

Emerging Technologies and the Changing Nature of Electrical Power Generation

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Regulations Related to Fossil Fueled Power Plants

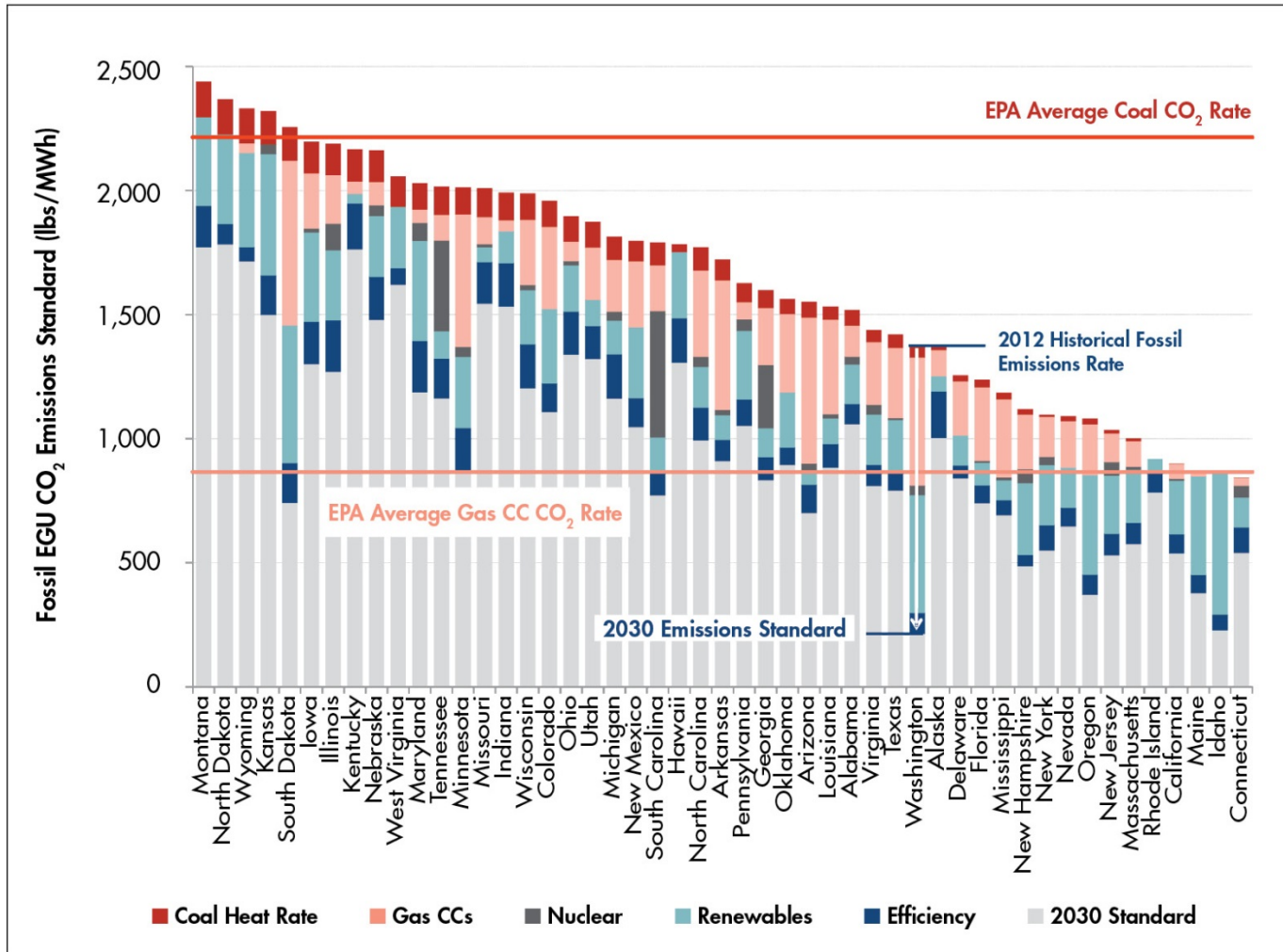
- **Lowering emissions limits for SO₂, NO_x, particulates, Hg, etc.** requires new and upgraded emissions controls to existing coal plants ... or plant retirement.
- **Recent New Source Standards for CO₂ emissions**
 - Coal plant – 1,100 lb_{CO2}/MWh_{gross} (requires CO₂ capture of ~30%)
 - NGCC – 1,000 lb_{CO2}/MWh_{gross} (no controls required because of lower carbon density of natural gas)

Proposed Existing Source CO₂ Standard

Four step approach to determine the CO₂ emissions limits on a state by state basis

- 1. 6% heat rate improvement for existing coal units**
- 2. Displace existing coal generation with existing gas, up to 70% NGCC annual capacity factor**
- 3. Increased renewable capacity/avoiding at-risk nuclear retirements**
- 4. Increasing state demand-side efficiency programs**

Figure 2: Fossil EGU CO₂ emissions standards by state



Source: The Brattle Group

Changing Landscape of Power Generation

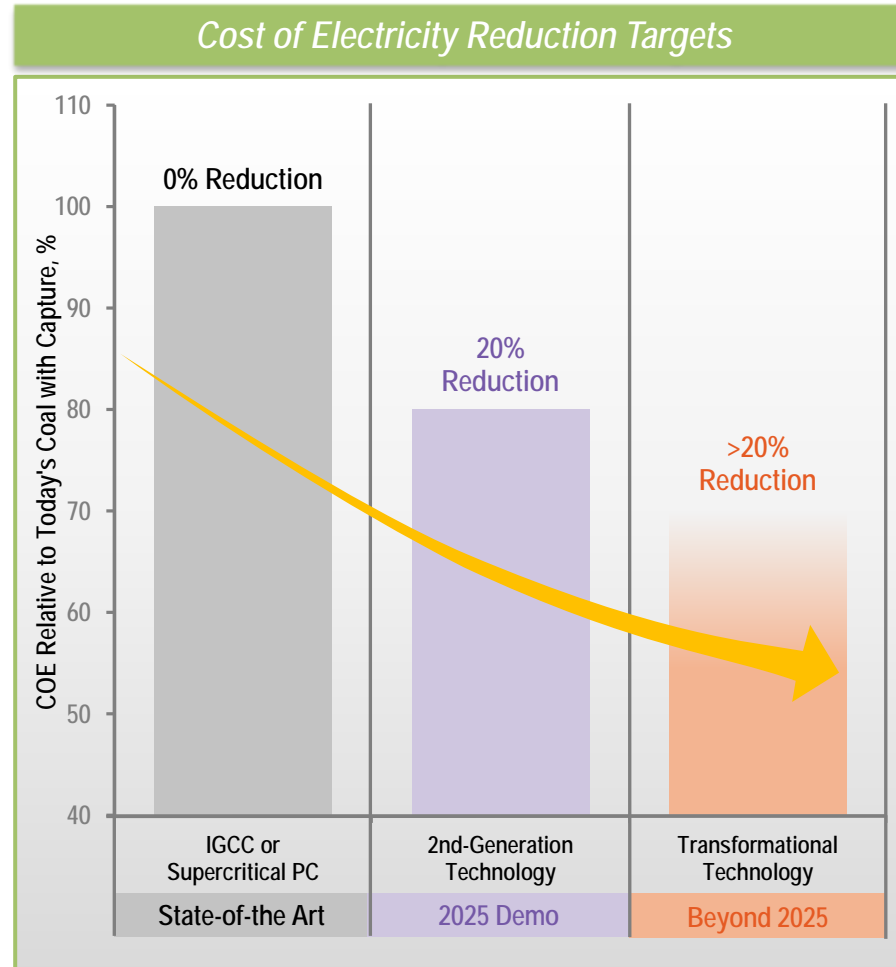
- **Issues for evaluation**

- ‘Base loaded’ plants are forced to load follow - load following has historically had negative impacts on maintenance cost and emissions as the plants are cycled increasing thermal stress and emissions control system performance suffers under transient conditions
- With a change in the power generation profile required by the proposed CO₂ emissions regulations, is power available where needed for the existing demand and grid system?
- Reduction in spinning reserve with addition of renewables can lead to grid stability issues.*

* Power Engineering youtube video - “Grid Stability and the Changing Landscape of Power Generation” - <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODFoHHbhiOM> grid instability issue

Clean Coal Research Program Goals

Driving Down the Cost of Coal Power with CCS



Goals shown are for greenfield plants. Costs are nth-of-a-kind and include compression to 2215 psia but exclude CO₂ transport and storage costs.

Emerging Power Generation Technologies

Advances to Existing Technologies

- **Advanced ultra-supercritical steam rankine cycles (NETL program goal 1,400 °F and 5,000 psi)**
- **Advanced gas turbine combined cycle (goal is 3100 °F turbine inlet temperature – targeting 63-65% CC efficiency w/o capture)**
- **Advances in IGCC with capture**
 - Oxygen production
 - Warm gas cleanup for particulate, sulfur, mercury removal
 - CO₂ separation technologies, e.g. hydrogen membranes
 - Advanced hydrogen turbines

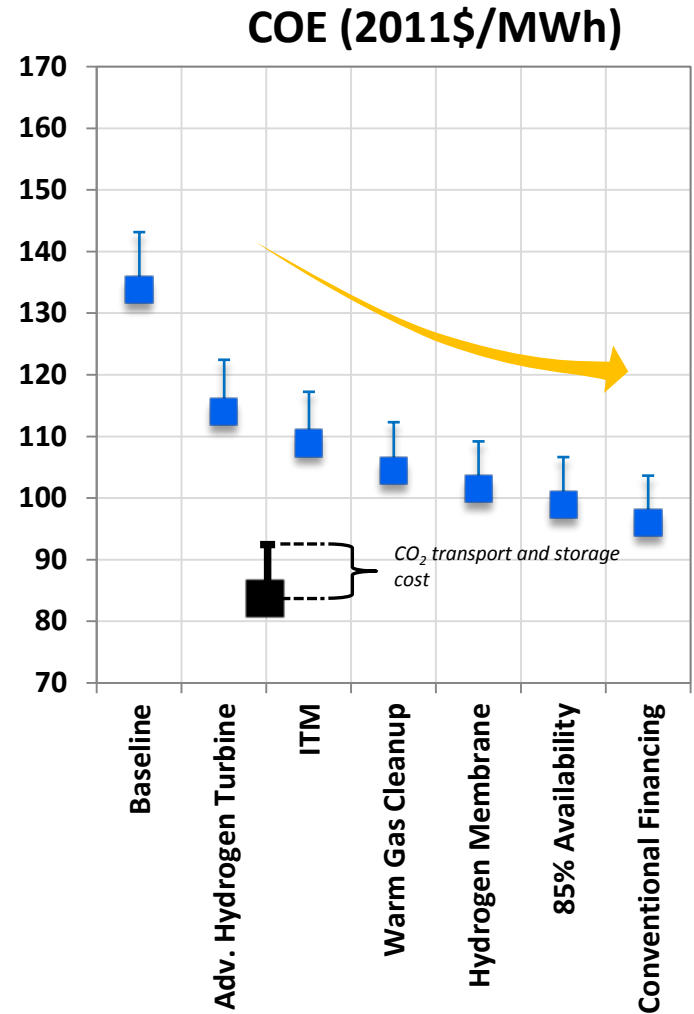
IGCC Pathway

- **2nd Generation**

- Advanced H₂ turbine (2650F turbine inlet temp)
- Advanced oxygen membrane
- Warm gas cleanup (desulfurization)

- **Transformational**

- H₂ Turbine
- Advanced gasification
 - Chemical looping gasification
 - Compact gasifier
- Advanced H₂ / CO₂ separation
- Direct SCO₂ power cycle



Emerging Power Generation Technologies

New Power Technologies

- **Supercritical CO₂**
 - Indirect
 - Direct
- **Chemical Looping (Combustion and Gasification)**
- **Pressurized Oxycombustion**
- **Fuel Cell System**
- **Pressure Gain Combustion (applicable to gas turbines)**
- **Magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) or Direct Power Extraction (DPE)**

SCO₂ Power Cycle

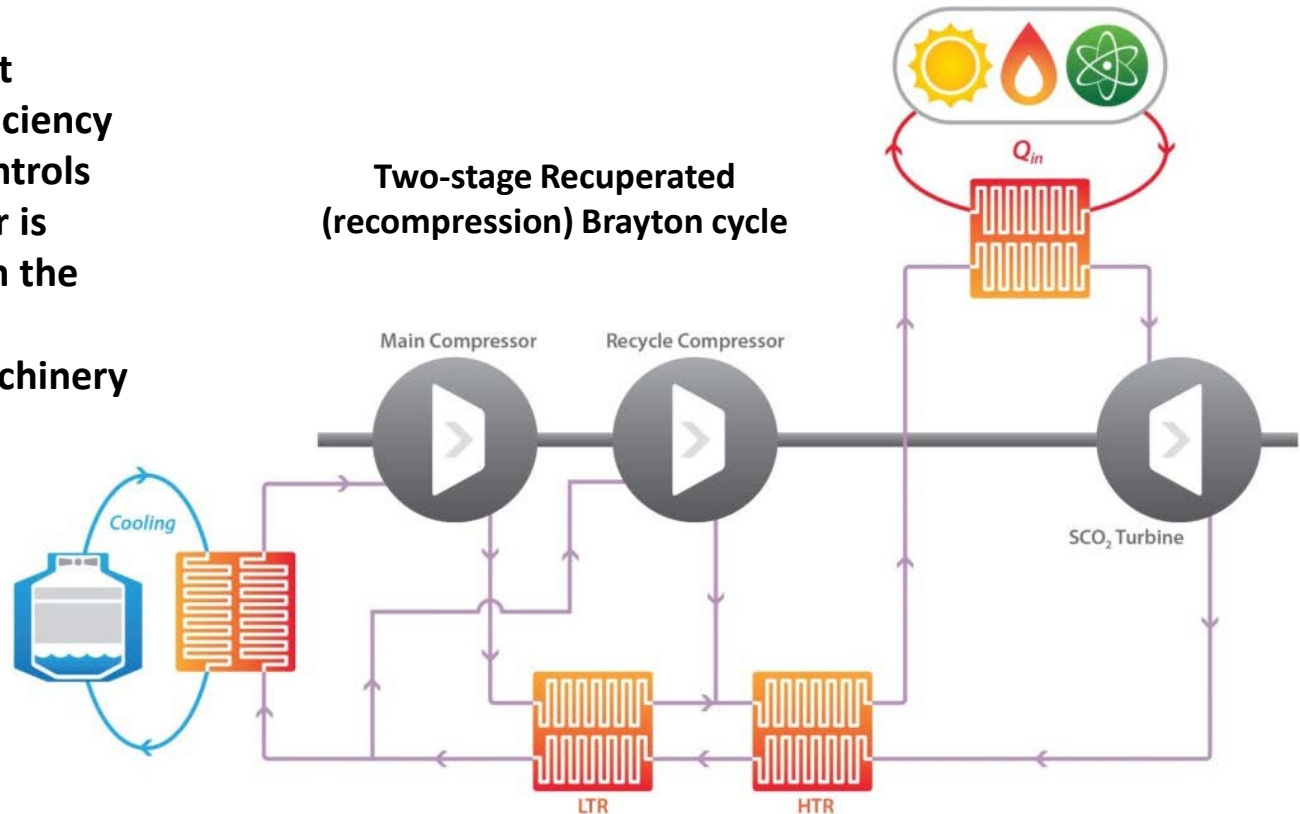
Indirect Heating

Advantages:

- Suitable for wide spectrum of heat sources
- Compact turbomachinery
- Single-phase working fluid

Challenges:

- Operate near critical point required for optimum efficiency complicates operating controls
- Recuperated heat transfer is several times greater than the power output.
- Development of turbomachinery



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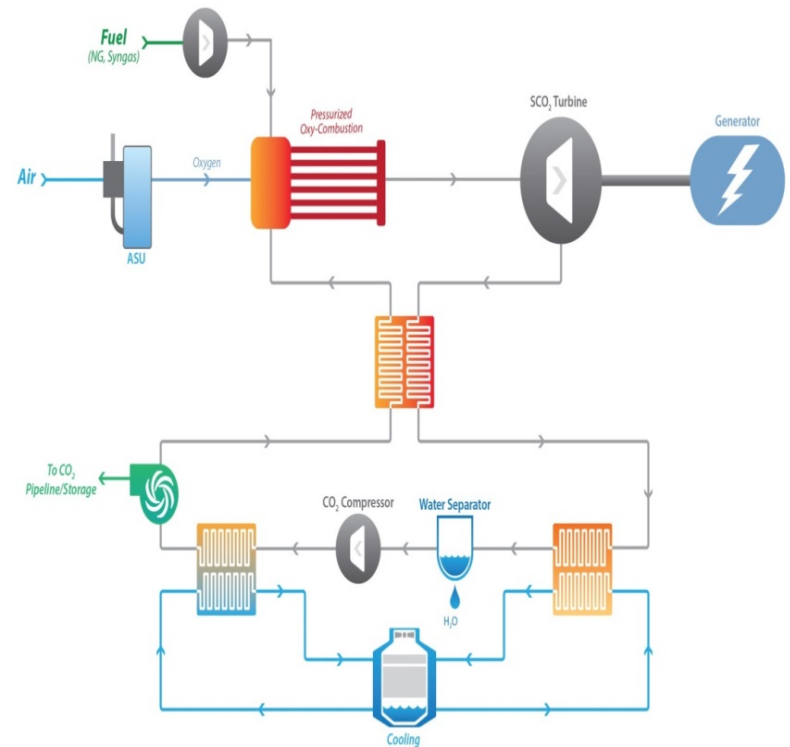
Direct Heating

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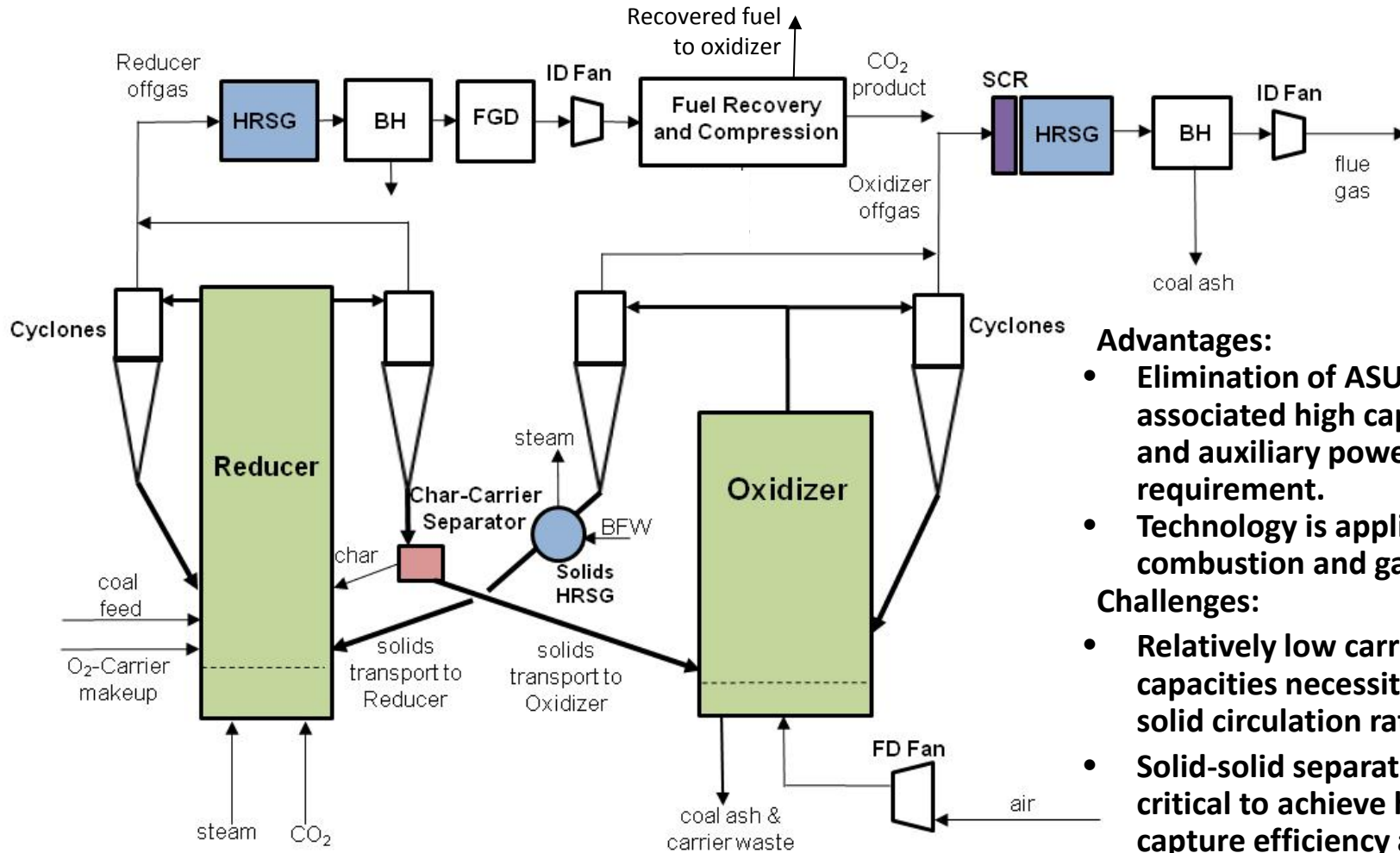
- Flue gas from the pressurized oxycombustor is sent directly to the turbine eliminating the temperature limit imposed by heat exchange through an exchanger
- Flue gas stream exiting the turbine is at elevated pressure reducing or eliminating the need for CO₂ compressing
- Compact turbomachinery
- Heat sources are fossil fuel based

Challenges:

- Oxycombustion at up to 4,500 psi requires development
- Recuperated heat transfer is significant and critical to the cycle efficiency
- Development of turbomachinery



Chemical Looping Combustion



Advantages:

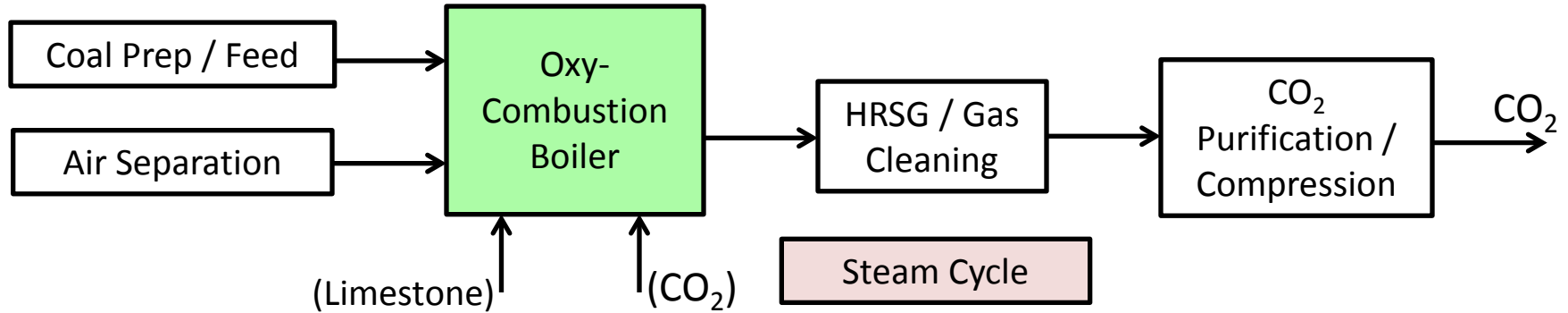
- Elimination of ASU and associated high capital cost and auxiliary power requirement.
- Technology is applicable to combustion and gasification.

Challenges:

- Relatively low carrier capacities necessitates large solid circulation rates.
- Solid-solid separation is critical to achieve high carbon capture efficiency and efficient carrier utilization.

Source: NETL

Pressurized Oxy-combustion



Advantages:

- Operation at elevated pressure minimizes CO₂ compression requirements
- Operation at elevated pressure enables recovery of latent heat in flue gas
- Elevated pressure boiler allows for physically smaller boiler design

Challenges:

- CO₂ purification
- Achieving acceptably high efficiency and low capital cost
- Dry coal feed

IGFC Systems

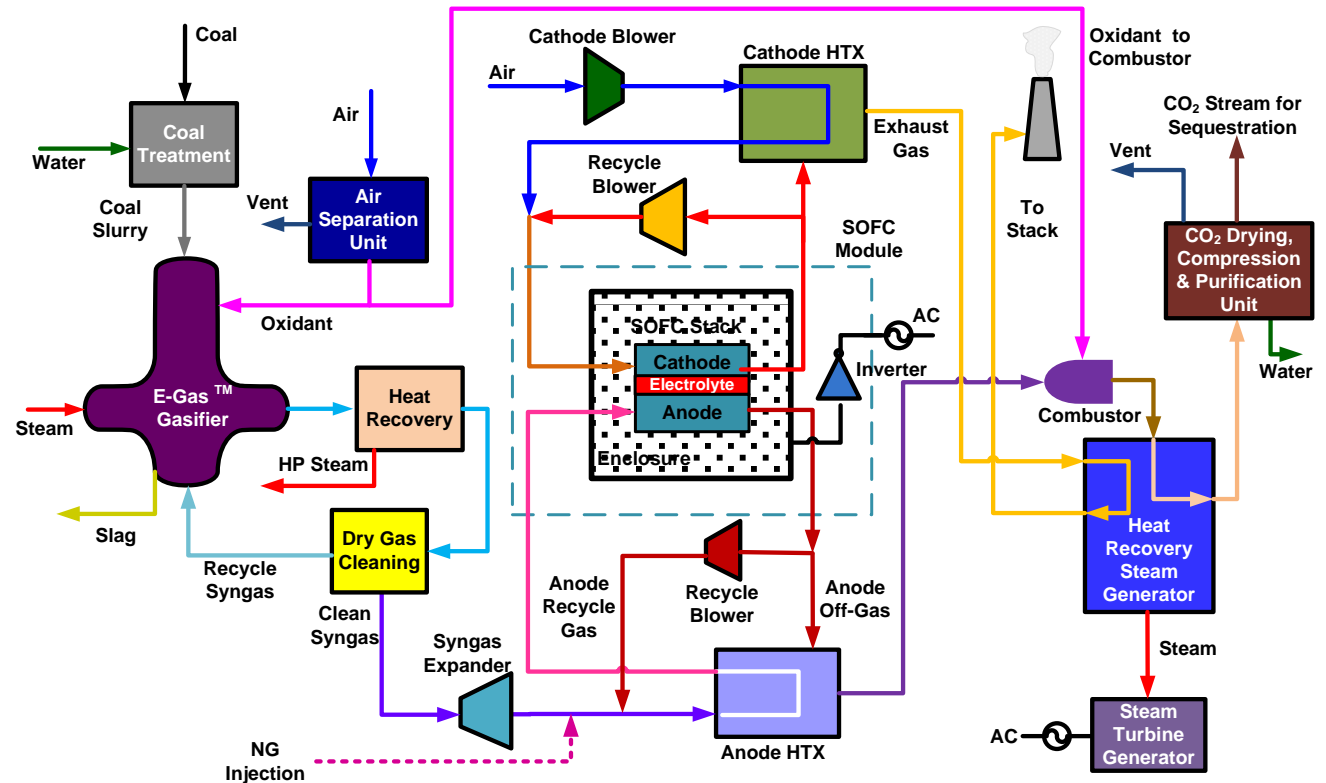
Process Diagram - Atmospheric

Advantages:

- High efficiency potential

Challenges:

- Fuel cell degradation
- Cost
- Inverter efficiency



Pressure Gain Combustion

Advantages:

- Utilizes explosive combustion to produce pressure gain simultaneously with heat generation
- Use in the combustor of a gas turbine would enable elimination of last compressor stages and associated power consumption.

Challenges:

- Demonstrating the concept in continuous operation
- Combustor wall cooling
- Intake valves with no moving parts and minimal pressure drop

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