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## Gas Turbine Systems for Cleaner Energy

- Air Pollution and GHG Emissions
- Emission Guidelines and Standards
- Balancing Emission Prevention & System Efficiency
- Clean Energy Considerations

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# Typical Industrial Gas Turbine Energy Systems

- Simple Cycle, Standby power
- New Gas Combined Cycle
- Combined Cycle Repowering
- Utility Coal Gasification
- Large Industrial Cogen
- Oilsands Gasification
- Pipeline Compression
- Small Industrial Cogeneration
- Municipal District Energy
- Micro-T Distributed Power/Heat
- Waste Heat Recovery
- Process Off-Gases, Biofuels



***About 28 000 MWe installed in Canada  
(~ 470 plants, 1150 units)***

# Air Emissions

(Smog, Acid Rain, Climate Change, Toxics)

## *Health & Ecosystems*

## *Extreme, Unpredictable Weather*

### Air Pollution

- Sulphur Dioxide  $\text{SO}_2$
- Nitrogen Oxides  $\text{NO}_2$
- Volatile Organics VOC
- Carbon Monoxide  $\text{CO}$
  
- Fine Particulate PM
- Mercury & Heavy Metals
- Ammonia

### Greenhouse Gases

- Carbon Dioxide  $\text{CO}_2$
- Methane  $\text{CH}_4$
- Nitrous Oxide  $\text{N}_2\text{O}$
- $\text{SF}_6$  et al

### Ozone Depletion

- CFCs

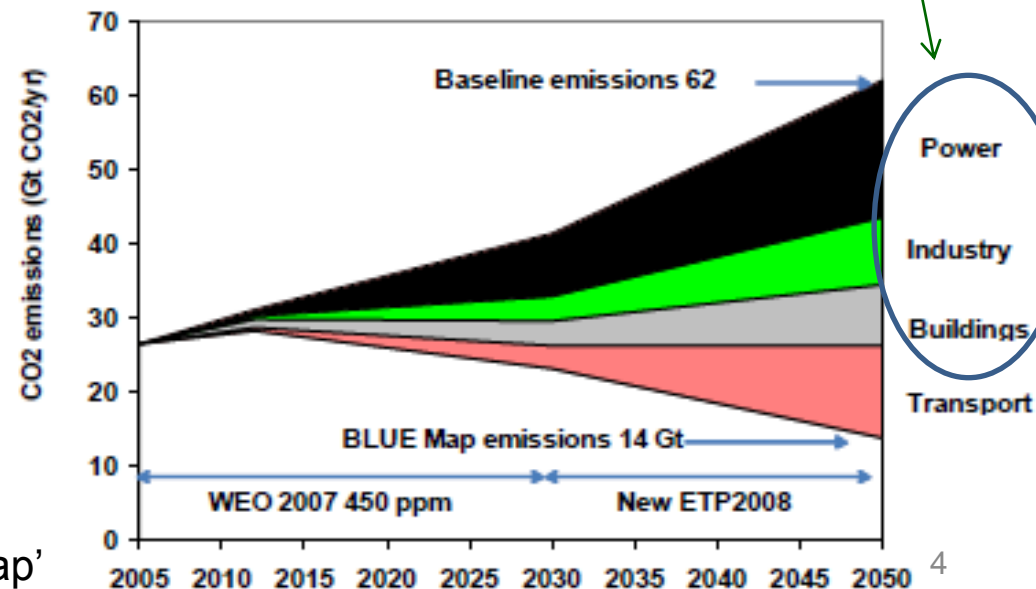
# What are Cleaner Energy Choices ?

- Aggressive Energy Conservation and **Efficiency**
- Small Renewable Energies, **Biomass Fuels**
- **High Efficiency Nat. Gas Systems (GTCC, GTCHP)**
- Large Hydro & Nuclear Facilities
- Coal & Bitumen Gasification, Polygen w/CCS
- **Waste Energy Recovery**

GT systems can  
do 25-30% of  
these reductions

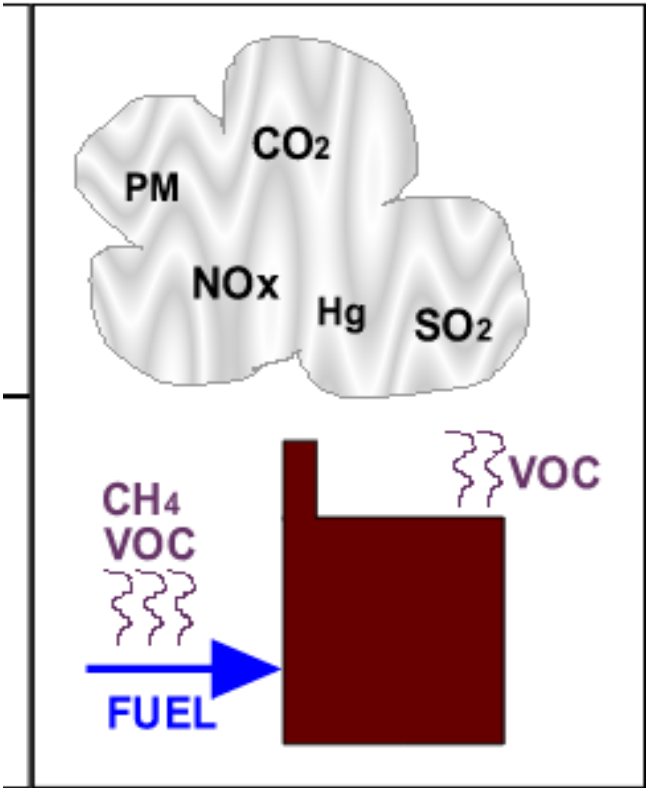
- *Air Pollution*
- *GHG Emissions*
- *Air Toxics*
- *Water Impacts*
- *Energy Security*

IEA WEO 'Blue Map'

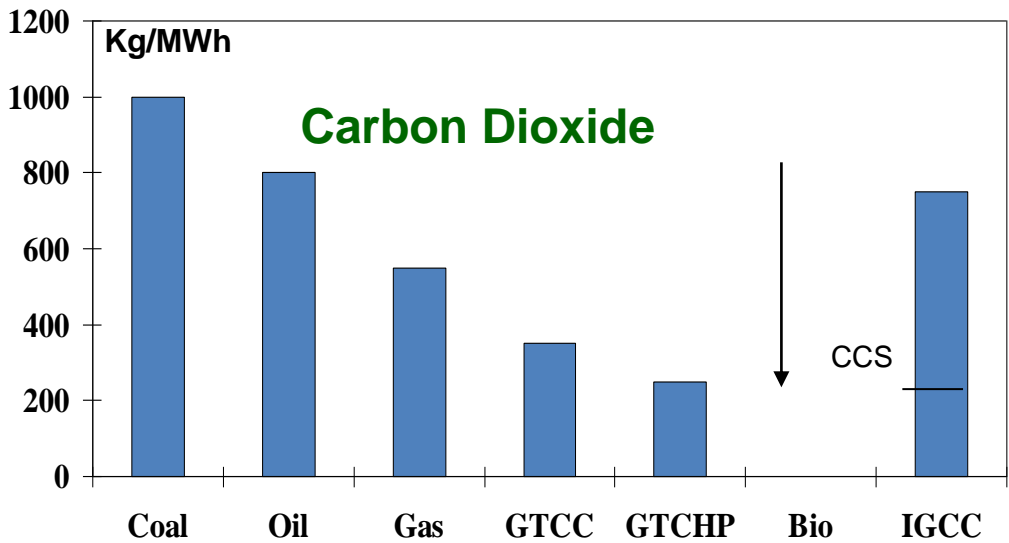
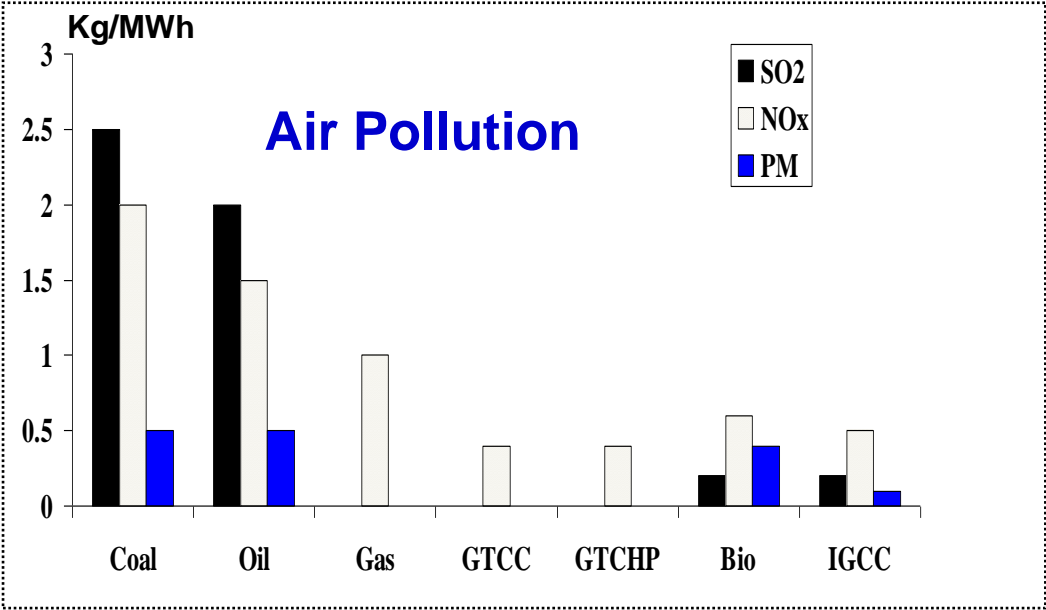


# Environmental Issues

## Air Emissions

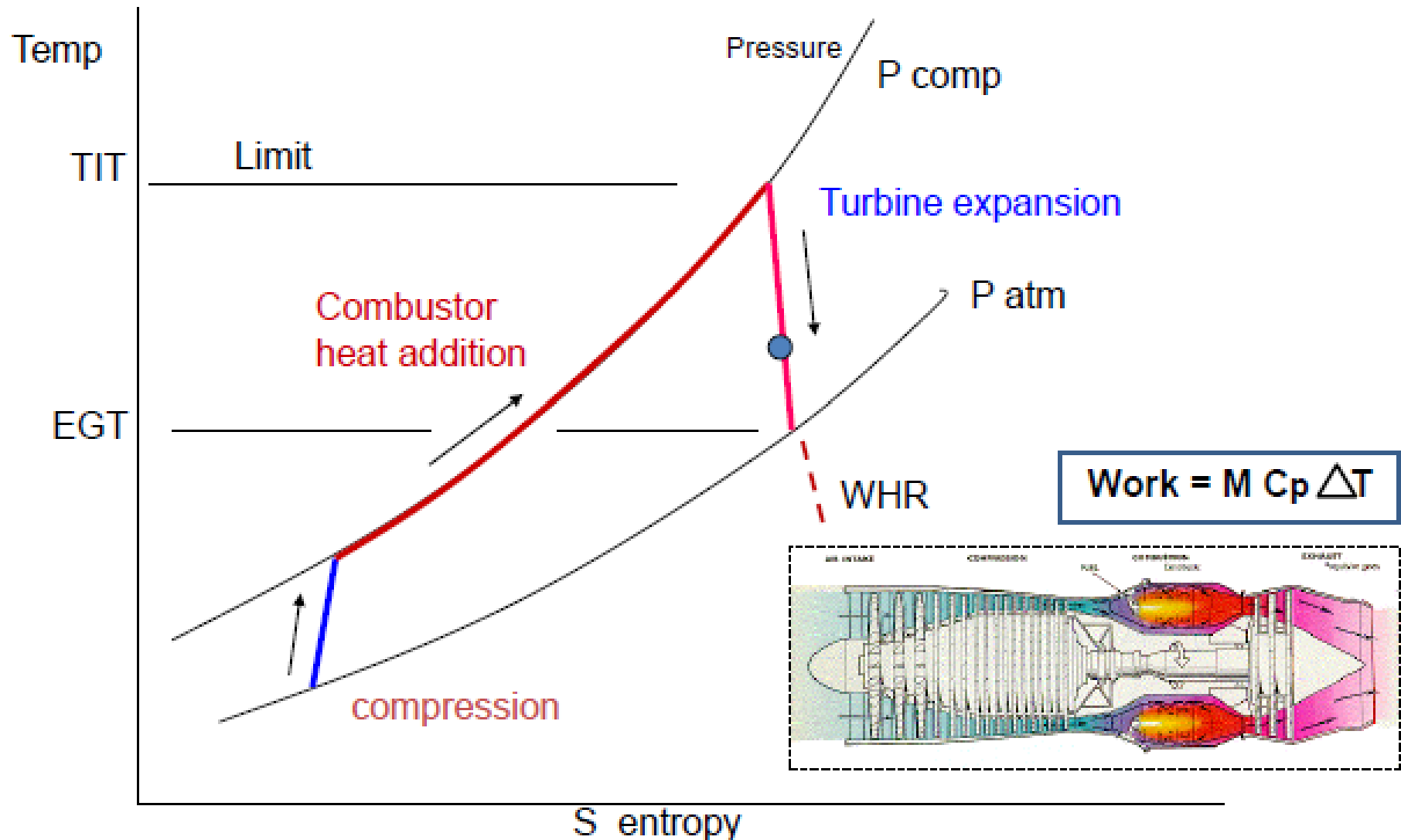


*“Cannot produce Air Pollution without making CO<sub>2</sub>”*



Comparing Emissions from Thermal Energy

# Brayton Cycle; Cycle diagram for Gas Turbine

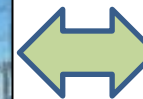
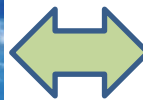
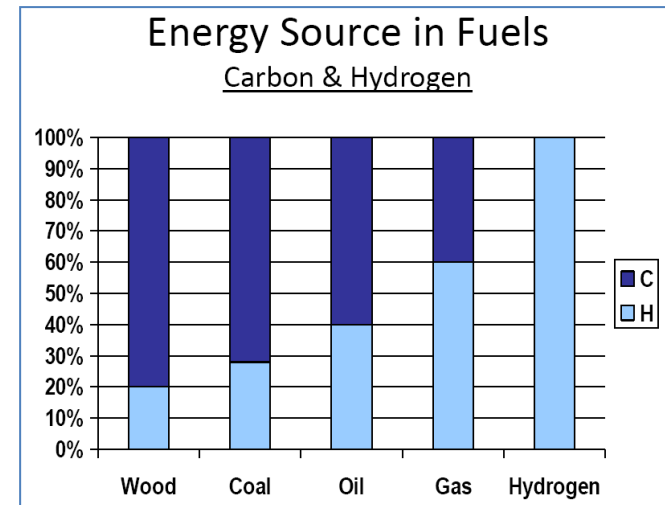


Gas Turbine defined by high pressure hot air, as a gas, powering the blades  
*(not because of gas fuel)*



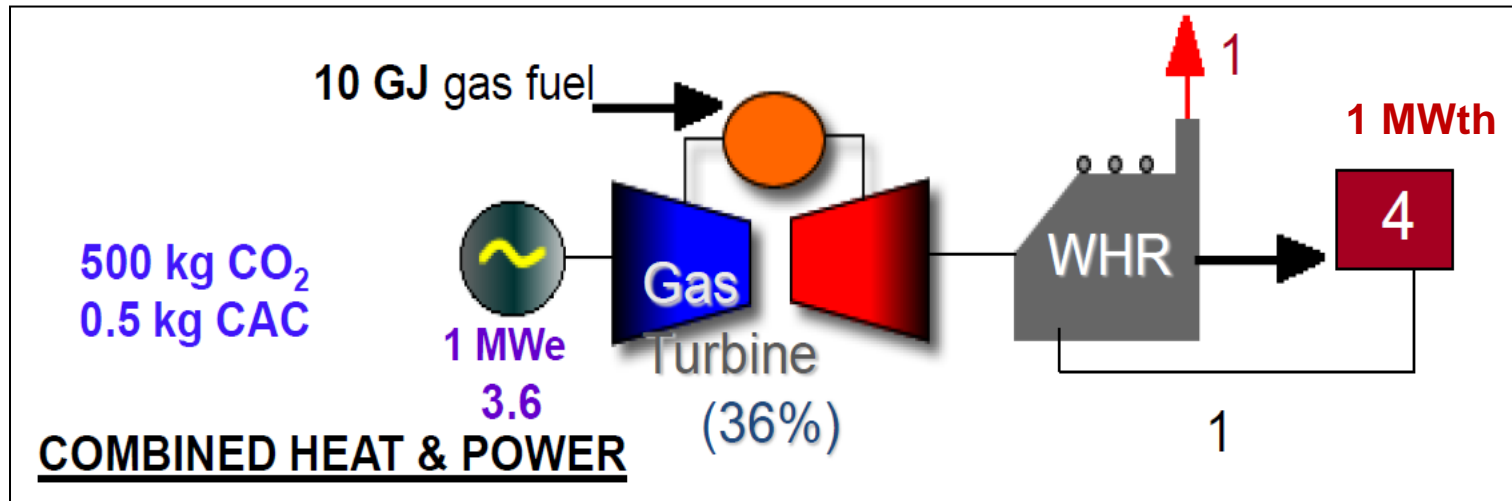
# Natural Gas Systems and Renewable Energy

- Distributed Energy Systems
- Diversity in Unit Size, Applications
- Waste Heat Recovery, Efficiency
- Cogen and District Energy
- System Reliability, Islanding
- Fast Starts and Ramp Rates
- Cycle Innovations & Hydrogen



# Cogeneration or Combined Heat & Power (CHP)

*Producing 2-3 forms of energy from the same fuel, in same process*



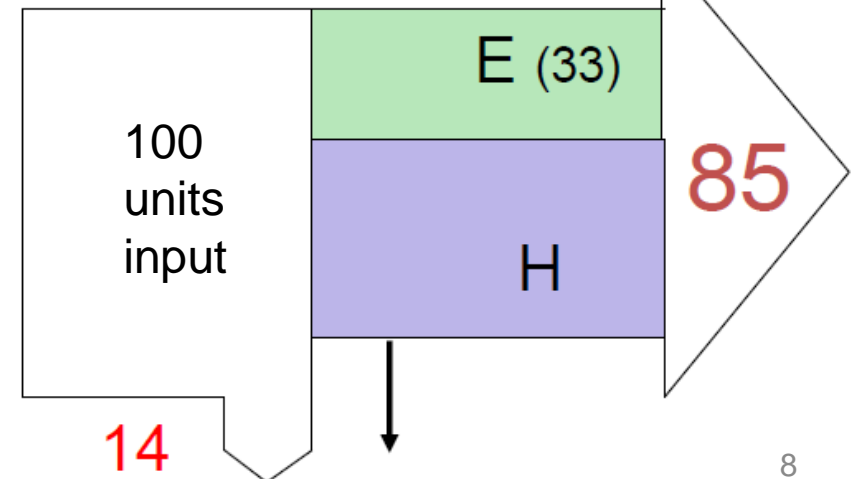
## Quality of Energy

- **Electricity & Shaft Power**
- **Industrial Process Heat**
- **Cooling**
- **High Pressure Steam**
- **Hot Water**
- **Space Heating**

**High**

**Low**

## **Heat to Power Ratio**





# Combined Heat & Power - Some Basic CHP Considerations

Fuel burning does not make Power, always makes Heat first (C-H-P byproduct power)

Waste Heat use is 'Zero emission' energy, similar to Renewable energy

Distributed CHP, WHR & DES systems are not 'business-as-usual'

Natural Gas is mostly Hydrogen Energy

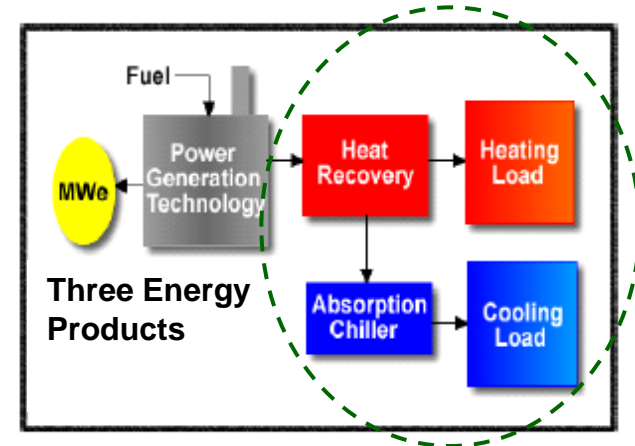
- very clean; used close to demand

**250 kg<sub>CO2</sub>/MWhr**      **0.5 kg<sub>NOx</sub>/MWhr**

Power Disruptions are Important;

- Onsite CHP can function through outages

Can use all exhaust heat from small GT units



**Onsite CHP:  
Adaptation**

# Potential for Distributed & Integrated Energy Systems

## *Electrification*

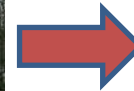
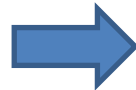
## *Hybridization*

## *Flexibility & Resilience*

GTCC, CHP (  $MW_e + MW_{th}$  )

Public Transit

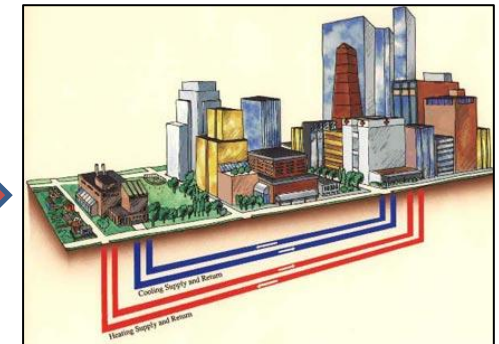
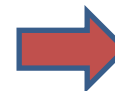
Heating & Cooling Services



Combined Cycle

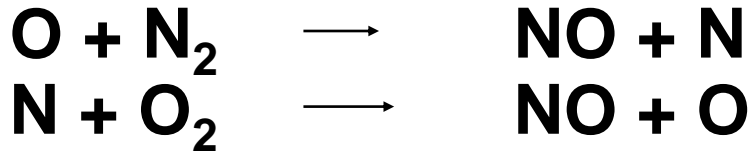
EV Charging, Hybrid cars

District Energy



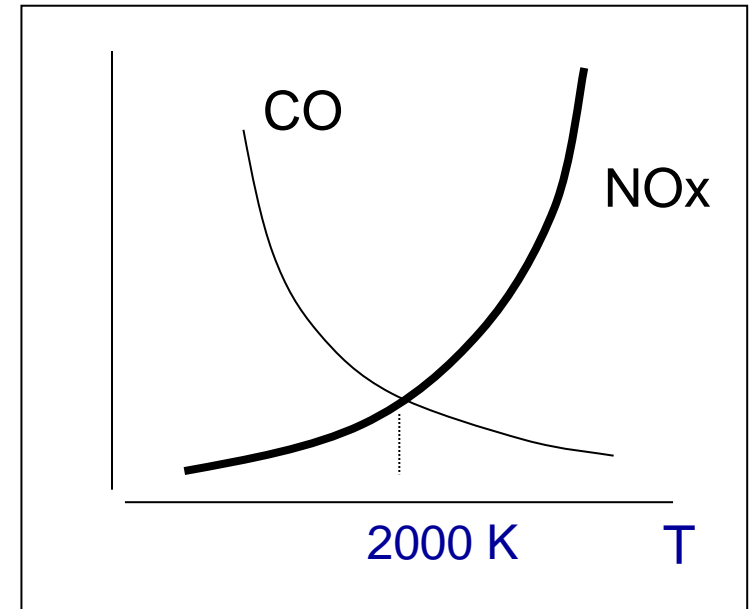
plus; **Renewable Natural Gas, Off-peak Hydrogen, Synthetic Hydrocarbons**  
**Electricity Storage & Batteries, Thermal Hot/Cold Water Storage**

# Air Pollution - NOx Emissions



3 Compounds of Concern:

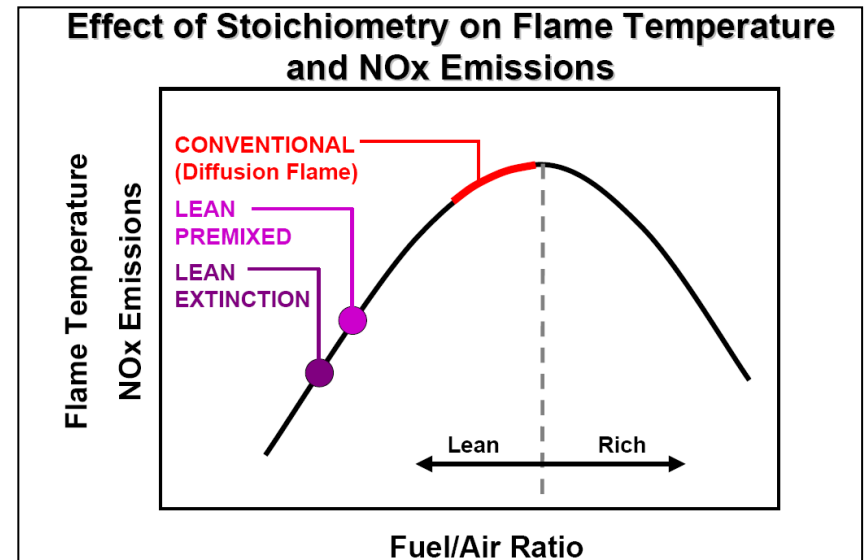
**NO**, **NO<sub>2</sub>** smog , **N<sub>2</sub>O** ghg



Thermal NOx:  
High Temperature Combustion

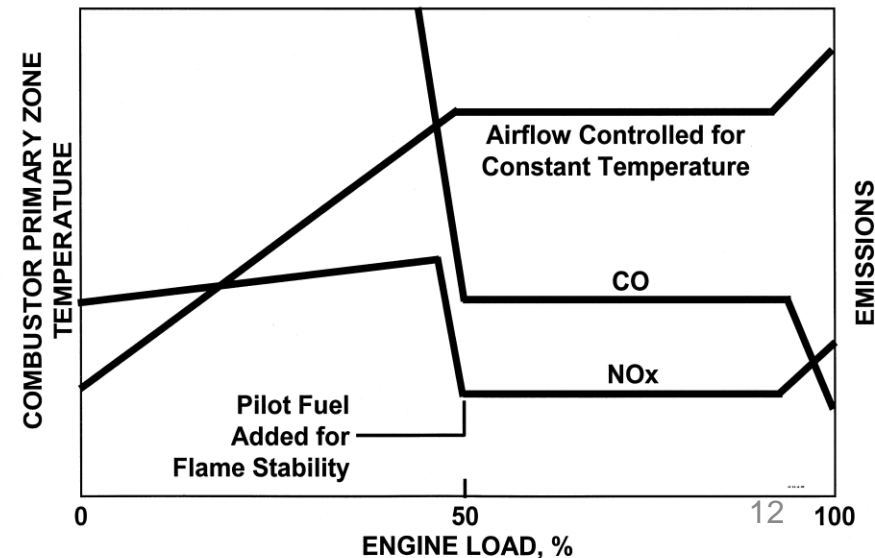
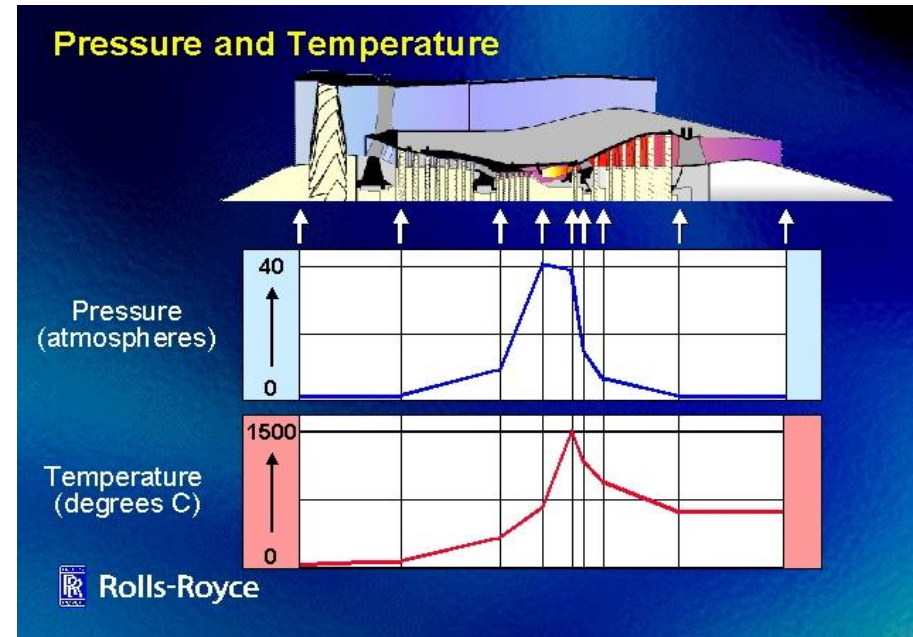
Fuel NOx:  
From N<sub>2</sub> Content of Oil, Coal

- **Nitrous Oxide is N<sub>2</sub>O, a GHG**



# Factors Affecting NOx Emissions in Gas Turbines

- Unit efficiency ( AIR mass flow, Pressure Ratio, Turbine Inlet Temp)
- Engine type (Aero or Frame)
- Dry Low NOx combustor
- Part load, Operating Range, starts
- Cold and hot weather, humidity
- Type of air compressor (spools)
- $N_1/N_2$ , Output Speeds
- Specific Power (kW per lb/sec air)
- NOx Concentration vs Mass Flow
- Tradeoffs w/ other emission types



# Importance of Environmental Units

## A.

- ppm at Exhaust
- ppb at fence line
- mg/m<sup>3</sup>
- kg per Fuel Input

## B.

- mass per time (t/yr)
- kg per MWe output
- kg per MWth

***Concentration based units, in ppm and mg/m<sup>3</sup>, require O<sub>2</sub> content (15%)***

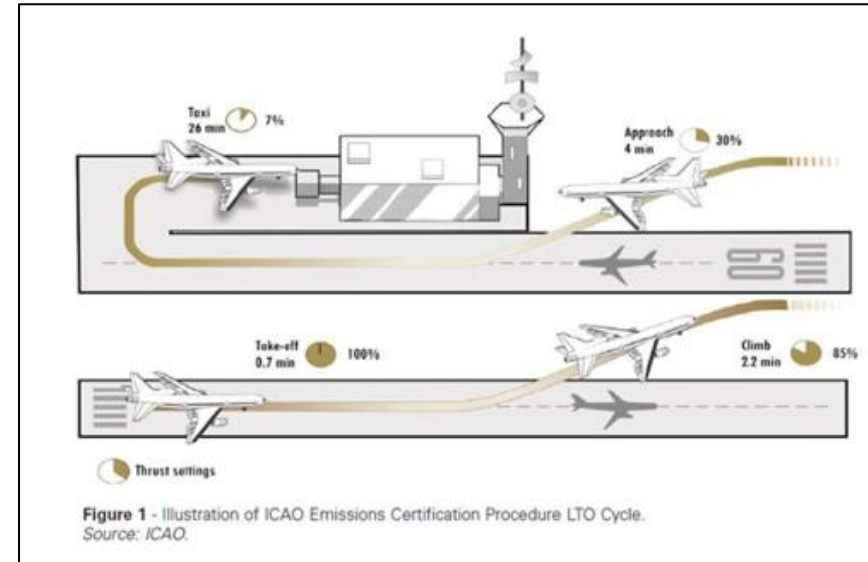
***- some of these inherently include system efficiency***

***(CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at 35 000 ppm ? )***

# Emissions Criteria

Traditional concentration (ppm, mg/m<sup>3</sup>) and fuel input (g/Gj<sub>in</sub>, lb/MMBTU) criteria;

- difficult to interpret
  - do not give appropriate design signal
  - do not encourage system efficiency
  - do not encourage Pollution Prevention
- 
- Aviation uses 'LTO' Operations Cycle
  - Recip engines have kg/MW<sub>hr</sub> rules



ICAO - aircraft ( $\text{kg}_{\text{NO}_x}/\text{thrust}$ )

## Output-based Rules;

Mass per Product Output;  $\text{kg/tonne}$ ,  $\text{kg/MW}_{\text{hr}}$ ,  $\text{g/GJ}_{\text{out}}$

tonnes/yr

\$/tonne

\$/MW<sub>hr</sub>



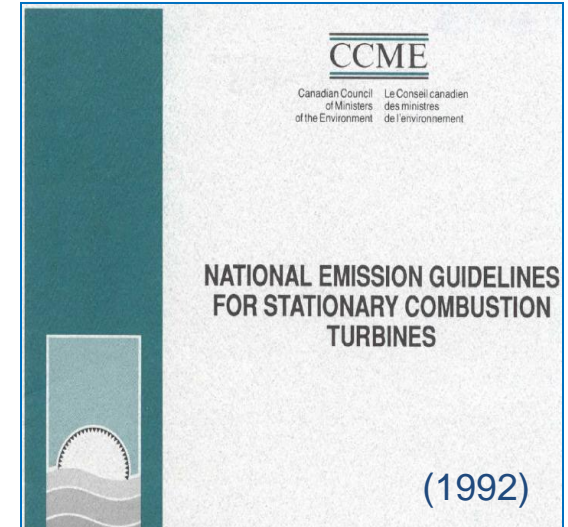
Lbs/HpHr



# Canadian CCME Gas Turbine Emission Guidelines, 1992

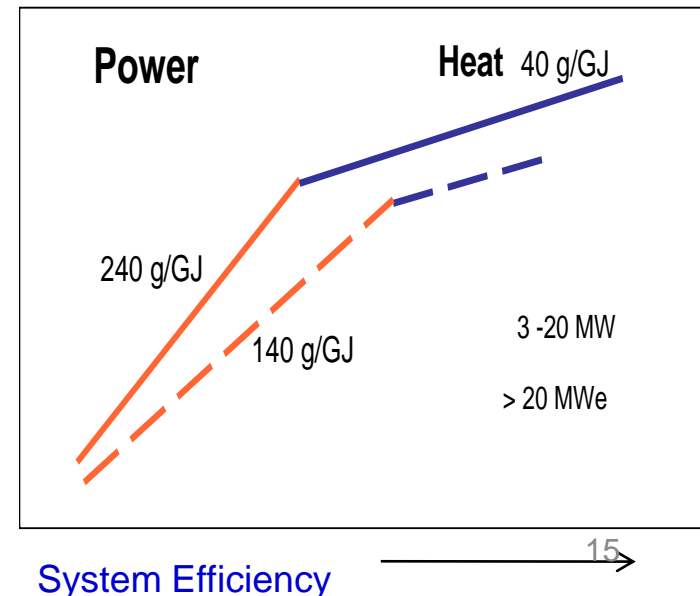
- Reasonable NO<sub>x</sub> & GHG Prevention
- Clean Energy Objectives, EA Policy Clarity
- Output-Based Standard for Efficiency  
**(140 g/GJ<sub>out</sub> Power + 40 g/GJ Heat)**

**0.5 kg/MW<sub>hr</sub>**      (~ 1 lb/MW<sub>hr</sub>)



- Engine Sizing Considerations
- Promotes WHR, Cogeneration & low CO<sub>2</sub>
- Keep Reliability, Minimize CH<sub>4</sub> losses
- Flexible Emissions Monitoring
- Cold Climate and Off-Design conditions
- Approach adopted by USEPA (2006)

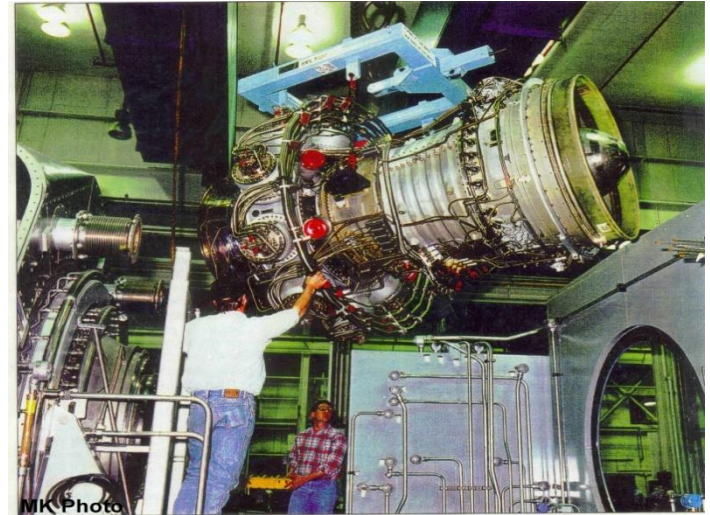
NO<sub>x</sub>  
ppm



## Emission Guideline based on industry consultation, and .....



TCPL Nipigon Waste Heat Recovery, 1991



Rolls Royce RB211 DLE



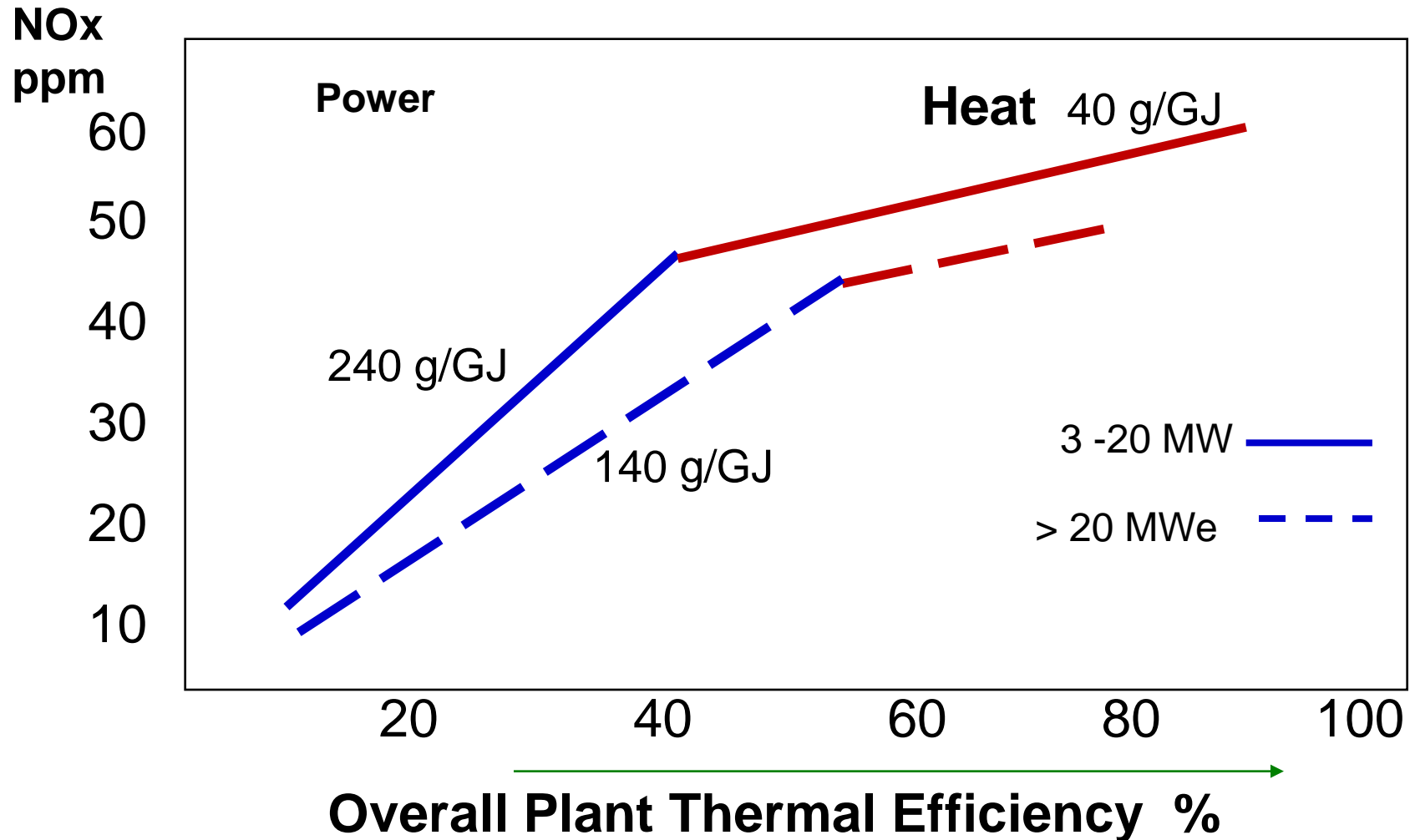
TransAlta Ottawa Hospital Cogen, 1991



GE LM6000 steam injection

# Canadian CCME Gas Turbine Guideline (1992)

*Energy Output-based Guideline allows higher NO<sub>x</sub> for smaller units, which tend to have higher system CHP efficiency*



## British Columbia MOE Emission Rules (developed in 1992)

Turbine Size (MW)	Emission Limit (mg/m <sup>3</sup> ) <sup>1</sup>			Emission Monitoring Requirement
	NO <sub>x</sub>	CO	NH <sub>3</sub> <sup>3</sup>	
3.3 - 25	80	80	- -	As specified by Regional Manager
>25	17 or 48 <sup>2</sup>	58	7	Continuous

**Note:**

\* This is based on the 1992 document, which still applies.

<sup>1</sup> Referenced to 20°C, 101.325 kPa, and dry gas conditions, corrected to 15% O<sub>2</sub>. Averaging Period 1-hour.

<sup>2</sup> 48 mg/m<sup>3</sup> applies to gas pipeline application and other installations where SCR is demonstrated to be inappropriate

<sup>3</sup> The Ammonia limit is based on the assumption that selective catalytic reduction (SCR) technology has been employed to control NO<sub>x</sub> emissions.

### Alberta Environment NOx Emission Guidelines

(Gas Turbines for  
Electricity Generation, 2005)

	<u>Alberta 2005</u>	<u>CCME</u>
<u>Size</u>	(kg/MW <sub>hr</sub> )	(kg/MW <sub>hr</sub> )
3 - 20 MWe	<b>0.6</b>	0.86
20 - 60 MWe	<b>0.4</b>	0.5
over 60 MWe	<b>0.3</b>	0.5

# New US EPA Rules for Gas Turbines (2006)

Can choose Output-based, or Concentration-Based Rules (EPA OAR-2004-0490)

<u>Size, Heat Input (MMBTU/hr)</u>		<u>ppm</u>	<u>lb/MWhr</u>
<i>(New Units, Natural Gas Fuel)</i>			
< 50	(electricity, 3.5 MWe)	42	2.3
	(mechanical, 3.5 MW)	100	5.5
50 to 850	(3 – 110 MW)	25	1.2
Over 850	(> 110 MW)	15	0.43

## Units in Arctic, Offshore

< 30 MW	150	8.7
> 30 MW	96	4.7

- MW could include MWth for waste heat in CHP
- Efficiency based, SCR likely not required
- Flexible Emissions Monitoring

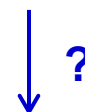
Part III

**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

40 CFR Part 60  
Standards of Performance for Stationary  
Combustion Turbines; Final Rule



# Draft Guidelines for the Reduction of Nitrogen Oxide Emissions from Natural Gas-Fuelled Stationary Combustion Turbines



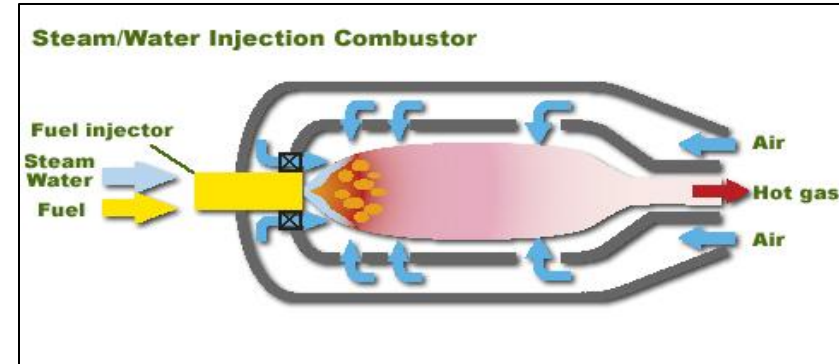
Application	Turbine Power Rating (MW)	NO <sub>x</sub> Emission Limits (g/GJ <sub>(power output)</sub> )	NO <sub>x</sub> Emission limits (ppmv)@ 15% O <sub>2</sub>
Non-peaking combustion turbines - Mechanical Drive	≥ 1 and < 4	500	75
Non-peaking combustion turbines - Electricity Generation	≥ 1 and < 4	290	42
Peaking combustion turbines – all	≥ 1 and < 4	exempt	exempt
Non-peaking combustion turbines and Peaking combustion turbines – all	4 - 70	140	25
Non-peaking combustion turbines – all	> 70	85	15
Peaking combustion turbines – all	> 70	140	25



# NOx Reduction Methods

## Steam/Water Injection

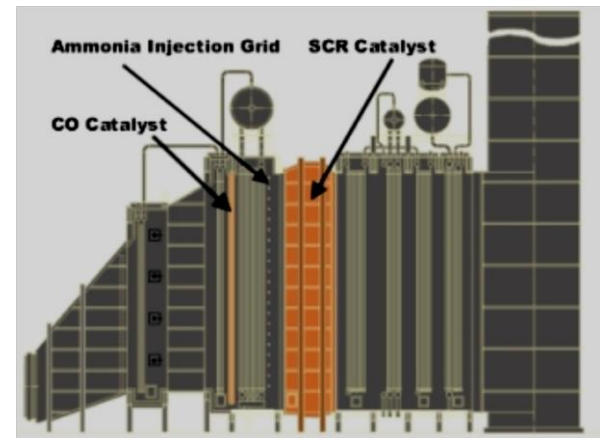
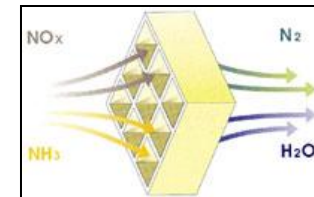
- Prevention, 2/3 red'n to 1 kg/MWhr
- Some Combustion Component Wear
- Plant Efficiency Penalty
- Depends upon value of plant steam



(Kawasaki)

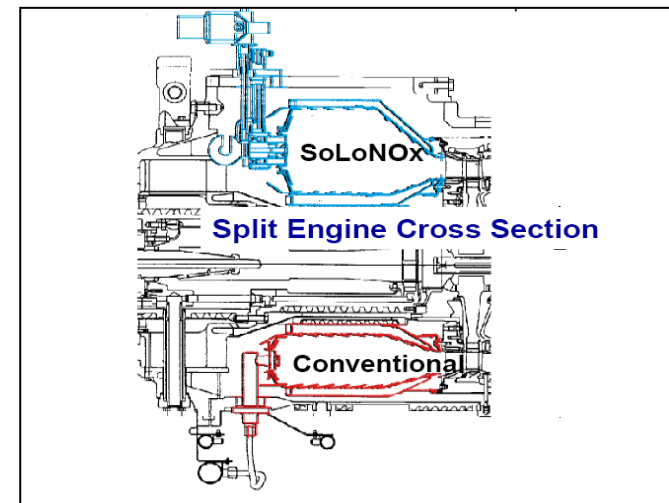
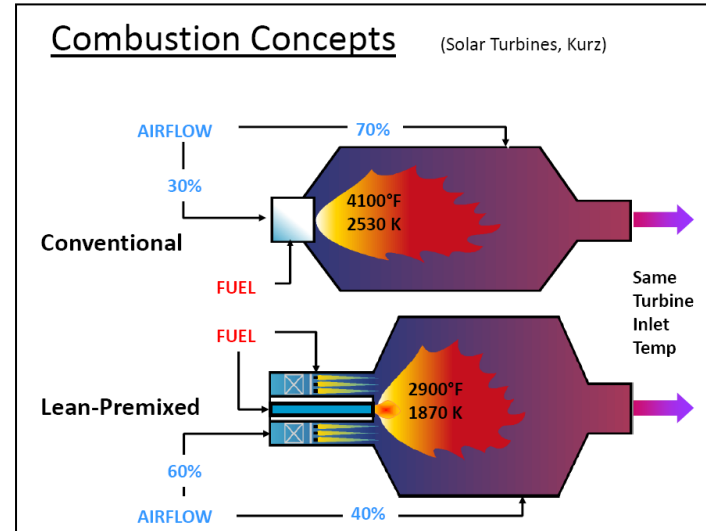
## Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)

- NH<sub>3</sub> injection into catalyst in HRSG
- ~ 80% NO<sub>x</sub> Reduction
- **Backend Control**
  - Ammonia emissions & handling (toxic)
  - fine PM emissions, N<sub>2</sub>O ?
  - Cycling duty - ammonia slip
  - Efficiency loss in HRSG
- Marginal, low \$/tonne benefit after DLN



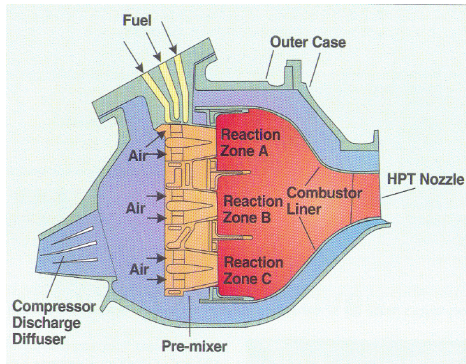
# Dry Low Emissions Combustion

- Preventative reduction by 60-90%
- Maintains High Efficiency
- Good experience with large industrial units
- Some Reliability Issues for Aeroderivatives
- Too Low Values may lead to inoperability and combustor problems
- How important are CO emissions?
- Mech. drives need wide operating range
- Effects of Plant Cycling, Transients
- Operating range, fuel Wobbe range ?



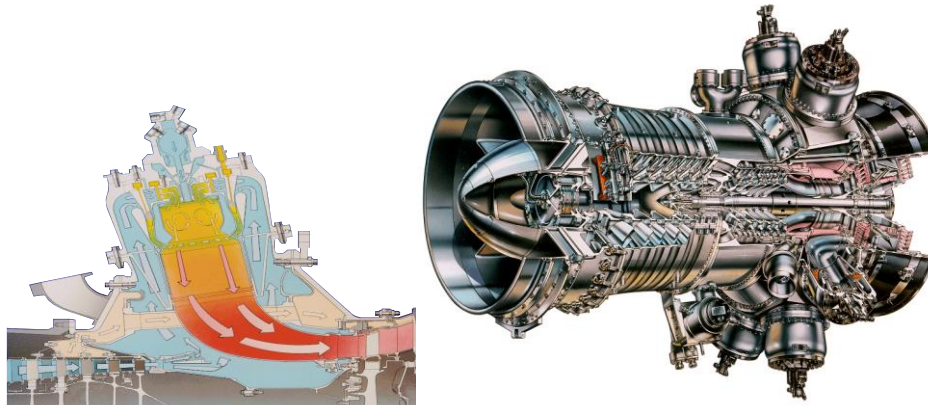
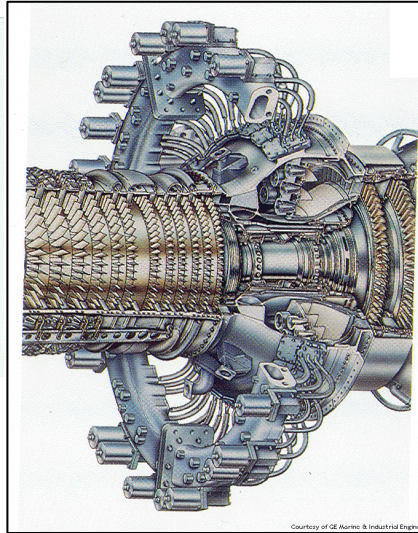
Solar SoLoNox

# Aero-Derived DLN Systems



**General Electric  
LM6000 DLE**

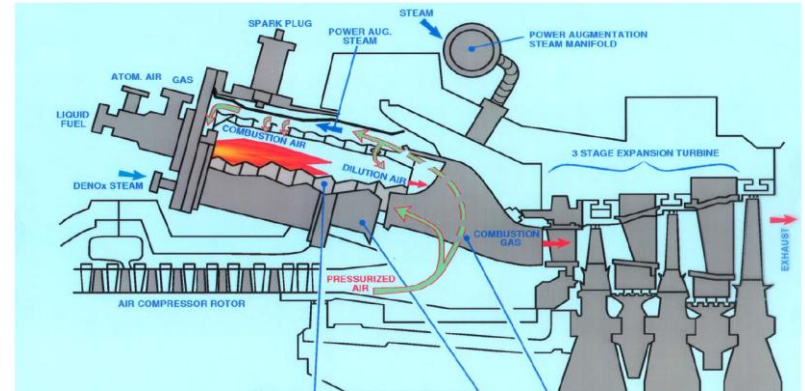
Triple Annular Dome



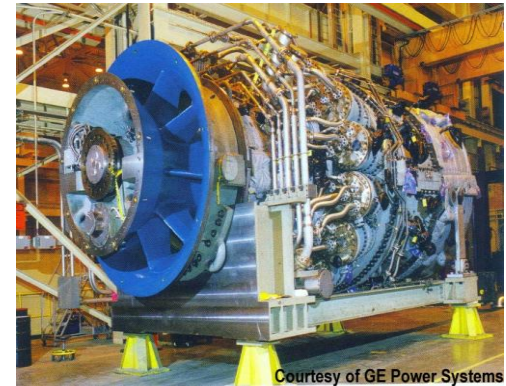
**Rolls Royce RB211 DLE**

(Series staged)

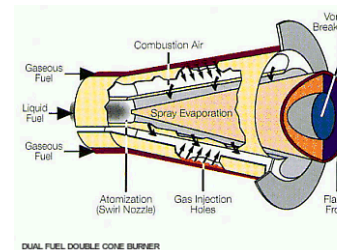
# Large Frame Unit DLN



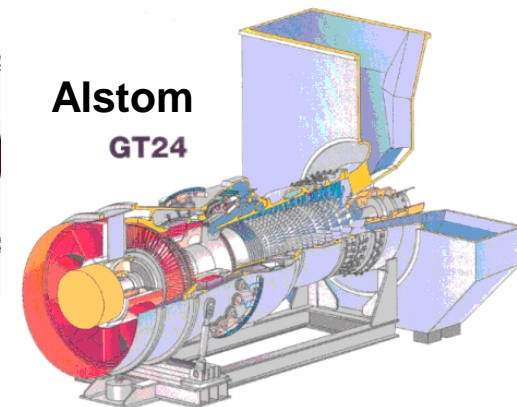
**GE Frame 7  
DLN2**



Courtesy of GE Power Systems



**Annular EV burner**

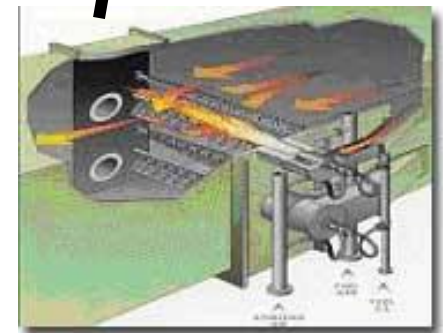
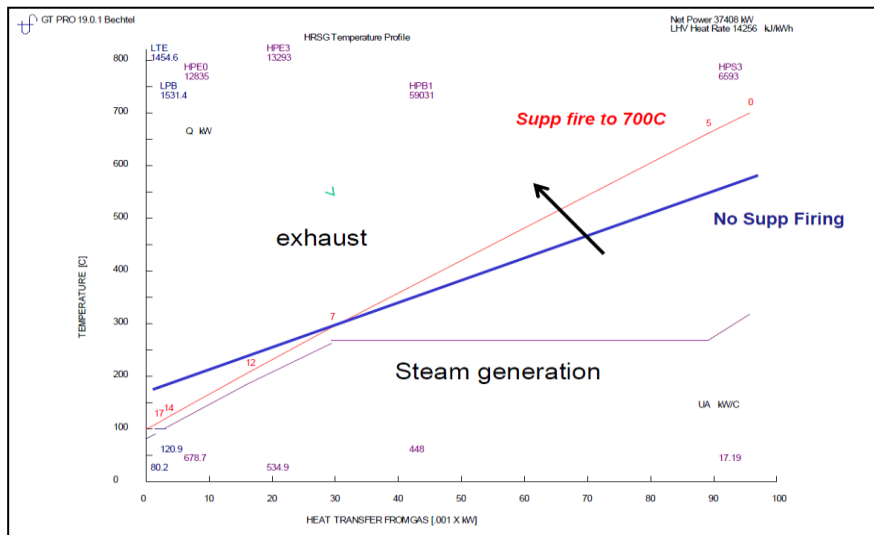


**Alstom  
GT24**



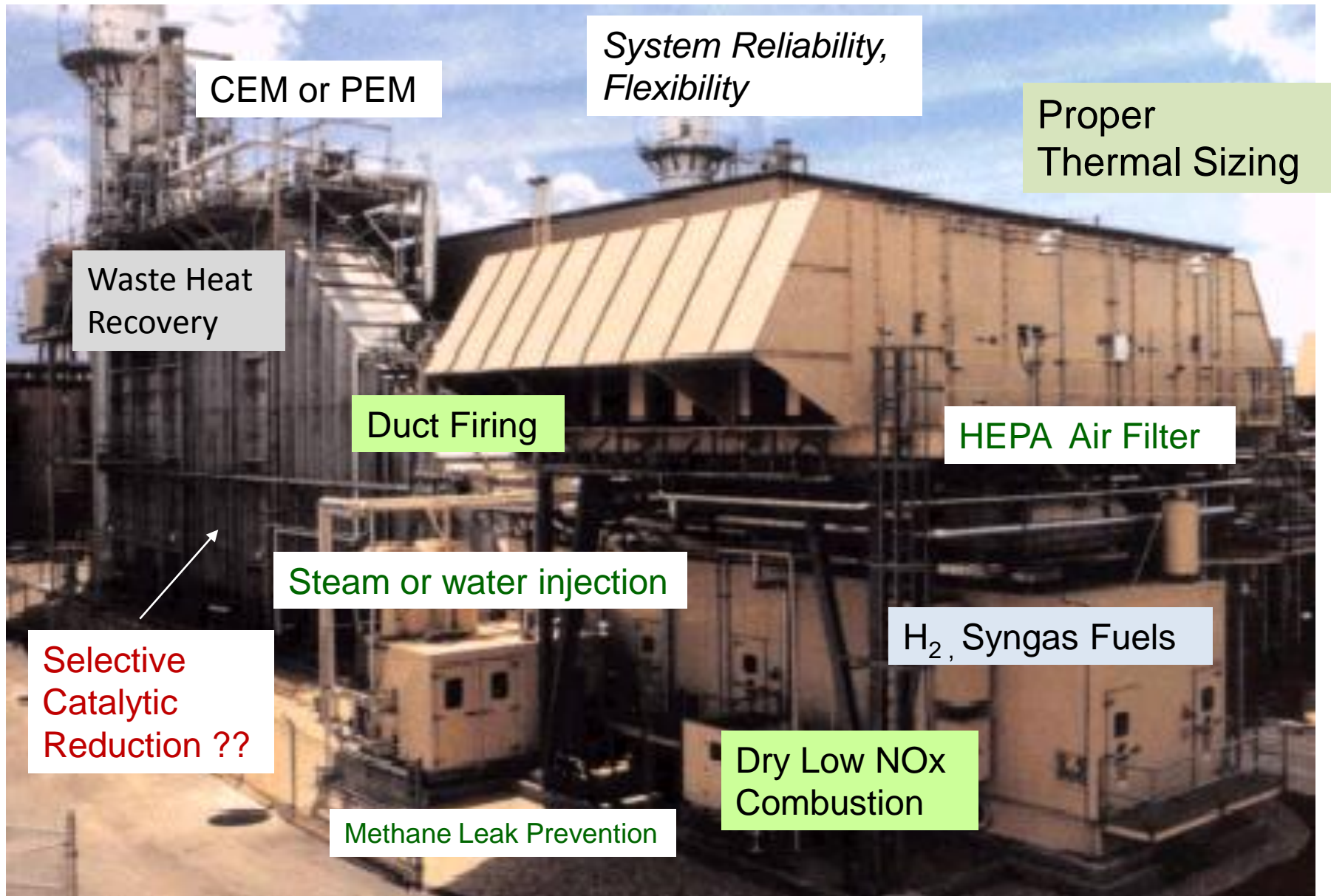
# Waste Heat and Duct Burners in CHP

- Duct Burners for auxiliary firing can double/triple steam output from HRSG ~100 % efficiency for heat)
- Duct burners can add a bit of combustion NOx, ... but they allow a smaller size of GT engine for given heat load (reduces annual fuel & emissions)
- Also increases heat transfer, lowers stack temp
- Allows for greater fuel flexibility, using waste fuels



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# Gas Turbine Emission Prevention & Control (NO<sub>x</sub>, GHGs)



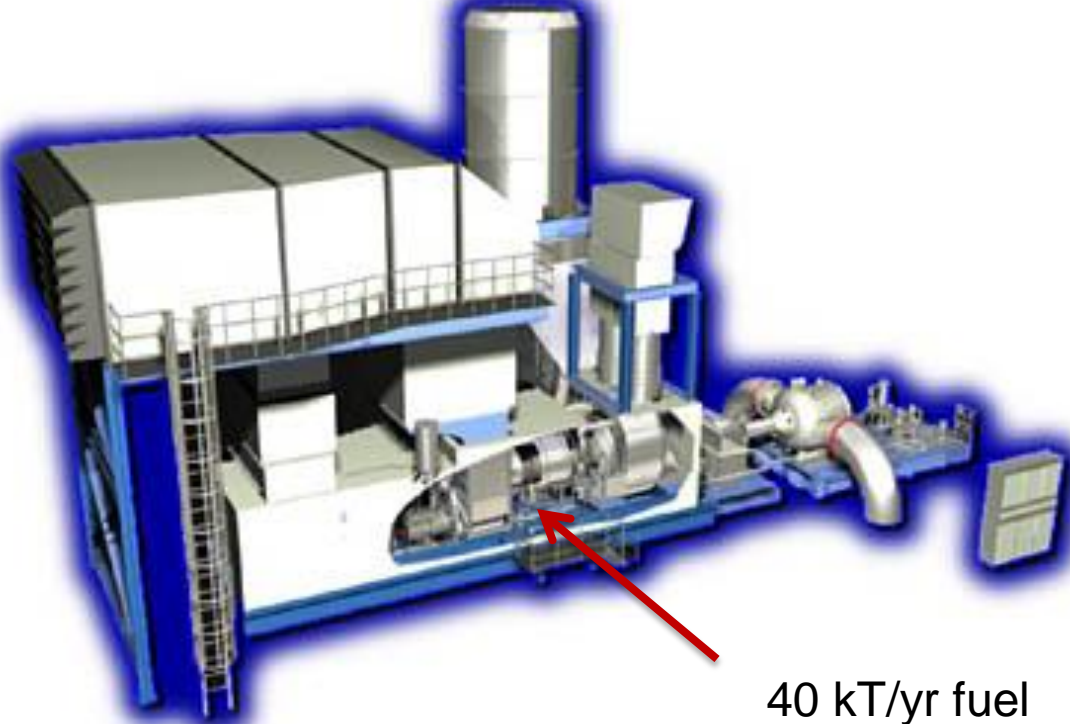
**Maximizing System Output CHP Efficiency**

**Are there  $PM_{2.5}$  particulate emissions from gas-fired turbines?**

***(AP42 - 0.07 lb/MW hr ?)***

2 million t/yr Air

Air Filter  
99.8%



**Does dry NG combustion produce fine PM emissions?**

**What is the Inlet-Exhaust mass balance ?**

**Are there any Air Toxics ?**



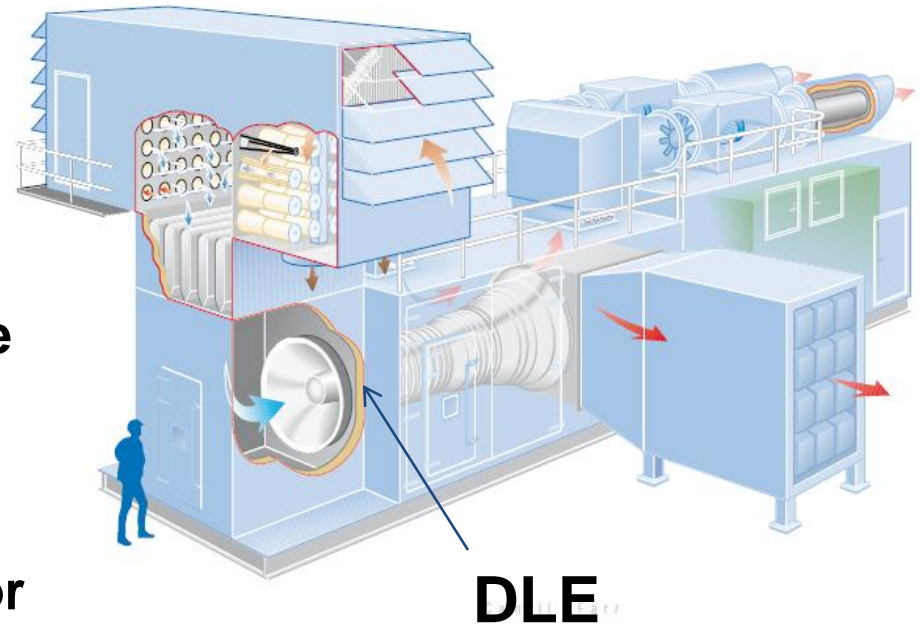


## New Gas Turbine Systems

**New pre-mix DLE combustors have most incoming air going through direct combustion**

**Modern turbine air filter systems are cleaning the incoming air by 99 %**

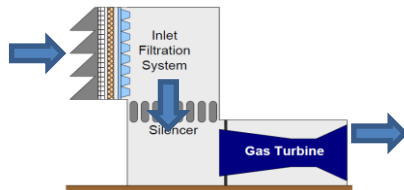
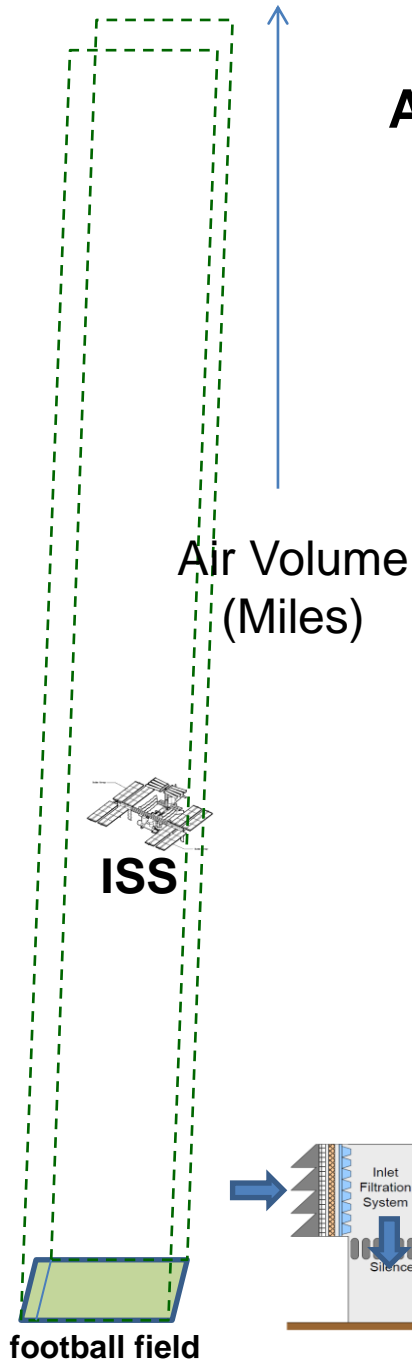
**Small amounts of PM can escape, but must go through DLE combustor**



# Airflow for Power Output; Parameters for Gas Turbines

Gas Turbine	ISO (MW)	airflow (lb/sec)	Air ingested per year (Miles above football field)	Foulant ingested per year at 1 ppm ambient (lb)
SGT 100	5	39	53	1230
Solar Mars	10	92	126	2900
RB-211	27	199	272	6276
Trent 50	51	340	464	10722
Frame 7EA	85	655	894	20656
Frame 7FA	173	971	1,325	30620

(C. Meher-Homji, Bechtel)





**45 MW LM6000 gas turbine, 7000 hrs**

*AP-42; PM @ 10 000 kg/yr ?*

**0.13 tonnes of air ingested per sec;**

**3.3 million tpy air, or 2.5 billion m<sup>3</sup> (volume of Vancouver)**

**Ambient PM<sub>10</sub> @ 40 ug/m<sup>3</sup> = 100 kg of PM<sub>10</sub> ingested (incl. 10 kg of PM<sub>2.5</sub>)**

**Air filter can capture 95+ % of PM<sub>2.5</sub> < 1 kg released, + a few kg from fuel ?**



# Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Different Power Generation Options

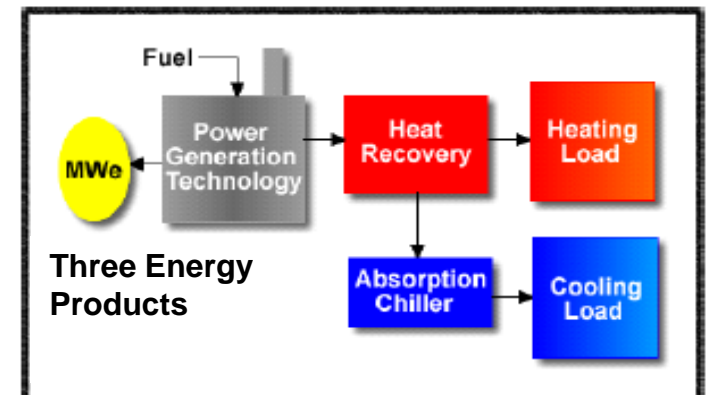
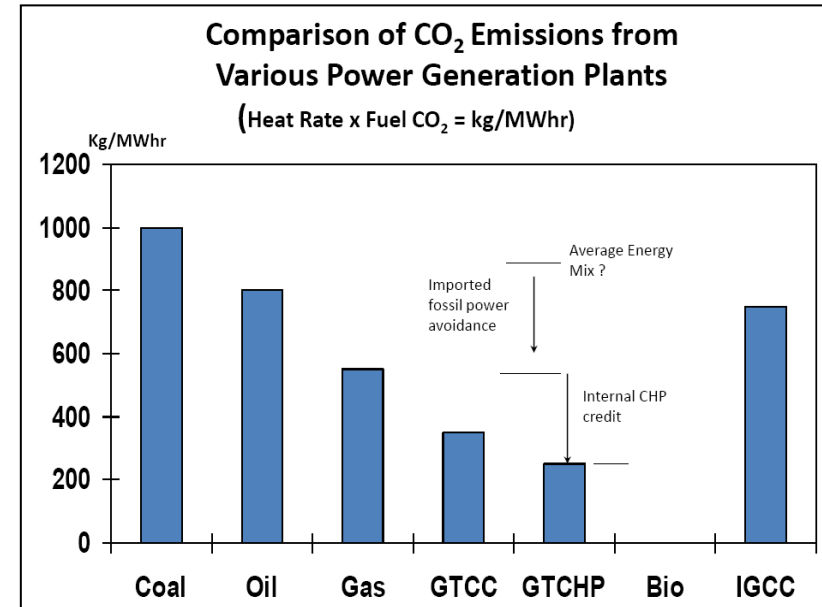


From Hydro Quebec, 2016

NG Cogen  
(MK)

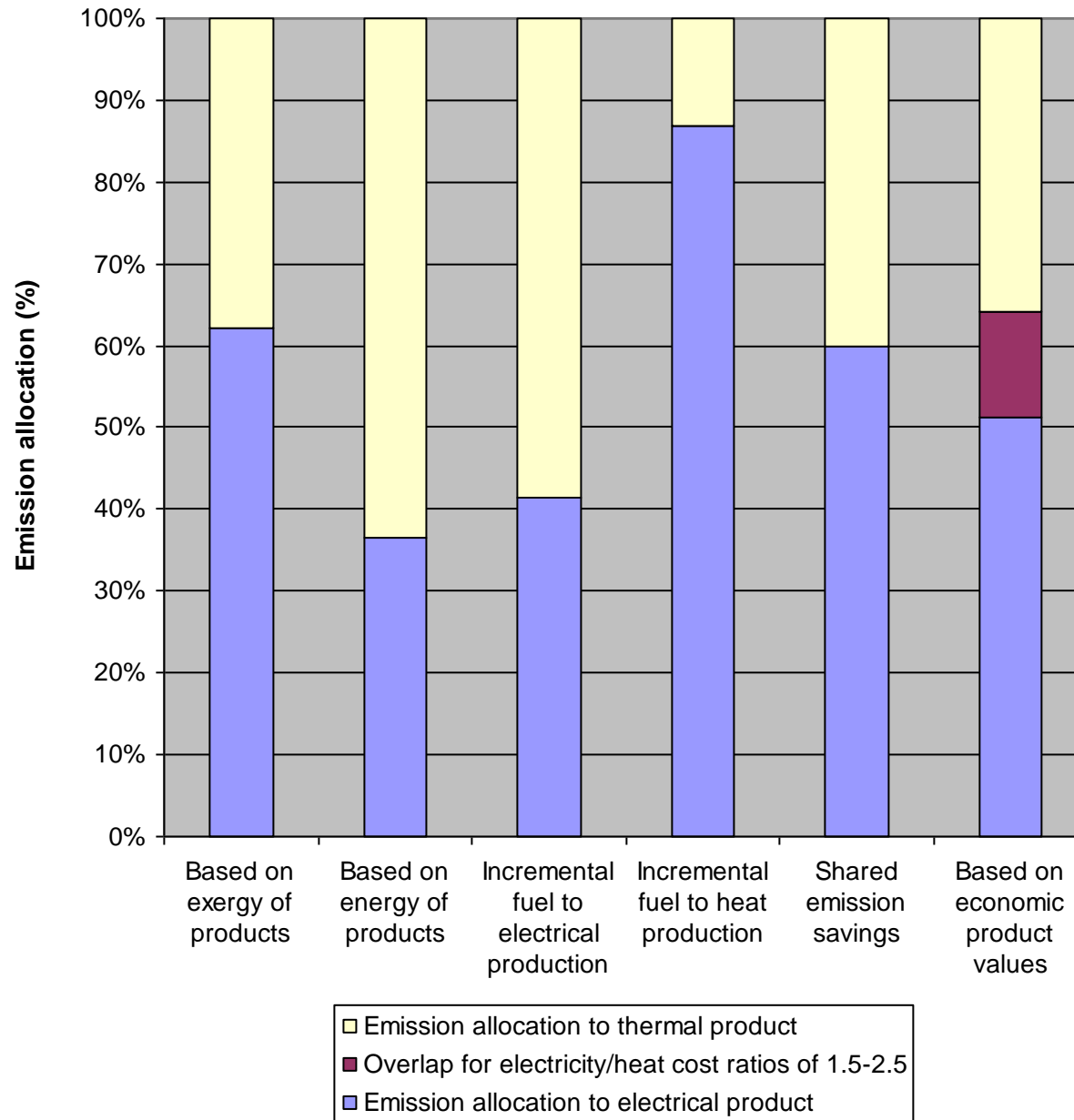
# Critical Elements for Cogen (CHP) Systems

- Site, Sizing to Match Thermal Load
- Seasonal Heat/Cooling Design
- Electrical Utility Interconnection
- Energy Quality, Heat:Power ratio
- Low Air Pollution, Local Impacts
- Greenhouse Gases & Allocation
- Output-based Emission Rules
- Integrated Business Case
- CHP also an 'Adaptation' measure



*(CHP more effective than CCS for GTCC)*

## . Allocation of emissions for University of Toronto cogeneration plant



## Measures for Allocating Energy System Emissions

Marc Rosen, M. Klein 2003

### University of Toronto

6 MWe EGT gas turbine

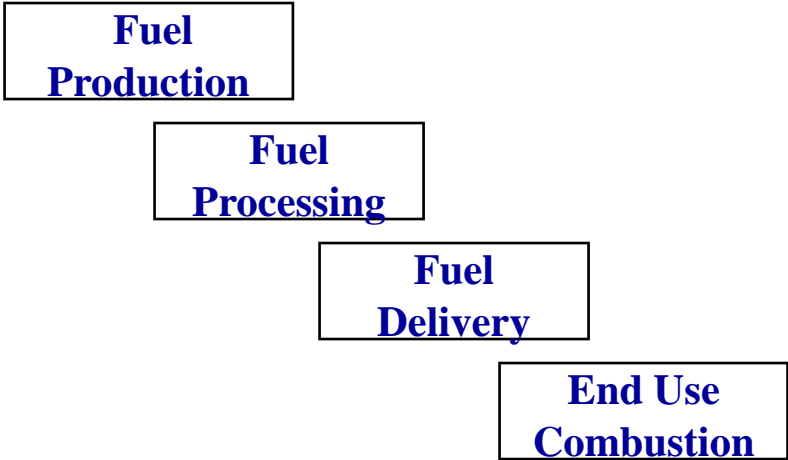
Campus Heat;  
6 km steam tunnels

30,000 lb/hr 200 psi,  
steam  
- duct fired to 90,000 lb/hr

Water injection, 42 ppm



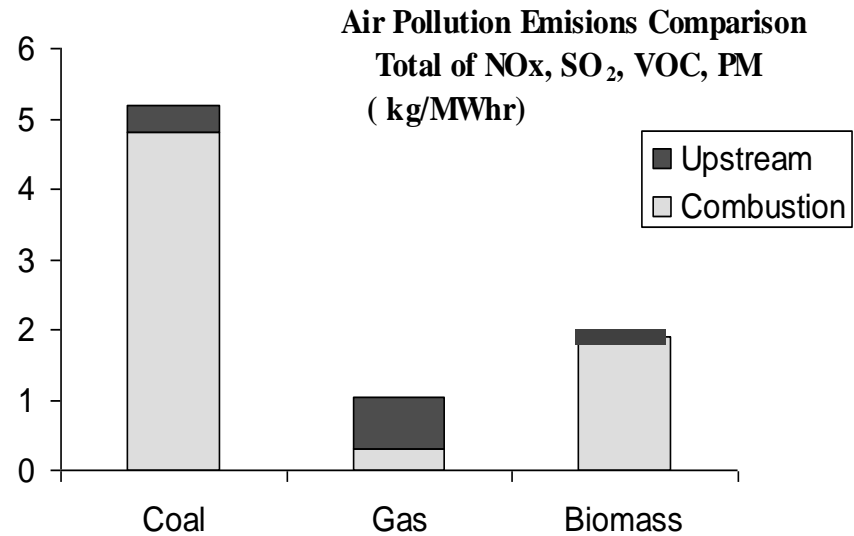
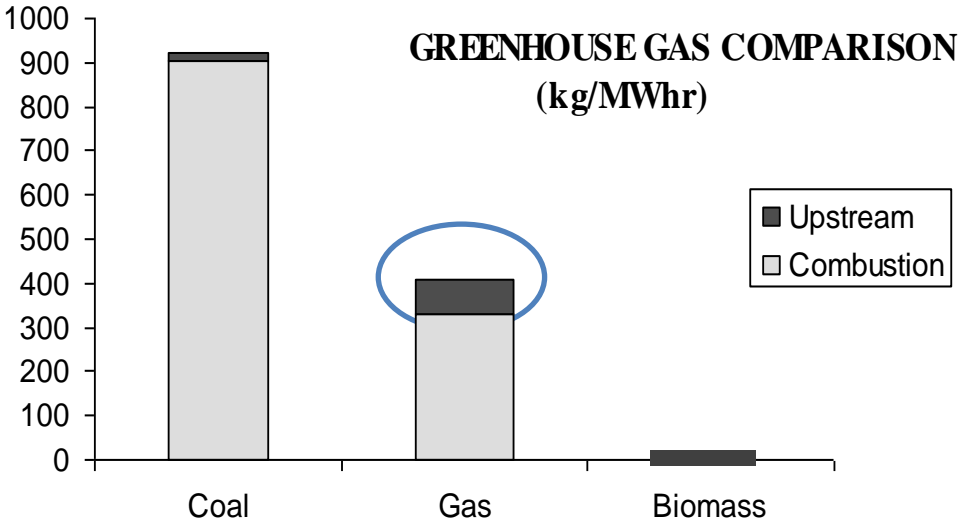
# Full Fuel Cycle Emissions



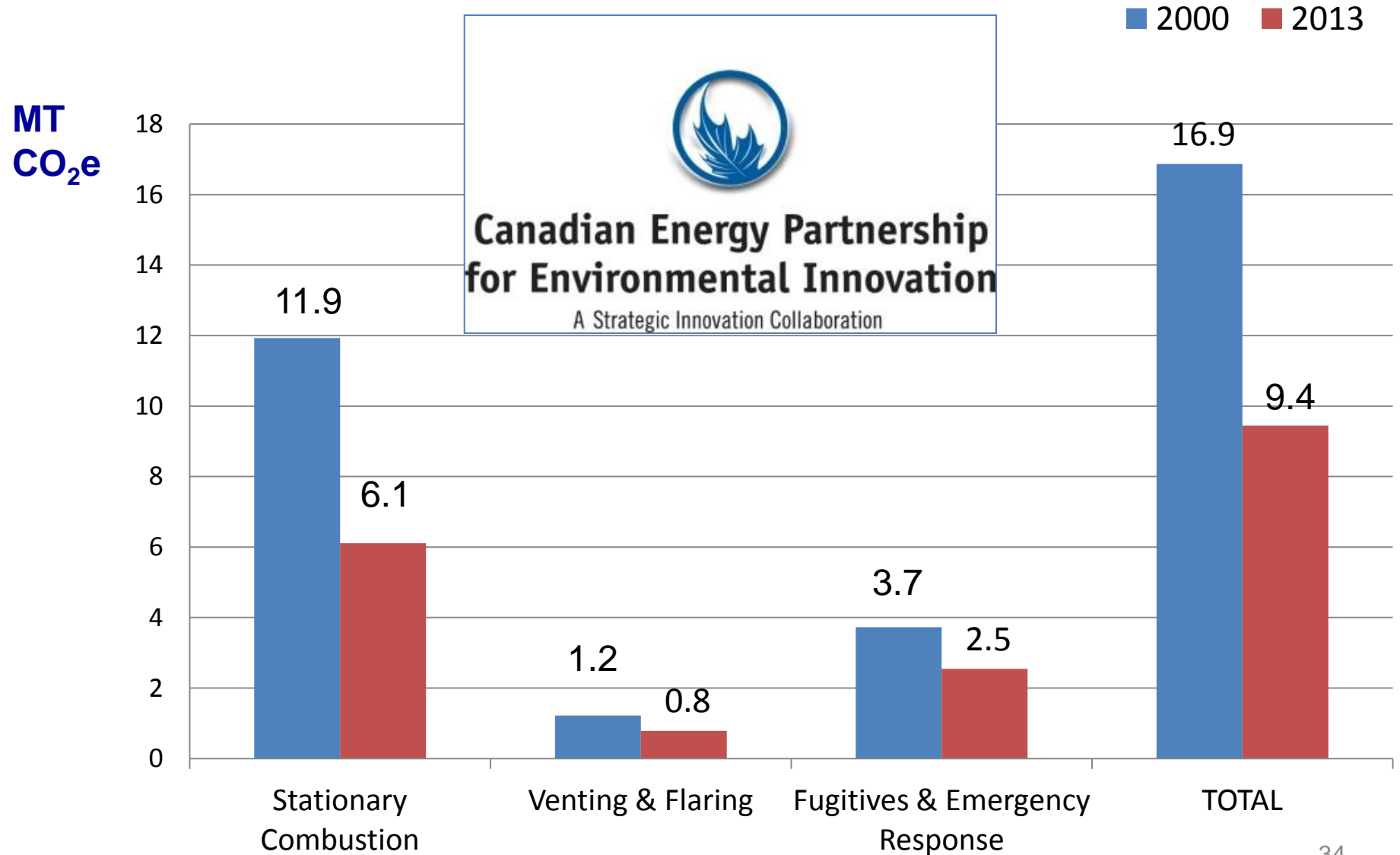
## Air Emissions:

**CH<sub>4</sub> CO<sub>2</sub> N<sub>2</sub>O**

**SO<sub>2</sub> NO<sub>x</sub> PM VOC**

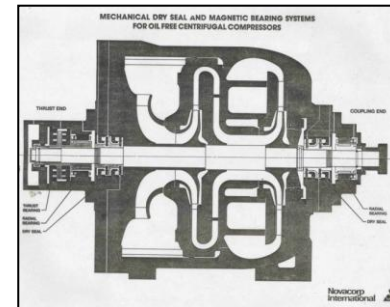


# Pipeline Sector GHG Emissions (2000–2013)



# Env'tl Solutions for Gas Pipeline Compression

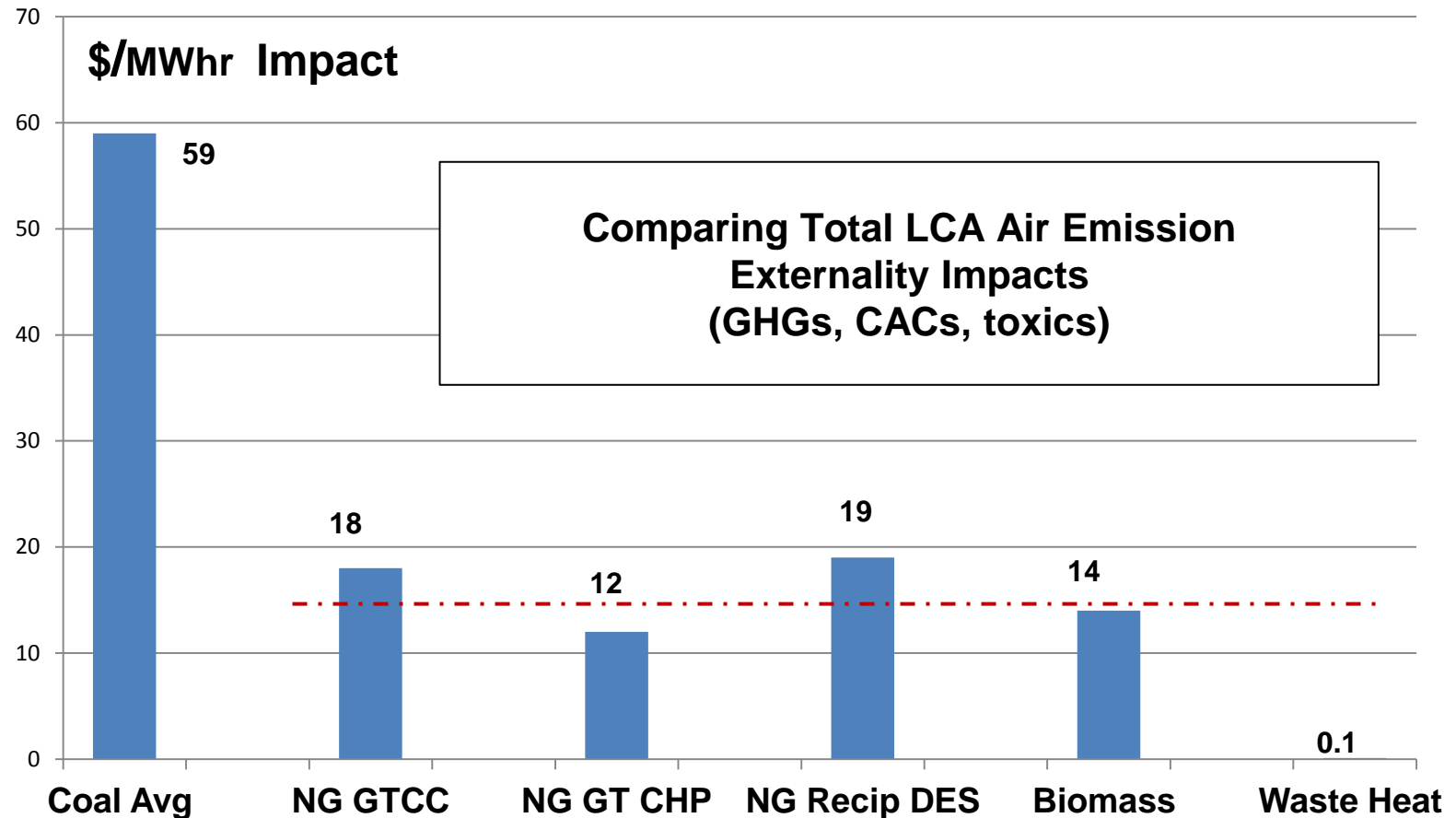
- High Operating Pressure (low $\Delta P$ )
- Efficient and Reliable DLN Gas Turbine
- Minimizing Stops and Starts
- Waste Heat Recovery
- Gas-to-Gas Exchange, Aerial Coolers
- Dry Gas Seals to reduce Methane Venting
- Leak Monitoring, Better Valves & Regulators
- Air or Hydraulic Engine Starters
- Hot-Tapping Procedures, Gas Transfer Units
- System Optimization, Reliability



Gas Compressor Dry Gas Seals



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**Life Cycle Analysis;** Evaluating projects with low combined values (costs);

- CO<sub>2</sub> **\$30** / tonne,
- particulates at **\$5000** / tonne

NO<sub>x</sub>/SO<sub>2</sub> **\$3000** / tonne  
air toxics at **\$0.5 million** / tonne

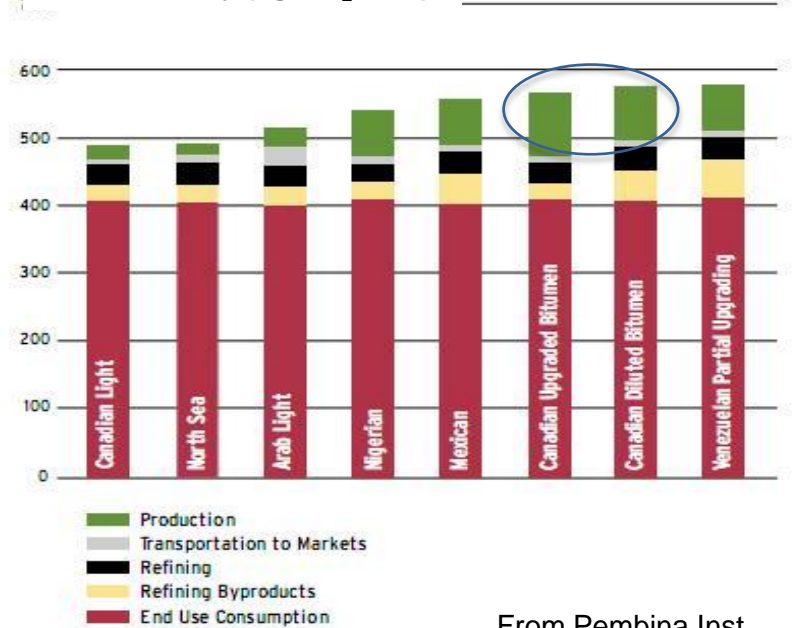


# A Strategy to Reduce the CO<sub>2</sub> Footprint of Alberta SAGD Oil Sands Recovery

Layzell and Klein, Sept 2015

Global Energy Related Emissions - Wells to Wheels

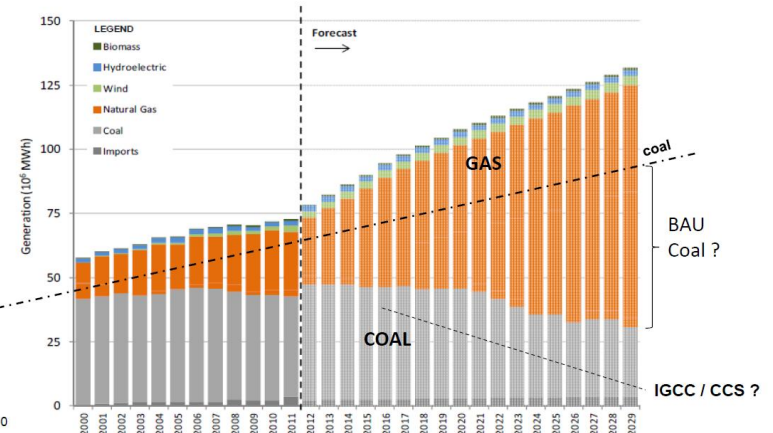
GHG intensity (kg CO<sub>2</sub>e/bbl)



From Pembina Inst.



PowerGen Estimated Potential for Alberta, 2030



Gas-fueled CHP & GTCC systems with new 70 TWhrs could avoid 30 Mt/yr of GHGs & 400 kT/yr of air pollution

Adapted from (from AESO, 2012)  
Water Conservation, Efficiency, and Productivity Plan - Electric Power Generation  
August 2012

Can Early Coal Retirement improve Oil Sands footprint ?



# Some Things Done in Support of NG & CHP (1990-2005)

## CERI / EnvCan Economic Studies

- *Alberta Repowering, Sept 1996*
- *Natural Gas Utilization for Nova Scotia Power Generation, Oct 1997*

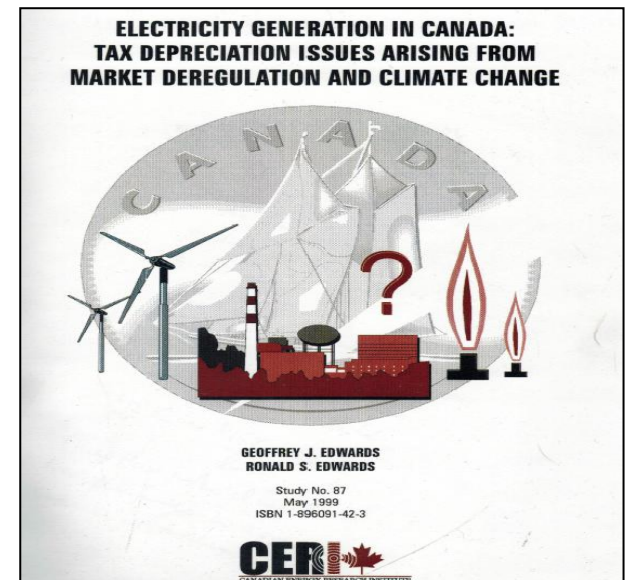
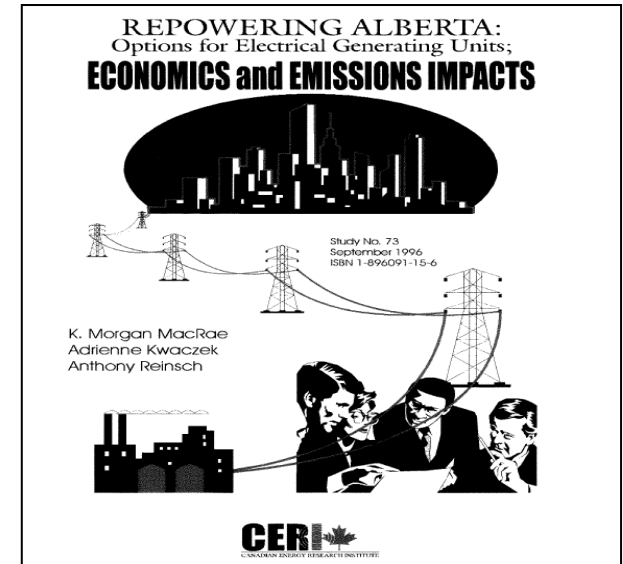
## Accelerated Capital Cost Allowance

- Federal budget changes;

2000 – Class 1; from 4% to 8%,  
15% for gas turbines

2005 - Class 43.2

- new 50% ACCA rate ( > 72% eff'y)
- District Energy piping included



## Western Energy Challenges

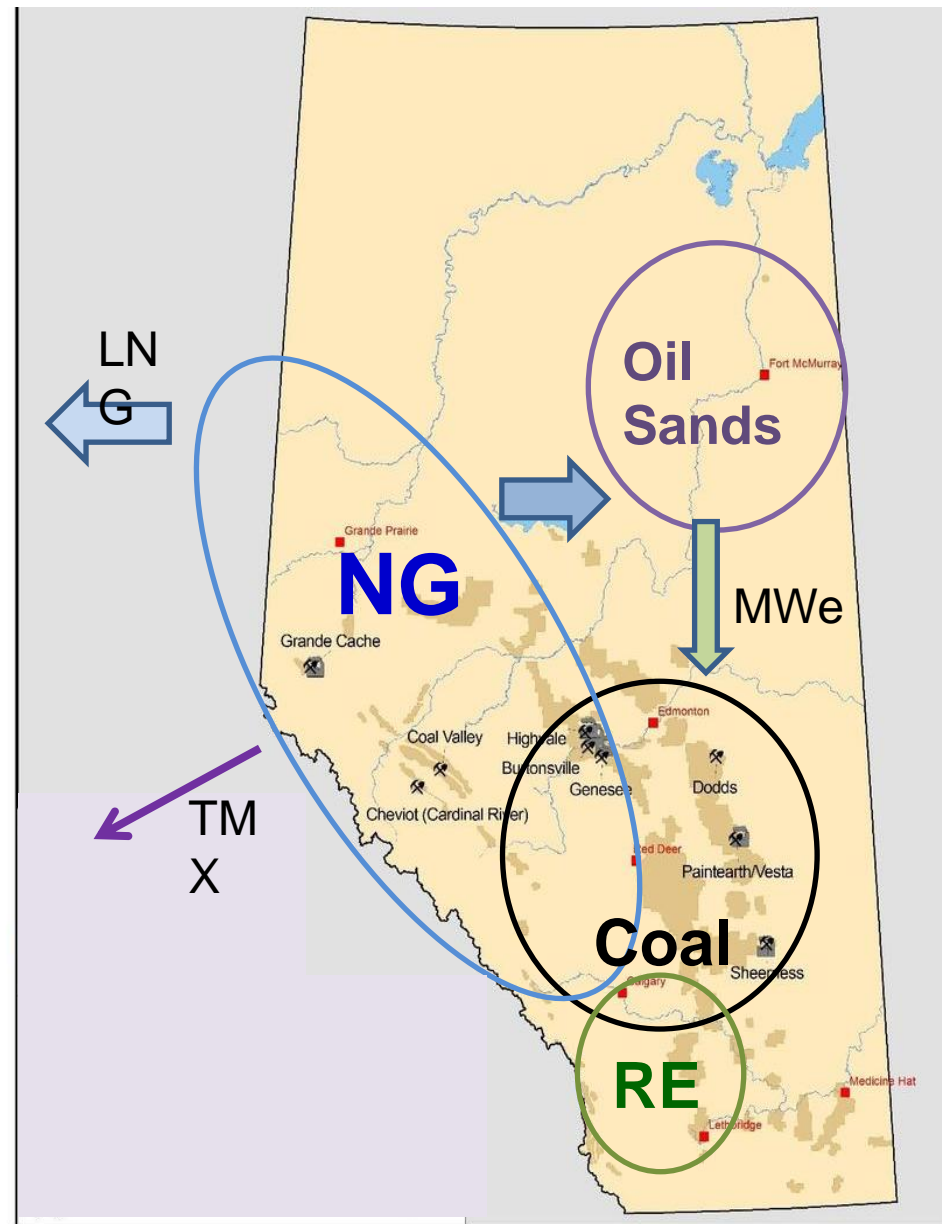
- Coal boiler phaseout by 2030
- Natural Gas into inefficient coal boilers
  - High lifecycle emissions ?
- Oil sands GHGs, and BC resistance to TMX oil expansion
- Federal Clean Fuel Standard
- LNG Exports to Asia ?

## Improved System Synergies

More NG cogen & CHP in oil sands, refineries and petrochemicals, and cities

Export byproduct power to the AB grid

Lower lifecycle Air Emissions profile for oil, gas and power sectors



***Integrated solutions for benefits across West Canada + renewable energy***

# LNG System Environmental Performance

## Process Efficiency

- Liquefaction design choices
- Feed conditions, Precooling methods
- Compressor speeds, Axial Inlet
- Variable Speed Electric Drives
- TurboExpanders, Abs.Chillers
- Flaring reduction, use BOG fuel

## Fuel Efficiency

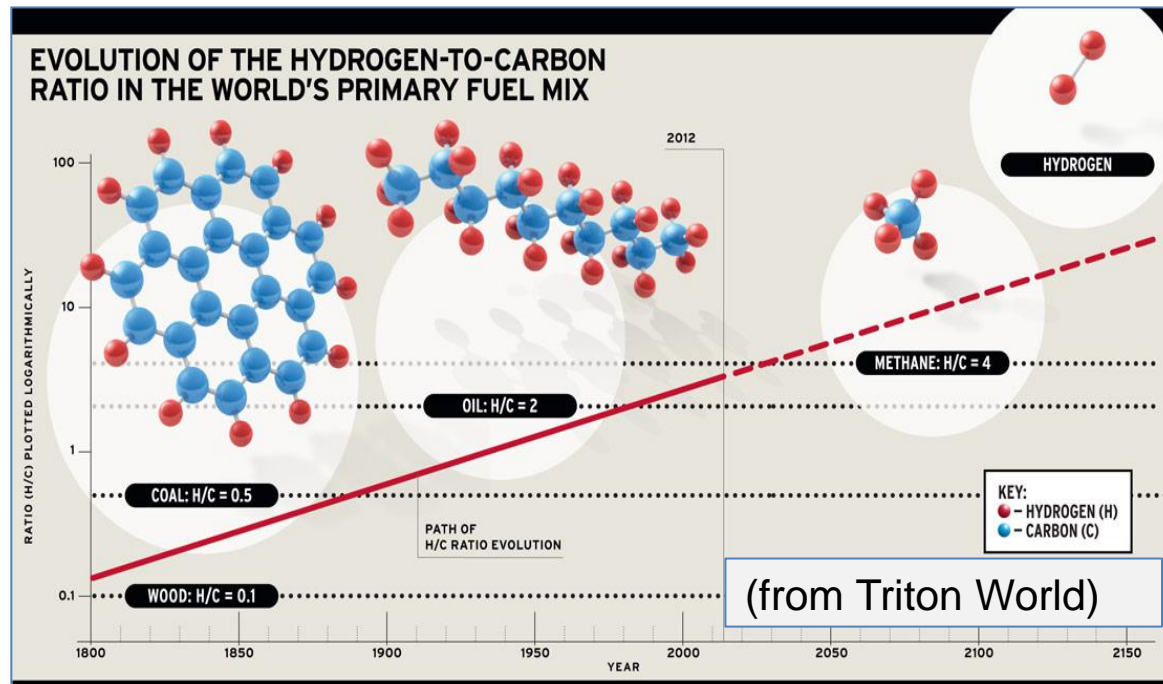
- Compressor drivers, Inlet Conditioning
- WHR and Cogeneration, Minimize losses
- Industrial vs Aeroderivative GT units
- Upstream delivery pipeline & comp stns
- Onsite vs GTCC/Hydro Imports, transmission
- Transient and Ambient Conditions
- High System Reliability



**“Cleanest LNG” ?**  
**< 0.2 t<sub>CO2</sub> per t<sub>LNG</sub>**  
**- other impacts**  
**- End use benefits**

# Concluding Remarks

- *A gas turbine is an engine in a system, uses Clean Air for power*
- Maximize Energy Conservation, System Efficiency, Innovation
- **Clean Energy: Gas Turbine Systems ↔ Renewable Energy**
- Combustor Reliability & Operating Range are a Challenge



- **Is there a Roadmap for H<sub>2</sub>-based Natural Gas energy systems ?**

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