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DSI 501: Moving from Pollution Control to Cost Savings

MISSISSIPPI LIME

DISCOVERING WHAT'S POSSIBLE WITH CALCIUM

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The Evolution of Hydrated Lime DSI

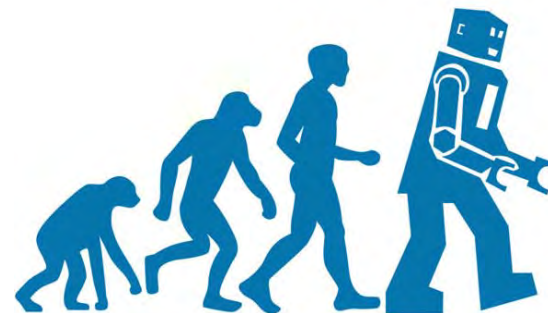
- ✓ Entry-level hydrate
- ✓ Remove pollutant
- ✓ Basic conveying
- ✓ Poor utilization



- ✓ Enhanced hydrates
- ✓ Pre-APH injection
- ✓ Improved distribution
- ✓ Better conveying
- ✓ Improved utilization



- ✓ Targeted hydrates
- ✓ Pre-SCR to reduce MOT
- ✓ Continually understand flue gas
- ✓ Eliminate feed issues
- ✓ Expanded profile of pollutant control



DSI Areas of Focus

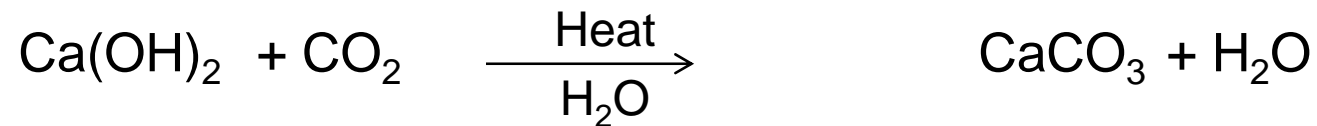
- Conveying System
- Flue Gas Distribution
- Hydrated Lime Quality

Site Maintenance

Challenges



- Calcium carbonate scale formation



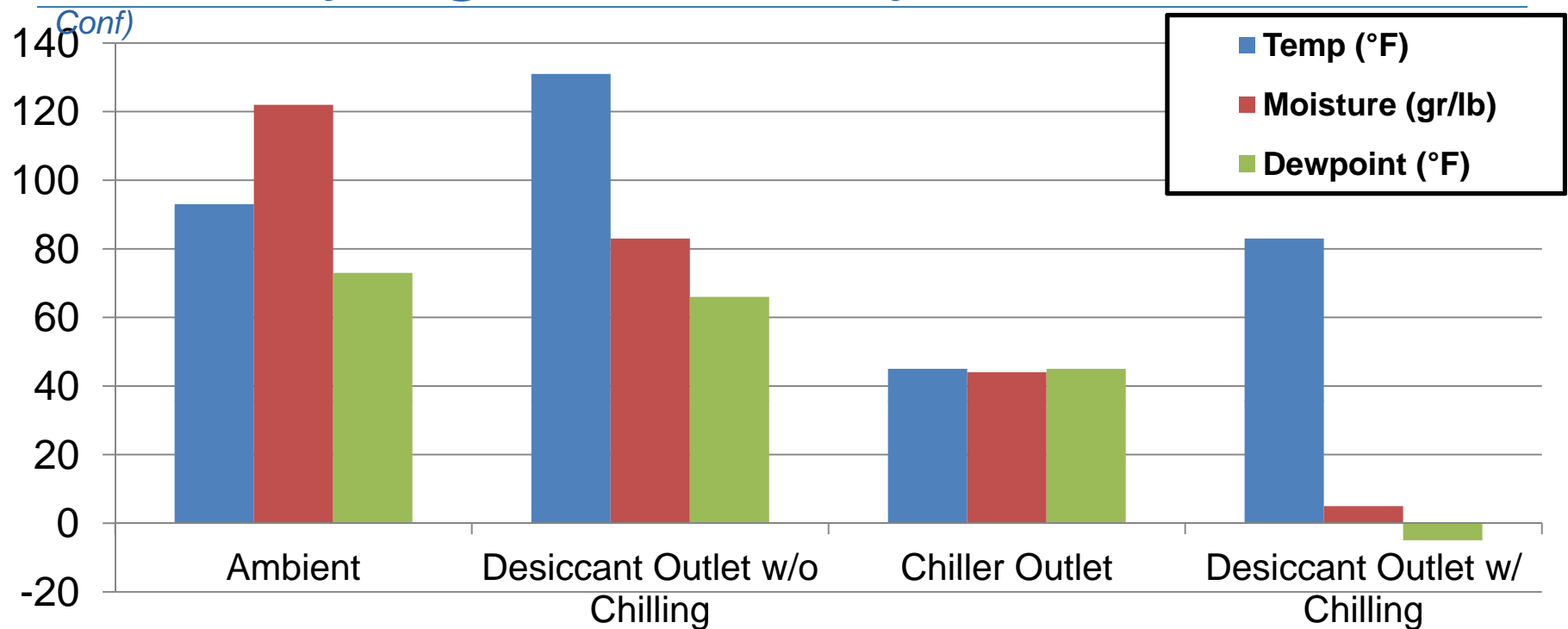
Typically experience at first pipe bend or neck-down points

- Dry powder plugs
 - Conveying air velocity < Saltation velocity (2400-2800 ft/min)

Typically experience downstream of splitter

Conveying Air Quality

(Donner, Duke Energy; 2015 APC)



Pre-chill + desiccant dryer: very effective moisture removal

- Dewpoints near dry compressed air quality
- Greatly reduced possibility of “Condensation Event”

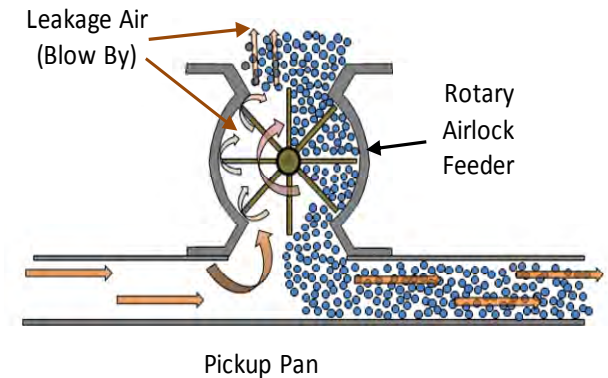
Leakage Air as a Result of Excessive Wear

Over time, valve body and rotor vanes develop wear

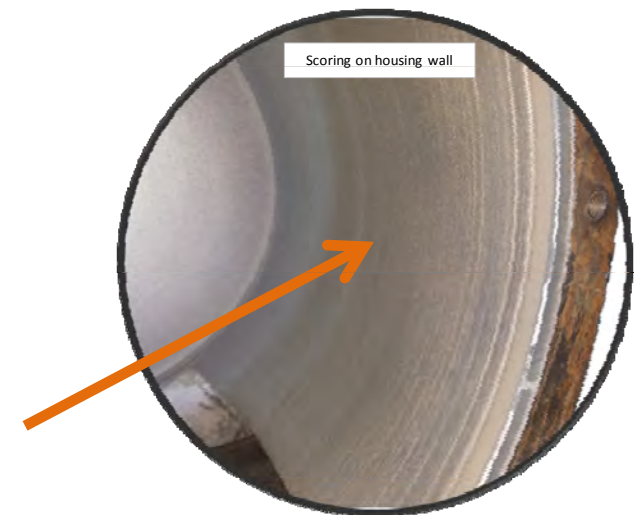
1. Abrasive
2. Erosive

Result: Reduction in conveying air velocity

1. Product deposits in conveying line
2. Gradual increase in conveying air pressure
3. Periodic spikes in conveying pressure

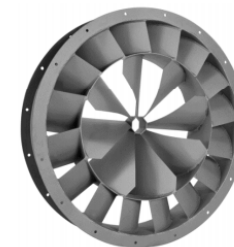
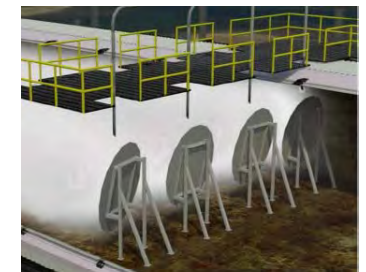


Scoring
Vane edge
Housing wall

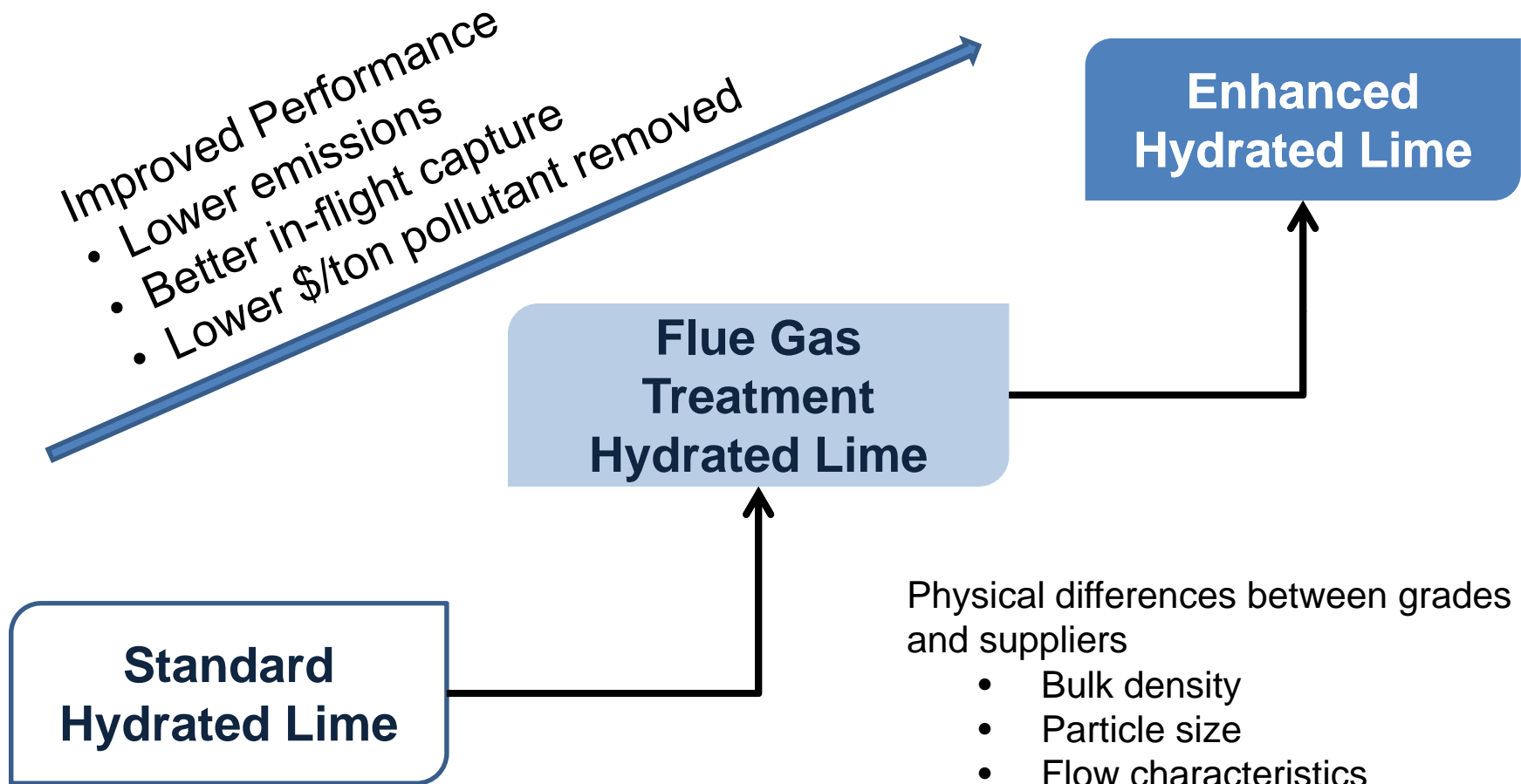


Equipment Advances - Dispersion

- More lances!
- Better lances or injectors
 - UCC Cobra Lances
 - Nol-tec Sorb-Tec injectors
- In-duct Mixers
 - Babcock Delta Wings
 - ADA-ES ADAir Mixers
- Benefits beyond using less sorbent



Hydrated Lime Advancements



Enhanced Hydrate Benefits

Hydrate Performance Comparison

Property	Std hydrate	FGT grade	Enhanced grade
Utilization factor	1.15	1.00	0.70
Tons/year	11,500	10,000	7,000
Delta tons/yr	1,500	---	(3,000)
Delta trucks/yr	63	---	(125)
Estimated Ash tons/yr	17,250	15,000	10,500
Annual Ash Disposal cost*	\$517,500	\$450,000	\$315,000

*at \$30/ton

Sustained Operational Benefits

- Consistent and Reliable coverage of flue gas
- High Performing sorbent: in-flight capture
- Verification of operation



APH Benefits

Cleanliness
Operation



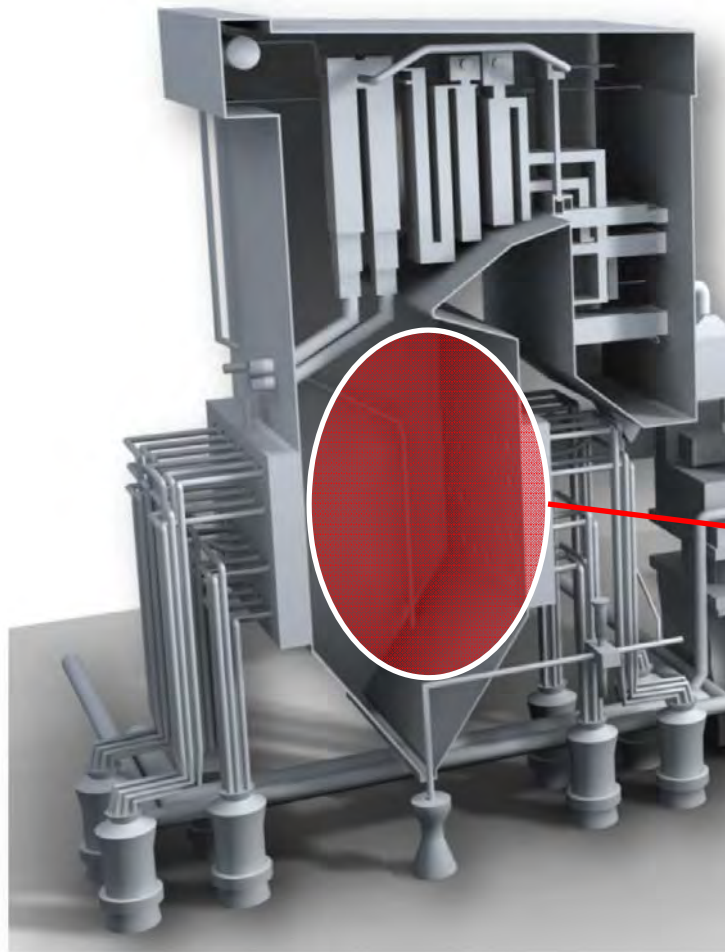
SCR Benefits

Minimum Operating Temperature

Acid Gas Generation

Furnace Impact

Furnace $\text{SO}_2:\text{SO}_3$ Conversion



Rule of Thumb is that 1% of the SO_2 will convert to SO_3

- SO_2 is formed during combustion at the burner and in the fire ball.
- Some SO_3 is generated here, but SO_3 is an oxidized version of SO_2 and excess O_2 in the furnace is low

SO₂:SO₃ Furnace Conversion Factors

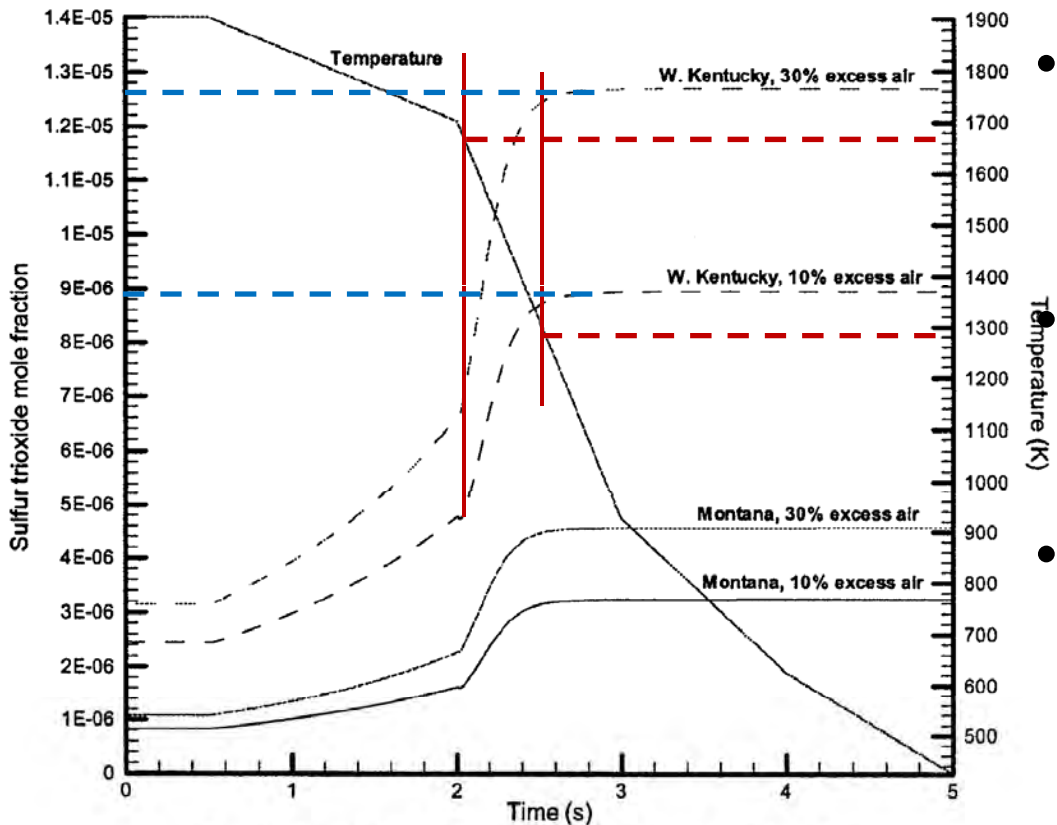


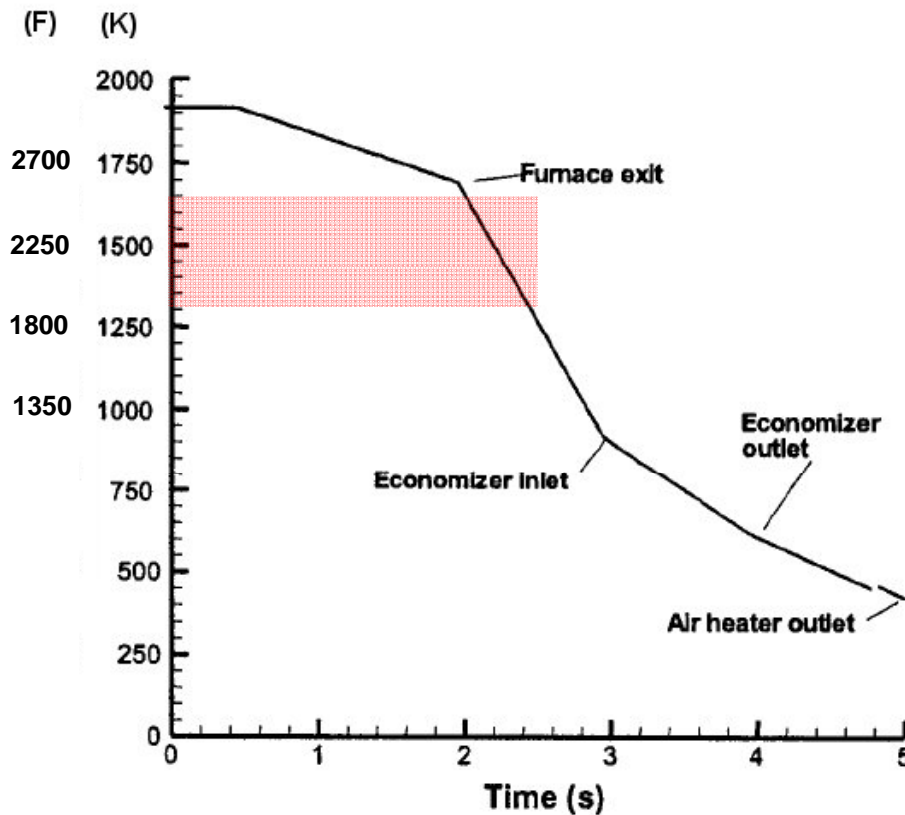
Figure 4a SO₃ produced during coal combustion.

- SO₂ Conversion is highly dependent on O₂ and temperature

A change in O₂ from 2% to 5% can cause a 50% increase in SO₂

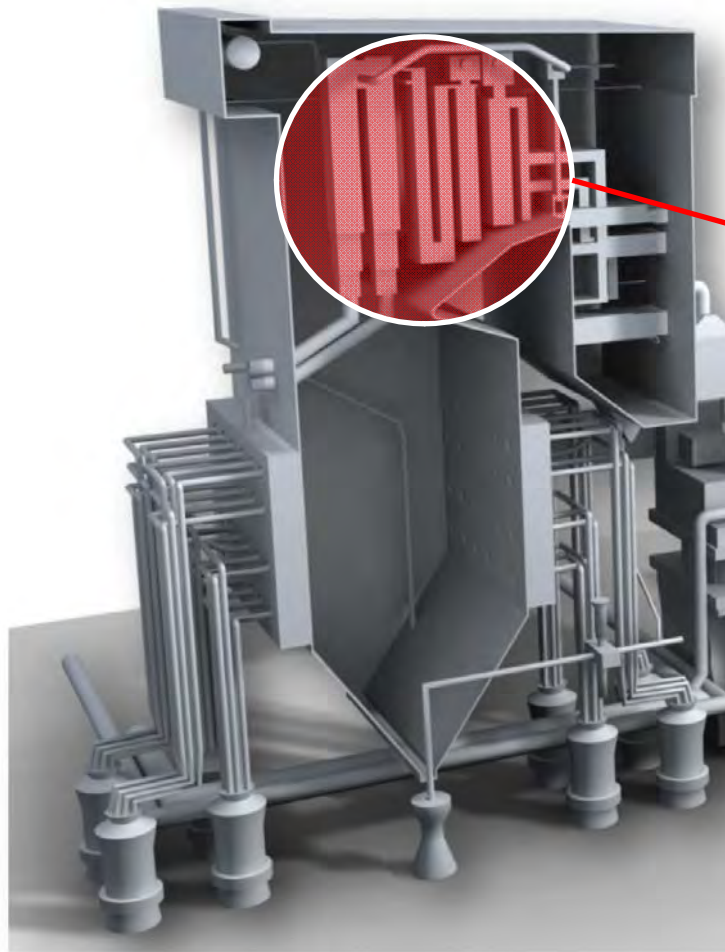
- Notice, though, that the conversion rate is temperature sensitive

Understand the Temperature Point



Temperature-time history for a coal-fired power plant (from Senior et al., 1999)

SO₂:SO₃ Conversion Happens Here!

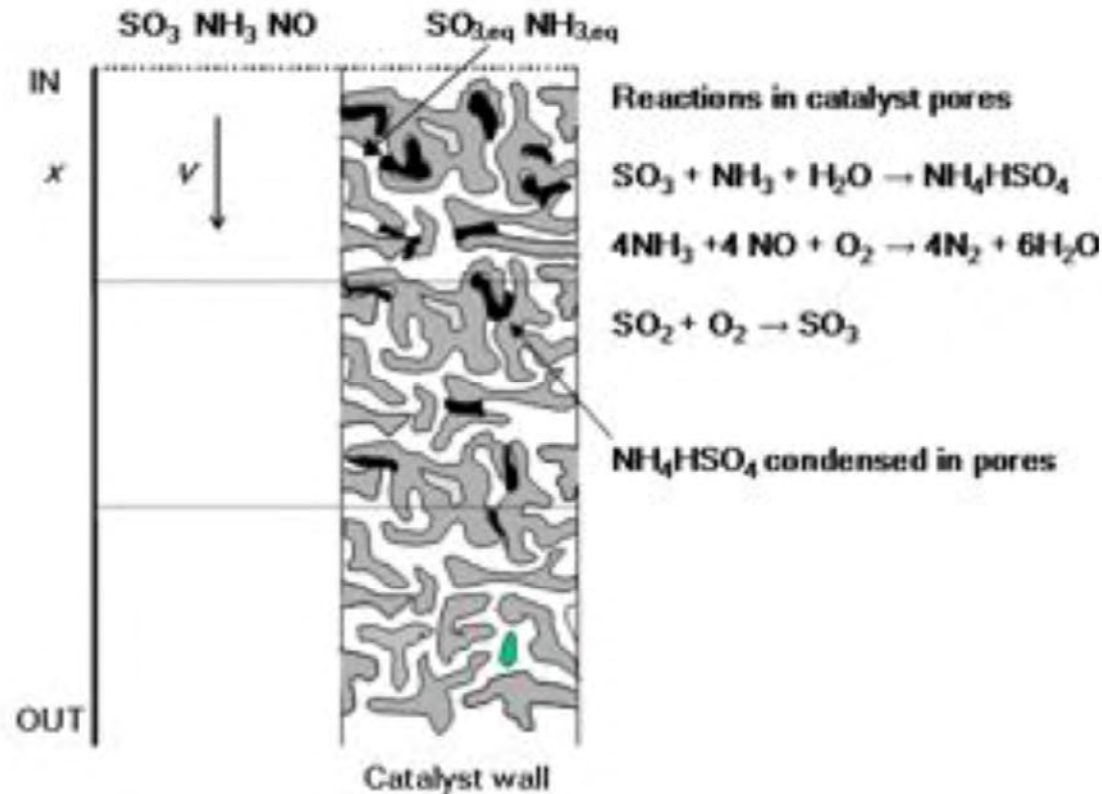


**The bulk of Furnace
SO₂:SO₃ conversion
happens in the
convective zone in
the presence of iron,
oxygen and suitable
temperature**

Acid Gas Generation

SCR Impact

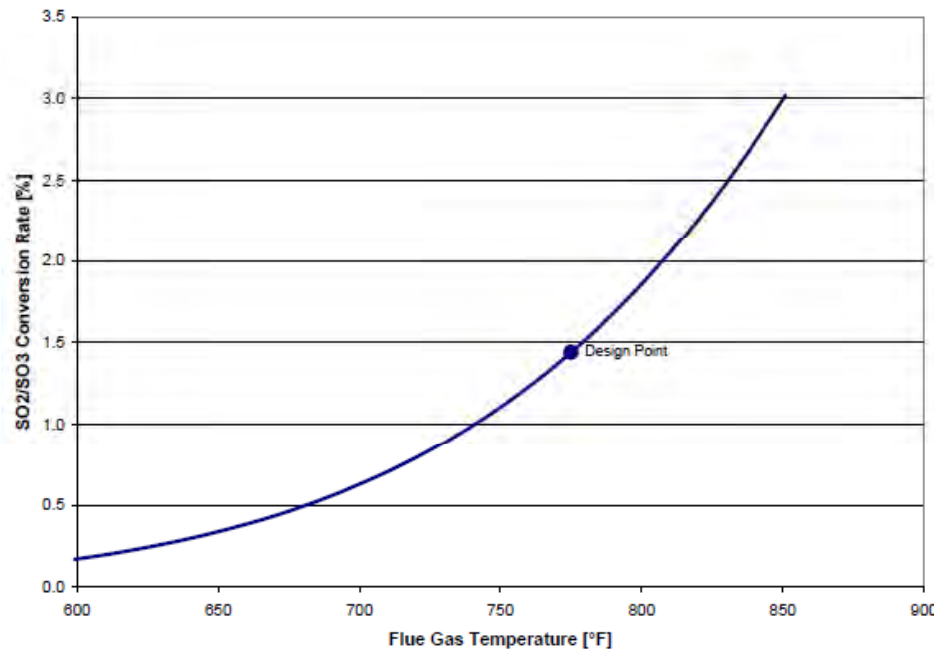
The Catalyst Magic



- $NH_3:NO$ reaction happens toward the pore inlet.
- $SO_2:SO_3$ reaction happens toward the pore depth

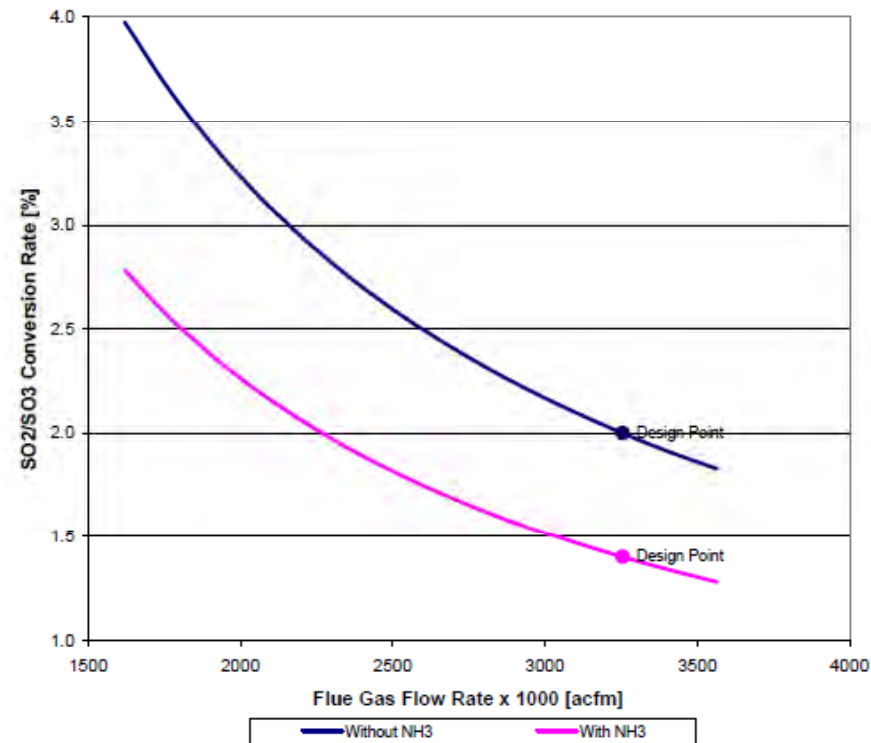
SO₂ Conversion Rate vs. Temperature

- **SO₂ Conversion Rate Increases Exponentially with Temperature**



If you do not know the temperature basis for your conversion rate, you do not know your conversion rate.

SO₂ Conversion vs. NH₃/Gas Flow



- SO₂ Conversion increases without Ammonia present
- SO₂ Conversion increases with reduced gas flow

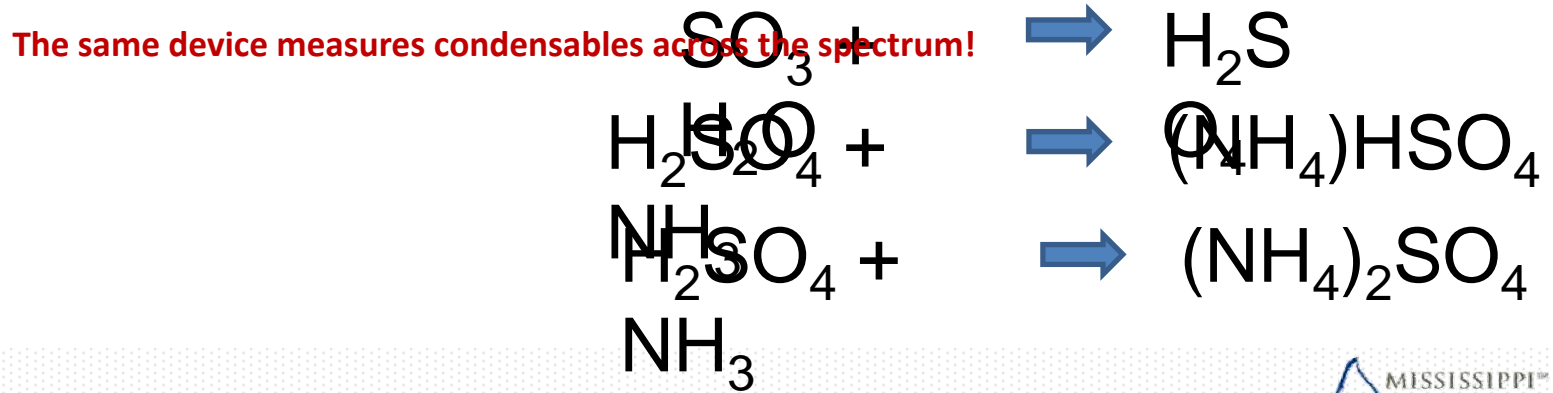
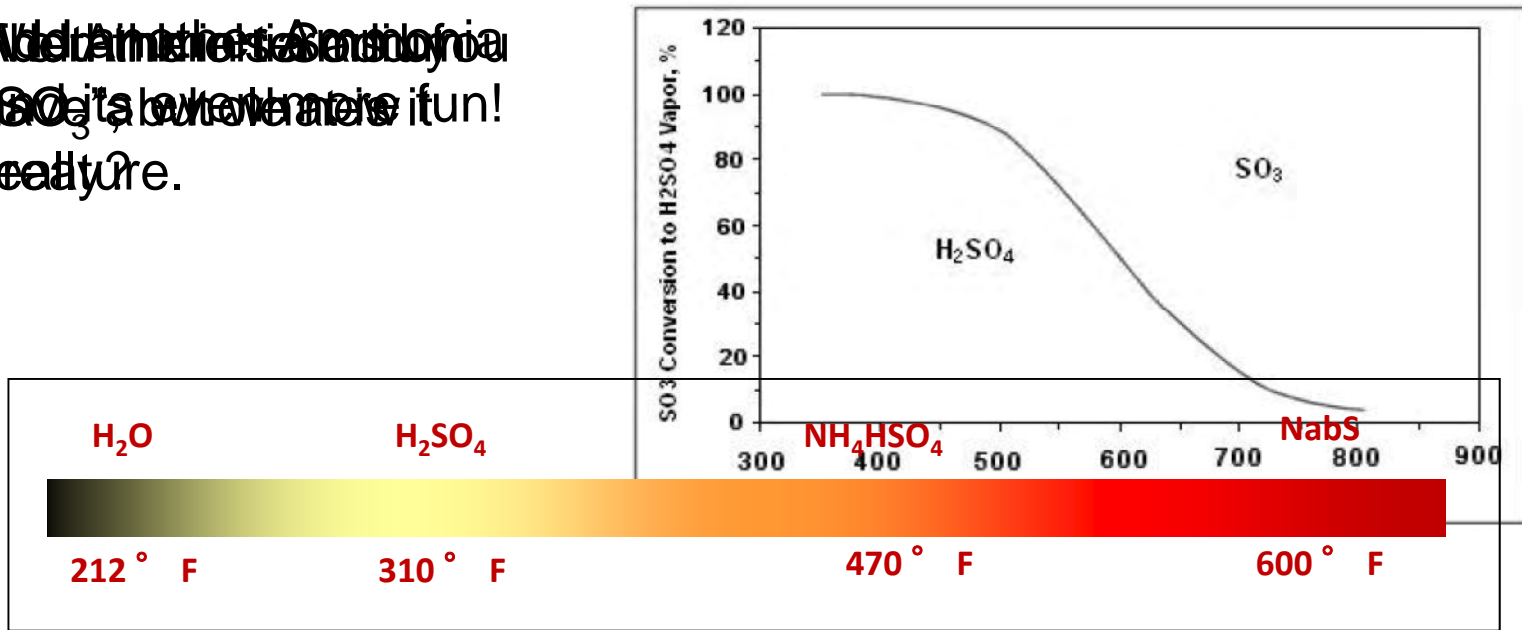
Minimizing SCR SO₃ Generation

To Control/Minimize SO₂ Conversion:

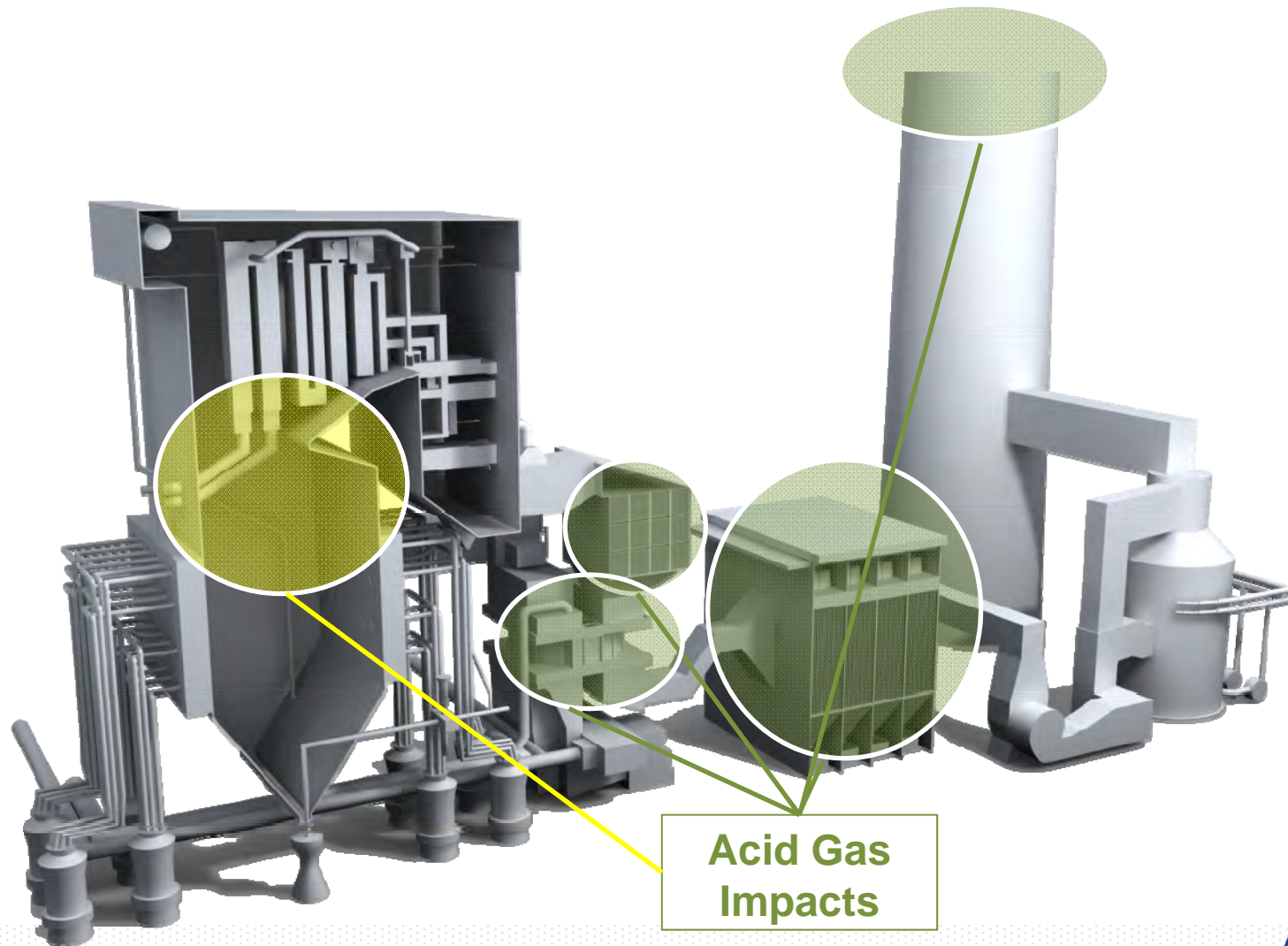
- **Minimize and Balance Furnace O₂**
- **Minimize SCR Inlet Gas Temperature**
- **Minimize Flue Gas Volume (Excess Air)**
- **Maximize NH₃ Flow but watch out for ABS**

What is "Acid Gas"

- Additional SO₃ is scrubbed by a H₂O, which makes it ready.



Acid Gas Impact Locations

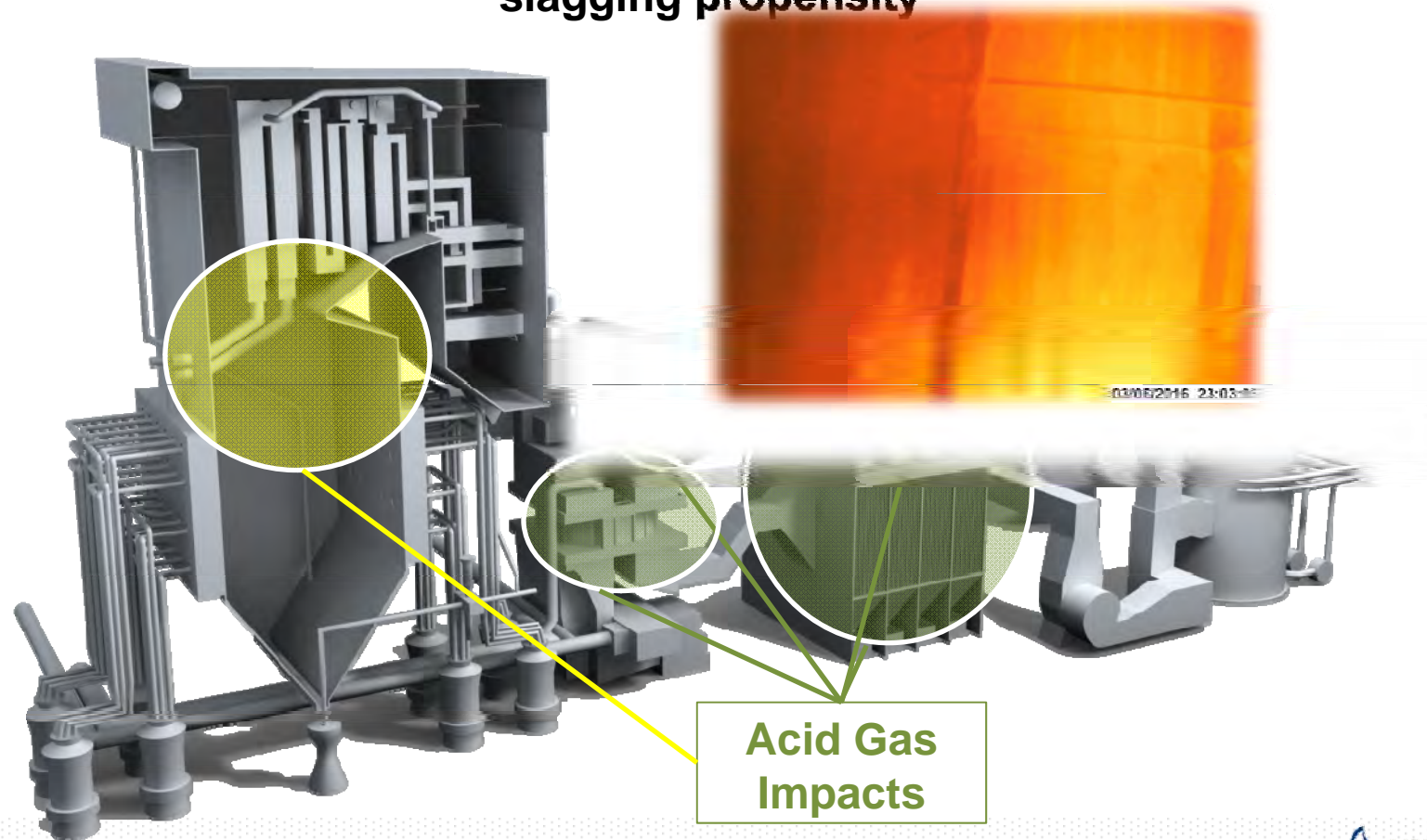


Acid Gas Impact

Legacy Impacts

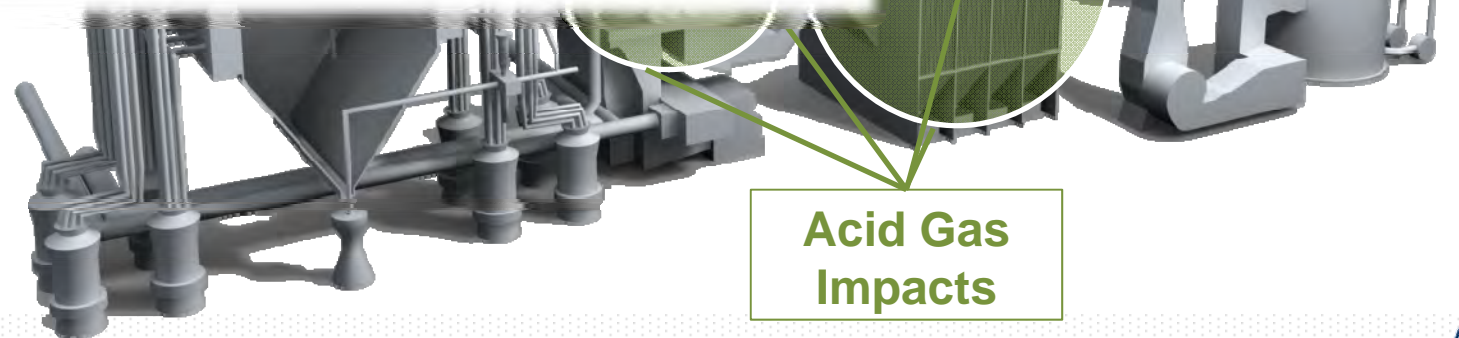
Acid Gas Impact Locations

Higher sulfur coals lead to higher acid gas and often higher upper furnace/superheat slagging propensity



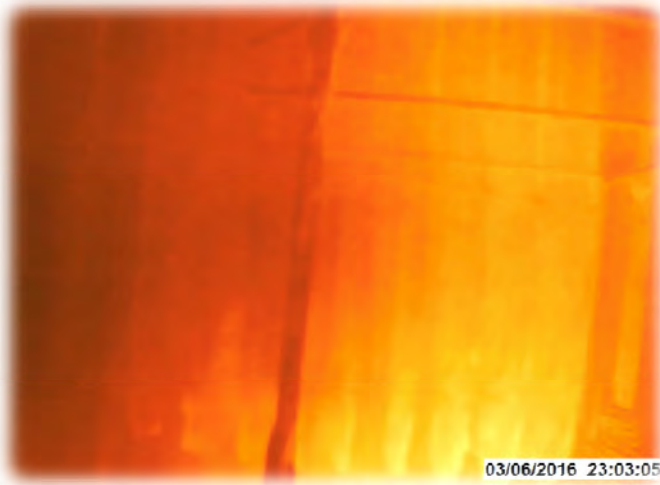
Acid Gas Impact Locations

Typical Acid Concentrations above 5 ppm will lead to a visible, or "blue", plume



Acid Gas
Impacts

Important but Old News



While Boiler Fouling/Slagging and Stack Blue Plume are. Both significant impacts of higher sulfur coal, these effects have been covered, in depth by previous papers.



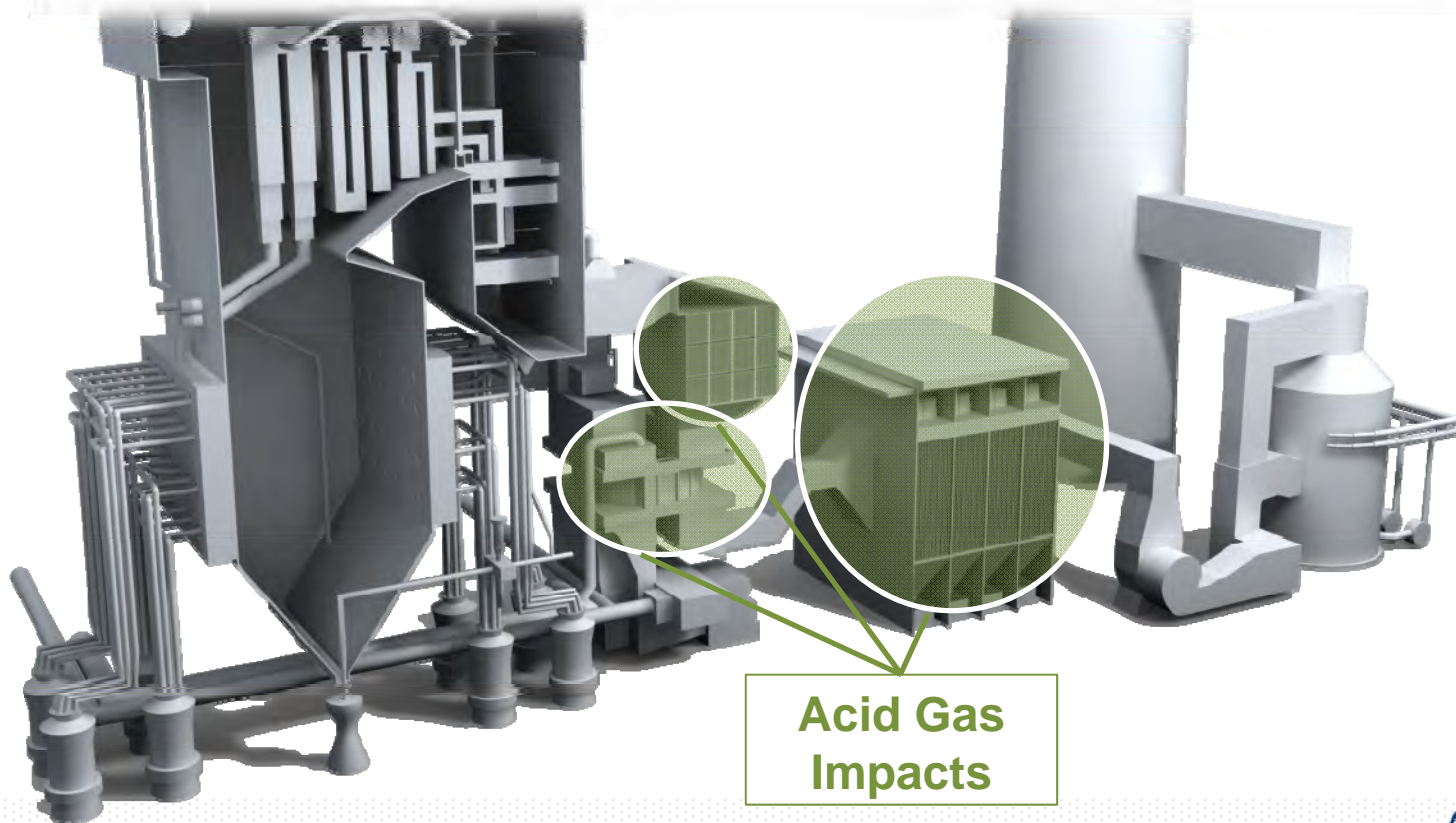
The balance of this talk will focus on Operational Impacts of Acid Gas that can be managed to improve overall plant heat rate and performance

Acid Gas Impact

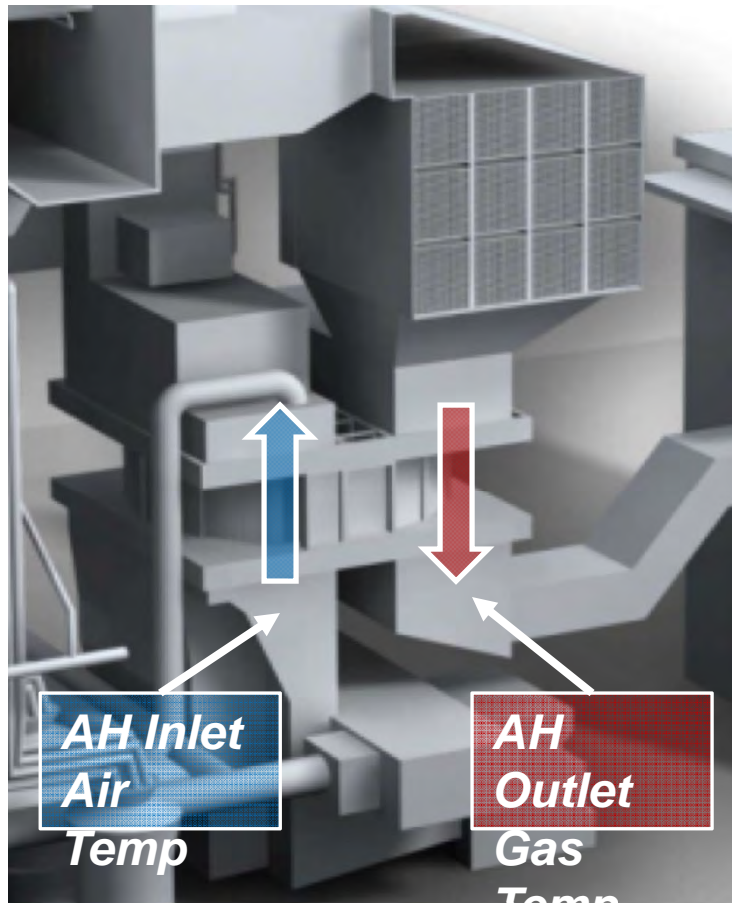
New Advancements

Acid Gas Impact Locations

Expansion of pre-AH Hydrated Lime Injection Work



Air Heater – Steam Coil Impact



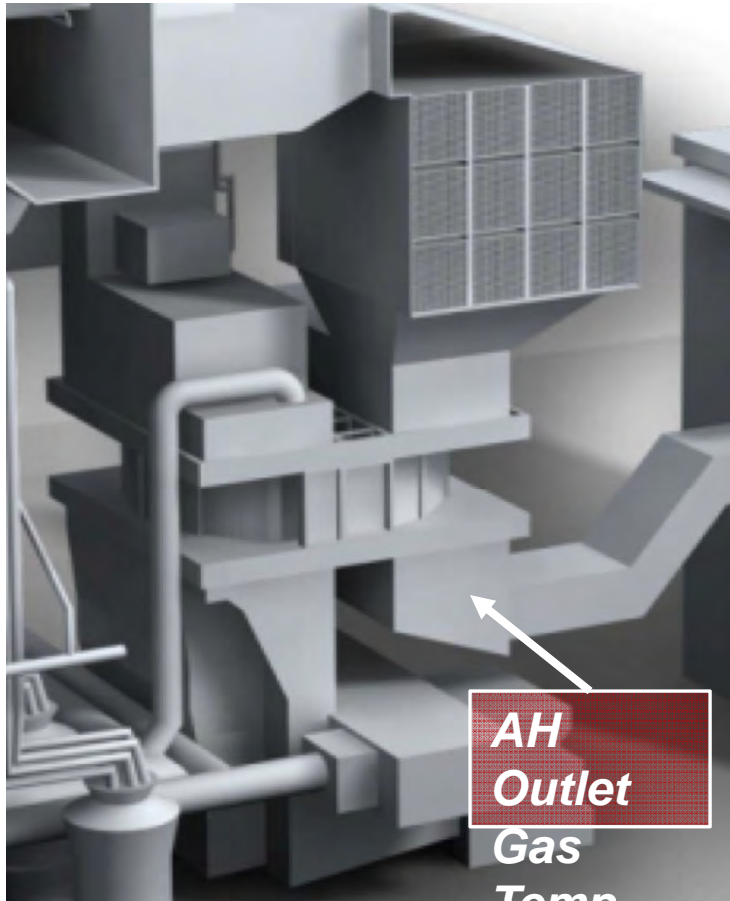
Why Preheat Inlet Air?

- Inlet air temp is adjusted via Steam Coils to maintain a desired AH Outlet gas temp
- Outlet gas temp is set to avoid condensable fouling
- *It takes 0.24 BTU to raise 1 Lb of Inlet air by 1 degree F*

Eliminating condensable material via hydrated lime injection eliminates the need for steam coils

Air Heater – Outlet Gas Temp

Impact

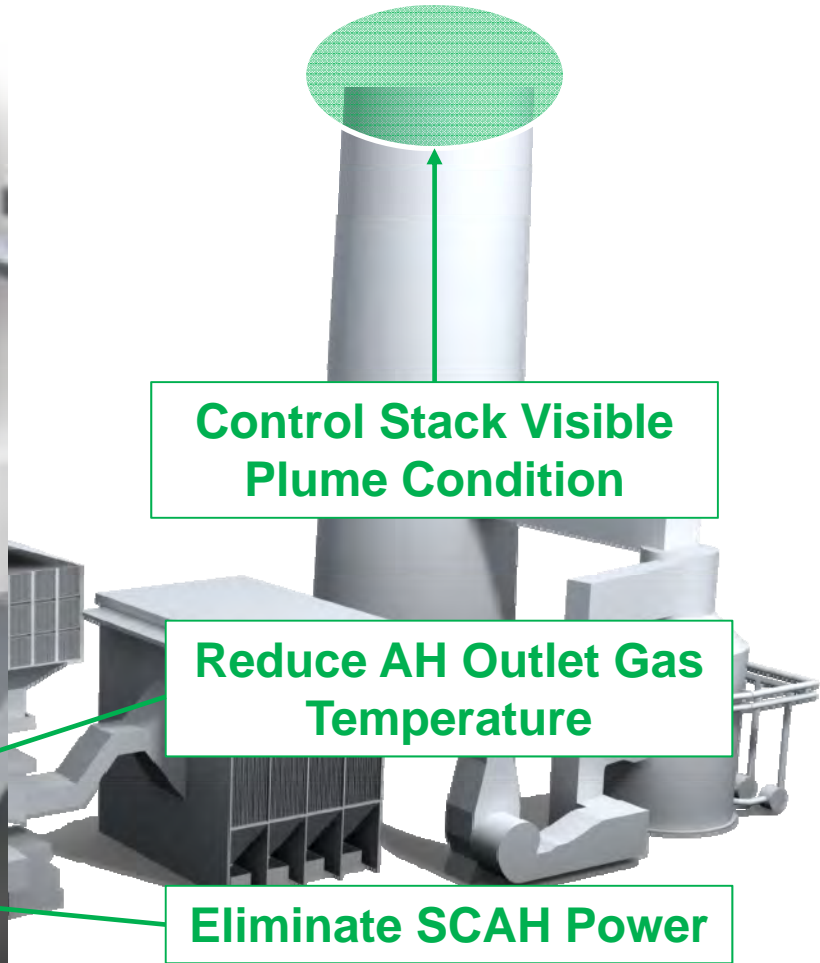
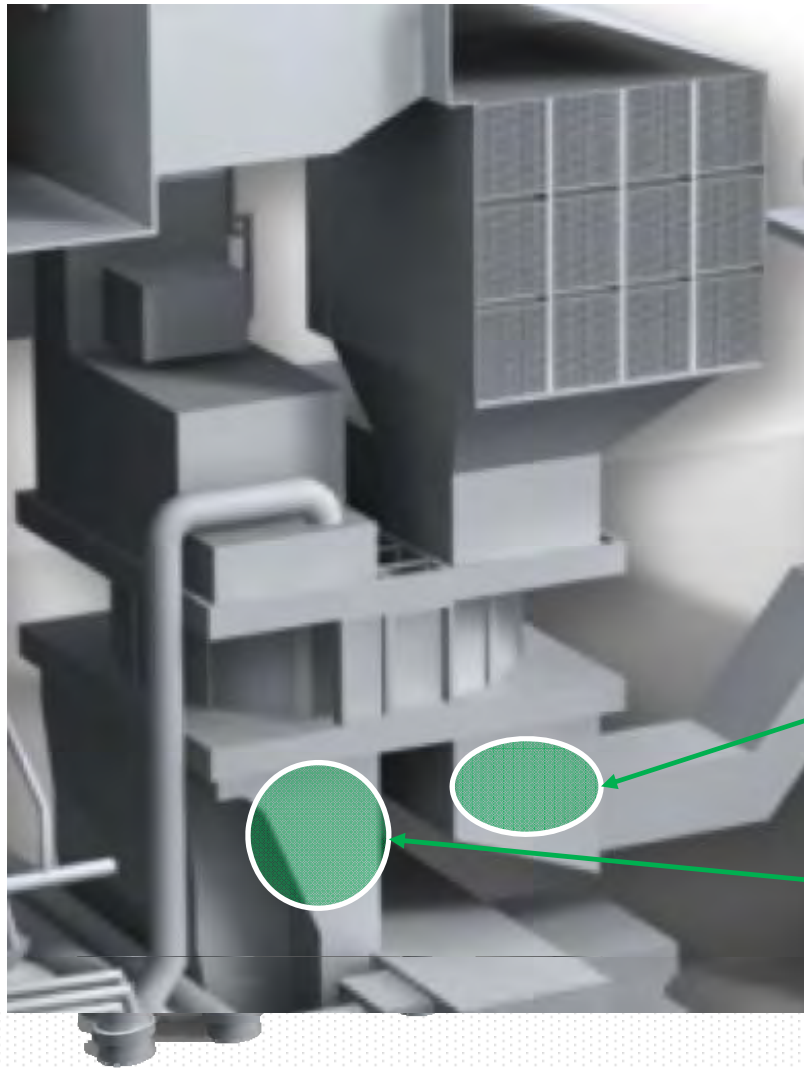


AH Outlet Gas Temp HR Impact

- After Steam Coil power is eliminated, every Lb of air at the AH outlet that is 1 degree higher than necessary is 0.24 BTU wasted
- It takes between 7 and 14 Lb of Air to Burn 1 Lb of Coal (on average)
- Allowing for 6% - 8% AH leakage impact, 30F of unneeded gas temp at the AH outlet requires 0.5% - 1% unneeded fuel input.
- ***This is 0.5% to 1% in Gross Heat Rate***

If Hydrated Lime eliminates AH Condensable Fouling, any process improvement that lowers the AH Outlet Gas temperature provides a permanent Heat Rate Improvement to the plant.

Quick Case Study - Goals

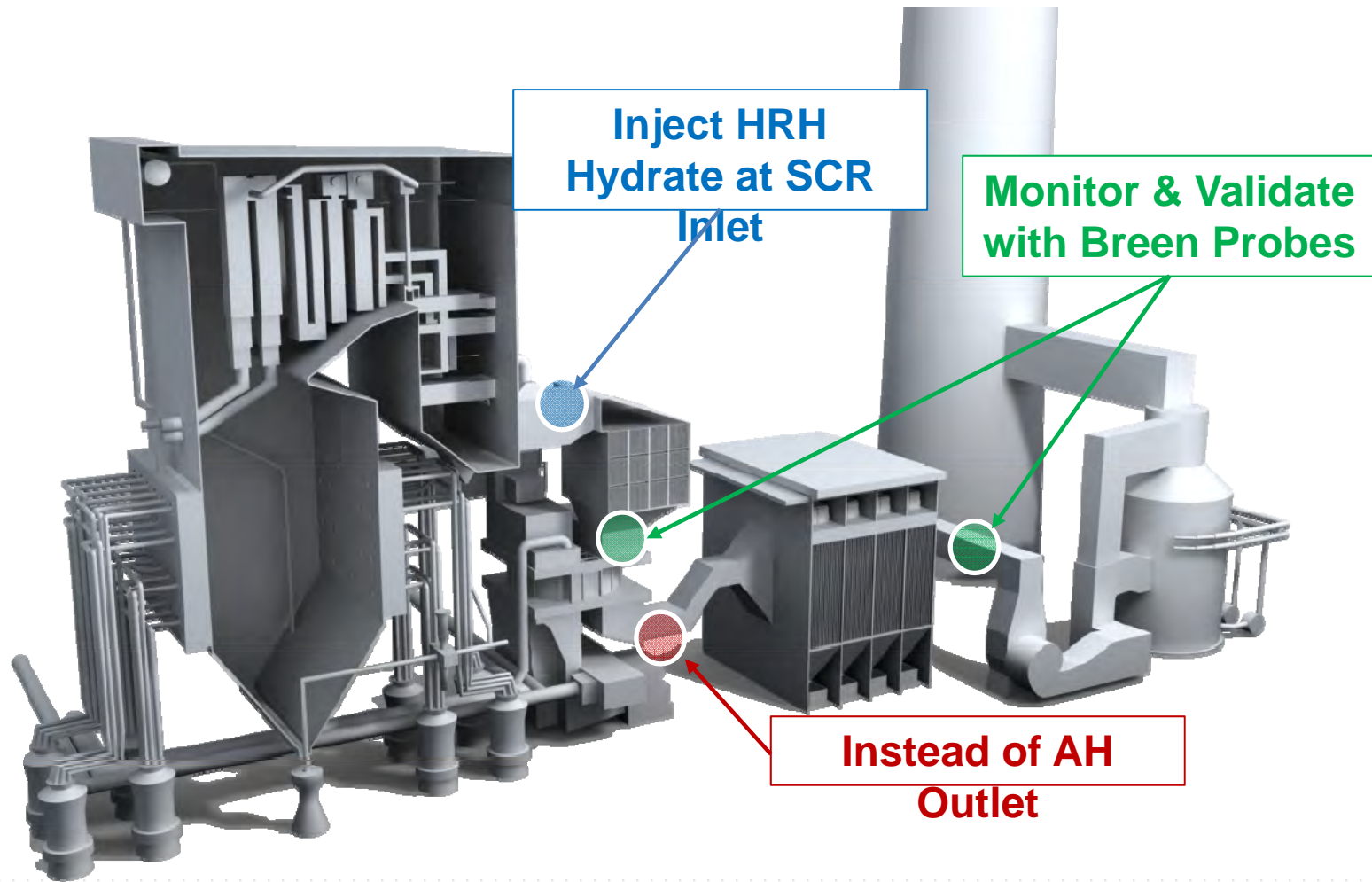


Control Stack Visible Plume Condition

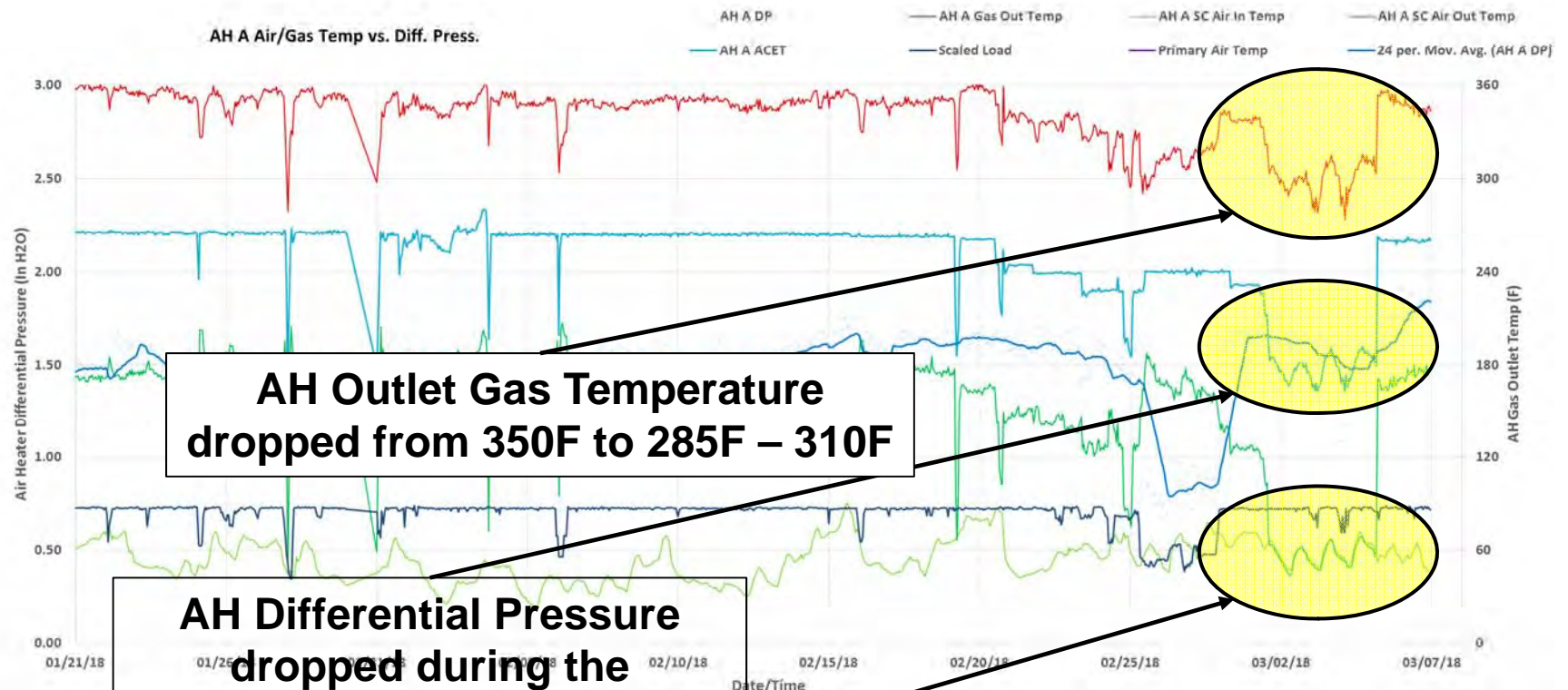
Reduce AH Outlet Gas Temperature

Eliminate SCAH Power

Project Implementation



A Duct AH Temp vs. DP

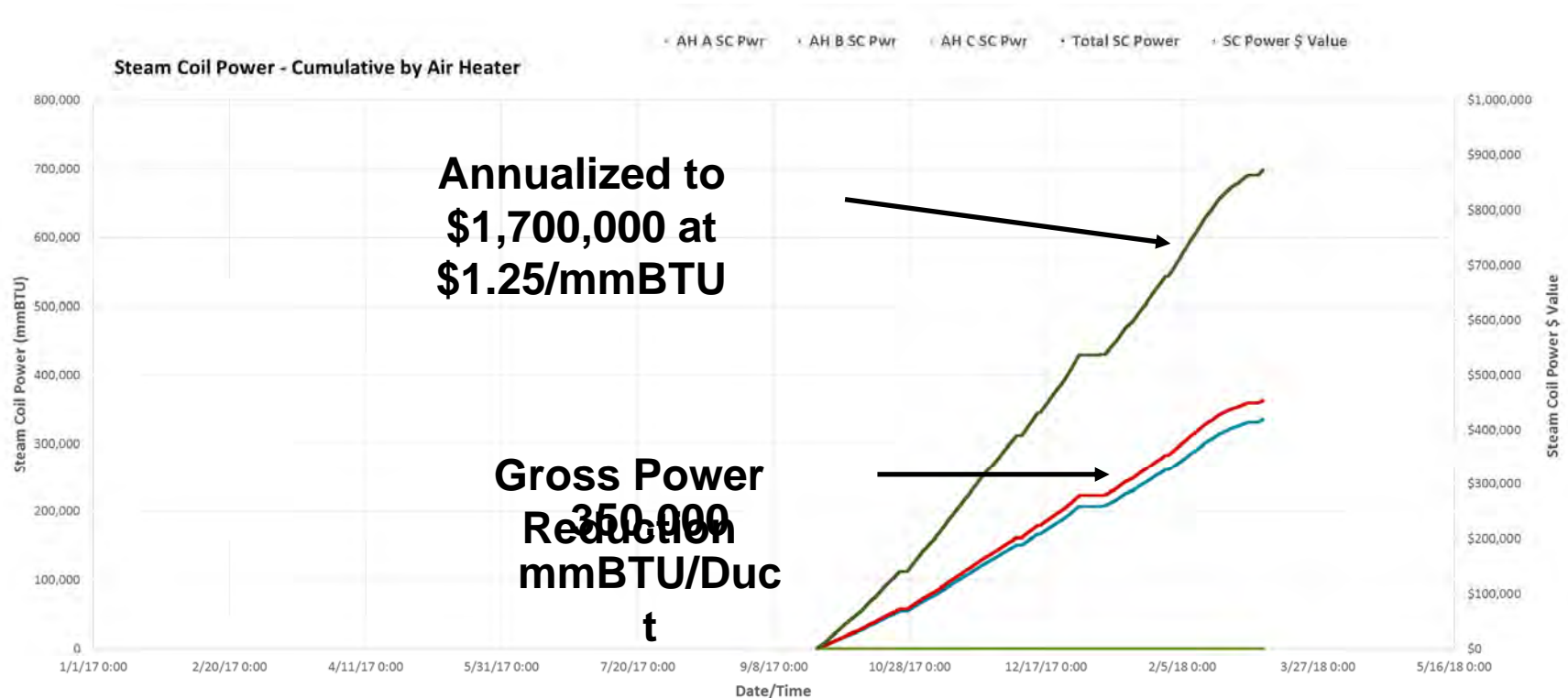


**AH Outlet Gas Temperature
dropped from 350F to 285F – 310F**

**AH Differential Pressure
dropped during the
demonstration period**

**SCAH Power "OFF"
from 3/3 – 3/5**

Steam Coil Power Impact



- Numbers shown reflect adjusted Air/Coal ratio from initial presentation (7 vs. 14) and assume \$1.25mmBTU fuel cost
- Extrapolation of 5 month expense to 10 months projects annual savings form Steam Coil abatement in excess of \$1.7 Million.

Acid Gas Impact Locations

Unit Turndown Improvement through MOT Reduction

