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# RWE's Experience with Mercury Control in its Coal-fired PS

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# RWE core business



Exploration and production of natural gas and oil



Lignite production and refining



Power generation from lignite



Power generation from renewables

RWE



Gas-fired power generation

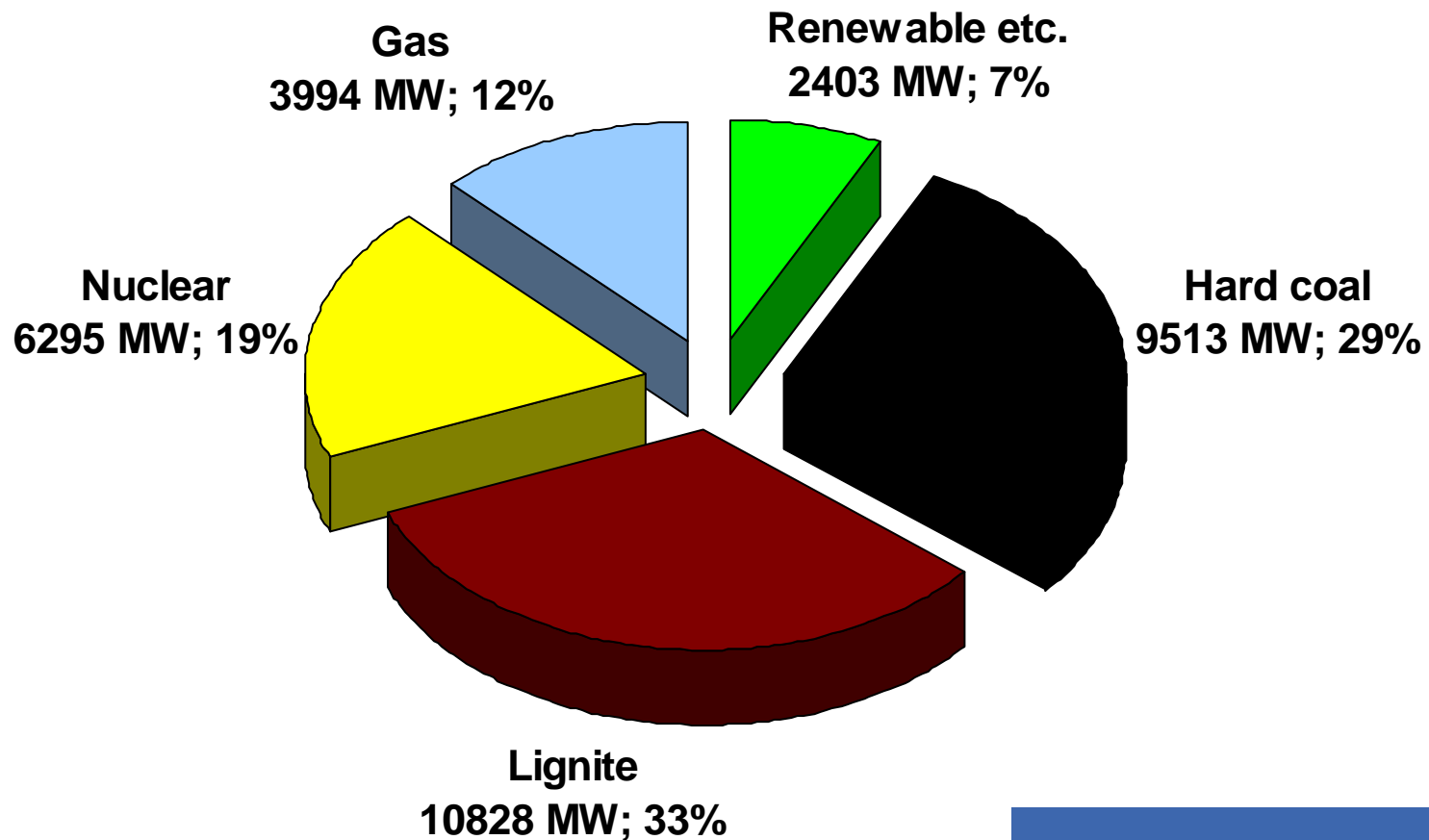


Power generation from nuclear energy



Power generation from hard coal

# Power Plant Capacity of RWE by Primary Energy Source



**Total 33,033 MW**

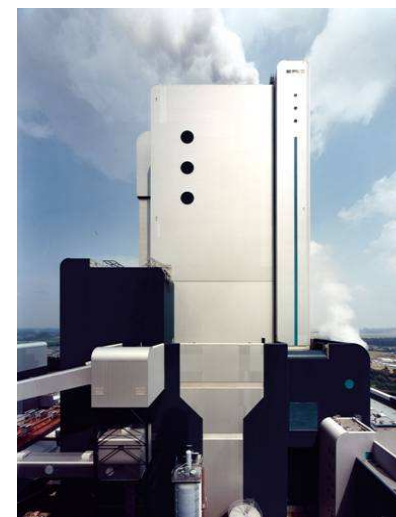
# Energy source Lignite

## Typical Values of Rhenisch Raw Lignite

<b>Moisture:</b>	<b>54.0 % wt (52,7 %)</b>
<b>Ash:</b>	<b>2.5 % wt (7,0 %)</b>
<b>Volatiles:</b>	<b>23.5 % wt (21,9 %)</b>
<b>Fixed carbon:</b>	<b>20.0 % wt (18,4 %)</b>
<b>Lower heating value:</b>	<b>10.1 MJ/kg (9.2 MJ/kg)</b>
<b>Sulphur (S):</b>	<b>0.20 % wt</b>
<b>Mercury (Hg):</b>	<b>0.08 mg Hg/kg, dry</b>
<b>Chloride (Cl):</b>	<b>286 mg/kg, dry</b>

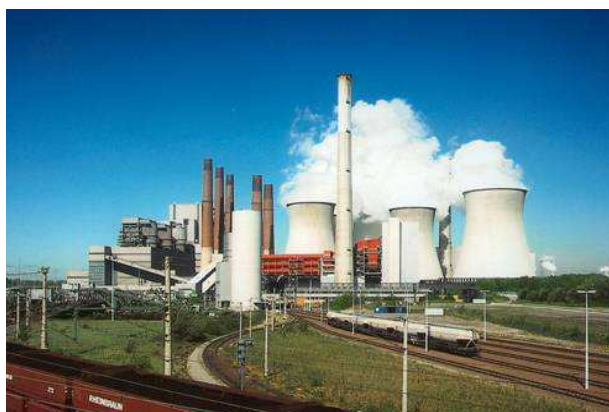


# Lignite and Hard Coal-fired Power Plants



**Lignite PS (10,828 MW)**  
**5 plants (35 units) + 3 mine-mouth plants**

**Hard Coal-fired PS (9,513 MW)**  
**5 plants with 7 units**



# Emission Limits of German Guideline 13<sup>th</sup> Federal Immission Control Ordinance (*BImSchV*) PS > 300 MW as of Dec. 2003

## **Mercury (Hg)**

Daily average: 30 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

Half-hourly average: 50 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

## **Sulfur (SO<sub>x</sub>)**

Daily average: 200 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Half-hourly average: 400 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

(+ 85 % min separation efficiency of the desulphurization unit)

## **Nitrogen (NO<sub>x</sub>)**

Daily average: 200 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
(100 mg/m<sup>3</sup> ab 2012)

Half-hourly average: 400 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

## **Dust**

Daily average: 20 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

Half-hourly average: 40 mg/m<sup>3</sup>

## **Oxygen**

6 vol. %

# Emission Limits in case of Co-combustion of Residues

## Mixture limit regulation

according to the 17<sup>th</sup> Federal Immission Control Ordinance

→ prescriptive limits < 13<sup>th</sup> Federal Immission Control Ordinance

As an example for RWE's lignite-fired PS: Frimmersdorf and the Berrenrath mine-mouth PS

Hg emissions in case of co-combustion of paper sludge and sewage sludge

### **PS Frimmersdorf**

Daily average value: 11  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  (instead of 30  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

Half-hourly average value: 22  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  (instead of 50  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

### **Mine-mouth plant Berrenrath**

Daily average value: 22  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  (instead of 30  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

Half-hourly average value: 44  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  (instead of 50  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

# Mercury Control in RWE's Frimmersdorf Lignite-fired PS (Conventional PS)

Lignite-fired PS

Co-combustion of paper sludge

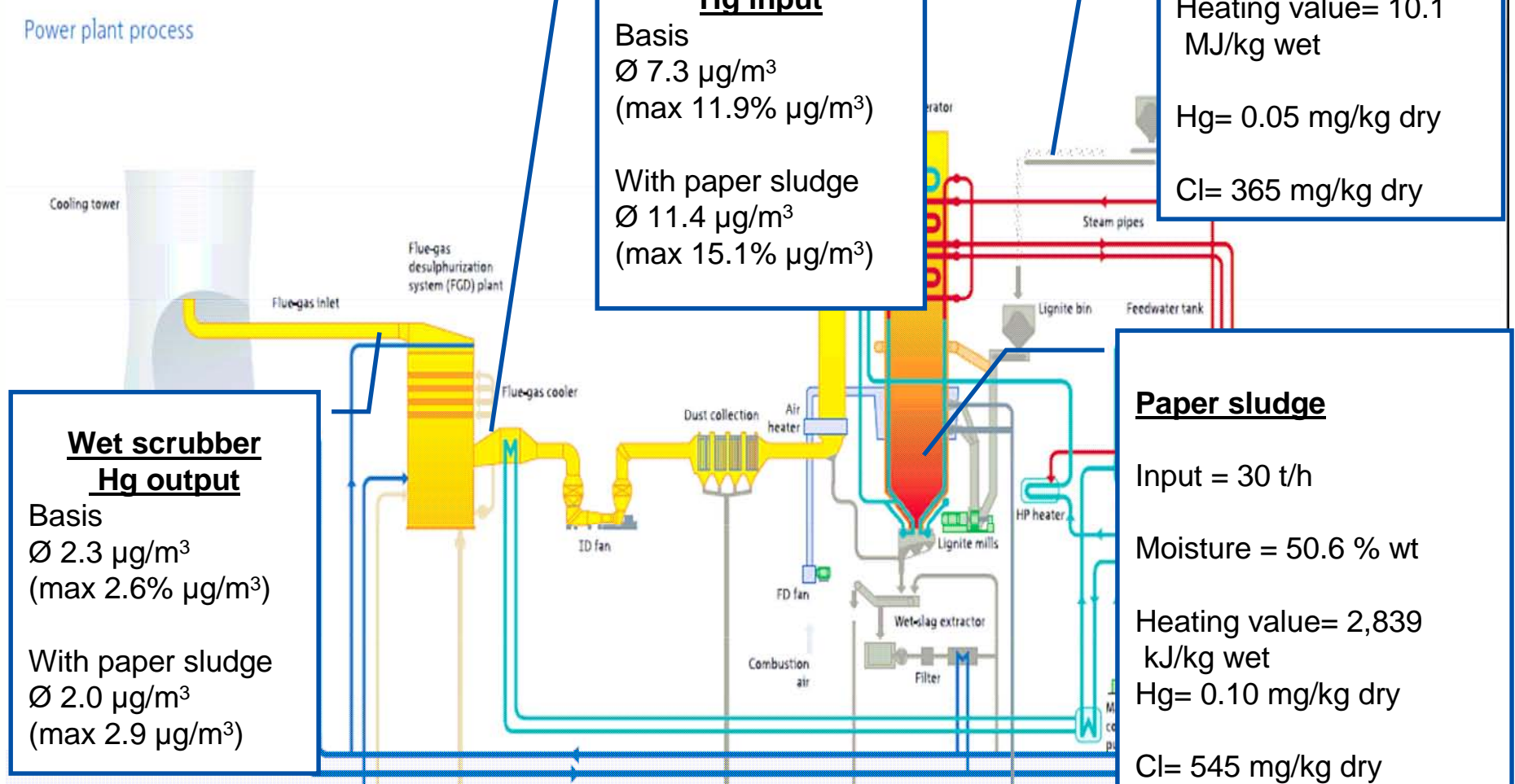
Net electric power output:  
2,028 MW

13 units

Mercury control by  
desulphurization unit  
(wet scrubber)



# Mercury Control in RWE's Frimmersdorf Lignite-fired PS



**Lignite**  
 Input = 760 t/h  
 Moisture = 54 % wt  
 Heating value = 10.1 MJ/kg wet  
 Hg = 0.05 mg/kg dry  
 Cl = 365 mg/kg dry

**Wet scrubber Hg input**  
 Basis  $\text{Ø } 7.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
 (max 11.9%  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )  
 With paper sludge  $\text{Ø } 11.4 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
 (max 15.1%  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

**Wet scrubber Hg output**  
 Basis  $\text{Ø } 2.3 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
 (max 2.6%  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )  
 With paper sludge  $\text{Ø } 2.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
 (max 2.9  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ )

**Paper sludge**  
 Input = 30 t/h  
 Moisture = 50.6 % wt  
 Heating value = 2,839 kJ/kg wet  
 Hg = 0.10 mg/kg dry  
 Cl = 545 mg/kg dry

# Mercury Balance of RWE's Frimmersdorf PS

		Reference	Paper sludge co-combustion
<u>Input</u>	Lignite	98.2 mass %	88.1 mass %
	Paper sludge	-	10.4 mass %
	Lime	1.8 mass %	1.5 mass %
<u>Output</u>	Waste gas	12.5 mass %	13.5 mass %
	Ash dry / wet, sludge	69.9 mass %	66.8 mass %
	Gypsum	17.6 mass %	19.7 mass %
Separation efficiency		87.5 %	86.5 %

# Co-combustion of Paper Sludge in RWE's Frimmersdorf Power Plant – Yearly Information for the Public

Continuous measurement  
Hg limit value:  
11 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

brennbare Stoffe) in den Blockanlagen P und Q mitverbrannt wird. Hieraus ergibt sich die Pflicht, nach § 18 der 17. BImSchV die Öffentlichkeit jährlich über die Emissionen der Anlagen zu unterrichten. Nachfolgend werden die im Jahr 2006 gemessenen Emissionskonzentrationen bei der Mitverbren-

Single measurement  
Hg limit value:  
22 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

Sollten Sie weitere Informationen wünschen, wenden Sie sich bitte an Guido Steffen, Telefon: 0201 1241266

## Verbrennung im Kraftwerk Frimmersdorf

Ökoeffizienz

### Kontinuierlich gemessene Emissionen in 2006

Komponenten	Emissionsgrenzwert Blöcke P und Q	Emission Papierschlacke Block P	Emission
Staub	20 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	5,0 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Schwefeldioxid	185 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	100,2 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	185,5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Stickoxid	200 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	190,7 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	101,6 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Kohlenmonoxid	228 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	87,1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	
Quecksilber	0,011 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	0,003 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-

Continuous measurement  
Hg emissions:  
3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

### Durch Einzelmessungen bestimmte Emissionen in 2006

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Chlorwasserstoff HCl	19,4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	2,1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	1,4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Gesamtkohlenstoff	8,4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	<0,4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	<0,4 mg/m <sup>3</sup>
Quecksilber	0,022 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	-	0,003 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

Single measurement  
Hg emissions:  
3 µg/m<sup>3</sup>

# Mercury Control in RWE's Berrenrath Lignite-fired PS (Mine-mouth Plant)

Lignite-fired PS

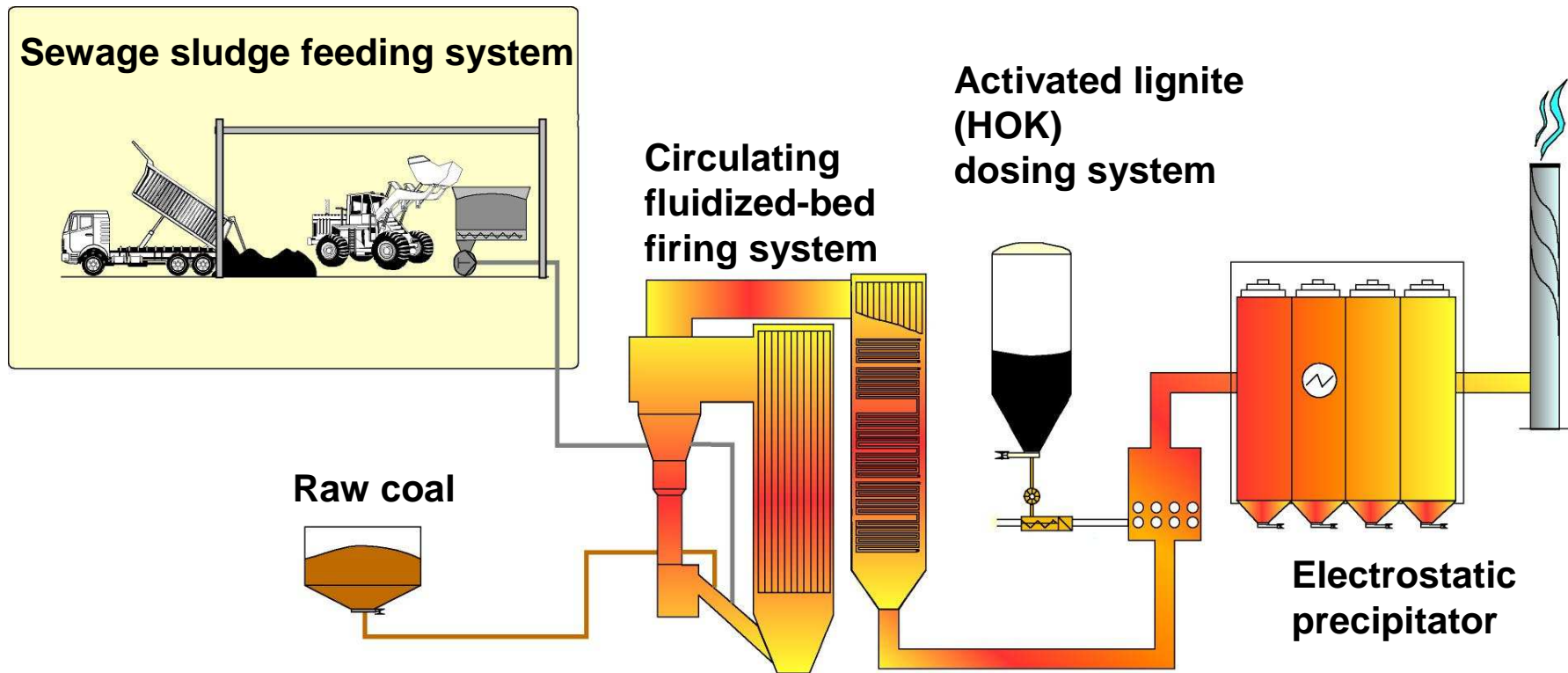
Co-combustion of  
sewage sludge

2 x 275 MW<sub>thermal</sub>

Mercury control by  
addition of HOK



# Sewage Sludge Co-combustion in an Industrial Power Plant



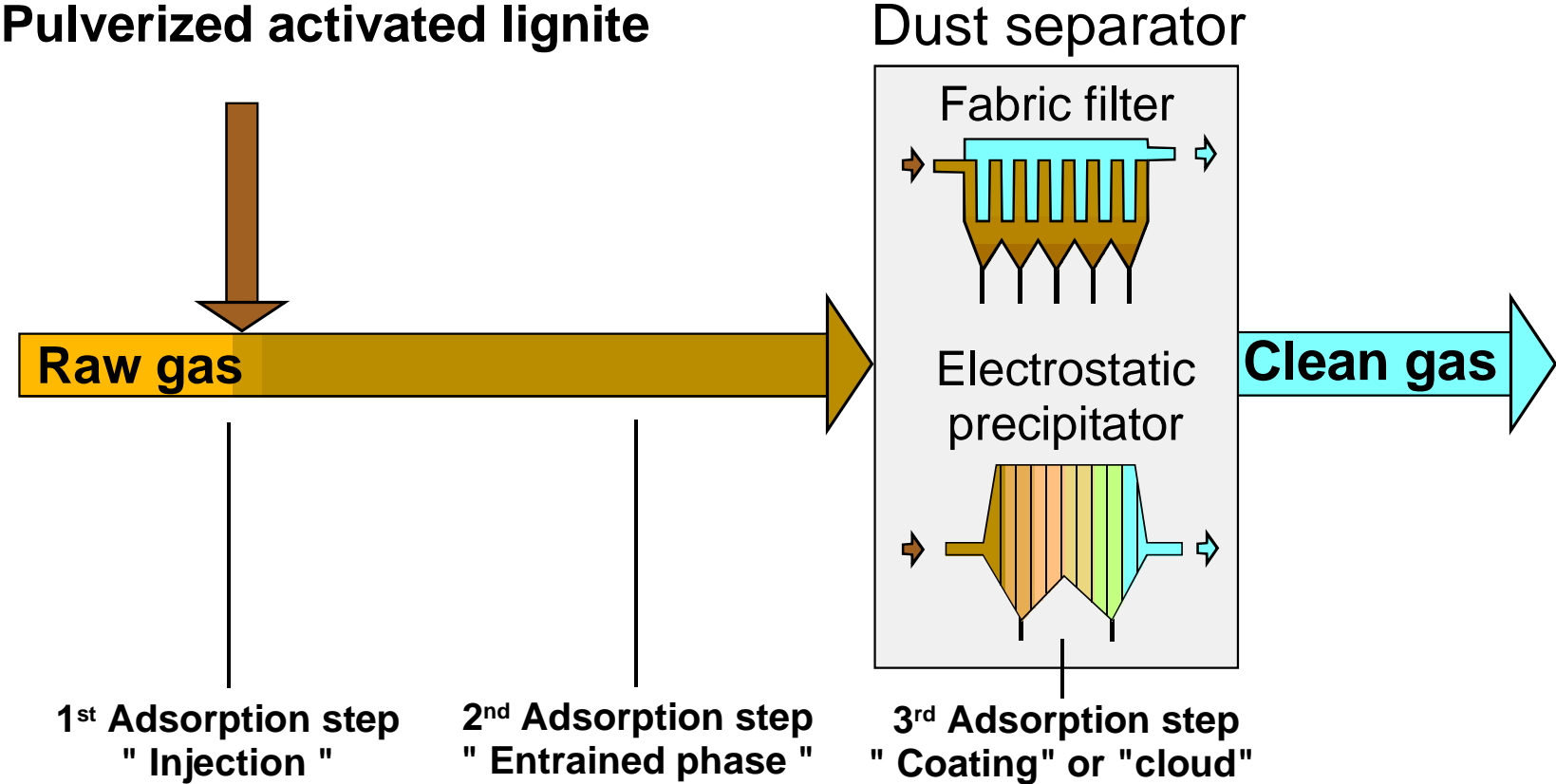
# Environmental Protection with Activated Lignite (HOK)

- Use in waste gas cleaning and waste water treatment
- High-quality and at the same time low-priced mass sorbent
- Lignite from RWE's own opencast mines near Cologne (Germany)
  - ⇒ constant quality with low ash content, etc.
  - ⇒ security of supply

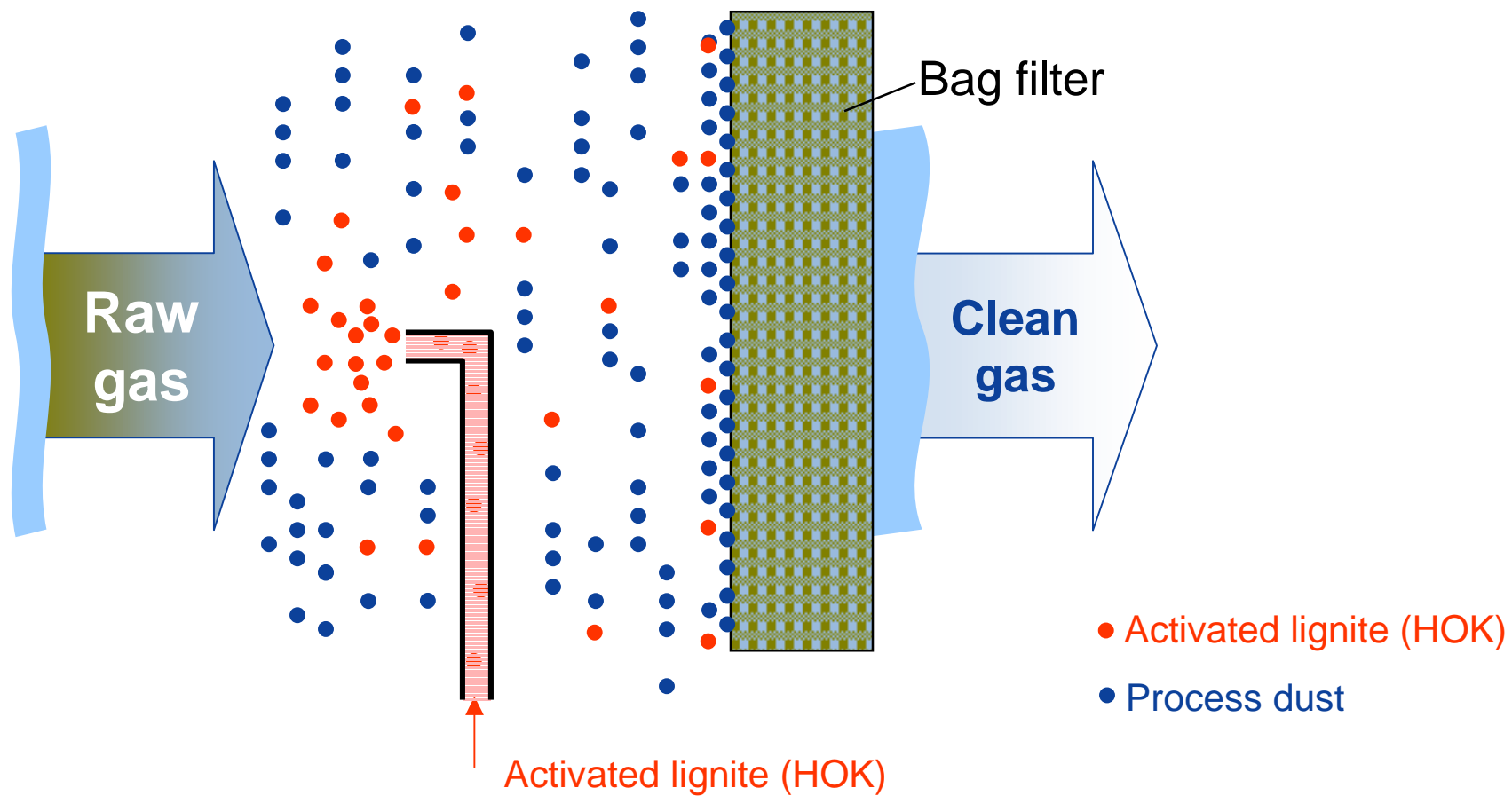
**Microscopically magnified  
activated lignite**



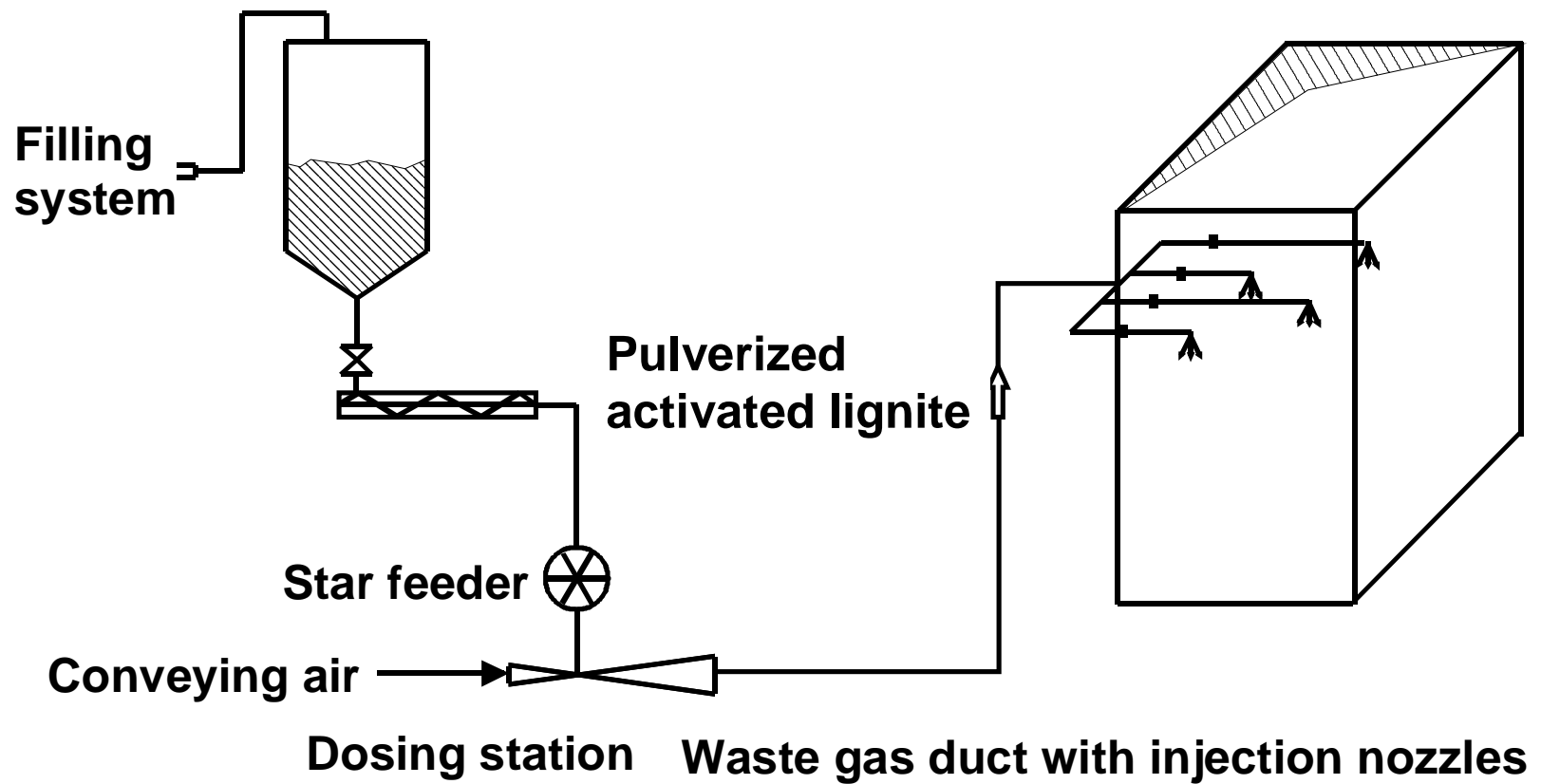
# Entrained-Dust Cloud Process



# Pollutant Separation in the Filter Bed Process



# Activated Lignite Dosing System





## Mercury Separation in RWE's Berrenrath Coal-fired PS

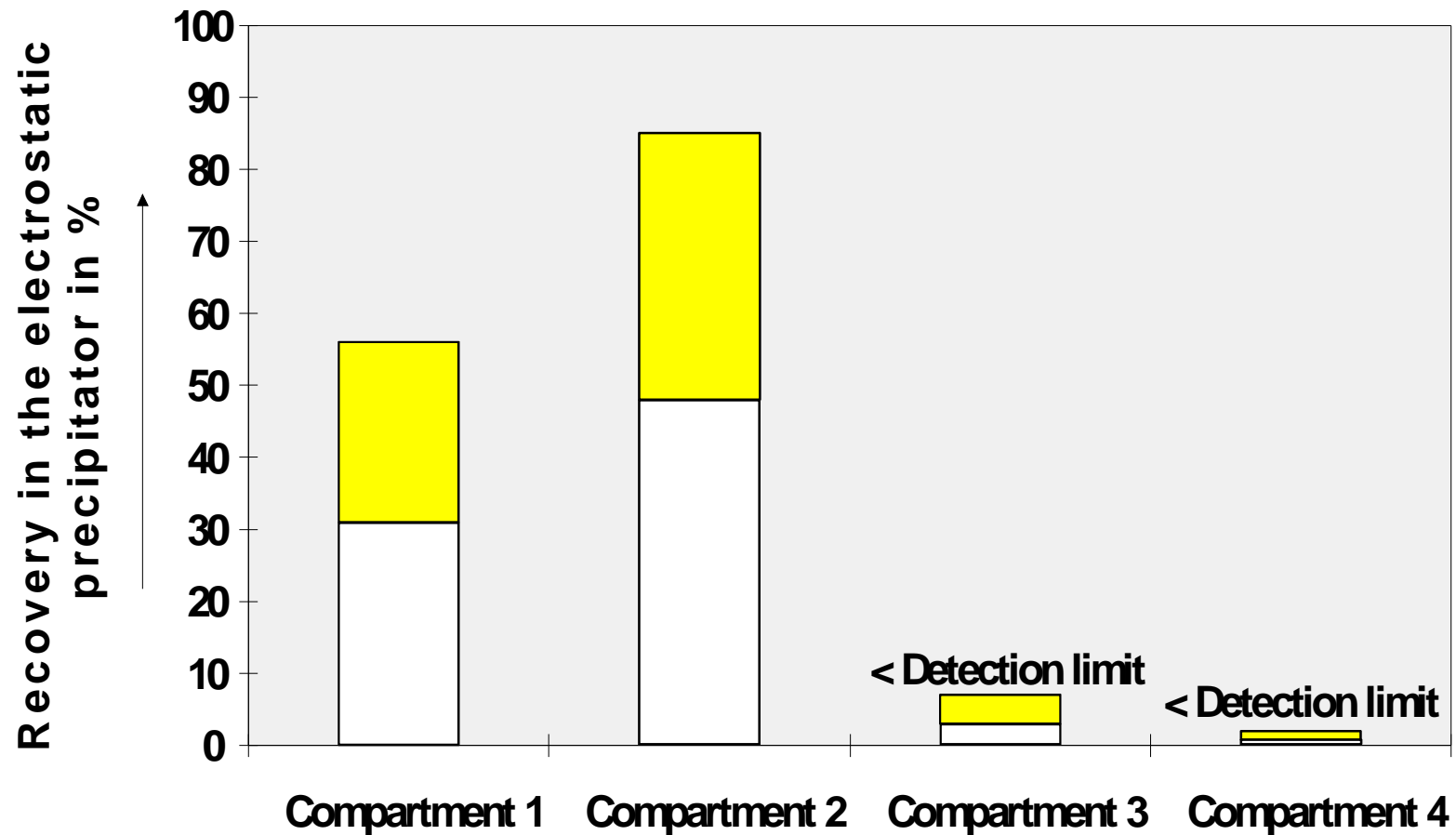
Waste gas duct with injection  
nozzle

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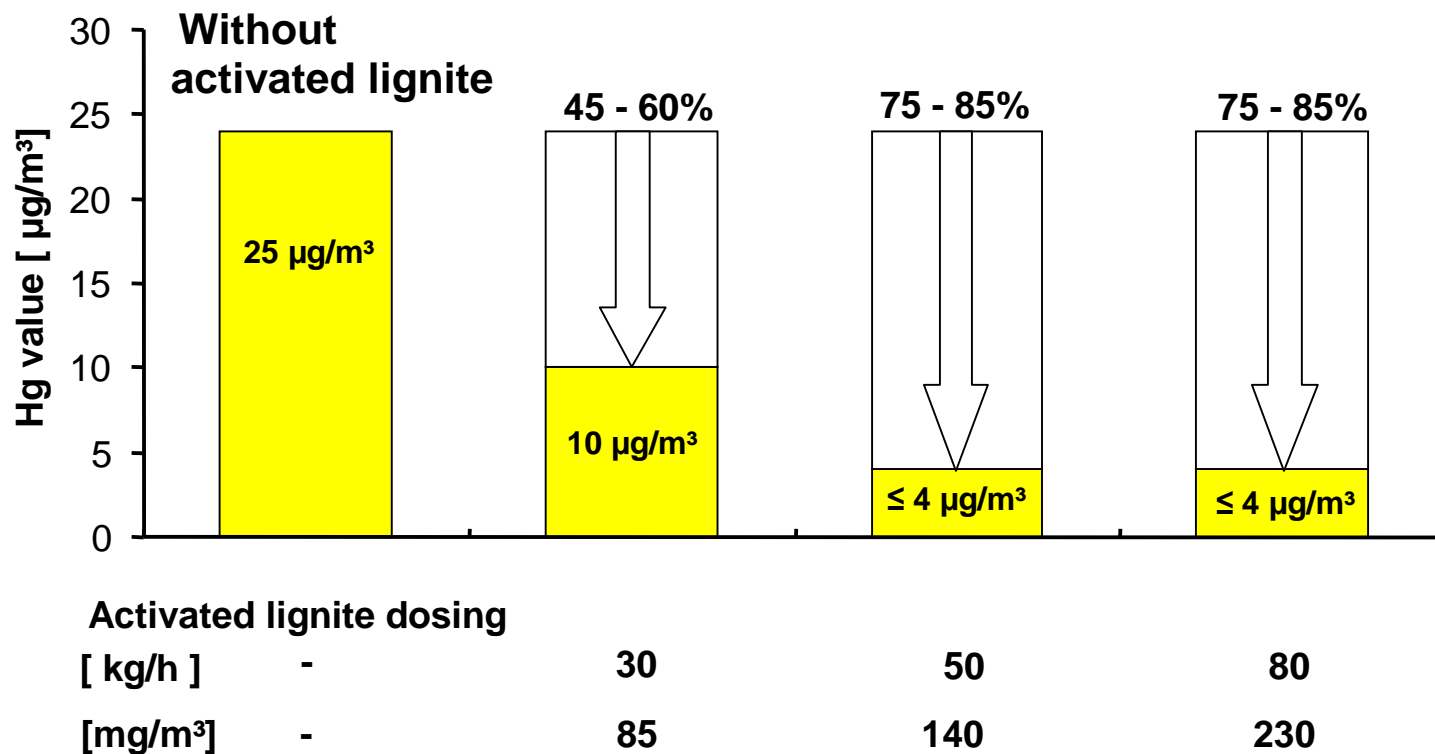
## Injection pipes into waste gas duct



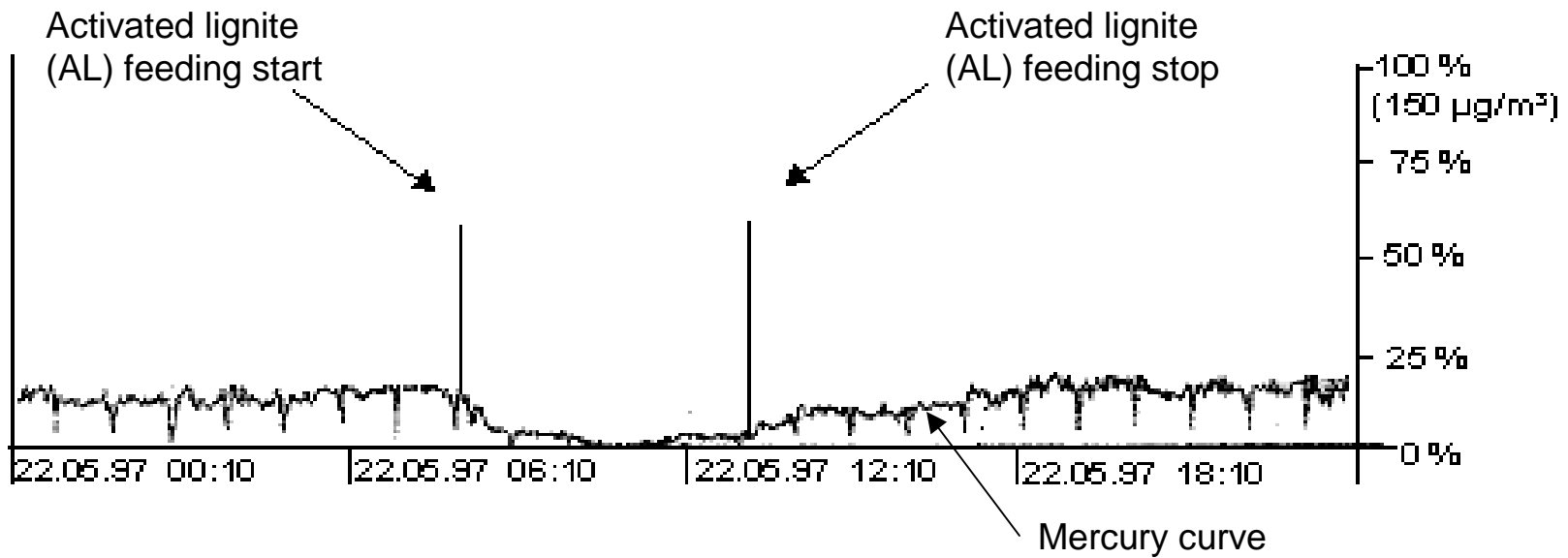
# Activated Lignite Separation in the Electrostatic Precipitator



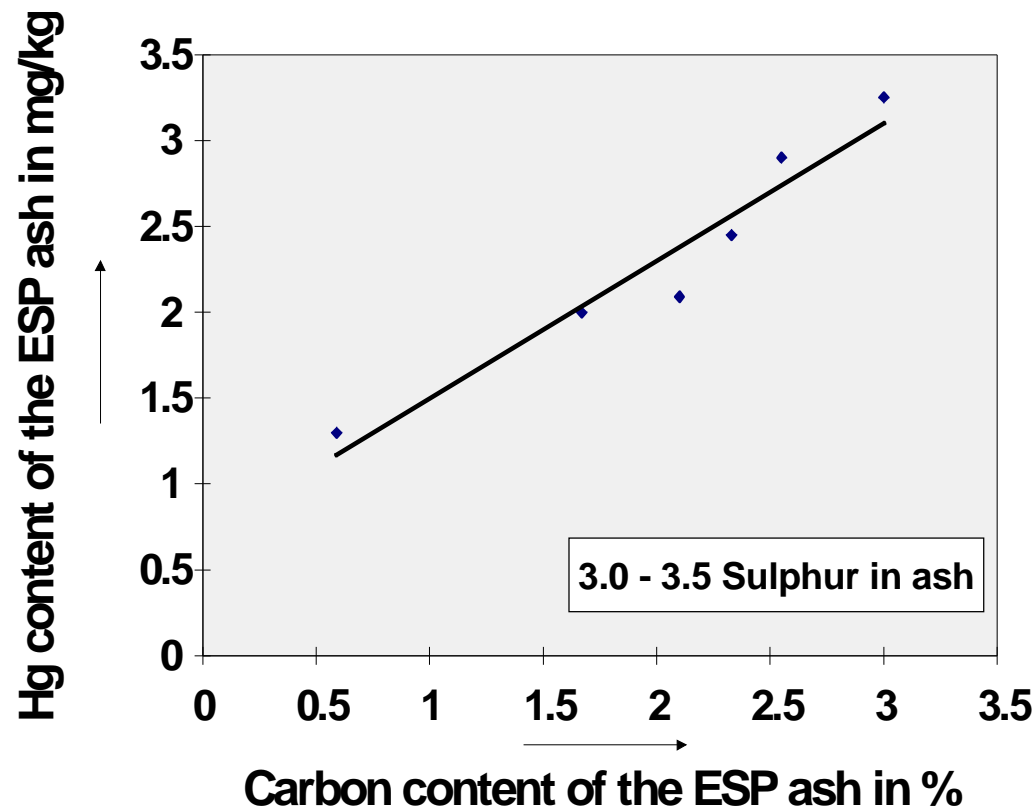
# Activated Lignite-based Hg Separation during Sewage Sludge Co-combustion



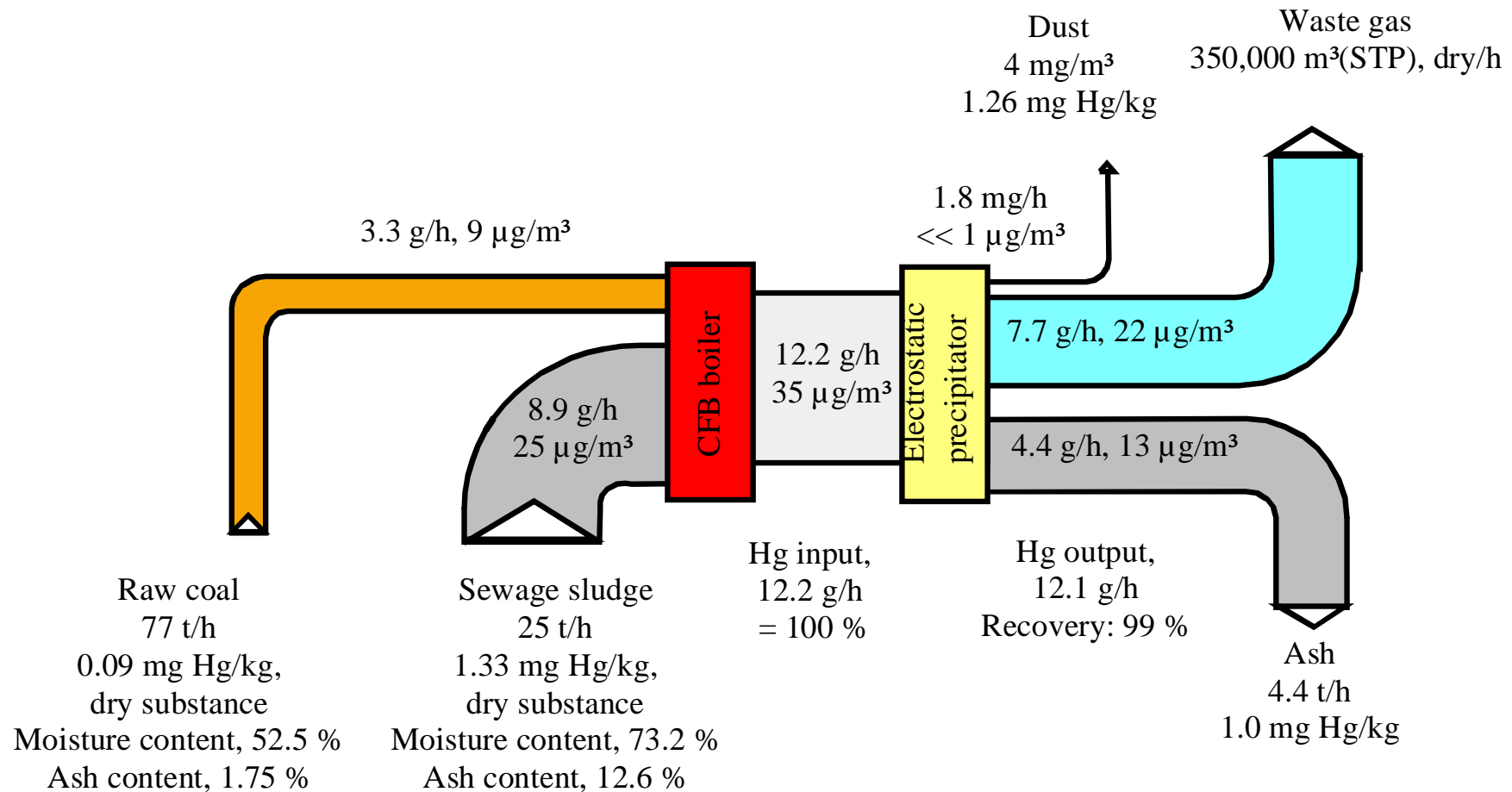
# Hg Emissions Before and After Adding AL (Dosing Rate of 80 kg/h)



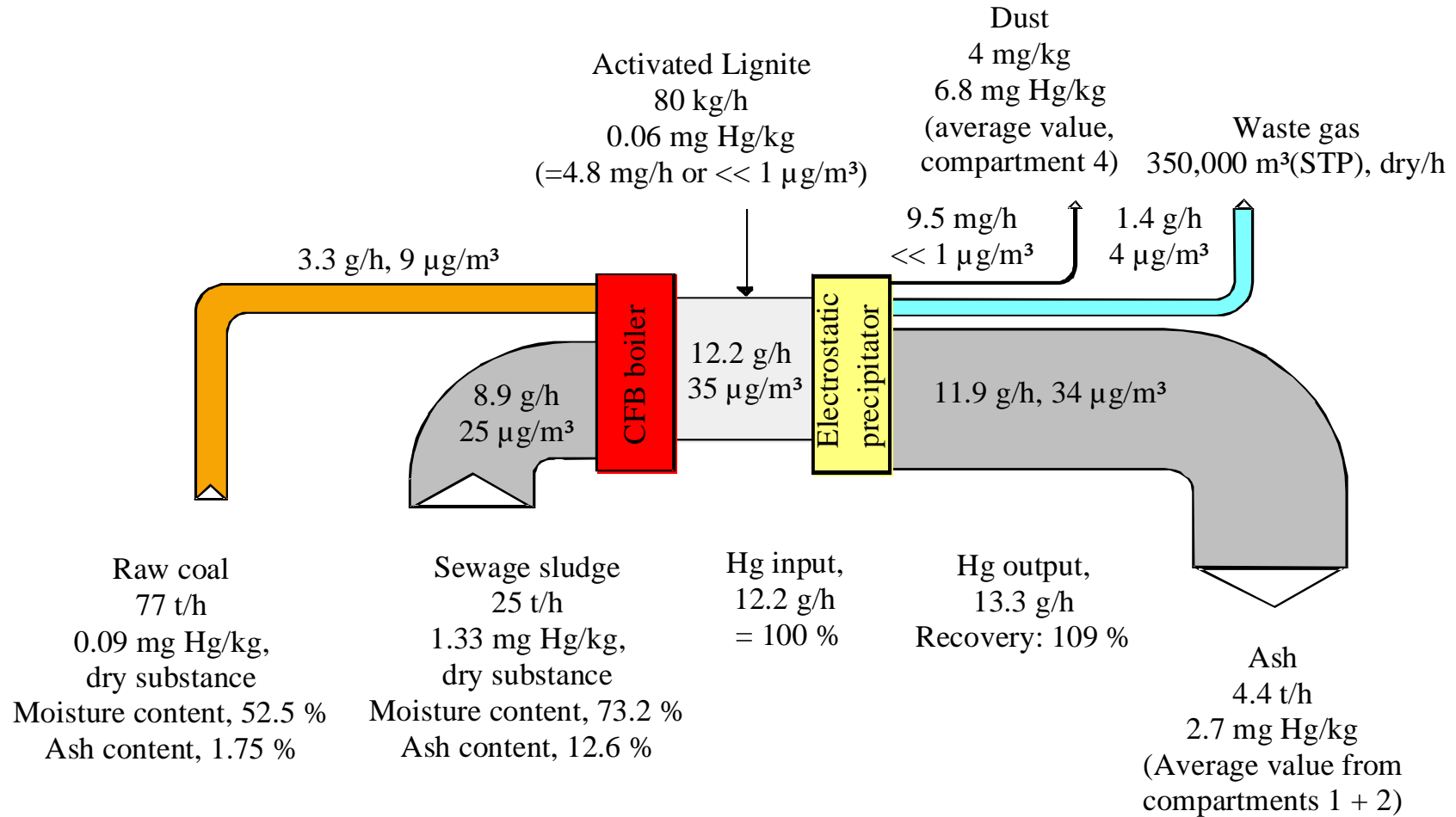
# Hg Retention as a Function of the Carbon Content in the Mixed Ash



# Hg Balance in the Case of Sewage Sludge Co-combustion Without AL Additon



# Hg Balance in the Case of Sewage Sludge Co-combustion With AL Additon



# Mercury Control in RWE's Coal-fired PS

## Conclusion

### **Power plant (plant with wet FGD)**

➔ Efficient separation below the Hg limit value

### **Mine-mouth PS (plant with dry FGD)**

➔ In case of co-combustion of Hg-contaminated residues additional control units necessary

➔ High separation efficiency for Hg with HOK at low operating cost

➔ Simple and low-priced retrofitting of existing plants

➔ In case of tighter emission requirements, the HOK technology is transferable to conventional PS.



Thank you very much for your attention

