

# **Third International Conference on Clean Coal Technologies for our Future**



## **Clean Coal: A Compendium of Canada's Participation**

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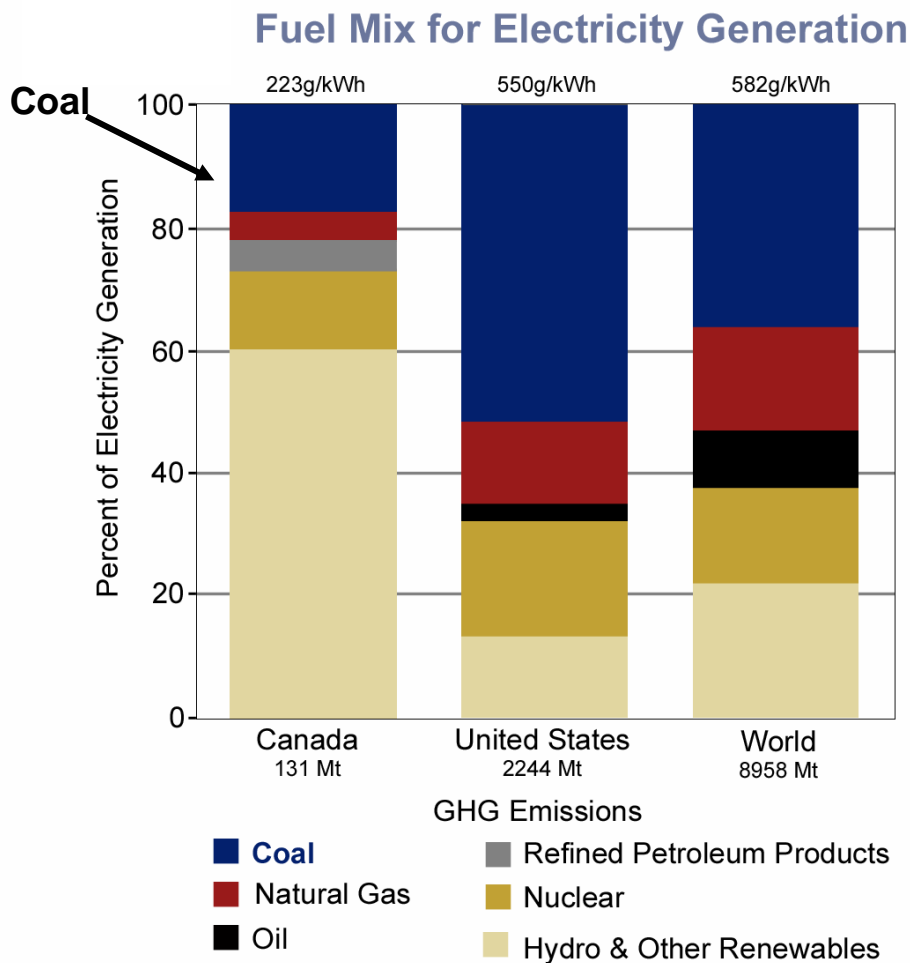
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# Outline of Presentation



- The Role of Coal in Present and Future Energy Mix
- Key Coal Challenges, Opportunities and Drivers
- Clean Coal: A Compendium of Canada's Participation
- Clean Coal Compendium Summary

# Comparing Fuel Mixes – Canada, World



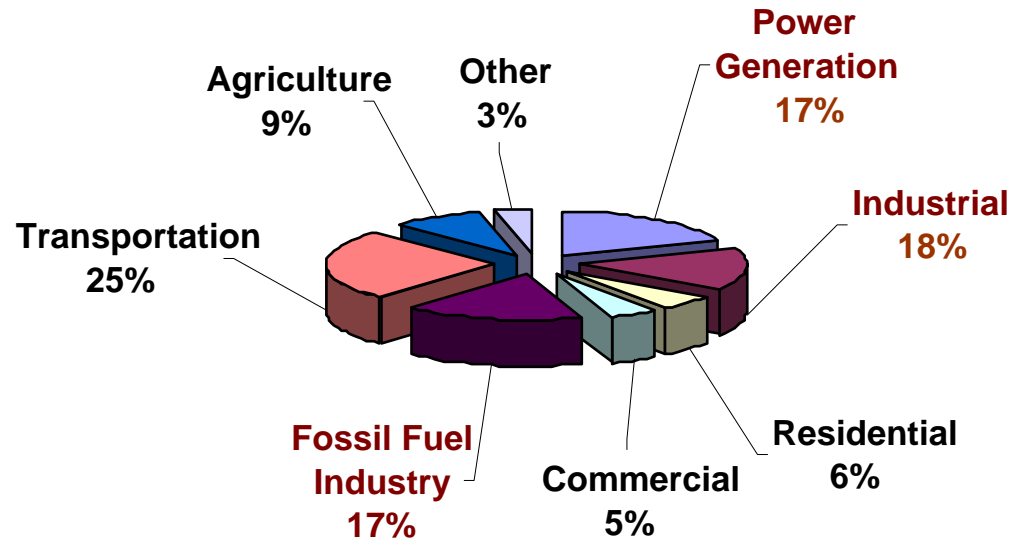
(Source: Pearson, 2003)

- Canada's GHG emission intensity for electricity generation is very low relative to the rest of the world, primarily because of abundant hydroelectricity
- Forecasts show a significant increase in the use of fossil fuels for new generation in Canada

# Three Sectors Account for 50%+ of Canada's Share of GHGs



2004 GHG Emissions by Sector (758 Mt)



- Power generation (17%), industrial end-use (18%), fossil fuel supply (17%) dominate Canada's GHG inventory
- Largely point sources
- Major challenge, and an opportunity for Clean Coal Technologies and CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Storage

# Key Coal Challenges



- Emissions of concern?

- Acid gas emissions
- Particulate emissions
- Air toxic emissions
- GHG emissions

NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub>

Ash, unburnt carbon,  
fine condensates

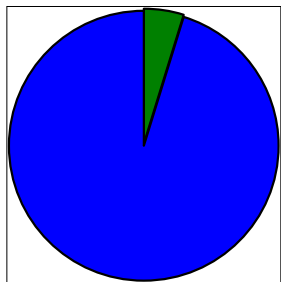
Mercury

CO<sub>2</sub> (primarily)

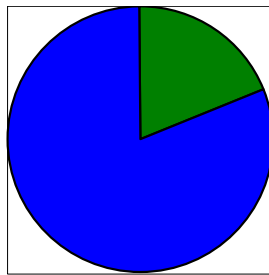
# Key Coal Opportunities



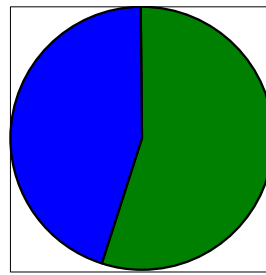
- About half of Canada's existing installed coal-fired capacity is over 25 years old



1998



2010



2020

■ > 40 years old

■ < 40 years old

By the year 2025:

New Demand Capacity: 46GWe

Decommissioned Coal: 14GWe

Total New Capacity: 60GWe

Opportunity at hand for moving towards more efficient, lower-cost clean coal technologies with carbon capture and storage:



**Near-Zero Emission Fossil Fuels Technologies**

# Key Clean Coal Technologies Drivers

## New Regulatory Framework for Air Emissions



- Outlines regulatory approach for both GHGs and (Criteria Air Contaminants) CACs from industry

- Sectors include:

- Electricity from combustion
- Forest products / pulp and paper
- Iron and steel
- Cement, lime
- Oil and gas
- Smelting and refining
- Selected mining (titanium, others)
- Chemicals (including fertilizer)

- GHG obligations – existing facility emission intensity based targets

- 6% annual Emissions Intensity (EI) reduction required for existing facilities for 2007, 08 and 09
- 2% annual EI reduction required for subsequent years
- By 2010, 20% reduction in EI for combustion related GHG emissions
- Compliance mechanism – Technology Investment Fund
  - 2 components – (1) deployment and infrastructure and (2) R&D
  - Deployment and infrastructure contribution limit declines over 2010 to 2017
  - R&D limit of 5 MT per year
  - Compliance units @ \$15/tonne for 2010

- CAC emissions reductions – absolute national caps on emissions by 2012/15

- Compliance mechanisms
- Domestic trading for NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub>
- Will pursue discussions on Canada/US trading for both NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub>

# Clean Coal Among NRCan's Top Energy S&T Priorities



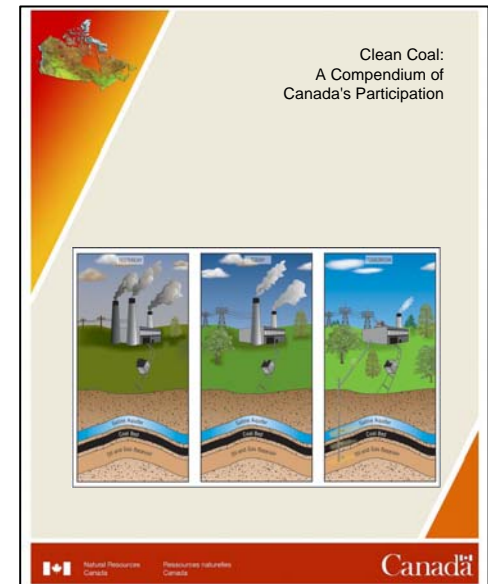
Clean Coal is high on our list of technology priorities

- In addition to existing energy S&T funding, ecoENERGY Technology Initiative announced recently
  - Targeted investment of \$230m/4year in research, development and demonstration of clean energy technologies
  - Key priorities identified, to be confirmed through consultation with industry, provinces
    - CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Storage
    - Clean Coal
    - Bioenergy
    - Clean Oil Sands Production
    - Renewable energy, other clean energy sources
    - Advanced vehicles – pHEVs
    - Next generation nuclear
  - Action through projects based on public-private partnerships
- Additional program details at:  
<http://www.ecoaction.gc.ca/ecoenergy-ecoenergie/index-eng.cfm>

# Clean Coal Compendium



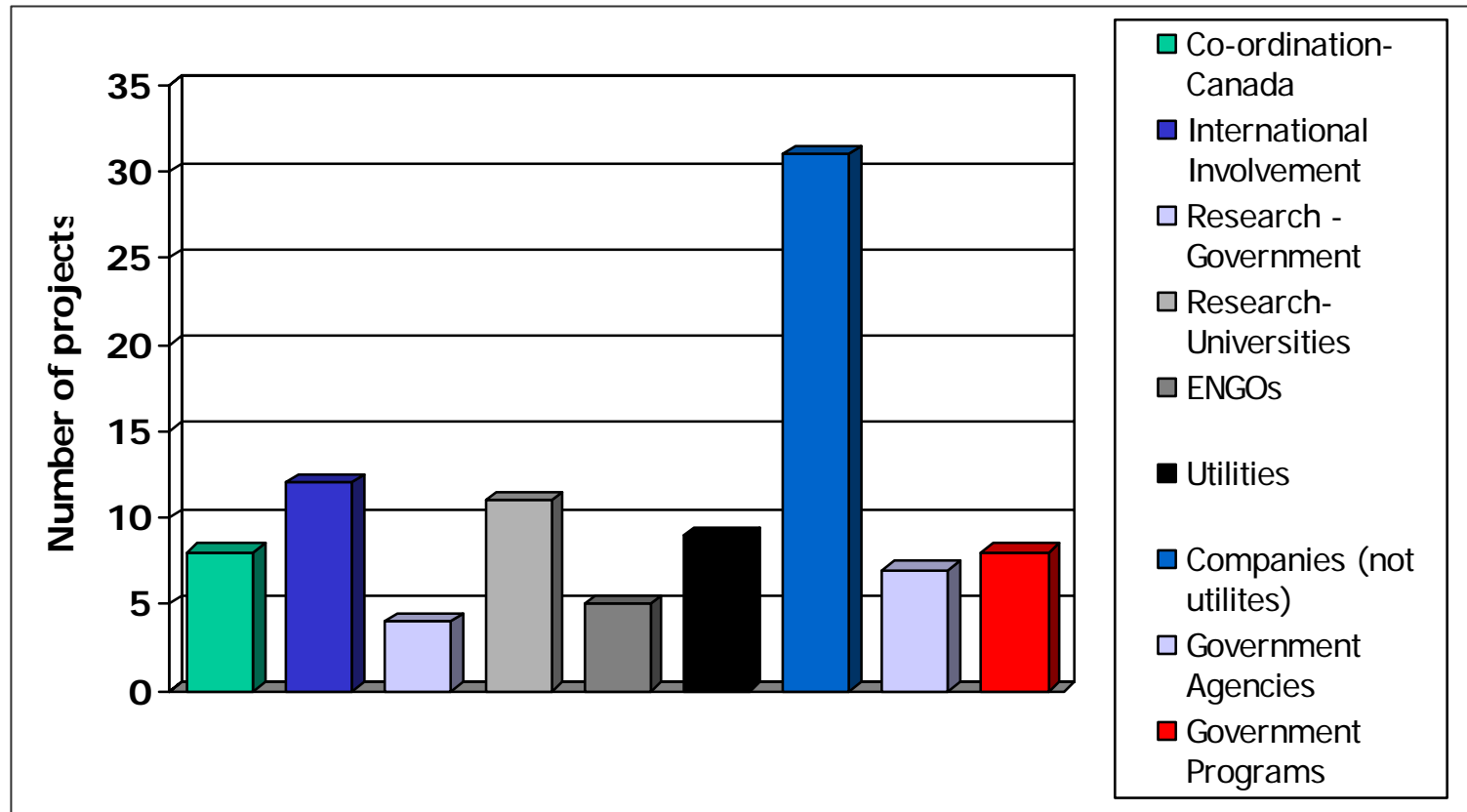
- **Designed to bring us up to date on Clean Coal projects and parallel-running activities in Canada**
- **The Compendium is a broad compilation of current work and active participants, including not only scientific and engineering aspects, but also activities that address economics, implementation, public education and outreach, and regulation**
- **Four main components:**
  - A brief descriptions of the principal organizations engaged in CCT
  - A summaries of specific projects underway (as of early 2007) or recently completed (2004 or later)
  - A description of four documents that help define Canada's strategy of developing capacity in CCT
  - An overview of current coal-fired practice in Canada



# Clean Coal Compendium - Highlights



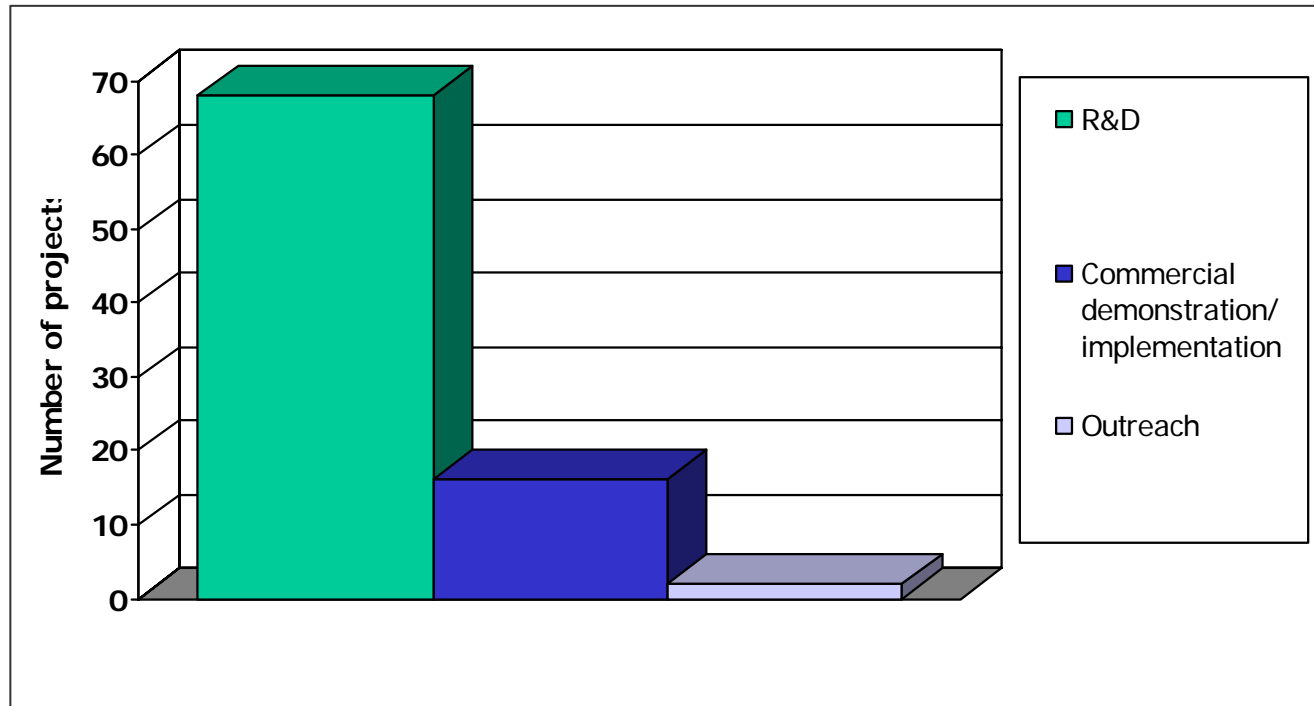
Figure 1: Distribution of 86 projects - 95 organizations involved in Clean Coal Technologies



# Clean Coal Compendium - Highlights cont'd



**Figure 2: Distribution of the 86 Clean Coal Technology related projects by the stage of innovation**

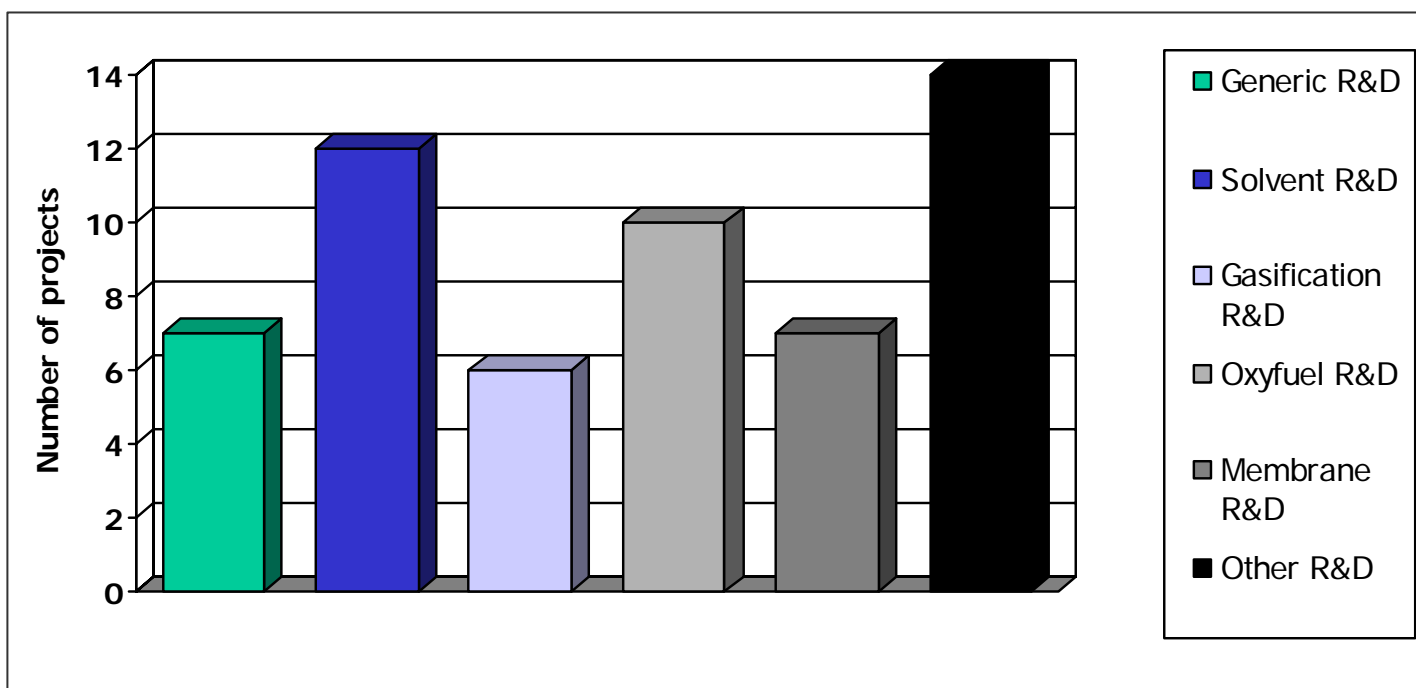


**R&D Activity Dominates, implementation Growing**

# Clean Coal Compendium - Highlights cont'd



Figure 3: 54 R&D projects with CO<sub>2</sub> capture as major element -  
distribution of technologies

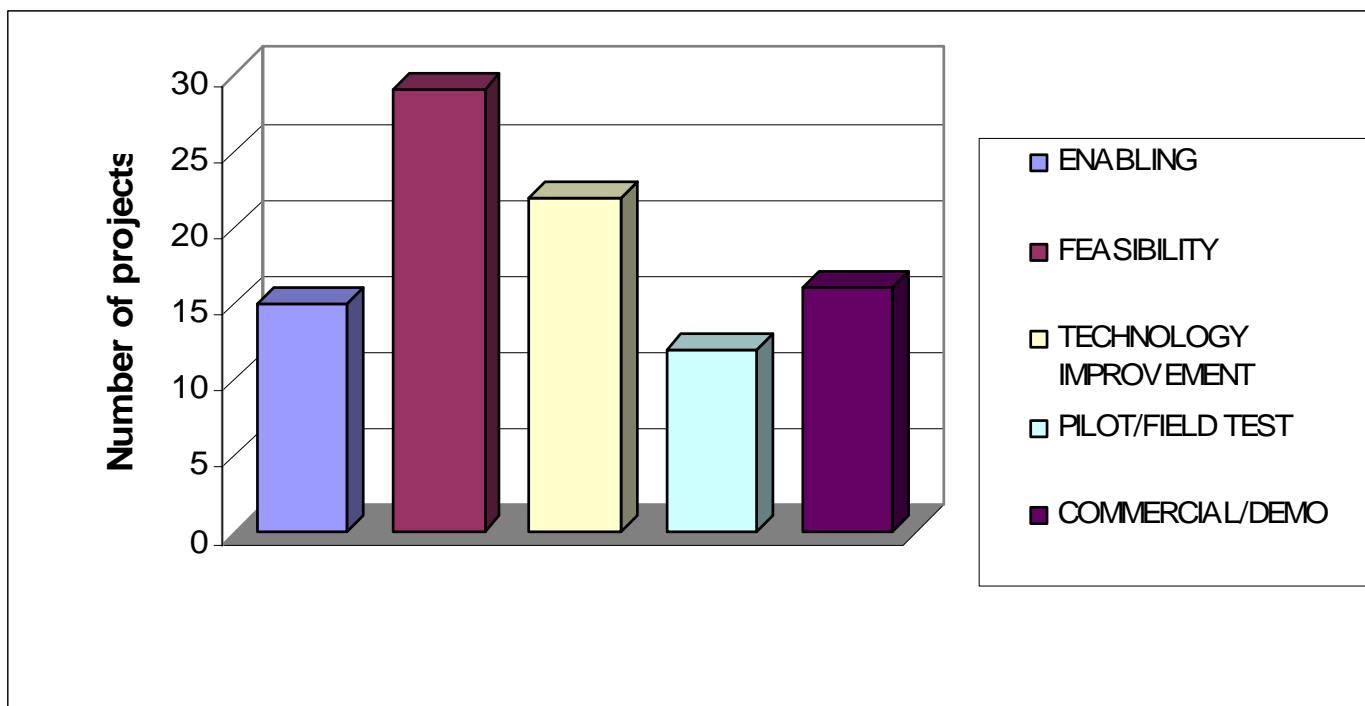


Ongoing work on looking at innovative technologies for  
clean coal

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Figure 4: Distribution of projects by category (position along technology development spectrum)

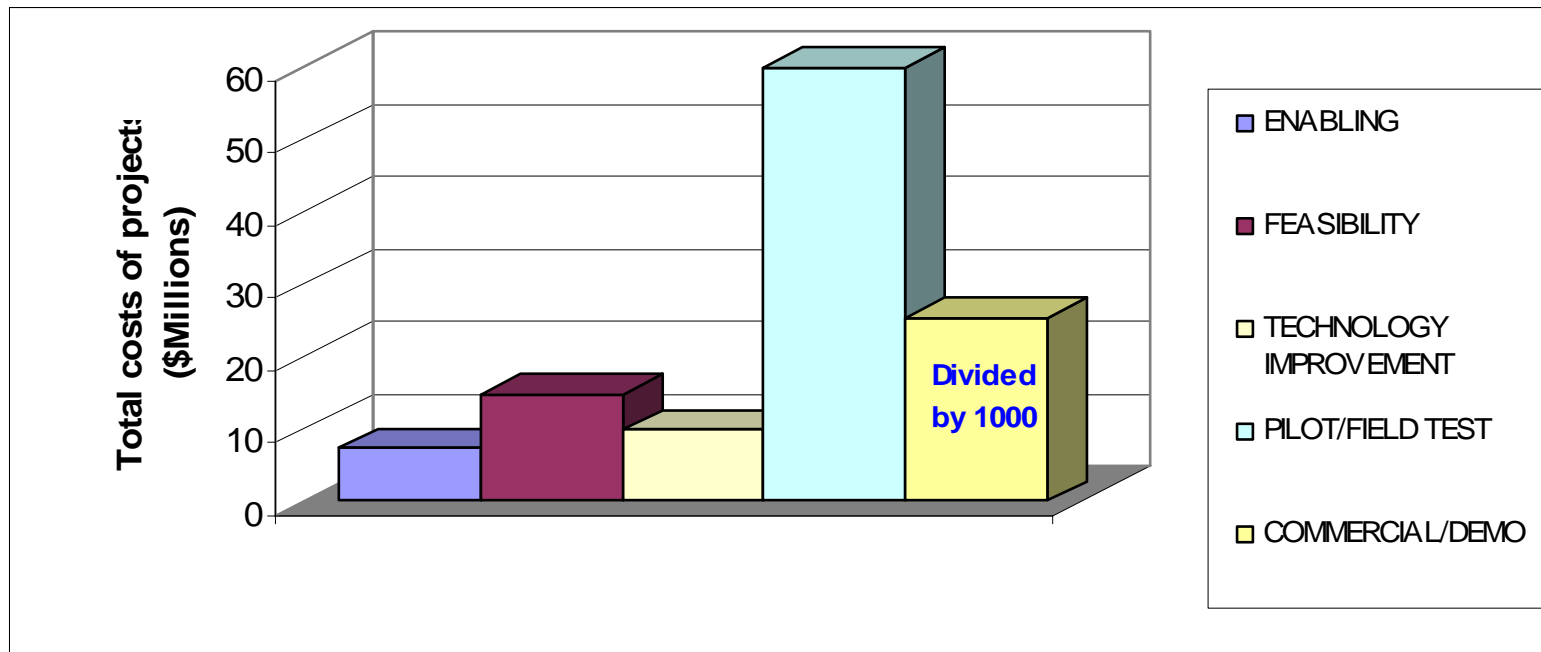


Types of Work Underway – Feasibility, Technology Improvement

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Figure 5: Comparing total costs of projects in specific categories



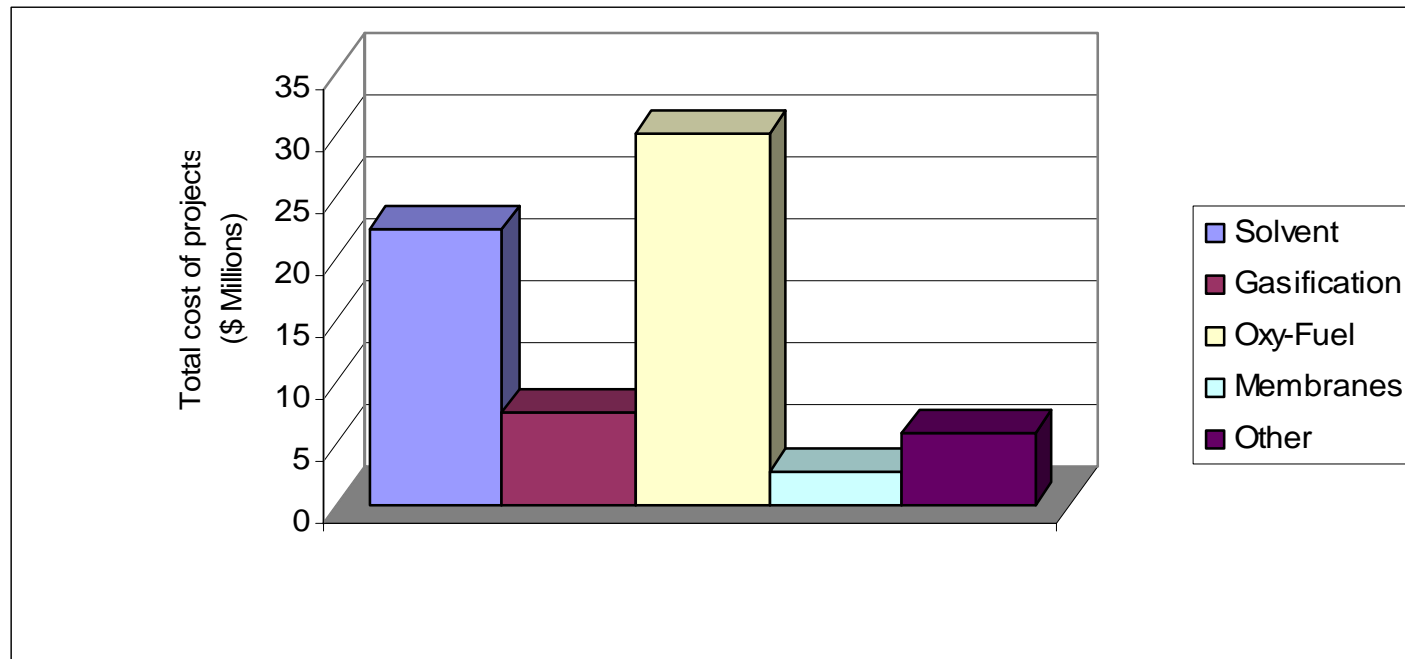
## Funding Across Activities- Commercial, Enabling, Field Testing

The total cost of all projects other than the commercial/demo projects is approximately \$92M  
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Figure 6: Total costs of projects classified by CO<sub>2</sub> capture technology



## Canadian expertise in two areas:

- advanced CO<sub>2</sub> separation technologies performed at International Test Centre for CO<sub>2</sub> Capture in Regina
- oxy-fuel combustion at the CANMET Energy Technology Centre in Ottawa

# Clean Coal Compendium

## Emerging Projects



Many projects on the drawing boards, in progress

- **Clean Coal with CO<sub>2</sub> Capture and Storage**
  - EPCOR : Front End Engineering Design Study for a utility-scale (400 MW) coal gasification plant – announced 2006
  - SaskPower – Front End Engineering Design Study for a 300 MW oxyfuel plant – announced 2006
  - Sherritt Dodds Roundhill Plant – announced Jan 2007
- **Clean Coal**
  - TransAlta/EPCOR Keephills 3 Plant – announced Mar 2006
- **CO<sub>2</sub> Capture**
  - CanSolv Demo – announced Dec 2005
  - CO<sub>2</sub> Solutions Demo – announced Oct 2006
- **Hydrocarbons**
  - Suncor Voyageur Upgrader – announced Nov 2001
  - Nexen/Opti Long Lake Plant – announced Feb 2003
  - North West Upgrading Plant – announced Feb 2005
  - Peace River Bluesky Project – announced Dec 2005

# Clean Coal Compendium - Summary



- Large number of commercial/demo projects on the drawing boards
- Many of the nearest term gasification-based plants will utilize by-product of oil sands processing and will be operated in a polygen mode
- The total cost of all commercial/demo projects on the order of \$25B
- The total cost of all projects other than the commercial/demo projects is approximately \$92M
- Ongoing work on looking at innovative technologies for clean coal

# Clean Coal Compendium – Next Steps



- It will enable all players in clean coal to be aware of the full range of activities in Canada, thereby serving as a basis for promoting collaboration and avoiding duplication
- Funding mechanisms can use the Compendium to identify potential gaps and priorities for additional work
- Regulators will be able to develop an understanding of the wide range of work underway to respond to the more restrictive standards anticipated