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# INSTALLATION OF SPRAY DRYER TECHNOLOGY FOR WET SCRUBBER BLOWDOWN EVAPORATION AT KCP&L IATAN STATION

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# OVERVIEW

- Introduction to Station and Problem
- Technology Selection Process
- Project Structure & Front-End Engineering (Phase I)
- Construction & Commissioning (Phase II)
- Results to Date / Key Findings

- **Two PRB coal-fired generating units**
  - Unit 1 (700MW), 1980
  - Unit 2 (900MW), 2010
- **Both units equipped with SCR, mercury control, fabric filter, and wet scrubber (Unit 1 = 2009)**
- **Unit 2 cooling tower blowdown = scrubber makeup**
  - (Unit 1 = Once-through cooling)
- **Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) with respect to scrubbers since 2009**

- **Original system: “ZLD Light”**
  - Serial #1 in this arrangement
- **Actual scrubber process feedwater ~5x more concentrated than design**
- **Minimal pretreatment**
- **2012: Decision to modify or replace original treatment system**





# GE (ALSTOM) SDE™ SPRAY DRYER EVAPORATOR

## Background

- SDE technology uses hot flue gas for direct evaporation
- Duke-Cliffside Unit 6 in-service since 2012 (full flow)
  - Scrubber blowdown evaporation is a co-benefit

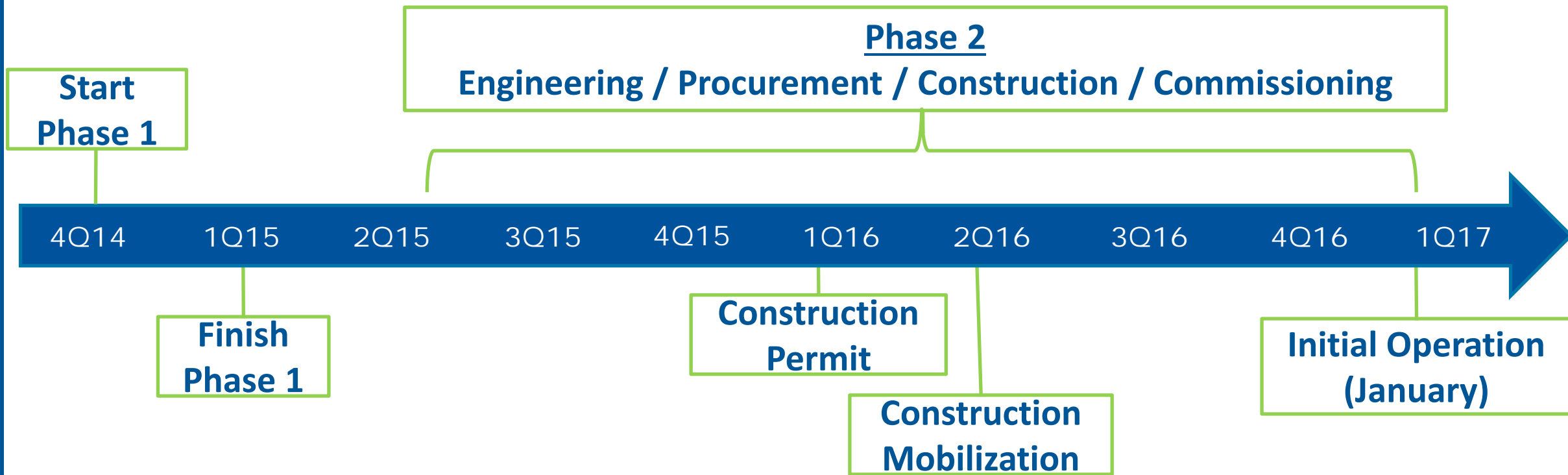
## Studies

- Front-End Engineering (Phase I)

## Conclusions/Recommendations

- Good fit, though first-of-its-kind in proposed configuration
- KCP&L commenced Phase I engineering in 4Q14

- **Phased Approach**
  - Phase 1: Scoping, technical specifications, definitive estimate
  - Phase 2: Detailed design, procurement, construction, commissioning
- **Owner's Engineer – Black & Veatch**
- **Construction Contracting**
  - General Construction (competitive bid)
  - Substructures

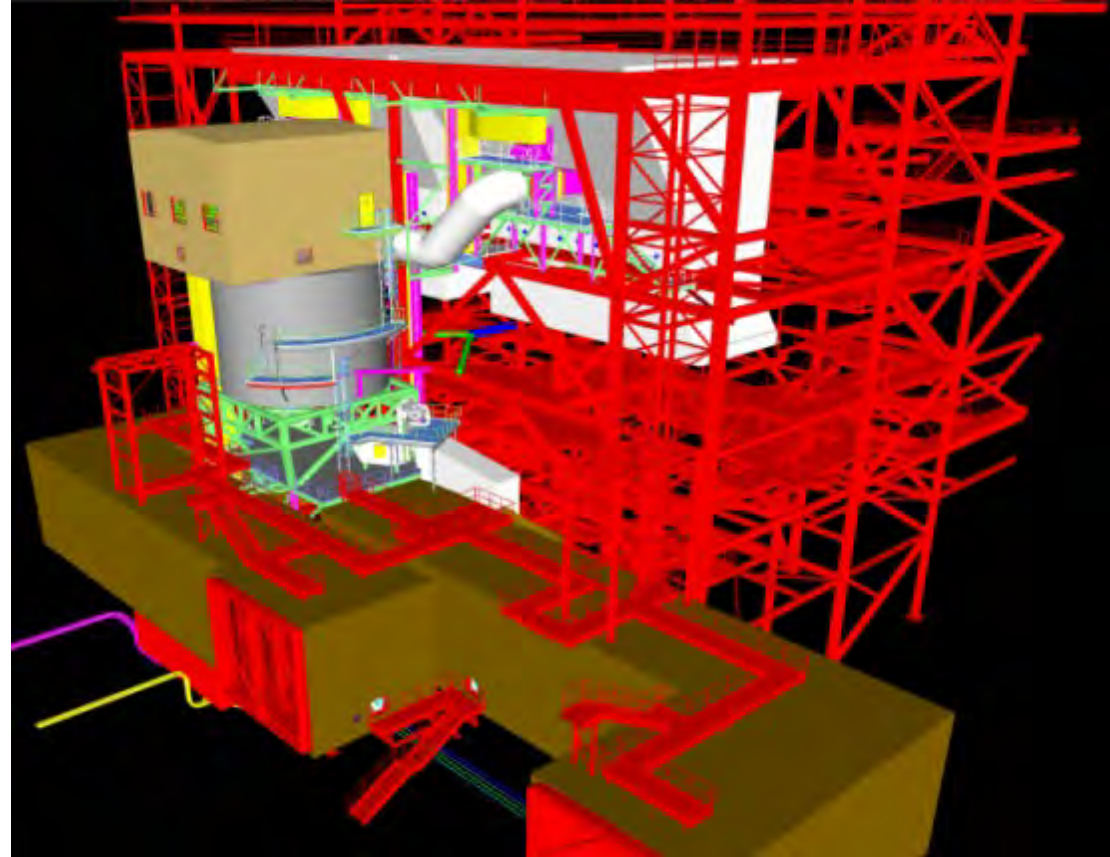


## Capacity

- 18-50 gpm wastewater
  - TDS  $\leq$  140,000 ppm
- 2%-4% MCR flue gas rate

## Atomizer

- 1 operating + 1 spare
- 200 HP



- Uniqueness of arrangement
- Elimination of softening
- Ammonia balance
- Fly ash handling
- Construction Risk



- **General Constructor**
  - APCom
- **Construction approach**
  - Ground fabrication
  - Minimal overtime
  - Familiar subcontractors
- **B&V/KCP&L oversight**



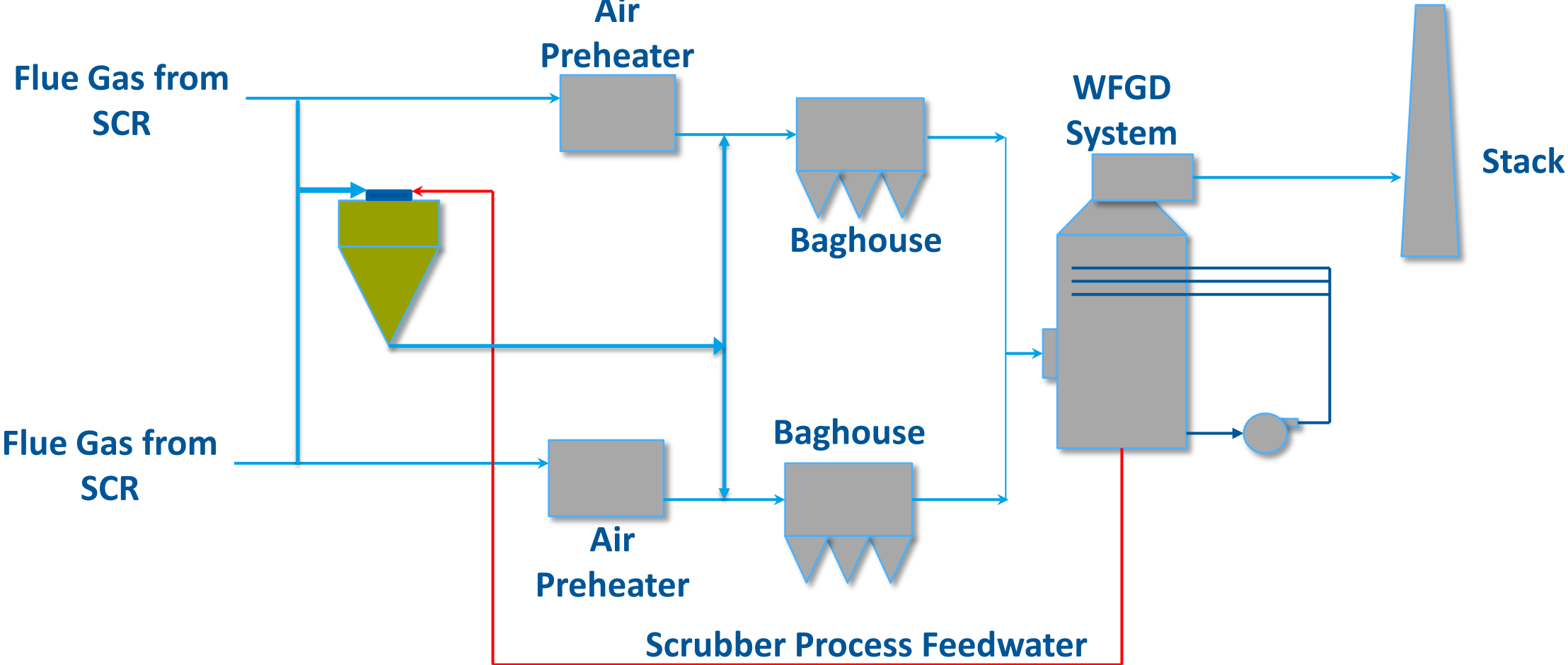
- **Key Logistics**
  - Crane selection/reservation
  - Substructures work
  - Space management
  - KCP&L-purchased equipment
  - Plant Operations
- **Startup Ready – Nov 2016**



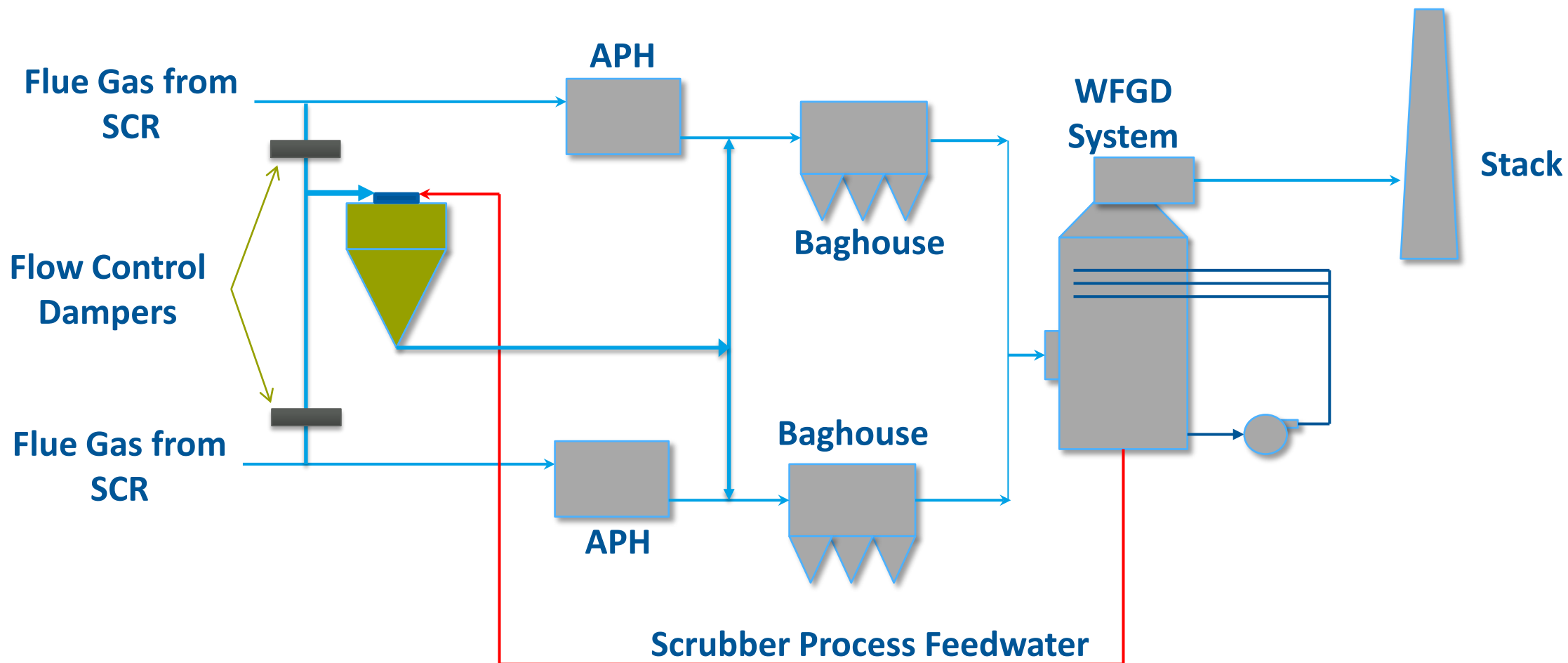


# **SPRAY DRYER EVAPORATOR PROCESS FLOW DIAGRAM & CONTROL**

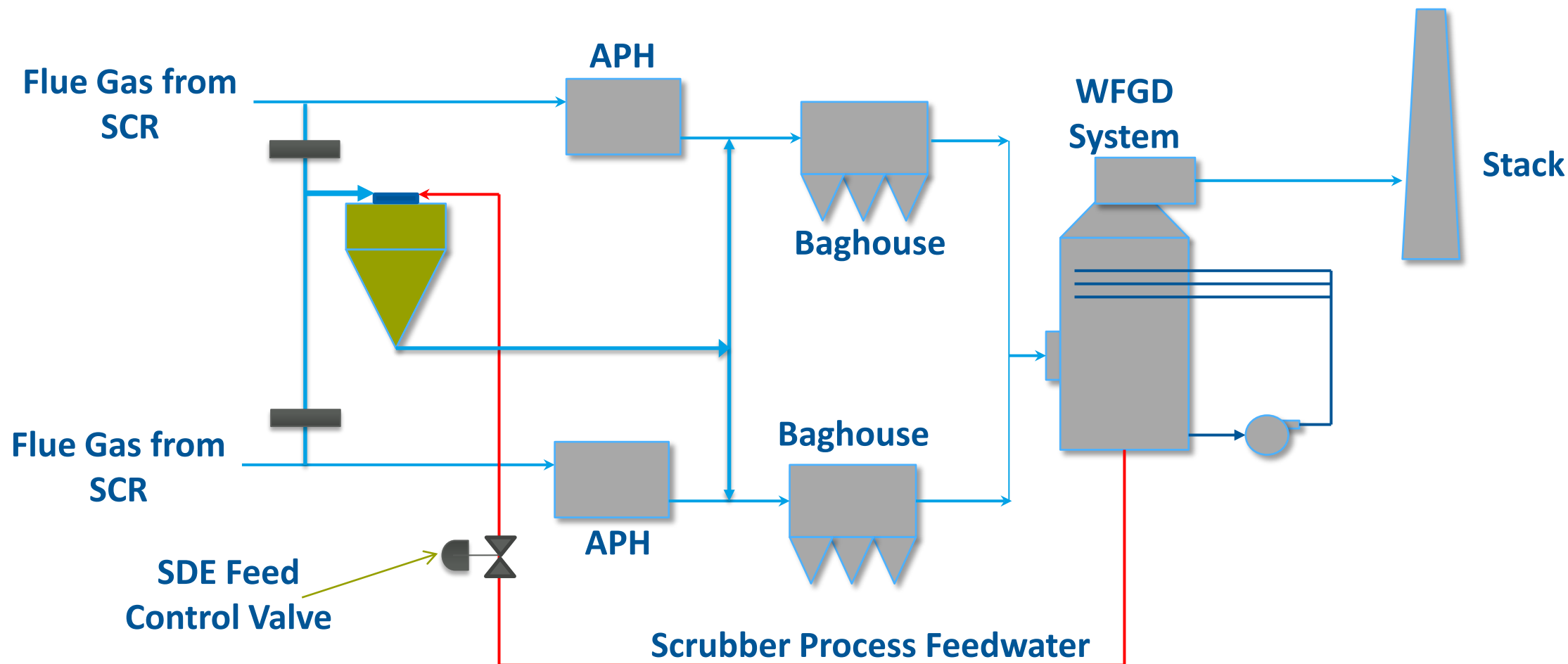
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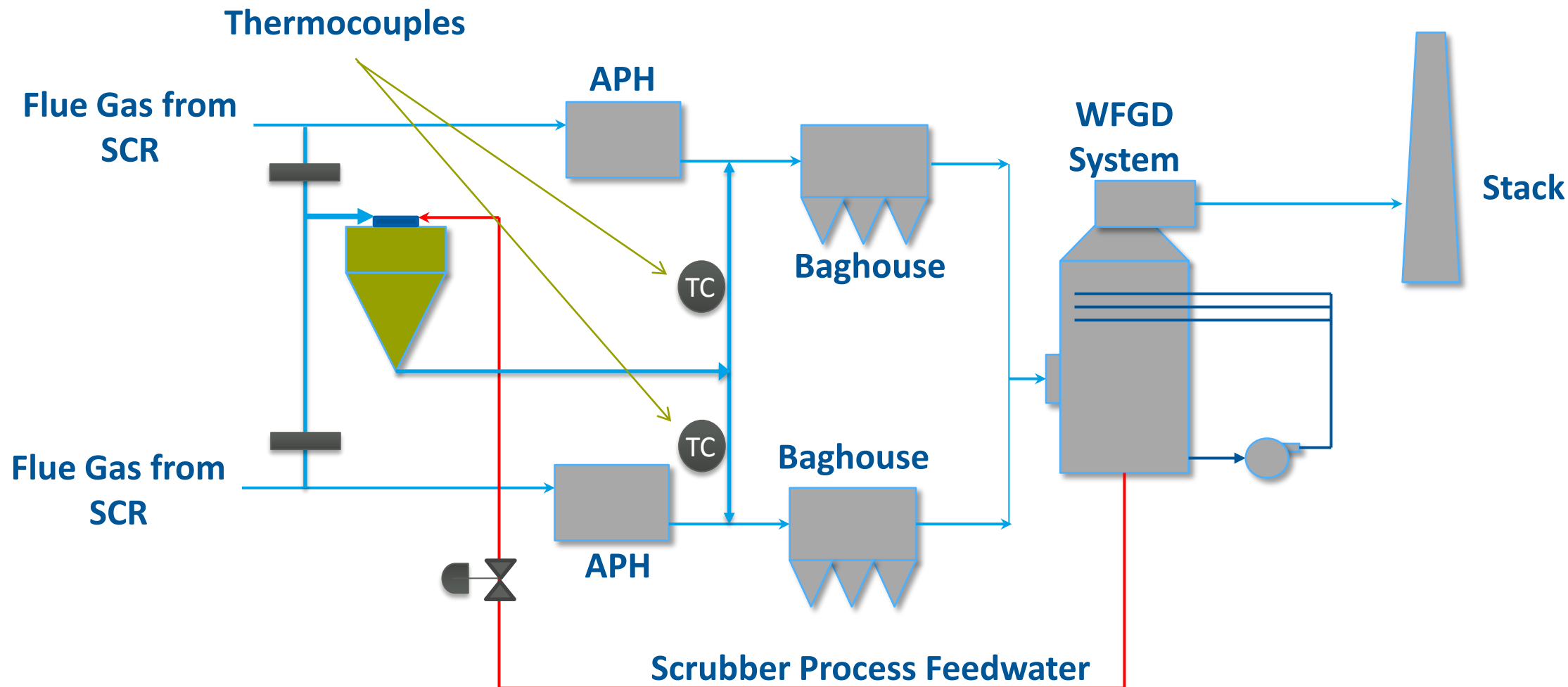
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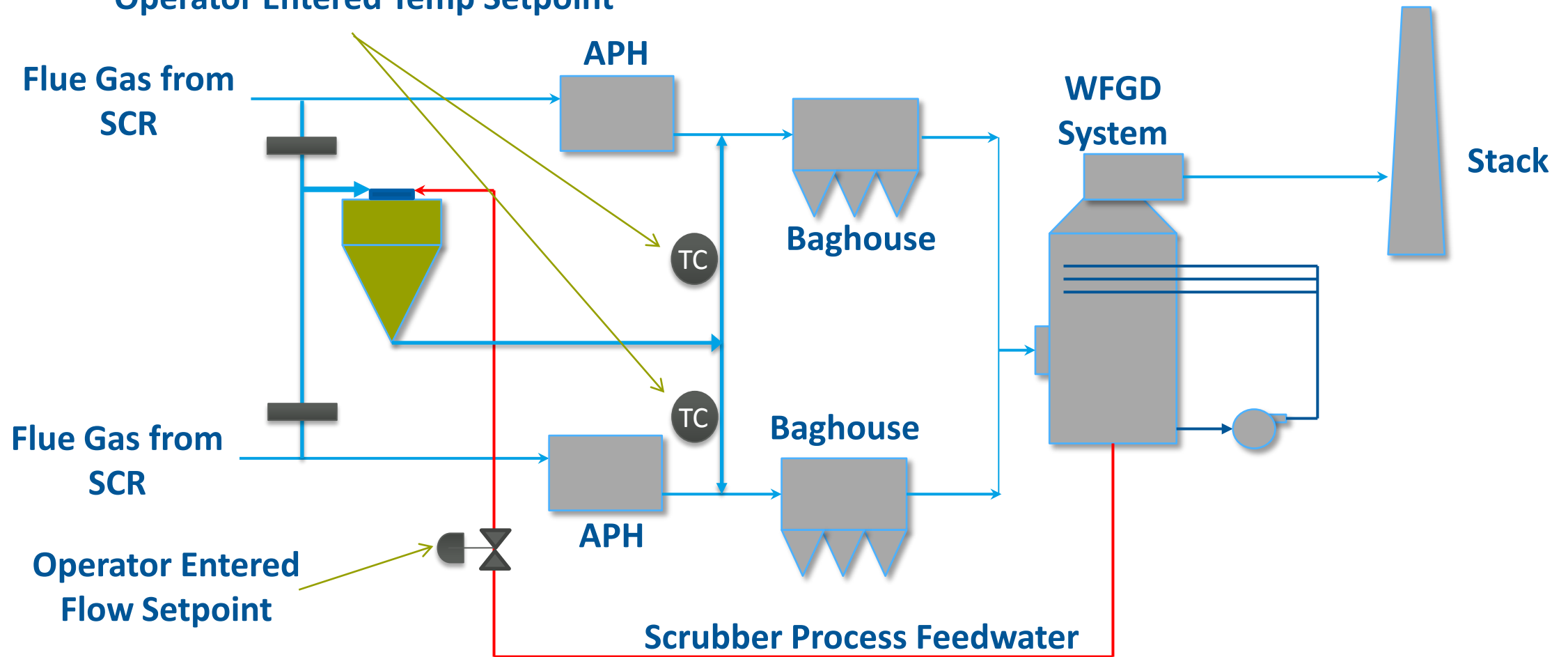


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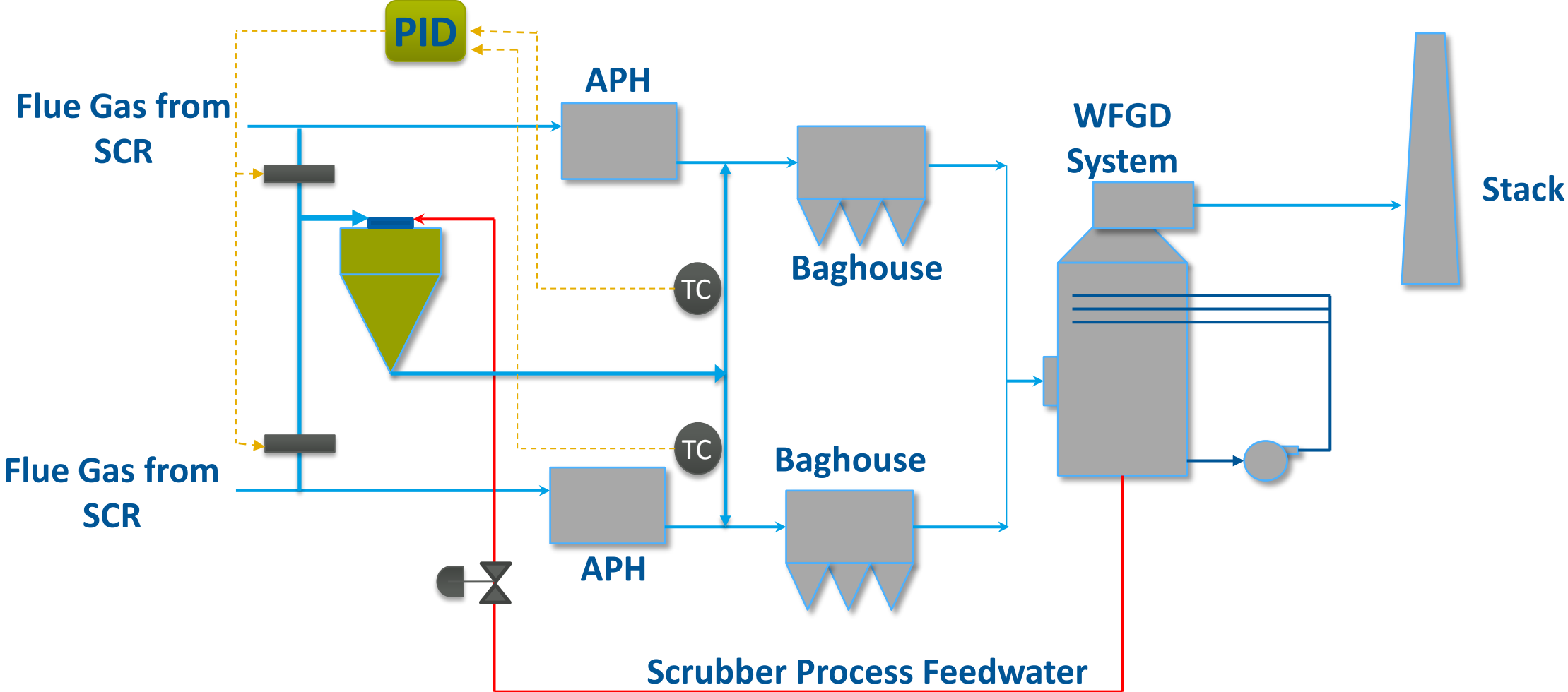


# GE POWER SDE™ SPRAY DRYER EVAPORATOR PROCESS CONTROL

Operator Entered Temp Setpoint



# GE POWER SDE™ SPRAY DRYER EVAPORATOR PROCESS CONTROL



# SPRAY DRYER EVAPORATOR OPERATIONAL TIMELINE & FEEDBACK

# SPRAY DRYER EVAPORATOR OPERATIONAL TIMELINE

January 2017

July 2017

Jan 3<sup>rd</sup>  
First pass  
Flue Gas

Feb 9<sup>th</sup>  
First atomizer swap  
SDE Internal Inspection

July 6<sup>th</sup>  
6 months of  
Operation (>98% avail)

Jan 6<sup>th</sup>  
First water spray

Feb 14<sup>th</sup>  
SDE Testing

April 12<sup>th</sup>  
Flex shaft atomizer replaced  
under warranty in 1 day

Jan 11<sup>th</sup>  
Achieve 50 gpm  
Evaporation

May 5<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>  
One Feed Pump Repaired  
(foreign object damage)

## SPRAY DRYER EVAPORATOR OPERATIONAL FEEDBACK

- The SDE™ is fully automated with operator entered setpoints for SDE feed flow and outlet temperature
  - Auto-start and auto-stop are also programmed
  - Operators currently start and stop in manual so they have a better understanding of the controls and sequence
- Operations has commented that the SDE™ “runs in the background” because it requires little attention
- KCP&L did not hire any additional staff for the SDE™
  - All control screens are visible on boiler control screen

# SPRAY DRYER EVAPORATOR MAINTENANCE PROCEDURE

- **Routine Daily Checks**
  - Equipment walkdown and instrument check
- **Weekly Checks**
  - Lubrication levels & equipment wear
  - Rotate SDE Feed Pumps weekly
- **Every 6-8 weeks**
  - Atomizer swap
  - Check damper operators
  - Check accuracy of gauges and meters

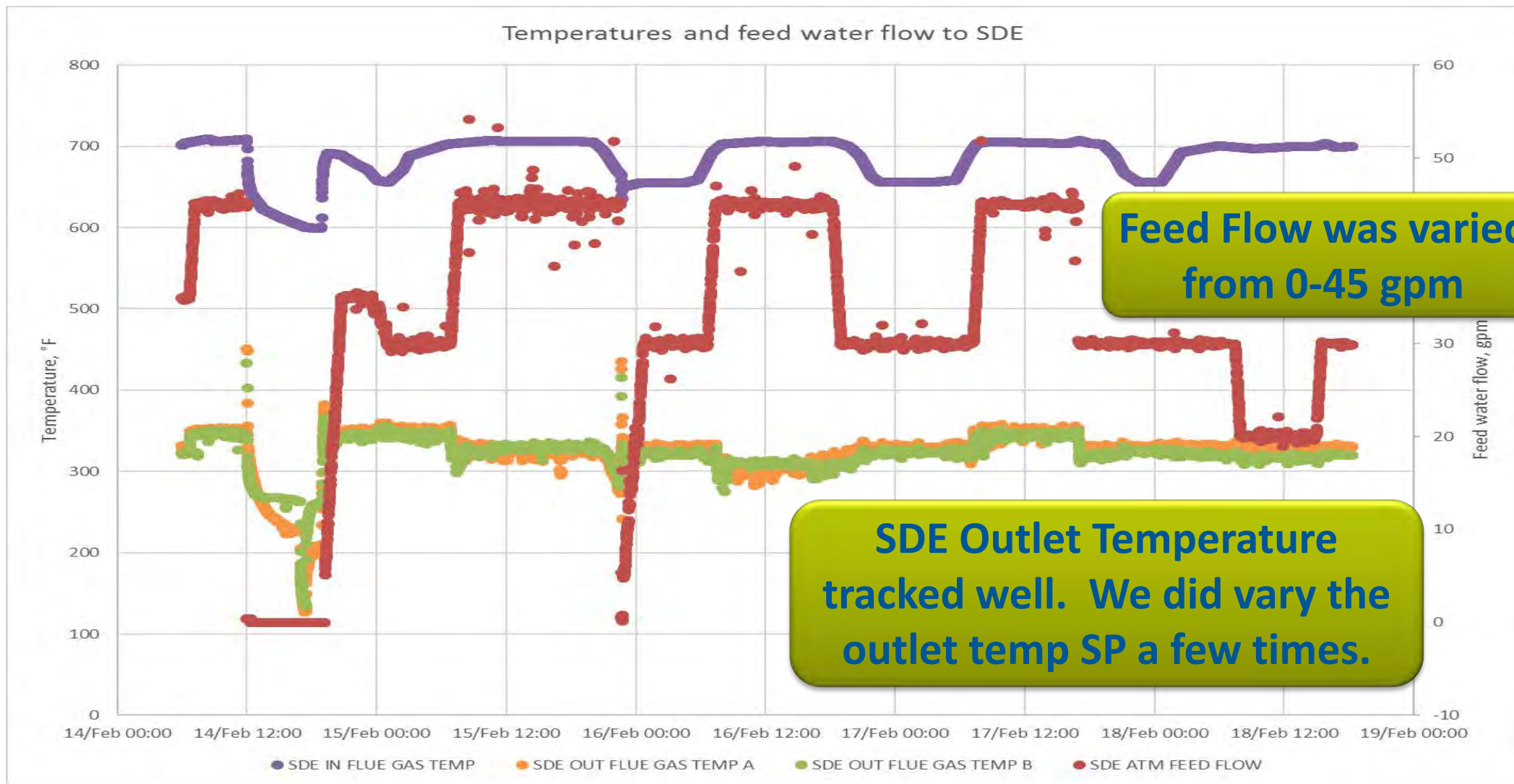


## BALANCE OF PLANT BYPRODUCT HANDLING SYSTEM

- **System Type**
  - Vacuum or Pressure
- **Supplier**
  - UCC
- **System Design**
  - Currently sent to a landfill
  - 6-months into a 12-month study to determine sale-ability of flyash

# SPRAY DRYER EVAPORATOR PERFORMANCE RESULTS

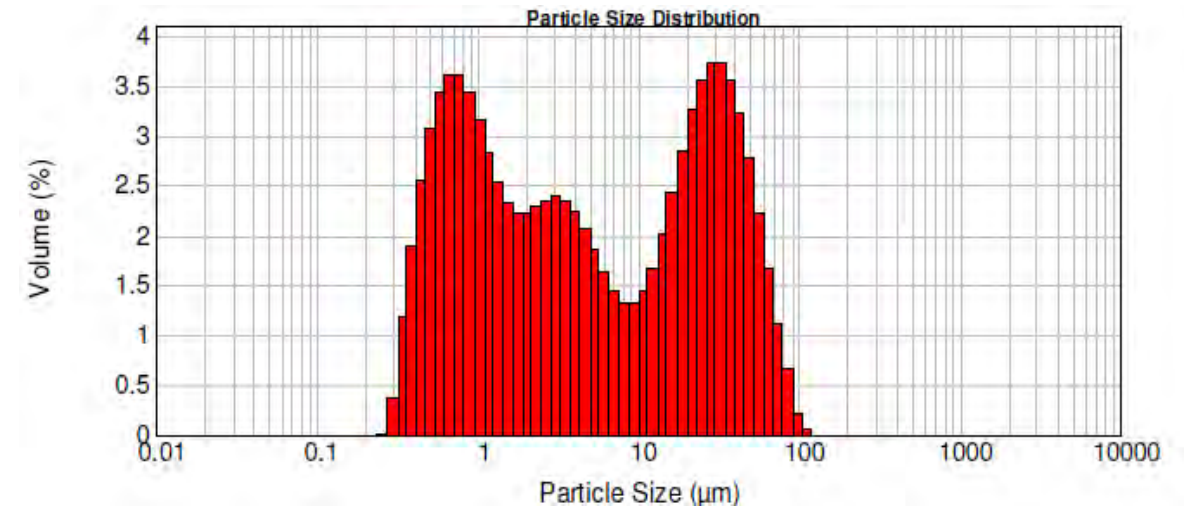
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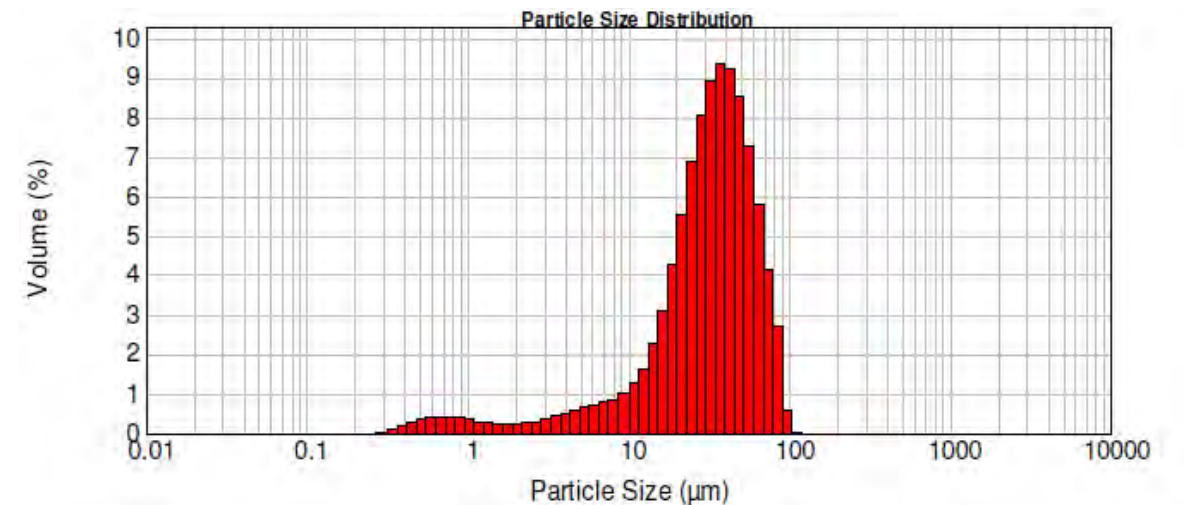
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- Particle Size Distribution
  - SDE byproduct ranged from 10-100  $\mu\text{m}$
  - This particle size is fabric filter friendly
  - D50 was  $\sim 35 \mu\text{m}$

## SDE inlet



## SDE outlet

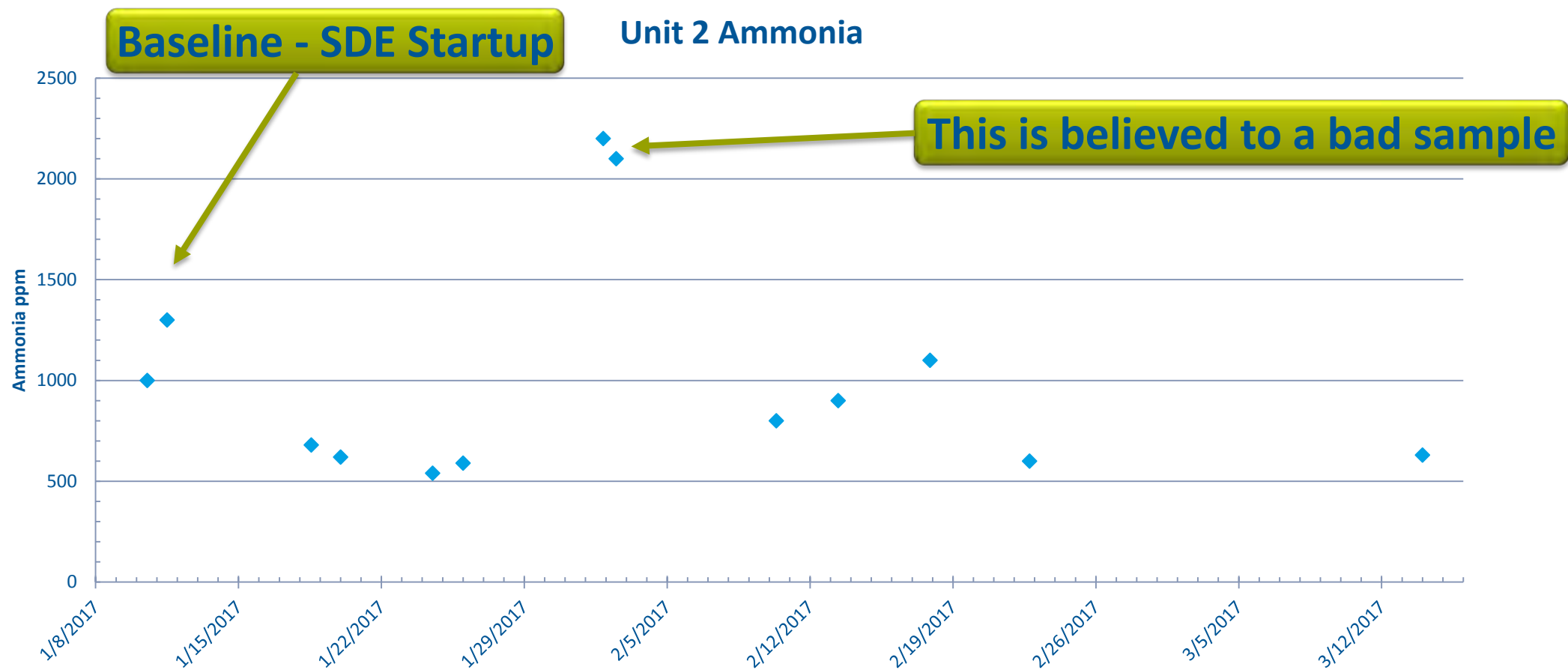


# SPRAY DRYER EVAPORATOR PERFORMANCE RESULTS

- **Nitrogen Balance**
  - NH<sub>4</sub> in SDE Feed Water varied from 600-1200 mg/l
  - Nitrogen balance showed that >94% of NH<sub>4</sub> in SDE Feed Water was collected in the FF byproduct
- **Metals Balance**
  - 100% of As in feed slurry was collected in dried solids
  - 100% of B in feed slurry was collected in dried solids
  - 100% of Se in feed slurry was collected in dried solids
  - ~85% of Hg in feed slurry was collected in dried solids

# SPRAY DRYER EVAPORATOR PERFORMANCE RESULTS

## ■ WFGD Ammonia Results

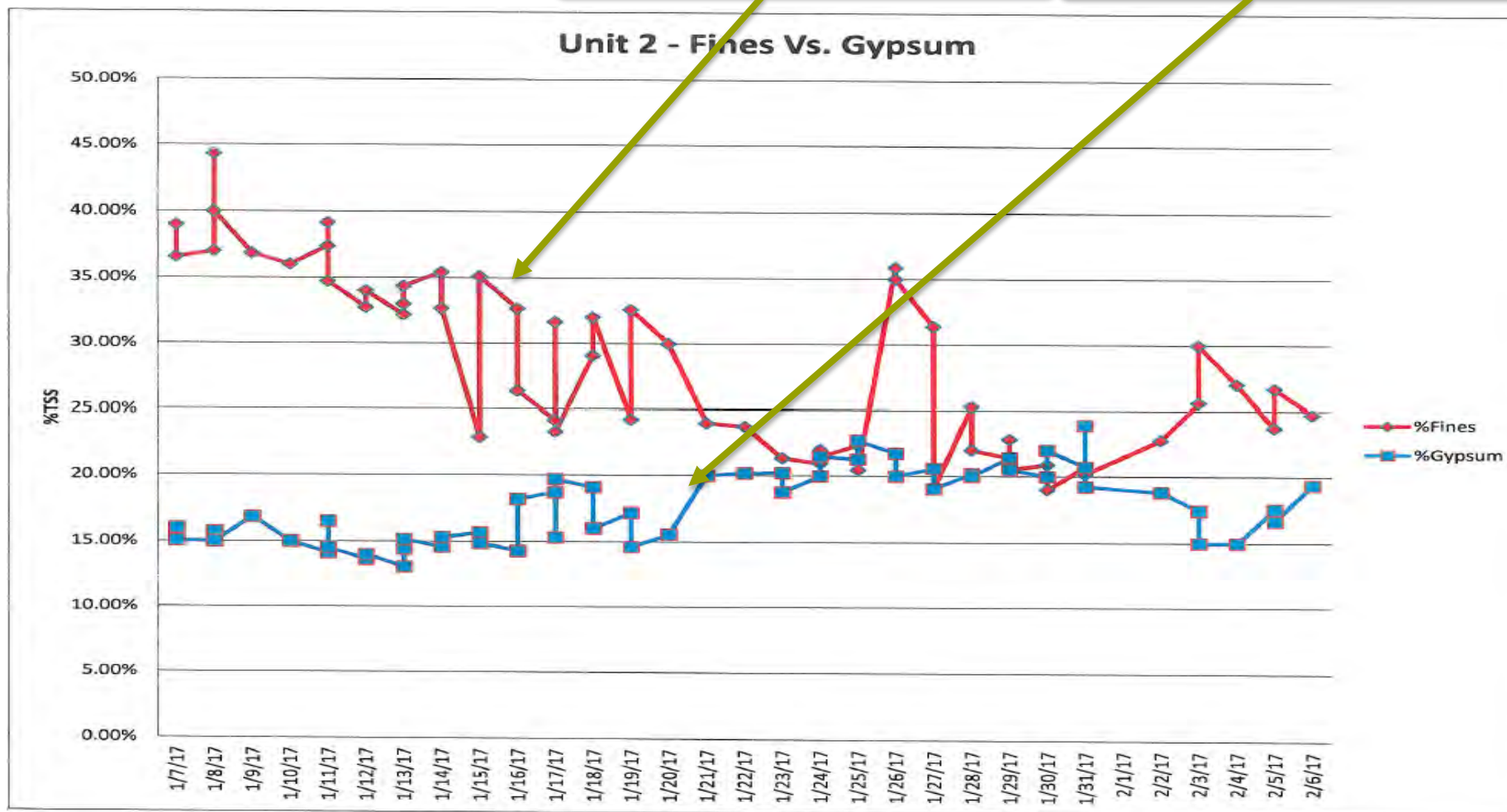


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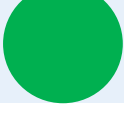
## ■ Gypsum data

% Fines Decreasing

Gypsum % Increasing



# INITIAL OBSERVATIONS VS KEY RISKS

Concern	Preliminary Grade	Comments
Uniqueness of Arrangement		So far, so good, but waiting on summer.
Elimination of Softening		No issues.
Ammonia Balance		Results will take several months to definitively verify.
Fly Ash Handling		Thus far, no issues with ash flowability, storability.
Corrosivity/Erosivity		Result pending internal inspection (Spring 2018).
Construction Risk		Met schedule goal with no impact on plant performance.
FGD Process Improvement		Stable chemistry and improved gypsum quality.

## IATAN UNIT 2 SDE PROJECT – IN CONCLUSION

- The SDE is a “utility grade” solution for evaporating scrubber process feedwater
- Online >98% since placed into service on 7-Jan
  - “Runs in the background”, which was a key objective
- Balance of Plant impact assessment ongoing