

# Achieving Reductions in U.S. Greenhouse Gas Emissions



# There Are 2 Methods to Capture or Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Coal Use

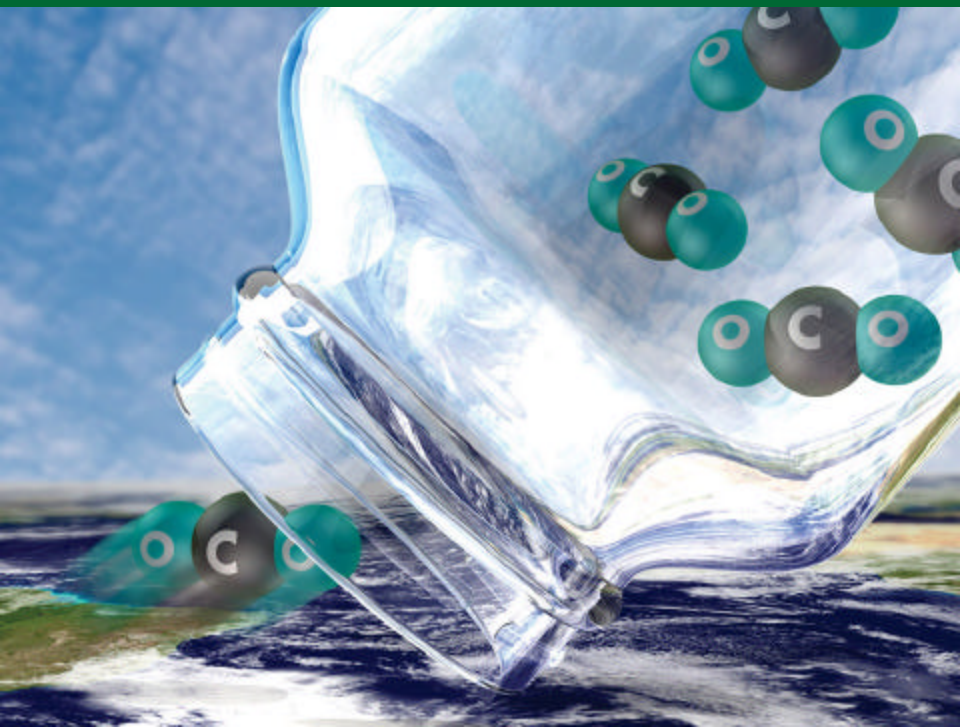
## 1. CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Reductions:

- Can be achieved today by increasing the efficiency of a plant so less coal is used to produce the same amount of electrical output
- Higher Efficiency = Lower Emissions

## 2. CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions Capture and Storage:

- Can be achieved in the future by developing advanced coal systems with the equipment necessary to capture CO<sub>2</sub> before it is emitted from the plant

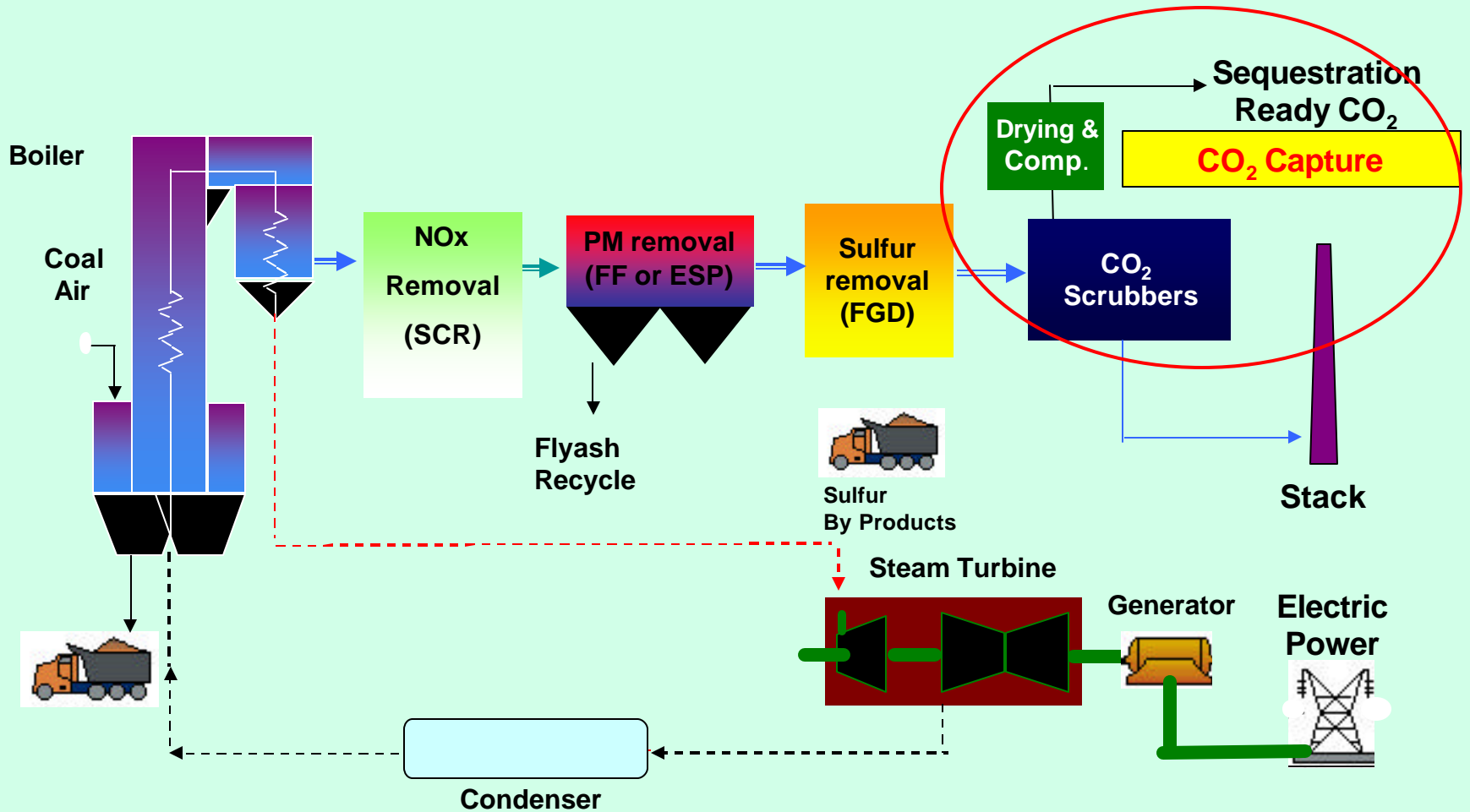
# Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> Through Carbon Capture



# Carbon Capture and Storage (or Sequestration)

- “CCS” represents the technologies to capture and store CO<sub>2</sub> through the following process:
  1. Separate and capture CO<sub>2</sub> from power plant “fuel gas” or the “flue gas”
  2. Compress the CO<sub>2</sub> into a liquid form
  3. Move the CO<sub>2</sub> via a pipeline to the location where it will be stored.
  4. Inject the CO<sub>2</sub> into a deep geological formation for long-term storage
- There are currently several technologies under development to capture CO<sub>2</sub>.

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- Post-combustion capture controls can be integrated with a conventional combustion power plant to remove the  $\text{CO}_2$  from the flue gas stream. For example, an amine solvent is used to remove the  $\text{CO}_2$  from the other flue gases.
- The  $\text{CO}_2$  is then stripped from the solvent and compressed for transport; the regenerated solvent is reused.
- The major barriers to this technology are high cost and high energy penalty.

# Pulverized Coal Plant with Carbon Capture RD&D Needs

- RD&D Needs to Reduce Costs:
  - Better solvents (i.e. amines and chilled ammonia) to remove the CO<sub>2</sub> from the flue gas
  - Less energy intensive CO<sub>2</sub> capture systems
- Timing:
  - Three small plants in operation in U.S. today
  - Several small scale (10 MW) pilot projects planned and in development
  - Several large scale (over 300 MW) demos being explored



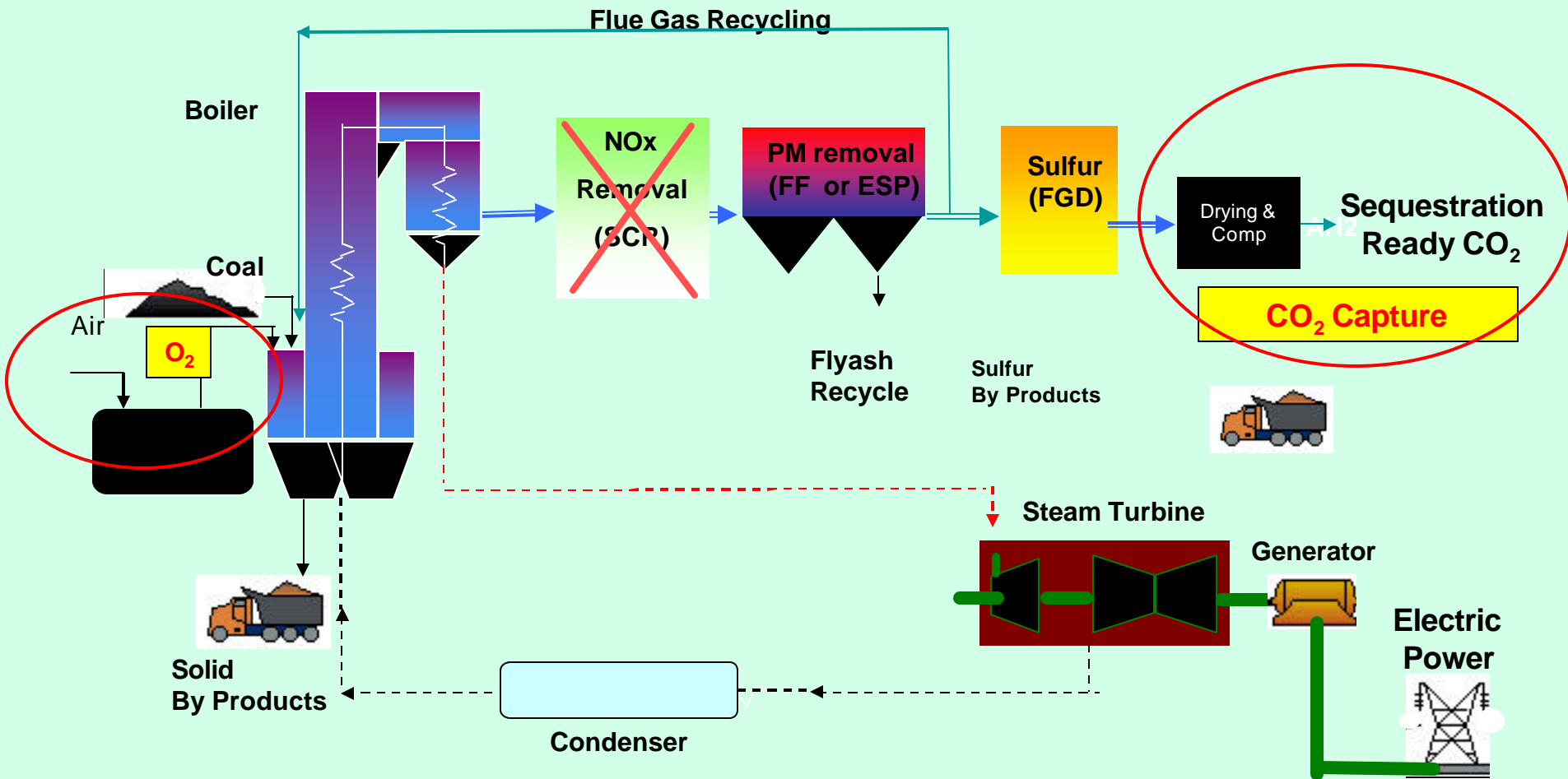
# IGCC with Carbon Capture

- Pre-combustion capture can be achieved via integrated gasification combined cycle (IGCC) technology by introducing a water shift reactor to modify the syngas from the gasifier.
- The shift reactor converts the carbon monoxide in the syngas to hydrogen and  $\text{CO}_2$ .
- This modified syngas is almost all hydrogen and  $\text{CO}_2$ , which can be separated with physical sorbents.
- The hydrogen is then combusted in a gas turbine and the  $\text{CO}_2$  is captured and pressurized.

# IGCC with Carbon Capture RD&D Needs

- Timing:
  - Some existing non-power gasification plants use CO<sub>2</sub> capture today
  - Several large-scale IGCC with CO<sub>2</sub> capture demos being explored
- R&D Needs to Reduce Costs:
  - Refractory improvements (ceramic liner for gasifier)
  - Ion transport membranes (improved systems to produce oxygen)
  - Warm gas clean up (to remove H<sub>2</sub>S)
  - Hydrogen turbine development

# Oxy-Coal Combustion Plant With Carbon Capture



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- Oxy-combustion is an emerging technology that produces a concentrated CO<sub>2</sub> stream that can then be more readily captured for storage or use.
- While similar to conventional PC generation, oxy-combustion uses pure oxygen instead of air in the boiler. This significantly reduces the dilution of carbon dioxide in the exhaust gas stream by removing nitrogen (80% in air) from the system.

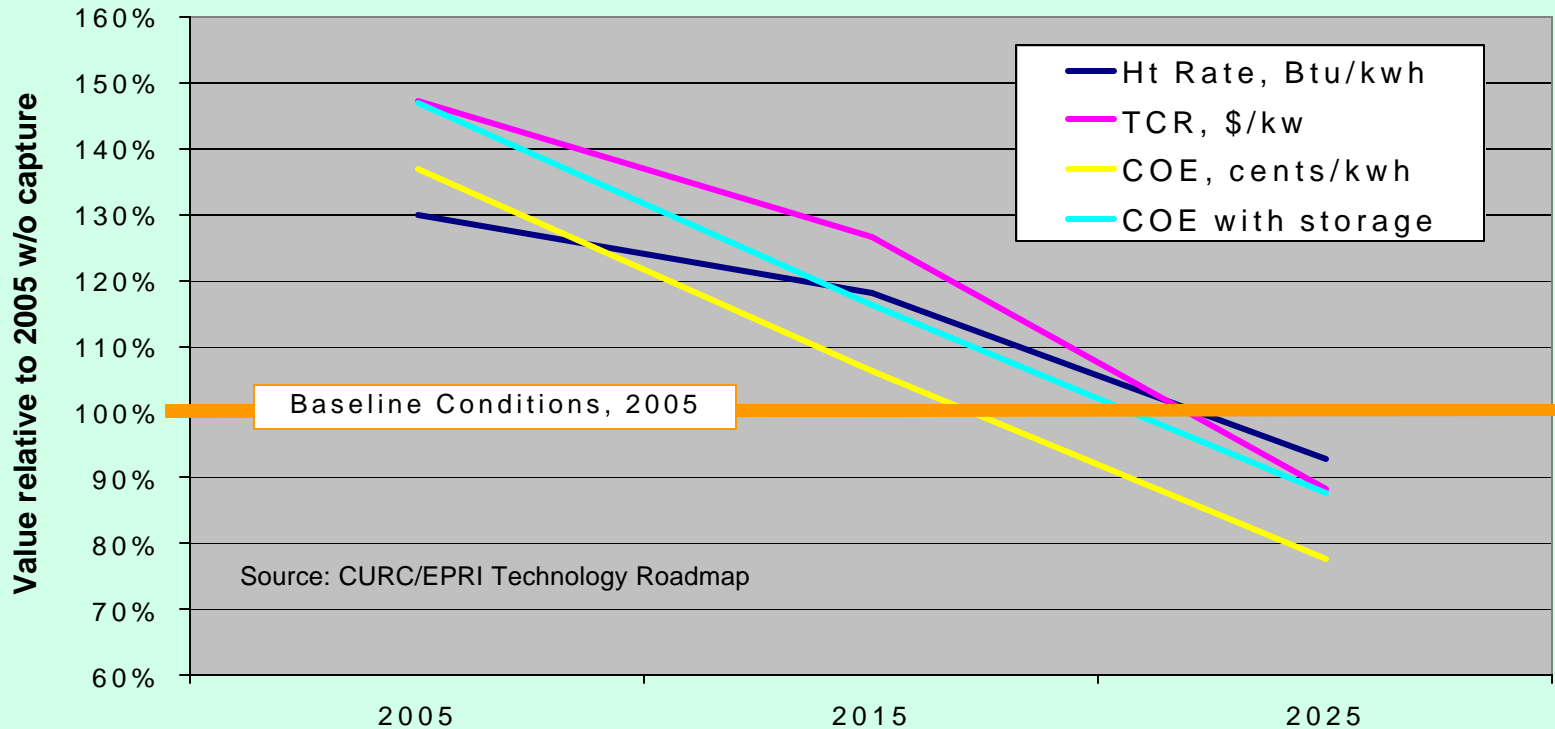
# No Commercial Power Plants Use Oxy-Combustion Today, BUT

- Timing:
  - Several small scale (1 to 3 MW) projects underway
  - Two large demonstrations announced (10 to 30 MW)
  - Larger scale (200-300 MW) demonstrations being explored by AEP and SaskPower
- R&D Needs to Reduce Costs:
  - Reduced cost oxygen separation systems
  - Lower cost CO<sub>2</sub> pressurization
  - Integration of oxy-system with rest of plant

# Technologies Currently in R&D for Advanced CO<sub>2</sub> Capture

CO <sub>2</sub> Removal Technology	Development Stage	Process Type
Ammonia-Based Process For Multicomponent Removal From Flue Gas	Pilot in Engineering	Chemical Absorption
Liquid Absorbant For CO <sub>2</sub> Capture	Lab	Chemical Absorption
Oxygen Membrane For Oxyfuel Combustion	Lab	Cryogenic Separation
Advanced Oxyfuel Boilers	System studies	Cryogenic Separation
Oxygen-Based PC Boiler	Theoretical Development	Cryogenic Separation
Oxygen Firing In Circulating Fluidized Bed Boilers	Theoretical Development	Cryogenic Separation
Carbon Dioxide Separation With Microporous Metal Organic Frameworks	Theoretical Development	Adsorption based
Solid Sorbents For CO <sub>2</sub> Capture From Postcombustion Gas Streams	Lab	Adsorption based
CO <sub>2</sub> Adsorption On Solid Amine Sorbent	Theoretical Development	Adsorption based
Carbon Dioxide Capture From Flue Gas Using Dry Regenerable Sorbents	Pilot Scale Testing	Adsorption based
Absorption With Potassium Carbonate	Pilot Scale Testing	Adsorption based
Dry Regenerable Sorbent	Lab	Adsorption based
Metal Monoliths For CO <sub>2</sub> Capture	Lab	Adsorption based
Microporous Metal Organic Framworks For Removal Of CO <sub>2</sub> From Flue Gas	Lab	Adsorption based
Microporous Inorganic Siliceous Matrix With Amine Groups Physically Bonded On The Membrane	Lab	Membrane
Enzyme Based Membrane	Lab	Membrane
Membrane Separation Process	Lab	Membrane
Ionic Liquids As Novel Absorbents		Membrane
Hydrogen Selective Silica Membranes	Lab	Membrane
Ionic Liquids Based Membranes	Lab	Membrane
Molecular Design Of High Capacity CO <sub>2</sub> Adsorbents	Lab	Adsorption based
Carbon Dioxide Separation With Microporous Metal Organic Frameworks	Theoretical Development	Adsorption based
Solvents For CO <sub>2</sub> Capture	Lab	Chemical Adsorption
Solid Sorbents For CO <sub>2</sub> Capture From Precombustion Gas Streams	Lab	Adsorption based
CO <sub>2</sub> Hydrate Process For Gas Separation From A Shifted Synthesis Gas	Bench Scale	Adsorption based
Membrane For Pre-Combustion Separation Of CO <sub>2</sub>	Lab	Membrane

# With RD&D, Today's Costly CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Systems Can Become Cost-Competitive



Necessary Technologies

IGCC  
PC

- Improved refractory
- Demonstrated C storage
- Ion Transport Membrane (O<sub>2</sub>)
- Hydrogen turbine
- Advanced steel alloys
- Advanced Sorbents for CO<sub>2</sub> capture (e.g., chilled ammonia)
- Oxy-Firing
- Warm gas cleanup
- Membrane CO<sub>2</sub> separation
- Multi-pollutant disposal
- Advanced sorbents
- Chemical looping

# Important Issues for Coal CO<sub>2</sub> Solutions

- We need a portfolio of options
  - Different coals may require different solutions
  - It is too early in the technology development process to “pick a winner”
- Retrofit solutions will be more costly than new plant solutions due to space limitations, and relatively low initial power plant efficiencies.
- Some improvements are “learn by doing”; others require development of new components or materials.

With continued RD&D, the costs for both advanced IGCC and advanced PC plants with and without CO<sub>2</sub> capture can go down

# Retrofits Require a Lot of Space



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CO<sub>2</sub> capture plant for 500-MW unit occupies 6 acres, i.e. 510 ft x 510 ft

# Options for Reducing CO<sub>2</sub> from Coal Plants

<u>Generating Technology</u>	<u>CO<sub>2</sub> Approach</u>	<u>Challenges</u>
<b>IGCC</b>	<b>Improve Efficiency Capture CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>Cost &amp; Integration of IGCC Storage</b>
<b>Pulverized Coal</b>	<b>Improve Efficiency Capture CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>Integration of CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Penalty of Capture CO<sub>2</sub> Storage</b>
<b>Oxy Firing</b>	<b>Improve Efficiency Capture CO<sub>2</sub></b>	<b>Cost of oxygen production Storage</b>

**CO<sub>2</sub> Storage Policy a Challenge for all Technologies**