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# Gasification & Water Nexus

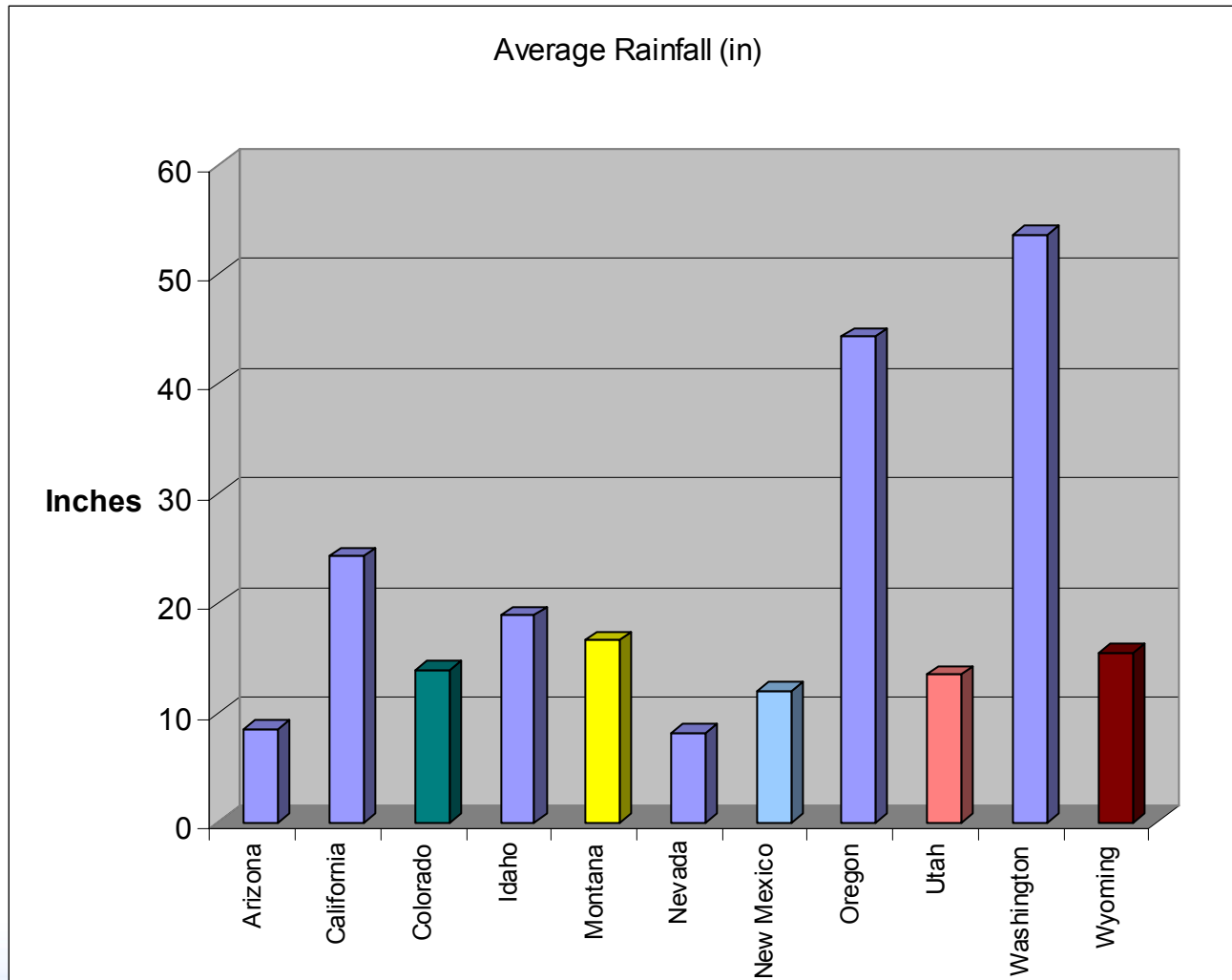
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*Workshop on Gasification Technologies  
Denver, Colorado*

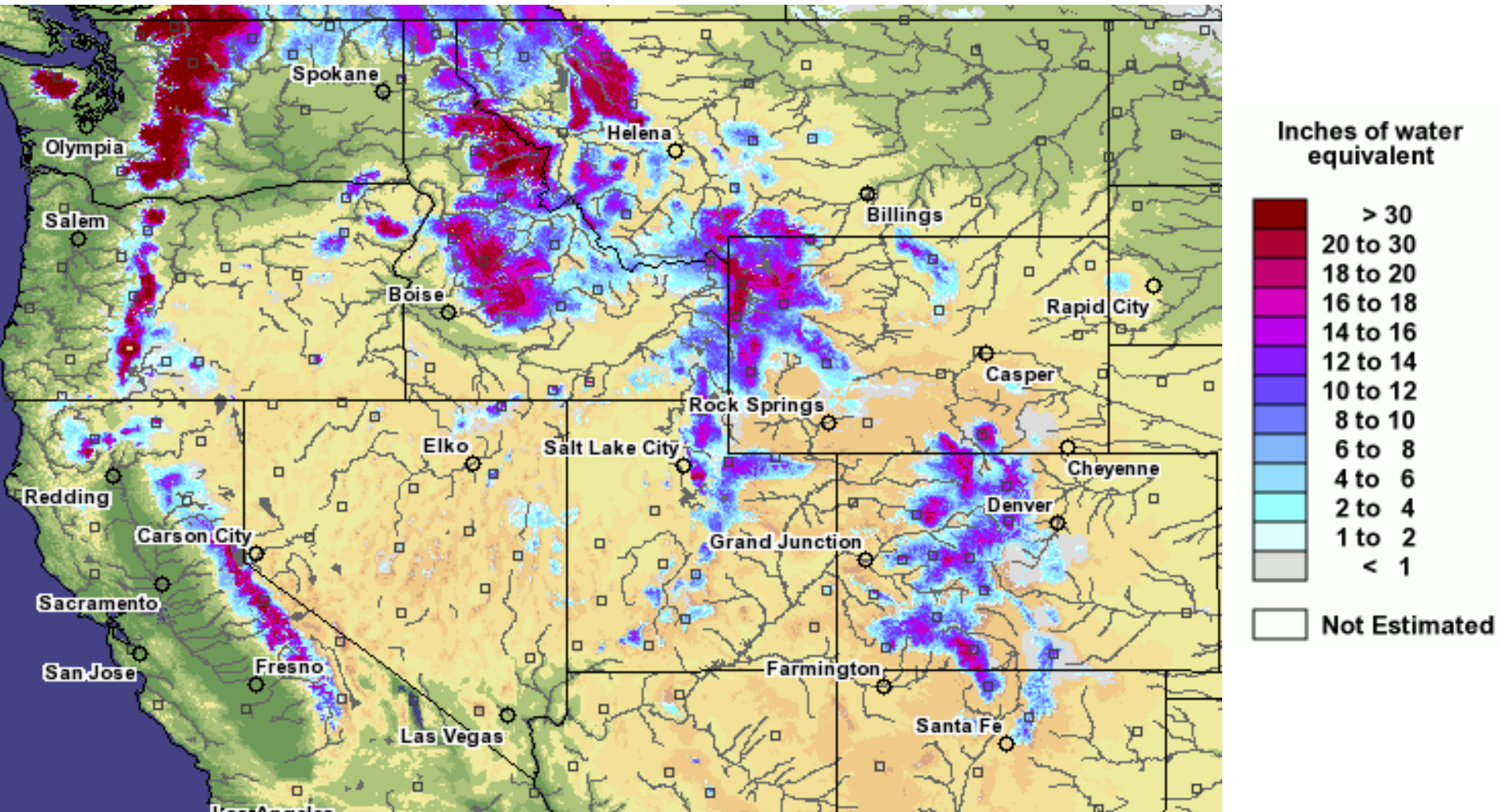
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# Western States Average Rainfall

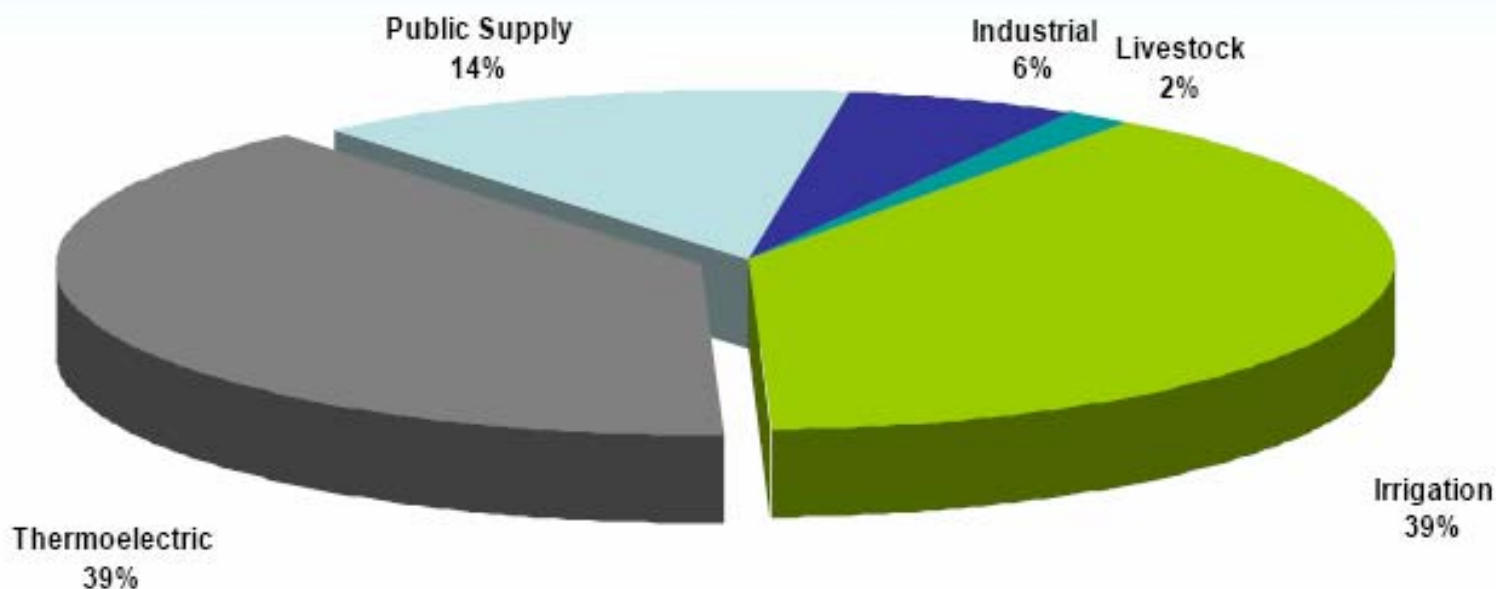


# Snow Depth, March 7, 2007



# As Much Freshwater Is Used For Producing Electricity As For Irrigation

Estimated Freshwater Withdrawals by Sector, 2000



Source: USGS Circular 1268, March, 2004



Source: NOAA

# Pending Western Gasification Projects

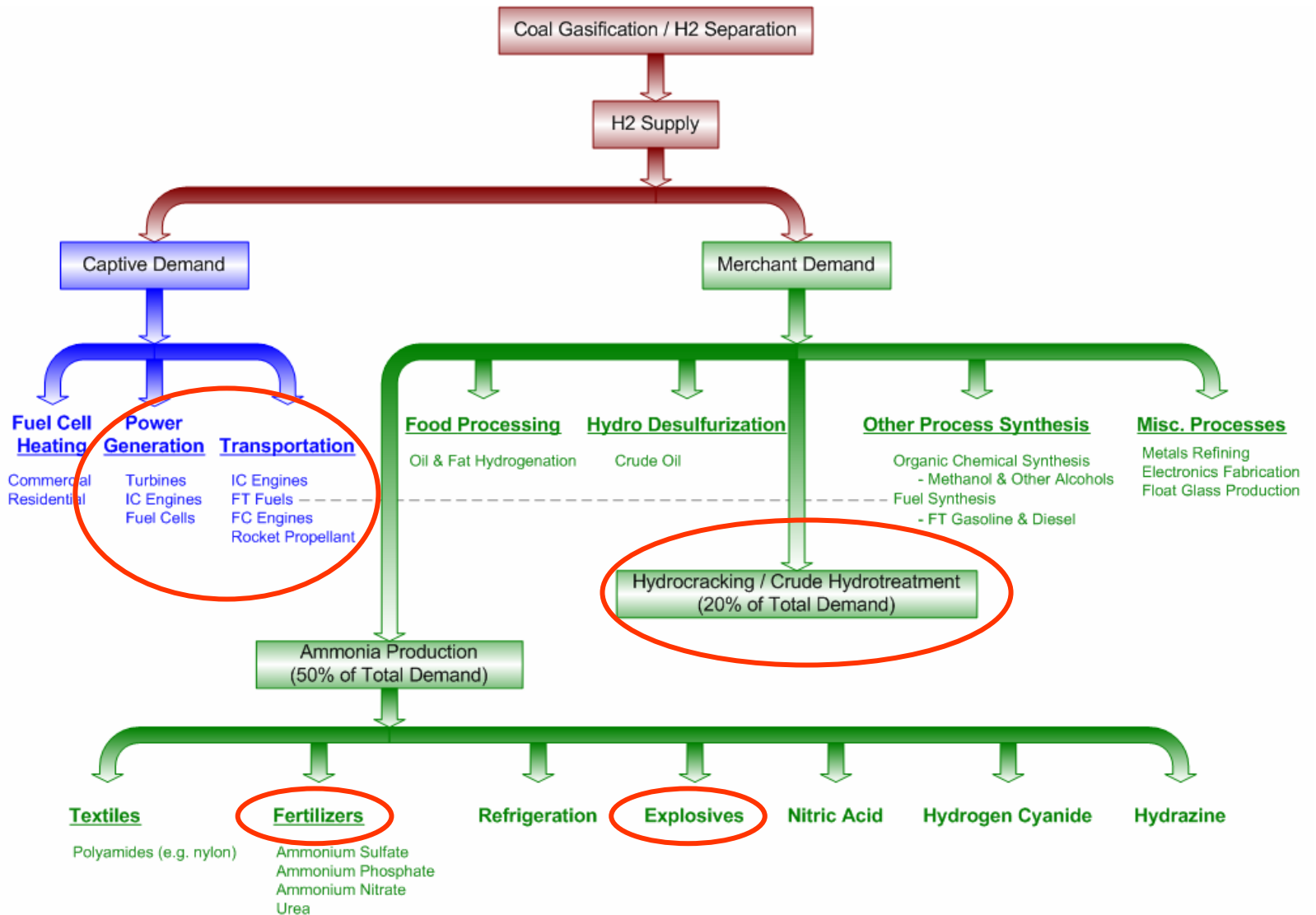
- **Principally coal, some biomass**
- **PC power plants**
- **IGCC electrical power generation and PolyGen**
- **Hydrogen**
- **Ammonia or Urea**
- **Synthetic Fuels**
  - **FT diesel**
  - **Synthetic Natural Gas**
  - **Ethanol**

# Gasification

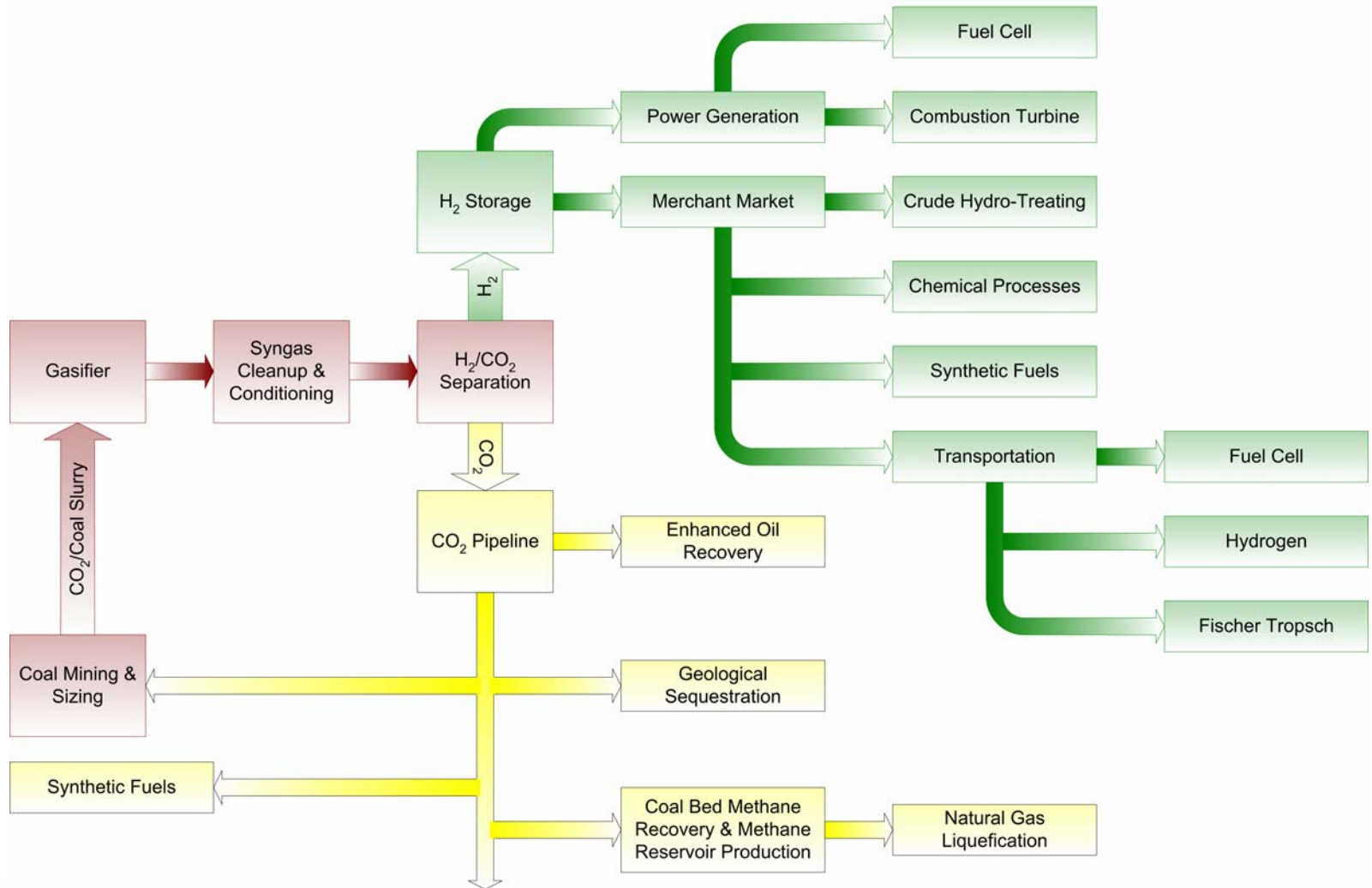
CO<sub>2</sub> shift and  
impurities removal



Absorption column  
Cryogenics  
Pressure-swing  
adsorption  
Membranes



# Carbon Utilization



**CO<sub>2</sub> is a working and reactive fluid**

# IGCC Electrical Power Generation

- California rule, “as good as NGCC”
- Requires about 60% carbon capture

<b>Water-Gas Shift Reaction in Gasifier</b>	<b>High Temperature Shift Reactor</b>	<b>Low Temperature Shift Reactor</b>
<b>25% Capture</b>	<b>70-80% Capture</b>	<b>90-95% Capture</b>

- Inherent shift in gasifier, enhanced in slurry-fed gasifier
- High temperature shift, sulfur-tolerant, upstream of sulfur removal
- Low temperature shift, downstream of gas cleanup, impurities sensitive

# Western Fuels Properties Differ Markedly\*

	<i>Visbreaker Crude</i>	<i>Petro. Coke</i>	<i>Pitt. #8 Bitum.</i>	<i>Illinois #6 Bitum.</i>	<i>Utah Bitum.</i>	<i>Wyoming Sub-Bit.</i>	<i>ND Lignite</i>
<b>Moisture wt%</b>	-	<b>1.1</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>33.5</b>
<b>C, wt%</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>90.8</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>48.2</b>	<b>39.6</b>
<b>H, wt%</b>	<b>10.8</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>S wt%</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2.13</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>0.49</b>	<b>0.37</b>	<b>0.5</b>
<b>N wt%</b>	<b>0.3</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>0.70</b>	<b>0.7</b>
<b>O, wt%</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>9.7</b>
<b>Ash, wt%</b>	<b>0.15</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>15.9</b>
<b>HHV – AR (BTU/lb)</b>	<b>13,500</b>	<b>12,150</b>	<b>13,260</b>	<b>10,982</b>	<b>12,700</b>	<b>8,340</b>	<b>6,010</b>
<b>H:C Ratio</b>	<b>1.52</b>	<b>0.42</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.97</b>	<b>0.82</b>	<b>0.79</b>

\* Data Sources:  
Argonne Premium Coal Samples Bank, U.S. Bureau of Mines

# Hydrogen Makeup with Water

Product	Hydrogen	FT Fuels	SNG	Urea
<b>H:C ratio required</b>	<b>2</b> char gasification and shift reaction	<b>4</b> (C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>16</sub> ) plus produced water	<b>4</b> (CH <sub>4</sub> )	<b>4</b> (NH <sub>2</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> CO

## Reforming and CO shift



## Gasification of char



## COS Hydrolysis reactor



## Synthetic Fuel



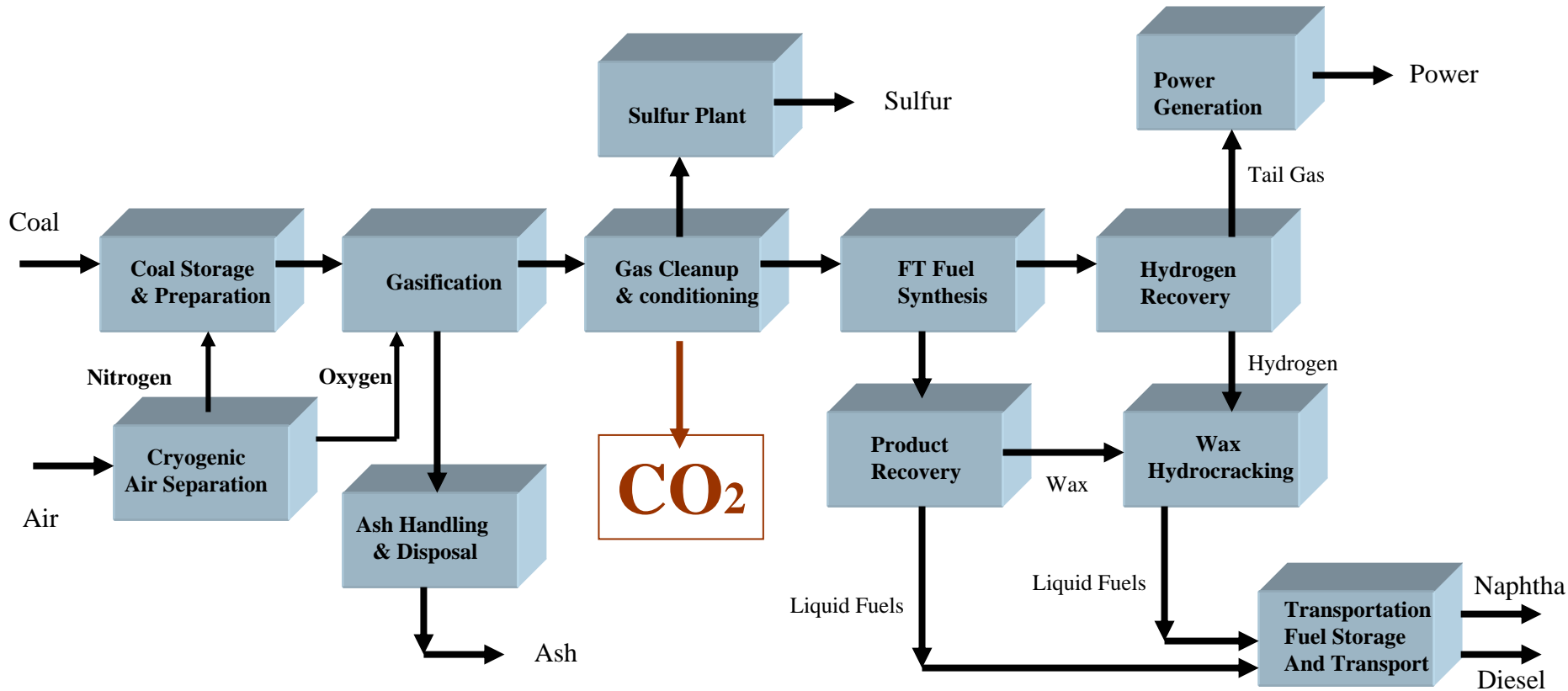
## Ammonia and Urea



## Ethanol



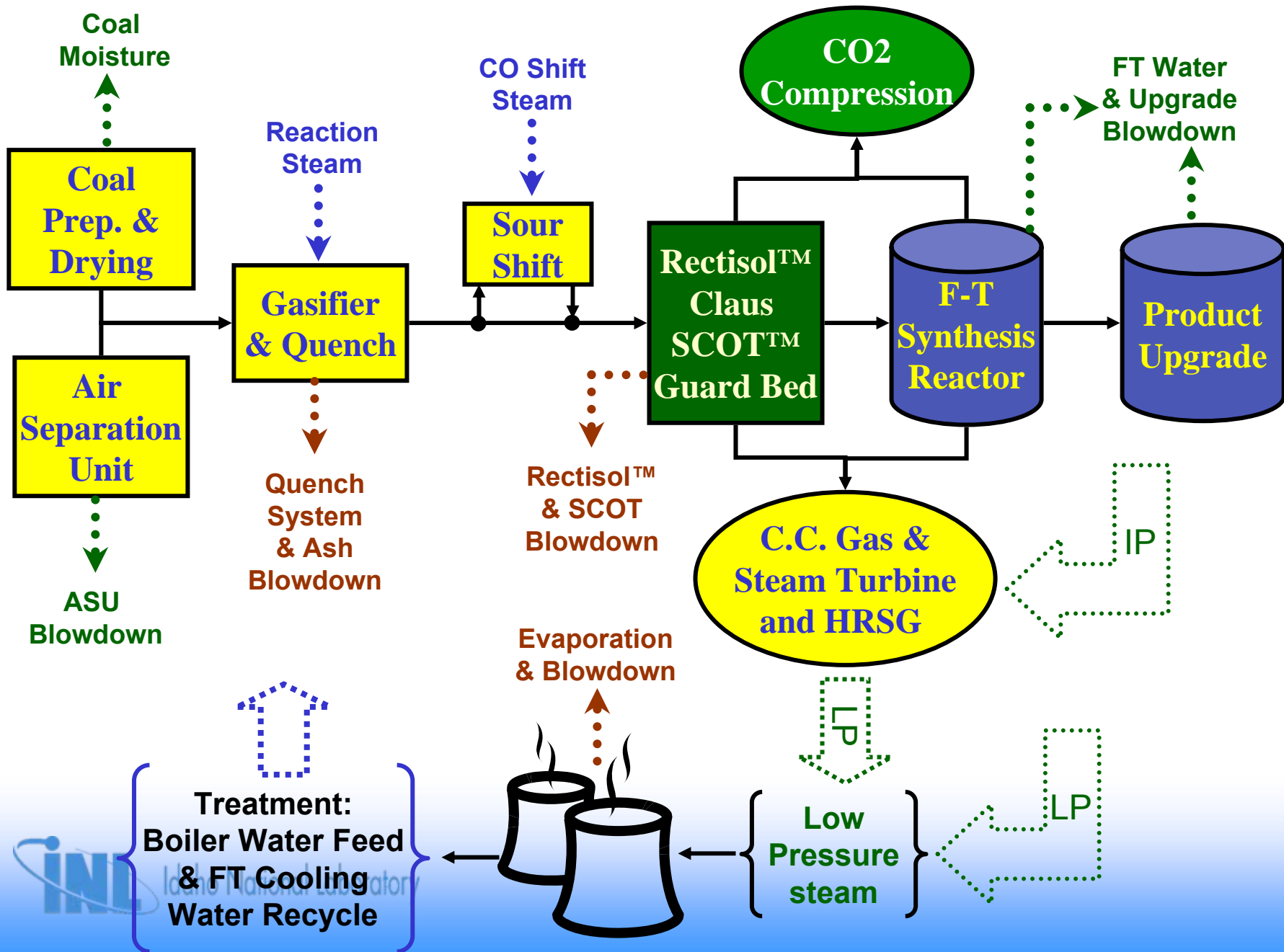
# Liquid Synthetic Fuels Process



50% of carbon is captured and is sequestration ready

# F-T Plant Water Balance

- **10,000 bpd total liquids (naphtha and diesel)**
- **Low moisture bituminous; Col., Utah, N.M.**
- **High moisture sub-bituminous, Wyo., or Mont.**
- **Dry-feed gasifier**
- **Conventional cooling tower for LP steam condensation**
- **CO<sub>2</sub> compression for 80% carbon utilization approach**
  - **50% sequestered**
  - **30% in FT fuel**



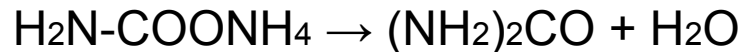
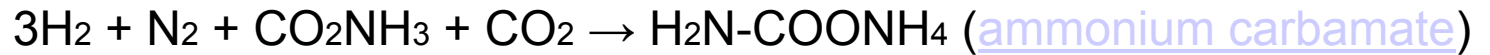
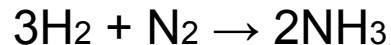
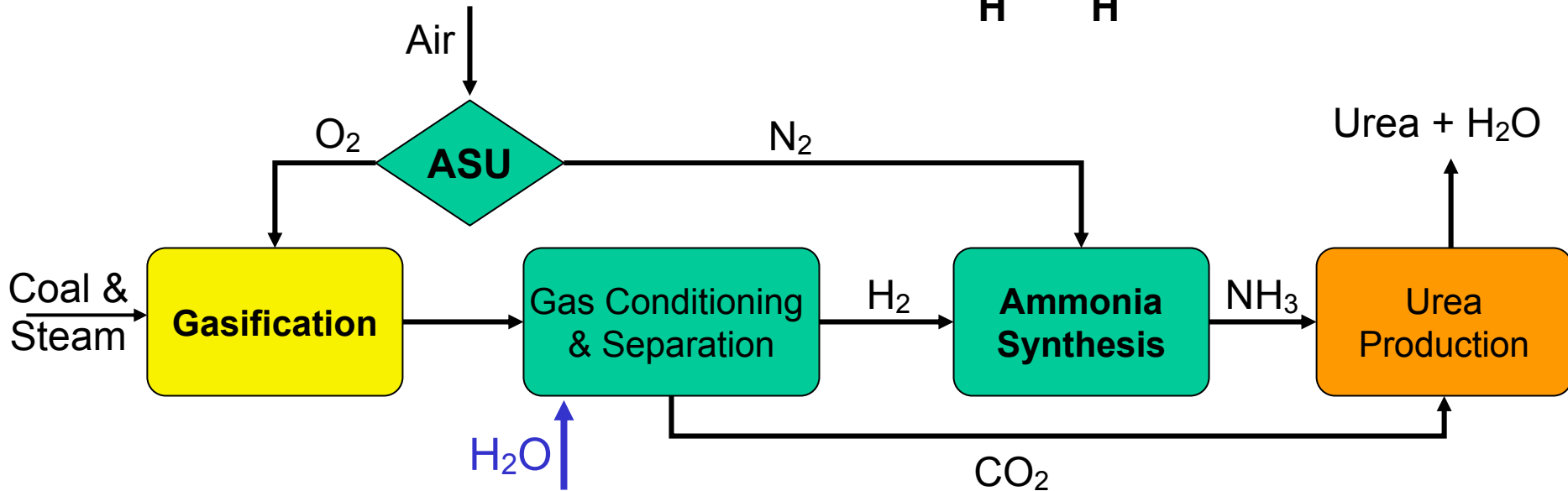
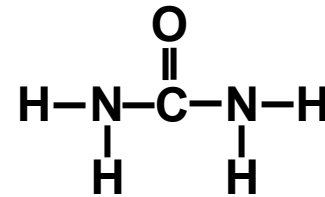
# Assumptions

- **Quench System and Ash Water Blowdown are disposed**
- **Rectisol™ and SCOT Blowdown are disposed**
- **Coal Moisture, ASU Blowdown, FT Product Water, and Product Upgrade Blowdown are treated and used for Gasification and CO Shift**
- **BFW is treated to reduce Cooling Tower Blowdown**
- **Heat integration between gasification, FT, and product upgrade**

# Water Balance Summary

Stream(s)	Bituminous	Sub-Bituminous
Wet Coal Feed Rate (tpd)	4870	6276
Dry Coal Feed Rate (tpd)	4672	4582
Coal Moisture (MM gpd)	0.049	0.42
Gasifier and CO Shift Steam Duty (MM gpd)	1.31	1.32
Quench System and Ash Blowdown (MM gpd)	0.52	0.67
Rectisol, SCOT Blowdown (MM gpd)	0.03	0.01
ASU, FT and Upgrade Output (MM gpd)	0.52	0.51
CO Shift Reactor Makeup (MM gpd)	0.79	0.38
Cooling Tower Makeup (MM gpd)	5.28	4.68
Net Water Requirements (MM gpd)	6.07	5.06
Waste Water Discharge (MM gpd)	0.56	0.68
Barrels Water Consumed/Barrel FT Liquid	14.5	12.0

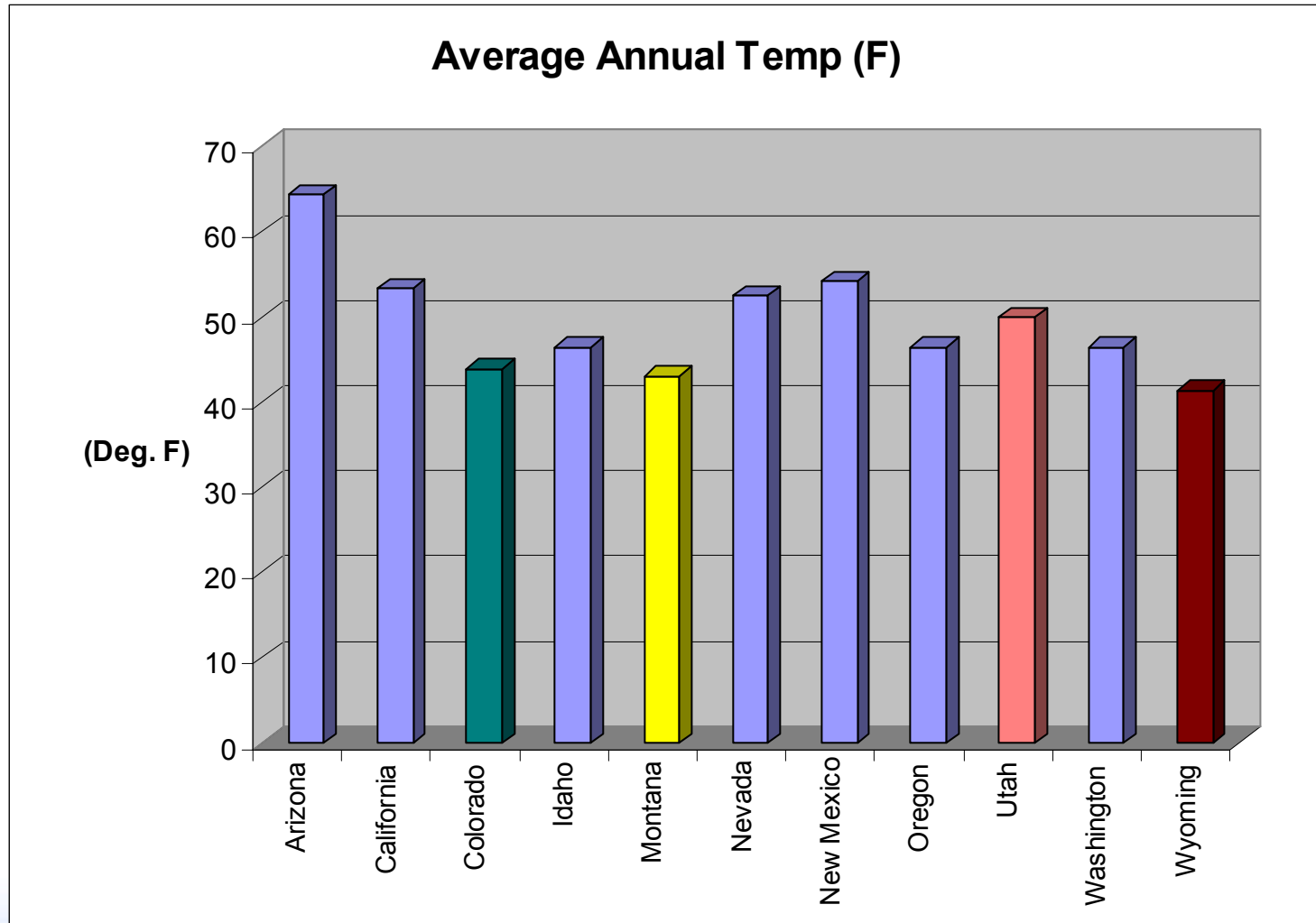
# Urea Production



# Water Conservation Alternatives

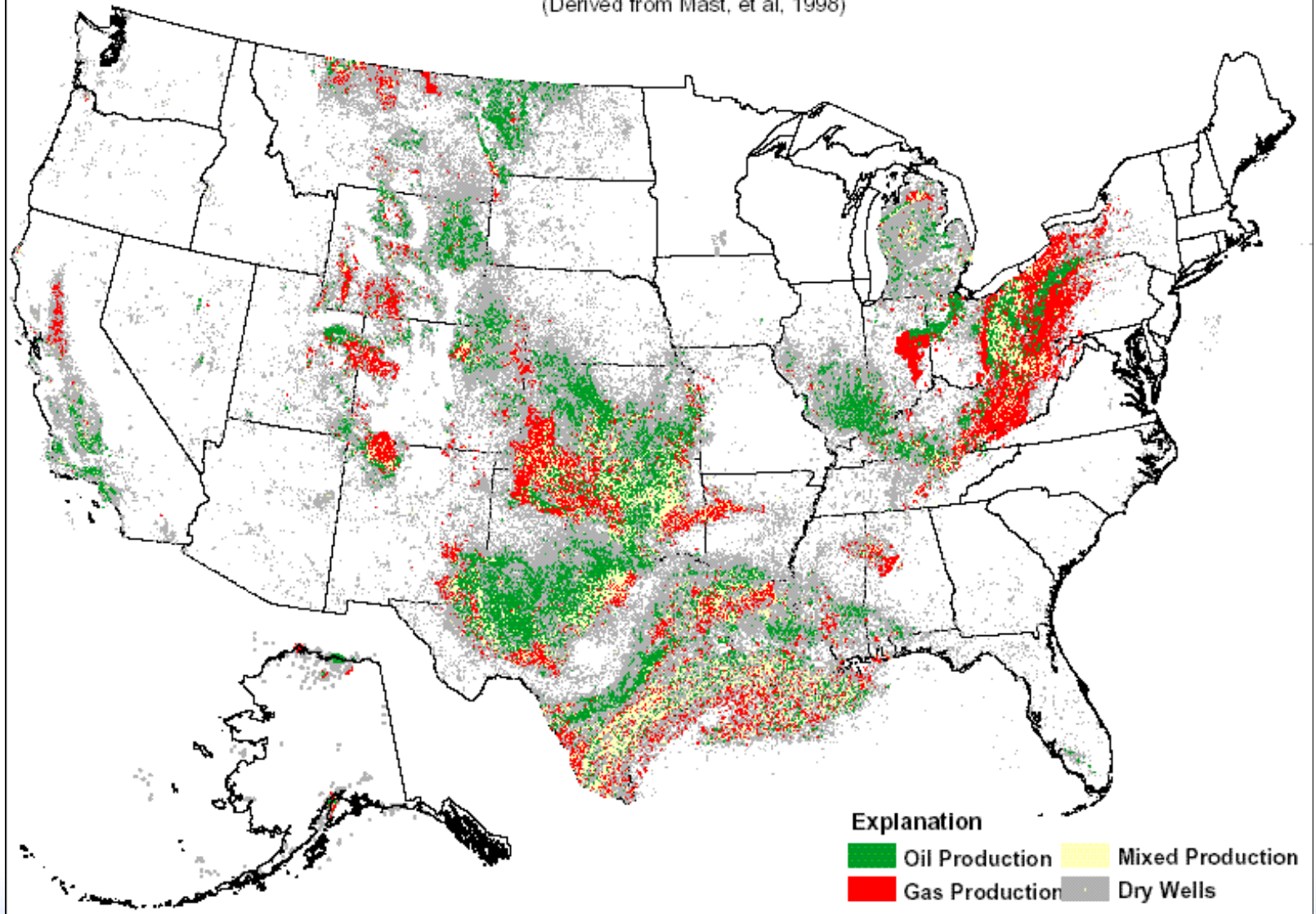
- **Steam-to-air heat gas coolers, cooling towers**
- **Replace cooling tower with closed-loop, cascading refrigeration / heat recovery / power generation**
  - **Large heat exchangers**
  - **Ammonia, propane, refrigerant systems proposed**
- **Condensing steam turbines**
- **Reclaim and treat coal-bed methane and oil well produced water**

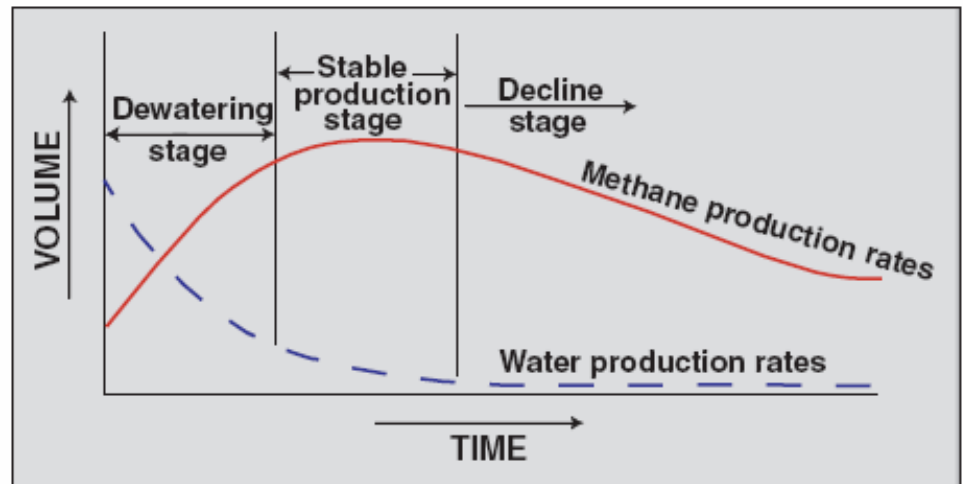
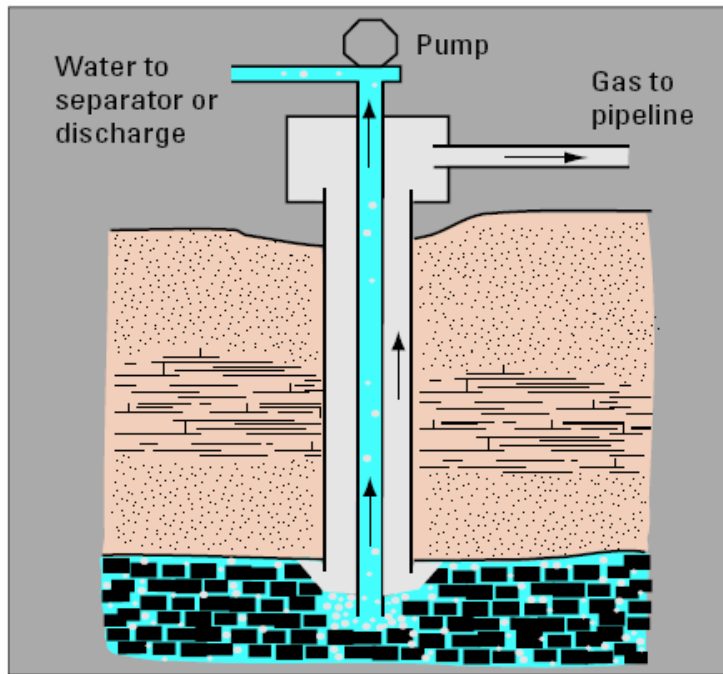
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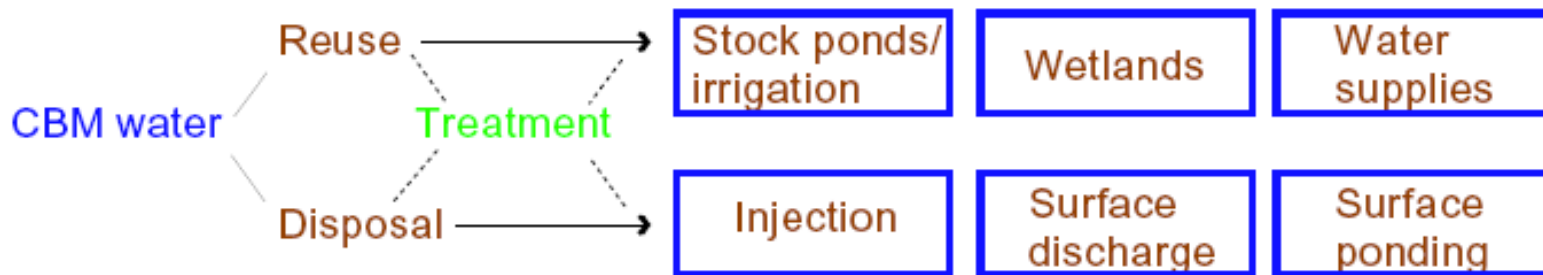
# Oil and Natural Gas Production in the United States

(Derived from Mast, et al, 1998)





**Figure 2.** Typical production curves for a coal-bed methane well showing relative volumes of methane and water through time. Modified from Kuuskraa and Brandenburg (1989).



# Wyoming Coal Bed Natural Gas\*

- **23,750 CBM wells drilled by end of 2006**
- **2006 CBM from PRB**
  - **950 million cubic feet natural gas per day**
  - **1.5 million barrels of water per day**
- **1.85 barrels of water per thousand cubic feet gas**
- **WOGCC currently estimates total gas recovery to be 8 trillion cubic feet with 15 billion barrels of water**
- **Equivalent demand for 100,000 barrels/day FT fuels for 34 years**
- **Water quality varies significantly across coal seams**