

# NETL Studies on the Economic Feasibility of CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Retrofits for the U.S. Power Plant Fleet

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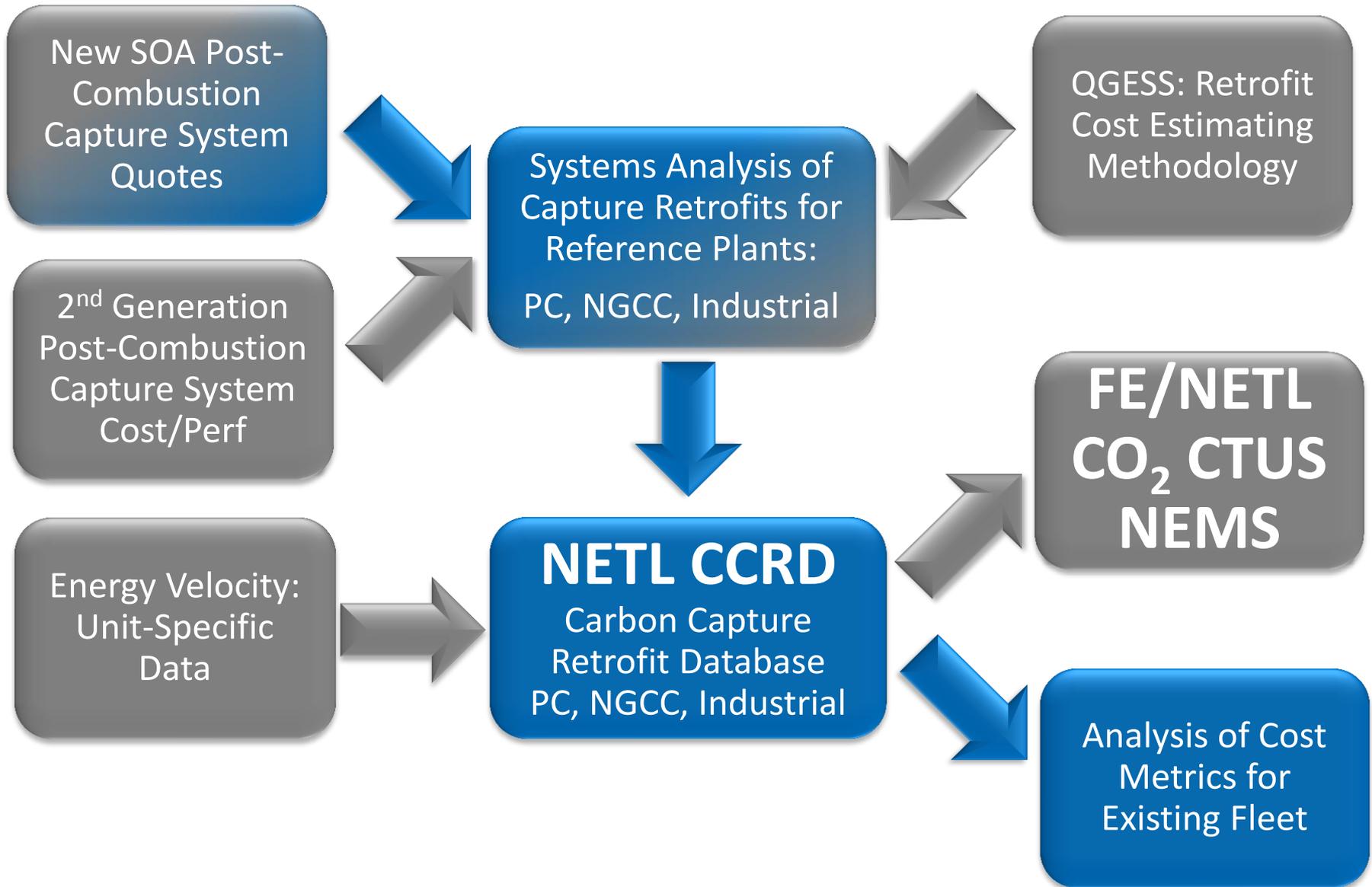
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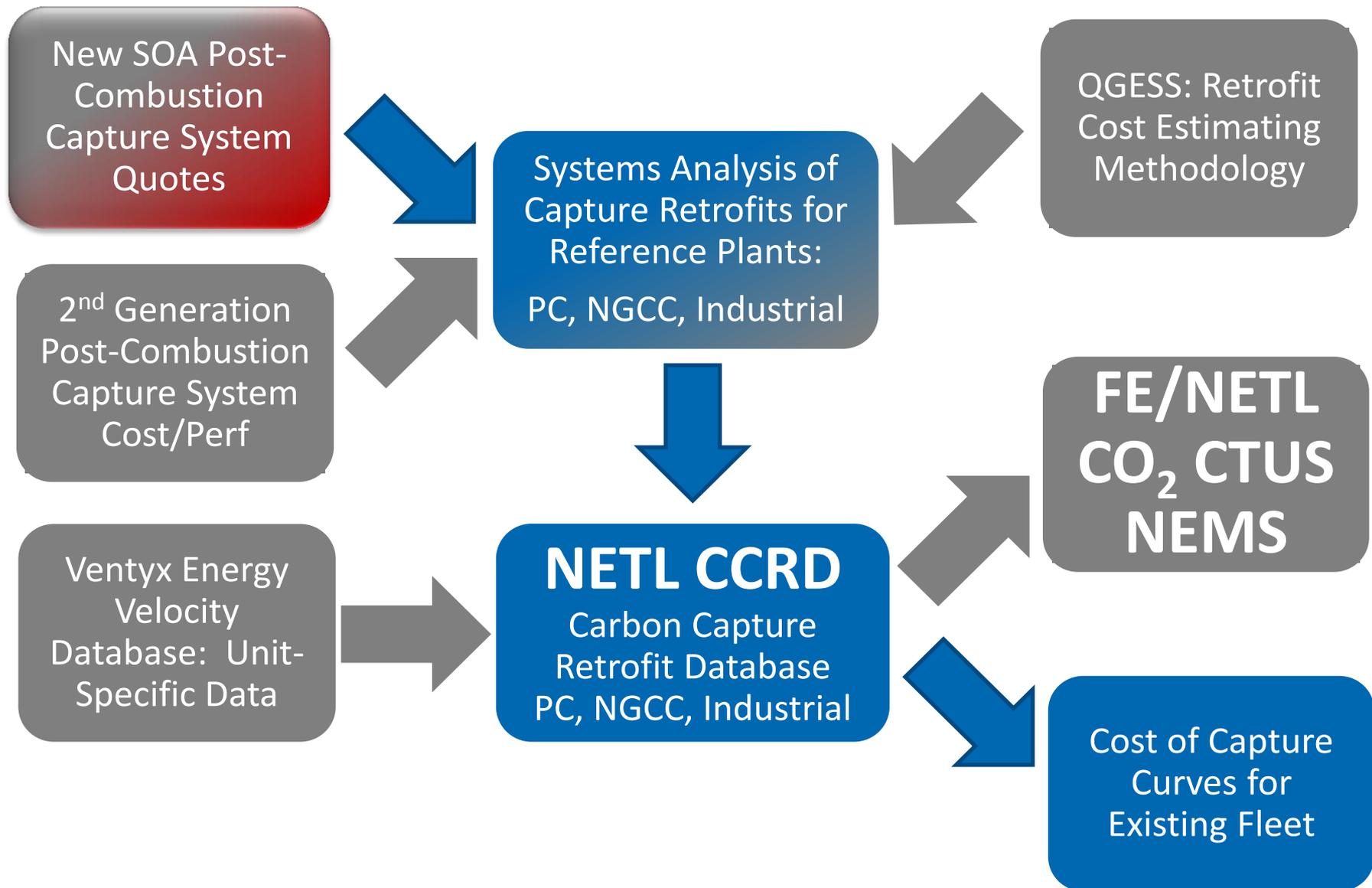
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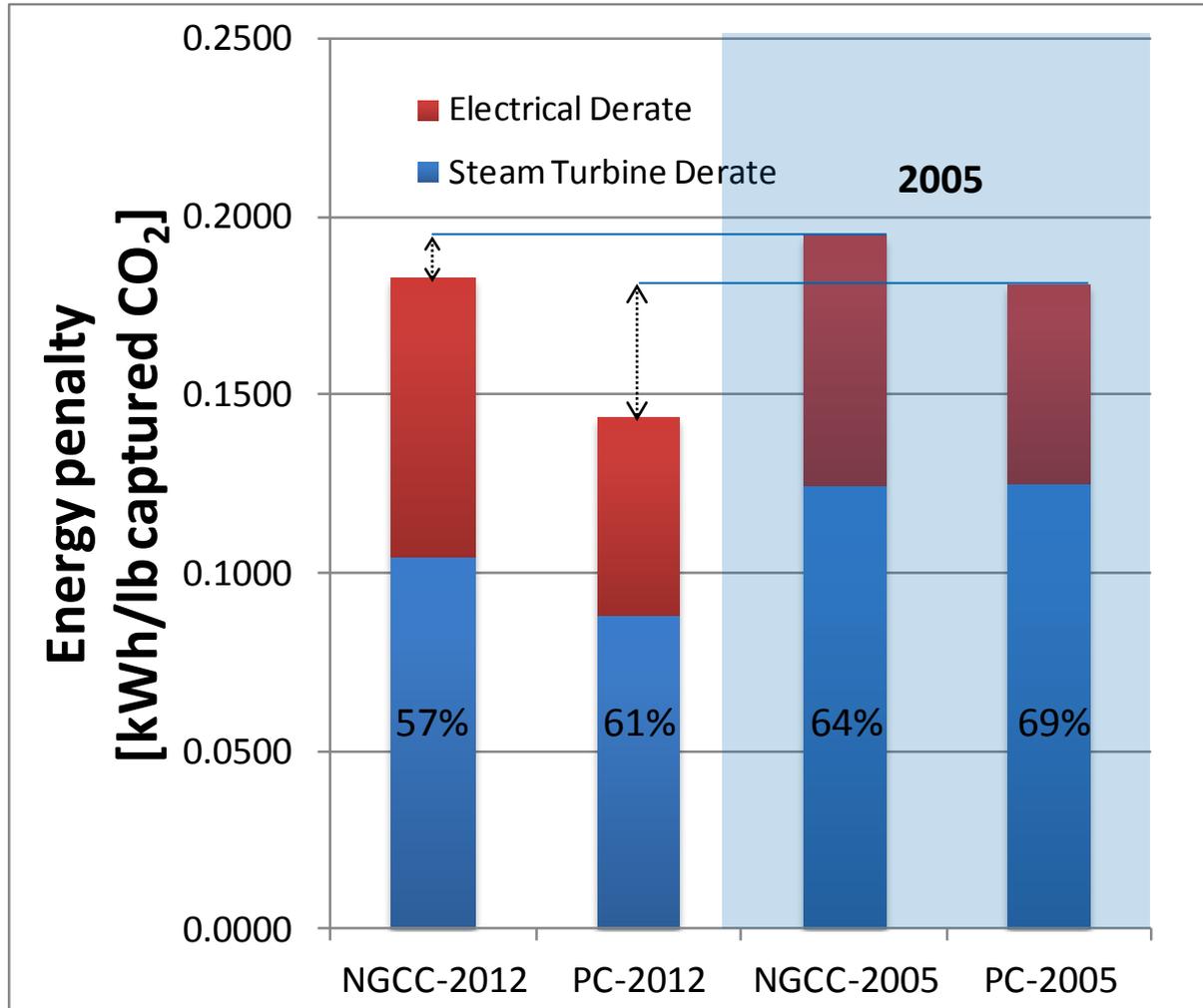


# Baseline Retrofit Capture Technology Update

| PC Plants  | Technology/Quote Vintage  |                 |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------|
| Metric   | 2005 Amine                | 2012 Amine      |
| Net Energy Penalty<br>[kWhnet/lb CO <sub>2</sub> Captured]             | 0.181<br><b>(+26%)</b>    | <b>0.144</b>    |
| Reference Capital Cost<br>[\$/tpd CO <sub>2</sub> Capt. @ full load]   | \$55,400<br><b>(-17%)</b> | <b>\$66,400</b> |
| Incremental Fixed O&M<br>[\$/tpd CO <sub>2</sub> Capt. @ full load]    | \$1,828<br><b>(-5%)</b>   | <b>\$1,926</b>  |
| Incremental Variable O&M<br>[\$/tpd CO <sub>2</sub> Capt. @ full load] | \$2.59<br><b>(-50%)</b>   | <b>\$5.13</b>   |
| CO <sub>2</sub> Capture Basis [tpd]                                    | 11,216                    | <b>11,216</b>   |

- For greenfield plant, COE impact is minor while cost of capture is slightly higher for new quote due to its higher efficiency

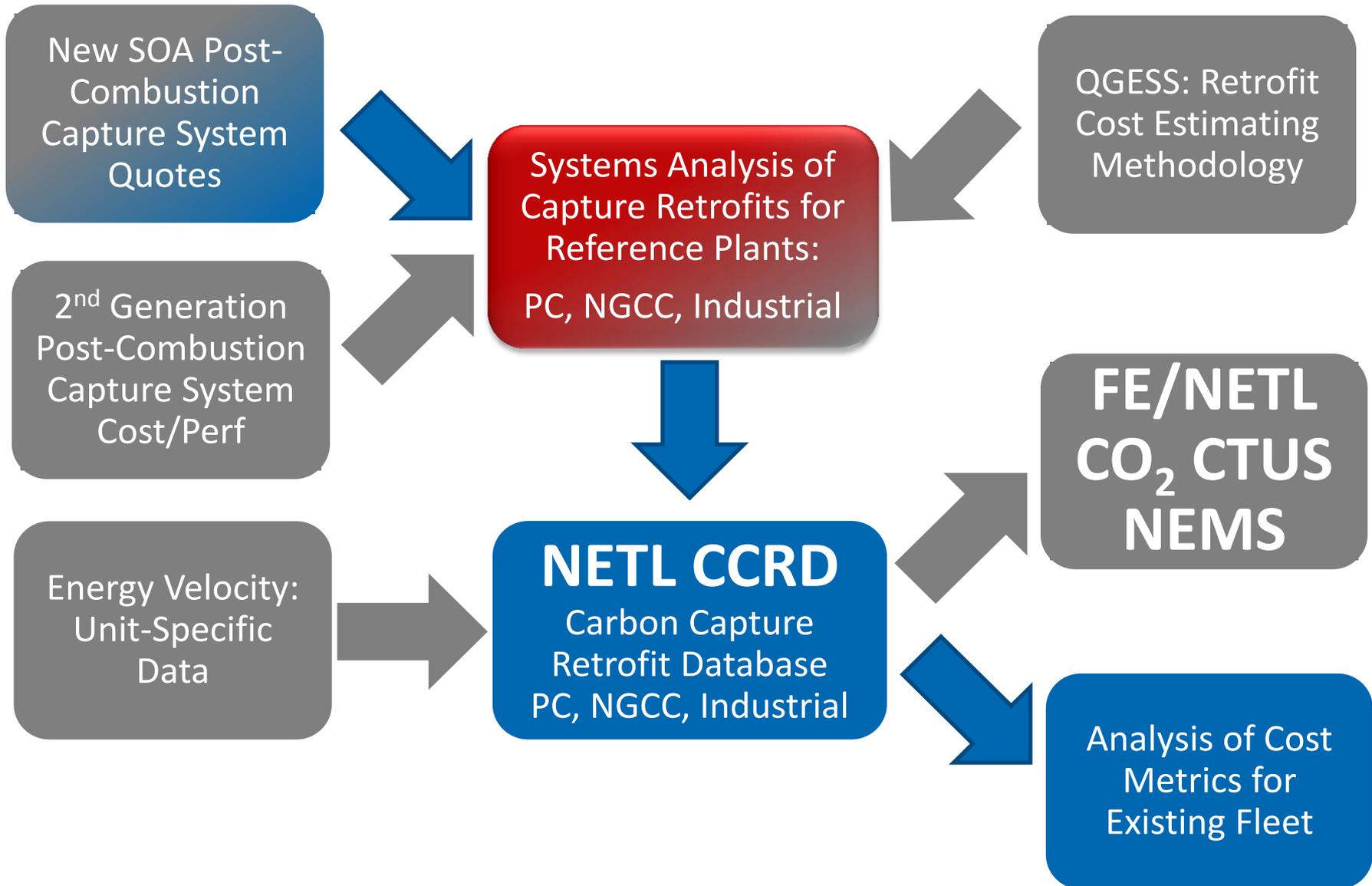
# Net Derate Contributions



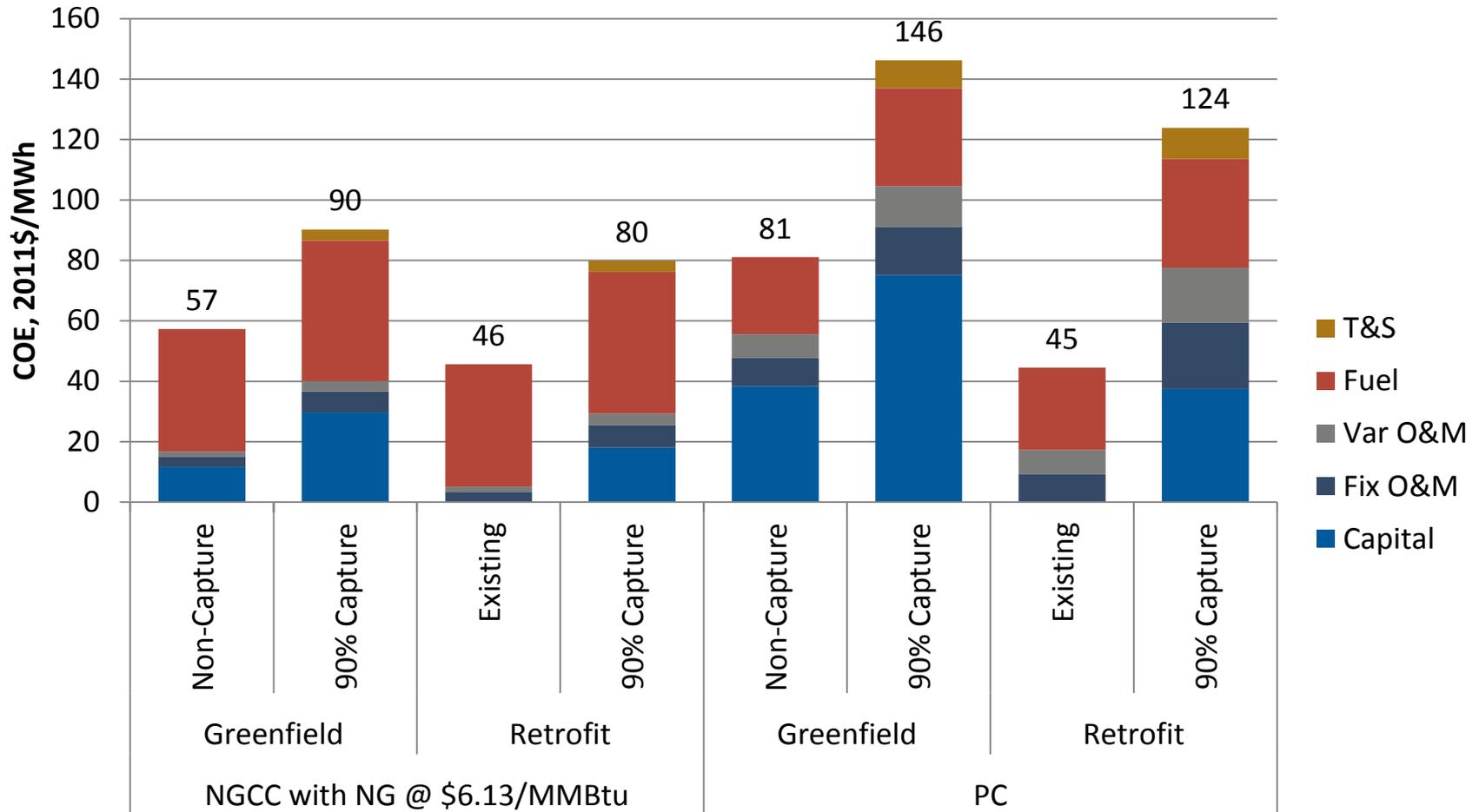
**PC:** ~30%  
reduction in  
regeneration  
energy penalty

**NGCC:** ~15%  
reduction in  
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energy penalty

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# Reference Capture Plants: *Cost of Electricity*



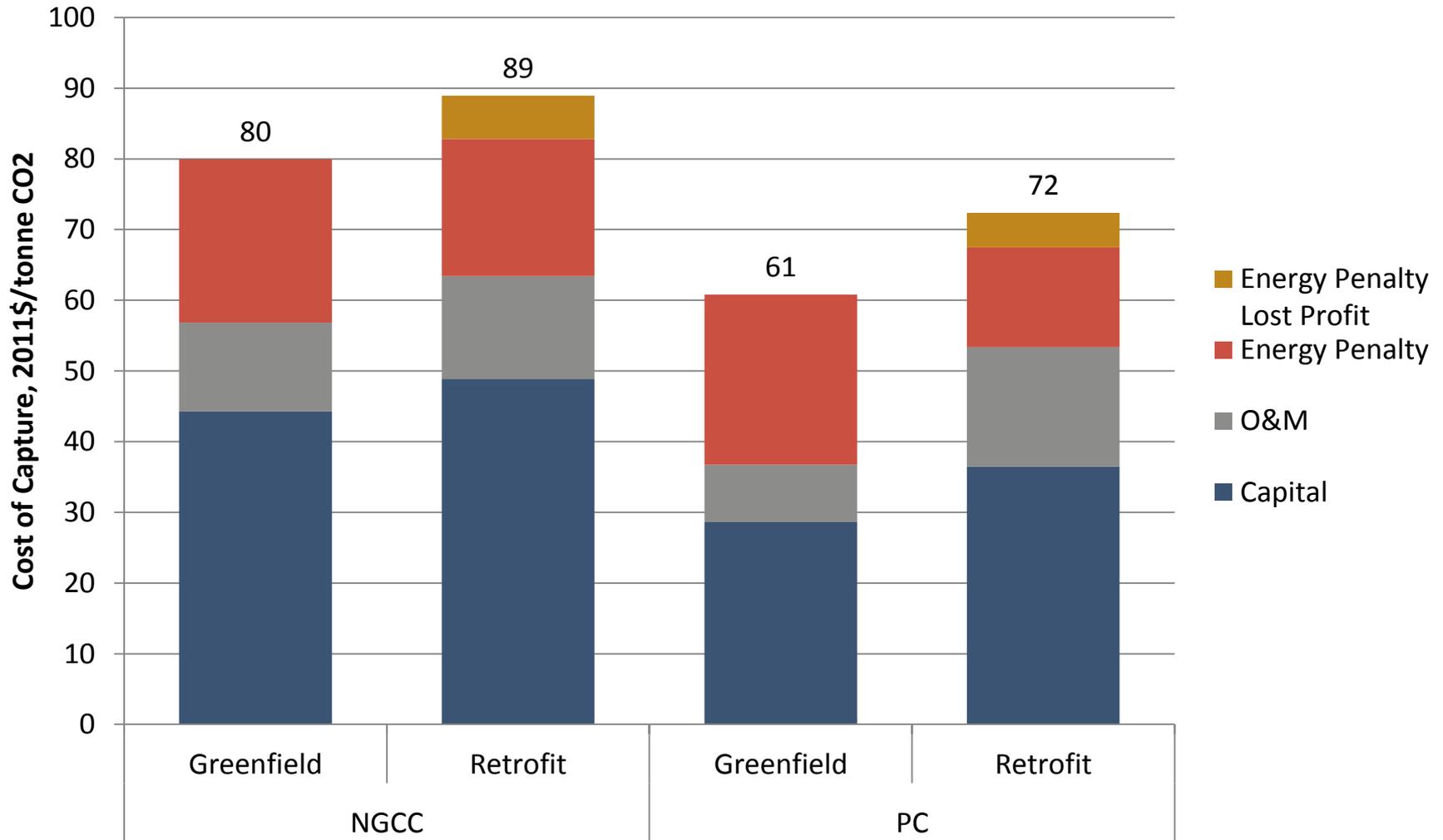
# Cost of Capture for CCS Retrofits

- **Cost Retrofitting with CCS economically incentivized via sale of CO<sub>2</sub> if:**

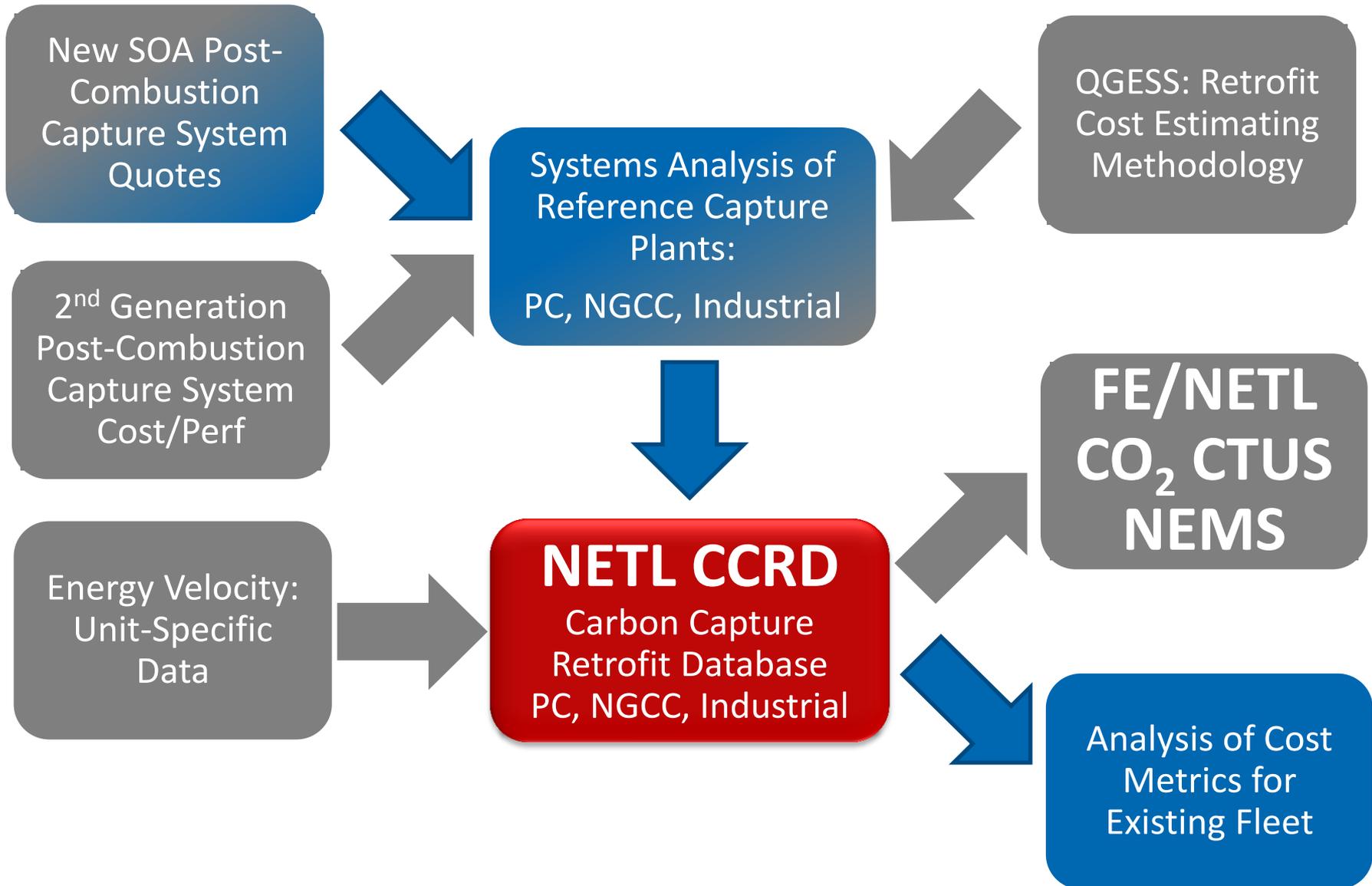
$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Annualized Capital} \\ \text{and Incremental O\&M} \\ \text{Costs for Retrofit} \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} \text{Annual Revenues} \\ \text{Foregone Due to Lost} \\ \text{Generation (Derate)} \end{array} \leq \begin{array}{l} \text{Annual Revenues} \\ \text{from Sale of} \\ \text{Captured CO}_2 \end{array}$$

- **When normalized by CO<sub>2</sub> captured, the above becomes:**
  - Cost of capture
  - Minimum CO<sub>2</sub> plant gate price for which CCS retrofits are incentivized

# Reference Capture Plants: *Cost of Capture*



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# NETL CCRD

- **Carbon Capture Retrofit Database (CCRD)**
  - Existing pulverized coal fleet
  - Existing NGCC fleet
  - Industrial sources
    - Ammonia
    - Cement
    - Ethanol
    - Refinery hydrogen
    - Natural gas processing

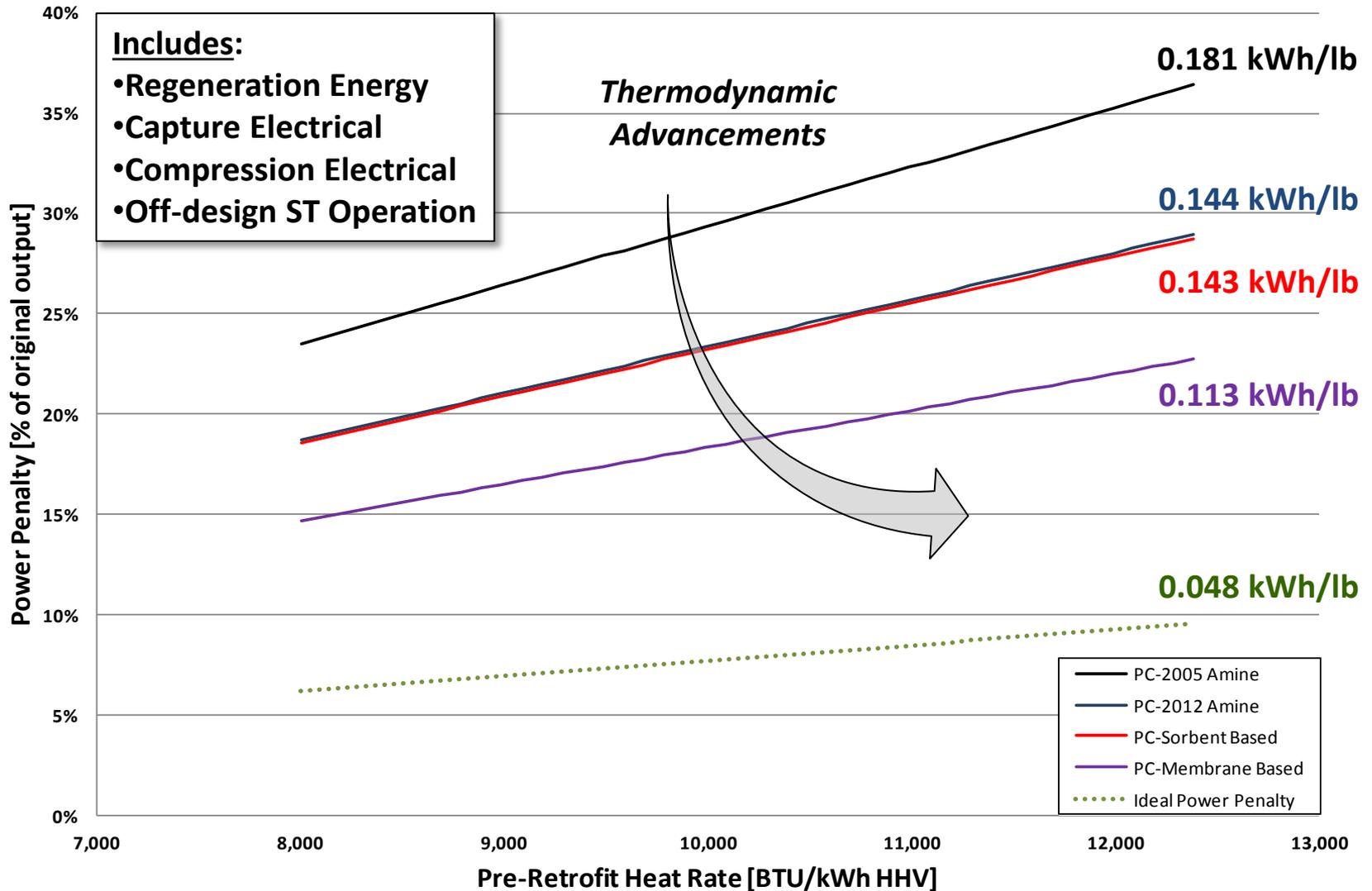
# NETL CCRD

## *PC and NGCC*

- **Data on 1,355 individual PC units (324 GW) and 601 (216 GW) NGCC units**
  - Key information: Unit ID, Nameplate Capacity, Heatrate, CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions, Capacity Factor, Base Plant O&M Costs
- **Cost and performance parameters**
  - Retrofit capital costs, incremental O&M costs and scaling approach
  - Derate (in kWh/lb CO<sub>2</sub> captured)
  - Can be modified to reflect impact of R&D
- **Calculation of cost of capture, incremental COE, etc.**
- **Sensitivities to economic life, capacity factor, etc.**
- **Filter by plant size, age, etc.**

# Net Derate Projections\*

## Net Output Penalties of CCS Retrofits



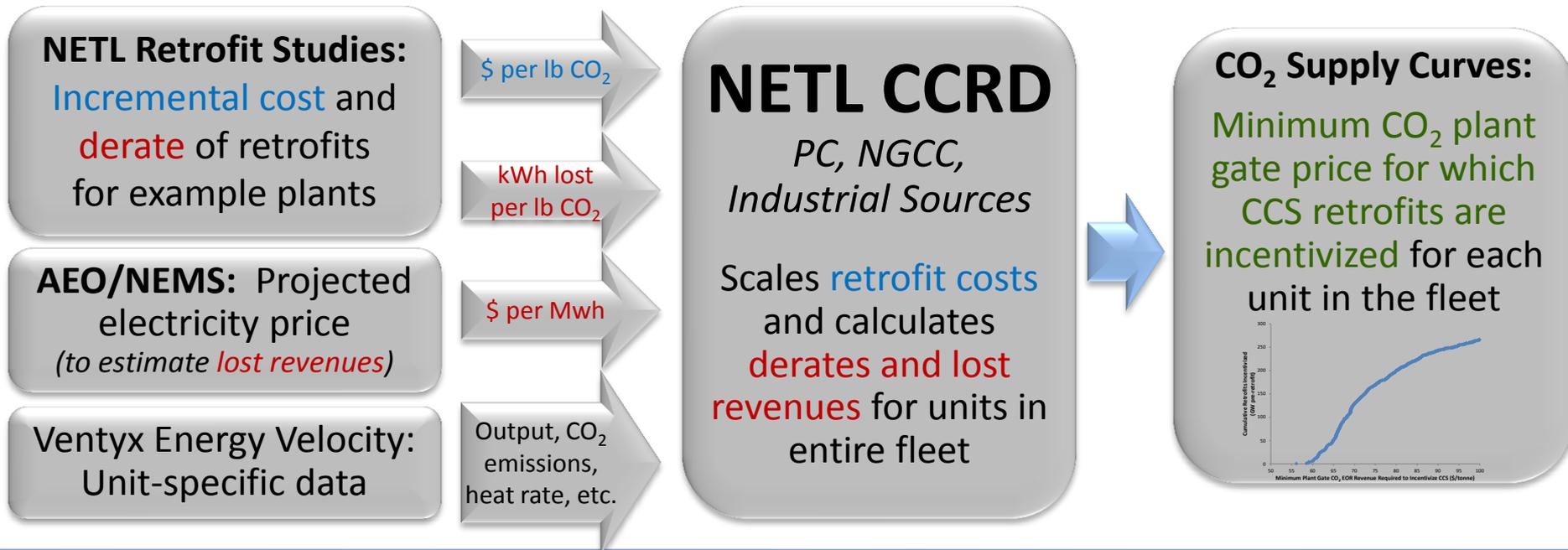
# Incentivizing CCS Retrofits with EOR Revenues

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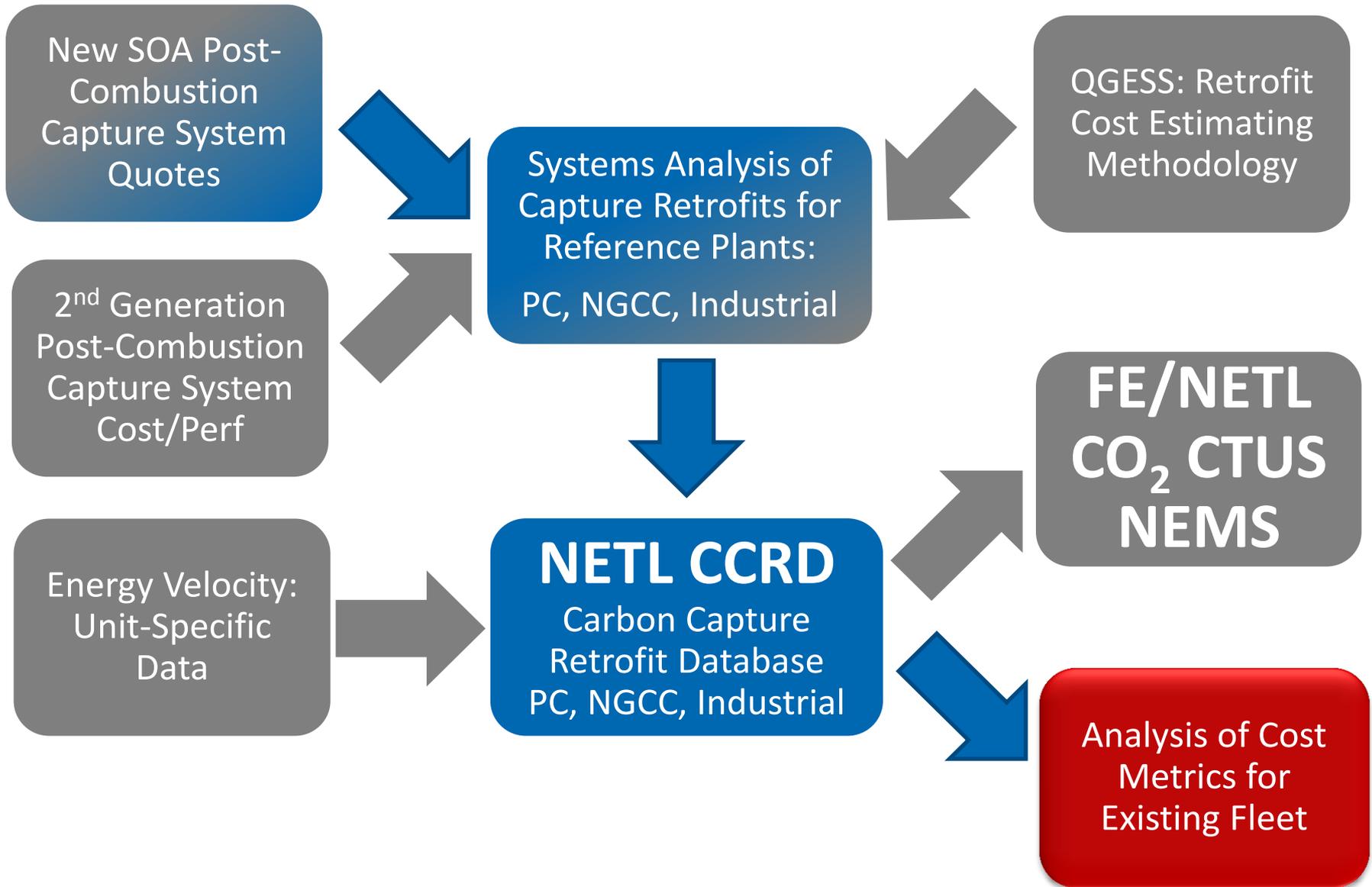
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- NETL Carbon Capture Retrofits Database (CCRD) provides retrofit assessments for entire fleet

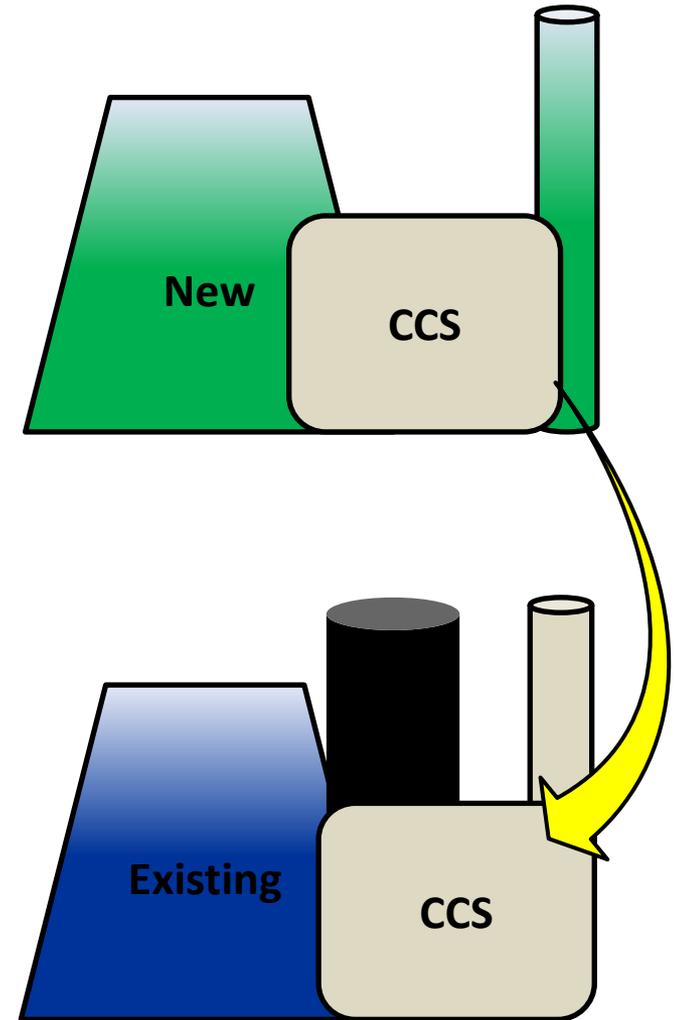


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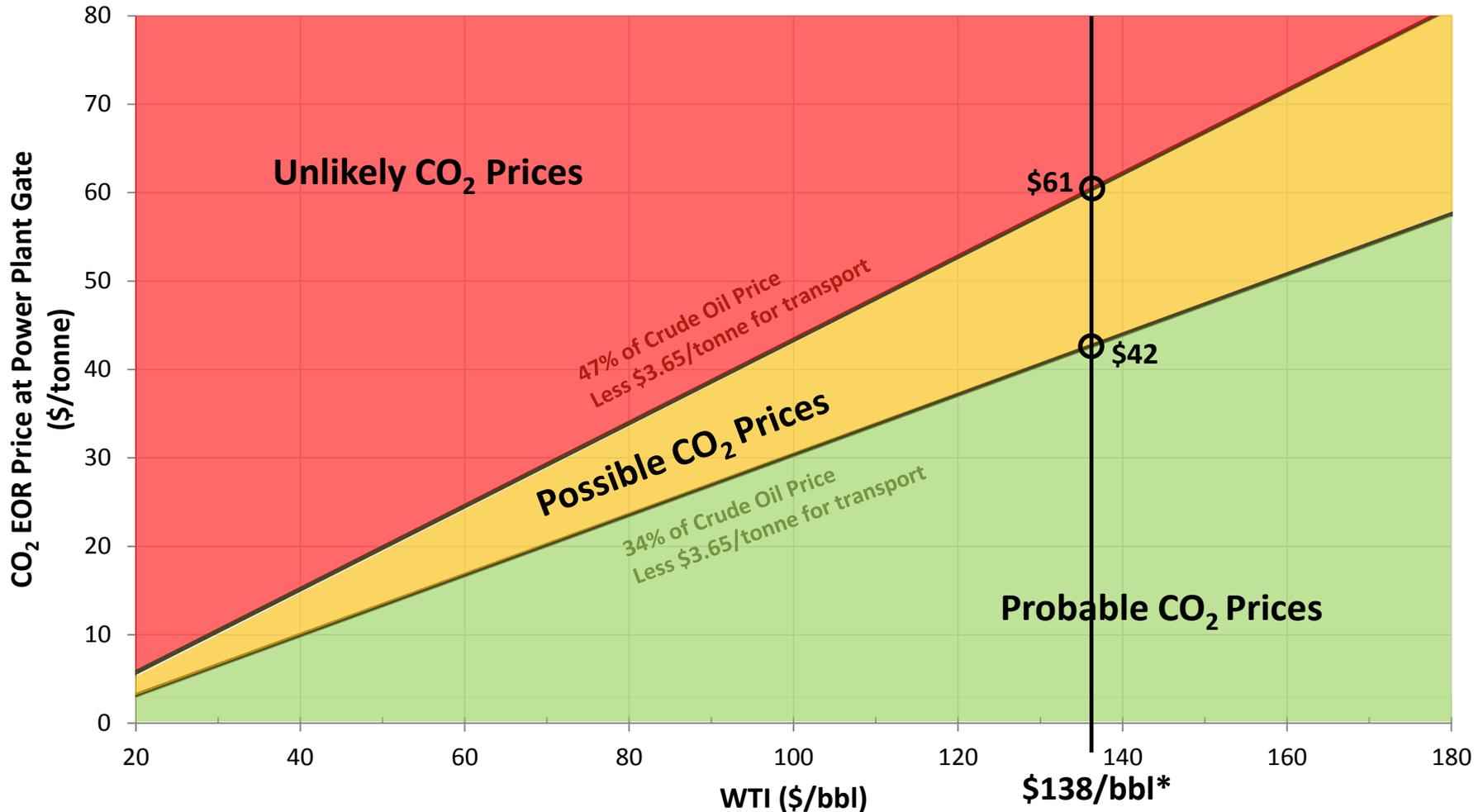


# Analysis of CCS Retrofits of Existing PC Fleet

1. Estimate cost and performance for state-of-the-art retrofit for baseline existing plant
2. Identify system that meets 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation goal of \$40/tonne for baseline greenfield plant
  - Conceptual, 550MW greenfield installation
  - Includes benefits of A-USC Steam cycle
3. Apply same 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation capture technology to baseline existing plant
  - Retain existing limitations such as fixed steam cycle, non-capture heat rate, etc. and exclude advanced technologies that could improve the base plant (e.g., AUSC materials)
4. Extrapolate SOA and 2<sup>nd</sup> Gen performance and cost to existing power plant fleet
5. Assess market competitiveness for entire fleet – incentivizing CCS with CO<sub>2</sub> sales



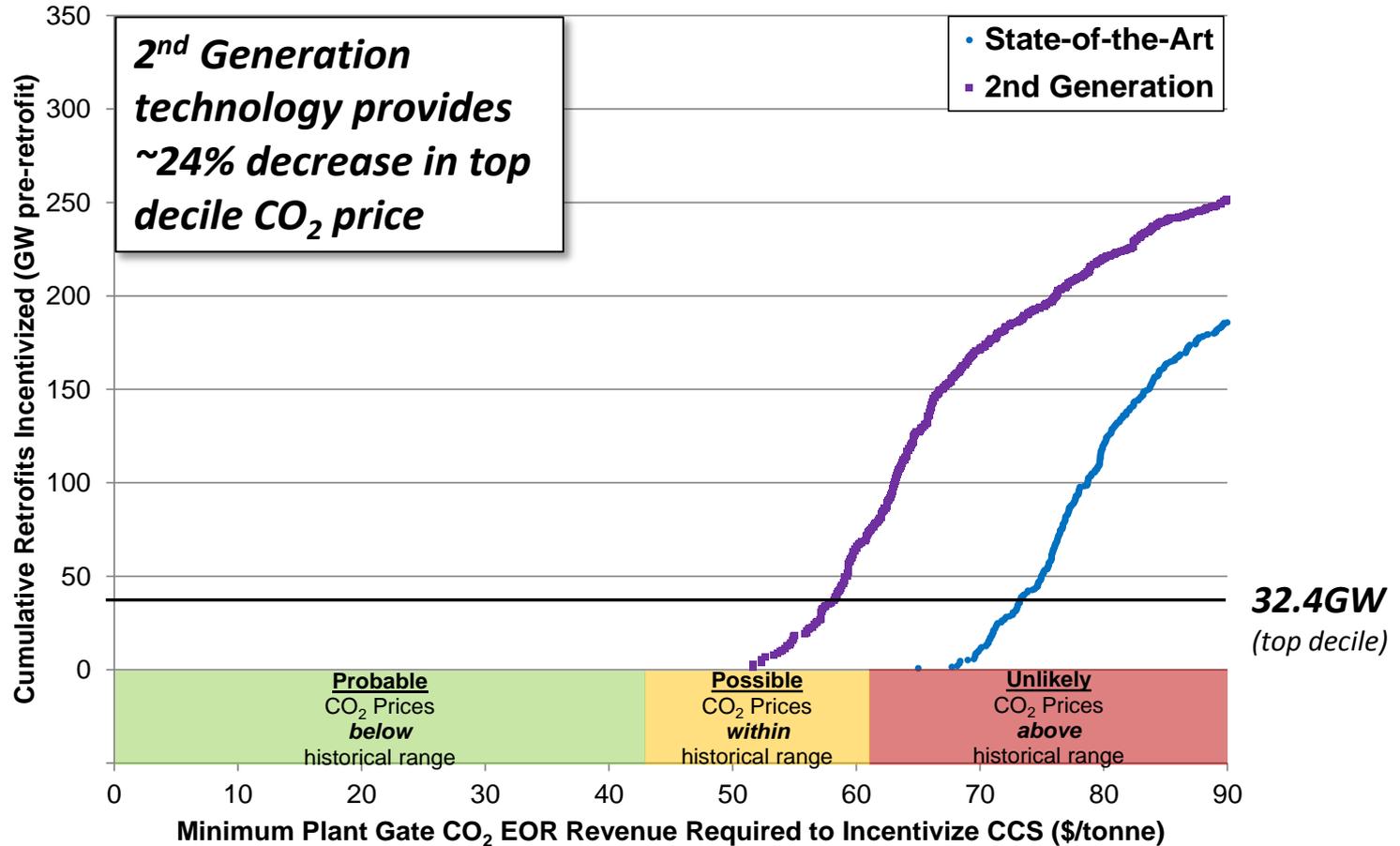
# 2030 Oil Prices May Support EOR CO<sub>2</sub> Prices that are Equal to or Above CO<sub>2</sub> Capture Costs



From 2008 to mid-2011, the average annual new contract price for CO<sub>2</sub> (\$/MSCF) at the Denver City, Texas "hub", varied between 1.8% and 2.5% of the average annual WTI Crude oil price (\$/bbl) in the corresponding years. Expressed in \$/tonne, this is 34% to 47% (at standard conditions of 60 °F and 14.7 psia). (The non-averaged contract prices (\$/MSCF) varied between 1.4 and 3.3% of the oil price between 2008 and mid-2011.) Source: Chaparral Energy "US CO<sub>2</sub> & CO<sub>2</sub> EOR Developments" Panel Discussion at CO<sub>2</sub> Carbon Management Workshop December 06, 2011. Estimated 100 km pipeline transport cost of \$3.65/tonne is subtracted to convert the historical "hub" price to an estimated power plant gate price.

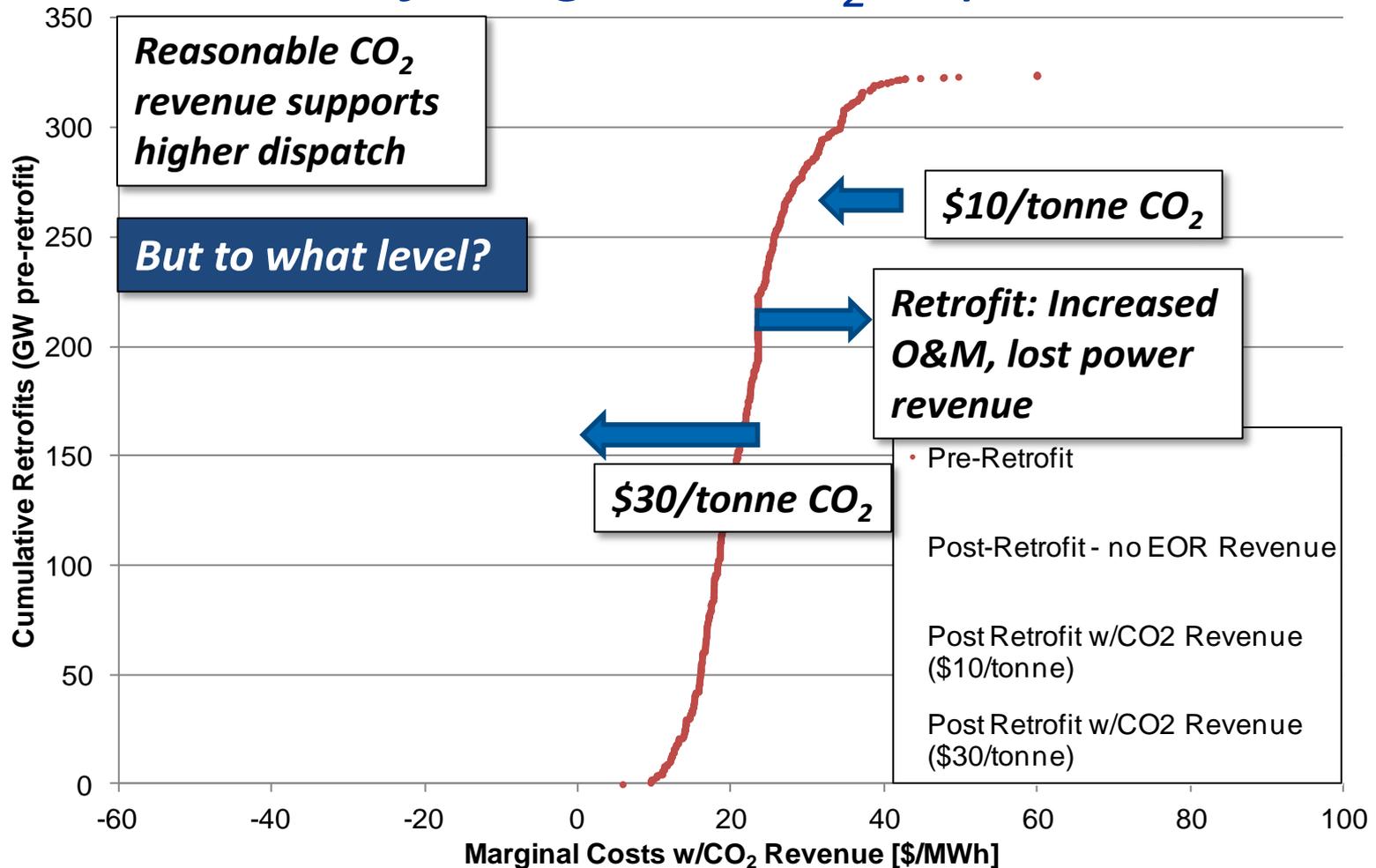
# Minimum Plant Gate CO<sub>2</sub> EOR Revenue to Incentivize CCS – Year 2030

- Same CF pre- and post-retrofit
- 30-yr economic life
- \$75/MWh\* power price
- \$138/bbl oil\*



# Incremental Marginal Cost Trends

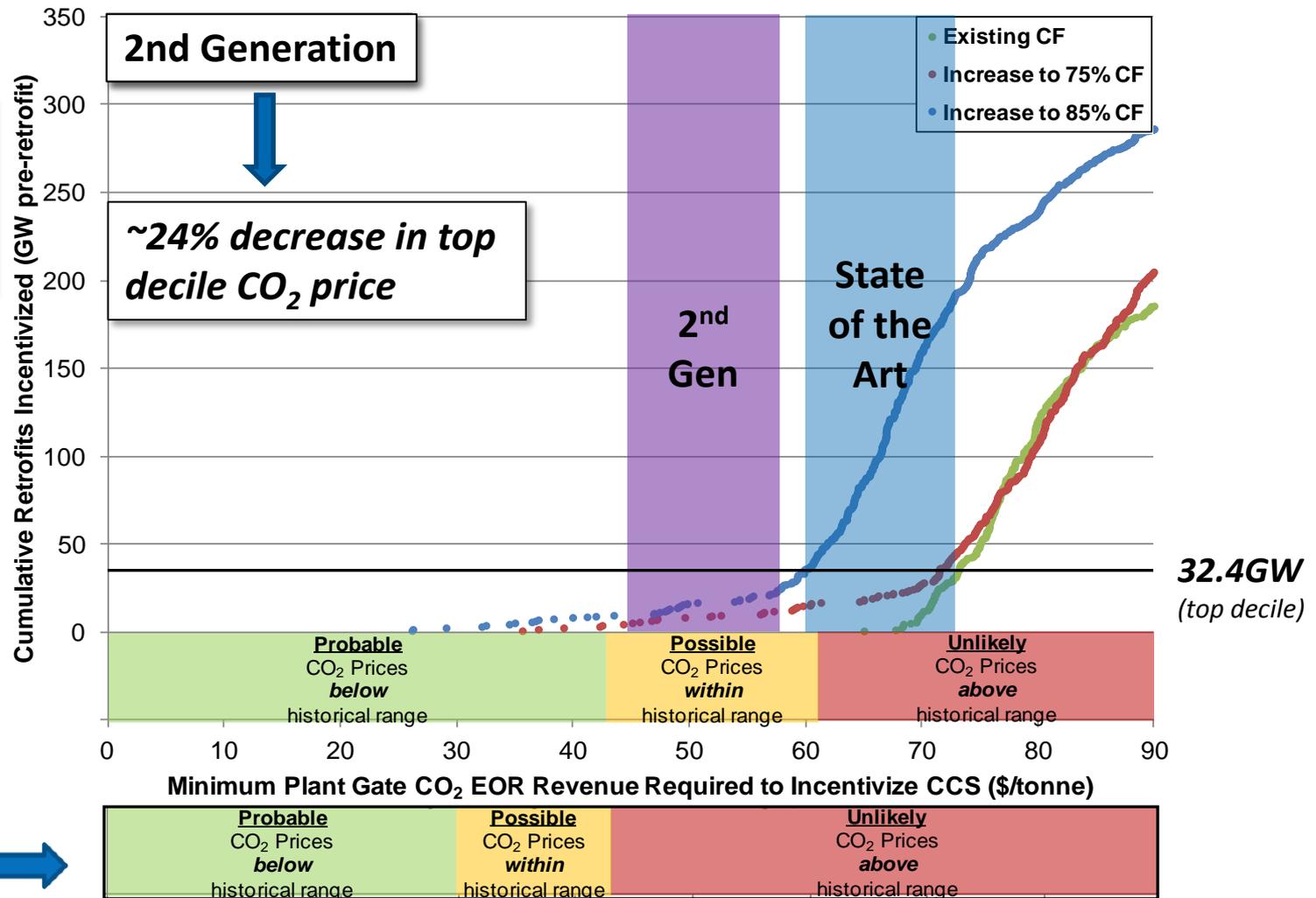
## Retrofitting SOA CO<sub>2</sub> Capture



# Effect of Dispatch - 2030

## Capacity Factor Parameter Sensitivity

- 30-yr life
- \$75/MWh\* power price
- \$138/bbl oil\*

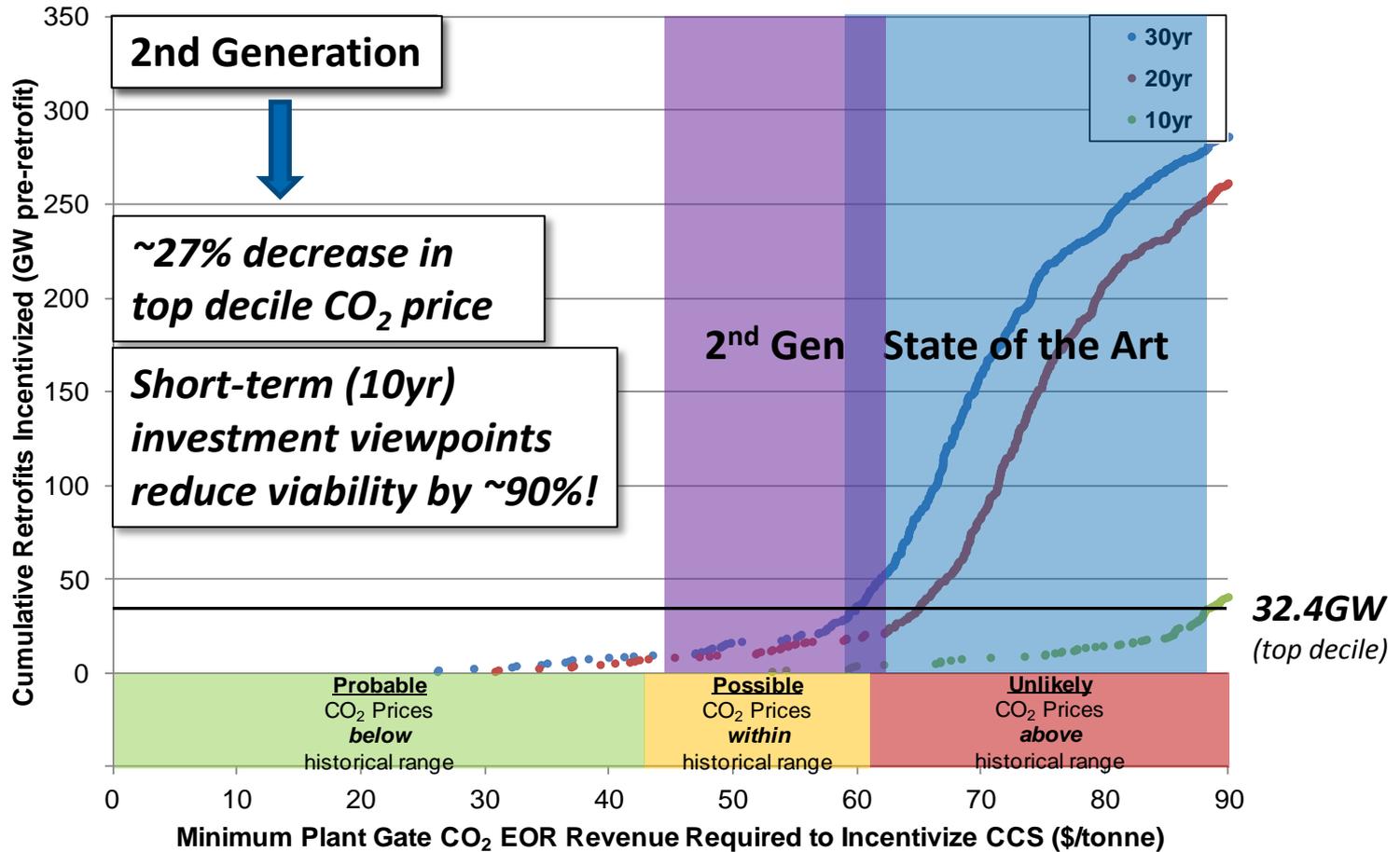


Note shift from EOR revenues @ \$100/bbl



# Effect of Economic Life - 2030

- 85% CF
- \$75/MWh power price
- \$138/bbl oil



# Conclusions

## *Compared cost of CO<sub>2</sub> retrofits to minimum CO<sub>2</sub> price in EOR market*

- **Even with EOR revenues, SOA technology unlikely to promote significant retrofits**
- **2<sup>nd</sup> gen improvements reduce cost of capture by ~25% and significantly increase potential of deployment**
  - CO<sub>2</sub> contract price relationship to price of WTI crude
- **EOR market while limited in size, is an excellent transition step for proving out carbon capture and reducing risk for future installations**
- **Still need help for “slam dunk” EOR scenario**
  - Need CO<sub>2</sub> capture R&D success!
  - Dispatch is essential – and likely achievable
  - Regulatory drivers encouraging CO<sub>2</sub> capture should also support a long-term (30yr) investment viewpoint

# Limitations and Next Steps

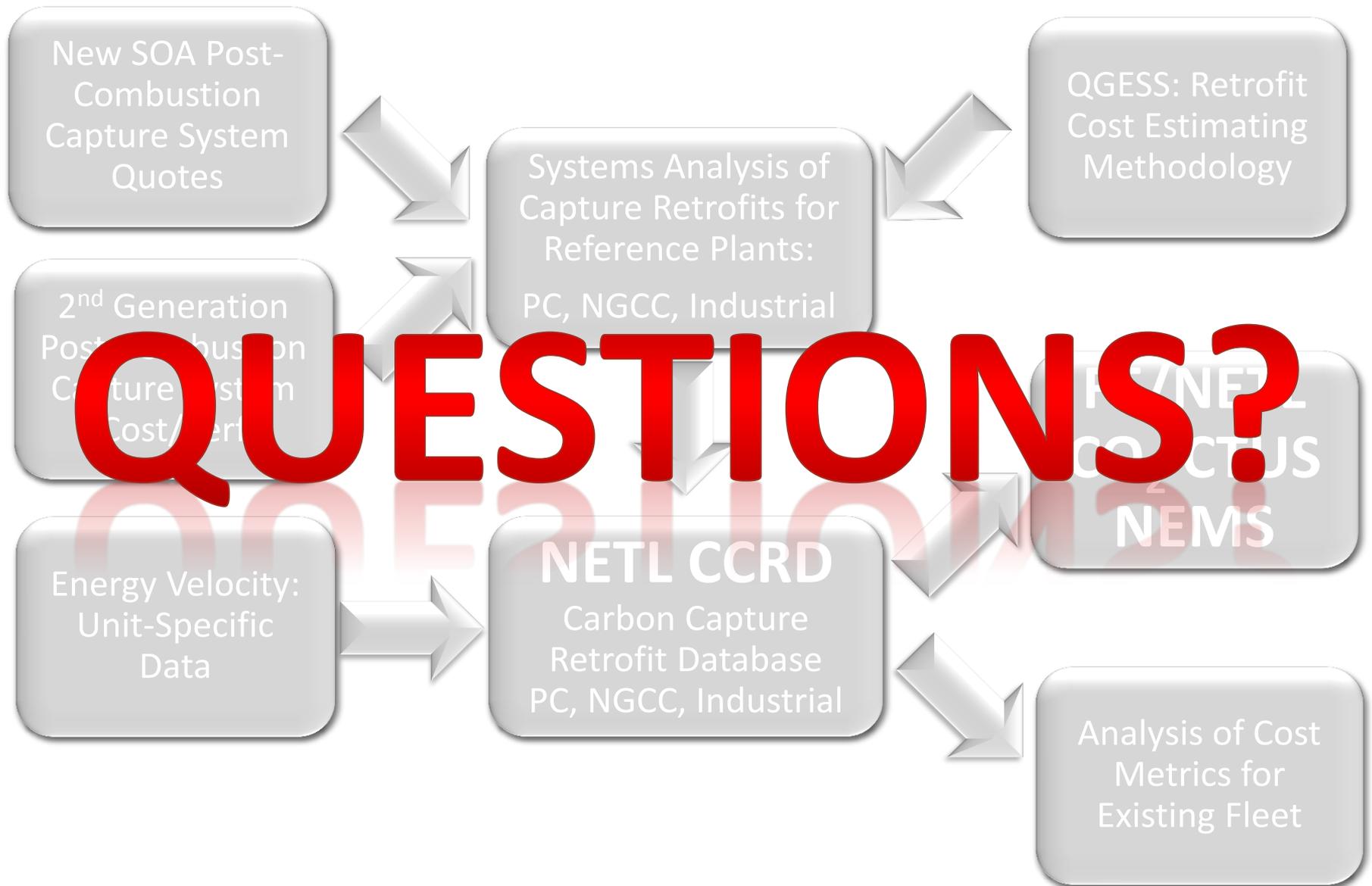
- **Limitations of analysis**

- Uncertainty in crude oil and CO<sub>2</sub> price projections
- Plant locations relative to EOR opportunities
- Capability of EOR sites to take entire stream

- **Next Steps**

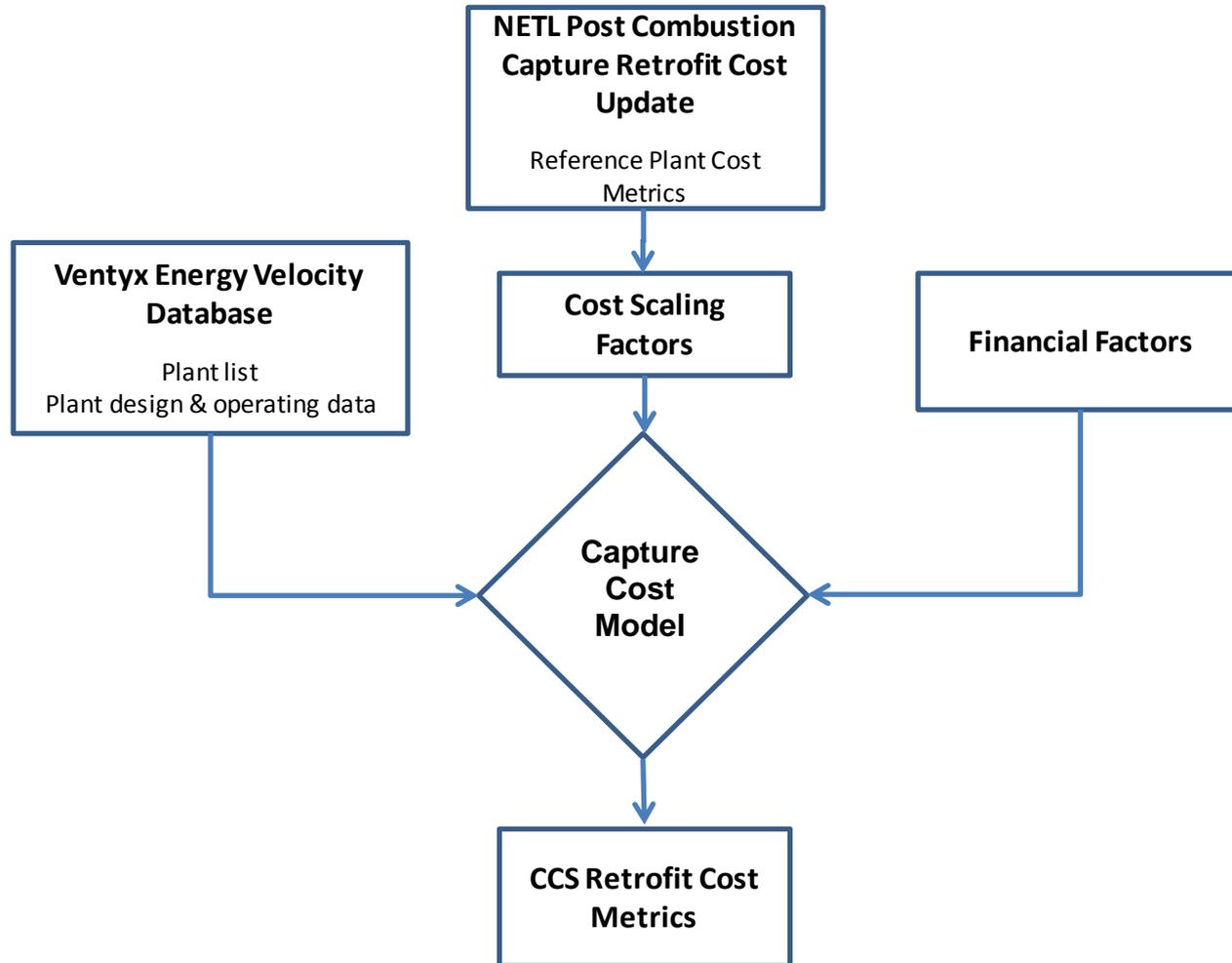
- FE/NETL CTUS model integrates with NEMS
- Links CO<sub>2</sub> sources and sinks
- Detailed transport and storage/EOR cost models
- Evaluate combinations of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions price and CO<sub>2</sub> revenues

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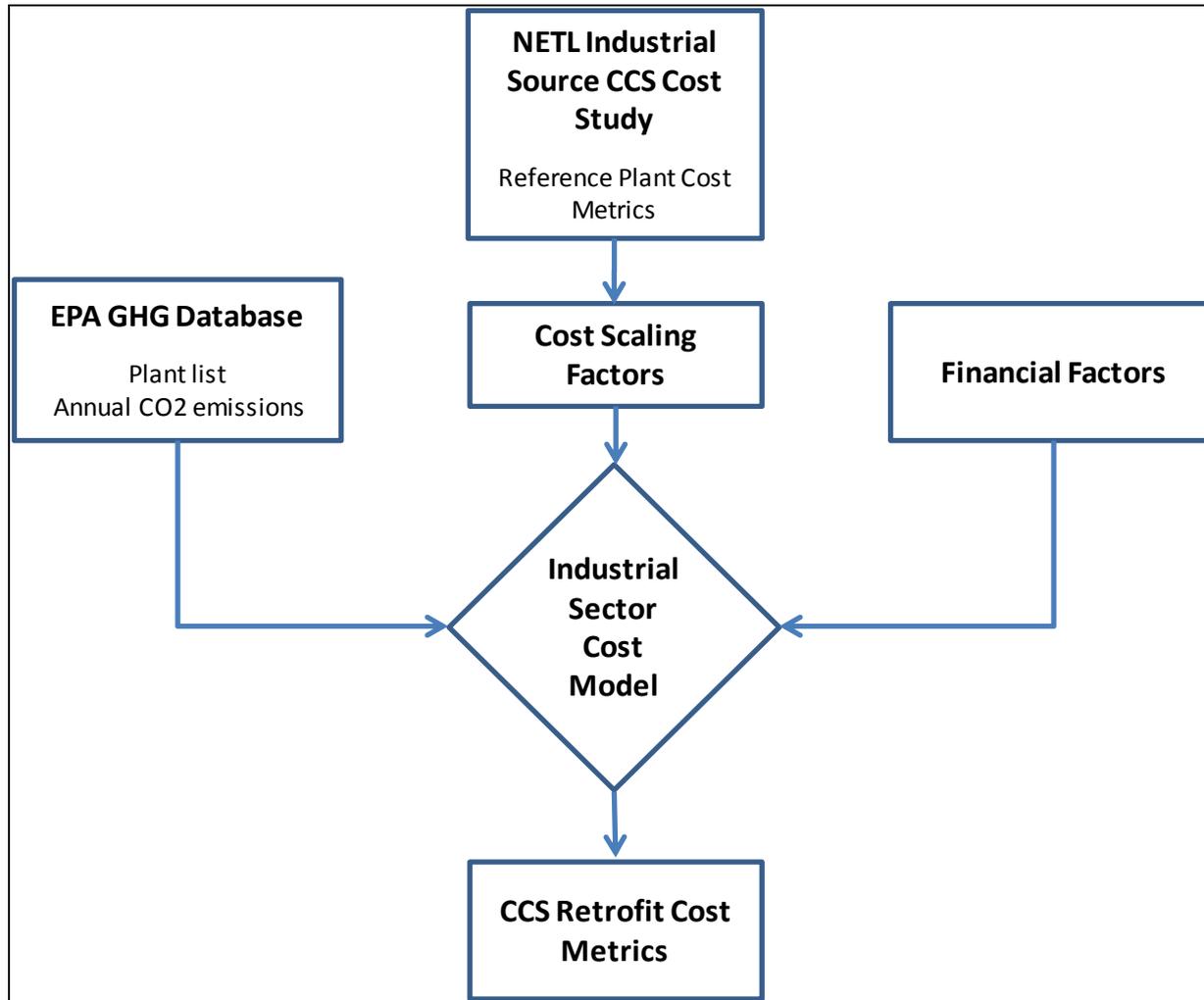
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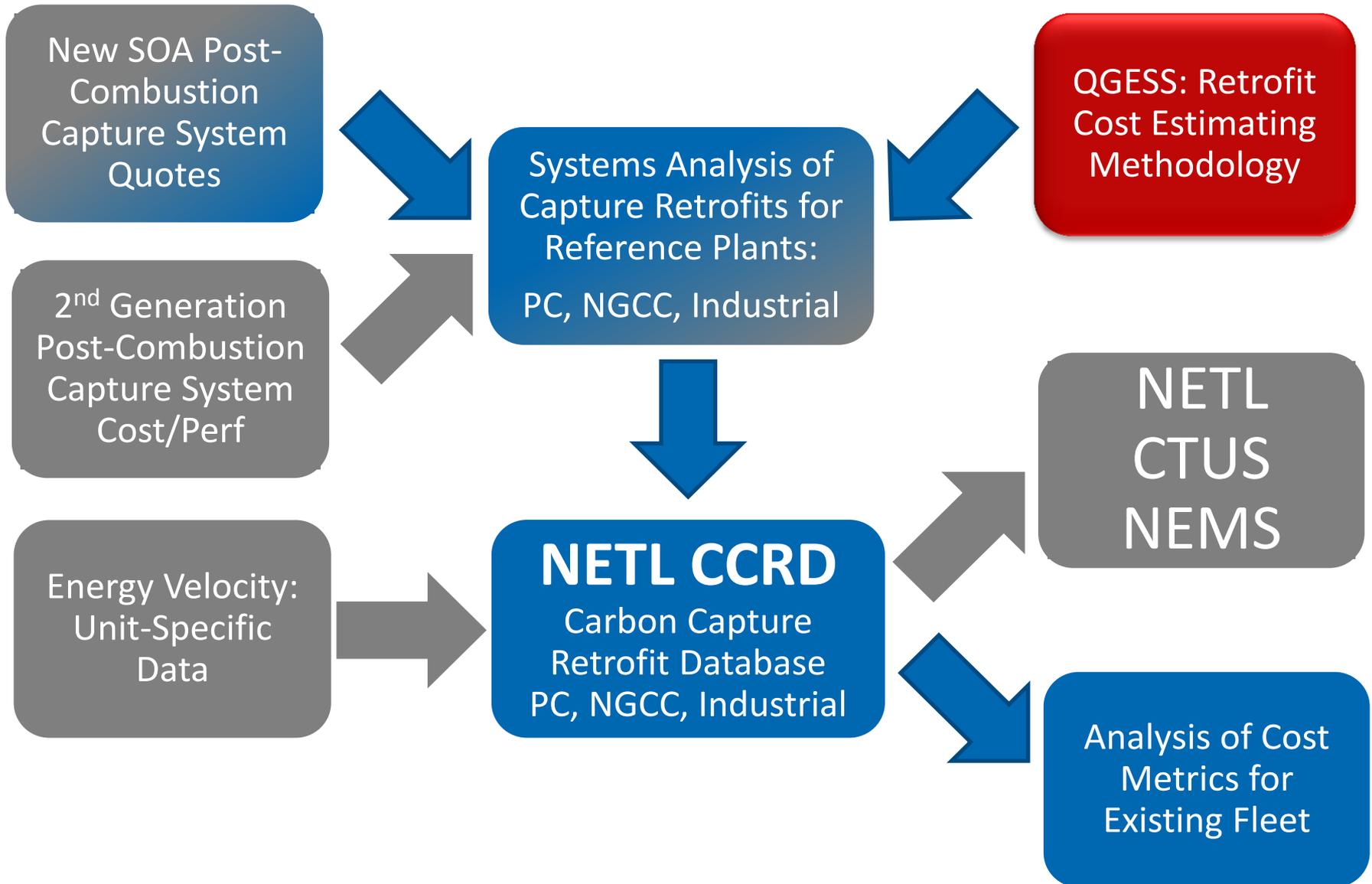


# NETL CCRD

## *Industrial Sources*



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# QGESS: Retrofit Cost Estimating Methodology

- **Capture equipment costs scaled from greenfield study costs**
- **Add equipment specific to retrofit:**
  - Eg. Steam turbine modifications and letdown turbine
- **Add retrofit difficulty factors to capital cost equipment subaccounts**
  - Equipment and material scope adjustments
    - Accounts for minor differences in equipment specifications, layout, duct routing, and items where additional complexity is likely to be encountered
    - Range from 1.00 to 1.25 within each subaccount
  - Labor productivity adjustments
    - Productivity losses associated with working on an existing operating plant site in potentially highly congested areas, and with modifications and tie in to existing equipment and/or systems
    - Range from 1.00 to 1.30 within each subaccount
  - **Typical impact of retrofit difficulty factor on total plant cost is +10%**

*Posted on NETL QGESS page:*

[http://www.netl.doe.gov/energy-analyses/quality\\_guidelines.html](http://www.netl.doe.gov/energy-analyses/quality_guidelines.html)