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# Impact of SCR on Fuel Flexibility

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# Agenda

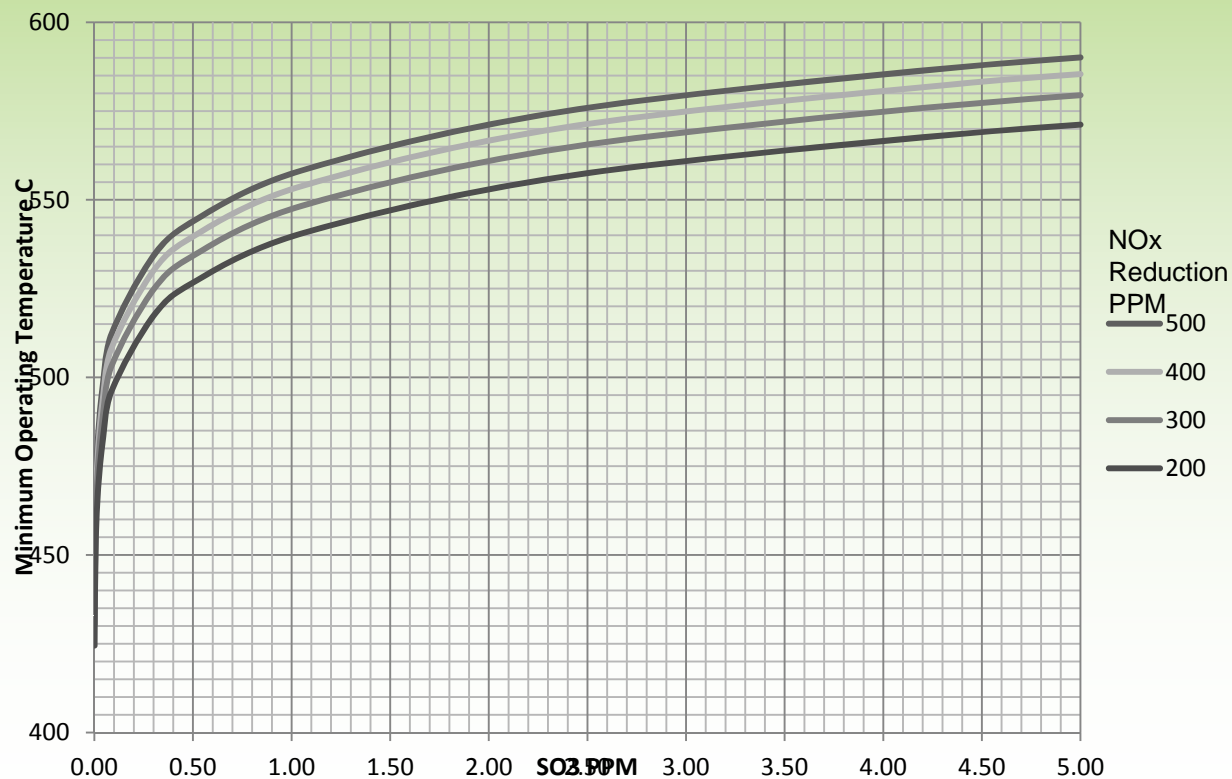
- **Impact of catalyst technology on fuel flexibility**
- **Introduction of Targeted In Furnace Injection TIFI®**
- **Impact of TIFI® on boiler and SCR operation**
- **Other Benefits**
- **Conclusions**

# Impact of SCR on Boiler Operation and Fuel Flexibility

- **Minimum Operating Temperature MOT**
  - Determined by ABS formation temperature (to protect catalyst from masking)
  - MOT may impose restrictions on unit minimum load, NOx removal efficiency (NH<sub>3</sub> injection rate) and fuel quality (Sulfur content)
- **Downstream impacts of Ammonia Slip and SO<sub>3</sub>**
  - Fouling (delta-P), Corrosion, Byproduct Quality (\$), Visible Emissions (Environmental)
- **Catalyst poisons**
  - Fuel flexibility and Catalyst life (\$)

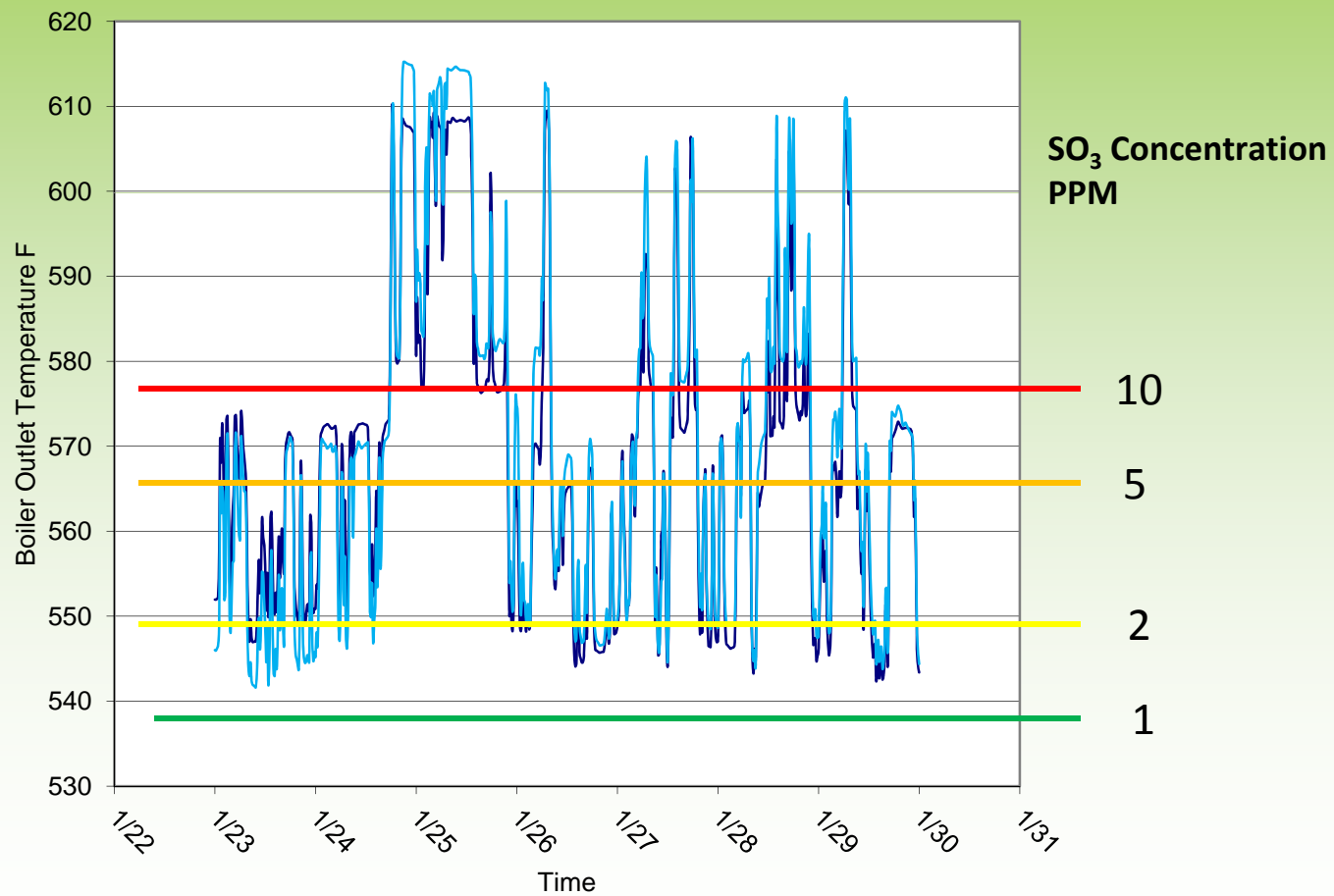
# Minimum Operating Temperature

- The MOT of the catalyst depends on the  $\text{SO}_3$  and ammonia concentration in the flue gas
- The ammonia concentration is a function of the  $\text{NO}_x$  removal



# Impact of SO<sub>3</sub> on NO<sub>x</sub> Reduction

- MOT impact at 200 PPM NO<sub>x</sub> Reduction

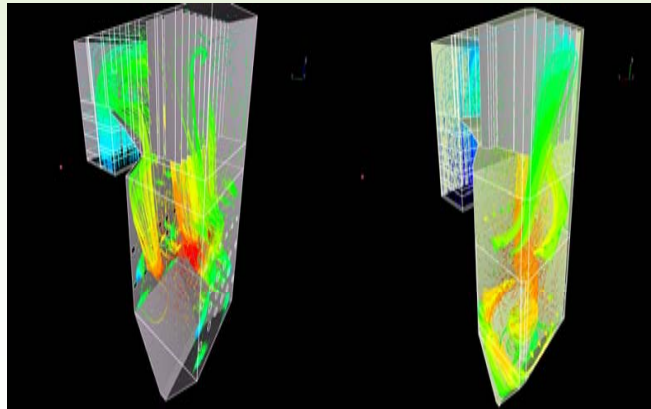


# Lowering the Operating Temperature of the Catalyst

- **Restrict Fuel Sulfur/Supplemental Heating**

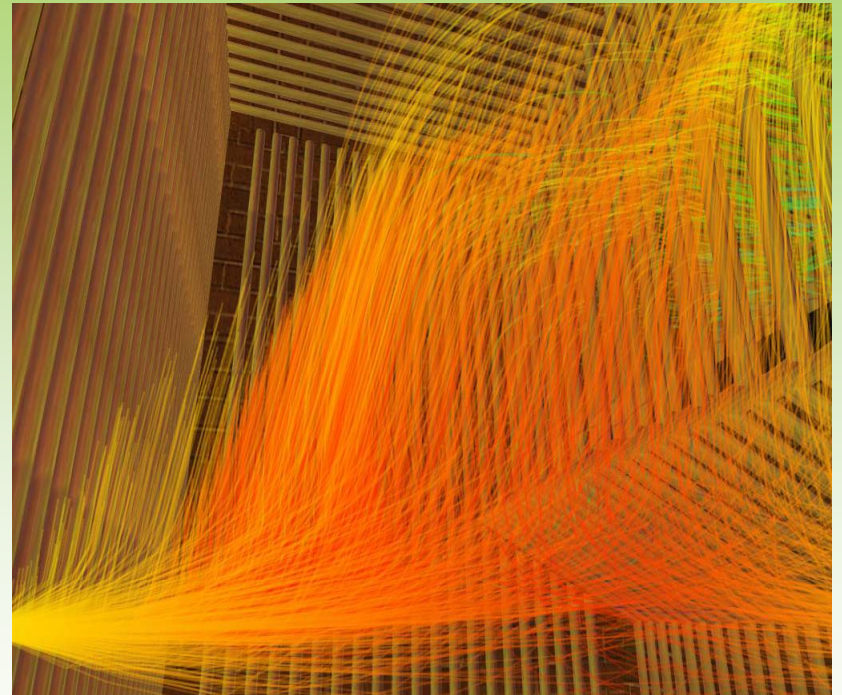


- **Reduce SO<sub>3</sub> in-furnace (before SCR)**



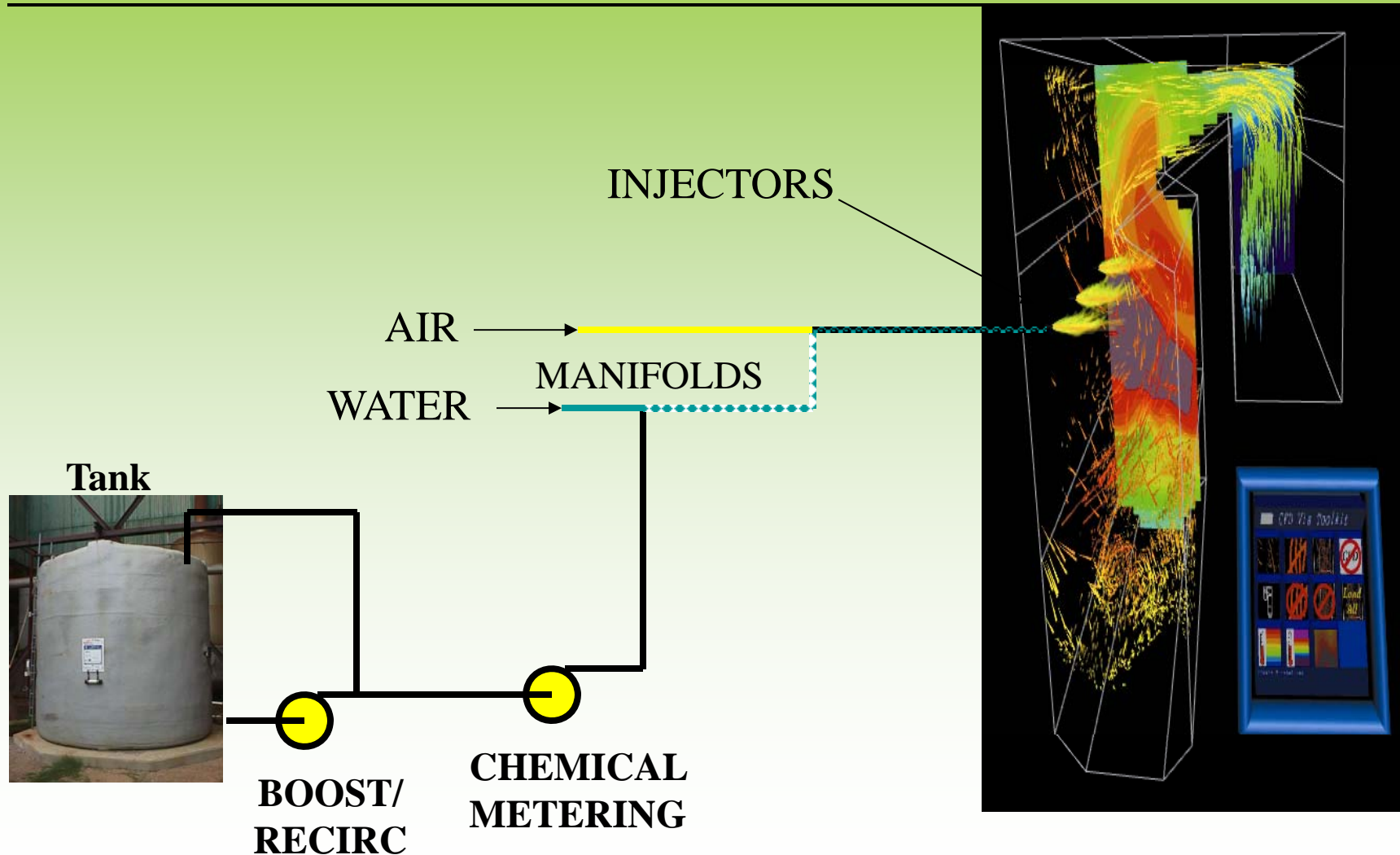
# TIFI<sup>®</sup> Targeted In-Furnace Injection<sup>™</sup>

- **Highly reactive magnesium hydroxide  $Mg(OH)_2$**
- **Patented process using Computational Fluid Dynamic Modeling**
- **Critical Design Criteria**
  - ▲ Furnace gas flows and temperatures
  - ▲ Chemical distribution, particle size and feed rate



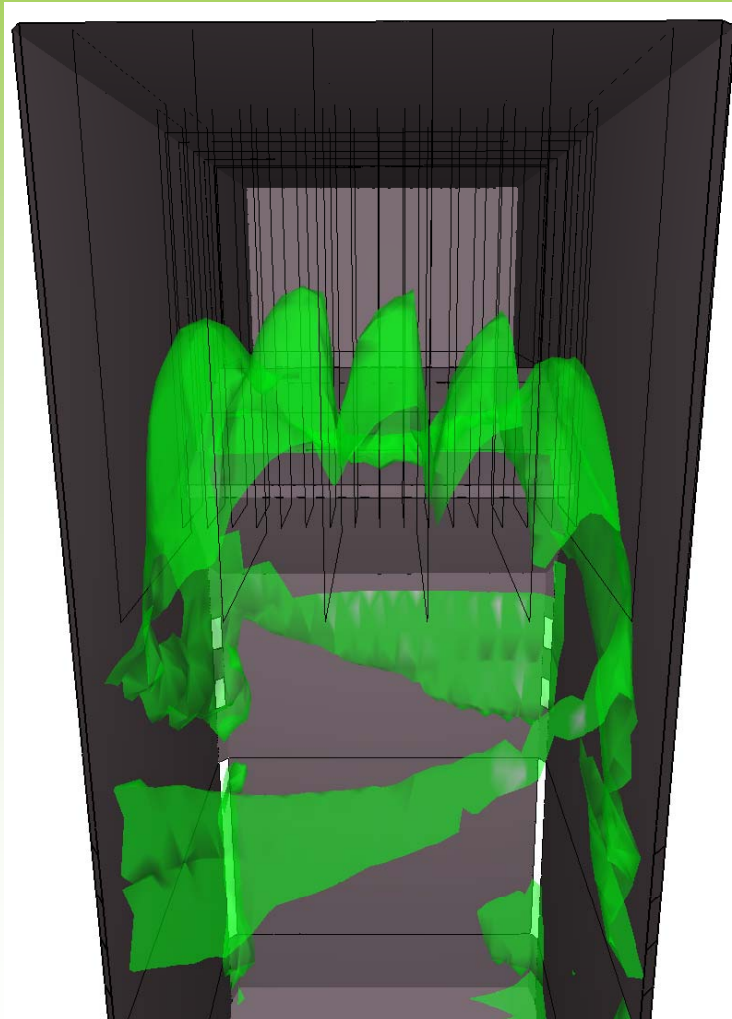
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## *ANATOMY OF A TYPICAL INJECTION SYSTEM*

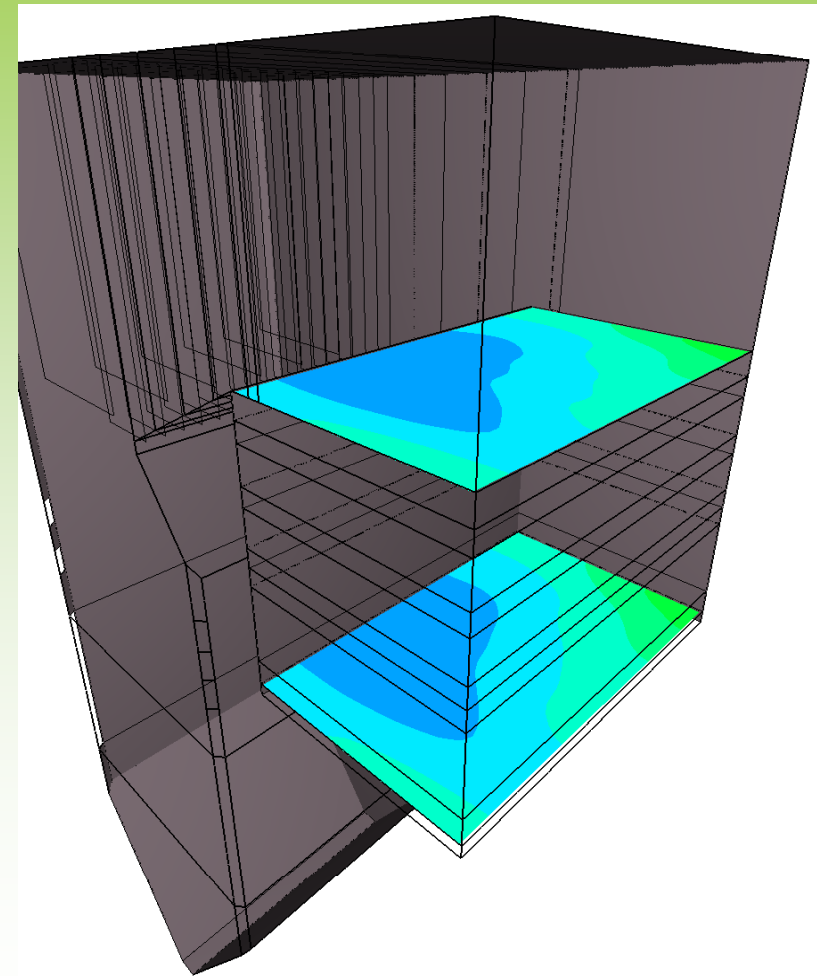


# CFD Modeling of Injection Strategy includes both Furnace and Backend

TIFI Injection Model



SO<sub>3</sub> Distribution Map



# Controlling Slag, Fouling, SO<sub>3</sub> & Ammonium Bisulfate (ABS)

**Critical to Optimizing Catalyst Life,  
Costs, and Overall Unit Performance**

# TIFI reduces ABS, SO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

- **Lower Furnace Temperature**
  - ▲ Decreased SO<sub>2</sub> Oxidation Rate
- **More Balanced Furnace**
  - ▲ Reduced Excess Oxygen
- **Reduced Slag and Iron Deposits**
  - ▲ Less Catalytic Oxidation of SO<sub>2</sub>
- **Direct Reaction with MgO**
  - ▲  $\text{MgO} + \text{SO}_3 \Rightarrow \text{MgSO}_4$
  - ▲  $\text{MgO} + \text{NH}_4\text{HSO}_4 \Rightarrow \text{MgSO}_4 + \text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

# Case Studies

## Demonstration of TIFI with SCR

# Control of Hard Slag Formation

## Typical Fuel Quality During This Study

- **Sulfur**

- U1  $\cong$  3.3#/MMBTU

- U3,U4  $\cong$  4.5#/MMBTU

- **Iron**

- U1  $\cong$  23% Iron

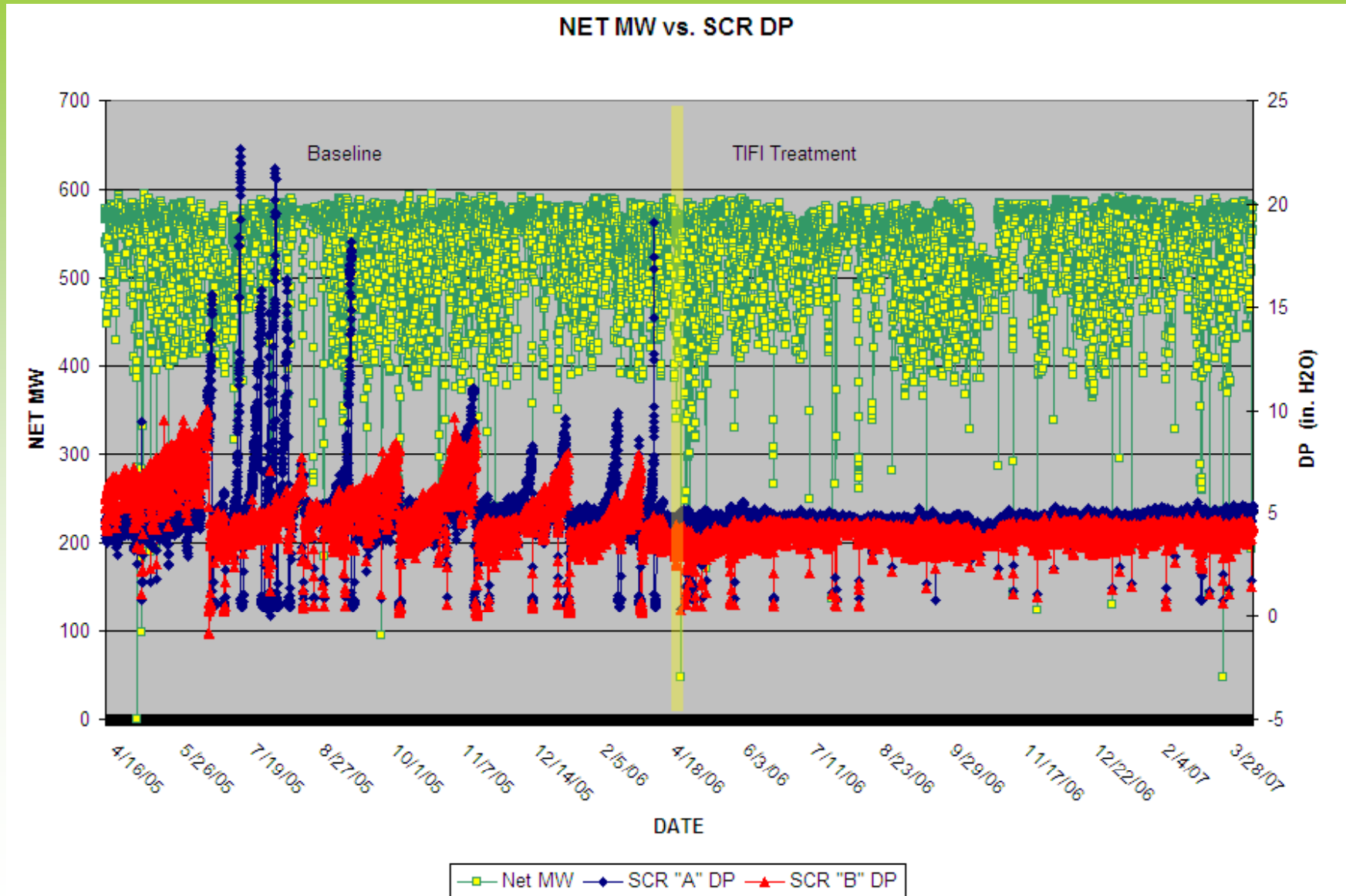
- U3,U4  $\cong$  25% Iron

# Control of Hard Slag Formation



- Treated slag material is more friable
  - More easily and thoroughly removed with existing soot blowing
  - Mitigates formation of Large Particle Ash/Popcorn Ash
  - Reduces build up of catalytic metals in the furnace

# SCR Pressure Drop - Popcorn Ash



# SO<sub>3</sub> Mitigation with TIFI

## Inlet SCR Temperatures & Affect on SO<sub>3</sub>

At 741°F there is 1% conversion of SO<sub>2</sub> to SO<sub>3</sub>

At 760°F and 4% Excess O<sub>2</sub> – Additional 25% more SO<sub>3</sub>

At 775°F and 4% excess O<sub>2</sub> – Additional 50% more SO<sub>3</sub>

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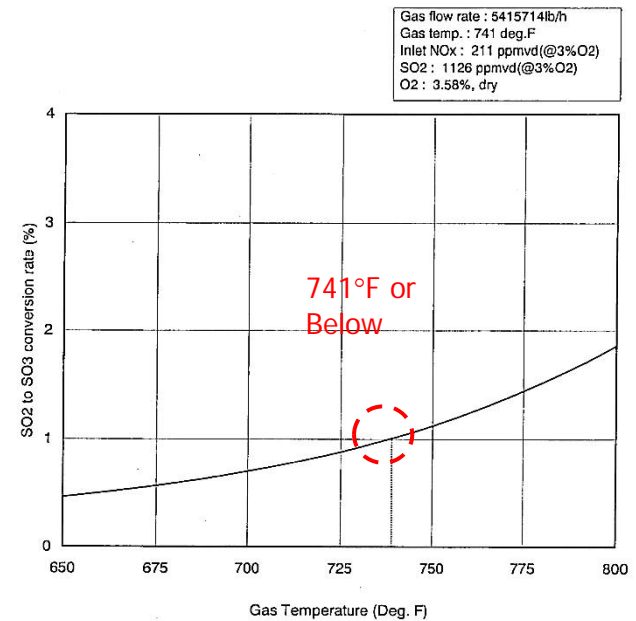
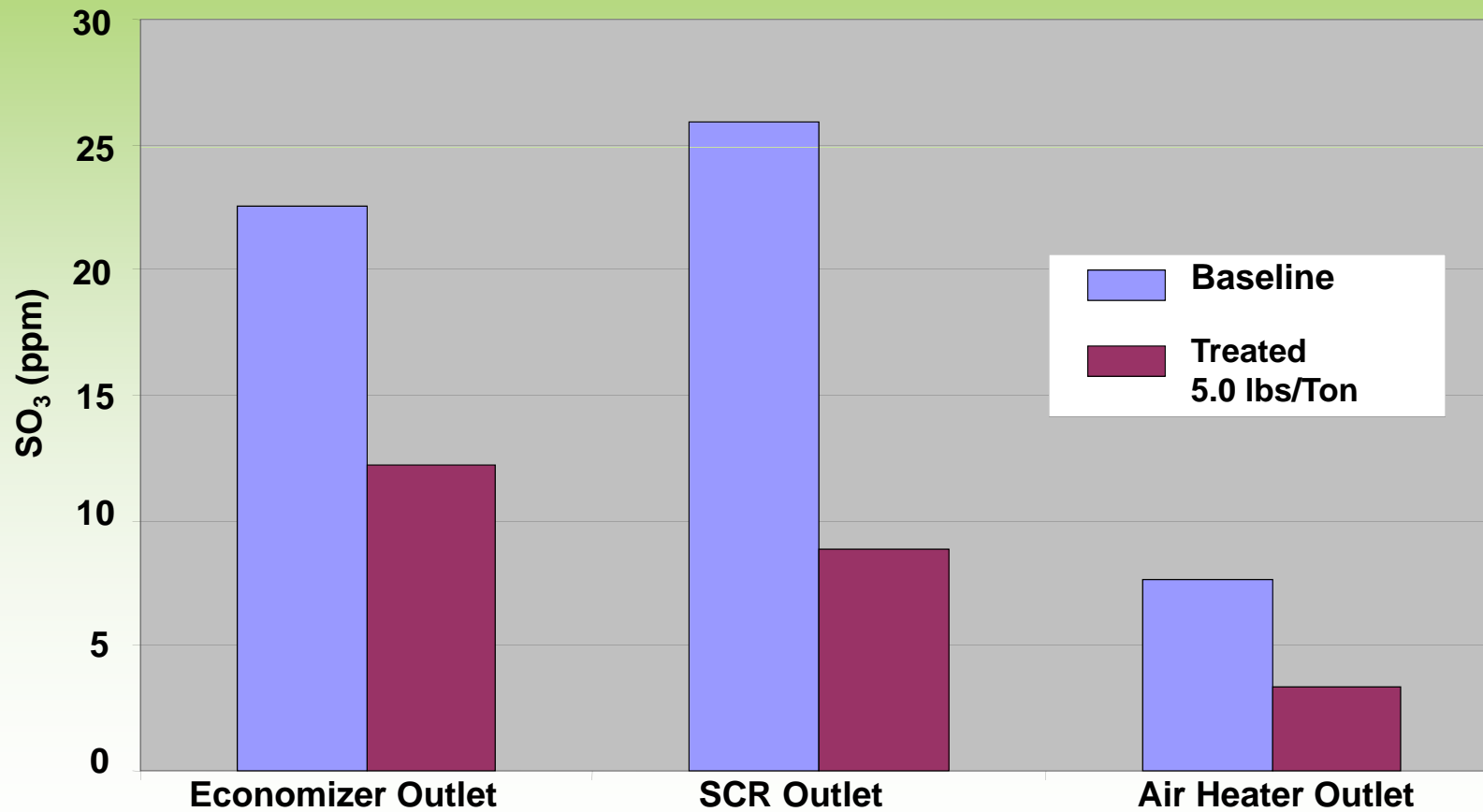


Fig. 7 SO<sub>2</sub> to SO<sub>3</sub> Conversion Rate VS. Gas Temperature in Base case

# SO<sub>3</sub> Mitigation with TIFI

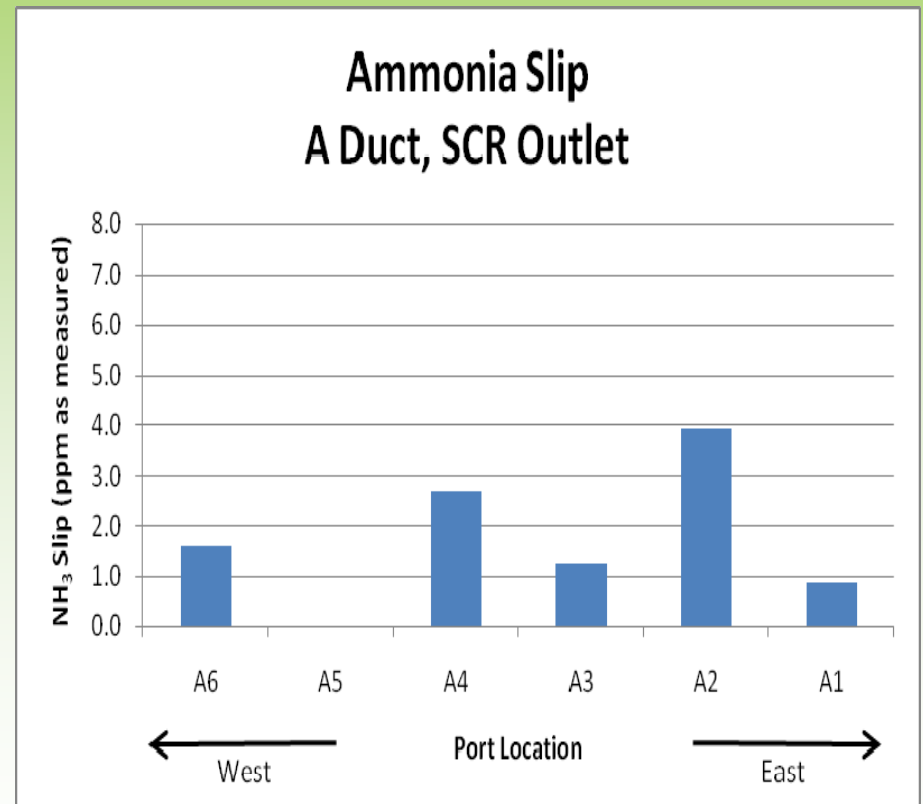
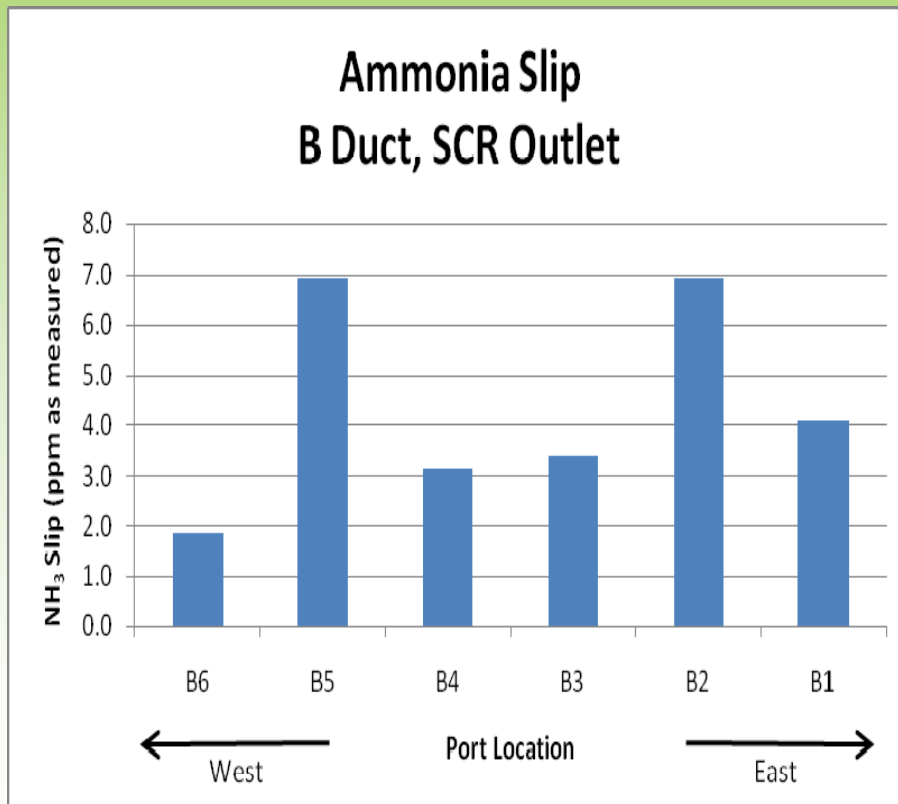


# Managing Catalyst Life Cycle

- **As Catalyst activity becomes depleted, ammonia slip increases.**
- **Ammonia slip in the presence of SO<sub>3</sub> will form ABS & influence Air Heater fouling**  
$$\text{NH}_3 + \text{SO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{NH}_4\text{HSO}_4$$
- **Tolerance of ABS fouling = Effective Catalyst Life**

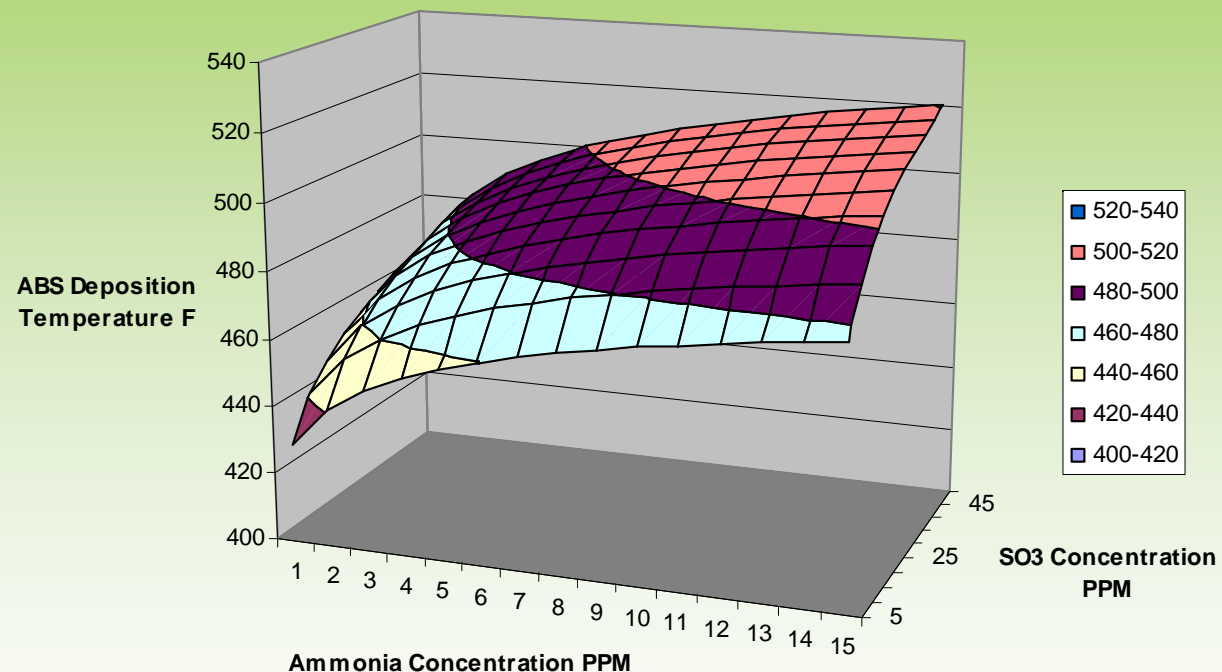
# Unit 3 SCR Outlet Ammonia Slip

## High Load



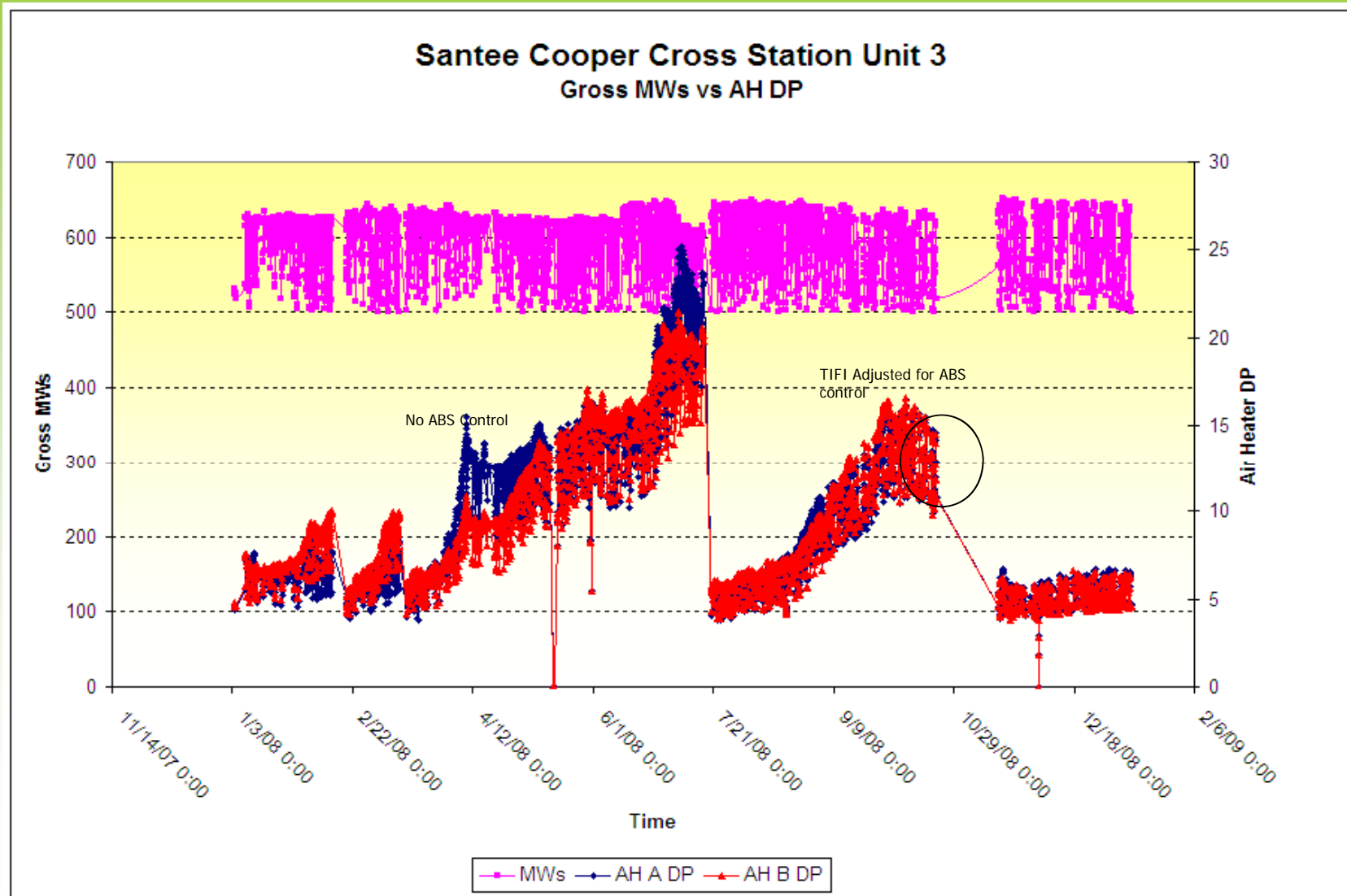
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- **The greater the ammonia slip & fuel sulfur concentration, the faster AH dP will Rise**

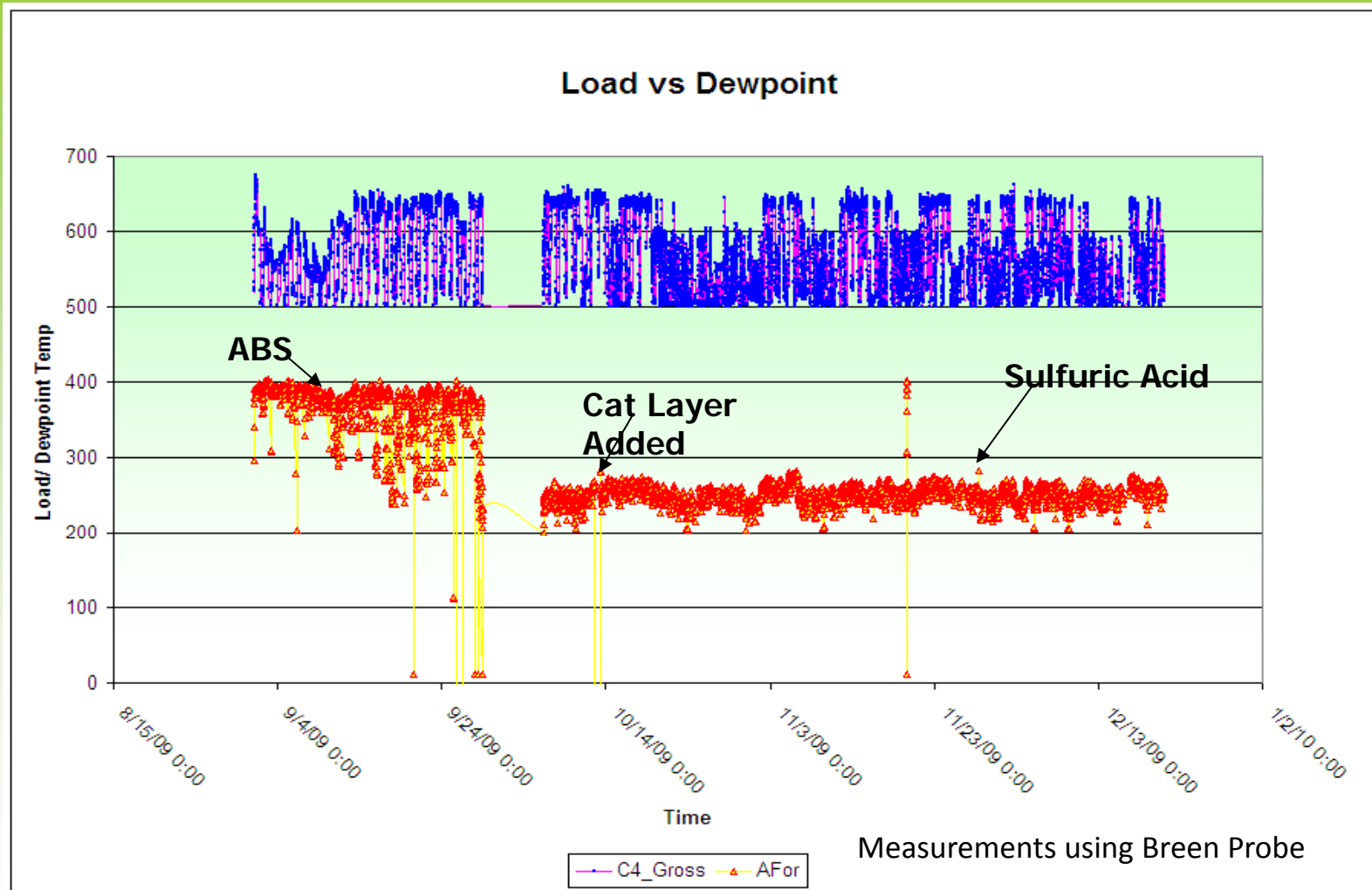


- **Typically becomes more significant with fuel sulfur content above 1.5%**

# Initial ABS Control Demonstration

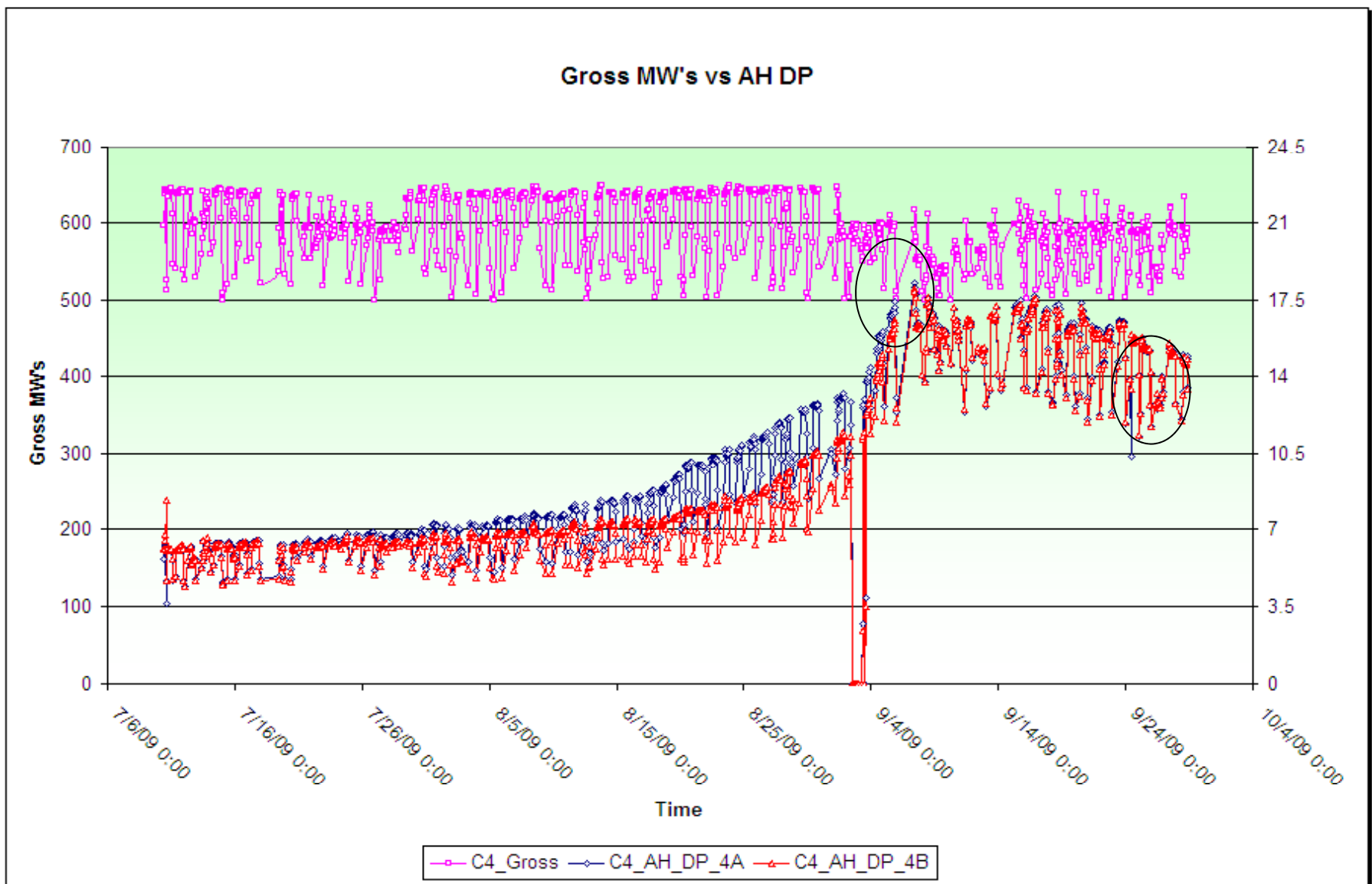


# TIFI Clean up Of Air Heater

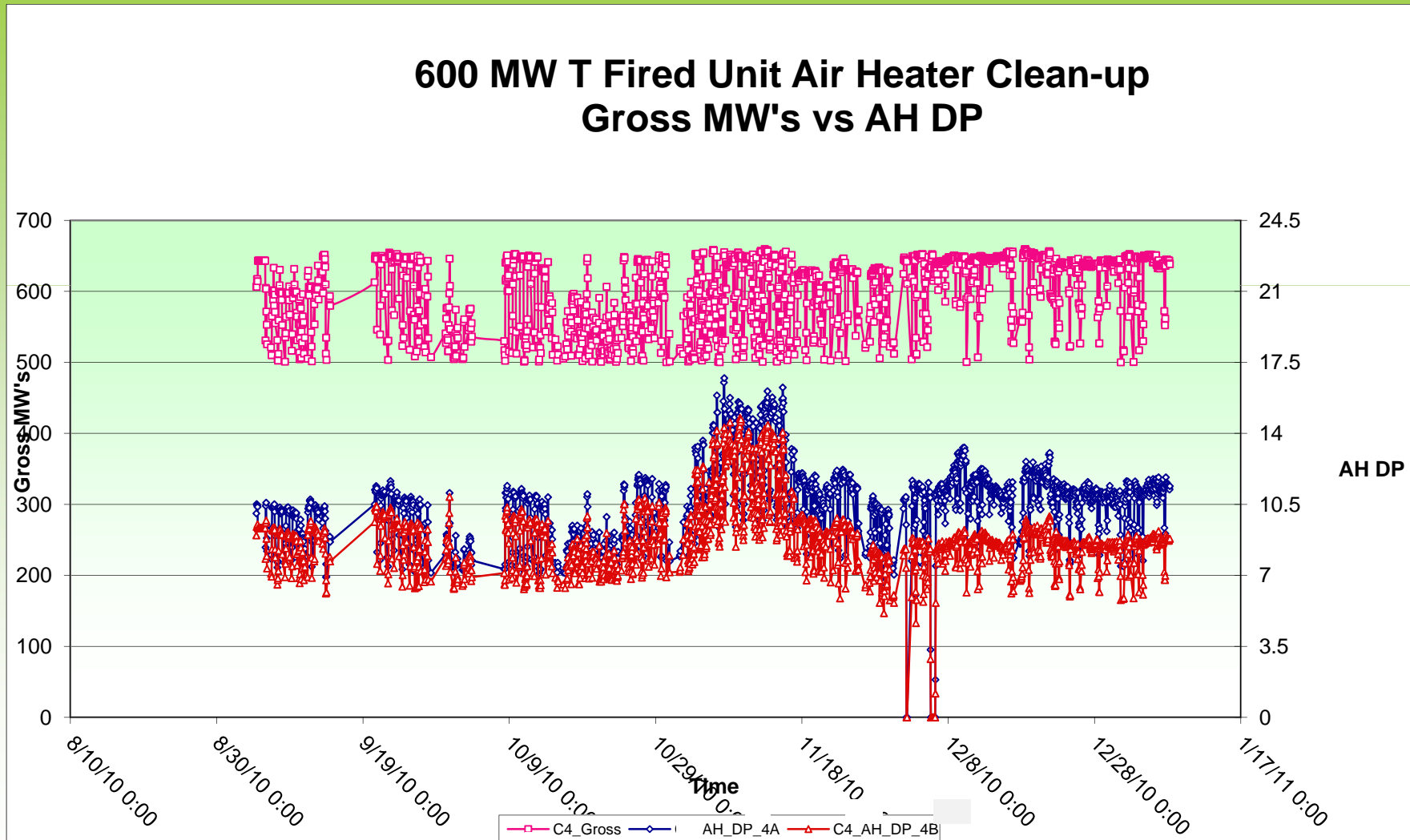


- TIFI virtually eliminates precipitation of ABS in the AH

# AH dP Went Down from 17.8" to 14.7"



# On Line Air Heater Clean-Up No Shutdown - Maintained Full Load

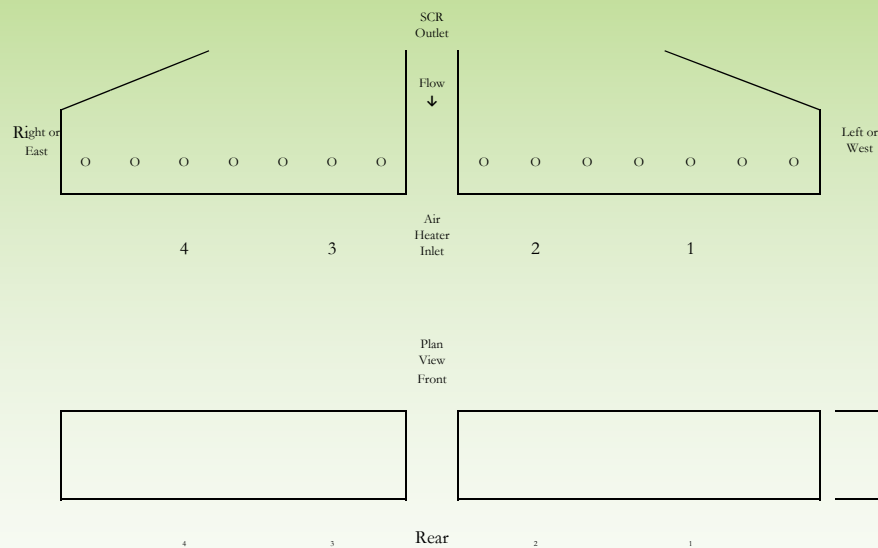


# Catalyst Life Extension

- **Catalyst OEM recommended Layer Removal April 2011**
- **Extended Performance with TIFI will allow one additional year of performance - 8000 Hours**
- **ABS Formation Controlled During Catalyst Degradation**

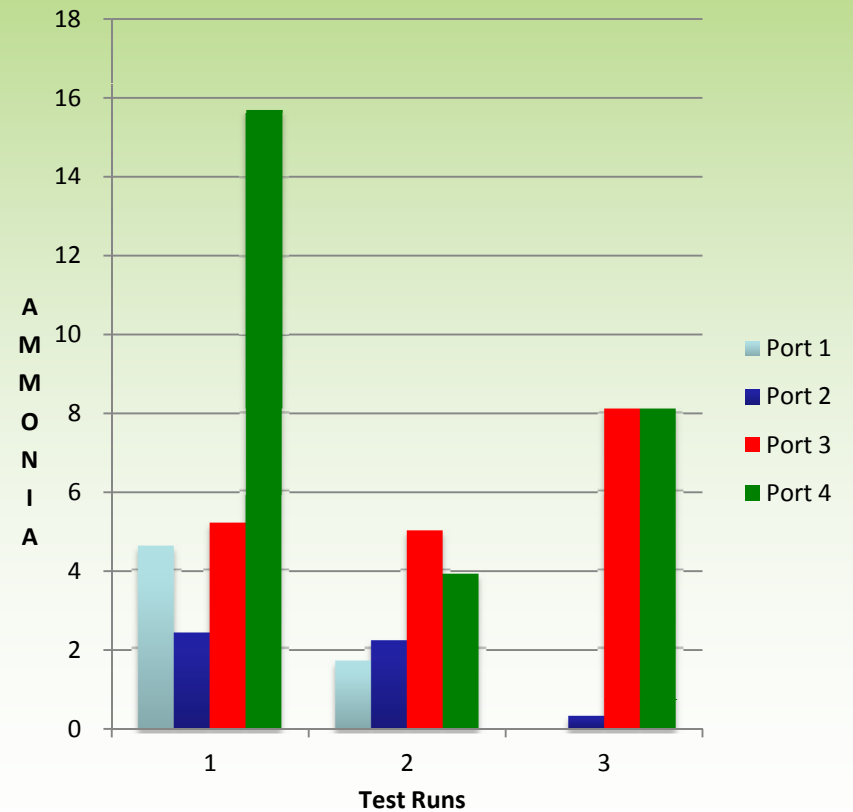
# U1 Ammonia Slip

## Test Location



Ammonia in Fly Ash < 10 mg/kg

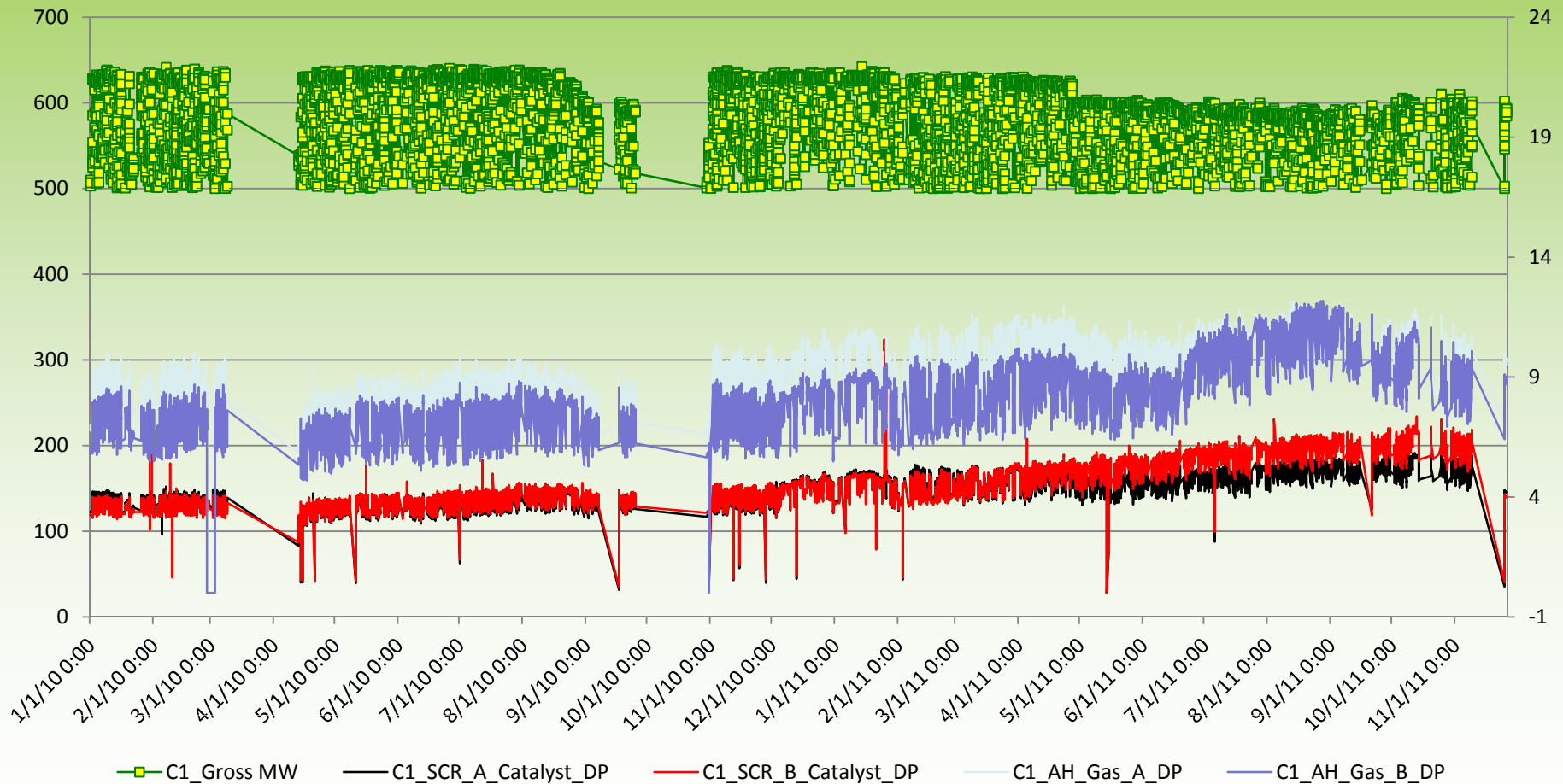
## Full Load Ammonia Slip (ppm)



# SCR dP and Air Heater dP controlled over 19 months

Ammonia Slip from 3-15 ppm Since June 2011

### Gross MW vs. SCR DP & AH DP



# TIFI Successfully Controlled

## Primarily:

- SO<sub>3</sub> mitigation for Opacity Control
- ABS Formation
- Slag and Furnace Fouling
- Large Particle Ash (LPA)/Popcorn Ash
- SCR Fouling & AH Fouling
- **Program Consistently Provided**
  - Fuel Flexibility
  - Unit Efficiency
  - Unit Capability

# Arsenic Poisoning

## Removal & Capture of Arsenic (As) – Quick Facts

- Pre-combustion conventional coal cleaning:
  - May be efficient if  $As_{pyr}$  is the dominant form
  - Cannot remove organic bound or micro mineral arsenic (shielded grains of As-bearing sulphides)
- Arsenic is captured from flue gas on active cation sites of the fly ash surface (e.g.  $Ca^{2+}$  and  $Mg^{2+}$ ) by means of chemisorption
- Arsenic can be readily leached from acid ( $SiO_2$ -rich) bituminous coal ashes but can be very difficult from alkali ( $CaO$ -rich) lignite ashes
- $As_2O_3(g)$  condenses on the pore system of SCR catalyst

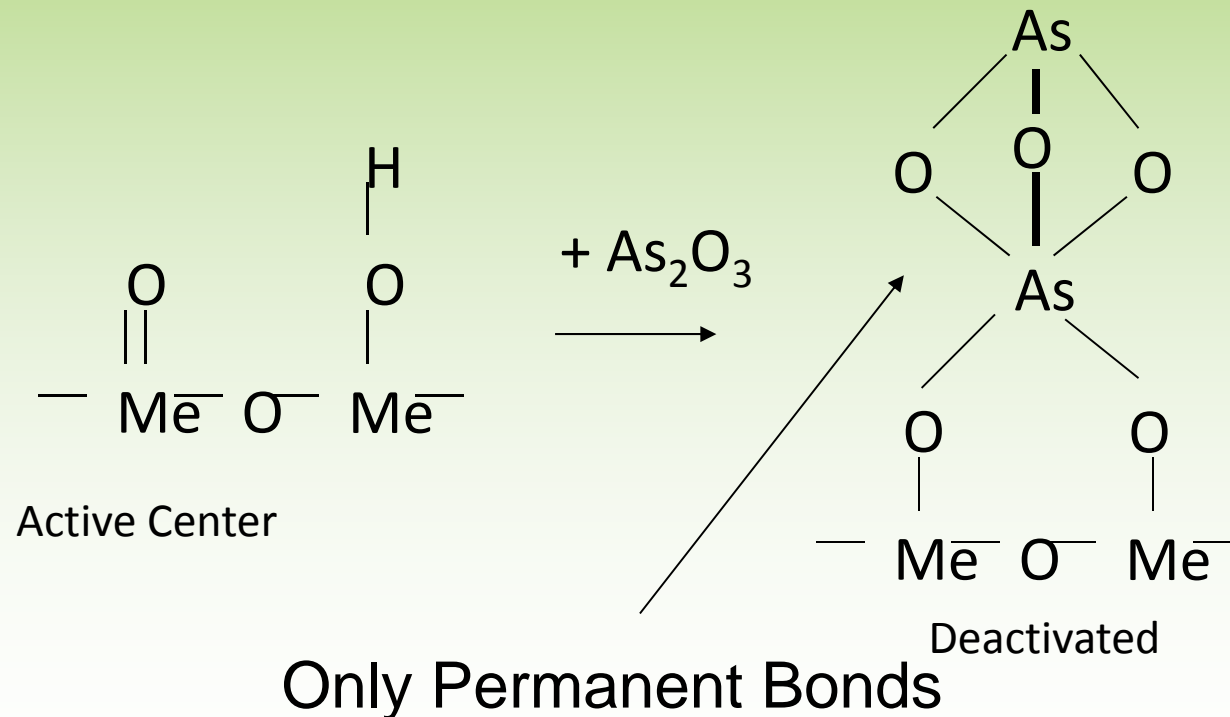


**\* Gaseous arsenic is one of the predominant catalyst deactivation mechanisms in coal fired SCR applications in the US**

# Arsenic Poisoning

## Arsenic Poisoning

- Arsenic Reduces the Activity of Catalyst Through Reaction With Vanadium
- Reaction Product is Permanent
- Vanadium Molecule is Not Available for NOx Reduction



# Arsenic Mitigation

**As described ...Gaseous Arsenic is a predominant deactivation mechanism for SCR catalyst in coal fired applications AND...**

**Low concentration of alkaline metals in the fuel can exacerbate deactivation by Arsenic.**

- TIFI provides alkaline metal (Mg) to mitigate

**Higher flue gas temperatures can exacerbate deactivation by Arsenic.**

- TIFI improves furnace heat recovery and allows lower MOT

**Higher concentrations of SO<sub>3</sub> can exacerbate deactivation by Arsenic.**

- TIFI effectively reduces SO<sub>3</sub>

# Conclusions

- **TIFI® Targeted In-Furnace Injection™ Successfully controlled slag, fouling, SO<sub>3</sub>, & ABS**
- **Prevented ABS Formation, and removed ABS from a Fouled Air Heater**
- **Catalyst Life Significantly Extended by maintaining low SCR & AH dP**
- **Ammonia slip is managed - preventing need to buy new catalyst prematurely**
- **TIFI mitigates several contributors to catalyst deactivation by gaseous Arsenic**

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  - HERT (High Energy Reagent Technology)
- ◆ Catalyst Technologies
  - Urea-based and NH<sub>3</sub>-based\* SCR for Industrial Applications
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  - Advanced SCR Systems
  - NOxOUT ULTRA<sup>®</sup>: Thermal Decomposition of Urea
  - SCR Design and Application Consulting, Catalyst Mgmt Services

\*Note: Recent development for small NH<sub>3</sub> flow SCR's under 10,000 pounds of reagent storage.