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# Belews Creek 10 yrs On-Line Cleaning SAH

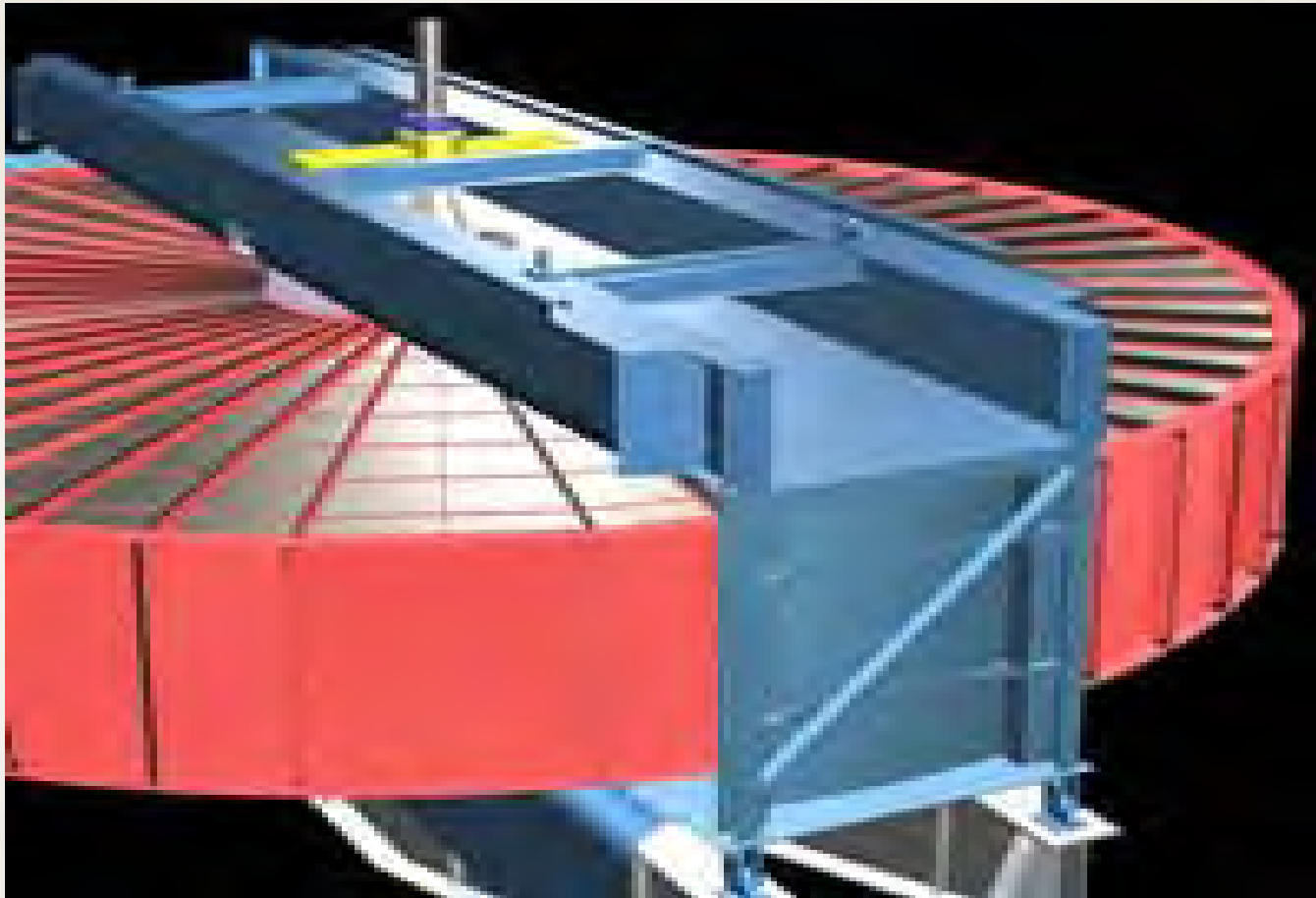
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Belews Creek station

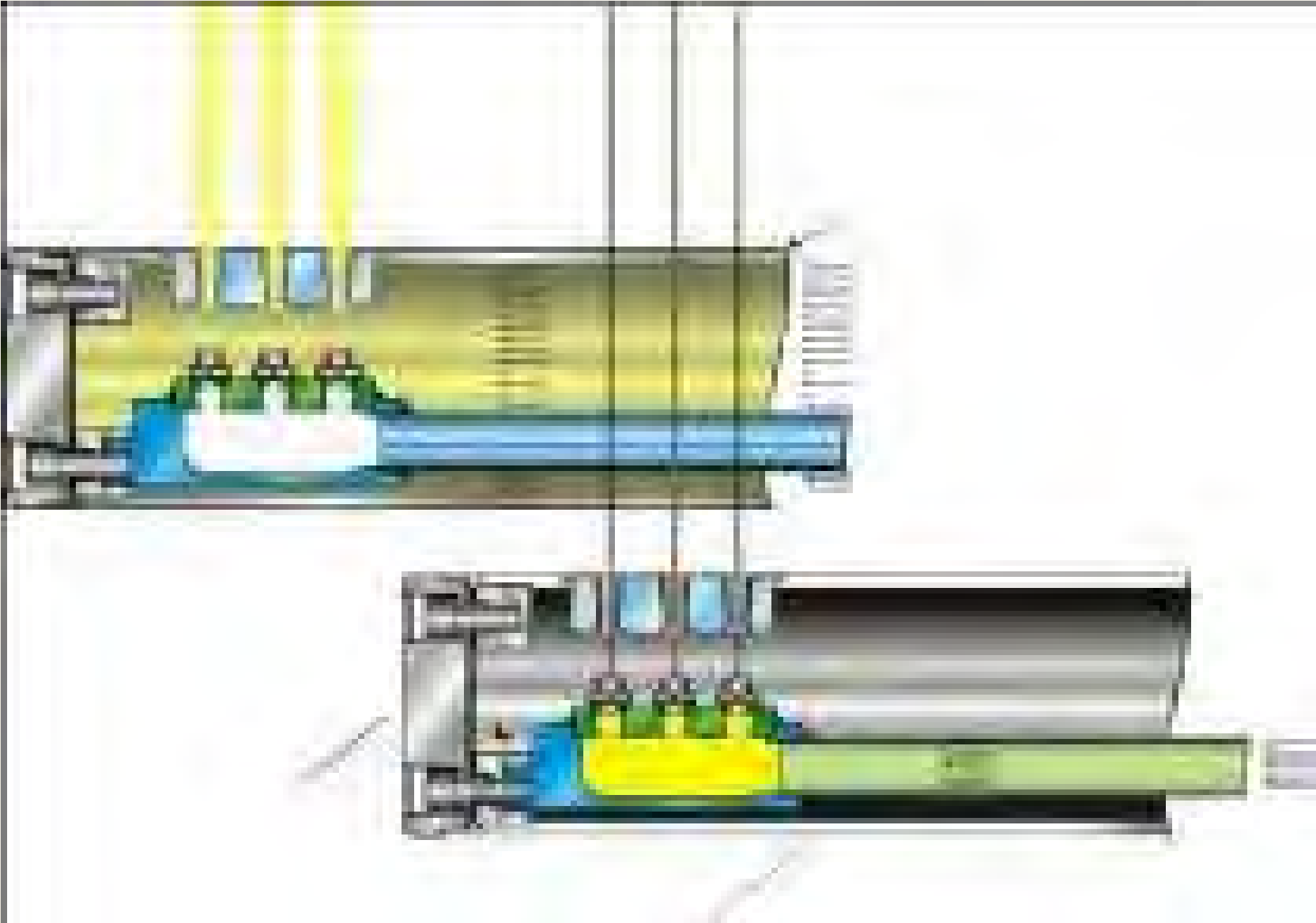
# Duke Energy - Belews Creek Steam Station Carolinas East Region

- \* 2- 1650MW Units - Super Critical B&W Wall Fired Boiler
- \* Two Howden (Ljungström® Design) Vertical Shaft Regenerative air heaters (SAH)
- \* 33VN - approx 45' dia w/ 48 element (pie) sections - 21.5' x 80"
- \* 29" CS hot end
  - \* 41" Corten Closed Channel cold end (2011) - U1
  - \* 41" Epoxy coated DU cold end (2003) - U2
- \* Shaft driven APH with VFD control



## APH Sootblowers

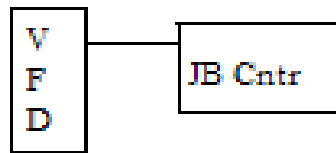
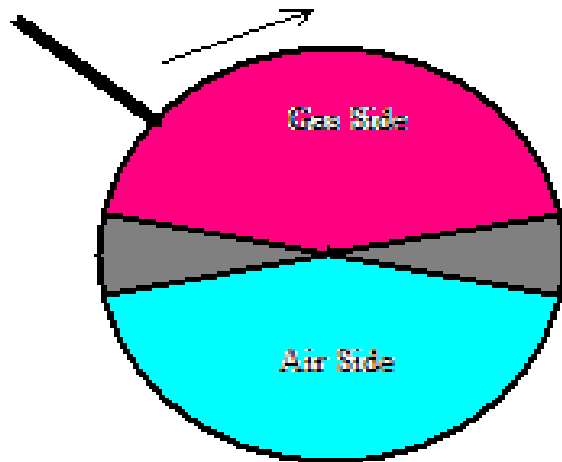
- \* Two Clyde Bergman Multiple Fluid Retractable Soot-blowers (JetBlower®)
  - \* Top blower - Steam / LP (100 psi) Service water
  - \* Bottom blower - Steam / HP Water (2400psi @ 30 gpm)
  - \* Supplied by service water HP Pump Skid - Delivers max 72 gpm @2900 psi - positive displacement pump (one or two blower operation)



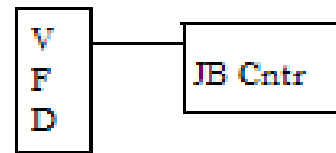
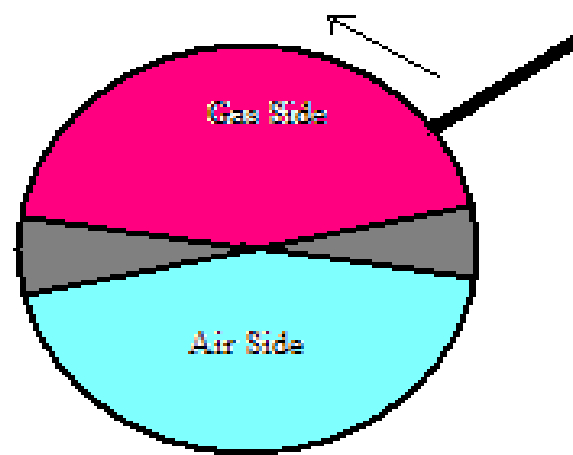




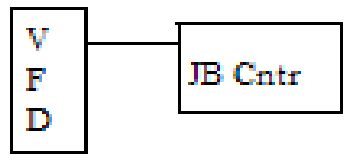
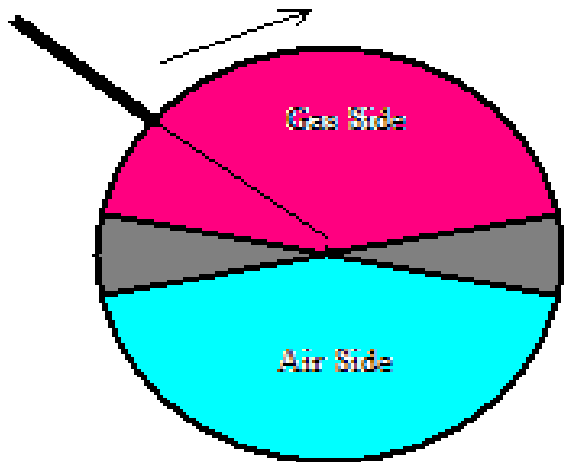
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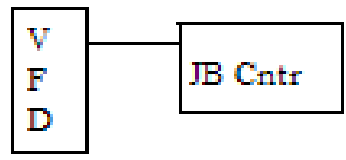
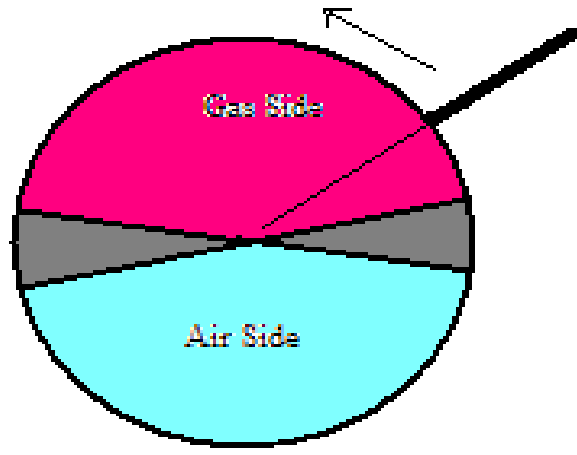
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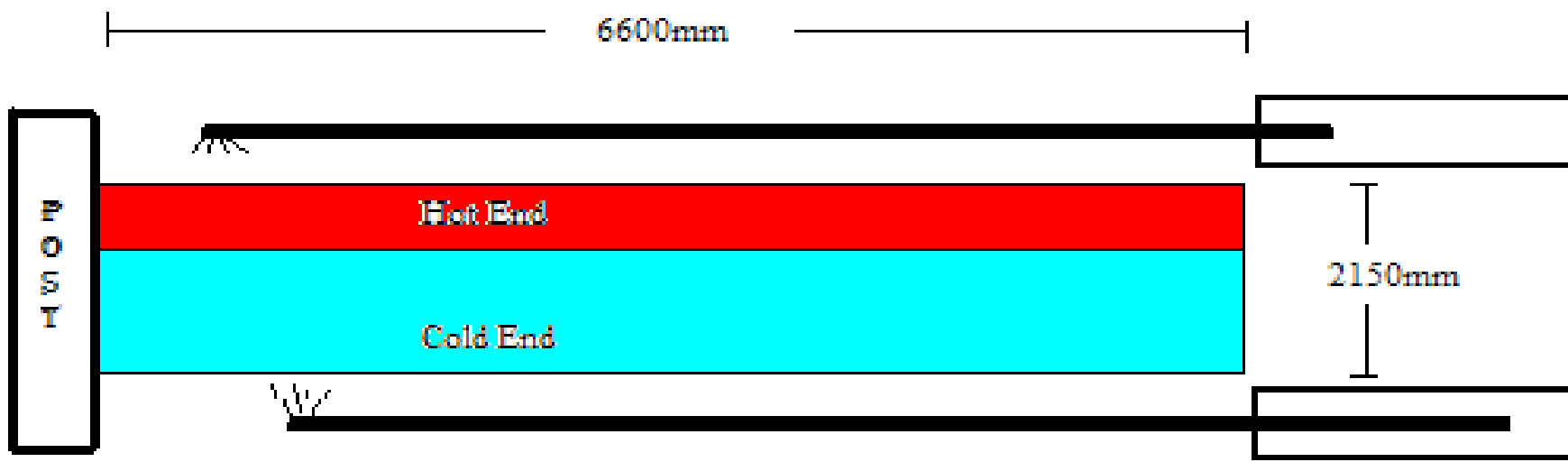


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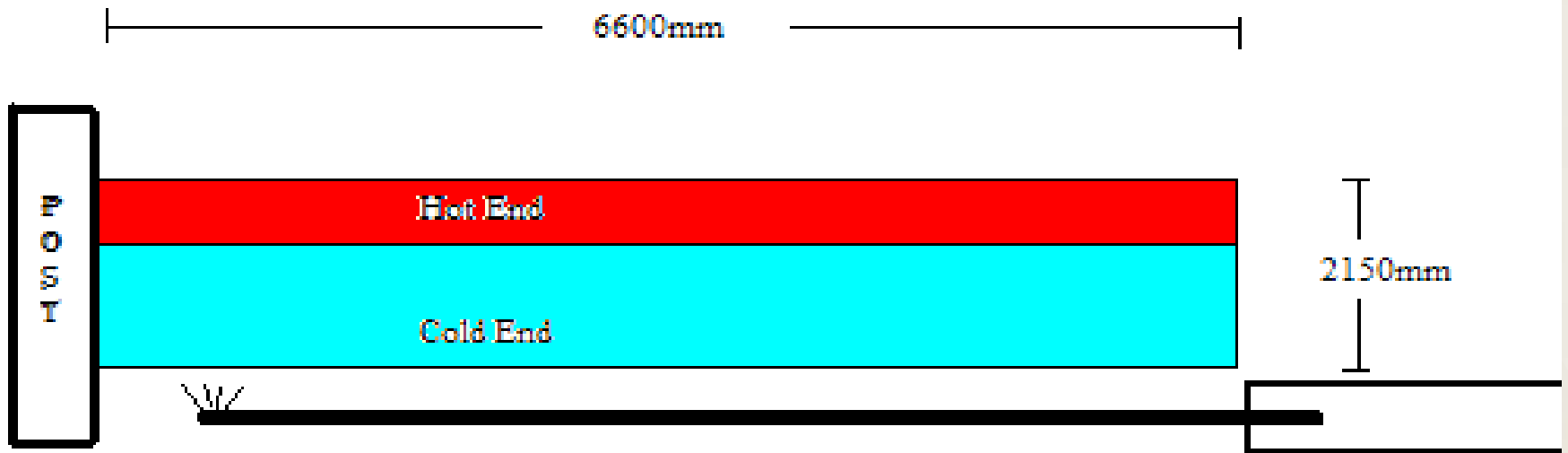
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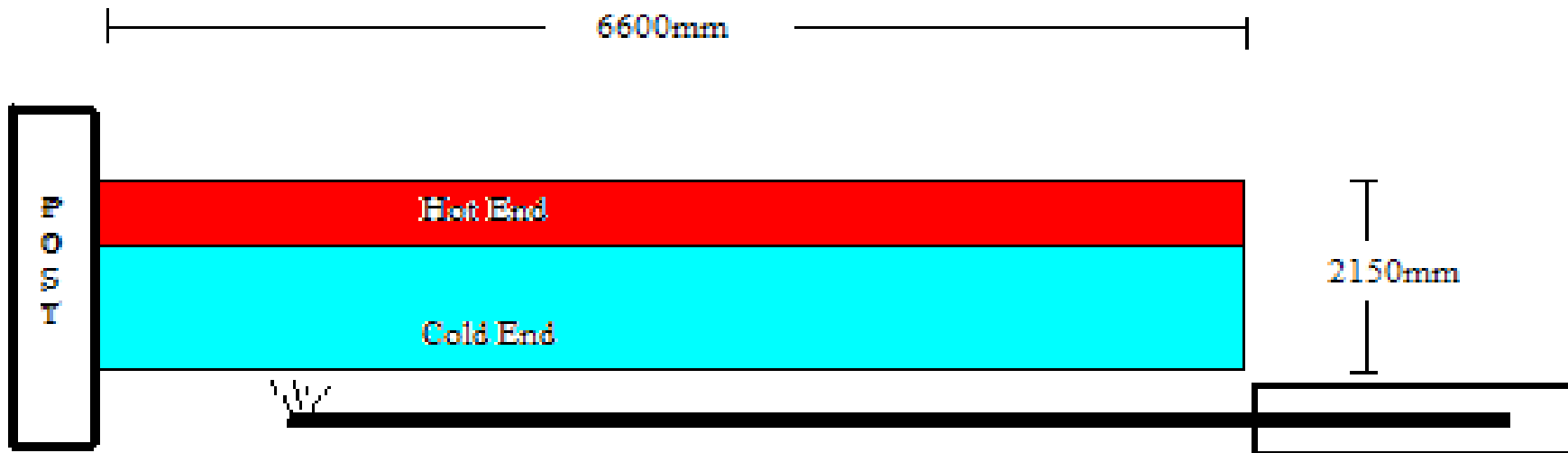




## Change in Off line Wash Strategy

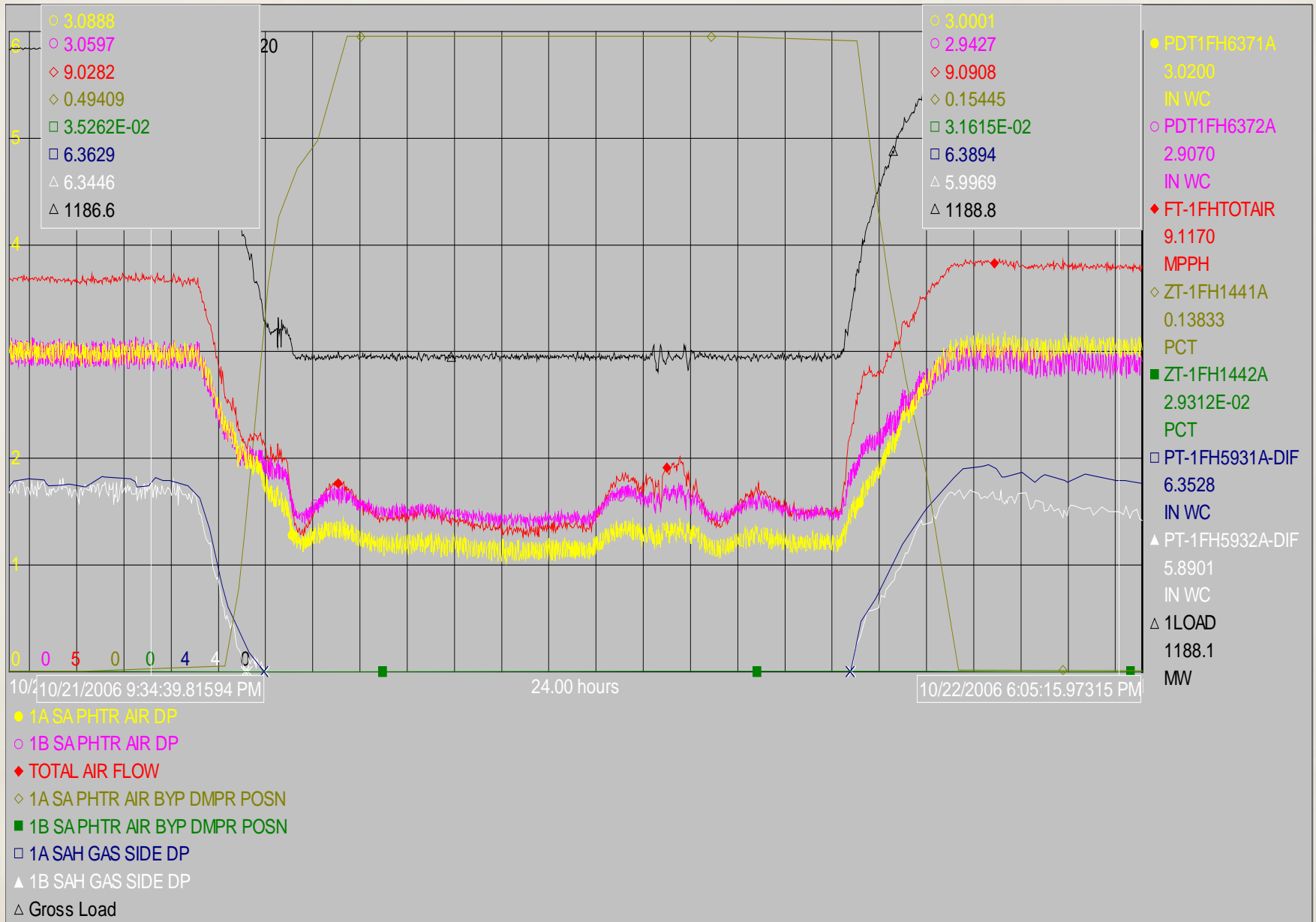
- \* 2003-2005 - **We learned that ABS is not our friend** - Experienced High Secondary Air Pre-heater (SAH) dH - Traditional off line cleaning methods did not work
- \* Started experimented with slowing down SAH during off line washes - resulted in significant cleaning improvements
  - \* Bottom HP spray (steam flow) fully penetrates the rotors
- \* Automated by starting wash sequence at normal SAH rpm (1.25) lance fully inserted (retract type - 21')
- \* As the soot-blower steps out of the SAH (15mm 'step' - OLW ; 60mm 'step' - SB) rotor rpm is reduced to maintain constant angular velocity (0.2 rpm off-line ; 0.33 rpm on-line)





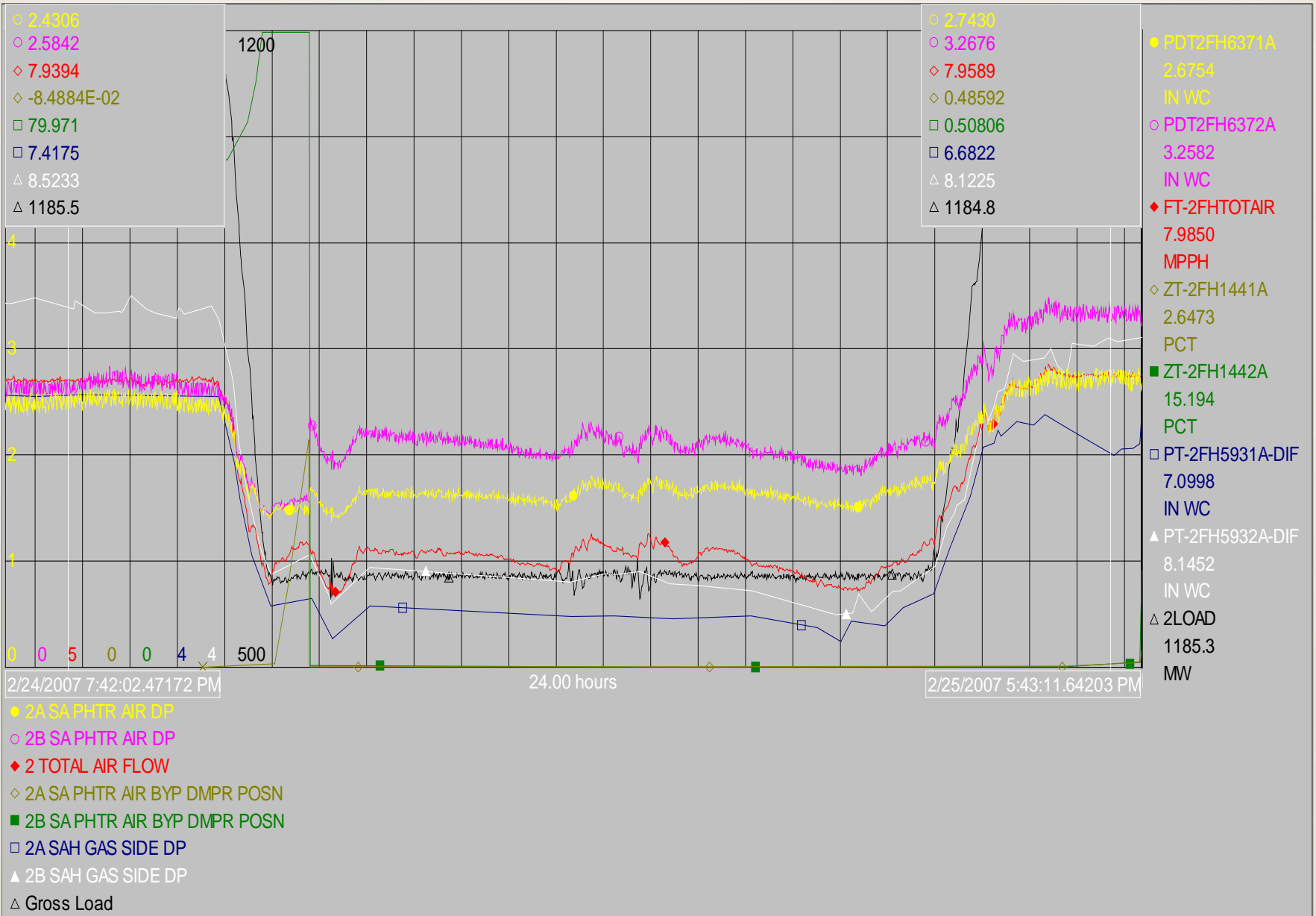
# Continued SAH Fouling Issues

- \* 2005 - Discussion with Howden Engineering
- \* 2006 (March) - Starting experimenting with on-line cleaning using Off line clean algorithm
  - \* 1m was cleaned on-line in March in front of U2 Spring outage - no issues noted during off-line inspection
- \* 2006 (Sept) -Completed full radius HP wash on the 1B SAH HP in front of U1 Fall outage - no issues noted during off-line inspection and rotor look cleaner



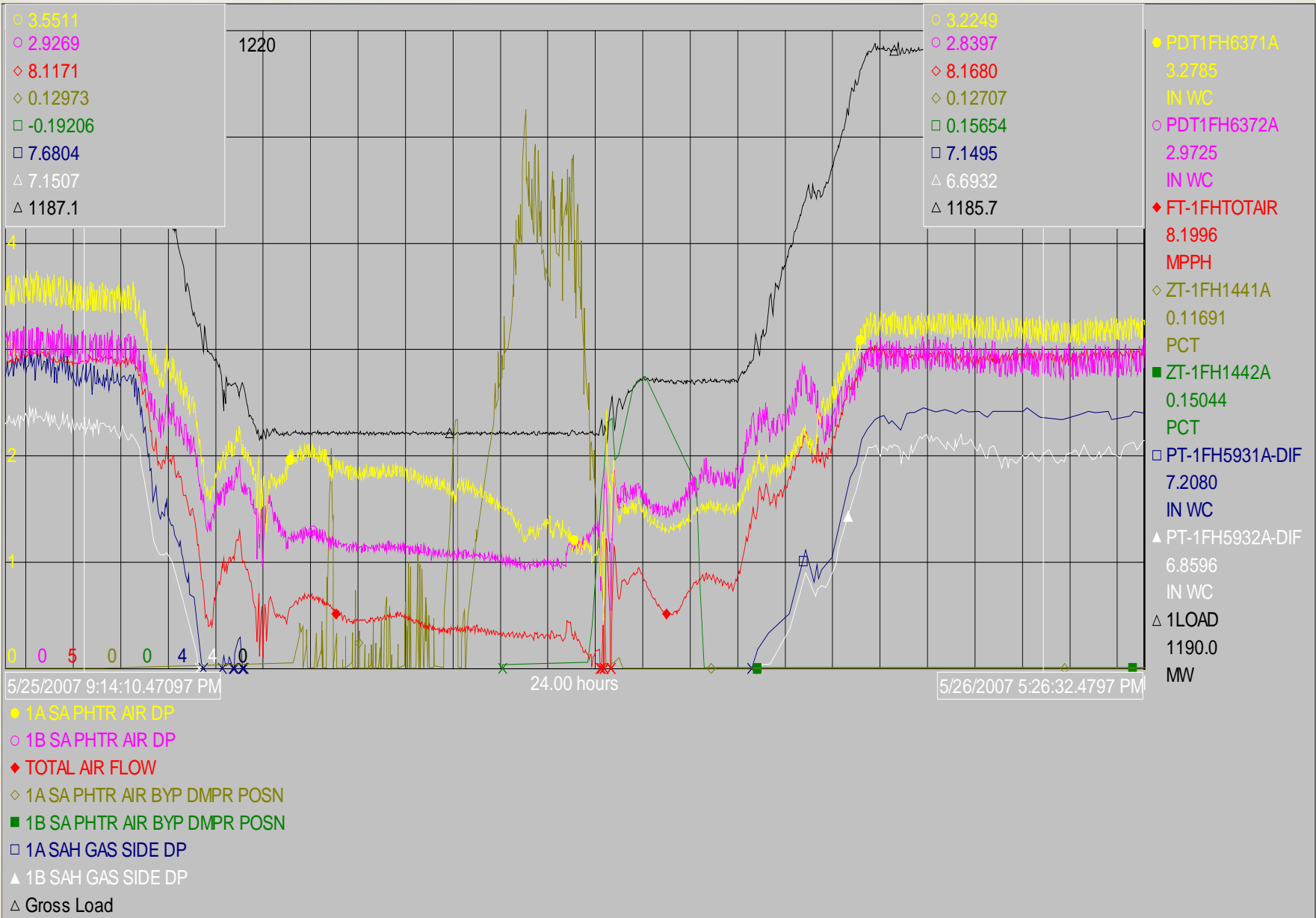
# Continuous Testing

- \* 2007 - (Jan) - U2 Both SAH HP on-line wash completed with lowered brake RPM 1/3 rpm but 18mm step
- \* U2 SAH inspected during spring outage - no issues noted



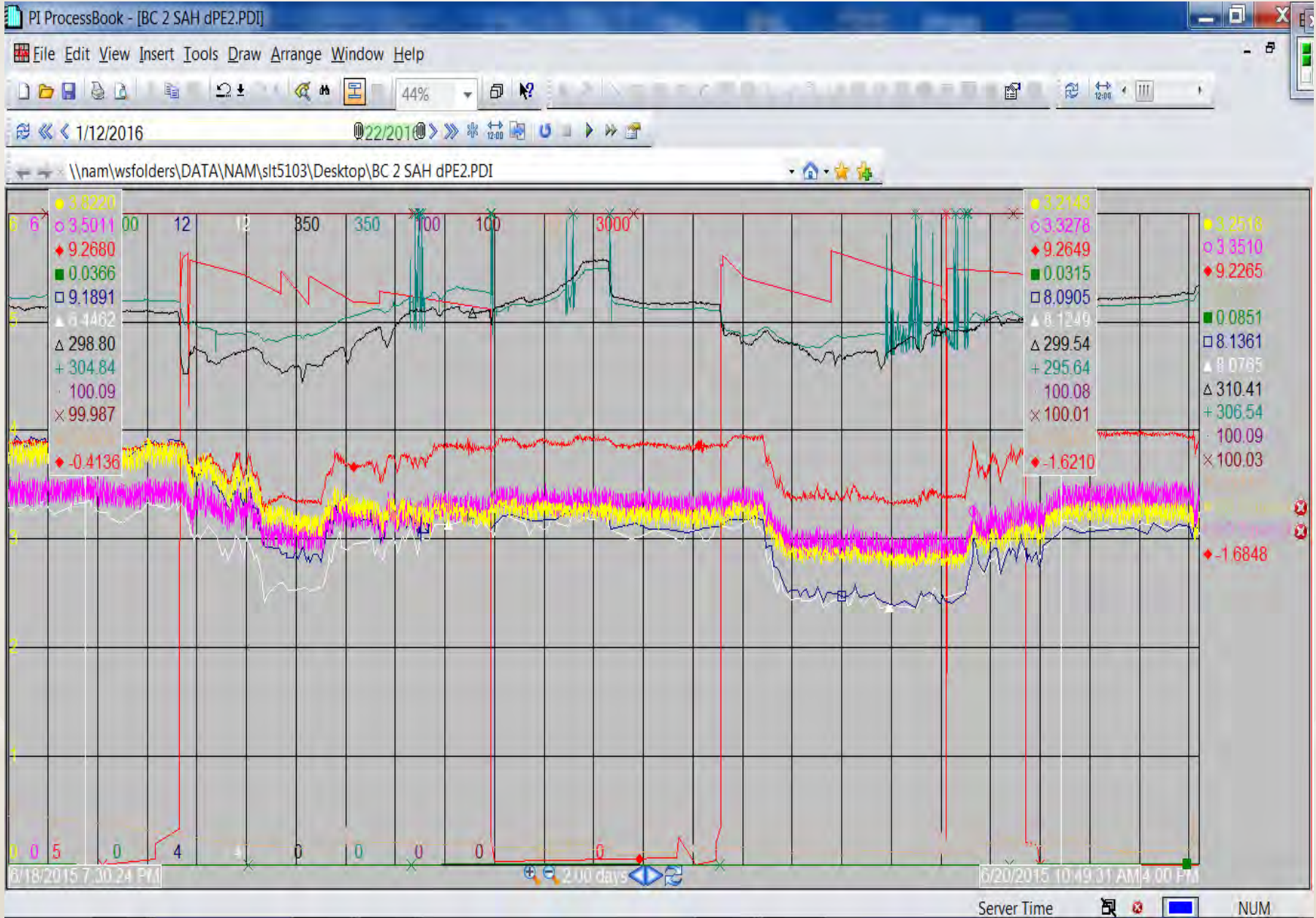
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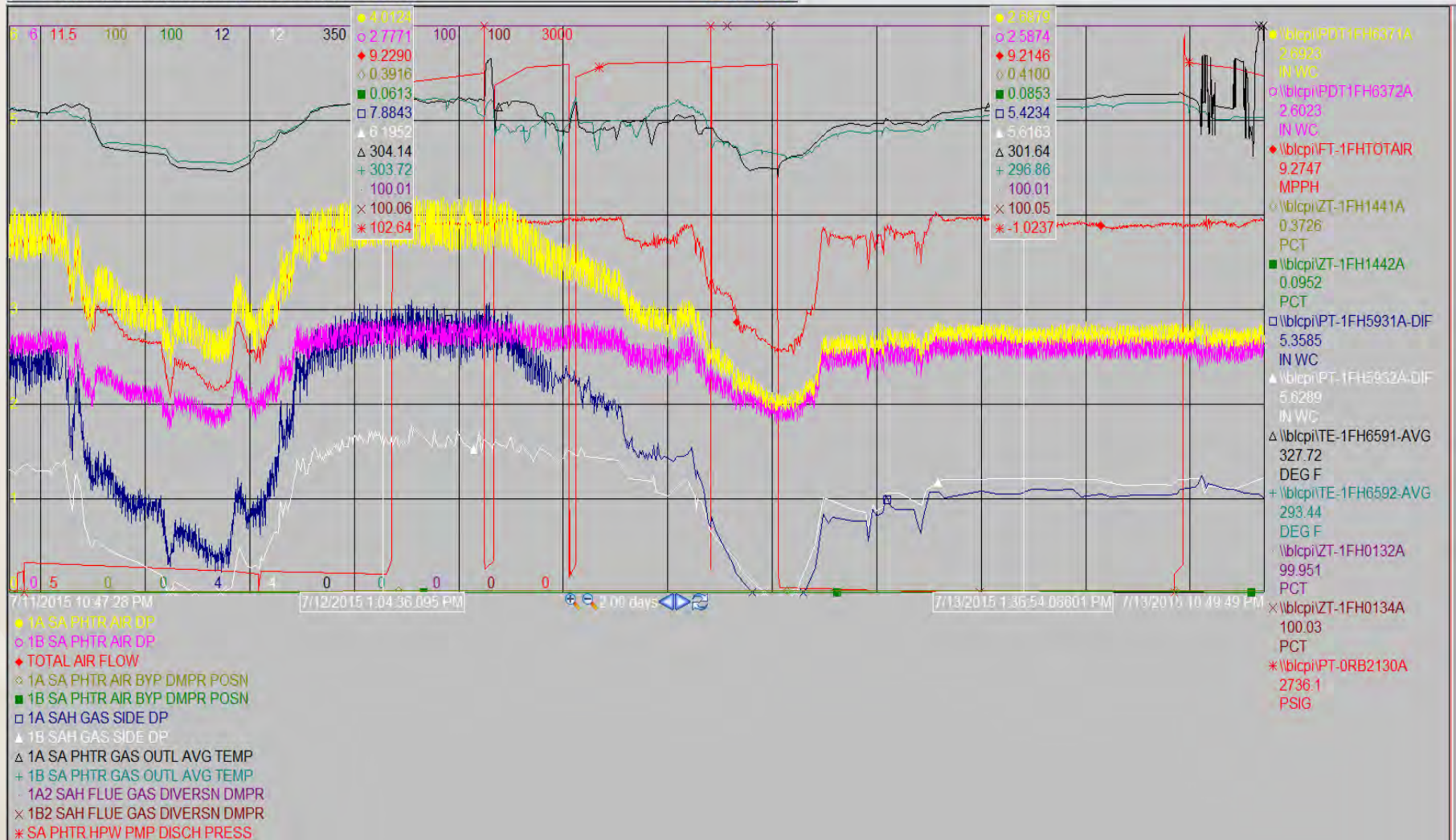
- \* 2007 (May) -Full U1 SAH on-line wash using Jetblower VFD control 1/3 rpm but with 15mm step

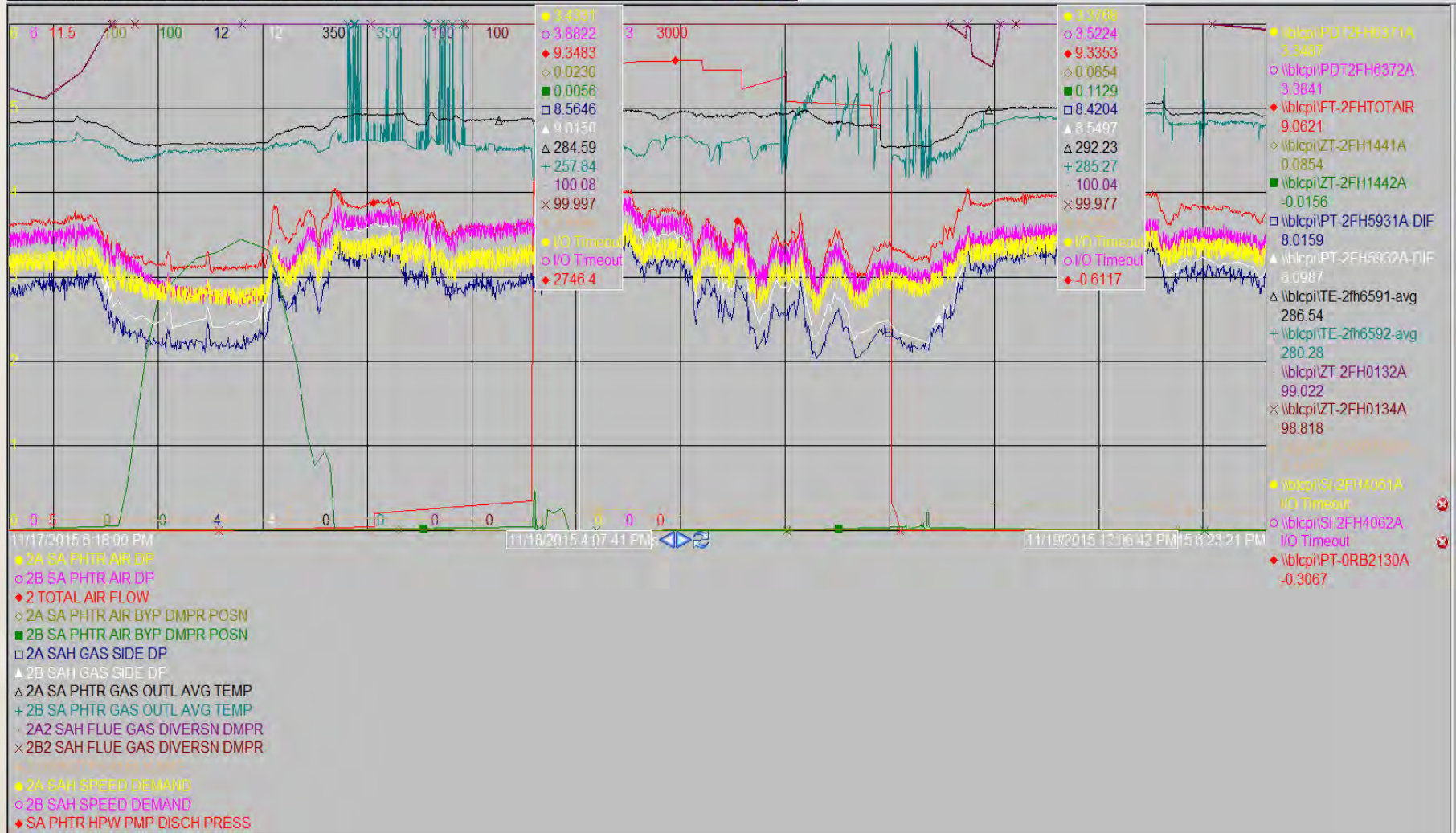


## On Line Wash Results

- \* 2007-2011 - Continued on-line washing (2-3 per unit per year). Outage inspections revealed no basket, diaphragm or sector plate issues. Did note steam soot blower erosion at sector plate to diaphragm interface
- \* 2011 (Sept) - U1 complete basket replacement. No structural issues found. All diaphragms and sector plates were in great condition
- \* 2014 - Load restrictions were removed from wash procedure







# Belews Creek OLW - What was the Benefit

- \* Eliminated one unplanned outages per year
- \* Reduced forced outage time - SAH cleaning not mandatory (36 hrs FO time - one shift to clean drain hoppers - 2 shifts to wash)
- \* Off-line cleaning is more efficient - 24 hrs vs 48 hrs
- \* Lowered CCE setpoint - reduced DGL
- \* Reduction in NO<sub>x</sub> - Raised NH<sub>3</sub> slip