

# Enabling a Gasification and Carbon Capture Economy in India : An Integrated Techno-Economic Analysis

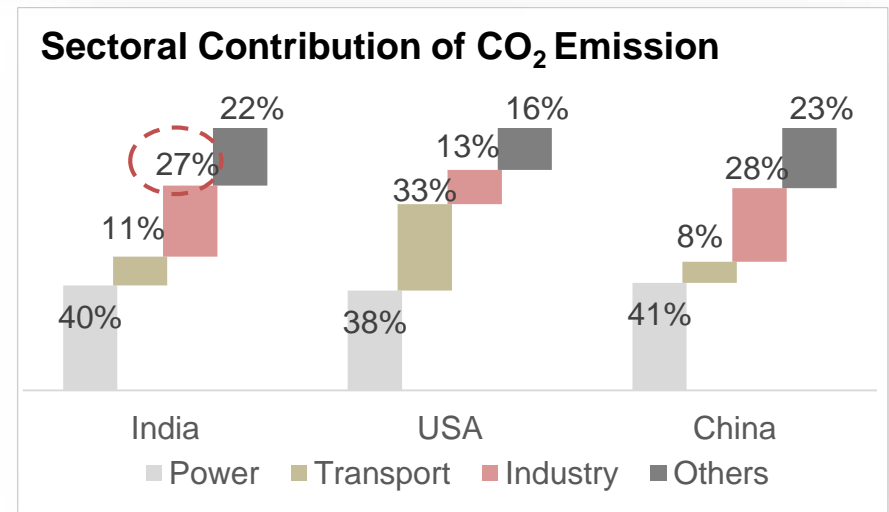
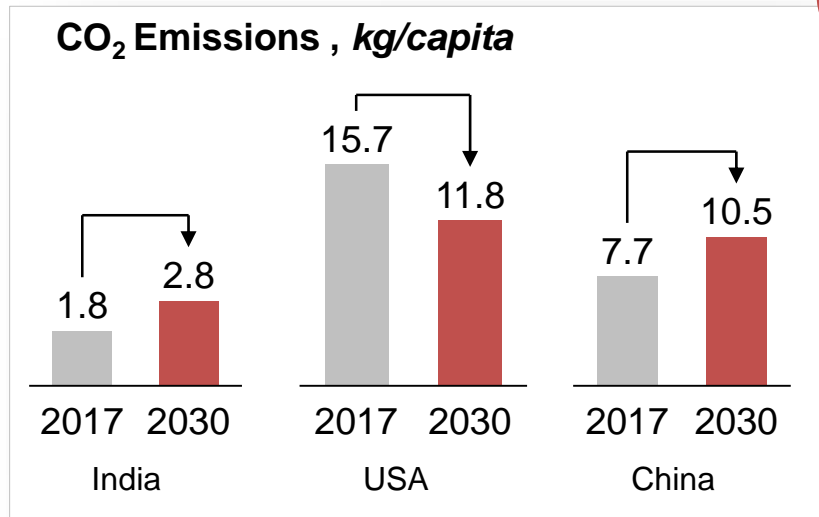
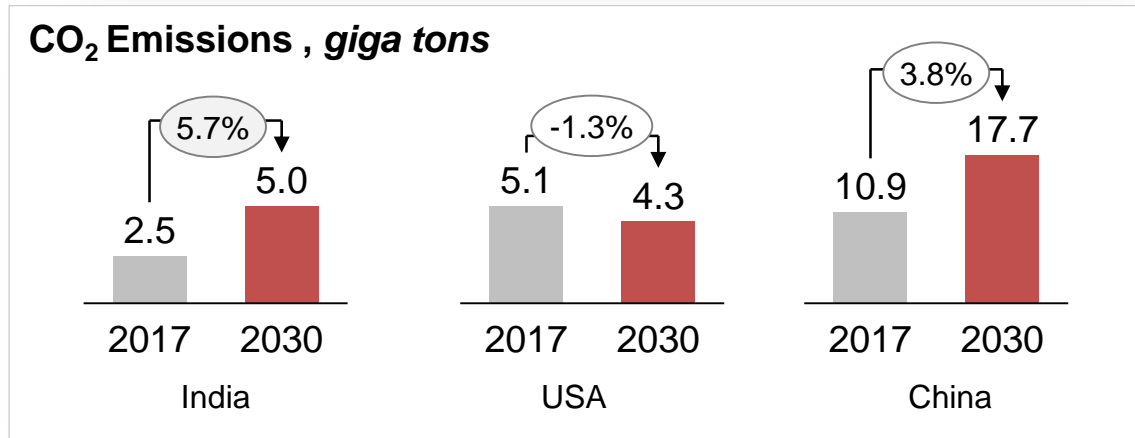
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# The GHG emissions in India is on a rising trajectory



Source: IEA, PBL Netherlands Environmental Assessment Agency, World bank, Dastur Research

# Goals of Clean Coal Based Industrial Economy

1

Seed a clean coal based economy by exploiting Indian **coal** endowments through **gasification**, and **carbon capture**

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Build a competitive and sustainable **methanol, steel and ammonia based** gasification value chain

3

Develop the most efficient and viable **carbon capture and storage** infrastructure for a sustainable coal gasification economy

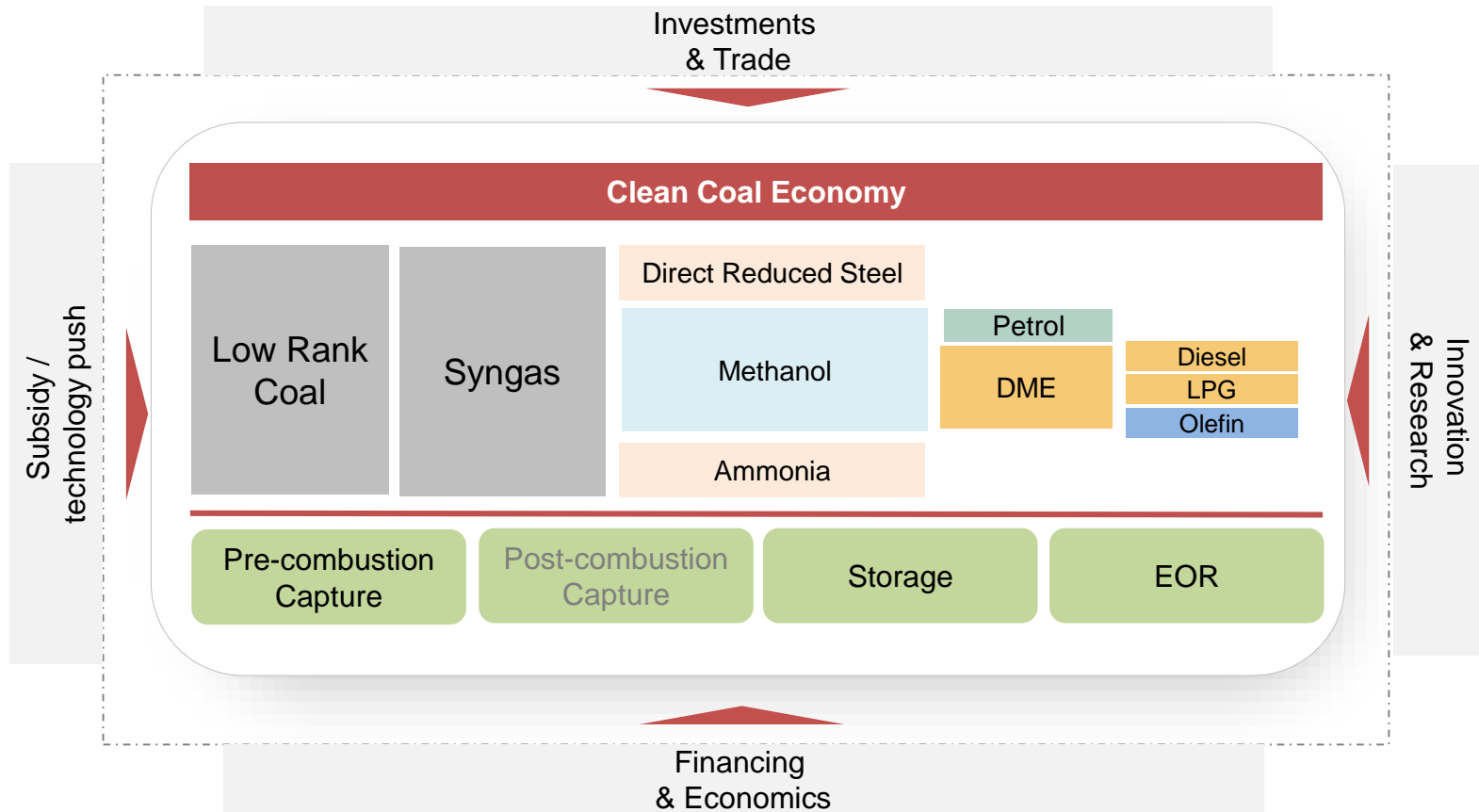
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Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 100 mtpa over an equivalent legacy industrial infrastructure while reducing SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub> emissions

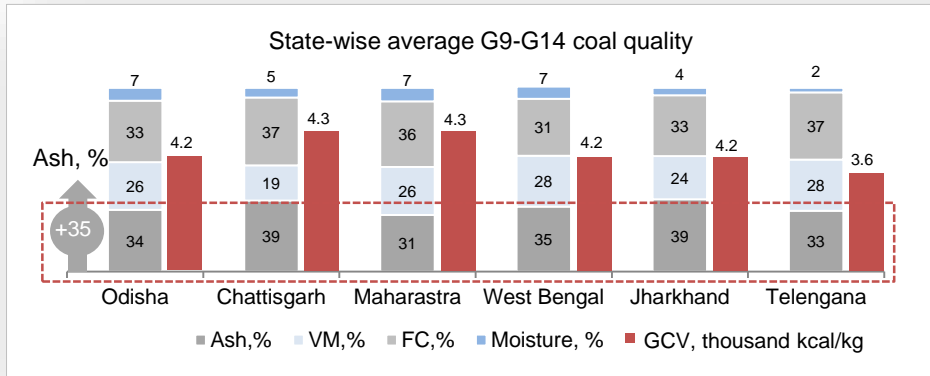
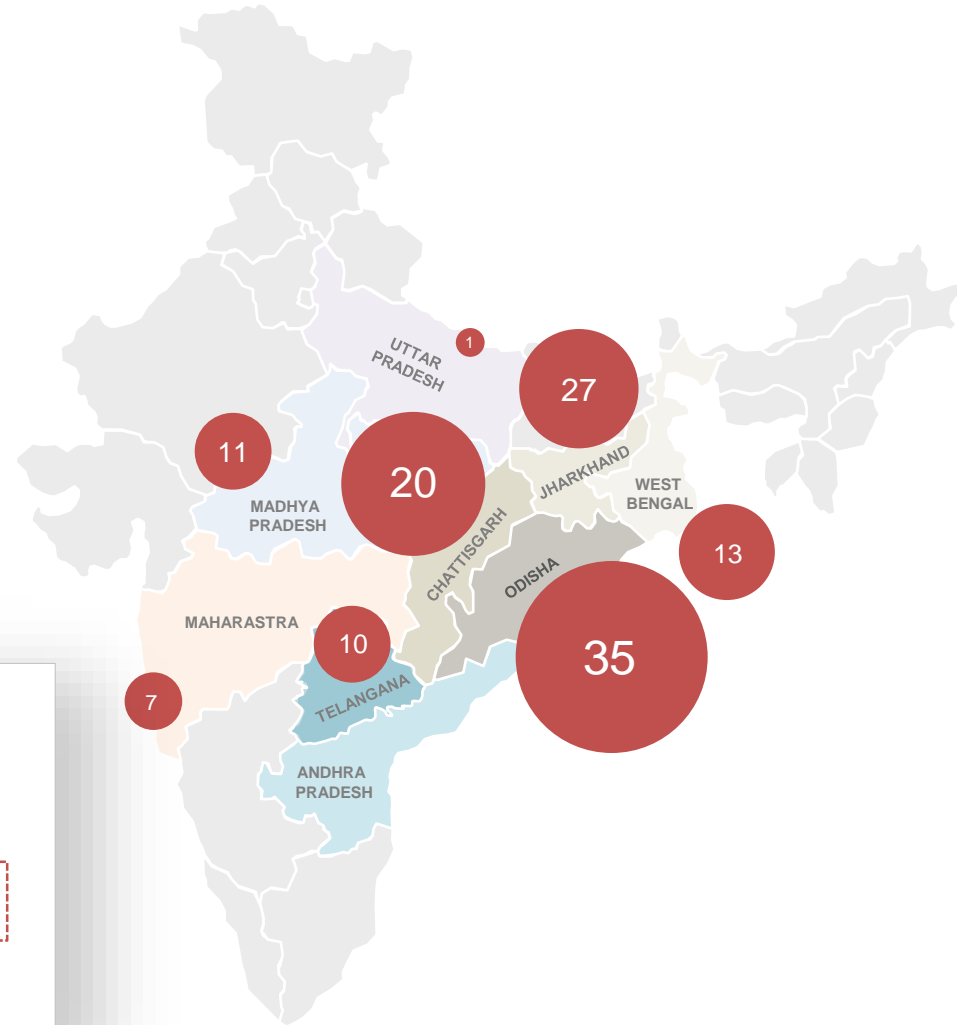
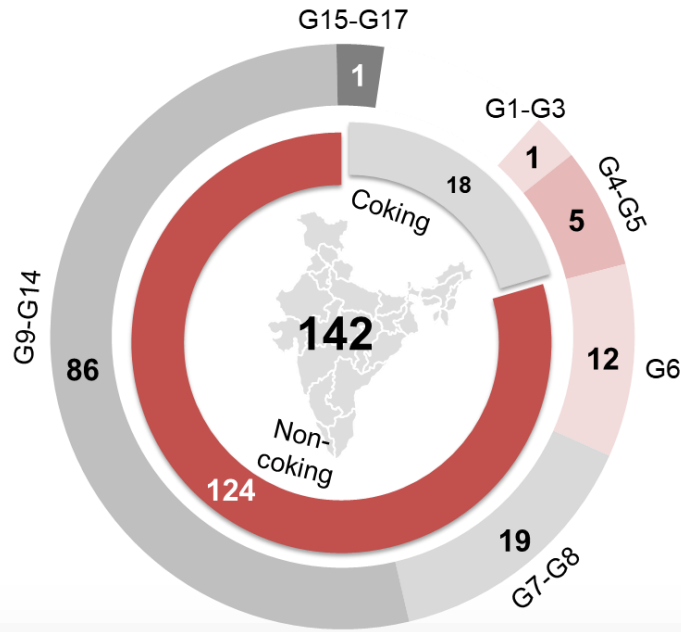
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Be an efficient, globally competitive and sustainable producer of **clean coal based industrial products and power**

# Structure of a policy enabled clean coal economy



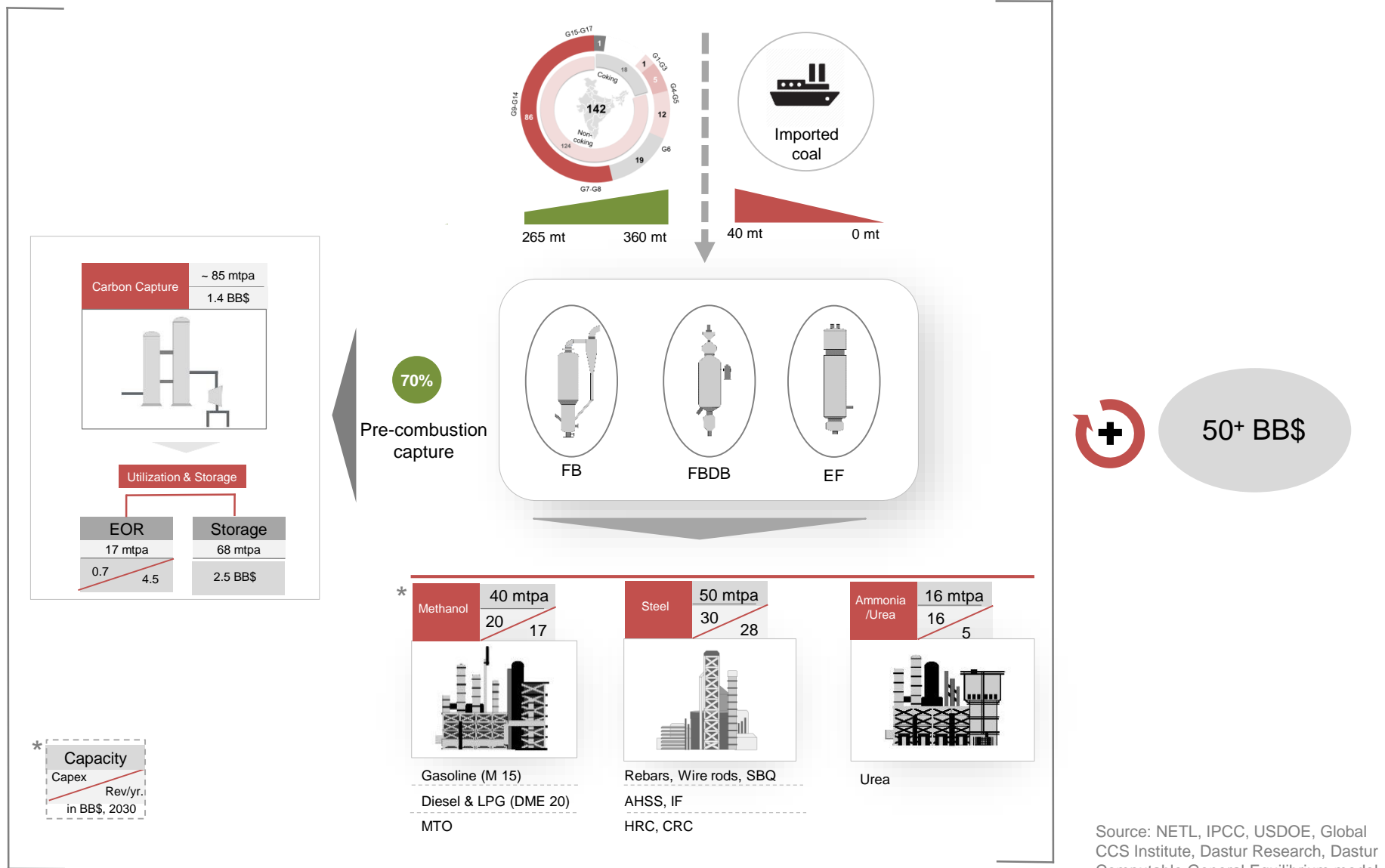
# India has ~150 billion tons of proven high-ash low rank coal resources



Bubble Size: Coal reserve size  
All figures in billion tonnes  
Resource = Measured only

Source: GSI, Dastur Research

# A gasification & carbon capture based industrial economic framework for India

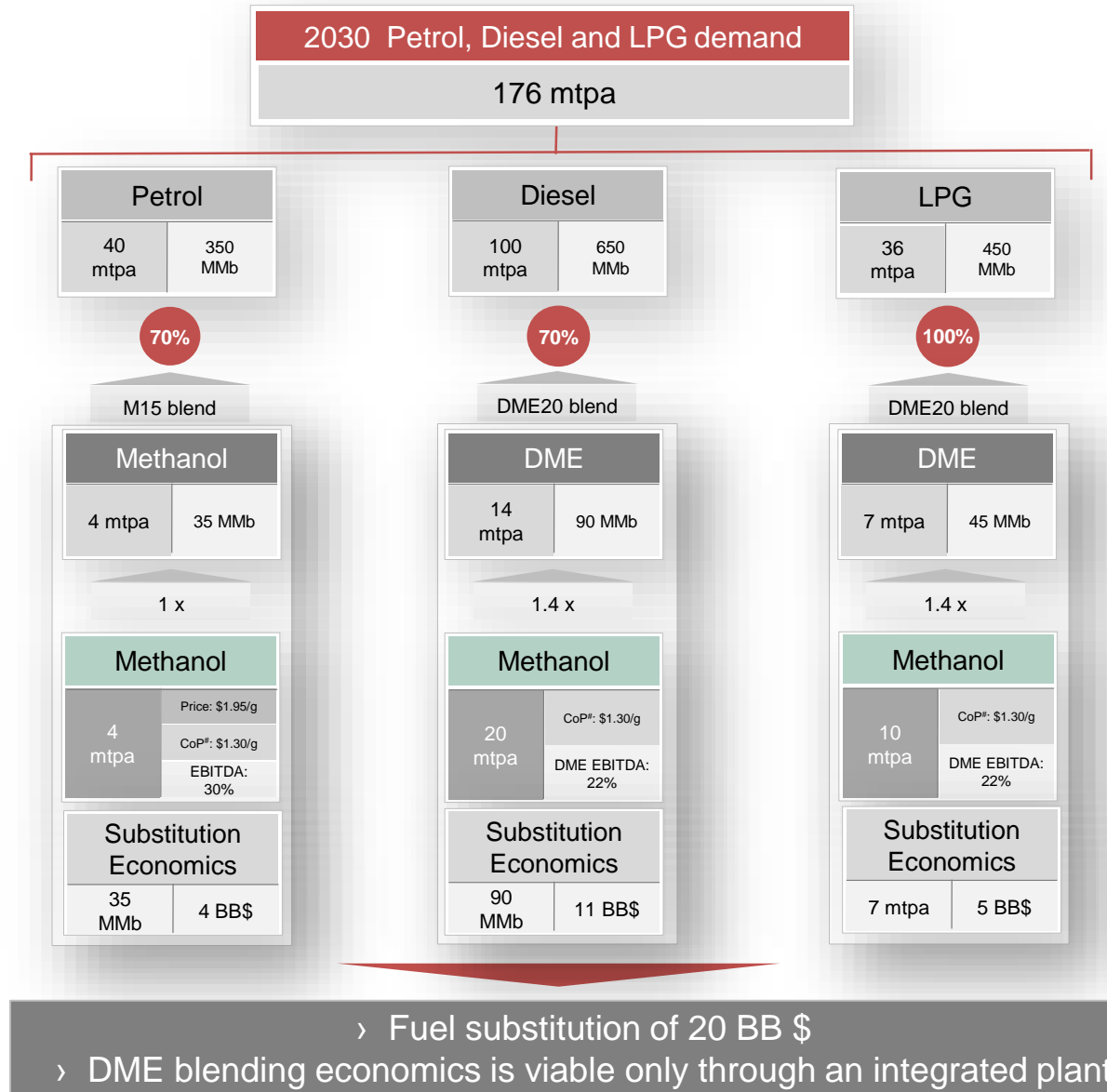


# Methanol based substitution through gasification creates large demand



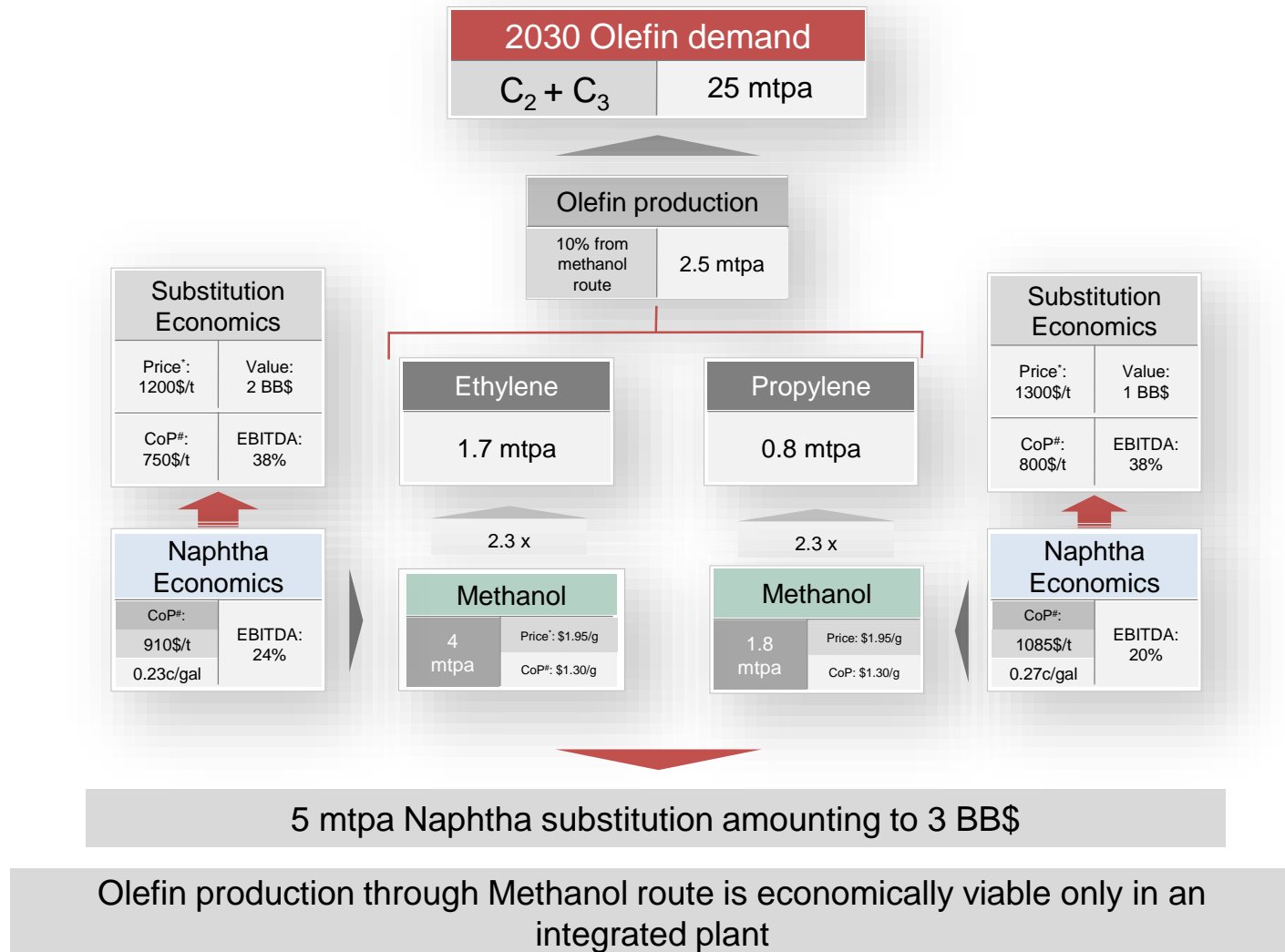
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# Methanol has significant substitution effect on oil through blending



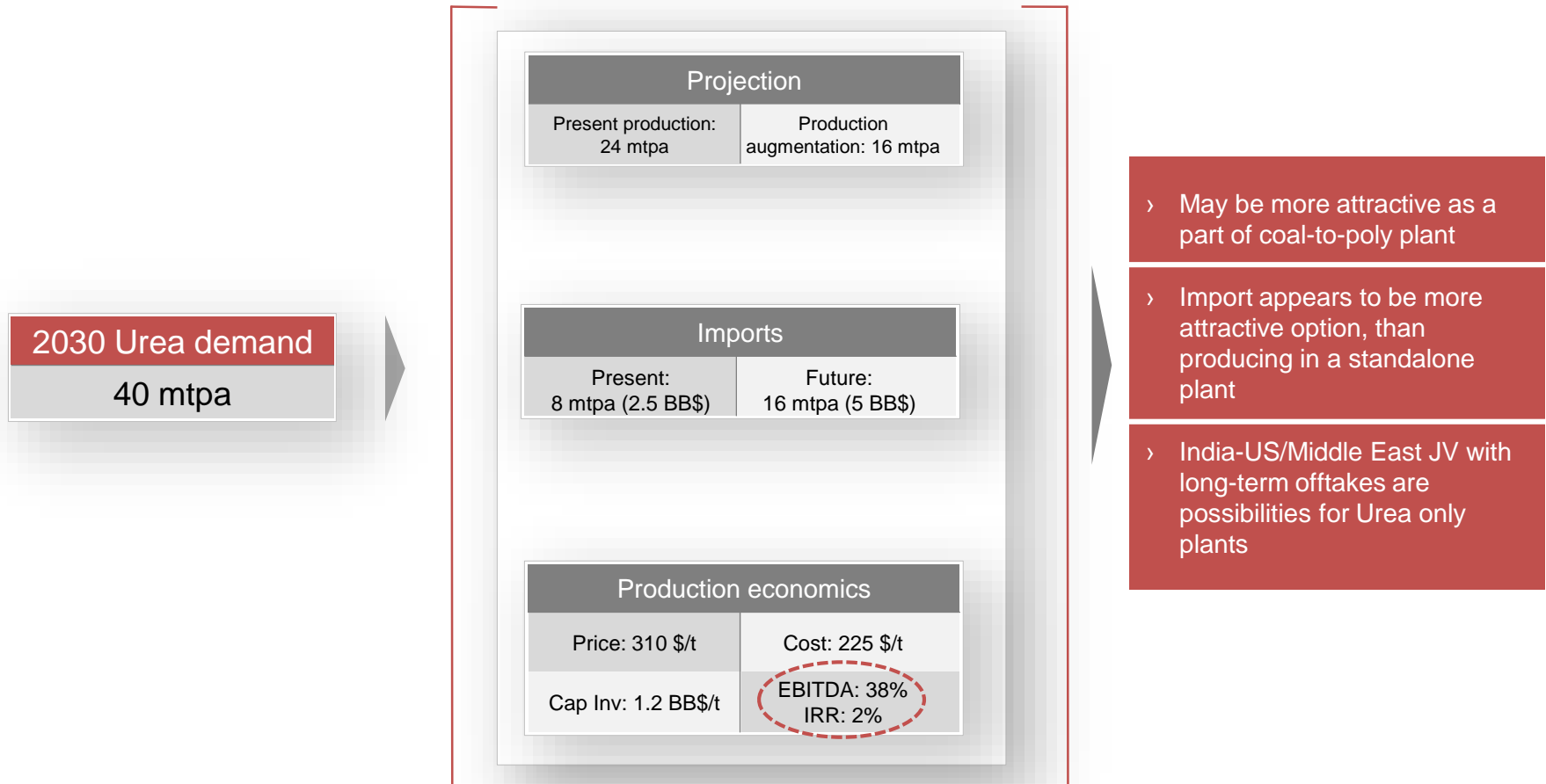


# Methanol can substitute imported naphtha to produce olefins at lower cost



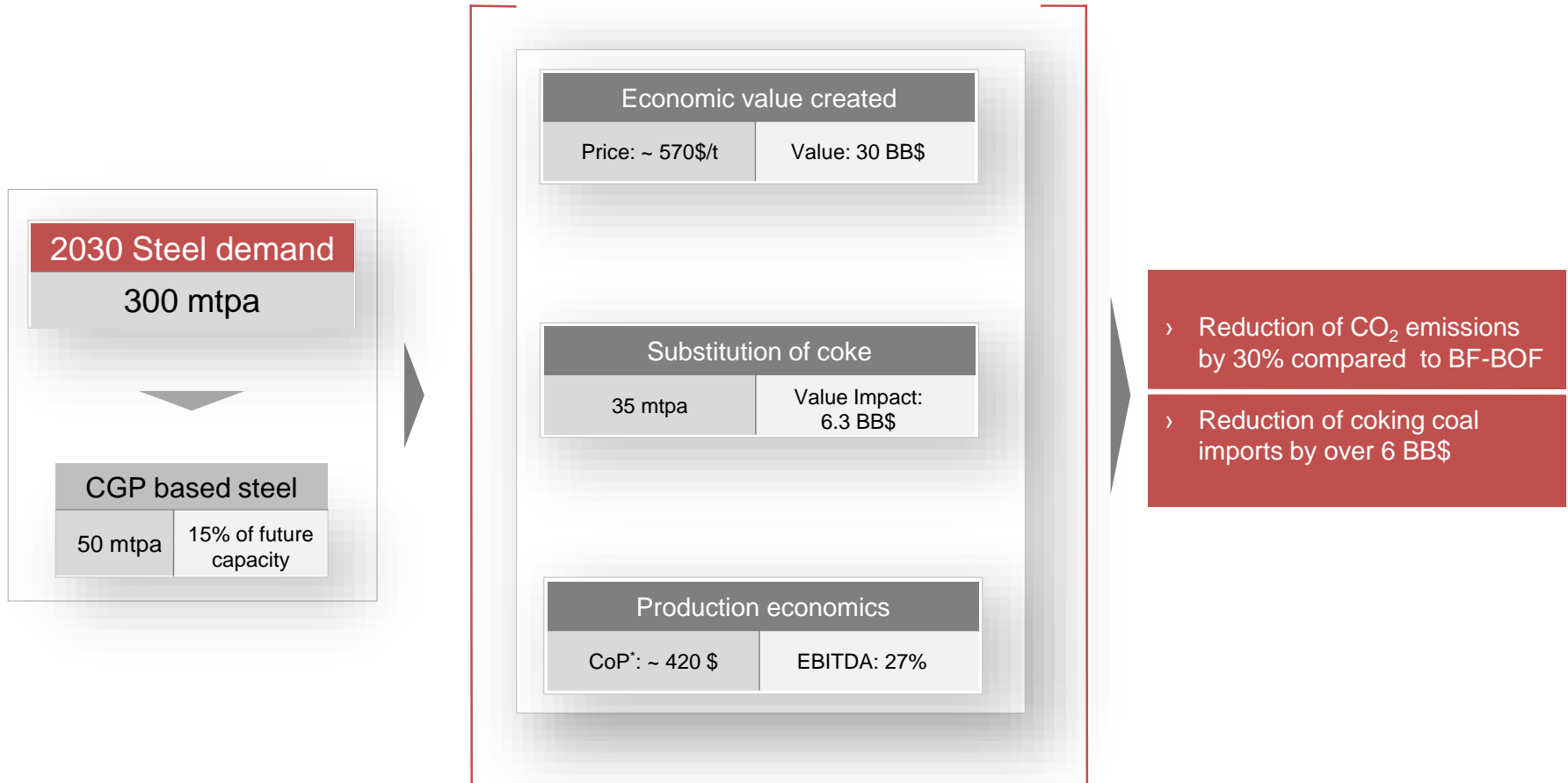
#Cost of Production  
g: gallons

# While gasification can produce ammonia-urea , it is not as capital efficient














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# Coal gasification based steel creates highest value while reducing carbon and substituting coking coal



#Cost of Production

# Techno-economics favor Fluidized Bed gasification for Indian coal

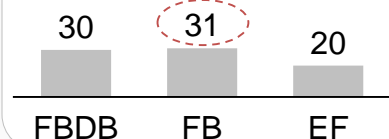
Gasifier	Fixed Bed Dry Bottom (FBDB)	Fluidized Bed (FB)	Entrained Flow (EF)
Types	Dry bottom (Lurgi, Sedin)	Dry ash (Winkler, HTW, KBR) Agglomerating (U-GAS, SES)	Slagging (KT, Shell, GE-Texaco)
<b>FEED CHARACTERISTICS</b>			
Preferred feedstock	Lignite, reactive bituminous coal	Lignite, bituminous coal, biomass	Lignite, reactive bituminous coal, pet coke
Acceptability of ash content	< 35%	< 40%	< 20% 
<b>OPERATING CONDITIONS</b>			
Operating temperature	Low (500-650°C)	Moderate (900-1050 °C)	High (1250-1600 °C)
Oxygen demand	Low	Moderate	High 
Steam demand	High	Moderate	High 
H <sub>2</sub> /CO in raw gas	1.5-1.7	0.9-1.0	0.5-0.6 
CH <sub>4</sub> reforming	More 	Less	Not required
Water gas shift for methanol	Not required	Low	High 
Ash/Slag	Consistent ash quality	Consistent ash quality	High flux requirement 
Cold gas efficiency	72%	72%	81%
By-product recovery	Yes 	No by-product	No by-product
Fines utilization	Limited to 5% 	No limitation	No limitation
Carbon conversion	Moderate	Moderate	High
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
CAPEX	High 	Low	Medium
OPEX	Low	Low	High 

**FB and FBDB gasifiers are preferred choice for low rank high ash Indian coal**

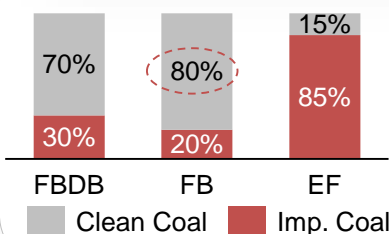
# Tentative techno-economics of gasification based on Indian coals

## Operating Parameters\*

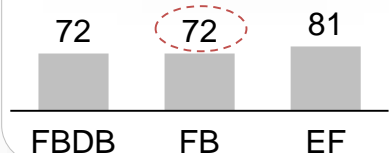
Ash in Coal Blend, %



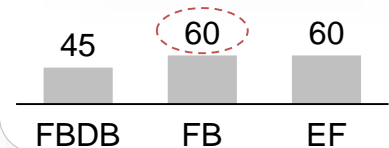
Coal Blend



Cold Gas Efficiency, %

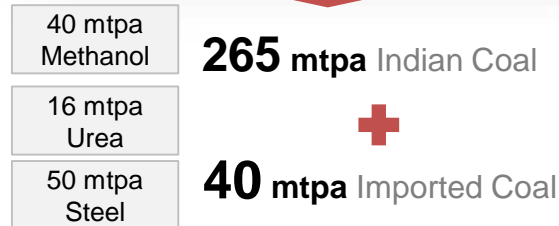
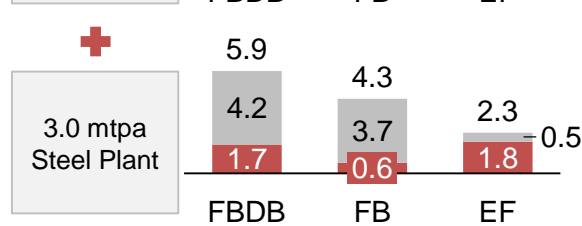
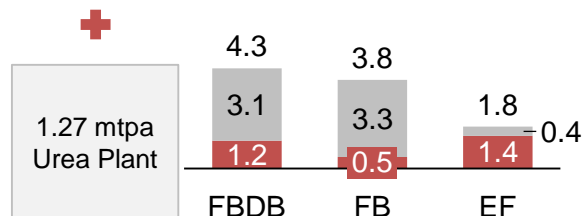
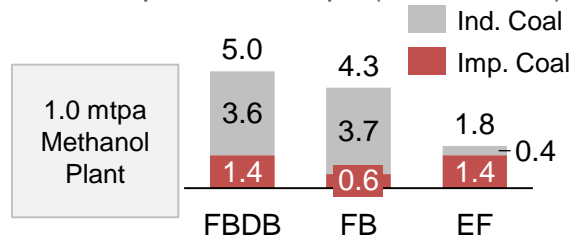


Ind. Coal Washery Yield, %



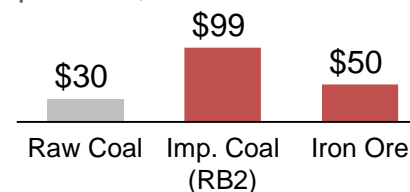
## Coal Consumption Volumes\*

Coal Requirement, mtpa ( as received)

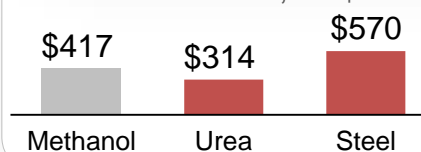


## Cost & Financial Parameters\*

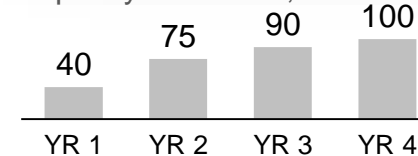
Input Cost, USD/T



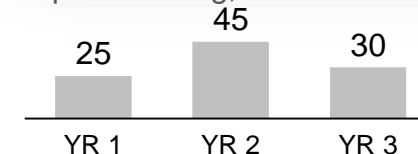
Sales Realization, US\$/T



Capacity Utilization, %



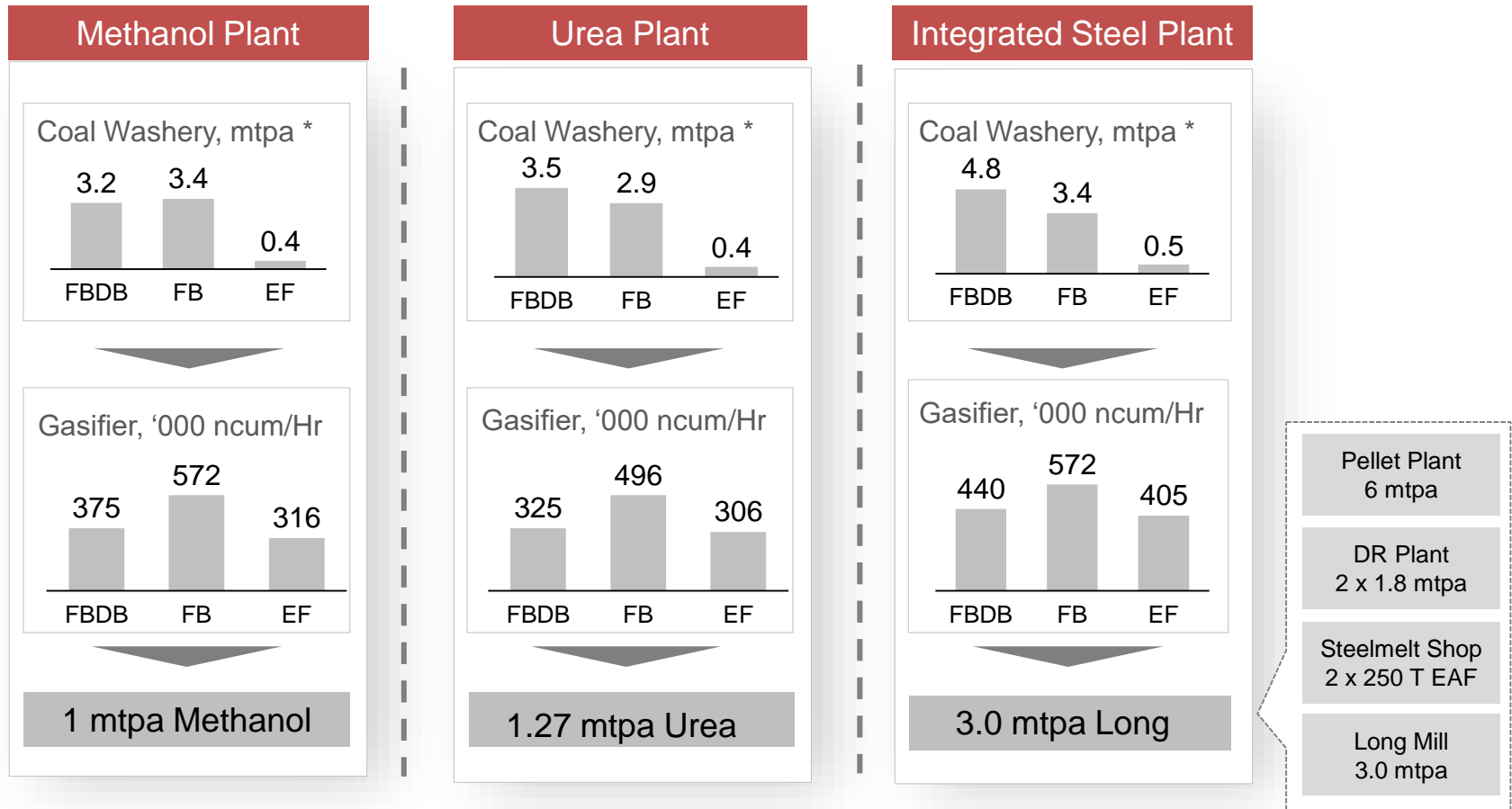
Capex Phasing, %



\* Dastur Research - Database & Econometric Models

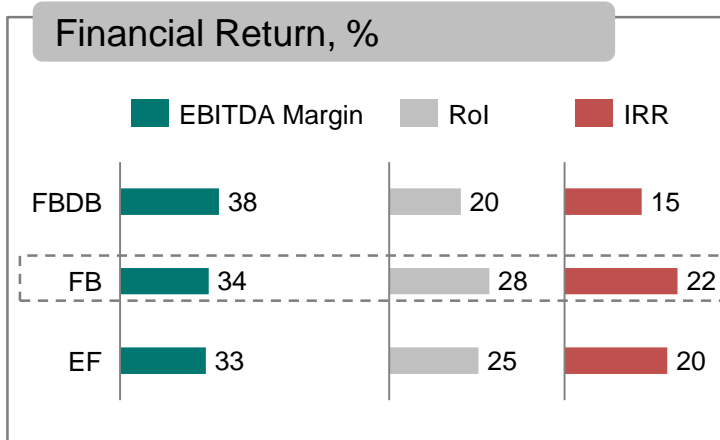
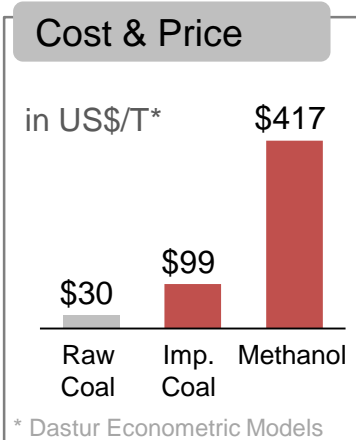
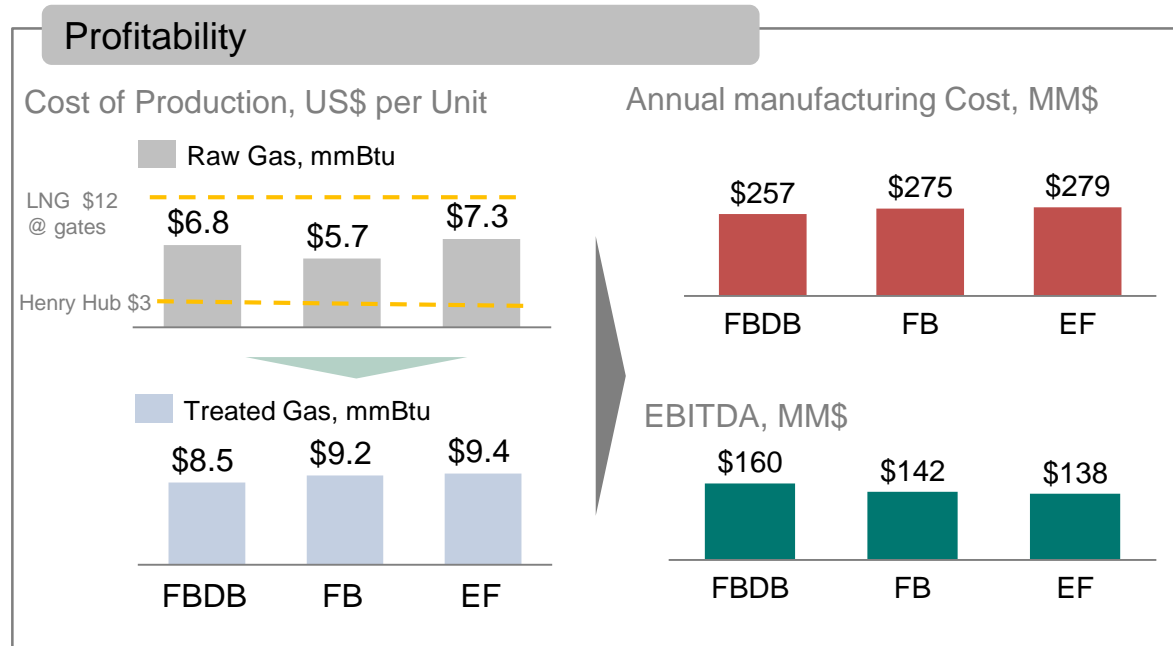
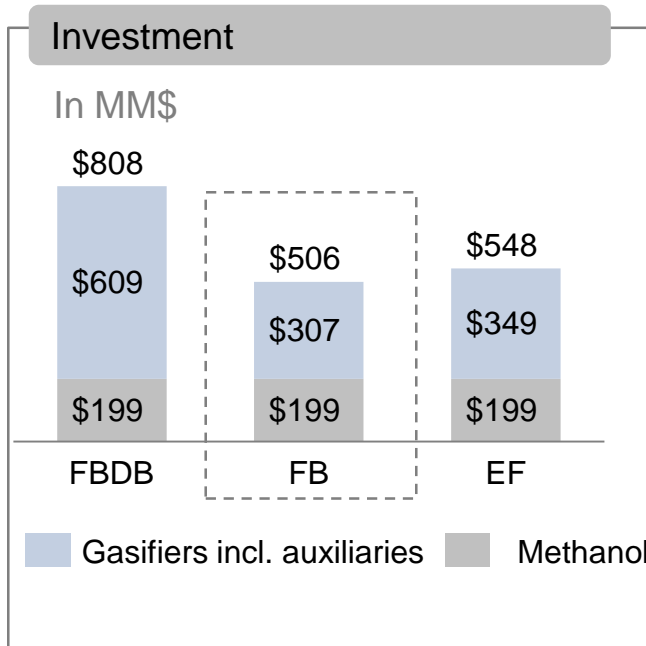
Matching capacity of ASP, Power Plant considered

# Representative configurations methanol, steel and urea plant based on gasification of high ash Indian coals



\* Net & Dry Basis

# Economics of 1.0 mtpa Methanol plant units



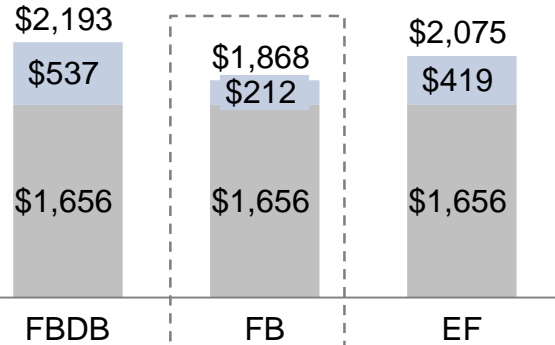
Fluidized Bed Gasifier appears to be an optimal techno-economical solution for methanol production -

- > Abundant coal at reasonable cost
- > High ash acceptability
- > Acceptability of fines
- > Lower Capex

# Economics of 3.0 mtpa Direct Reduced steel plant units

## Investment

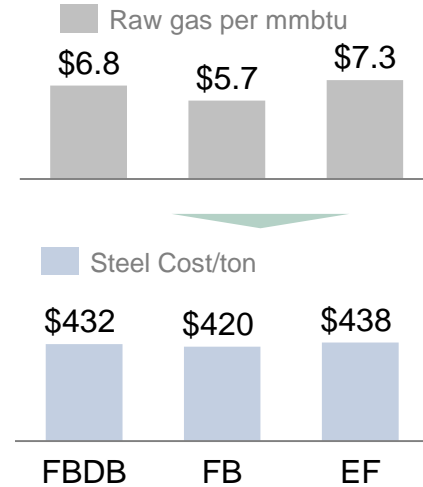
In MM\$



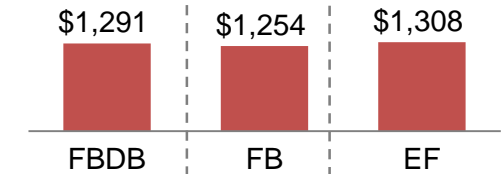
■ Gasifiers incl. auxiliaries  
■ Steel complex

## Profitability

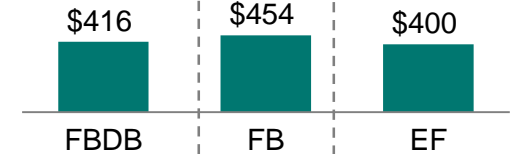
Cost of Production per Unit



Annual manufacturing Cost, MM\$

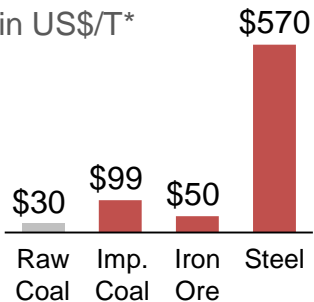


EBITDA, MM\$

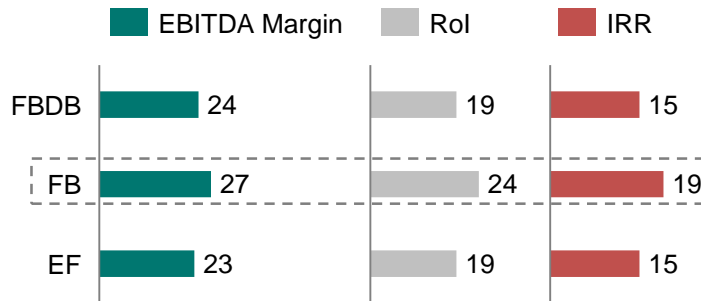


## Cost & Price

in US\$/T\*



## Financial Return, %

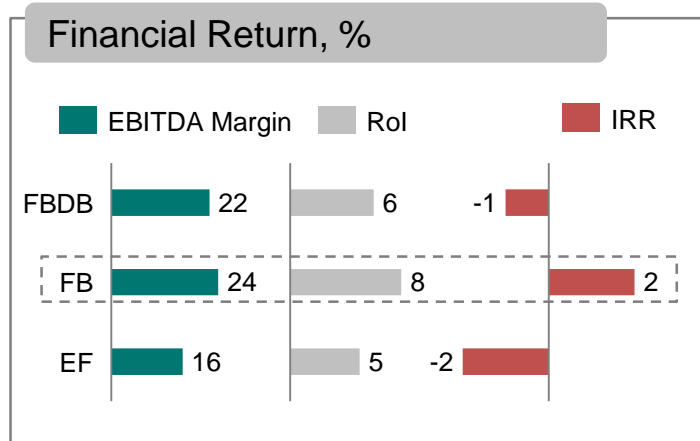
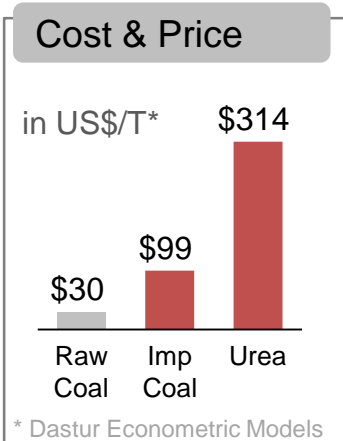
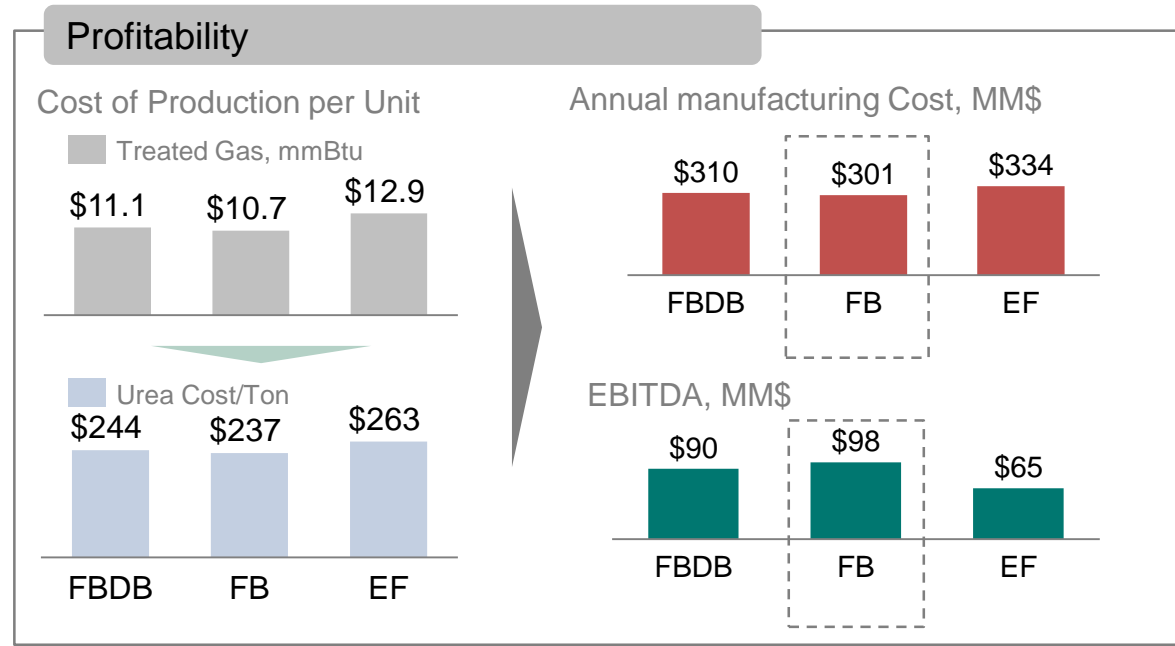
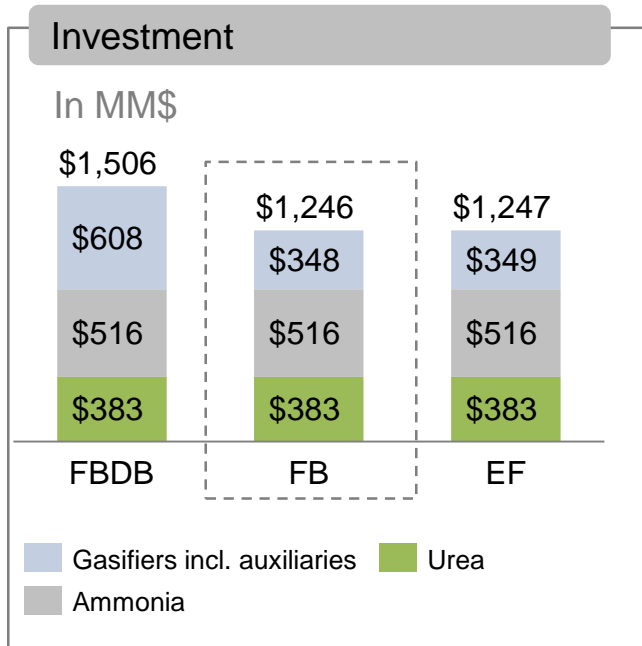


Can compete with BF-BOF route with following benefits

- › Zero dependency on coking coal
- › Usage on high ash Indian coal
- › Lesser carbon emission after capture



# Economics of 1.27 mtpa Ammonia - Urea plant units

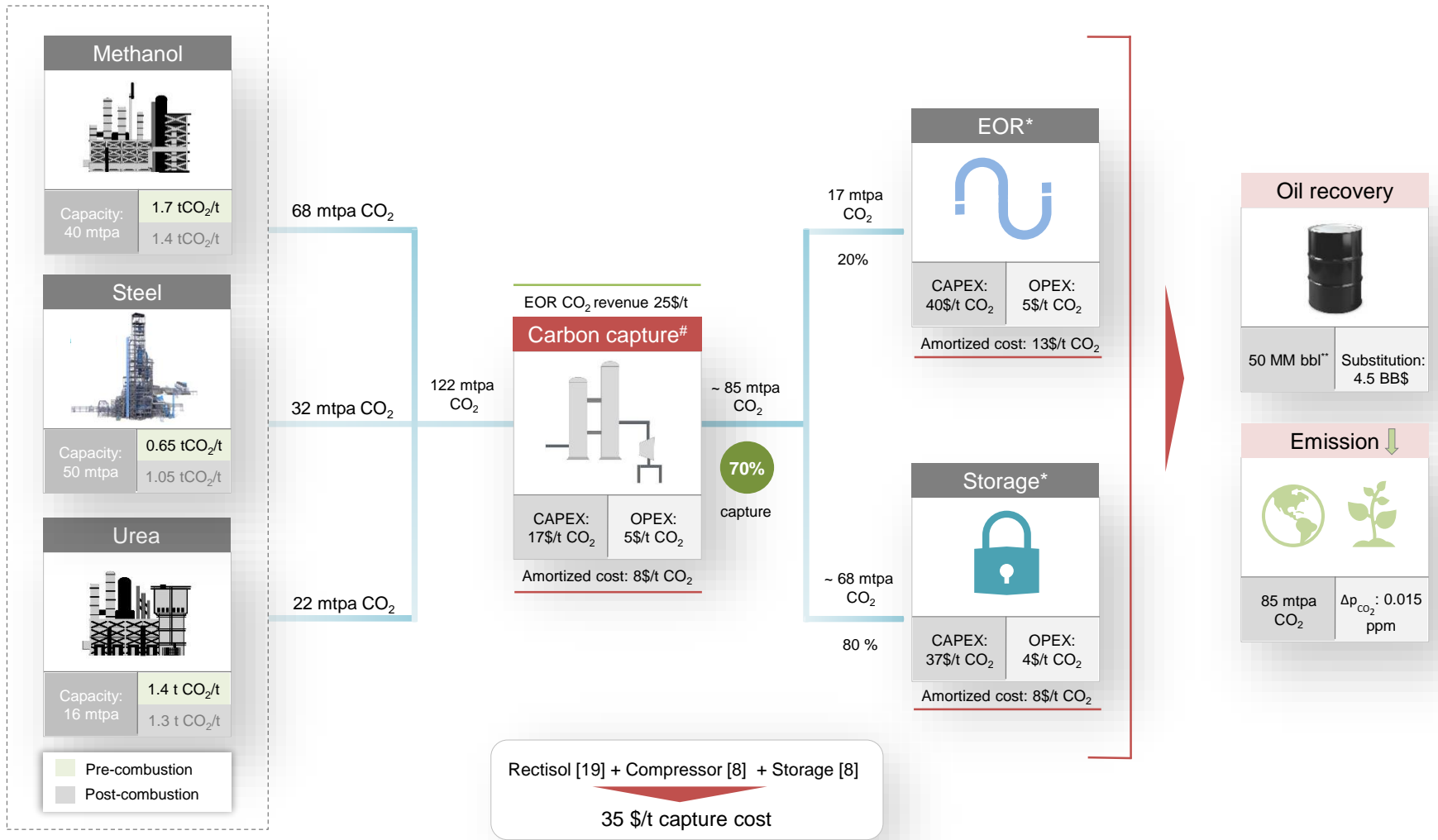


Ammonia/Urea may be more attractive as a part of coal-to-poly plant

Other alternatives are :

- > Opt I: Import Urea on long term contract
- > Opt II: 51% JV with partners to put Urea plant in USA/Middle East

# Pre-combustion carbon capture with EOR and storage can capture over 85 mtpa of CO<sub>2</sub> generated in the clean coal economy

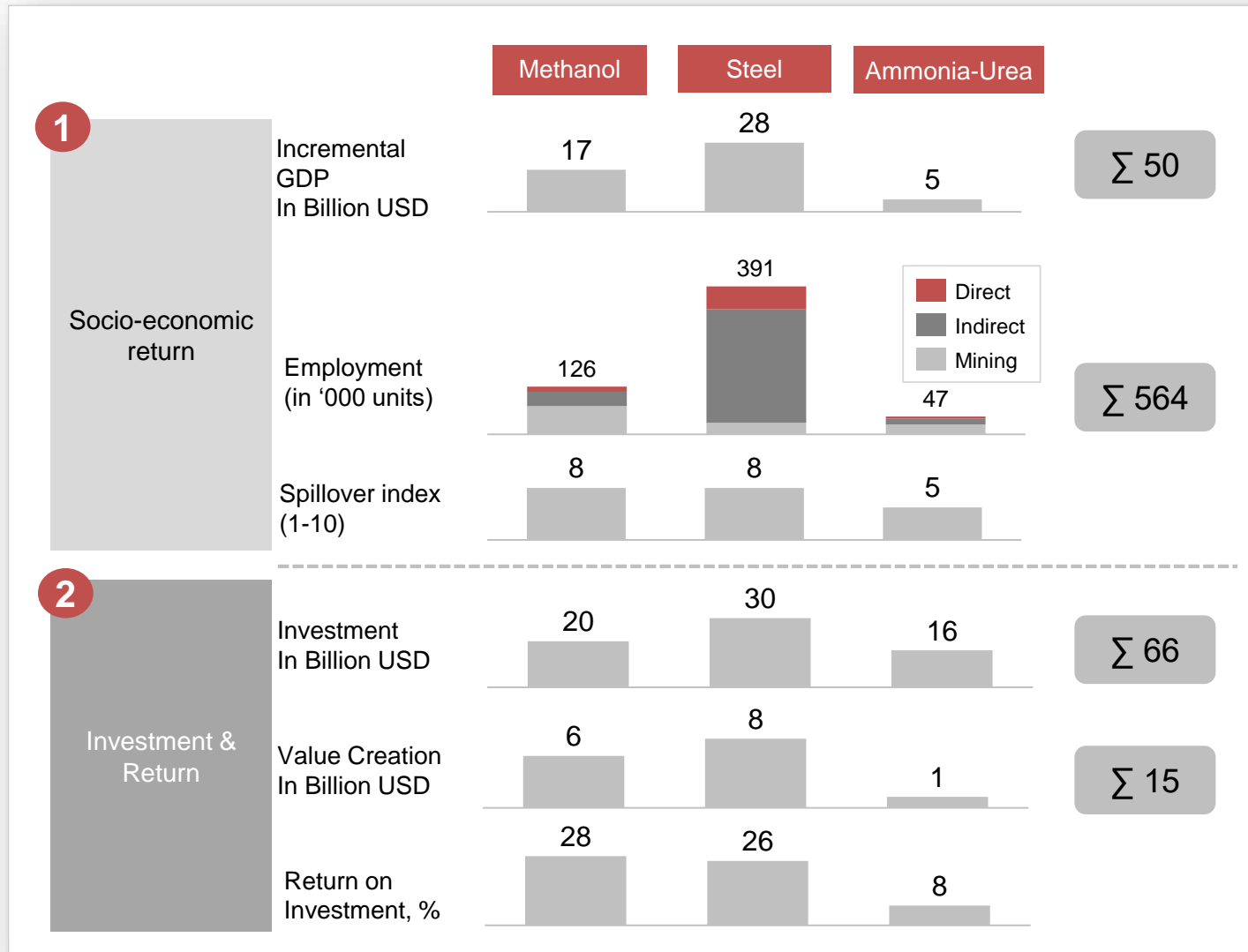


Source: NETL, IPCC, USDOE, Global CCS Institute, Dastur Research

\*per 250 km; transport CAPEX: 30\$/t CO<sub>2</sub> & transport OPEX: 2\$/t CO<sub>2</sub>

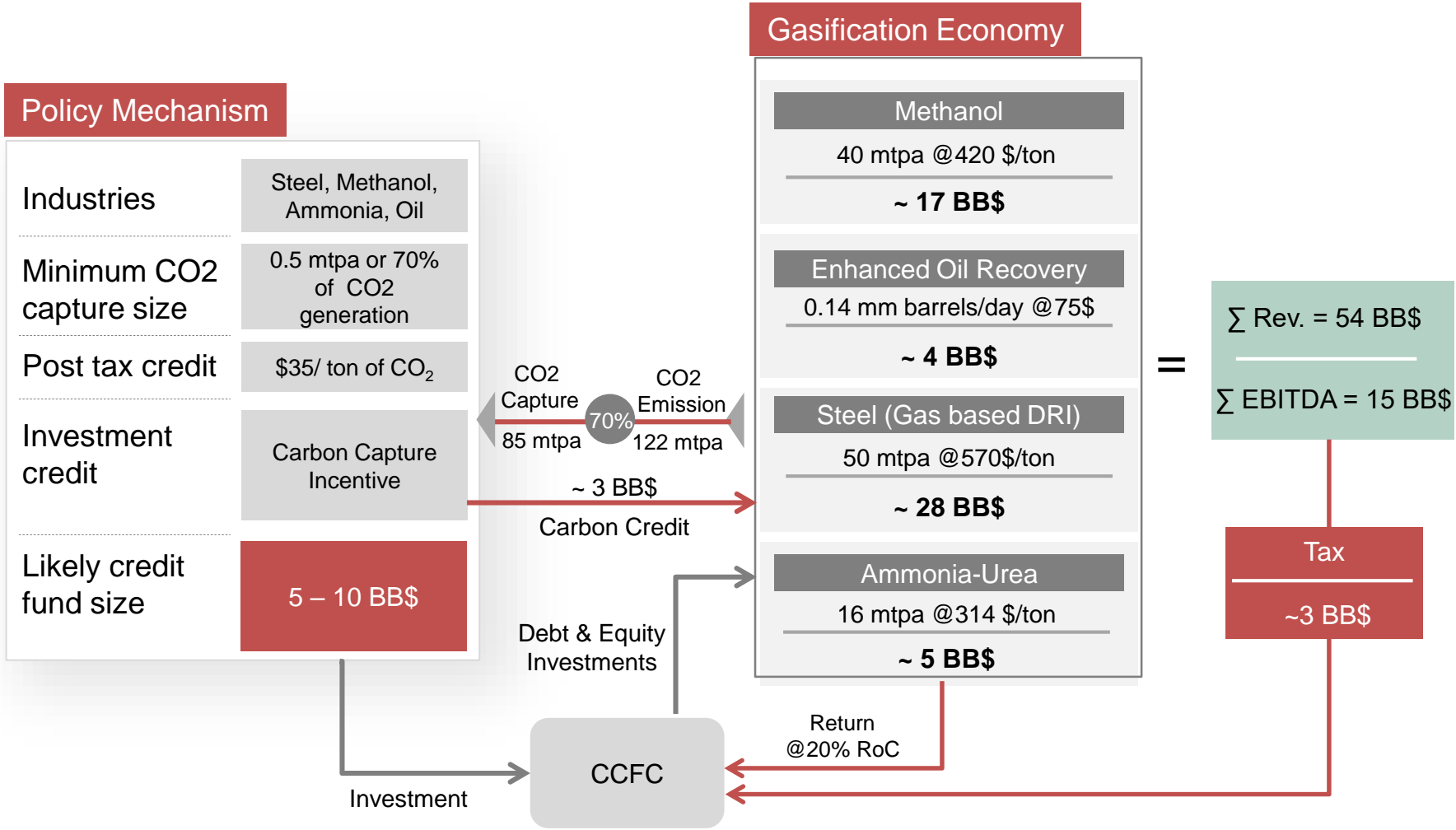
#without Rectisol  
\*\*1 t CO<sub>2</sub> ~ 3.5 bbl

# The socio-economic multipliers for India's gasification economy

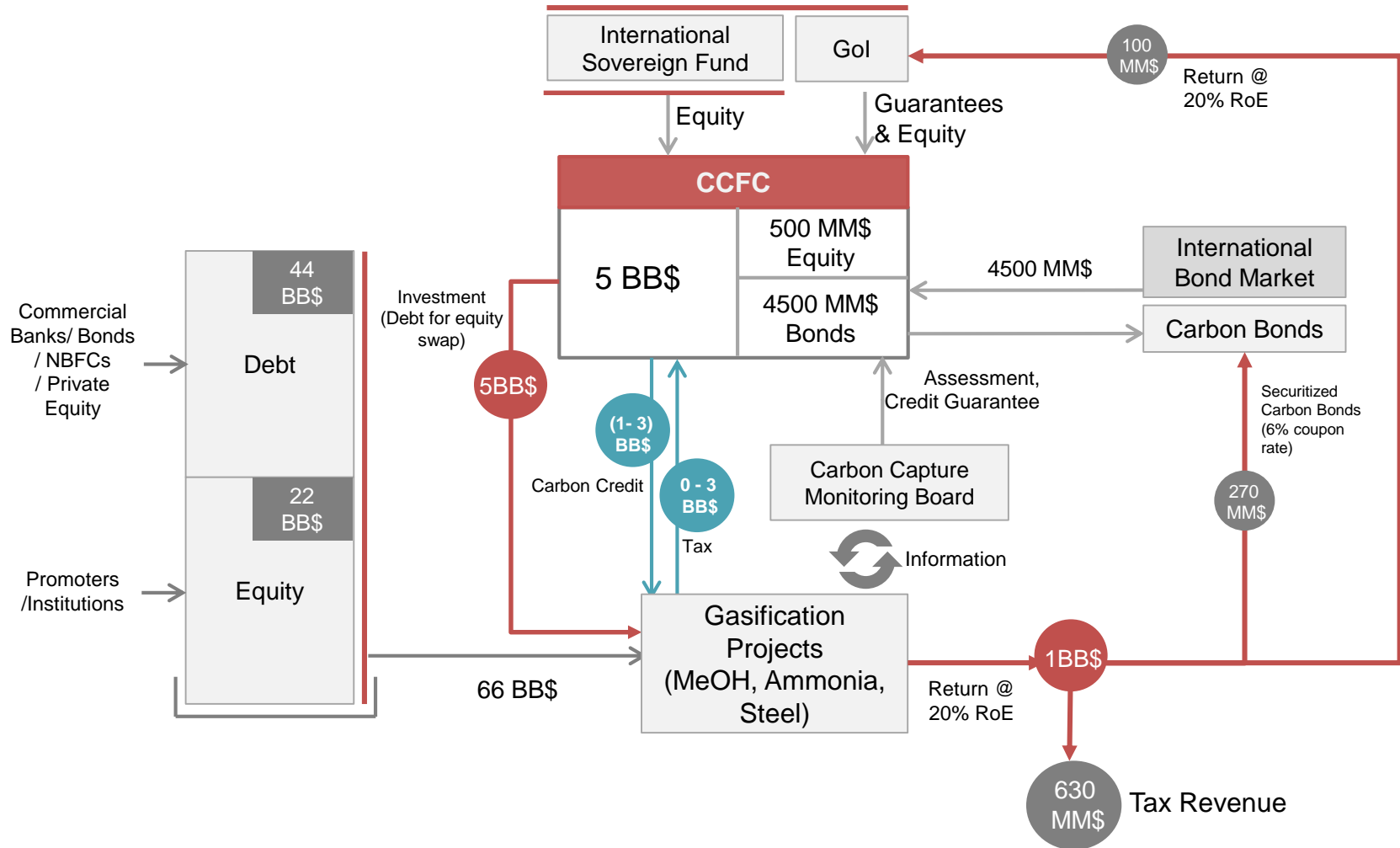


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# Policy mechanism is essential for enabling carbon neutral gasification

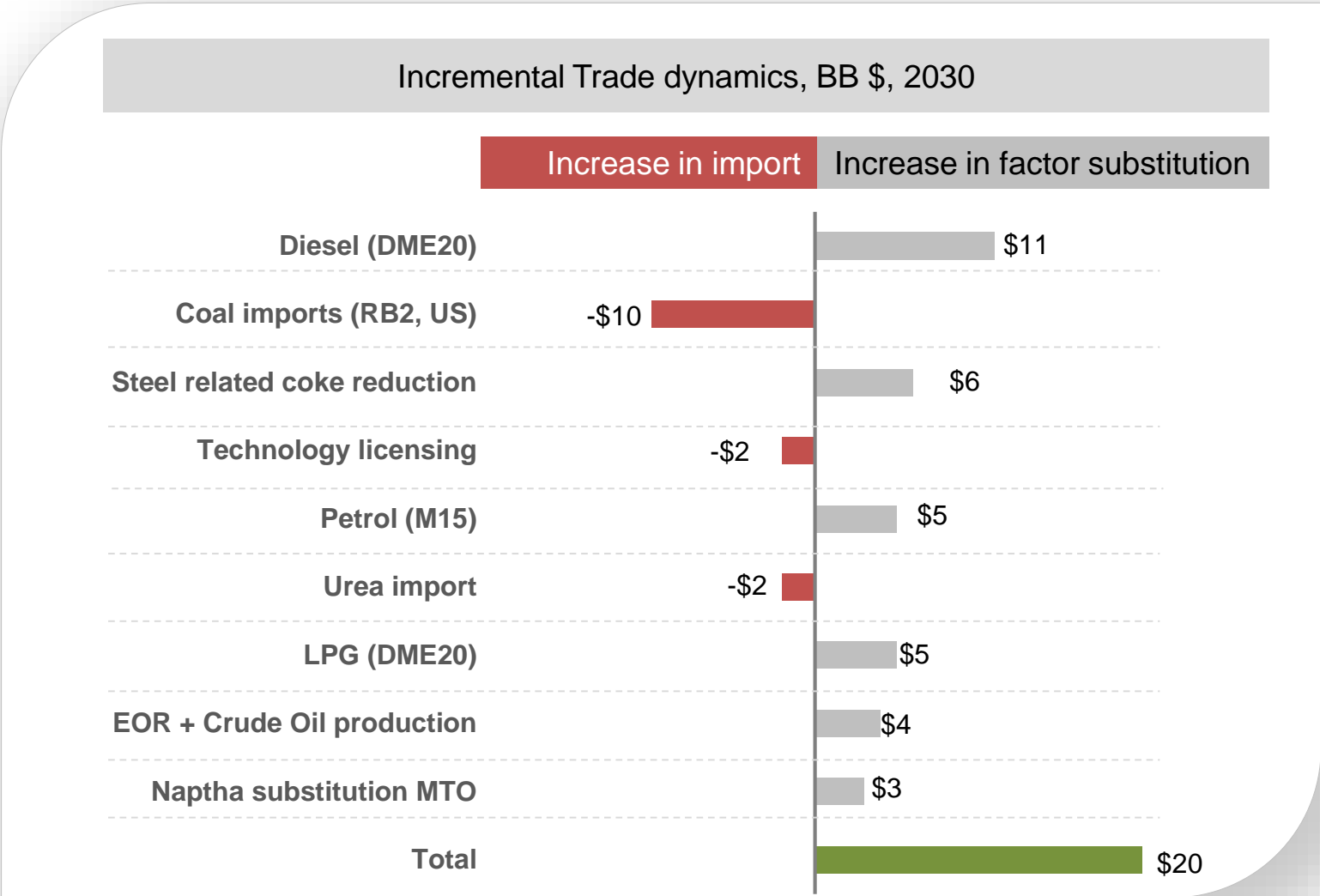


# A Carbon Credit Finance Corporation (CCFC) is a deficit neutral way of financing capture



\* Source : Dastur Finance Models

# Eventually, the gasification economy will change the trade dynamics



Trade and substitution effect through a 'coal gasification + CO<sub>2</sub> EOR' framework creates a diversified, secure and win-win energy potfolio

# Conclusions

- ▶ A coal gasification based Indian economy with pre-combustion CCUS can enable a viable industrial ecosystem of methanol, steel and ammonia :
  - › Direct contribution of 50+ BB\$ to the economy
  - › Extended macro-economic multiplier impacts on the GDP
  - › Abatement of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by close to 100 mtpa
  
- ▶ Prerequisites for a techno-economically viable gasification economy:
  - › Bring “technology to coal NOT coal to technology” : FB & FBDB yield positive techno-economic outcomes, with the FB gasifiers yielding the best outcomes on Indian coals with the right blend
  - › Adoption of technology push policy instruments for viability of CCUS
  - › Introduction of innovative carbon capture credit mechanism & carbon credit financing model to support policy options



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# Gasification: High ash-coal can be gasified at a competitive production cost of \$6/mmbtu

