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**New Economic Solution for Abating VAM Emissions  
at Gassy Coal Mines  
Ener-Core and Raven Ridge Resources**

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# The Problem:

## U.S. Coal Mine Emissions (2012)

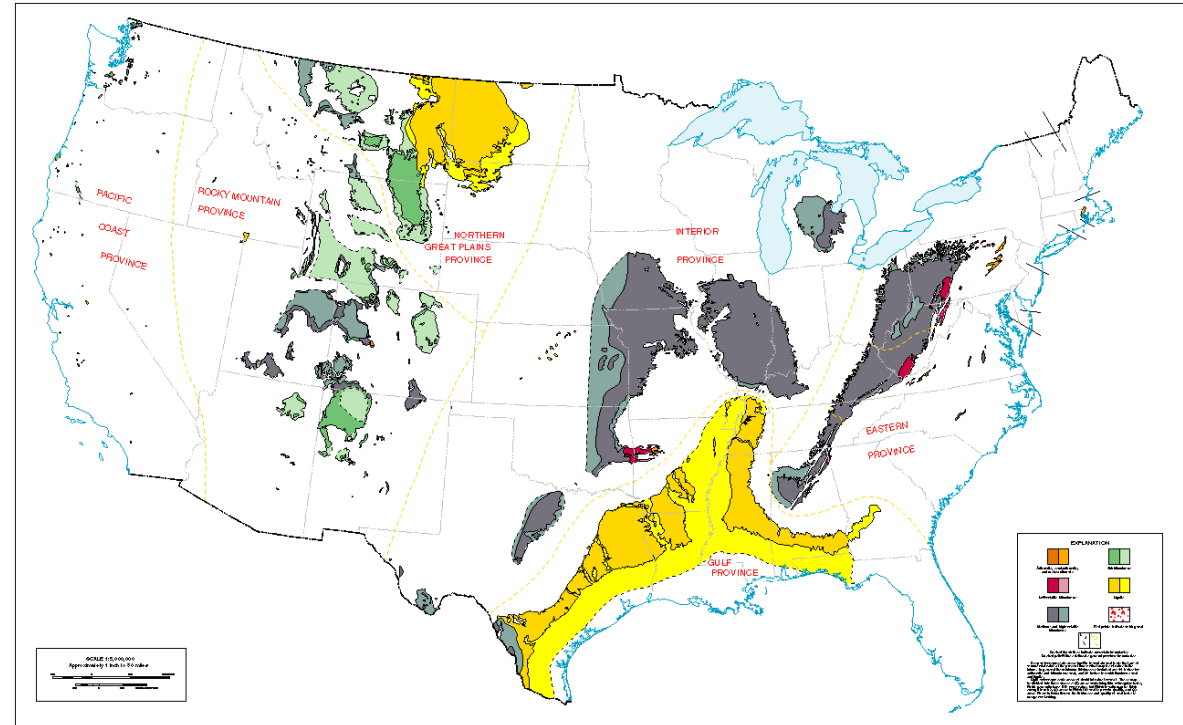
Liberated – 137 tcf

91 tcf was vented

46 tcf was drained

38 tcf was drained and either used or destroyed

8 tcf was drained and vented



Largest source of methane emissions is VAM.

# Existing solutions destroy gases. They do not use them productively

## Thermal Oxidation

Regenerative



Open Flare



Direct-Fired

## Scrubbers



Packed Bed



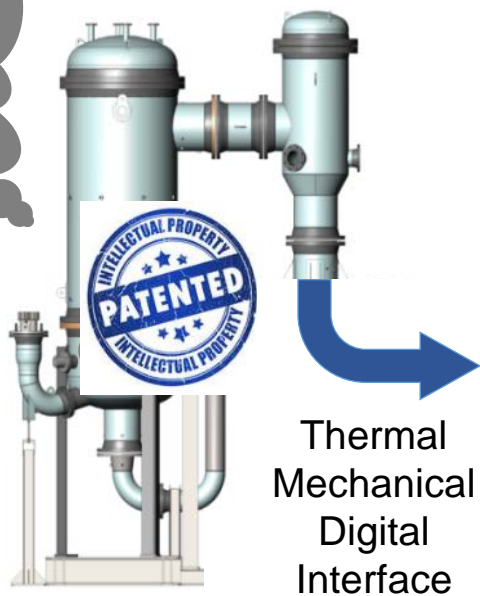
Acids Gas

Ener-Core technology is an alternative, allows coal mines to economically abate emissions of VAM by using it along with CMM as fuel for power generation.



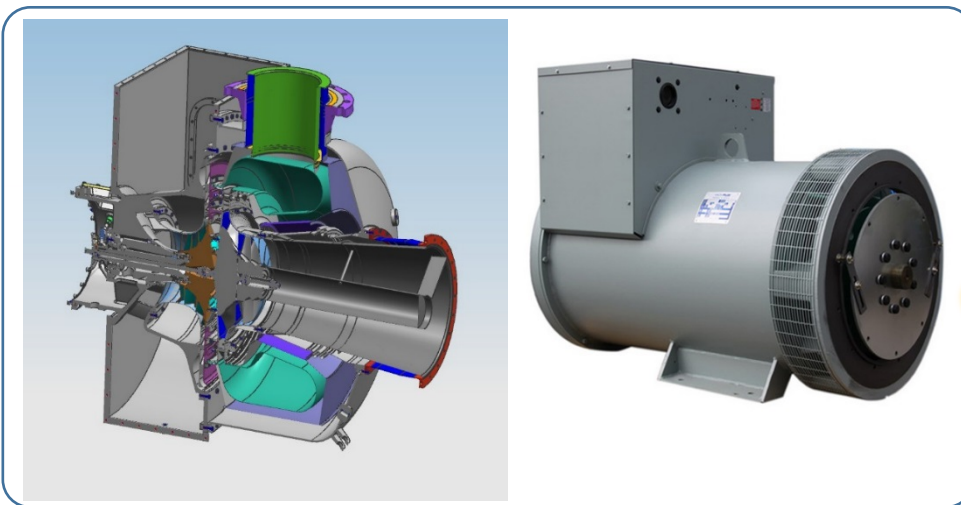
# Major Components of the Ener-Core Solution

Source of Low-Quality or Off-Spec Gas



**Ener-Core's Thermal Oxidizer**

**Turbine Package**



**Conventional Gas Turbine (modified for external combustion)**

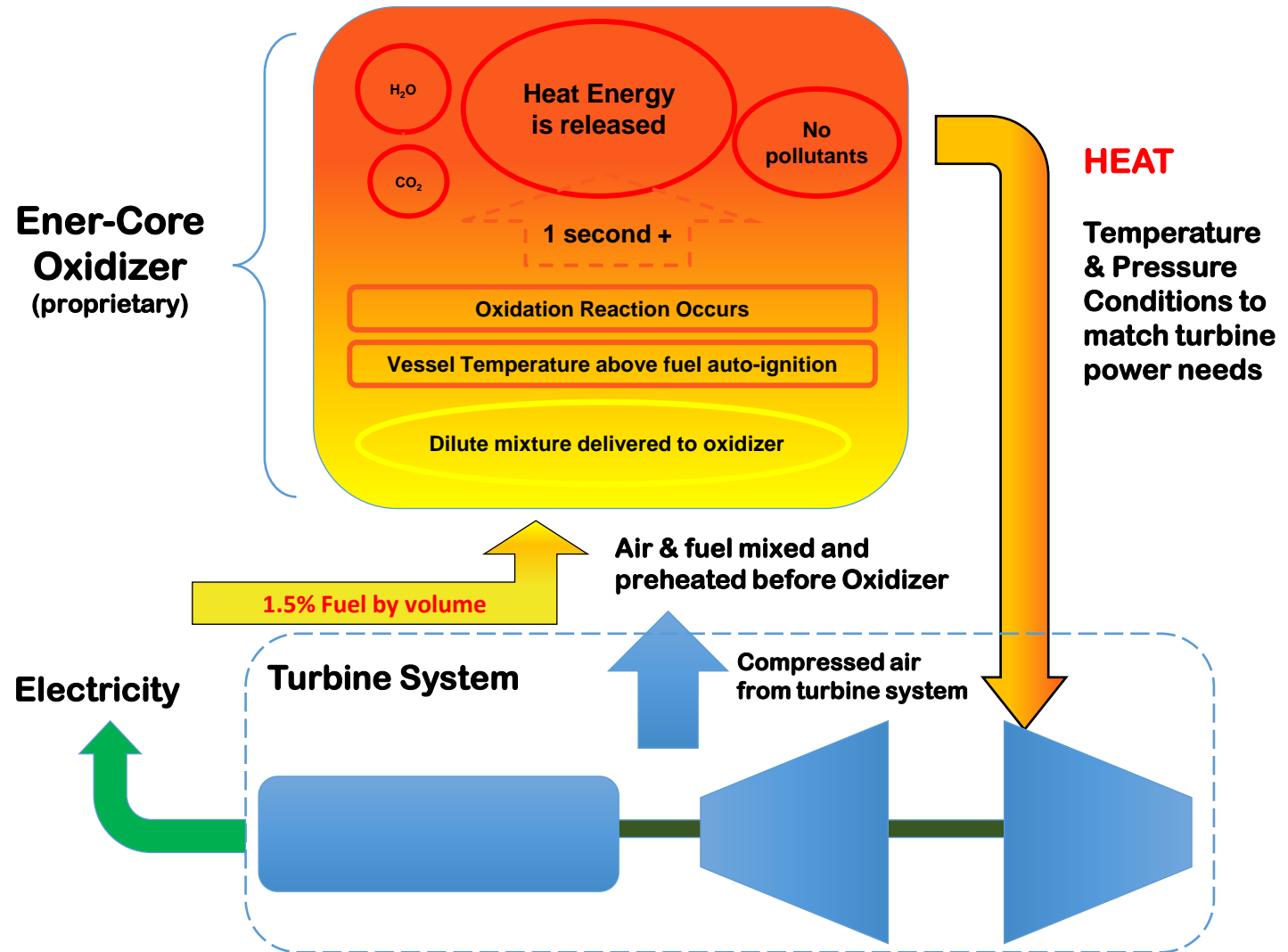
**AC Generator**

# How the Technology Works

The dilute gas (input) does not have a high enough energy content for combustion.

Combustion is a rapid reaction that happens in milliseconds and produces pollutants as part of output.

Ener-Core Oxidation is an exothermic chemical reaction. It has no flame, resulting in temperature that avoids the NO<sub>x</sub> formation temperature. It happens in seconds, it produces heat, and it removes the pollutants in the Incoming gas.



# Attero Landfill – Schinnen, Netherlands

- Closed landfill with below 30% methane; past problems with reciprocating engines running inconsistently and unable to run on gas
- First Commercially sold unit
- 250kW oxidizer powerstation was successfully installed and is currently operating continuously
- 250 kW oxidizer powerstation generates about 50% more electricity (kWhs) per week than reciprocating engine it replaced
- Has accrued over 1500 hours since commissioning in 2014



FP250 at Schinnen Landfill

# Ultra-Low Btu Phase 1 Pilot for Oil & Gas Customer

- Customer is interested in utilizing Ener-Core's Oxidation technology
  - Generate clean power from a casing gas emitted during a proprietary oil extraction process
  - Reduce CO2 footprint of process
    - Preventing methane venting
    - Avoiding gas blending for destruction (adding natural gas just to destroy methane vent)
  - Maintain air emissions below regulations with Low NOx exhaust (< 1 ppmv @ 15% O2)
  - Results used to permit Phase 2 Field Demonstration

	1st Condition	2nd Condition
Methane (CH4)	7.75%	5.80%
Nitrogen (N2)	84.20%	91.15%
Carbon Dioxide (CO2)	8.00%	3.00%
LHV (Btu/scf)	71	53
Steady run time (hr)	5.5	3

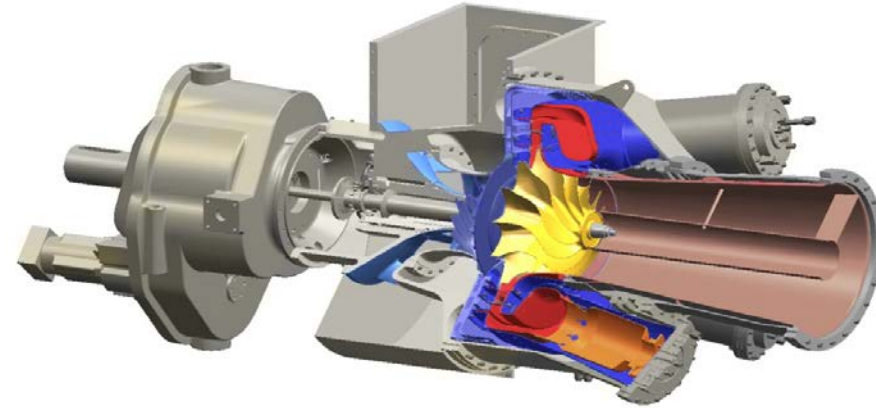


Ener-Core Powerstation at UC Irvine Campus

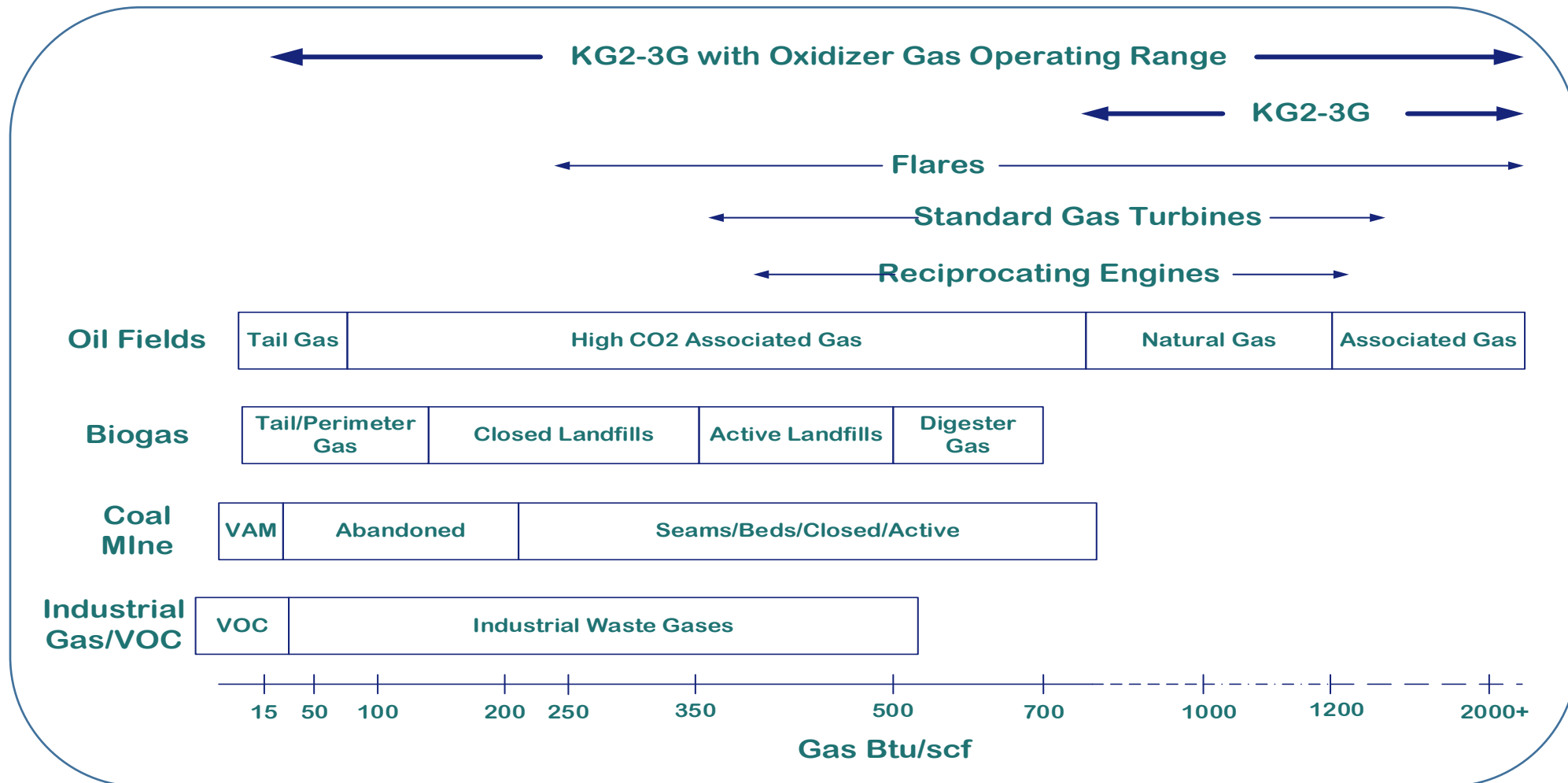


# Robust Reliable Dresser-Rand KG2-3G Gas Turbine

- All Radial; Single Shaft
  - Cold End Drive
  - Capacity: 2 MW ISO Shaft
  - Efficiency : 25%
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- KG2-3GEF Off Base Combustor
  - Standard Configuration
  - Flanges for Oxidizer Interface



# Ener-Core Oxidation Expands the Generation Opportunity to Previously Unusable Gases



# KG2-3GEF/GO Configurations: Simple Cycle and Recuperated

Simple cycle KG2-3GEF/GO (High Exhaust Heat)

Gas Energy Input: 25 MMBtu/hr (7300 kW)

Electric Output: 1750 kW

Steam Output: 12,667 lb/hr (3804 kW)

Overall efficiency: 76% (LHV)

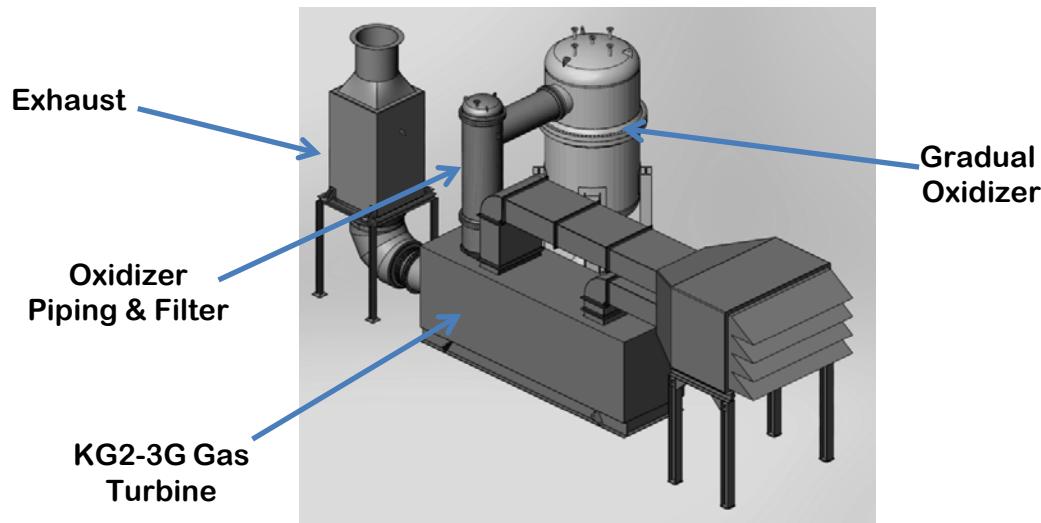
Recuperated KG2-3GEF/GO (High Electrical Efficiency)

Gas Energy Input: 17 MMBtu/hr (5000 kW)

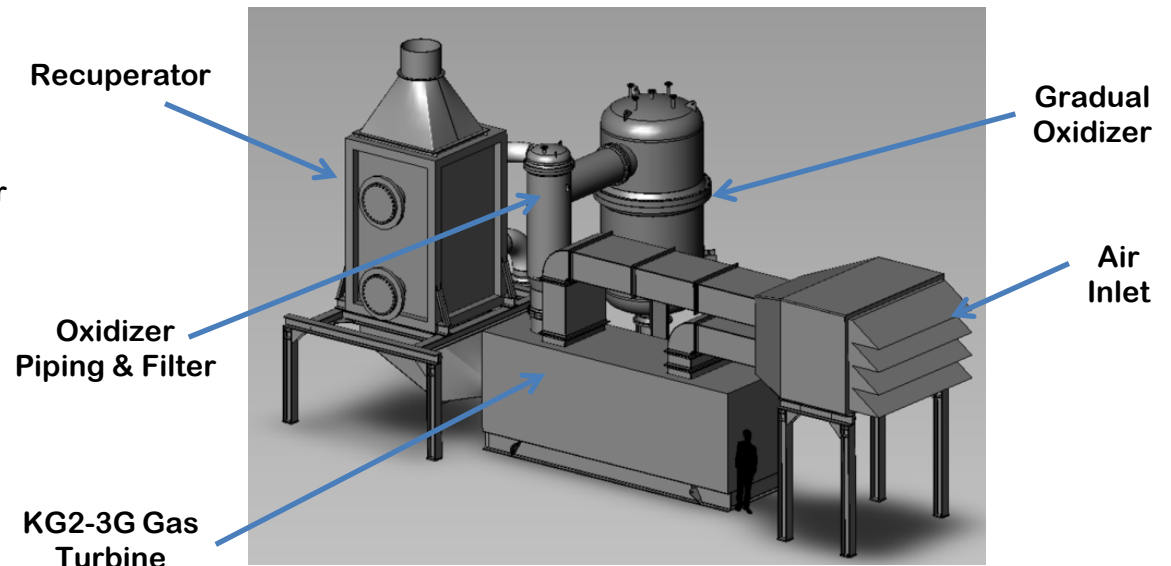
Electric Output: 1750 kW

Electrical efficiency: 35% (LHV)

Overall efficiency: 70% (LHV)  
(with 6 MMBtu/hr of hot water)



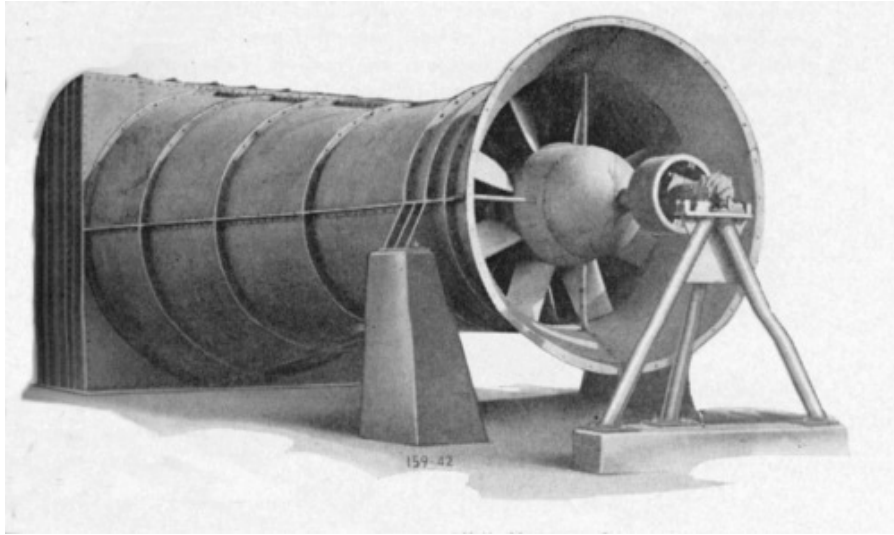
Simple Cycle KG2-3GEF/GO  
(w/o Recuperator)



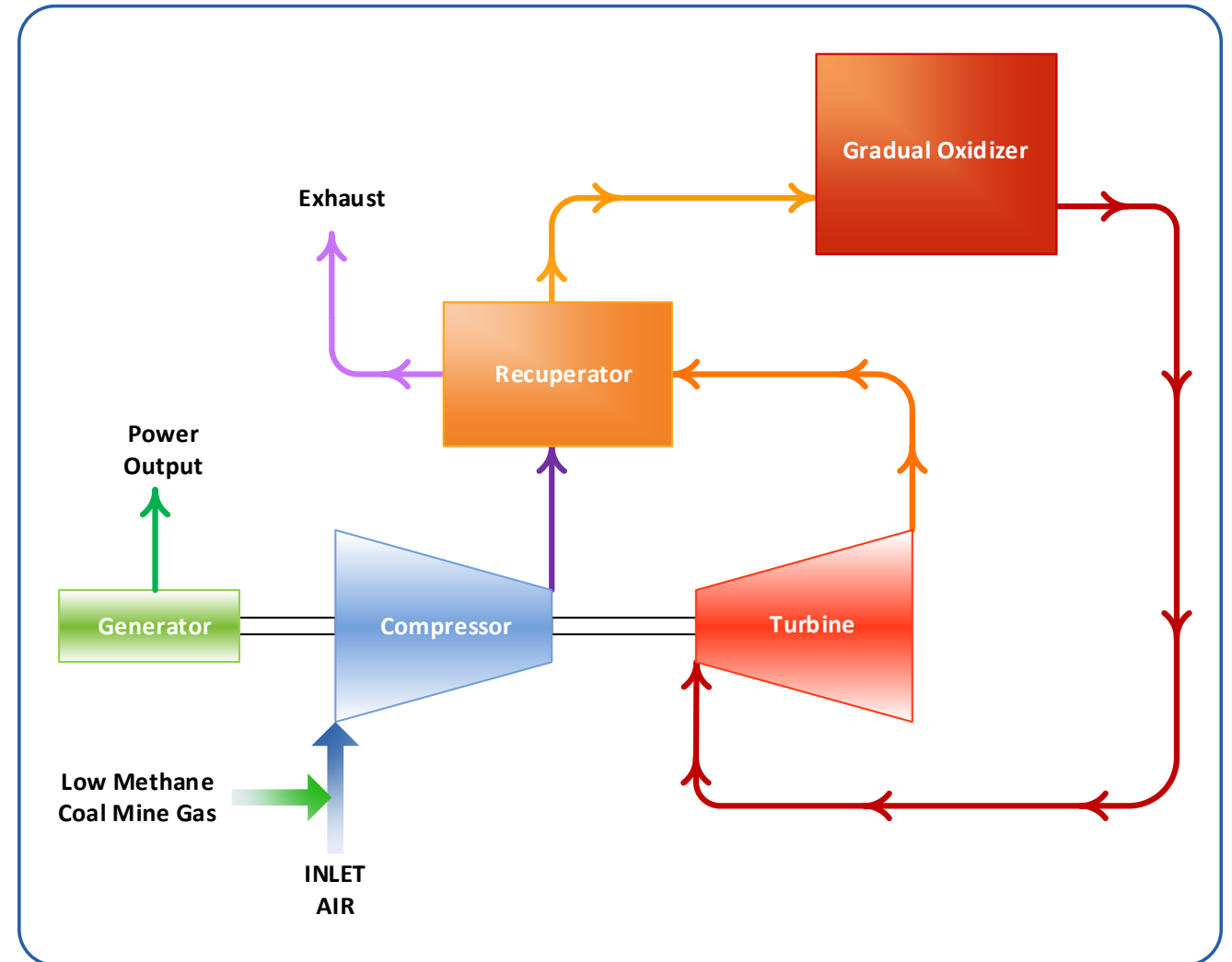
KG2-3GEF/GO with Recuperator



# AMM Power Cycle

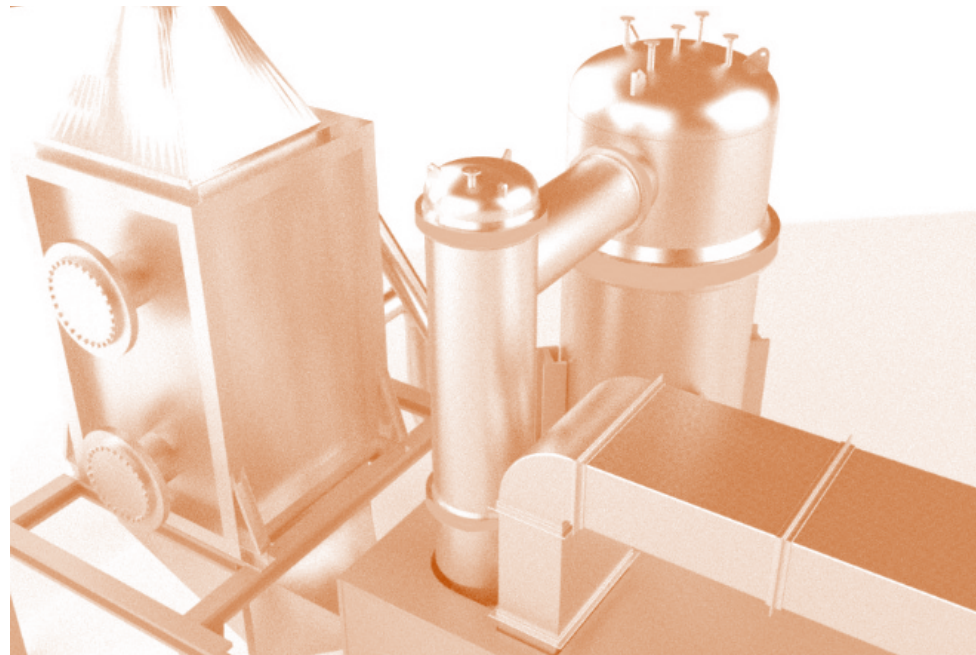


Abandoned Mine Methane (AMM) gas can be used as the primary fuel to operate the powerstation



# AMM Fuel Input Requirements

As the AMM composition fluctuates, the flow required to operate the machine varies



## KG2-3G w/GO

10% CH<sub>4</sub>

Energy Content – 3,91 MJ/Nm<sup>3</sup>  
Flowrate – 4.600 to 6.400 NM<sup>3</sup>/hr

18.3% CH<sub>4</sub>

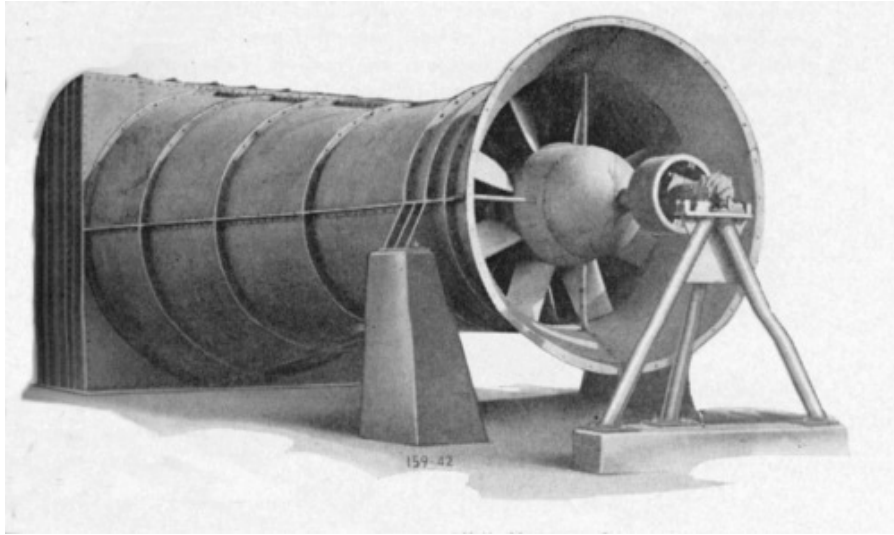
Energy Content – 7,21 MJ/Nm<sup>3</sup>  
Flowrate – 2.500 to 3.500 NM<sup>3</sup>/hr

# KG2-3G w/GO Energy Balance

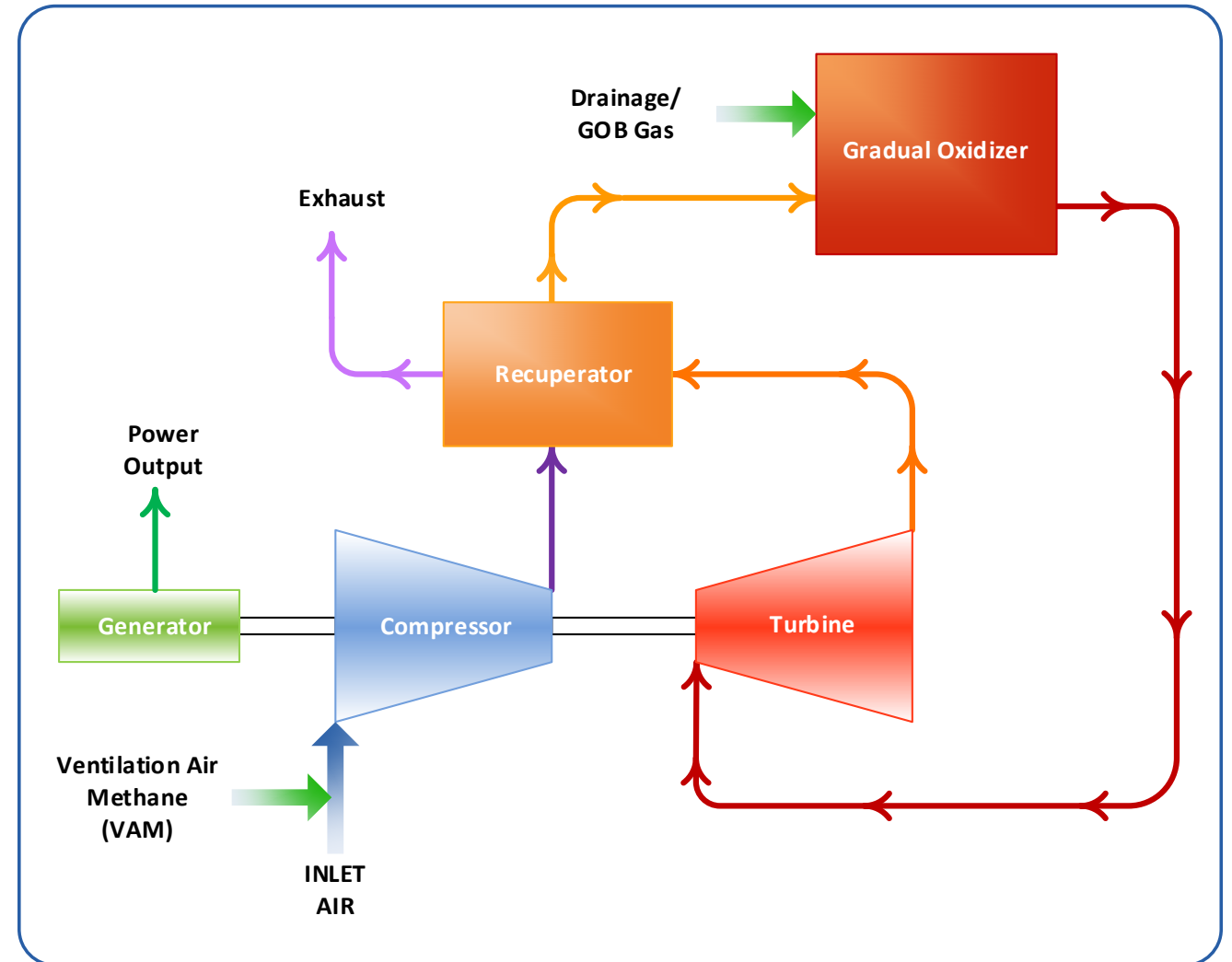




# VAM Power Cycle



Ventilation Air Methane (VAM) gas destroyed and GOB gas used to supplement powerstation operation



# VAM Fuel Input Requirements

## FP250

### VAM

Flowrate – 6130 NM<sup>3</sup>/hr(3615 scfm)  
5206 MCFD  
Pressure – Atmospheric

### GOB gas

Flowrate - 75 NM<sup>3</sup>/hr (44 scfm)  
63 MCFD  
Pressure – 517 kPa (75 psig)

### Assuming:

- 0.8% CH<sub>4</sub> VAM
- 70.0% CH<sub>4</sub> GOB Gas



## KG2-3G w/GO

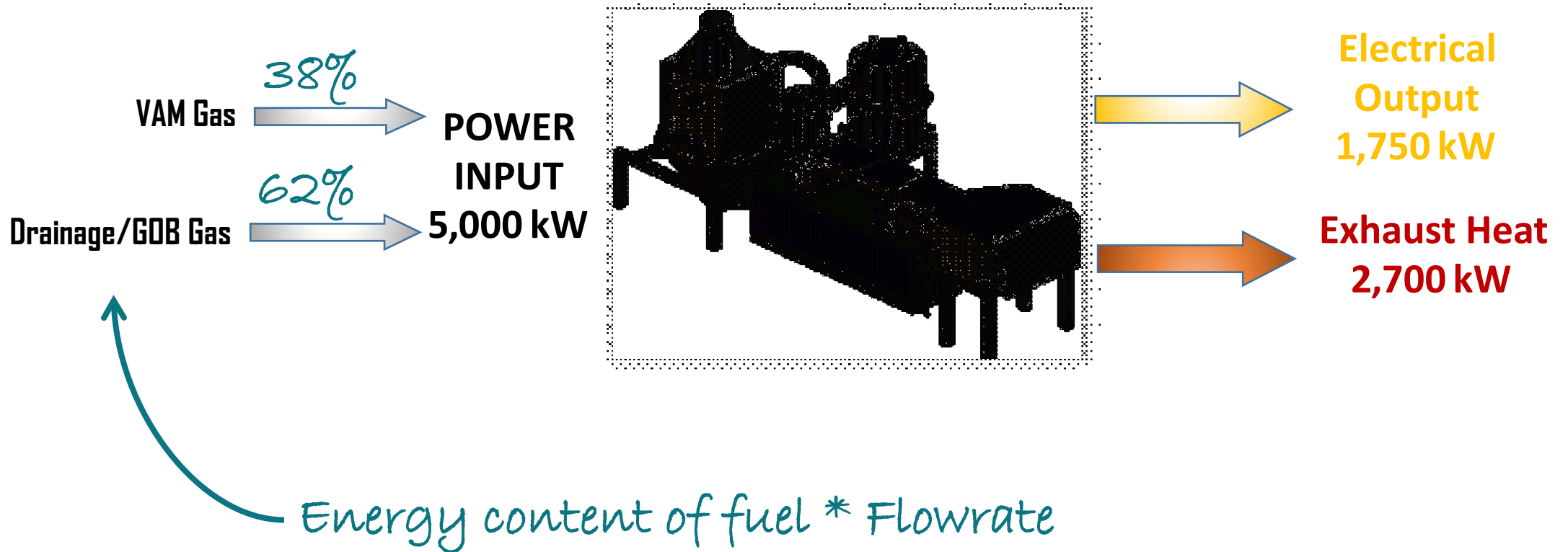
### VAM

Flowrate- 27001 NM<sup>3</sup>/hr (15923 scfm)  
22,929 MCFD  
Pressure – Atmospheric

### GOB gas

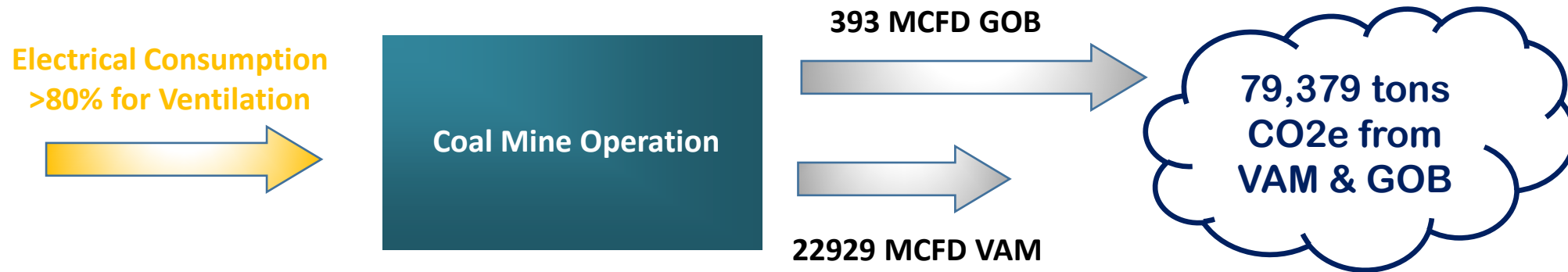
Flowrate - 463 NM<sup>3</sup>/hr (273 scfm)  
393 MCFD  
Pressure –1103 kPa (160 psig)

# KG2-3GEF w/GO CO2 Balance



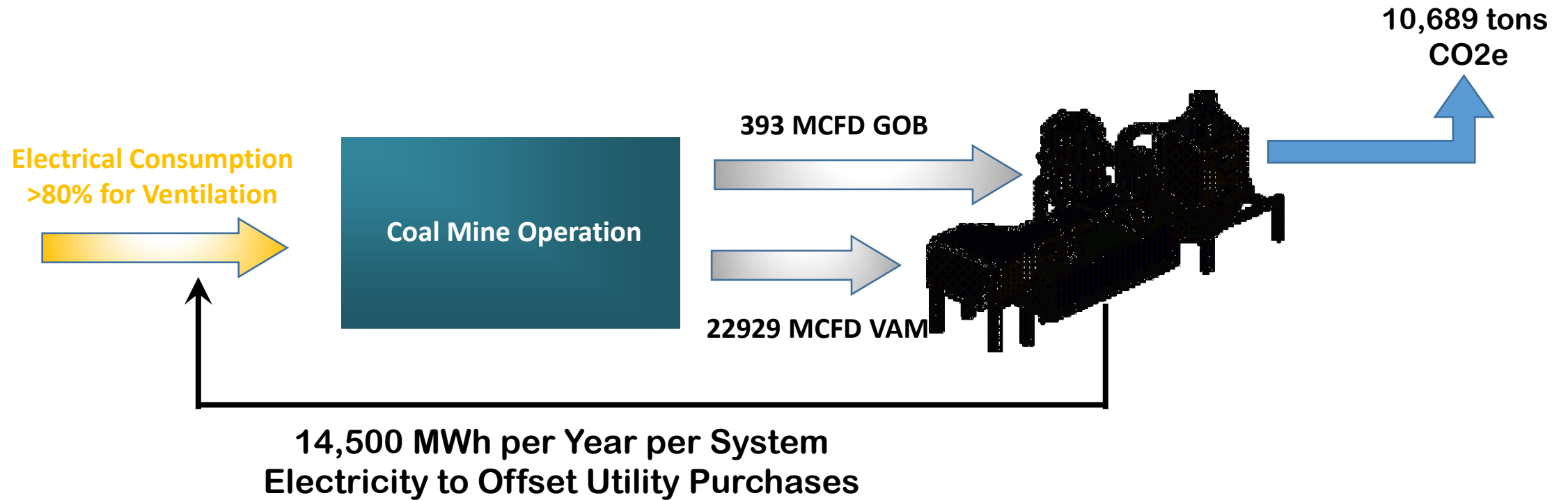


# Coal Mine Operations Costs & Emissions



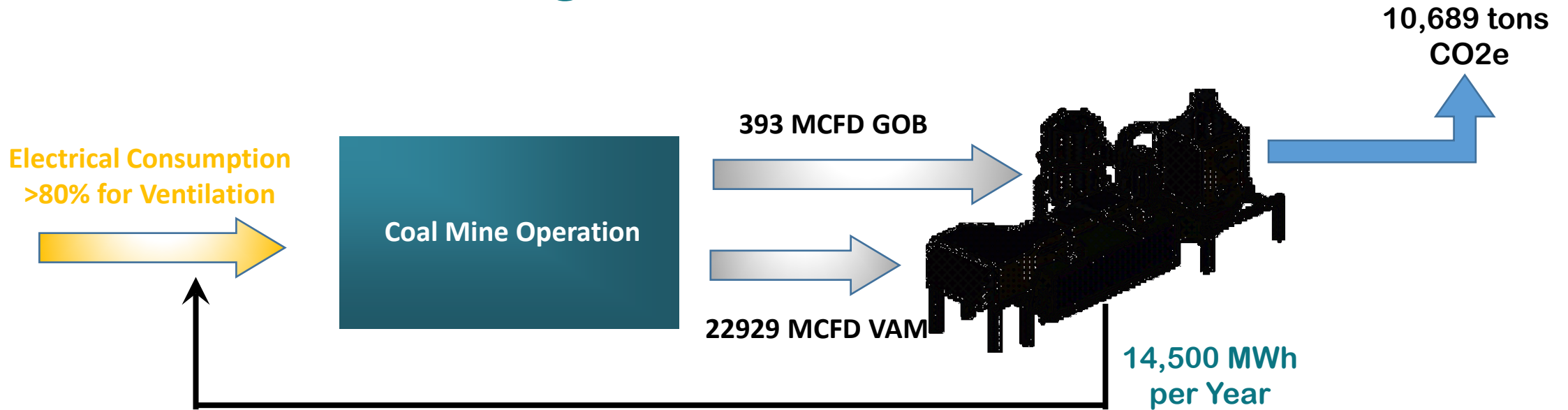
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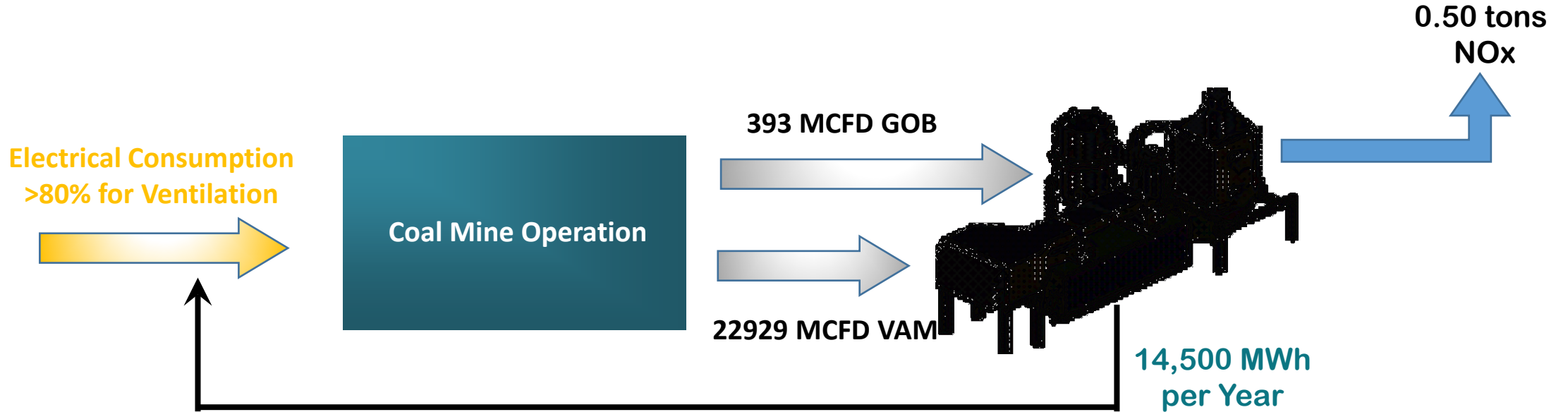
# Integration into Coal Mine Operations Offsetting Costs & Emissions



Annual Grid Electricity CO<sub>2</sub> Savings from 1.75 MW Powerstation: +10000 to 13800 tons (depends on region)  
 Annual Avoided CO<sub>2</sub> from VAM & GOB Utilization: +68690 tons  
 Annual Avoided CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from VAM Powerstation: +78690 to 82490 tons

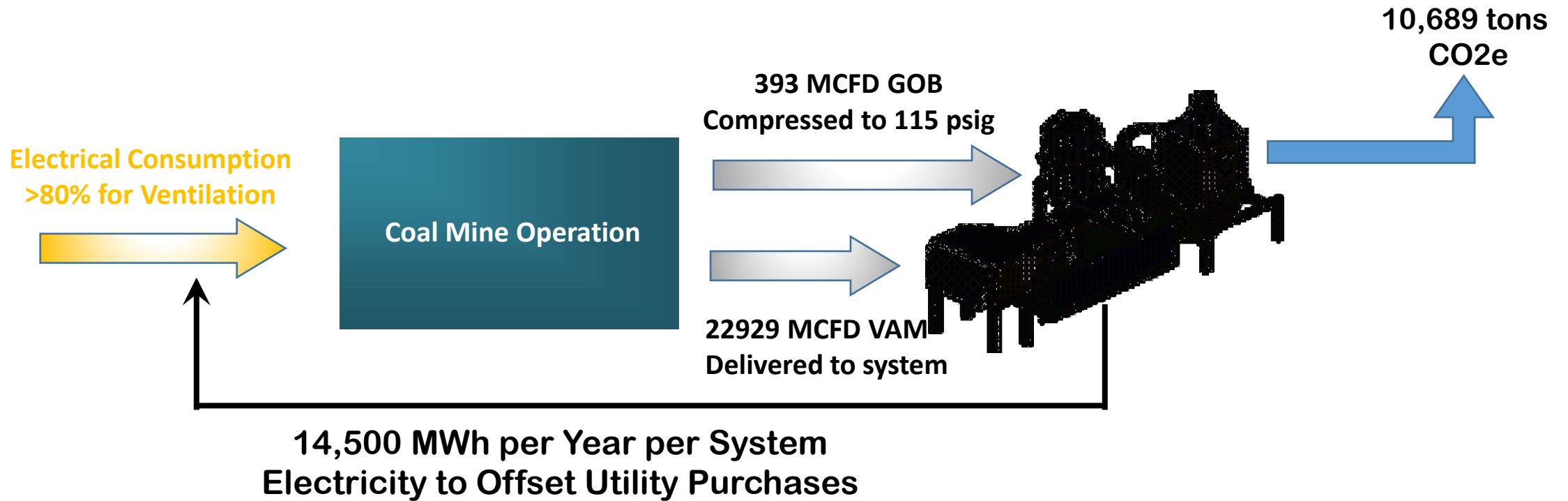


# Benefit of Low NOx (Minor NOx Emissions Source)



Grid Electricity NOx Emissions Rate :	+1.38 to 2.3 lb/MWh (depends on region)
Grid Electricity NOx Associated Tons:	+10 to 17 tons (depends on region)
Annual Avoided NOx VAM Powerstation:	+9.5 to 16.5 tons (depends on region)

# Economics of KG2-3GEF/GO at a Coal Mine Offsetting Electricity & Emissions



Source: <http://www.epa.gov/cleanenergy/energy-resources/calculator.html#results>

# Installation of Ener-Core technology at XYZ Mine

- ***Mine parameters***
  - 6 MT of coal mined annually
  - Annual ventilation emissions:
    - 1050 mmcf (or 2.8 mmcfd), 420,000 cfm
    - Concentration ranges from 0.35 to 0.7 percent
  - Annual gob gas drainage:
    - 525 mmcf (or 1.4 mmcfd)
    - Concentration averages 85 percent

Source: U.S.EPA's Envirofacts Tool - <http://www.epa.gov/enviro/facts/ghg/search.html>

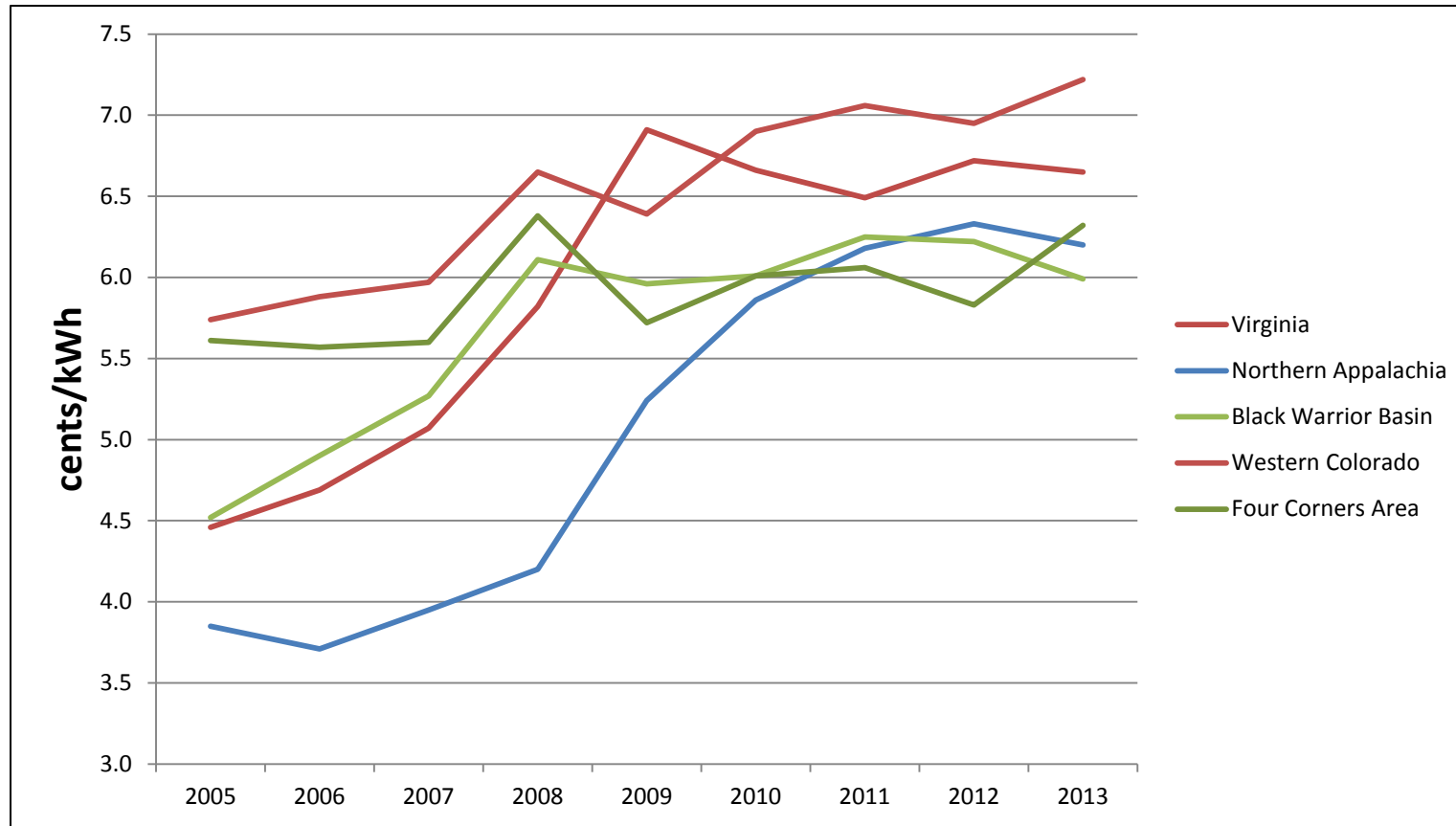
# Recent CMM Carbon Credit Prices

Emission Reduction	Price (\$/tonne)	Credit Type	Includes CMM?
CRT	\$1.00 - \$3.00	Voluntary	Yes
VCU	\$1.00	Voluntary	Yes
ARB Offset	\$3.00 – 25.00	Compliance	Yes

Source: Cote (2013, 2014)



# Average Industrial Electricity Prices by Region



Source: [www.eia.gov](http://www.eia.gov)

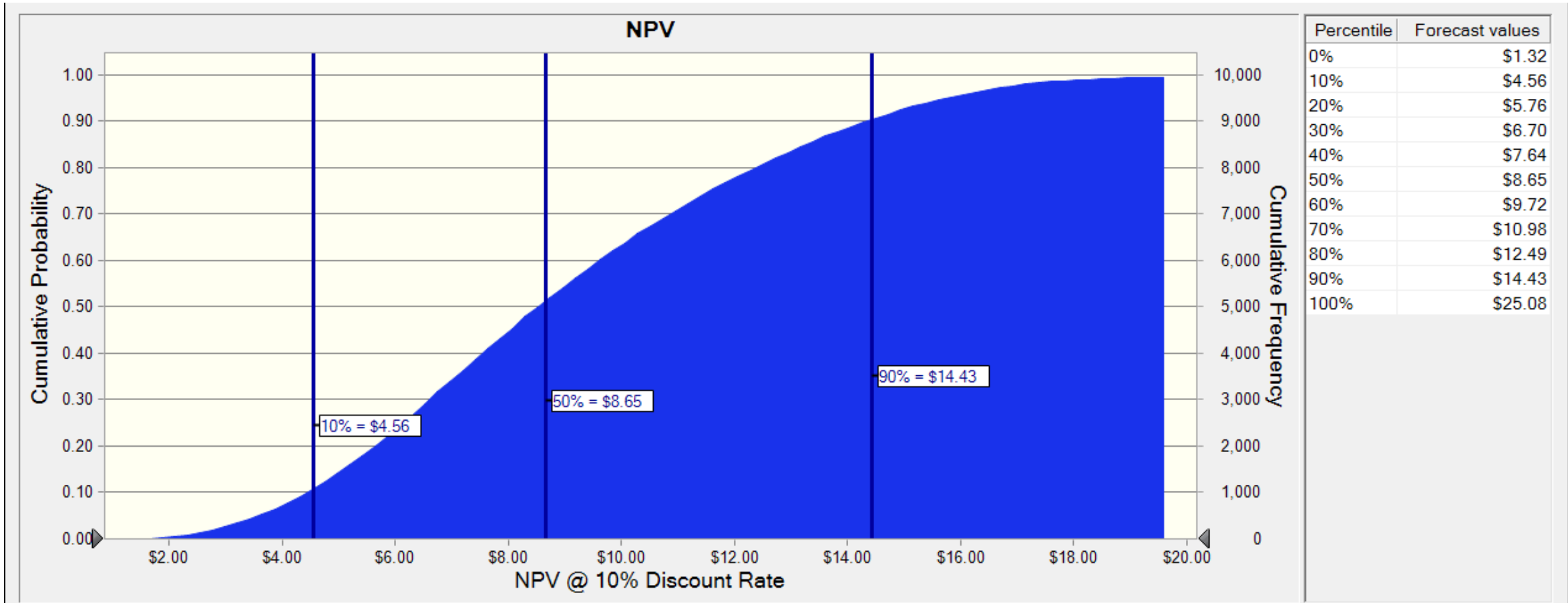
# Inputs and assumptions

- **Ener-Core KG2-3G w/GO units installed at mine site -**
- **All electricity generated will be used by the mine to supplant power purchased from the grid**
- **All gob gas is available for use by project at no cost to project**
- **Drilling costs are not included in economics**
- **Gas gathering and compression are included**

# Economic Analysis

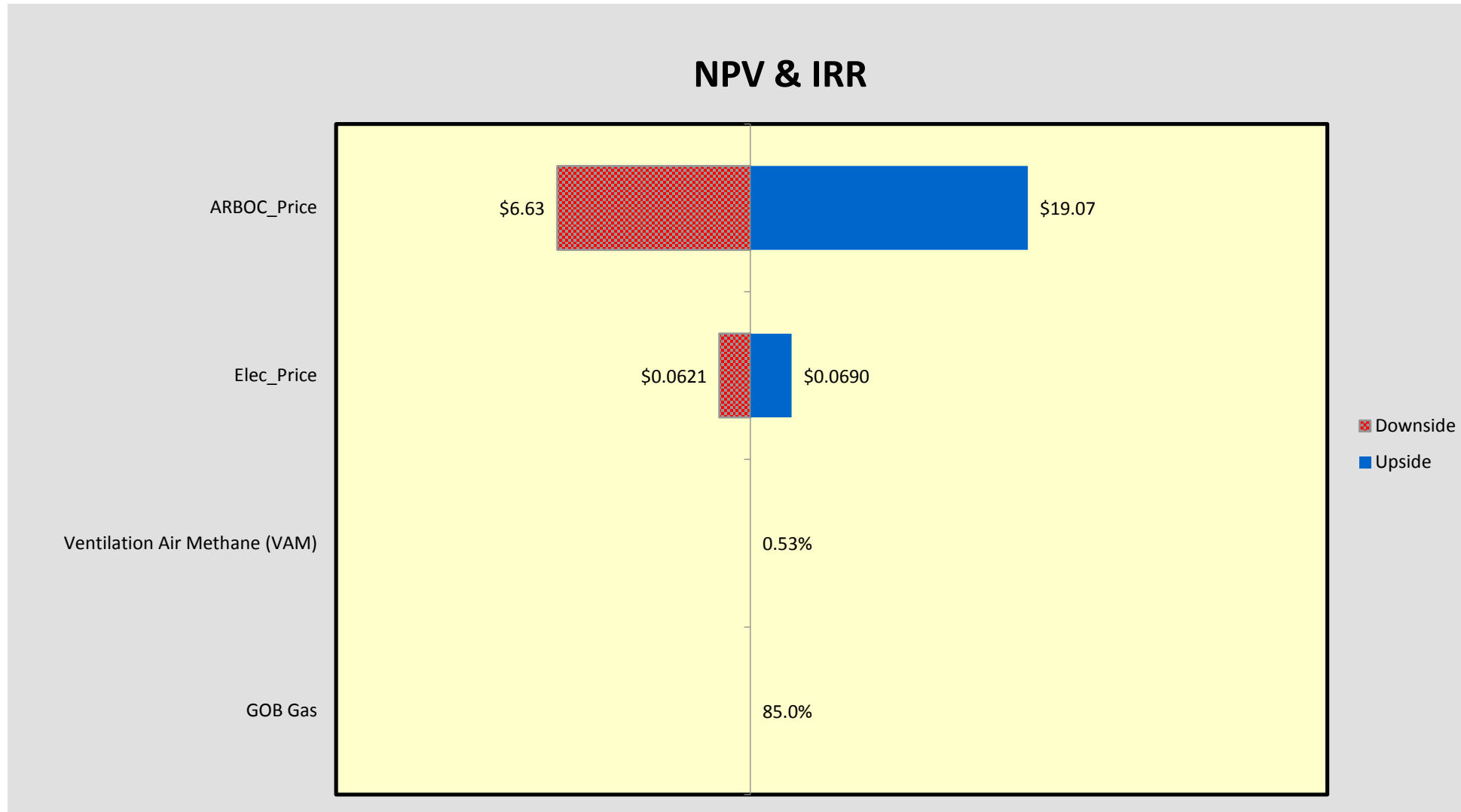
Parameter		Scenarios			
Assumptions	electricity price (¢)	5.99	7.22	6.40	6.40
	VAM concentration	0.70%	0.70%	0.70%	0.35%
	GOB concentration	85%	85%	85%	85%
Inputs	GOB production (mcf/d)	1.40	1.40	1.40	1.33
	Installed capacity (MW)	7	7	7	5.25
	CAPEX (\$ x 1,000)	21,592	21,592	21,592	16,194
	OPEX (\$ x 1,000)	1,120.8	1,120.8	1,120.8	840.6
Results	ARBOCs	220,951	220,951	220,951	165,714
	IRR (%)	23.08	29.84	25.31	25.31
	NPV (\$ x 1,000)	6,891	10,366	8,049	6,039
	Time to Payout (yrs)	4.6	3.9	4.3	4.3

# Probability Distribution Plot - NPV





# Sensitivity Analysis Tornado Plot



# Raven Ridge Case Study Shows Environmental and Economic Solution Even with \$60/MWh (6¢/kWh) Electricity

Western Colorado  
\$72.2/MWh  
IRR 28%  
3.9 yr payback

Four Corners  
\$63.2/MWh  
IRR 25%  
4.3 yr payback



Northern Appalachia / Virginia  
\$62/MWh to \$66.5/MWh  
4.3 to 4.6 yr payback

Black Warrior Basin  
\$59.9/MWh  
IRR 23%  
4.6 yr payback



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Watch our Whiteboard video explaining the gradual oxidation process and its applications

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YlwJNOF-SQU>