

# Coal Gasification & Co-production of Chemicals & Fuels

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# Outline

- **Introduction to CTL Technology**
- **Present System Study Work**
  - 10,000 bbl/day feasibility study
  - 50,000 bbl/day baseline study
  - Incremental Impact of CO<sub>2</sub> Compression (in final draft)
- **Future Systems Work**
  - Coal + Biomass to Liquids
  - F-T reactor systems analysis
  - Upgrading/Refining systems analysis



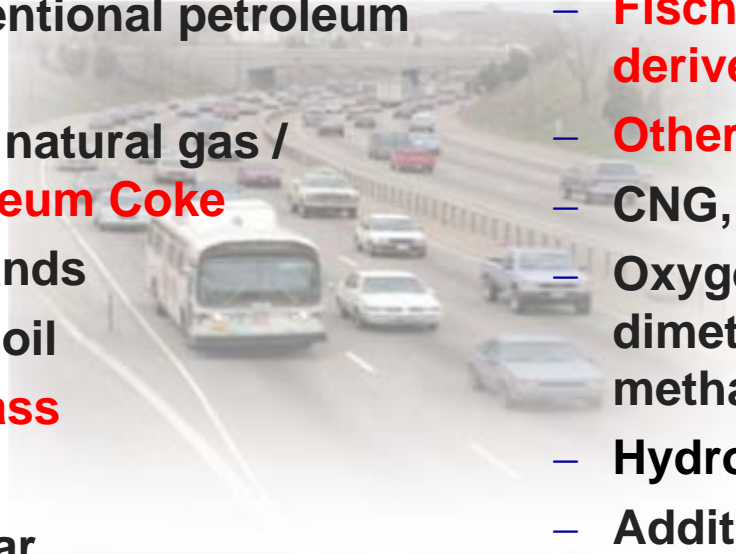
# Diverse Resources and Fuel Options Will be Needed to Meet Future Transportation Needs

- Resources

- Conventional petroleum crude
- Coal / natural gas / Petroleum Coke
- Tar sands
- Shale oil
- Biomass
- Water
- Nuclear
- Other Renewable

- Fuels/Blendstocks

- Petroleum-derived fuels
- Fischer-Tropsch (F-T)-derived fuels
- Other coal-derived
- CNG, LNG
- Oxygenates, e.g. dimethyl ether (DME), methanol, ethanol
- Hydrogen
- Additives, e.g., octane and cetane improvers
- Electricity



# Coal to Liquids Technologies

## Conversion Technologies:

- Direct Liquefaction (Bergius Hydrocracking)
- Indirect (Gasification + Fischer-Tropsch) Liquefaction.

Direct Liquefaction - Dormant in the U.S. but being actively pursued in China. The Shenhua project in Inner Mongolia will bring a full scale single train, 20,000 BPD commercial unit into production in 2008 using Headwaters technology.



Inner Mongolia Coal Liquefaction Plant Schematic, China 2006



# Direct Coal Conversion Projects

- Originally developed in Germany in 1917
- Used to produce aviation fuel in WWII
- US spent \$3.6 billion on DCC from 1975-2000
- Headwaters Technology licensed to China in 2002



Lawrenceville, NJ

3 TPD



Catlettsburg, KY

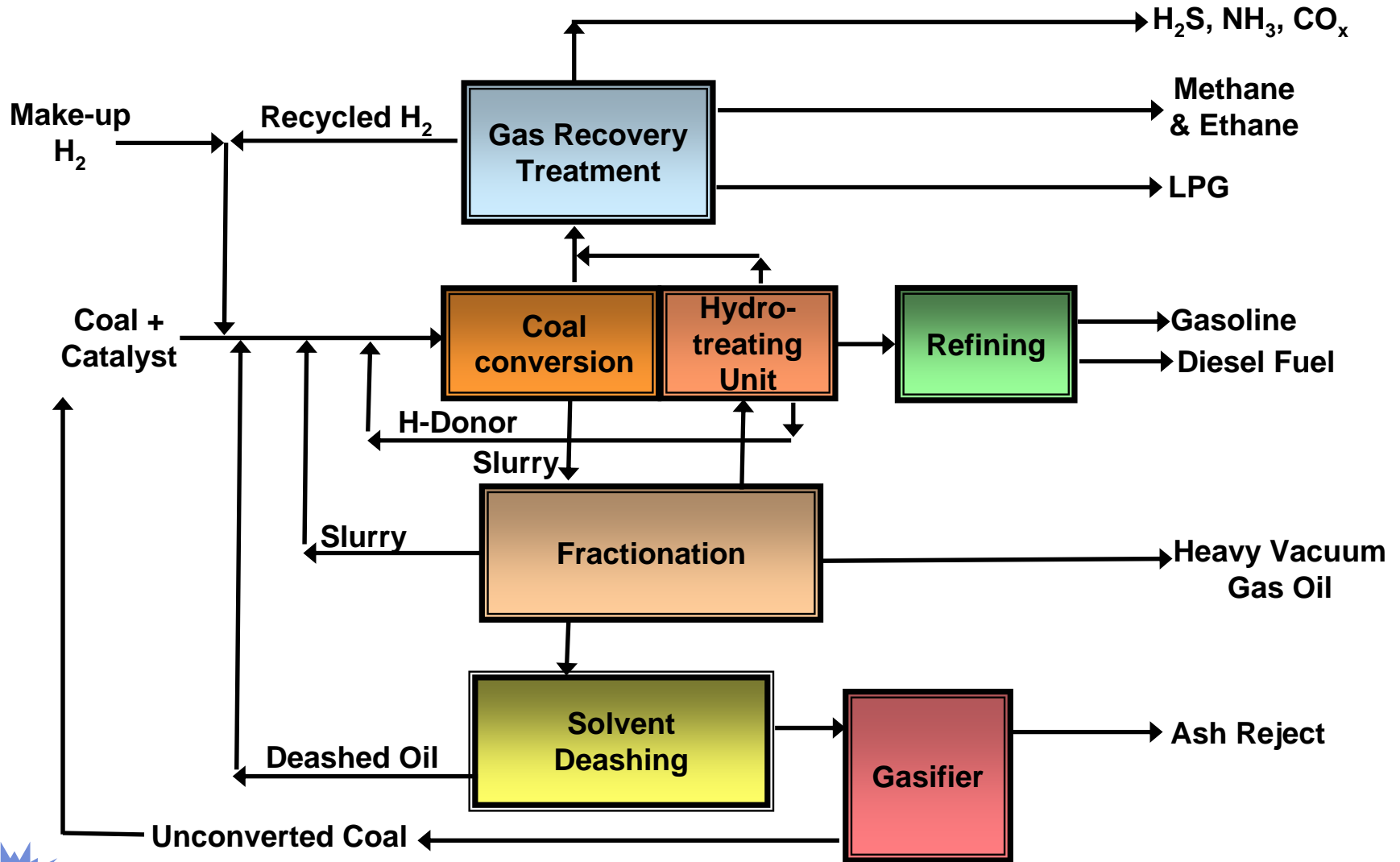
250 – 600 TPD



Inner Mongolia, China

4,200 TPD

# Direct Coal Conversion to Liquid Fuels



# Indirect Coal Conversion

- **Originally developed in Germany in 1923**  
(Franz Fischer and Hans Tropsch)
- **Used to produce diesel fuel during WW-II**
- **Currently used to produce liquid fuels and chemicals in South Africa**

## Example of Prior Large Scale US-based Facilities



**Brownsville, TX**  
**7,000 bpd**  
**GTL Plant**

- Designed by HRI (Headwaters predecessor)
- First commercial use of High Temp. FT
- Operated 1950-55
- Shut down when oil price dropped due to Middle East oil discoveries.

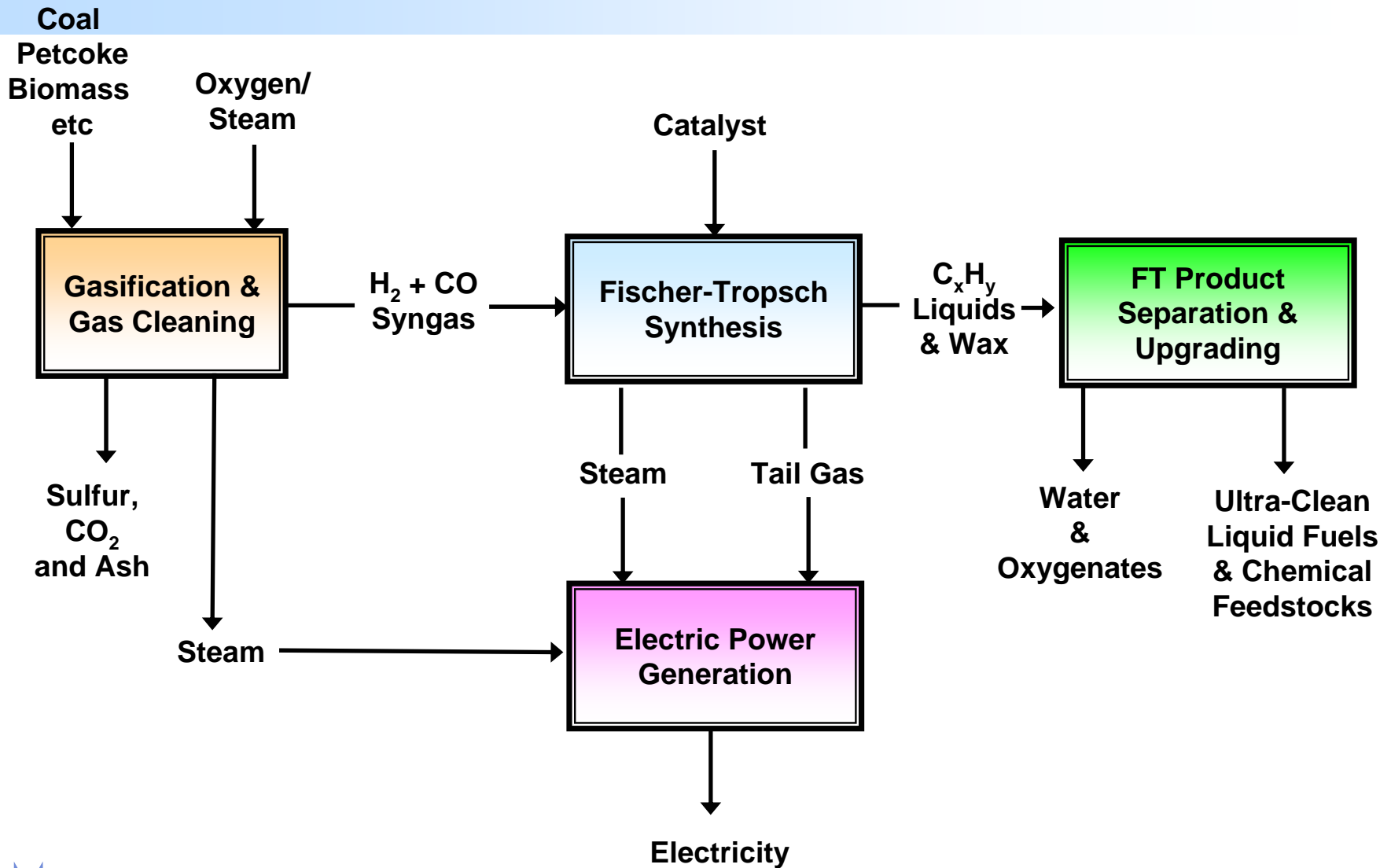
## World Large Scale Facilities



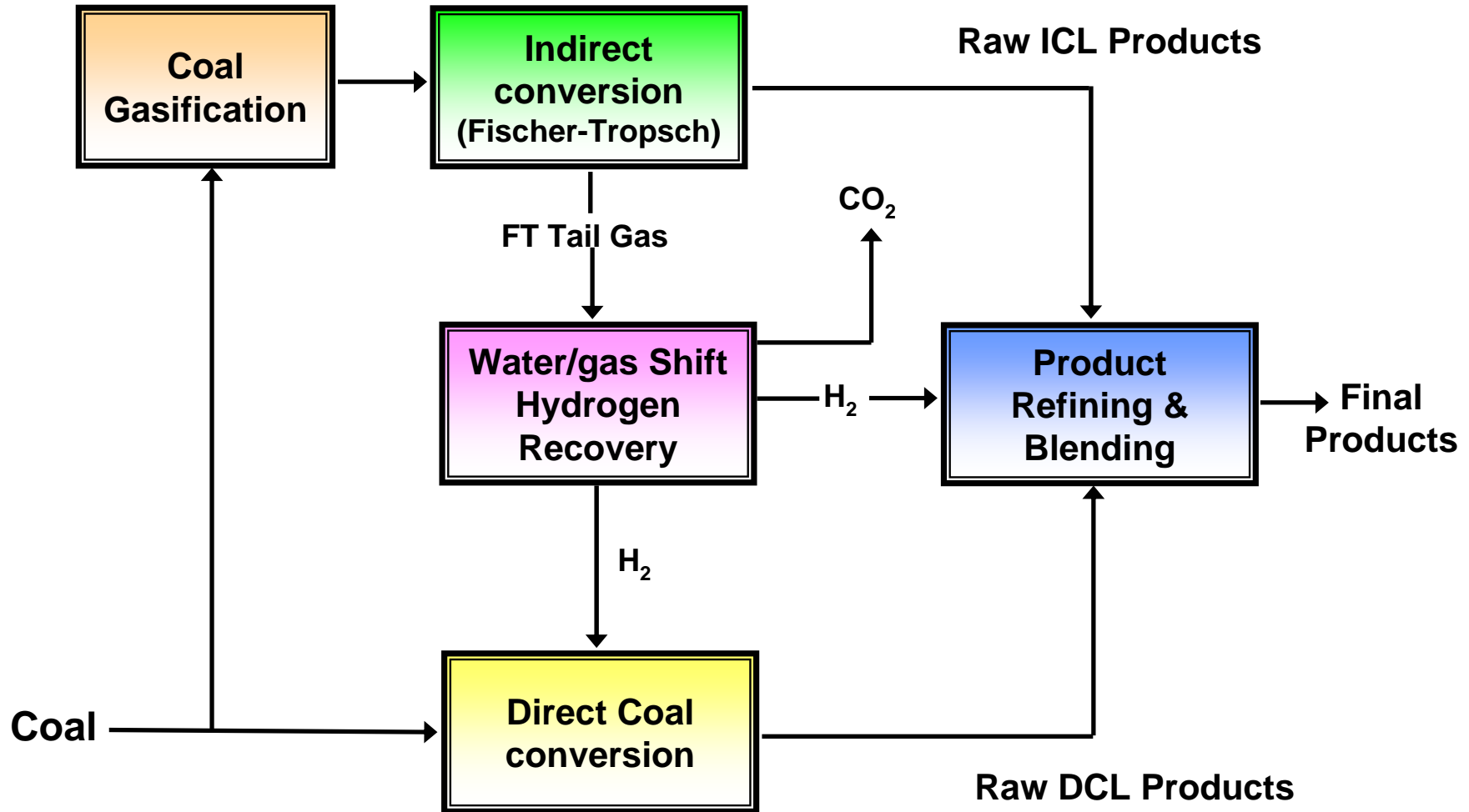
**Secunda, South Africa**  
**150,000 bpd**



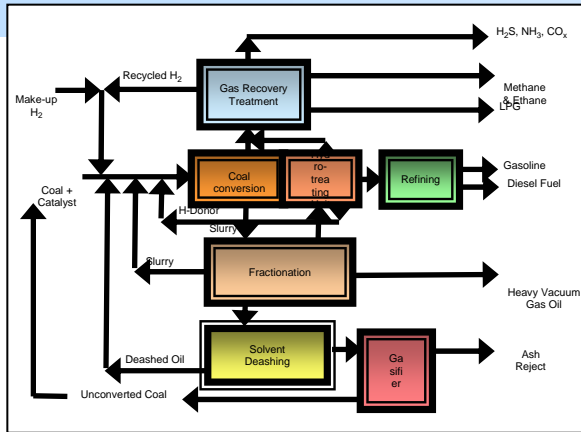
# Indirect Coal Conversion



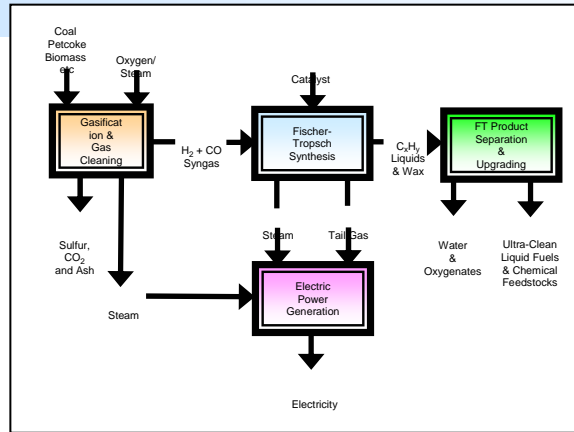
# Hybrid Coal Conversion Concept



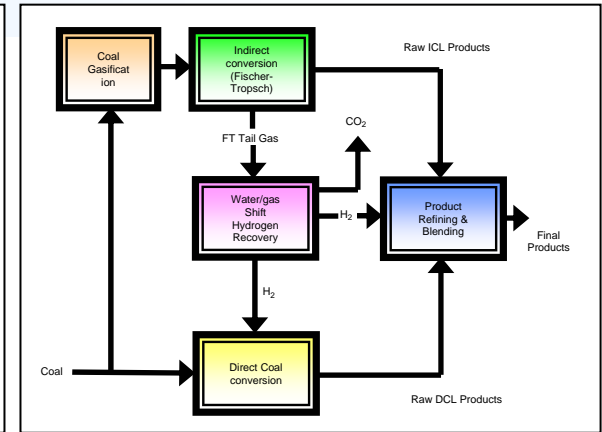
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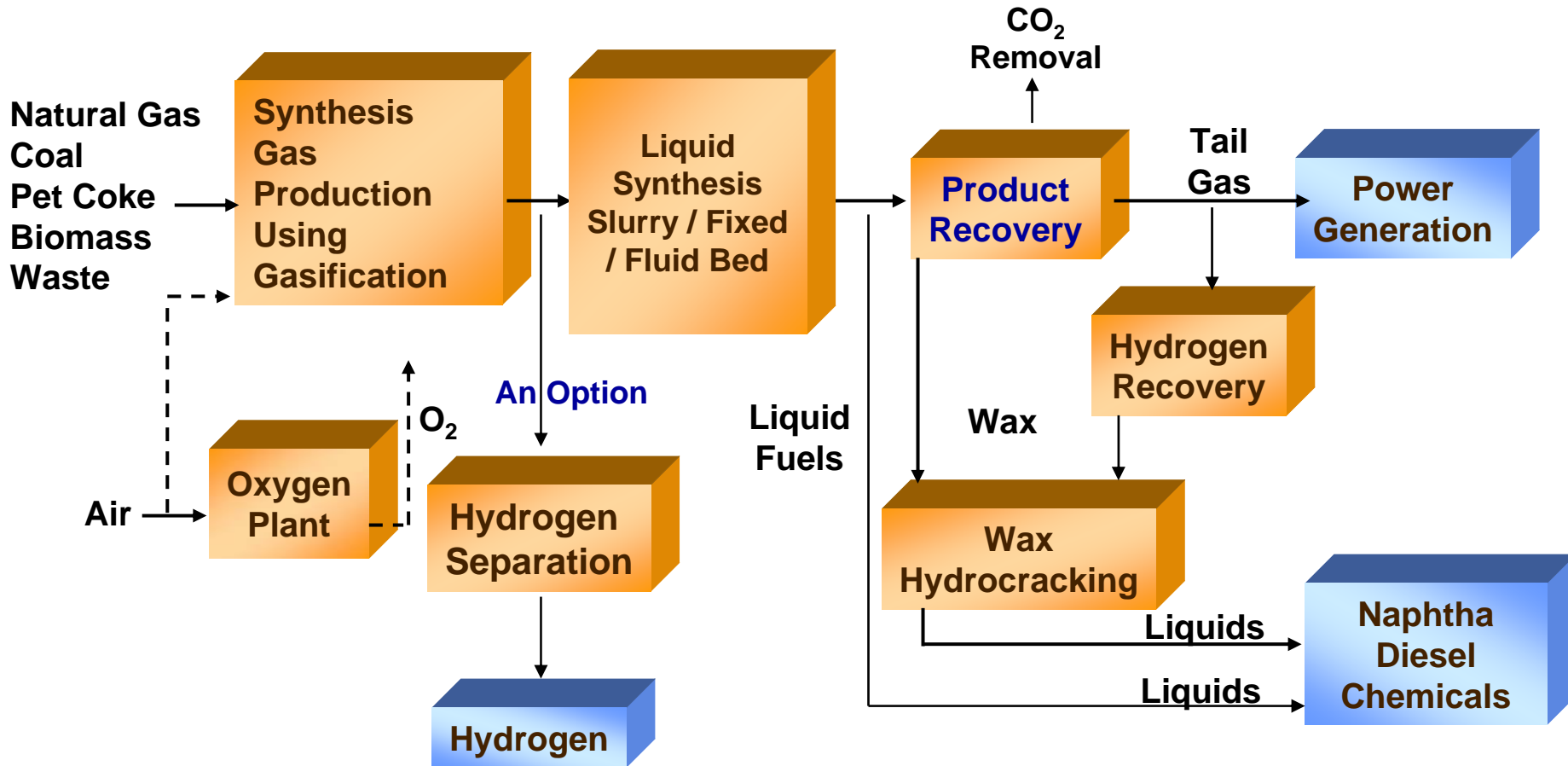
Hybrid Conversion Concept

- Produces high-octane gasoline
- More energy efficient
- Products higher energy density
- Low-cetane diesel
- Water & air emissions issues
- Higher operating expenses





- Ultra-clean diesel products
- Well suited for CO<sub>2</sub> capture
- Well suited for electric power co-production
- More complex
- Less efficient fuel production
- Produces low-octane gasoline
- Fewer BTUs per gallon

- Direct and indirect conversion facility built next to one another.
- Products of the direct and indirect conversion trains complement each other
- Can be blended to produce high quality diesel and gasoline.

# Co-Production Technology Overview



# Technology Players in the Game

Company	Process	Activities
	<p><b>Indirect</b> iron-based</p>	<p>South Africa, 160,000 bbl/d</p>
	<p><b>Direct</b> iron-based</p> <hr/> <p><b>Indirect</b> iron-based</p>	<p>China, India &amp; Philippines R&amp;D Center Research project w/ DOE</p>
	<p><b>Indirect</b> cobalt-based</p>	<p>Prior large GTL and small-scale CTL; Develop new catalyst</p>
	<p><b>Indirect</b> iron-based</p>	<p>Illinois small-scale fertilizer plant; multiple planned projects in WY(2), MT, IL, WV, OH, MS R&amp;D Center</p>

# Existing and Potential CTL Projects

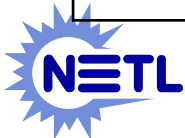


Ref: from Headwaters Inc. J.N. Ward Senate Briefing 1-19-07



# Summary of CTL Projects

Country/State	Owner/Developer	Capacity (bpd)	Status
<b>World-Wide</b>			
South Africa (2)	Sasol	230,000	Operational, new planned
China (7)	Shenhua, Lu'an Group, Yankuang, Sasol JV (2 studies), Shell/Shenhua, Siemens Headwaters/UK (pilot plant)	444,000 (initially)	Construction (3), planned (4)
India, Indonesia, Philippines	Oil India Ltd, Pertamina/Accelon, Headwaters	76,000	Construction (1), planning (2)
Australia / New Zealand	Anglo American/Shell, L&M Group	110,000	Planning (2)
<b>United States</b>			
AZ, OH, IL(3), WV(2)	Headwaters, Rentech, Beard Energy, DKRW, unspecified	Bituminous = 97,000	Engineering (1), Planning
MT(2), ND, WY, LA	DKRW, Montana, Headwaters, Rentech, Synfuels, Inc	Sub-bituminous/lignite = 262,000	Planning
PA and MS	Rentech and WMPI	Coal/petcoke and anthracite = 15,000	Planning



# NETL Studies and Systems Analyses

## Office of Systems, Analyses and Planning

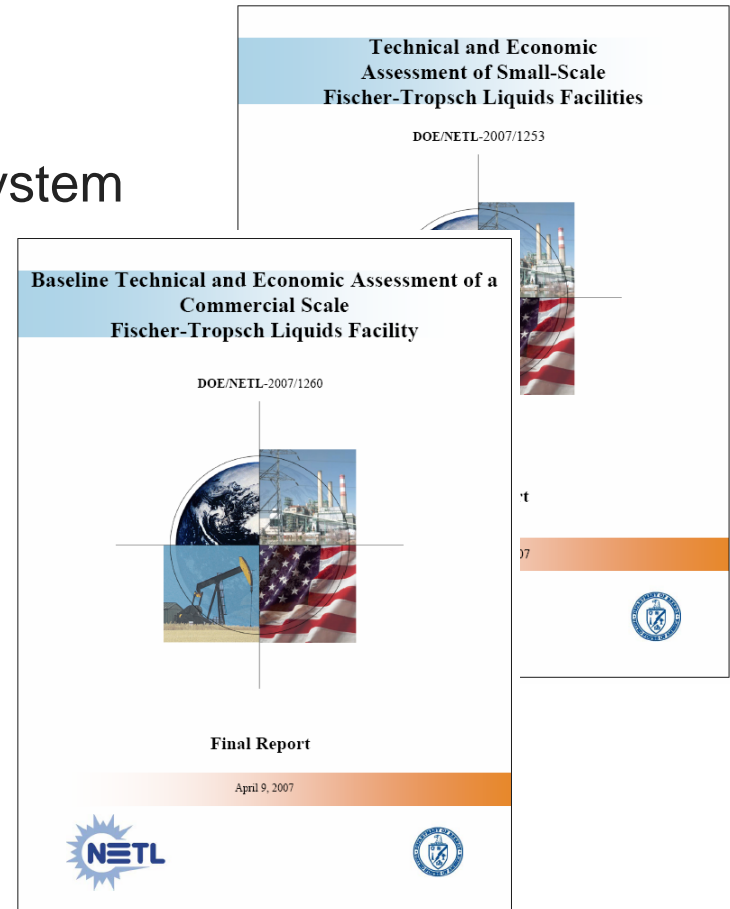
*Employing an Interdisciplinary Approach  
to Guide R&D and Support Energy  
Policy Development*



# Recent Studies Completed

- NETL Report “Baseline Technical and Economic Assessment of a Fischer-Tropsch Liquids Facility”
  - Small Scale 10,000 bpd facility; Stand-alone and Co-sited with IGCC system
  - Commercial 50,000 bpd facility; Baseline
  - Incremental Impact of CO<sub>2</sub> Compression (in final draft)

★ Represent the first detailed update since 1991



# Study Methodology

- **Energy and Mass Balance done with Aspen Plus™**
- **Borrowed from “Cost and Performance Baseline for Fossil Energy Power Plants”**
- **Capital and Operating cost estimated from bottoms up equipment list and sizing based on heat and material balance**
- **Financial Performance done with NETL Power Systems Financial Model**



# 10,000 bbl/day CTL System Specification

- Pittsburgh #8 Bituminous coal
- GE gasifiers oxygen blown
- 3-phase slurry FT reactors w/Iron based catalyst
- Products are a Commercial Grade Diesel and Low Octane Naphtha
- Light end recycle around the FT reactor section
- Produce Parasitic Power with Small Excess Sold to Grid
- **No** Carbon Compression/Sequestration

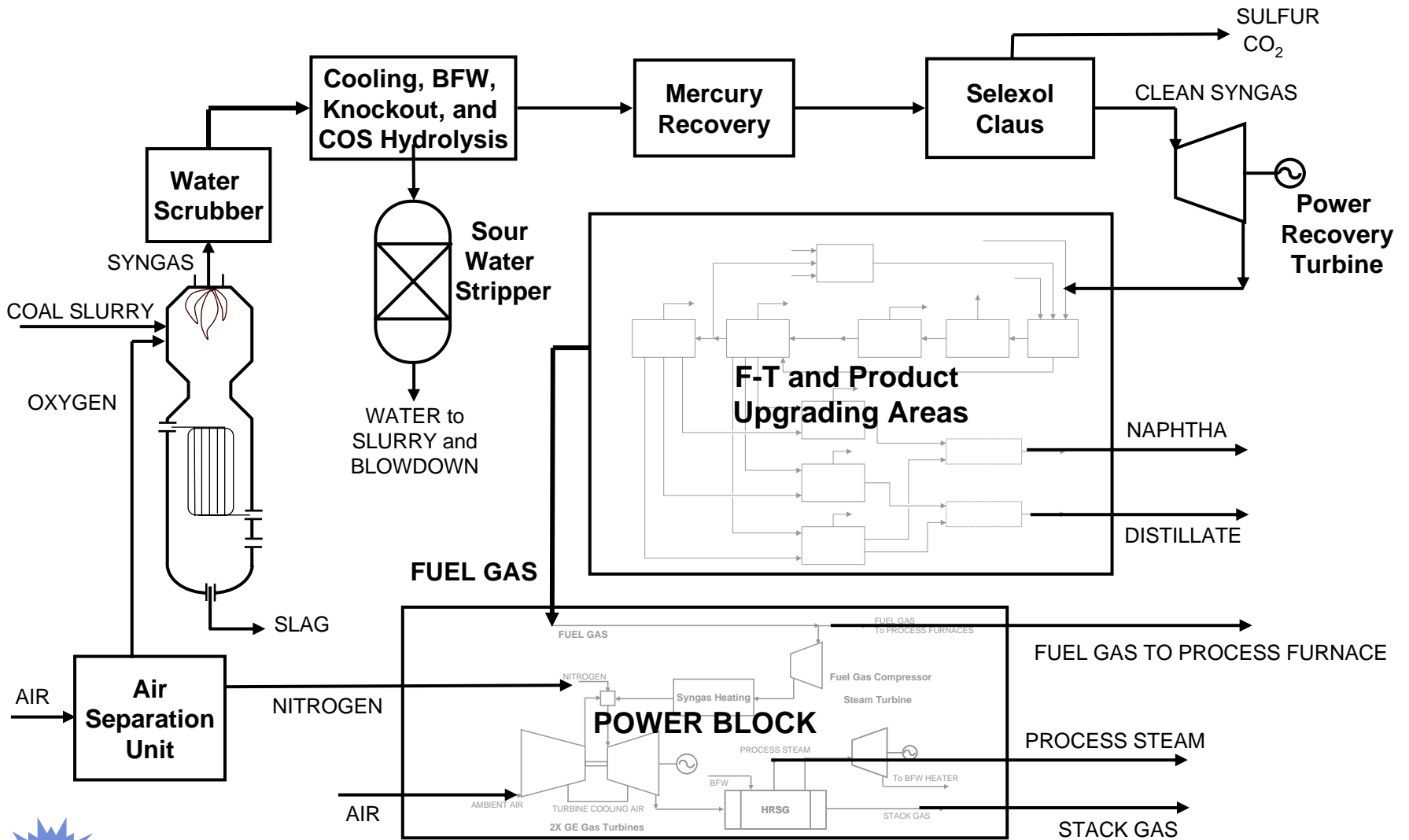


# 50,000 bbl/day CTL Systems Specification

- Illinois #6 Bituminous coal
- E-Gas™ gasifiers
- 3-phase slurry FT reactors w/Iron based catalyst
- Products are a Commercial Grade Diesel and Low Octane Naphtha
- Light end recycle around the FT reactor section
- Produce Parasitic Power with Small Excess Sold to Grid
- **Includes** Carbon Compression/Sequestration



# F-T Plant: Block Flow Diagram



# Total Plant Cost

- **Includes**

- Equipment
  - Initial chemicals and catalyst loadings
- Materials
- Labor
  - Direct and Indirect
- Engineering and Construction Management
- Project and Process Contingencies

- **Excludes**

- Owner's costs
  - Land, licensing and permitting, AFUDC
- Escalation to period of performance
- Taxes (except payroll)
- Site specific considerations
- Labor incentives in excess of 5 day/10 hour work week
- EPC premiums



# Update of CTL Baseline Plant Economics

<b>CTL Plant Size</b>	<b>Coal Feed Rate</b>	<b>Total Plant Costs</b>	<b>Costs per Bbl day</b>	<b>Net Electricity to Grid</b>
<b>Small -- 10,000 bbl /day</b>	<b>4,000 t/d</b>	<b>\$800 M</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>40 MW</b>
<b>Large – 50,000 bbl/day</b>	<b>24,500 t/d</b>	<b>\$3,650 M</b>	<b>\$73,000</b>	<b>120 MW</b>
<b>Required Selling Price range between \$41-\$60 per bbl dependant on coal type, region, and plant size</b>				



# Profile of a Coal-to-Liquids (CTL) Plant

- Capacity: **10,000 bpd** (3.1 million bpy, assume 85% availability)
  - Naphtha: 4,262 bpd (44%)
  - Diesel: 5,347 bpd (56%)
- Capital cost: \$ 800 million
- Coal consumption: 4253 tpd (1.3 million tpy)
- NPV of \$84.8 million @ 12% discount rate
- ROI of 14.3% with WOP of \$61/bbl
- Land area: nominal 200 acres



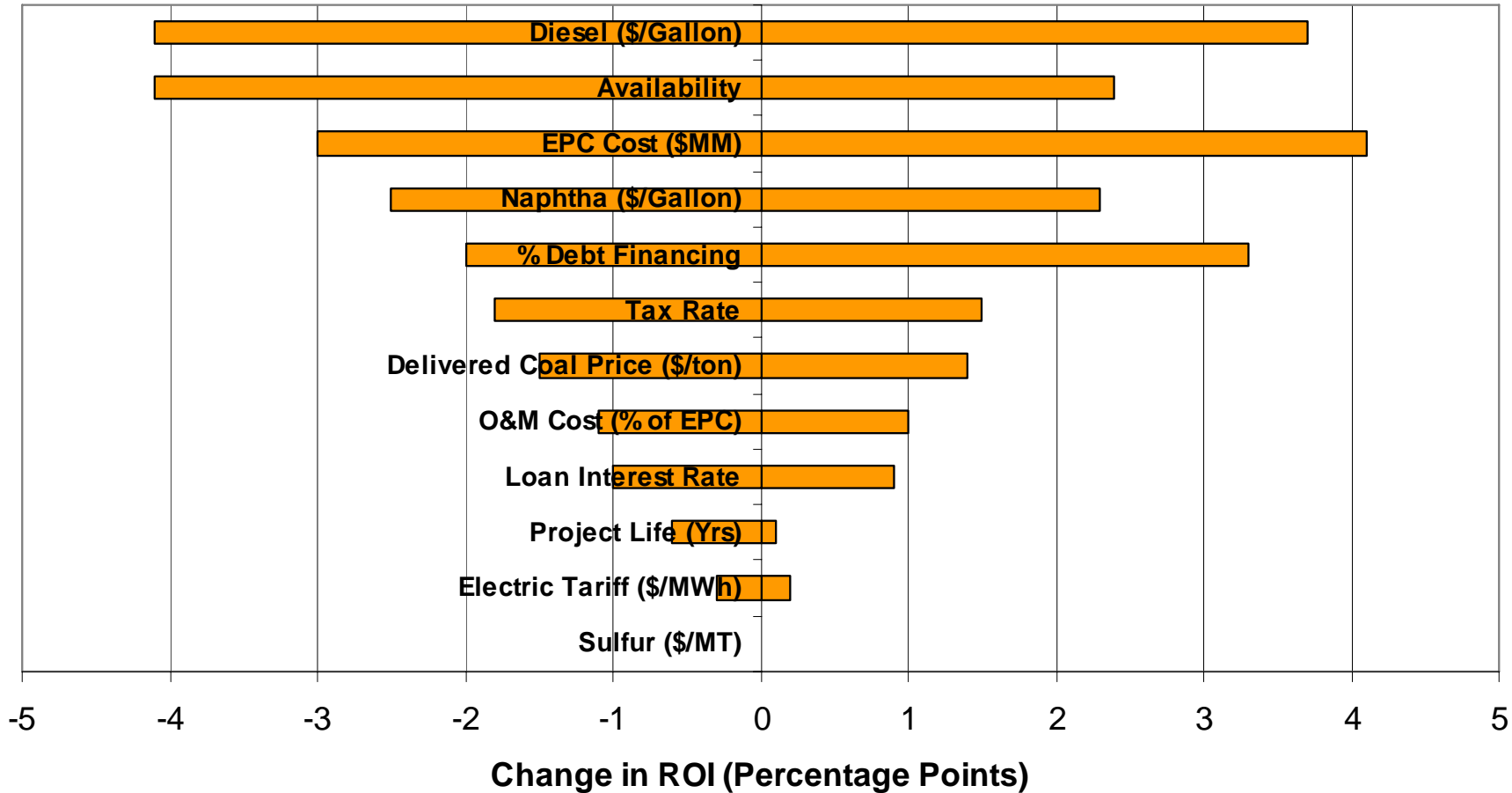
# Profile of a Coal-to-Liquids (CTL) Plant

- **Capacity: 50,000 bpd (15.5 million bpy, assume 85% availability)**
  - Naphtha: 22,000 bpd (44%)
  - Diesel: 28,000 bpd (56%)
- **Capital cost: \$ 3.65 billion**
- **Coal consumption: 24,500 tpd (7.6 million tpy)**
- **NPV of \$1.5 billion @ 12% discount rate**
- **ROI of 19.8% with WOP of \$61/bbl**
- **Land area: nominal 500 acres**
- **CO<sub>2</sub> recovery: 13,000 tpd (90%)**



# 50,000 bbl/day Plant: Sensitivity of CTL ROI

Change in ROI, +/- 25% Model Inputs

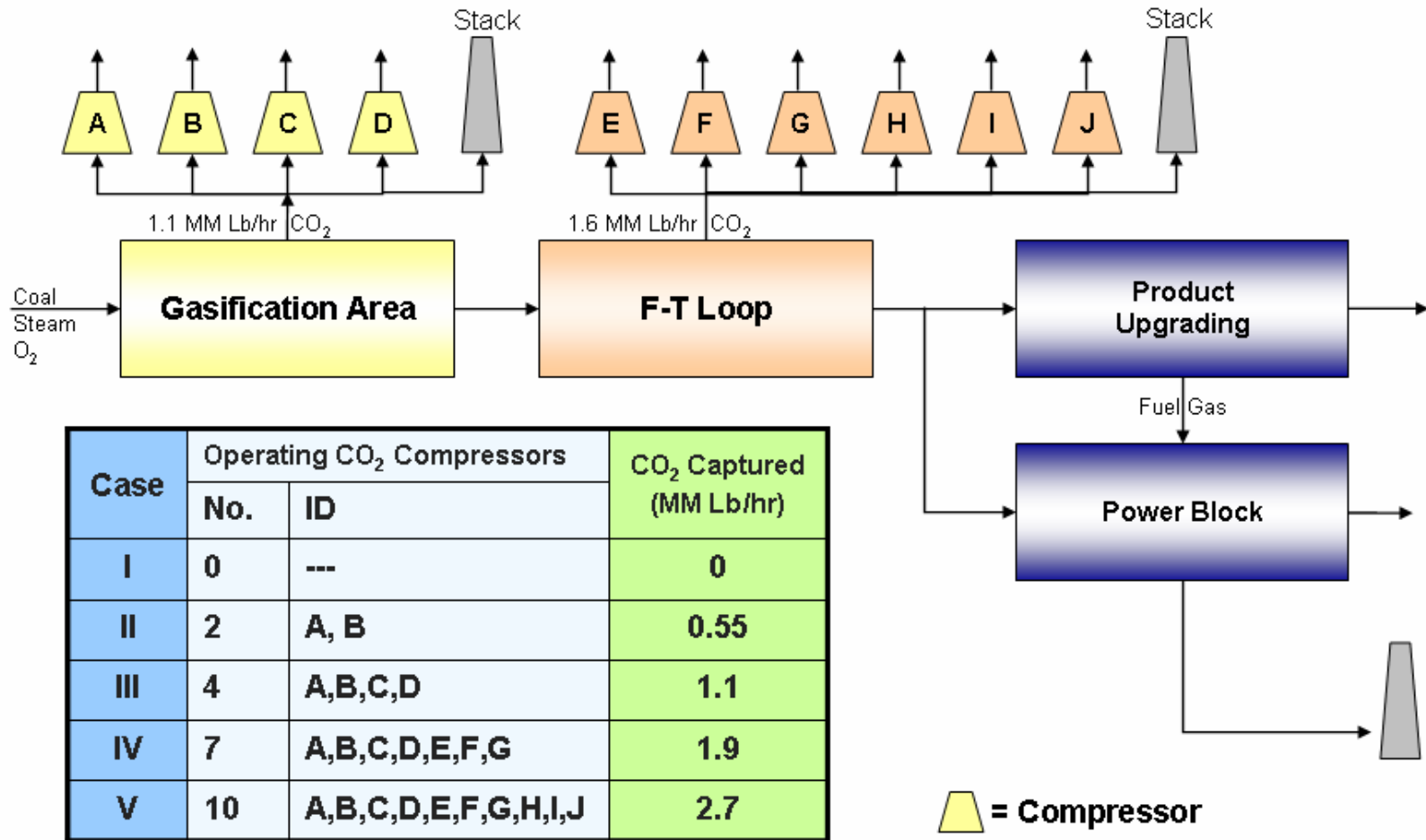


# Incremental Impact of CO<sub>2</sub> Compression: Base Plant Description

- Illinois #6 coal
- ConocoPhillips E-Gas™ gasification
- 2-stage Selexol™ acid gas clean-up
- Recycle to Maximize Liquids Production
- 3-phase F-T reactor with Iron catalyst
- Minimal upgrading to produce “**syncrude**” product
- Combined cycle power production to produce parasitic power with minimum excess



# Block Diagram of Cases



# Base Plant Capital Cost

Plant Section	Cost (\$ million)
<b>Coal and Slurry Preparation</b>	<b>295</b>
<b>Gasifier and Gas Clean-up</b>	<b>1,989</b>
<b>F-T Process</b>	<b>653</b>
<b>Power Block</b>	<b>174</b>
<b>Balance of Plant</b>	<b>422</b>
<b>Total Plant Cost (TPC)</b>	<b>3,534</b>



# Base Plant Financial Performance

<i>Major Inputs</i>	
EPC Cost (\$MM)	2,722
Syncrude Production (BPD)	49,433
Coal Feed Rate (TPD)	24,533
<i>Major Results</i>	
ROI (%)	14.4
NPV (\$MM, 12%)	438
Payback Period (Yrs)	8
Crude Oil Price for 12% ROI (\$/Bbl)	55

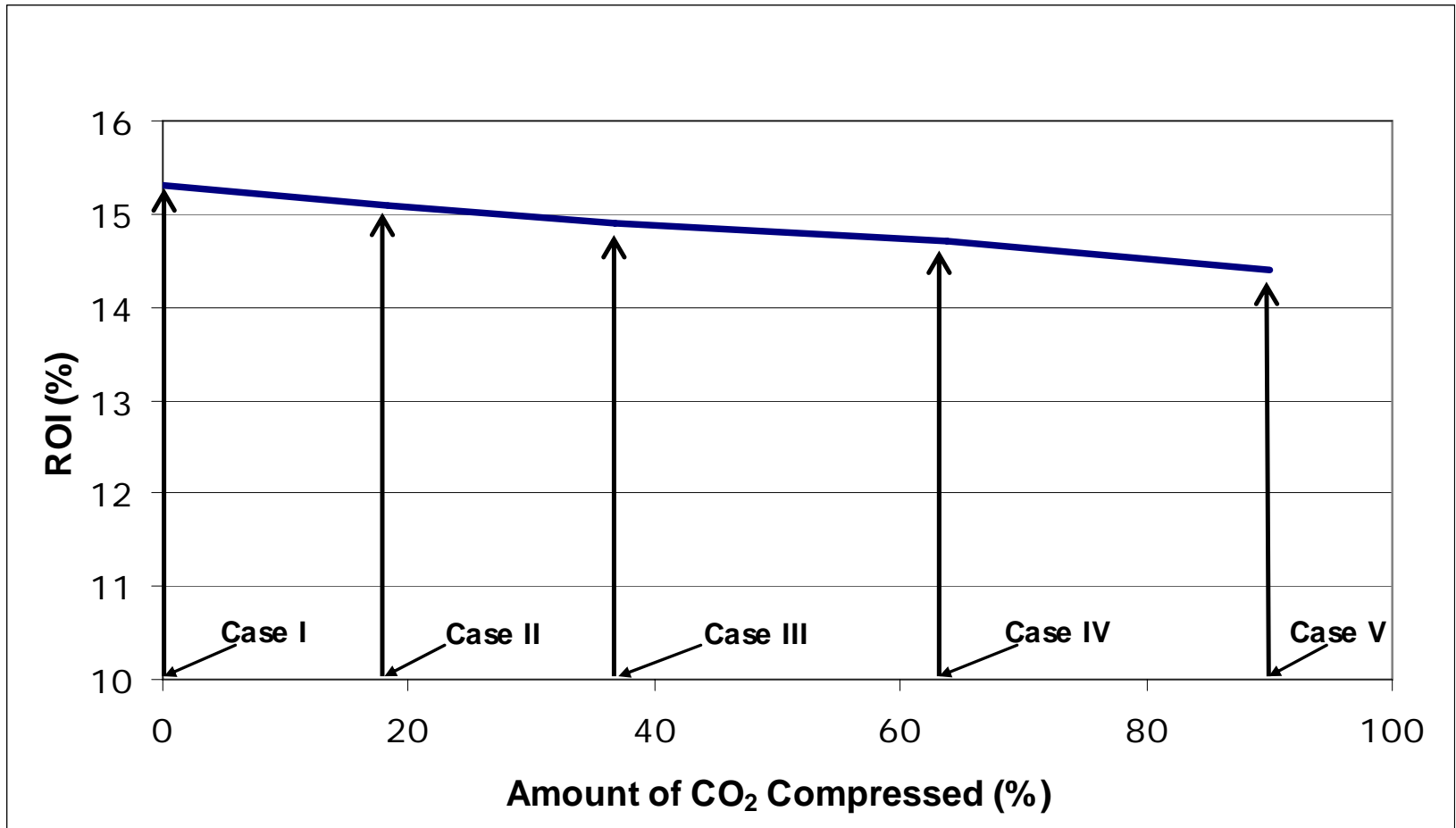


# CO<sub>2</sub> Compression – Capital Cost

Case	CO <sub>2</sub> Compressed		No. of Compressors	Increase in Capital Cost from Case I (\$ million)
	Lb/hr	STPD		
I	0	0	0	\$0
II	551,195	6,614	2	\$13.5
III	1,102,390	13,229	4	\$27.0
IV	1,901,458	22,817	7	\$47.2
V	2,700,525	32,406	10	\$67.4



# CO<sub>2</sub> Compression – Financial Performance

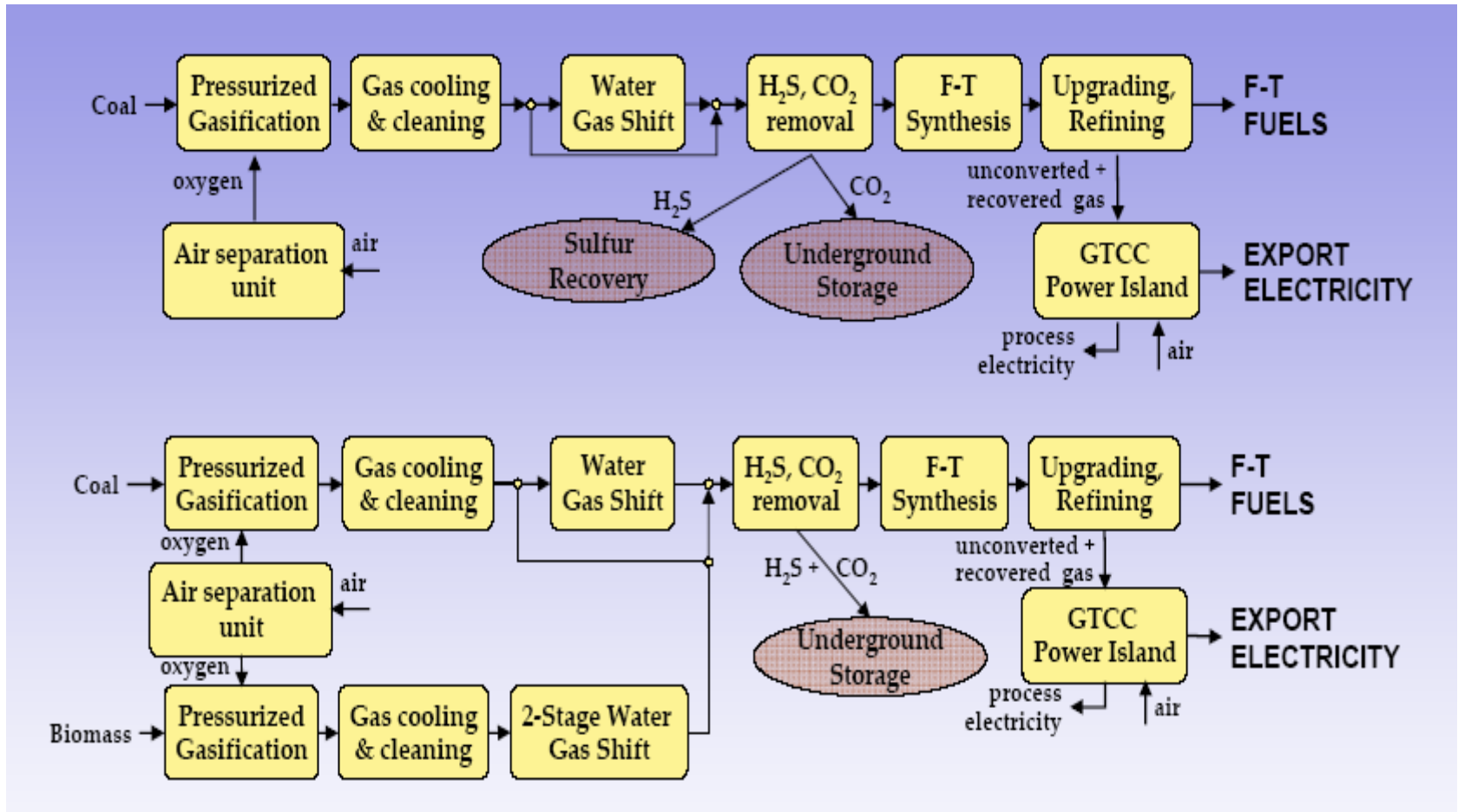


# Future Work

- **Coal/Biomass-to-Liquids (CBTL)**
- **Systems Analysis to Understand FT Reactor Performance**
- **Information Gathering and Systems Analysis on FT Wax Upgrading Options**

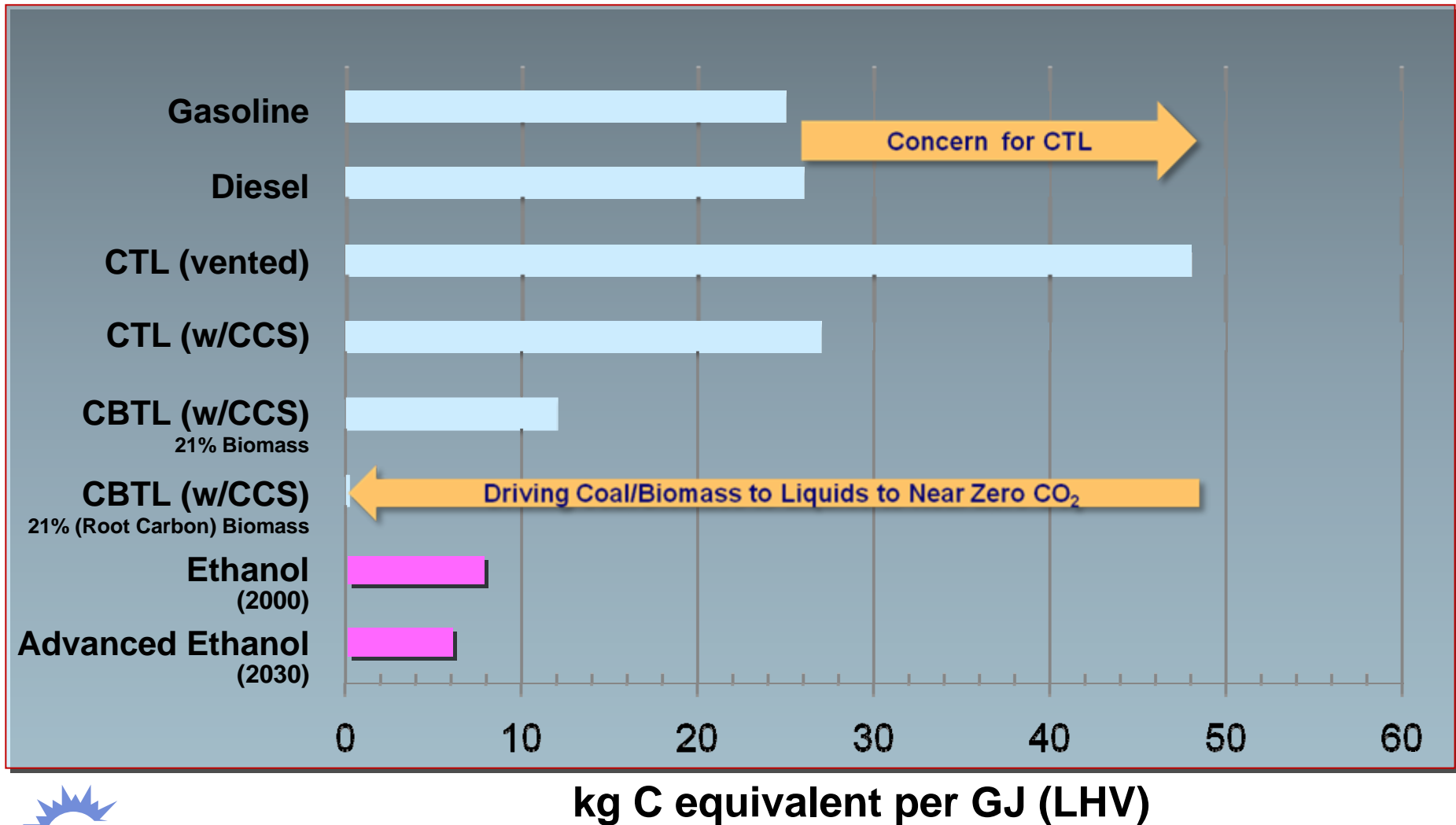


# Co-Gasification of Coal and Biomass (Switchgrass): An Alternate Approach to Making Diesel Fuel from Biomass



Ref: Alternative Fuels Seminar, Robert Williams  
CSIS presentation December 2006

# Greenhouse Gas Emission Rates For Fuel Production and Use



# Challenges

- **Market -- *Volatility poses market risk***
- **Technical – *Integration***
- **Infrastructure – *Growth in all areas***
- **Readiness – *Resources limited***
- **Environmental – *CO<sub>2</sub> concerns***
- **Legal/Policy – Authorities need to define a long term CO<sub>2</sub> liability framework**





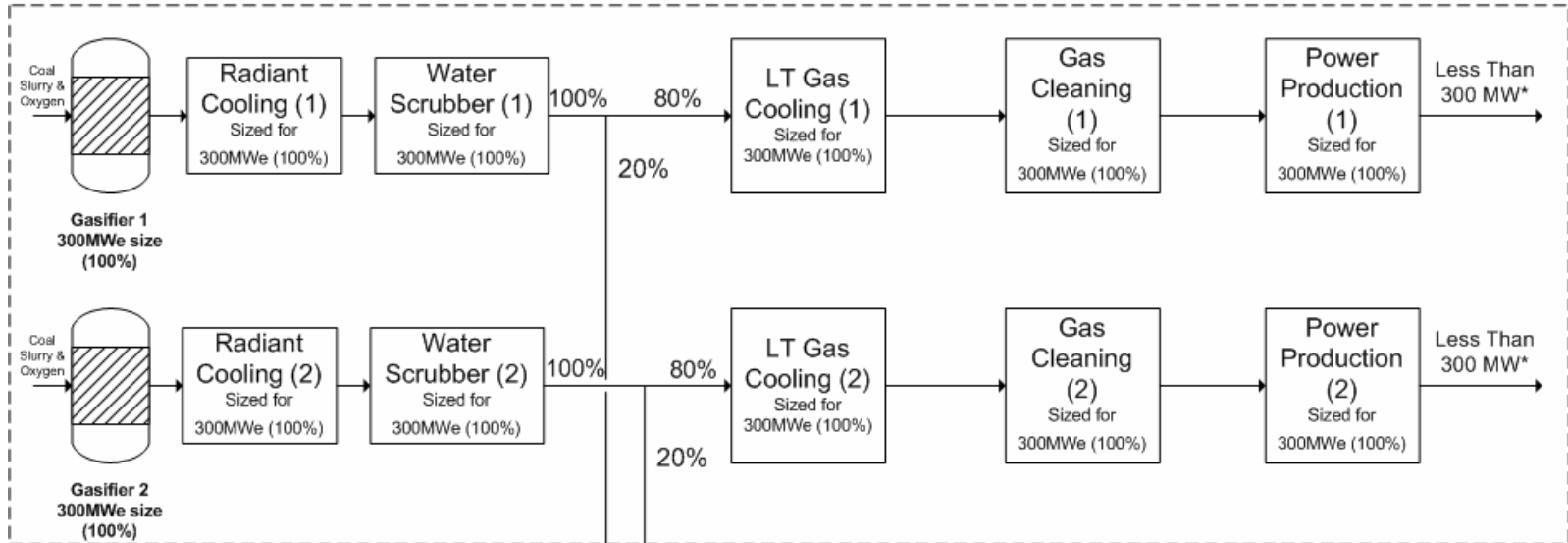
# Additional Material



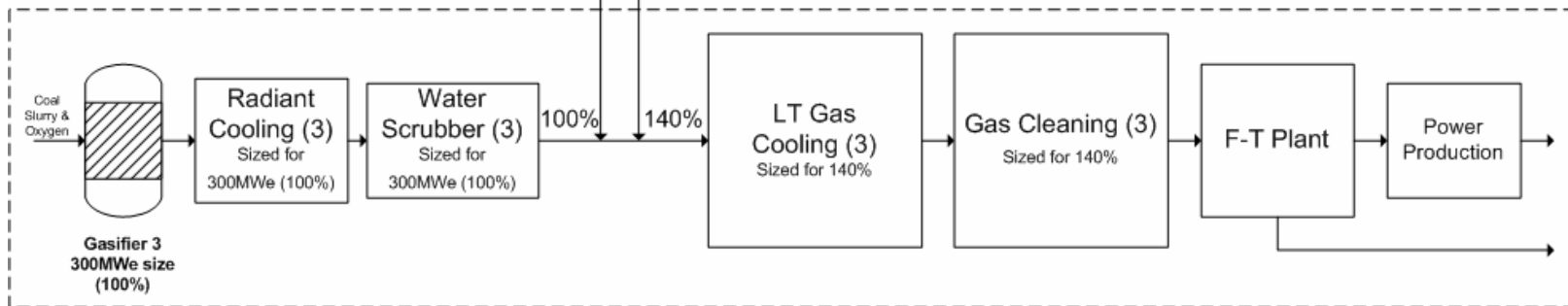
# 600 MW IGCC/F-T Co-Sited

## 600 MWe Base\* IGCC Plant

(\*If no syngas streams were sent to the F-T Plant)



## Integrated F-T Plant 140% of One Gasifier



# DOE CTL Development Study Results

- **Three thrust plan:**

- 1. Facilitate Limited Early Learning Commercial Experience**

- Support Treasury in Implementation of EPACT 2005
- Co-Fund Site Specific Design Studies
- Analyze Incentive Packages Directed at Promoting Early Commercial Experience

- 2. Focused (existing) R&D activities:**

- IGCC integrated with F-T process
- Cost reduction
- Improve environmental performance
- Integrative analyses/modeling
- International coordination & information exchange

- 3. Fuels Formulation & Testing (w/DOD)**



# NETL Work with Others

- **Strategic Unconventional Fuels Task Force**  
*Oil Shale, Tar Sands, Coal, Heavy Oils, and CO<sub>2</sub> EOR*
  - Department of Energy ... OPI (Policy) & OFE (Fossil)
  - Department of Defense ... Air Force and Navy
  - Department of Interior ... BLM
  - Participating States ... CO, KY, MS, UT, and WY
- **International Energy Agency – Coal Advisory Board**
- **National Petroleum Council – Global Oil & Gas Study**



# Aviation Alternative Fuels Roadmap

## Alternate Fuels for Commercial Aircraft

Sponsored by:  
**FAA**  
**Air Transport Association**  
**Aerospace Industries Association**



# Aviation Alternative Fuels Roadmap

- The commercial sector and government must work together to promote/embrace alternative fuels to secure supply availability, to minimize price volatility, to improve operational and to explore the potential to reduce environmental impact.

..... Adopted 5/24/06 by AIA/ATA/FAA sponsored workshop with DOE, DOD and NASA stakeholders



- Follow-up meetings to further define Roadmap



13.6B Gallons

US Domestic Fleet in 2004

887,000+ bbl/day

