

Production of Synthesis Gas  
from Wyoming Sub-bituminous Coal

General Investigation of Methods  
and

Flow-Sheet for Plant to Process 8,000,000 CuFt per Day

In order to obtain general information on the principal advantages and dis-advantages of the various methods of producing synthesis gas from a coal like the Wyoming coal three methods which were considered as suitable for treating this coal have been examined by calculations of the investment- and the production-cost for an industrial plant with a capacity of 100,000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h Ideal gas (CO + H<sub>2</sub>). This corresponds to a synthesis plant for the production of 122,000 tons of primary products in 350 operating days plus 12,000 tons of liquid gas.

A high content of hydrogen, which is higher than in any German coal, indicates a very high tar content and favors by-product gasification. Two methods of this group, the Lurgi-pressure gasification process and combined carbonization-gasification have been investigated. For comparison the Koppers method of gasifying pulverized coal has been calculated, supposing that this method in the near future will be developed as the cheapest way of only gasifying carbonaceous material. For this plant operating figures have been taken from a project worked out by the Koppers Company and the investment cost of the gas producers has been estimated extremely low in favor of this process.\*

Only a Synthesis with an iron catalyst under 15 to 20 atm pressure has been considered suitable for a maximum yield of good quality gasoline. In this case the production of the gas cannot be calculated separate from the synthesis, because the production of the synthesis gas requires considerable quantities of energy, which is produced to a great extent in the synthesis plant and available for the gas production. The energy delivered from the synthesis plant has not been charged to the gas factory, only the investment, and the operating cost of the power station have been charged.

Additional energy is procured by burning coal in connection with the Koppers system or by burning coke in connection with the combined carbonization-gas producer method. As a variation and simplification of this method an exclusive production of the synthesis gas from coke has been investigated. In this case, the carbonization zone is operated with air and the carbonization gas used for heating the boilers of the powerhouse. Cracking of the carbonization gas is avoided in this case. All the gaseous hydrocarbons and most of the sulfur are carried off to the boilerhouse. A sulfur extraction plant can be avoided for the synthesis gas and the power plant is considerably lowered in its investment and operating cost by the gas firing method.

Cost of equipment is taken from figures available from plants erected in Germany. Corresponding figures for U.S.A. are calculated with the relation of IRM = \$ 0.5 for the investment cost and IRM = \$ 1.00 for the cost of labor. Cost of special work has been adjusted roughly. For a comparison only of the gas producing methods the figures can be considered as fairly reliable, though accurate figures for the various items may not easily be procured in the near future for U.S.A. manufacturing conditions.

There are two facts of a special importance, when the various methods of production are considered for U.S.A. and German or European conditions respectively:

1. Cost of labor is of a much greater influence on the production cost in the U.S.A. than in Europe and favors such methods which need very little labor as probably the gasification of pulverized coal.

2. The value of by-products, which is relatively low in U.S.A. as long as the competition of natural oil is free and unlimited for a sufficient supply and the lack of any protection of motor fuels from coal by a direct or indirect subsidiary.

In European countries, where the production of motor fuels from coal has to be realized for conditions of international trade and stabilization of currency, the

production of motor fuels is considered independent from natural oil products. By-products are very high priced there, because even then they offer the way of lowest cost for producing motor fuels from coal. The situation will become the same in the U.S.A., when it comes to any industrial production of oils from coal, because then by-products have to compete with products of Synthesis or Hydrogenation plants, and these products naturally are considerably more expensive than in Europe. For Synthesis products produced from a very cheap coal with probably the cheapest method of clear gasification (the Koppers method) the calculated production cost of the gas proves this clearly. The cost of the Synthesis gas alone amounts roughly to 5 cts. per kg. of benzine under most favorable conditions. For comparison, a much higher value than \$30.00 per ton would be justified for by products of carbonization.

Table I which shows the principal figures of the considered methods, also shows the relative influence of labor cost and value of by products in percent of the total production cost. Even with a price of \$25.00 per ton of by products the gas can be produced cheaper when the tar is recovered. The difference in favor of by-product gasification becomes greater with a higher tar content of the coal and with a higher price of the tar. Examination of the most important coal fields for their tar contents seem to be urgent from this view point.

Even with the low tar contents of 7.2% the production of tar amounts to roughly 50% of the production of primary Synthesis products.

#### B. Pionier Plant

For a pionier plant with a capacity of 8,000,000 cuft of Ideal gas per day, a project has been worked out. Combined carbonization gasification has been provided as the most favorable method for such special conditions. Pressure-gasification has been considered for comparison. The Koppers method of gasifying pulverized coal could be examined for this relatively small production figures only very roughly because only very insufficient data are available for calculating such an equipment.

Combined carbonization-gasification not only seems to be the most economical method for industrial plants, it also allows to study without an additional cost and probably with a commercial profit of operation, the carbonization of Wyoming coal and the production of a quantity of tar sufficient for large scale experiments of hydrogenation. This is possible, because the spare unit for gasification can normally be operated as a carbonizer and used as a gas producer only in case of temporary difficulties with the other gas producer unit.

If an examination of the Lurgi-Pressure gasification process is wanted in connection with this pioneer plant, one gas producer would be installed with very little additional cost. Even large scale experimenting with the Koppers method could be realized with very little cost for the gas producer only, using the spare units of the oxygen plant and the waterwash equipment for such special testing.

It can be expected that 150 to 180 tons per day of a lumpy coke low in ash and sulfur content can be sold at a high price very easily. The production cost of this coke should be very low because it requires only very little labor and very little investment cost in addition to the cost of erecting and operating the gas producer plant only.

Large scale experience with carbonization in the Wyoming coal field seems to be of the greatest importance for the future development of the fuel industry. The high content of hydrogen of Wyoming coal promises very high tar content and consequently very favorable conditions for utilizing this coal for the production of motor fuels by a combination of carbonization, by-product-gasification with the synthesis of hydrocarbons and hydrogenation of tar.

Figures of a basic group of factories of such an industry treating Wyoming coal have been worked out to give a rough idea of this combination, which has been found to be the most favorable solution to the problem in Germany. (Table III)

If the carbonizer-gas producer plant is erected and operated for the

production of Synthesis gas only the cost of production is increased as can be seen from a comparison of the most important production figures. (Table II). In this case, the plant is equipped with a 100% spare-unit.

The Koppers plant requires less capital investment. The highest investment cost is required for the pressure-gasification plant. It must be remembered however that the investment figures will be slightly equalized by additional cost of the power station in case of the Koppers plant.

For the calculation of production cost power has been calculated at the relatively low cost of 0.6 cents per KWH with regard to the fact that more than 50% of the consumed power is produced from surplus steam and residual gas of the Synthesis plant. For pressure-gasification and a combined carbonization-gasification, the available energy is sufficient or can be produced from the carbonizer gas, which has not been accounted for in the balance sheet. For these two methods the cost of energy has been reduced to 0.5 cents per KWH.

The following table (II) shows the principal figures of the various methods. These figures however should not be considered as typical for the methods in an industrial use, because the relative influence of general expense and of spare units equalizes the figures of such a small plant considerably:

TABLE II

<u>Process</u>	A Carbon-Gas.	B Koppers	C Pressure-G
Investment Cost (Million dollars)	3,720	3,340*	3,170
Laborers (men)	82	60	57
Coal-Cons. (ton/year)	208,000	79,000	57,000
By-Products			
Tar (ton/year)	14,000	5,240	—
Coke (ton/year)	60,000	—	—
Energy Reqn. (KWH)	4,950	4,600	4,800
Production cost for Gas Million dollars/year	718	867	908
Dollars/1000Nm <sup>3</sup>	9.3	11.05	11.8
			11.5

\* Plant erected and operated for synthesis gas only.

Calculations prove that from an economical standpoint the methods which allow the recovery of tar are superior to complete gasification in the case of Wyoming coal. All three methods allow the production of a gas with a high content of CO as required for a Synthesis with an iron catalyst. With the pressure-gasification process the ratio of CO:H<sub>2</sub> however is limited to 1:1.

It is proposed to erect two units of the carbonizer-gas producer type, equipment with the necessary device for operating each of the units for the production of gas as well as for the carbonization of coal and the production of coke. According to calculations this seems the safest, the cheapest, and the most flexible method with respect to the requirements of a pilot-experimental plant, which should be able to handle various types of coal and from various viewpoints like tar recovery and alteration of the ratio of CO to H<sub>2</sub>.

A possible interest in studying other methods of gasification could be satisfied very easily by erecting experimental units of gas producers of the pressure-type and of the Koppers system for gasifying pulverized coal. These experimental units should, however, be of an industrial size.

The carbonizer plant could be used also for large scale experimenting with oil shales. For the high grade shales with more than 10% oil, it might be proved as a most economical method.

#### Basic figures of calculations

Coal	Moisture	21.1%
	Ash	4.1%
	Tar	7.2%
	H.Cal.Value	5220 kcal/kg

Coke (with 10% volatiles)	H.Cal.Value	7000 kcal/kg
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Efficiency of Boilers	82%
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Efficiency of Power plant	25%
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Steam prod. per kg Coal	5.25 kg/kg
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Steam prod. per kg coke	7.08 kg/kg
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Energy per kg coal	1.52 kwh/kg
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Energy per kg coke	2.03 kwh/kg
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Power consumpt. for oxygen	0.60 kwh/Nm <sup>3</sup>
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Power for compressors (21 atm)	0.21 kwh/Nm <sup>3</sup>
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Steam for energy (80 to 3 atm exp.)	6.0 kg/kwh
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#### Efficiency of gasification:

##### I. Gasification of pulverized coal

$$\frac{h_{\text{cal. val. raw gas}}}{h_{\text{cal. val. coal}}} = 0.78$$

##### II. Pressure-gasification

$$\frac{h_{\text{cal. val. tar}} + h_{\text{cal. val. raw gas}}}{h_{\text{cal. val. coal}}} = 0.84$$

##### III. Carbonization-gasification

$$\frac{h_{\text{cal. val. tar}} + h_{\text{cal. val. raw gas}}}{h_{\text{cal. val. coal}}} = 0.82$$

#### Recovery of Tar:

- (a) by carbonization 92% of
- (b) by pressure-gasification 75% Fischer-Assay

I  
 Koppers  
Gasification of Pulverized Coal  
105,000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h Syn.Gas

	<u>R.M.</u>
1. 4 gas producers (one spare)	2,400,000
2. Condensation plant	3,000,000
3. Plant for drying and pulverizing the coal	4,500,000
4. Distribution System for energy, steam & water	1,000,000
5. Recooling system	600,000
6. Tower plant for sulfur extraction	2,000,000
7. Waterwash with pumps and building	5,000,000
8. Compressor Plant 3 x 60,000 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	2,400,000
9. Oxygen Plant 4 x 10,000 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	9,500,000
10. Roads and tracks	1,500,000
11. Laboratory, Office, Various buildings	1,500,000
12. Boiler and Power Plant 3 x 15,000 KW 1/2 coal fired	12,000,000
	<u>45,400,000</u>
Interest during erection	1,600,000
Miscellaneous	<u>2,500,000</u>
Total Investment	<u>49,500,000</u>

I  
Koppers  
Gasification of Fulverized Coal  
Production Cost per Year

		R.M.	Dollars
1.	Coal 740,000 tons @ 2.50 RM @\$1.00	1,850,000	740,000
2.	Fresh Water 400 m <sup>3</sup> /h @ 0.05 RM @\$0.03	168,000	101,000
3.	Luxmass	100,000	50,000
4.	Wages & Salaries Laborers 420 @ 2500 RM @\$2500	1,050,000	1,050,000
	Supervising Personnel	150,000	100,000
5.	Repair 2.5% of 49.5 Mi.RM of 24.75 Mi. Dollars	1,240,000	620,000
6.	Interest 3.5% of 49.5 Mi. RM of 24.75 Mi. Dollars	1,730,000	865,000
7.	Amortization 6.5% of 49.5 Mi. RM	3,210,000	1,605,000
8.	Interest on Operating Capital 3.5% of 3.0 Mi. RM of 1.5 Mi. Dollars	105,000	53,000
	Total	9,603,000 R.M.	\$5,184,000
Cost of Synthetic Gas	3 882,000,000 Nm of 20 AtA	per 1000 Nm	10.9 RM
			\$5.9

II  
Lurgi-Pressure Gasification  
105,000 N./h Sy. Gas

Investment Cost

	<u>R.M.</u>
1. 24 Gas Producers including condensation plant and building (3 spare)	13,000,000
2. Pressure - water wash including buildings	6,700,000
3. Storage tanks for oils	200,000
4. Distribution system for Energy, Steam, Water	1,200,000
5. Recooling System	600,000
6. Iron oxide plant	1,000,000
7. Roads and Tracks	1,500,000
8. Oxygen plant with compressors for oxygen and building	12,000,000
9. Laboratory, office, var. buildings	1,500,000
10. Boilers and power plant 3 x 15,000 kwh 1/3 coal fired	12,000,000 49,700,000
Interest during erection	1,800,000
Miscellaneous	2,500,000
Total Investment	<u>54,000,000</u>

II  
Lurgi-Pressure Gasification

<u>Production Cost</u>	<u>R.M.</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
1. Coal 945,000 tons @ 2.50 R.M. @ \$1.00	2,362,000	945,000
2. Fresh Water 500 m <sup>3</sup> /h @ 0.05 R.M. @ \$0.03	210,000	126,000
3. Wages & Salaries Laborers 600 @ 2500 R.M. @ \$2500	1,500,000	1,500,000
Supervising Personnel	150,000	100,000
4. Repair 2.5% of 54.0 Mi. R.M. of 27.0 Mi. Dollars	1,350,000	675,000
5. Interest 3.5% of 54.0 Mi. R.M. of 27.0 Mi. Dollars	1,885,000	945,000
6. Amortization 6.5% of 54.0 Mi. R.M. of 27.0 Mi. Dollars	3,510,000	1,750,000
7. Interest on Operating Capital 3.5% of 5.0 Mi. R. M. of 2.5 Mi. Dollars	175,000	87,000
Value of tar 44,200 tons @ 110 R.M. @ \$30	4,862,000	1,326,000
Cost of 882 Mi. Nm <sup>3</sup> Gas	6,280,000	4,802,000
Cost per 1000 Nm <sup>3</sup>	7.2	5.4

III  
Carbonization-Gasification  
(With Split Gas)

<u>Investment Cost</u>	<u>R.M.</u>
1. 10 Carbonizer-gas producer (including building and transport equipment)	4,800,000
2. Condensation Plant (including Cracking of CH <sub>4</sub> )	3,500,000
3. Benzine recovery plant (including plant for distilling of scrubber-oil)	2,100,000
4. Storage tanks for oils	200,000
5. Distribution system for energy, steam, water	1,200,000
6. Recooling system	600,000
7. Sulfur extraction plant	500,000
8. Water wash with pumps and building	5,000,000
9. Compressor plant 3 x 60,000 Nm/h	2,400,000
10. Oxygen Plant 4 x 10,000 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	9,800,000
11. Roads and Tracks	1,500,000
12. Laboratory, office and various buildings	1,500,000
13. Boiler and Power Plant 1/2 Coal Fired Equipment 3 x 15,000 KW	13,500,000
Interest during erection 3.5%	46,600,000
Miscellaneous	1,600,000
Total Investment	2,000,000
	50,200,000

III  
Carbonization-Gasification  
 (With Split Gas)

<u>Production Cost</u>	<u>R.M.</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
1. Coal 995,000 tons @ 2.50 R.M. @\$ 1.00	2,449,000	995,000
2. Fresh Water 500 M <sup>3</sup> /h @ 0.05 R.M. @\$ 0.03	210,000	126,000
3. Wages & Salaries Laborers 550 @ 2500 R.M. @\$ 2500	1,375,000	1,375,000
Supervising Personnel	150,000	100,000
4. Repair 2.5% of 50.2 Mi. R.M. of 25.1 Mi. Dollars	1,750,000	625,000
5. Interest 3.5% of 50.2 Mi. R.M. of 25.1 Mi. Dollars	1,750,000	875,000
6. Amortization 6.5% of 50.2 Mi. R.M. of 25.1 Mi. Dollars	3,260,000	1,630,000
7. Interest on operating capital 3.5% of 5.0 Mi. R.M. of 2.5 Mi. Dollars	175,000	88,000
Total	10,660,000	5,814,000
Value of tar 65,800 tons @ 100R.M. 4.25	6,580,000	1,650,000
Cost of gas 882 Mi. Nm <sup>3</sup> per 1000 Nm <sup>3</sup>	4,080,000	4,164,000
	4.60	4.70

## IV

CARBONIZER-GASPRODUCER PLANT  
CARBONIZER-GAS FOR BOILER

<u>Investment Cost</u>	<u>RM</u>
1. 10 Carbonizer-producers including building and transportation	4,800,000
2. Condensation plant	3,000,000
3. Benzine recovery plant	2,100,000
4. Storage tanks for oils	200,000
5. Distribution system for energy, steam and water	1,200,000
6. Recooling system	600,000
7. Waterwash with pumps and building	5,000,000
8. Compressoer plant 3 x 60000 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	2,400,000
9. Oxygen plant 4 x 10000 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	9,800,000
10. Roads and tracks	1,500,000
11. Laboratory office and buildings	1,500,000
12. Boiler and powerplant 3 x 15000 KW (gas fired)	11,000,000 43,100,000
Interest during erection	1,500,000
Miscellaneous	2,000,000 46,600,000

## IV

CARBONIZER-GASPRODUCER PLANT  
CARBONIZER-GAS TO BOILERS

<u>Production Cost</u>	<u>RM</u>	<u>Dollars</u>
1. Coal 925,000 tons @ 2.50 R.M. @ 1.00 Dollar	2,310,000	925,000
2. Fresh water 500 M <sup>3</sup> /h @ 0.05 R.M. @ 0.03 Dollars	210,000	126,000
3. Wages & salaries Laborers 450 @ 2500 R.M. @ 2500 Dollars	1,125,000	1,125,000
Supervising personnel	150,000	100,000
4. Repair 2.5% of 46.6 Mio. R.M. of 23.3 Mio. Dollars	1,170,000	585,000
5. Interest 3.5% of 46.6 Mio. R.M. of 23.3 Mio. Dollars	1,630,000	815,000
6. Amortization 5.6% of 46.6 Mio. R.M. 3,020,000 of 23.3 Mio. Dollars		1,510,000
7. Interest on operating capital 3.5% of 5.0 Mio. R.M. of 2.5 Mio. Dollars	175,000	87,000
Total	9,790,000	5,273,000
Value of tar 60500 tons @ 100 R.M. @ 25 Dollars	6,050,000	1,513,000
Cost of gas 882 Mio. Nm <sup>3</sup> per 1000 Nm <sup>3</sup>	3,740,000	3,760,000
	4.24	4.25

Table I  
Investment Costs and Production Figures  
100,000 Nm/h I-Gas

Process	I Gasification of Pulverized Coal	II Pressure Gasification	III Carbon.W.O <sub>2</sub> Gasific.W.O <sub>2</sub>	IV Carbon.W.Air Gasific. W.O <sub>2</sub>
Investment Cost Million R.M. Million Dollars	49.5 24.75	54.0 27.0	50.2 25.1	46.6 23.3
Coal Consumption Tons/Year	740,000	945,000	995,000	925,000
Laborers	420	600	550	450
Wages Mil. R.M. Mil. Dollars	1.05 1.05	1.5 1.5	1.37 1.37	1.13 1.13
in % of Prod-Cost	(11.0) (20)	(13.5) (24.5)	(12.8) (23.4)	(11.5) (21.5)
Production Cost per year Mil. R.M. Mil. Dollars	9.6 5.18	11.14 6.13	10.66 5.81	9.79 5.27
Tar Production Tons/Year	--	44,200	65,800	60,500
Value of tar Mil.R.M. Mil. Dollars	--	4.86 1.33	6.58 1.65	6.05 1.51
in % of Prod-Cost		(43.5) (21.6)	(62.0) (28.3)	(62.0) (28.5)
Production Cost per 1000 Nm <sup>3</sup> Mil. R.M. Mil. Dollars	10.9 5.9	7.2 5.40	4.60 4.70	4.24 4.25

CARBONIZER-GAS PRODUCER PLANT  
INVESTMENT COST AND MATERIAL  
(SPARES INCLUDED)

Pionier Plant A

		<u>M.RM</u>	<u>M.DOLLARS</u>	<u>FE to.</u>	<u>FIRE BR. to.</u>
I.	Oxygen plant including building 2 x 3000 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	2500	1500	800 / Al.	
II.	Carbon gas producer				
1.	2 carbonizer gas producers	700	350	600	420
2.	Carbonizer building including steel structure of bins and stairways	150	80	170	
3.	Condensation plant including operating tanks for tar	600	300	465	
4.	2 oil scrubbers	120	60	95	50
5.	Benzine recovery plant	250	130	160	50
6.	2 bucket conveyers (80000) 2 charging cars (50000) 2 coke conveyers (60000) (1-6)	190	120	150	
7.	Erection cost including transport	300	200	—	
8.	2 recooling towers including pipes	60	45	15	
9.	Coke handling equipment	120	80	50	
III.	Gas compressors and water wash				
1.	2 compressors (12000 Nm/h each)	220	160	150	
2.	3 wash towers with pumps 1 airating tower with fan	600	400	250	
IV.	Storage tanks for tar	2500	80	80	
V.	Electric equipment for production	85	45	10	
VI.	Foundations of machinery and bldgs.	360	250	20	
VII.	Distr. system for steam, energy, water	200	150	100	
	Total	6535	3720	3110	520

Carbonizer Gas Producer Plant  
Production Cost 320 Operating Days  
Pioneer Pl. A

1. Coal 203,000 tons @ \$2.00 \$ 416,000

2. Fresh Water 1,000,000  $\text{m}^3$  @ \$0.03 30,000

3. Wages and Salaries

    Laborers

Carbonization Plant	20
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Oxygen Plant	10
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Compressors	3
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Waterwash	6
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Cleaning Loading	16
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Repair	6
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77

15%	11
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82

82 @ 2500 205,000

    Supervising Personnel 30,000

4. Energy 39,300,000 KWH @ \$0.005 196,000

5. Steam 46,000 tons @ \$0.8 36,800

6. Interest and Amortization 10% of  
    3.72 Mi. Dollars 372,000

7. Repair 2.5% of 3.72 Mi. Dollars 93,000

Total cost per year \$1,378,800

Value of Tar 14,000 tons @ \$3 420,000

Value of coke 60,000 tons @ \$4 240,000

Production cost for 77 Mi. Nm Syn. Gas 718,800

Production cost per 1000 Nm<sup>3</sup> 9.30

Koppers Pulverized Coal Gasification  
Pioneer Pl. B

<u>Investment Cost and Material</u>	<u>M.R.M.</u>	<u>M. Dollars</u>	<u>FE To.</u>	<u>Fire Brick To.</u>
I. Oxygen Plant including Building 2 x 3000 Nm/h	2,500	1,500	800	—
II. 1. Gas Producer Plant 2 producers	700	350	600	500
2. Pulverizer Plant 2 units Dryers with bin	300	160	200	—
3. Heat Exchangers and Scrubbers	80	50	60	—
4. Coal conveyers	50	30	30	—
5. Erection cost for 1-6 including transportation	220	150	—	—
6. 1 Recooling tower with pipes	35	25	10	—
7. Sulfur extraction	200	100	120	—
III. Gas Compressors and Waterwash				
1. 2 Compressors 12000 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h each	220	160	150	—
2. 3 Wash towers with pumps 1 airating tower with fan	600	400	250	—
IV. Electric Equipment	70	40	10	—
V. Foundations of machinery and buildings	250	150	15	—
VI. Distributing system for steam, energy, water	100	75	50	—
Total	5,125	3,170	2,295	500

Koppers Pulverized Coal Gasification  
Production Cost 320 Operating Days  
Pioneer Pl. B

1. Coal 57,000 tons @ \$1.50	\$ 85,500
2. Fresh Water 7,700,000 M <sup>3</sup> @ \$0.03	23,100
3. Lux mass including labor	10,000
4. Wages and Salaries	
Laborers	
Pulverizer 9	
Gasific. 9	
Oxygen Plant 10	
Comp. 3	
Waterwash 6	
Cleaning 6	
Repair 6	
49	
15% 8	
57 . 2500	142,000
Supervising Personnel	30,000
5. Energy 37 H. KWH @ \$0.006	222,000
6. Interest and Amortization 10% of 3.17 M. Dollars	317,000
7. Repair 2.5% of 3.17 M. Dollars	79,000
Total cost per year	\$ 908,600
Production cost for 77 Mi. Nm <sup>3</sup>	908,600
Production cost per 1000 Nm <sup>3</sup>	\$ 11.80

Pressure Gasification  
Pioneer Pl. C.

<u>Investment Cost and Material</u>	<u>M.R.M.</u>	<u>M. Dollars</u>	<u>FE To.</u>	<u>Fire Brick To.</u>
I. Oxygen Plant Including Buildings 3 x 2000 Nm <sup>3</sup> /h	3,000	1,700	900	--
3 Compressors for Oxygen	200	120	100	--
II. Gas Producer Plant				
1. 3 Gas producers with pipes, instruments, charging hoppers outlet of bins, automatic charging device	980	550	370	30
2. Condensation plant with oil- scrubber and Benzine recovery including pumps, pipes and oper- ating tanks.	470	250	225	--
3. Structure for the producer- building includings bins and stairway	120	60	130	--
4. Transport means 2 bucket conveyers	60	40	50	--
5. Erection cost for II to V including transport	250	160	--	--
6. 1 Recooling tower including pipes	30	22	10	--
III. Waterwash, 3 wash towers with pumps, 1 airating tower with fan	600	400	250	--
IV. Splitting Chamber	100	55	50	30
V. Storage Tanks for 1500 tons	50	30	50	--
VI. Electric Equipment of Producer Plant	50	30	6	--
VII. Foundations of Machinery and Buildings	200	120	15	--
VIII. Distributing System for water steam, energy	150	120	80	--
IX. Sulfur extraction 2 stages	100	55	60	--
	6,360	3,712	2,296	60.

Pressure Gasification  
Pioneer Pl. C.  
Production Cost 320 Operating Days

1. Coal 72,400 tons @ \$2.00	\$ 144,800
2. Fresh Water 800,000 $\text{m}^3$ @ \$0.03	24,000
3. Wages and Salaries	
Laborers	
Gas Producer Plant 16	
Oxygen Plant 14	
Water Wash 6	
Cleaning 5	
Repair 4	
45	
+ 15% 7	
52 @ 2500	130,000
Supervising Personnel	25,000
4. Energy 28,500,000 KWH @ \$0.005	142,500
5. Steam 88,500 tons @ \$1.20	106,100
6. Interest and Amortization 10% of 3.71 Mi. Dollars	371,000
7. Repair 2.5% of 3.72 Mi. Dollars	93,000
Total cost per year	\$ 1,036,400
Value of tar 4,080 tons @ \$35.00	143,000
Production cost for 77 Mi. $\text{Nm}^3$	\$ 893,400
Production cost per 1000 $\text{m}^3$	\$ 11.50

Table II  
Production of Motor Fuels  
from Wyoming Coal  
by Combined Methods

<u>Coal Mined</u>					<u>3,460,000 ton/year</u>
<u>Motor Fuels</u>					<u>420,000 ton/year</u>
<u>Lump Coke</u>					<u>300,000 ton/year</u>
<u>Works</u>	<u>Coke Sold To/year</u>	<u>Synth. Products To/year</u>	<u>By Prod. Tar To/year</u>	<u>Hydrog. Prod. To/year</u>	<u>Coal Consumption To/year</u>
Synthesis I	—	120,000	60,500	—	930,000
Synthesis II	--	120,000	60,500	—	930,000
Carbonizer Plant	300,000	—	50,000	—	700,000
Hydrogen Plant	—	—	59,000	180,000	900,000
	<u>300,000</u>	<u>240,000</u>	<u>230,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>3,460,000</u>

for comparison:

Brux Works					
(1)	2,000,000	—	1,600,000	800,000	8,400,000
Saxonia-Works (2)	2,100,000	—	1,450,000	1,200,000	20,000,000 (11,000,000 to... of Briquettes)

- (1) One carbonization-Hydrogenation Work  
 (2) Nine carbonizer plants, 3 hydrogenation plants  
 2 refineries

# I KOPPERS - Gasification of pulverized coal.

## Coal

Moist 21.1 %

Ash 4.1

Tar 7.2

$H_{\text{cal}} v 5220 \frac{\text{Kcal}}{\text{Kg}}$

for coaldryer  
 $\sim 6500 \frac{\text{Nm}^3}{\text{h}}$

## Gasproducer

Coal 76.6 %  
 $84.0 \frac{\text{Nm}^3}{\text{h}}$

Pulverizer

Dryer

7.4 %

Steam  
 $52.5 \frac{\text{Nm}^3}{\text{h}}$   
 $25 \text{atm}$   
 Oxygen  
 $28300 \frac{\text{Nm}^3}{\text{h}}$

## Rawgas

$116500 \frac{\text{Nm}^3}{\text{h}}$   
 $\text{CO}_2 : 11.0 \%$   
 $\text{O}_2 : 0.4$   
 $\text{CO} : 53.3$   
 $\text{H}_2 : 33.6$   
 $\text{CH}_4 : 0.5$   
 $\text{N}_2 : 1.5$

Iron-oxide  
 towerplant

Compr

Waterwash

R.L.  
 $710$

Synthesis  
 $100000 \frac{\text{Nm}^3}{\text{h}}$

T-Gas

Synthes-Gas  
 $105000 \frac{\text{Nm}^3}{\text{h}}$   
 $\text{CO}_2 : 2 \%$   
 $\text{CO} : 58.7$   
 $\text{H}_2 : 37.1$   
 $\text{CH}_4 : 0.5$   
 $\text{N}_2 : 1.7$   
 $\text{H.C.V. } 2955 \frac{\text{Kcal}}{\text{Nm}^3}$   
 $\text{H.C.V. } 2370 \frac{\text{Kcal}}{\text{Nm}^3}$   
 $\text{N}_2 : 6.0$

## - Energy

from 50100 KW

Sy. -32500

$17600 \frac{\text{Nm}^3}{\text{h}}$

W Heat - 6500

Coal 11100

18000 KW

1500 KW

1500 KW

Various Consumpt.

1000 KW

23300 KW

4400 KW

651/4 h steam \*

+ 16200 KW  $\frac{\text{Nm}^3}{\text{h}}$

23500 KW

16300 KW

Oxygen-Plant 22300 kW

O<sub>2</sub> Compr. 33300 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h 8000 kW  
27.5ata

Oxygen 17900 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

O<sub>2</sub>: 15.900 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

Coal 98.0%/<sup>h</sup>

Moist. 27.1  
Ash . 4.1  
Taar . 7.2  
Heat.v. 5220 Kcal/Nm<sup>3</sup>

Gas  
Producers

Cooler  
Oilscrub-  
ber

Water-  
wash I

Iron-  
oxide

Splitt.  
chamb.

Water-  
wash II

Rkt. Ir.  
oxide

Synth-  
esis

100000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h  
J-Gas

Coal  
112.5 t/h

106 t/h

Tar/oils  
4.26%/<sup>h</sup>

Rawgas  
132000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h 115000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

CO<sub>2</sub> : 32.0% CO<sub>2</sub> : 21.3 %  
C<sub>n</sub>H<sub>m</sub> : 0.4 C<sub>n</sub>H<sub>m</sub> : 0.5  
CO : 18.2 CO : 21.1  
H<sub>2</sub> : 36.2 H<sub>2</sub> : 41.9  
CH<sub>4</sub> : 12.0 CH<sub>4</sub> : 14.0  
N<sub>2</sub> : 7.2 N<sub>2</sub> : 1.4

H.c.v. 2850 Kcal/  
Nm<sup>3</sup> H.c.v. 3300 Kcal/Nm<sup>3</sup>

Powerhouse  
Steam  
14.5 t/h

28ata 400°C 75.4%

Energy

30300 kW

37870 kW

from:  
Synthesis 16200  
Resid.Gas 21700  

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37900

# LURGI-Pressure-Gasification

100000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h J-Gas

Split Gas  
121000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h 105300 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

CO<sub>2</sub> : 14.5% CO<sub>2</sub> : 2.0%  
CO : 37.7 CO : 43.0  
H<sub>2</sub> : 45.3 H<sub>2</sub> : 52.0  
CH<sub>4</sub> : 1.2 CH<sub>4</sub> : 1.3  
N<sub>2</sub> : 1.5 N<sub>2</sub> : 1.7

H.c.v. 2620 Kcal/  
Nm<sup>3</sup> H.c.v. 3010 Kcal/Nm<sup>3</sup>

Synth. Gas  
105300 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h  
Resid.Gas  
28200 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h  
CO<sub>2</sub> : 46.5 %  
CO : 13.0  
H<sub>2</sub> : 15.3  
CH<sub>4</sub> : 18.9  
N<sub>2</sub> : 6.3  
H.c.v. 2660 Kcal/  
Nm<sup>3</sup>

Steam 65 t/h  
- 16200 kW

3.0%

Various Consumption

1100 kW

4570 kW

21700 kW

### III Carbonization- Gasification (with Splitgas)

118.6 t/h  
Coal 89.5 t/h

Moist 21.7%  
Ash 4.1%  
Tar 7.2% 2450 Nm<sup>3</sup>  
h.c.v 5220 kcal/kg

2350 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

29.7 t/h  
Carbonization

Tar: 1.78 t/h  
conc. 0.55 t/h

Coke  
13.68 t/h

Oxygen 30000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h  
plant

18000 kW

Steam 57 t/h  
80 atm 500°

Energy  
52000 kW

From  
Steam 0 000  
Synth. 16200  
Res.-Gas 15300  
Coke 21500

Split-Gas  
18000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h  
CO<sub>2</sub>: 14 %  
O<sub>2</sub>: 0.1  
CO: 37.8  
H<sub>2</sub>: 44.8  
CH<sub>4</sub>: 2.0  
N<sub>2</sub>: 1.3

Iron-oxide

comp.  
Water-wash  
Rkt. Tr. oxide

Synthesis

100 000 Nm<sup>3</sup>  
J.-gas

Producergas  
100 700 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h  
CO<sub>2</sub>: 12.8 %  
O<sub>2</sub>: 0.1  
CO: 56.2  
H<sub>2</sub>: 28.4  
CH<sub>4</sub>: 0.8  
N<sub>2</sub>: 1.7

Rawgas  
119 500 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h  
CO<sub>2</sub>: 13.0 %  
O<sub>2</sub>: 0.1  
CO: 53.2  
H<sub>2</sub>: 31.0  
CH<sub>4</sub>: 1.1  
N<sub>2</sub>: 1.6

h.c.v 2670 kcal/Nm<sup>3</sup>

Synthesis-gas  
105 300 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h  
CO<sub>2</sub>: 2.0 %  
CO: 60.0  
H<sub>2</sub>: 35.0  
CH<sub>4</sub>: 1.2  
N<sub>2</sub>: 1.8

h.c.v 3000 kcal/Nm<sup>3</sup>

Res.-Gas  
30 000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h  
CO<sub>2</sub>: 50.0 %  
CO: 15.0  
H: 13.0  
CH<sub>4</sub>: 16.0  
N<sub>2</sub>: 6.0

h.c.v 2370 kcal/Nm<sup>3</sup>

Benzine  
0.5 t/h

8800 kW

3.2 t/h

Various Cons.

1000 kW

Surplus Steam  
65 %, 25 atm  
16 200 kW

22 450 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h  
+ 45500 kW

To Coal-dryer  
7550 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

2.7 t/h

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## IV Carbonization - Gasification

(Carbonizer-Gas for Boilers)

210 t/h

Coal

Moist 21.1%

Ash 4.1

Tar 7.2

H.C.V. 5220 Kcal/kg

Carbon  
ization

Conden-  
sation

Carbon-Gas

10700 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

45700 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

h.c.v. 2200 Kcal/Nm<sup>3</sup>

Dryer,  
Benzinerec.

Tar  
6.6 t/h

Benzine  
0.6 t/h

### Gasification

Compressor

Water-  
wash

Alk. In-  
side  
Synthesis  
gas  
100000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

J-Gas

CO<sub>2</sub>

Raw Gas

120000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

CO<sub>2</sub> : 14.0%

CO : 52.7

H<sub>2</sub> : 30.6

CH<sub>4</sub> : 0.8

N<sub>2</sub> : 4.9

Synthesis-Gas

105300 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

CO<sub>2</sub> : 2.0%

CO : 60.0

H<sub>2</sub> : 35.0

CH<sub>4</sub> : 0.9

N<sub>2</sub> : 2.1

H.C.V. 3000 Kcal/Nm<sup>3</sup>

Res. Gas

30000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

CO<sub>2</sub> : 50.0%

CO : 15.0

H<sub>2</sub> : 13.0

CH<sub>4</sub> : 16.0

N<sub>2</sub> : 6.0

Oxygen

28000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

Steam 62.5 t/h  
80ata 500°C

steam 3ata  
3.0 t/h

Steam 65 t/h 25ata  
16200 kW

Energy  
from  
Requir. 50000 kW

Steam 10400

Res. Gas 20700

Synthesis 16200

Carbon Gas 3600

16800 kW

3000 kW

1000 kW

25600 kW

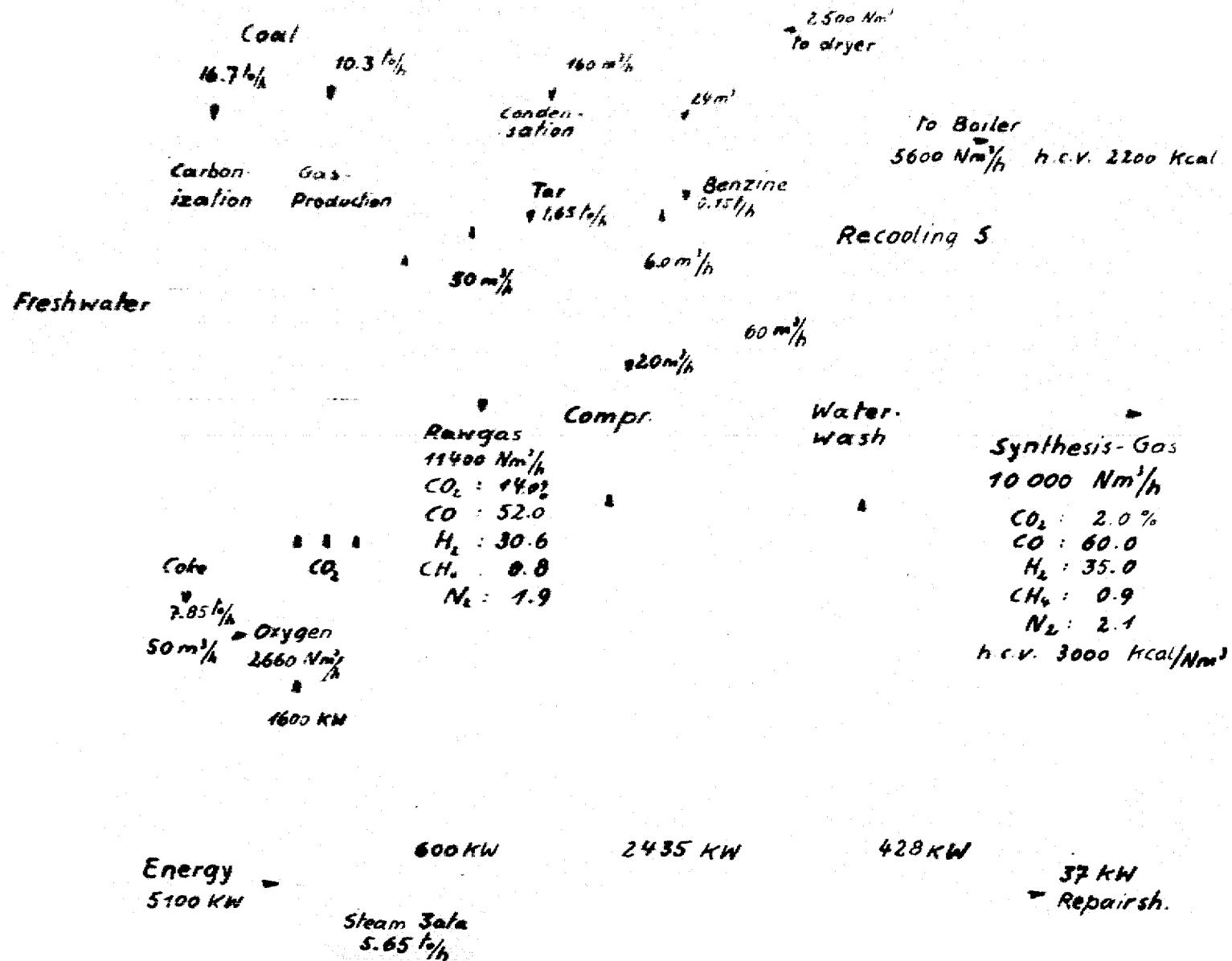
4500 kW

To Boiler

20700 kW

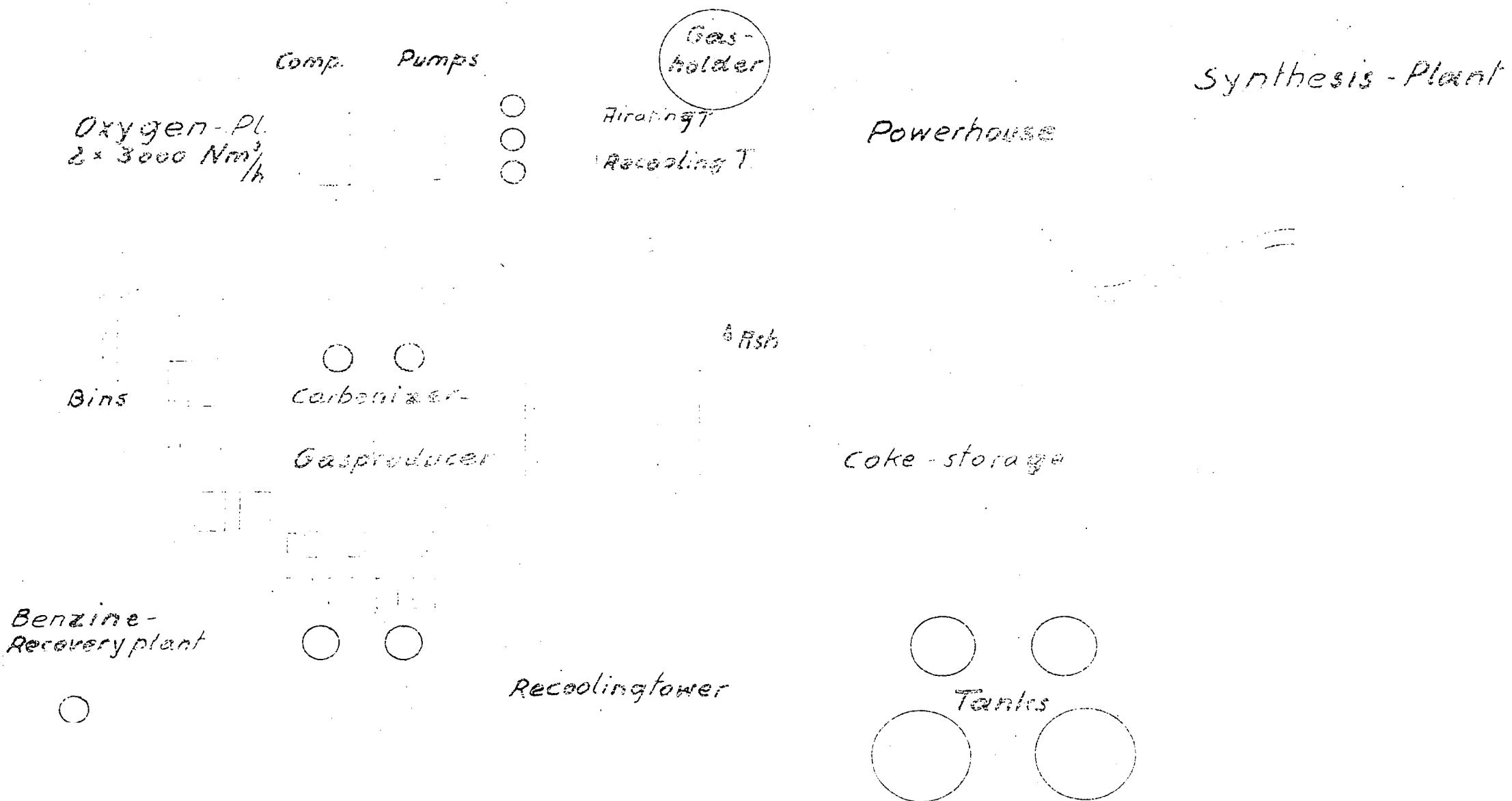
- Var. Cons.

A. Carbonizer-Gasproducer  
Production of 10 000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h Synthesis-Gas



# A Carbonizer - Gasproducer - Plant

70 000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h Synthesisgas



## C. Pressure Specification

2200 kW

3300

3000 kW

G<sub>3</sub> 1790 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

1510

Coal

9.4 t/h

Moist. 21.1 %

Ash 4.1

Tar 3.2

H.c.v. 5220 kcal/kg

Gas-

producer

Cooler

oil-  
scrubber

Split  
chamber

Water-  
wash

Iron-  
oxide

Synth. Gas  
10 000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h

CO<sub>2</sub> : 2.0 %

CO : 43.0

H<sub>2</sub> : 52.0

CH<sub>4</sub> : 4.3

N<sub>2</sub> : 1.7

H.c.v. 3010 kcal/kg

Steam 11.5 t/h

Tar

0.43

Benzine

0.1

1.5 t/h

2.0 t/h Steam 6.0 t/h

500 kW

Steam 11.5 t/h

Energy

3730 kW

2980 kW

→ 0.5 t/h

Var. Cons.

150 kW

500 kW

## C. Pressure-Gasification-Plant

10 000 Nm<sup>3</sup>/h Synthesisgas

