

In full operation – the world's first VAM Power Plant

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OFFICIALLY OPEN 14 SEPT 2007

WestVAMP IN FULL OPERATION



- At the WestCliff Colliery of BHP Billiton in Australia
- Based on (patented) technology from MEGTEC Systems
- VOCSIDIZERS from MEGTEC are made part of the power plant steam cycle

WestVAMP IN FULL OPERATION



Fuel contains ~ 99% air



- **250 000 Nm³/h** (150 000 scfm) of ventilation air with
- **0.9% CH₄** concentration (VAM + drainage gas) generating
- **High pressure, superheated steam** driving a
- **Conventional 6 MWe power plant steam turbine**

WestVAMP HOOD CONNECTION



- Open connection having no influence on ventilation system

WestVAMP IN FULL OPERATION



- In full operation since April 2007
- Officially opened on 14 September by the honorable Morris Iemma, Premier of NSW, Australia

.. national Australian news of that date

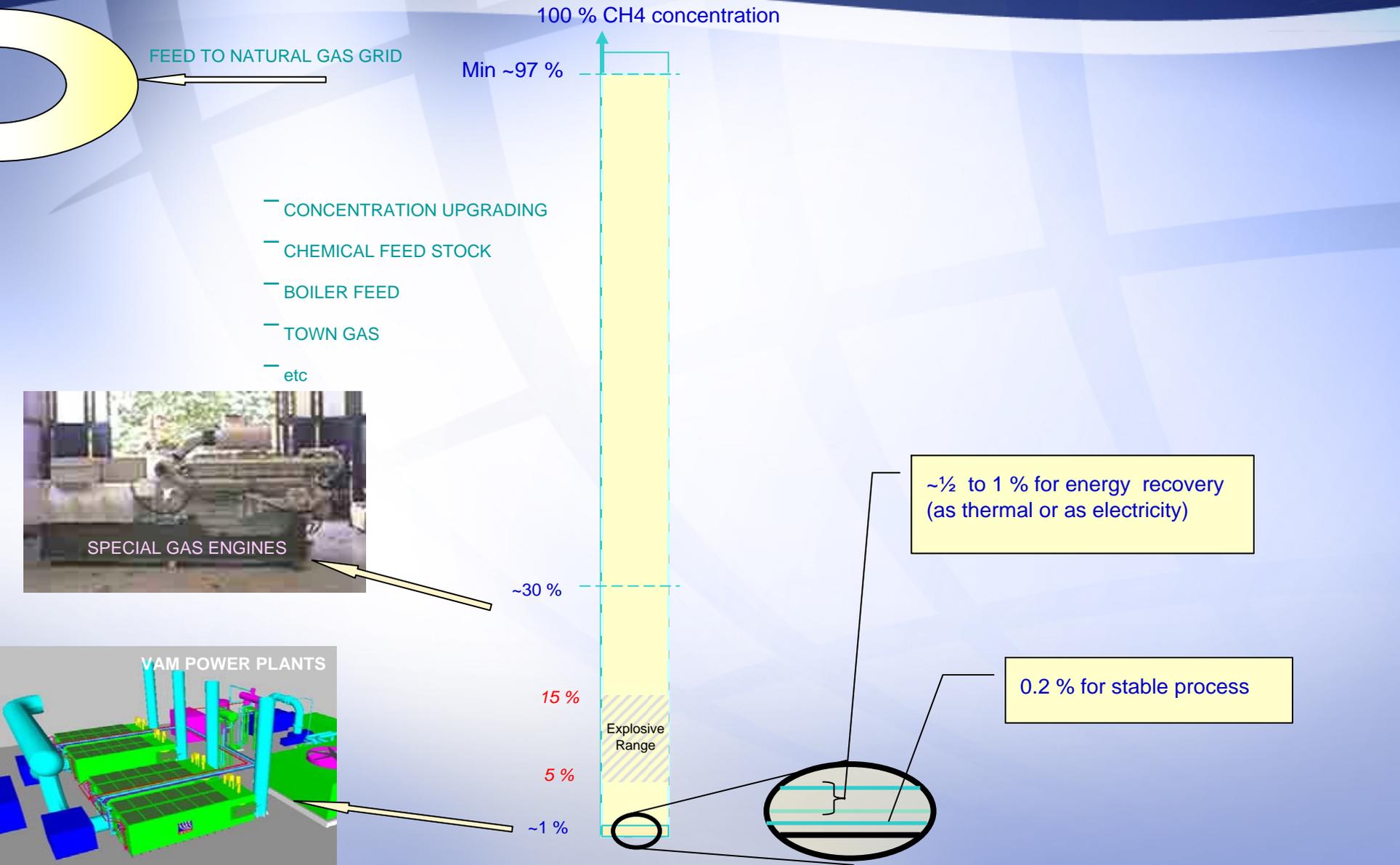
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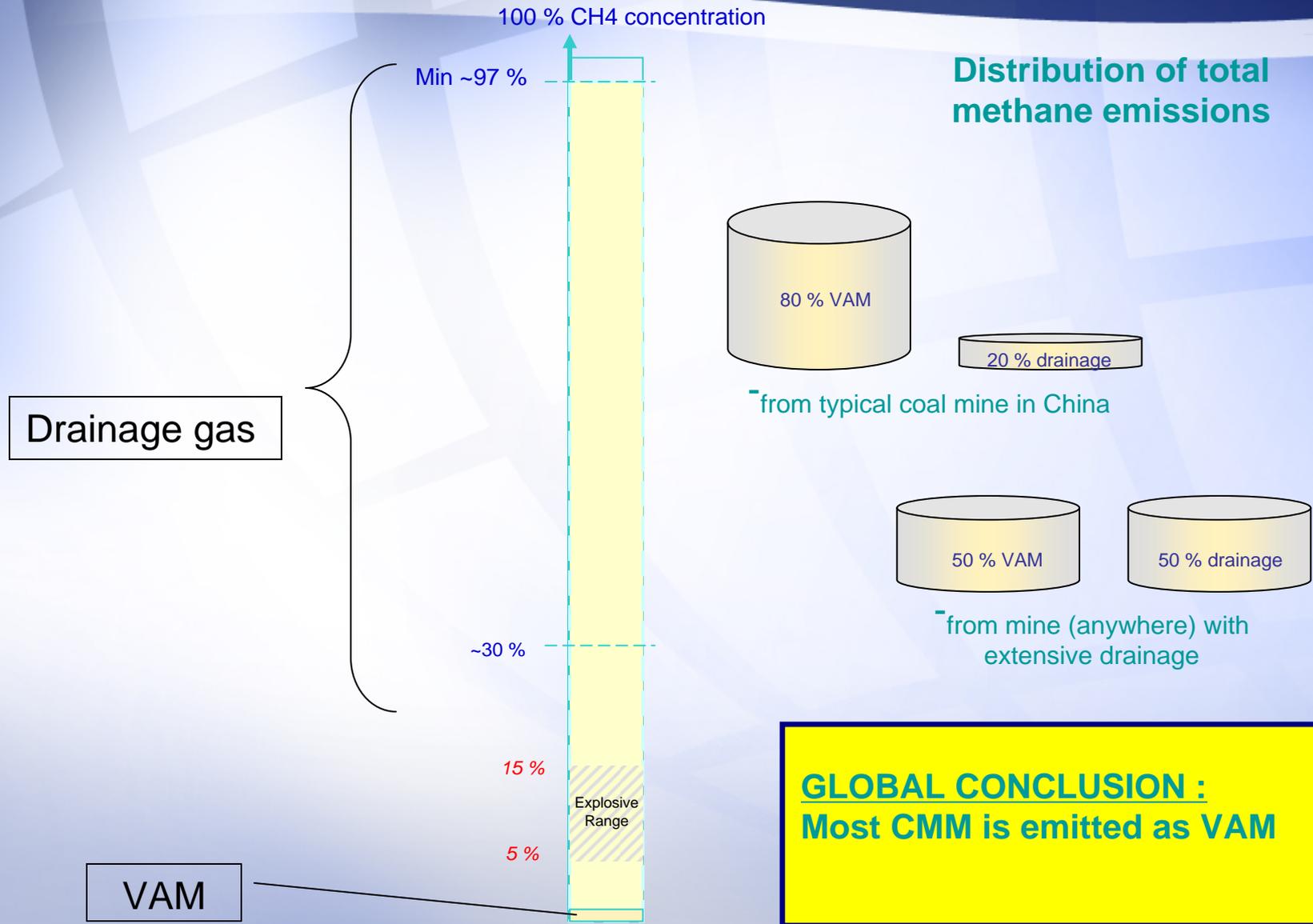
Key Topics covered:

- 4 Coal Mine VAM site demo's of MEGTEC
- Who is MEGTEC and how did MEGTEC solve the VAM dilemma (utilizing large volumes of extremely lean gas as fuel) ?
- Why is reducing VAM emissions of high interest?
- VAM Project economics

REFERENCES OF CONCENTRATION - CMM



CMM EMISSIONS – VAM vs DRAINAGE



MEGTEC Systems



.. belongs to

SEQUA Corporation

US industrial corporation
noted on NYSE
USD >2 billion (2006 Sales)

MEGTEC Systems

USD >0.2 billion in sales
Over 800 employees worldwide

SEQUA Corporation



Precoat Metals



Aerospace

Chromalloy Gas Turbine

Automotive

Arc Automotive
Casco Products

Metal coating

Precoat Metals

Speciality chemicals

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Industrial machinery

MEGTEC Systems

Other products

After Six

MEGTEC Locations Worldwide



MEGTEC Systems Worldwide Headquarters



MEGTEC Systems Regional Offices



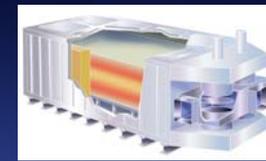


Globally leading supplier
of emission control equipment

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In house competence and experience
of boilers and boiler design.

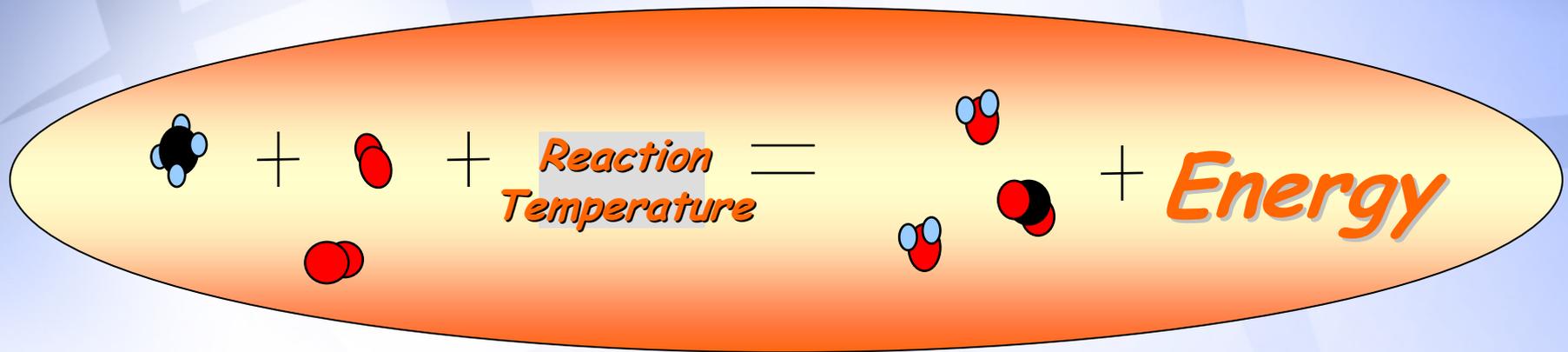
MEGTEC VOCSIDIZER INSTALLATIONS



MEGTEC has delivered over 800 VOCSIDIZERS
in many different industrial applications, now including ..

➤ Coal Mine Ventilation Air Methane

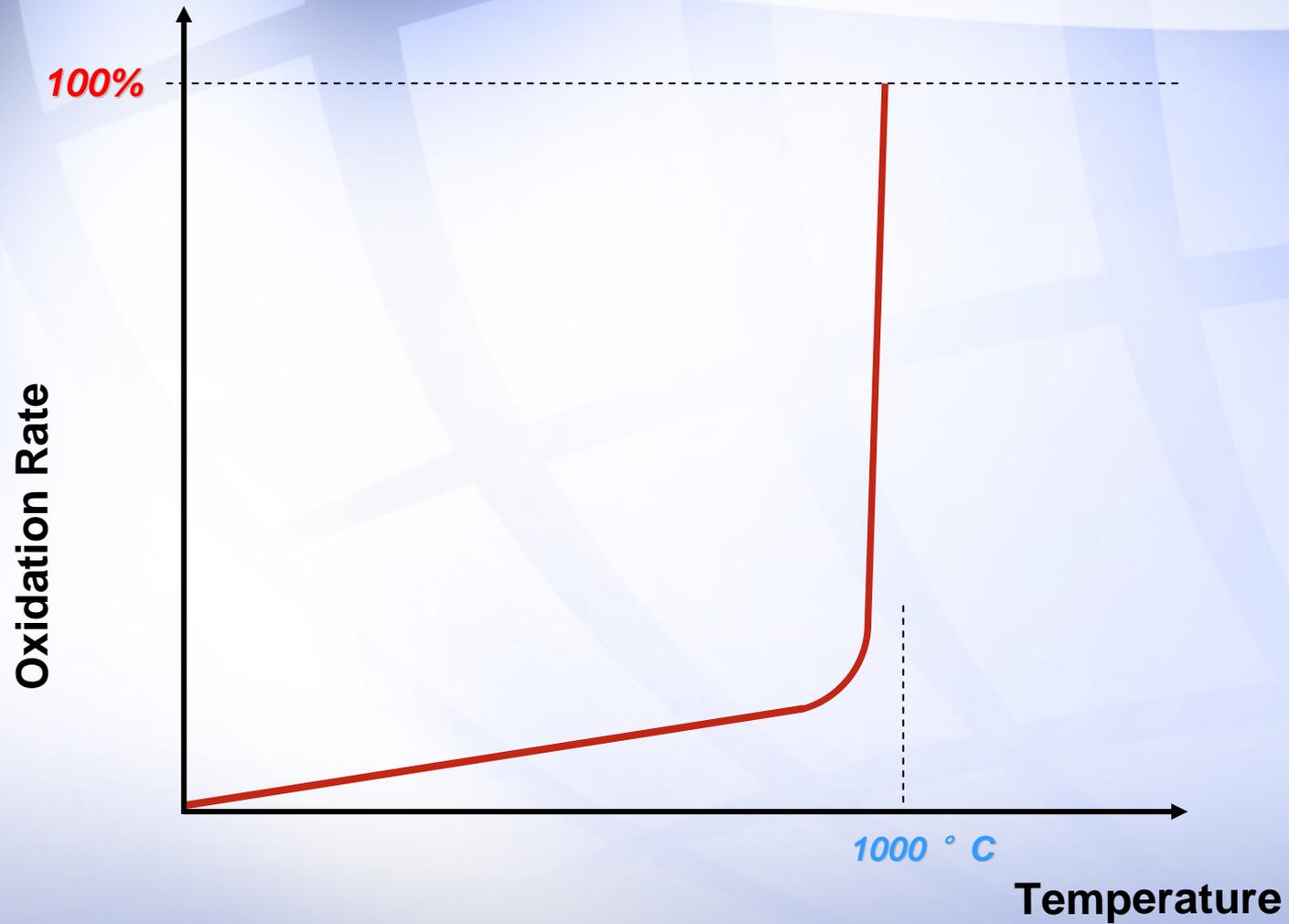
VOCSIDIZER - Principle of reaction



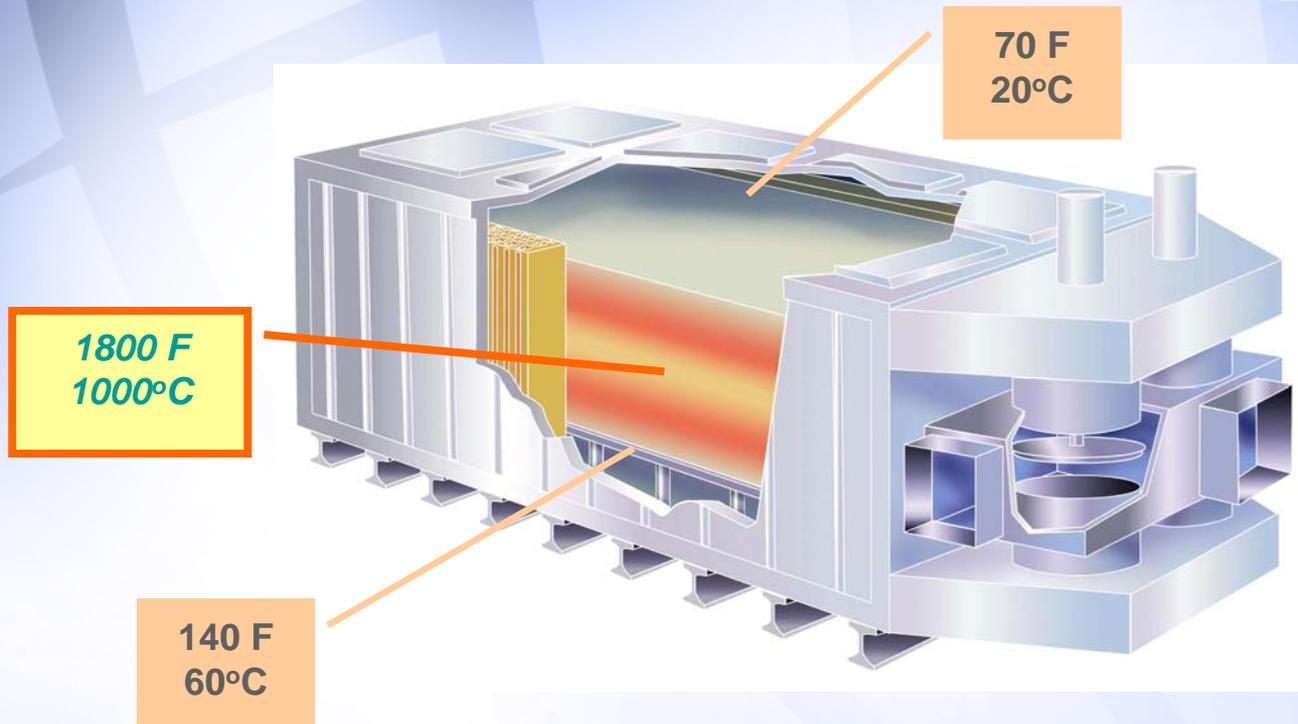
Like all VOC gases, methane oxidize at 850-900°C to form mainly water and CO₂.

And release Energy!

VOC Oxidation Rate



The Flameless VOCSIDIZER



No catalyst

operate at natural oxidizing temperature

Flameless:
No NOx:

Oxidation completely in-bed.
No flame. Even though temp is high, it is not near where thermal NOx is generated.

PROVEN TECHNOLOGY



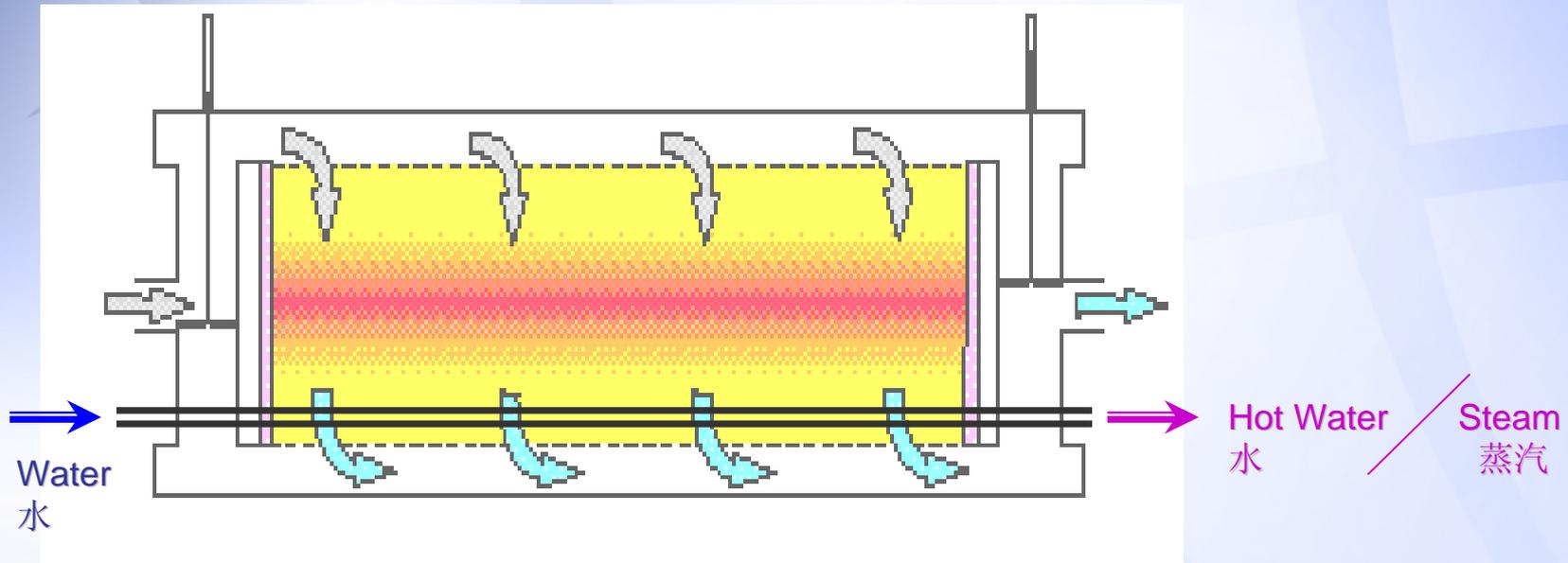
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Efficient Energy Recovery from VOCSIDIZER bed



VAM FOR THERMAL USE

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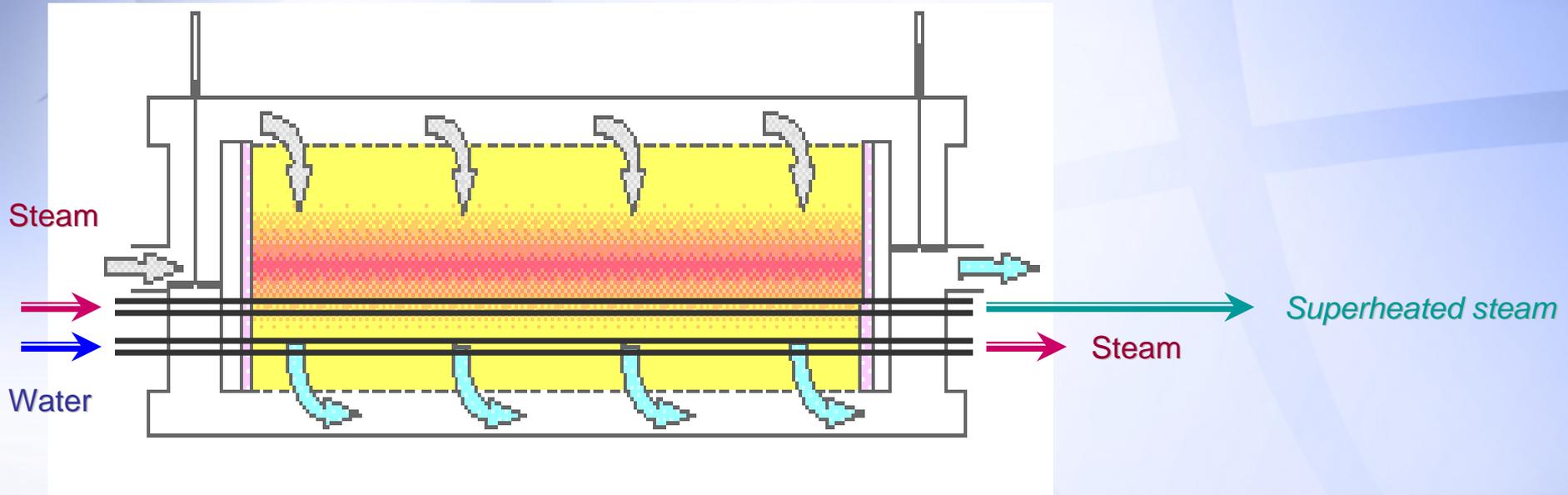
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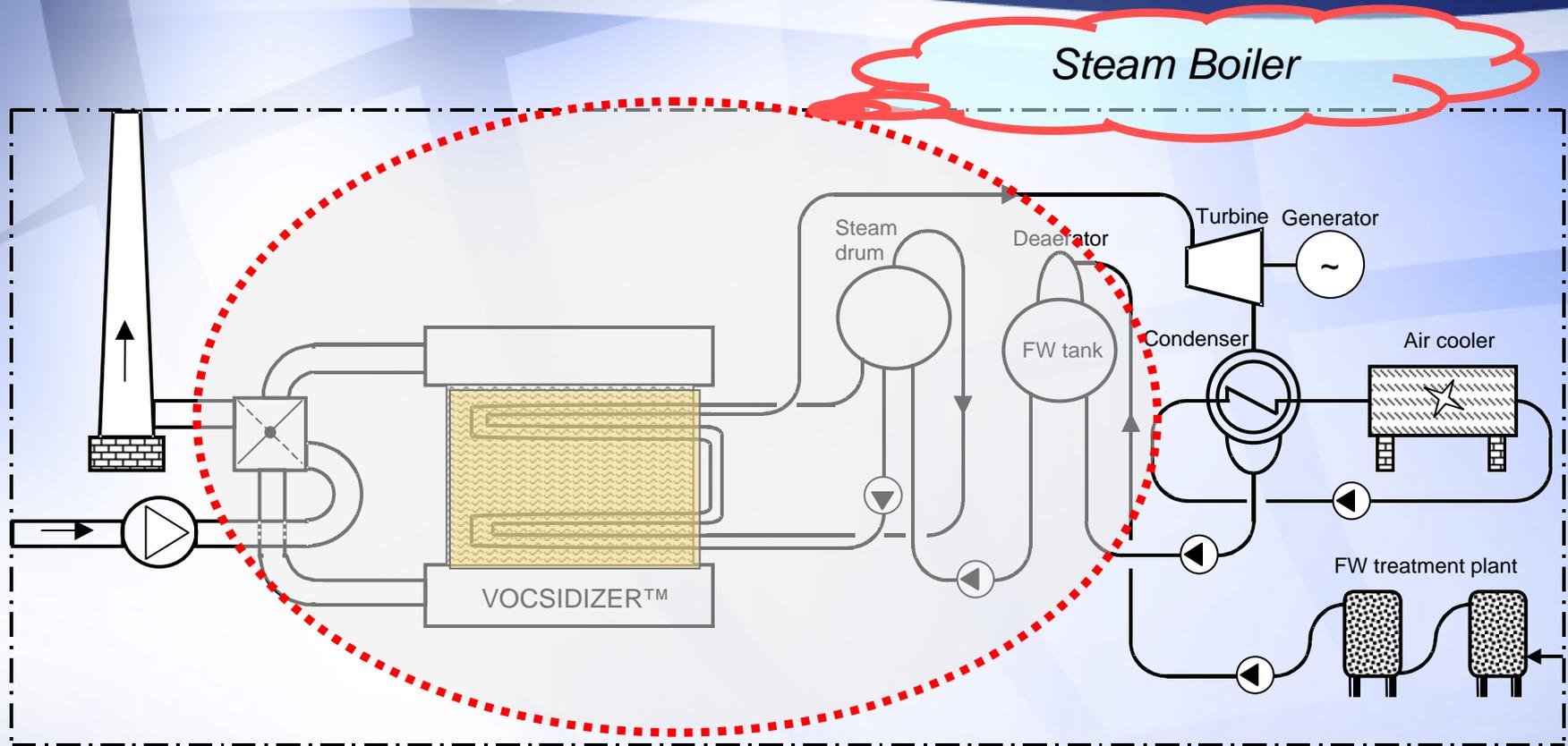
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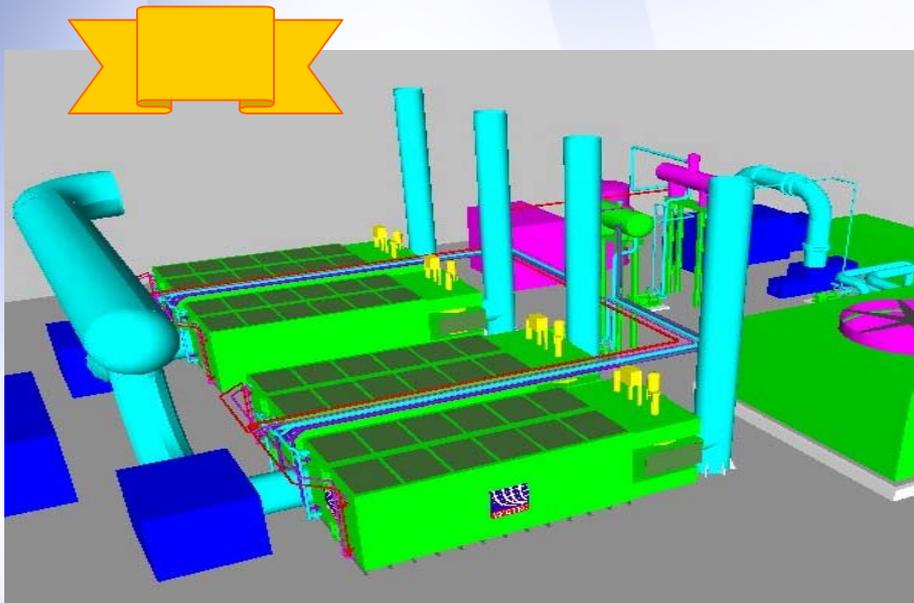
VOCSIDIZER Energy Recovery as Superheated Steam



PRINCIPLE DIAGRAM FOR : VOCSIDIZER STEAM CYCLE FOR POWER GENERATION



VAM Power Plant - VAM AS PRIMARY FUEL FOR THE GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY



Third coal mine site demonstration:

VAM Power Plant in successful operation since April 2007.



- In August 2007, Highly Commended in the Excellence Awards 2007 by the NSW Minerals Council.
- In September 2007, receiving the Excellence in Energy Award by the Australian Institute of Energy

The WestCliff Project was partly Government funded by AGO – Australian Greenhouse Office

US VAM Project at CONSOL Energy



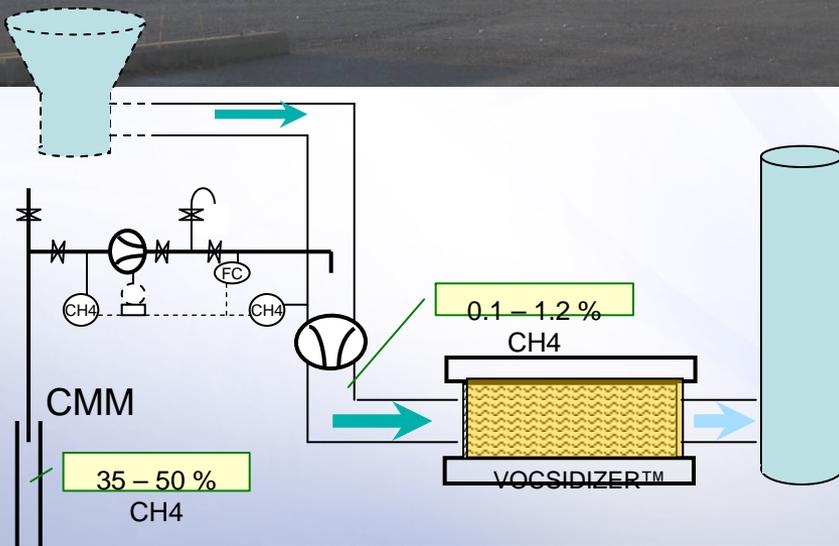
Fourth coal mine site demonstration:

Windsor mine, CONSOL Energy, USA

- 50 000 m³/h (30 000 scfm) of ventilation air
- 0.1 – 1.2 % methane (abandoned mine gas)
- Unmanned operation since May 2007

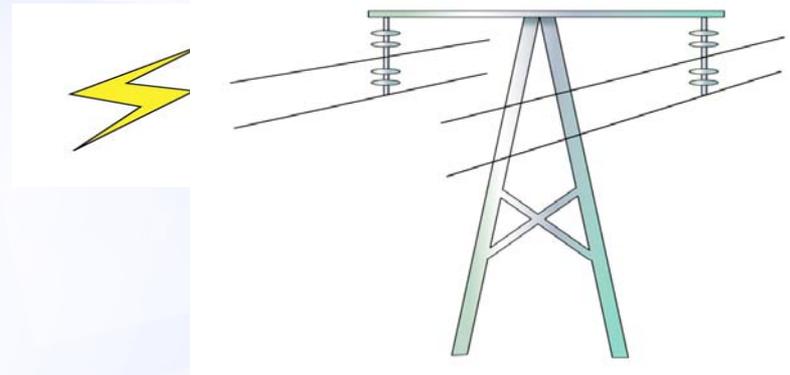
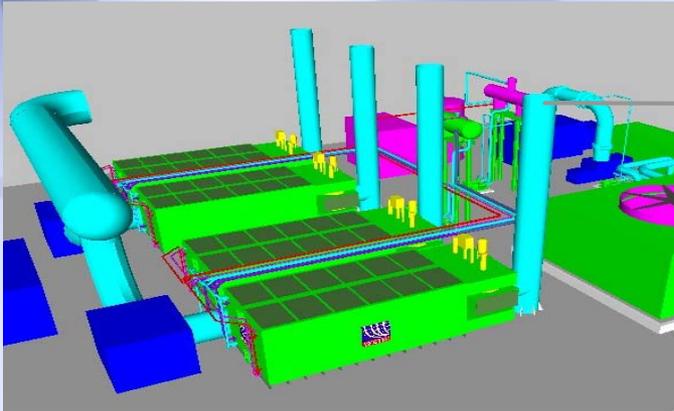
PROJECT DESIGN:

Injecting high concentration mine gas into a large flow of fresh air in order to simulate various concentrations of VAM, then to evaluate abatement in the VOCSIDIZER.



The Project is partly Government funded by the US EPA and the US DOE

VOCSIDIZER technology for VAM Energy Recovery

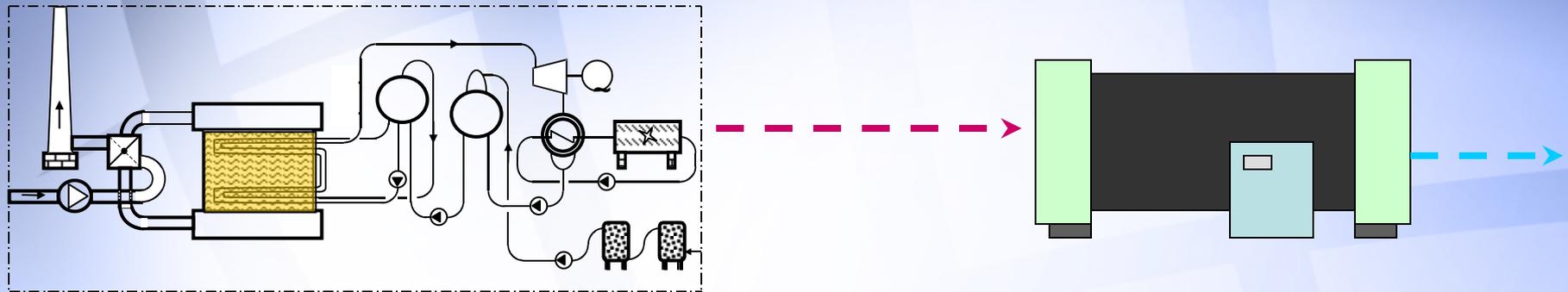


0.2 % methane needed to maintain oxidation. Energy of concentrations above 0.2 % can be recovered.

Example: $800\,000\text{ m}^3/\text{h}$
 $1\% \text{ CH}_4$ } $\longrightarrow 72\text{ MW(th)}$ $\longrightarrow 21\text{ MW(el)}$
(at 30% efficiency)

Example: $800\,000\text{ m}^3/\text{h}$
 $0.6\% \text{ CH}_4$ } $\longrightarrow 36\text{ MW(th)}$ $\longrightarrow 10\text{ MW(el)}$
(at 30% efficiency)

Cogeneration of electricity and heating – plus cooling

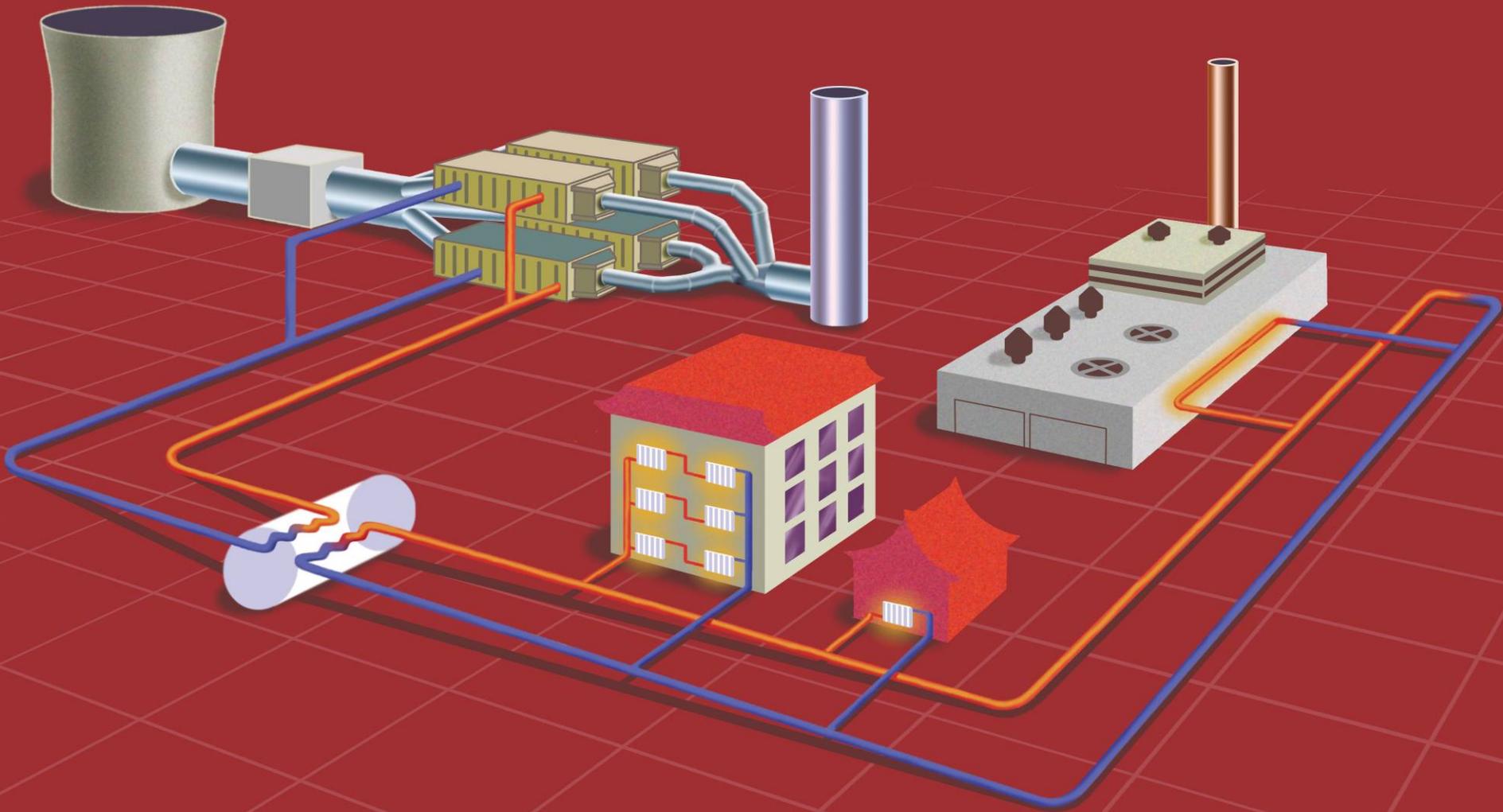


Cooling water from electricity generation drives absorption chiller.

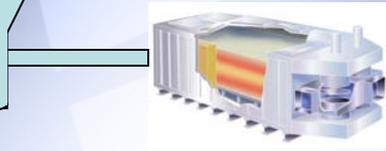
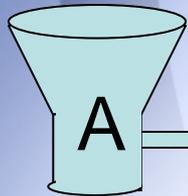
Example:

$800\,000\text{ m}^3/\text{h}$
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VAM Energy Recovery for District Heating / cooling

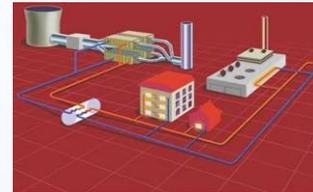
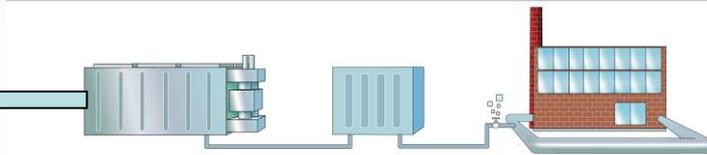
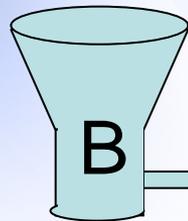


THREE OPTIONAL VAM VOCSIDIZER CONCEPTS

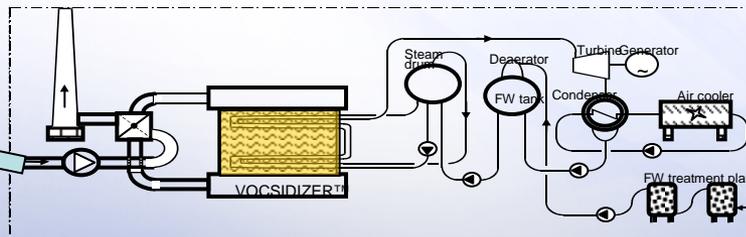
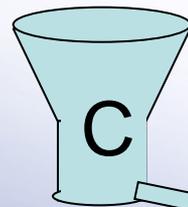


VAM Abatement Only

A type of "flaring".



VAM to Thermal Energy



VAM Power Plant (VAM to Electrical Energy)

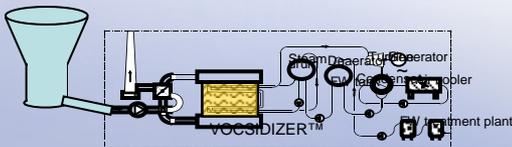
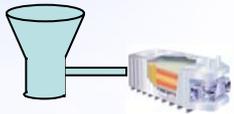
VAM to Energy

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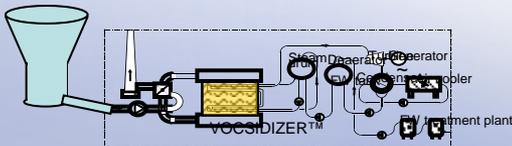
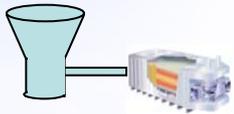


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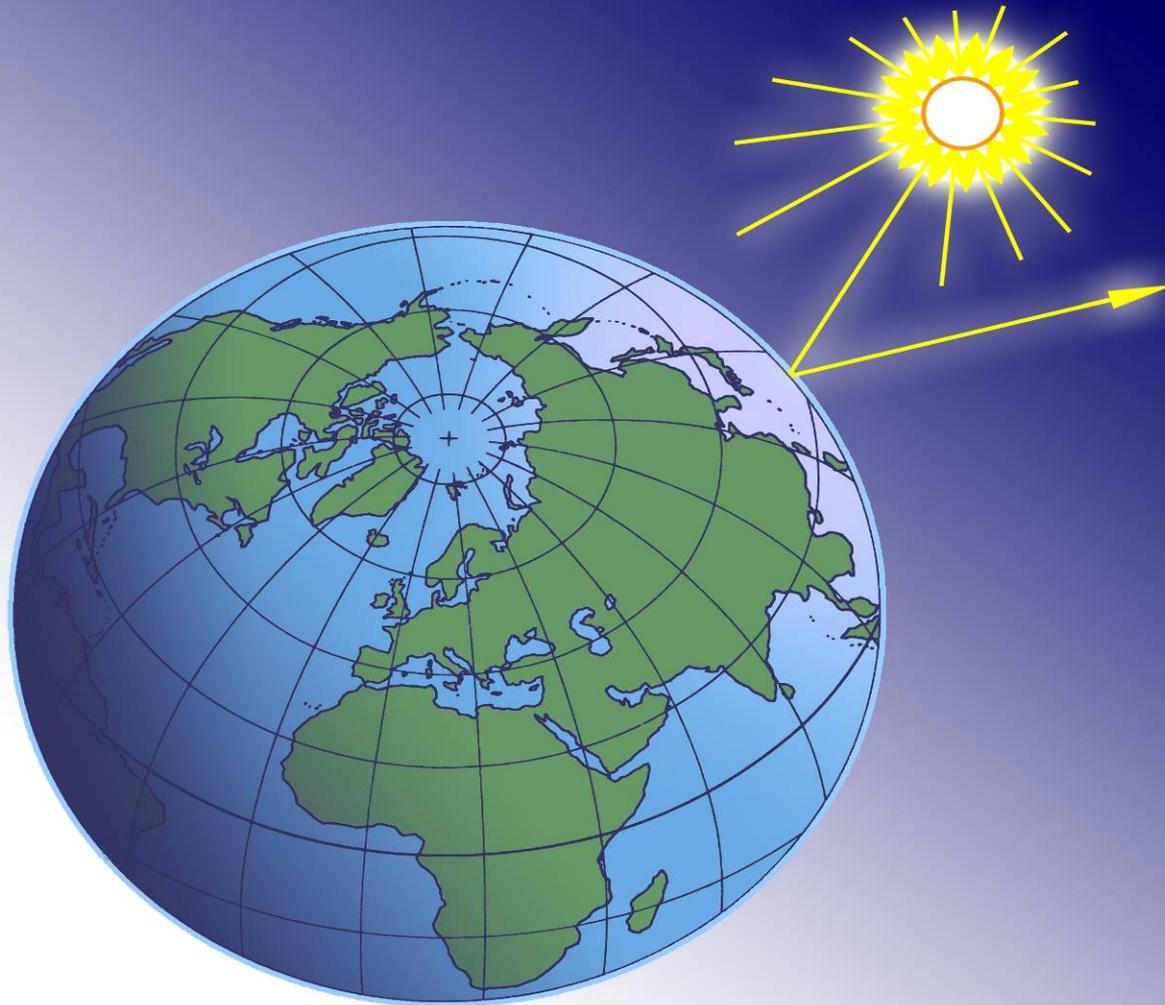
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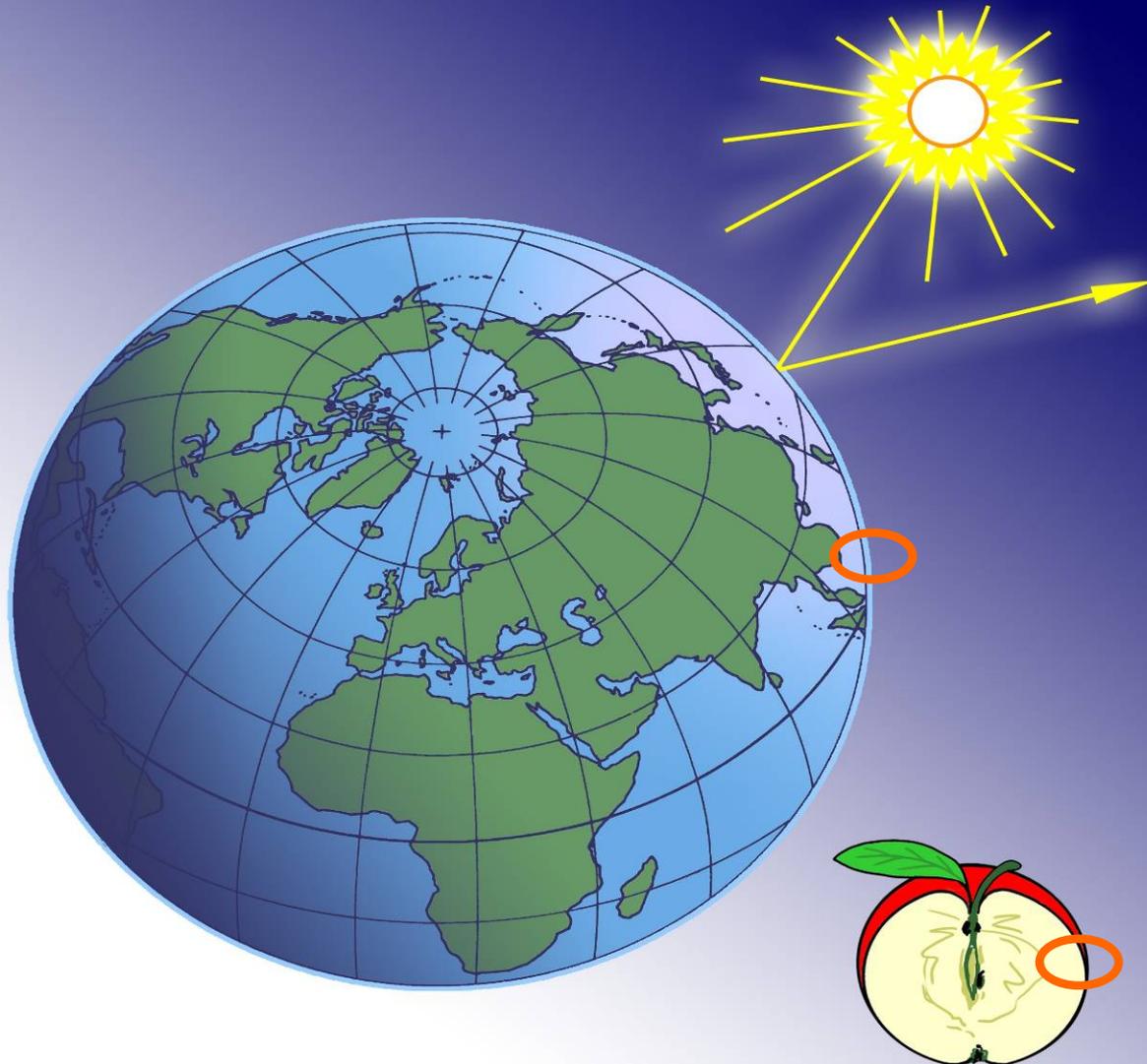
WHY ALL THIS INTEREST TO REDUCE VAM EMISSIONS ?

- What is carbon credits financing?

One bubble of atmosphere

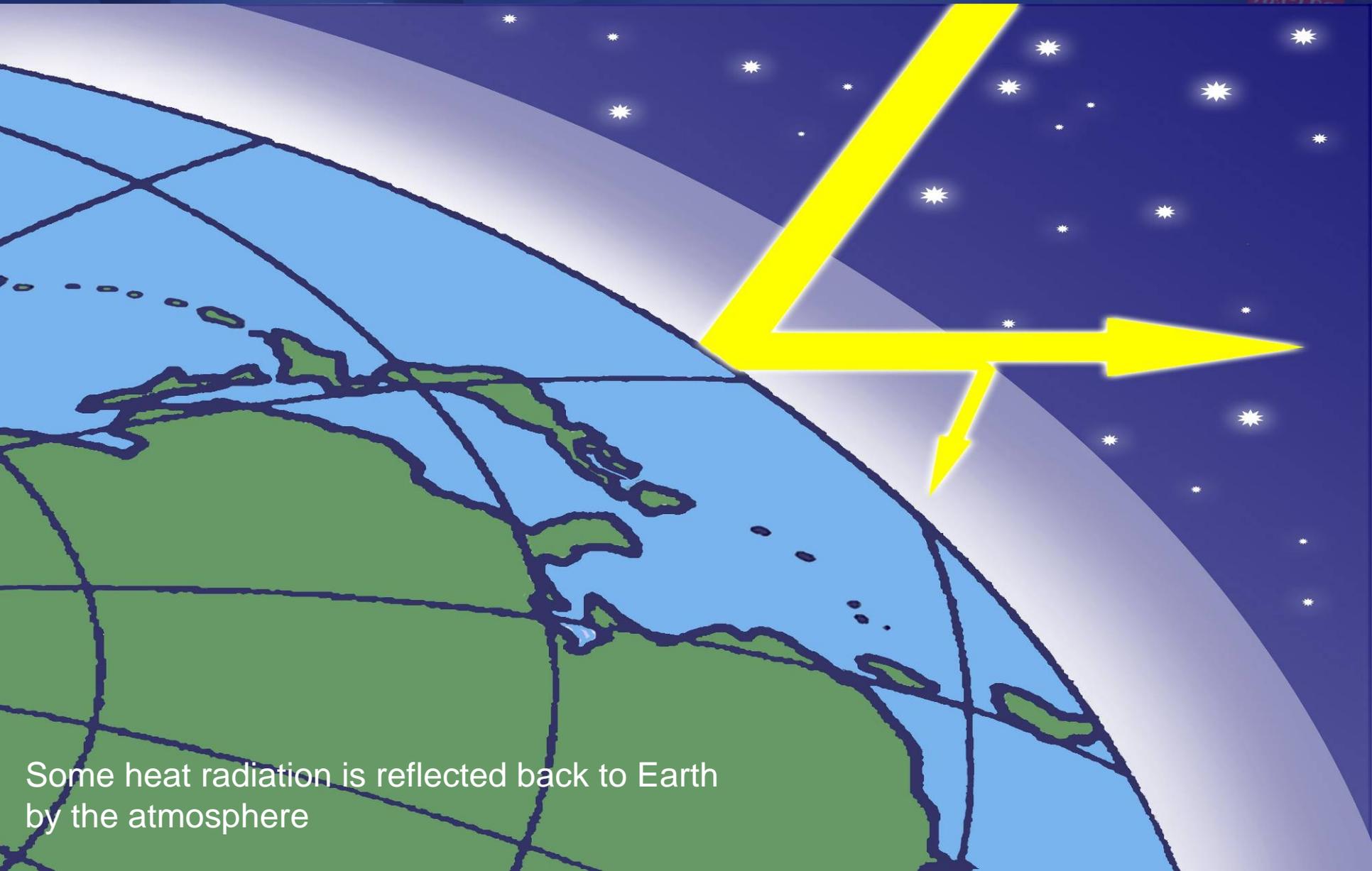


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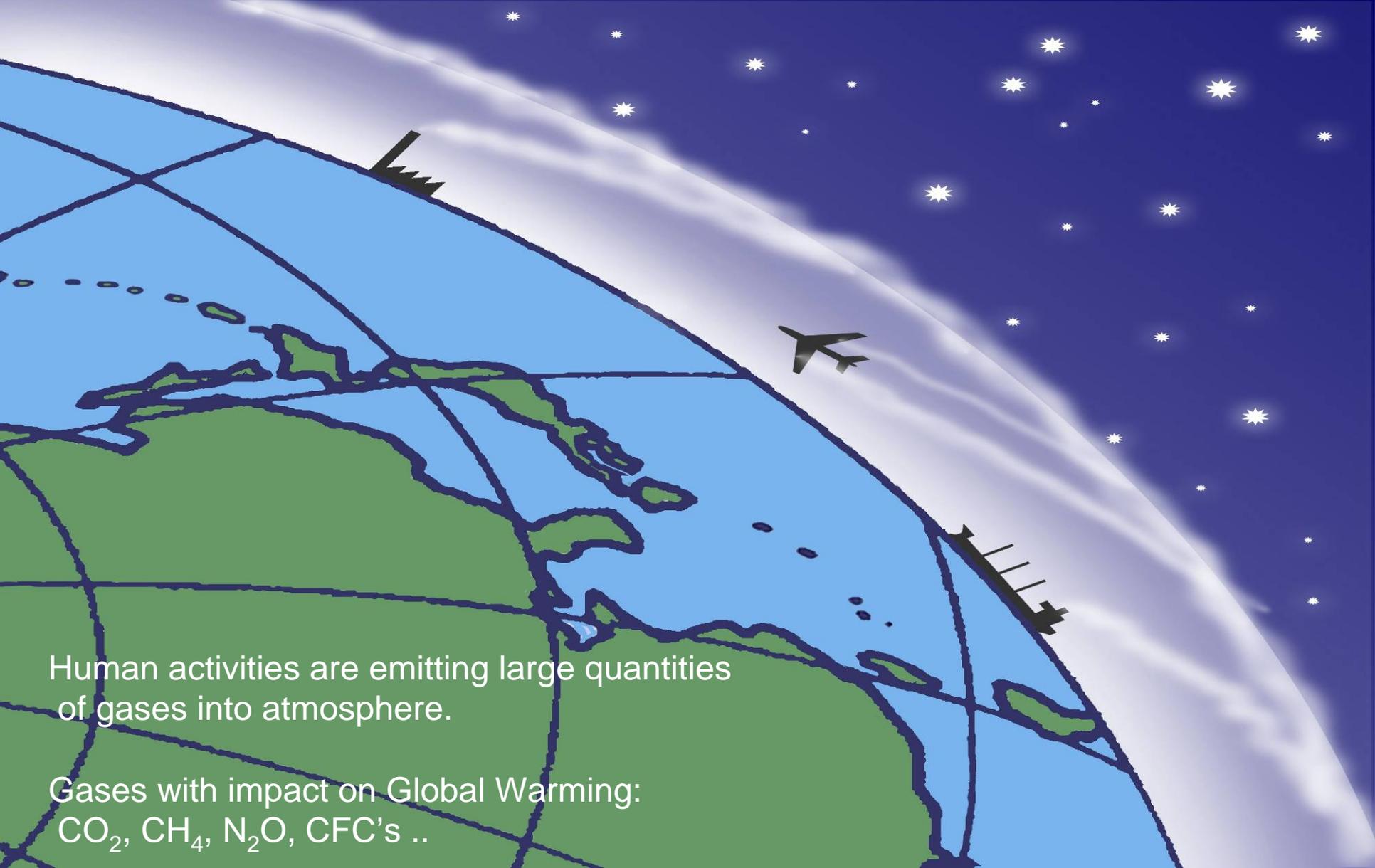
Atmosphere thickness to the Earth is **like the skin to the apple**

One bubble of atmosphere



Some heat radiation is reflected back to Earth by the atmosphere

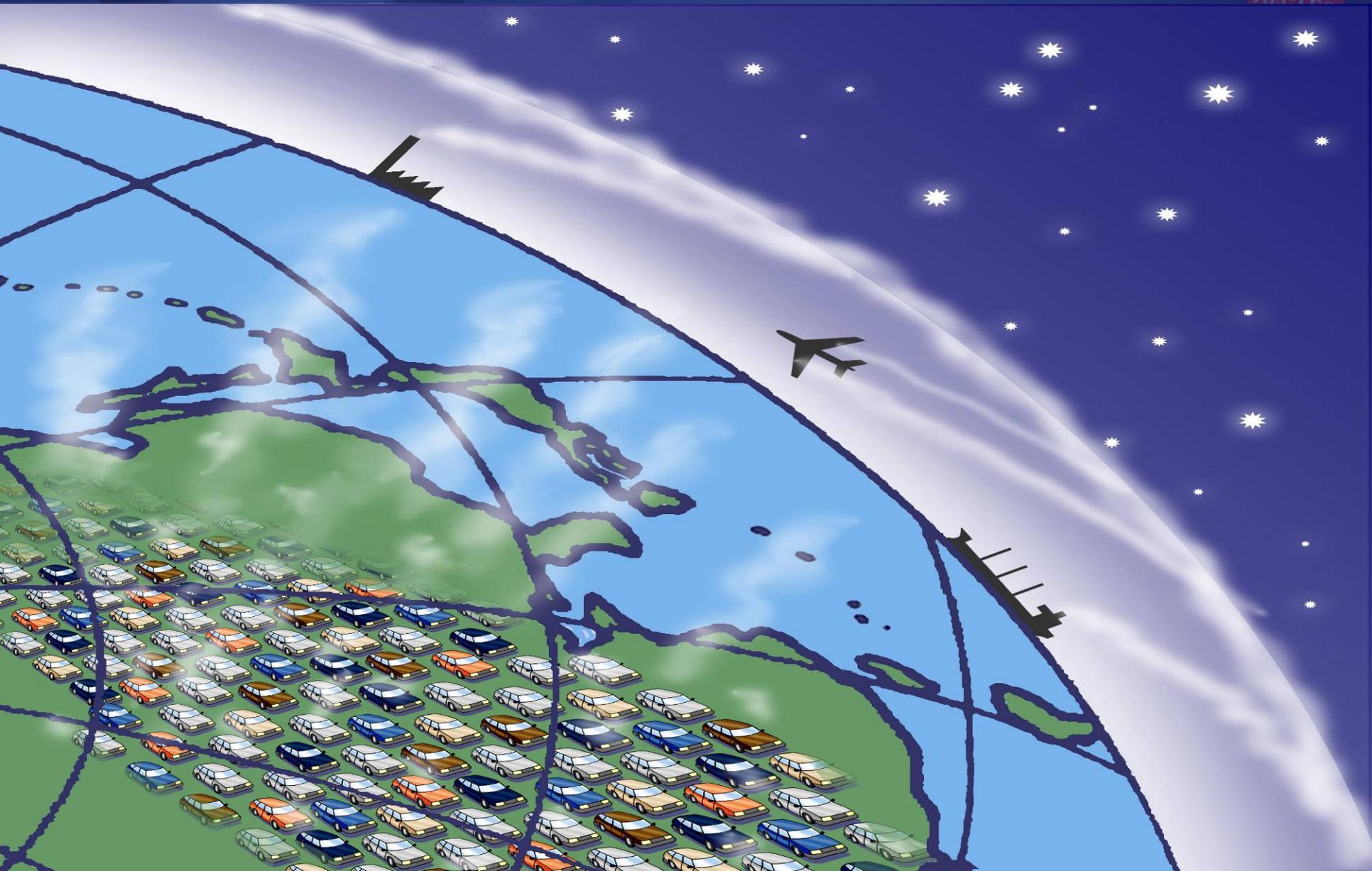
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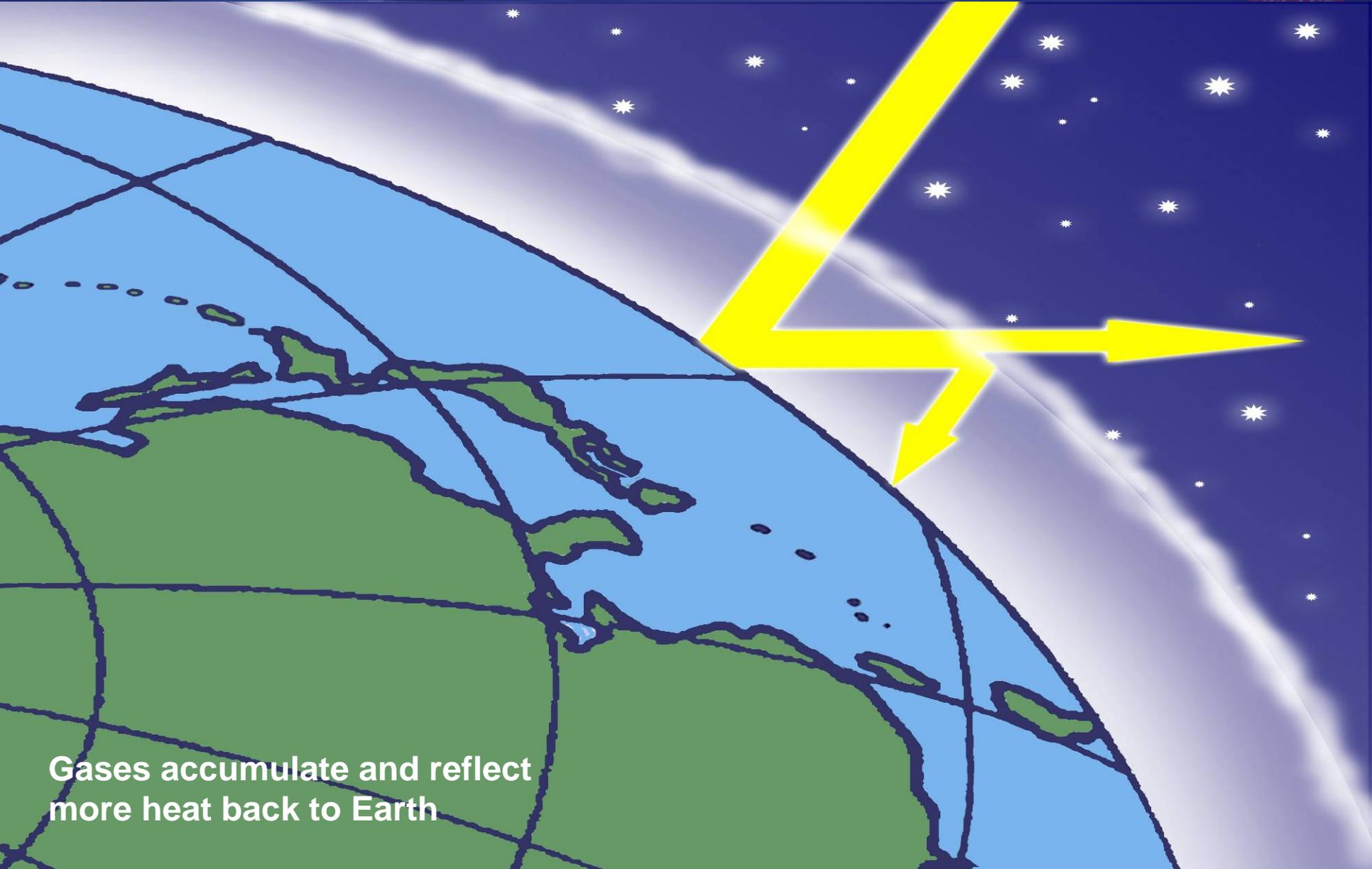
Human activities are emitting large quantities of gases into atmosphere.

Gases with impact on Global Warming:
 CO_2 , CH_4 , N_2O , CFC's ..

One bubble of atmosphere

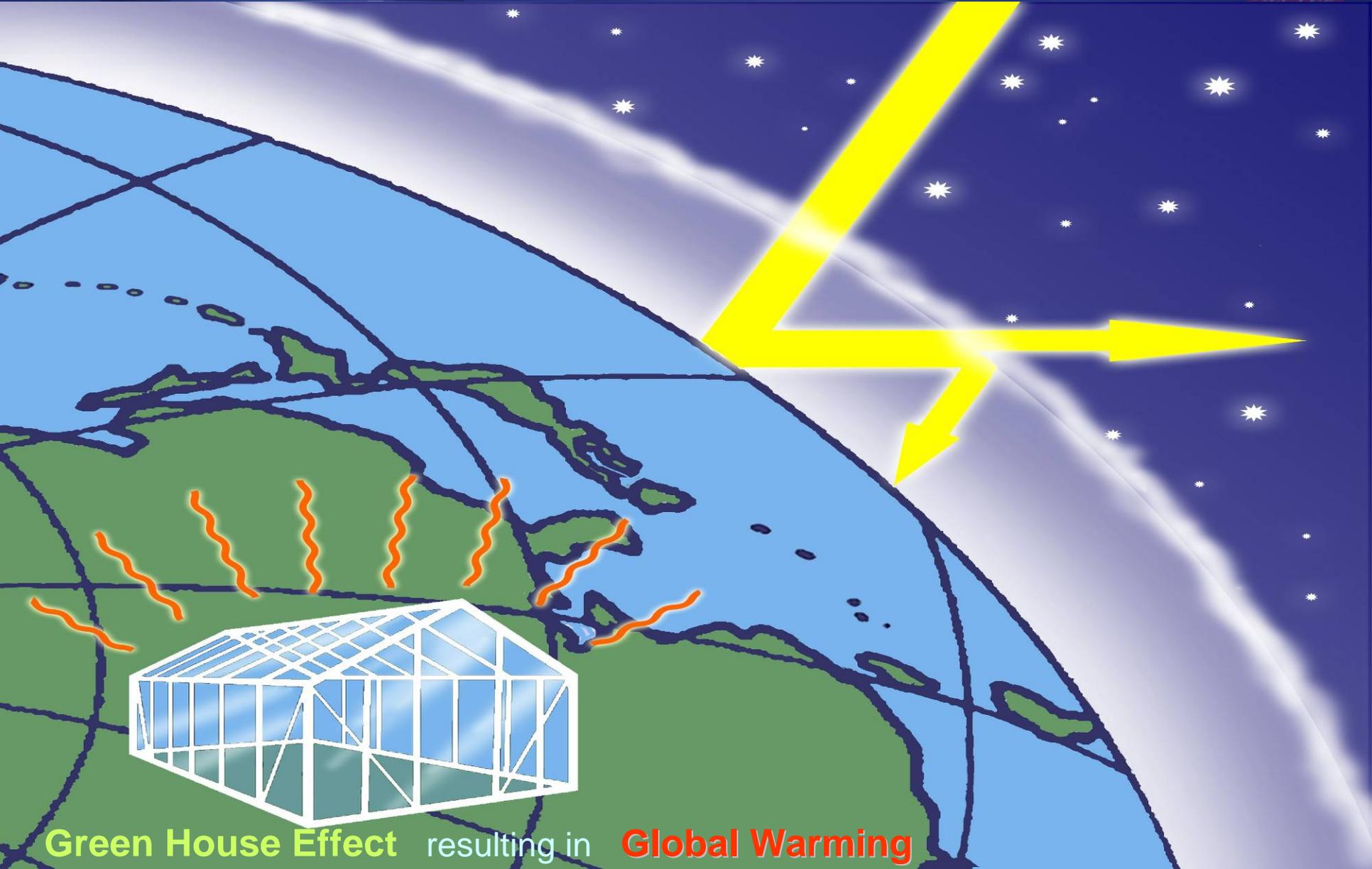


One bubble of atmosphere



Gases accumulate and reflect more heat back to Earth

One bubble of atmosphere



Green House Effect resulting in **Global Warming**

One bubble of atmosphere



CO₂ remains 100 years in the atmosphere, continuously accumulating at ***accelerating*** rate.

- Governments of the World agree this trend must be broken
- The Kyoto Protocol introduced **a system of emission caps for industrialized countries**, and **a system of trading emission allowances** – promoting investment in emission reductions **where investment is most efficient** in reducing GHG (Green House Gas) emissions. All emissions are into the same thin bubble of atmosphere.

Besides Kyoto, now also local emission reduction schemes

Recent trend is companies and individuals buying Voluntary Emission Reduction credits

One bubble of atmosphere



CONCLUSIONS:

- Structures of trading schemes of “carbon credits” (CER / ERU / VER / NGAC ..) are now established
- Trading is increasing quickly and becoming globally integrated
- Media attention as well as public awareness and concern are very high and increasing

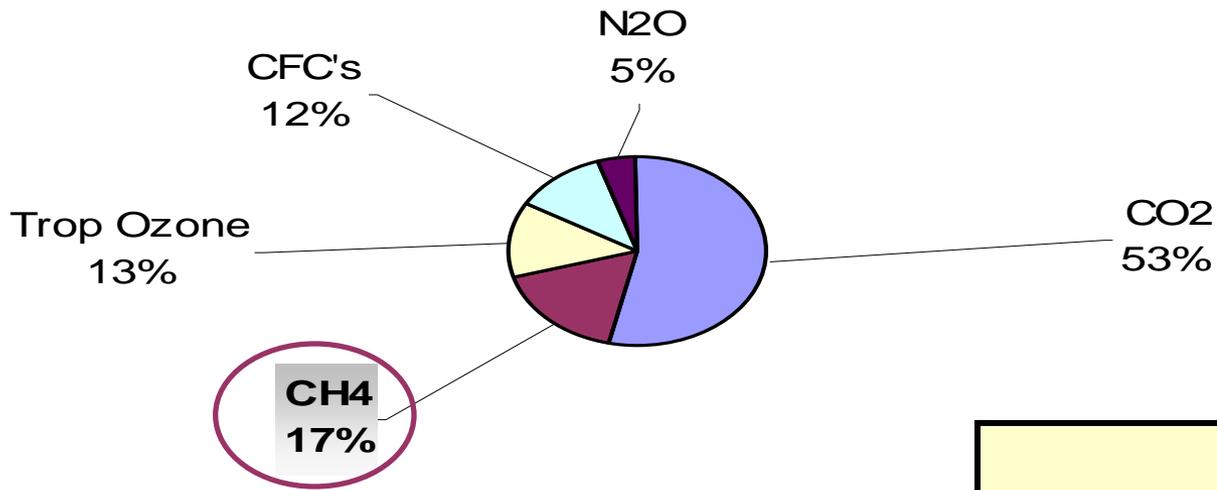
➤ **Carbon credit financing of successful emission reduction projects is here to stay**



Green House Gas METHANE

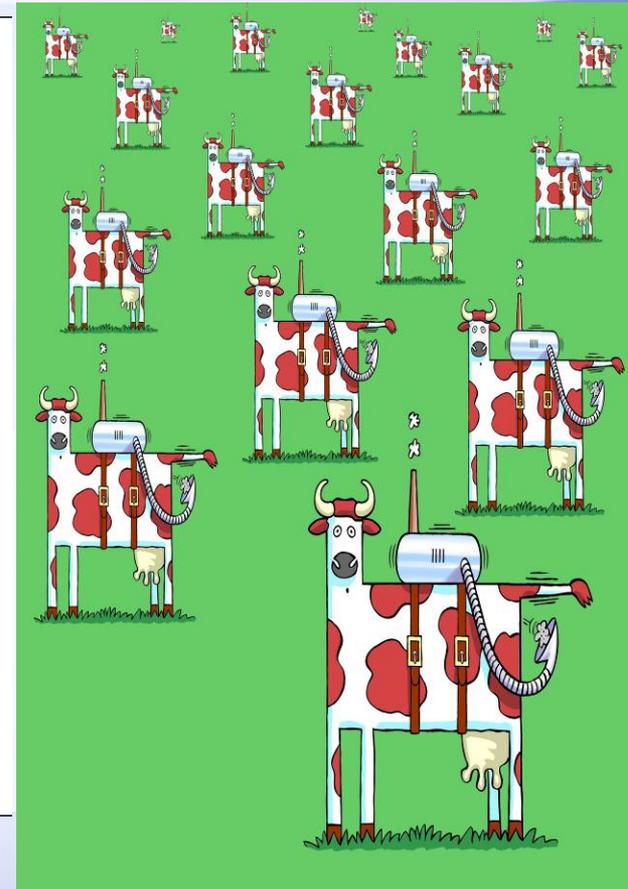
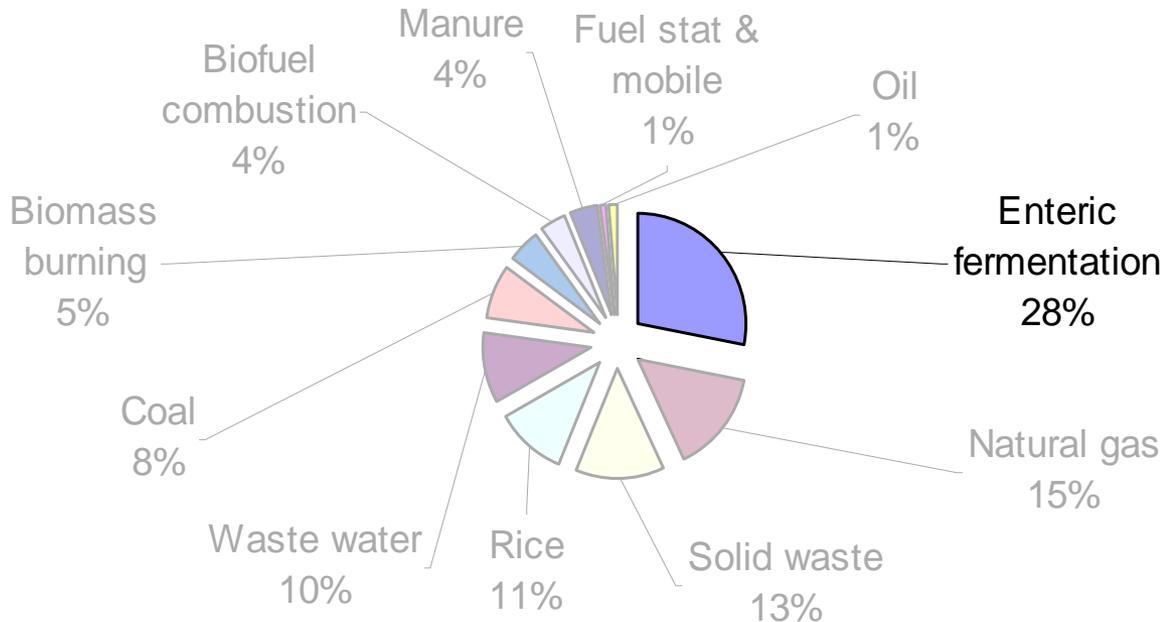


GREENHOUSE GASES CONTRIBUTIONS



	CO2	CH4
Global Warming Power	1	23 (21 in the first Kyoto Period)
Life time in atmosphere	100	12 ½

Global Methane Emissions - by source



BIGGEST TOTAL SOURCE:
Cows, sheep etc

PROBLEM:
Each source is very small

50-100 kg per cow 1-2 t CO₂e per year

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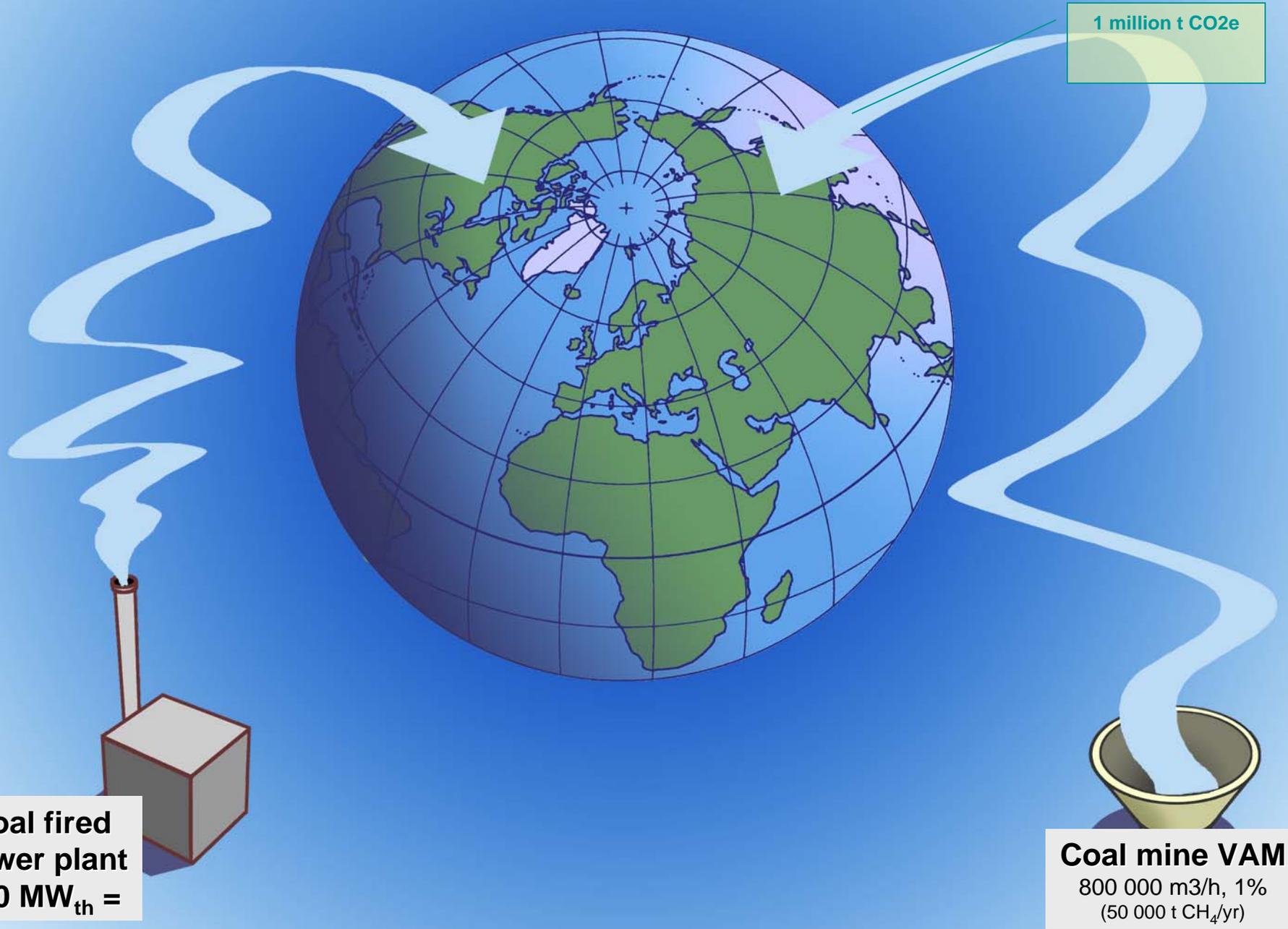


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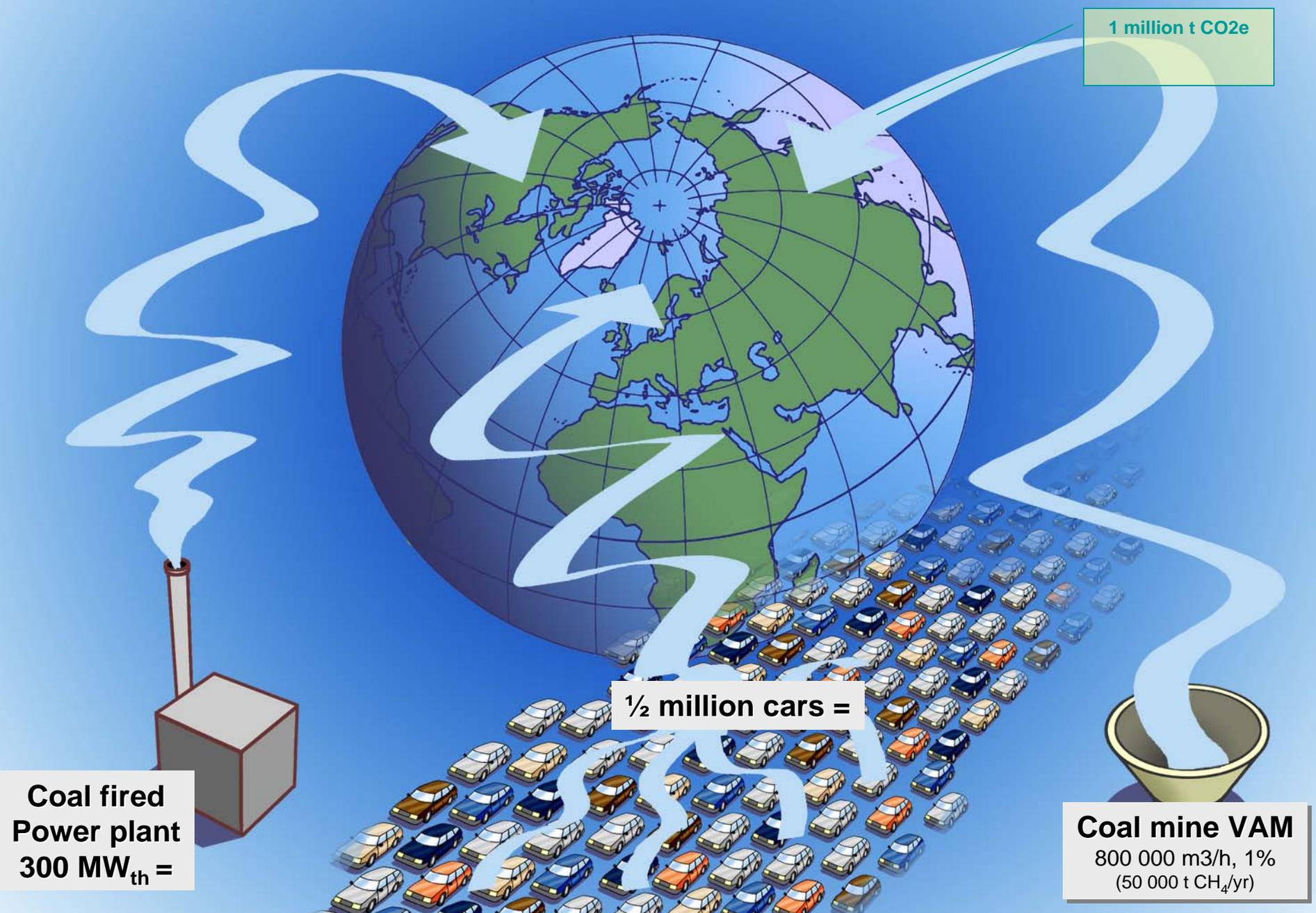


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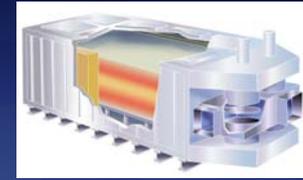
**Coal fired
Power plant**
300 MW_{th} =

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Calculations of CERs



For calculation of amount to CERs, consider:

- Vocsidizer cleaning efficiency and availability
- conversion rate of CH₄ into CO₂e.

The formula will be:

[Cleaning Efficiency] x [Hours of availability] x [Volume flow of ventilation air] x [VAM concentration] x [(CH₄ weight) x Global Warming factor – (CO₂ weight)]

which comes to:

$$0.97 \times [8760 \times 0.97] \times [\text{Flow of ventilation air}] \times [\text{VAM concentration}] \times [0.71 \times (21 - 2.75)]$$

Examples:

250 000 Nm³/h @ 0.9 % VAM comes to 240 000 tonnes of CO₂e

125 000 Nm³/h @ 0,9 % VAM comes to 120 000 t CO₂e

125 000 Nm³/h @ 0,3 % VAM comes to 40 000 t CO₂e

	0.3	0.6	0.9
125 000	40	80	120
250 000	80	160	240
500 000	160	320	480
1 000 000	320	640	960

Thousand tons of CO₂e per year

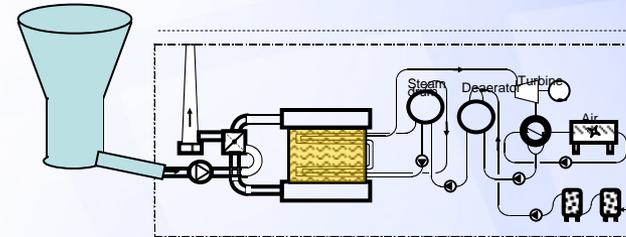
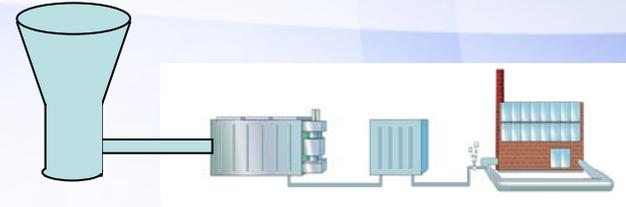
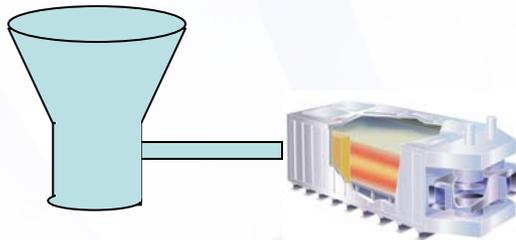
IN ADDITION at energy recovery :

If carbon based energy is replaced, the effect on Global Warming is ~20% better.

VAM Project Economics



- ETS €15 – 20/t CO₂e for 2008
- CDM in China \$ 10/t CO₂e
- VERs 3 – 4 \$/t CO₂e



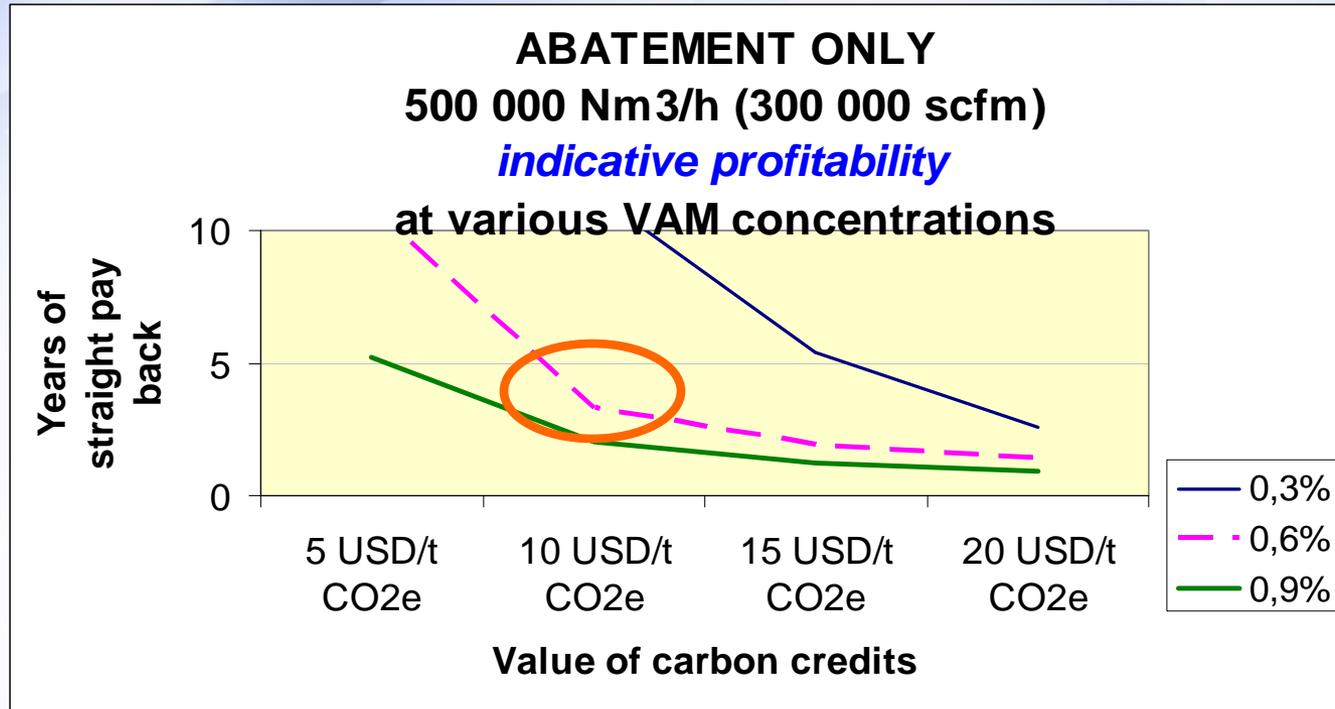
- Many parameters – especially for VAM Power Plants
- Each site must be evaluated separately
- The new market for carbon credits is still very volatile

FOLLOWING PAGES:

Indications to estimated levels, trends and critical values.

Please note that these are indicative only.

VAM Project Economics - *indications*



CONCLUSIONS:

- VAM should be min 0.6 %
- Carbon credits should be min 10 USD/t CO₂e

.. then the straight pay back time is only a few years - provided approved

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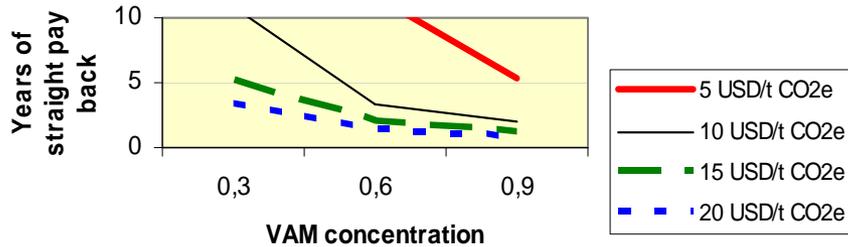


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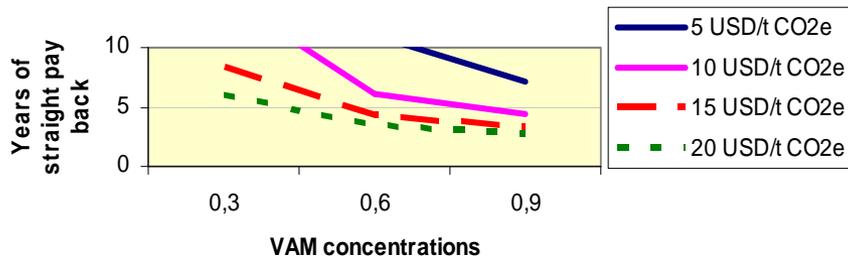


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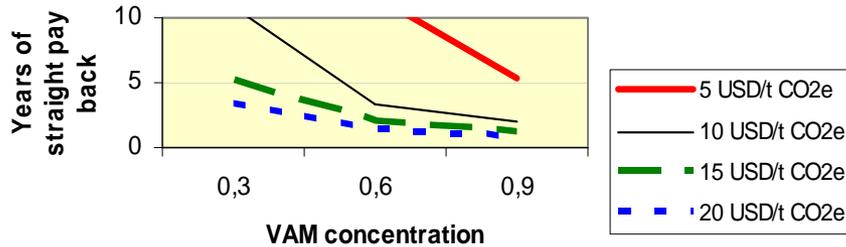


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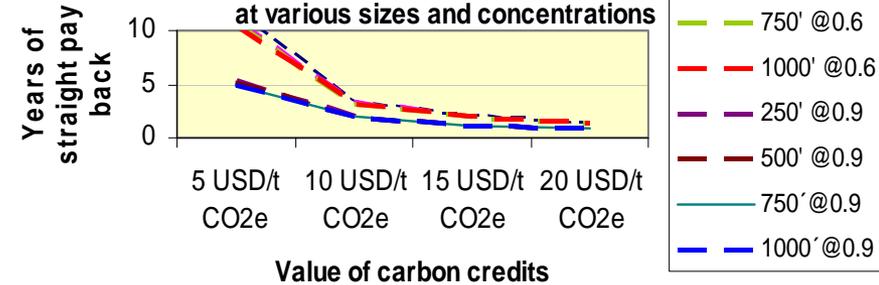
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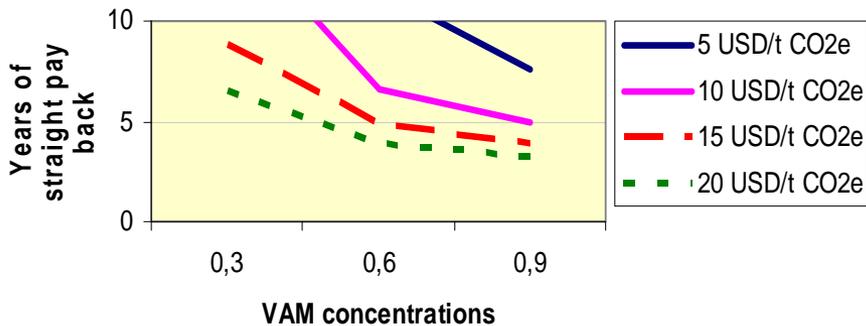


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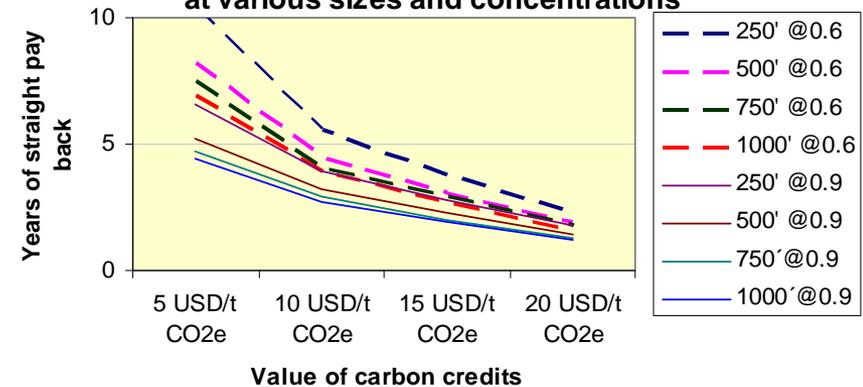
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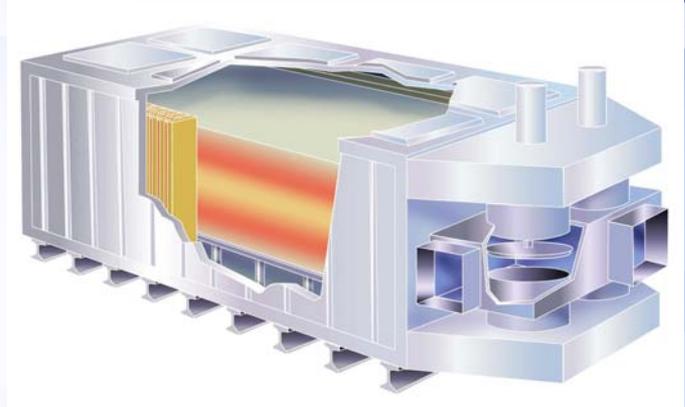


- VAM Power Plants have higher CAPEX and higher revenues

4 CONCLUSIONS on VAM (Ventilation Air Methane)



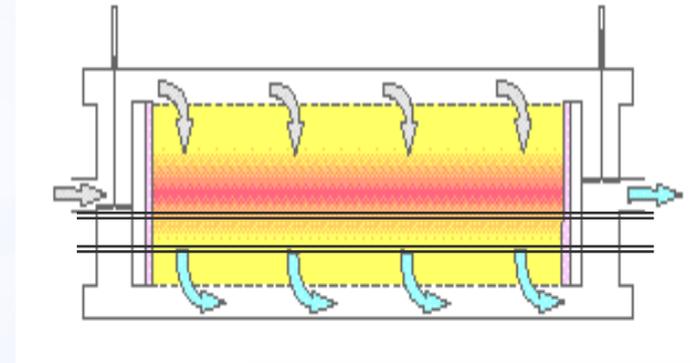
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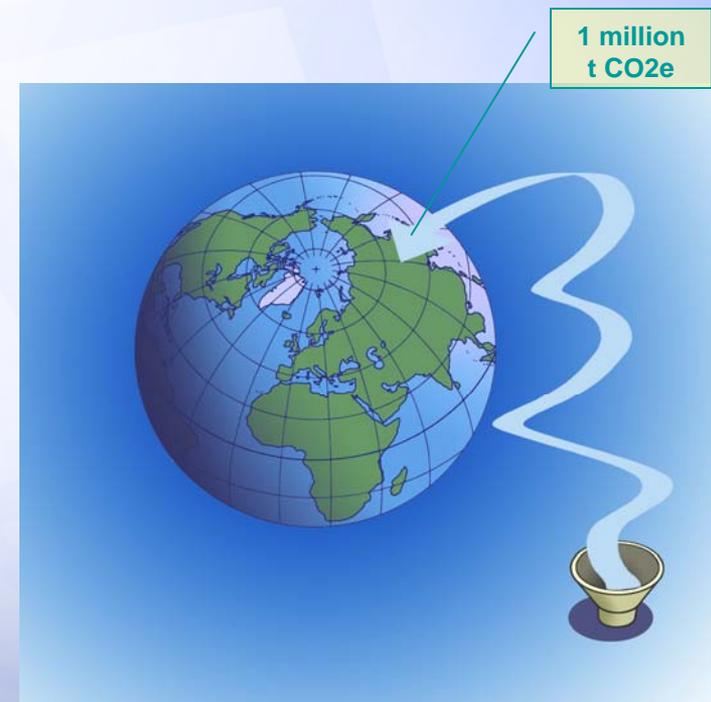
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4. A full scale VAM Power Plant can reduce annual emissions of 1 million tons CO_{2e} - providing significant positive impact on Global Warming



ADDITIONAL CONCLUSION on VAM



At:

- > ½ percent CH₄ and
- > 10 USD/t in value of Carbon Credits,

**VAM projects can have pay back time
of a few years only !**

The World's first VAM Power Plant is IN FULL OPERATION



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