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***An Unbiased Comparison of
Dry Scrubber Technologies***
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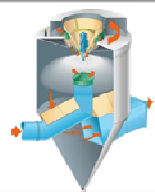


Dry Flue Gas Desulfurization and Acid Gas Control



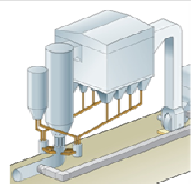
Dry Sorbent Injection (DSI)

- Usually lime or sodium based
- Injected before particulate control device
- Used for SO₂, SO₃, HCl control



Spray Dry FGD System

- Up to 98% SO₂ removal
- Traditionally <1.5% sulfur coal, but with hydrated lime, virtually unlimited
- Dry product for landfill
- Uses lime



Circulating Dry Scrubber/ Transport Reactor

- Up to 98% SO₂ removal
- More fuel flexibility
- Dry product for landfill
- Uses lime which can be hydrated on site

Some Common Key Terminology

- **Saturation Temperature**
 - *Moisture condenses out of the gas (wet bulb temperature)*
- **Approach to Saturation**
 - *Temperature margin at SDA or CDS outlet above saturation*
- **Spraydown**
 - *Temperature difference between absorber inlet and outlet*
- **Stoichiometry**
 - *Ratio of lime to SO_2 at absorber inlet or SO_2 removed from flue gas*

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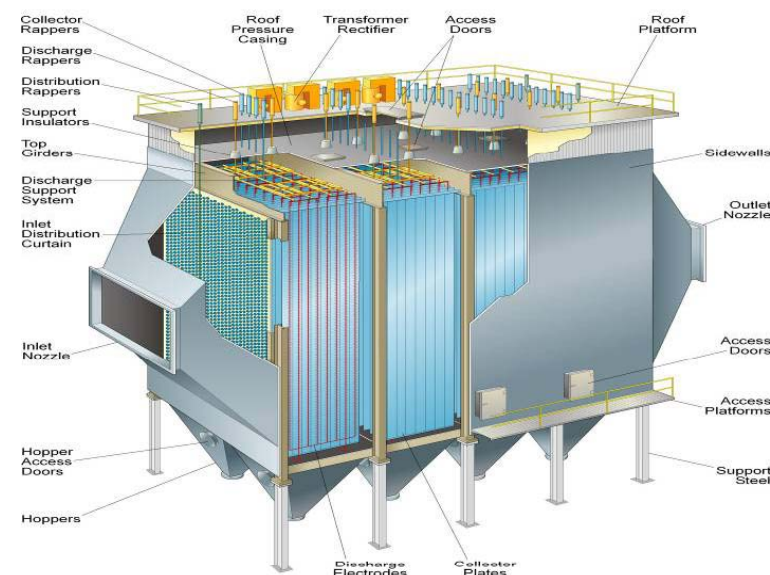
DSI Technology Overview



- **DSI = Dry Sorbent Injection**
- **DSI is based on dilute phase pneumatic conveying technology**
- **Major components are:**
 - Truck/rail unloading
 - Silo
 - Weigh hopper/Rotary feeder
 - Transport Air Blowers
 - Reagent milling (optional)
- **Not a new technology**
 - Used for SO₂ since 1980s
- **Current applications for SO₂, SO₃, HCl, condensables and Hg**
- **Mobile test units available**

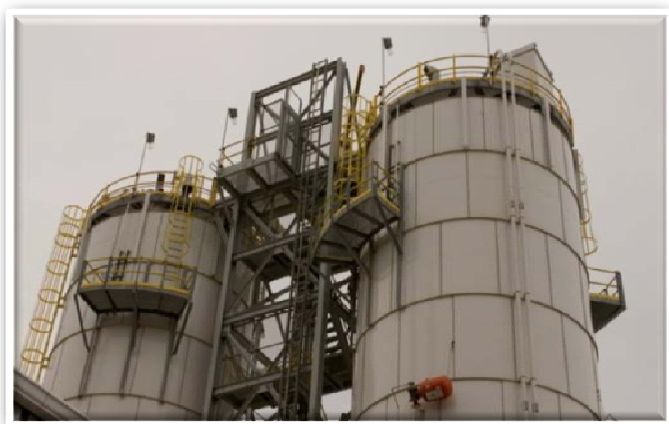
DSI Evaluation – Overall System Approach

- **When using DSI, overall system needs evaluated**
- **Which pollutants to target?**
- **Removal or emission limit required?**
- **Is the particulate control device affected?**
 - **How will additional loading affect it?**
 - **How do sorbents impact flyash?**
- **What is the best sorbent to use?**
- **Is there enough residence time?**
- **Is a trial warranted?**



DSI Reagent Options

- **Trona (dry) for SO₂, SO₃, or HCl**
- **Milled Sodium Bicarbonate (dry) for SO₂, SO₃, or HCl**
- **Hydrated Lime (dry) for SO₃ or HCl**
- **Hydrated Lime (dry) plus Humidification for SO₂**
- **Milled Trona or SBC should be considered for higher removal efficiency: >70% SO₂**



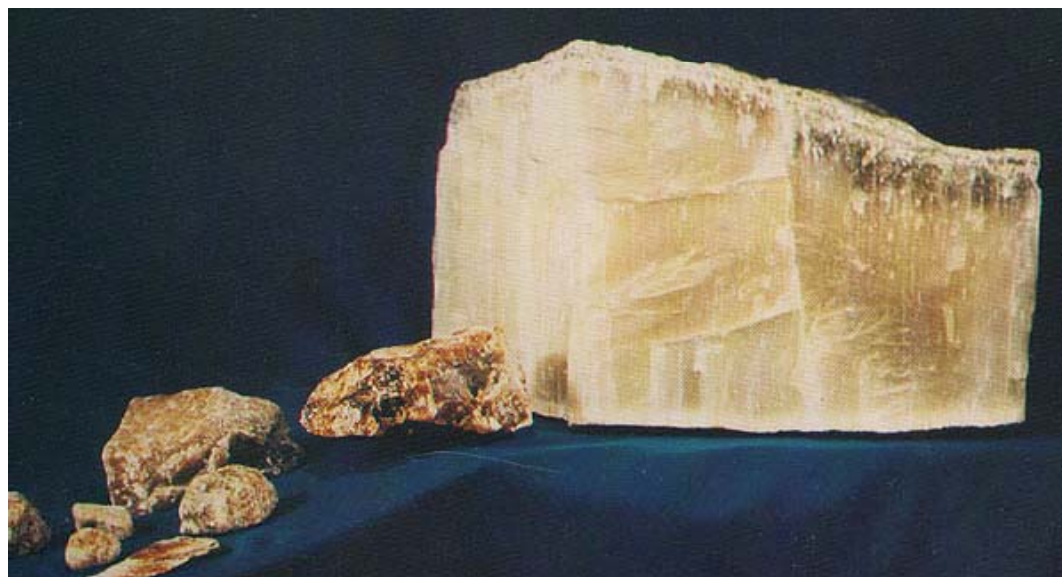
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What is Trona?

- **Chemically formula:**

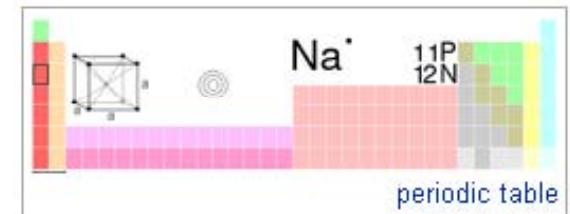


- **Refined into soda ash, sodium bicarbonate (baking soda) and sodium phosphates (detergents).**



Trona

- **Calcines in the flue - increases surface area and reactivity.**
- **May improve Dry ESP performance by reducing the resistivity of the ash**
- **Increases sodium content of flyash** \longrightarrow **high flyash pH.**
Metals such as Se may leach at high pH's.
- **Potential material handling problems due to exposure to high temperature or moisture**
 - **Calcination of trona in the transport line resulting in lower reactivities**
 - **Release of waters of hydration causing product scaling**



Sodium Bicarbonate

- **Chemical Formula:**
 NaHCO_3
- **Mean Size: 100+ microns**
- **Delivered in crystalline form**
- **Produced from Trona**
- **Suppliers: Solvay, Natron_x**



Sodium Bicarbonate

- **Sodium bicarbonate (SBC) is the most effective dry sorbent for mitigating acid gases, but is typically only used for SO₂ due to cost**
- **SBC also calcines in the flue causing a “popcorn” effect which increases the surface area and reactivity.**
- **SBC has the fewest material handling issues**
- **SBC must be milled to achieve high reactivity**

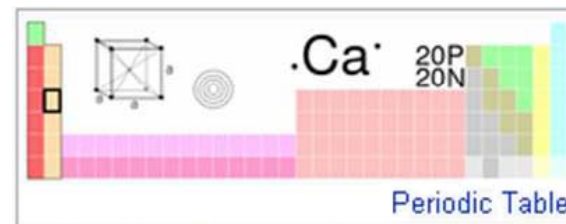
Hydrated Lime

- **Chemical Formula:**
 $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$
- **Mean Size: 2-3 microns**
- **Vendors: Mississippi Lime, Lhoist, Carmeuse**
- **Surface area ($>20 \text{ g/m}^2$) and available $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$ should be considered in any evaluation**

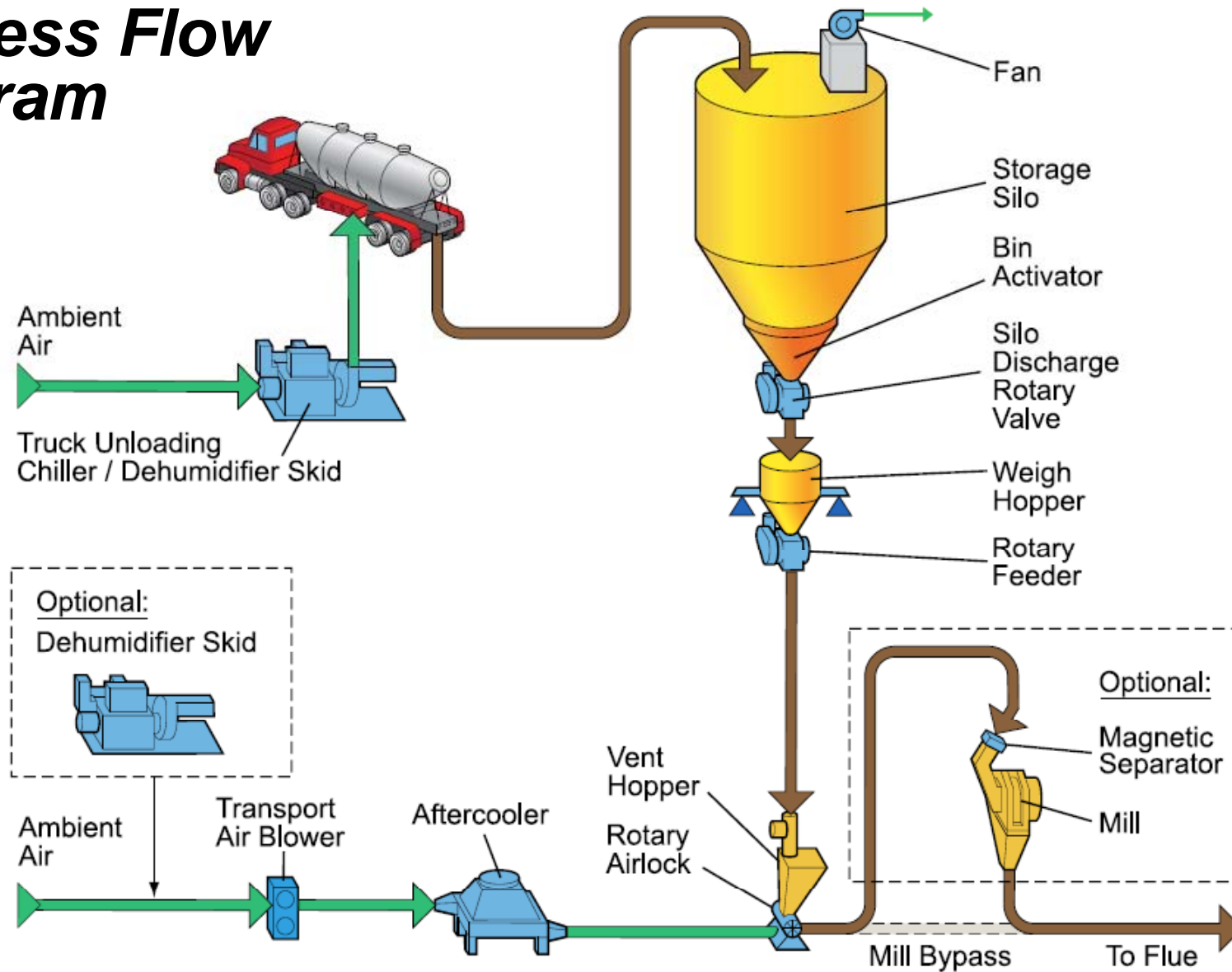


Hydrated Lime

- **Less reactive than sodium-based sorbents.**
- **Longer residence time than sodium sorbents to maintain similar SO₃ reduction**
- **Injection typically does not impact ash sales**
- **May negatively impact dry ESP performance by increasing resistivity of flyash**
- **CO₂ can react with hydrated lime in the convey line and cause scaling**
- **Line plugging issues are exacerbated with moisture and high temperatures**



Process Flow Diagram



When to mill reagent?

Sodium Bicarbonate

- **Milling required**
 - **As received D50 ~100-120 μ**

Trona

- **SO₂ / HCl with ESP recommended**
- **SO₂ / HCl with PJFF**
 - **Desired especially for SO₂ removal over 70%**
- **As received D50 ~35-45 μ**

Hydrated Lime – not required

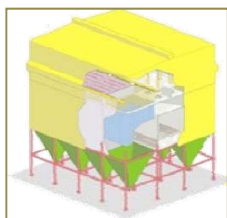


*Conveying Line
Splitters*

DSI for Multi-Pollutant Control

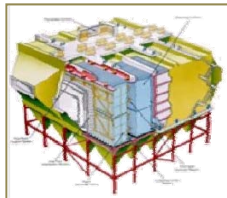
Performance

- Removal rates are variable depending on sorbent, sorbent particle size, flue gas temperature and residence time



Pulse Jet Fabric Filter (PJFF)

**SO₂ removal 80+%
and 95%+ capture of H₂SO₄
and HCl**



Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP)

**SO₂ up to 70% and 90%+
capture of H₂SO₄ and HCl**

- Hg control improvement by mitigating H₂SO₄
- Condensable PM control by mitigating H₂SO₄ and HCl

Considerable Interest in DSI with Hydrated Lime: but it is not a cure-all !!

	ESP			PJFF		
	SO ₂	HCl	H ₂ SO ₄	SO ₂	HCl	H ₂ SO ₄
Bituminous Coal (Med – High Sulfur)	Red	Red	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Green
Bituminous Coal (Low Sulfur)	Red	ESP must be evaluated for desired rate	Post ESP and pre-WFGD preferred	Red	Yellow	Green
PRB Blends (>80%)	Red			Green	Green	
PRB	Red			Green	Green	
Lignite	Red			Green	Green	
Biomass	Red			Green	Green	

Forget Lime for SO₂!

DSI Capabilities – Trona / Sodium Bicarbonate

	ESP			PJFF		
	SO ₂	HCl	H ₂ SO ₄	SO ₂	HCl	H ₂ SO ₄
Bituminous Coal (Med – High Sulfur)	Red	Red	Green	Red	Red	Green
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PRB	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green
Lignite	Yellow	Yellow	Green	Yellow	Yellow	Green
Biomass	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green

Red & Yellow zones due to large volume of material to be injected and ash leachate / toxicity issues.

ESP Performance & Disposal

	ESP Performance	Ash
Trona / milled Trona	<p>Lowers resistivity</p> <p>SO₃ mitigation – improves performance</p> <p>SO₂ mitigation – need to be careful of breakthrough</p>	<p>SO₃ mitigation – sodium may affect flyash sales, if ponding may affect pH of pond</p> <p>SO₂ mitigation – could have 8-10% NaO in flyash</p>
Sodium Bicarbonate	<p>Lowers resistivity</p> <p>SO₂ mitigation – need to be careful of breakthrough but half as much is used compared to Trona</p>	<p>SO₂ mitigation – increased NaO in flyash</p>
Hydrated Lime	<p>Increases resistivity</p> <p>Good for large precip's</p> <p>May try dual injection (pre-ESP and pre-WFGD)</p>	<p>Usually does not affect ash sales</p>

Performance Guarantees – SO₂

% removal and/or emission limit

	ESP	PJFF	Comment
Trona	50% overall system	80% overall system	Milled trona likely required
Sodium Bicarbonate	50% overall system	80%+ overall system	90% removal with PJFF being investigated

HCl and H₂SO₄ removal could be included with this guarantee

HCl and SO₂ Relationship

- **H₂SO₄ first and readily reactive**
- **HCl / SO₂ somewhat competing**
 - **Good coverage and high >1 s residence time ensure high removals**
- **HCl only with no SO₂ in the stream is removed readily**
- **HF is removed more readily than HCl**

Performance Guarantees – Halides

% removal and/or emission limit

	ESP	PJFF	Comment
Trona	70 - 90% overall system	90%+ overall system	Milled trona likely required
Sodium Bicarbonate	70 - 90% overall system	90%+ overall system	
Hydrated Lime	70% overall system	90%+ overall system	

R&D ongoing to finalize required injection rates, max removal, etc.

Advantages and Disadvantages of DSI

Advantages

- ▶ **Simple process**
- ▶ **Limited equipment**
- ▶ **Easy to retrofit**
- ▶ **Limited space needed**
- ▶ **No fluework changes needed**

Disadvantages

- ▶ **Limited removals**
- ▶ **May impact existing particulate control device**
- ▶ **May impact ash sales**
- ▶ **Many vendors do not understand full impacts of system**

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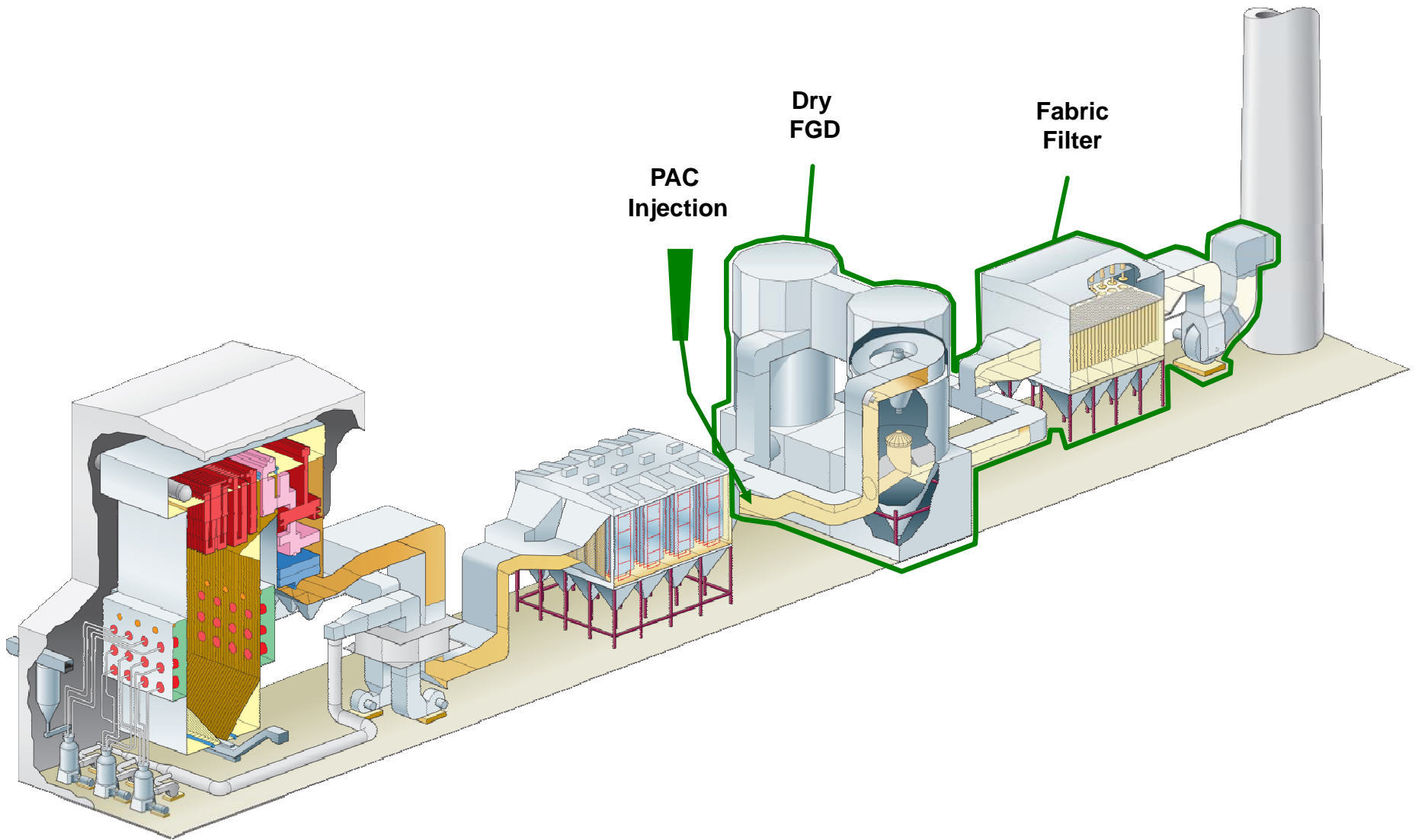
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Typical Spray Dry Absorber Configuration

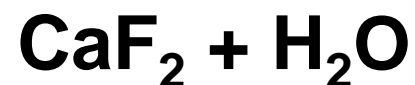
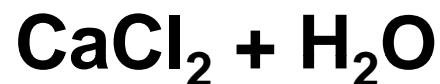


SDA Chemistry

Reactions:

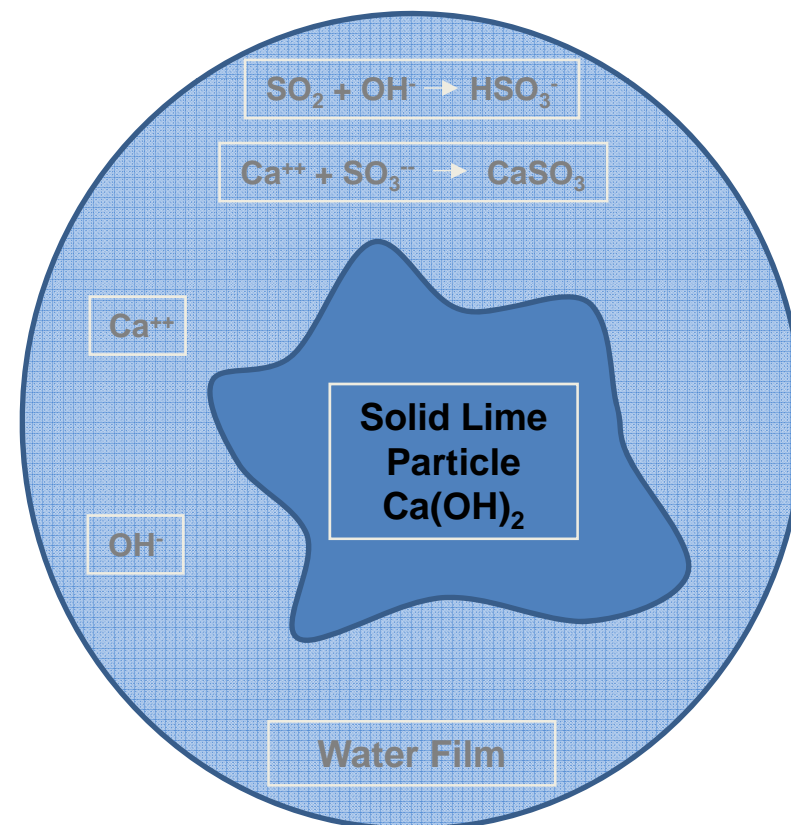


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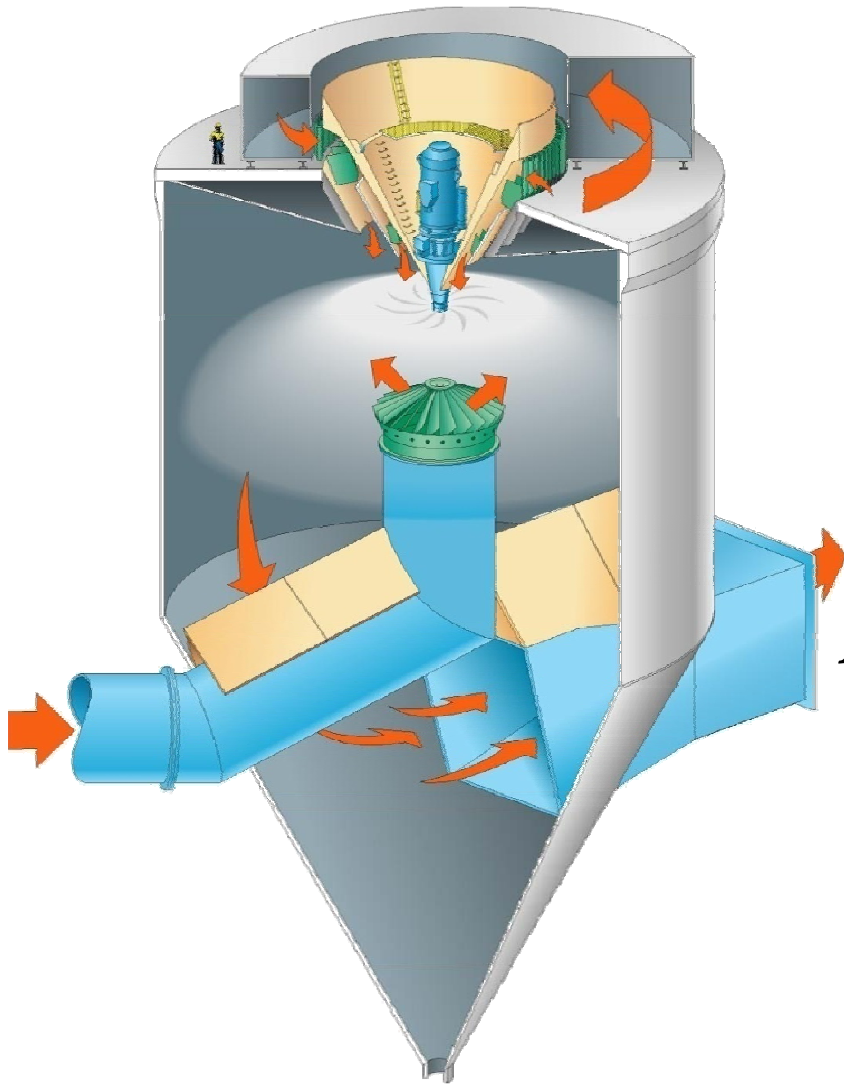
SO_2 Absorption

- ▶ Absorption of acid gases most rapid when water is present
- ▶ High reagent solubility and drop pH promote absorption
- ▶ Inert solids provide more surface area and enhance gas/reagent contact
- ▶ Enhanced by good distribution of high surface area reagent

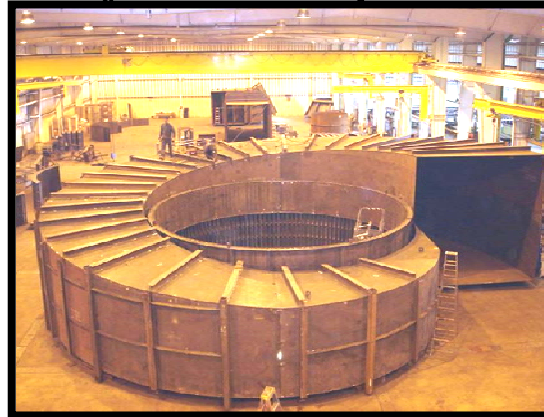


SDA Module Design

SDA module size is based on the flue gas flow rate (not SO₂ removal efficiency)



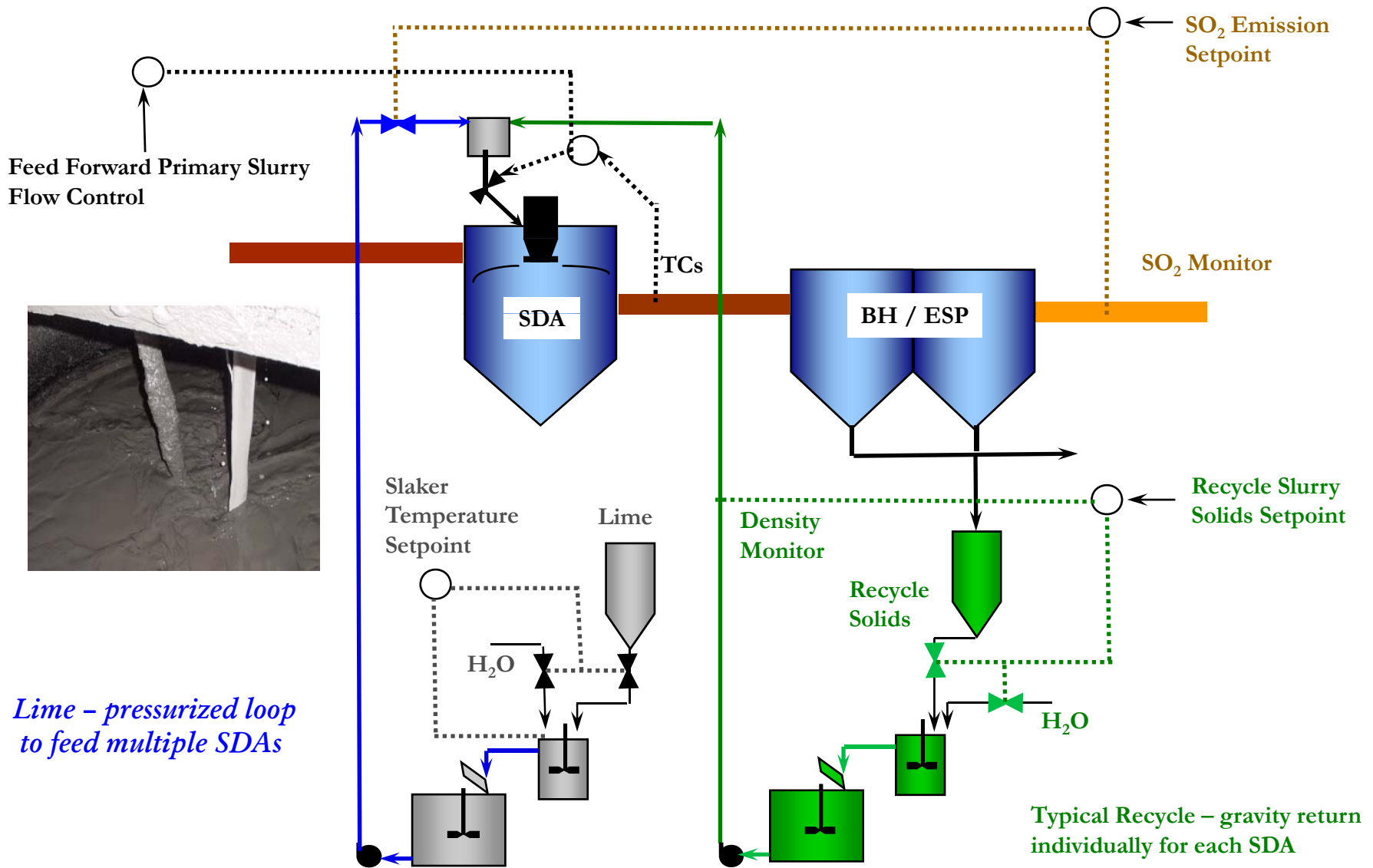
Roof Gas Disperser

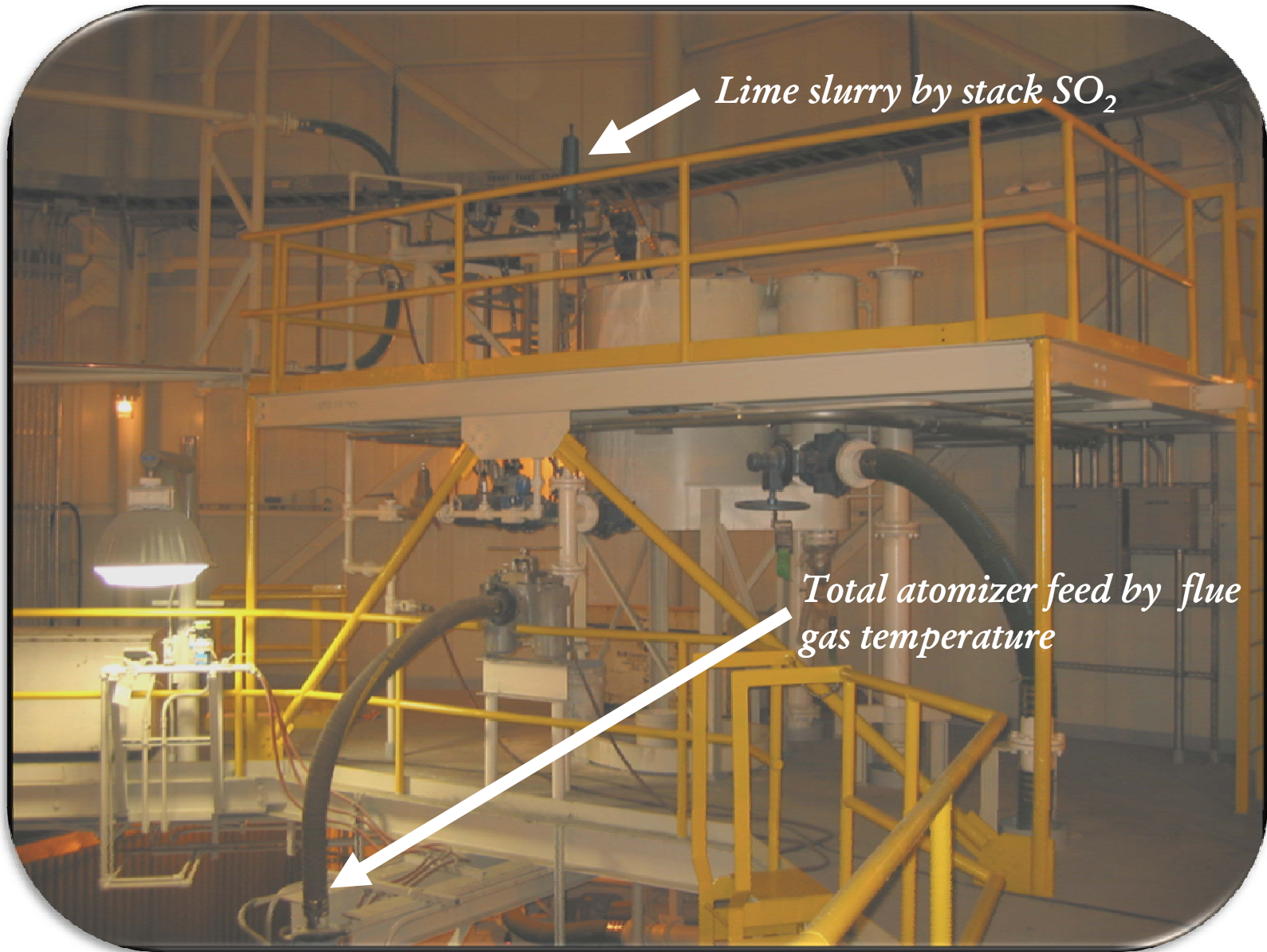


Central Gas Disperser

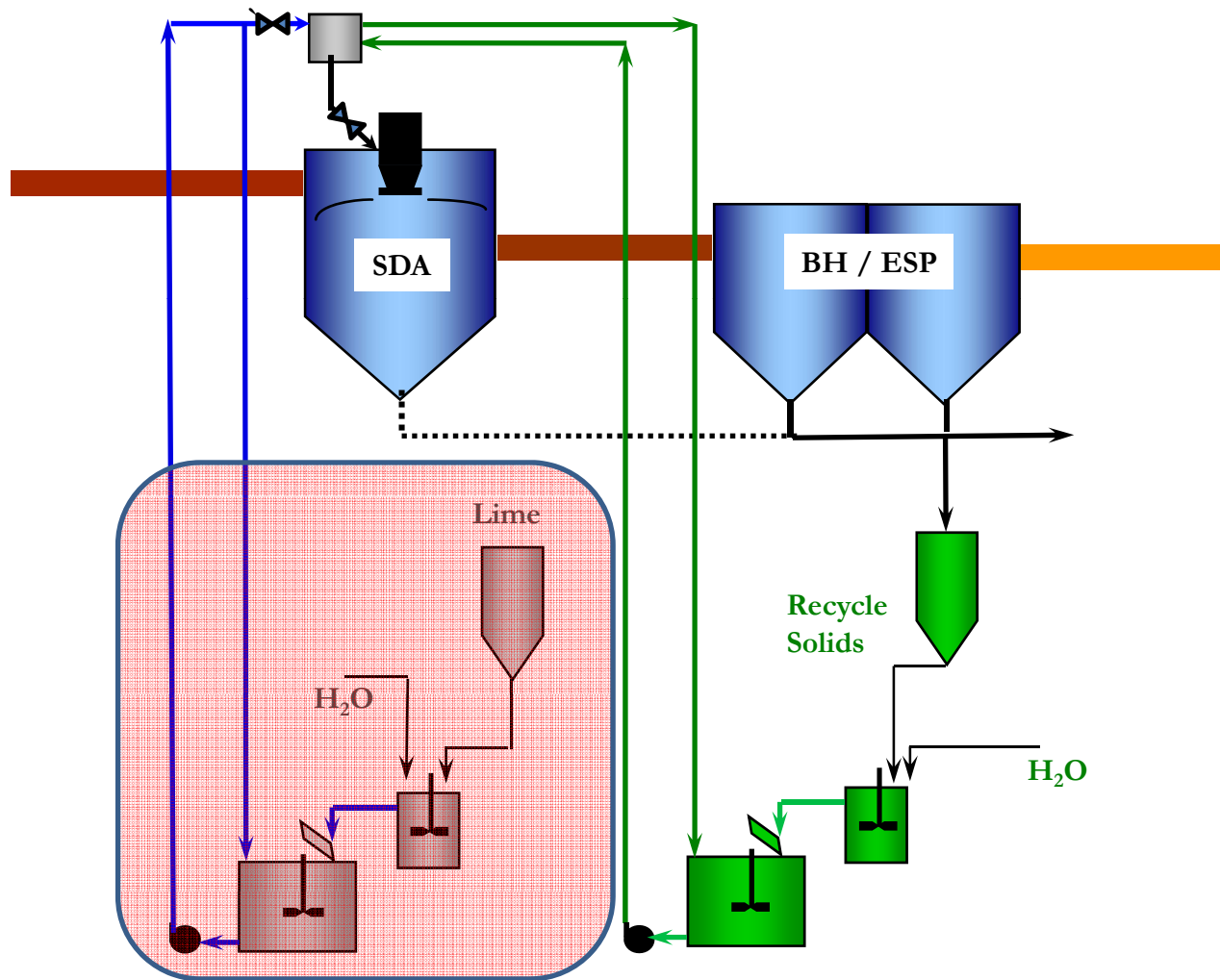


Process Flowsheet and Control Basics





Lime Slurry Preparation System



Lime Slaking

Horizontal Ball Mill



Vertical Ball Mill

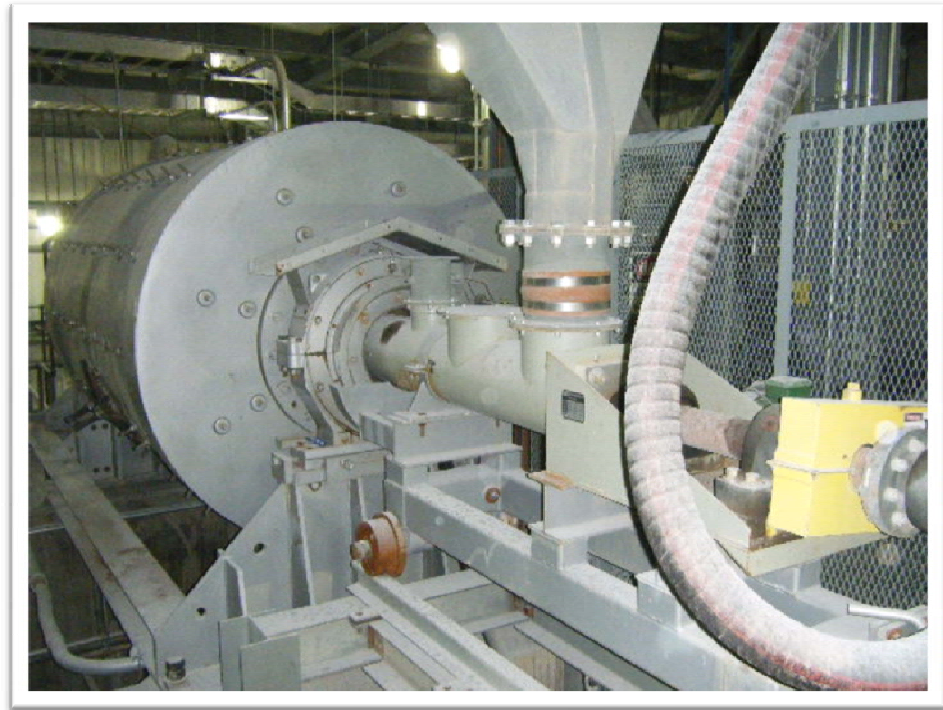


Detention Slaker



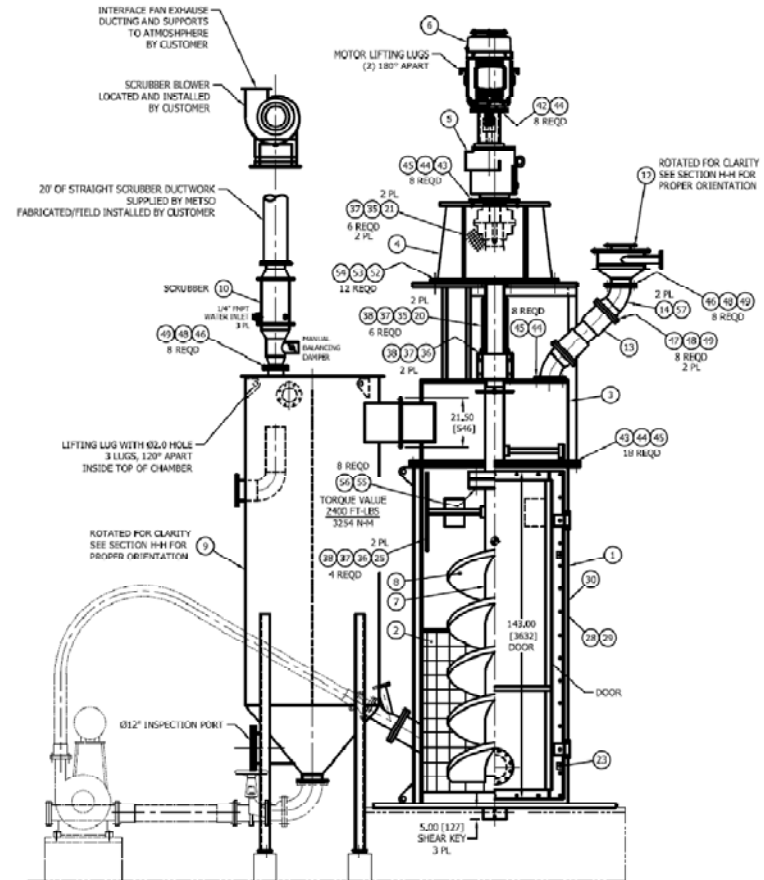
Lime Slurry Preparation System Horizontal Ball Mill

- Larger Capacities for
Supplying Multiple SDAs**
- Highest Capital Cost**
- Higher Maintenance Costs**
- High Operating Noise**
- No Grit Disposal Required**



Lime Slurry Preparation System Vertical Ball Mill

- Smaller Footprint than Horizontal Ball Mill
- Lower Capital Cost than Horizontal Ball Mill
- High Operating Noise
- No Grit Disposal Required



Lime Slurry Preparation System Detention Slaker

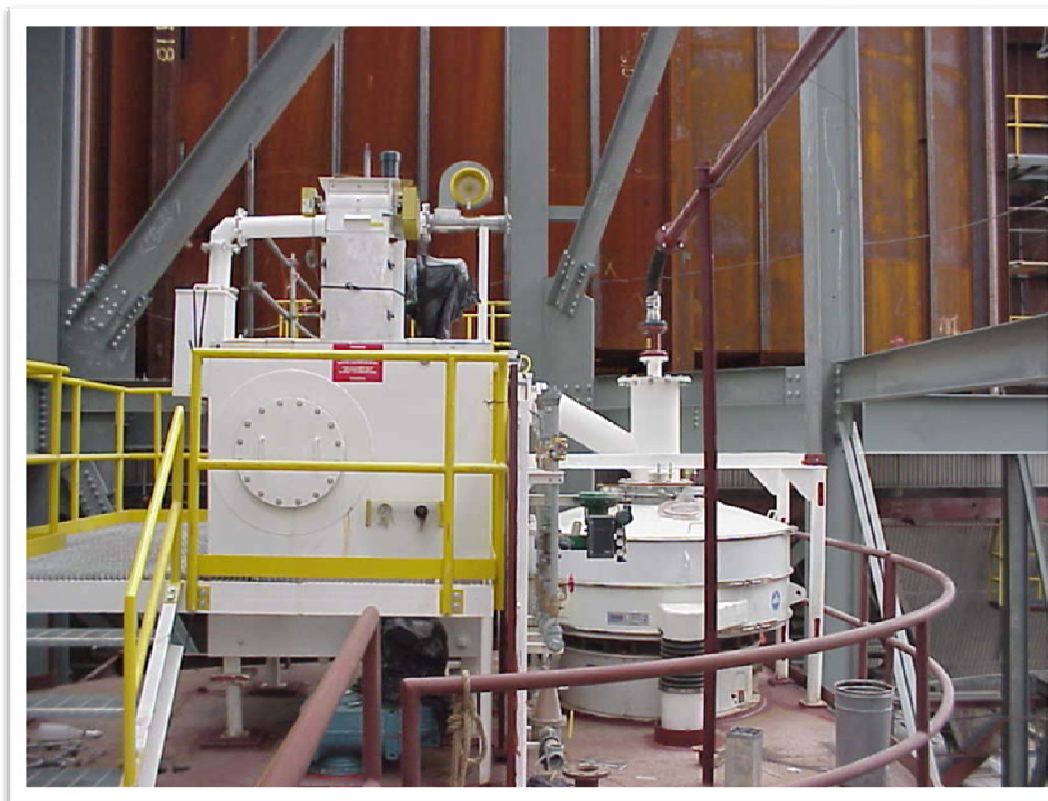
Simple Slaker Design

Lowest Capital Cost

Lower Maintenance Costs

Relatively Quiet Operation

Grit Disposal Required



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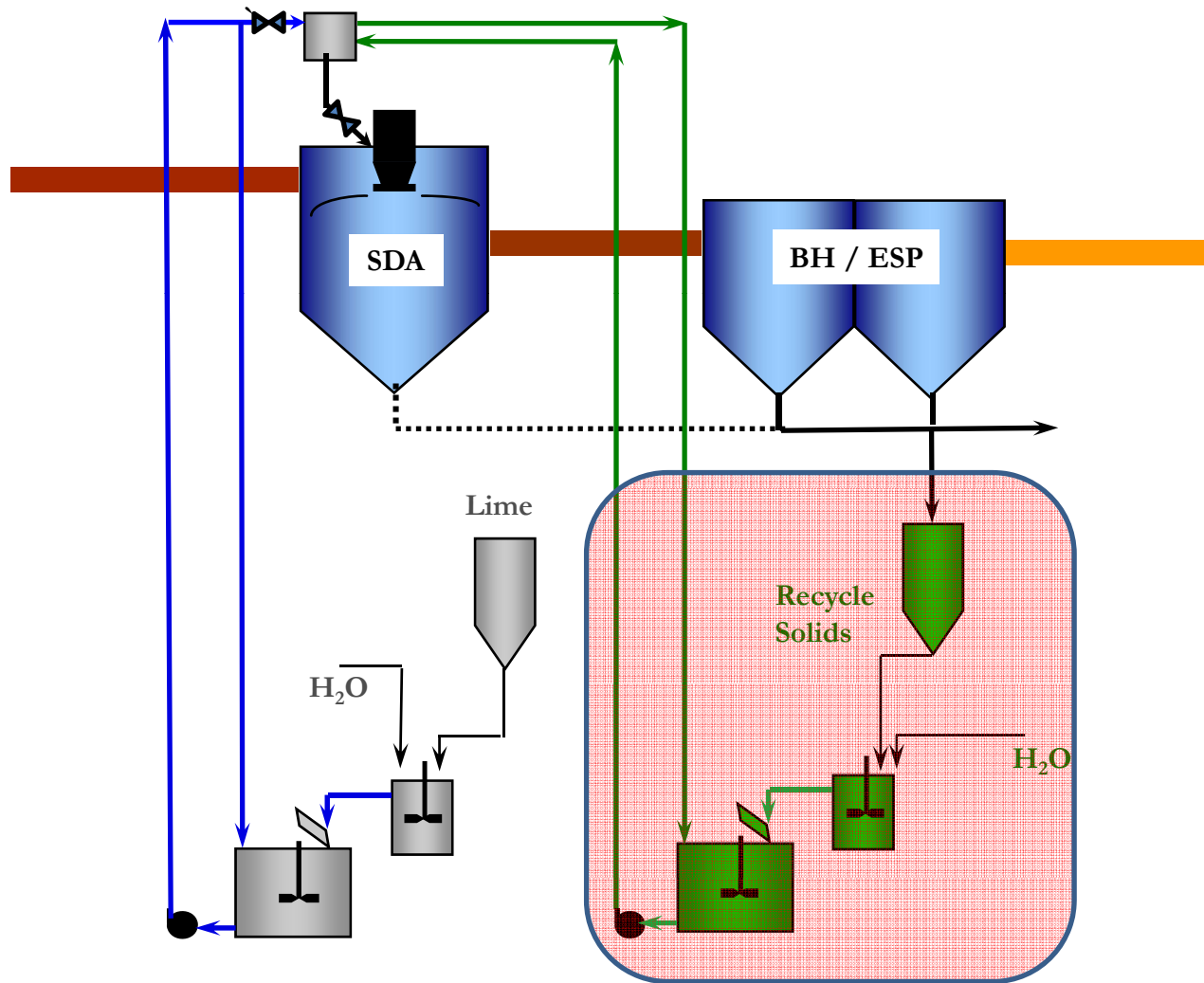
Water Control Panel



Slaking Water Heater



Recycle Slurry Preparation System



Recycle Ash Storage Silo



**Top of
recycle silo
showing bin
vent with
pressurized
flyash
transport
system**

Recycle Ash Storage Silo Discharge



Recycle Slurry Mix Tanks



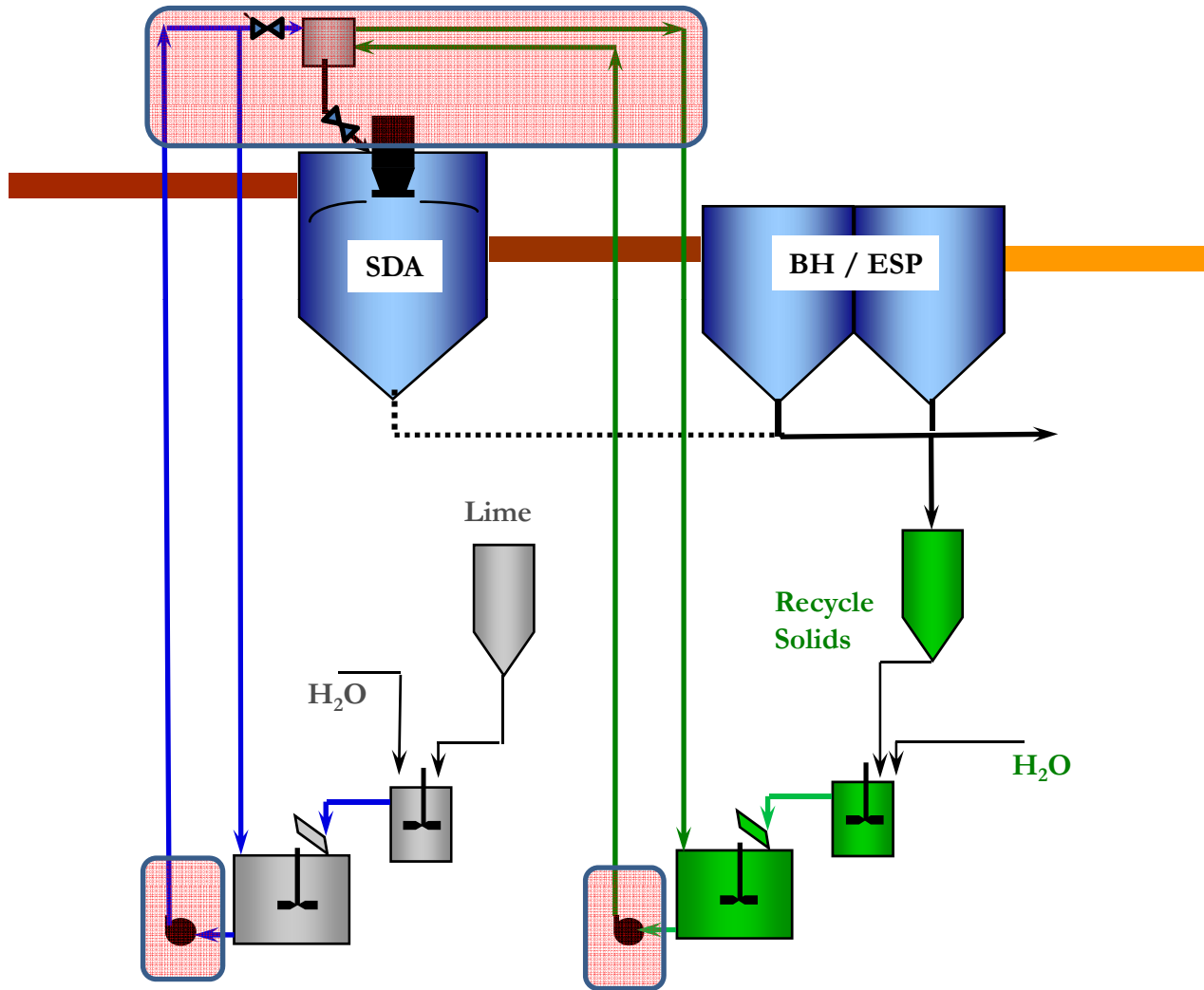
Two x 100% capacity trains for a 500 MW installation

Recycle Ash Preparation System

Wetting Box, Mix Tank, and Dust & Vapor Removal System



Slurry Feed System



Slurry Feed Pumps

Belt-drive, centrifugal

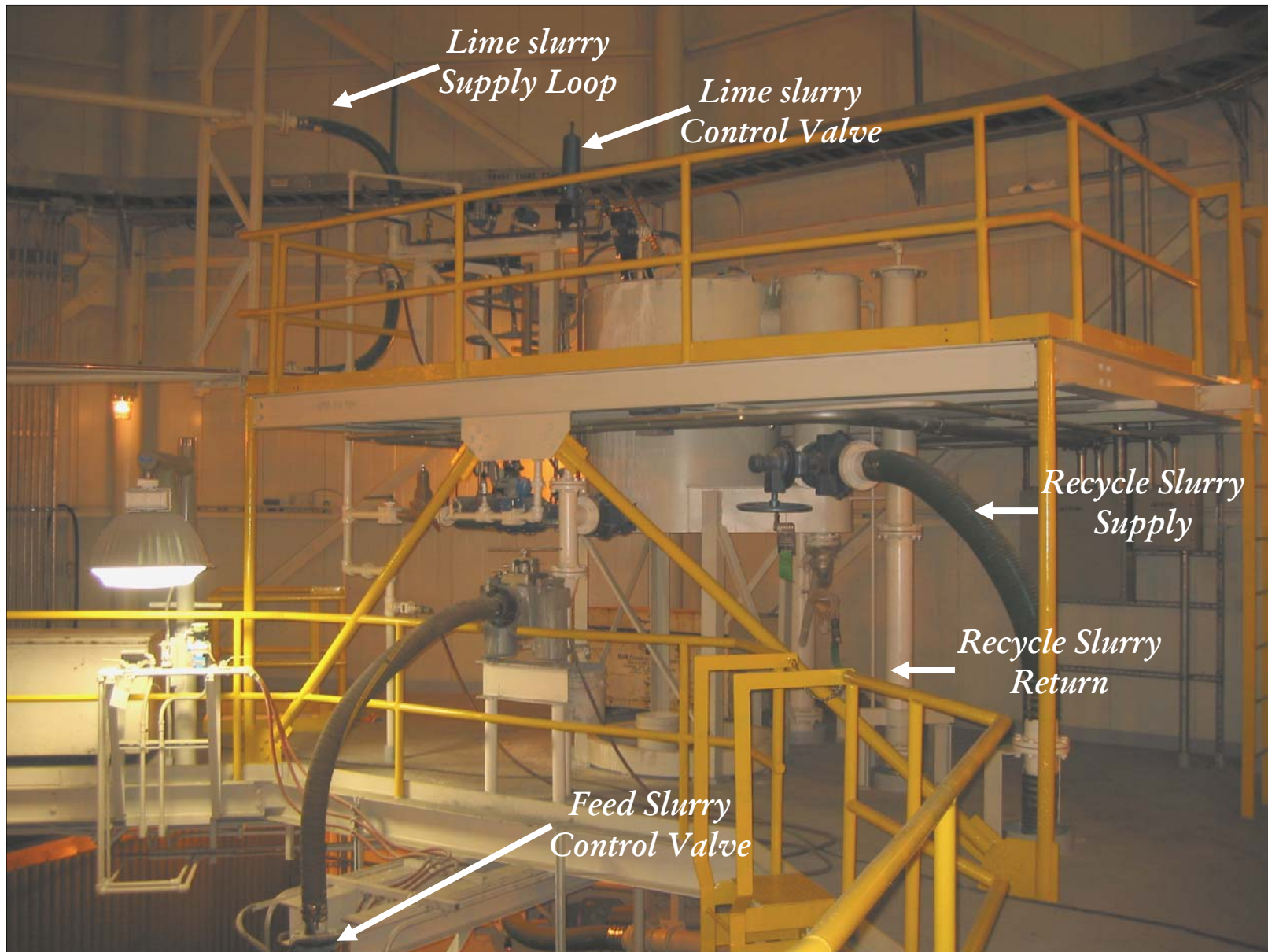


Direct-drive, laminar flow



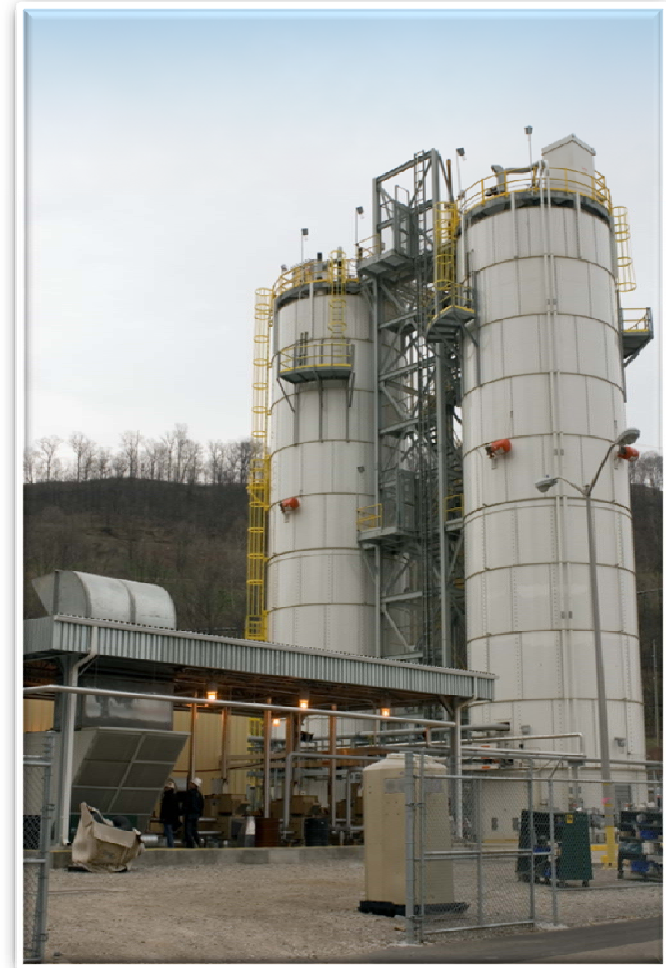
Fast Response Head Tank





Hydrated Lime Injection with SDA

- **Inject hydrated lime upstream of the SDA**
- **Decouples the lime addition from the water addition**
- **Removes the prior limitations of the SDA system**
- **Extends inlet sulfur range and increases removal rates**



Typical Required SDA Performance



	<i>Recent Projects (lb/MBtu)</i>
SO₂	0.06 to 0.10 lb/Mbtu
SO₃ (as H₂SO₄)	0.0040
HCl	0.0029
HF	0.0009
Hg	0.8 to 3 lb/TBtu
PM₁₀ (filterable)	0.008 to 0.012
PM₁₀ (total)	0.018 to 0.025
Opacity	5 to 20%

Advantages and Disadvantages of SDA

Advantages

- ▶ **Mature product**
- ▶ **Recycle usage lowers lime consumption**
- ▶ **Carbon steel construction**
- ▶ **Low water usage**
- ▶ **No wastewater treatment**
- ▶ **No wet stack required**

Disadvantages

- ▶ **Typically limited to lower sulfur coals**
- ▶ **Slurry Handling**
- ▶ **Byproduct disposal requires care**
- ▶ **Fairly high quality water required for slaking**

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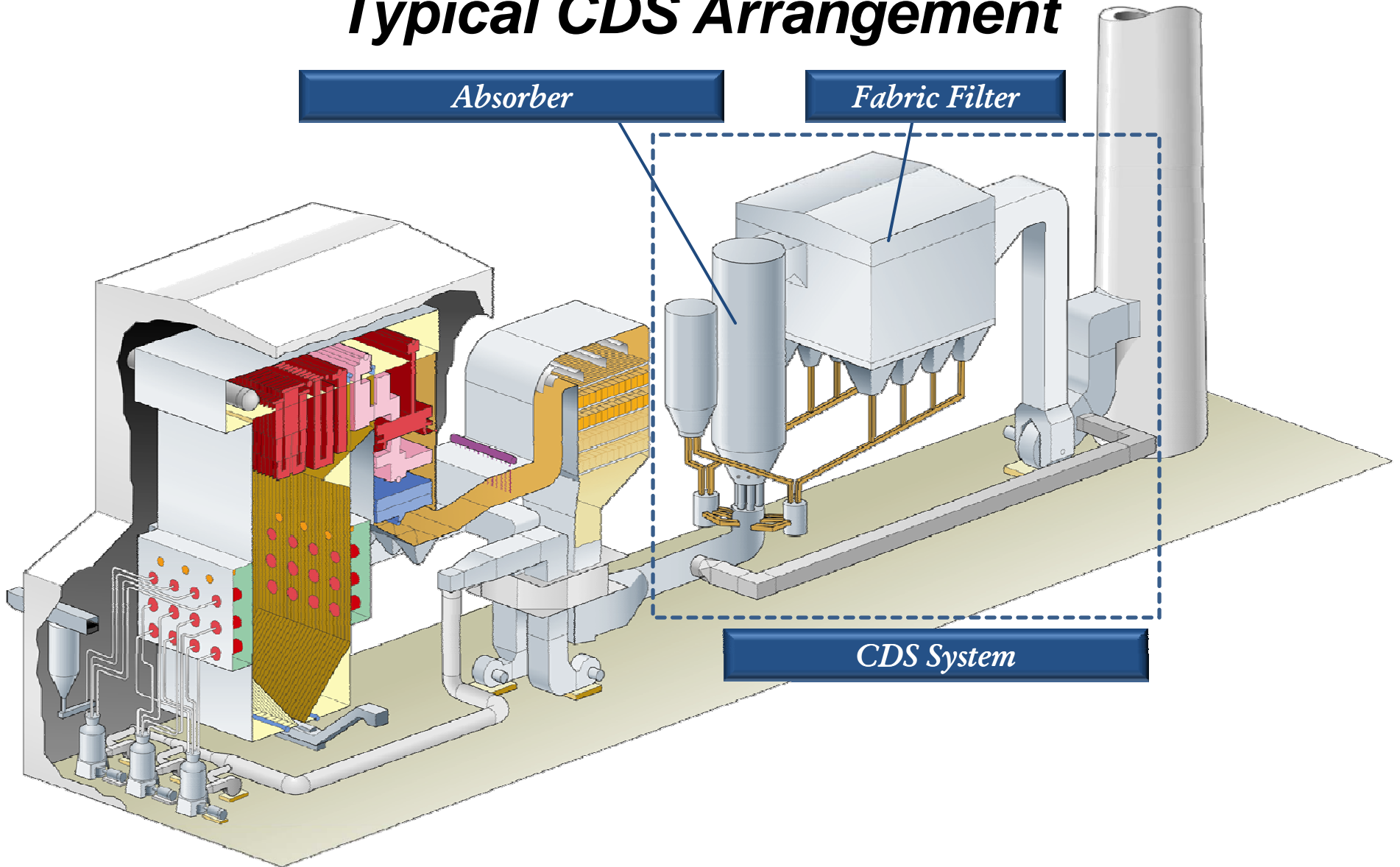
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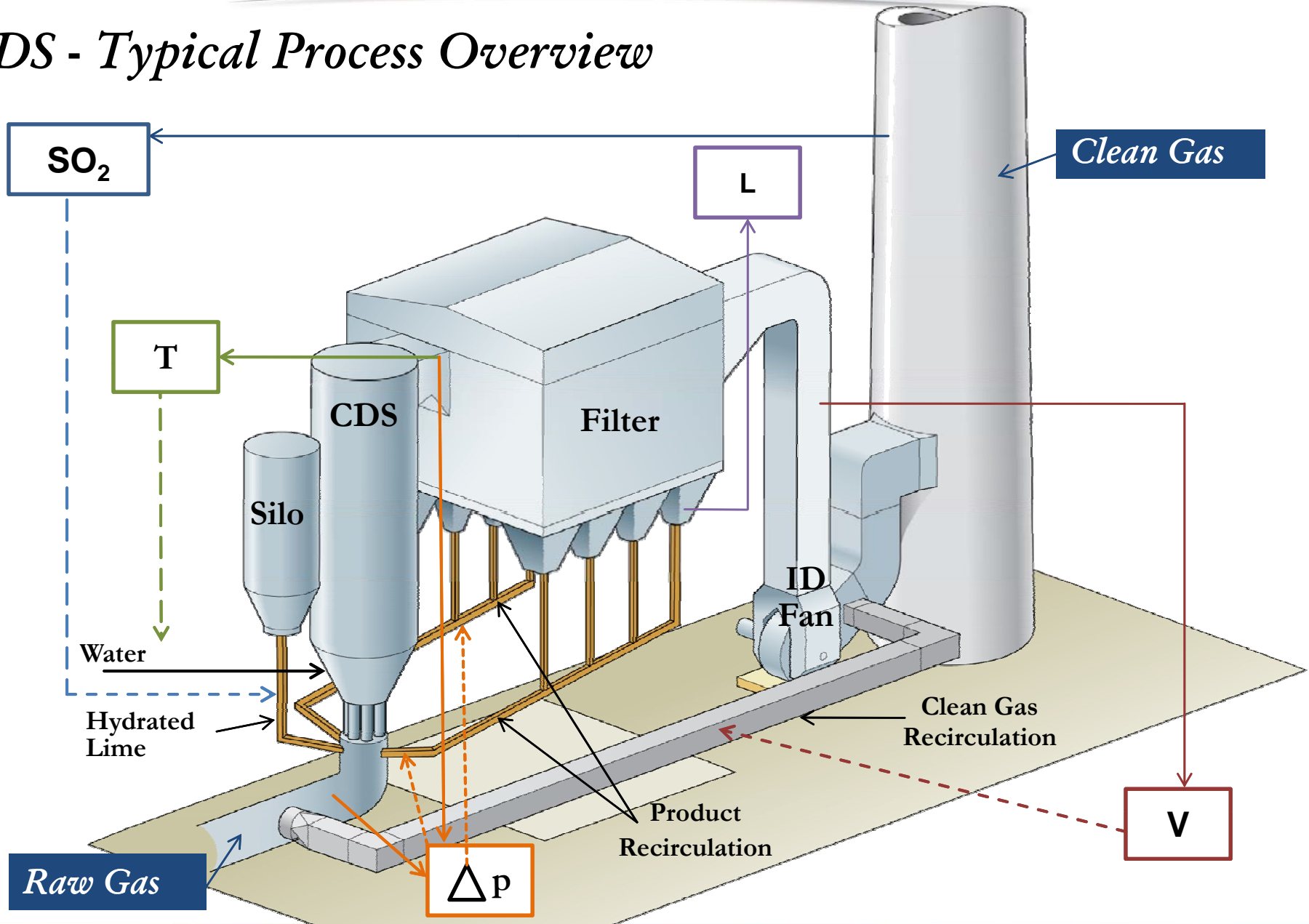
CDS Process Chemistry

- **Pebble Lime (CaO) or Hydrated Lime**
 - $\text{CaO} + \text{H}_2\text{O} \longrightarrow \text{Ca(OH)}_2 + \text{Heat}$
- **Theoretical Stoich Ratios (mol Ca/mol acid)**
 - SO_2 1:1 , HCl 1/2:1, HF 1/2:1 , SO_3 1:1
- **Actual stoich typically between 1.4 – 1.9 for SO_2**
- **Water – Humid flue gas increases the efficiency of the lime/acid gas interaction**
- **Option: PAC injection removes mercury, dioxins, and furans**
- **Dry Byproduct – 60% flyash, 20% CaSO_3 , 5 % CaSO_4 , 2% Ca(OH)_2 , 5% CaCO_3 , <5% CaCl_2**

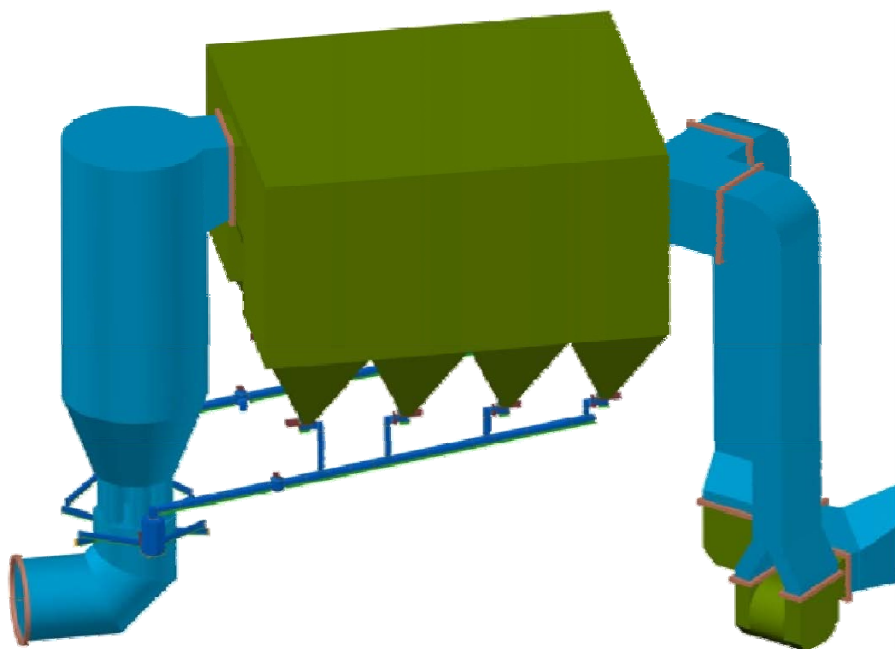
Typical CDS Arrangement



CDS - Typical Process Overview



Fabric Filter for CDS Applications



- **Lower ATC ratio**
- **Designed for reduced velocities in filtration zone**
- **Pulse air supply designed for high cleaning rate**
- **Larger hopper outlet opening**
- **Trough hopper design to minimize vertical height and accommodate high recirculation rate**

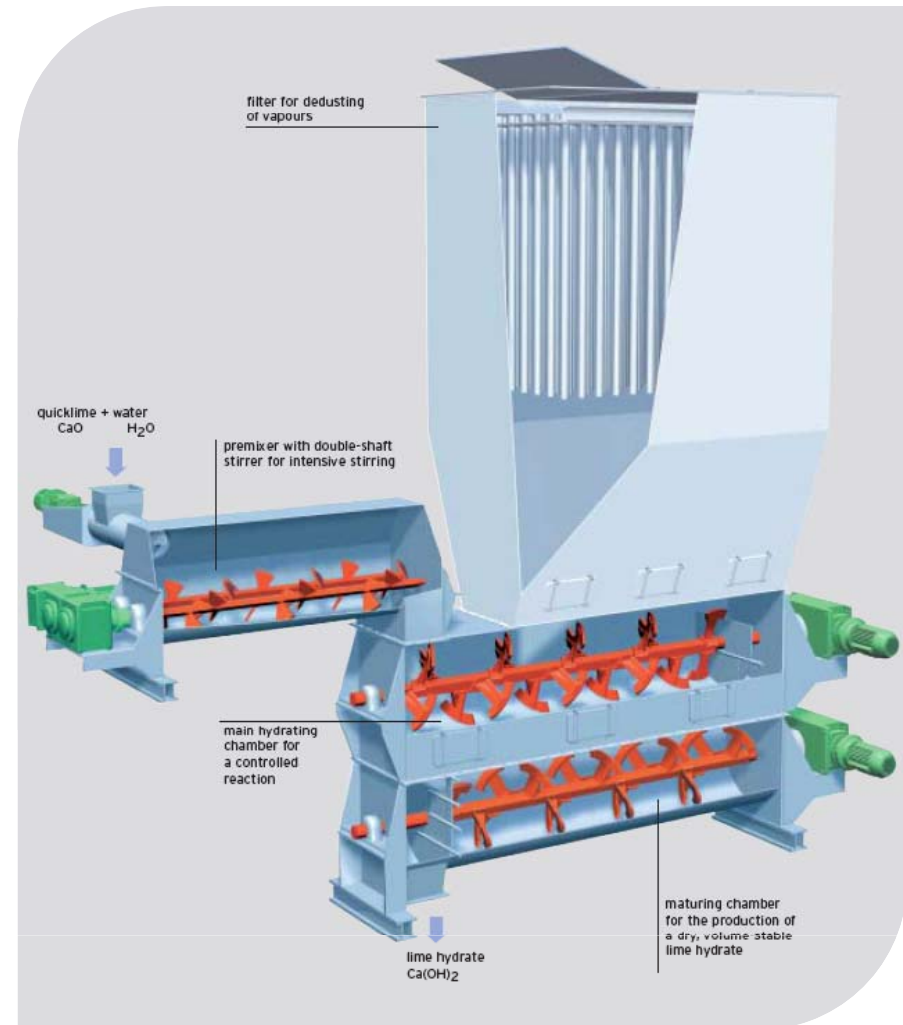
Reagent Preparation Typical Equipment

- ▶ **Pebble Lime Silo**
- ▶ **Rotary Feeder**
- ▶ **Screw Feeder**
- ▶ **Lime Hydrator with Vent Filter****
- ▶ **Water pumps for hydration**
- ▶ **Pneumatic Conveying to Hydrated Lime Day Bin**

****Some plants have hydrated lime delivered to site**

Lime Hydrators

- ▶ Pebble lime breaks up as it is hydrated
- ▶ Exothermic Reaction
- ▶ Continuous operation
- ▶ Dry product controlled by temperature

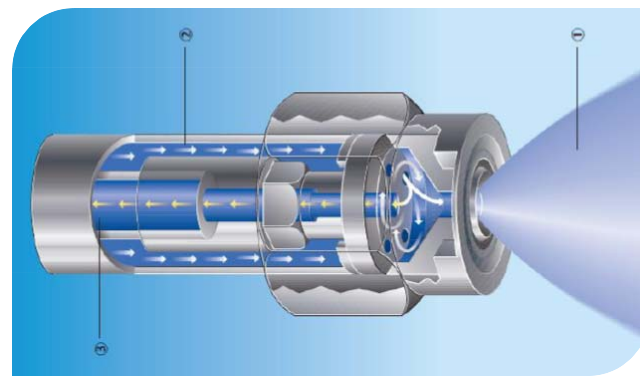


Lime Hydrator



Water Supply and Injection System

- ▶ **Single fluid atomization**
- ▶ **Droplets less than 250 micron**
- ▶ **One water injection per venturi**
- ▶ **Online removal and replacement**
- ▶ **Adjustable depth for optimization**
- ▶ **10:1 Turndown**
- ▶ **Flow to absorber regulated by recirculation flow control**



High Pressure Water Pumps

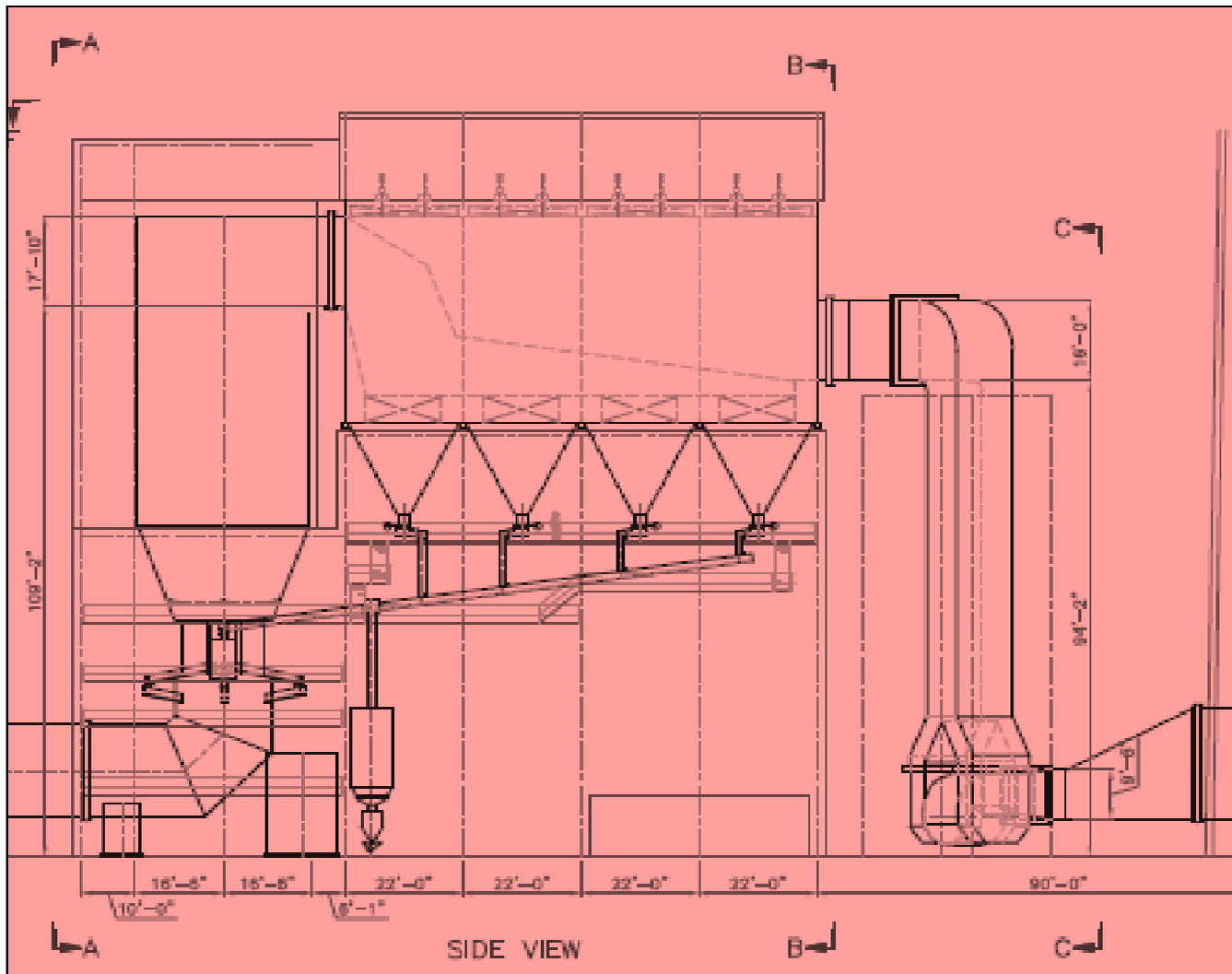


Byproduct Handling System

- 1. Recirculation air slide system**
 - Returns solids to the absorber
 - Air slides, flow control gates, distribution bins
- 2. Byproduct removal**
 - Removes solids for landfill
 - Pressure or Vacuum system
 - Pressure system can be dilute or dense phase

Solids move easier when they are dry and free flowing!

Byproduct Handling



Recent B&W CDS/FF Proposal Performance Requirements



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Opacity	5 to 20%

Typical for PRB and PRB Blends

Advantages and Disadvantages of CDS

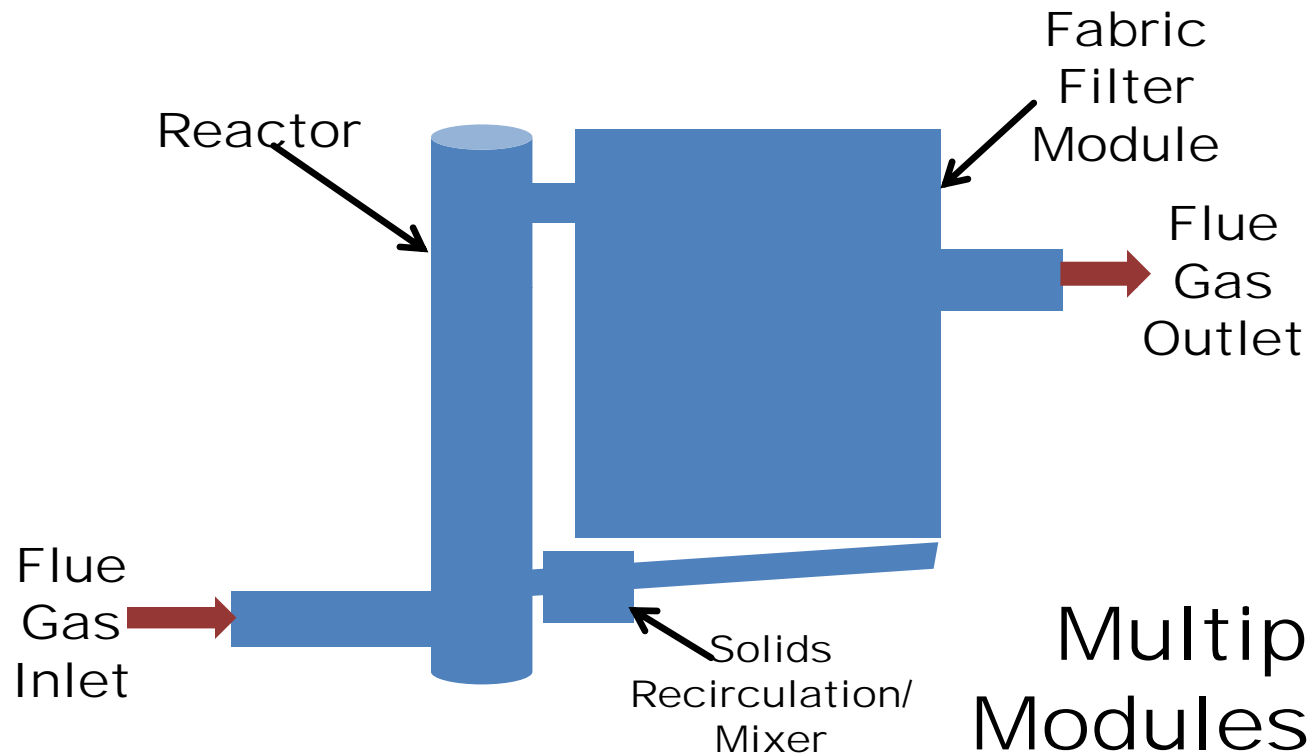
Advantages

- ▶ **Water evaporation independent of lime feed rate**
- ▶ **Carbon steel construction**
- ▶ **Few moving parts**
- ▶ **Low water usage**
- ▶ **No wastewater**
- ▶ **No wet stack required**

Disadvantages

- ▶ **Higher pressure drop**
- ▶ **Significant solids handling**
- ▶ **Flue gas recirculation required at low loads**
- ▶ **Byproduct transport requires care**

Transport Reactors



Solids mixers are proprietary to each supplier

Multiple Modules per Unit – “Modular Design”

Transport Reactors

- **For units larger than ~80MW, multiple reactors needed**
- **Each reactor has its own mixer/hydrator**
- **Mixer/hydrator is proprietary to each vendor**

Advantages and Disadvantages of Transport Reactors

Advantages

- ▶ **Water evaporation independent of lime feed**
- ▶ **Carbon steel construction**
- ▶ **Low water usage**
- ▶ **No gas recirc needed**
- ▶ **Typically has an installed spare**
- ▶ **No wastewater**
- ▶ **No wet stack required**

Disadvantages

- ▶ **High pressure drop**
- ▶ **Significant solids handling**
- ▶ **Few installations on PC fired units**
- ▶ **Many reactors needed for a unit**

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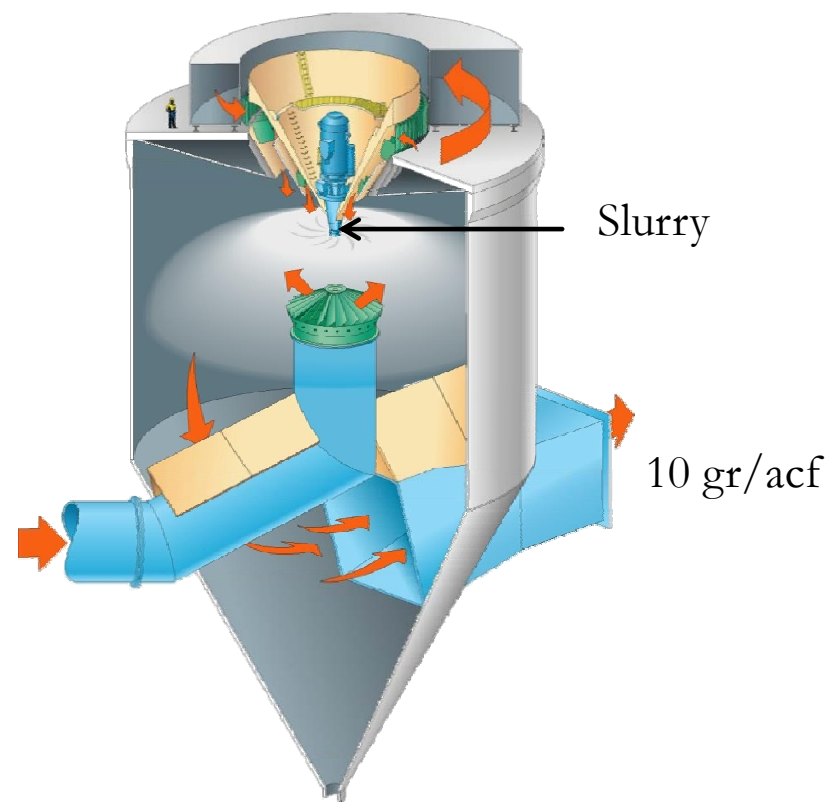
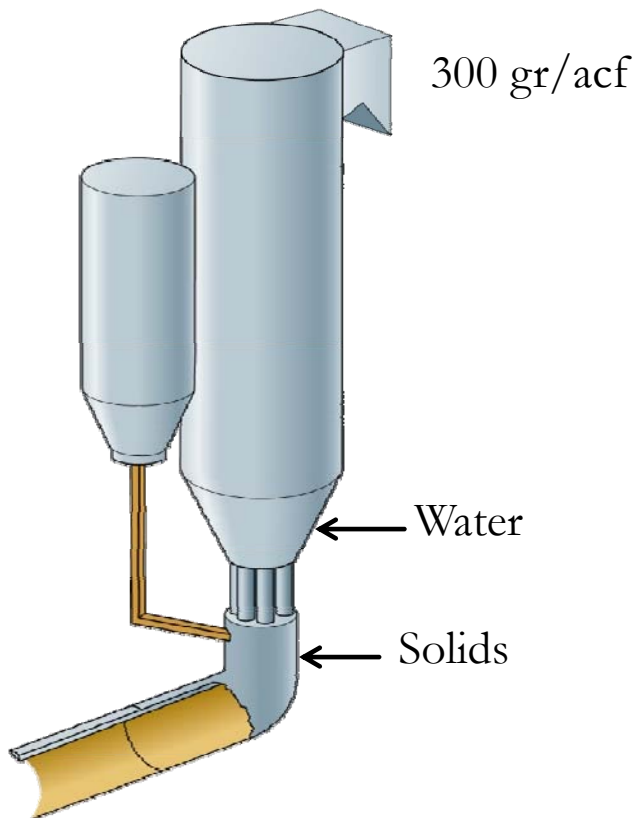
CDS vs. SDA – Process Difference

Circulating Dry Scrubber → CDS

Spray Dryer Absorber → SDA

Spray water and solids independently

Spray slurry – solids in water



Absorber Configuration Comparison

	<i>DSI</i>	<i>SDA</i>	<i>CDS</i>	<i>Transport Reactor</i>
Size Constraints (MW)	NA	~350-400 per absorber	~400 per vessel	~50-90 per reactor
# Absorbers / Unit Examples: 1000MW	NA	3 SDAs & 1-2 PJFF	3 CDSs & 3 PJFF	14-16 reactors & PJFFs
350MW		1 SDA & 1 PJFF	1 CDS & 1 PJFF	4-6 reactors & PJFFs

Consumable Comparison (other than reagent)

	DSI	SDA	CDS	Transport Reactor
Pressure Drop	Lowest	Low	Higher than SDA	Higher than SDA
Power Consumption (no fans)	Lowest	About equal	About equal	About equal
Water Consumption	None	Since use same approach to saturation temperature, water consumption should be equal		

Reagents

	<i>DSI</i>	<i>SDA</i>	<i>CDS</i>	<i>Transport Reactor</i>
Reagent Preparation Method – Pebble Lime Delivered	N/A	Slaker	Hydrator	Hydrator
Reagent Preparation Method – Hydrated Lime Delivered	N/A	Mixing	No prep needed	No prep needed

Performance Comparison

	<i>DSI</i>	<i>SDA</i>	<i>CDS</i>	<i>Transport Reactor</i>
Stoichiometric Ratios for PRB Coals	High stoich needed	Lower stoich	Higher Stoich	About equal to CDS
Stoichiometric Ratios for Higher Sulfur Coals	High stoich needed	About equal to CDS	About equal to SDA	About equal to CDS
SO₂ Removal	Low	95%+	95%+	95%+
HCl/HF Removal	N/A	99%+	99%+	99%+

By-Product Streams

	<i>DSI</i>	<i>SDA</i>	<i>CDS</i>	<i>Transport Reactor</i>
Solids Composition	Based on reagent	Fly ash CaSO ₃ CaSO ₄ CaCl ₂ CaCO ₃	Fly ash CaSO ₃ CaSO ₄ CaCl ₂ CaCO ₃	Fly ash CaSO ₃ CaSO ₄ CaCl ₂ CaCO ₃
Water Treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Agenda

Dry Sorbent Injection Overview

Spray Dry Absorber Overview

**Circulating Dry Scrubber /
Transport Reactor Overview**

Compare and Contrast Technologies

Summary

Should you choose a technology prior to RFQ?

- **How would you decide?**
- **Why do you want to decide?**
- **What is your evaluation criteria and weighting methodology?**
 - **Experience?**
 - **Consumables consumption?**
 - **O&M? How?**

Preferred Methodology from a Vendor Perspective

- **Performance specification**
 - Site preferences
 - Reagent selection
 - Details on evaluation criteria
- **Vendor to select best technology based on detailed evaluation criteria**
- **Let the vendors be creative!**

Summary of Dry FGD Comparisons

No “one size fits all”

Chemistry of the various technologies is similar

DSI is not a “magic bullet”

Site specific requirements may drive technology decision

Let the vendors be creative

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Thank You.