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***“Wet Sorbent  
Injection Experience:  
Past, Present, and Future”***

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Baltimore, MD – July 17, 2012

# Outline

- Technology
- Installations
- Performance
- Operational Issues - Past
- Hoosier Merom - Present
- Co-Benefits - Future
- Summary

# SBS Injection™ Technology

## Features

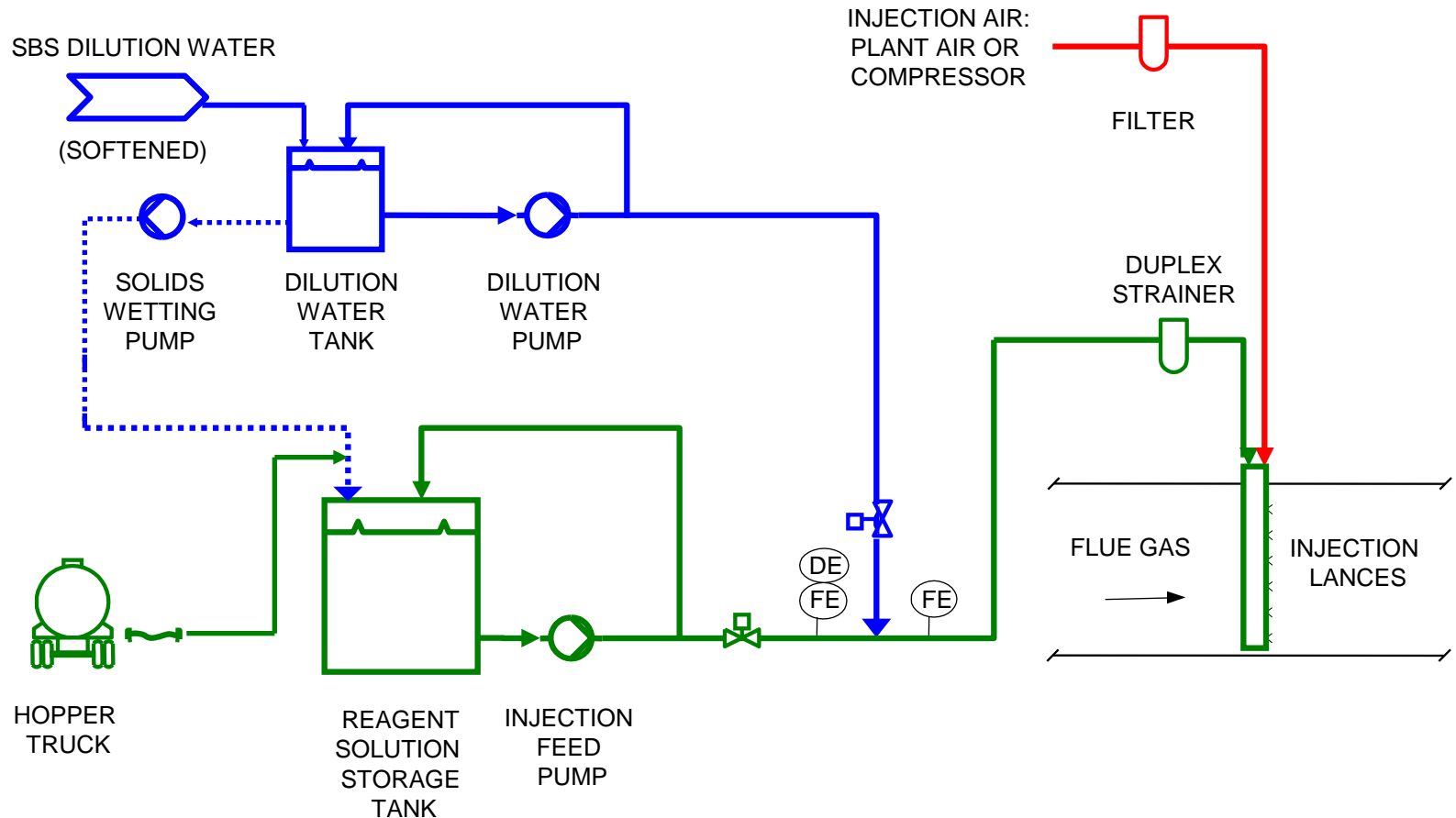
- Patented Technology
- Simple Solution Injection
- Sodium-Based Reagent
- Dual-Fluid Atomization
- Selective Reactions
- High SO<sub>3</sub> Removal
- Low Injection Rate
- Product Collected with Ash

## Benefits

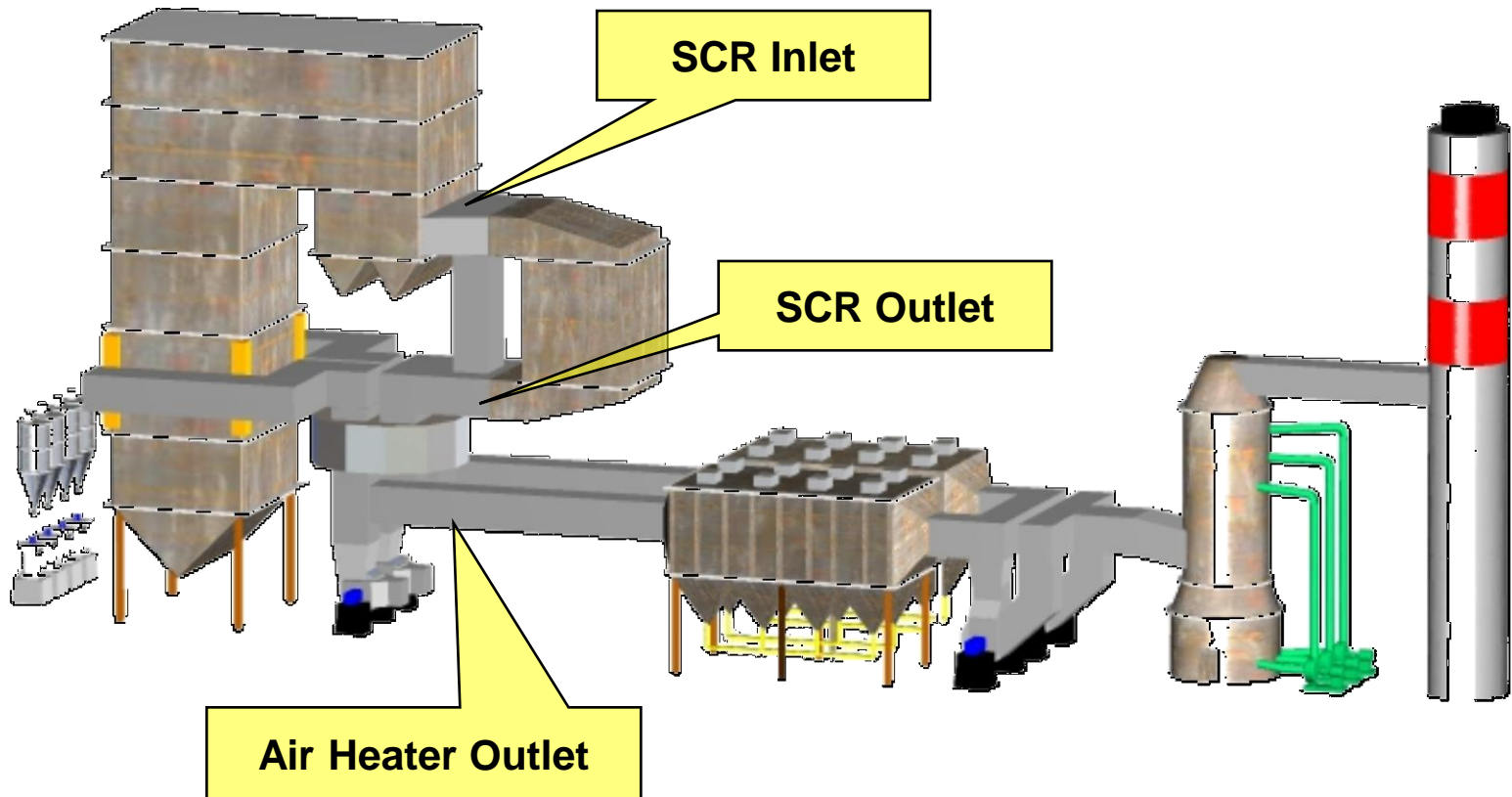
- Opacity Elimination
- Corrosion Reduction
- ESP Enhancement
- HCl and Se Removal
- Potential Heat Recovery
- SCR/SNCR Flexibility
- Hg Capture Enhancement
- CO<sub>2</sub> Reduction

***Maximum Benefits with “Upstream” Injection***

# Simplified SBS Flow Diagram



# SBS Injection Locations



# SBS Injection Installations

Utility	Plant	State	MW	Design SO <sub>3</sub>	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 1-3, 5	IN	4 x 650	110	SCR Inlet	Sodium Carbonate	2009-2011
Allegheny Energy	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

**15,000 MW Installed on 24 Boilers**

# Sulfuric Acid Emission Results

Plant	Inlet SO <sub>3</sub> (ppmvd - 3% O <sub>2</sub> )	Stack SO <sub>3</sub> (ppmvd - 3% O <sub>2</sub> )	SO <sub>3</sub> Removal (%)	H <sub>2</sub> SO <sub>4</sub> Emissions (lb/MMBtu)	Particulate Control Device	SO <sub>2</sub> Control Device
A	32	1.3	95.9%	0.0038	ESP	WFGD
B	65	1.6	97.5%	0.0046	Venturi Scrubber	WFGD
C	36	1.3	96.4%	0.0038	ESP	None
D	66	1.2	98.2%	0.0035	ESP	WFGD
E	45	0.2	99.6%	0.0006	ESP	WFGD
F	15	0.6	96.0%	0.0017	ESP	WFGD
G	44	0.5	98.9%	0.0015	ESP	WFGD

**Recent installations demonstrate <1 ppm SO<sub>3</sub> and <0.004 lb/MMBtu SAM**

# Why is WSI so Effective?

## *Location, Location, Location*

- Particle Size
- Distribution
- Mixing

# Why is Particle Size Important?



SBS



Hydrated  
Lime



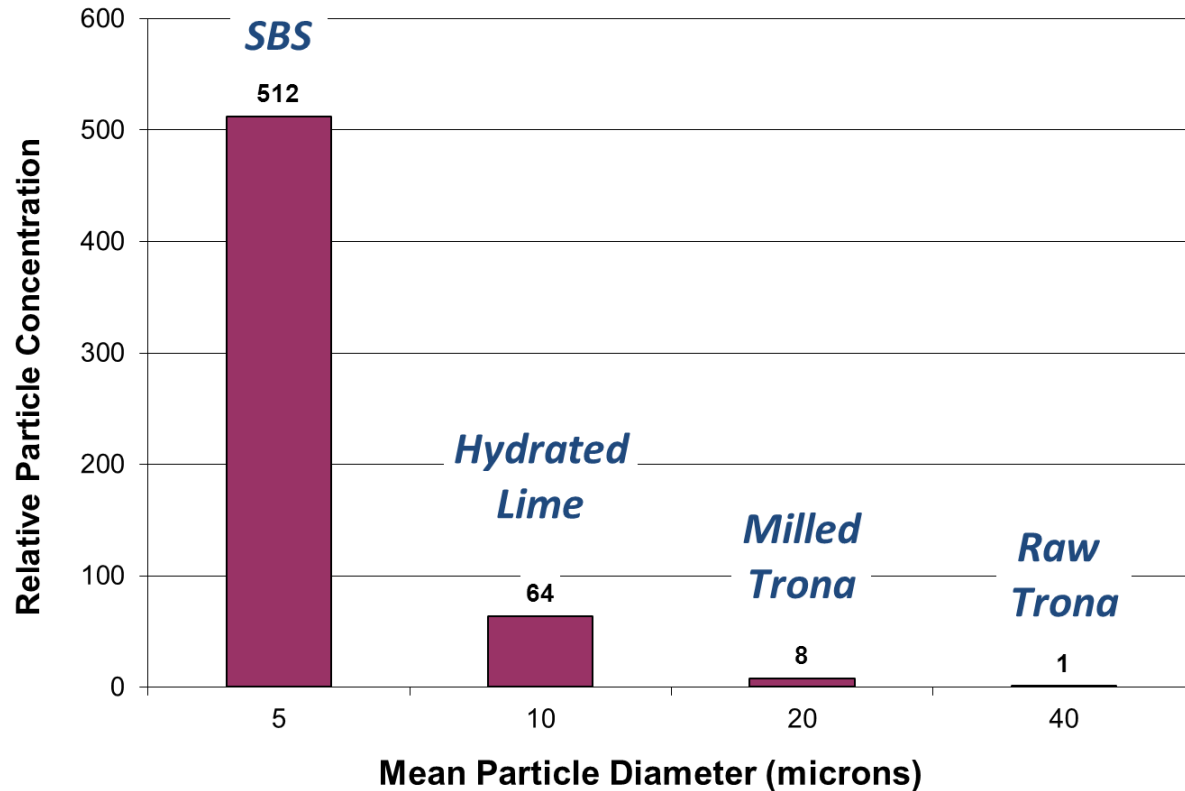
Milled  
Trona



Raw  
Trona

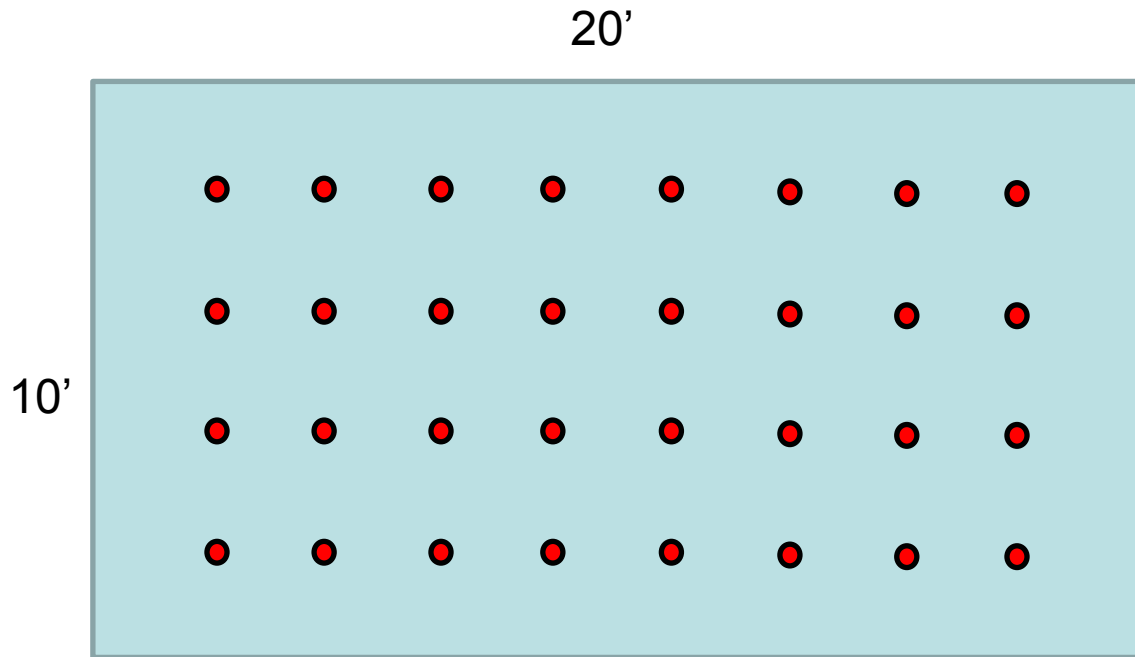
***Smaller particle size means greater quantity of particles for given mass of sorbent***

# Why is Particle Size Important?



**More SBS particles means less distance to  $SO_3$  molecule and faster reaction**

# Typical SBS Distribution



8 Lances x 4 Nozzles = 32 Injection Points (~ 6 ft<sup>2</sup>/nozzle)  
Lance and Nozzle Flow Deviation ~ +/- 5%

***Ensures good distribution of sorbent and contacting with flue gas and pollutant***

# Past

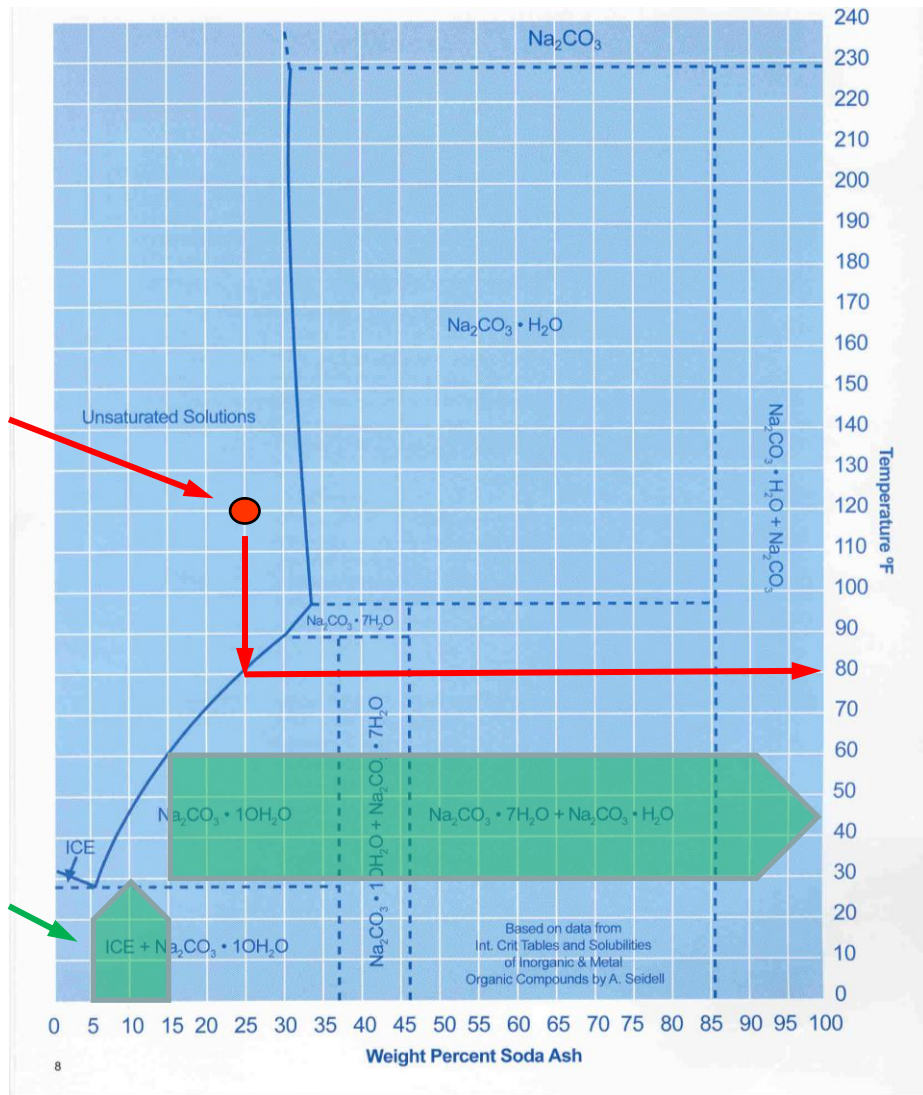
# Operational Issues

- Soda Ash Salting
- Poor Atomization
- Nozzle Pluggage
- Strainer Pluggage
- Air Heater Fouling

# Soda Ash Solubility Diagram

**Design Storage Conditions**

**Typical Injection Conditions**



"Salting" Temperature

**25 wt% ~ 80°F**

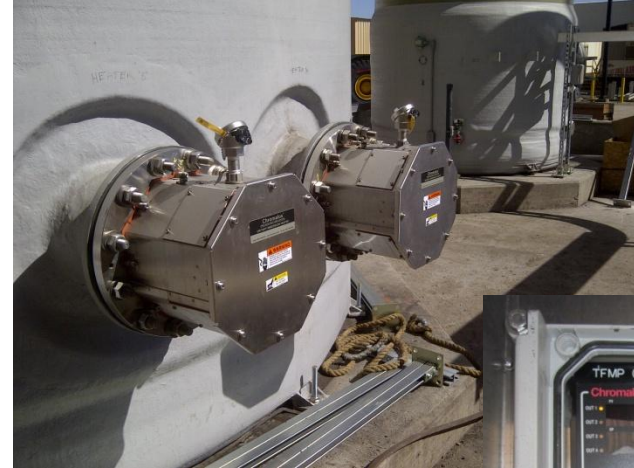
**5-15 wt% ~ 30-60°F**

# “Salting Out” Examples



# Design Preventative Measures

- Redundant heaters in reagent storage tank
- Insulation and heat-tracing of all liquid piping
- Automatic flush sequences for shutdown



# Design Preventative Measures

- Solution temperature monitoring (at injection lance supply piping)
- Low temperature alarms (calculated “salting” temp)
- Heat-tracing monitoring alarms



— Solid Precipitation (“Salting Out”) Calculations —  
 eq12) Soda Ash Salting Out Temp. - ###.## °F  
 eq13) Unit Injection Loc. Salting Out Temp Cmp - ###.##

Alarms

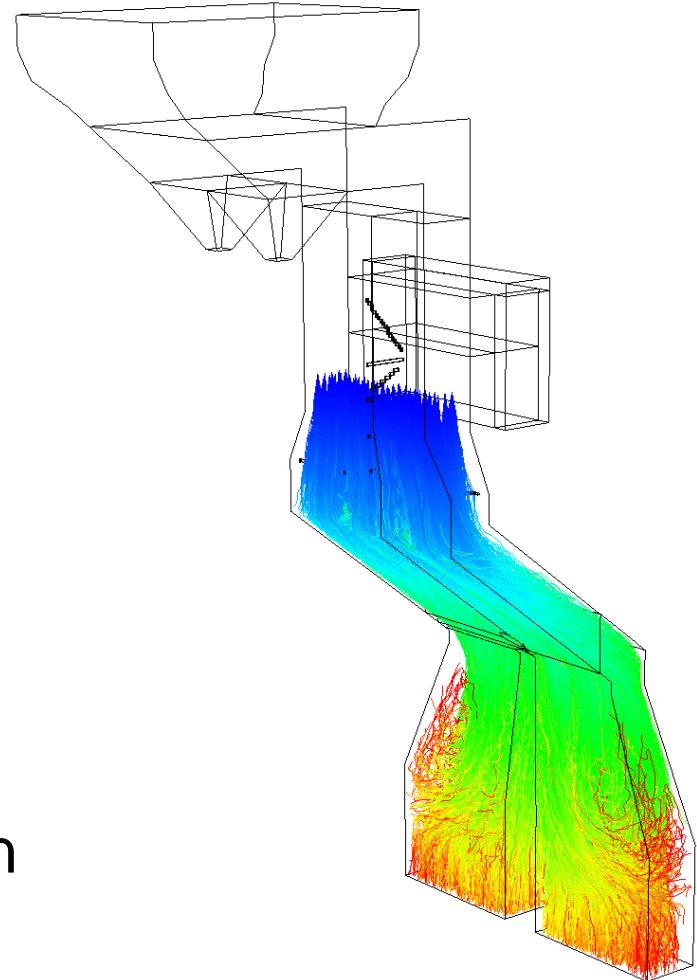
Overview



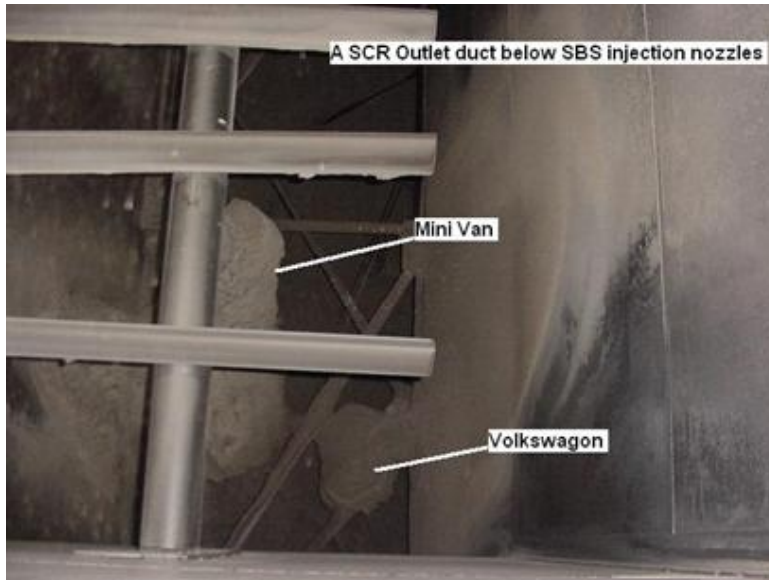
# Poor Spray Atomization

## *Southeastern Utility*

- Installed 2003
- 550 MW
- SCR – ESP - WFGD
- Inject at APH Inlet
- 50-55 ppm Inlet  $\text{SO}_3$
- 1.5-2.0 sec Res Time
- <5 ppm  $\text{SO}_3$  at APH-I
- Ozone season operation



# Injection Duct/APH – Oct 2003



- Issue:** Observed large “clinkers” in vertical ductwork and small “gravel” deposits on top of APH elements.
- Cause:** Atomizing air supply to one or more injection lances inadvertently turned off for two-week period.

# Contributing Factors

- Local lance flow indication only
- Difficult to read lance flow
- Difficult access to injection lance area (two ladders, scaffold platform)
- Operators not taking regular daily shift log readings



# Injection Duct/APH – Oct 2004

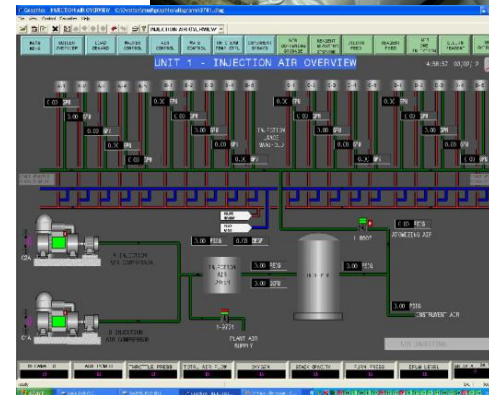


**Action:** Implemented better operational practices and review of daily operating results.

**Result:** No significant deposition observed in ductwork and small gravel deposits on APH significantly reduced.

# New Design Approaches

- Change to mag flow meters on lances
- Lance flows incorporated into control system
- Lance flow alarms implemented
- Atomizing air pressure interlocks implemented
- Improved access to injection lance area

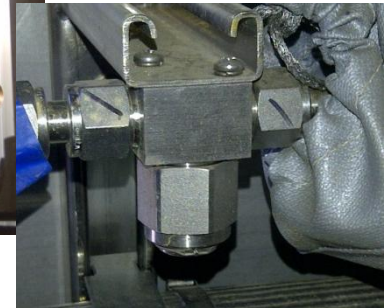


# Lance Nozzle Pluggage

**Issue:** Early installations saw some pluggage of injection lance nozzles due to foreign debris.

## **Solutions:**

- Implemented two stage filtration of liquid
  - Duplex basket strainer on common line
  - Small inline strainer on injection lance feed
- Implemented strainers on atomizing air stream and flush water stream



# Strainer Pluggage

**Issue:** Observed intermittent strainer pluggage – worse after system shutdown and restart.



**Cause:** Wear/degradation of soda ash unloading hose.

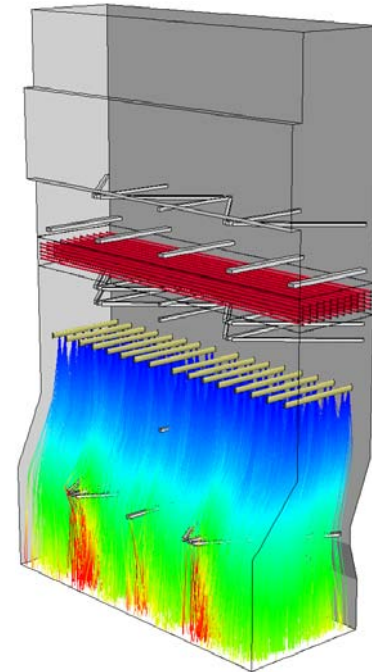
**Fix:** Replacement with stainless steel hose design.



# Air Heater Fouling

## *Northeastern Utility*

- Installed 2003
- 860 MW
- SCR/ESP/WFGD
- ~65 ppm Inlet  $\text{SO}_3$
- <0.7 sec Res Time
- 10-20 ppm  $\text{SO}_3$  AH-I



**Issue:** Observed gradual increase in APH pressure drop during operation of SCR.

# Air Heater Fouling

**Observation:**

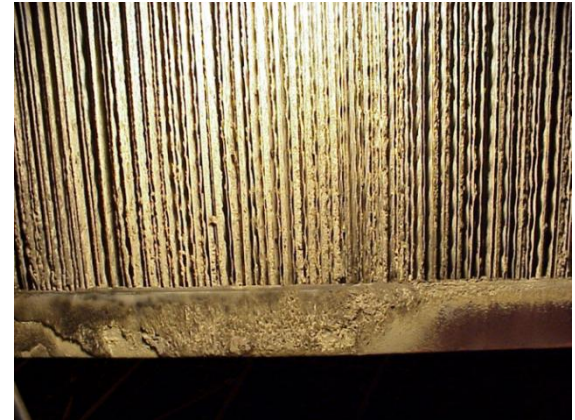
*Deposition of sodium salts in middle layer of air heater.*

**Cause:**

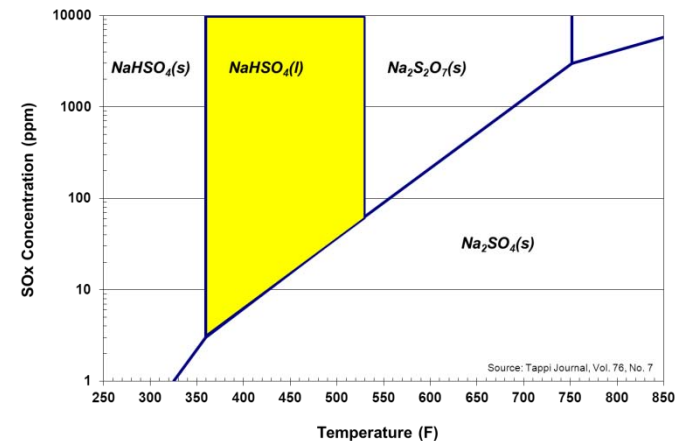
*Inadequate SO<sub>3</sub> removal resulting in liquid sodium bisulfate formation (NaBS).*

**Design Solution:**

*Ensure adequate reaction time and mixing to achieve required APH inlet SO<sub>3</sub> conc via CFD modeling.*



Sodium Sulfate Phase Diagram



# Present

# Hoosier Energy Merom SBS

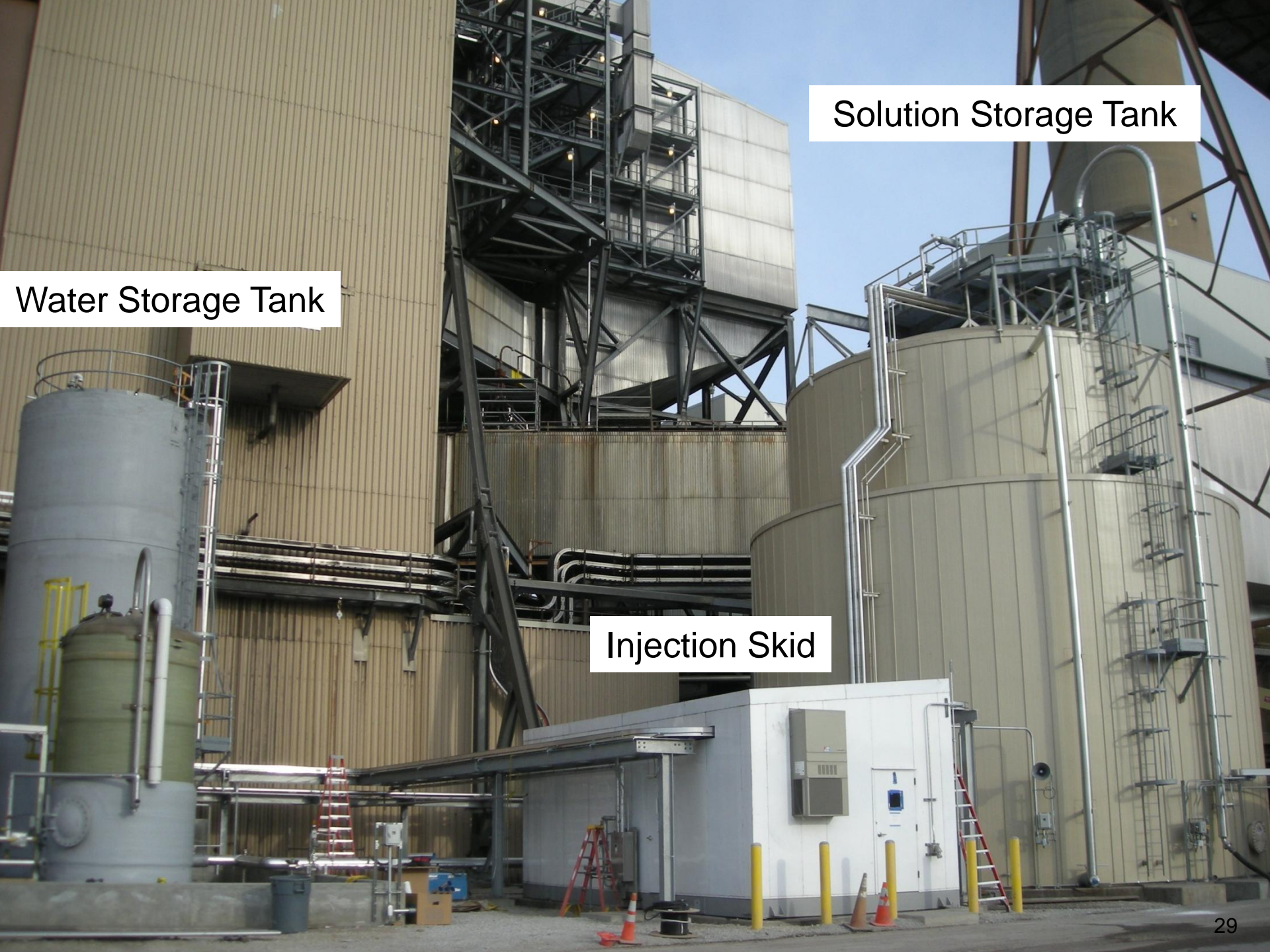
- Sullivan, IN
- 2 x 540 MW
- SCR / APH / ESP / WFGD
- 5 lb SO<sub>2</sub>/MMBtu Fuel
- 100 ppm design SO<sub>3</sub>
- ~ 70 ppm actual SO<sub>3</sub>
- SCR inlet injection location



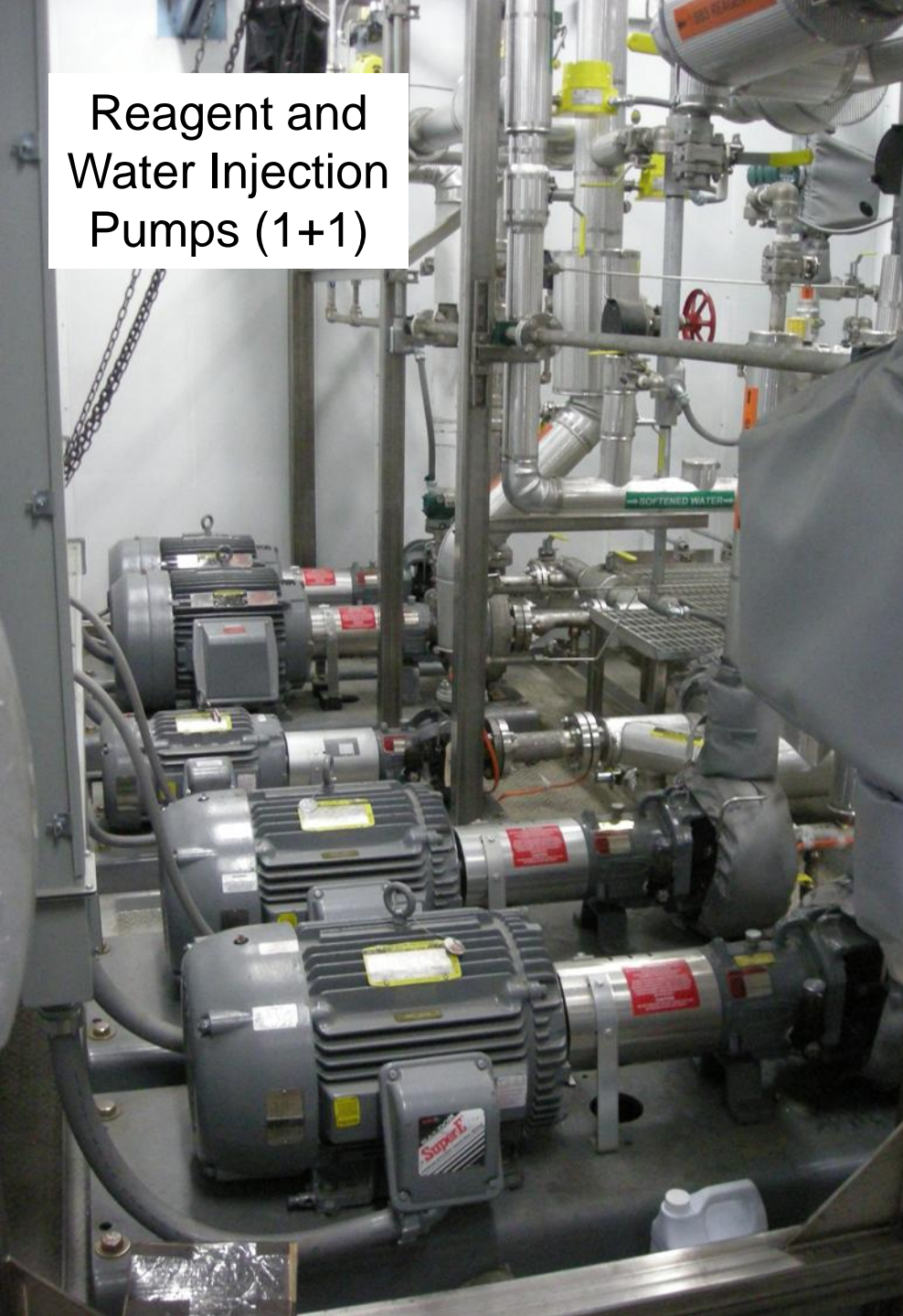
Solution Storage Tank

Water Storage Tank

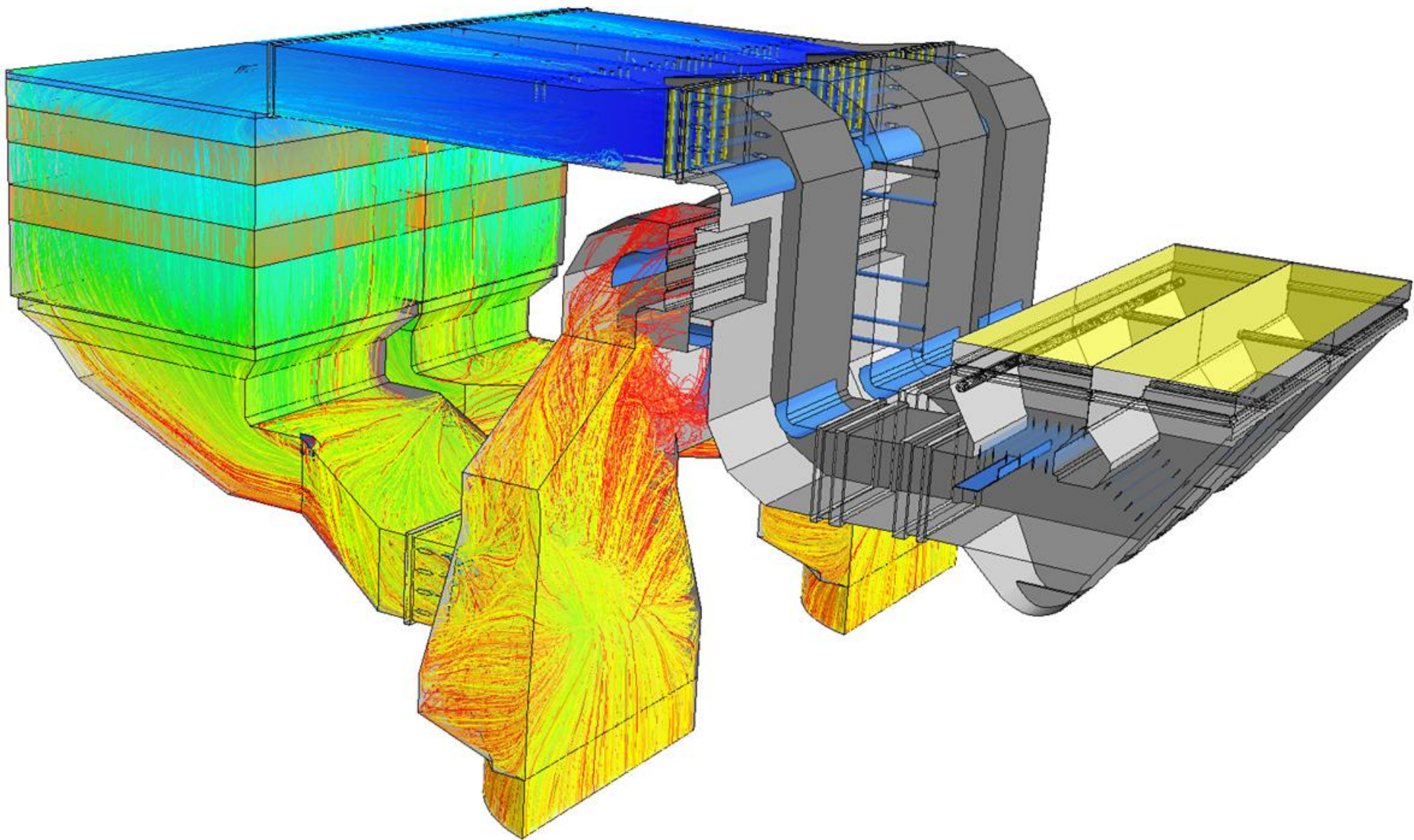
Injection Skid



Reagent and Water Injection Pumps (1+1)



Process Instrumentation and Control Valves



Injection Location – SCR Inlet

Injection Location – SCR Inlet



Injection Manifold



Injection Lance



Before SBS Injection



After SBS Injection



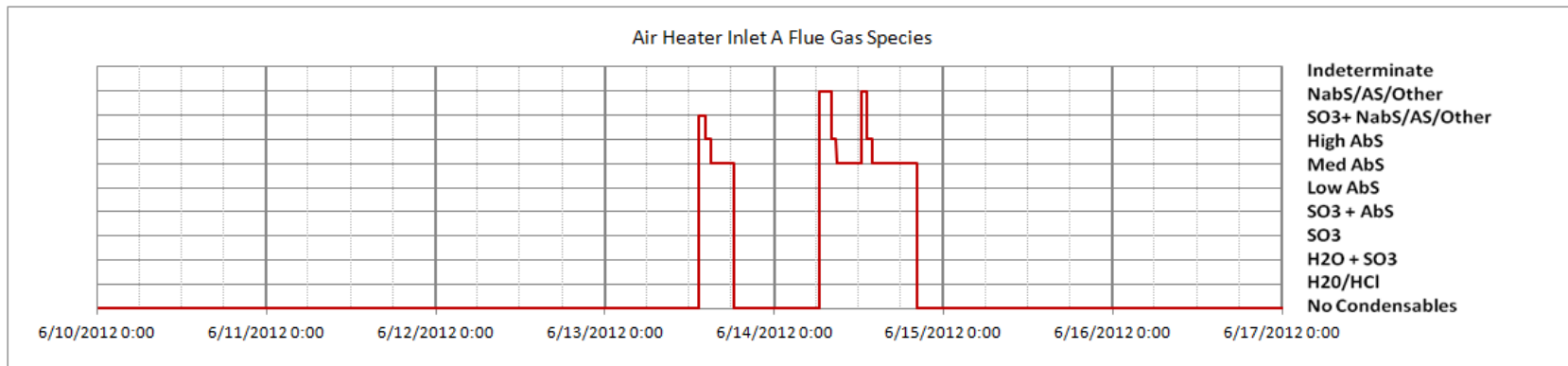
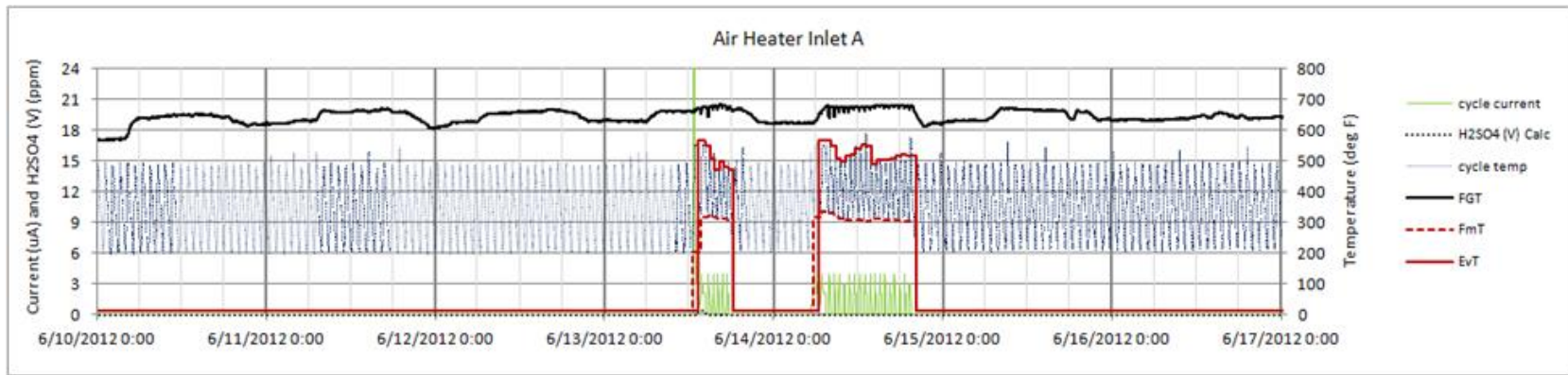
Before SBS Injection



After SBS Injection



# Breen "Condensible" Results



**SBS in Service:**  
No condensables detected

**SBS Out of Service:**  
ABS detected

**SBS in Service:**  
No condensables detected



Injection Duct (Harding Street) – After 8 Months of Operation

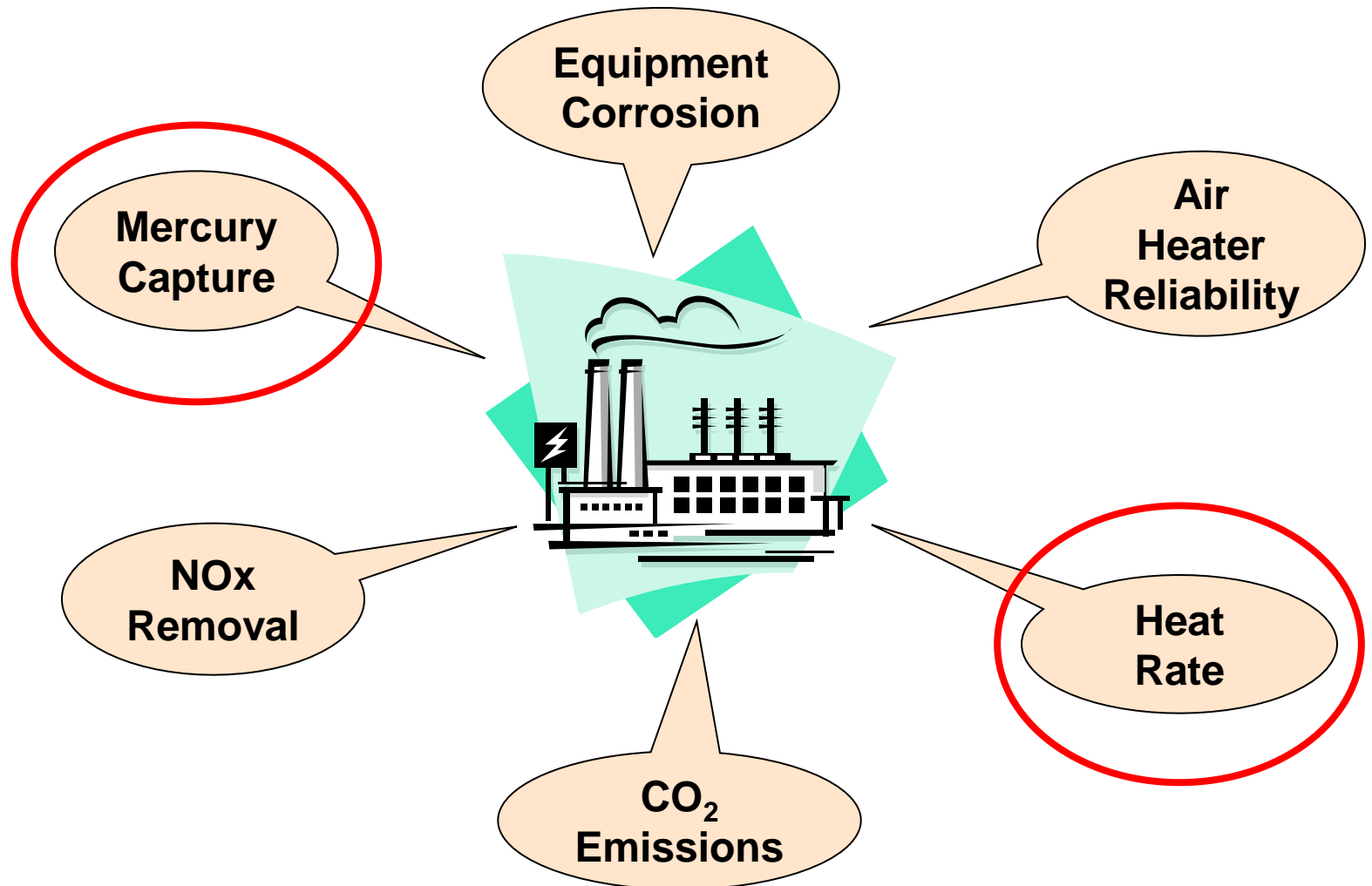
# Future

# Opacity is most visible issue...



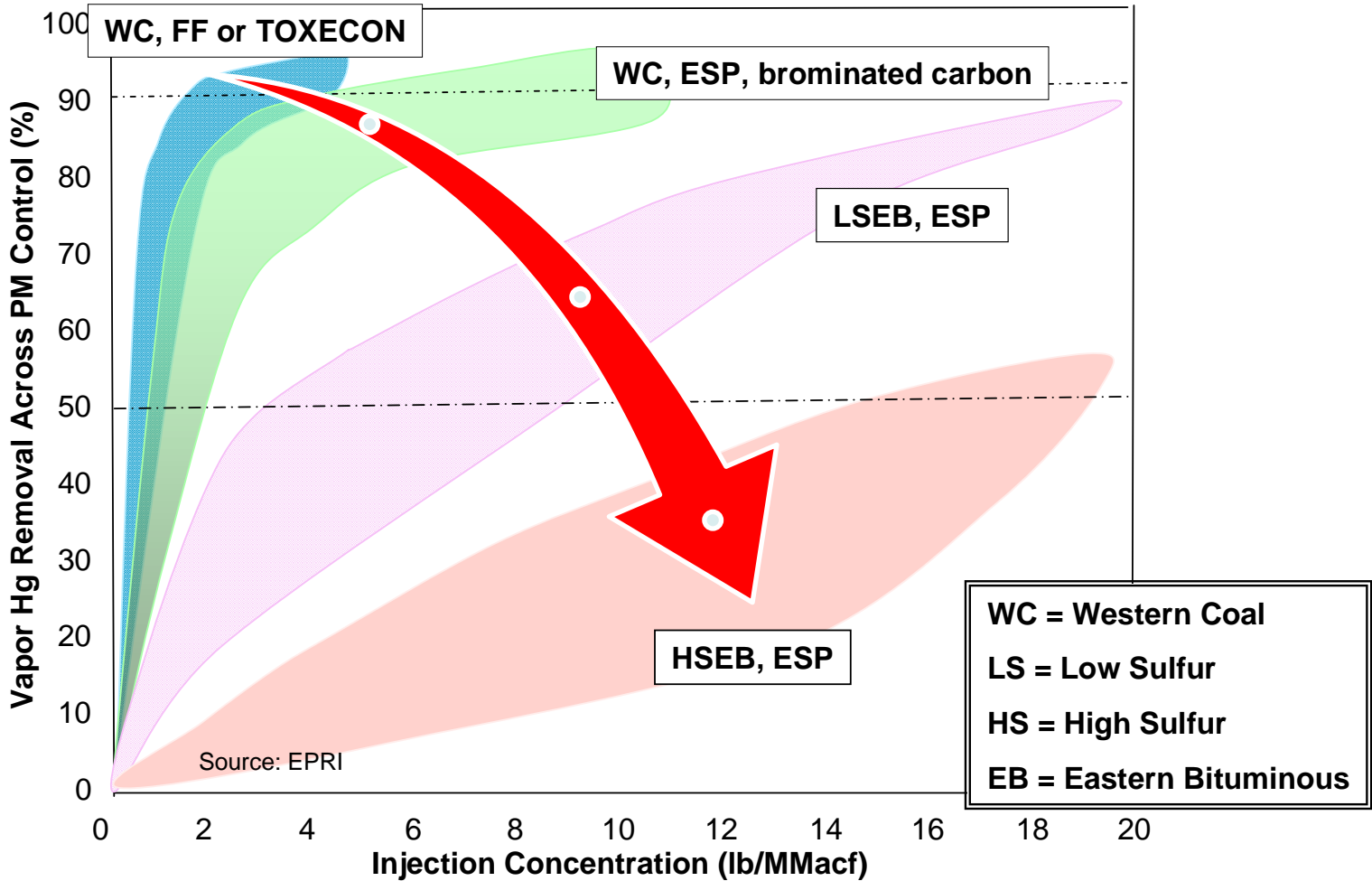
**Sulfuric acid opacity typically visible when  $\text{SO}_3 > 5\text{ppm}$**

# SO<sub>3</sub> Adversely Impacts ...

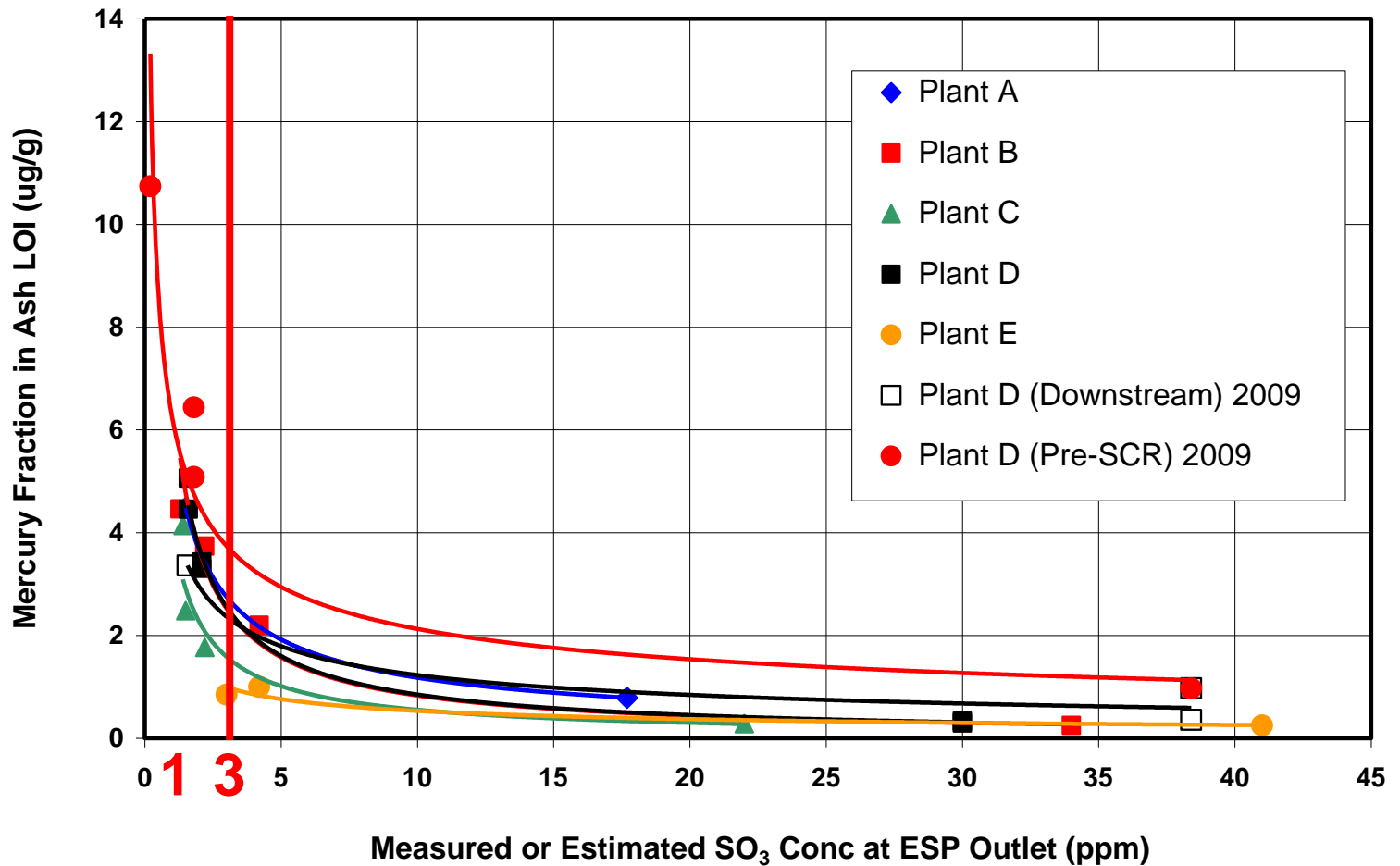


# *Mercury Co-Benefit*

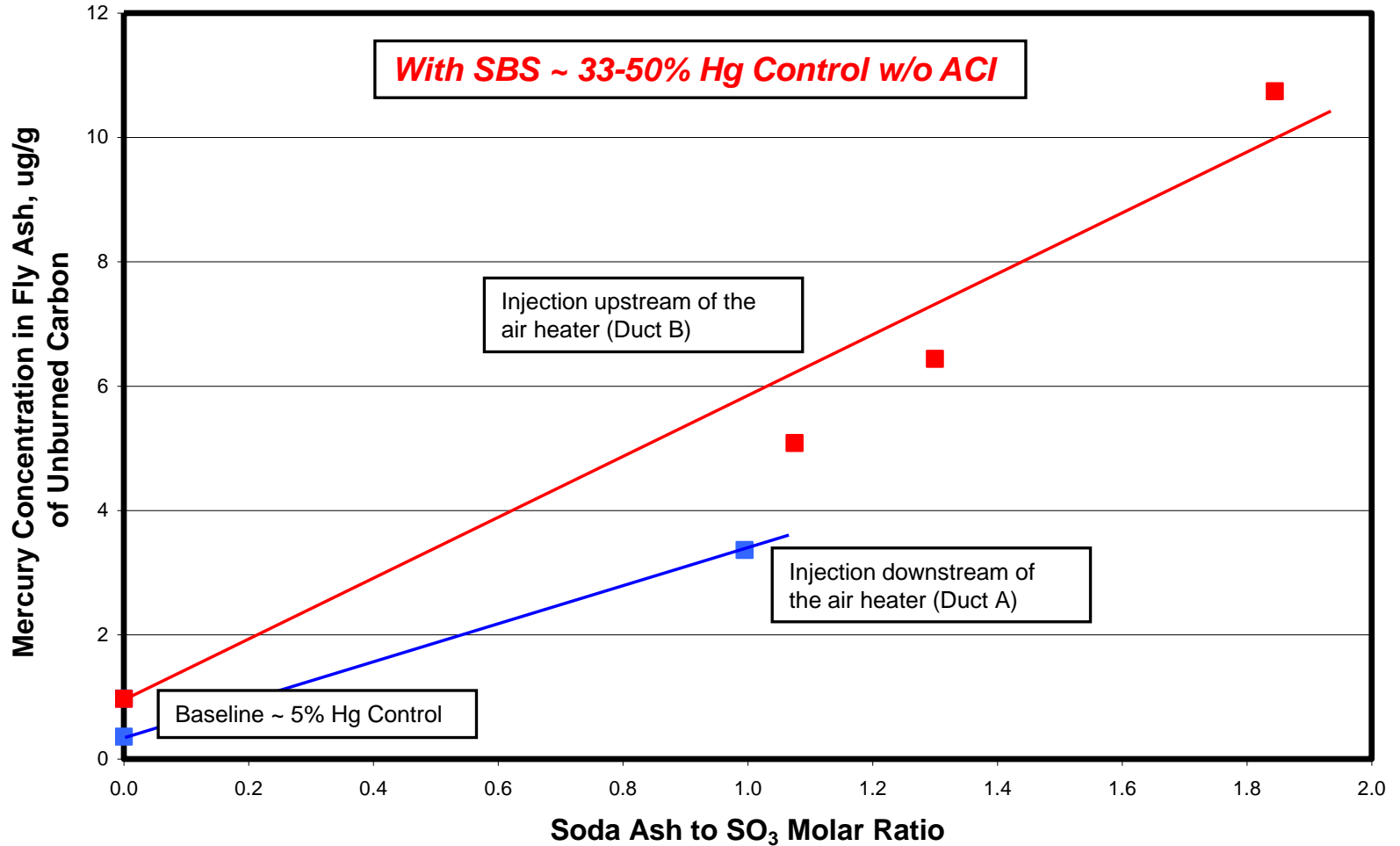
# Impact of SO<sub>3</sub> on ACI Performance



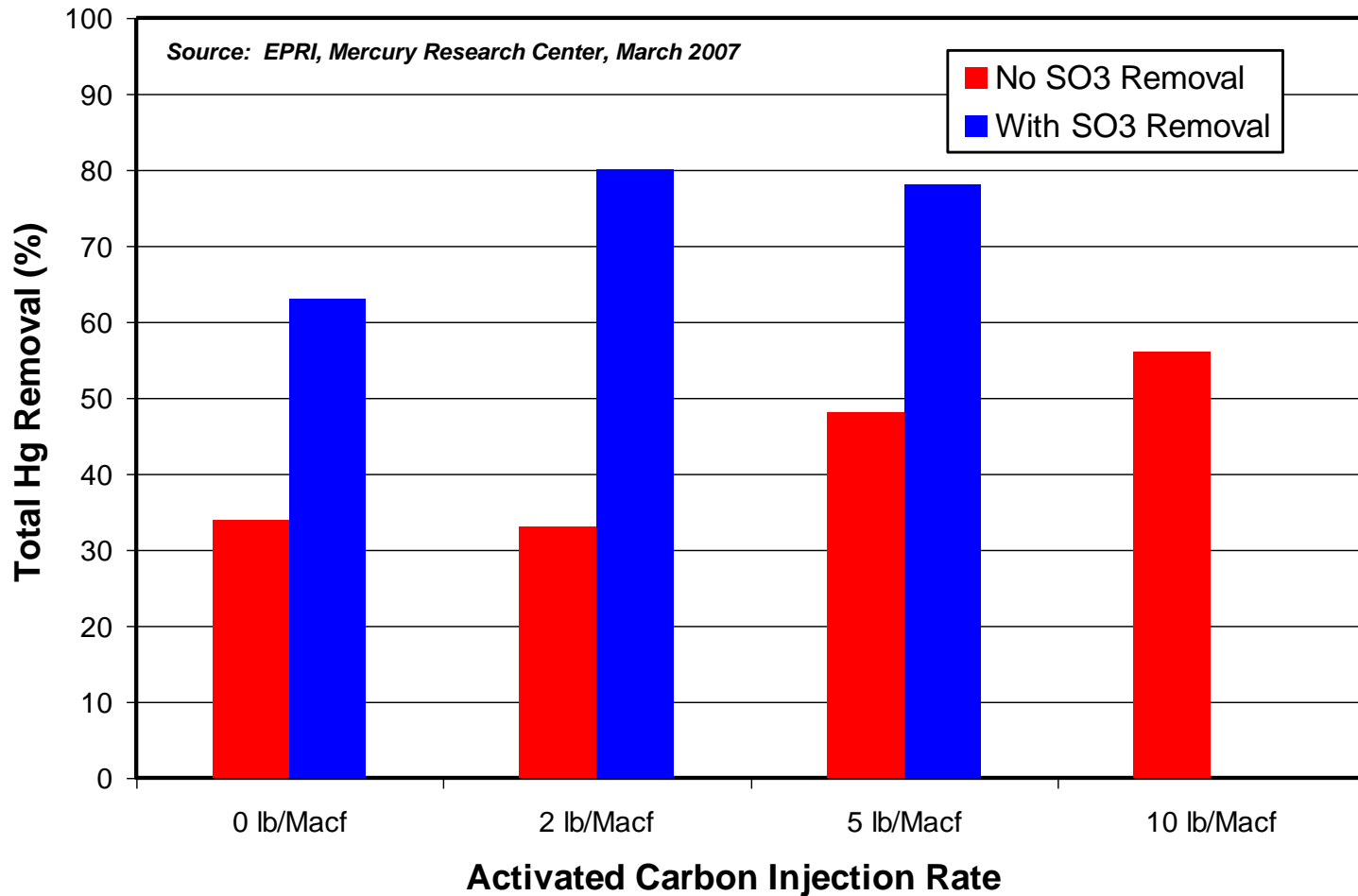
# SO<sub>3</sub> Impact on Ash Hg Capture



# Mercury Co-Removal Results

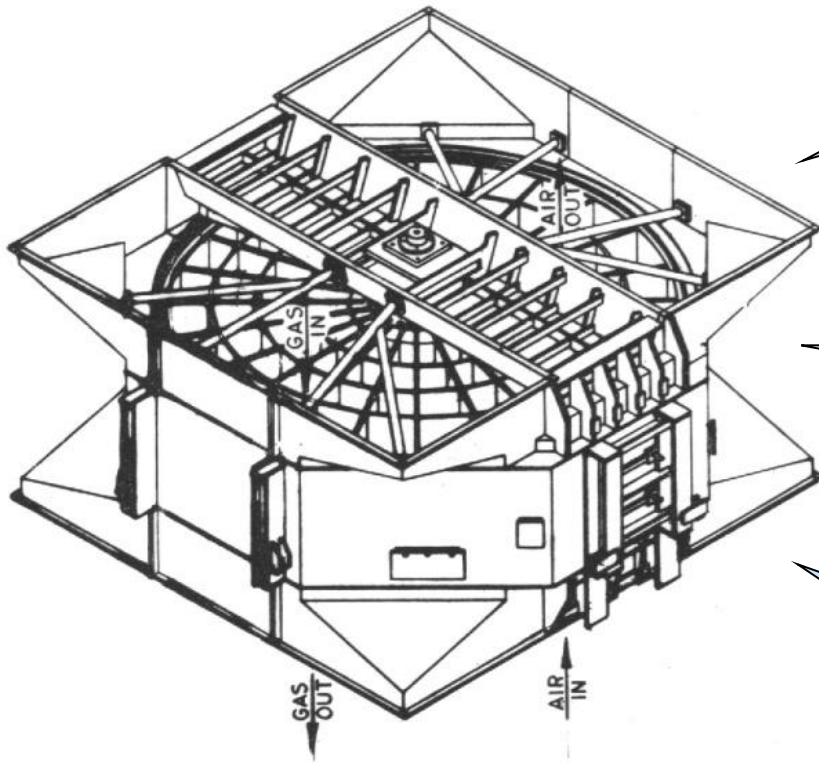


# Impact on Hg Removal with ACI



# *Heat Rate Co-Benefit*

# Air Heater Fouling Agents



Ash

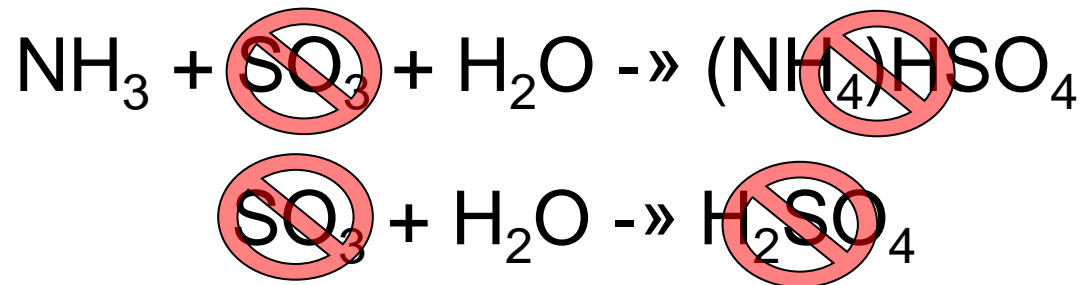
Sulfuric  
Acid

Ammonium  
Bisulfate

Source: Alstom Air Preheater Company

# Strategy: APH Performance

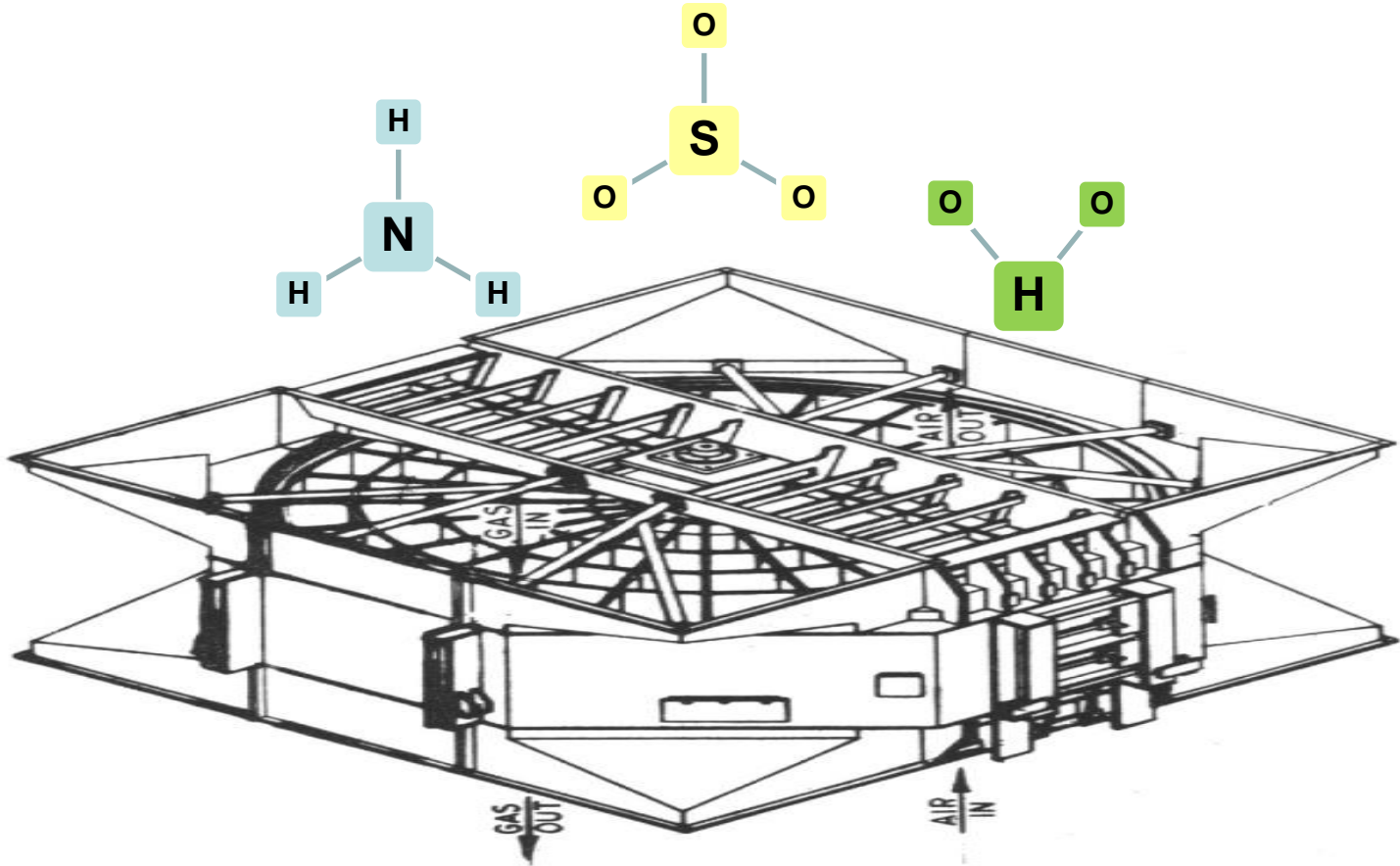
## 1) *Inject Sorbent to Remove SO<sub>3</sub> Prior to Air Heater*



## 2) *Reduce Exit Gas Temp from Air Heater*

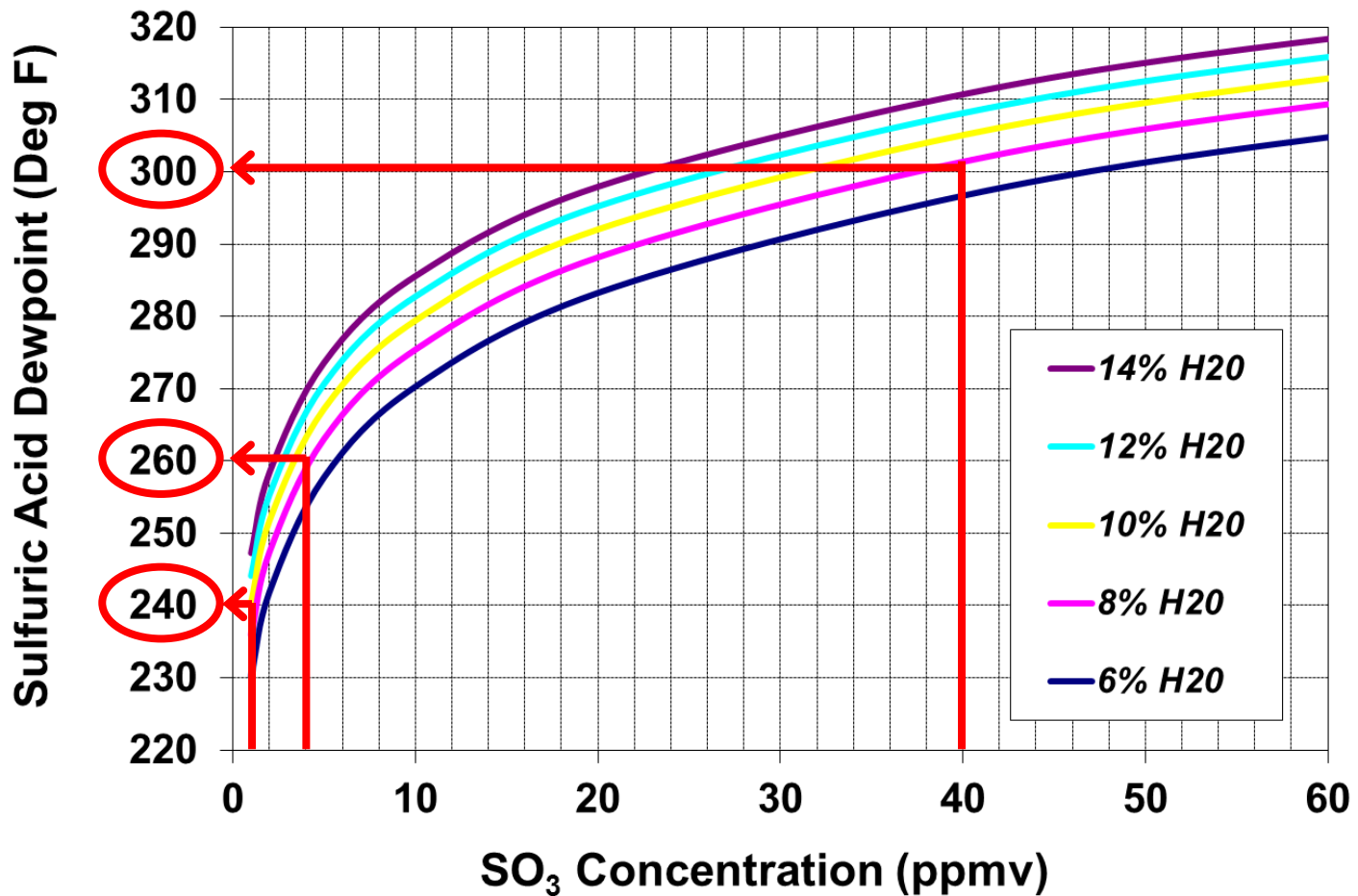
*(see Workshop 5 from 2011 APC conference)*

# Strategy: Step 1

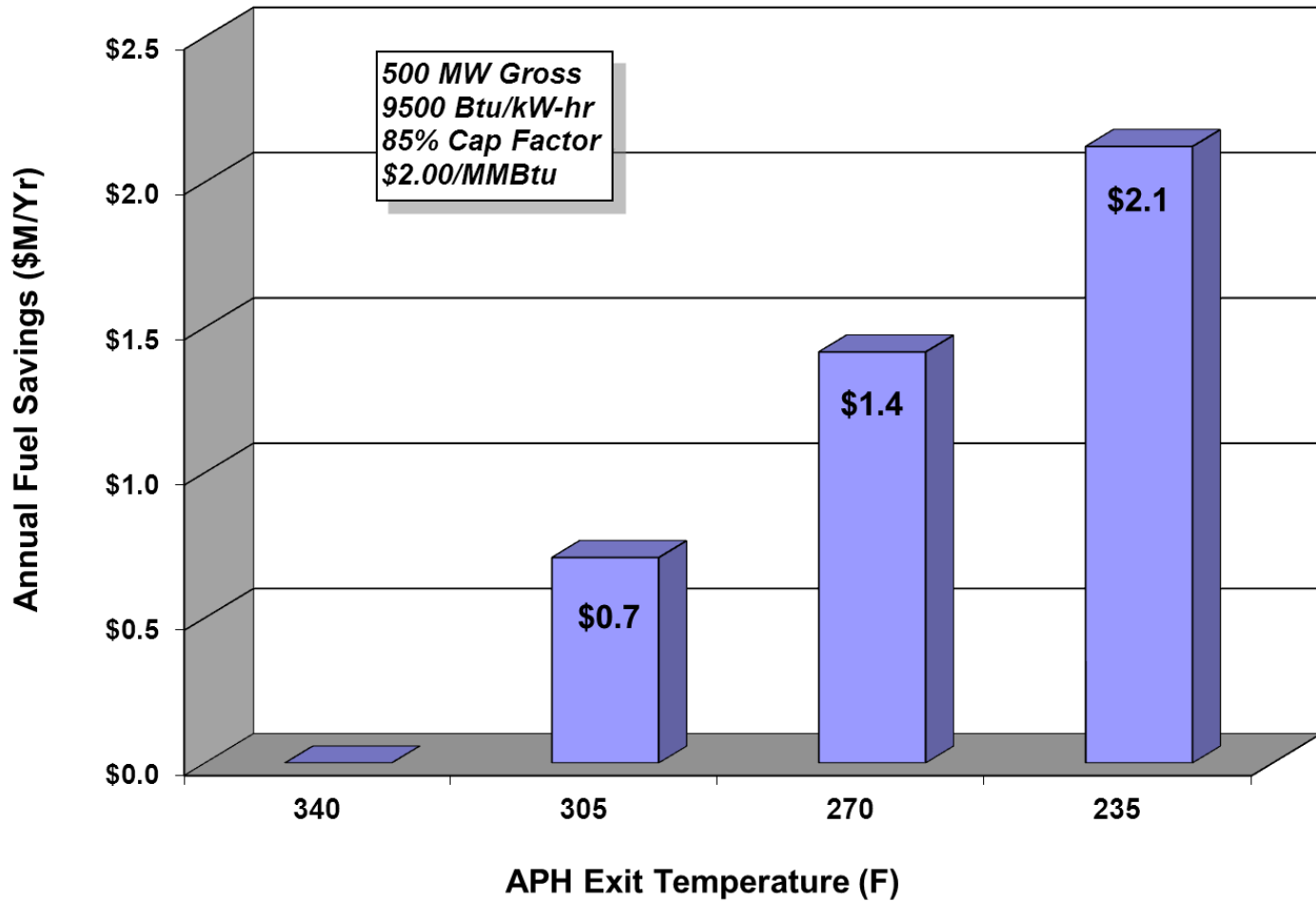


***Result: No Fouling of Air Heater***

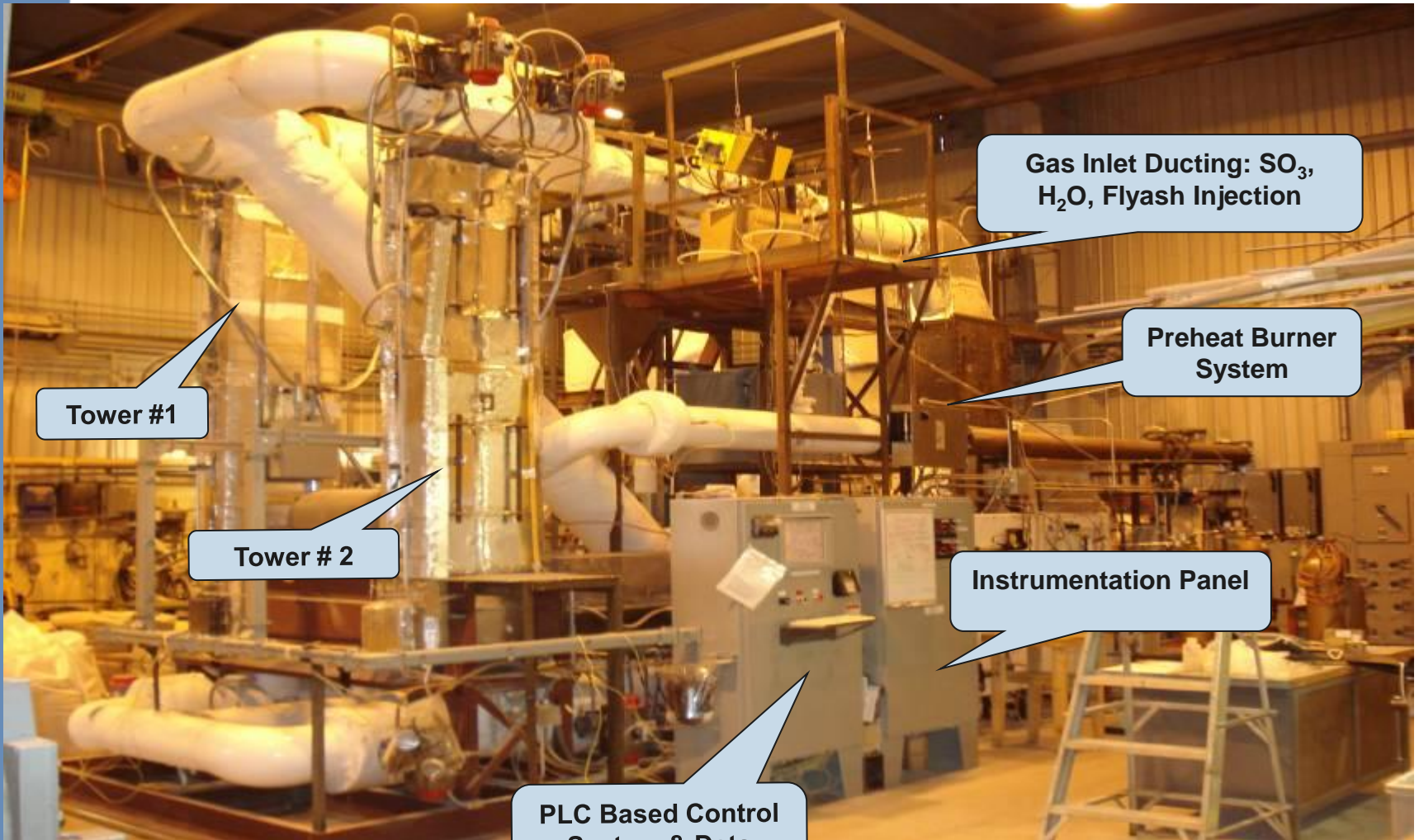
# Strategy: Step 2



# Strategy: Heat Rate Benefit



# Alstom Pilot APH Test Facility



Tower #1

Tower # 2

Gas Inlet Ducting: SO<sub>3</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O, Flyash Injection

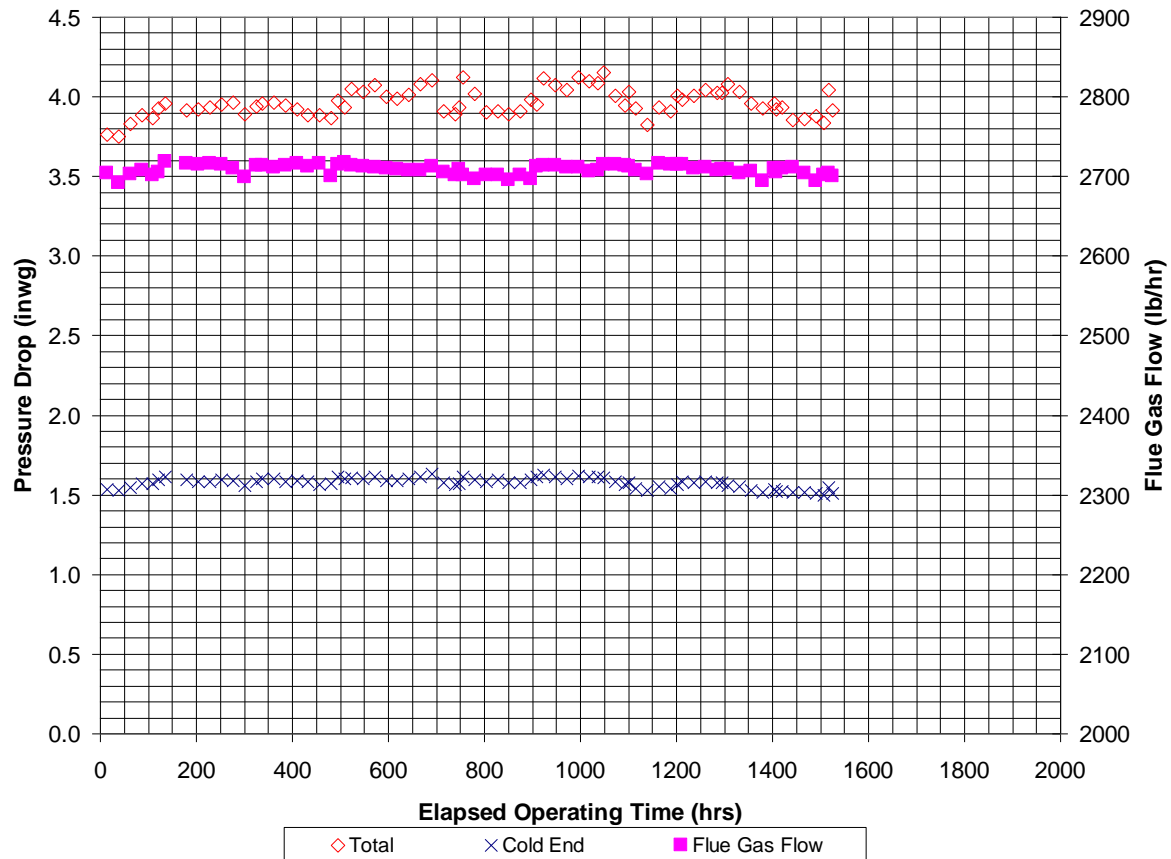
Preheat Burner System

Instrumentation Panel

PLC Based Control System & Data Acquisition

# Simulated SBS Injection (220°F)

Tower 1 Gas Side Pressure Drops



Stable Pressure Drop Response

# Simulated SBS Injection (220°F)



No Significant Deposit Thickness Was Found

# Strategy: Other Co-Benefits

- Reduced CO<sub>2</sub> Emissions
  - higher unit energy efficiency
- Enhanced Mercury Capture
  - greater carbon absorption capacity
  - less SO<sub>3</sub> interference
- Enhanced ESP Performance
  - lower gas volumetric flow (higher SCA)
  - lower ash resistivity (temp and SO<sub>3</sub> effect)
- Reduced Gas Path Pressure Drop

# Summary

- Wet Sorbent Injection is a highly effective process for SO<sub>3</sub> control
- SBS Injection™ installed on 24 boilers (15,000 MW) with nearly 10 yrs continuous operating experience
- Stack emissions can be reduced to <1 ppm SO<sub>3</sub>
- Design improvements have eliminated nearly all operational issues
- Significant co-benefits can be realized when SO<sub>3</sub> controlled prior to APH and reduced to low levels

# Questions?



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