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Duct Wastewater Injection:

Low-Cost ZLD Strategy for ELG Compliance

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Outline

- Effluent Limitation Guidelines Rule
- Compliance Alternatives
- Duct Wastewater Injection
- Experience / Issues
- Summary
- Questions



Effluent Limitation Guidelines (ELG) Rule

Background

- Applies to Steam Electric Power Generating Point Sources (> 50 MW)
- Regulates numerous plant water streams:
 - FGD Wastewater
 - Combustion Residuals (Landfill/Pond) Leachate
 - Fly Ash and Bottom Ash Transport Water
 - Flue Gas Mercury Control Water
 - Gasification Wastewater
- Compliance “window” was Nov 2018 – Dec 2023, **but...**
- Rule “stayed” April 2017 – draft rule Dec 2018 - final rule Dec 2019

ELG Rule Requirements

Compliance Approach and Technologies

Wastewater Stream	Best Available Technology Economically Achievable (BAT) for Existing Direct Dischargers
FGD Wastewater	<u>Physical/Chemical precipitation with biological treatment</u> * <i>No size threshold</i>
Fly Ash Transport Water	<u>Zero discharge</u> of fly ash transport water pollutants - vacuum systems to pneumatically convey ash to silos
Bottom Ash Transport Water	<u>Zero discharge</u> of bottom ash transport water pollutants – drag chain or remote drag chain * <i>No size threshold</i>
Leachate from ponds and landfills containing CCRs / gypsum dewatering	<u>No change</u> from current limits for TSS and Oil and Grease, separated from low volume wastewater definition
Flue Gas Mercury Controls Wastewater	<u>Zero discharge</u> – dry handling with vacuum system to convey directly to silos

ELG Rule Requirements

Current vs. Historical Limits for FGD Wastewater

	Daily Max	Monthly Average	Long Term Average Target*	1982 – Daily Max	1982 – Monthly Average
Arsenic, total	11 ug/l	8 ug/l	6.0 ug/l	Previously only limited to BPT as Low Volume Wastes	
Mercury, total	788 ng/l	356 ng/l	160 ng/l		
Selenium, total	23 ug/l	12 ug/l	7.5 ug/l		
Nitrate/Nitrite as N	17 mg/l	4.4 mg/l	1.3 mg/l		
Total Suspended Solids	100.0 mg/l	30.0 mg/l		100.0 mg/l	30.0 mg/l
Oil and Grease	20.0 mg/l	15.0 mg/l		20.0 mg/l	15.0 mg/l

*LTA Target for Design and Operations to Meet Limits

Wet FGD Systems

Utility & Independent Power Producers

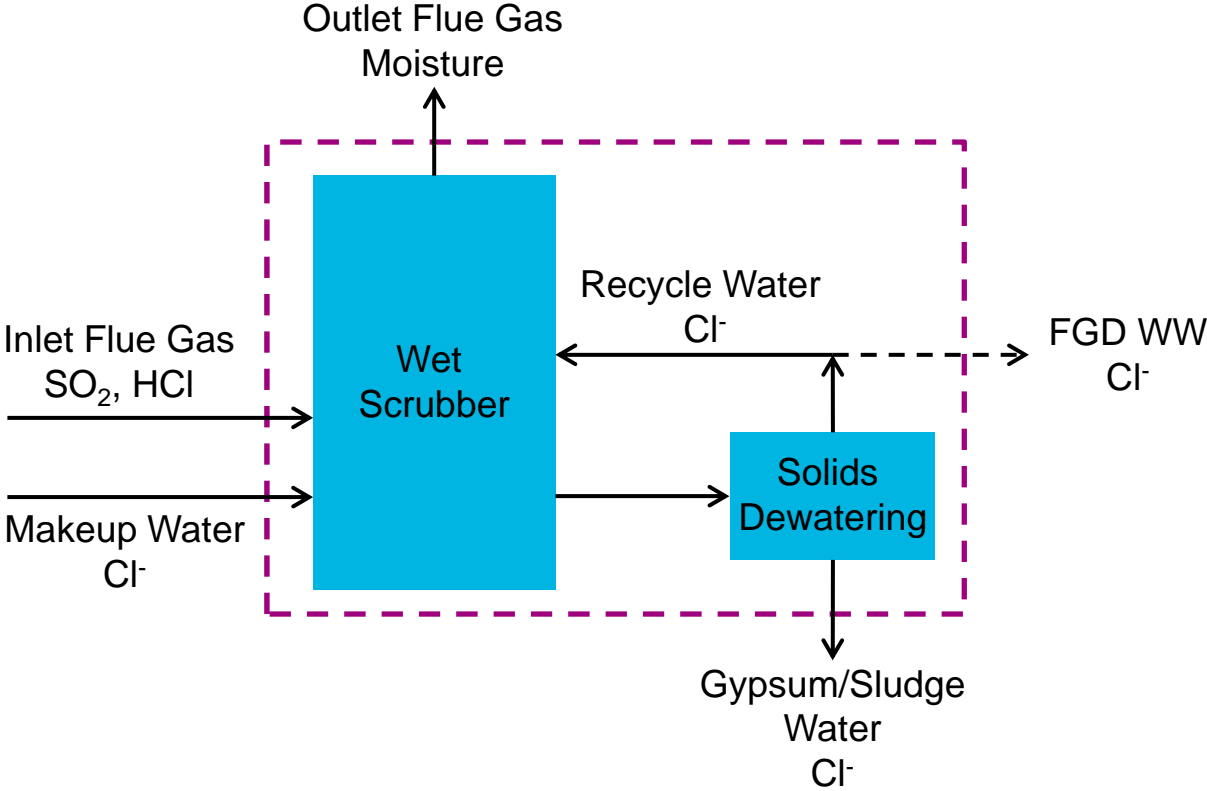
FGD Process	Units	Total MW
Dual Alkali	3	1,100
Wet soda ash FGD scrubber	6	2,900
Wellman-Lord process for FGD, sodium-sulfite based	2	740
Wet lime FGD scrubber	42	22,800
Wet lime-alkaline fly ash FGD scrubber	7	3,700
Wet limestone FGD scrubber	285	146,500
Wet FGD (unspecified)	3	1,700
Grand Total	348	179,400

* Data from Platts UDI, July 2015

Approximately 180 GW Wet FGD Subject to the Rule

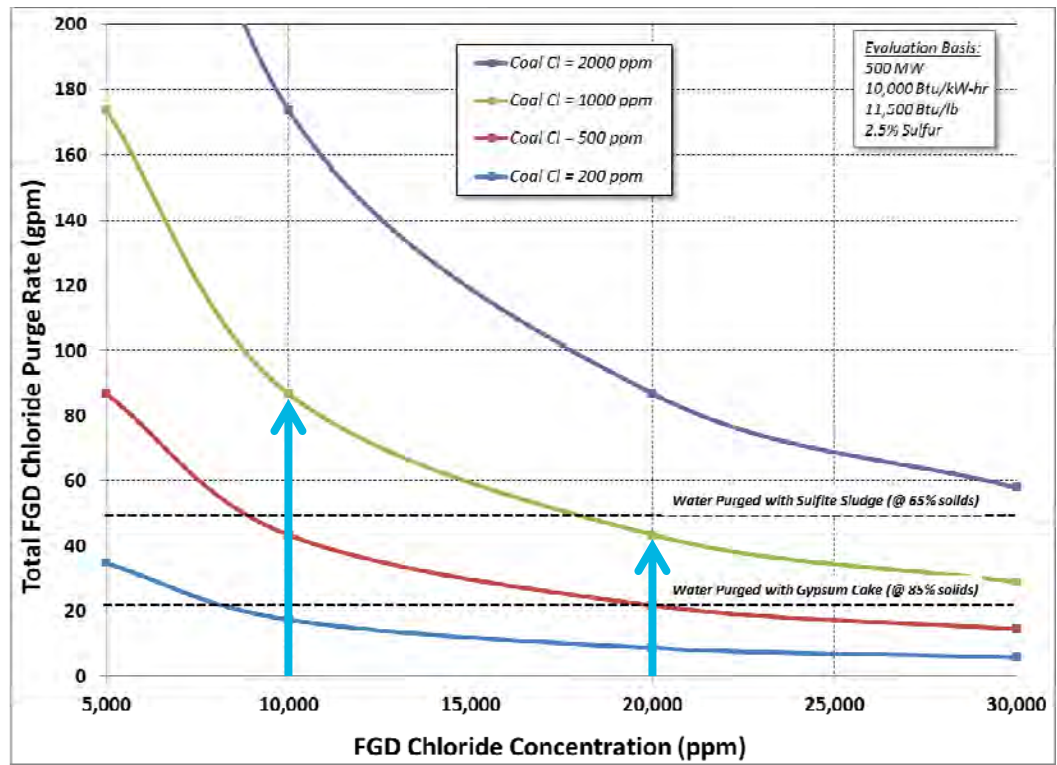
Wet FGD Systems

Chloride Material Balance



Wet FGD Chloride Purge Rate

Effect of Coal Cl Content and FGD CI Concentration



Example:
Coal Cl ~ 1,000 ppm
FGD CI ~ 20,000 ppm

FGD Waste Basis	Required Chloride Purge (gpm)	Waste Solids Chloride Purge (gpm)	Net FGD WW Cl Purge Rate (gpm)
Landfill Sulfite Sludge	43	49	< 0
Landfill Gypsum	43	21	22
Sell Gypsum	43	0	43

ELG Rule Requirements

FGD WW Treatment Alternatives

Treat 'n' Discharge

Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) – Evaporative Technologies

Wastewater Treatment

Brine Concentrator – Crystallizer

Spray Dryer

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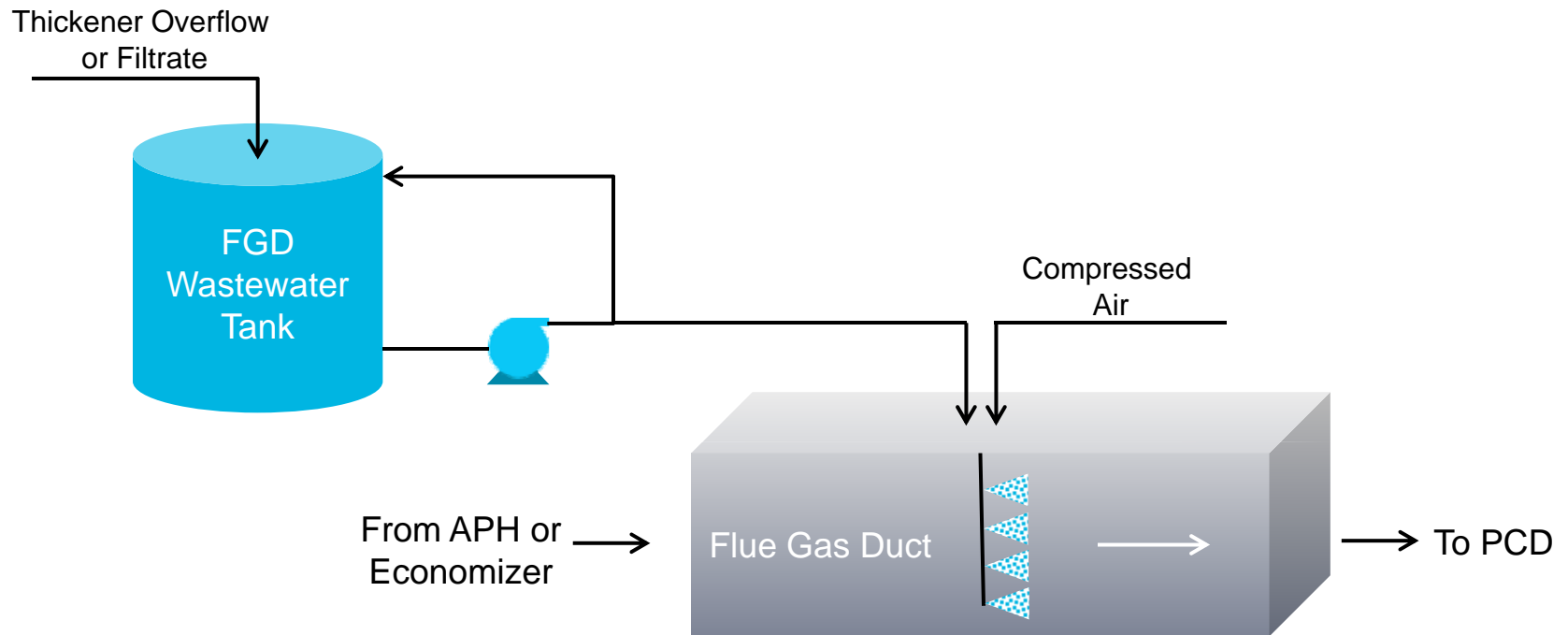
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Comparison of FGD WW Treatment Alternatives

Control Strategy	Wastewater Treatment	Brine Concentrator/ Crystallizer	Spray Dryer	Duct Injection
Capital Cost	\$\$\$	\$\$\$	\$\$	\$
Operating Cost	\$\$	\$\$\$	\$	\$
Footprint	L	L	M	S
ZLD	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Disposal	NPDES Discharge	Landfill	w / Ash	w / Ash
Ash Quality Impact	No	No	?	?
Future Regulatory Risk	Yes	-	-	-

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Simplified Process Flow Diagram



Duct Wastewater Injection

AECOM's Related Experience

- **SBS Injection™ Technology** injects a concentrated salt solution into the flue gas stream, AECOM has perhaps more experience than any company at successfully injecting salt solutions directly into flue gas ductwork
- AECOM has extensive **CFD** capabilities that have been employed routinely in the design and evaluation of evaporative processes
- AECOM has **proprietary injection technology** (lances and nozzles) that have been continuously updated to maximize performance and reliability



SBS Injection™ Technology

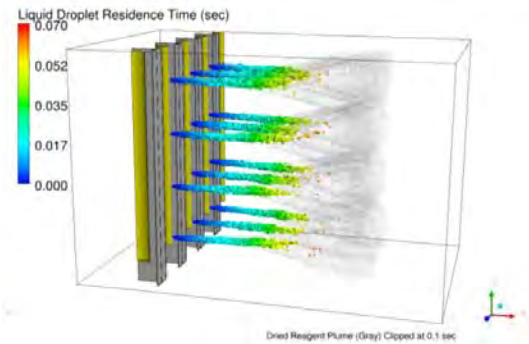
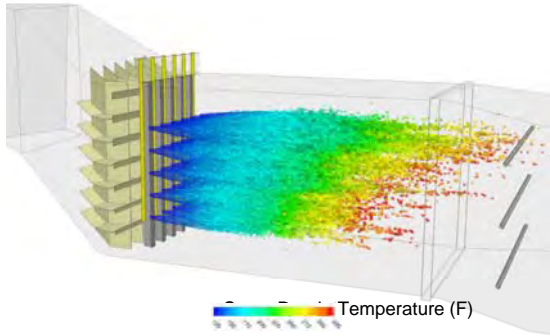
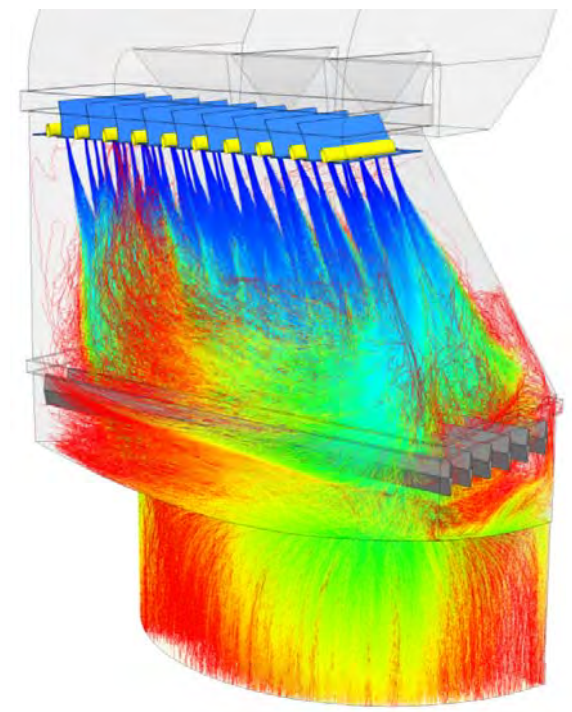
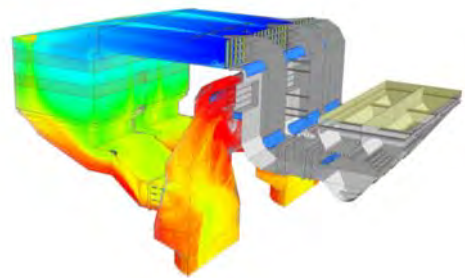
- Duct Injection of Soda Ash Solution
 - Removal of SO₃ / H₂SO₄
 - 50,000 -200,000 ppm TDS
- First Deployed Commercially in 2003
 - More than decade of operation
- Installation List:
 - 32 Boilers across 14 Plants
 - 18,000 MW
- Systems Installed Upstream:
 - SCR
 - Air Heater
 - PCD (ESP/FF)

Utility	Plant	State	MW	Design SO ₃	Injection Location	Reagent	Startup Date
FirstEnergy	Mansfield 1-3	PA	3 x 860	80	Air Heater Inlet	Sodium Sulfite	2003
TVA	Widows Creek 7	AL	550	54	Air Heater Inlet	Sodium Sulfite	2003
NIPSCO	Bailly 8	IN	365	59	Air Heater Outlet	Sodium Carbonate	2004
Vectren	Culley 3	IN	287	48	SCR Outlet	Sodium Carbonate	2004
PPL	Montour 1-2	PA	2 x 765	42	Air Heater Outlet	Sodium Carbonate	2004
Duke Energy	Gibson 1-5	IN	5 x 650	110	Air Heater Outlet	Sodium Carbonate	2005
DP&L	Killen 2	OH	635	34 / 36	Econ Outlet / SCR Outlet	Sodium Carbonate	2007
IP&L	Harding St 7	IN	465	58	SCR Outlet	Sodium Carbonate	2007
NIPSCO	Bailly 7	IN	180	59	SCR Outlet	Sodium Carbonate	2008
DP&L	Stuart 1-4	OH	4 x 620	90	SCR Inlet	Sodium Carbonate	2008
Duke Energy	Gibson 1-5	IN	4 x 650	110	SCR Inlet	Sodium Carbonate	2009 - 2014
FirstEnergy	Pleasants 1-2	WV	2 x 700	74	SCR Outlet	Sodium Carbonate	2012
Hoosier Energy	Merom 1-2	IN	2 x 540	100	SCR Inlet	Sodium Carbonate	2012
IP&L	Petersburg 1-4	IN	1890	35 - 85	SCR Inlet / Air Heater Inlet	Sodium Carbonate	2015
Vectren	AB Brown 1-2	IN	2 x 265	30	FGD Inlet	Sodium Carbonate	2015
AEP	Conesville 6	OH	444	40	APH Inlet	Sodium Carbonate	2017

Duct Wastewater Injection

CFD Simulation Tools Used to Predict Evaporation

- Key Considerations**
- Injection nozzle characteristics
 - Solution composition
 - Droplet particle size distribution
 - Flue gas turbulence/mixing



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Advantages and Disadvantages

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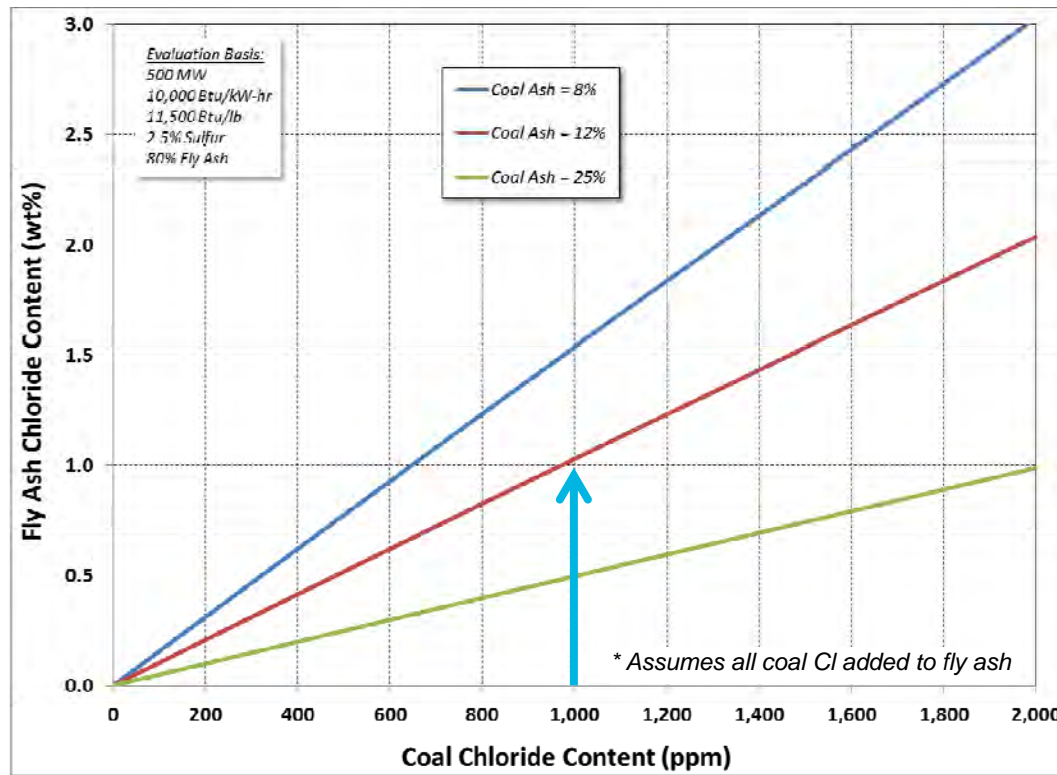
- Low CapEx and OpEx
- No chemical / biological treatment
- Utilizes waste heat for evaporation (typically post-air heater)
- Small footprint (easy to retrofit)
- Can be operated “intermittently”
- Can be “turned down” with load
- Can handle wide range of WW TDS
- Does not generate a “new” solid waste stream
- No impact on gypsum sales

– Disadvantages:

- Requires installation and operation of duct injection equipment
- High compressed air demand
- Injection lances require periodic inspection and maintenance
- Small increase (1-3%) in quantity of fly ash stream (and thus disposal costs)
- Modest heat rate impact if injection is upstream of the air heater
- May impact fly ash sales
- Dried chloride salts (CaCl_2 , MgCl_2 , NaCl) salts are hygroscopic

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Effect of Coal Chloride and Ash Content on Fly Ash Composition*



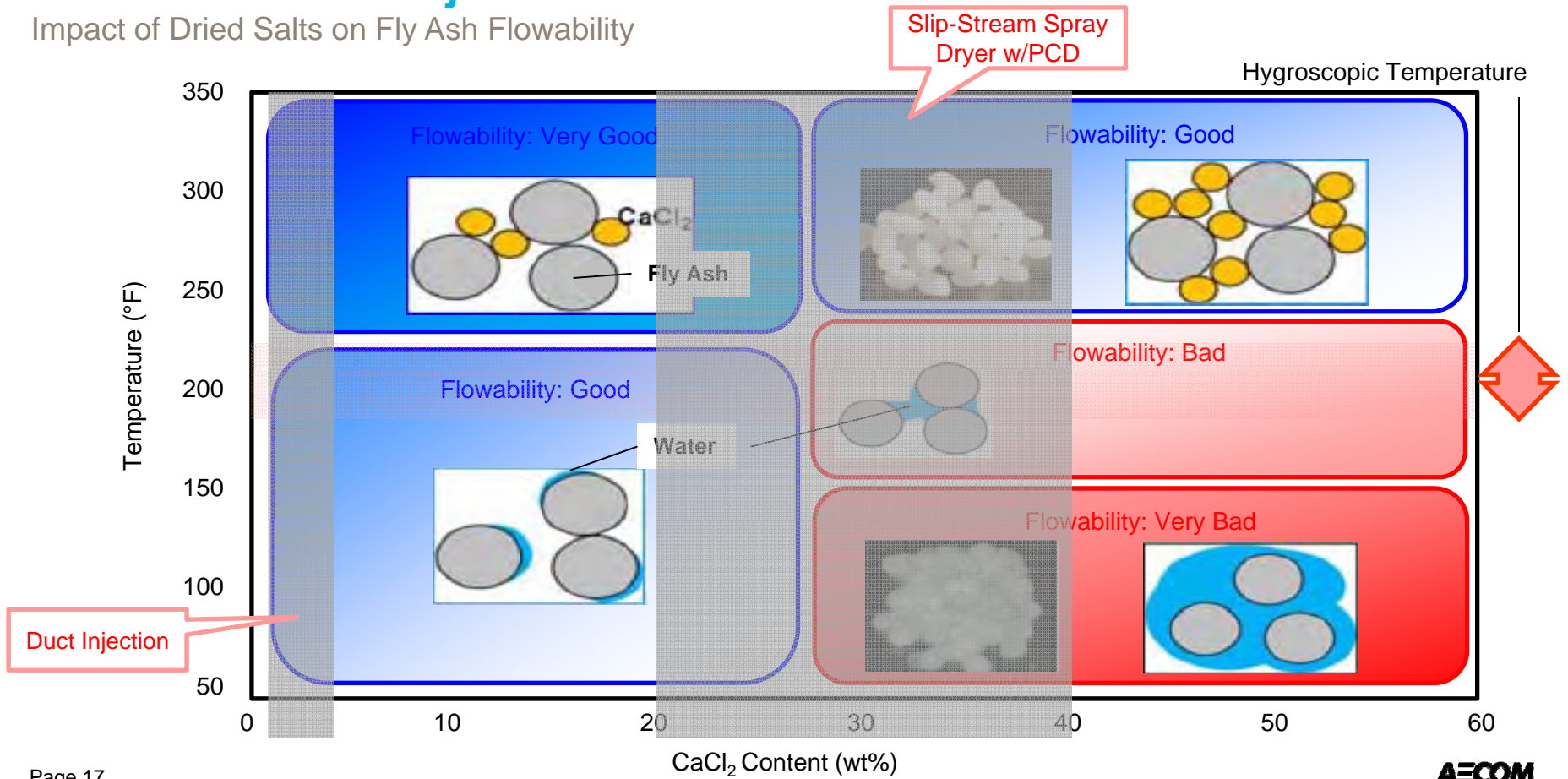
Example:
Coal Cl ~ 1,000 ppm
Coal Ash ~ 12%



Fly Ash Cl ~ 1.0 %
Fly Ash CaCl₂ ~ 1.6 %
Fly Ash Total Salt ~ 2.1 %

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Impact of Dried Salts on Fly Ash Flowability



Duct Wastewater Injection

Summary

- ELG rule regulates effluent streams from steam power plants (> 50 MW)
- Requires treatment of FGD wastewater discharge (chloride purge)
 - Physical/chemical precipitation – biological treatment – to meet stringent limits
 - Capital intensive – system operation is challenging – future regulatory risks
- Duct Wastewater Injection offers alternative approach (ZLD)
 - Evaporation using heat (waste) from flue gas stream
 - WW can be injected upstream or downstream of APH
 - Uses existing ductwork and PCD for capture of dried salts with fly ash
 - Low CapEx and OpEx relative to alternatives
 - No ash “handling” issues with low salt content
 - May impact fly ash quality and salability

Thank You

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