



HARVARD
Campus Services

Blackstone Combined Heat and Power Expansion

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Engineering & Utilities

Responsible for managing University energy production and infrastructure including

- **Chilled water production and distribution**
- **Electrical distribution**
- **Thermal energy production and distribution**

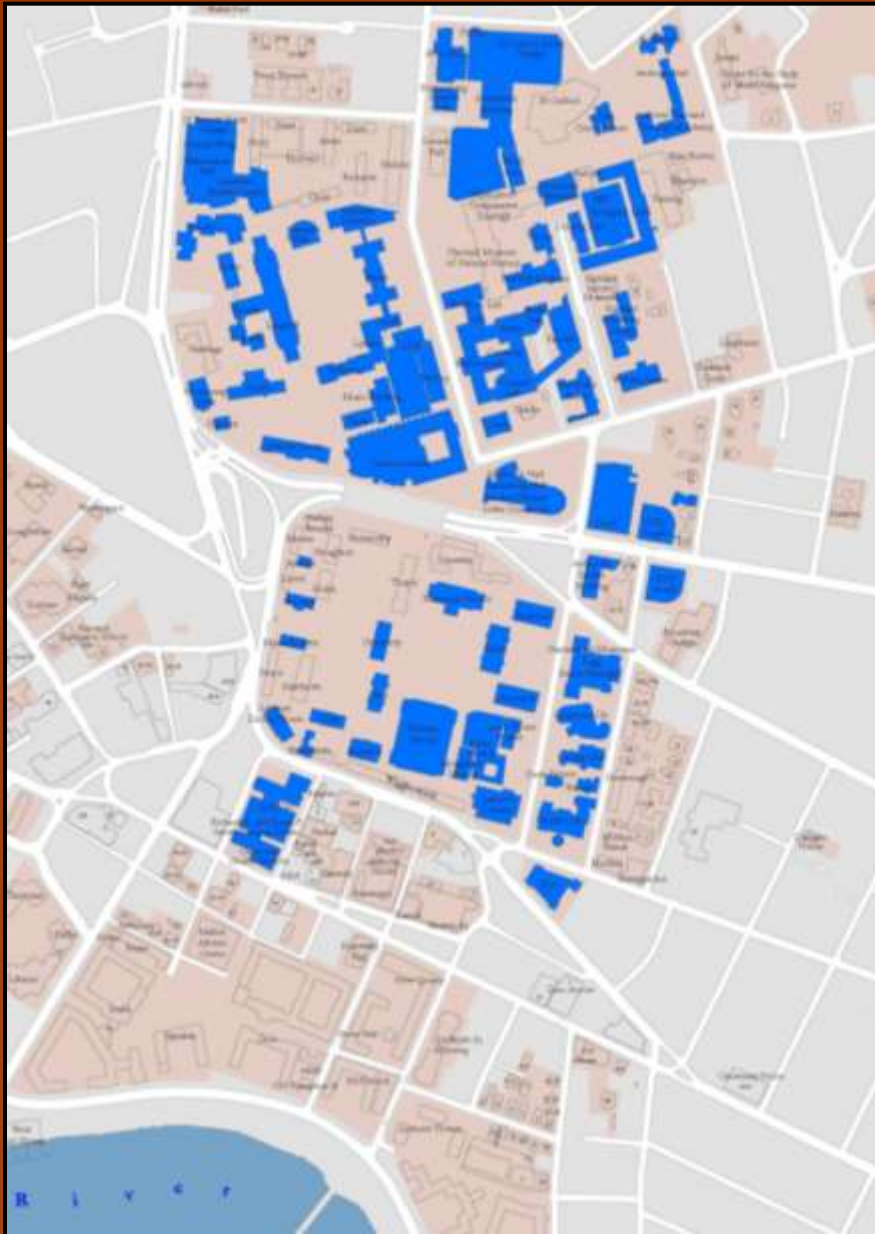




Electric Distribution

- Provides electricity through a Harvard-owned microgrid
- 180 buildings served in Cambridge and Allston
- System Configuration
- Power purchased from wholesale market
 - Utility delivers at seven separate Harvard switching stations
 - Each Harvard station supplies a different area of the campus
 - Delivery from stations via underground duct and manhole system
 - Over 50 circuit miles of cable through 300 manholes





Chilled Water Service

- Provides chilled water for space cooling & process (equipment) cooling
- 77 buildings served (Cambridge campus)
- System Configuration
 - ❑ Two below-grade production plants
 - Science Center
 - Northwest Lab
 - ❑ ~19,000 tons generating capacity
 - 7 chillers (2,000 – 5,000 tons)
 - All electric
 - ❑ Common distribution network
 - Both Plants feed into the same distribution system
 - ~3½ miles of direct buried





Steam Service

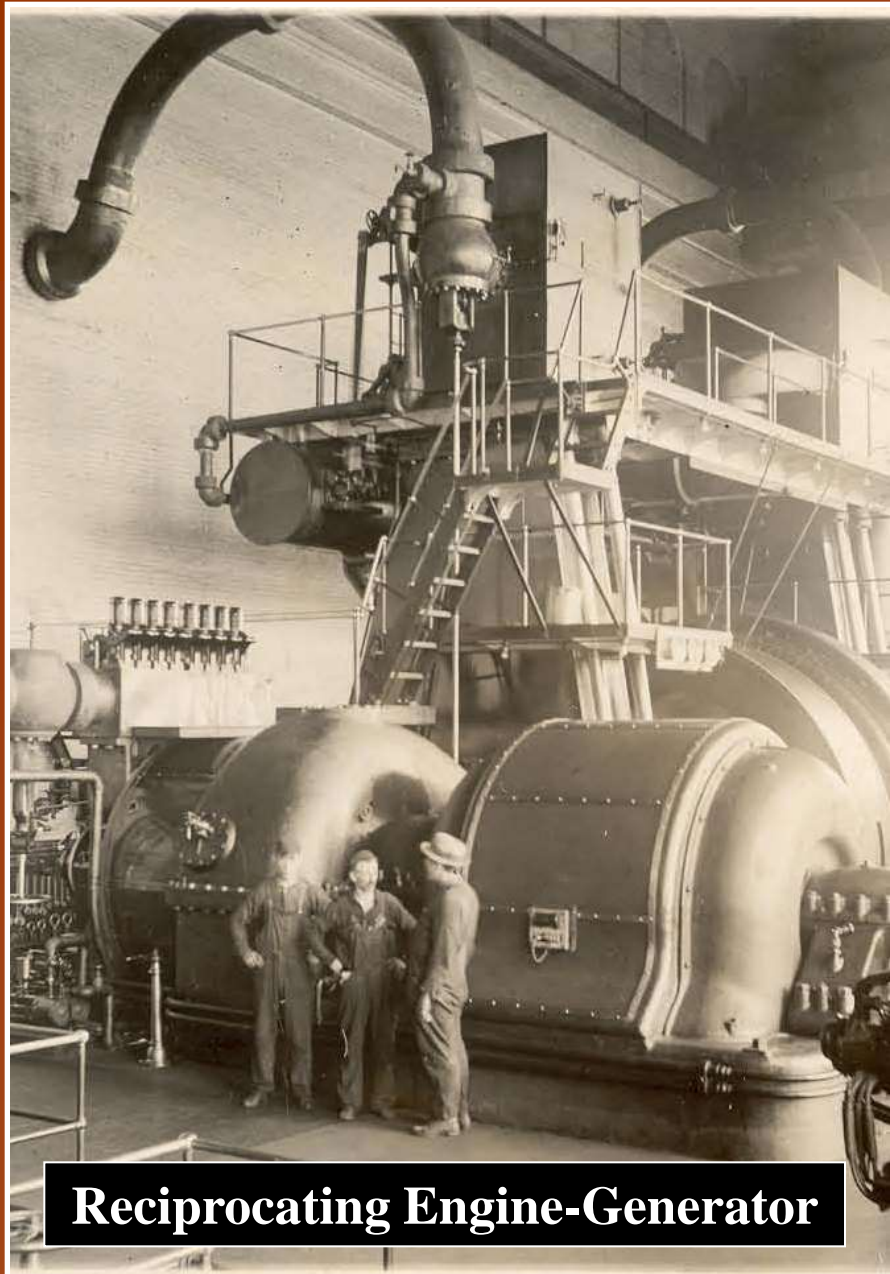
- Provides heat energy for space and domestic hot water heating, as well as high-pressure steam for process needs (in labs)
- ~170 buildings served Cambridge/Allston\
- System Configuration
 - ❑ One generating plant (Blackstone)
 - ❑ Four boilers (w/dual fuel capability)
 - ❑ Black start capable & self-sustaining electrically on-site 2 MW diesel generator 5 MW steam turbine generator
 - ❑ Multiple line distribution backbone in ~2½ miles of walk-through tunnel



Blackstone Steam Plant History

- **Electric utility power generation operations began in 1904**
- **1930 modernization replaced boilers, added steam turbines, and initiated steam supply service to Harvard**
- **1962 expansion added two boilers**
- **Acquired by Harvard in 2003 to ensure security of campus steam supply**
- **Steam plant upgrade project completed in 2008 including backpressure steam turbine for CHP capability and improve steam supply quality and reliability.**
- **CHP expansion initiated in 2012 with goals of improved efficiency, environmental performance and campus energy supply reliability.**





Reciprocating Engine-Generator



1930 Plant Modernization

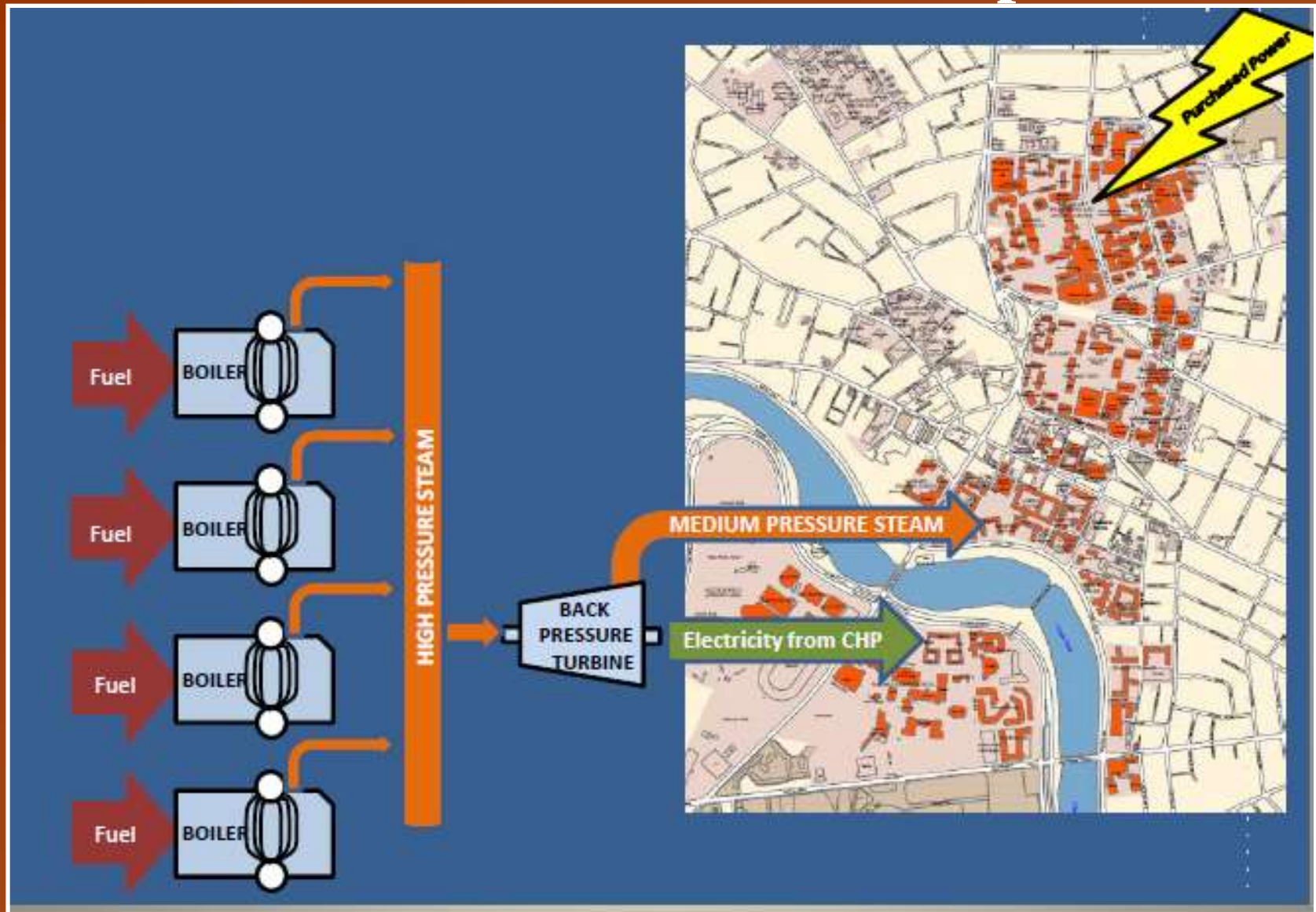


Current Blackstone Steam Plant Operation

- **Primary heat energy source to 160 Cambridge and Allston campus buildings (~11 million gsf)**
- **Operates four boilers, one 1930 vintage (Boiler 6) two 1962 vintage (Boilers 11 and 12), one commissioned in 2009 (Boiler 13 with low NOx burners and CO catalyst)**
- **Capability to meet campus steam demand with largest boiler out of service (firm capacity)**
- **Fuel mix consisting of natural gas, residual oil (0.5% sulfur), and ultra low sulfur diesel (0.003% sulfur)**
- **Nominal 5 MW steam turbine-generator set added in 2009.**
- **Operation by licensed staff 24 Hr/Day, 365 Days/Yr**



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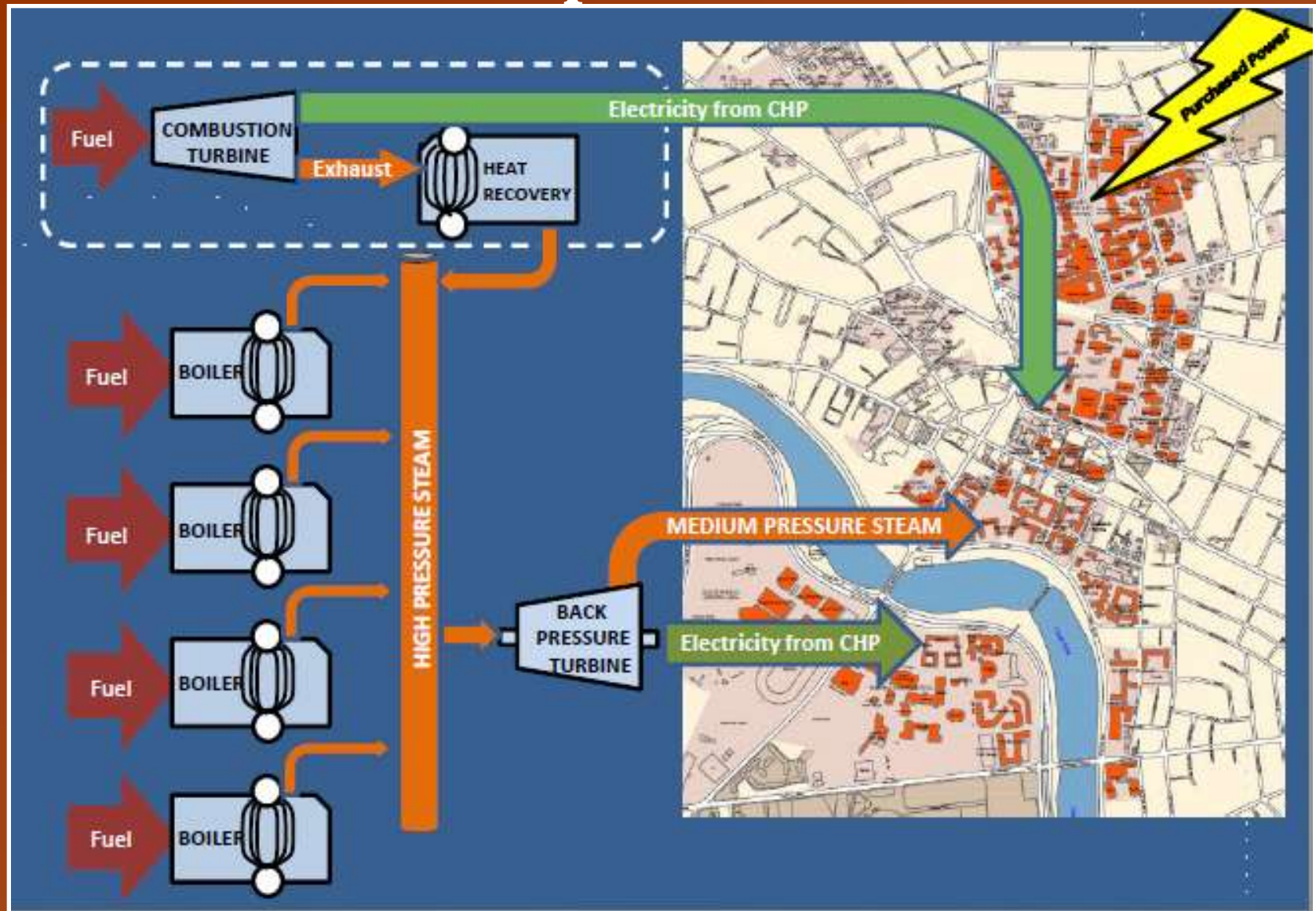


CHP Expansion Equipment and Modifications

- **Nominal 7.5 MW dry low NO_x gas turbine, Solar Taurus 70**
- **Shop assembled heat recover steam generator, Rentech**
 - **Duct burner**
 - **CO reduction catalyst**
 - **Selective catalytic reduction**
 - **Urea conversion system**
- **Two 100% capacity fuel gas compressors, JJ Crewe**
- **13.8 kV switchgear**
- **Fin fan cooler for closed cooling heat sink**
- **Motor control center for new BOP equipment**
- **Micro pile-supported CTG pedestal**
- **Structural steel modifications**
- **Harvard substation electrical modifications**



Blackstone CHP Expansion



Concept Study

- Prompted by need to meet emergent operating goals
 - Preserve steam production redundancy in view of aging resources
 - Improve steam production turndown capability to meet diminishing summer steam demand
 - Ground Rule: Confine all physical plant improvements to within the Blackstone building footprint.
- Study approach
 - Concept-level layout, estimate, and economic performance for three options at high, mid, and low end capacity of commercially available CTG/HRSG options

Concept Study

- **Positive study result**
 - All options could be integrated into existing Blackstone facility including coordination with steam turbine
 - Each CTG/HRSG option showed positive economic and environmental benefit
 - Higher CTG/HRSG capacity yielded diminished economic benefit.
- **CONCLUSION Study further and in more detail**
 - Would finer granularity of capacity choices yield improved economics?
 - Will detailed understanding of retrofit within existing facility significantly impact cost and benefit?



Comprehensive Study

- **Goals**

- Establish strong confirmation of benefits identified by concept study
- Consider a broader range of CTG/HRSG options at alternate locations and electrical interconnect points
- Produce level of detail and confidence to support internal funding request

- **Two-phased approach**

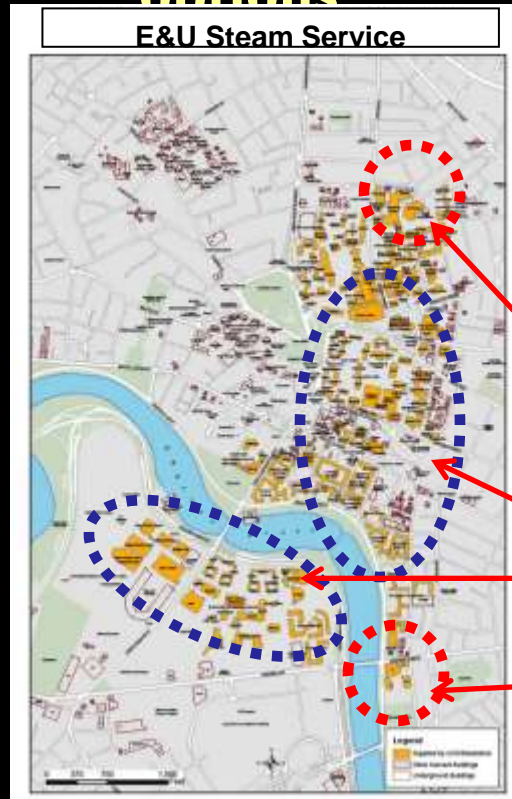
- ***Screening Phase:*** Identify and screen expanded inventory of candidate CTG/HRSG options
- ***Detailed Phase:*** Quantify select option(s) with investment grade cost estimate and broad assessment highly specific to integration and operation at Blackstone facility and Harvard campus



Screening Phase, Incremental Analysis

- Screening analysis for incremental comparison
 - **Business as Usual:** Status quo Blackstone operation
 - **CHP Expansion:** Blackstone and remote expansion

options



Remote Locations – Where and why?

Opposite end of campus from Blackstone

- ☐ Reduce steam pressure loss
- ☐ Improve access to electrical loads
- ☐ Increased steam service reliability

Remote Locations

Thermal Energy Customer Base

Blackstone



Screening Phase, Candidate Options

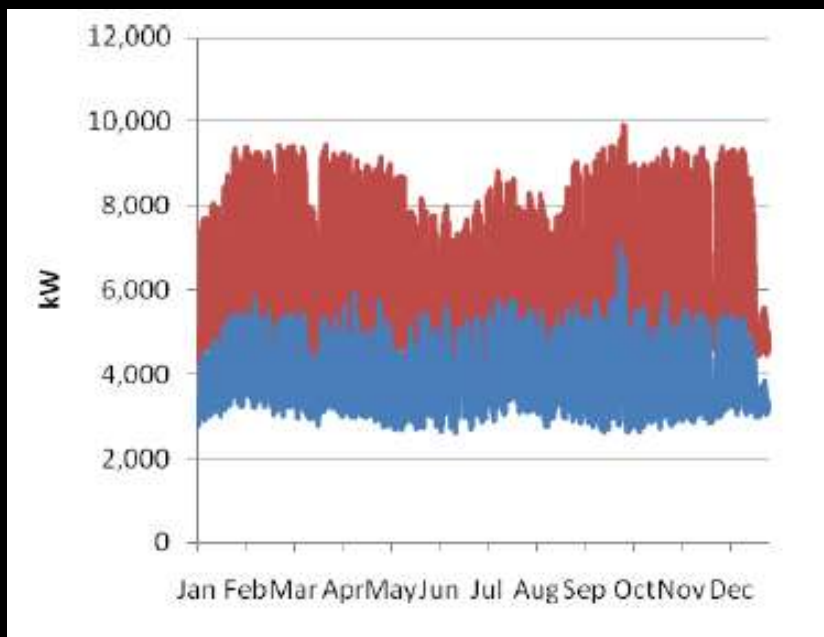
- **CHP expansion at Blackstone and remote locations**

OPTION	Turbine Choice	Turbine Location	Number of Turbines	Relative Interconnect Distance	Gross Output Each (kW)	Unfired Steam Each (Lb/Hr)	Steam Pressure (psig)	Steam Temperature (Deg-F)
1	Mercury 50	Blackstone	1	NEAR	4,406	9,656	400	700
2	Mercury 50	Blackstone and Remote	2	DISTANT	4,406	9,656	400	700
3	Mercury 50	Blackstone	1	DISTANT	4,406	9,656	400	700
4	Centaur 50	Blackstone	1	DISTANT	4,408	19,894	400	700
5	Taurus 65	Blackstone	1	DISTANT	6,045	26,048	400	700
6	Taurus 70	Blackstone	1	DISTANT	7,533	28,839	400	700
7	Mercury 50	Existing Remote Facility	1	NEAR	4,406	9,656	125	353
8	Centaur 50	New Remote Facility	1	NEAR	4,408	19,894	125	353
9	Taurus 65	New Remote Facility	1	NEAR	6,045	26,048	125	353
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12	Titan 130	New Remote Facility	1	NEAR	14,453	50,498	125	353

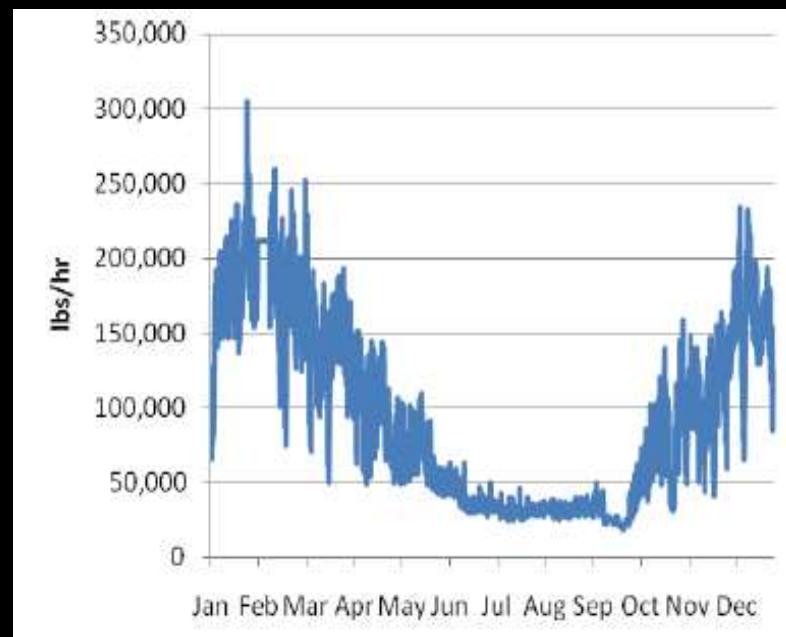


Screening Phase Elements, Energy

- **Campus electrical and thermal load profiles**
 - **Historic hourly load information**
 - **Load growth projections**



Electrical



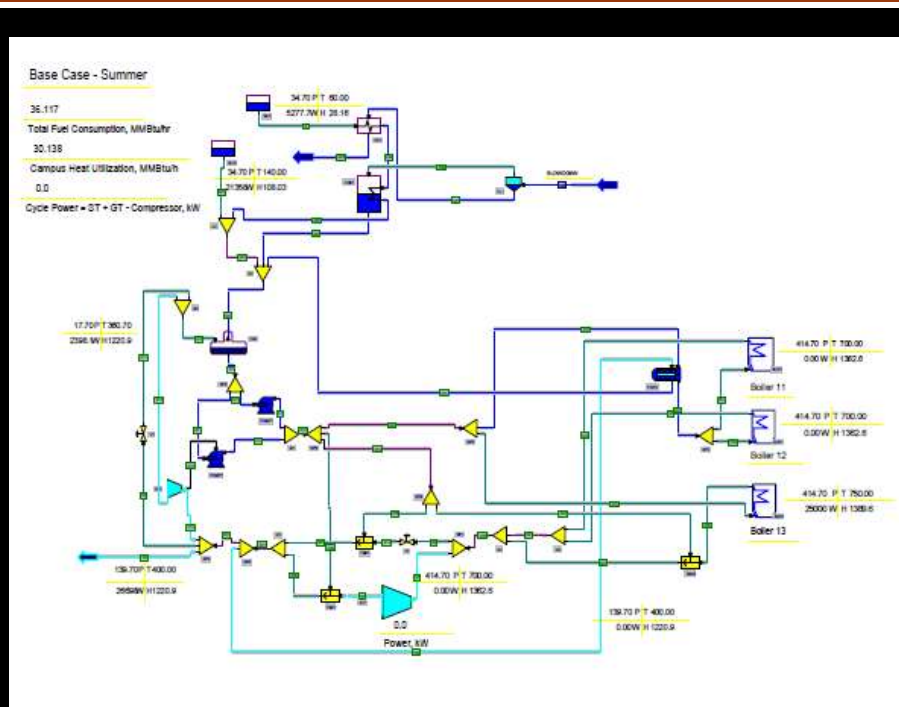
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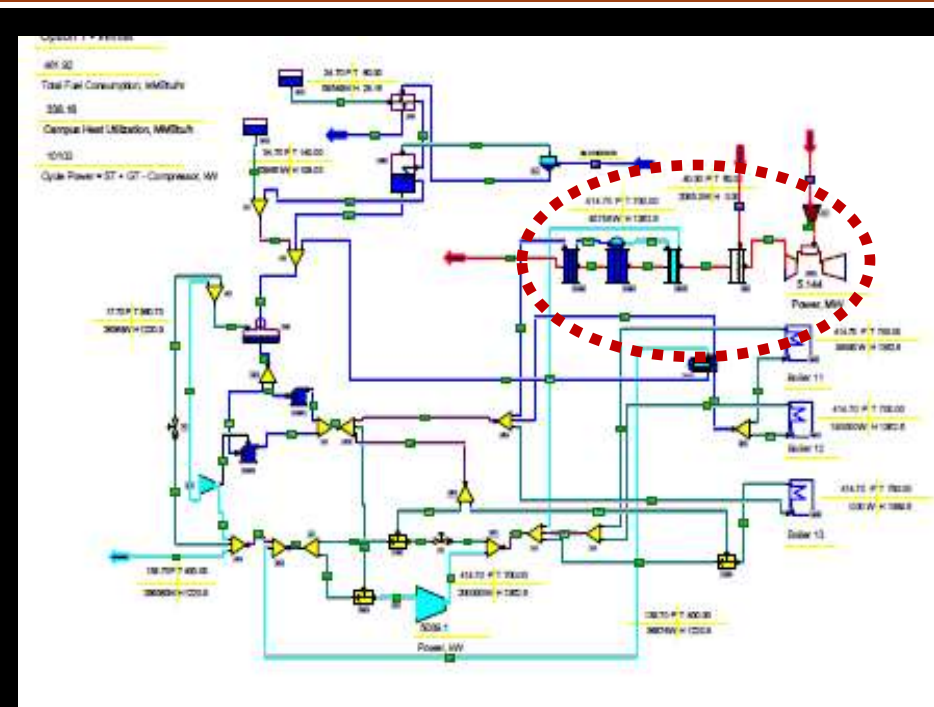
Screening Phase Elements, Energy

- **Energy models**

- Simulate thermodynamic and electrical performance of Blackstone base case and each CHP expansion option



Blackstone Base Case



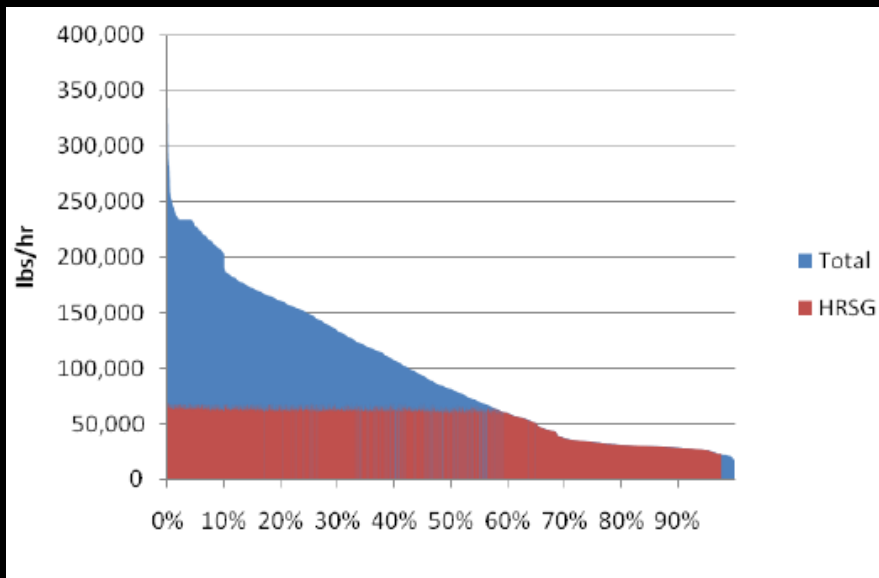
CHP Expansion at Blackstone



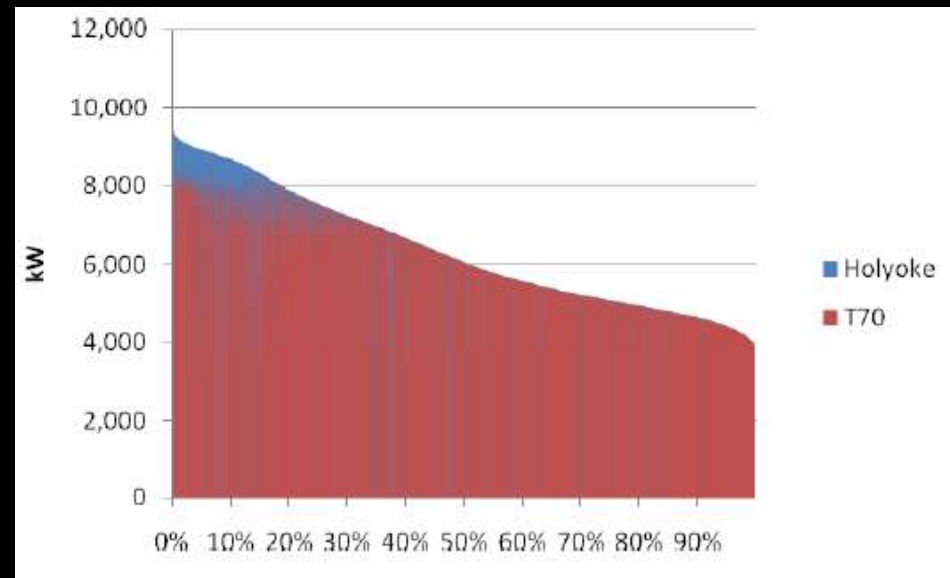
Screening Phase Elements, Energy

- **Dispatch model**

- Operate thermodynamic models against hourly thermal load
- Quantify annual heat input (fuel) and electric production



Thermal Load Duration

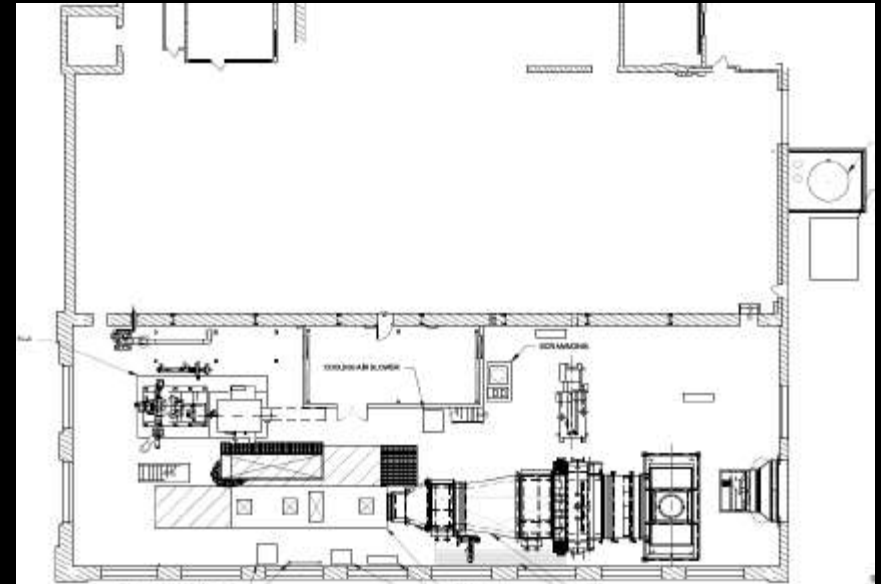
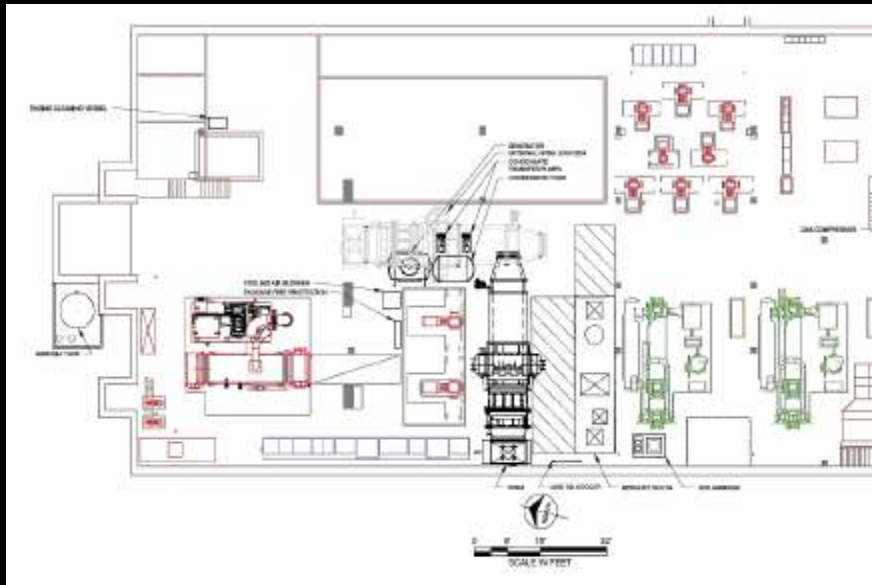


Electric Load Duration



Screening Phase Elements, Cost

- **Cost estimates**
 - Budget level estimate for each option based on layout at each location including campus infrastructure upgrades, regulatory compliance and soft costs based on vendor budget quotes and native estimating capability



Option 2 Layout at Remote Location

Option 4 Layout at Blackstone



Screening Phase Elements, Cost

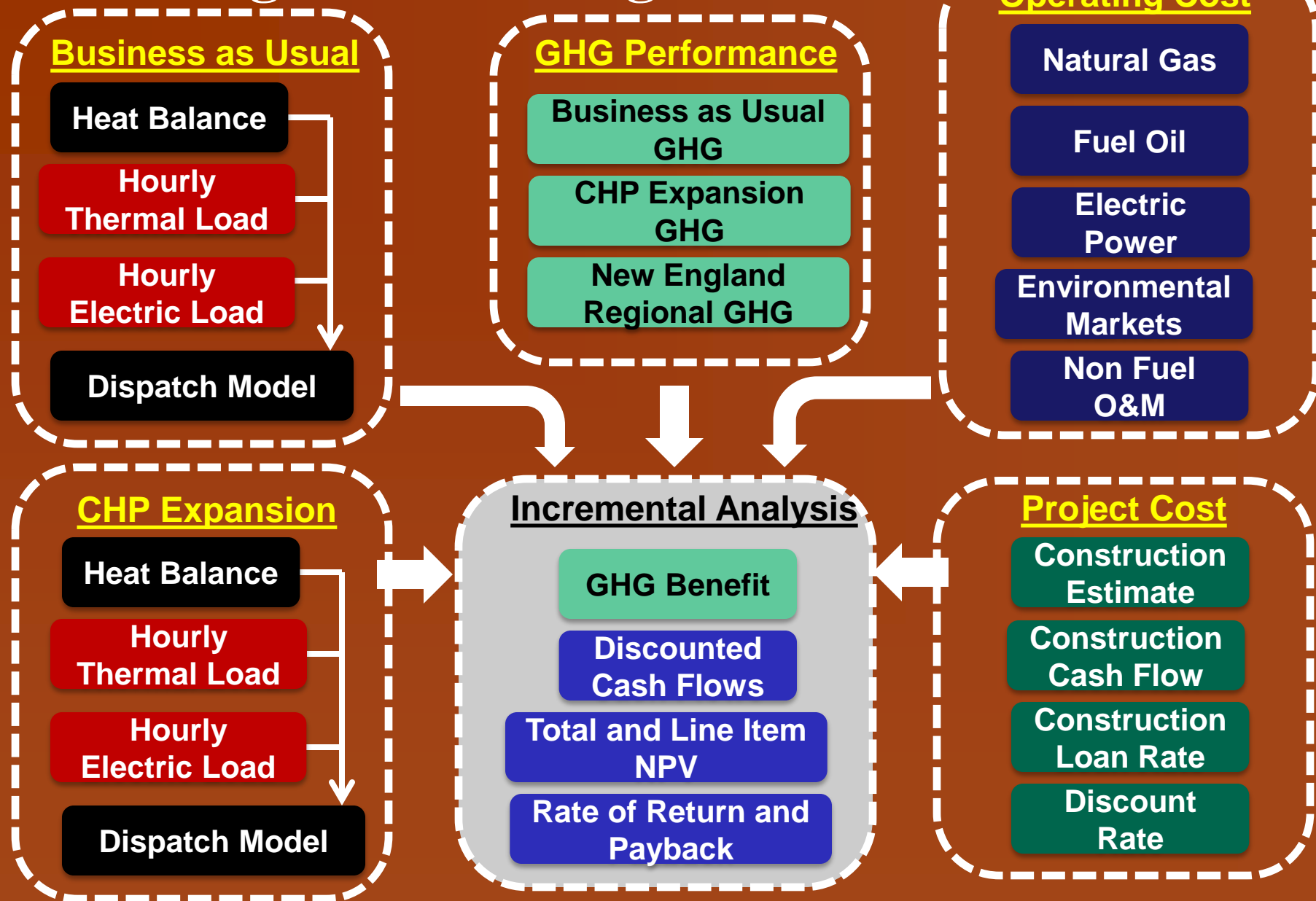
- **Commodity forecasts**
 - Pricing for natural gas, residual, and distillate fuels
 - Wholesale electric energy purchase price, applicable to value of power supplied for direct campus use
 - Market price for electric energy sales, applicable to value of power not supplied for direct campus use
 - Electric power capacity market forecast
 - Compliance credits and Alternative Energy Certificates
- *All forecasts at multiple confidence levels to assess durability of each option*

Screening Phase Elements, Regulatory

- **Permitting implication**
 - **Thresholds for applicable state and federal permitting**
 - Assess permitting scope and difficulty
 - Establish scope of required environmental controls
 - **Emission offset requirements to determine net generation or consumption of offsets**
 - **State and local noise regulations to establish required sound attenuation levels**
 - **Existing campus-wide permits to assess impact of incremental CHP addition**
- **Greenhouse gas**
 - **Current and future GHG rate for New England electric grid to quantify CHP GHG benefit**

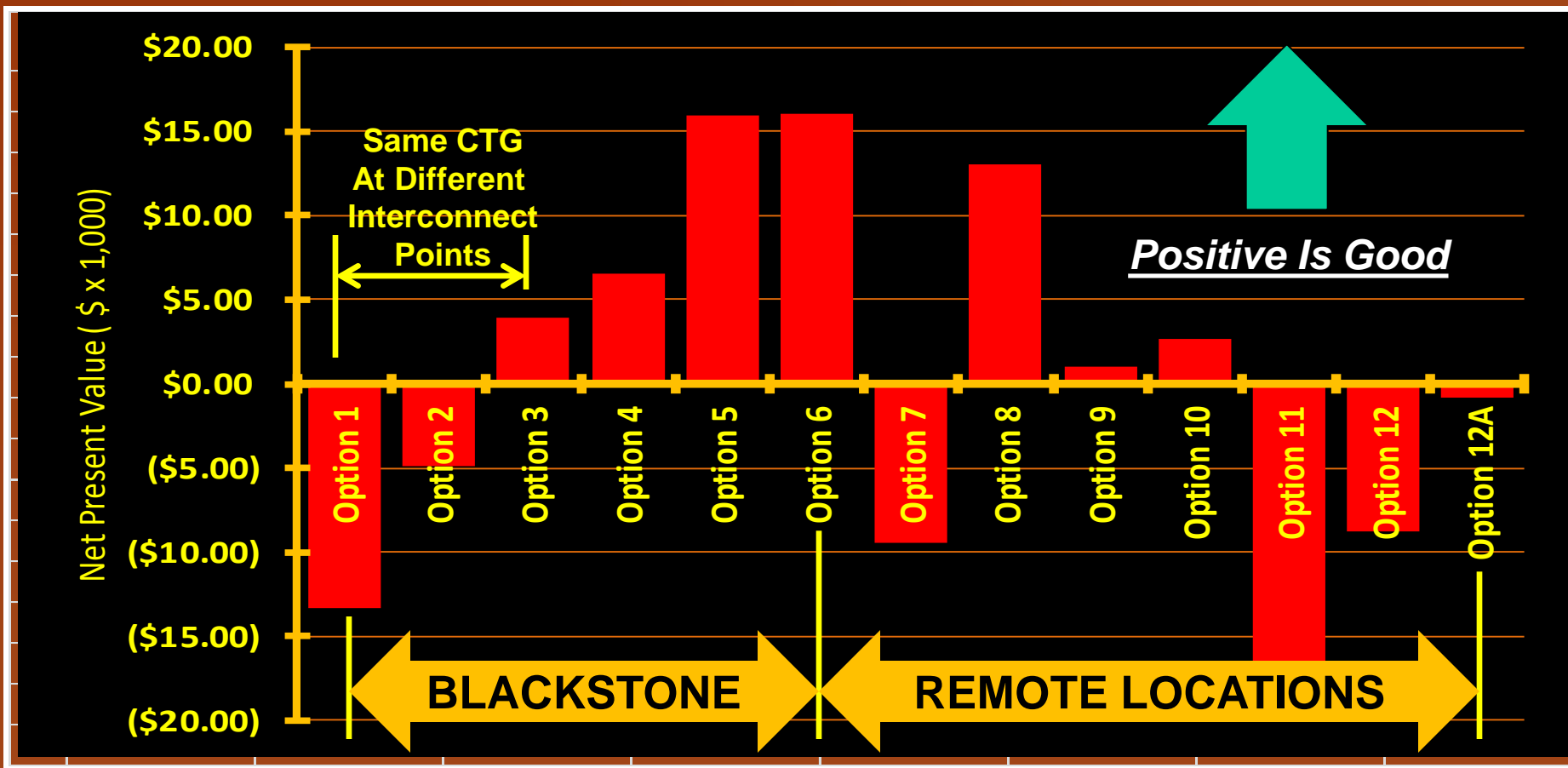


Combining the Screening Elements



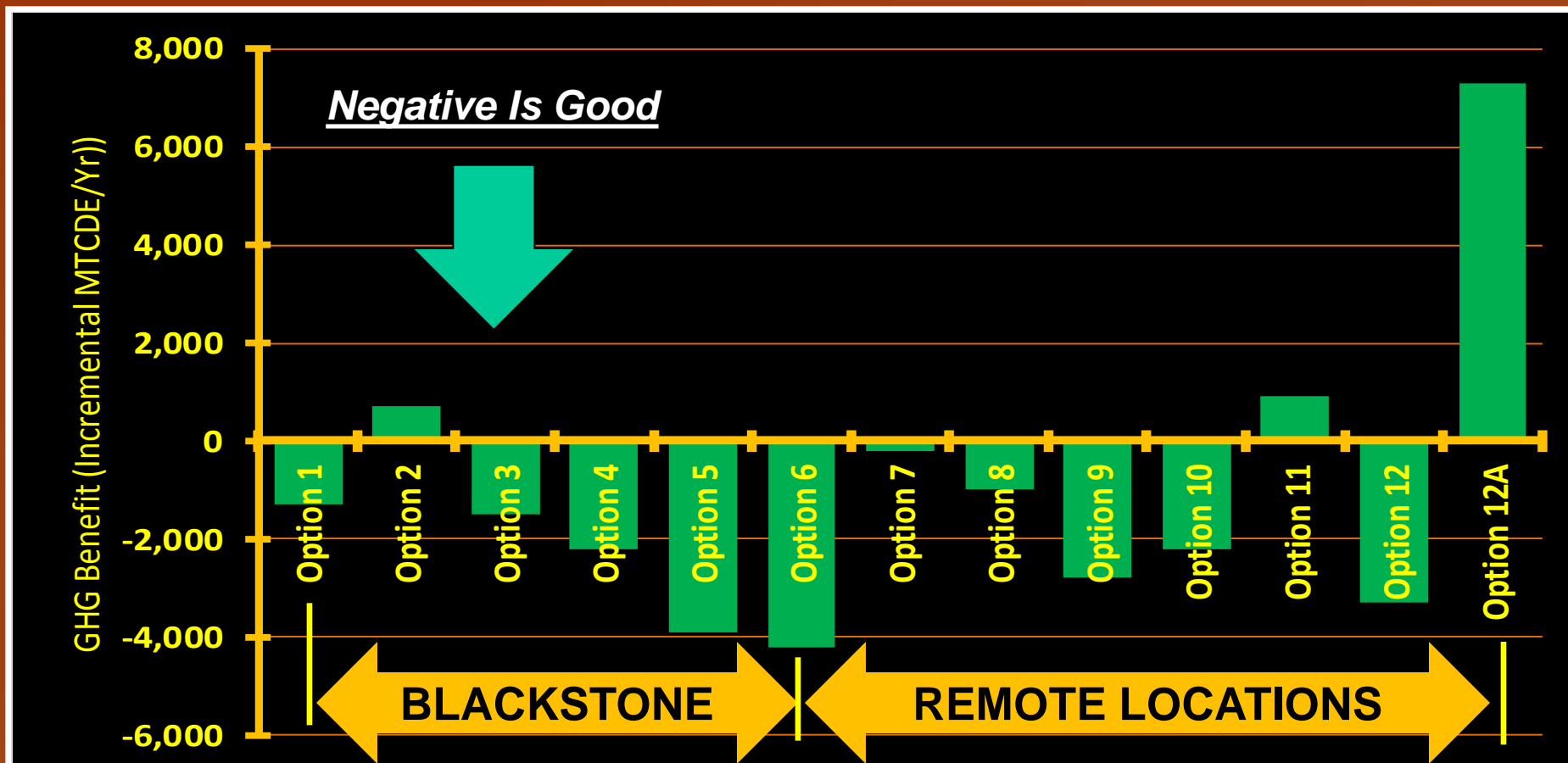
Screening Phase Result, Economic Benefit

- Larger Blackstone turbine yields increased benefit (Options 1- 6)
- Smaller turbine at existing remote yields negative benefit (Option 7)
- Larger turbine at new remote yields decreased benefit (Options 8- 12)
- Option 12 large turbine at new remote improves with steam chiller (12A)



Screening Phase Result, GHG Benefit

- GHG benefit at Blackstone parallels economic benefit (Option 1-6)
- GHG benefit at remote sites parallels economic benefit (Options 7- 12)
- Option 12 large turbine at new remote improves with steam chiller (12A)



Detailed Phase

- **Goals**

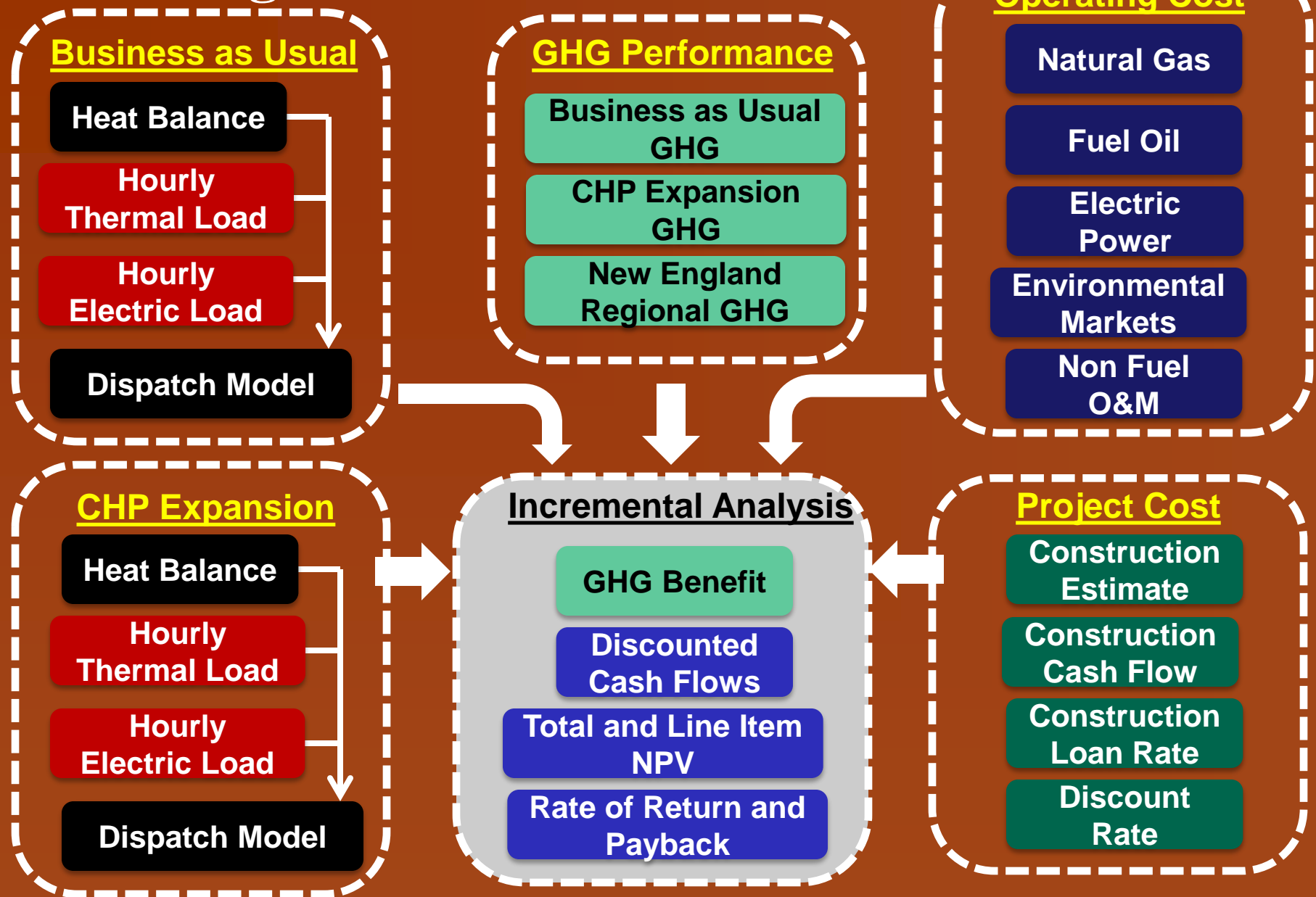
- **Detailed assessment of Option 6, Taurus 70 at Blackstone**
 - **Most favorable economic performance**
 - **Greatest GHG benefit**
- **Provide basis for presentation of funding request**

- **Method and Basis**

- **Incremental evaluation of each option vs. business as usual**
- **35% design level basis vs. budget level for screening**
- **Contractor review of constructability and methods**
- **Refined regulatory and environmental assessment**
- **Pro forma with probabilistic uncertainty of variables**
- **Correlation of interdependency between variables**



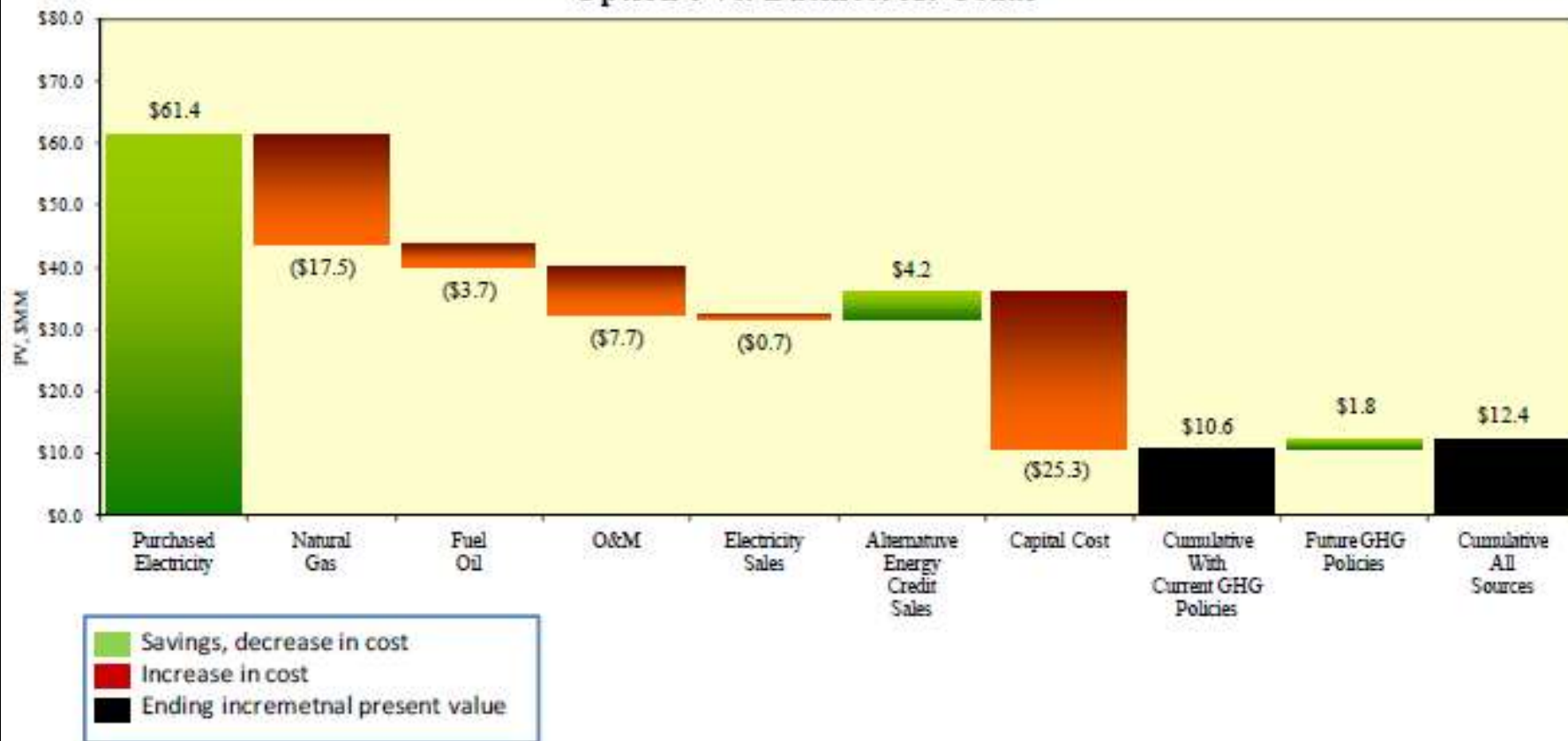
Combining the Detailed Elements



Detailed Phase Result

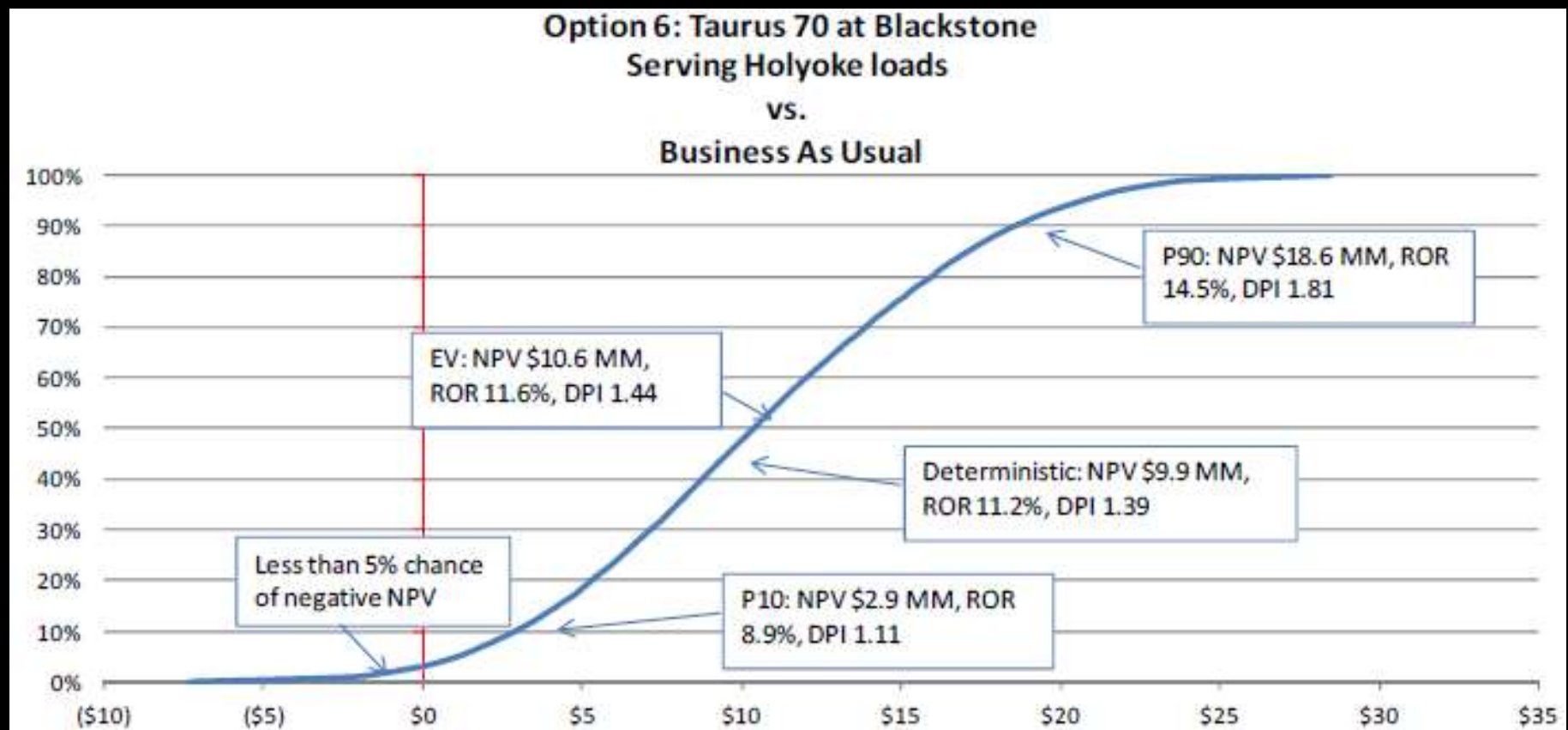
- Cumulative Flying Bar Graph, NPV of Cost Drivers

Incremental Cost Of Utility Service, PV SMM
Option 6 vs. Business As Usual



Detailed Phase Result

- **Project NPV vs. Probability of Outcome**



Conclusions and Lessons Learned

- **Assessment of granular options provided good perspective on impact of project size and location**
- **Work with vendors and prospective field contractors during detailed study phase supported construction estimate confidence.**
- **Detailed estimate, economic analysis, and probabilistic approach provided solid basis to support project funding request.**
- **Time taken to study in detail and the resulting work product facilitated smooth transition to project implementation phase.**



Rigging Gas Turbine Into Turbine Hall Window



Gas Turbine Entering Turbine Hall Window



HRSG Off-Load on Blackstone Street



Rigging Gas Compressor Down to Mezzanine



Lifting Closed Cooling Heat Exchanger to Roof



