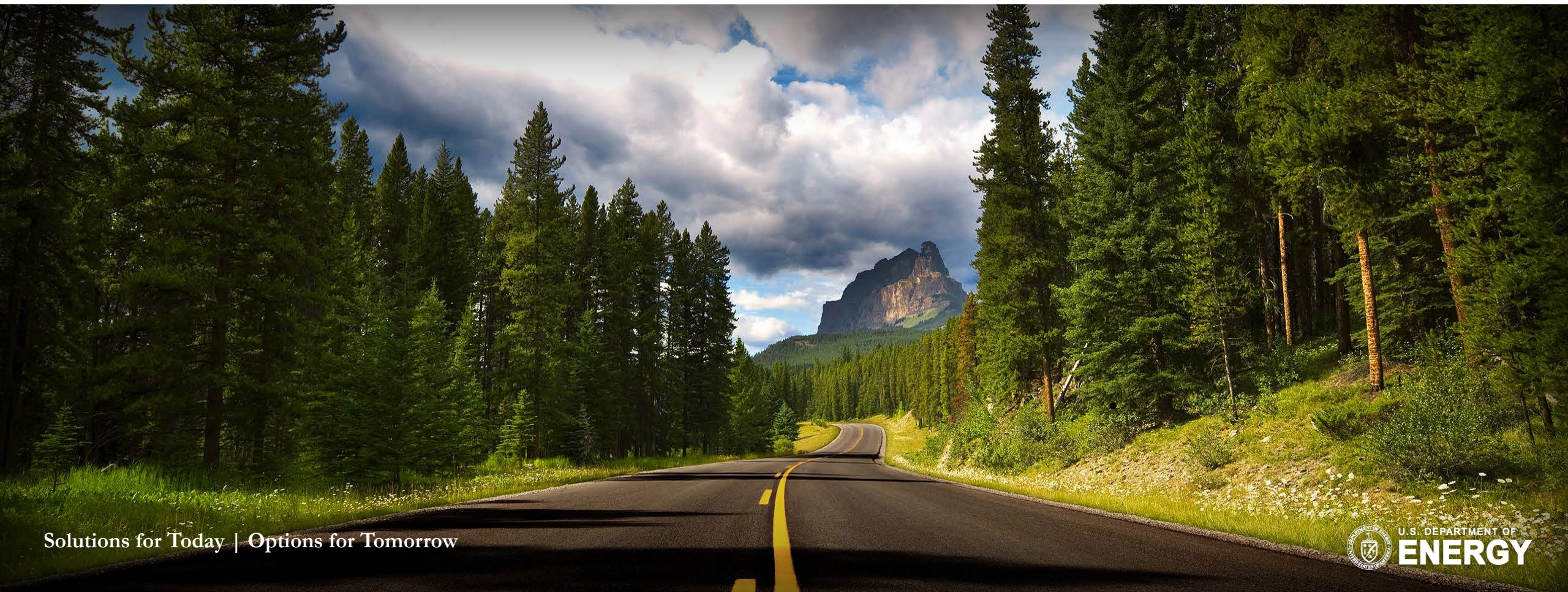


Gasification Systems/C&CBTL Program Overview



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Solutions for Today | Options for Tomorrow



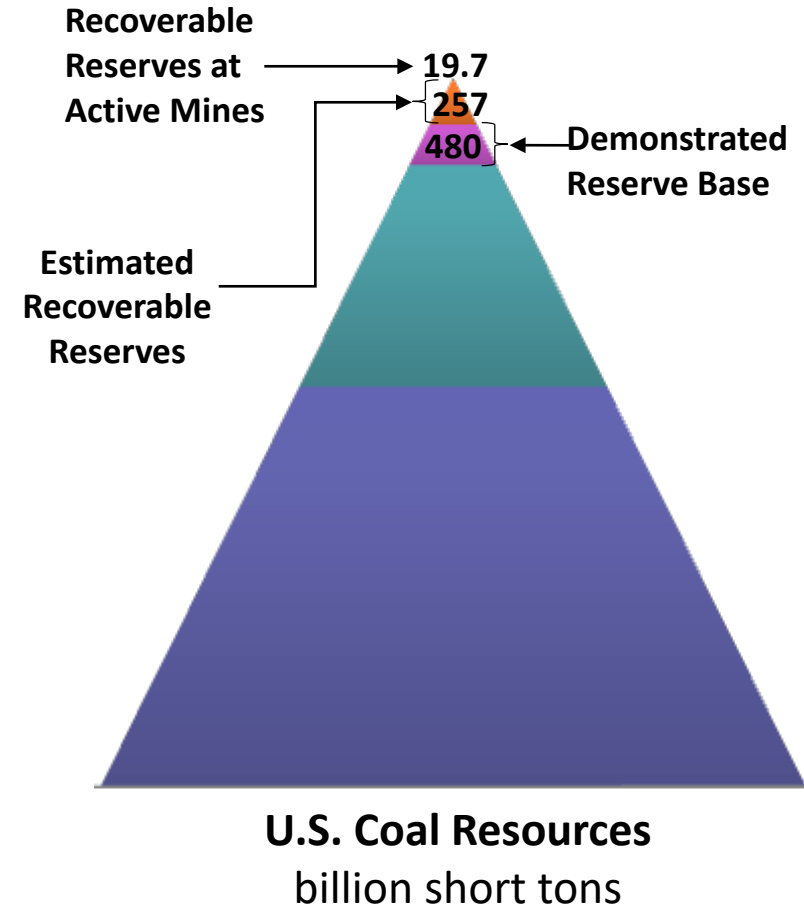
Why the Interest in Coal Gasification?

U.S. Has A Lot of Coal!

Energy Diversity and Security

Gasification can:

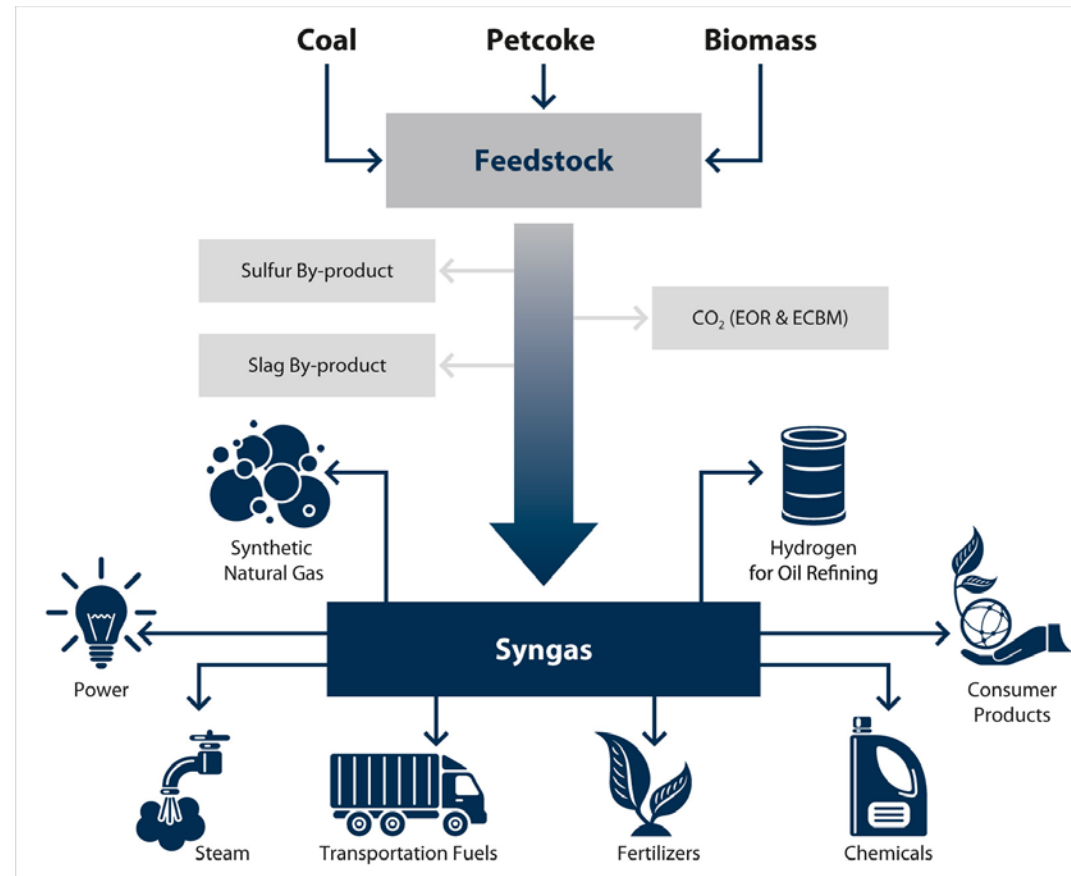
- ✓ Convert coal to power
- ✓ Convert coal to valuable products (chemicals/fuels)
- ✓ Superior environmental performance, including GHG
- ✓ Feasible for carbon capture



Benefits and Products of Gasification

Gasification can be

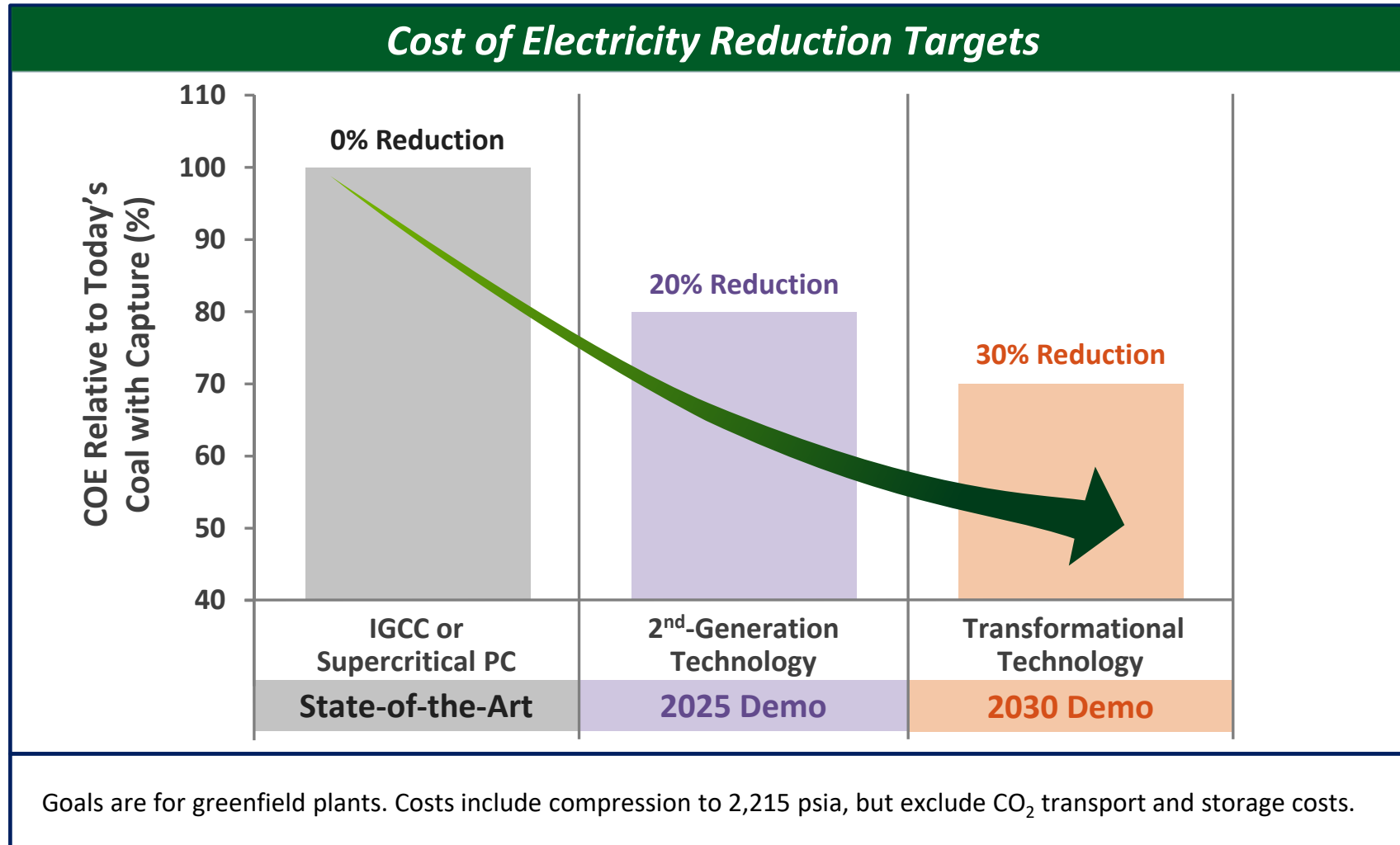
- Used to make: hydrogen, fertilizer, chemicals (methanol, plastics, etc.) and transportation fuels
- Lowest cost option to make power with almost total carbon dioxide (CO₂) capture and storage



Gasification can play in the global market, including developing countries

Fossil Energy – Coal Research Program Goals

Driving Down the Cost of Electricity of Coal Power with CCS



Economic Challenges & Opportunities

Gasification Systems

Challenges

- Low natural gas prices
- Lack of stringent Greenhouse Gas (GHG) control legislation: Gasification based power is expected to compete well in a high-carbon capture future

Opportunities

- High value products from coal via syngas production/conversion
- Economic stability through diversified power sources
- Set stage for significant GHG control across globe through reduced cost of electricity with CCS

Gasification Systems Program

Key Technologies



Feed Systems

- Oxygen separation
- Expand fuel flexibility
- Increase efficiency and reliability, and improve economics

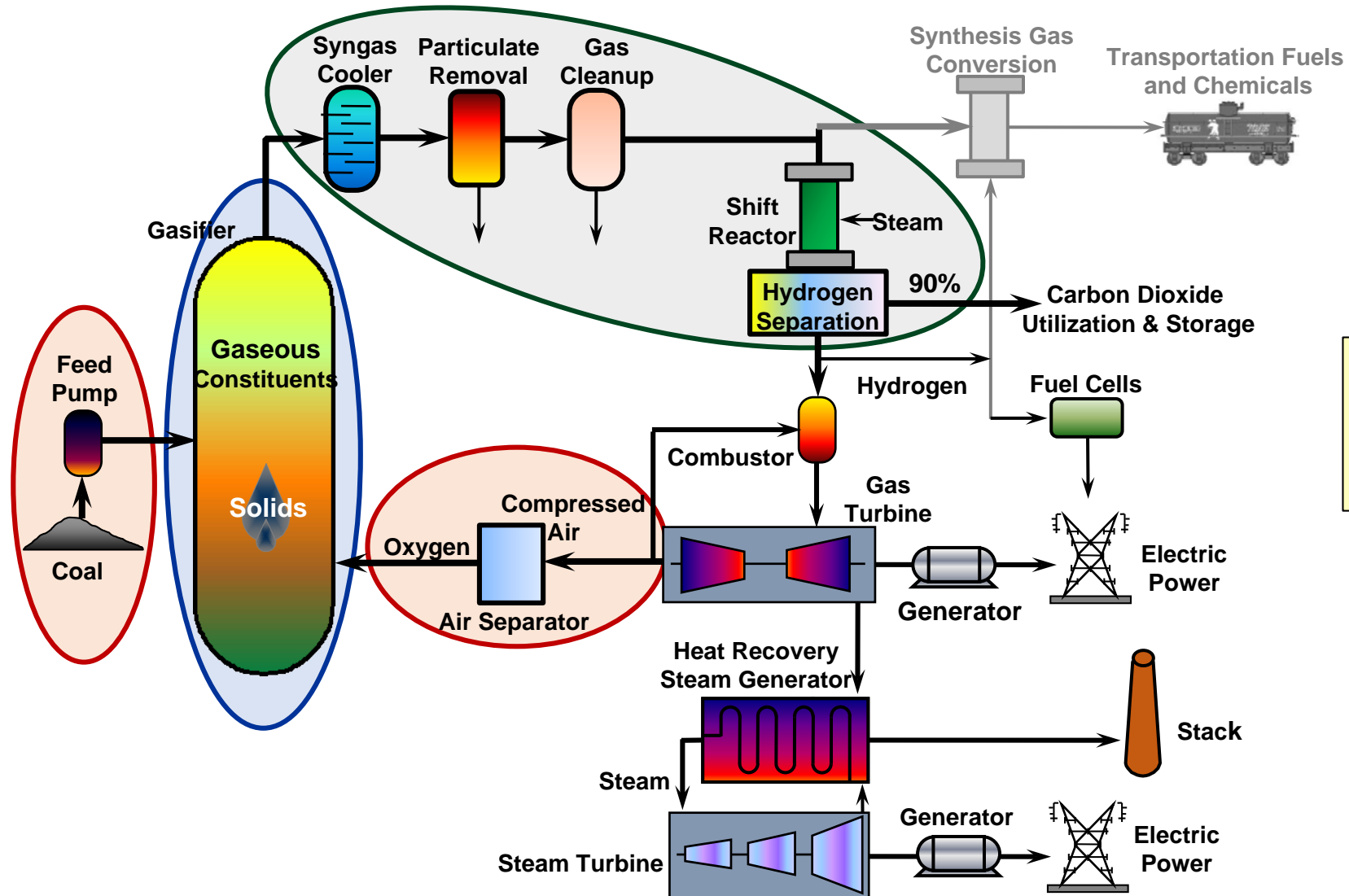
Gasifier Optimization and Plant Supporting Systems

- Improve reliability
- Increase efficiency and reliability, and improve economics

Syngas Supporting Systems

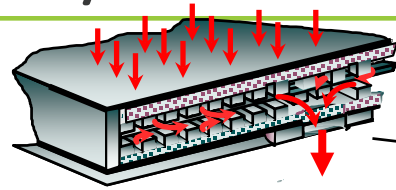
- Hydrogen and carbon dioxide separation
- Control multi-contaminants to extremely low levels
- Increase efficiency and reliability, and improve economics

Gasification Systems Program



Feed Systems
Gasifier Optimization
Syngas Processing

Gasification Systems Program Projects



Oxygen

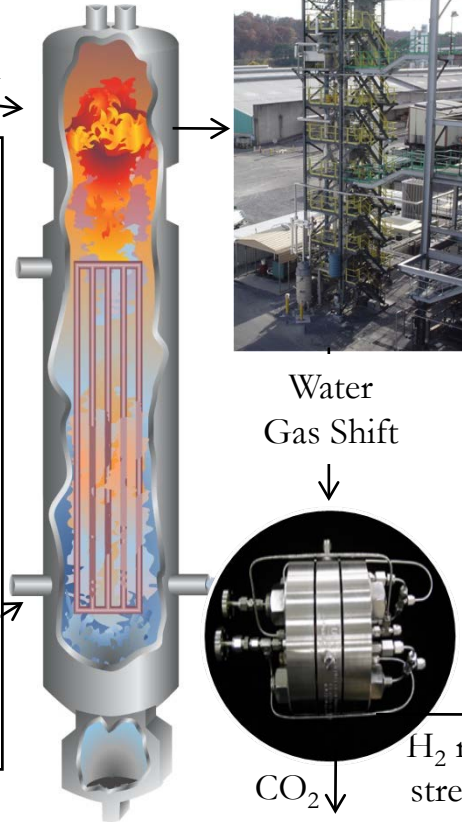
FEED SYSTEMS

Bench Scale

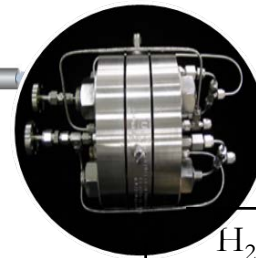
- GTI O₂ Production via Contactor
- Praxair Hollow Fiber Air Separation
- HiFunda ION-Electron Membrane
- TDA Air Separation Systems
- RTI O₂ Modular Systems
- Thermosolv O₂ Modular Systems
- USC O₂ Separation Fiber Membranes
- APCI Advanced Cryogenic Air Separation

Pilot Scale

- GTI Dry Coal Feed Pump
- Praxair Oxygen Transport Membrane



Water
Gas Shift



CO₂ ↓
H₂ rich stream →

SYNGAS PROCESSING SYSTEMS

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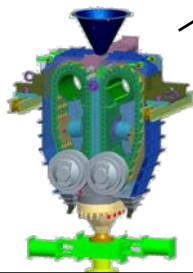
- UK Chemical Looping
- UW Catalytic Gasification
- VPI Catalytic Gasification
- TDA Small Particle Kinetic Benefits

Pilot Scale

- RTI Warm Gas Cleanup
- Alstom Chemical Looping
- OSU Chemical Looping (x2)
- TDA Integrated CO₂ Removal & WGS (x2)

GASIFIER OPTIMIZATION AND PLANT SUPPORTING SYSTEMS

Bench-scale



- RIC Microbial Enhanced Coalbed Systems
- RIC Process and Reaction Intensification
- RIC Virtual Reactor Design, Validation, and Optimization
- RIC Modular Studies

- Montana St Opt. of Microbial Activity (x2)
- Univ. of Utah Ceramic Proppant
- SIU Optimized Microbial
- PSU MECBM

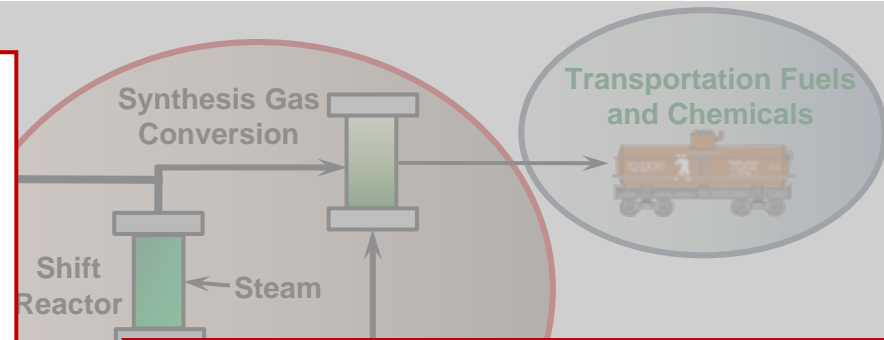
- **Enable cost-competitive U.S. production of ultra-clean liquid transportation fuels (gasoline, diesel/jet fuel)**
 - At or below lifecycle greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from conventional petroleum
- **Either drop-in fuels or refinery feedstock**
- **Combine fossil technologies with renewable or other low carbon footprint technologies to reduce overall GHG emissions impact**
- **Novel hydrogen production technologies**

***TECHNOLOGIES EXIST TO DO THIS NOW – except for cost
NEED TO DEVELOP LOWER COST AND MORE EFFICIENT TECHNOLOGIES***

Coal and Coal-Biomass to Liquids Technical Challenges and Opportunities

Challenges

- Coal-biomass mixed feedstock chemical kinetics/reactive properties
- Processing/feeding coal-biomass mixtures into the gasifier across a pressure gradient
- Product characterization from gasifying coal-biomass mixtures
- High capital costs
- Environmental concerns
- Lower cost H₂ donor systems/production systems
- Low value product production through Fischer-Tropsch (FT) process
- Heat management/catalyst life issues
- Biomass contaminant impact on FT and Water Gas Shift processes



Opportunities

- Production of high value products (gasoline, jet fuel, chemicals) from coal comparable to similar products from petroleum
- Economic stability through diversified transportation fuel sources
- Technology exports to countries with low domestic oil supplies, leading to more stable global oil prices

Coal and Coal-Biomass to Liquids Program

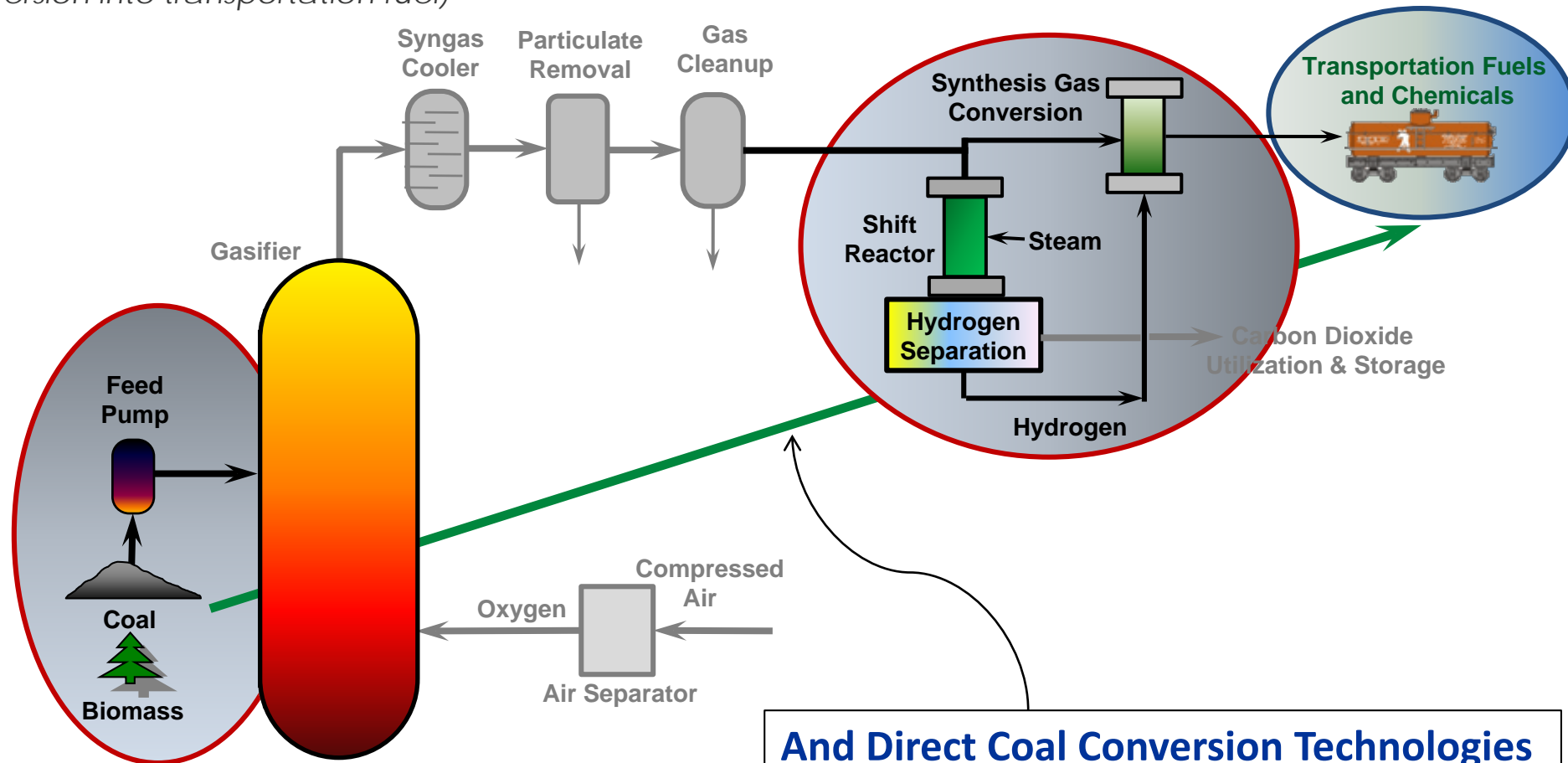


Key Technologies

- **Coal-Biomass Feed and Gasification** – Use of biomass mixed with coal to reduce the greenhouse gas (GHG) impact of traditional coal to liquids (CTL) approaches, technologies of interest include:
 - Coal-biomass feed systems
 - Optimization of coal-biomass gasification, and use of resultant syngas
- **Advanced Fuels Synthesis** – Catalyst and reactor optimization for producing liquid hydrocarbon fuels from syngas resulting from gasification of coal-biomass mixtures, technologies of interest include:
 - Advanced syngas processing through intensification/co-production/co-feeding in a Fischer-Tropsch plant to produce (primarily) diesel fuel
 - Improvements to direct coal liquefaction (DCL) processes
 - Hybrid systems using a combination of DCL and syngas-based liquid fuel production (may also include co-production/co-feeding systems)
 - GHG emission reduction technologies other than carbon capture and storage or biomass co-feed

Coal and Coal-Biomass to Liquids Program

Gasification-Based Technologies: Coal-Biomass Feed and Gasification, and Advanced Fuels Synthesis (syngas conversion into transportation fuel)

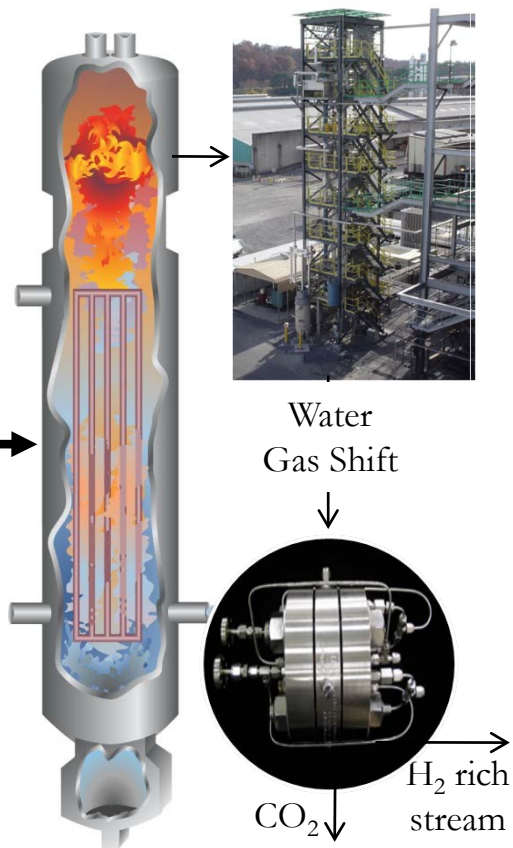


KEY: Gray shaded areas are not applicable to C&CBTL Program

And Direct Coal Conversion Technologies (which don't use gasification at all)

COAL-BIOMASS FEED AND GASIFICATION

- Princeton Synthetic Jet Fuel Production from Lignite/Biomass w/ CO₂ Capture
- Battelle Direct CTL Jet Fuel from Biomass Derived Solvents



ADVANCED FUELS SYNTHESIS

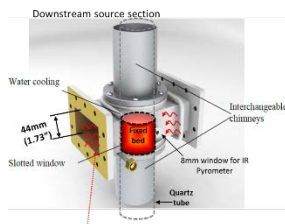
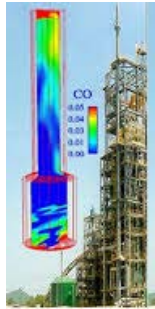
Bench Scale

- RTI Hybrid CTL Process
- Altex GHG-reduced CBTL Jet Fuel Process
- Cerametec GHG Reduction and Cost-Competitive Mil-Spec Jet Fuel from CTL
- H-Quest Wave Liquefaction Mechanisms for Coal/Biomass Jet Fuel Production
- SRI Indirect Liquefaction of Coal-Biomass for Jet Fuel Production
- TDA Poison Resistant WGS Catalysts for Biomass/Coal Gasification
- RIC FT Catalyst Development and Testing
- RIC Biomass to Syngas Reactor Application and Validation
- RIC Modular Studies

Pilot Scale

- UK C&CBTL Gasification and Syngas Conversion via FT

Modular Systems : NETL-RIC Research Areas



- **Microbial Enhanced Coalbed Systems (MECS)**
 - Coal-to-Methane Characterization and Stimulation
 - Micro-Field Laboratory
- **Process and Reaction Intensification**
 - Microwave Reactions for Gasification
 - Non-Traditional Thermal Reactors
 - Enabling Materials and Manufacturing Technologies
 - Gasification Test Stand
 - Oxygen Carrier Development
 - Fischer-Tropsch Catalyst Development and Testing
 - CHP Reactor Design, Construction, and Testing
 - CTL Reactor Design, Construction, and Testing
- **Virtual Reactor Design, Validation, and Optimization**
 - Simulation-Based Optimization Toolset
 - CFD Application and Validation for Chemical Looping Devices
 - Biomass to Syngas Reactor Application and Validation
- **Defining and Evaluating Modular Performance and Cost Metrics**
 - Gasification Feasibility Study for 1 MWe Coal to Power
 - C&CBTL Feasibility Study for 1MWe Coal to Liquids
 - A 1 MWe Coal to Heat and Power Process with Improved Economics
 - A 1 MWe Coal to Liquids Process with Improved Economics

- **Being held tomorrow 10:15am – 4:00pm**
- **Will consist of two distinct sessions**
 - Morning session will be a panel discussion on the past, present, and future of modular energy systems
 - Afternoon session consist of several breakout session covering modular energy system topics including
 - Regional/location-based niche opportunities - Markets and products
 - Component level R&D needs
 - Roadmap development
- **Please plan to join us for this timely workshop**

Questions?

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