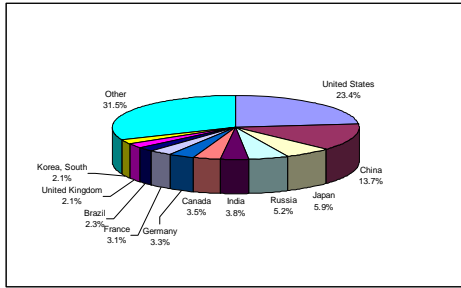
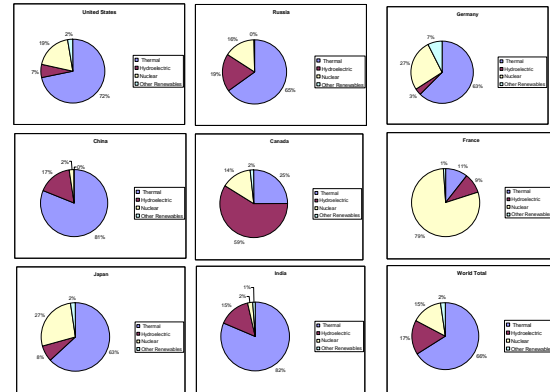


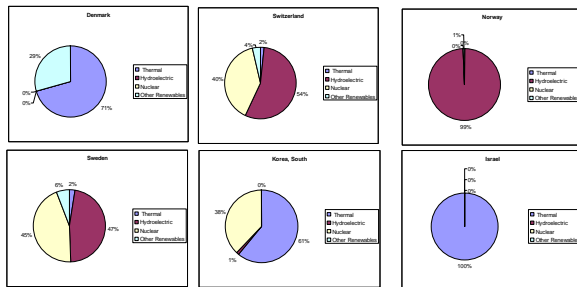
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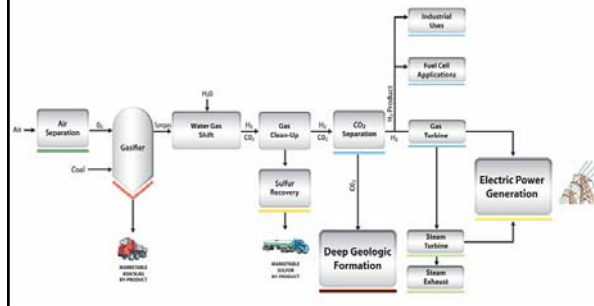
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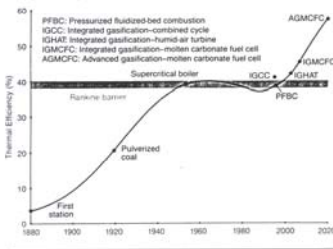


FutureGen's Integrated Technologies



Evolution of Coal-Fired Power Plants

The efficiency of steam-based (Rankine cycle) power plants increased steadily for 80 years, nearing theoretical limits in the 1960s. Since then, efficiency has decreased somewhat because of the need to use energy to remove pollutants formed during combustion. Breaking the Rankine barrier of practical limitations on efficiency will require innovative approaches based on chemical energy conversion, such as coal gasification, and electric generation by means of advanced combustion turbines and fuel cell technologies.

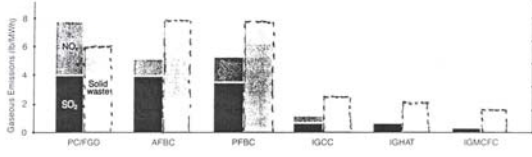


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Environmental Trade-offs for Coal-Based Technologies

Flue gas desulfurization (FGD) units and fluidized-bed combustion—both atmospheric (AFBC) and pressurized (PFBC)—have been effective in reducing emissions of SO₂ and NO_x from coal-fired plants, but at the cost of producing substantial volumes of solid waste. Gasification-based generation options (IGCC, IGHT, and IGMCFC) have the potential to cut those airborne emissions further and minimize solid waste without imposing an efficiency penalty on the overall system.



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