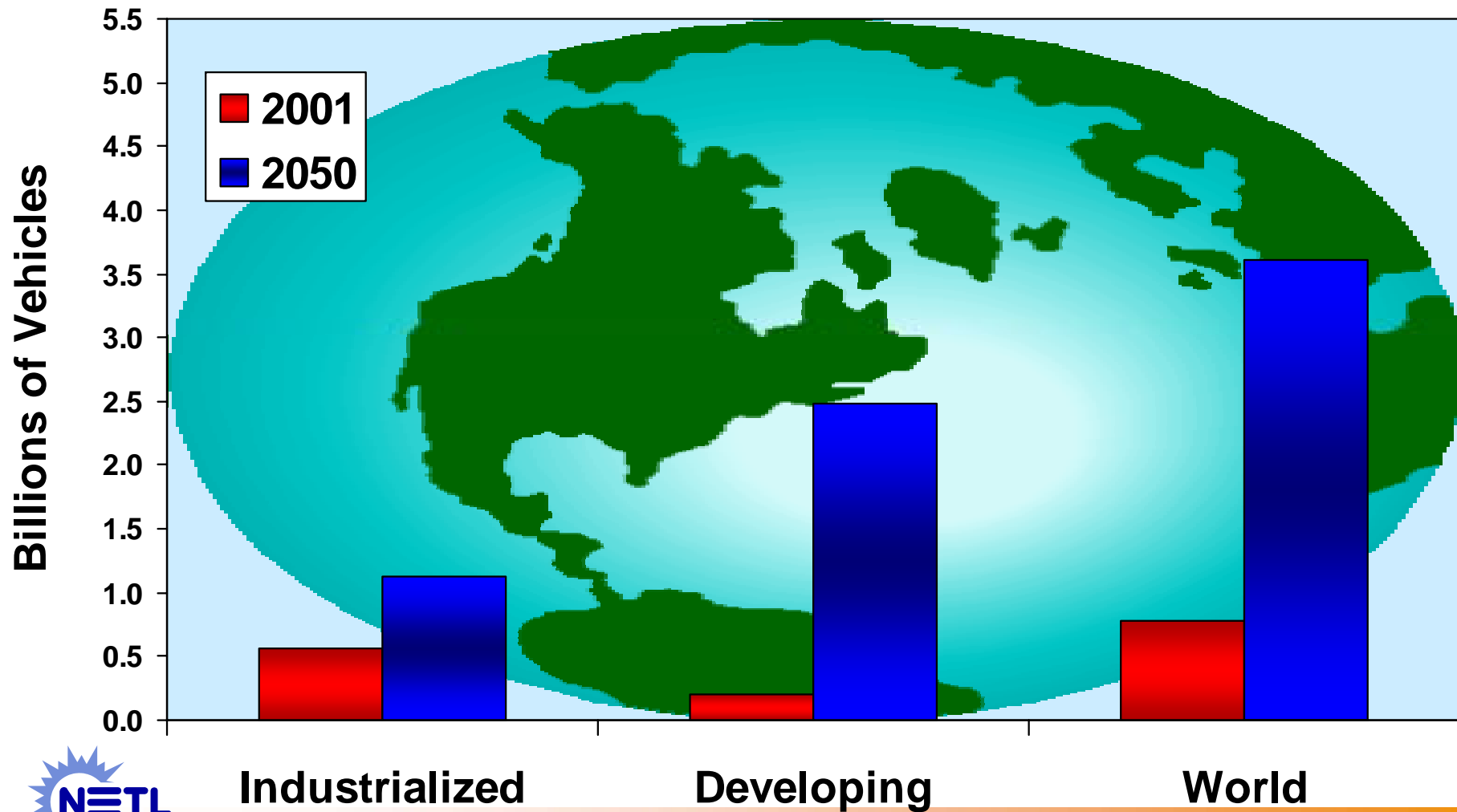
- Fossil fuels will continue to be the preferred option for transportation needs
- Urban and regional environmental pollution concerns will continue to intensify
- Demand for transportation fuels will continue to grow, and because of environmental concerns, the demand for ultra-clean fuels will significantly increase
- Global climate change will continue to be an issue, requiring high end-use efficiencies in all applications including transportation
- The U.S.'s steadily increasing reliance on imported oil (crude and finished products\*) will create pressure to diversify our fuel resources

*\*By 2025, expenditures more than double to \$194 billion*

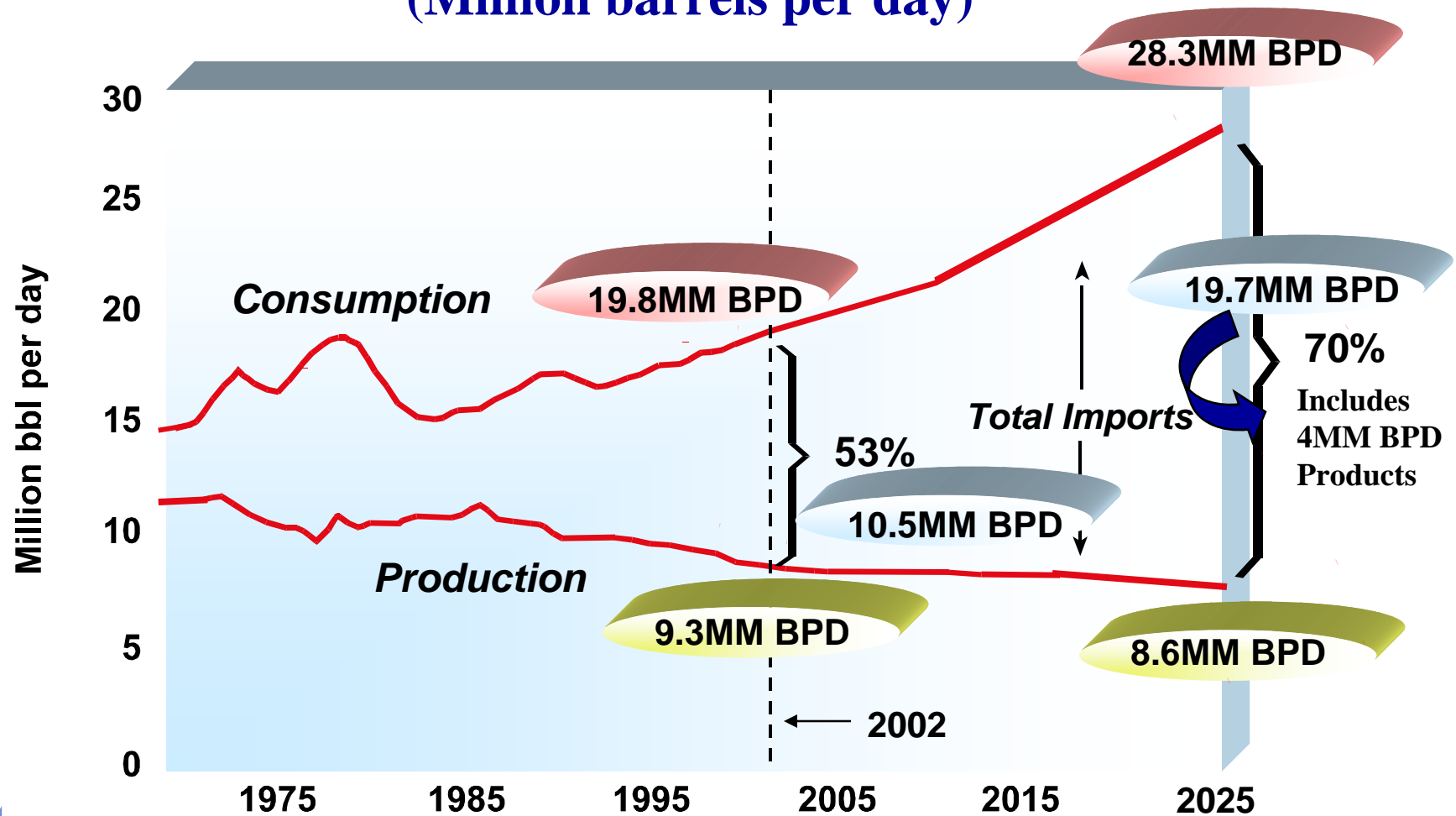
*AEO 2004*



# Ever More Vehicles



# U.S. Production, Consumption, and Total Imports of Petroleum, 1970-2025 (Million barrels per day)



Source: EIA (AEO 2004); Reference Case Scenario

F-T Seminar 01.2001

# What The Experts Are Saying

## Why Higher Oil Prices are Inevitable This year, Rest of Decade

“Regardless of global economic growth and the demand for energy, additional oil supplies require massive and urgent investments with supportive national policies within OPEC and major non-OPEC oil exporting countries. There is no evidence that these policies and hence the investments are occurring on the required scale anywhere in the world.”

Sadad I. al-Husseini, Saudi Aramco (retired)  
*Oil & Gas Journal*, August 2, 2004, p. 16



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## What The Experts Are Saying, Cont'd

“Deepwater (Nigeria, Angola, Brazil, Gulf of Mexico) oil discovery rate may have peaked; production peak may follow in 10 years”

*Ivan Sandrea, Merrill Lynch – London;  
Oil & Gas Journal, July 26, 2004, p. 18*



# Diverse Resources and Fuel Options Will be Needed to Meet Future Transportation Needs

- ***Resources***

- Conventional petroleum crude
- Coal/natural gas/petroleum Coke
- Oil sands
- Shale oil
- Biomass
- Water ?

- ***Fuels/Blendstocks***

- Petroleum-derived fuels
- **Fischer-Tropsch-derived fuels**
- CNG, LPG
- Oxygenates, e.g. dimethyl ether (DME), methanol, ethanol
- Additives, e.g., octane and cetane improvers
- **Hydrogen**
- Electricity





# **Coal Liquid Fuels Can Help in the Transition**

- **Coal-derived liquid fuels are infrastructure compatible -- and – can provide “breathing space” until sustainable future fuels are available**
- **They are produced from our largest domestic hydrocarbon resource**
- **They can be used in existing and advanced vehicle systems**
- **They make petroleum fuels cleaner**
- **The oil and coal industries won't do it alone**
- **Coproducing fuels and electricity is likely to be the market entry strategy; can realistically achieve \$30 - \$35/barrel COE**



# **As We Transition to the Hydrogen Economy...**

## **How important is Coal?**

**The National Academy of Engineering recently completed a year long study of: “The Hydrogen Economy: Opportunities, Costs, Barriers and R&D Needs”**

**Key Findings...General and those specific to coal**

- **Hydrogen could fundamentally transform the U.S. energy system; therefore a robust, ongoing hydrogen program is important**
- **Fossil Fuels will be one of the principal sources of hydrogen for the hydrogen economy...but carbon capture and storage technologies will be required**
- **The U.S. has vast coal resources...hydrogen from coal can be inexpensive...and...coal must be a significant component of R&D aimed at making very large amounts of hydrogen.**



## Clean Coal Fuels Technology Lines

## Key Elements

## Technology Outputs

## Key Milestones

Transportation Fuels  
and Chemicals

*Coal Fuels*

*Hydrogen  
Production, storage  
and utilization*

*By 2010,  
hydrogen from coal can  
be produced for \$30/bbl  
oil equivalent*

Advanced Fuels  
Research

C1 Chemistry

Improved  
synthesis gas  
conversion

By 2010, technology base  
enables coal liquid fuels  
to be produced at \$30/bbl  
oil equivalent via  
coproduction w/ power

Solid Fuels and  
Feedstocks

Coal-Derived Carbon  
Materials  
Separations

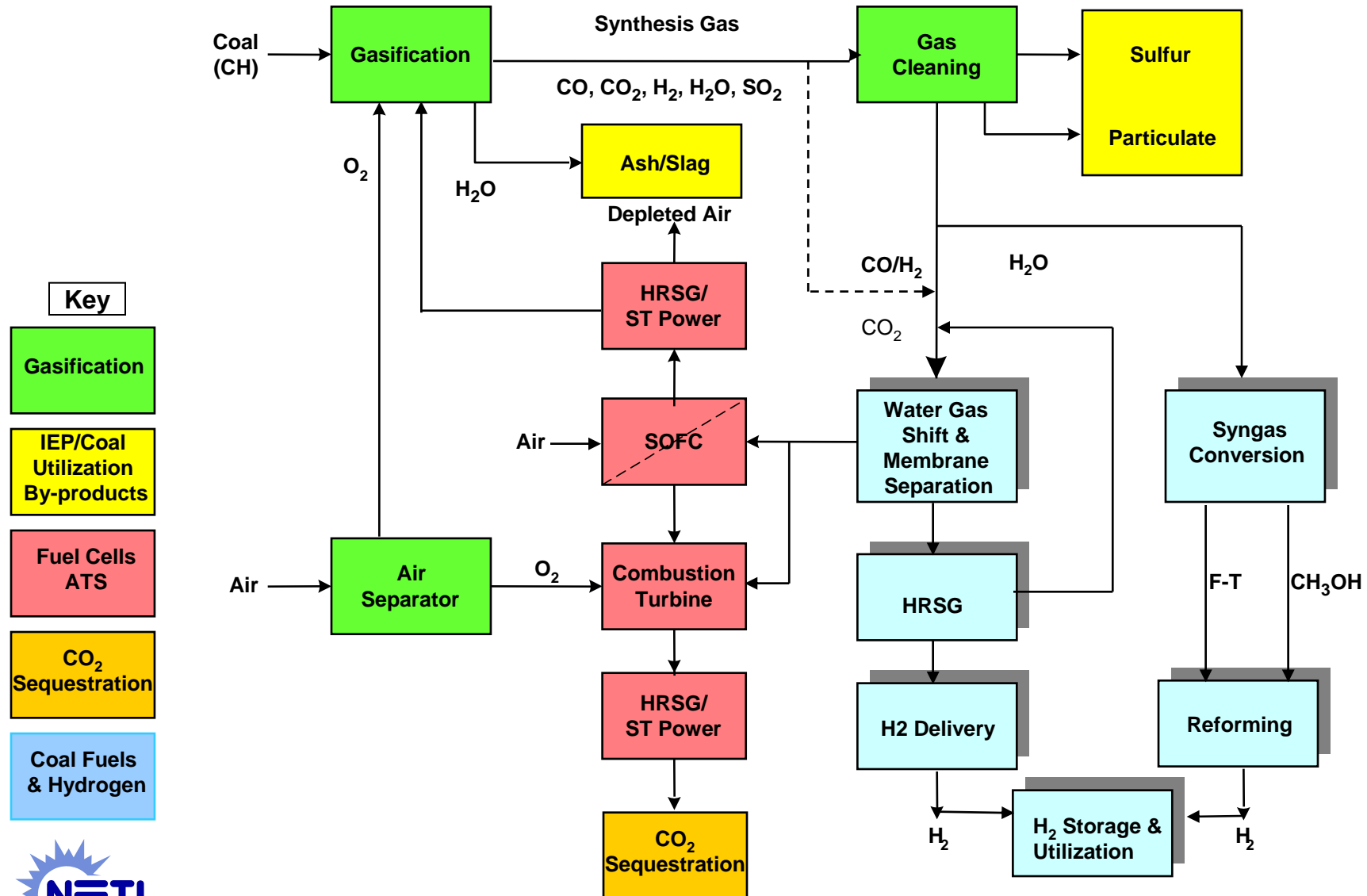
Premium Carbon  
Products/  
Coal Fines Recovery

By 2010, separation  
technologies permit  
higher coal recovery at  
less cost; high value  
carbon products enter  
the market



# Hydrogen From Coal

## Program Components --- Technology Areas



# The Six Major Direct Uses of Synthesis Gas

|   | <u>Primary Product</u>           |
|---|----------------------------------|
| • Methanol Synthesis<br>(commercial)            | Methanol                         |
| • F-T and Related Reactions<br>(commercial)     | Fuels and Specialty<br>Chemicals |
| • Isosynthesis<br>(not commercial)              | Branched Paraffins               |
| • Combustion<br>(commercial)                    | Electricity/Heat                 |
| • Methanation<br>(one commercial plant in U.S.) | Synthetic Natural<br>Gas (SNG)   |
| • Hydrogen Production                           | Gasoline/Ammonia                 |

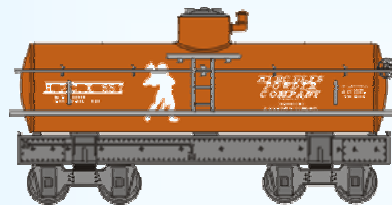
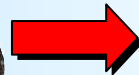


# Chemicals from Coal - Final Products

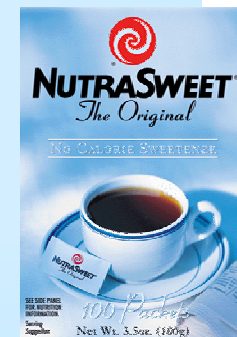
It is likely you have a product in your home based on coal gasification.



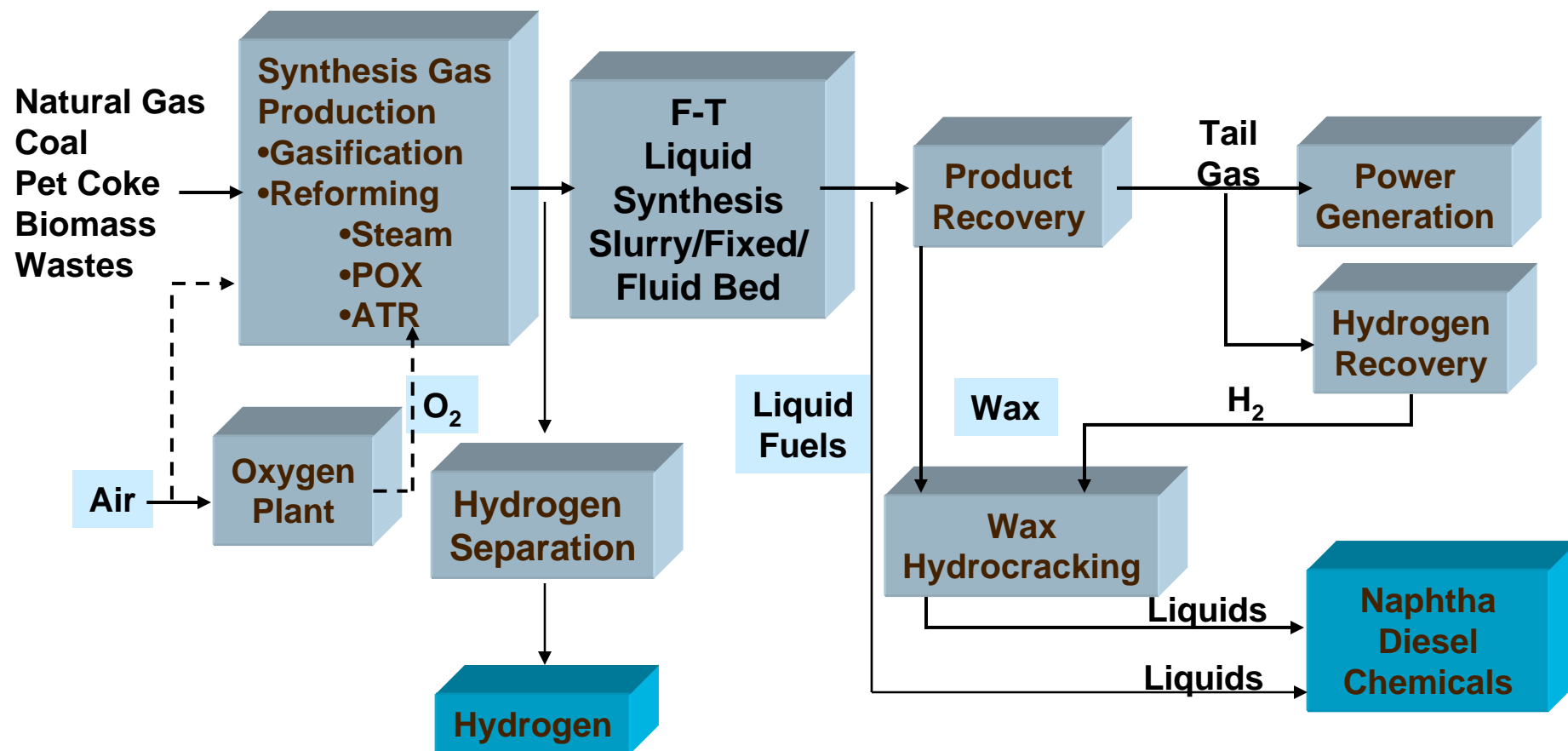
**Coal**



**Acetic Anhydride  
Acetic Acid**



# The Co-Production Strategy Provides Options



## Current Military Needs --- Petroleum

| <u>Service</u>   | <u>Percentage</u> | <u>BPD</u>          | <u>BPY</u>           | <u>Estimated Cost/FY01</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| <i>Army</i>      | <i>6%</i>         | <i>18,500</i>       | <i>6.7 MM</i>        | <i>296 MM</i>              |
| <i>Air Force</i> | <i>55%</i>        | <i>166,000</i>      | <i>60.8 MM</i>       | <i>2693 MM</i>             |
| <i>Navy</i>      | <i>38%</i>        | <i>114,000</i>      | <i>41.8 MM</i>       | <i>1853 MM</i>             |
| <i>Marines</i>   | <i><u>1%</u></i>  | <i><u>1,500</u></i> | <i><u>0.7 MM</u></i> | <i><u>34 MM</u></i>        |
| <i>Total</i>     | <i>100%</i>       | <i>300,000</i>      | <i>110.0 MM</i>      | <i>4876 MM</i>             |

*Note 1: Estimates based on DESC FY01 sales information*

*Note 2: 75% domestic ~225,000BPD, 25% Overseas ~75,000BPD*



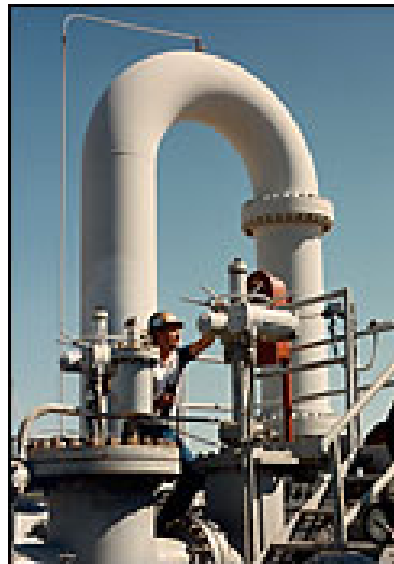
Source: Defense Energy Supply Center, 2002

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# And Another Option: Strategic Petroleum Reserve

- Prompted by the 1973-74 oil embargo
- Capacity: 700 million barrels...over 30 days supply;  
world's largest supply of emergency crude
- \$20 billion national investment



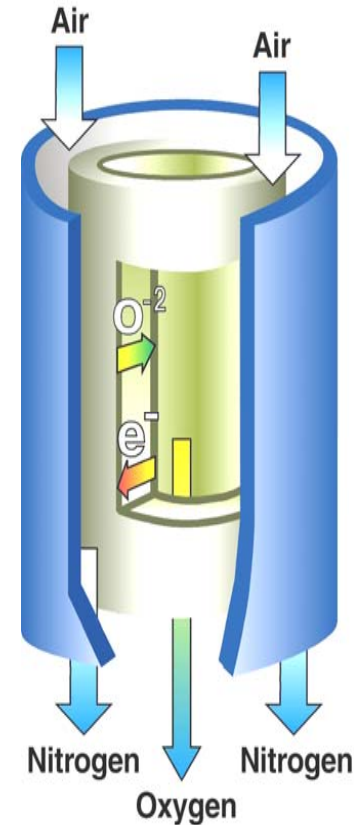
## ***Hurdles to Deploying Coal Fuels Plants***

- **Technical:**
  - Integrated operations of advanced coal fuels technologies have never been demonstrated
- **Economic:**
  - Capital and operations costs must be reduced
- **Environmental:**
  - Coal fuels facilities must show small environmental footprint
  - expansion of coal production
- **Commercial Deployment:**
  - who would take the lead in commercial deployment?
- **Social:**
  - Public resistance to coal use must always be addressed

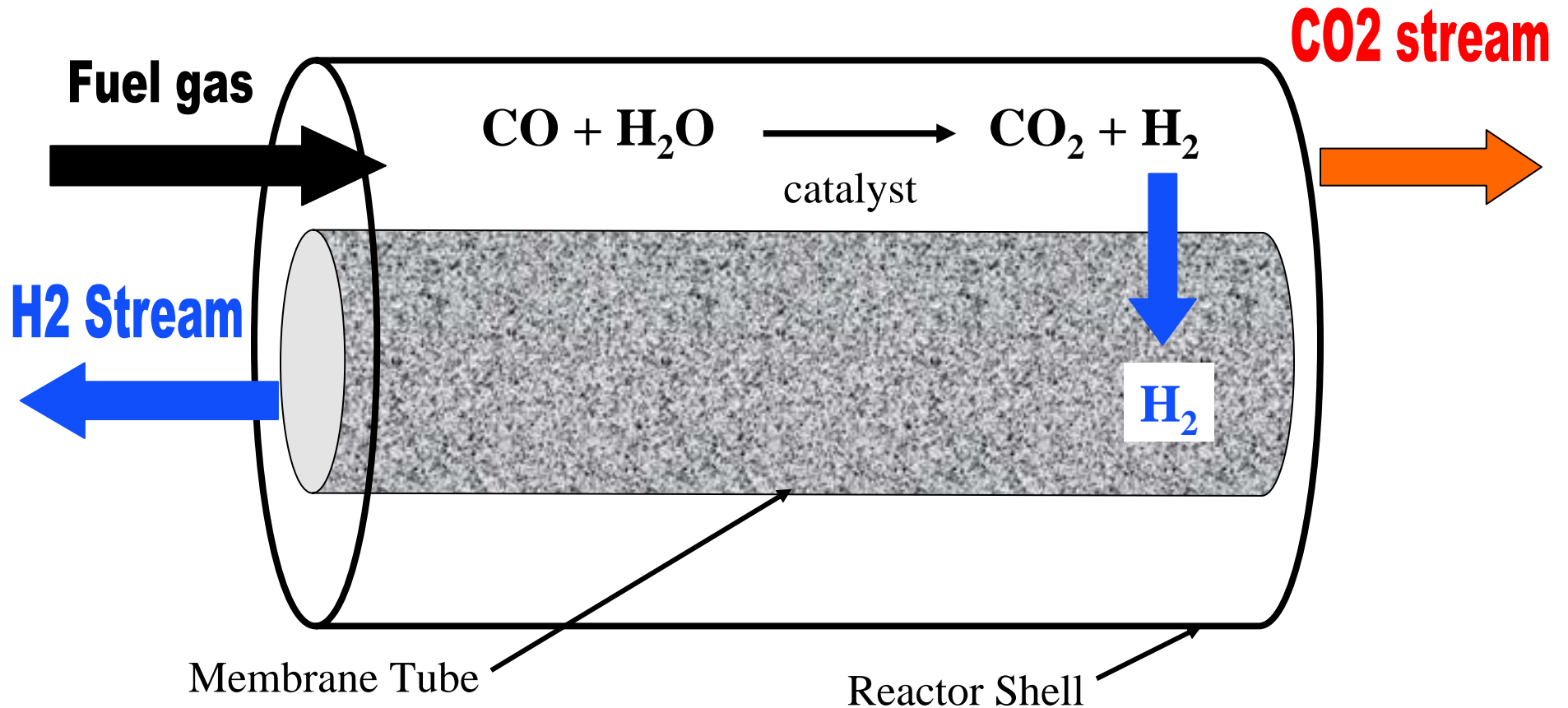


# Example Scenario: Oxygen Separation

- **Benefits of Oxygen Separation Membranes**
  1. **Lower capital cost than cryogenic oxygen systems**
    - \$20,000 → \$13,000/tpd O<sub>2</sub> (35% decrease)<sup>1</sup>
  2. **Lower auxiliary power**
    - 235 kWh/ton O<sub>2</sub> → 147 kWh/ton O<sub>2</sub> (37% decrease)<sup>1</sup>
  3. **Simplify CO<sub>2</sub> capture system... remove H<sub>2</sub>O and compress flue gas**



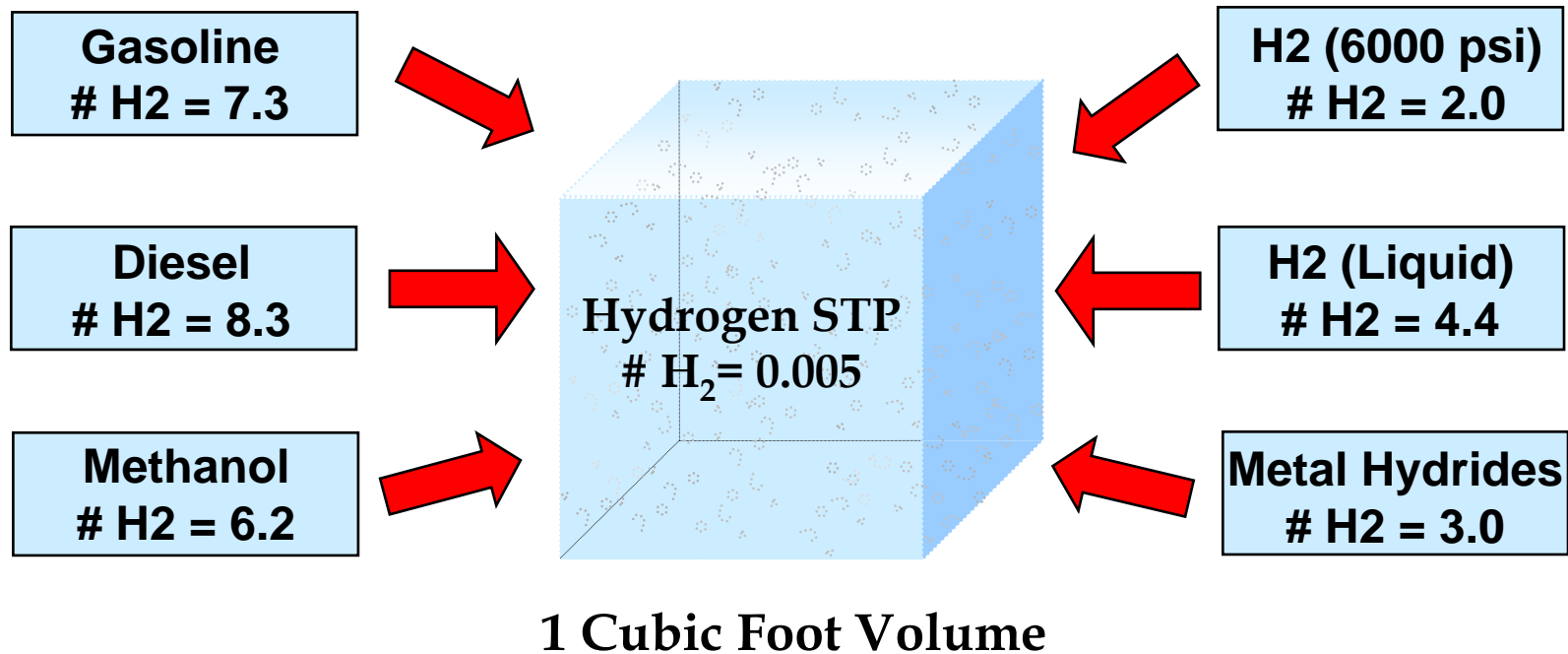
# Water Gas Shift - Hydrogen Separation Membrane Reactor



- Removal of hydrogen drives reaction to completion
- Carbon dioxide stream at high pressure, ready for sequestration
- Hydrogen available as a clean energy source

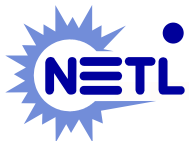


# Hydrogen Storage

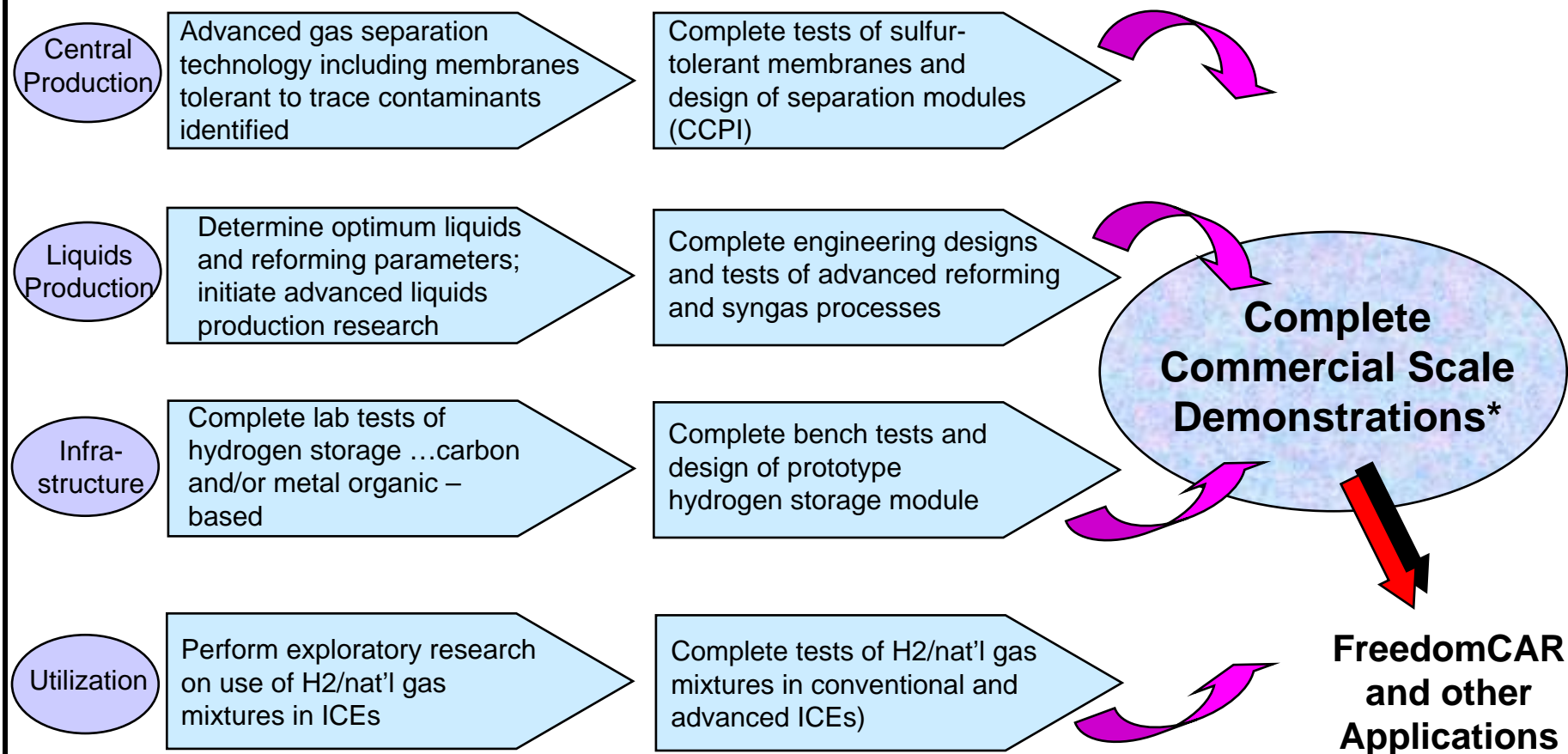


## *Potential Deployment Scenario and Benefits for CTL*

- Sixty (60) plants by 2030 (2.4/year) produce 2 MMBPD and 30 GW of power
- Compare to EIA forecast of 50 GW needed by 2020 (3.3/year)
- Capital cost \$136 Billion over 25 years (\$5.4 B/Year)
- Oil import bill now is \$120B in 2020 \$195B (if WOP is \$30/B)
- Thirty-two percent additional coal required



# Hydrogen from Coal Program Roadmap



\* Incorporates technology being developed under the complementary Advanced Gasification and Sequestration for carbon dioxide capture and storage programs



2005

2010

2015

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# Coal-Derived Liquid Fuels: Supplementary Material



*F. Fischer, R. Lessing, 1925.*

*F-T Seminar 01.2001*



# DOE-Funded F-T / F-T Related Projects

- **C1 Chemistry**
  - Consortium for Fossil Fuel Liquefaction Science
    - Auburn, U. of Ky., U. of Pgh., U. of Utah, WVU
  - National Energy Technology Laboratory....Defense Fuels
- **Iron-Based Catalysts for Slurry-Phase Reactors**
  - Hampton University
  - Research Triangle Institute
  - Texas A&M
  - University of Kentucky (includes cobalt catalysts)
  - University of New Mexico
  - Xavier University
- **Slurry Reactor Development**
  - Air Products & Chemicals, Inc./Sandia National Laboratory/  
Washington U./Ohio State
- **Pilot-Scale Process Testing**
  - Air Products & Chemicals, Inc. (~30 bbl/day at LaPorte, TX)...to be dismantled this year



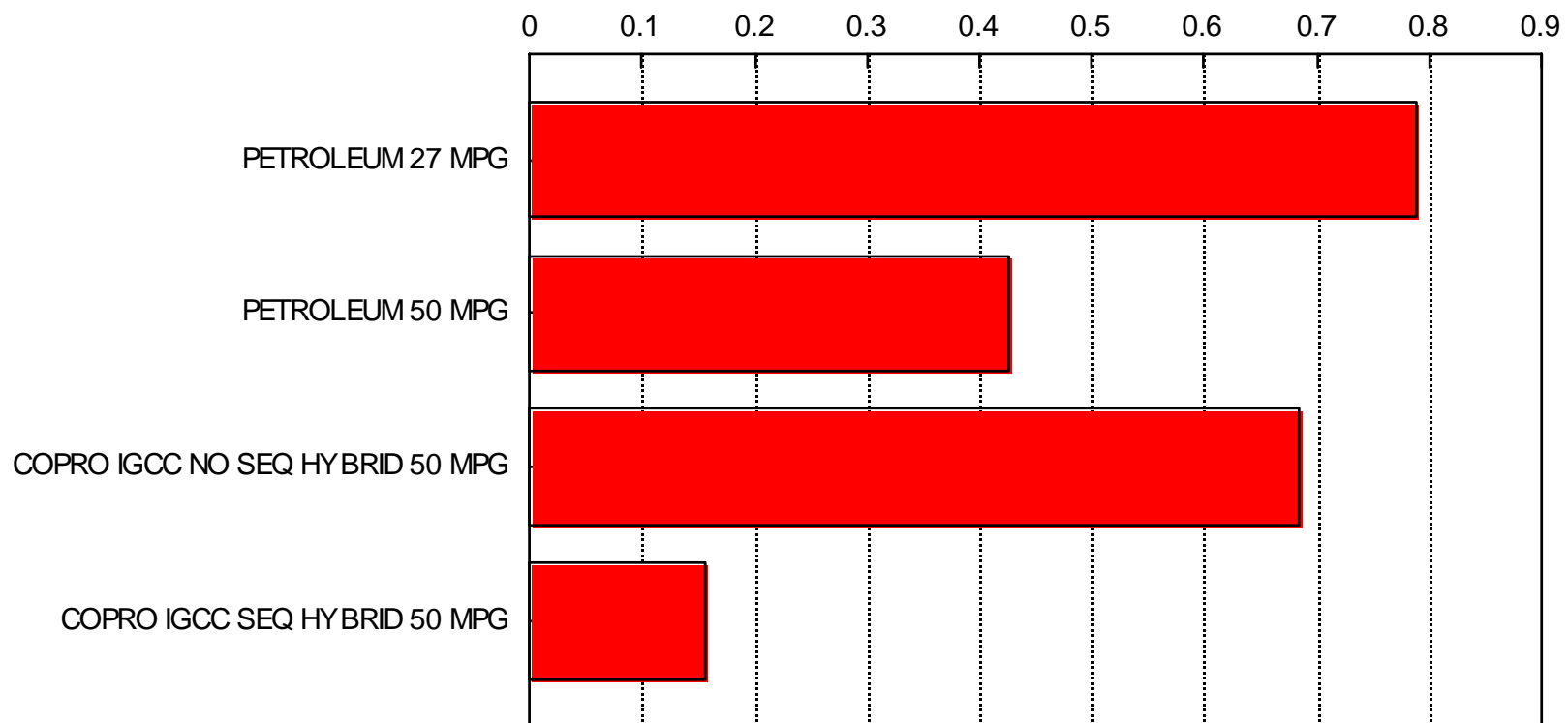
# DOE-Funded F-T/F-T Related Projects, Cont'd

- **Liquid Phase Methanol Demonstration**
  - 80,000 gallons/day methanol production
    - Air Products/Eastman
- **Membrane Separation Technologies for:**
  - **Oxygen Production**
    - Air Products
    - Praxair
  - **Synthesis Gas Production (Natural gas reforming)**
    - Air Products
    - Praxair
- **Coproduction of Power & F-T Fuels**
  - WMPI with Sasol and Shell technologies using anthracite waste



## CARBON EMISSIONS FROM PETROLEUM AND COPRODUCTION

UNITS POUNDS OF CO<sub>2</sub> PER MILE



## *Potential Deployment Scenario and Benefits for CTL, Cont'd*

- U.S. consumer pays no more for CTL product than petroleum fuel (\$30/B)
- Domestic jobs created (~300,000)
- Security of supply from domestic resource (energy security)
- Low environmental impact, esp. with CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration
- Allows time to transition to the hydrogen economy

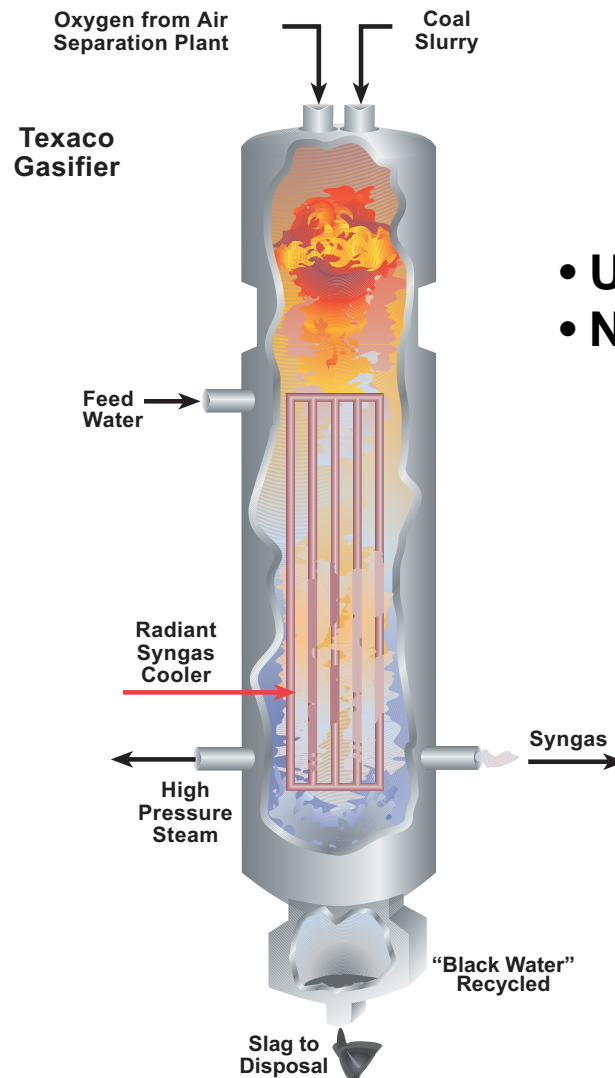


## *Incentives*

- **Government incentives may be required for the first demonstration coproduction plant because of high risk and capital. These could include:**
  - **excise tax exemption**
  - investment tax credit**
  - accelerated depreciation**
  - section 29 credit**
  - cost share**
  - price guarantee**
  - purchase guarantee**
  - loan guarantee**
  - ethanol model**



# Texaco Gasifier



- Up to 1,000 psig or more
- Nominal 2,600 Deg F

# Defense Fuels Research



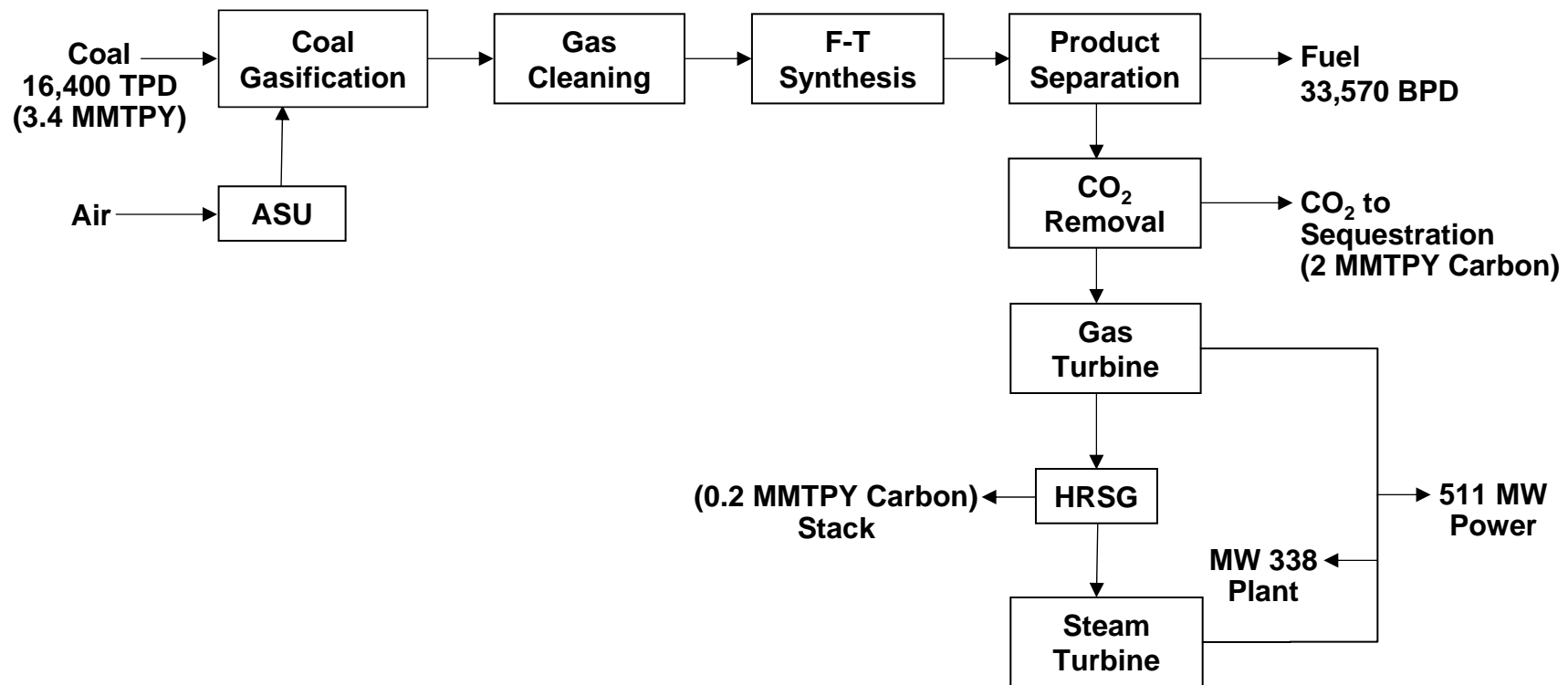
**Research in support of a fuel spec. for a fully synthetic jet fuel**

**(Cooperative with Army, Air Force and Navy)**

- **Study of chemistry related to seal swelling & fuel lubricity**
  - **Compare performance/chemistry of JP-5 with Synthetic S-5 modified with aromatics and oxygenates**
  - **Isolate and characterize oxygenates in jet fuel and relate to fuel lubricity properties.**



# *Coproduction: One Case To Evaluate Economics*





# Economics of Previous Configuration

## Advanced Coproduction plant with Carbon Sequestration

|         |                       |
|---------|-----------------------|
| Capital | \$2,244 MM            |
| Coal    | 156 MM/yr* (\$29/ton) |
| O&M     | 142 MM/yr             |

Capital Recovery Factor (CRF) 12.7%  
Capacity 90%

Power value assumed \$49/MWH (511 MW )  
RSP of liquid fuels \$35/barrel (\$30/bbl crude oil equivalent)

Power value assumed \$36/MWH (511 MW )  
RSP of liquid fuels \$40/barrel (\$35/barrel crude oil equivalent)

Basis for CRF:

67% debt/33% equity

8% interest; 16 year debt

15% ROE after taxes; inflation @ 3%; 40% federal tax rate

\* includes \$10/ton carbon for sequestration



# DOE-Funded F-T/F-T Related Projects, Cont'd

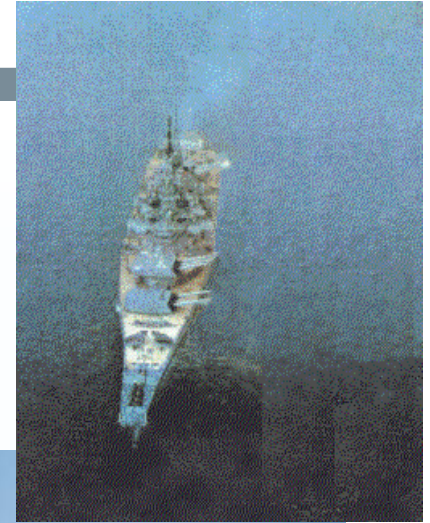
- **F-T Fuel Production and Verification**

- **ConocoPhillips**
  - fuel production (400 bbl/day) and comparative evaluation with conventional and alternative fuels
- **Envires LLC**
  - novel (molten metal) synthesis gas production
- **ICRC/Syntroleum**
  - fuel production (70 bbl/day) and evaluation
- **Praxair**
  - reforming via membrane oxygen separation technology
- **WMPI (Planned)**
  - Co-production of power and F-T Fuels with Sasol technology using anthracite waste



# U.S. Military Challenges

- *Military must be prepared to fight on one or more fronts in the middle east*
- *An oil embargo or major oil-related terrorism,
  - world oil shortages develop
  - oil prices skyrocket*
- *U.S. economy severely impacted*
- *Military access to fuel threatened*
- *First military recourse: take possession of U.S. fuel supplies*
- *Mitigate military fuels shortage through DOD coal-derived fuels program*



# Another Option: Northeast Home Heating Oil Reserve

| <u>Location</u>       | <u>Amount, bbl</u>    | <u>Distribution<br/>Capability, BPD</u> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------|---|
| <i>NY Harbor</i>      | <i>1,000,000</i>      | <i>100,000</i>                          |
| <i>New Haven, CT</i>  | <i>250,000</i>        | <i>25,000</i>                           |
| <i>New Haven, CT</i>  | <i>500,000</i>        | <i>50,000</i>                           |
| <i>Providence, RI</i> | <u><i>250,000</i></u> | <u><i>25,000</i></u>                    |
|                       | <i>2,000,000</i>      | <i>200,000*</i>                         |

*\*200,000 BPD would provide 10 days supply*

## *Other Benefits*

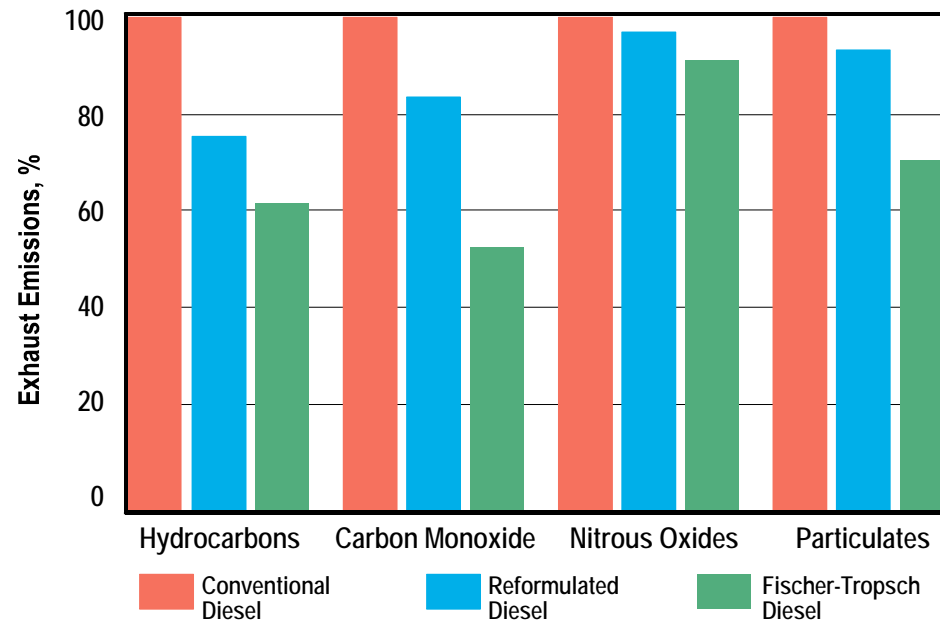
- F-T fuel would be much higher quality than heating oil...reduced emissions*
- Could lead to dedicated home heating oil market*



Source: FY2004 Congressional Budget



# Fischer-Tropsch Diesel Lowers Emissions



- Emissions are lowered due to low sulfur (<1 ppm), low aromatics (<3%) and high cetane number (>70)
- Can be blended with conventional diesel to improve emissions quality
- The naphtha is sulfur free and suitable as a feedstock for chemicals production

# Why a Coal Hydrogen Fuel Program?

- **A hydrogen economy offers the potential for:**
  - reduced emissions of greenhouse gases, esp. CO<sub>2</sub>
  - significant reductions in criteria pollutants (PM, NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>)
  - decreased reliance on imported energy
- **The Administration is reorienting the Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles program to the FreedomCAR program....focused on fuel cell technology....which will require technical developments in the production and utilization of hydrogen**
- **Coal-derived hydrogen technologies can play a major role in the transition to a sustainable hydrogen energy economy.....BUT**
  - hydrogen production, distribution, storage and end-use still face significant technical, cost and infrastructure barriers

