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Reagents 101

**A Background Primer on Utilization of Chemical Reagents in
Coal-Fired Electrical Generating Stations**

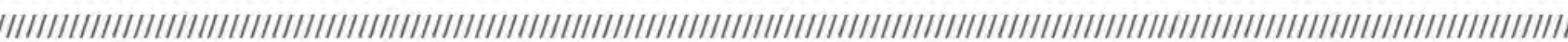
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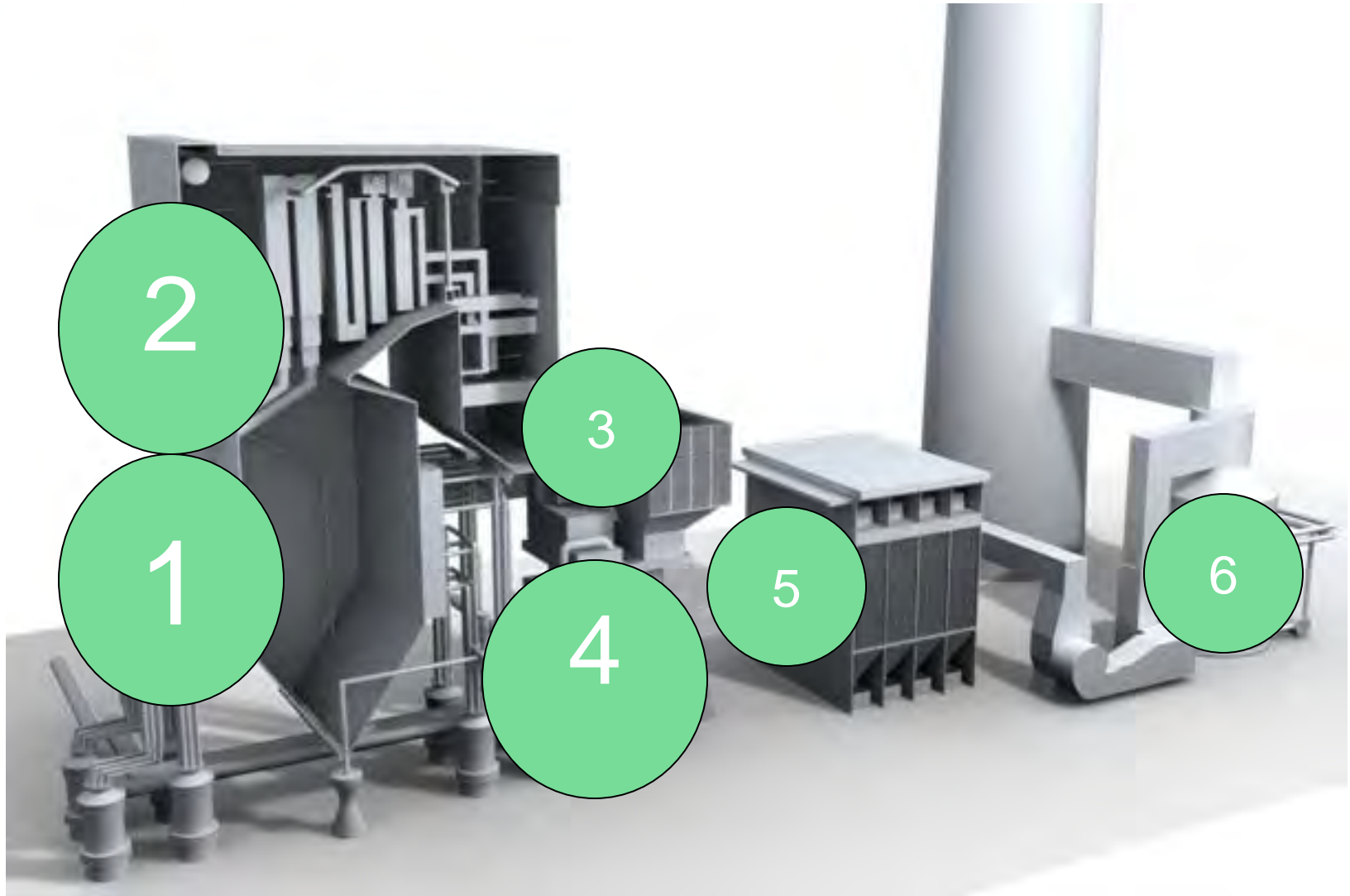


- **For the purpose of the next 60 minutes:**

A Reagent is a chemical substance that is introduced into the power generation process for the purpose of controlling an unwanted consequence of Coal Combustion.



Where Do Reagents Get Used?



Furnace Injection:

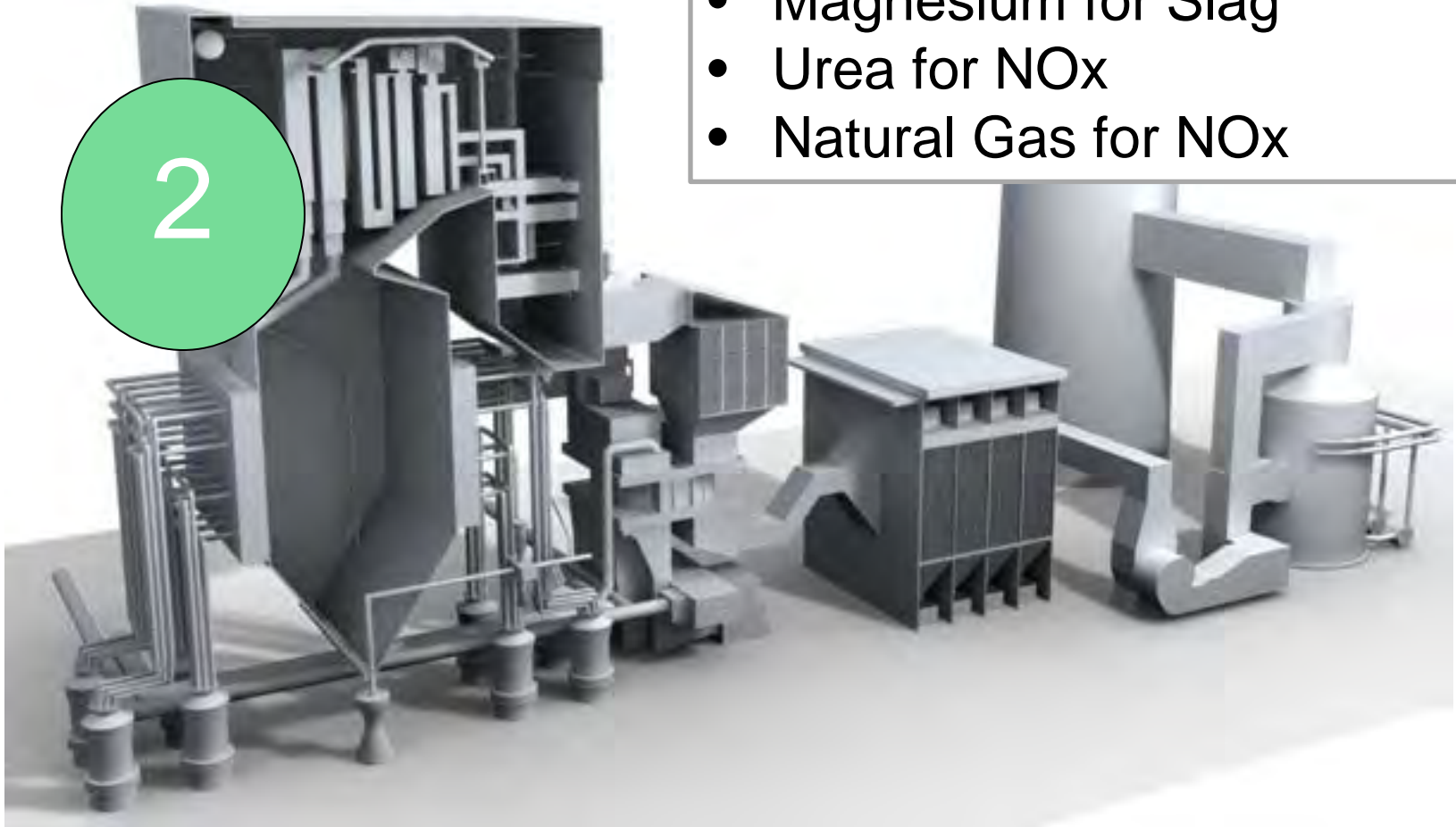
- Magnesium for Slag Control
- CaBr for Hg Oxidation
- CKD for Arsenic Capture



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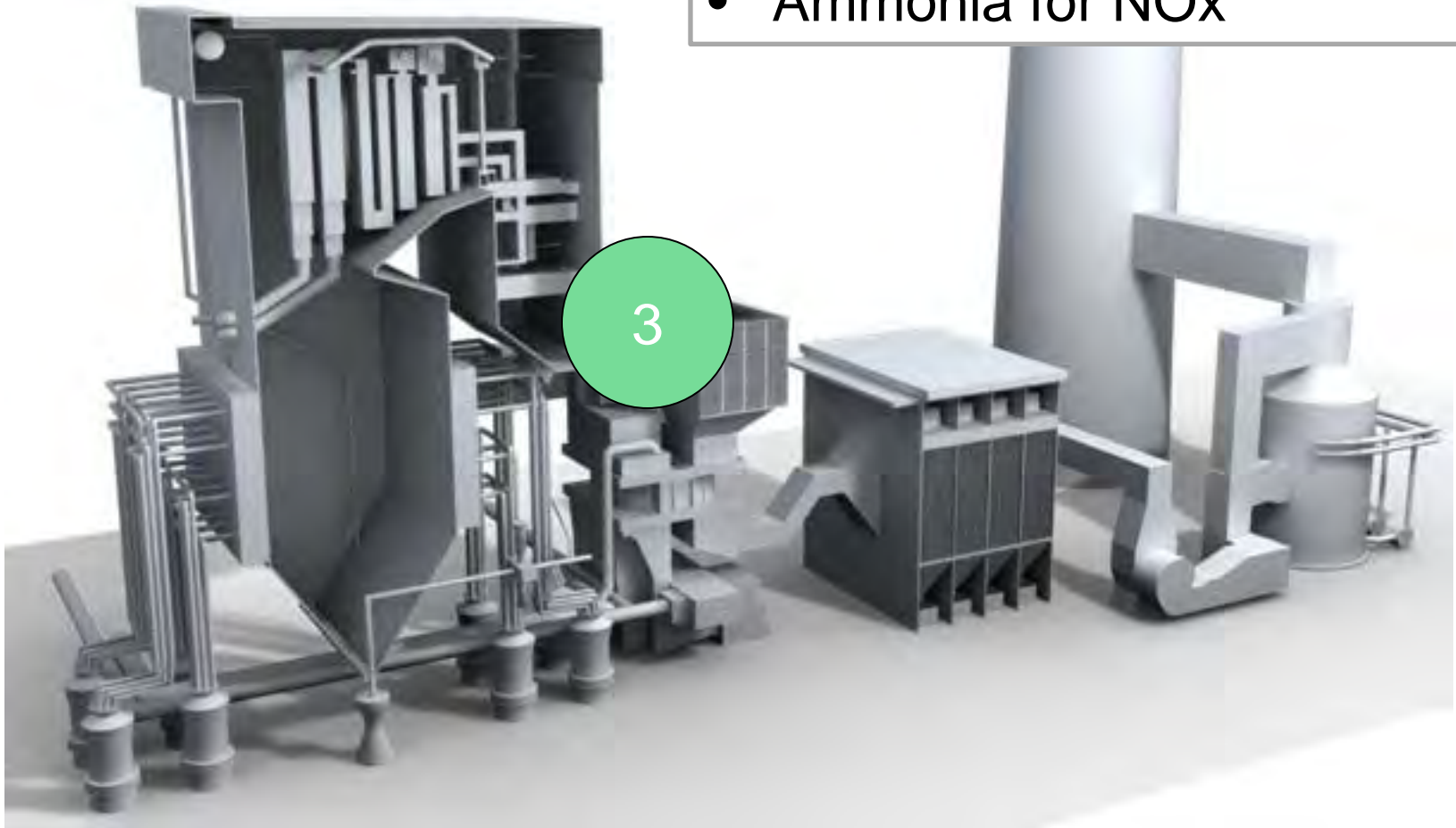
Upper-Furnace Injection:

- Magnesium for Slag
- Urea for NO_x
- Natural Gas for NO_x



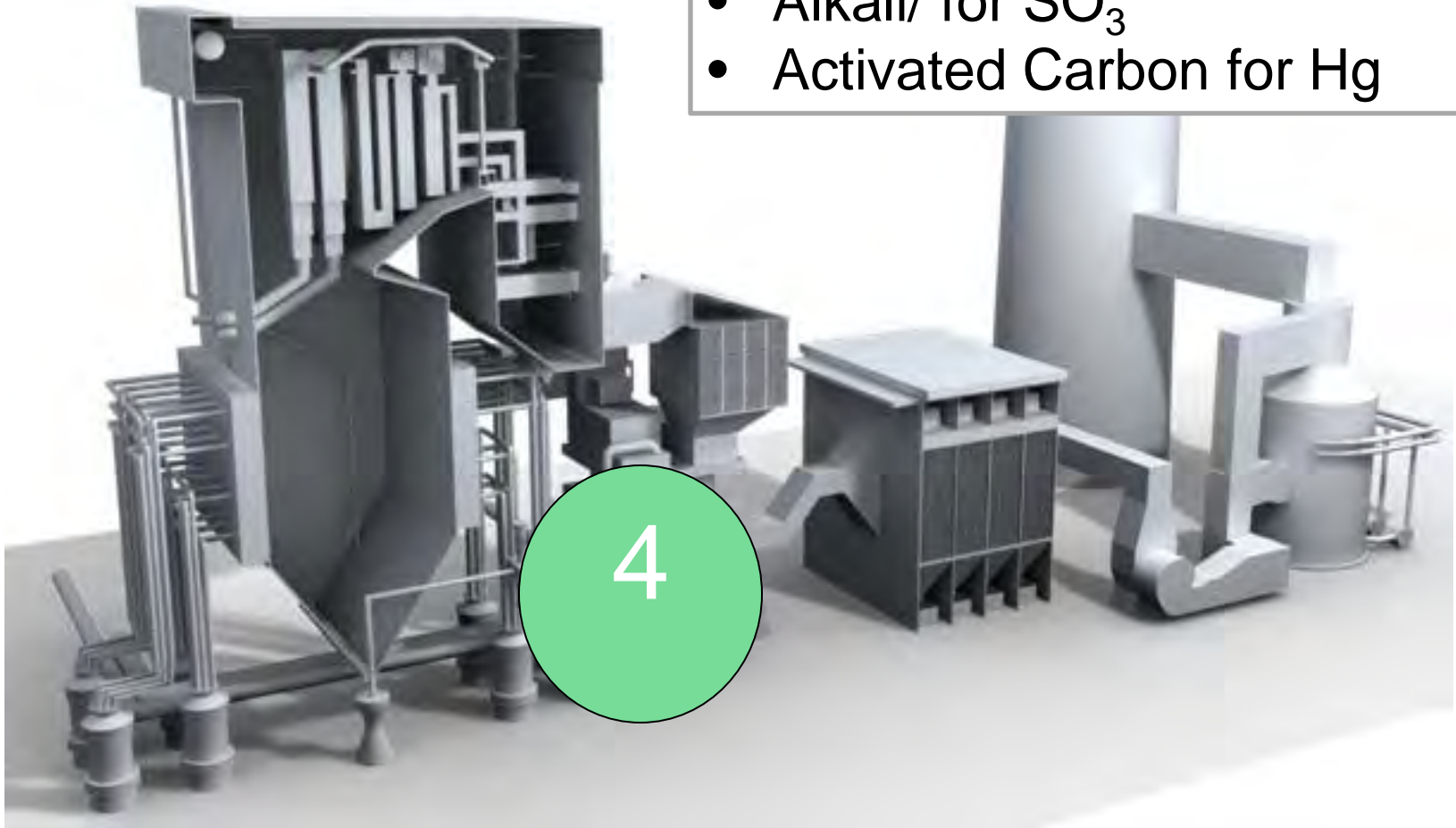
Pre-SCR Injection:

- Ammonia for NOx



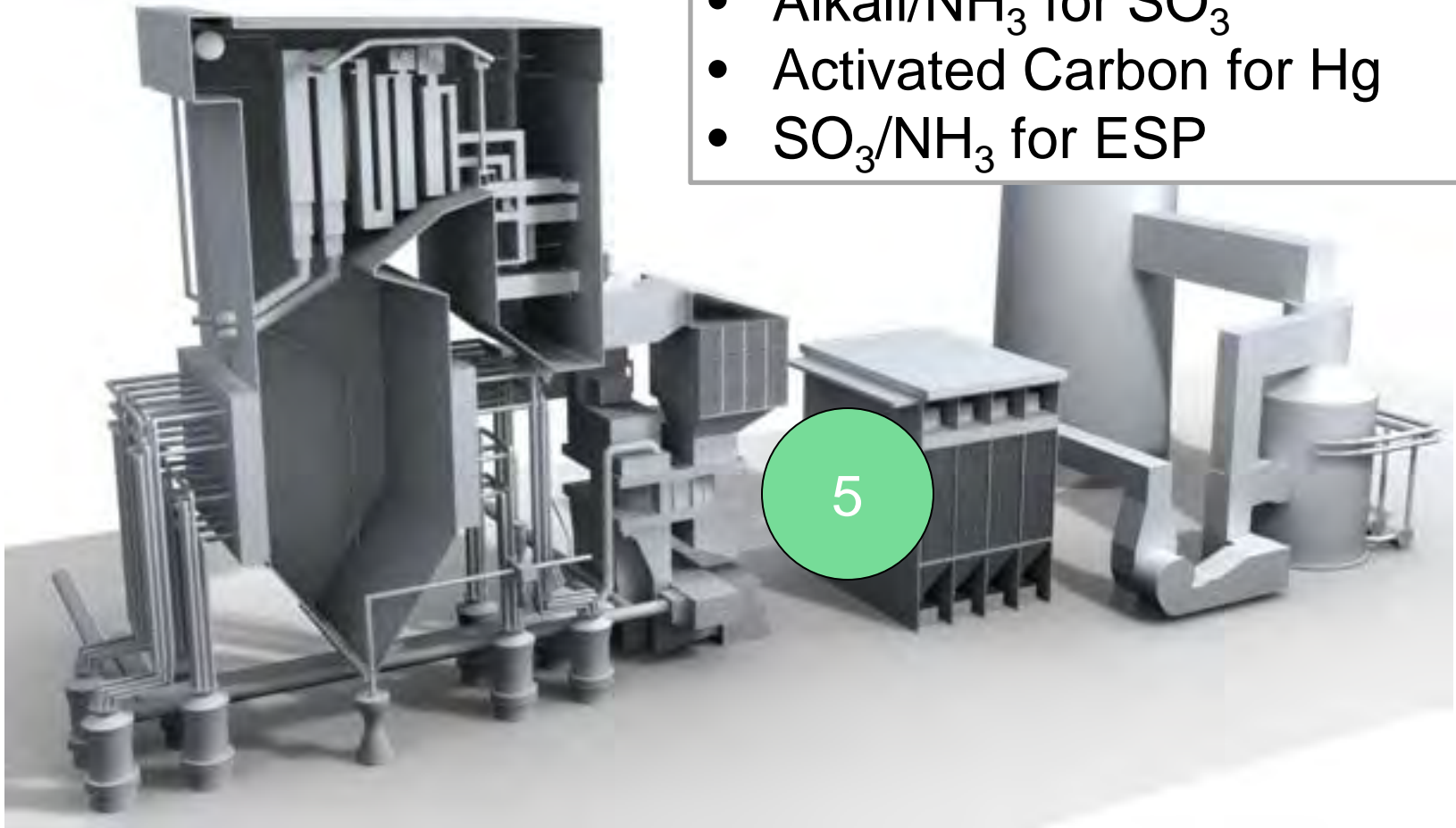
Pre-AH Injection:

- Alkali/ for SO_3
- Activated Carbon for Hg



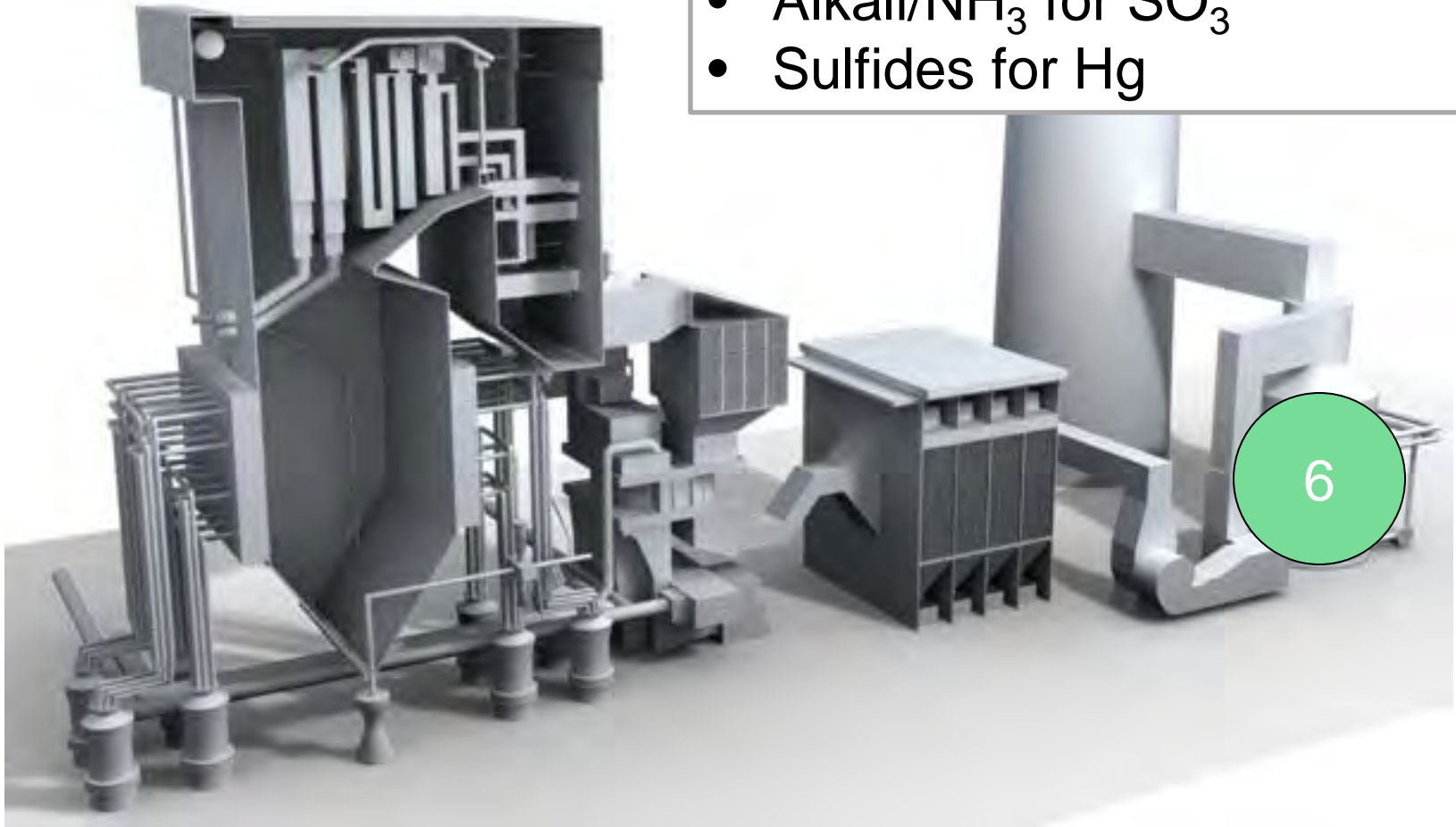
Post-AH Injection:

- Alkali/ NH_3 for SO_3
- Activated Carbon for Hg
- SO_3/NH_3 for ESP

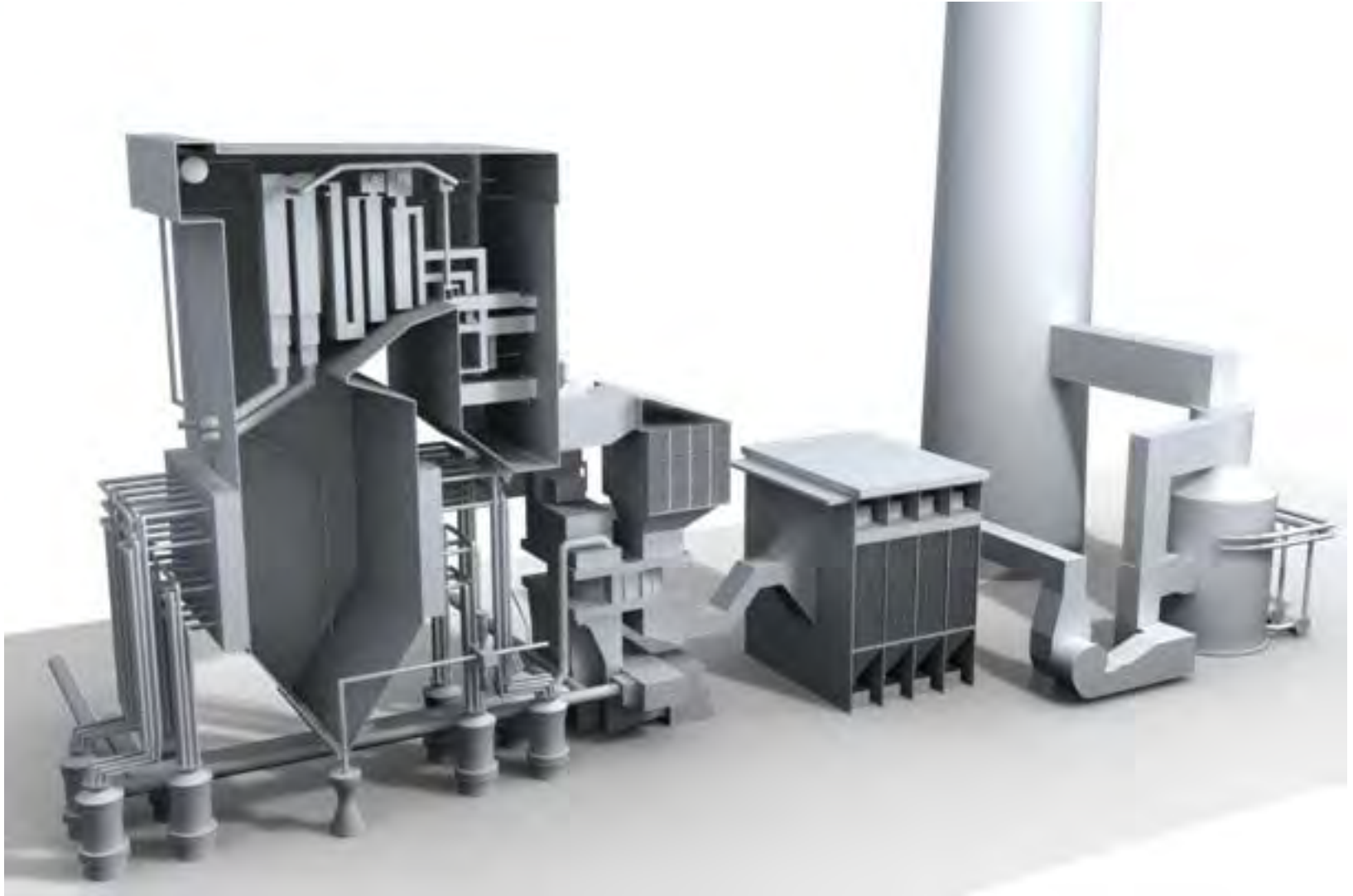


Pre-FGD Injection:

- Alkali/ NH_3 for SO_3
- Sulfides for Hg



Where is your plant in this cocktail?



- **PRB Burning Plants:**
 - Low Halogen in the coal requires halogen addition for Hg oxidation
 - Natural Gas, Urea or Ammonia will be required for NO_x
 - Activated Carbon will be required for Hg
 - SO₃ Conditioning for ESP Performance
 - Sulfides will be required for Re-entrainment
 - MgO or Mg(OH)₂ may be useful for runny or vitrified deposits
 - CKD is Not required for Arsenic
 - Alkali is Not required for SO₃
- **Section 45 Additive is a Cocktail of its own.**

- **High Sulfur Burning Plants:**
 - MgO or Mg(OH)₂ should be considered for upper furnace and superheat slagging
 - Natural Gas, Urea or Ammonia will be required for NO_x
 - Alkali Injection is Mandatory for SO₃
 - Activated Carbon may be required for Hg
 - Halogen treatment may not be required, or required occasionally
 - Sulfides may be required for Re-entrainment
 - CKD or Pulverized Limestone may help arsenic
 - SO₃ Conditioning is Not Required for ESP Performance

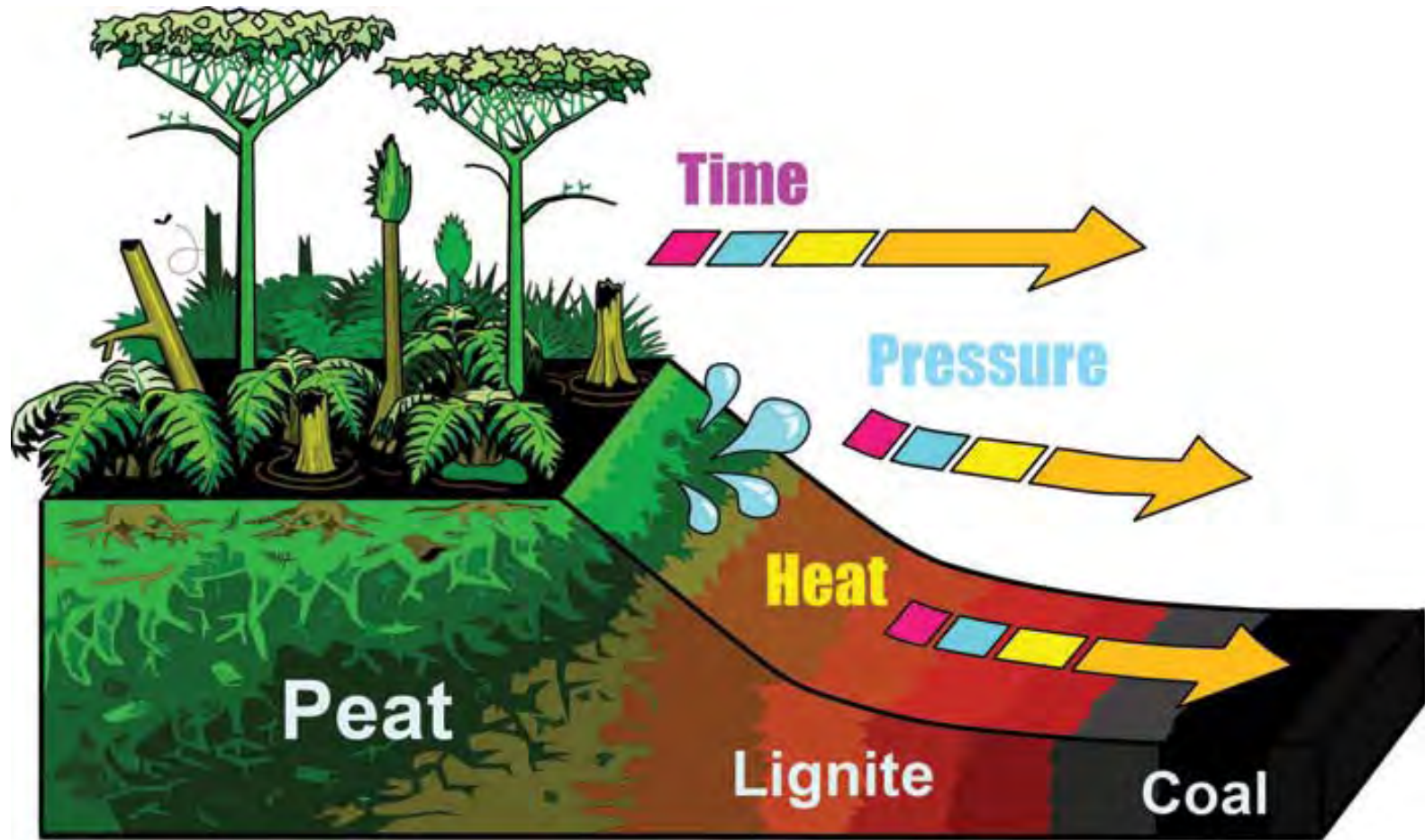
But if the Mix is Wrong:



Reagent Usage in High Sulfur Coal Applications



Coal is Complex Material



K&S

Coal Composition

SGS Minerals Sample ID: 511-1281701-001

	<u>Method</u>	<u>As Received</u>	<u>Dry</u>	<u>DAF</u>
Moisture, Total %	ASTM D3302	12.76		
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Tests

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- **Sulfur Generally Occurs in Four Forms**

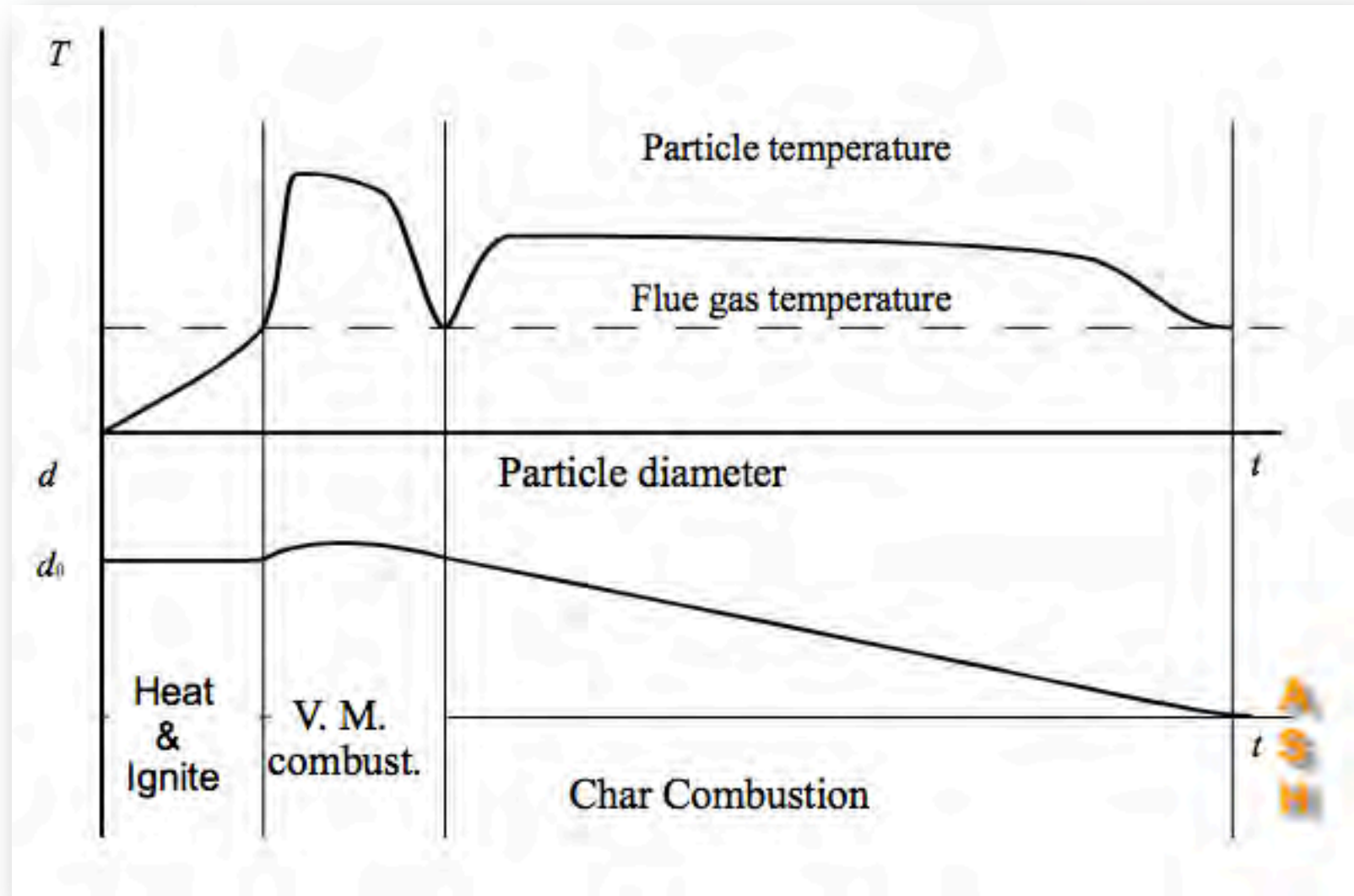
- Pyritic Sulfur (Included and Excluded)
- Sulfate Sulfur
- Organic Sulfur
- Free Sulfur



- **Pyritic Sulfur (FeS_2) is Often the Most Important:**

- Influences Slagging
 - E.g., **Multiplicative** in Duzy Ash Chemistry Index
- Influences Acid Gas Formation

Coal Combustion



Slagging, Fouling & Scaling

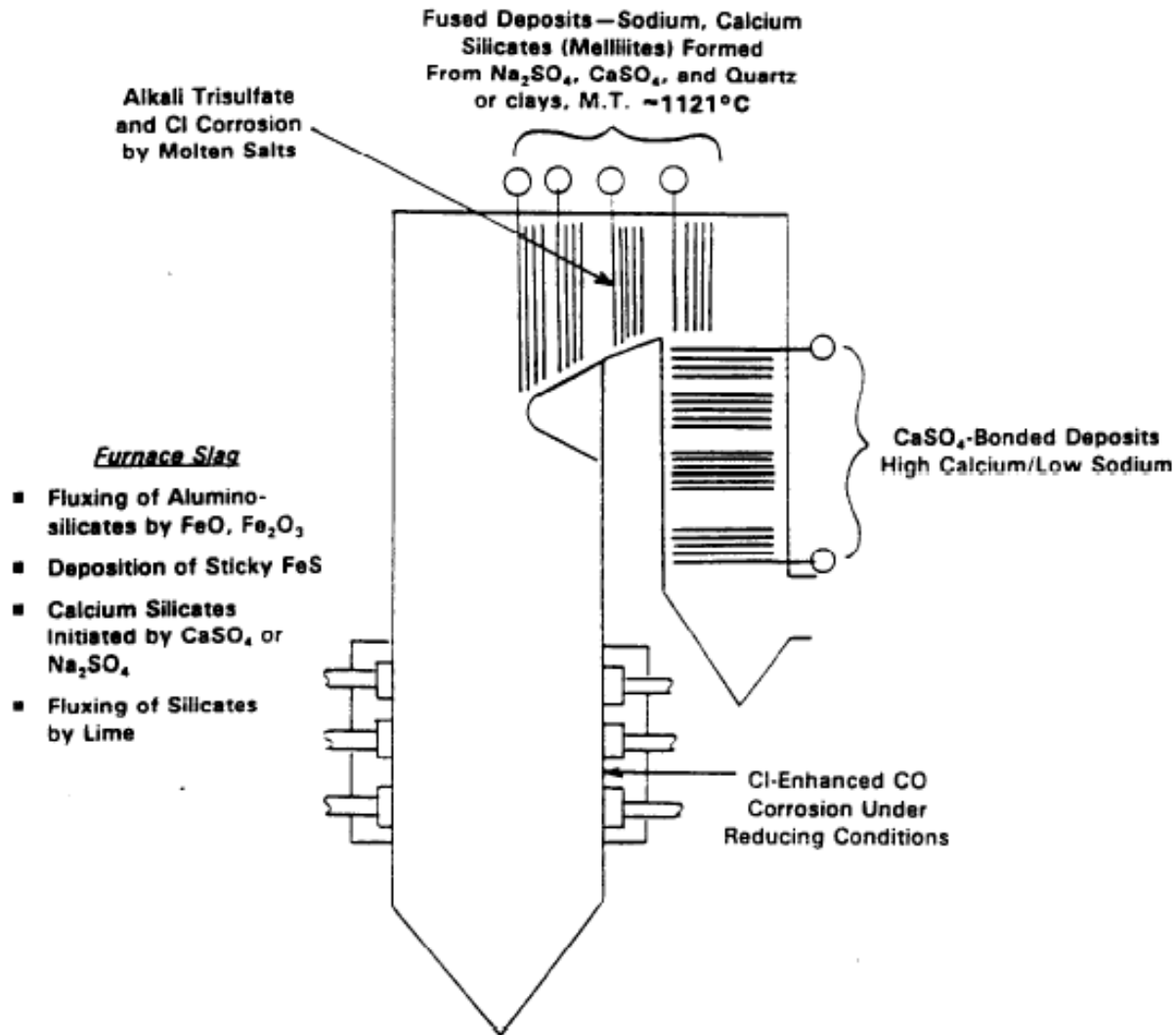
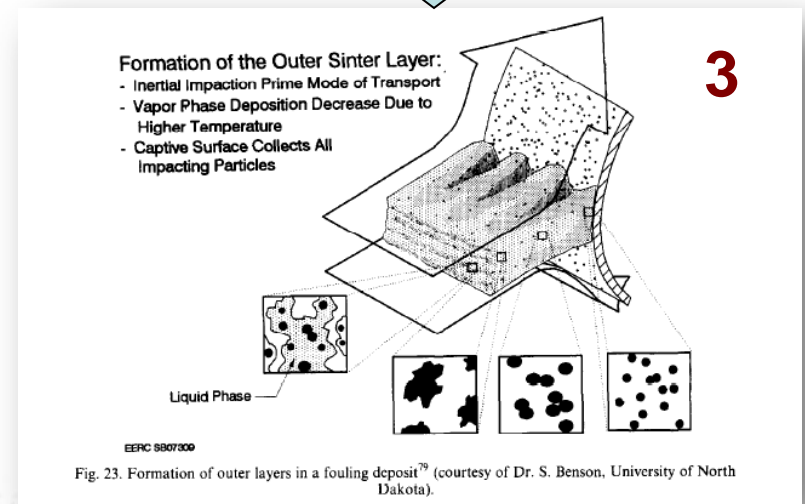
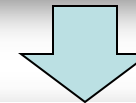
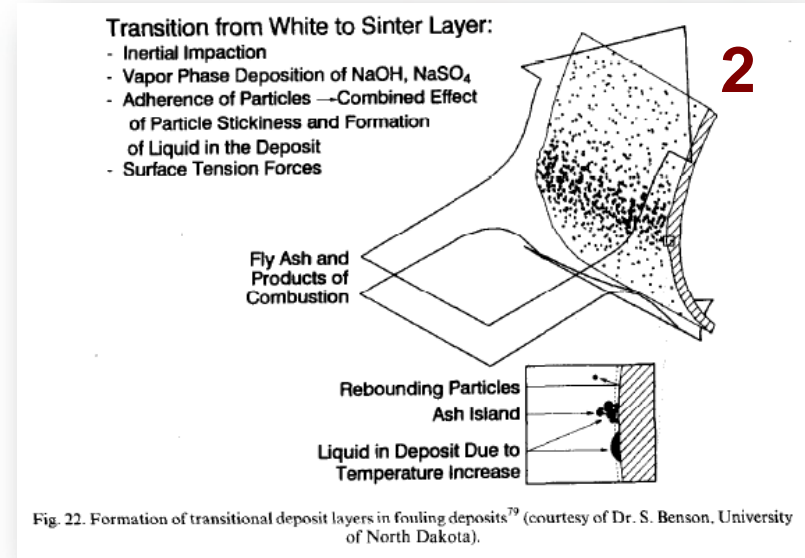
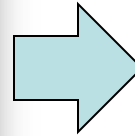
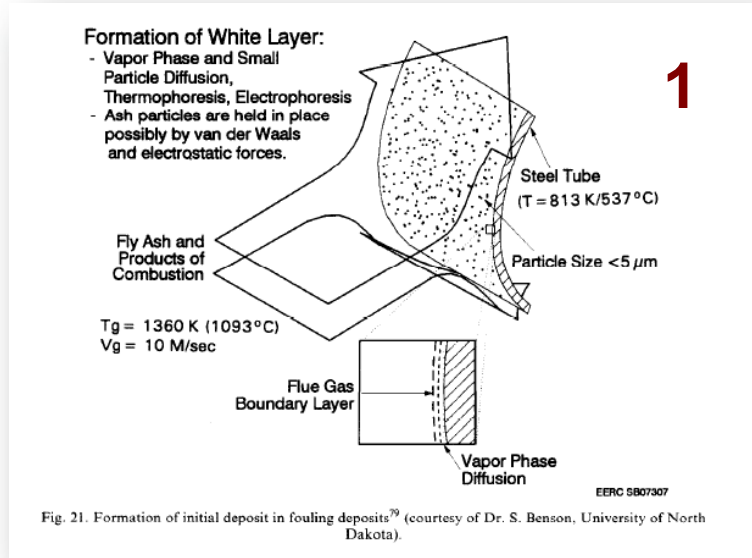


Fig. 1. Typical slagging, fouling, and corrosion found at various locations in the steam generators.

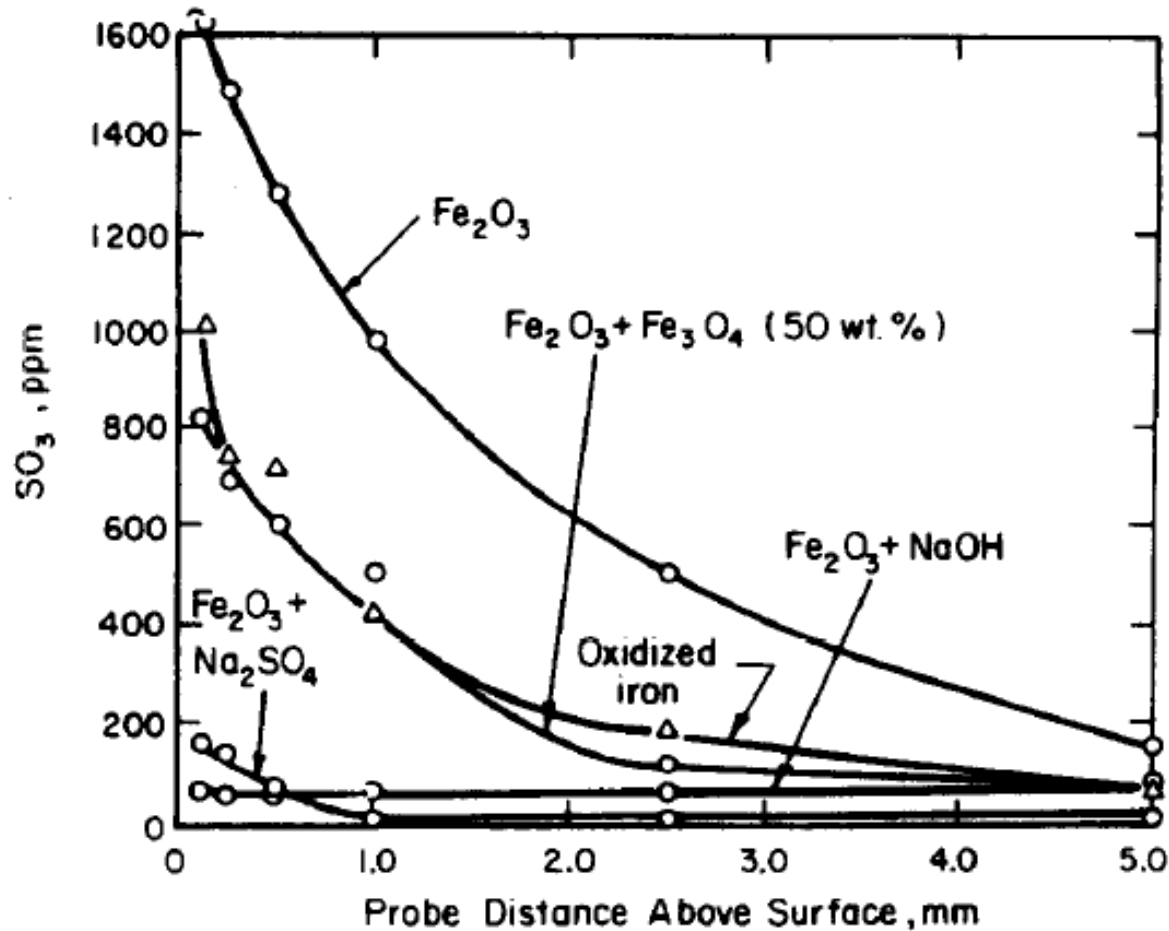
- $\text{FeS}_2 \rightarrow (1-x) \text{Fe}_{(1-x)}\text{S} + (1-x) \text{S}$
- $\text{Fe}_{(1-x)}\text{S} + (1+x/2) \text{O}_2 \rightarrow (1-x) \text{FeO} + \text{SO}$
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- $2\text{FeO} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 + \text{O}$
- $\text{FeO} + \text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 \rightarrow \text{Fe}_3\text{O}_4$

Fouling Mechanisms

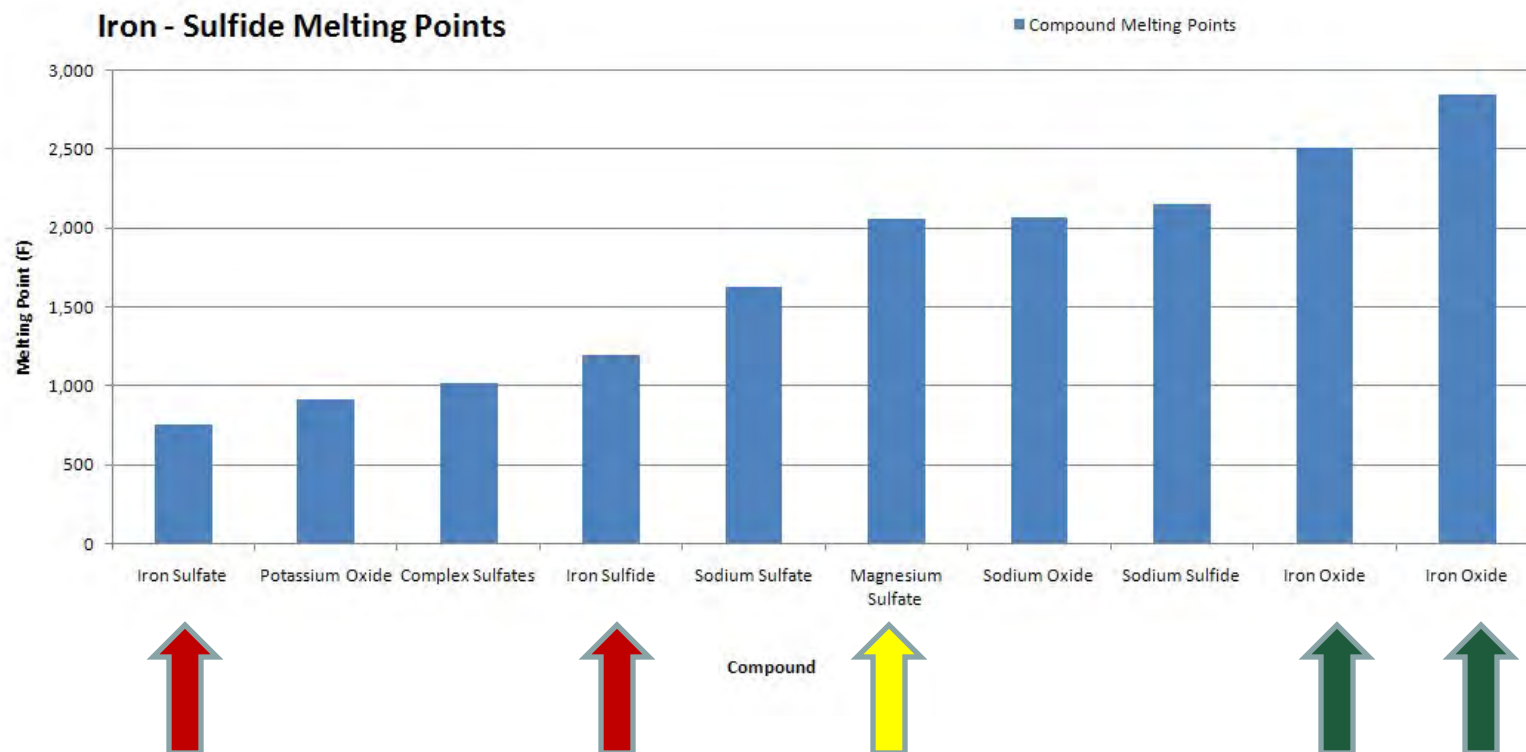


1. Inner layer formed by ultra-fine particles held by impact or electrostatic forces
2. Transition layer is bound by sticky particles and liquid formed in the deposit
3. Outer layer is higher temperature with buildup formed by impaction and held by inner layer liquid

Surface Effects Strong

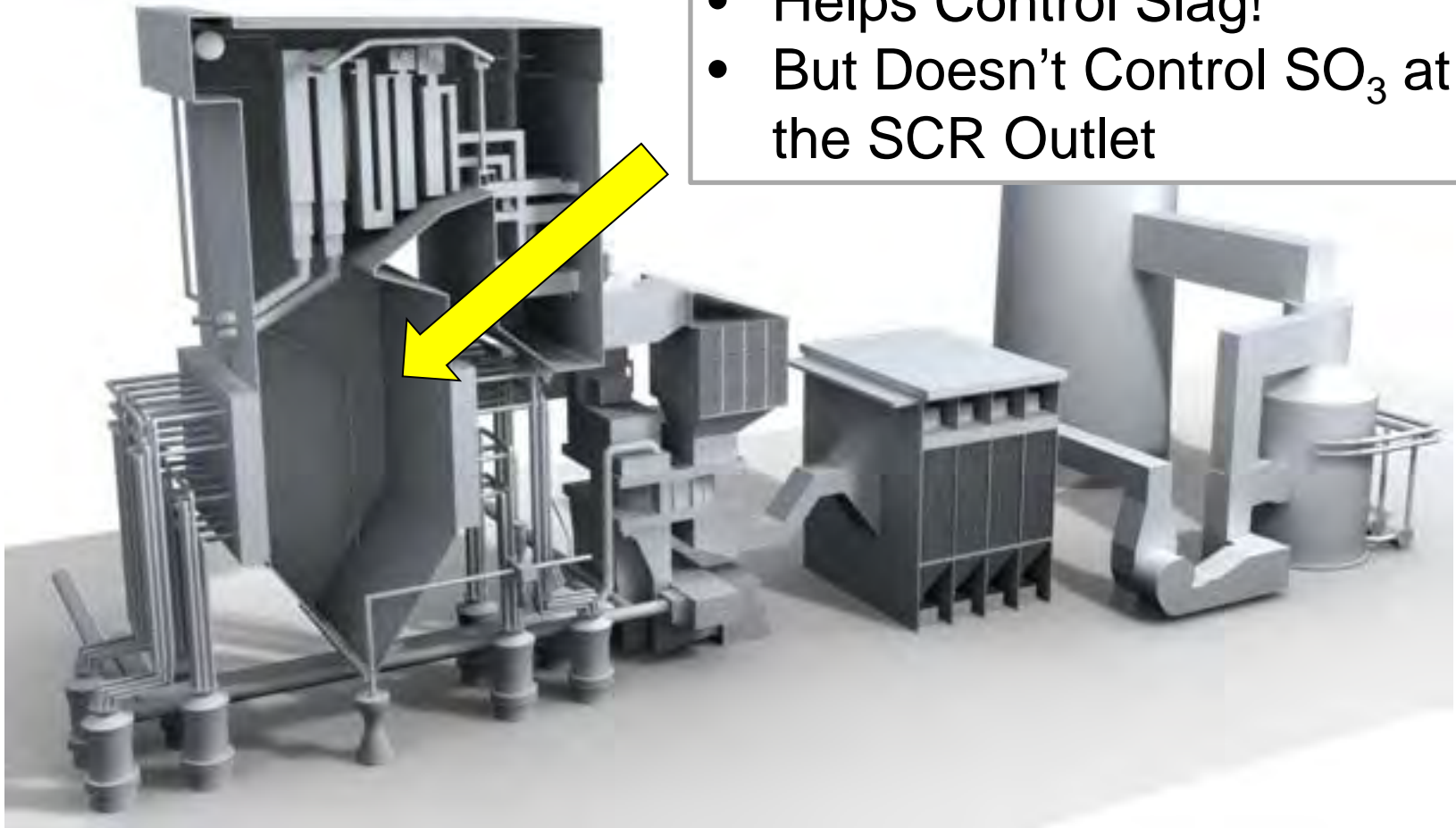


Why Does MgO Work?



Magnesium Injected Here:

- Helps Control Slag!
- But Doesn't Control SO_3 at the SCR Outlet





- **Single point rake application**
- **Low cost, low maintenance**
- **Applied on coal belt prior to bunkering**
- **Difficult to optimize**



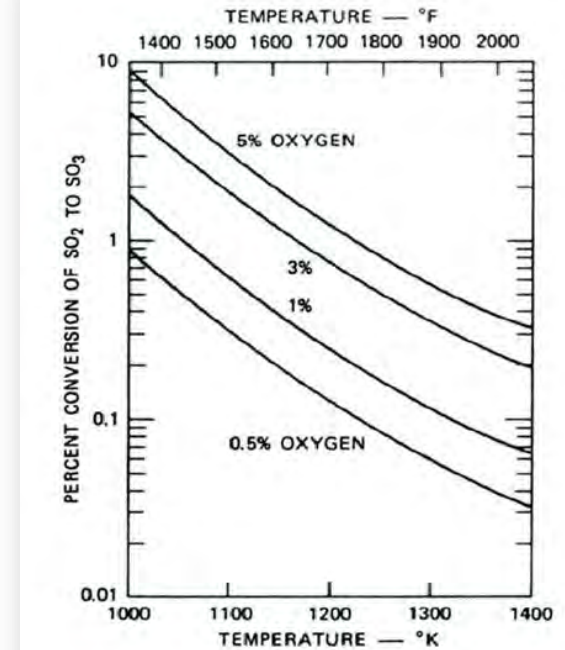
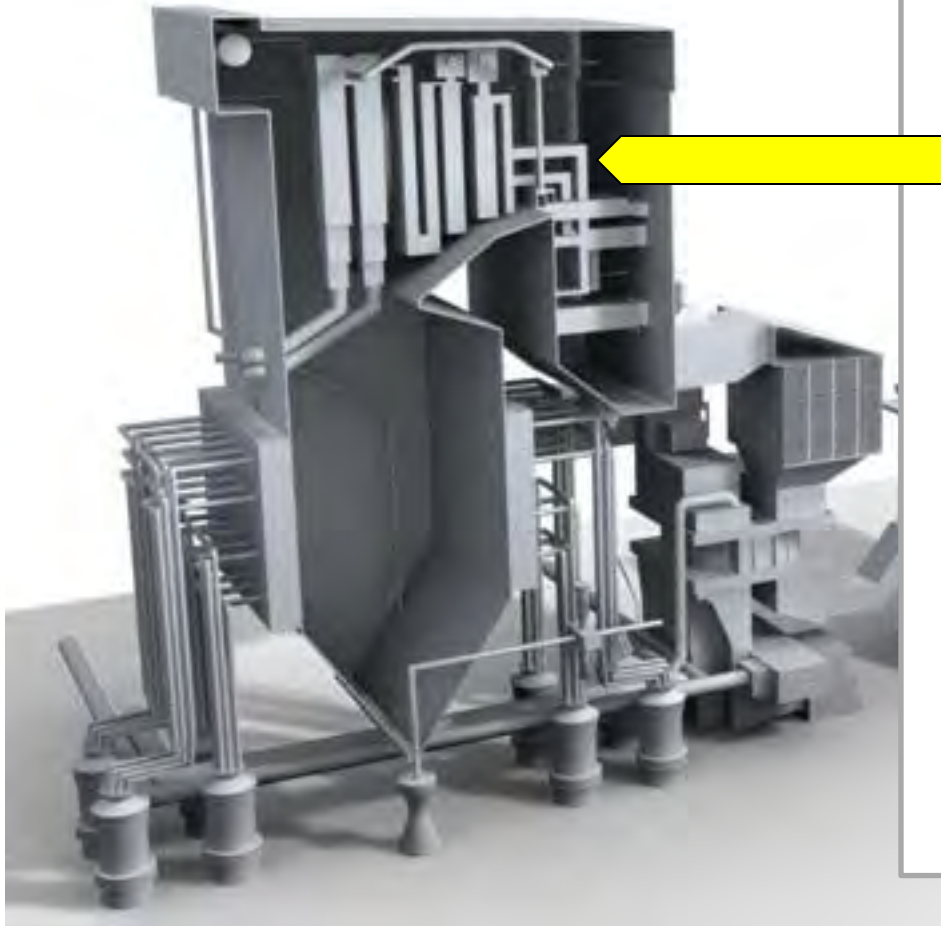
- **Concentric, dual fluid injectors**
- **200-3000 gm/Min/Injector**
- **Air Carrier provides variable penetration depth control and protection of addition from premature devolatilization**
- **Self purging for variable use applications**
- **Low cost, low maintenance**

SO₃ Mitigation

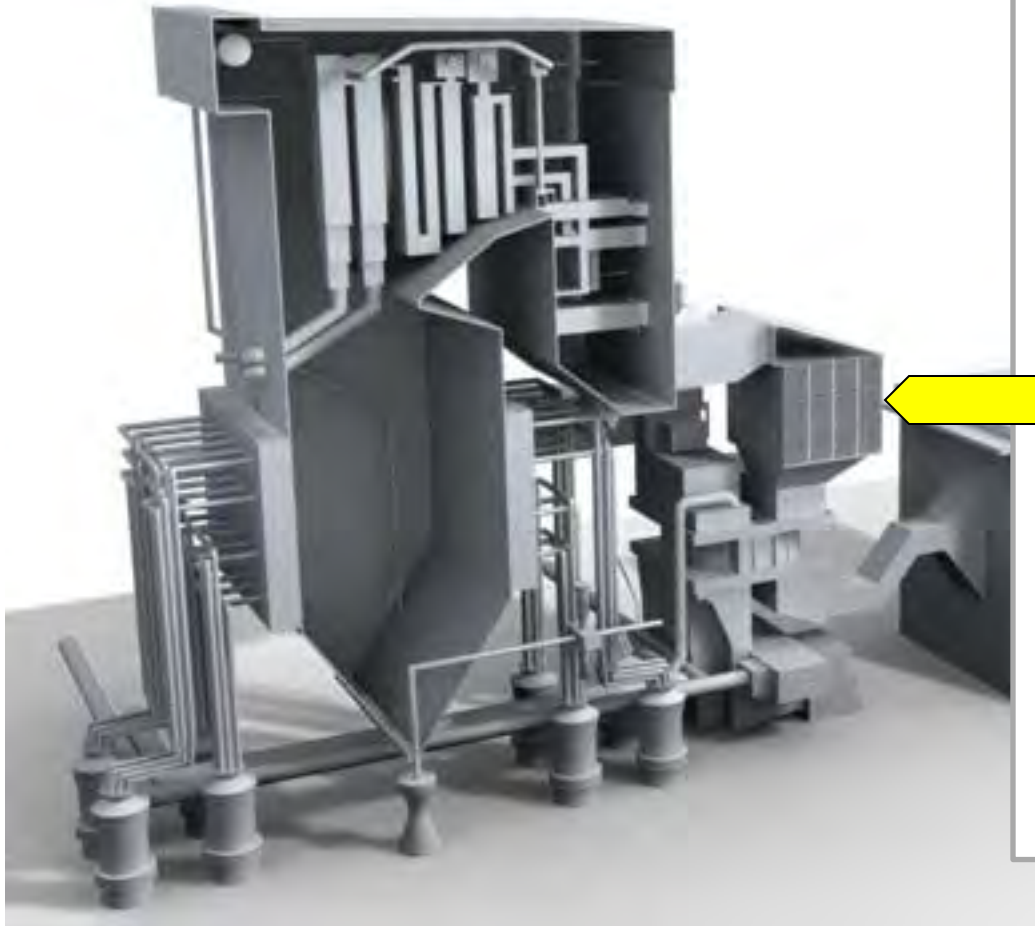


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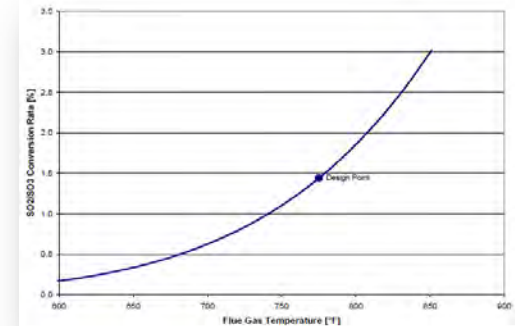
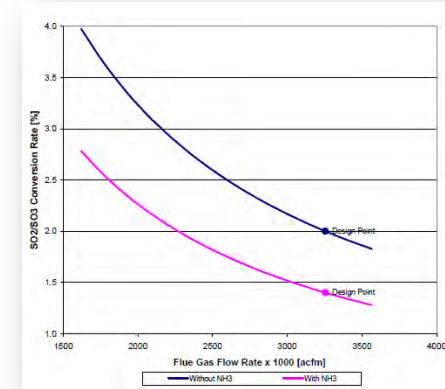
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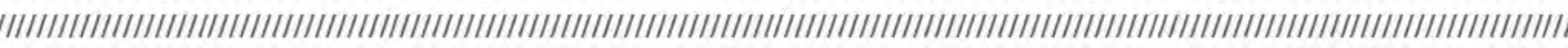


SCR Generation:



- **Once you understand the Sources of SO₃, then you can understand the reagent required to manage it.**
- **Basically:**
 - Determine the mass weight of the acid
 - Determine the reagent to be used
 - Determine the molar ratio based on the sorbent/acid reaction
 - Determine the desired SO₃ residual level at the selected location
 - Do the math !

Determine the Amount of Acid Present



Quantify the Conditions



Dry Sorbent Injection Calculation Spreadsheet

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FUEL PROPERTIES			
Coal-Btu/Lb	12,000	Btu/Lb	HHV basis
Coal-S	2.76	%	
Coal-Cl	0.080	%	
Coal-F	0.0067	%	

STEP 1:
Enter Coal
Properties

OTHER UNIT CONDITIONS			
Gross MW Rating	670	GMW	If unknown, set to Net MW x 1.06
Excess Oxygen	3.5	%	
Net Heat Rate	9,800	BTU/KWH	
SO2 to SO3 Conversion Rate	2	%	
Fuel Factor, Fd	9,780	dscf/MMbtu	Select Fuel Factor from Table at right -- ----->
Fuel Factor, Fw	10,640	wscf/MMbtu	Select Fuel Factor from Table at right -- ----->

STEP 2:
Enter Other Unit
Conditions

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Determine the Pre-Treatment Gas

PRE-TREATMENT CONDITIONS AT AIR HEATER INLET DUCT				
Parameter	Wet Basis		Dry Basis	
Heat Input	6,194	MMBTU/hr	6,194	MMBTU/hr
Flue Gas Flow, 0% O ₂	65,907,774	wscf/hr	60,580,642	dscf/hr
Flue Gas Flow, 0% O ₂	5,144,878	Lb/hr	4,892,215	Lb/hr
Flue Gas Flow, Actual O ₂	68,397,282	wscf/hr	62,931,959	dscf/hr
Flue Gas Flow, Actual O ₂	5,339,213	Lb/hr	5,086,550	Lb/hr
H ₂ O	252,663	Lb/hr	0	Lb/hr
H ₂ O, Actual O ₂	8.1	%	0	%
O ₂	194,335	Lb/hr	194,335	Lb/hr
O ₂	3.50	%	3.81	%
SO ₂	4.60	Lb/MMBTU	4.60	Lb/MMBTU
SO ₂	28,464	Lb/hr	28,464	Lb/hr
SO ₂ , Actual O ₂	2560	ppm	2786	ppm
SO ₃	0.1192	Lb/MMBTU	0.1192	Lb/MMBTU
SO ₃	738	Lb/hr	738	Lb/hr
SO ₃ , Actual O ₂	51	ppm	56	ppm
HCl	0.069	Lb/MMBTU	0.069	Lb/MMBTU
HCl	425	Lb/hr	425	Lb/hr
HF	0.006	Lb/MMBTU	0.006	Lb/MMBTU
HF	36.4	Lb/hr	36.4	Lb/hr

Select the Reagent to be Used

- **Magnesium Oxide – Magnesium Hydroxide**
 - Simply put, this is too expensive for post-SCR SO₃ management.
- **Ammonia**
 - Ammonia injection ahead of the Air Heater will lead to high levels of ABS formation and AH fouling. This is not a good location for ammonia injection.
 - Ammonia injection at the AH Outlet to create Ammonium Sulfate fume works and is cost effective from a capital and O&M perspective. However, the ammonia-in-ash residual makes the flyash non-salable and there are risks of ammonium bisulfate fouling of the ESP if SO₃ levels jump without closed loop control. Very few utilities use this method directly (some use it indirectly, but more on that later)

- **Trona – Sodium Bicarbonate – Soda Ash**
 - Pre-Hot Side ESP – This material is effective here since the sodium can enhance the performance of the Hot-side ESP and residual sodium will be capture. Problems may occur if sodium is over-injected leading to high levels of sodium bisulfate formation in the SCR passage
 - Pre-AH - These Sodium-based reagents are highly effective in capturing SO_3 . However, when used ahead of the Air Heater there is a high risk of air heater fouling due to sodium bisulfate formation. AECOMM (formerly URS) utilizes a very fine sodium particle delivered in a water carrier ahead of the SCR. This has proven to be effective and generally safe for the AH as long as closed loop control is maintained.
 - Post-AH – Several installations use trona as a reagent at this location. It is effective at SO_3 capture but, again, is sensitive to Sodium Bisulfate formation if Na/SO_3 ratio gets too far below 2.0 and can lead to ESP and internal fouling when gas temperature exceed 320F (approximately)

- **Hydrated Lime**

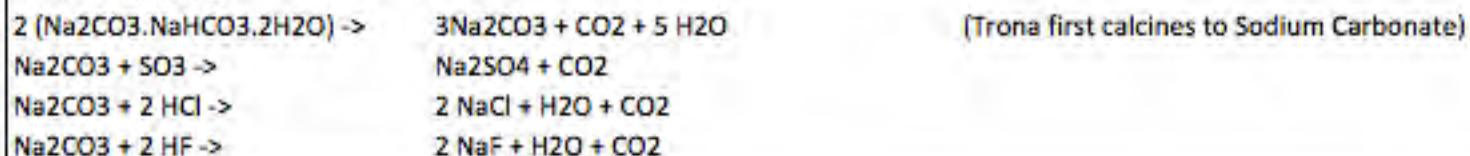
- Hydrate Lime is becoming the material of choice for Acid Gas Treatment.
- It produces no secondary salts when over, or under, injected.
- When distribution is managed and closed loop control is employed it can be injected pre-Air Heater, pre-ESP or even post-ESP.

**Unless there are compelling reasons to the contrary,
we generally recommend hydrated lime for flue gas
treatment use!**



Select your Sorbent Reaction

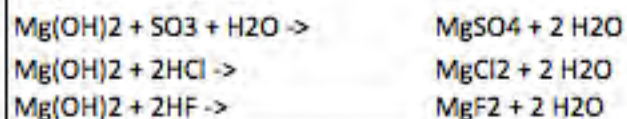
Sodium Reactions



Calcium Reaction



Magnesium Reactions



Determine the Molar Ratios

		Mole Factor-SO ₂	Mole Factor-SO ₃ *	Mole Factor-HCl*	Mole Factor-HF*
MW of H ₂ SO ₄	98				
MW of SO ₃	80				
MW of SO ₂	64				
MW of Trona	226	0.6666667	0.66666667	0.333333333	0.333333333
MW of Na ₂ CO ₃	106	1	1.00	0.5	0.5
MW of NaHCO ₃	84	2	1	1	0.5
MW of Ca(OH) ₂	74		1	0.5	0.5
MW of Mg(OH) ₂	58.3		1	0.5	0.5
MW of MgO	40.3		1	0.5	0.5
MW of HCl	36.5				
MW of HF	20				

*Mole Factor = # of Moles of Sorbent per Mole of Acid. For E.G. you need 2 Moles of Trona for every 3 Moles of SO₃

For Hydrated Lime the Mole Factor is 1.0 meaning it takes one mole of HL to react with one mole of H₂SO₄.

$$\text{Molar Ratio of HL to Acid} = 74/98$$

Actual Sorbent Needed

- **738 Pounds/Hr. in our example**
 - Mole Ratio of $H_2SO_4:SO_3 = 98/80$
 - $738 \times (98/80) = 904$ Lb./Hr. of sulfuric acid vapor
- **904 Pounds/Hr. of acid requires:**
 - $904 \times (74/98) = 682$ Lb./Hr. of Hydrated Lime
- **Stoichiometric Ratio Selection:**
 - We use a 3.0 SR for starting purposes
 - 682 Lb./Hr. $\times 3 = 2,048$ Lb./Hr. of Hydrated Lime

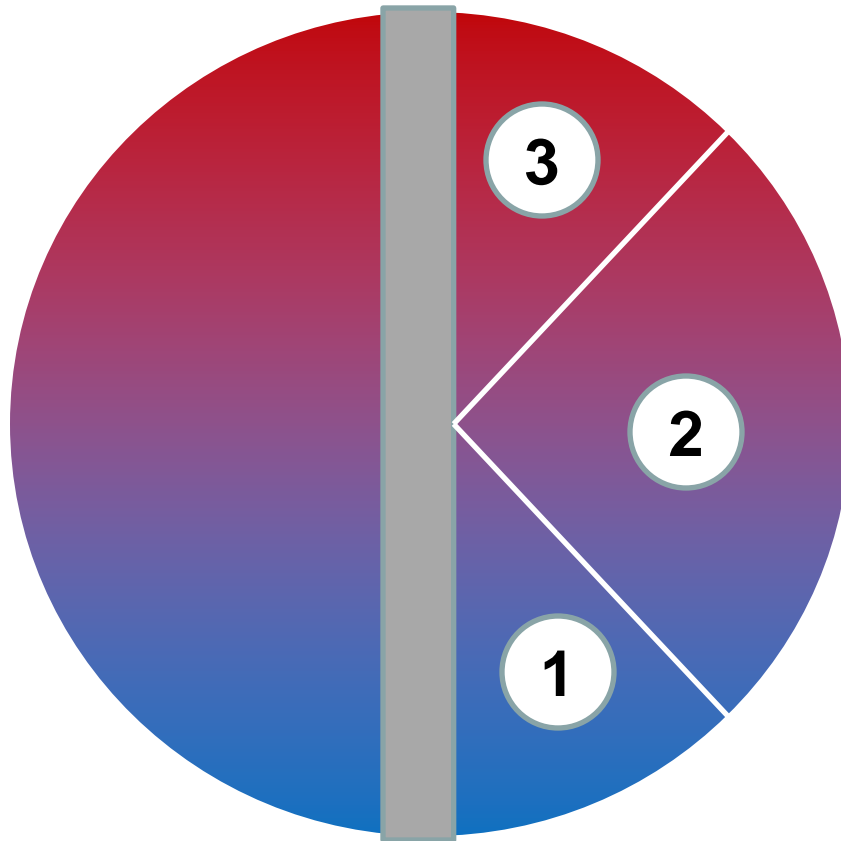
	Sorbent for SO ₃		Sorbent for HCl	Sorbent for HF	Total-All Acids
Sorbent-Trona	4171	Lbs/Hr	877	137	5185
Sorbent-Na ₂ CO ₃	2935	Lbs/Hr	617	97	3648
Sorbent - NaHCO ₃	2326	Lbs/Hr	977	76	3379
Sorbent-Ca(OH) ₂	2049	Lbs/Hr	431	67	2547
Sorbent-Mg(OH) ₂	1614	Lbs/Hr	339	53	2006
Sorbent-MgO	1116	Lbs/Hr	234	37	1387

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Why a 3.0 Stoichiometric Ratio?

- For starters, while the average particle size of hydrated lime can be in the 10 micron range, its size is huge compared to the size of a sulfuric acid vapor molecule.
- Hydrated Lime comes in various performance categories. Some are more effective than others based on their ability to capture more acid with less hydrate.
- Even with the highest performance products, though, not every molecule of calcium hydroxide reacts with every molecule of sulfuric acid vapor.

Beyond that there are distribution and mixing issues

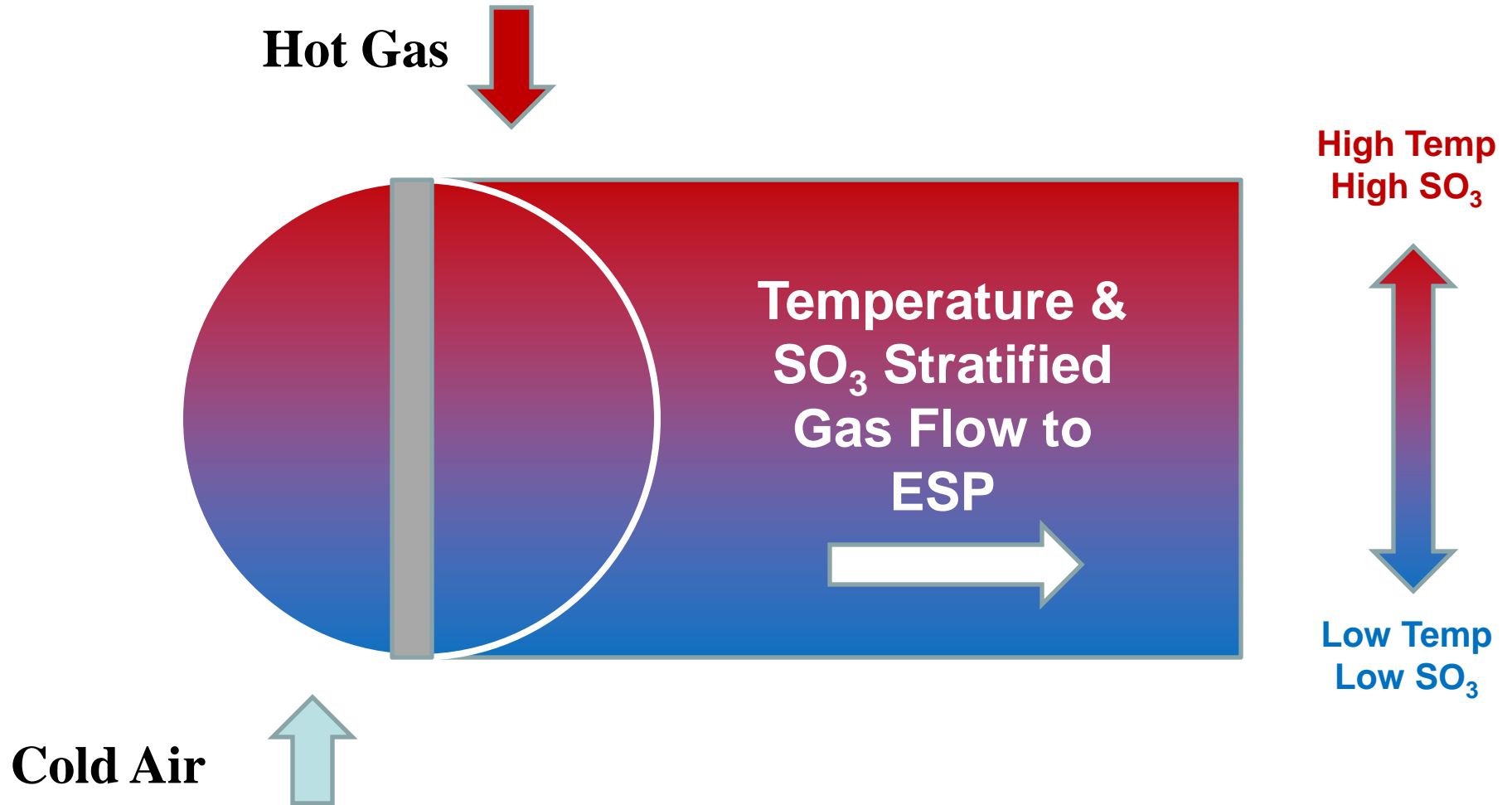


1: Acid Vapor preferentially condenses on the AH plates creating an acid lean flue gas

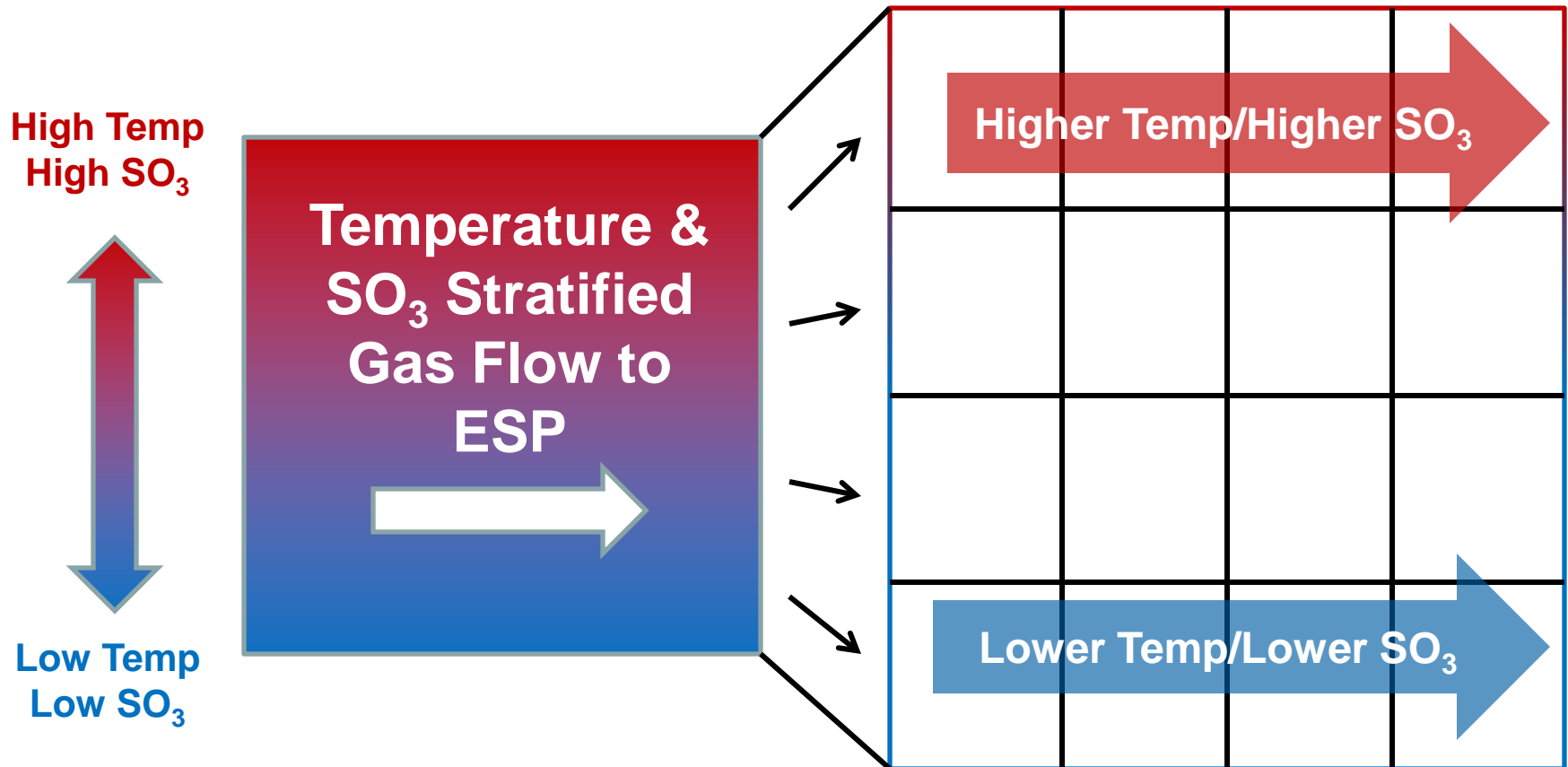
2: AH plates warm to a point where acid vapor no longer condenses leaving an acid neutral flue gas

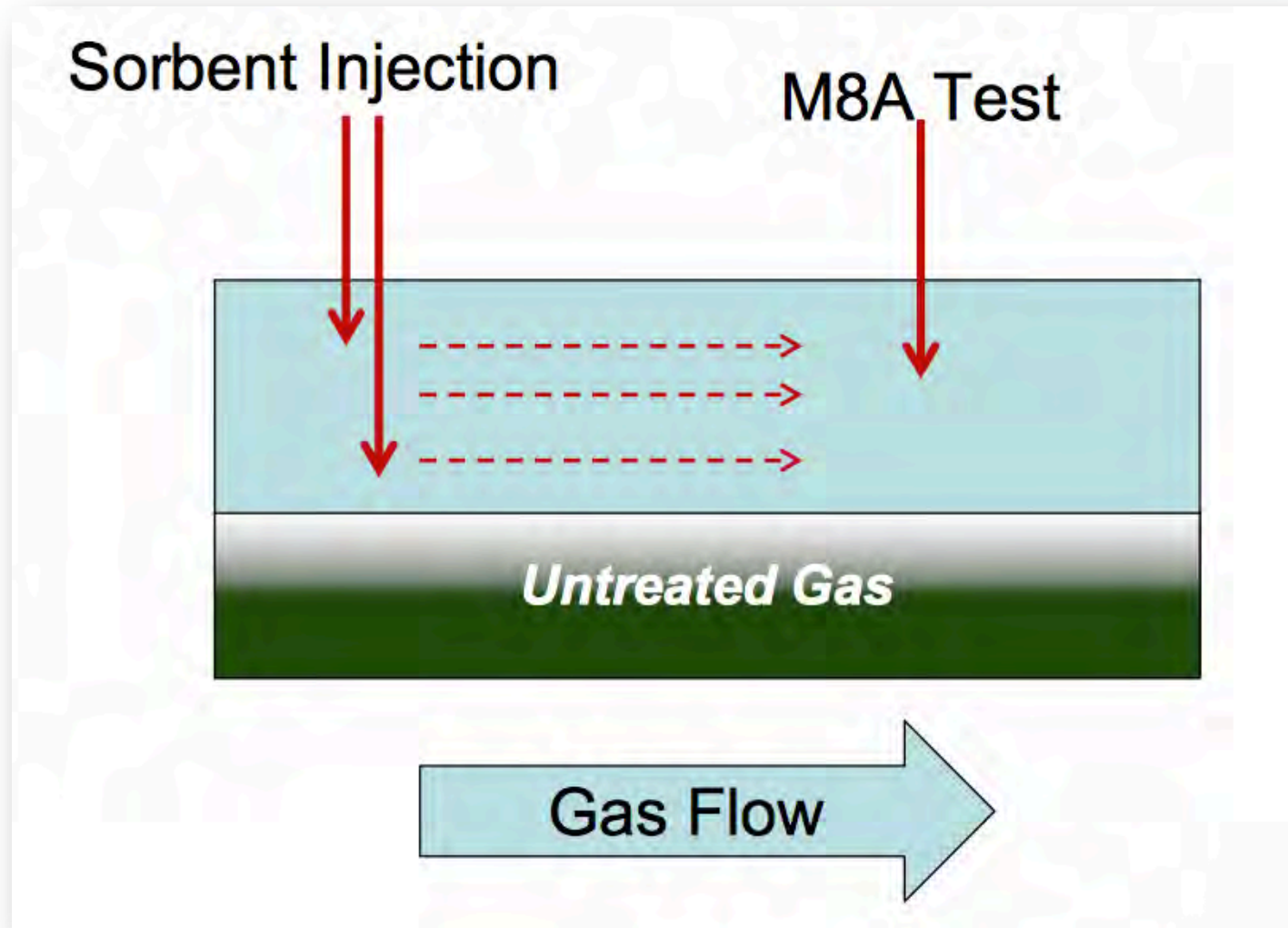
3: AH plates heat up to a point where condensed acid is re-vaporized creating an acid rich flue gas

Stratification

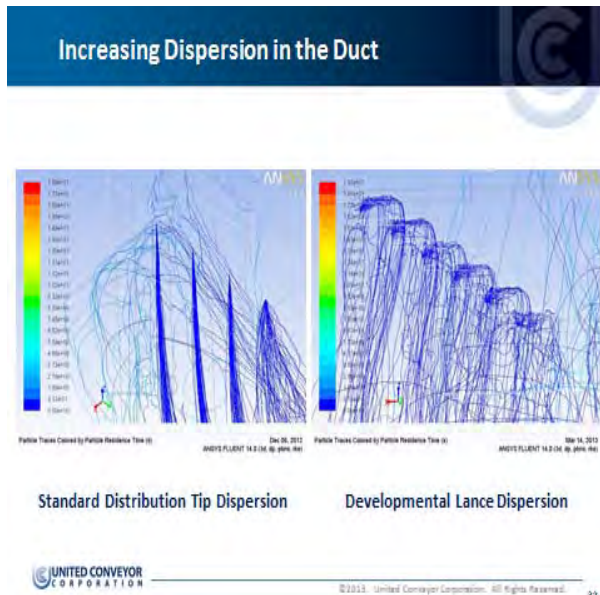


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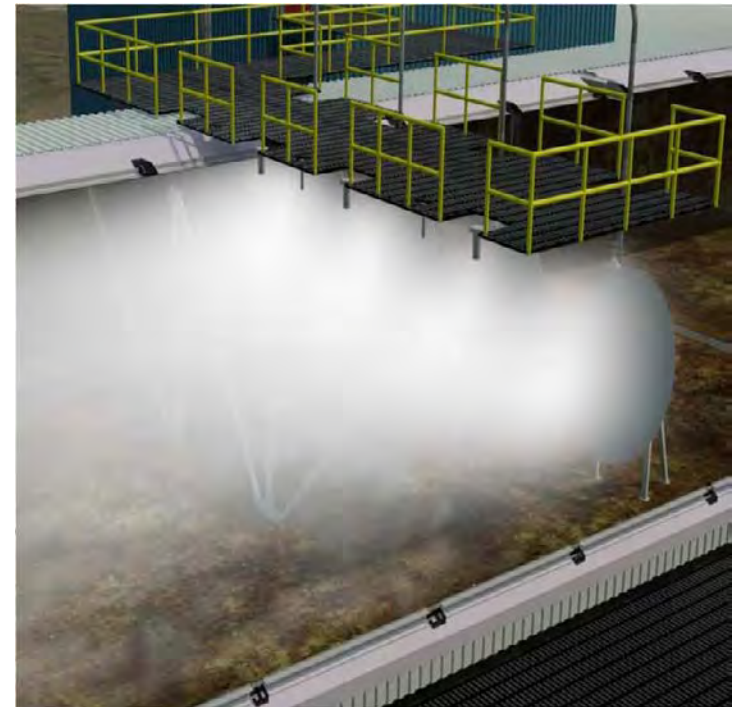
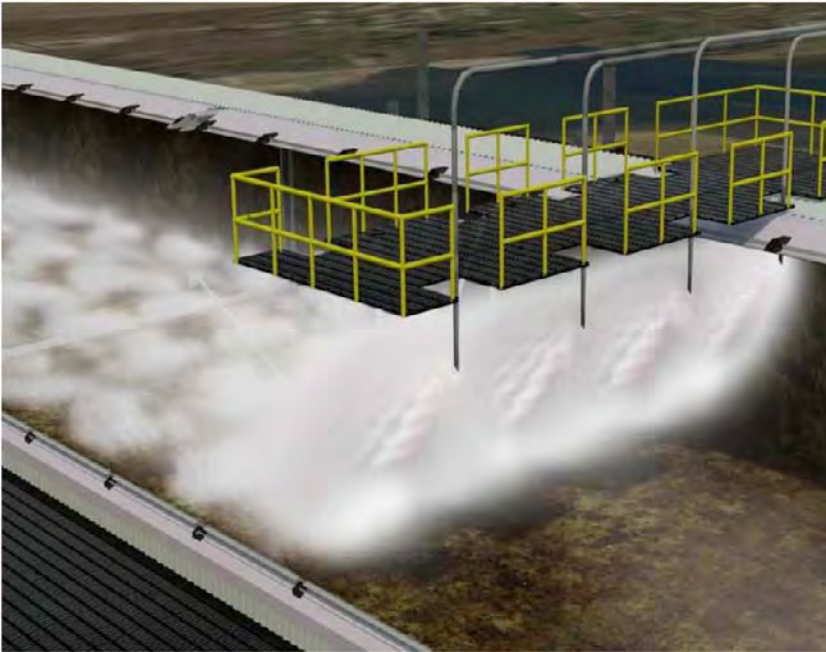


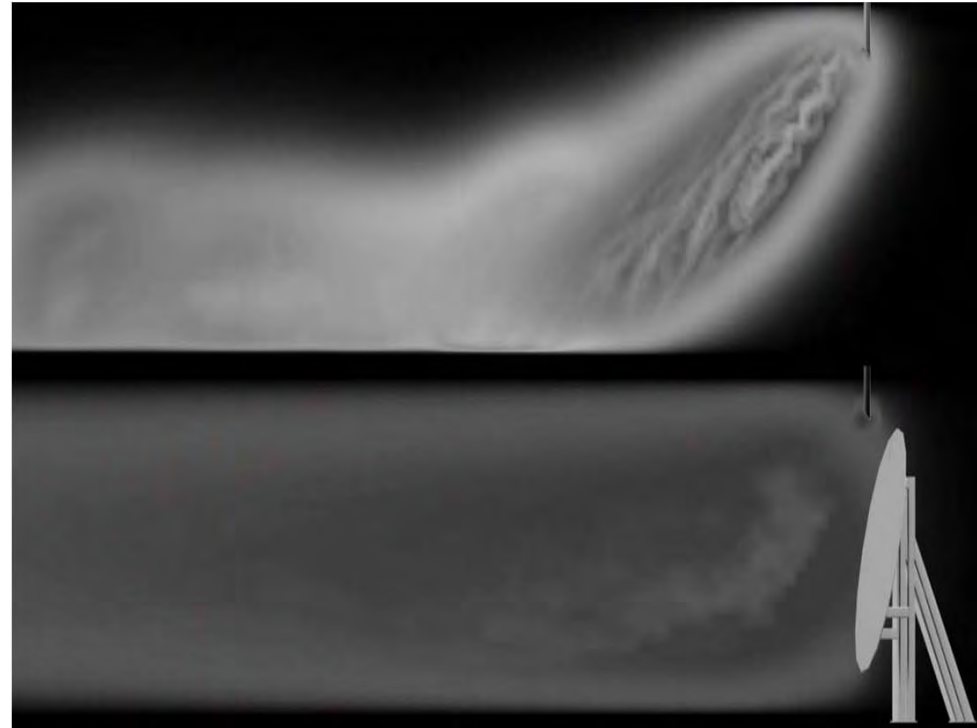
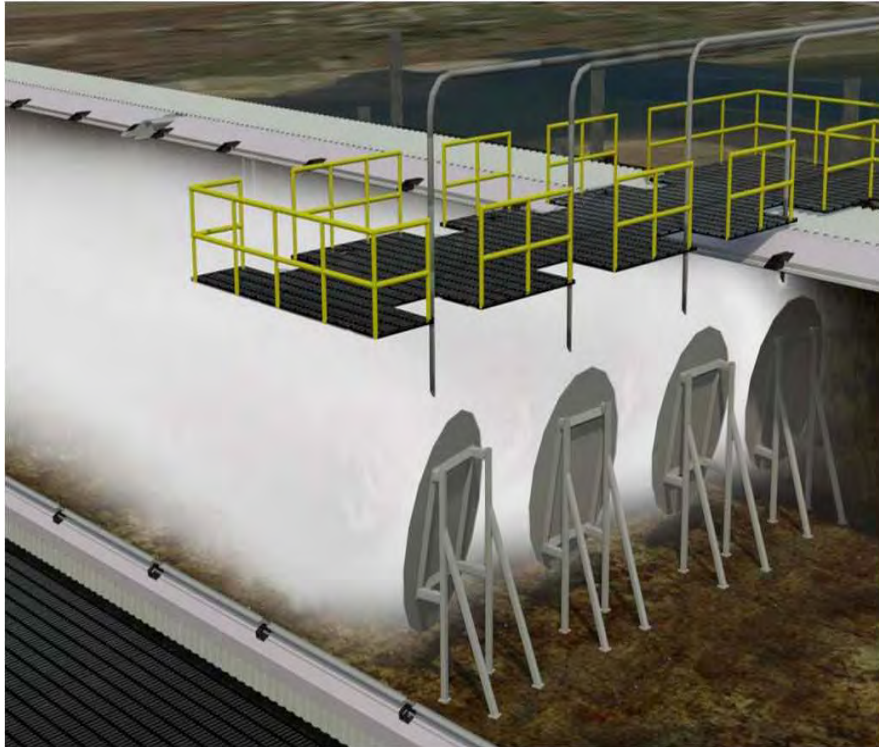


- **Distribution is critical to achieve good consistent performance**
- **Passive flue gas mixing is the key to overall system performance as multi port lances are not ideal due to pluggage**
- **United Conveyor's approach is incorporating a mixing device into the lance**
- **Both physical and CFD modeling have been performed developing this lance**



- **Another is duct mounted mixers such as the Babcock Power Delta Wing technology**





Which gets us to Results Desired



Single or Dual Injection?

PRE-AIR HEATER HYDRATED LIME TREATMENT (SO3 BASIS)		
Treatment Mass Ratio HL:SO3	2.775	Lbs HL/LBs SO3
SO3 Removal	73	%

First Stage Hydrated Lime Performance

First Stage Hydrated Lime Results

POST-TREATMENT CONDITIONS AT AIR HEATER INLET DUCT			
Parameter	Wet Basis	Dry Basis	
SO3	0.0324	Lb/MMBTU	Lb/MMBTU
SO3	201	Lb/hr	Lb/hr
SO3, Actual O2	14	ppm	ppm

ENTER AIR HEATER PERFORMANCE		
SO3 Loss Across AH	25	%
Select Air Heater Leakage Basis from Drop-Down Menu	AH Leakage %	
Value for Leakage Basis	10.00	% AH Leakage
% AH Outlet O2	5.24	%

STEP 4: Enter Air Heater Performance



Dual Injection ups the Results



POST-TREATMENT CONDITIONS AT AIR HEATER OUTLET DUCT

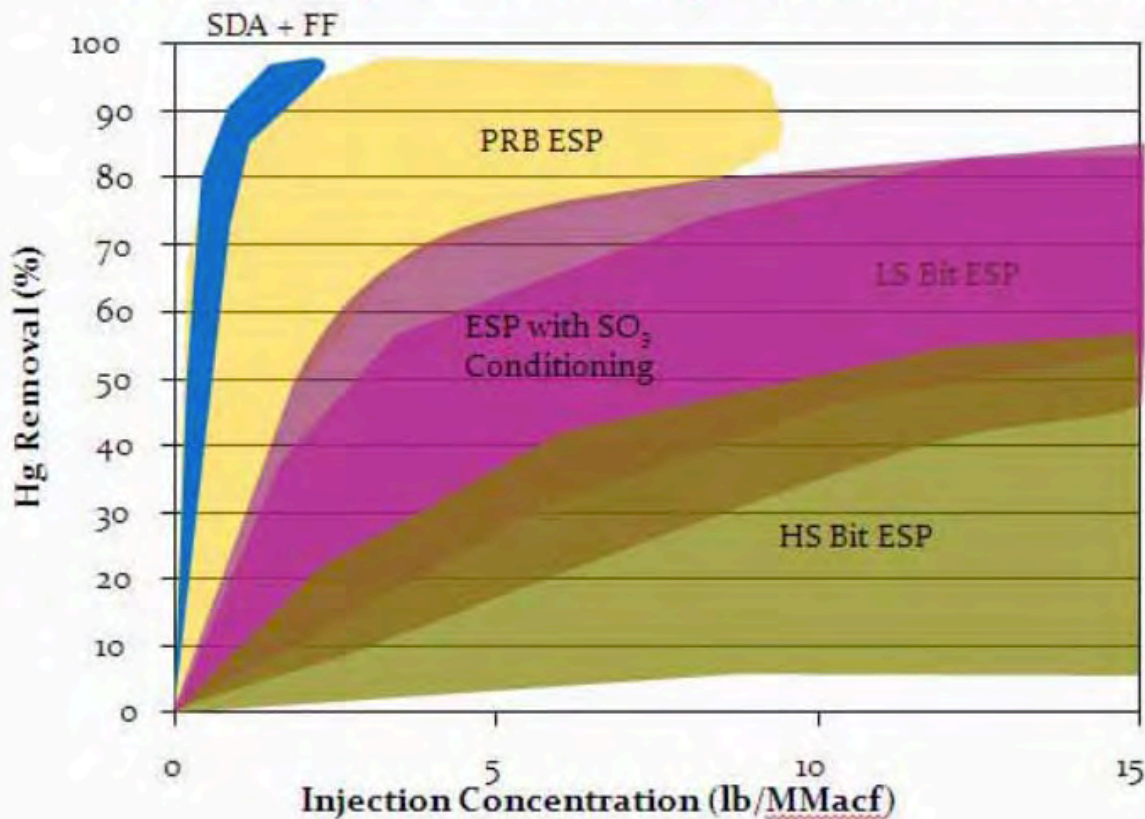
Parameter	Wet Basis	Dry Basis	
Flue Gas Flow, Actual O2	75,237,011 wscf/hr	69,537,755	dscf/hr
Flue Gas Flow, Actual O2	5,873,134 Lb/hr	5,620,471	Lb/hr
H2O	252,663 Lb/hr	0	Lb/hr
H2O, Actual O2	7.3 %	0	%
O2	290,948 Lb/hr	290,948	Lb/hr
O2	5.24 %	5.65	%
SO2	4.60 Lb/MMBTU	4.60	Lb/MMBTU
SO2	28,464 Lb/hr	28,464	Lb/hr
SO2, Actual O2	2304 ppm	2507	ppm
H2SO4	0.0268 Lb/MMBTU	0.0268	Lb/MMBTU
H2SO4	166 Lb/hr	166	Lb/hr
H2SO4, Actual O2	9.4 ppm	9.1	ppm

Other Reagents?

MATS

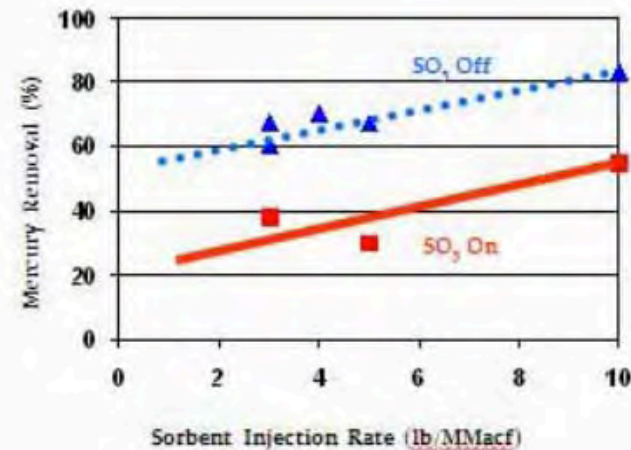
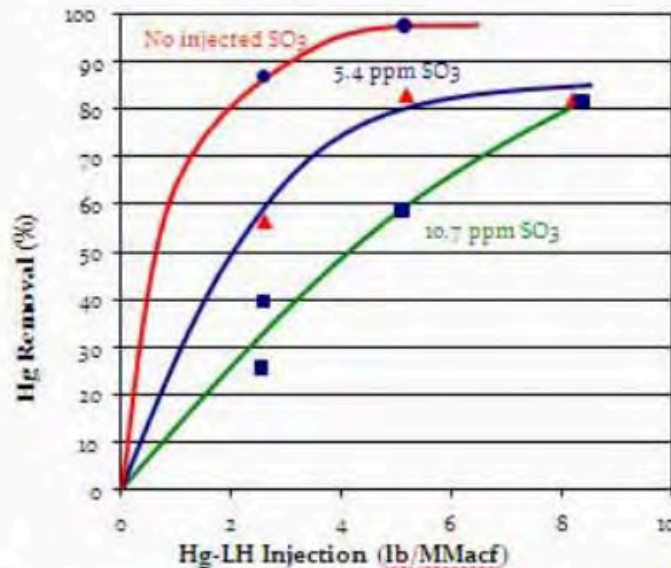


Activated Carbon Injection Summary of Mercury Control Results



SO₃ Injection and PAC Effectiveness

- SO₃ is used to condition fly ash for better capture in ESPs
- Typical injection targets < 10ppm in gas phase
- Any SO₃ in gas phase appears to affect Hg capture



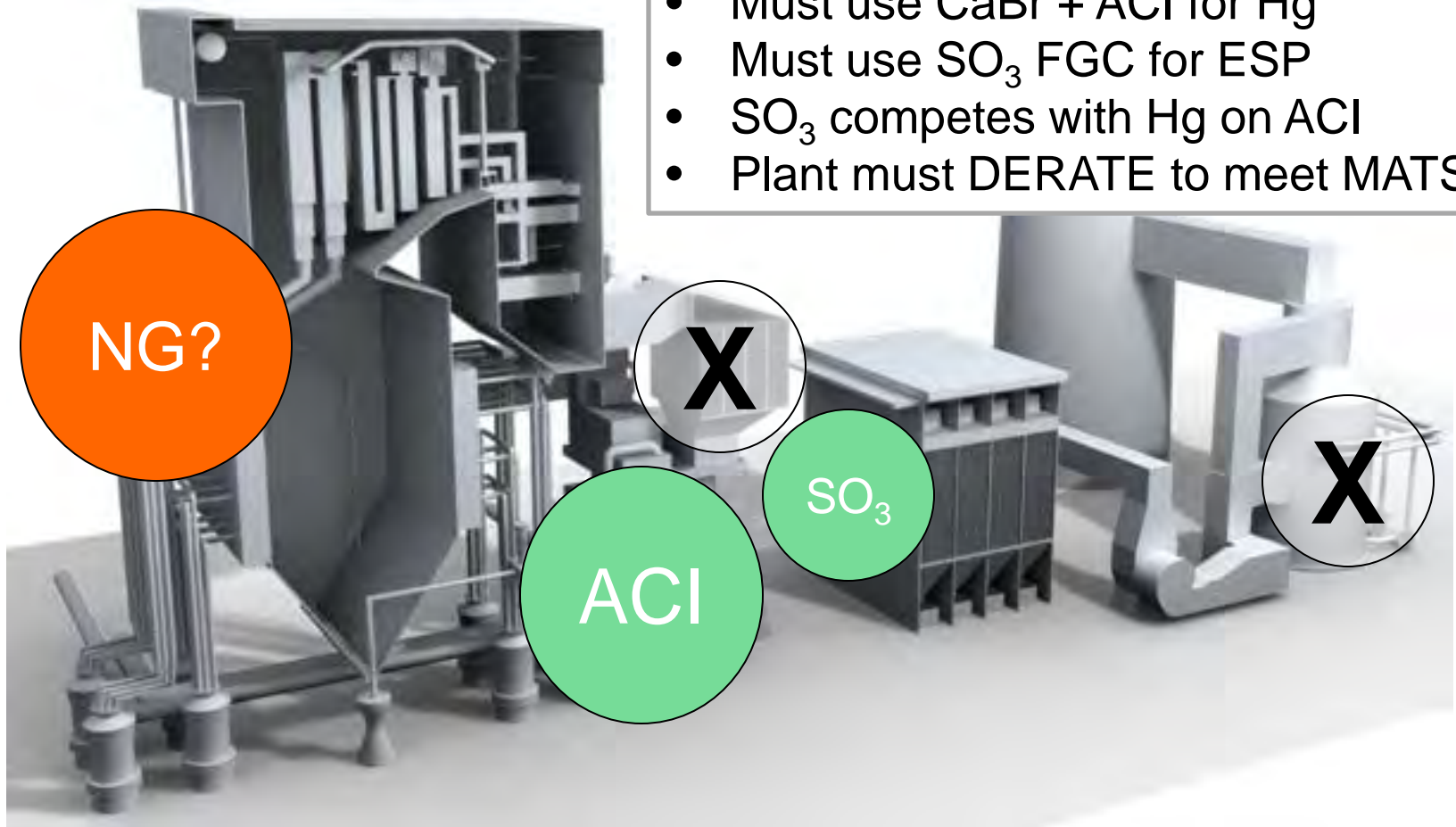
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Mississippi Power Plant Daniel
Low sulfur bituminous coal

One Typical MATS Problem

Plant Issue:

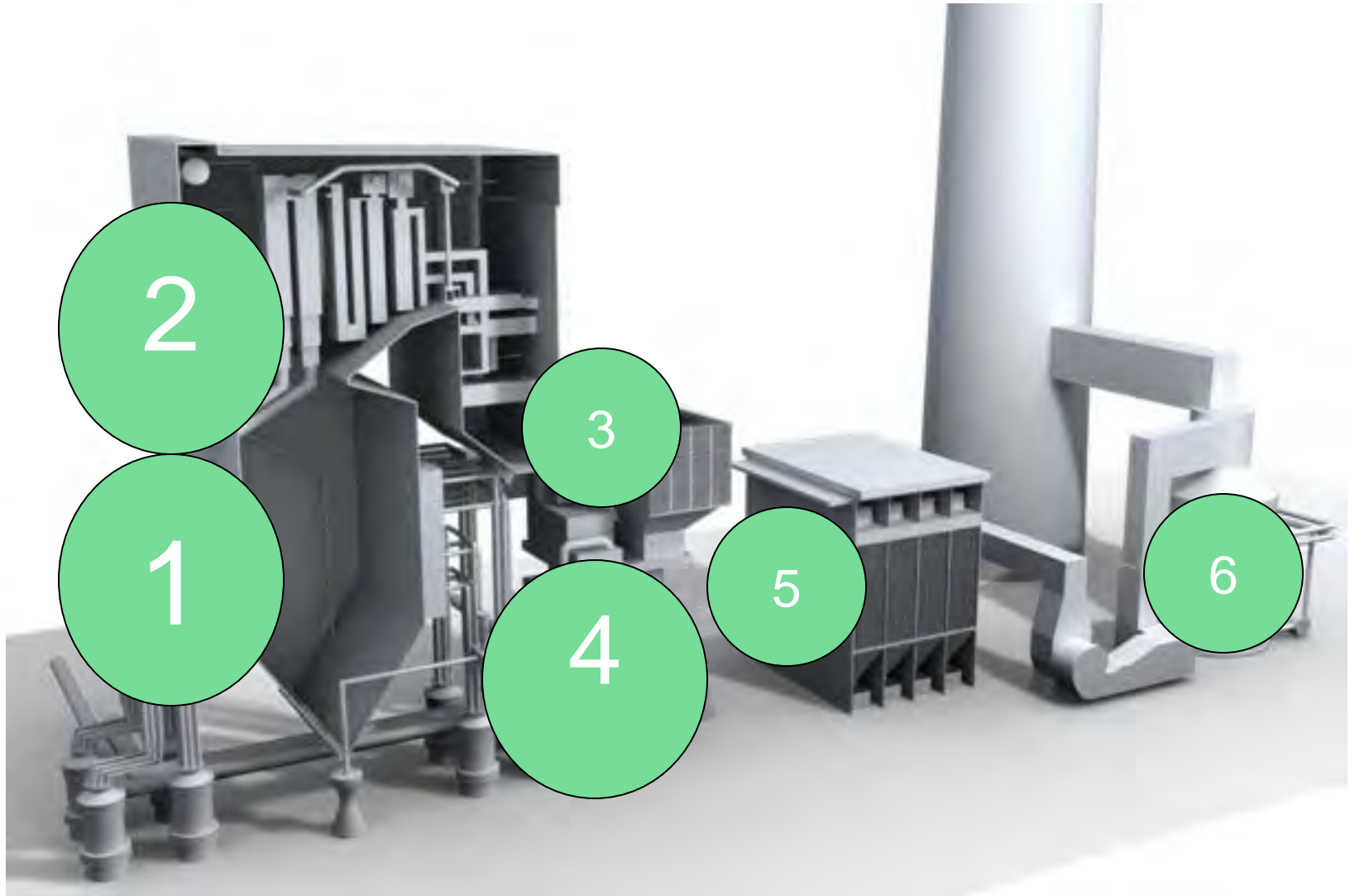
- No SCR/No FGD burning PRB
- Must use CaBr + ACI for Hg
- Must use SO₃ FGC for ESP
- SO₃ competes with Hg on ACI
- Plant must DERATE to meet MATS



Summary & Conclusions



So Where do we End Up?



- **Reagents & Sorbents are a part of our life**
- **Reagents are not necessarily stand alone compounds. What one does may very well affect the performance of another.**
- **Regardless of the above, proper distribution and residence time are key to optimizing the cost and performance of all reagents.**

Thank You – Questions?

