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### China's Progress in VAM Utilization & Emission Reduction

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# 1. VAM utilization and emission reduction policy in China

- *Development and Utilization Plan for Coalbed Methane (Coal Mine Methane) during the 13<sup>th</sup> Five-Year Plan:* to promote the utilization of VAM, develop zero-emission demonstration projects, and establish a low-carbon circular development model.
  - Encourage the safe utilization, cascaded utilization, and large-scale utilization of coal mine methane by means of household use, CNG, LNG, concentration, power generation, oxidation of VAM, etc..
  - Develop key equipment for intelligent rapid drilling in underground coal mines, distributed utilization of low concentration gas, safe and efficient utilization of ultra-low concentration gas and VAM, and form a technical and equipment system for coal mine methane extraction and utilization.

# 1. VAM utilization and emission reduction policy in China

- The Ministry of Ecology and Environment(MEE), the National Development and Reform Commission(NDRC), and the National Energy Administration(NEA) jointly issued the *Notice on Further Strengthening the Management of Environmental Impact Assessment for Coal Resource Development*, encouraging the exploration of comprehensive utilization for gas extracted from coal mines with methane concentration ranging from 2% (inclusive) to 8%, as well as VAM.
- NDRC, NEA and other four departments jointly revised and issued the *Special Management Measures for Central Budget Investment in Coal Mine Safety Transformation*, optimizing the focus of funding and encouraging the increase in comprehensive utilization of coal mine methane.

# 1. VAM utilization and emission reduction policy in China

- Organize the application and selection of demonstration projects for the efficient extraction and utilization of coal mine gas and the exploration and development of coalbed methane, fully leveraging the role of technical demonstration in leading and driving, and improving the multiple benefits of resource, safety, and ecology of coalbed methane (coal mine methane) extraction and utilization. The first group of demonstration projects all involves VAM utilization, including:
  - Shaanxi Hancheng Wangfeng Coal Mine's cascade efficient utilization demonstration project has a utilization rate of 20% for VAM.
  - China Coal Group's Shanxi Daning Coal Mine has a high-efficiency utilization demonstration project for low concentration gas, with a utilization rate of 10% for VAM.

# 1. VAM utilization and emission reduction policy in China

- Led by CCII, the Methodology for Voluntary Emission Reduction of Coal Mine Methane is being developed to support the methane emission reduction in coal sector. The Methodology is going to be issued in 2024.



**Kick-off Meeting for  
Methodology Preparation**

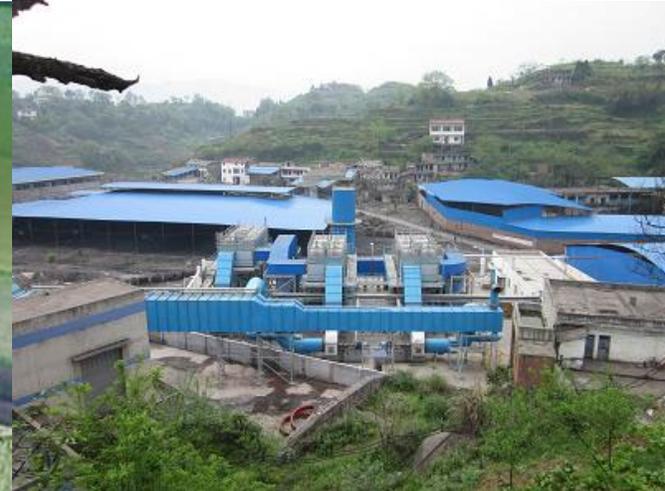
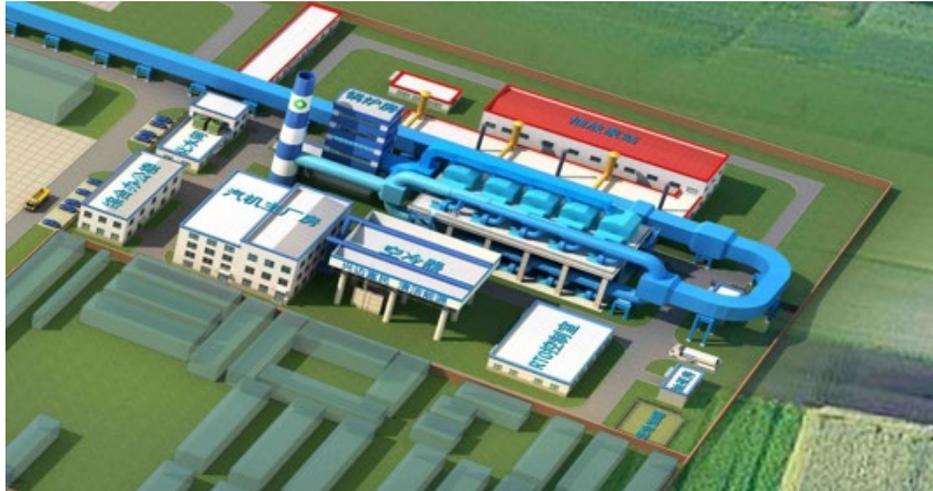


**Attending the workshops on voluntary emission reduction  
methodology for coal mine methane**

## 2. VAM utilization technology in China

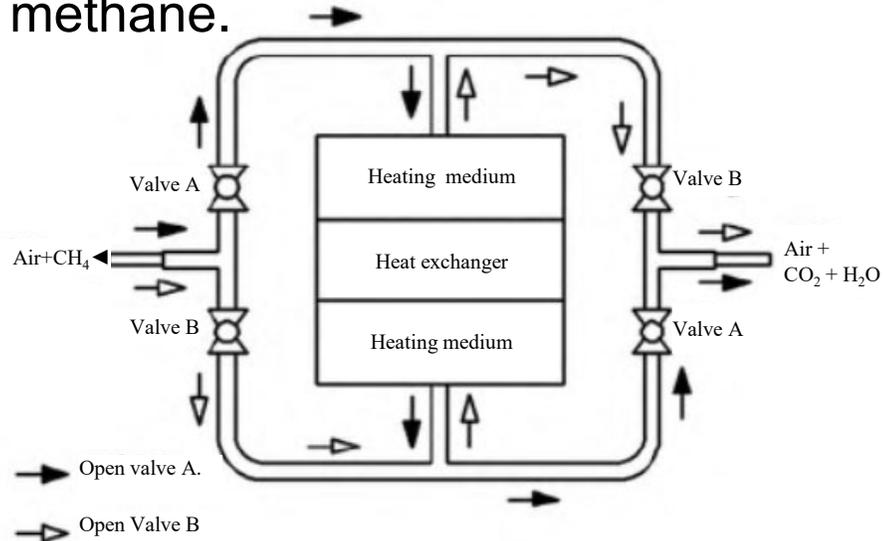
### VAM utilization technology

- Thermal oxidation
- Catalytic oxidation
- Boiler or gas engine auxiliary fuel



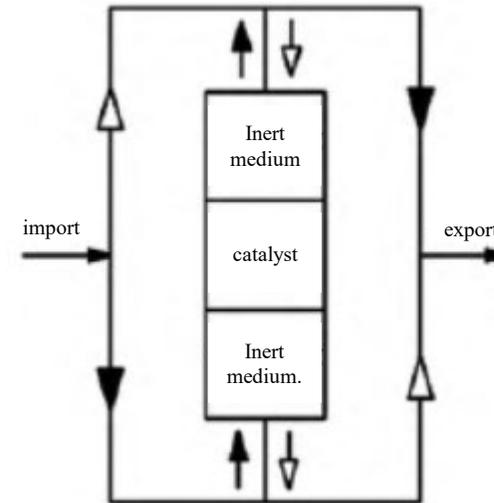
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Thermal oxidation: The high outlet flue gas temperature can be utilized for power generation and heating, mainly by mixing with coal mine methane.



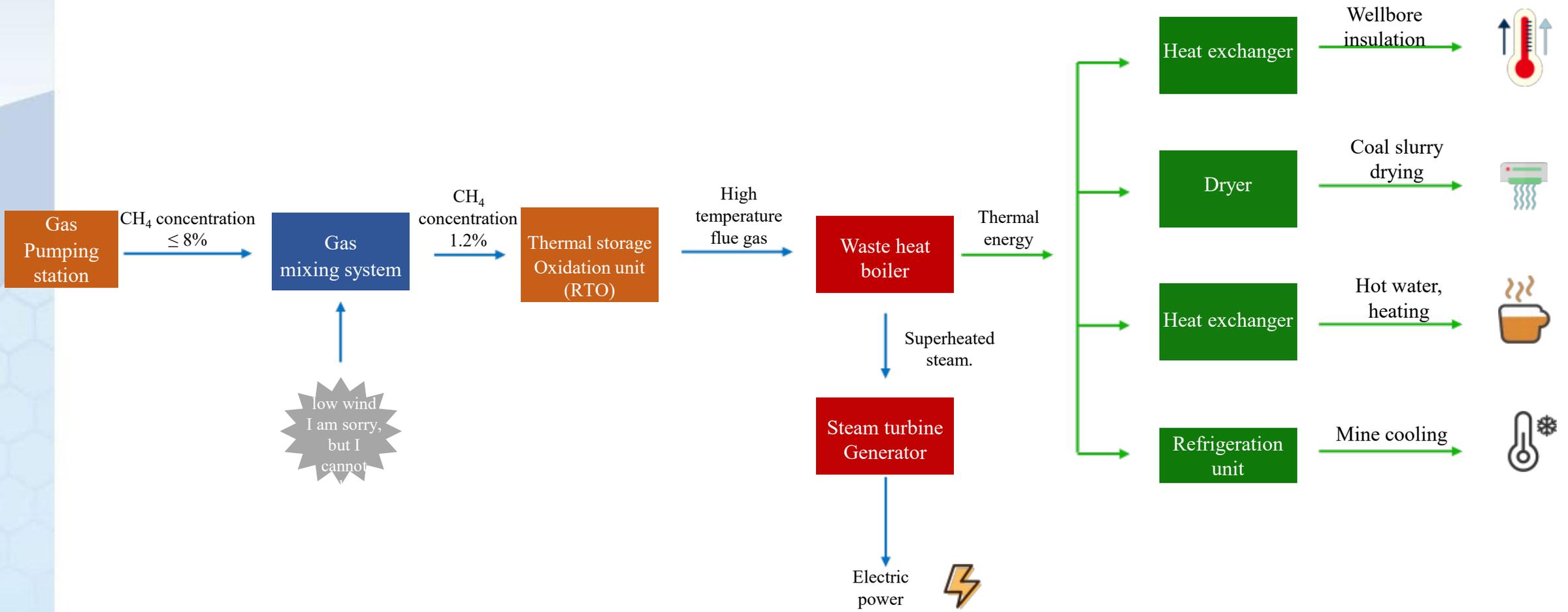
Thermal Flow Reversal  
Reactor

Catalytic oxidation: The outlet flue gas temperature is low, which can be used for heating. It is mainly used for the destruction of VAM and has great market potential.



Catalytic Flow Reversal  
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VAM and ultra-low low concentration coal mine methane utilization and emission reduction technology roadmap

### 3. VAM demonstration projects in China

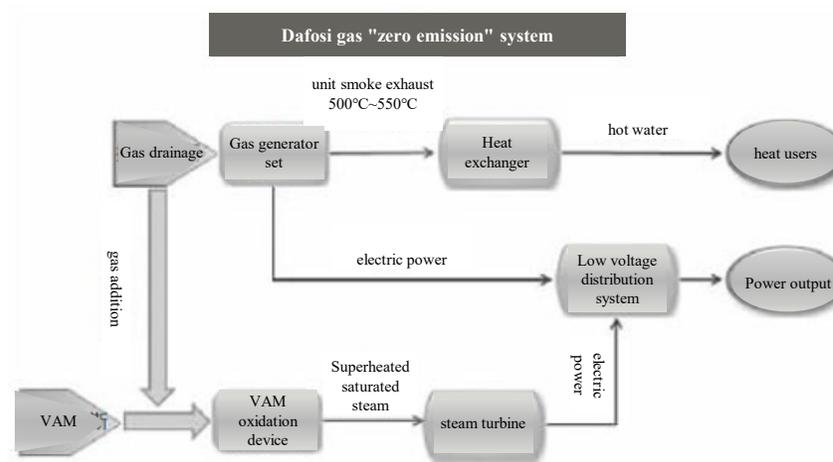
- Demonstration project for 30MW VAM oxidation power generation at Gaohe Coal Mine, Lu'an Group



Annual utilization volume of VAM: **92 million m<sup>3</sup>**, with power generation of 240 million kWh per year

### 3. VAM demonstration projects in China

- "Zero Emissions" Demonstration Project in Dafosi Coal Mine



Annual utilization volume of gas : **1.129 billion m<sup>3</sup>**

### 3. VAM demonstration projects in China

- CMM efficient utilization project for a full range of methane concentration in Dingji Coal Mine.
- Achieve comprehensive utilization of extracted gas by adopting low concentration gas generation, and heating and power generation system adopting RTO technology



Power generator for low concentration CMM (around 20%)



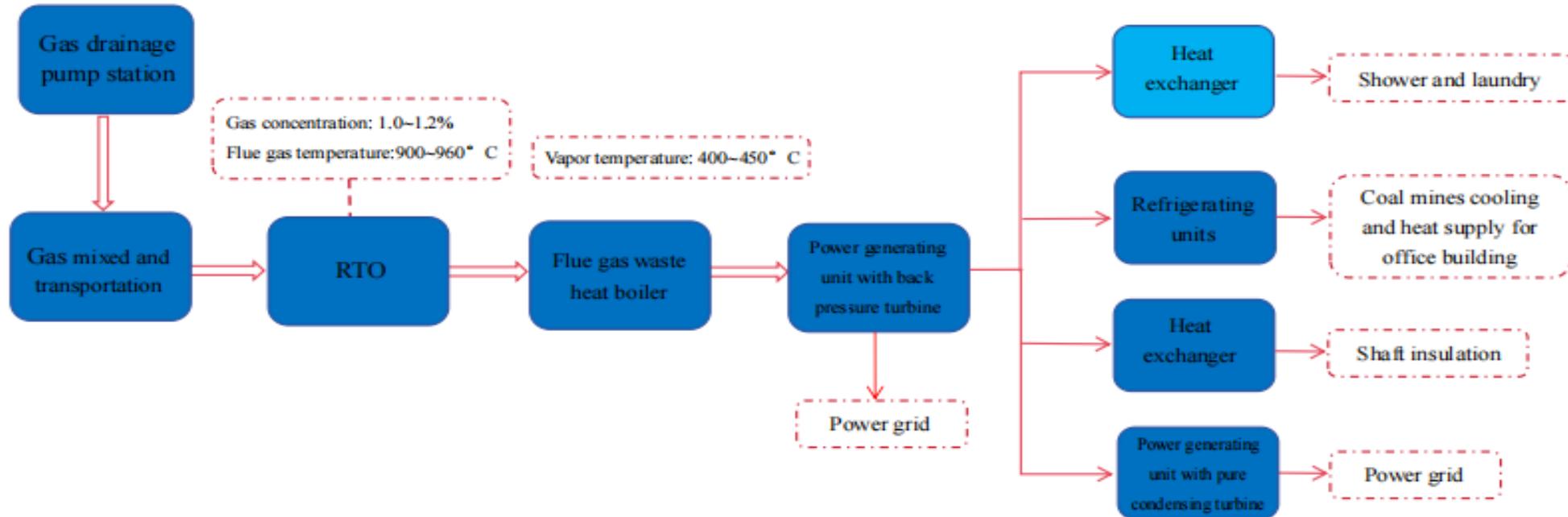
Coal slurry drying set powered by catalytic oxidation system for coal mine gas with methane concentration around 1% to 1.2%.



Heating and power generation system adopting RTO technology for ultra-low concentration coal mine gas(1% to 1.2%).



### 3. VAM demonstration projects in China



Ultra-low low concentration coal mine gas oxidation technology road map in Dingji Coal Mine.

- The utilization rate of extracted gas from the coal mine reaches 100%, with an annual utilization of 30 million m<sup>3</sup> of purified methane.
- It provides an annual heating supply of 233,600 GJ and generates 28 million kWh of electricity, equivalent to saving 42,000 tons of standard coal.

## 4. CCII's effort on VAM emission reduction and utilization

- Focus on source control: conducting basic research and engineering practice on coal mine methane extraction and utilization through underground and surface integrated approaches.



Coalbed methane (gas) content testing mobile laboratory (independent research and development)



gravimetric adsorption instrument



Fluid-structure interaction analysis and imaging system

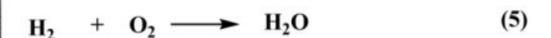
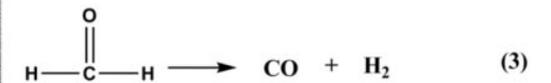
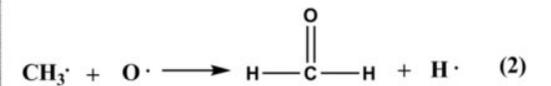
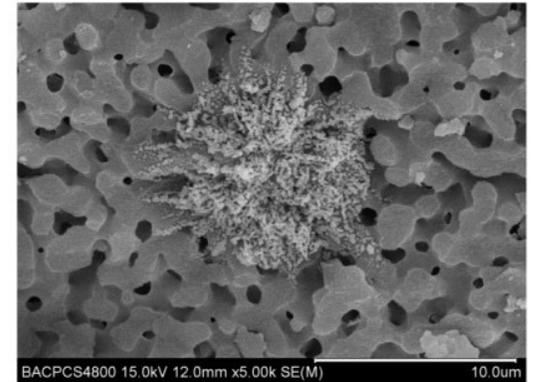
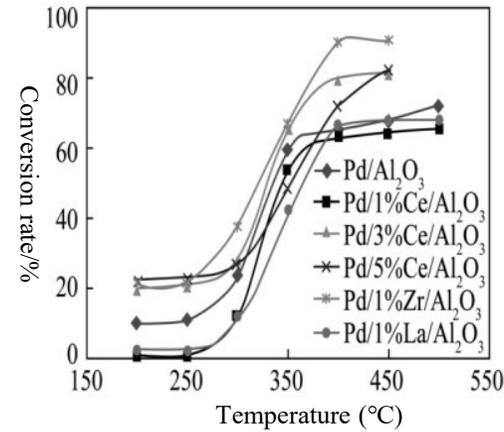
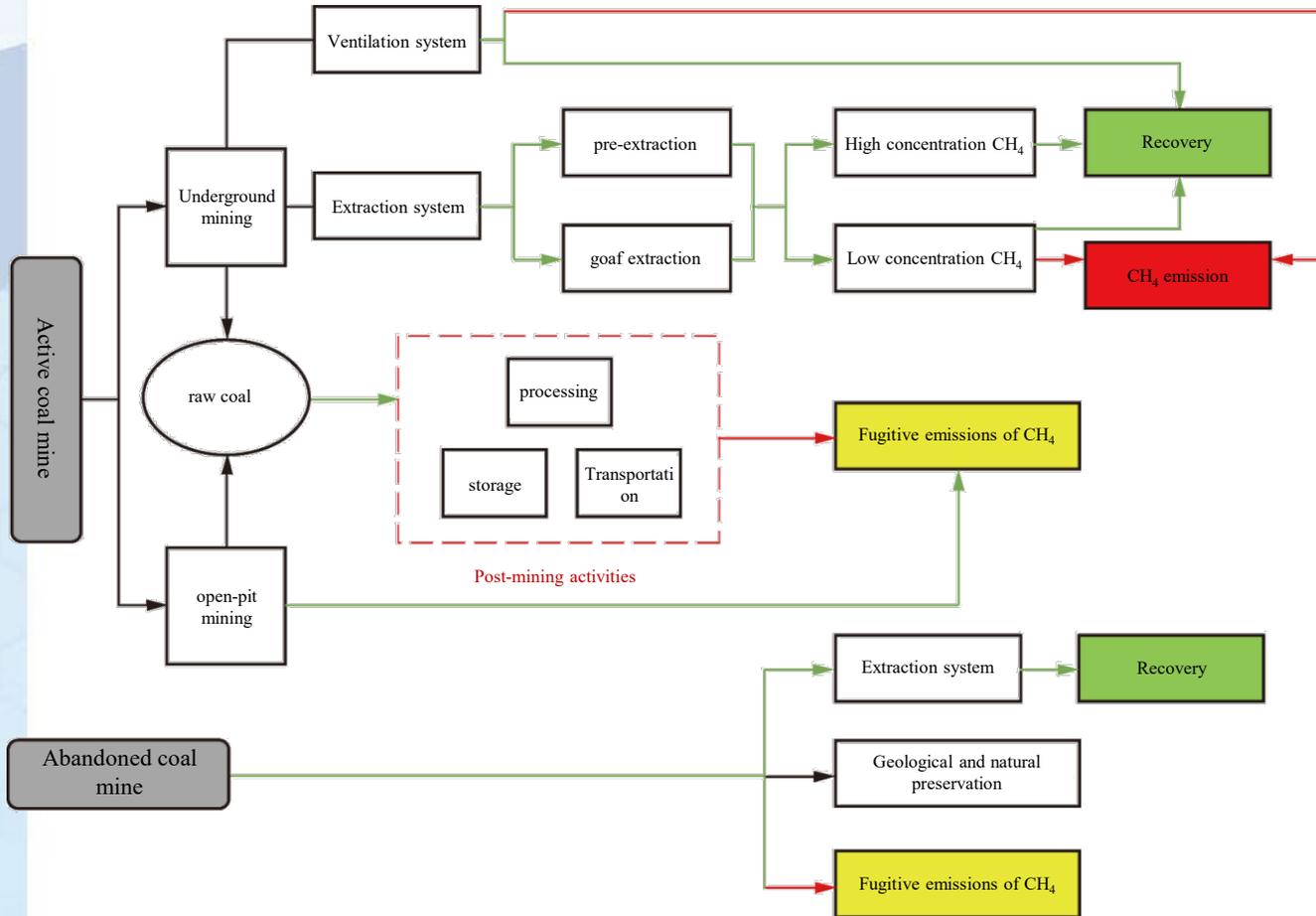


Multi-layered stacked gas reservoir joint development simulator



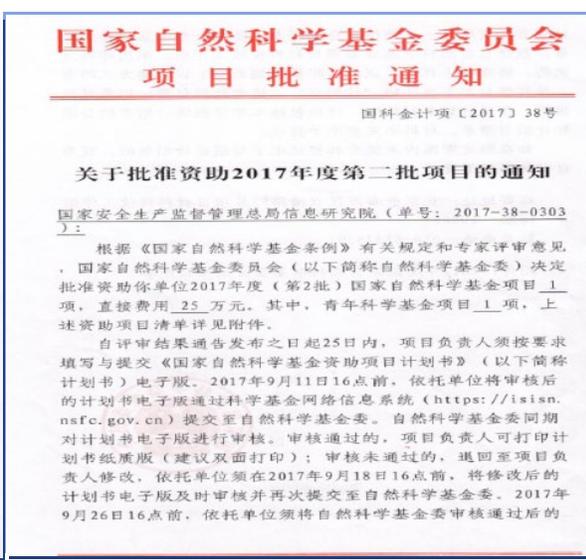
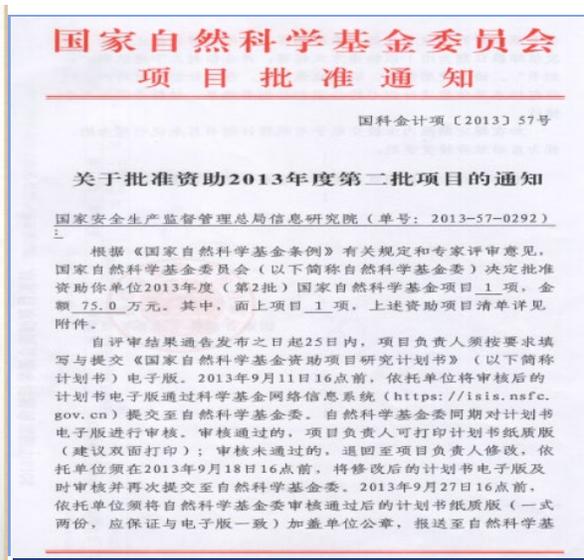
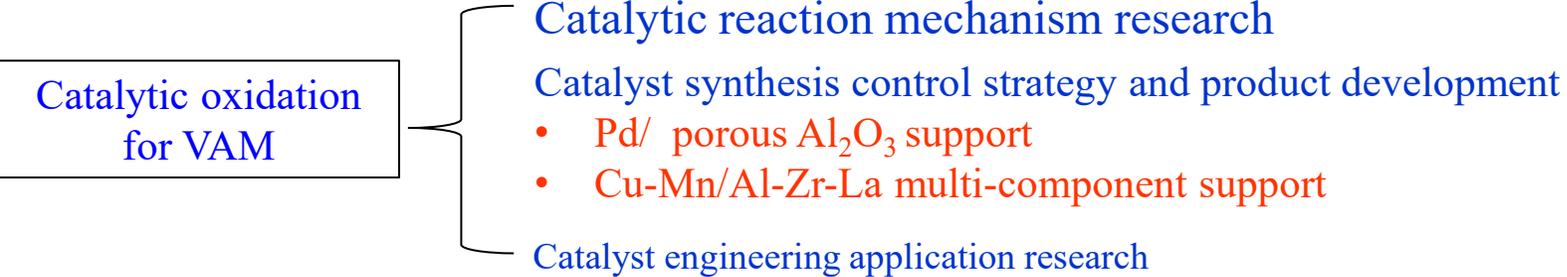
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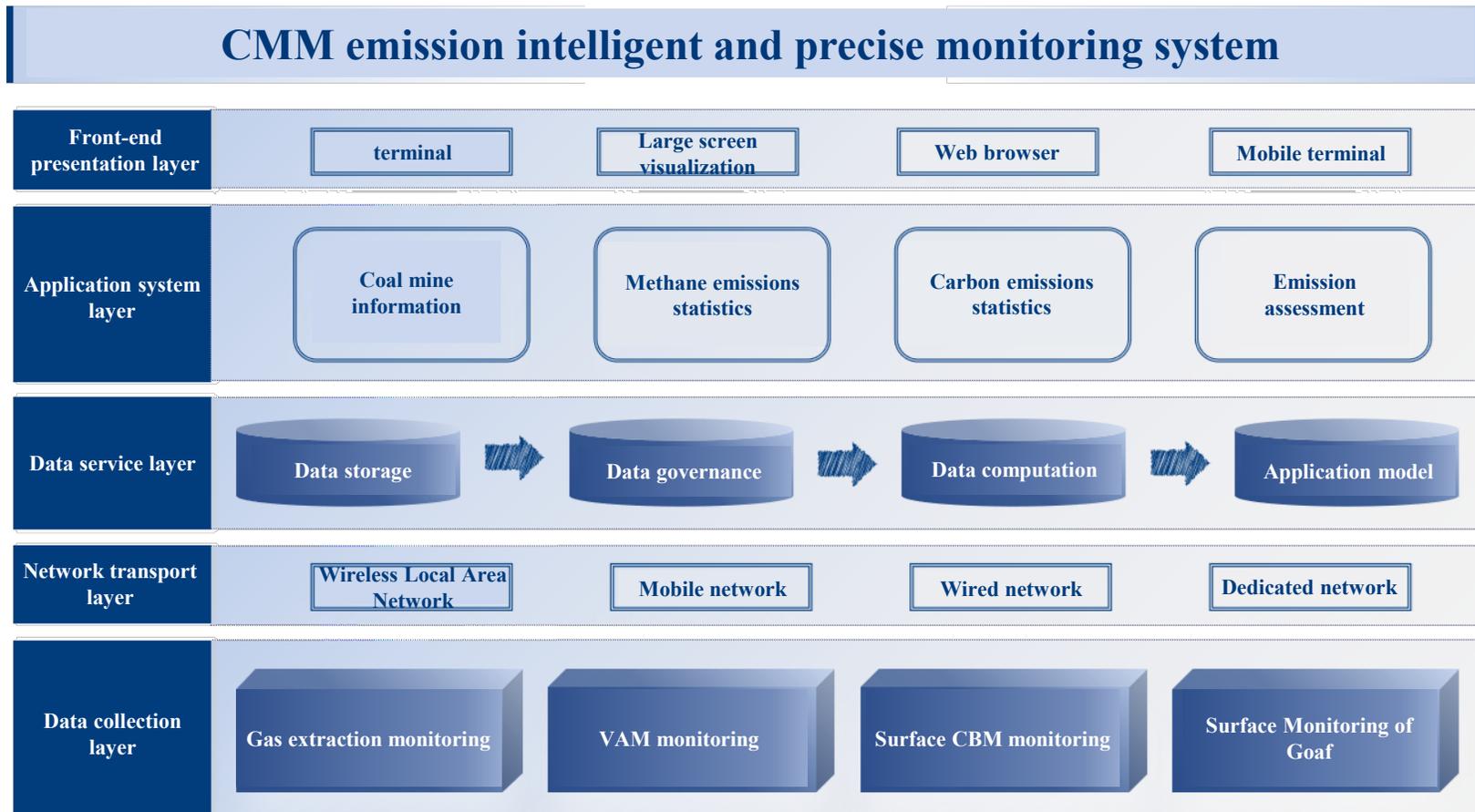
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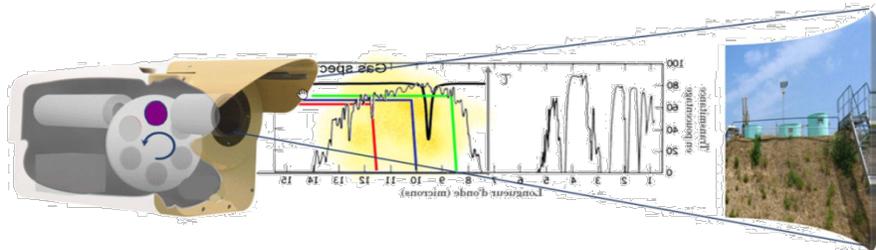
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visible light imaging



Gas cloud IR imaging

## Surface leakage monitoring

Utilizing unique infrared spectroscopic imaging technology  
Capture visible light image and infrared image of methane gas.

By capturing thermal radiation images of methane and performing inversion of concentration, gas concentration spectrum analysis can be achieved.

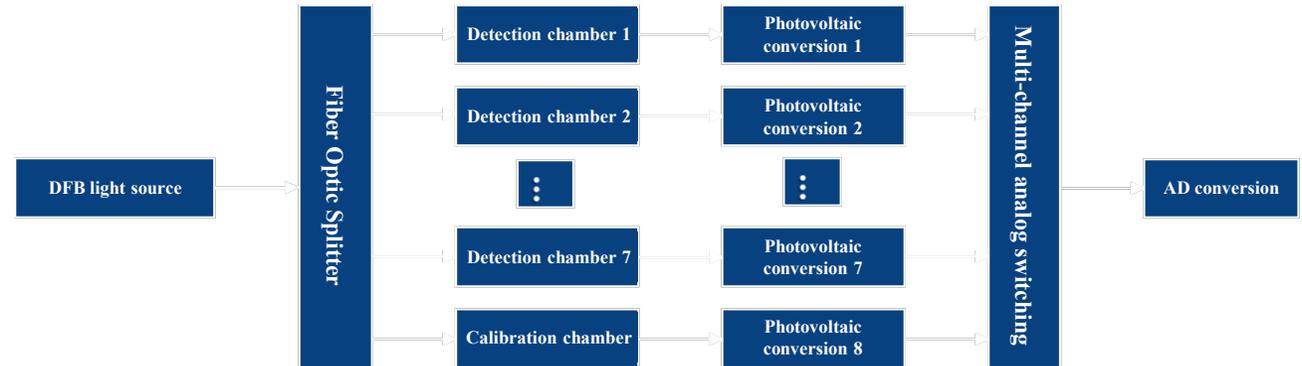
The dedicated image sensor detects changes in light intensity to form images of leakage clouds and changes in image intensity.

Gas cloud IR video monitoring and early warning system

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### Distributed matrix-type flow field VAM precise monitoring system



Ø Methane measurement range: (0.00 ~ 10.0)%CH<sub>4</sub>;

Ø Error in methane monitoring:

When the concentration of CH<sub>4</sub> is between 0.00% and 1.00%, the uncertainty is ±0.06% CH<sub>4</sub>.

When the CH<sub>4</sub> concentration is (1.00% ~ 10.0)%, the true value is within ±6%.

Ø Working mode: The probe operates in a passive mode and is connected via fiber.

Ø Communication interface: The device is equipped with a methane emission measurement monitoring system or a third-party monitoring system platform.

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