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Impact of Coal to Gas Conversion or Co-firing on Existing Air Quality Control Systems

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- Introductions
- **FUELS** - Coal to gas conversion fuels
- **FLUE GAS** - Coal to gas conversion flue gas composition and properties
- **AQCS** – Examples of impacts of coal to gas conversion, supplemental firing or co-firing to existing air quality control systems (AQCS) of coal fired power plants (design and/or O&M)
- Summary
- Acknowledgements



Introduction

- Coal to gas conversion will result in changes to the flue gas composition/properties. Specific changes will depend on amount of gas fired and furnace/burner modifications.
- Coal to gas conversion can impact existing air quality control systems (AQCS) of coal fired power plants.
- In general, existing coal-fired AQCS technologies are compatible with flue gas from gas conversion (supplemental firing or co-firing), with AQCS design modifications and/or operation and maintenance (O&M) changes, as required.



Fuel Description

Natural Gas

Component (% by volume)	Natural Gas - A	Natural Gas - B	Natural Gas - C	Natural Gas - D
Methane	94.1	85.00	93.33	96.6
Ethane	3.01	7.10	trace	1.78
Hydrogen	0.01	trace	1.82	0.002
Other Hydrocarbons	0.70	3.3	0.25	0.13
Carbon Monoxide	trace	trace	0.45	trace
Carbon Dioxide	0.71	0.60	0.22	0.44
Nitrogen	1.41	4.00	3.40	1.02
Oxygen	0.01	trace	0.35	trace
Trace Components	trace	trace	trace	trace

Note: the exact composition of pipeline quality natural gas can vary, but typically, the main component is methane (CH₄, usually 80 to 95% vol).



Delivered Generic Coal and Pipeline Gas

Relative Comparison of Composition

Component (% by weight)	Generic Coal	Generic Natural Gas
Hydrogen	Base	Much More
Moisture	Base	Much Less
Ash	Base	Much Less
Oxygen	Base	Less
Carbon	Base	Similar
Sulfur	Base	Much Less
Nitrogen	Base	Similar
Halides (Cl, Br, F, I)	Base	Much Less
Trace Metals (Hg, As, Se, etc.)	Base	Much Less

There are different methods to process and handle natural gas and associated related products, as presented below.



- Offshore oil & gas production systems, including platform topsides and floating production, storage and offloading (FPSO) vessels
- Onshore oil & gas field production
- Onshore pipelines
- Natural gas processing
- LNG liquefaction plants and regasification terminals
- Bulk liquid storage structures for both atmospheric and low temperature/cryogenic storage



- Refinery process units
- Petrochemical facilities
- Gasification plants
- Hydrogen generating plants
- Sulfur processing plants
- Bulk liquid storage structures for both atmospheric and low temperature/cryogenic storage
- Licensed technologies and related catalysts for refining, petrochemical and gas processing
- Heat transfer equipment



- Natural gas liquefaction plants
- LNG regasification terminals
- LNG peak shaving facilities
- LNG storage tanks

Source: CB&I website

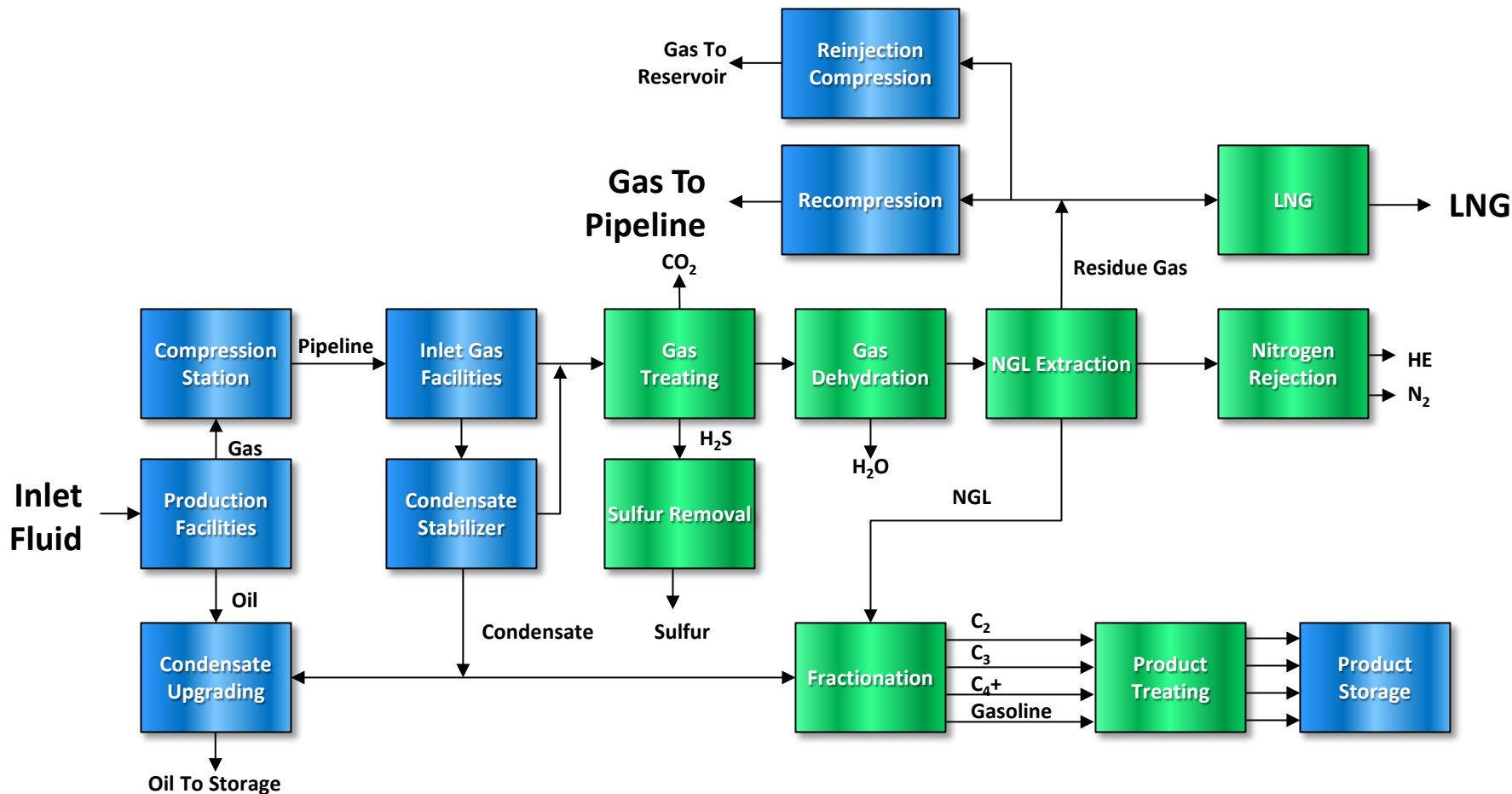
Pipeline Quality Natural Gas

The raw natural gas must be purified to meet the quality standards specified by the major [pipeline](#) transmission and distribution companies.

Those quality standards may vary slightly from pipeline to pipeline and are usually a function of a pipeline system's design and the markets that it serves.

Trace Components of Pipeline Natural Gas - examples

- Be delivered at or above a specified [hydrocarbon dew point](#) temperature (below which some of the hydrocarbons in the gas might condense at pipeline pressure forming liquid slugs that could damage the pipeline). Dew-point adjustment serves the reduction of the concentration of water and heavy hydrocarbons in natural gas to such an extent that no condensation occurs during the ensuing transport in the pipelines.
- Be free of [particulate solids and liquid water](#) to prevent erosion, corrosion or other damage to the pipeline.
- Be dehydrated of [water vapor](#) sufficiently to prevent the formation of methane hydrates within the gas processing plant or subsequently within the sales gas transmission pipeline. A typical water content specification in the U.S. is that gas must contain no more than seven pounds of water per million standard cubic feet (MMSCF) of gas.
- Contain no more than trace amounts of components such as hydrogen sulfide and mercaptans. A common specification for [hydrogen sulfide](#) content is 0.25 grain H₂S per 100 cubic feet of gas, or approximately 4 ppm.
- Specifications for [carbon dioxide](#) (CO₂) typically limit the content to no more than two or three percent.
- Maintain [mercury](#) (Hg) at less than detectable limits (approximately 0.001 ppb by volume) primarily to avoid damaging equipment in the gas processing plant or the pipeline transmission system from mercury amalgamation and embrittlement of aluminum and other metals.



Analysis

% by Weight (ranges)

Carbon	64 to 76
Hydrogen	20 to 24
Nitrogen	0.7 to 13
Oxygen	1 to 2
Sulfur	trace
Moisture	trace
Ash	nil

Note: the composition of natural gas fuels can vary, but expressed on a weight basis, carbon and hydrogen represent the highest values.



Flue Gas Description

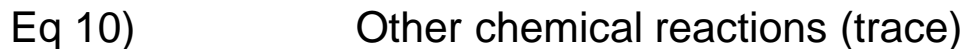
Natural Gas

- Coal to gas conversion (or co-firing) will result in **changes to the flue gas composition and distribution** entering the existing AQCS, such as, moisture, CO₂, NO_x, ash, SO₂, SO₃, H₂SO₄, HCl, HBr, HF, Hg, trace metals, CO/VOC, etc.
- Coal to gas conversion (or co-firing) may result in **changes to the flue gas physical properties and distribution** entering the existing AQCS, such as, temperature, flow rate, distribution, adiabatic saturation temperature (due to moisture content), molecular weight, etc.
- Specific change in flue gas composition & properties will depend on degree of natural gas firing, type of natural gas and coal used (Bit, PRB, lignite), excess air employed, and furnace modifications & specifics, etc.

The fundamental combustion equation for burning natural gas fuel is:



There are a variety of chemical reactions during the combustion of natural gas with air including:



Higher Heating Values of Gaseous Fuels - examples

Gaseous Fuels	Higher Heating Value (HHV, Btu/lb)
Natural Gas – generic range	20,160 to 23,300
Methane (CH ₄)	23,880
Ethane (C ₂ H ₆)	22,329
Propane (C ₃ H ₈)	21,670
Butane (C ₄ H ₁₀)	21,316
Ethylene (C ₂ H ₄)	21,646
Acetylene (C ₂ H ₂)	21,477
Hydrogen (H ₂)	61,030
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	4,346

Source: Handbook of Chemical Engineering



Flue Gas Composition – Bulk Composition – Entering AQCS System (e.g. FGD)

Coal vs. Natural Gas - 100% Conditions - examples

Flue Gas Component (% by vol)	Coal – A1 PRB (example)	Coal – A2 Bituminous (example)	Coal – A3 Lignite (example)	Natural Gas A4 (example)	Natural Gas A5 (example)	Natural Gas A6 (example)
N ₂	71.26	75.27	69.03	72.25	72.22	71.89
CO ₂	12.08	10.76	11.07	7.04	6.85	7.55
O ₂	5.28	7.31	6.09	5.47	5.44	4.39
H ₂ O	11.09	6.42	13.6	15.16	15.41	16.09
Ash	yes	yes	yes	Nil	Nil	Nil
NO _x	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
CO	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
VOC	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes
SO ₂	yes	yes	yes	Nil	Nil	Nil
SO ₃ /H ₂ SO ₄	yes	yes	yes	Nil	Nil	Nil
HCl/HF/HBr	yes	yes	yes	Trace	Trace	Trace
Trace Metals (Hg, Se, etc.)	yes	yes	yes	Trace	Trace	Trace



Flue Gas Composition Comparison – Entering AQCS Coal vs. Natural Gas - Relative Comparison – examples

Flue Gas Component (% by volume)	Generic Coal Flue Gas Entering AQCS	Generic Natural Gas Flue Gas Entering AQCS
Nitrogen (N₂)	Base	Similar
Carbon Dioxide (CO₂)	Base	Less
Oxygen (O₂)	Base	Less or Similar
Moisture (H₂O)	Base	Higher
Ash	Base	Much Less
Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x)	Base	Less or Similar
Carbon Monoxide (CO)	Base	Similar or Higher
Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)	Base	Similar
Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)	Base	Much Less
Sulfur Trioxide (SO₃/H₂SO₄)	Base	Much Less
Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)	Base	Much Less
Hydrogen Fluoride (HF)	Base	Much Less
Hydrogen Bromide (HBr)	Base	Much Less
Trace Metals (Hg, As, Se, etc.)	Base	Much Less



Flue Gas Adiabatic Saturation Temperature (AST) Values, within a flue gas desulfurization (FGD) system, for various coal and natural gas types, at full firing conditions (examples, showing potential influence of flue gas moisture content) ¹

Parameter	Coal – A1 PRB (example)	Coal – A2 Bituminous (example)	Coal – A3 Lignite (example)	Natural Gas A4 (example)	Natural Gas A5 (example)	Natural Gas A6 (example)
Adiabatic Saturation Temperature (FGDS, deg F)	134	124	138	141	142	143
Flue Gas Moisture (Inlet FGDS, % vol H ₂ O)	11.09	6.42	13.6	15.16	15.41	16.09
Flue Gas Molecular Weight (wet) (lb/lb-mole)	29.16	29.57	28.81	27.95	27.90	27.89

Note: 1) in addition to flue gas moisture content, the AQCS inlet flue gas inlet temperature and composition can impact the flue gas adiabatic saturation temperature (AST) values.



Air Quality Control Systems

Impacts of Coal to Gas Conversion (or co-firing) on Existing AQCS of Coal-Fired Power Plant



In general, existing coal-fired air quality control system (AQCS) equipment are compatible with the flue gas from gas conversion (supplemental firing or co-firing), with equipment design or BOP modifications, by-pass (if required), and/or operation and maintenance (O&M) changes as needed.



Even after a coal unit is converted to natural gas (supplemental firing or co-firing), certain realities such as regulations and boiler load following issues may still apply, depending on site specifics.

For example, if at a multiple unit station, one unit is converted to 100% natural gas, while the other units remain coal firing (or supplemental firing or co-firing), it is possible that certain regulations and load following issues may still exist.

- MATS
- Regional Haze
- Effluent limitation guidelines (WFGD WWTS, dry flyash and bottom ash conversions)
- Coal combustion residues (potential CCR, potential pond conversion to new landfills)
- Section 316 (a & b) (possible cooling water issues)
- Potential Green-house gas (GHG/CO₂) issues
- Consent Decree (if applicable)
- Other regulations (state or federal)

Boiler load following issues may apply even after a coal unit is converted to natural gas firing .

- Designing, operation, and maintaining coal-fired plant air quality control systems (AQCS) in compliance while accommodating more frequent ramp-up/ramp-downs (due to revised dispatch priority) may be a reality.
- This includes potentially more frequent unit shut-downs and start-ups plus revised unit ramp rates (MW-minute values) to accommodate electrical grid load following.
- Potential reasons why load following issues may apply even after a coal unit is converted to natural gas firing (or co-firing) include:
 - Revised Dispatch Priority (either due to internal or external reasons)
 - Electricity Pricing
 - Grid Load Demand
 - Age and/or Heat Rate of Existing Power Plant
 - Natural Gas Pricing vs. Coal Pricing
 - Renewables Dispatching to Grid (e.g. Wind, Solar, Bio-mass, etc.)
 - Newer Power Plants Connected to Grid (e.g. coal, NG-CC, NG-SC, nuclear)
 - Limits and Changes in Electrical Transmission to Grid (e.g. new corridors)
 - Environmental Issues
 - Other reasons or issues



Disposition of Existing Coal-fired Plant Air Quality Control System (AQCS) - examples

For a coal to gas conversion (or supplemental firing or co-firing of natural gas) project, the disposition of the existing coal-fired power plant air quality control system (AQCS) equipment depends on the nature of the project and site specifics. Generic examples of possible dispositions scenarios for existing coal-fired AQCS are as follows.

- **Scenario A1** “re-fuel” - Full (100%) conversion to natural gas project (**retain ability to burn coal for the future**, if natural gas pricing increases), burn natural gas fuel in existing boiler with required modifications, by-pass AQCS that is not needed, de-energize AQCS not needed, keep any needed AQCS & Stack functional with modifications (if required), BOP.
- **Scenario A2** “re-fuel” - Full (100%) conversion to natural gas project (*permanently*, **no coal firing in the immediate future**), burn natural gas fuel in existing boiler with required modifications, permanent by-pass of AQCS that is not needed, *permanently* de-energize AQCS not needed, keep any needed AQCS & Stack functional with modifications (if required), BOP, etc.
- **Scenario B** “re-fuel” - Coal firing with supplemental or co-firing of natural gas (with **continued routine coal-firing**) in existing boiler with required modifications, keep needed AQCS & Stack functional with modifications (as required), BOP, etc.
- **Scenario C** “repowering” - Burn 100% natural gas, **repower** existing facility with natural gas-fired combustion turbine, natural gas in-duct firing (if required), and HRSG with CO/VOC catalyst & SCR, retire existing coal-fired boiler and AQCS, modify BOP as required.
- **Scenario D** – other disposition scenarios for existing coal-fired AQCS equipment.



Air Quality Control Systems minimize stack emissions:

- Mercury (Hg)
- Hydrogen Chloride (HCl)
- Particulate Matter (filterable and condensable)
- Opacity (%)
- Sulfur Trioxide (SO₃)/Sulfuric Acid Mist (H₂SO₄)
- Hazardous Air Pollutants (HAPs)
- Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂)
- Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x)
- Carbon Monoxide (CO)
- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC)
- Ammonia Slip (NH₃)
- Other



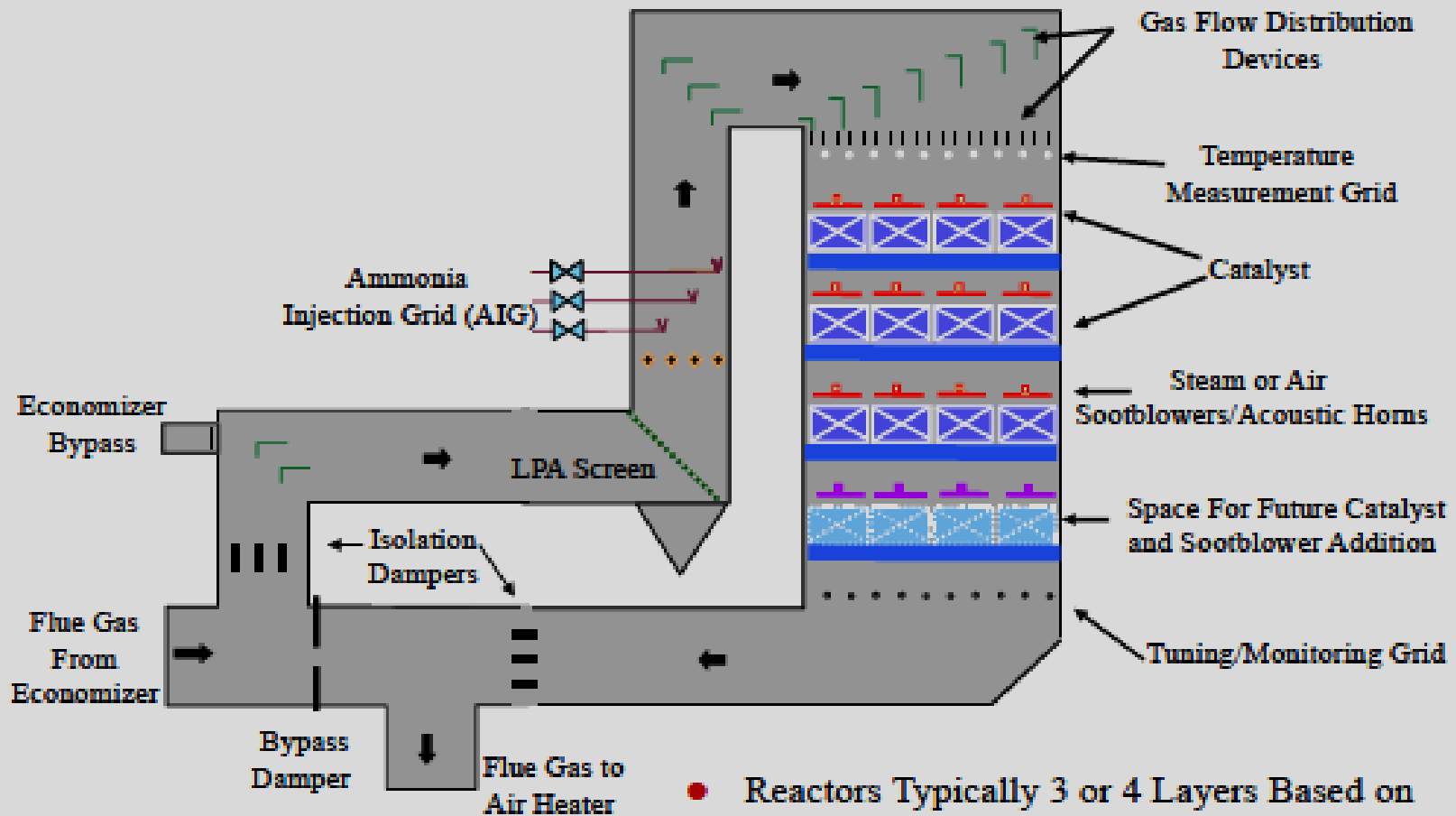
Nitrogen Oxides (NO_x) Control



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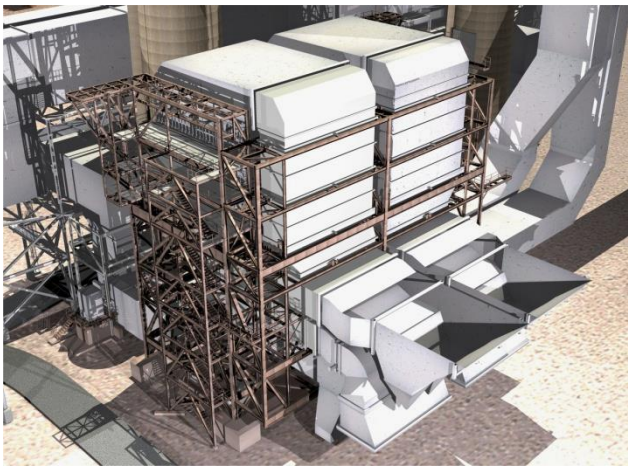
- Low NO_x Burners (LNB)
- Over-fired Air (OFA, LNCFS, CCF, etc.)
- Burner Management (BOOS, burner upgrades, pulverizer upgrades, etc.)
- Combustion Optimization (including computer pattern recognition, network, PI, balancing CO/VOC/NO_x/LOI issues, etc.)
- Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction (SNCR)
- Selective Catalytic Reduction (SCR)
- Coal Fuel Blending (blend existing higher chloride/sulfur coals with PRB)
- Coal Fuel Switch (PRB)
- Gas Reburn (FLGR, etc.)
- Supplemental firing with Natural Gas
- Gas Conversion
- Flue Gas Recirculation (FGR)
- Other NO_x control technologies

SCR System Reactor Arrangement (High Dust)



- Reactors Typically 3 or 4 Layers Based on Catalyst Deactivation Rate (Fuel Dependent)
- Need for Reactor and Economizer Bypass is a Project Specific Decision

- $4 \text{NO} + 4 \text{NH}_3 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 4 \text{N}_2 + 6 \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $\text{NO} + \text{NO}_2 + 2 \text{NH}_3 \rightarrow 2 \text{N}_2 + 3 \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $6 \text{NO}_2 + 8 \text{NH}_3 \rightarrow 7 \text{N}_2 + 12 \text{H}_2\text{O}$
- $2 \text{NO}_2 + 4 \text{NH}_3 + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow 3 \text{N}_2 + 6 \text{H}_2\text{O}$



- **Low NOx burners (LNB modifications or new LNB for co-firing/full NG, combustion air modifications, along with furnace, fans & coal-pulverizers)**
 - modifications (or new) LNB/air systems to allow natural gas burning (as required), minimizing NOx production (e.g. thermal, prompt, and/or coal fuel)

- **Selective non-catalytic reduction (SNCR)**
 - possible changes in furnace flue gas temperature profile & flow rate
 - decreased urea feed rate
 - other impacts

- **Selective catalytic reduction (SCR)**
 - possible changes in inlet flue gas NOx levels
 - possible changes in inlet flue gas temp profile and flow rate & distribution
 - possible changes in SCR MOT
 - possible changes in NH_4HSO_4 deposition and sublimation issues
 - decreased NH_3 feed rate
 - investigate possible changes in SCR NH_3 slip
 - decreased SO_3 formation
 - investigate potential impacts on SCR catalyst management
 - investigate potential changes in Hg speciation and SCR Hg oxidation
 - possible decreased pop-corn ash & PFA buildup on SCR catalyst
 - other impacts



Particulate Matter (PM) Control

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- Electrostatic Precipitator (CS ESP, HS ESP, FGC, ADA, ESP upgrades, HFTR, etc.)
- Fabric Filter (PJFF, RAFF, ESP to FF conversion, FF upgrades, new bag material)
- WFGD Upgrades (to improve PM emissions)
- Wet Electrostatic Precipitator (WESP)
- Coal Fuel Blending
- Gas-Reburn (FLGR, etc.)
- Supplemental firing with Natural Gas
- Gas Conversion
- Other PM control technologies

An existing ESP can be modeled to provide rough estimates of particulate emissions during co-firing of coal with natural gas. For example, various tools are available including sophisticated computer models combined with CFD for detailed results and/or use of fundamental mathematical equations to predict rough trends. The following is a pre-conceptual study example, which can be followed-up by a detailed analysis of the ESP.

The modified Deutsch-Anderson equation is based on a theoretical concept that flyash is collected logarithmically along the length of an electrostatic precipitator (ESP), and that the efficiency of an ESP can be described roughly by the following equation “A”.

Eq. A $Eff = 1 - \exp(-wA/Q)^m$

where

Eff = the efficiency of flyash collection in an ESP, % flyash removed.

exp = exponential (e = base of natural logarithm = 2.718)

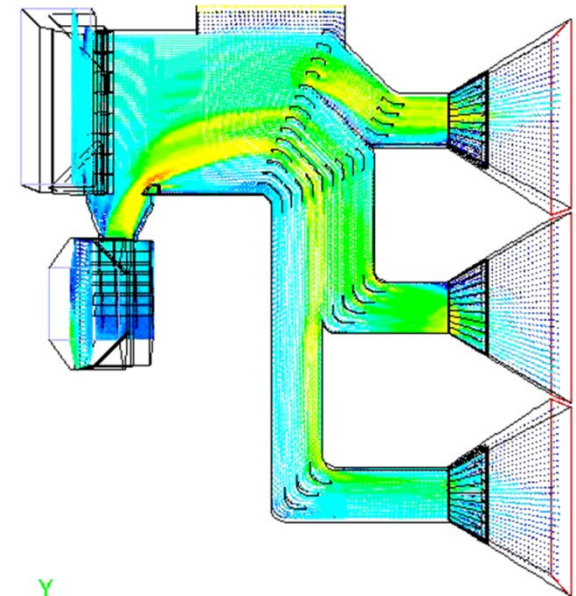
w = migration velocity of the flyash (ft/sec)

A = effective collecting plate area of the ESP, ft²

Q = flue gas flow rate through the ESP, actual cubic feet per second

m = exponent modification parameter (numerical factor)

Note: $A/Q \rightarrow [=]$ SCA (specific collection area of an ESP), ft² per 1000 acfm



Eq. B $Eff = (In - Out)/In$

Where

In = PM loading entering ESP, lb/MMBtu

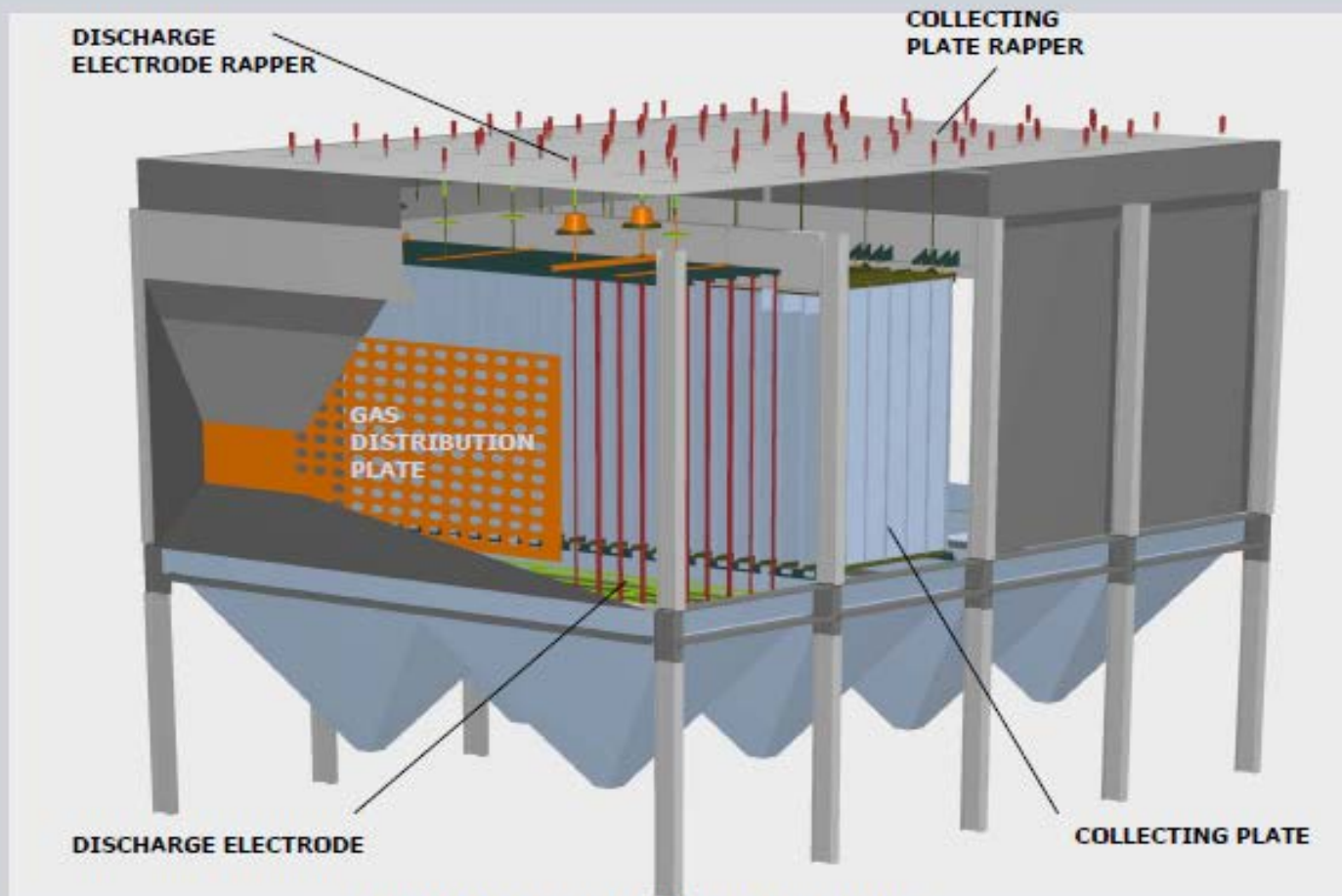
Out = PM loading exiting the ESP, lb/MMBtu

Eq. C - Various mass & energy balance equations related to amount (heat input) from natural gas co-firing with coal, to predict the flow rate composition, and properties of the flue gas and particulate matter entering the ESP.

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Variable Intensity Gravity Rapped (VIGR) Precipitator

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CUTAWAY SHOWING INTERNALS

- **Concepts – Upgraded ESPs**

- *HFTR*
- *Sectionalization*
- *RD electrodes*
- *Upgraded rappers*
- *Additional fields*
- *Demolish existing ESP and retrofit new ESP in parallel*
- *Convert ESP to PJFF*
- *Other concepts*

Various Types of HFTR Systems



General layout

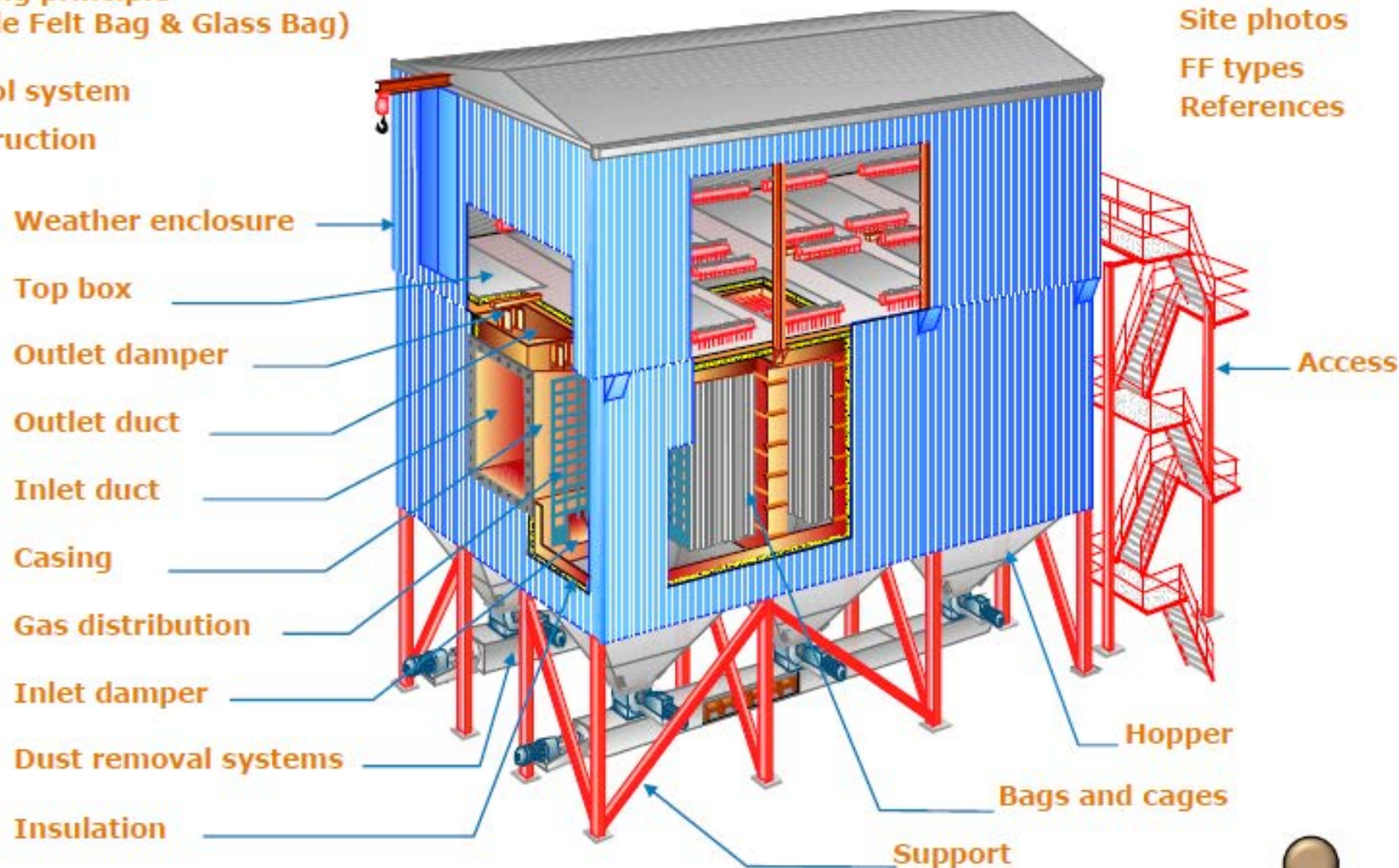
The FF consists of a number of component groups

Cleaning principle
(Needle Felt Bag & Glass Bag)

Control system

Construction

Highlights
Site photos
FF types
References



Inform replacement bag/cage supplier of the new flue gas resulting from the coal to gas conversion project.

- New Bags
 - QA/QC fit demo



- New Cages



■ **Electrostatic Precipitators (ESP)**

- inlet flue gas decreased fly ash inlet loading
- possible changes in inlet flue gas temperature, flow rate, and distribution
- inlet flue gas increased moisture content
- possible changes in inlet flue gas PFA LOI
- inlet flue gas decreased $\text{SO}_3/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ content
- changes in FGC feed rate
- possible change in inlet fly ash size distribution
- investigate possible ESP de-energization (100% natural gas firing)
- other impacts



- **Fabric Filters (PJFF or RAFF)**
 - inlet flue gas decreased fly ash inlet loading
 - changes in inlet flue gas flow rate & distribution
 - inlet flue gas increased moisture content
 - investigate concept of de-bagging (100% natural gas firing)
 - other impacts

- **Wet Electrostatic Precipitator (WESP)**
 - investigate adjusting irrigation wash water to address water balance issues, if required)
 - other impacts



Sulfur Trioxide ($\text{SO}_3/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$) Control



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- Dry Sorbent Injection (HL DSI, Trona DSI, etc.)
- Wet Sorbent Injection (SBS)
- Wet Electrostatic Precipitator (WESP)
- Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization (WFGD)
- Dry Flue Gas Desulfurization (CDS, NID, SDA, etc.)
- Air Heater (APH)
- Coal Fuel Blending
- Coal Fuel Switch (PRB)
- Gas Reburn (FLGR, etc.)
- Supplemental firing with Natural Gas
- Gas Conversion
- Other $\text{SO}_3/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ control technologies

Concept – DSI/WSI to reduce SO₃/H₂SO₄, HCl emissions:

- *Hydrated lime* → $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$
- *Trona* → $\text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3 \cdot \text{NaHCO}_3 \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$
- *Sodium bicarbonate* → NaHCO_3
- *Other Reagents*



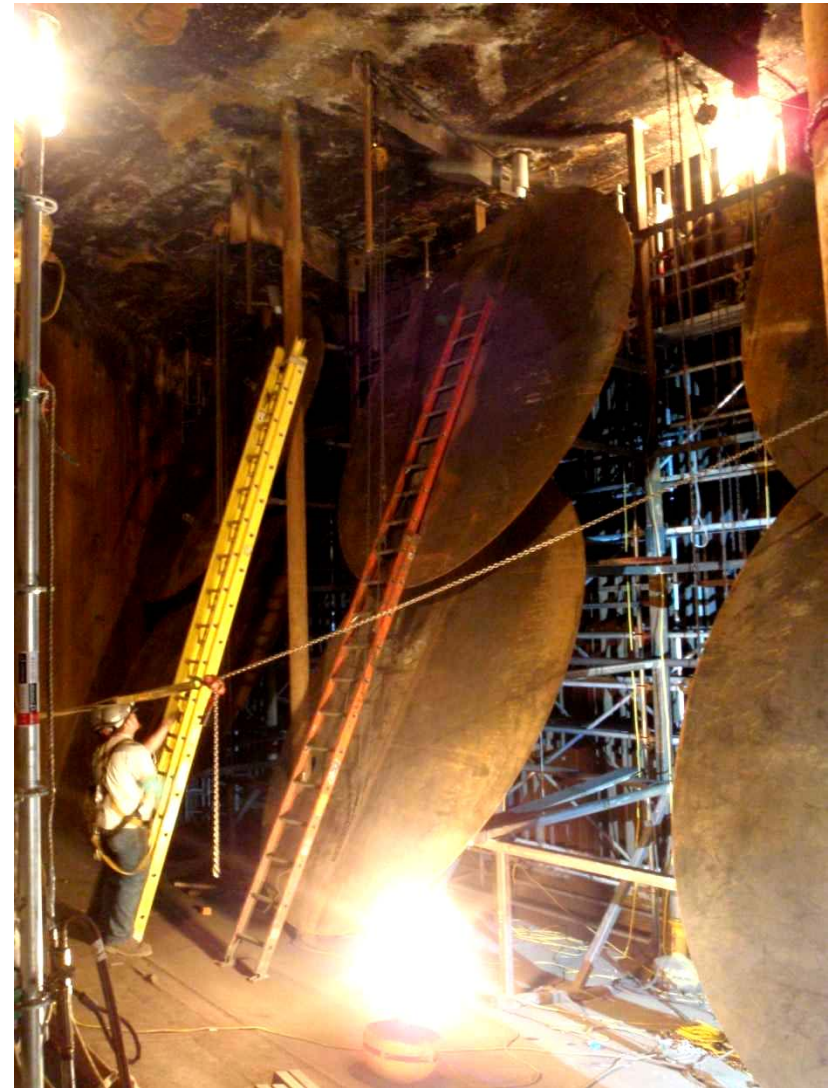
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Example Sorbent Storage Silos



SO3 Control Installation - Delta Wing for DSI



BabcockPower

- **Dry or wet sorbent injection (DSI/WSI) for sulfur trioxide/sulfuric acid (SO₃/H₂SO₄) reduction**
 - inlet flue gas decreased SO₃/H₂SO₄ content
 - decreased sorbent feed rate
 - changes in flue gas distribution
 - changes in DSI/WSI turn-down ratio
 - investigate turning off DSI/WSI (e.g. if 100% natural gas firing)
 - other impacts



Mercury (Hg) Control

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- Calcium Bromide on Coal (CaBr_2 , or other Hg oxidation additives , CaCl_2 , NH_4Cl , etc.)
- SCR (oxidation of Hg, SCR catalyst regeneration, new catalyst, etc.)
- Dry Sorbent Injection (HL DSI, Trona DSI, etc.)
- Wet Sorbent Injection (SBS)
- Air Heater (APH)
- Activated Carbon Injection (ACI)
- Amended Silicate Sorbent Injection (AS)
- Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization (WFGD, MRE, PAC, etc.)
- Gore™ (GMCS)
- Dry Flue Gas Desulfurization (CDS, NID, SDA, etc.)
- Coal Un-burned Carbon (ash LOI)
- Coal Fuel Blending
- Coal Fuel Switch (PRB)
- Gas Reburn (FLGR, etc.)
- Supplemental firing with Natural Gas
- Gas Conversion
- Other Hg control technologies

Activated Carbon Injection (ACI) – Hg Reduction - examples



- **Calcium bromide (CaBr₂) on coal to oxidize mercury**
 - decreased CaBr₂ feed rate
 - possible change in furnace flue gas mercury speciation
 - investigate turning off additive injection (e.g. if 100% natural gas firing)
 - other impacts

- **Activated Carbon (ACI) or Amended Silicate (AS) Injection**
 - decreased PAC/AS injection rate
 - changes in inlet flue gas distribution
 - possible changes in PFA LOI
 - investigate turning off PAC/AS injection (e.g. if 100% natural gas firing)
 - other issues



- **Mercury re-emission inhibitor (MRE) in WFGD**
 - inlet flue gas decreased mercury content
 - inlet flue gas increased moisture content (impacting AST)
 - maintain proper MRE concentration and feed rate, ORP, pH
 - investigate turning off MRE injection (e.g. under high natural gas burn rates)
 - other impacts

- If coal unit is converted to natural gas firing (or supplemental firing or co-firing), the resulting inlet flue gas will contain less mercury content, which may assist in meeting MATS requirements.



Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) and Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) Control



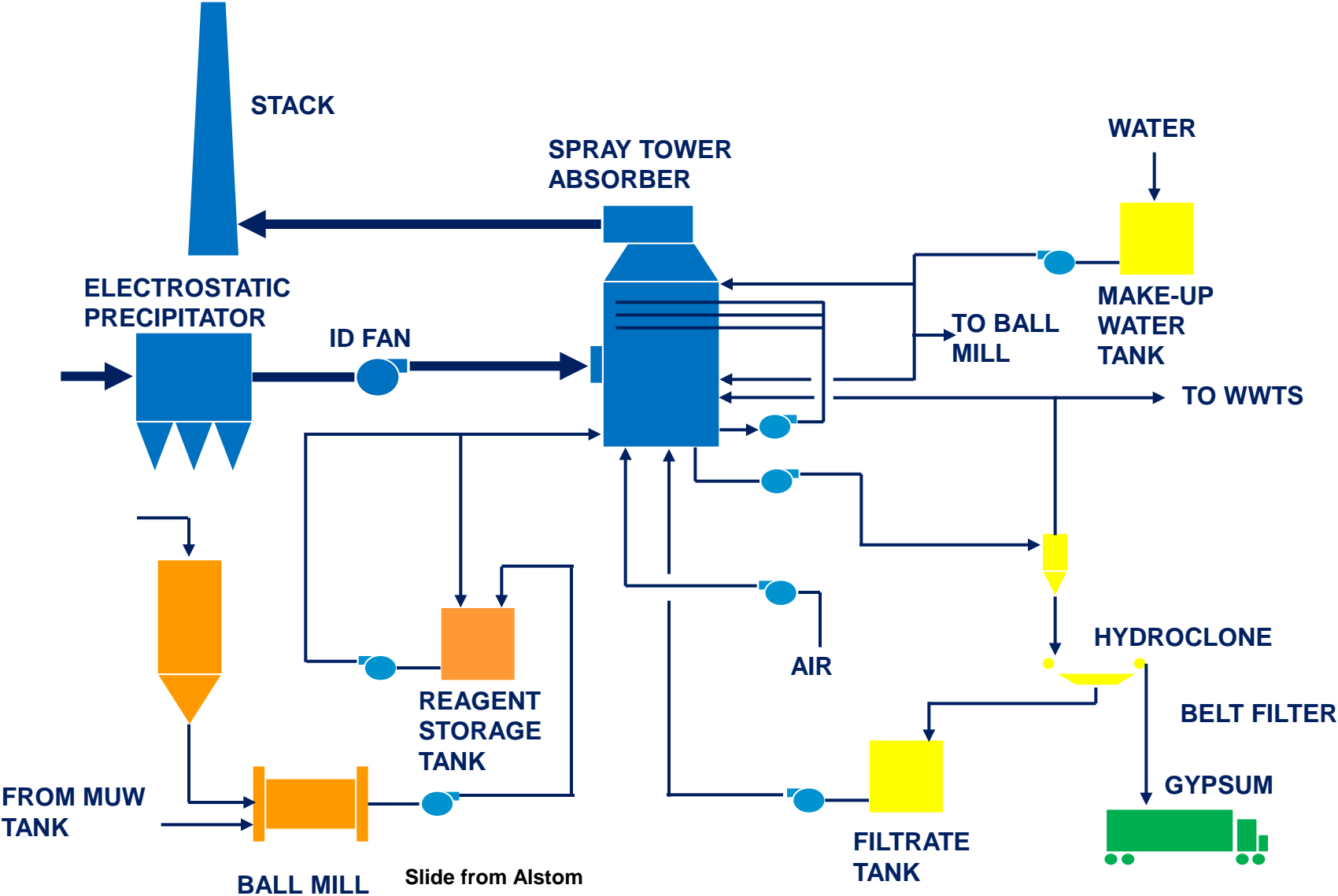
Sulfur Dioxide (SO₂) and Hydrochloric Acid (HCl) Control

- Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization (WFGD, with WWTS or Closed loop, etc.)
- Dry Flue Gas Desulfurization (CDS, NID, SDA, etc.)
- Dry Sorbent Injection (HL DSI, Trona DSI, etc.)
- Multi-pollutant control (ReACT for SO₂ control, etc.)
- Coal Fuel Blending
- Coal Fuel Switch (PRB)
- Gas Reburn (FLGR, etc.)
- Supplemental firing with Natural Gas
- Gas Conversion
- Other SO₂ control technologies



Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization (WFGD) Technologies

Wet Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD) System - example



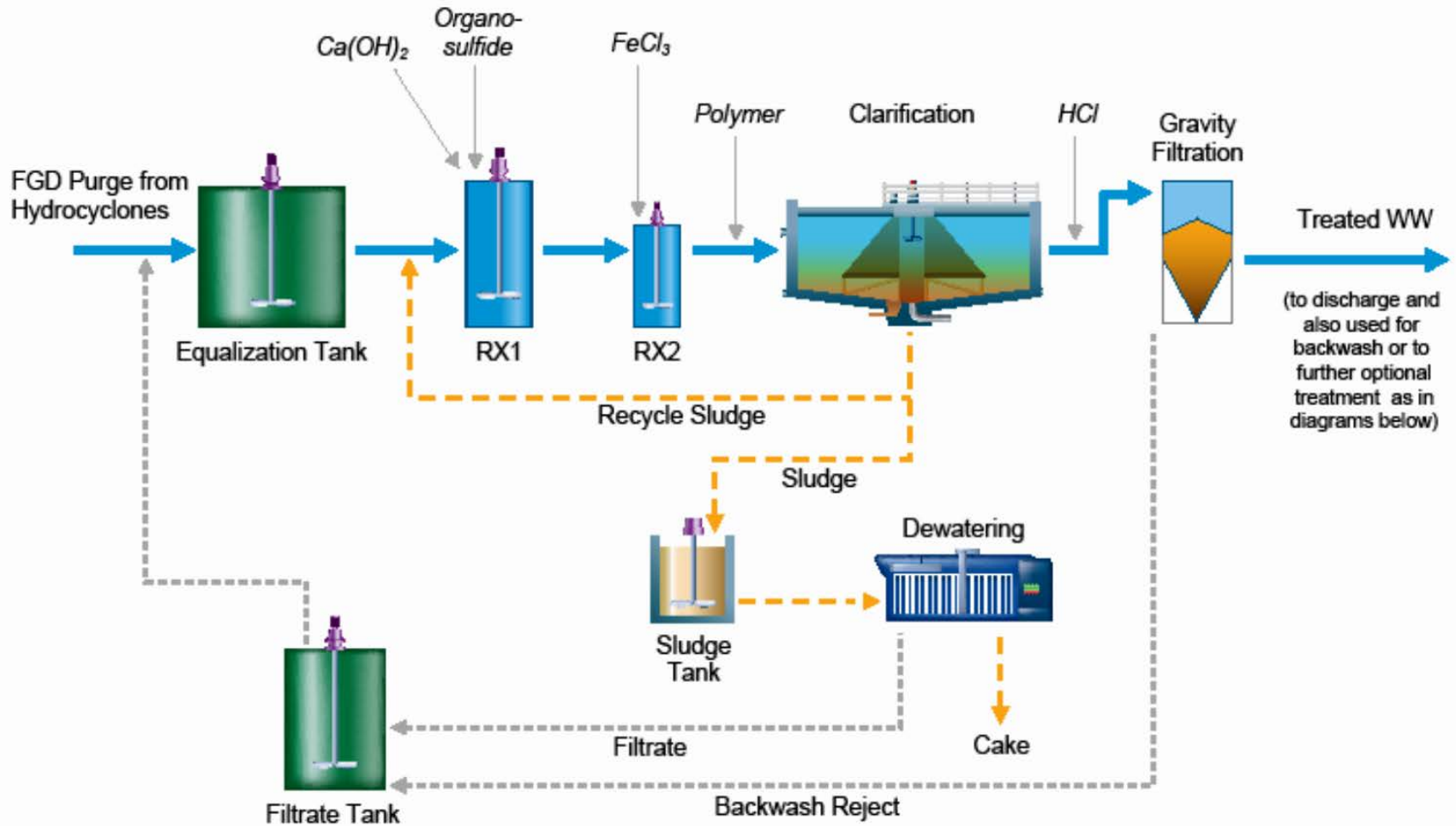


- **Wet flue gas desulfurization (LSFO, Lime, etc.)**
 - inlet flue gas decreased SO₂ loading
 - inlet flue gas increased moisture content (impacting AST, investigate existing materials of construction)
 - possible change in inlet flue gas temperature
 - possible change in inlet flue gas distribution
 - need to maintain proper pH, TSS, TDS, alkalinity, ORP
 - investigate adjusting mist eliminator wash cycle duration or timing to address WFGD water balance potential issues
 - possible changes in byproduct gypsum or sludge dewatering sequence or timing (e.g. % by weight solids in feed slurry, decreased solids production, possible impact on gypsum size distribution, etc.)
 - investigate influence of inlet flue gas VOC, NH₃ slip, NO_x content (along with lower SO₂/HCl/etc.) on WFGD chemistry & pH during of high NG gas heat input.
 - investigate energy consumption management issues including absorber recycle pumps and/or oxidation air blowers in service
 - investigate WFGD bypass (under 100% natural gas firing)
 - other impacts



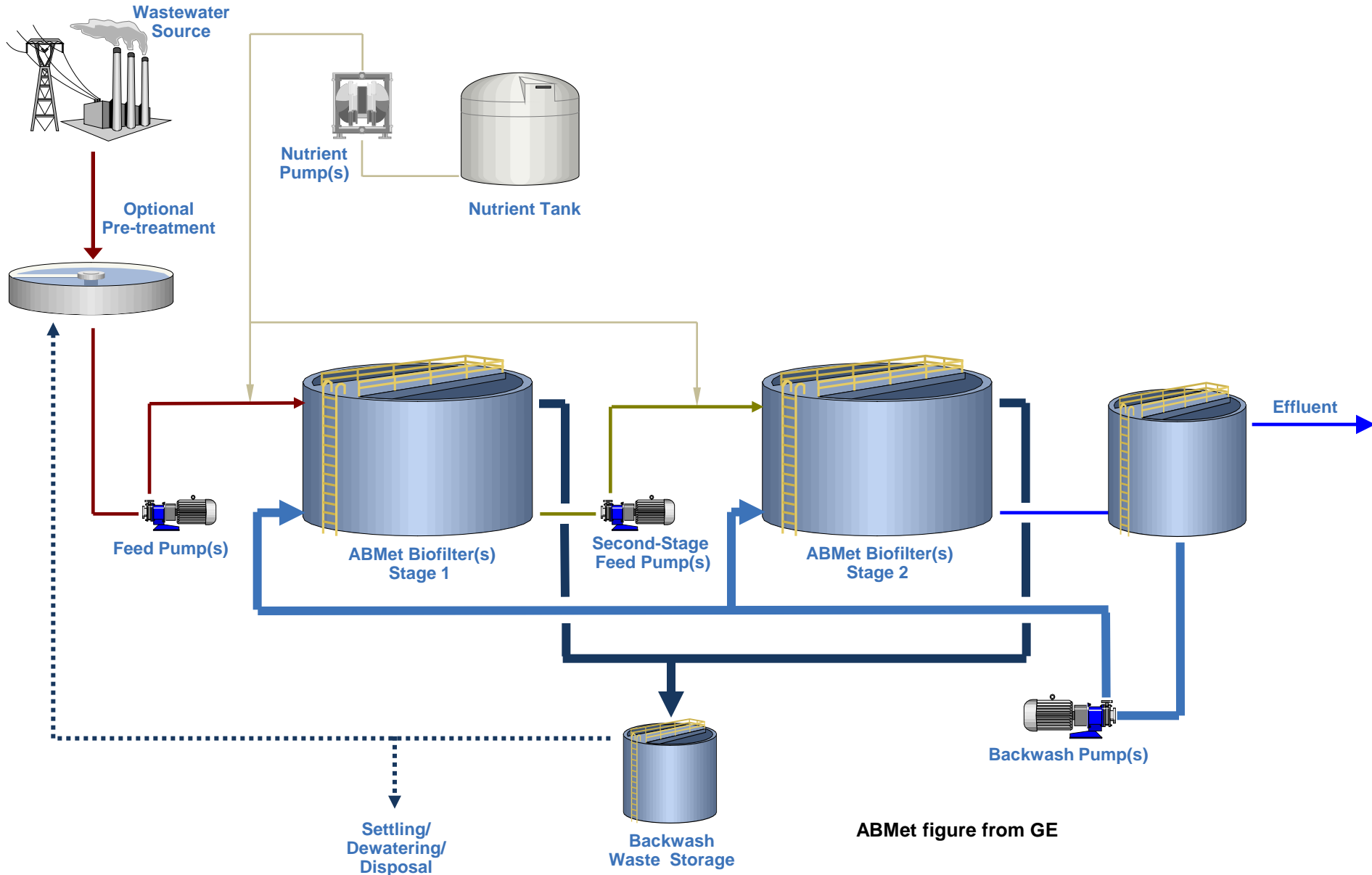
WFGD Waste Water Treatment (WWTs) Technologies

WFGD Waste Water Treatment Physical / Chemical System – example



ABMet Flow Diagram – Bio WWTs Technology

(Anoxic Bio Stage 1 for Nitrate & Selenium removal and Anoxic Bio Stage 2 for Selenium polishing removal – example)



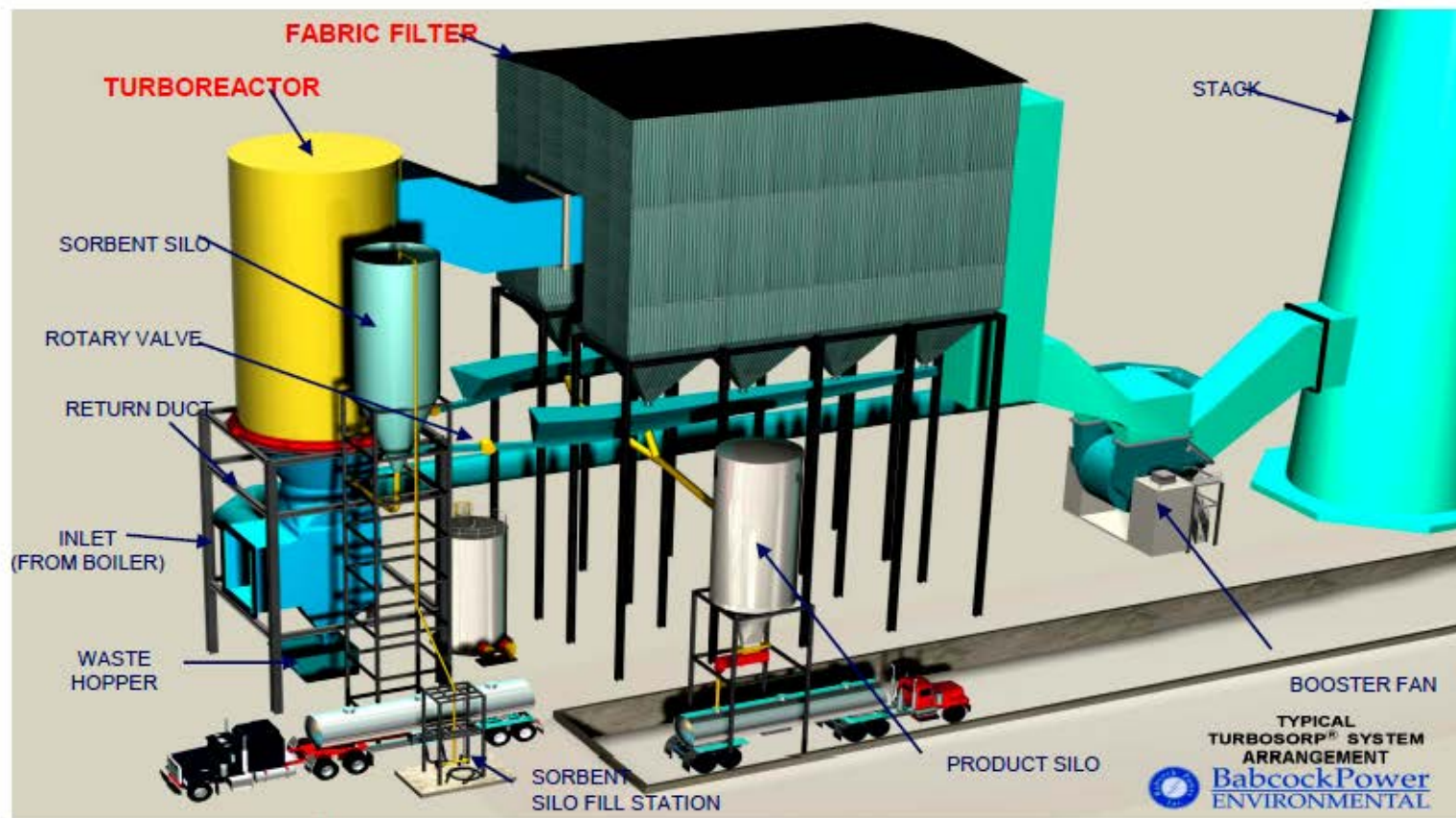
- **WFGD waste water treatment systems (WFGD WWTS)**
 - changes in influent waste water composition and temperature
 - investigate if heat exchanger is required
 - possible decreased WWTS sludge production
 - possible change in WWTS reagent usage rates
 - investigate influence of inlet flue gas VOC, NH₃ slip, NO_x, etc. content on WFGD chemistry and WWTS influent during cases of high natural gas heat input
 - possible more frequent checks of equalization tank composition to WWTS feed stream
 - need to continue to maintain effluent quality
 - investigate impacts to WWTS if WFGD system were bypassed
 - other impacts



Dry Flue Gas Desulfurization (DFGD) Technologies



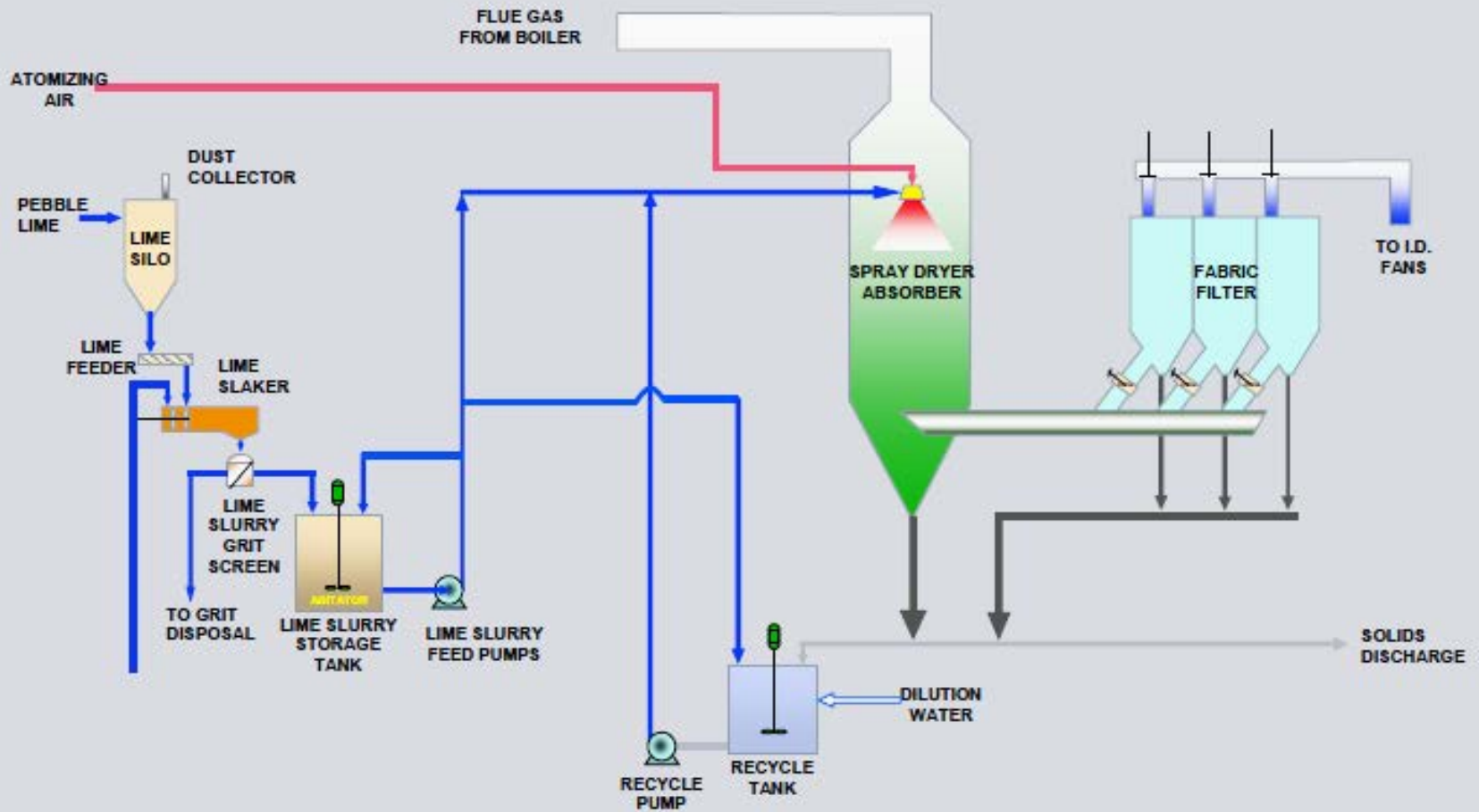
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Slide from BPE

Spray Dryer Absorber Technology

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- **Dry flue gas desulfurization (SDA, CDS, NID, etc.)**
 - inlet flue gas decreased SO₂ loading
 - decreased lime usage rate
 - decreased dry scrubber solid byproduct production
 - inlet flue gas increased moisture content (impacting AST)
 - possible change in SDA/CDS/NID flue gas operating temperature (due to AST) to avoid solids deposition
 - possible change in inlet flue gas temperature
 - possible change in inlet flue gas distribution
 - need to continue feeding lime reagent for SDA/CDS/NID while co-firing coal (keep lime flowing if water spray is on to avoid corrosion)
 - investigate if SDA atomizers can be pulled from service (e.g. under 100% natural gas firing operation)
 - investigate impact of inlet flue gas CO₂, moisture, NO_x, etc content on chemistry within DFGD and byproduct, for natural gas high heat input conditions (e.g. $\text{CO}_2 + \text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2 \rightarrow \text{CaCO}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$).
 - other impacts



Carbon Monoxide and Volatile Organic Compound Control



Carbon Monoxide (CO) and Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Control

- Combustion Optimization (including computer pattern recognition, network, PI, LNB with combustion & operation balancing NO_x/CO/VOC issues, etc.)
- Other CO/VOC control technologies

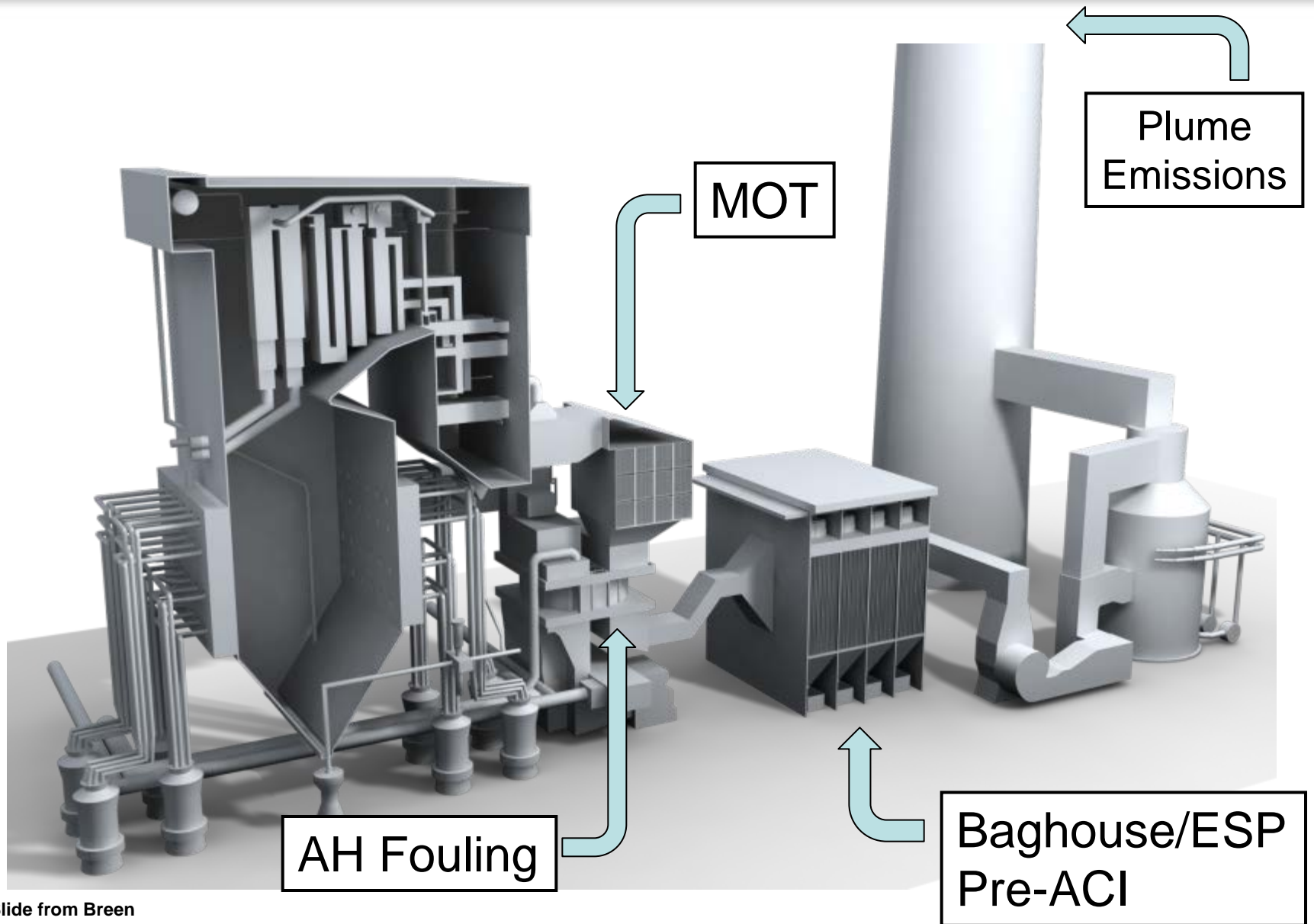


Existing Plant Equipment Related to AQCS



- Fuel Handling
- Burners
- Economizer
- APH
- Breen Probes and Other Instrumentation
- AQCS byproducts handling and storage
- Fans
- Stack
- CEMS
- BOP
- Other areas

Sulfur Condensable Impact Points



- **Air pre-heaters (APH, regenerative or tubular)**
 - inlet flue gas decreased coal ash content
 - inlet flue gas increased moisture content
 - possible changes in inlet flue gas temperature
 - potential changes in inlet flue gas, for example, investigate potential changes in NH_4HSO_4 / $\text{HBr}/\text{SO}_3/\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ deposition & sublimation, etc.
 - investigate APH modifications (100% natural gas firing)
 - other impacts

- **Expansion Joints and Ductwork**
 - inlet flue gas decreased fly ash inlet loading
 - possible changes in inlet flue gas distribution
 - increased flue gas moisture content
 - may need to thoroughly clean furnace, APH, expansion joints and ductwork, stack (for permanent 100% natural gas firing conditions), if ESP power levels are decreased or de-energized, etc.
 - other impacts

- **Dry ash handling systems or saleable PFA processing systems**
 - decreased flyash production rate
 - investigate possible change in PFA LOI
 - investigate turning off BA and/or PFA systems (if permanent 100% natural gas firing conditions)
 - other impacts

- **Stack and CEMS**
 - changes in stack flue gas specie conc. values (SO_2 , NO_x , Hg, CO/VOC, etc.)
 - changes in stack bulk flue gas conc. values (opacity, $\text{CO}_2/\text{O}_2/\text{H}_2\text{O}$, etc.)
 - investigate changes in stack flue gas physical properties (temperature, flow rate, etc.)
 - stack inspection (e.g. with regard to potential impacts due to permanent natural gas firing)



- As indicated, while co-firing or supplemental firing natural gas, while maintaining continuous lower-load through gas igniters or burners, investigate low-load flue gas temp & higher moisture content issues, investigate potential lower-load corrosion issues, need to continue feeding reagent for FGDS while co-firing, etc.
- Natural Gas Leak Detection
- Other AQCS & BOP related equipment impacts



Summary

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- Strategy choices include coal to natural gas conversion (or supplemental firing or co-firing) to stay within compliance.
- Coal to gas conversion will result in changes to the flue gas composition/properties.
- Coal to gas conversion can impact existing air quality control systems (AQCS) of coal fired power plants.
- In general, existing coal-fired AQCS technologies are compatible with the flue gas from gas conversion, with some possible design modifications, bypass (if required), and/or operation and maintenance (O&M) changes as needed.





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Extra Slides

The following are extra slides, providing additional background information for the reader.



Additional Slides

Fuel Description

Natural Gas

Shale Gas (raw) – Principal Composition

Raw Gas Before Processing - examples

<u>Well</u>	<u>C1</u>	<u>C2</u>	<u>C3</u>	<u>CO2</u>	<u>N2</u>
A	80.3	8.1	2.3	1.4	7.9
B	81.2	11.8	5.2	0.3	1.5
C	91.8	4.4	0.4	2.3	1.1
D	93.7	2.6	0.0	2.7	1.0
E	79.4	16.1	4.0	0.1	0.4
F	82.1	14.0	3.5	0.1	0.3
G	83.8	12.0	3.0	0.9	0.3
H	95.5	3.0	1.0	0.3	0.2
I	97.3	1.0	0	1.0	0.7
J	87.7	1.7	2.5	8.1	NR
K	88.0	0.8	0.8	10.4	NR
L	91.0	1.0	0.6	7.4	NR
M	92.8	1.0	0.6	5.6	NR
N	27.5	3.5	1.0	3.0	65.0
O	57.3	4.9	1.9	0	35.9
P	77.5	4.0	0.9	3.3	14.3
Q	85.6	4.3	0.4	9.0	0.7



- **Methane** (major component)
- **Ethane**
- Propane
- iso - Butane
- normal - Butane
- iso - Pentane
- normal - Pentane
- Hexanes plus
- Hydrogen
- Ethylene
- Nitrogen
- Carbon Dioxide
- Oxygen
- Carbon Monoxide
- Hydrogen Sulfide
- Mercaptans
- Moisture
- Trace Components

Trace Hydrocarbons in Natural Gas – analyzed - examples

- Aliphatics (cyclopentane, hexanes, heptanes, octanes, etc.)
- Aromatics (benzene, toluene, etc.)
- Sulfur Components (H₂S, sulfides, mercaptans, etc.)
- Halocarbons
- Nitrogen Compounds (ammonia, etc.)
- Oxygenates (methanol, etc.)
- Other Elements & Compounds (As, Hg, NO, NO_x, Rn, etc.)

Based on reference – Gas Research Institute (GRI-94/0243.2)

Other Elements and Compounds Natural Gas – examples

Other Element or Compound	# of Samples	Range	Median
Total Arsenic, micro-gm/m ³	10	<5	<5
Total Mercury, micro-gm/m ³	19	<0.02 to 0.2	<0.2
NO _x , ppmv	19	<0.05 to 130	<0.05
Radon	18	<1 to 110	3

Based on reference – Gas Research Institute (GRI-94/0243.2)

Gas Processing - examples

Gas processing removes one or more components from harvested gas to prepare it for use.

Common components removed to meet pipeline, safety, environmental, and quality specifications include hydrogen sulfides (H₂S), carbon dioxide (CO₂), nitrogen (N₂), heavy hydrocarbons, and water (H₂O).

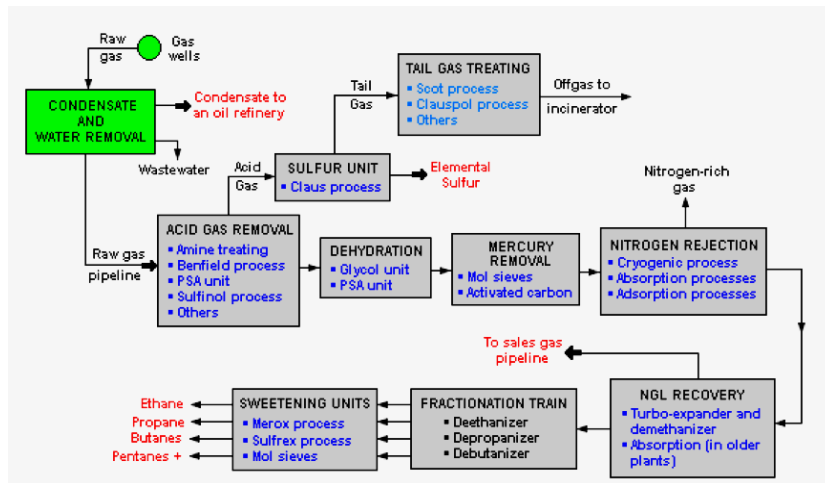
The technique employed to process the gas varies with the components to be removed as well as with the properties of the gas stream (e.g. temperature, pressure, composition, flow rate).

Background Information (which can be read later)

There are many different types of processing technologies, these are some examples, there are other processes. Acid-gas removal is commonly by absorption of the H₂S and CO₂ into aqueous amine solutions. This technique works well for high-pressure gas streams and those with moderate to high concentrations of the acid-gas component. Physical solvents such as methanol or the polymer DEGP, or Selexol may also be used in some cases. And, if the CO₂ level is very high, such as in gas from CO₂ flooded reservoirs, membrane technology affords bulk CO₂ removal in advance of processing with another method. For minimal amounts of H₂S in a gas stream, scavengers can be a cost effective approach to H₂S removal. Natural gas that becomes saturated with water in the reservoir requires dehydration to increase the heating value of the gas and to prevent pipeline corrosion and the formation of solid hydrates. In most cases, dehydration with a glycol is employed. The water rich glycol can be regenerated by reducing the pressure and applying heat. Another possible dehydration method is use of molecular sieves that contact the gas with a solid adsorbent to remove the water. Molecular sieves can remove the water down to the extremely low levels required for cryogenic separation processes. Distillation uses the different boiling points of heavier hydrocarbons and nitrogen for separation. Cryogenic temperatures, required for separation of nitrogen and methane, are achieved by refrigeration and expansion of the gas through an expander. Removal of the heavy hydrocarbons is dictated by pipeline quality requirements, while deep removal is based on the economics of NGL production.

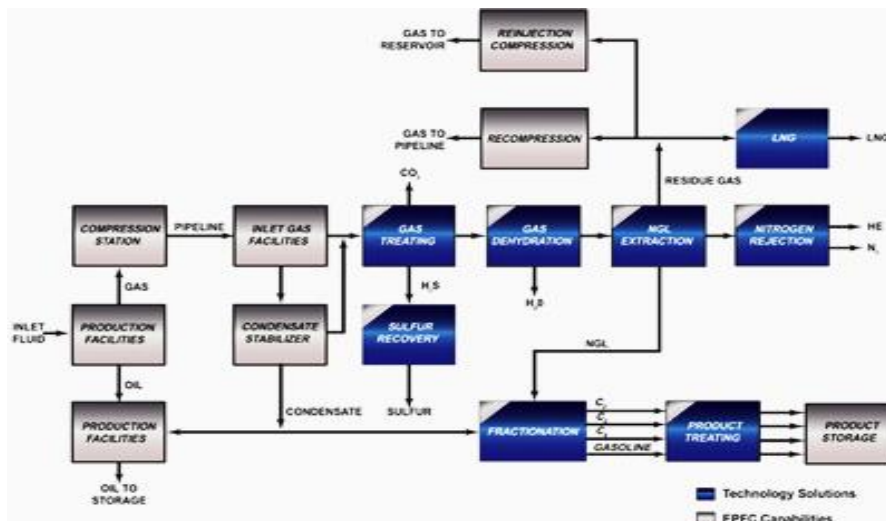
Concepts Related to Processing Raw Natural Gas to Produce Pipeline Quality Natural Gas and Other Products of the Natural Gas Value Chain - examples

Typically, raw natural gas (e.g. raw gas well) is processed to remove impurities. The exact processing scheme can vary depending on properties of the raw gas stream, the end-user, and other site specifics. Below presents examples of some of the different types of fundamental concepts (not listed in order of processing) that may be employed (there are other concepts).



- Raw gas wells
 - Condensate and water removal
 - Acid gas removal
 - Dehydration
 - Mercury removal
 - Nitrogen rejection
 - NGL recovery
 - Fractionation train
 - Sweetening units
- Source: Natural Gas Processing

- Field development
 - Pre-treatment
 - Gas conditioning and treating
 - Sulfur removal
 - Fractionation
 - Nitrogen rejection
 - Helium recovery
 - Deep ethane extraction
 - NGL recovery
 - Dehydration
 - LPG recovery
 - LNG
 - Liquid product treating
 - Upgrading of low value gas
 - Conceptual design through commissioning and operator training across the entire natural gas value chain
 - Other concepts
- Source: CB&I Website



As indicated, there are other concepts, for example see Oil & Gas Journal article “New NGL Recovery Process Provides Viable Alternative” and other publications.



Additional Slides

Flue Gas Description

Natural Gas



Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) from Coal and Gas Fuels - examples

Fossil Fuel Type (examples)	Total Carbon Content (% ultimate carbon by weight)	Higher Heating Value (HHV, as received basis) (Btu/pound fuel)	CO₂ Production Rate (lb CO₂ per million Btu, HHV)
Coal – A	83.7	11,890	258
Coal – B	74.0	12,540	216
Coal – SB	70.3	9,190	280
Coal – L	63.3	7,090	327
Natural Gas –1	75.25	23,170	119
Natural Gas –5	64.84	20,160	118



Additional Slide
Coal to Gas Conversion
AQCS Project Description



- Services
- Inspection of Existing AQCS
- Determination of Impact of Conversion Project to Existing AQCS (studies)
- Engineering & Design
- Procurement
- Fabrication
- Shipment and Delivery
- Installation
- Training
- Commissioning
- Start-up
- Testing
- Operation & Maintenance
- Other project related activities



Examples of Scenarios A1, A2, and B

As the focus of this presentation, the rest of the slides relate to the potential impacts of coal to natural gas conversion or co-firing on existing AQCS of a coal-fired power plant, for Scenarios A1, A2, and B, where natural gas is burned in a coal-fired furnace and the AQCS is employed, modified, or by-passed, as required.

Scenario A1 - Full (100%) conversion to natural gas project (retain ability to burn coal for the future, if natural gas pricing increases), burn natural gas fuel in existing boiler with required modifications, by-pass AQCS that is not needed, de-energize AQCS not needed, keep any needed AQCS & Stack functional with modifications (if required), BOP, etc.

Scenario A2 - Full (100%) conversion to natural gas project (permanently, no coal firing in the immediate future), burn natural gas fuel in existing boiler with required modifications, permanent by-pass of AQCS that is not needed, permanently de-energize AQCS not needed, keep any needed AQCS & Stack functional with modifications (if required), BOP, etc.

Scenario B - Coal firing with supplemental or co-firing of natural gas (with continued routine coal-firing) in existing boiler with required modifications, keep needed AQCS & Stack functional with modifications (as required), BOP, etc.

Example 1 – Scenario A1 (re-fuel)

- full (100%) conversion to natural gas project (retain ability to burn coal for the future, if natural gas pricing increase compared to coal pricing)
- burn natural gas fuel in existing boiler, with required modifications
- by-pass AQCS that is not needed
- de-energize AQCS not needed
- keep any needed AQCS & stack functional with modifications (if required)
- BOP modifications, where required
- new natural gas pipeline proposed to generating station

Example 2 – Scenario A2 (re-fuel)

- full (100%) conversion to natural gas project (*permanently*, no coal firing in the future)
- burn natural gas fuel in existing boiler, with required modifications
- permanently by-pass of AQCS that is not needed,
- *permanently* de-energize AQCS that are not needed
- keep any needed AQCS & stack functional with modifications
- BOP modifications, where required
- new natural gas pipeline proposed to generating station

Example 3 – Scenario B (re-fuel)

- coal firing with supplemental or co-firing of natural gas (with continued routine coal-firing)
- burn natural gas fuel in existing boiler, with required modifications
- keep needed AQCS & stack functional with modifications (as required)
- BOP modifications, where required
- existing natural gas pipeline already employed at the generating station

Examples of Scenario C – Repowering

To address the subject, the following slide presents examples of proposed projects burning 100% natural gas, repower existing facility with natural gas-fired combustion turbine, natural gas in-duct firing (if required) and HRSG, retire existing coal-fired boiler and existing AQCS, modify BOP as required.



Example 1 – Scenario C (repowering)

- Redevelopment
- Retire existing coal units including the existing AQCS; all units have once through condenser cooling.
- Redevelopment on existing site with two 1 on 1 combined cycle gas turbine generator units, each with an air cooled condenser, Dry Low NOx Combustors, Selective Catalytic Reduction, and CO Oxidation Catalyst, one new two flue stack.

Example 2 – Scenario C (repowering)

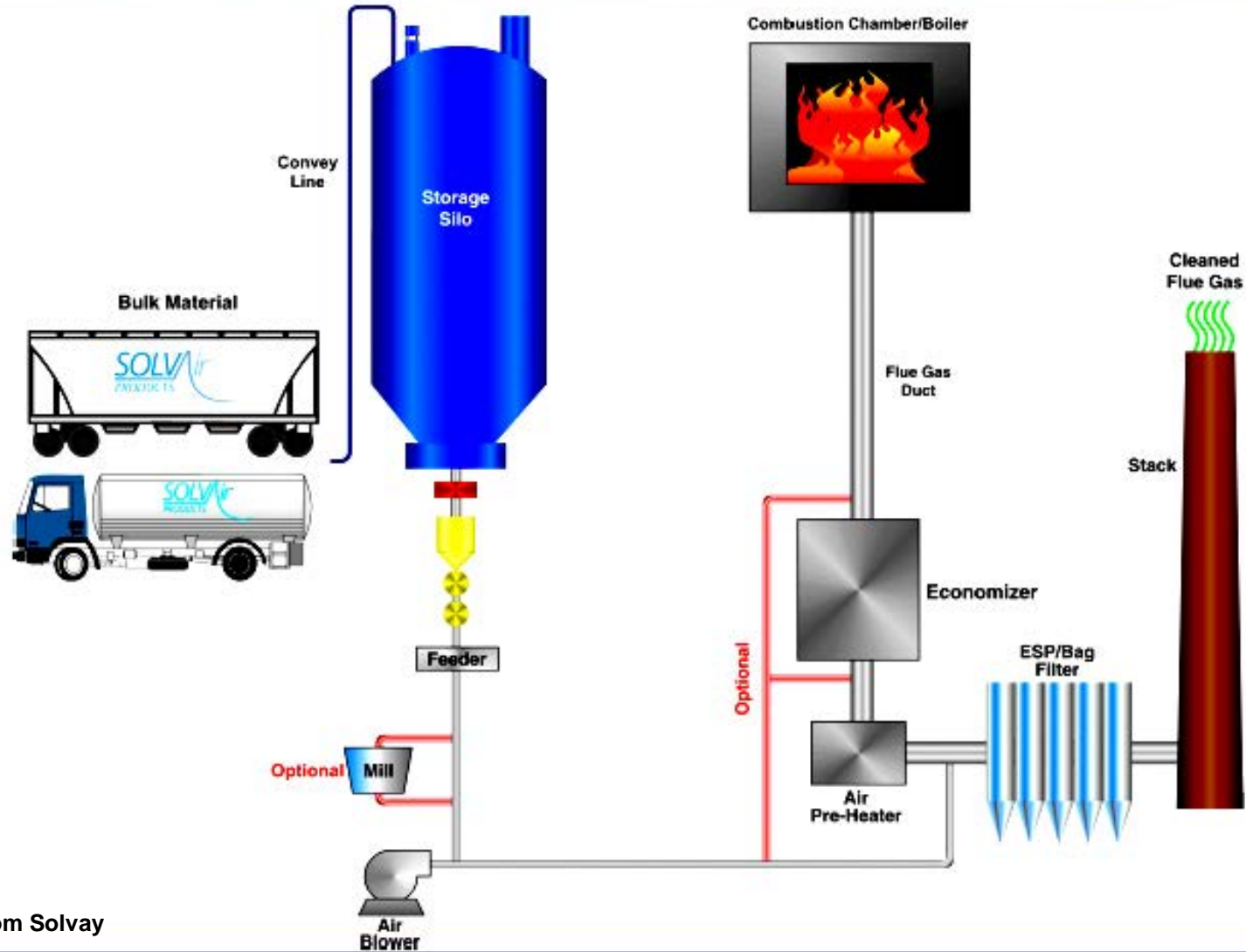
- Redevelopment
- Retire existing coal unit including existing AQCS; unit has once through condenser cooling.
- Convert unit to a natural gas-fired combined cycle unit utilizing a high efficiency CTG exhausting to an HRSG generating steam for existing steam turbine
- Maximized use of existing infrastructure, systems, and transmission interconnection.
- Continued use of once thru cooling system (in light of upcoming 316 rules)
- Match new CTG and HRSG with existing STG and predicting start scenario
- Site remediation, limited area on site to accommodate construction lay down & craft parking
- New natural gas pipeline proposed to service community and the generating station



Additional Slides

AQCS Technology Description

Example of a Utility DSI System



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DSI System: Pre-Installed Arrangement



- **Second Equipment Level:**

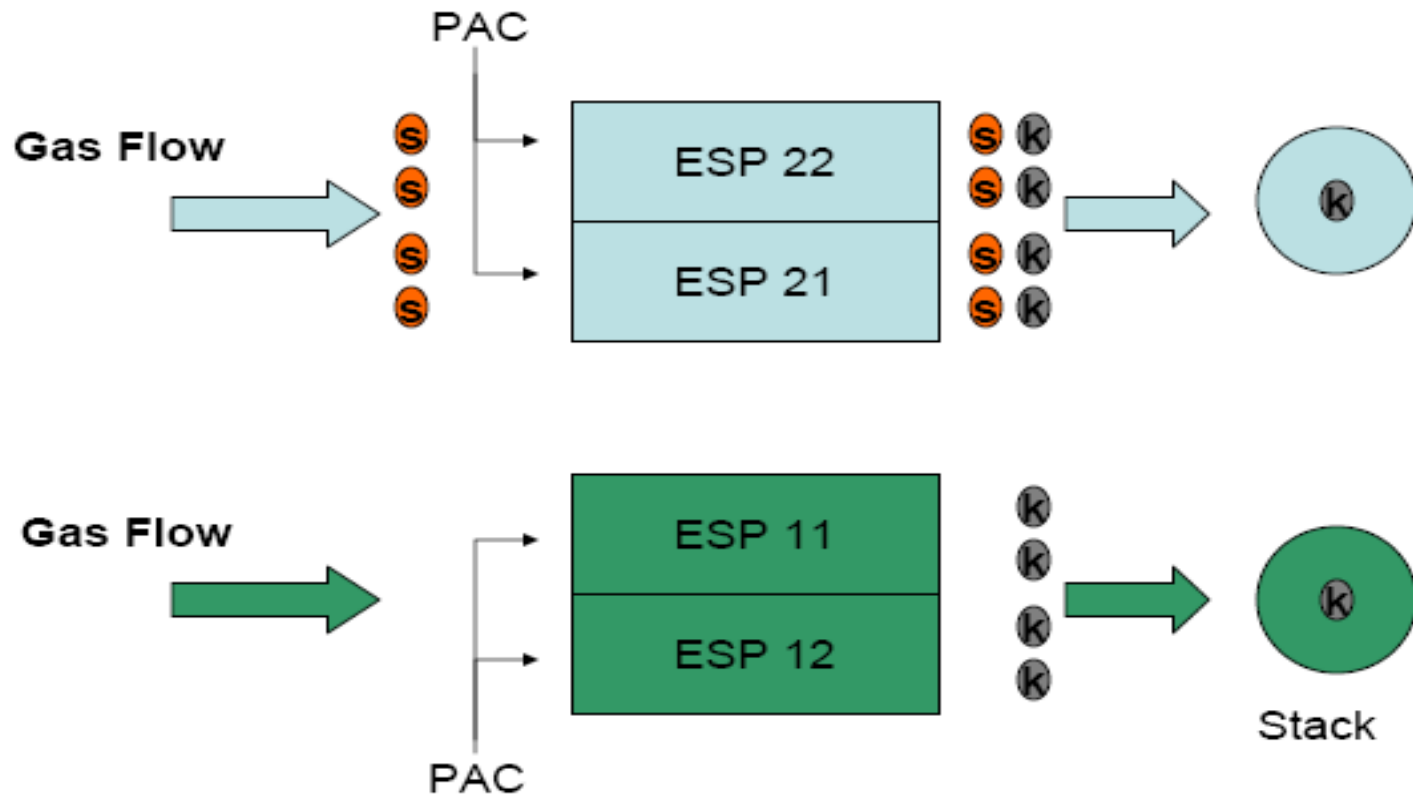
- Increased maintenance access
- Location of electrical panels
- Stairway and external platform provided

- **Weigh Hoppers:**

- Suspended from second floor steel to provide increased maintenance access
- Multiple feeders to provide redundancy
- Sized to reduce cycles on refill valves

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Sorbent Injection with ESP – Units 1 and 2 General Arrangement

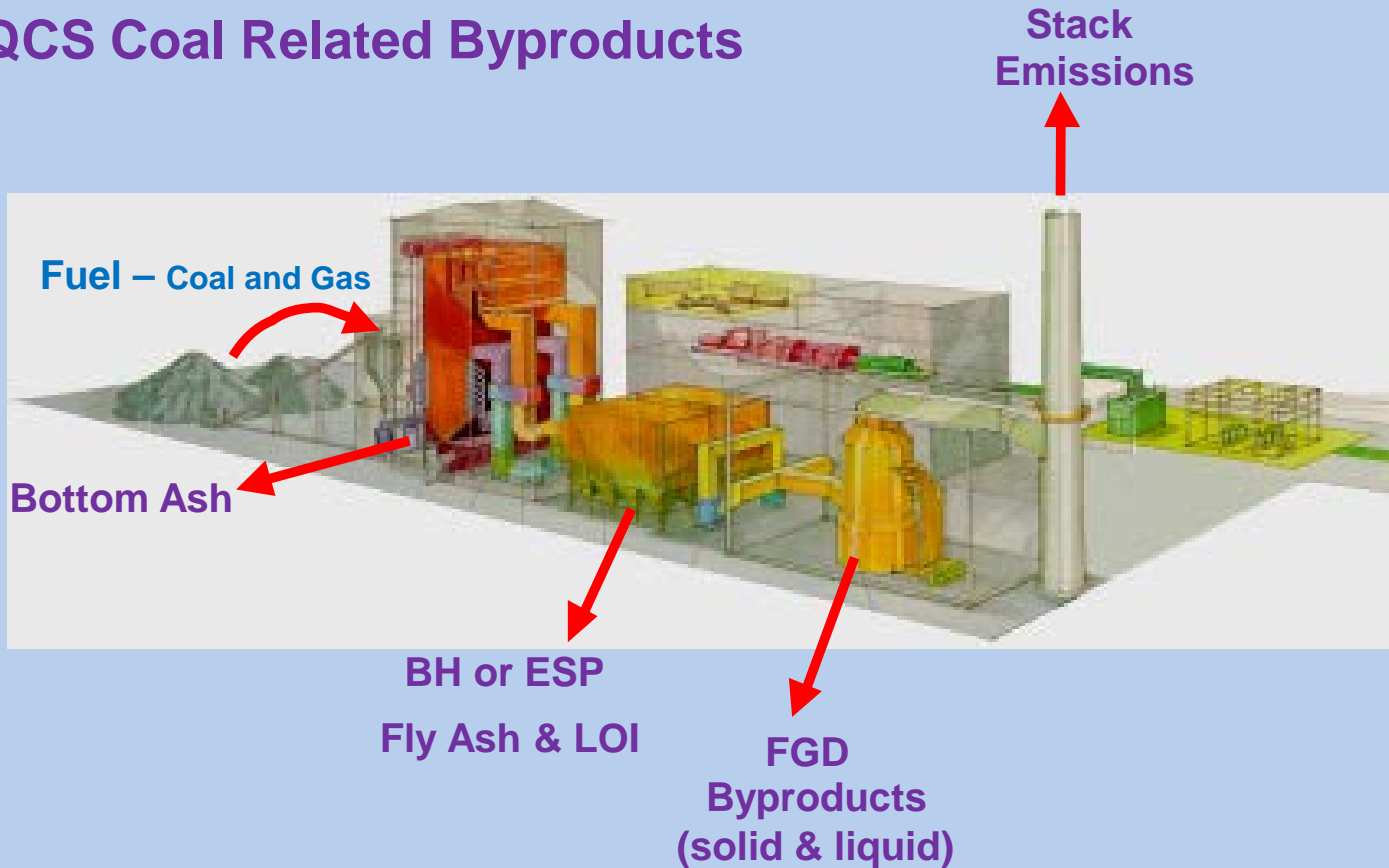


- S** SCEM Measurement (Parametric)
- K** Modified Appendix K Measurement (Parametric, Long-Term)

AQCS Coal Related Byproducts

Coal to Gas Conversion (or co-firing) – examples

AQCS Coal Related Byproducts



- A purpose of wet flue gas desulfurization (WFGD) waste water treatment system (WWTS) is to remove from the WFGD system chloride purge “blowdown” stream (CPS) the following:
 - Total suspended solids (TSS)
 - Trace metals (e.g., Hg, Se, As, etc.)
 - Adjust pH (if required)
 - Nitrogen-based species (NO_3^- , NO_2^- , NH_4^+ , etc., if required)
 - Chemical oxygen demand (COD, as required)
 - Biological oxygen demand (BOD, as required)
 - Total dissolved solid species (TDS, if required)
 - Other constituents or parameters of the CPS (as required)

- Waste Water Treatment System (WWTS) based on physical/chemical processes
- WWTS based on physical/chemical plus biological treatment processes
- WWTS based on physical/chemical plus engineered wetlands
- Zero liquid discharge (ZLD) concept based on closed loop WFGD (gypsum dewatering, and/or sludge stabilization)
- ZLD-based evaporation of WFGD chloride purge stream (CPS) in spray dryer absorber (SDA)
- ZLD based on evaporation/crystallization of WFGD CPS
- Other types of AQCS (CDS/NID/SDA/DSI & PJFF or ESP, ReACT, etc., with no CPS)

The wet FGD waste water treatment (WWTS) system could consists of:

- Physical/chemical processes for suspended solids, metals, pH, etc.
- Biological unit processes for nitrates, soluble selenium, and other species.

An equalization tank is installed upstream of the FGD WWTS to handle operating fluctuations in FGD system blowdown flow, chemistry, and suspended solids concentration. The equalization tank also accommodates more frequent boiler ramp-up, ramp-down, and shut-downs due to revised electrical grid dispatch of the coal-fired unit.

