

ELECTRIC POWER FROM COAL WITH CARBON CAPTURE AND SEQUESTRATION



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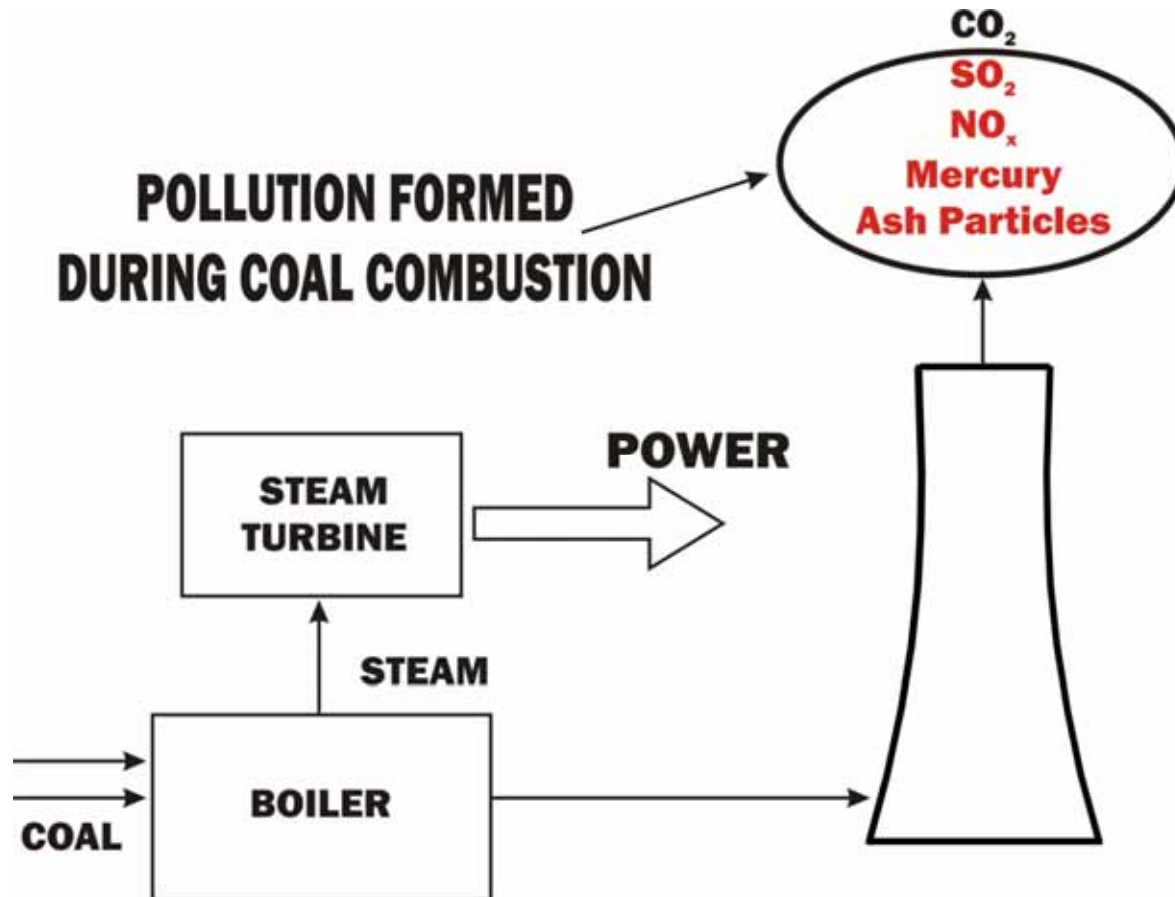
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QUICK COAL FACTS

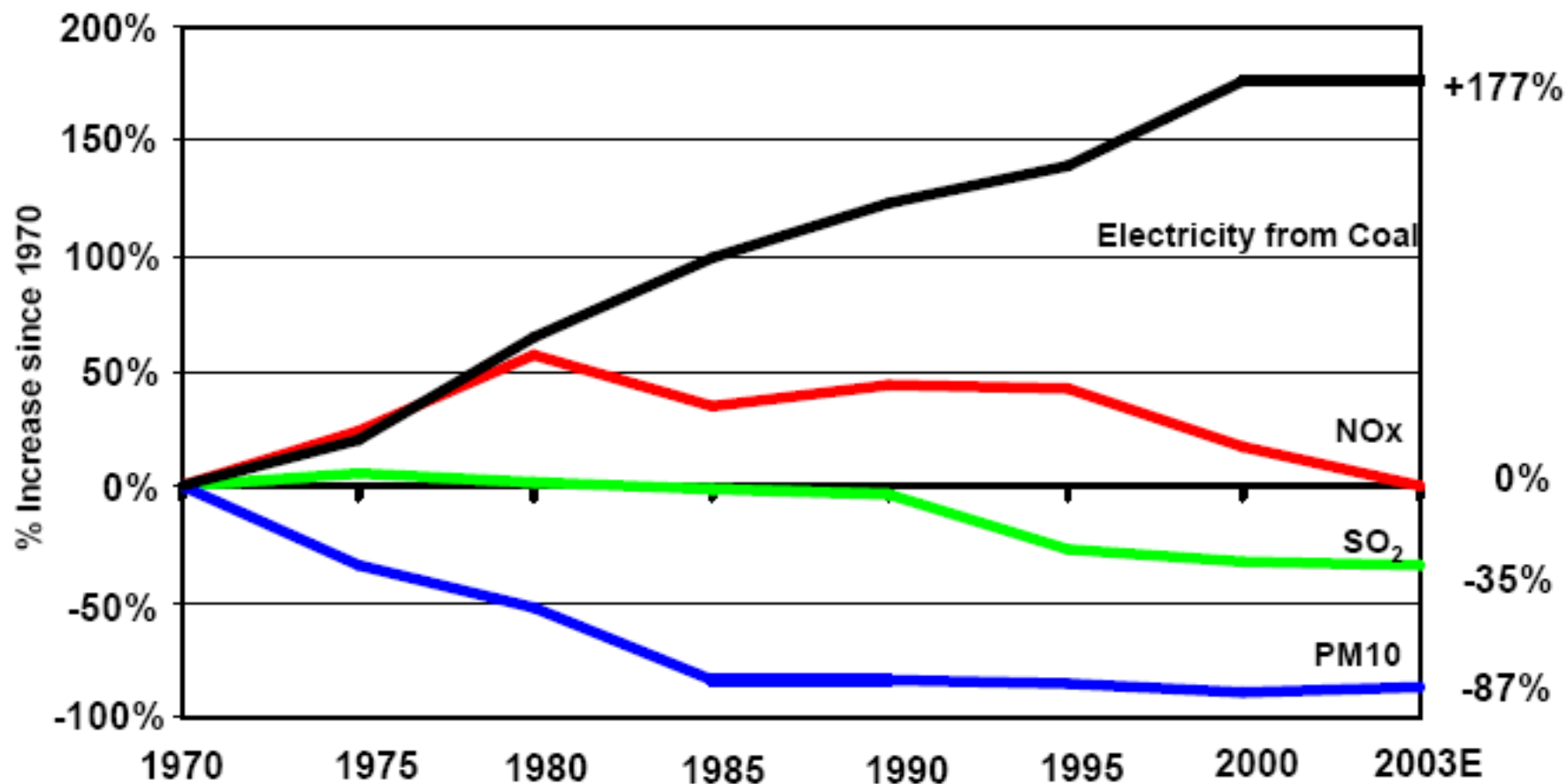
- **There are 1471 Coal-Fired Electric Generating Units in the U.S.**
- **50.4% of U.S. Electric Generation (MW/hr) is from coal.**
- **22% of Energy Consumed in the U.S. is from coal.**
- **U.S. Coal Reserves are Estimated to Last 250 Years**

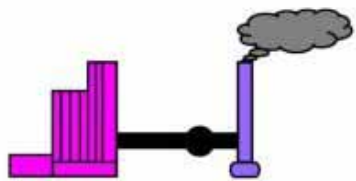
STACK EMISSIONS FROM COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS



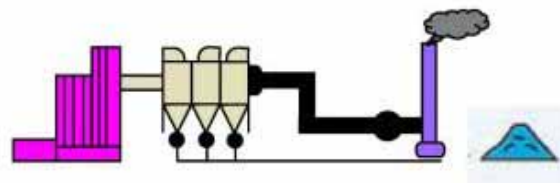
Emissions are declining

Changes in Coal-Based Electricity & Emissions Since 1970

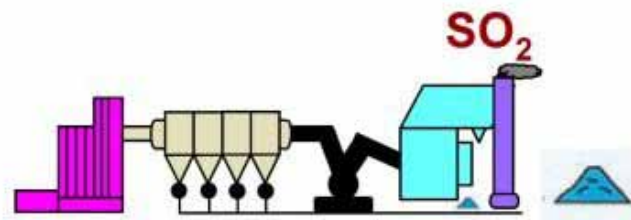




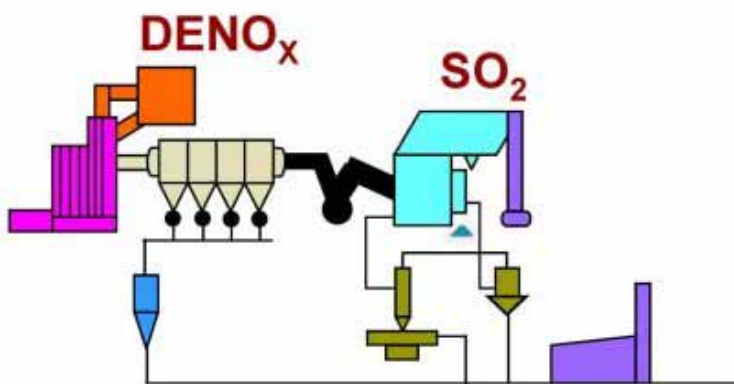
1950s



1970s

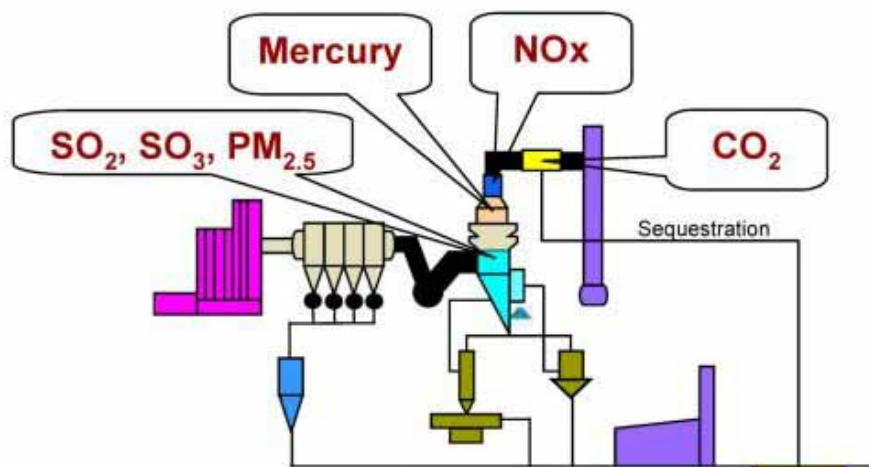


1980s



1990s

End Product Recovery
and Utilization

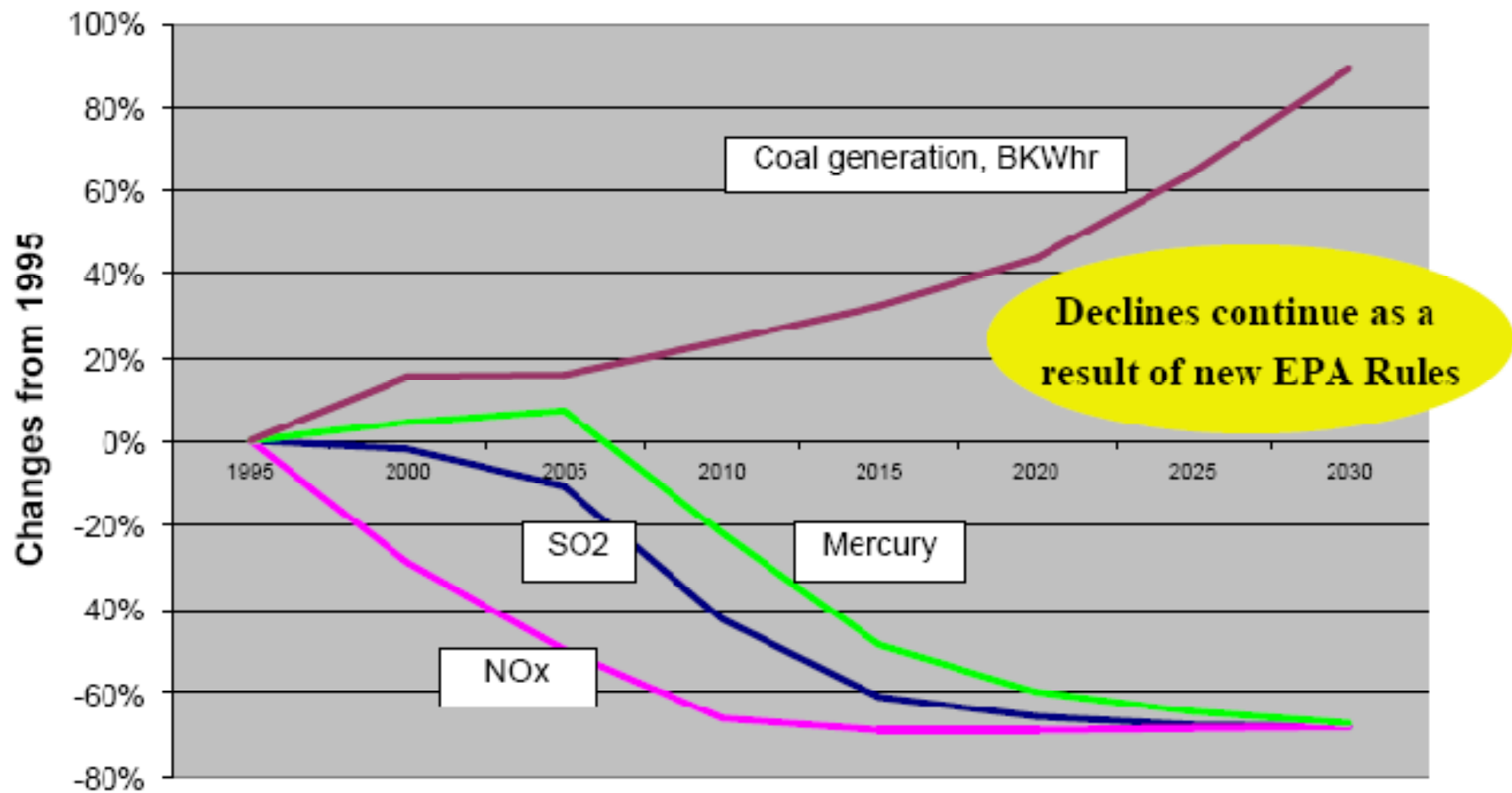


2000-2020

End Product Recovery,
Utilization and
CO₂ sequestration

Emission Limits Continue To Be Reduced

And Emissions will Continue to Decline even more while Generation increases through 2030

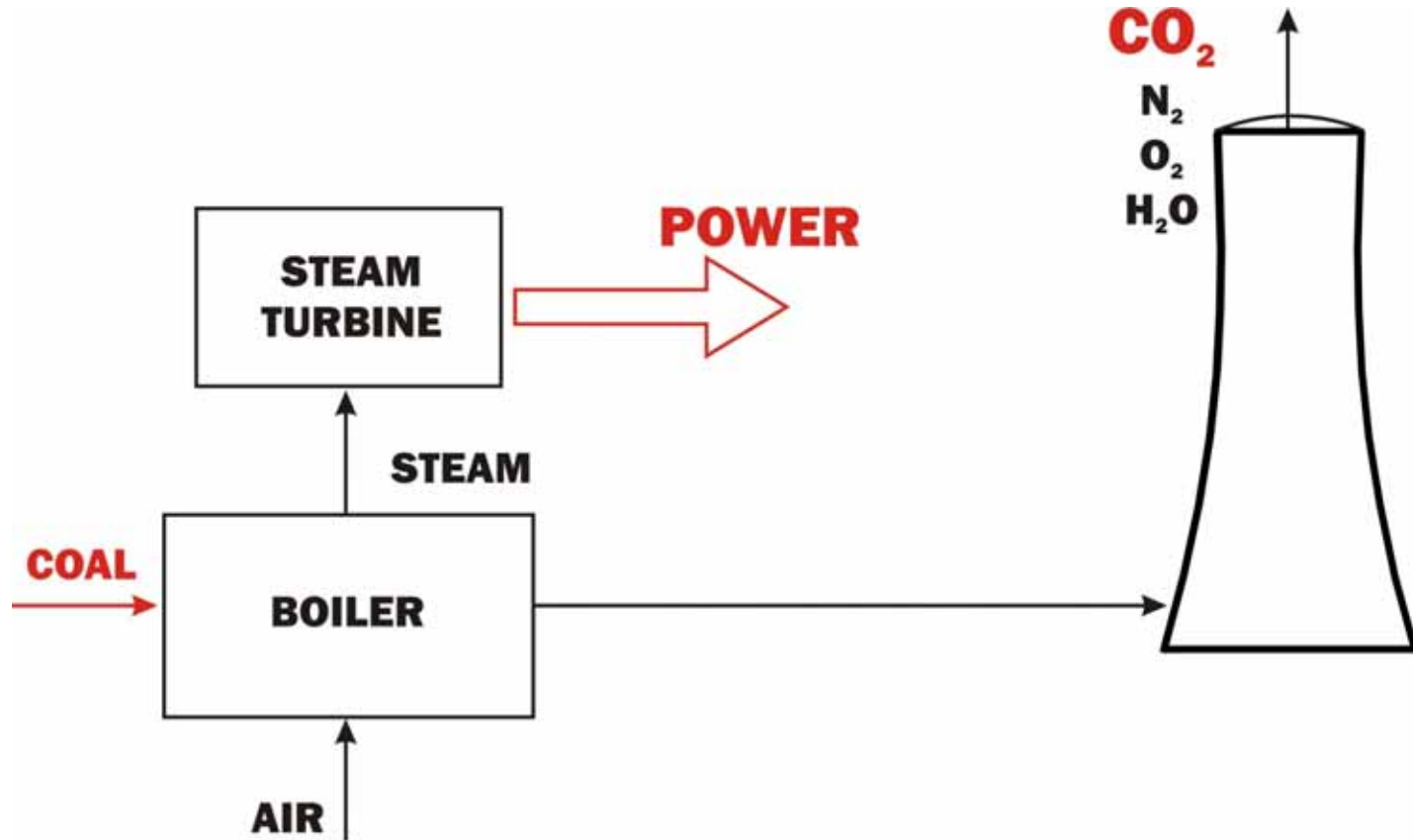


Declines continue as a result of new EPA Rules

COAL AND GLOBAL WARMING

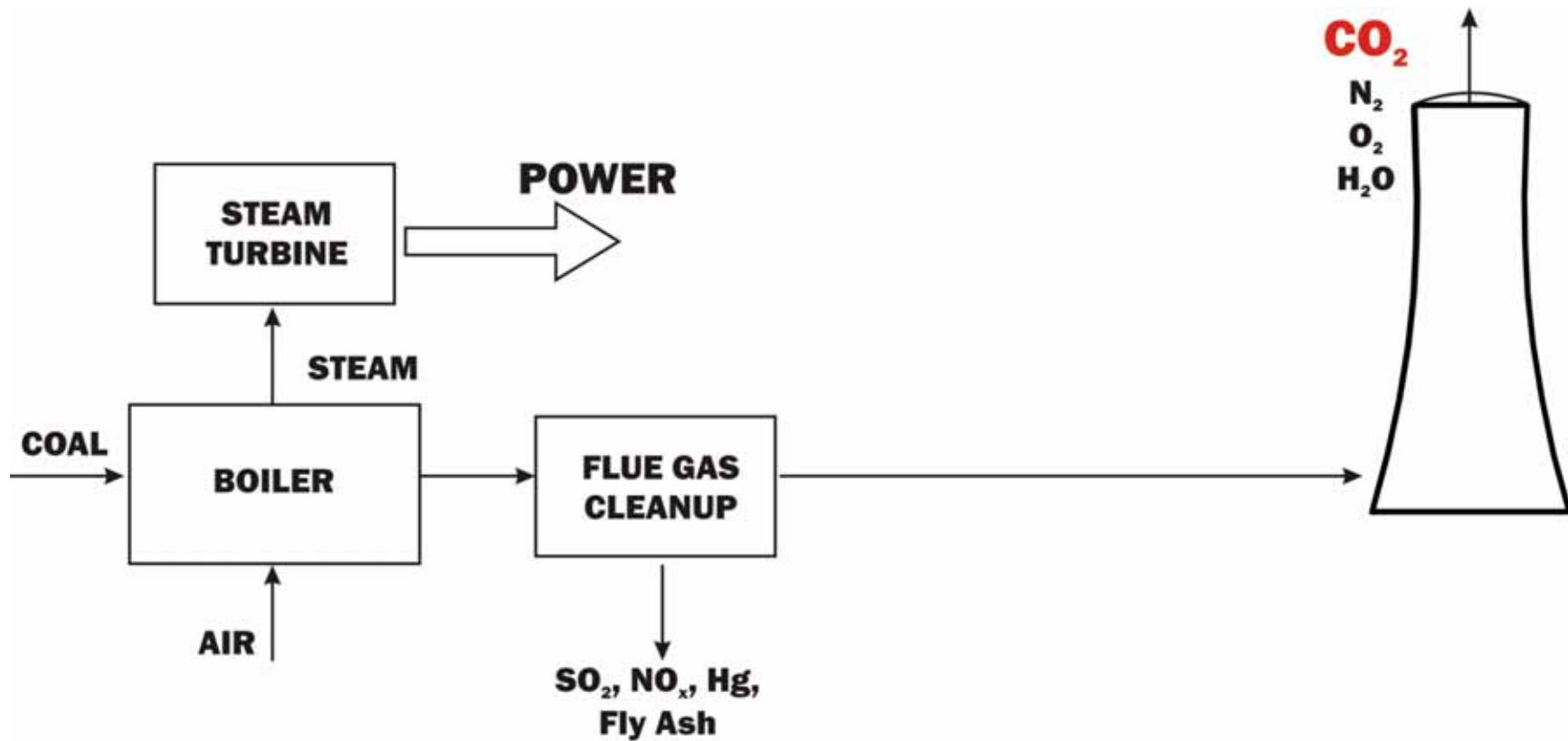
- **32.7 % OF CO₂ GENERATED IN U.S. IS FROM COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS**
- **TOP PRIORITY:
DEVELOP TECHNOLOGY TO REDUCE
CO₂ EMISSIONS FROM COAL-FIRED
POWER PLANTS**

CO₂ EMISSIONS AND POWER PLANT GENERATION EFFICIENCY



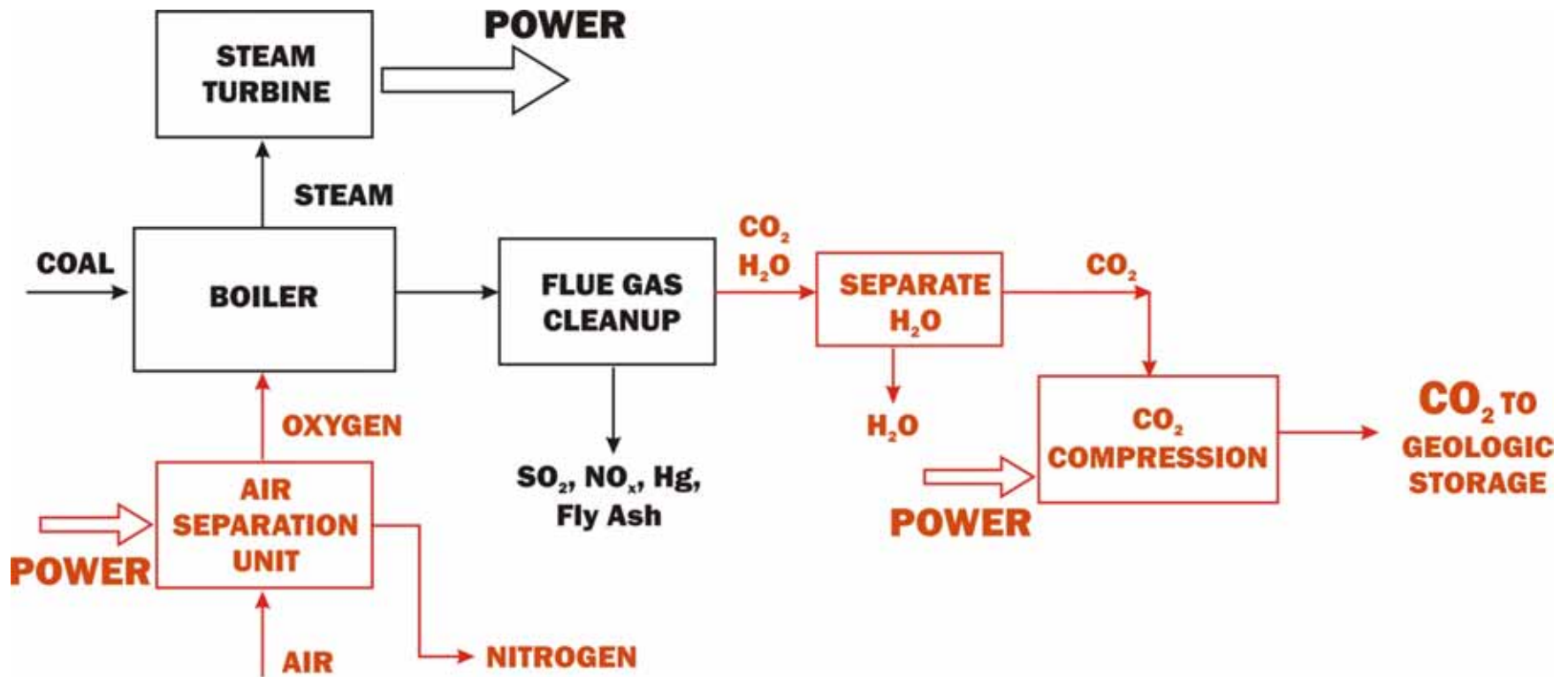
Higher Efficiency Results in Less CO₂

- **An increase in efficiency from 35 to 45%, would decrease CO₂ emissions by 22%!**



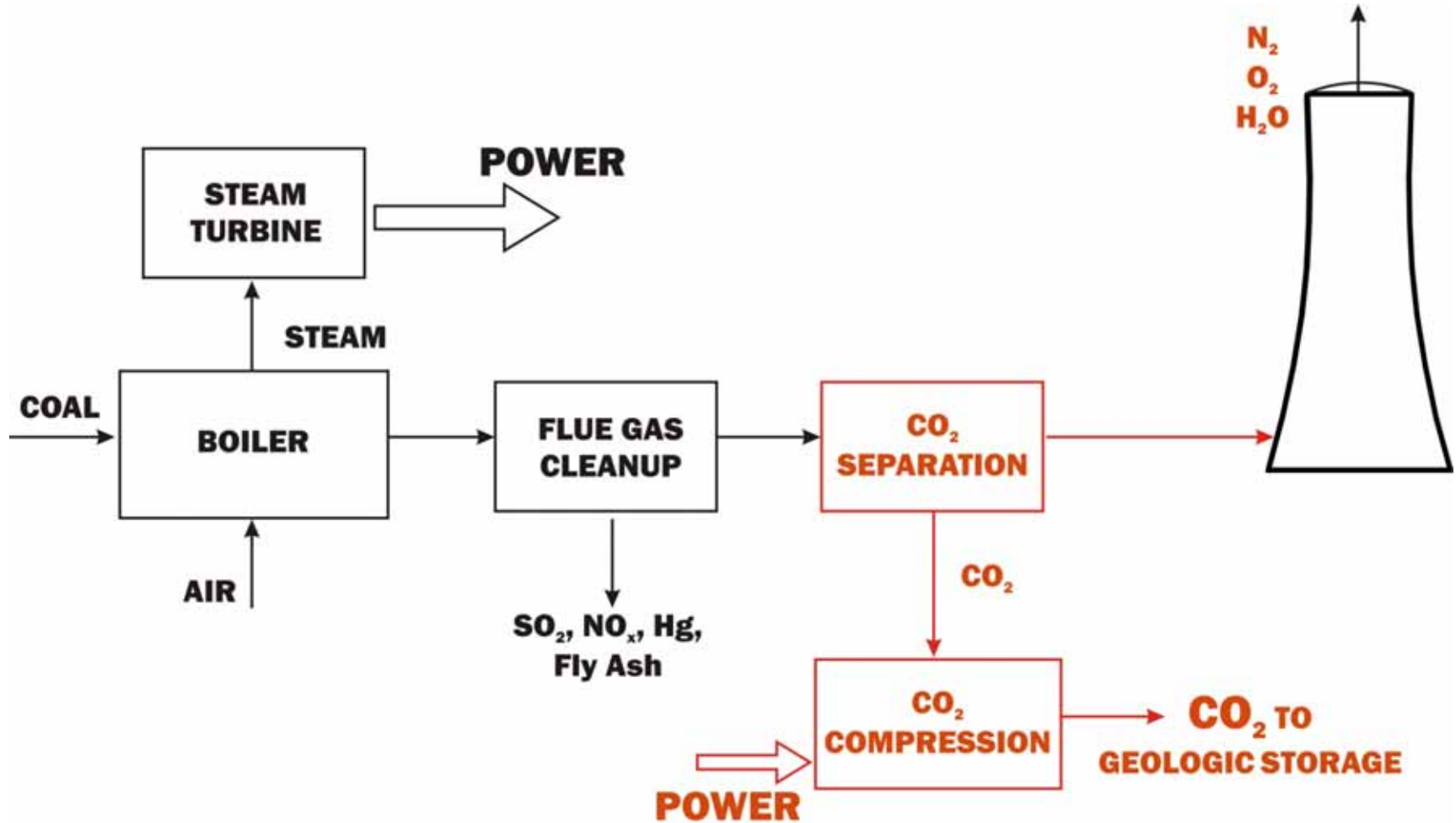
CONVENTIONAL STEAM POWER PLANT

CARBON CAPTURE METHODS

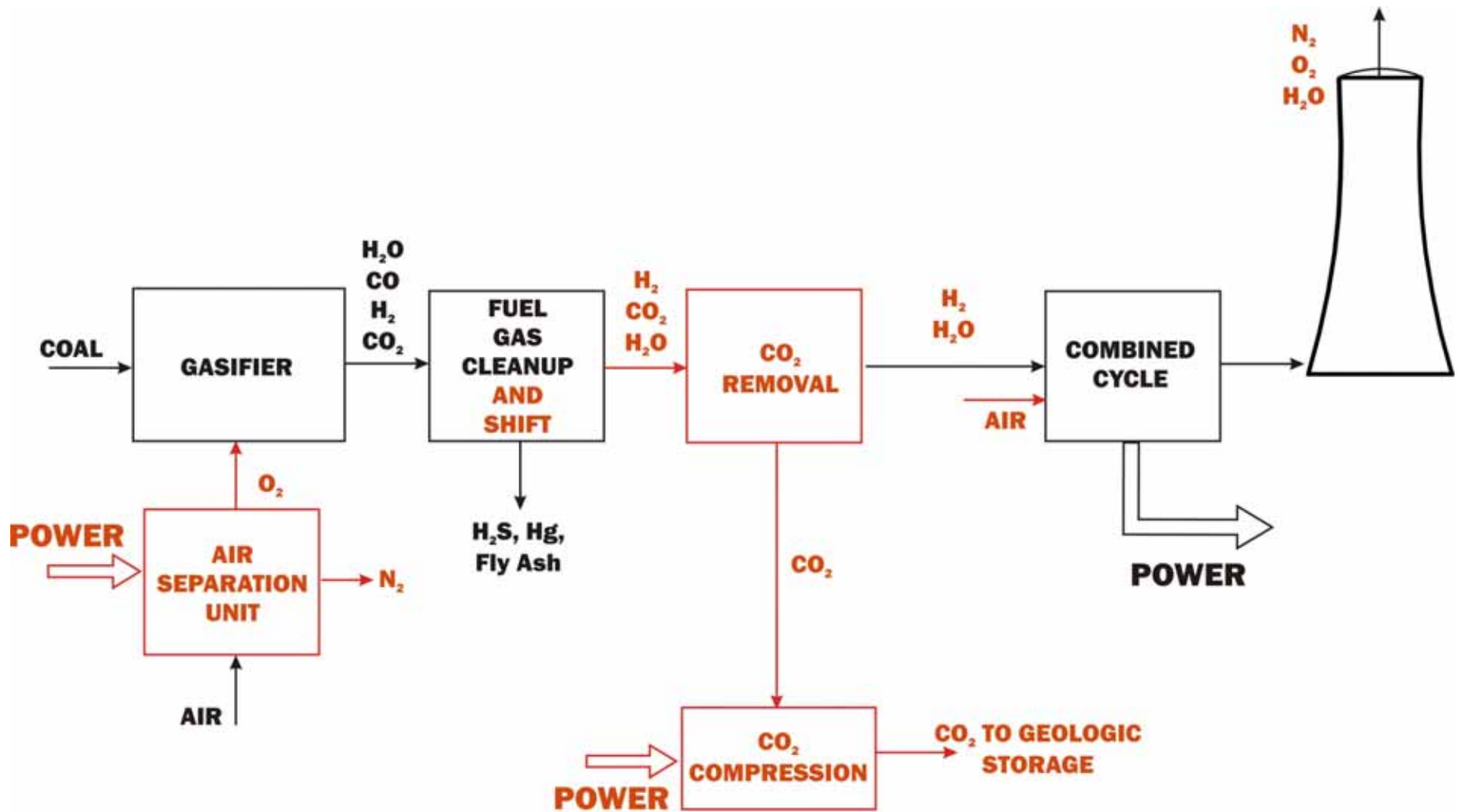


STEAM POWER PLANT WITH OXY-COMBUSTION

CARBON CAPTURE METHODS



STEAM POWER PLANT WITH POST-COMBUSTION CAPTURE



INTEGRATED GASIFICATION COMBINED CYCLE (IGCC) WITH CO₂ CAPTURE

CO₂ SEQUESTRATION

WHAT WILL WE DO WITH THE CAPTURED CO₂?

- ENHANCED OIL RECOVERY
- COAL BED METHANE RECOVERY
- INJECTION INTO DEEP SALINE AQUIFERS

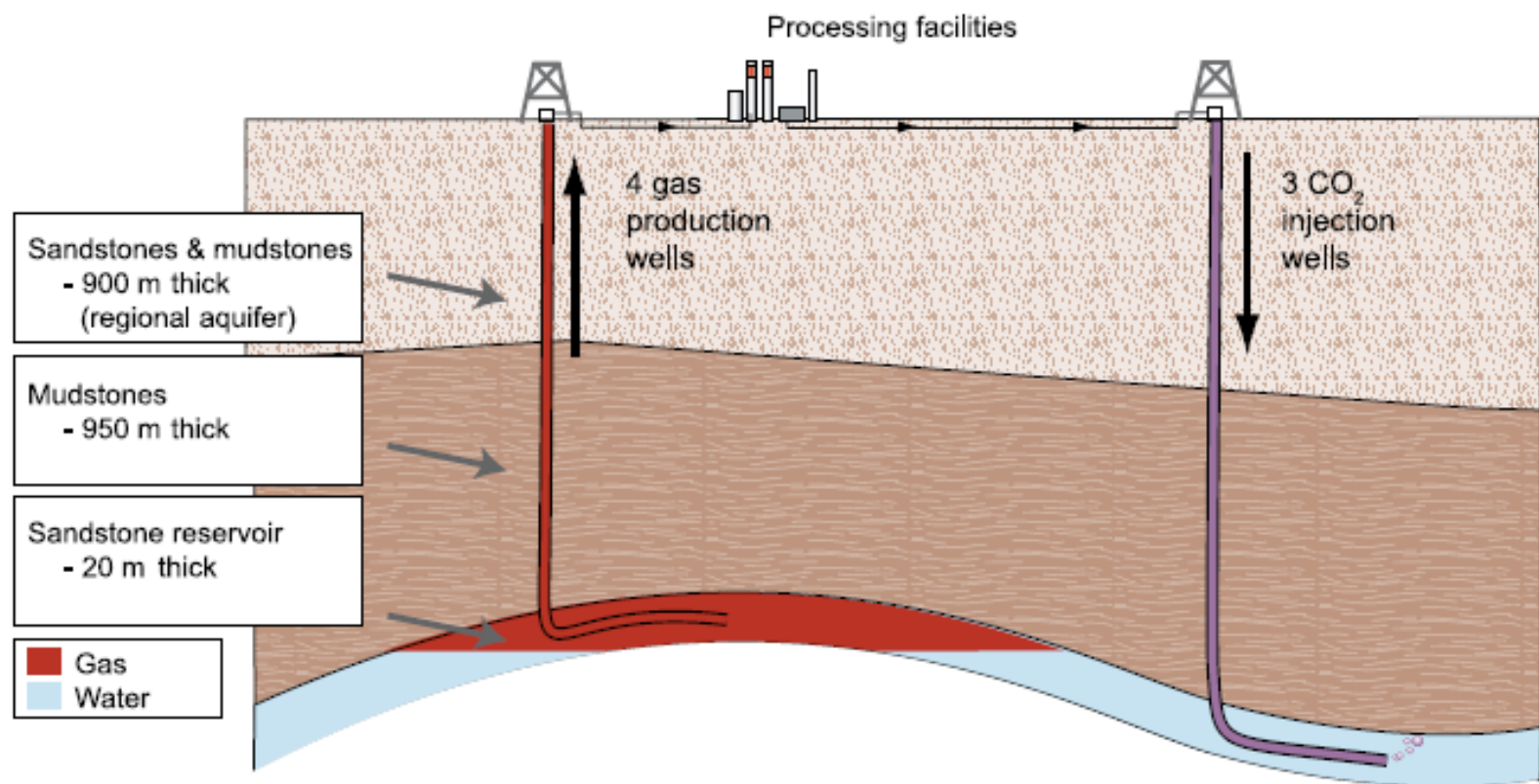
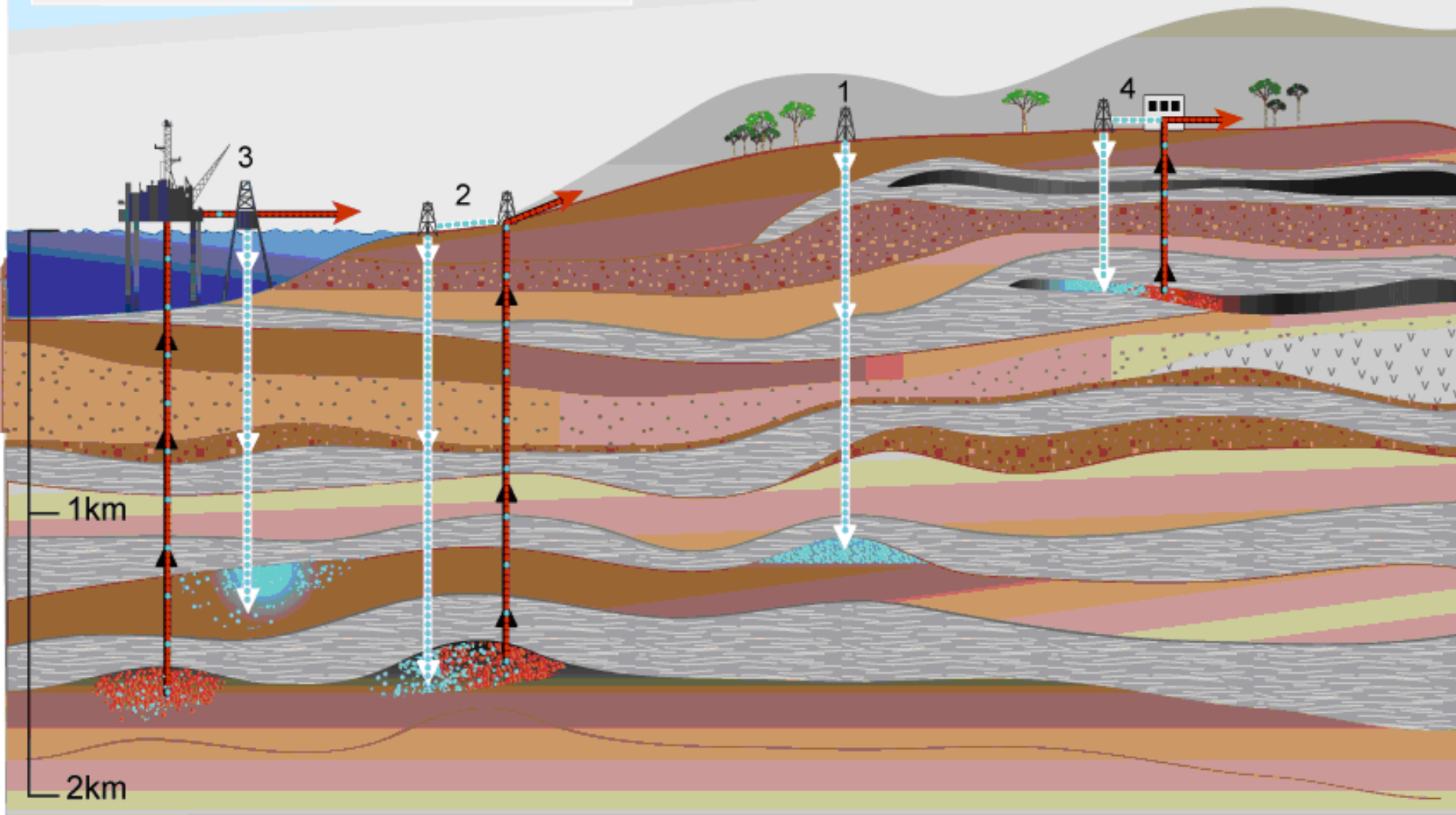
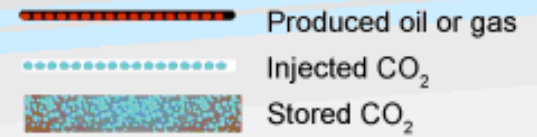


Figure 5.5 Schematic of the In Salah Gas Project, Algeria. One MtCO₂ will be stored annually in the gas reservoir. Long-reach horizontal wells with slotted intervals of up to 1.5 km are used to inject CO₂ into the water-filled parts of the gas reservoir.

Overview of Geological Storage Options

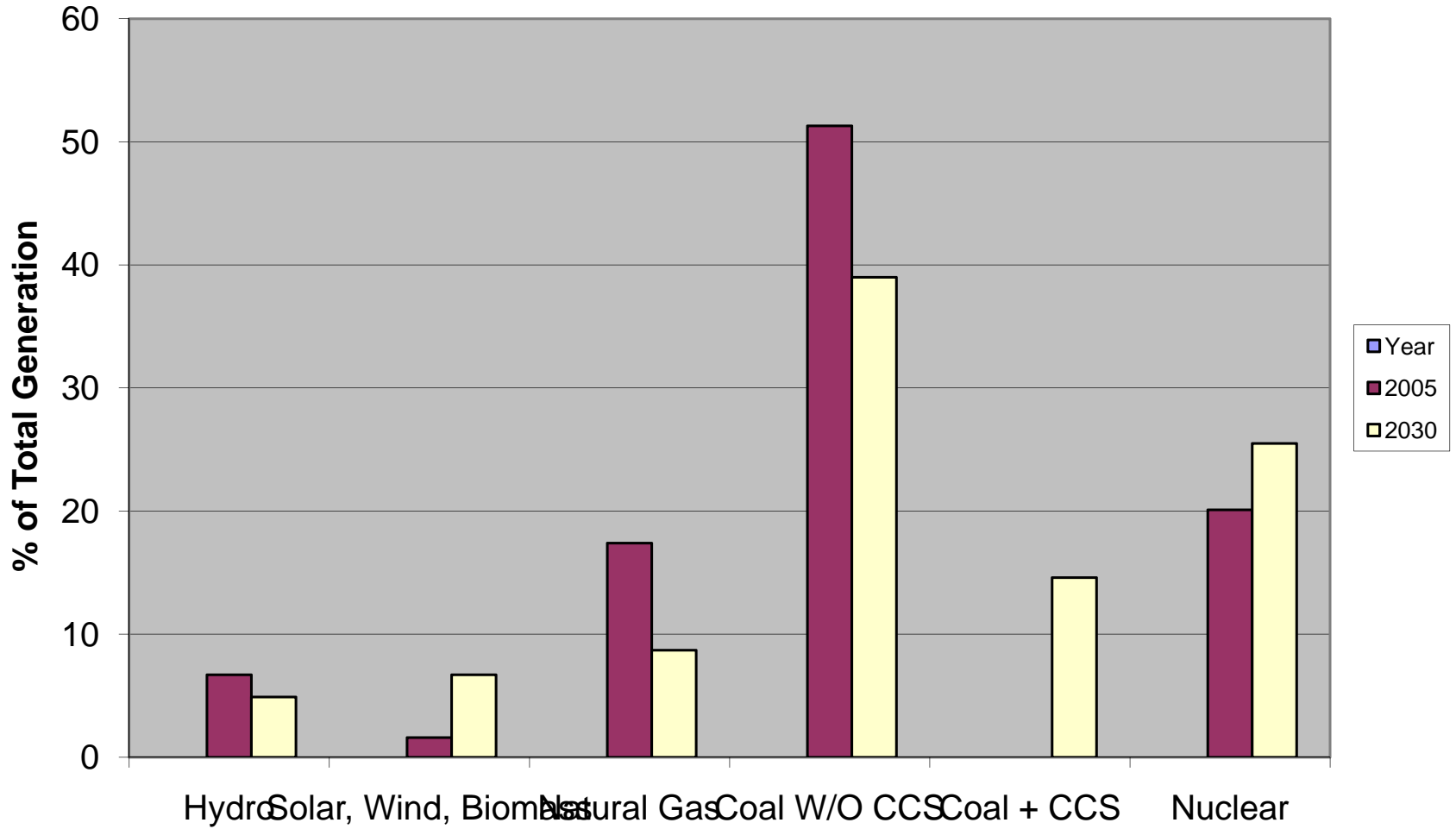
- 1 Depleted oil and gas reservoirs
- 2 Use of CO₂ in enhanced oil recovery
- 3 Deep saline formations
- 4 Use of CO₂ in enhanced coal bed methane recovery



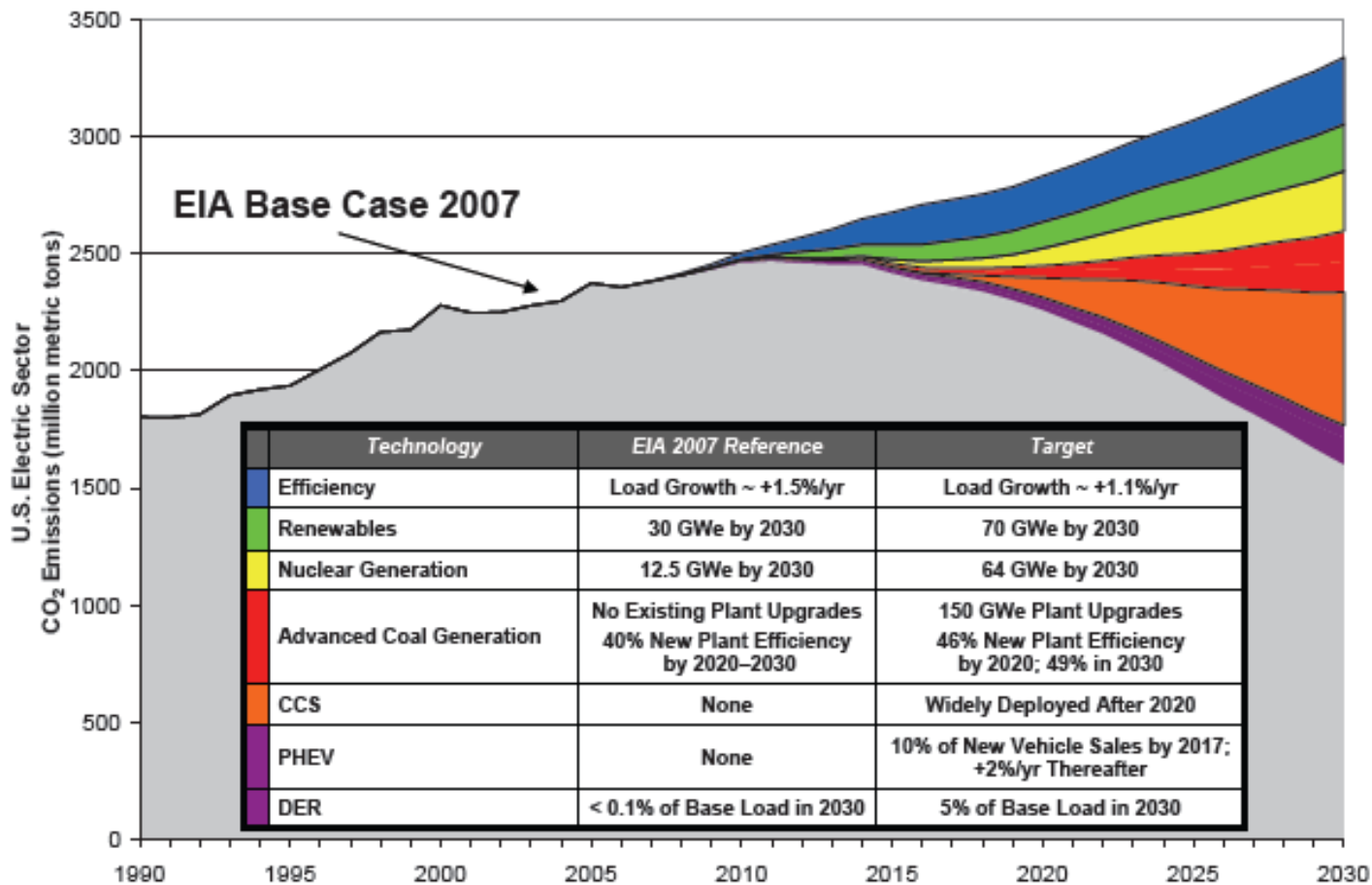
**WHERE DOES COAL WITH CCS
FIT INTO THE FUTURE
GENERATION MIX?**

- **Total U.S. Generation of Electricity is Projected to Increase Significantly Between 2005 and 2030**
- **(A 44% Increase in One Plausible Scenario)**
- **Contributing Factors Are Population Growth, Use of Plug-in Electric Vehicles, and Demand Side Conservation**
- **All Generation Options Will Be Needed to Meet the Demand**

PROJECTED U.S. ELECTRICITY GENERATION



CO₂ Reductions ... Technical Potential*



* Achieving all targets is very aggressive, but potentially feasible.

RESEARCH NEEDS

INCREASE POWER PLANT EFFICIENCY

- **Increase Steam Temperatures and Pressures**
- **Develop Innovative Efficiency Improvement Techniques**
- **Develop Improved Sensors, Controls and Process Optimization Techniques**

INCREASE POWER PLANT EFFICIENCY

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- **Develop Innovative Efficiency Improvement Techniques** (Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Materials Science)
- **Develop Improved Sensors, Controls and Process Optimization Techniques** (Mechanical Engineering, Computer Science, Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering Physics, Materials Science)

OXY-COAL COMBUSTION

- **Develop Low Cost Methods of Generating Oxygen**
- **Optimize Process Operating Conditions**
- **Develop Sensors and Controls**
- **Develop Ferrous Alloys for Oxy-Combustion Environment**
- **Develop Improved CO₂ Compression Processes**

POST COMBUSTION CO₂ CAPTURE

- **Improved CO₂ Capture Processes**
- **Sensors, Controls and Process Optimization**
- **Materials**
- **CO₂ Compression**

INTEGRATED GASIFICATION COMBINED CYCLE

- **Gasification Processes**
- **CO₂ Capture**
- **Hot Gas Cleanup**
- **Materials**
- **Sensors, Controls, and Process Optimization**
- **CO₂ Compression**

POWER PLANT POLLUTION CONTROL

- Acid Rain Gases
- Mercury
- Capture of Fine Particles
- (Improved Processes, Instrumentation, Controls, Process Optimization, Materials)

CARBON SEQUESTRATION

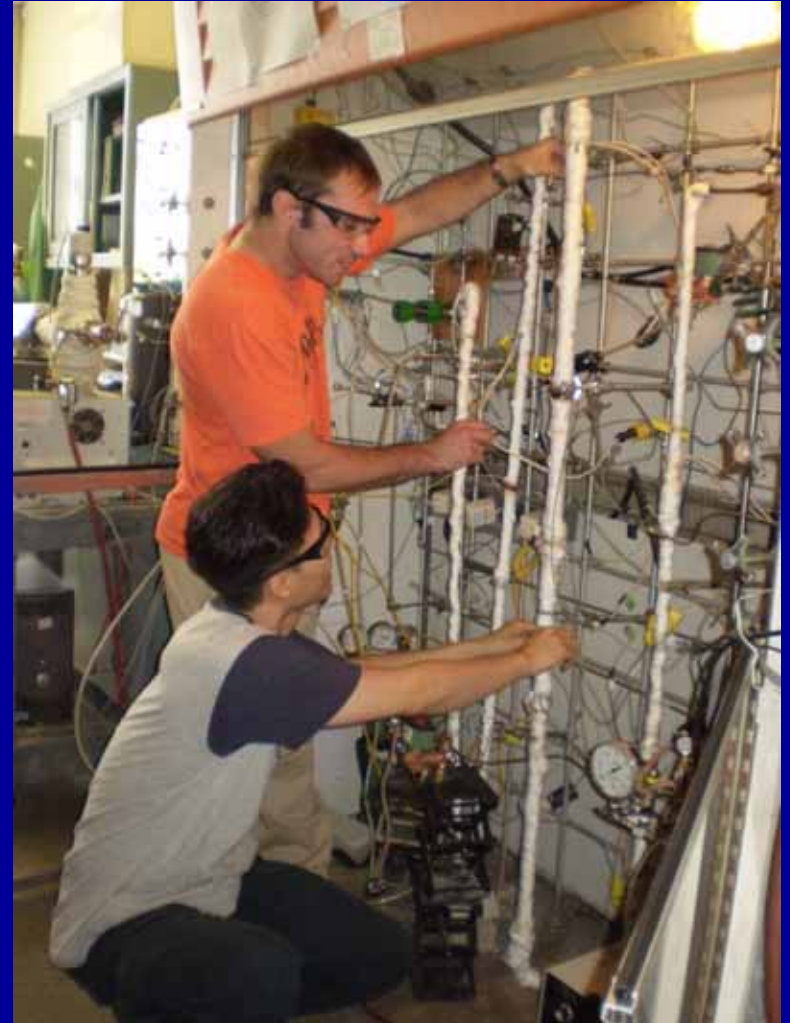
- **What Happens to CO₂ After Injection?**
- **Chemical Reactions in Geologic Formations**
- **Sensors/Monitoring/Controls**
- **Public Policy Dimensions of Geologic Sequestration**

**EXAMPLES OF
RESEARCH AT LEHIGH'S
ENERGY RESEARCH
CENTER**

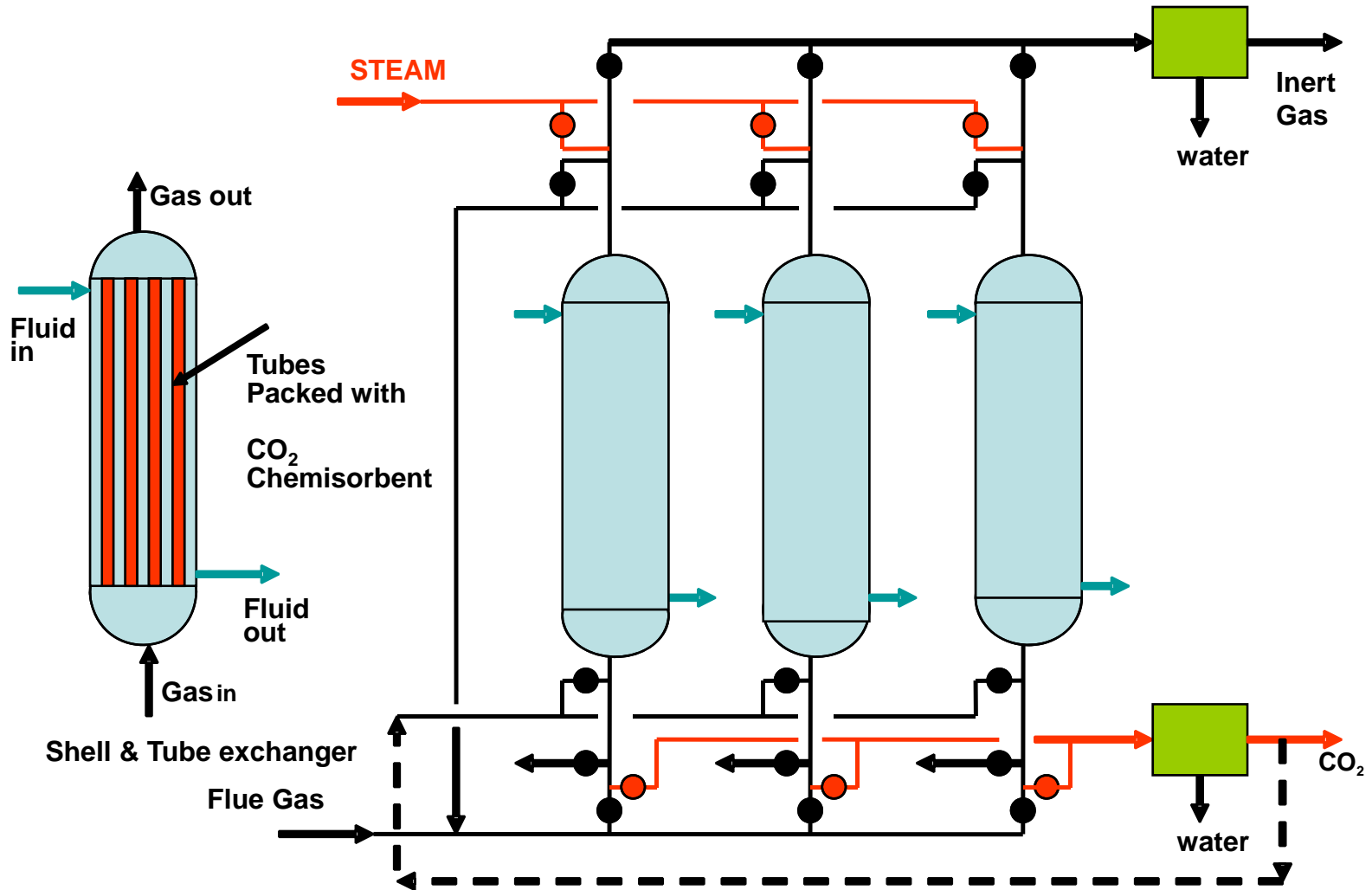
CO₂ RECOVERY FROM FLUE GAS: Chemisorptive Carbon Capture

(S. Sircar and H. Caram)

- Use Solid Sorbents to Separate CO₂ from Flue Gas
- Constraints – Temperature Range, Sulfur Poisoning, Energy Costs
- Laboratory Experimentation and Fundamental Modeling



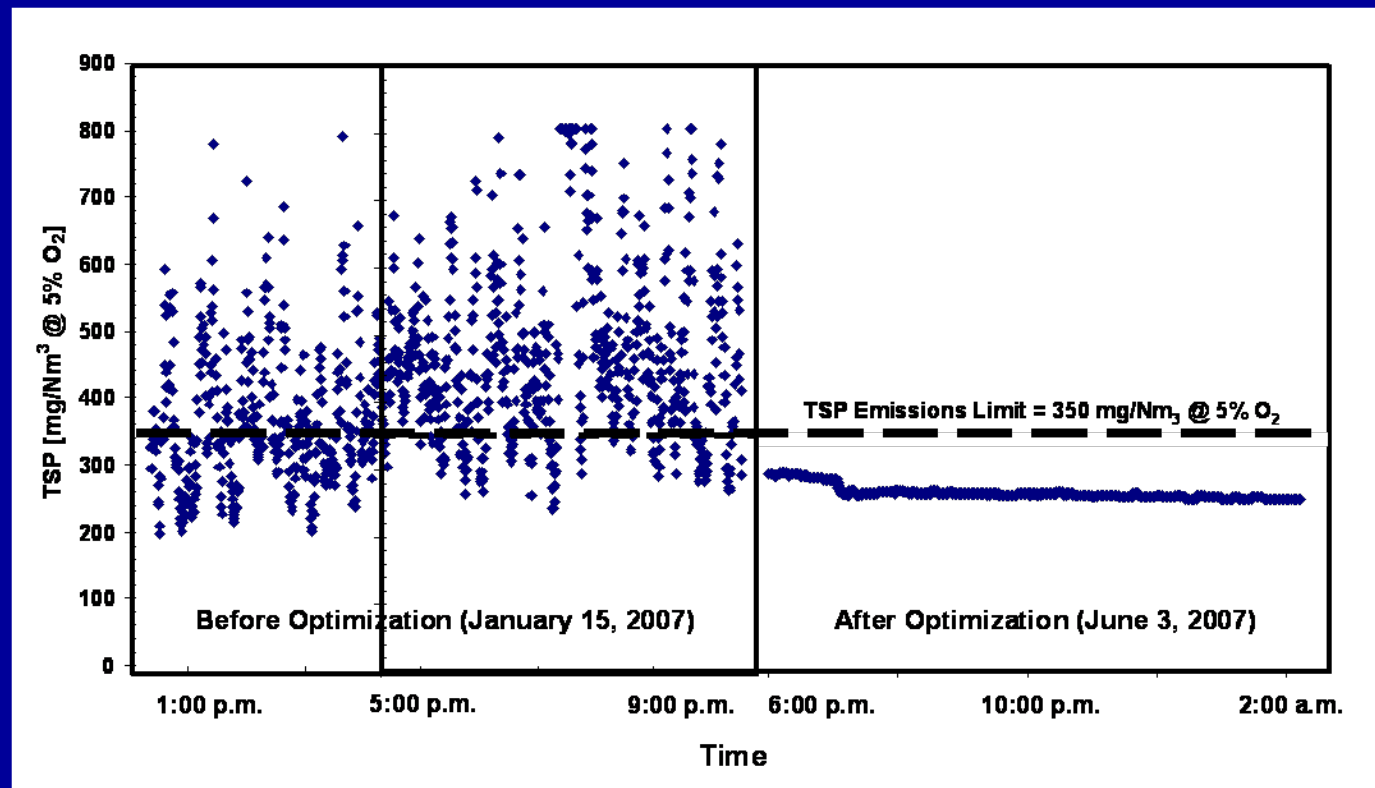
HIGH PURITY TSA PROCESS



PROCESS OPTIMIZATION AND CONTROL USING ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI)

(C. Romero and N. Sarunac)

- Increase power plant thermal efficiency.
- Reduce power plant emissions.
- Extend component life.
- Reduce operating costs.

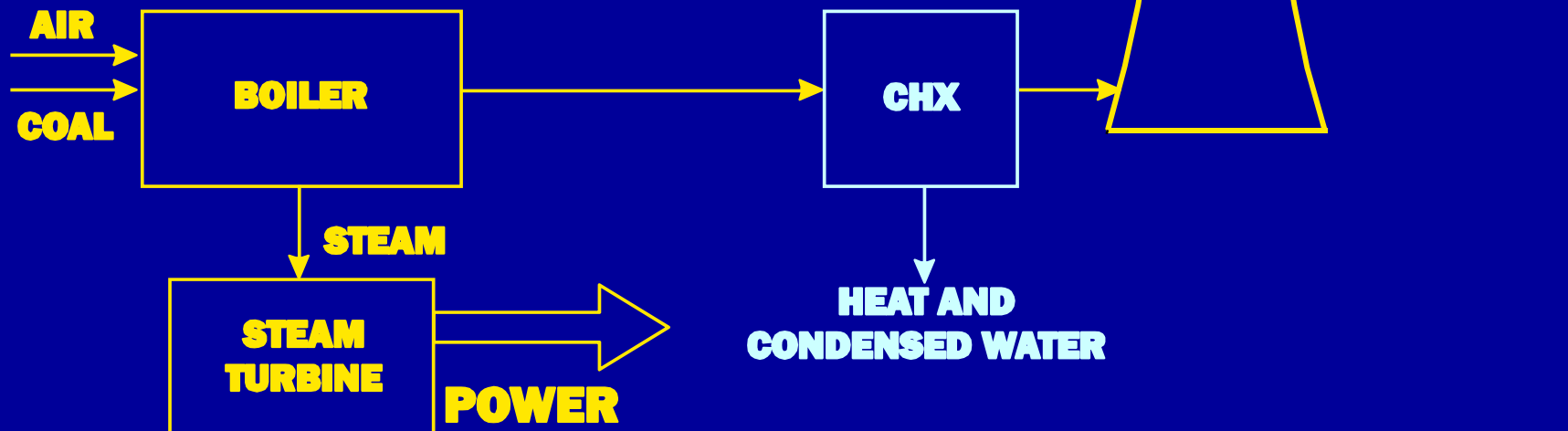


REDUCE FLUE GAS EXIT TEMPERATURE IN COAL-FIRED POWER PLANTS

Use Condensing Heat Exchangers

(E. Levy and H. Bilirgen)

- Increase Power Plant Efficiency
- Reduce CO₂ Emissions
- Reduce SO_x, NO_x, Hg Emissions
- Reduce Water Requirements for Cooling



- **Theoretical Modeling**
- **Laboratory Experimentation**
- **Tests at Power Plant**
- **Develop CHX Design Methodology**
- **Optimize Heat Exchanger Design**



USE POWER PLANT WASTE HEAT TO PRE-DRY HIGH MOISTURE COAL

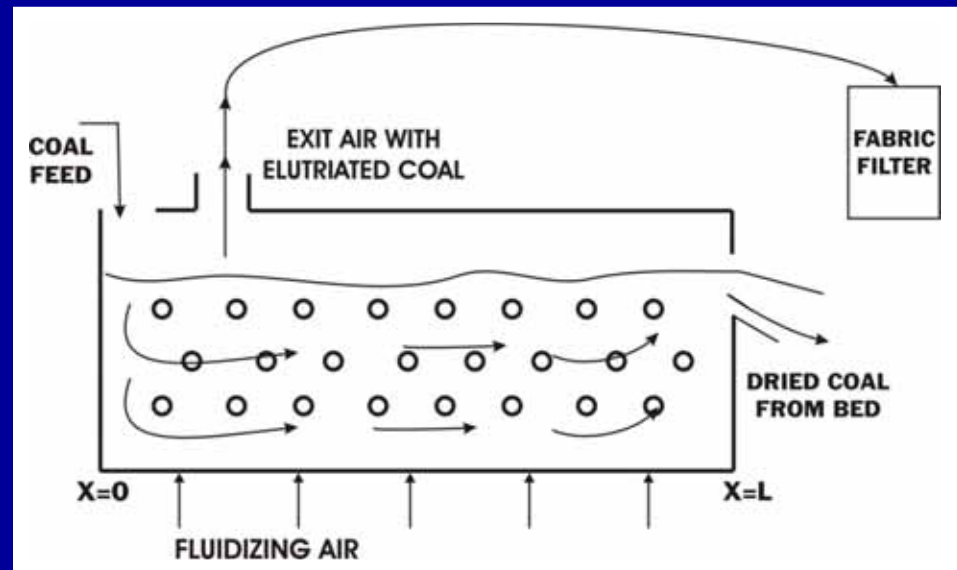
(N. Sarunac and E. Levy)

- Increase Power Plant Efficiency
- Reduce Stack Emissions
- Reduce CO₂

Coal Creek Station
North Dakota Lignite



- **Data Base On Drying Kinetics**
- **Theoretical Model of Drying Process**
- **Design Commercial Scale System**
- **Evaluate Impacts on Plant**

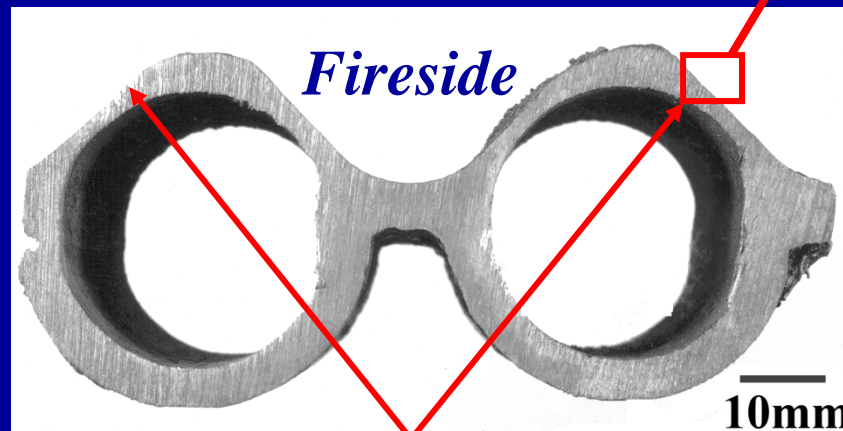


PREVENTING BOILER TUBE CORROSION

(J. DuPont and H. Nied)

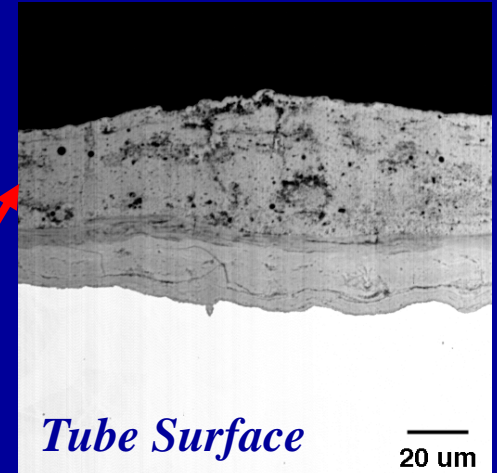
High Efficiency-Low Emissions Boilers are Subject to Aggressive Tube Corrosion and Cracking

- Determine Failure Mechanisms
- Develop Protective Weld Overlay Coatings
- Develop Welding Procedures
- Carry Out Both Laboratory and Long-Term Field Tests



Excessive Wall Thinning

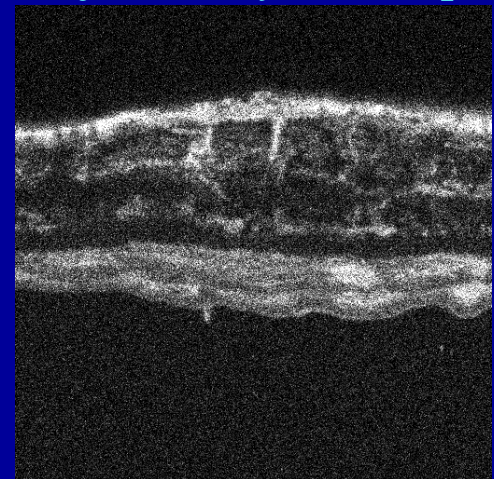
LOM Photomicrograph



Tube Surface

20 um

Sulfur X-Ray Dot Map



Thank you!!

Questions?

