

Advantages of Using a Process Hg CEMS

An introduction to Hg Process Monitoring and Feedback Control
McIlvaine Mercury Measurement and Capture
Developed jointly by ADA-ES and Thermo Fisher

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Background Info

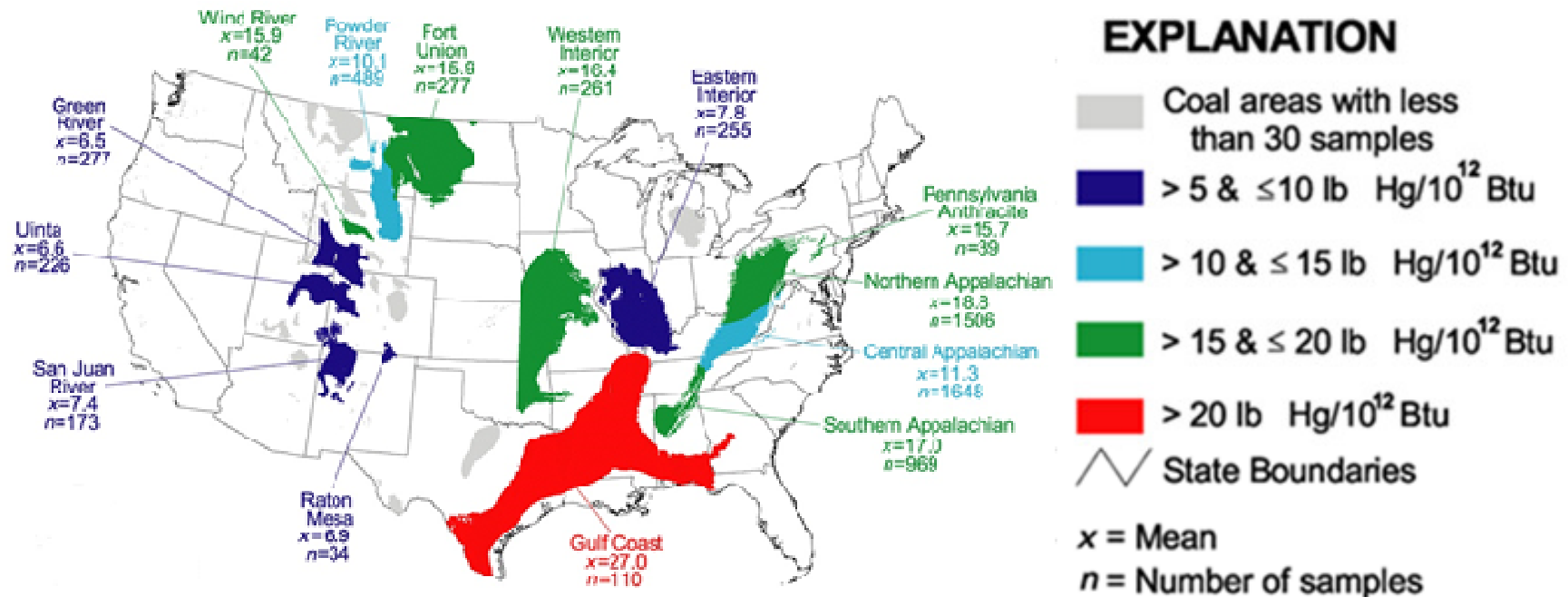
- ▶ What are you doing for MATS Compliance (Traps, CEMS)?
- ▶ How are you controlling Hg (ACI, CHI)?
- ▶ What emission rate will you be controlling to?
- ▶ How are you going to handle non-compliance periods?

The Challenge Facing Power Plants

Factors Affecting Hg Emissions

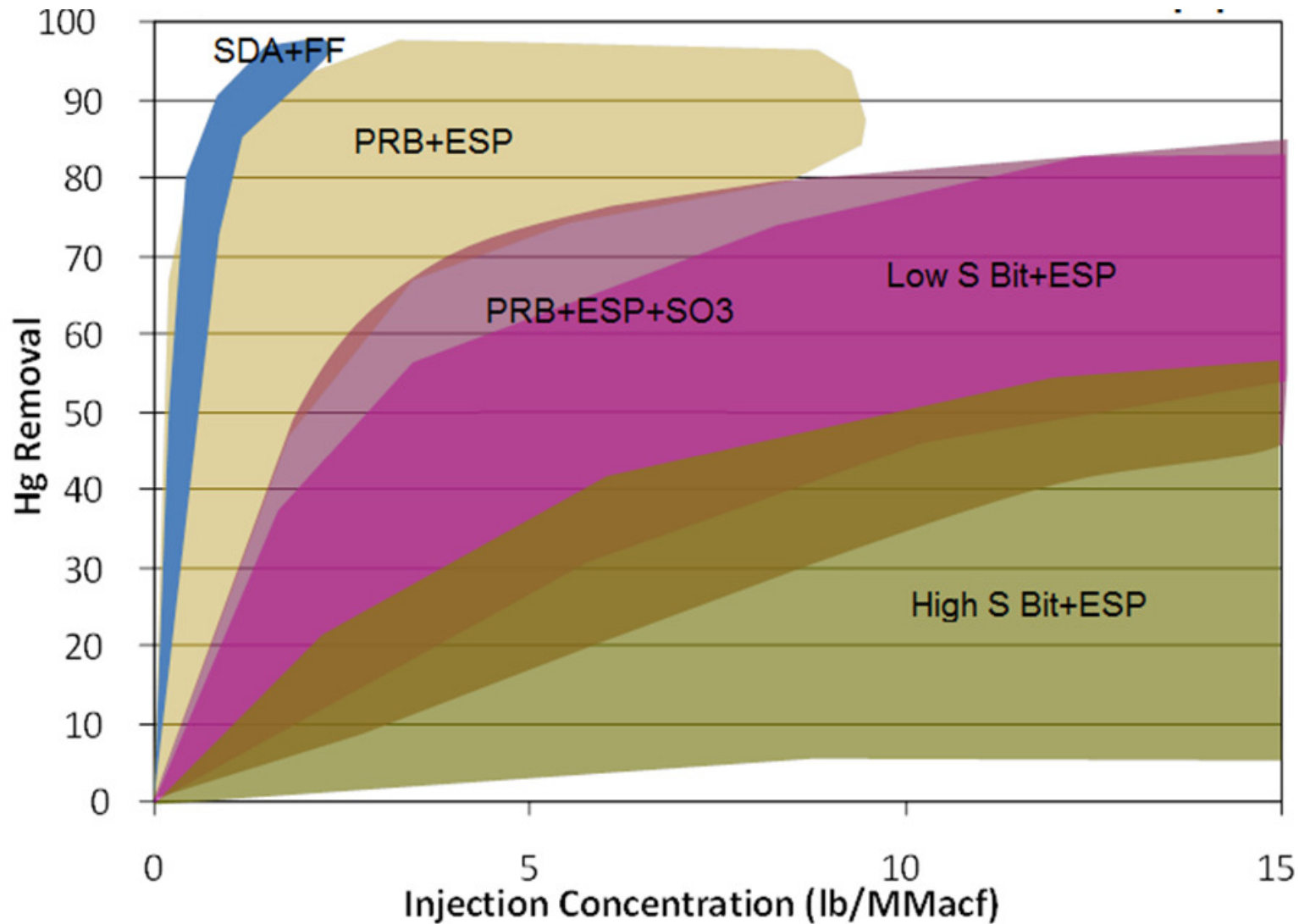
- ▶ Coal Hg - Can vary by 5 lb/TBtu across a seam
- ▶ Coal Halogen Concentration
- ▶ Burner Performance (unburned carbon-LOI)
- ▶ SCR Operations - Excess SO₃ and NH₃
- ▶ Wet Scrubber Chemistry - Hg Re-emissions
- ▶ Boiler Load (temperature and gas flow)
- ▶ Add Rate of Mercury Control Agent (PAC, CHI)
- ▶ SO₃ Conditioning for ESPs
- ▶ Gas Temperature

CoalQUAL Hg Data



- In General, Coal Hg can vary by 5 lb/TBtu across the same seam.
- If you don't have a continuous Hg reading, you have to assume the highest possible Hg value.

Typical Range of ACI Performance



Systems that can Benefit from Feedback Control

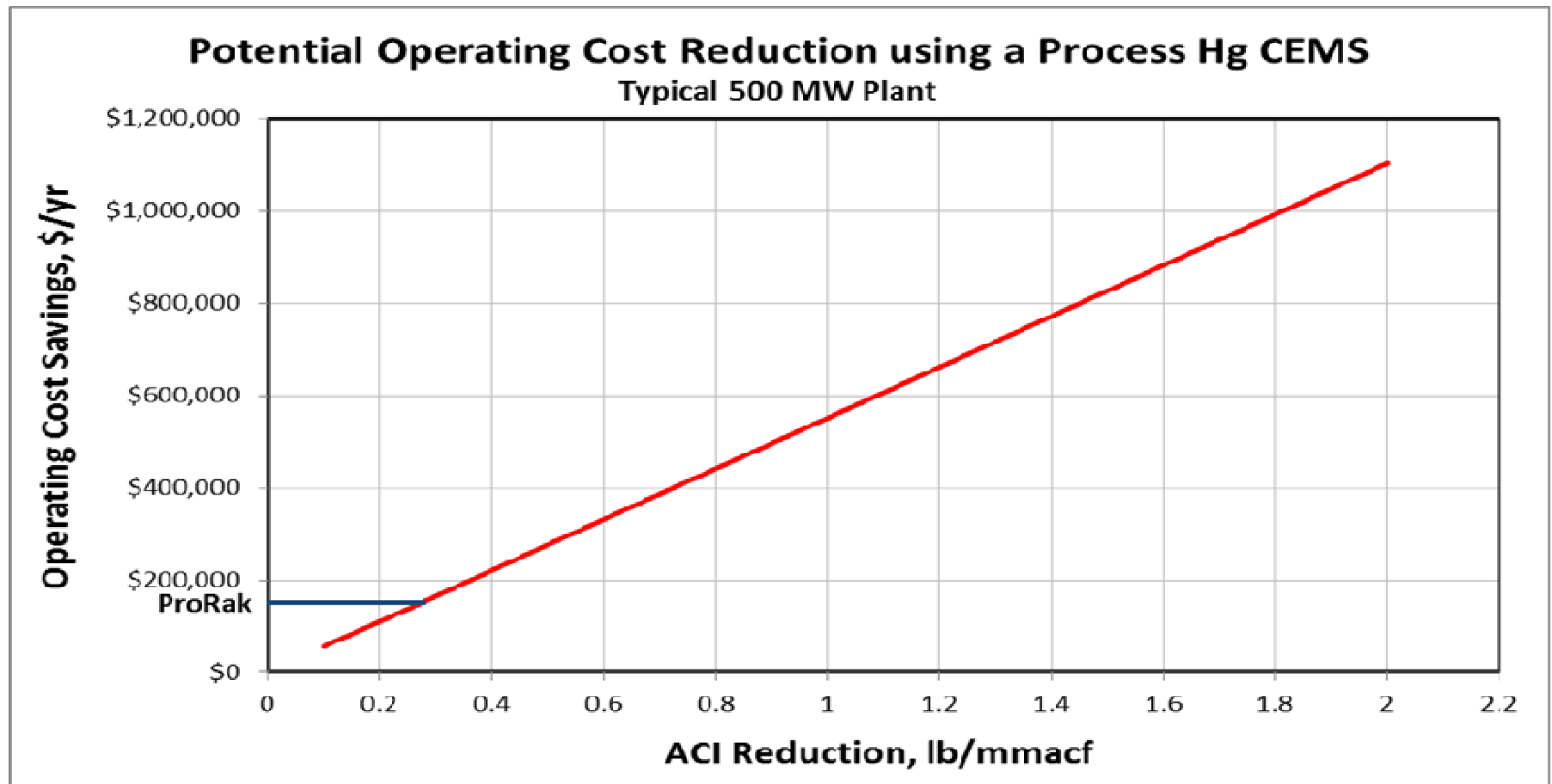
- ▶ Activated Carbon Injection (ACI) Systems
- ▶ Coal Additive Systems
- ▶ Scrubber Additive Systems

Plants Using ACI

Assumptions:

- ▶ Typical 500 MW as per B&W's 40th Edition of "Steam".
- ▶ PAC cost of \$1.00/lb.
- ▶ Boiler availability = 70%.
- ▶ No significant native Hg capture

Possible ROI for ACI Systems



- ▶ **An ACI reduction of 0.25 lb/MMacf saves \$140,000/yr.**

What is a Process Hg CEMS?

A Process Hg CEMS is any Hg CEMS in which the mercury measurement is used in a feedback loop to control a mercury reduction process such as Activated Carbon Injection (ACI), Coal Halogen Injection (CHI), etc.

It can be a compliance system or a CEMS specially designed for process control.

CEMS designed only for process control tend to be simplified versions of compliance systems because they do not have to meet the strict QA/QC requirements.



What is a ProRak™

The ProRak™ is a continuous process mercury analyzer developed jointly by ADA-ES and Thermo Fisher. It is built from genuine Thermo Scientific components in a transportable, climate controlled enclosure.

Why use it?

- Lowers O&M costs of Hg control systems
- Keeps you in MATS compliance
- Compliments sorbent trap monitoring
- Controls Hg Reduction Processes

Features?

- Simple to operate and maintain
- Short Return on Investment
- Installs anywhere in a few hours
- Uses CVAF to eliminate SO₂ Bias vs. AA



ProRak™ Components

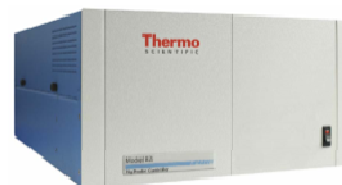
▶ **ADA® ProRak™ Mercury Analyzer**

▶ **Consists of Thermo Fisher Components**

- *80i Analyzer*



- *82i Probe Controller*



- *83i Fast Loop Probe (simplified)*



- *84i Hg Permeation Source*



Ancillary ProRak™ Equipment

- ▶ Air Cleaning System – Portable/Modular
 - *Removes particulates, oil, moisture*
 - *Boosts pressure to 90 psi (if needed)*
 - *Produces a nitrogen stream for calibration and dilution*

- ▶ Heated Umbilical – 50 feet included

ProRak vs. Compliance CEMS

ProRak

Compliance CEMS

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|----|---------------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| 1) | Measures Hg Total (HgT) Only | → | Speciates Hg (HgT + Hg0) |
| 2) | Not designed for MATS QA/QC | → | Meets all MATS Criteria |
| | ▪ Only needs to pass Daily Cals | | |
| 3) | Calibrates with 84i | → | Calibrates with 81i and 84i |
| 4) | Simplified 83i Probe | → | Regular 83i Probe |
| | ▪ No Oxidizer | | |
| | ▪ Less solenoid valves | | |
| | ▪ Less tubing | | |
| | ▪ Hg Total stream only | | |
| 5) | Installs anywhere in 2-days | → | Requires costly CEMS Shack |
| 6) | Mobility (anywhere in plant) | → | Stack or CEMS Shack |
| 7) | Less Maintenance/Training | → | More Maintenance/Training |
| 8) | Costs Less (~\$150,000) | → | Costs More |

Summary of Process Hg CEMS Advantages

- ▶ Lower Cost than a Compliance System
- ▶ FAST Continuous Readout
- ▶ Feedback Control
- ▶ Less QA/QC
- ▶ Lower O&M
- ▶ Short Return on Investment
- ▶ Commonality of components for Thermo Scientific Freedom Hg CEMS for MATS Compliance

Questions??

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