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**Case Studies: DSI and ACI System Retrofits for Improved  
Reliability and Performance**

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# DSI/ACI System Issues



- Many Installed Equipment to Fit Budget or Schedule
  - Standard Packages
  - Little/No Engineering
- System Operation Complications
  - Plugging
    - Improper System Design
    - Too Many Bends
    - Incorrect Equipment Selection
  - Accelerated Wear
    - Improper Design Velocities
    - Incorrect Component Design
  - Corrosion

# Retrofit Opportunities



- UCC has retrofit a total of 16 systems
- Typical Retrofit Opportunities
  - COBRA™ Lance
  - Splitter with/without Autopurge
  - CFD Modeling
  - Pneumatic Conveying Optimization
  - Instrumentation and Controls
  - Venting Arrangements
  - Silo Operation

# Case Studies



## ■ Case Study 1

- (3) ACI Systems for Hg Removal

## ■ Case Study 2

- (2) Hydrated Lime Systems for  $\text{SO}_3$  Removal

## ■ Case Study 3

- (1) Hydrated Lime for  $\text{SO}_3$
- (1) ACI System for Hg

## ■ Case Study 4

- (1) Trona System for  $\text{SO}_2$  Removal



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## **CASE STUDY 1**

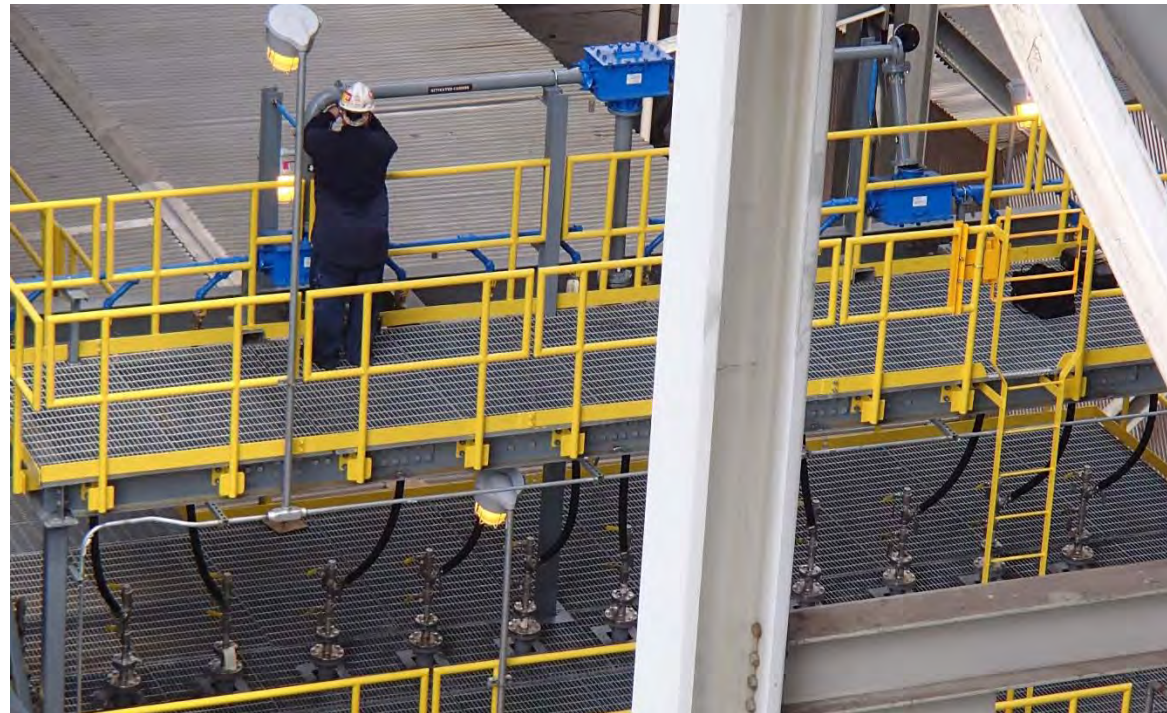
# **(3) ACI SYSTEMS FOR HG REMOVAL**

# System Changes

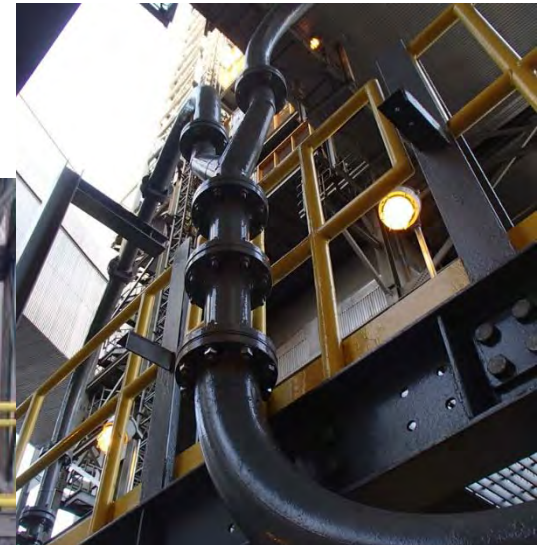


- System Evaluation
  - Incorrect conveying velocities
  - Poor pneumatic system design
  - Inaccurate splitting
- System Equipment Changes
  - Blower adjustments
  - Eductor replacements
  - Splitter replacements
  - Improved venting arrangement

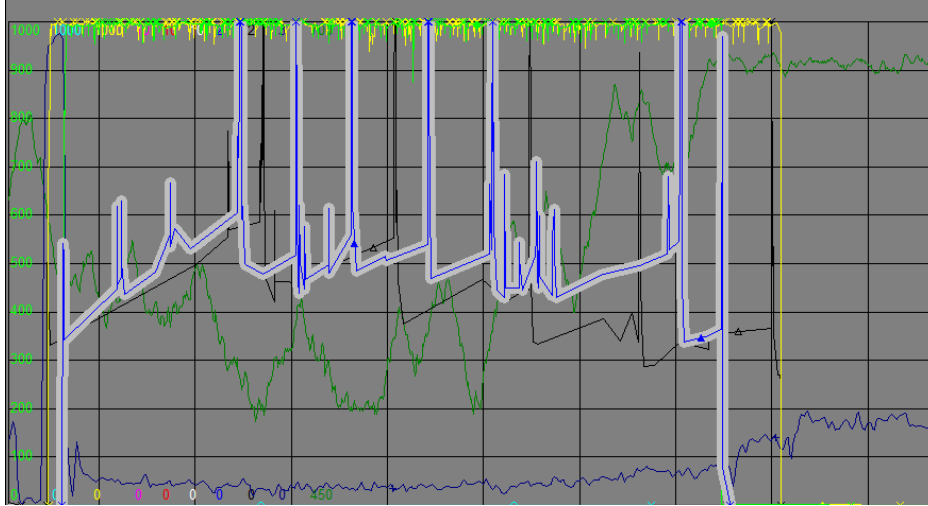
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# Splitting - New

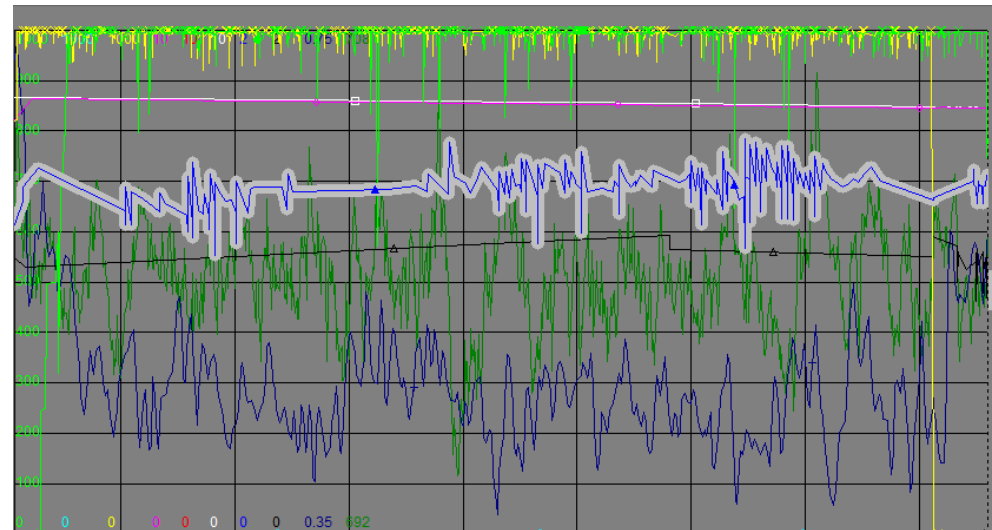


# Pneumatics

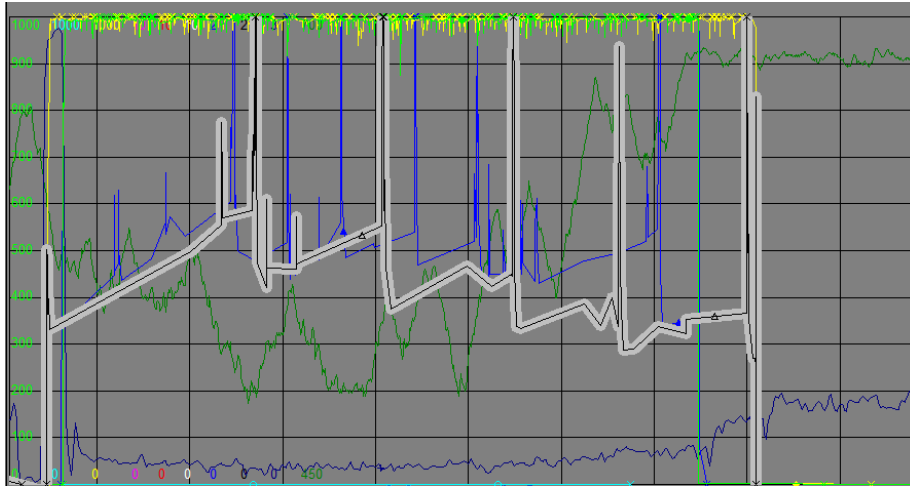


- Original
  - 1000 lb/hr
  - Spiking causing shutdown

- New
  - 1000 lb/hr
  - Steady operation
    - 8 hours shown

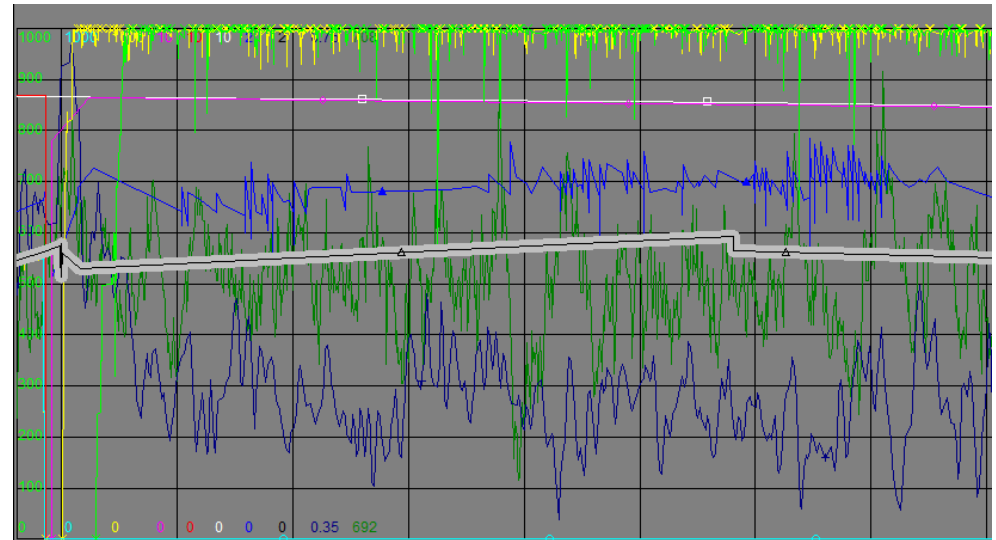


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## **CASE STUDY 2**

# **(2) HYDRATED LIME SYSTEMS FOR**

# **SO<sub>3</sub> REMOVAL**

# System Changes



- System Evaluation
  - Poor distribution (CFD Modeling)
  - Plugging due to improper convey air handling
- System Equipment Changes
  - CFD Modeling
  - Condenser addition to dehumidification system
  - COBRA™ Lances
  - Splitter replacements

# Splitter with Auto Lance Purge System



- **Splitter Includes Proprietary Insert and Static Mixer**
- **Purge Systems Prevents Soft Plug Formation**
  - Automatically purges lines daily
- **Clears Soft Plugs When Detected**
  - Automated push/pull logic to clear the soft line plug



# COBRA™ Lances



- Advantages UCC-patented COBRA Lance
  - Improved sorbent distribution on short residence time and “difficult” flue gas ducts
  - Allows less lances to be used
  - Optimizes sorbent usage



# COBRA™ Lance Installation



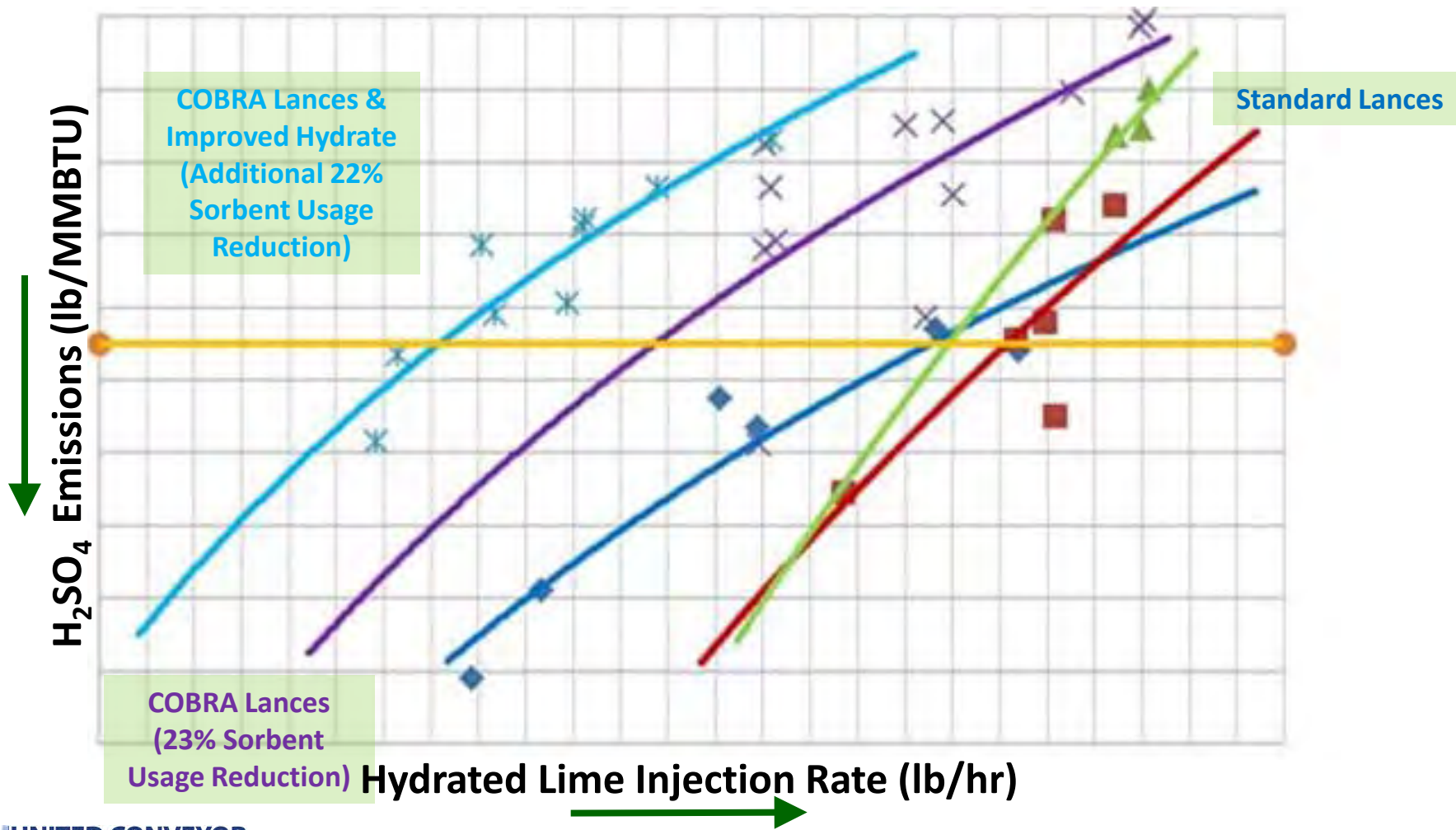
# COBRA™ Lance Installation



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# COBRA Lance Performance



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**Clean Duct Wall**



**Sulfur Buildup**





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## **CASE STUDY 3**

# **(1) HYDRATED LIME AND (1) ACI SYSTEM FOR SO<sub>3</sub> & HG REMOVAL**

# Site Layout



**Old Ash Silo  
Converted to DSI**



**DSI Silo Reused**

**ACI Silo Reused**



- System Evaluation
  - Corrosion due to Improper Shutdown using Br-PAC
  - Little Storage for Hydrated Lime
  - Poor Dispersion
- System Equipment Changes
  - Gravimetric Feeders (ACI) and Weigh Bins (DSI)
  - Convert Ash Silo to Hydrated Lime System
  - Piping, Instrumentation and Controls
  - COBRA Lances
  - Silo Lining for Br-PAC Usage



- Silo Modifications
  - Changed to Chisel Bottom Concept
  - Included weigh bins, feeders, blowers, and dehumidifiers in silo skirt (previously unloading level)



- DSI System Modifications
  - Replaced weigh bins
  - Replaced fluidizing
  - Provided instrumentation and controls
  - Improved dispersion
    - COBRA Lance
  - Improved access

# ACI Modifications



- ACI Modifications
  - Provided Gravimetric Feeders
  - Provided instrumentation and controls
  - Replaced corroded feeders, piping, and components
  - Lined silo in field



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## **CASE STUDY 4**

# **(1) TRONA SYSTEM FOR SO<sub>3</sub> REMOVAL**

# System Changes



- System Evaluation
  - Inefficient Use of Unmilled Trona
- System Equipment Changes
  - Installed VIPER<sup>®</sup> Mills for particle size reduction

# Case Study 1 – DSI System Description



- UCC VIPER Mills
- Plant since changed to hydrated lime injection, bypass mills



# Trona Particle Size

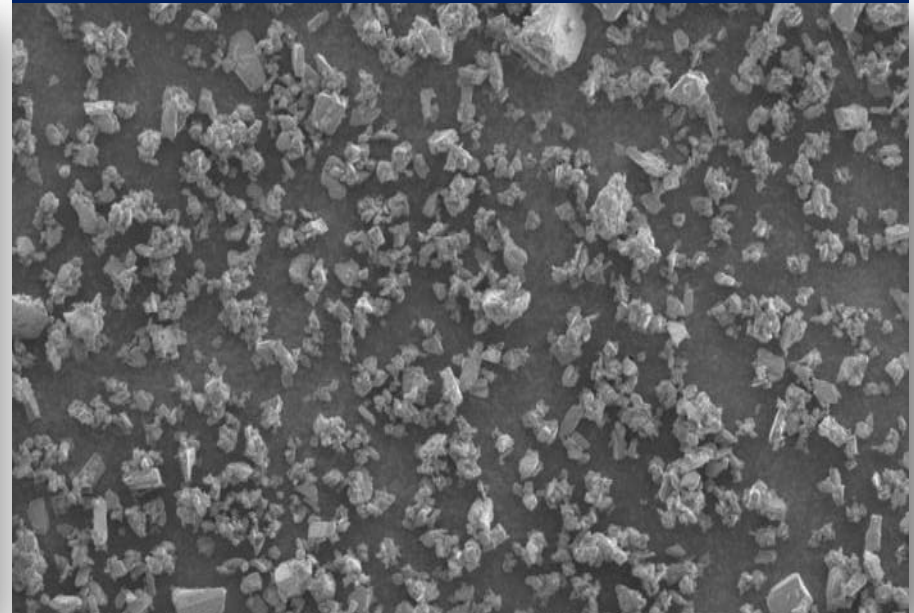


## Unmilled Trona



30-50  $\mu\text{m}$

## Milled Trona

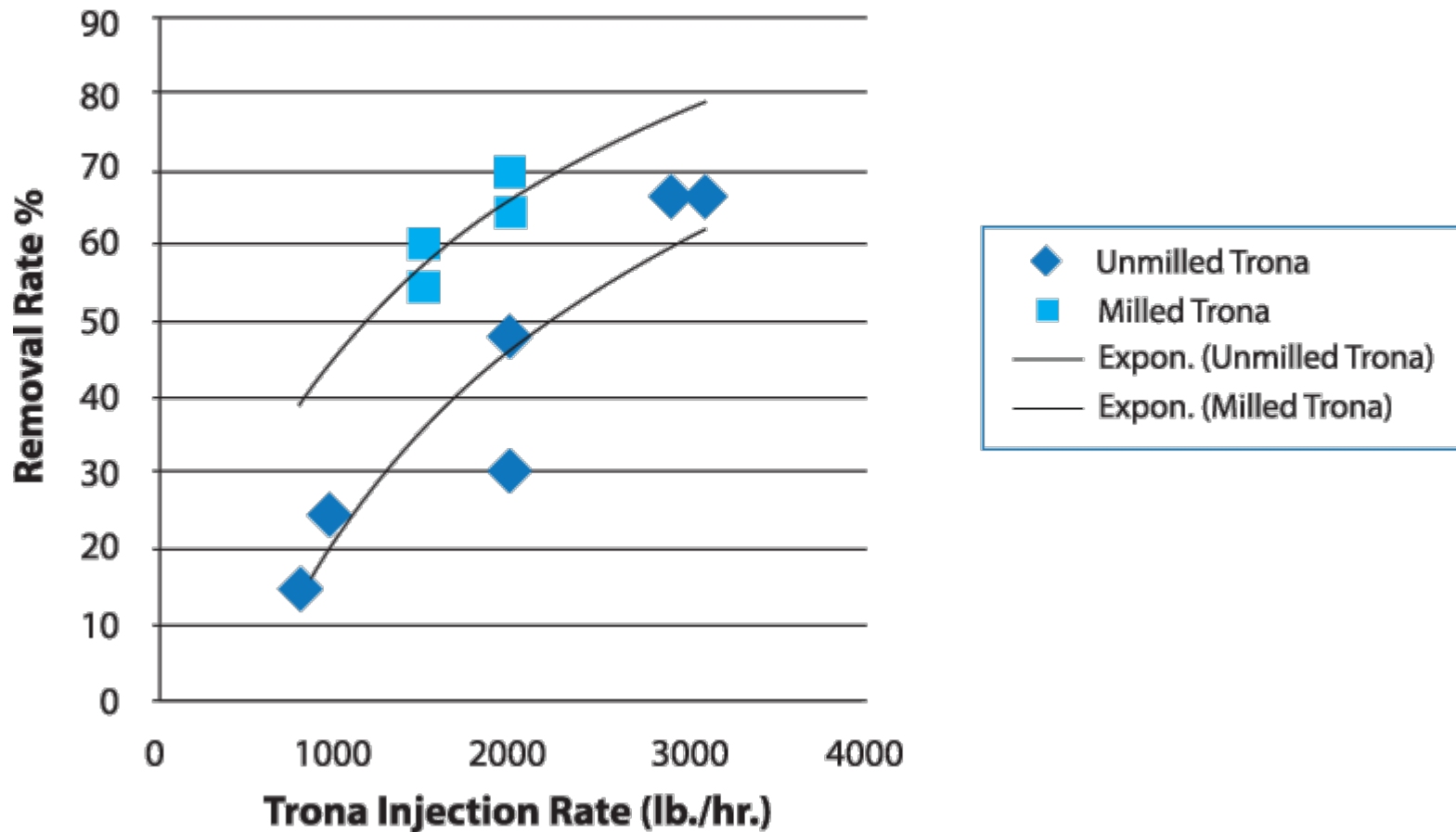


9 -15  $\mu\text{m}$

# Test Results



## SO<sub>3</sub> Removal (Outlier Removed)





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