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# Alstom's Mercury Control Technologies

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# Mercury Control Technologies – There is no “One Size Fits All”

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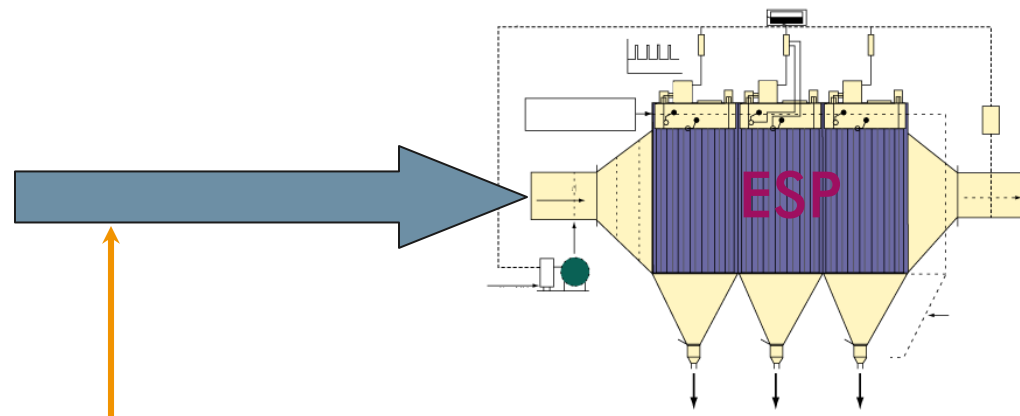


- **Activated Carbon Injection (Alstom Filsorption™)**
  - Proven in WTE and well demonstrated for utilities
  - Significant materials handling and storage requirements
  - Contaminates ash with carbon making reuse difficult
  
- **Advanced PAC (Alstom Mer-Cure™)**
  - De-agglomerates activated carbon
  - Reduces carbon particle size, injects with longer residence time
  - Reduces carbon consumption rate
  
- **Chemical Addition (Alstom KNX™)**
  - Small amount of chemical added to coal prior to combustion
  - Enhances mercury oxidation, facilitating capture
  - No impact to ash
  - Greatly reduced materials handling and storage

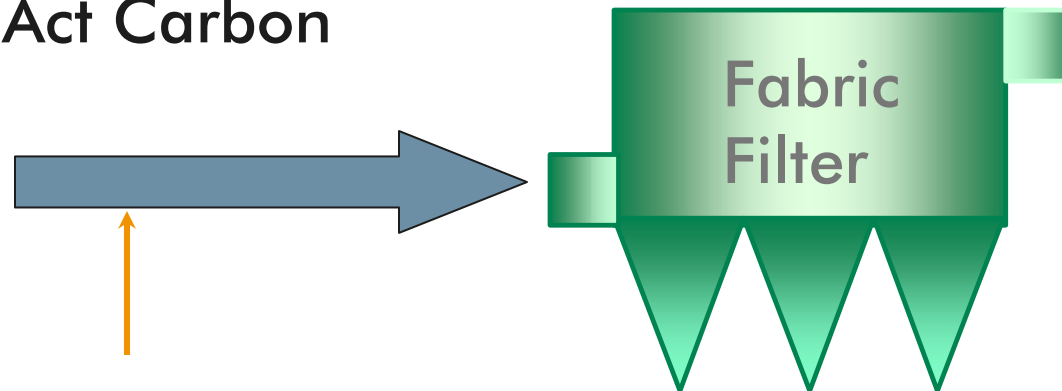
# Filsorption™

aka, Activated Carbon Injection (ACI)

# Simple Hg Sorbent Injection

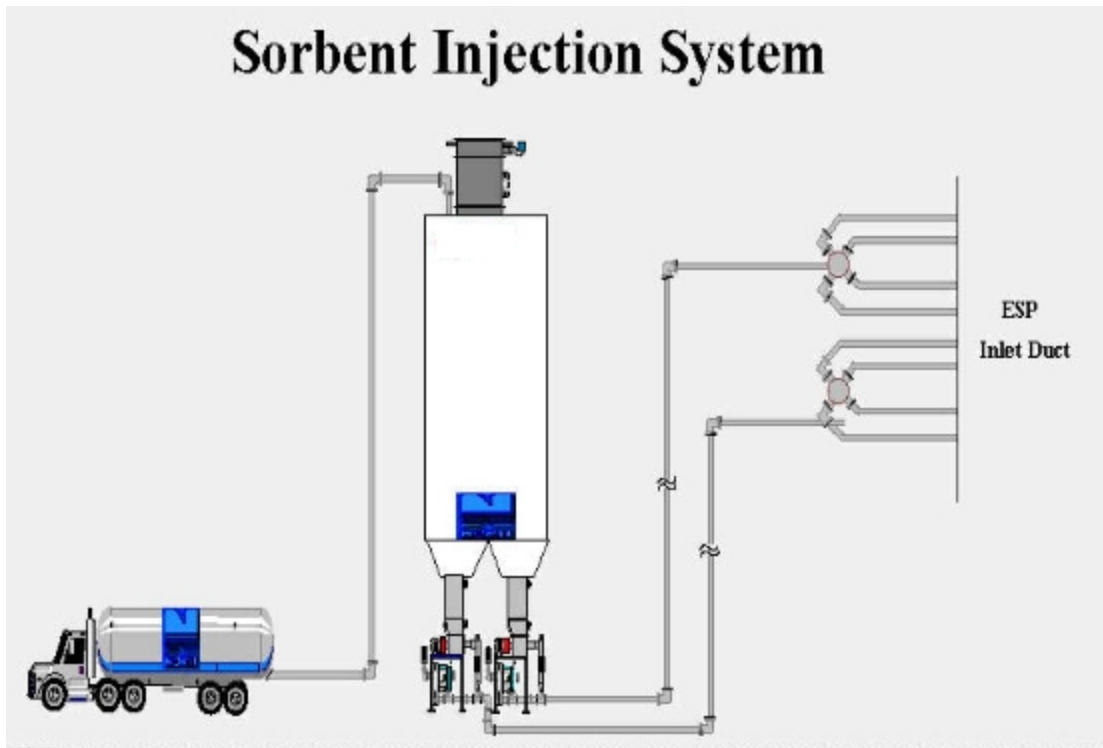


Act Carbon



Act. Carbon (Fabric  
Filter is 1/10 ESP  
Injection Rate)

# Filsorption™ for Mercury Control



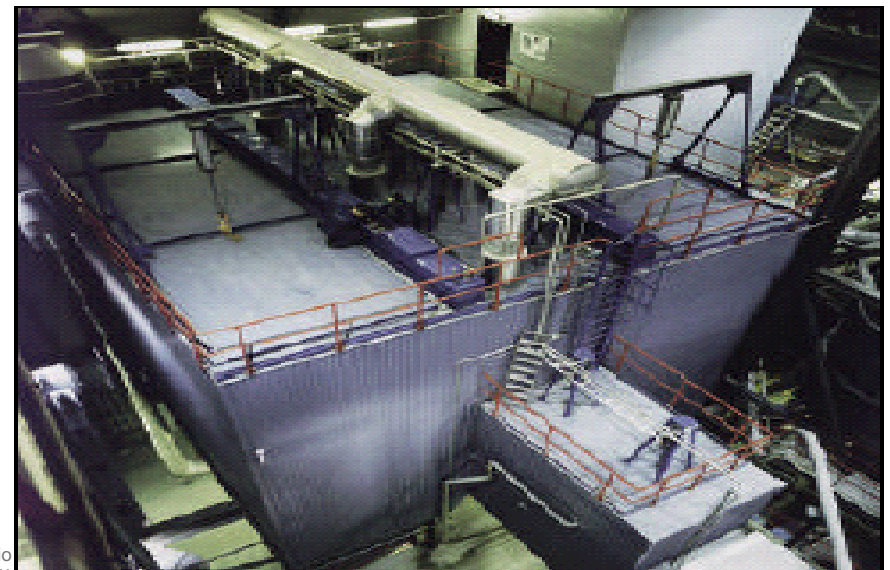
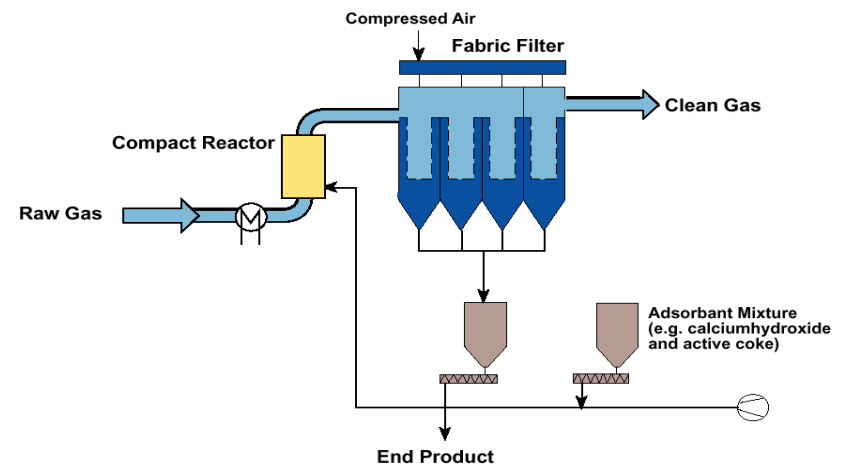
# Filsorption™ Experience



- Commercialized mercury removal technology for the European WtE industry

- Installed 19 systems during early 1990s
  - Utilize activated carbon
  - ALL have operated reliably for more than 10 years
  - ALL achieve between 70 - 90% mercury removal
  - ALL capture both elemental and oxidized mercury

- Recent experience includes units where PAC is injected upstream of DFGD systems for mercury control.



# Recent Filsorption™ References

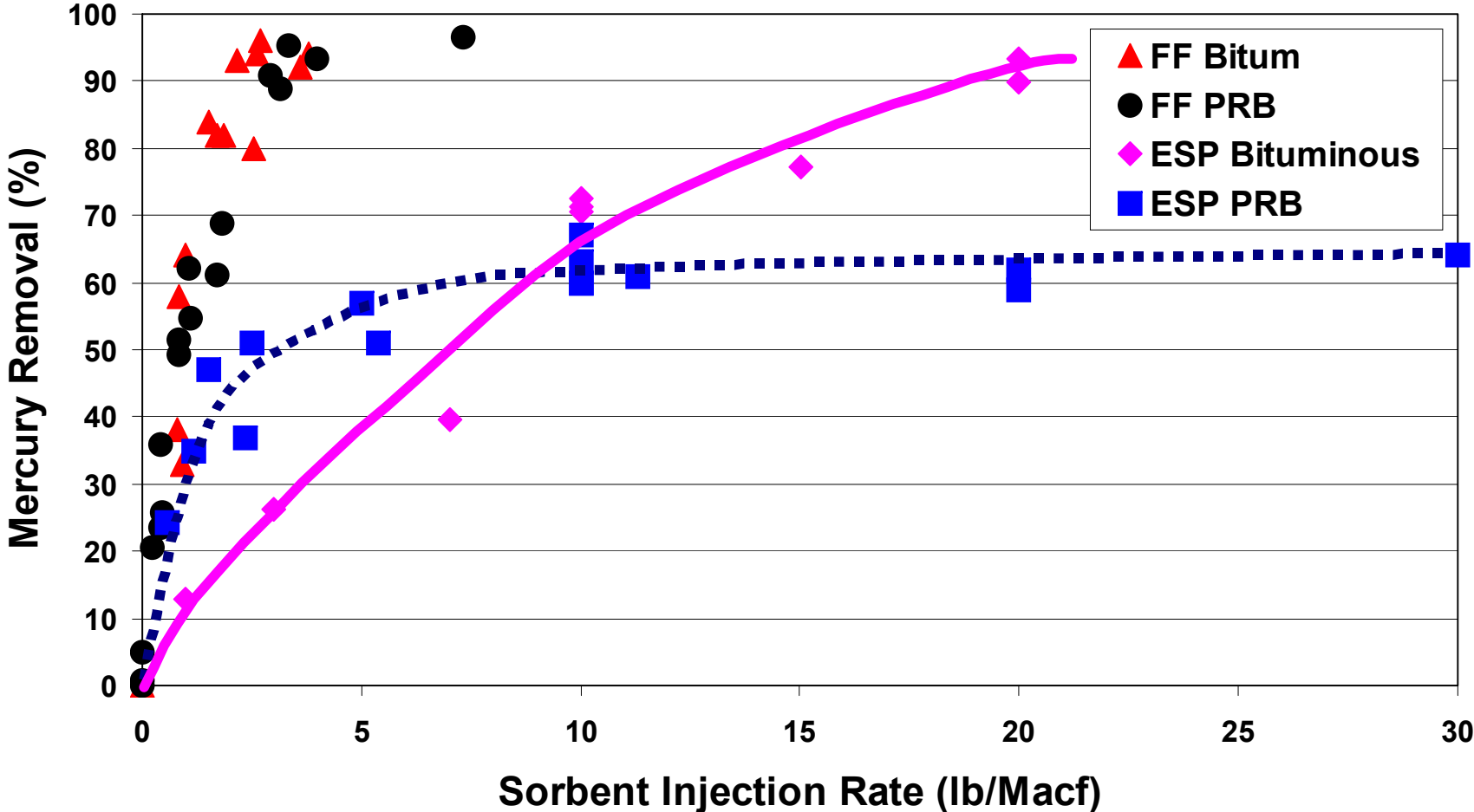


Unit	Size	Year	Configuration	Coal	Hg Control
Nebraska City 2	660 MW	2009	SDA/FF	PRB	B-PAC
Plum Point	665 MW	2010	SDA/FF	PRB	B-PAC
Springerville 4	400 MW	2009	SDA/FF	PRB	B-PAC
Mercer	2 x 325 MW	2010	SDA/FF	BIT	PAC
Hudson	650 MW	2011	SDA/FF	BIT	PAC

## Recent additions:

Sandy Creek	800 MW	SDA/FF
Brayton Point	430 MW	NID/FF
Indian River	450 MW	NID/FF

# Mercury Removal by Carbon



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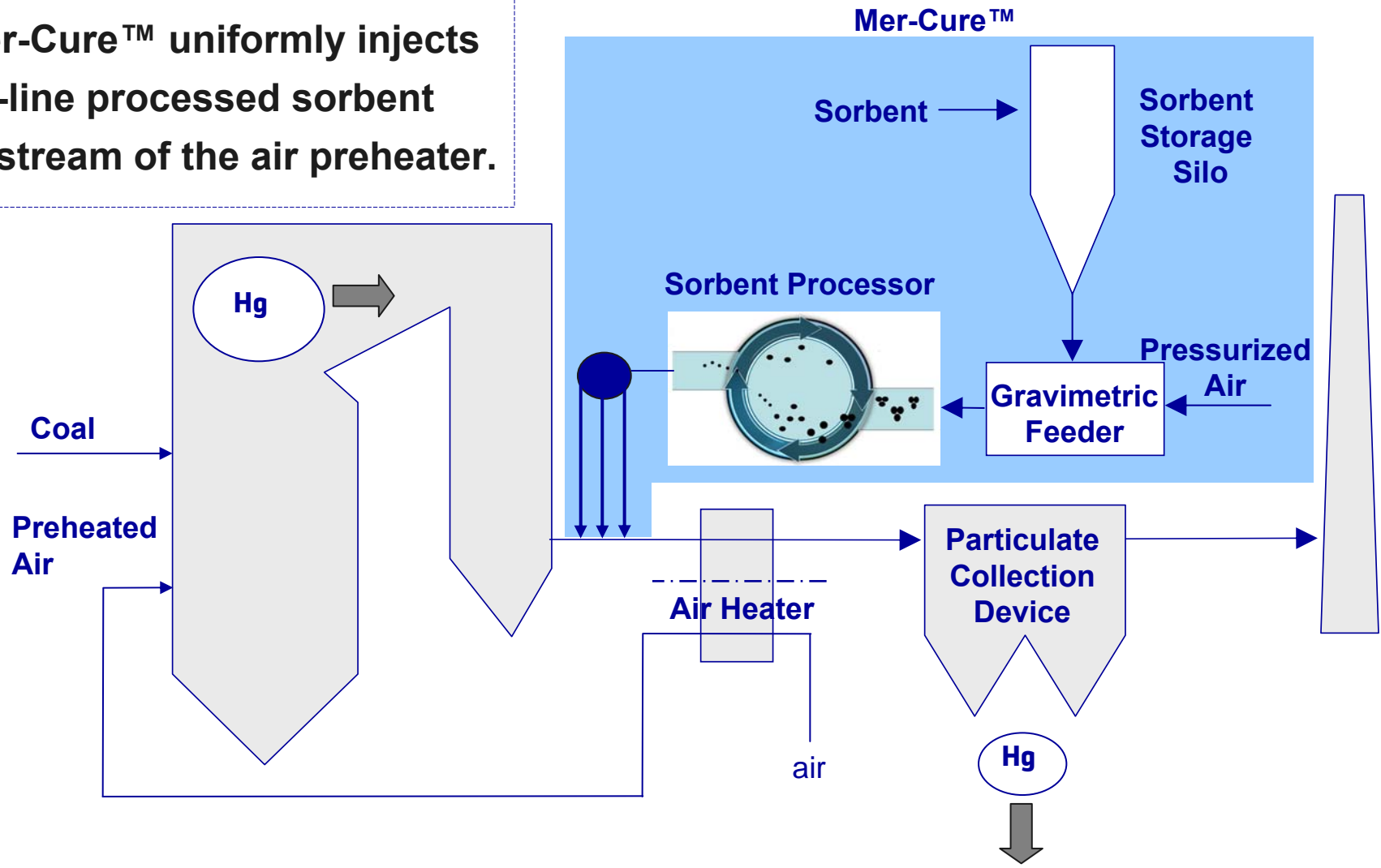
# Mer-Cure™

- **An advanced activated carbon injection system providing highly efficient performance...**
  - On-line processing of sorbent
  - De-agglomeration
  - Uniform dispersion
  - Maximum surface area
- **Injection upstream air heaters**
  - High temperature
  - Longer residence time
  - More internal duct area

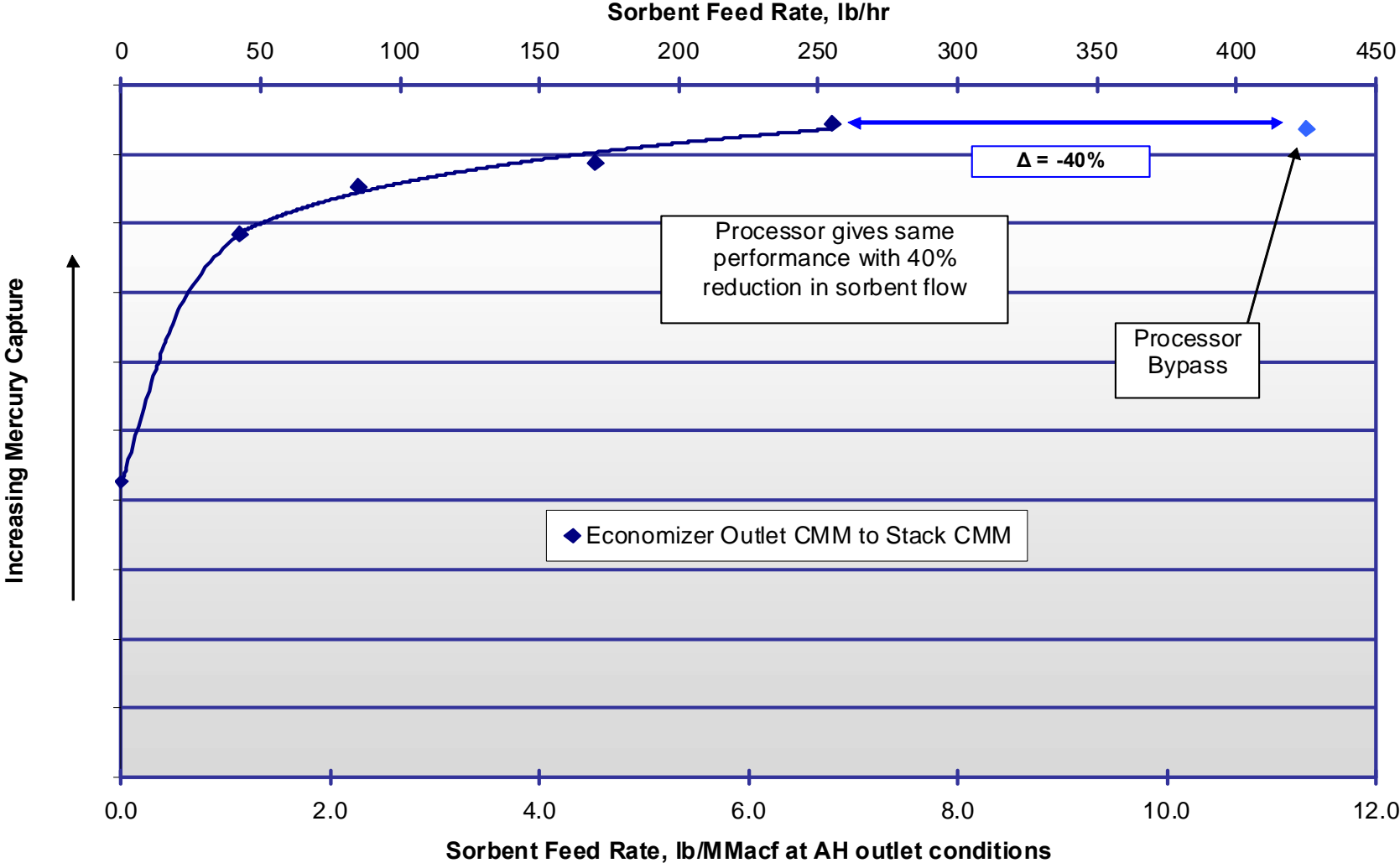
# Mer-Cure™ System Technology



**Mer-Cure™ uniformly injects on-line processed sorbent upstream of the air preheater.**

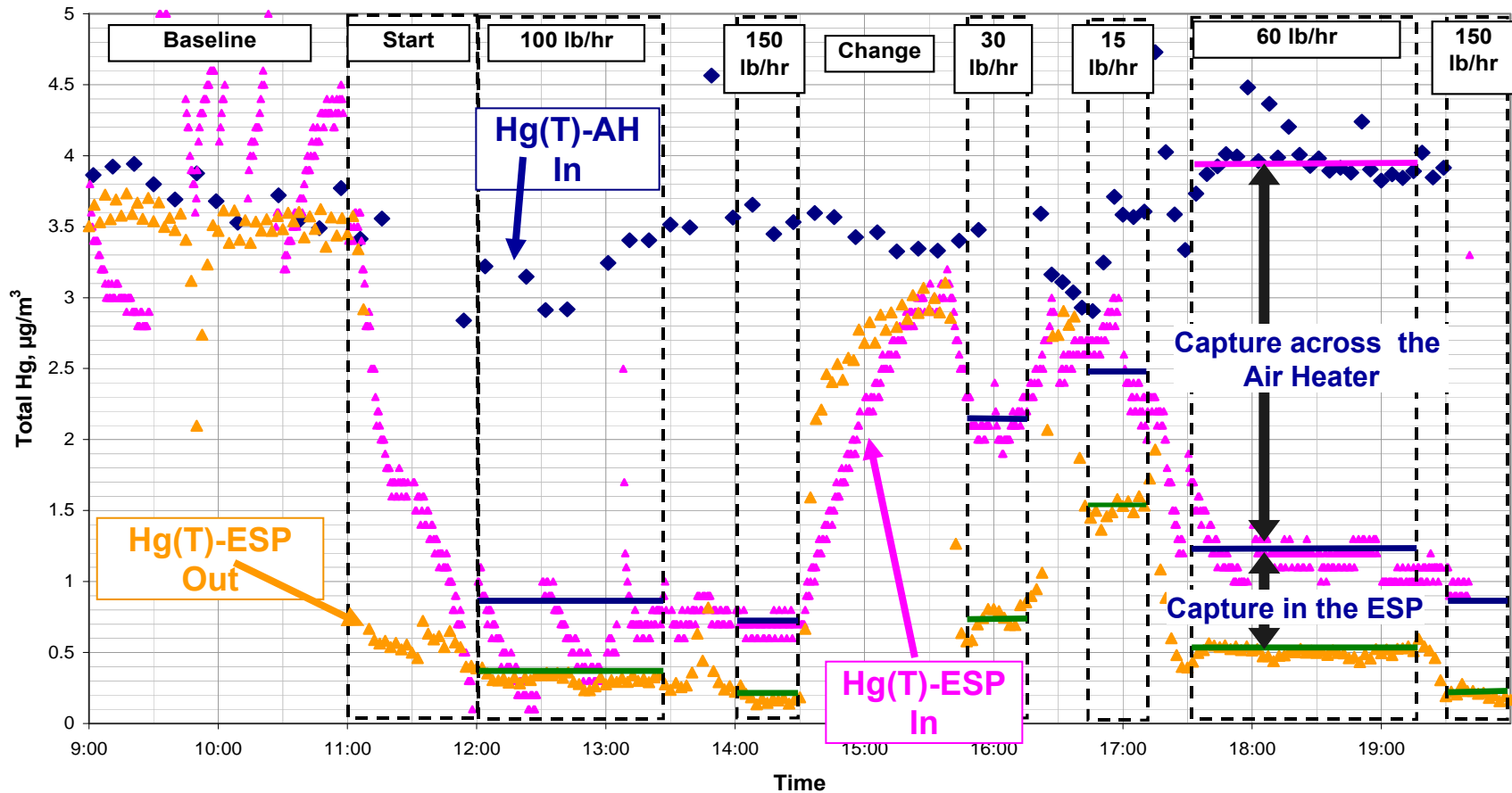


# Hg Reduction vs. Sorbent Injection Rate with & w/o Processor



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# Significant Portion of Mercury Captured Across the Air Heater



- Enhanced utilization of on-line processed sorbent with Mer-Cure™ technology combined with high temperature injection before the air heater

# Aerial View – Erected Mer-Cure™ Silos At Colstrip Power Station (2100 MWe)



# Pre-Retrofit Total Stack Hg Levels at Colstrip

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- Units 1 & 2 – 3 to 8 lbs/Tbtu
- Units 3 & 4 – 5 to 10 lbs/Tbtu

# Summary of Total Stack Hg Colstrip Units 1, 2, 3 and 4 (Feb. 2010)



	<u>U1</u>	<u>U2</u>	<u>U3</u>	<u>U4</u>	<u>Site Average</u>
Total Hg lb/TBTU	0.88	0.69	0.85	1.01	0.86

Conclusion : Colstrip meeting state of Montana compliance limit of 0.9 lb/Tbtu total stack Hg with Mer-Cure™ using approximately 50% of PAC required by traditional sorbent injection systems

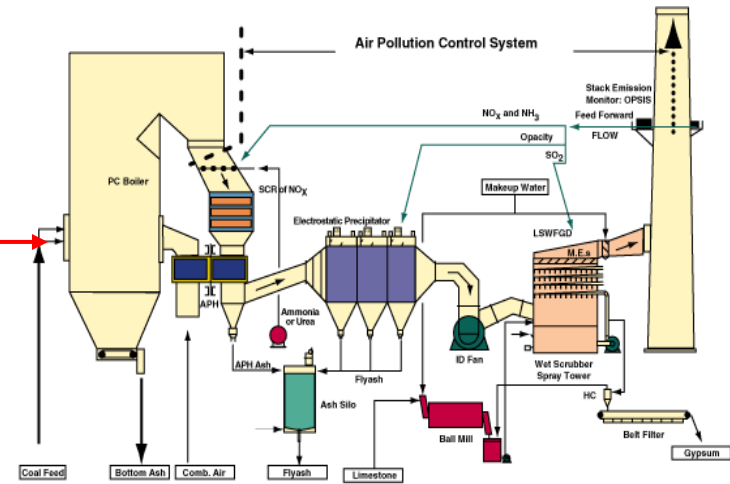
**KNIX™**

- “KNX™” is the ALSTOM trade name for a technology where a bromine-containing chemical is added to the coal, prior to the combustion process, to enhance mercury oxidation
  - Invented in Germany by Professor Vosteen
  - Protected by US and German Patents
- ALSTOM has licensed exclusive rights to the technology from Vosteen Consulting of Germany to market to the power generation industry in the US and Canada. Alstom charges one-time License fee

# Design of the KNX™ Injection System



Control box



- $\text{CaBr}_2$  52 wt% water solution
- Adjustable pumps and hosing
- Spray header with nozzles
- Control box

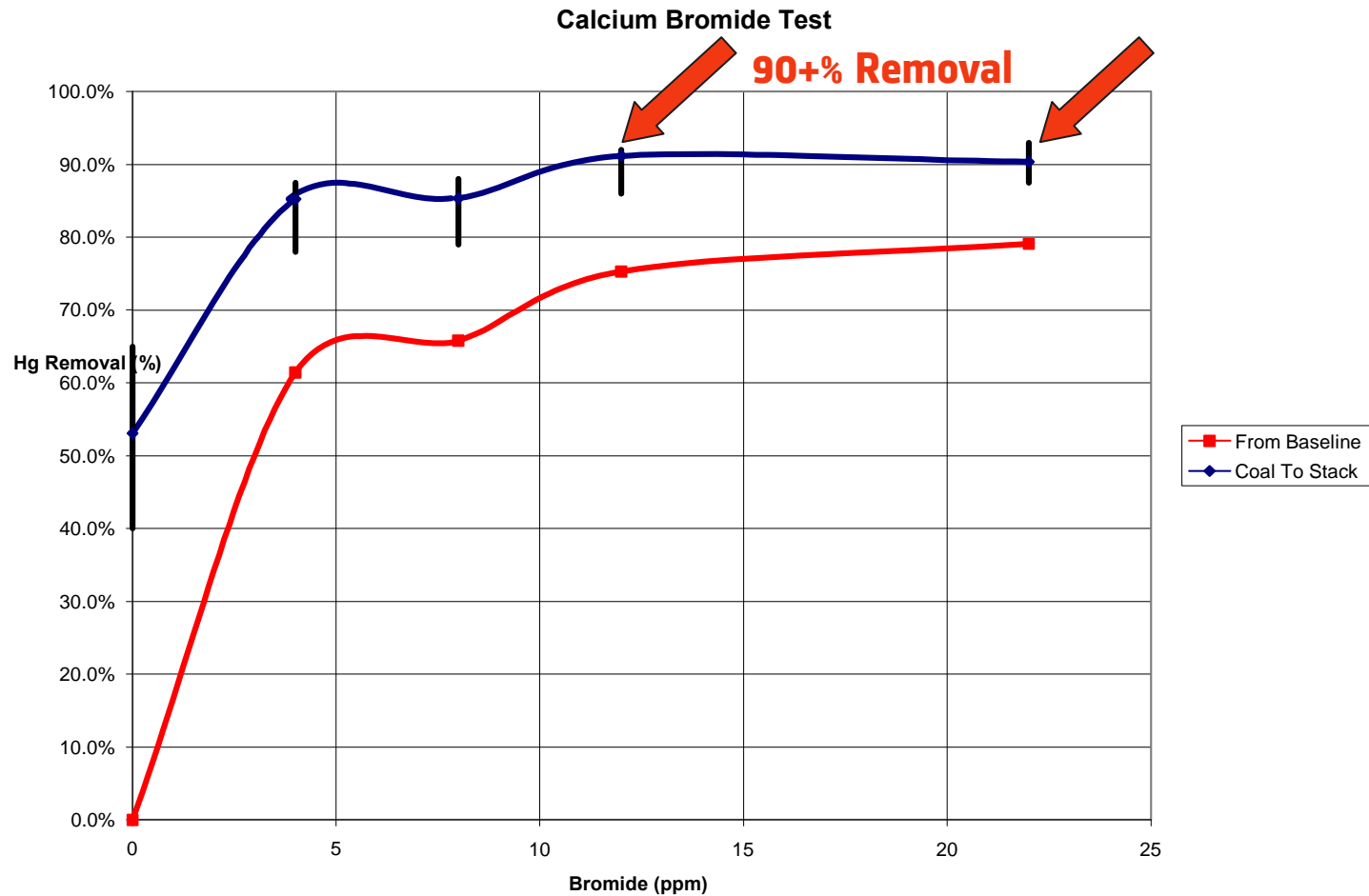
KNX™ Injection System is simple and requires minimal capital expenditure

## Any effects in the boiler?

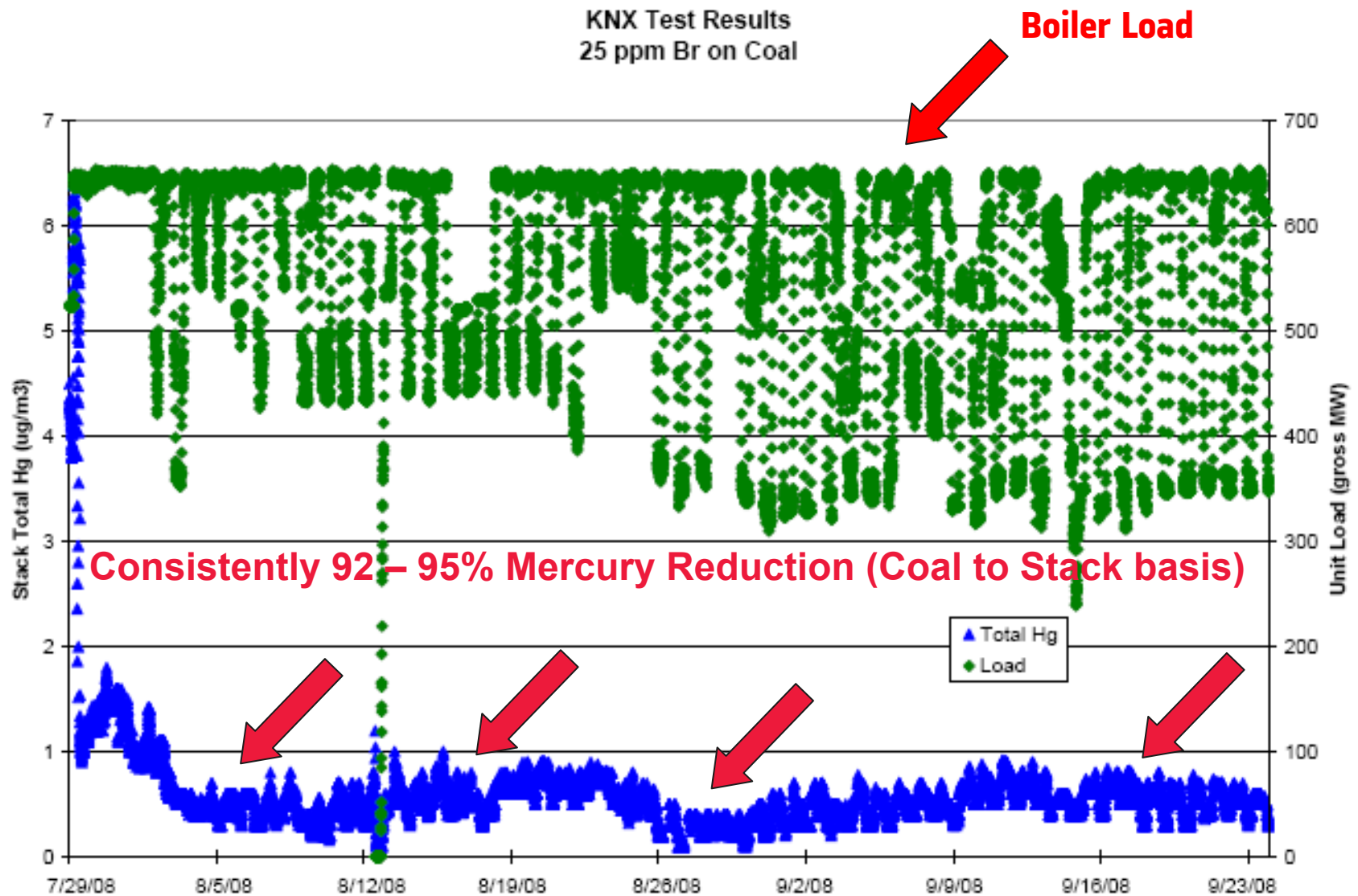
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- There are no known negative effects of the naturally occurring Br levels in US coals in the range 0-100 ppm.
- It is known that Cl content in fuel over 1000 ppm may increase high temperature corrosion of superheaters.
- Adjusting Br content of coal up to 100 ppm by KNX™ corresponds to less than 10% of lower threshold of high temperature corrosion.

# Effect of KNX™ on both Incremental and Total Mercury Removal.



# Long-Term KNX Test Results – 600 MW

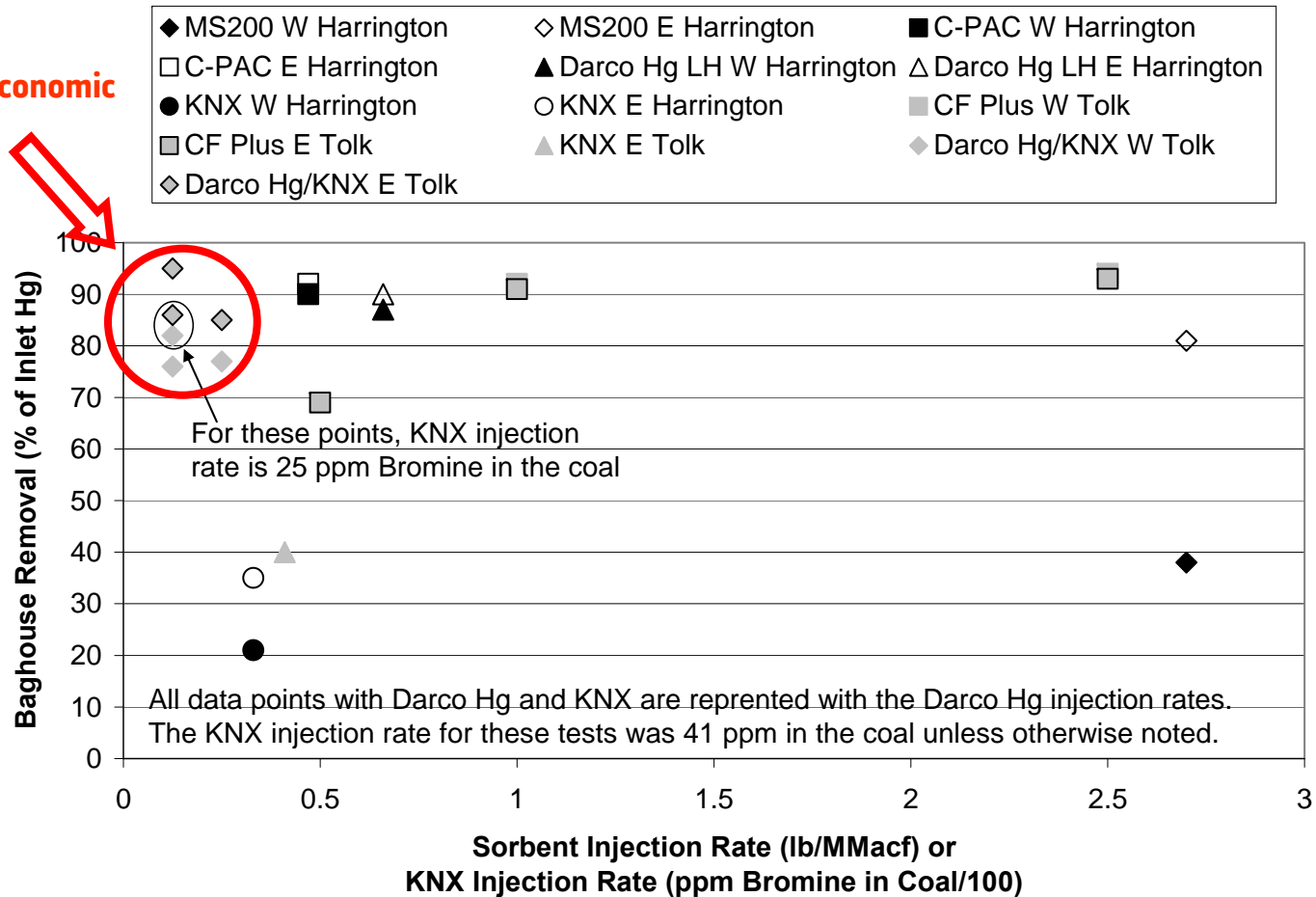


# KNX™ + Limited ACI is Very Effective



350 MW PRB unit with FF only

**Most economic choice**

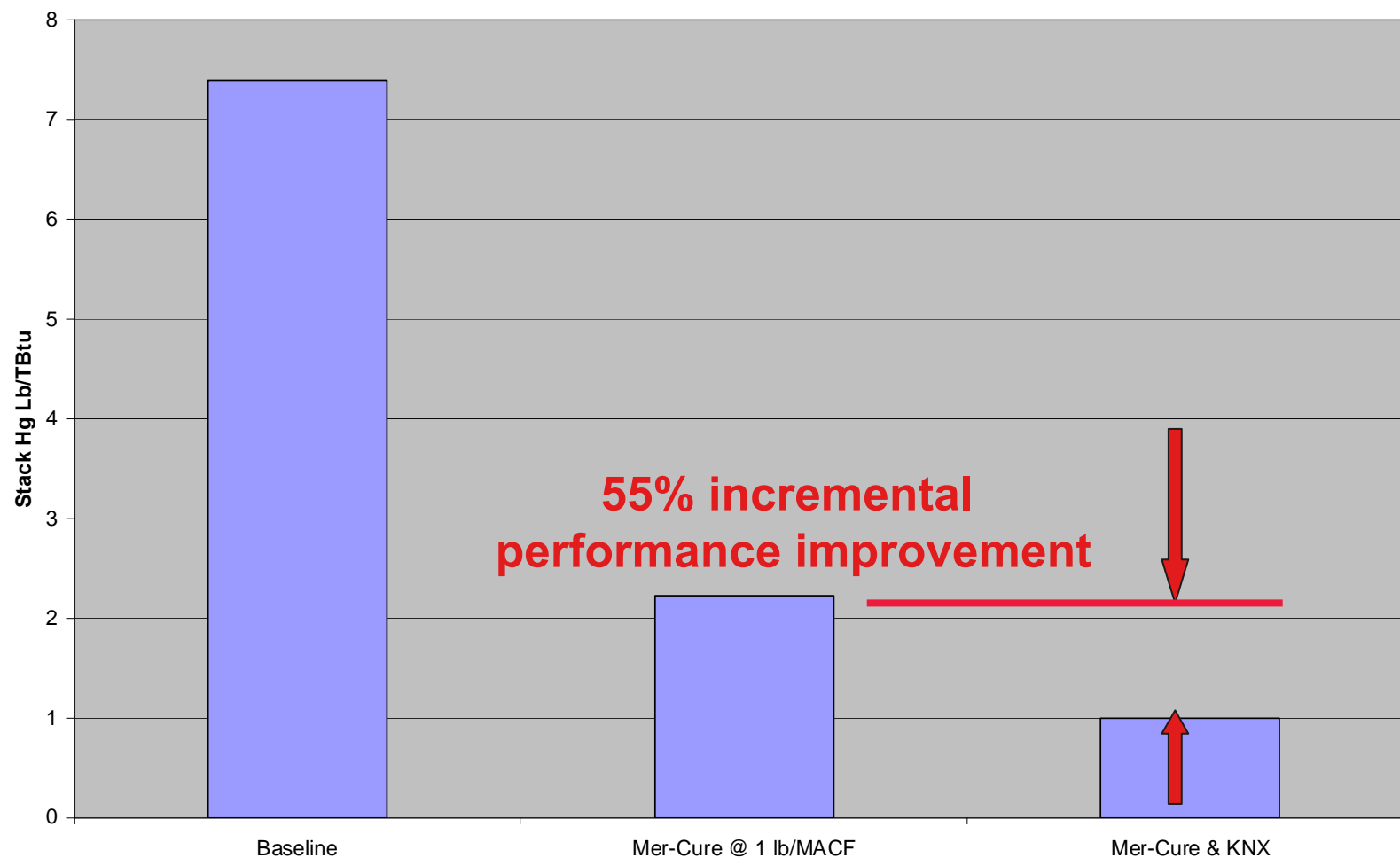


Ref: Dutton, MEGA 2008

# Synergistic Effect of KNX™ + Mer-Cure™



500 MW PRB with Particulate Scrubber



- KNX™ is a cost-effective method to enhance mercury oxidation in flue gases from coal-fired boilers.
- The KNX™ technology is simple and inexpensive to retrofit to any plant.
- The KNX™ technology presents no known adverse impacts on the performance of the plant.

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