



IEAGHG Oxyfuel Workshop:
Impact of Oxyfuel Operation on Emissions
and Ash Properties Based on E.ON's
1MW CTF

Rembrandt Hotel, London

January 2011
David Couling
E.ON New Build & Technology

Contents

1. Acknowledgements
2. Introduction to ENT
3. Combustion test facility overview and layout
4. Project and testing schedule
5. Hg measurement technique and results
6. SO₃ measurement technique and results
7. Ash analysis
8. Summary
9. Close

Acknowledgements

Project partners – UK Technology Strategy Board (TSB),
Doosan Power Systems, Uni. Of Leeds and
IEAGHG (thanks Stanley)

E.ON team – Robin Irons, Colin Davis, Dave Miller, Keith
Gregson, Will Quick, Susan Weatherstone,
Chris Onions.....

The oxyfuel community

Introduction to E.ON New Build & Technology

- Mission is to add value to the E.ON group via operational support, by supporting the new build program and in the future by research, development and innovation.
- ~1100 employees +
- 2 main office locations
- History (Owners – CEGB, Powergen and E.ON. Recent names – PT, EEN, ENT)



Technology Centre,
Nottingham,
United Kingdom



Humboldt-Forum
Gelsenkirchen, Germany



What does ENT do?

- Outage & Maintenance
- Materials & Engineering
- Pressure Parts
- Power Plant Chemistry
- Turbines
- Power Engineering Services
- Electrical Engineering
- Networks
- Fuel Sciences
- Emission Monitoring
- Pollution Abatement
- Plant Performance
- Flexible Operation
- Life Extension
- Biomass Fuels
- Gas Turbine Optimisation
- Steam Turbine Performance
- Business Modelling
- Stimulator Training Systems
- New Build Optimisation
- Nuclear Development
- Risk Management
- Plant Status Review
- Maintenance Strategy
- Due Diligence
- Owner's Engineer
- Quality Assurance
- Sustainable Energy
- Technology Development
- Project Management
- New Technologies
- Emission Modelling
- CCS

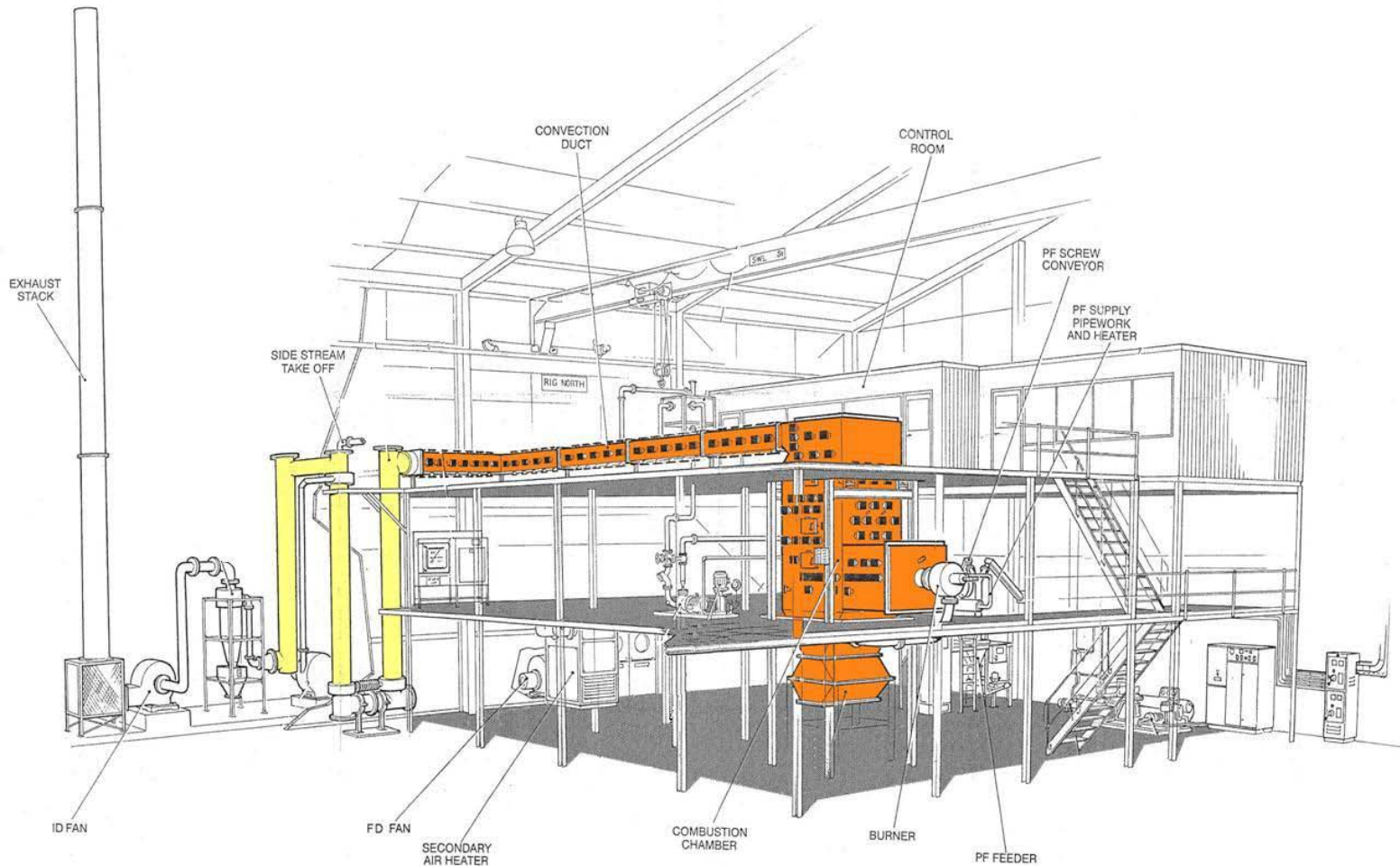
E.ON's 1MWth Combustion Test Facility (CTF)

- Design and Planning in 1980's with commissioning in early 1990's
- Located at Ratcliffe on soar, Nottingham, England
- Time-temperature scaled to simulate full scale plant from burner to stack
- Fuel flexible - Coal, biomass, oil, orimulsion, gas, others
- Full combustion staging; overfire air, reburn
- Highly instrumented and controllable
- Other capabilities added such as TOMERED
- Graduated update to oxyfuel capability with FGR from 2006
- 100's data points auto logged (X, T, P, F...)

- Used to study fuel quality effects on combustion, emissions, slagging, fouling and corrosion. Research in LN combustion, atomisers, combustion additives, trace emissions, instrumentation, oxyfuel combustion, biomass co-firing....

E.ON UK's 1 MWth Combustion Test Facility (CTF)

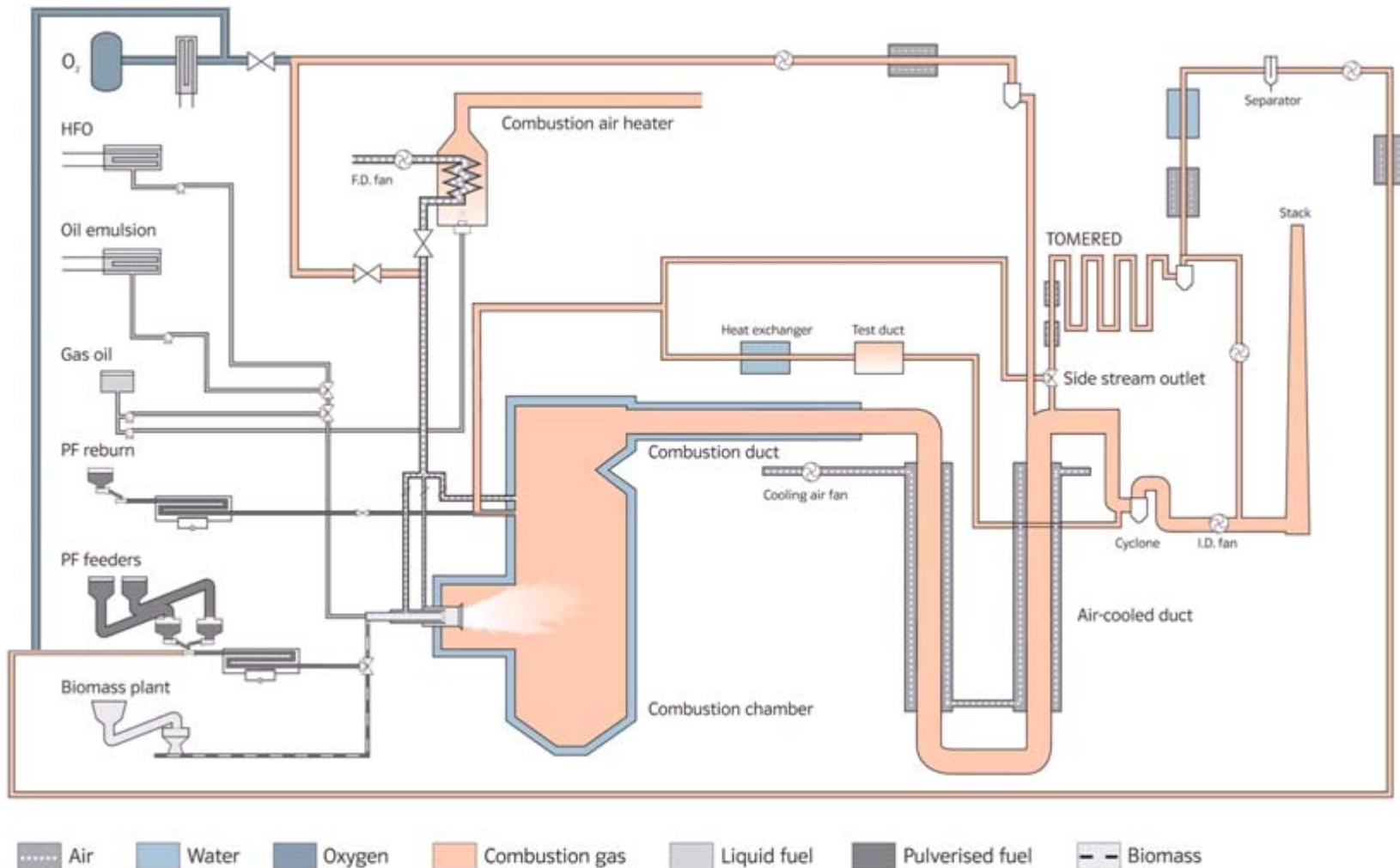
Original Schematic Depicting Physical Layout



CTF operating parameters

Thermal input	1 MW_{th} (0.8 – 1.2MW_{th})
Furnace	Horizontally fired, refractory lined, water cooled, balanced draft
Dimensions	1m x 1m x 3m
Burner	Scaled MBEL Mk III Low-NO_x
Windbox temp.	300 to 330°C
Primary air temp.	80°C (70 to 90°C)
Tertiary : secondary	3.5:1 (1:1 to 7:1)
Overfire air	15% (0 to 25%)
Flue gas cleanup	High efficiency cyclone

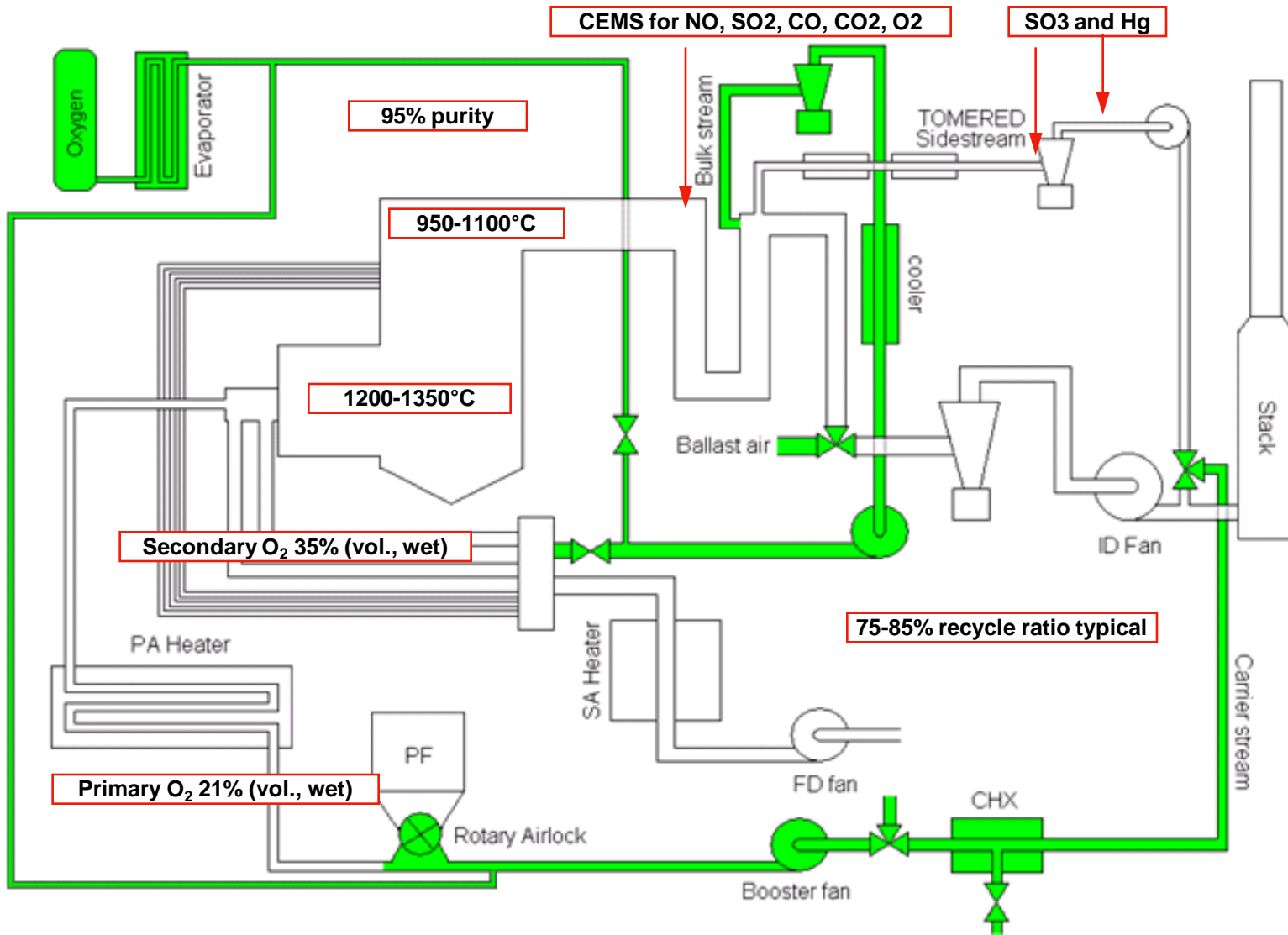
CTF Layout



CTF in reality



CTF Layout (highlighting oxyfuel)



Project

- Project included a 2 day corrosion test, 1 day Hg/SO₃ test and a 1 day NO_x/LOI parametric test repeated on 2 coals
- Following results are from the Hg/SO₃ test firing Williamson coal

As received

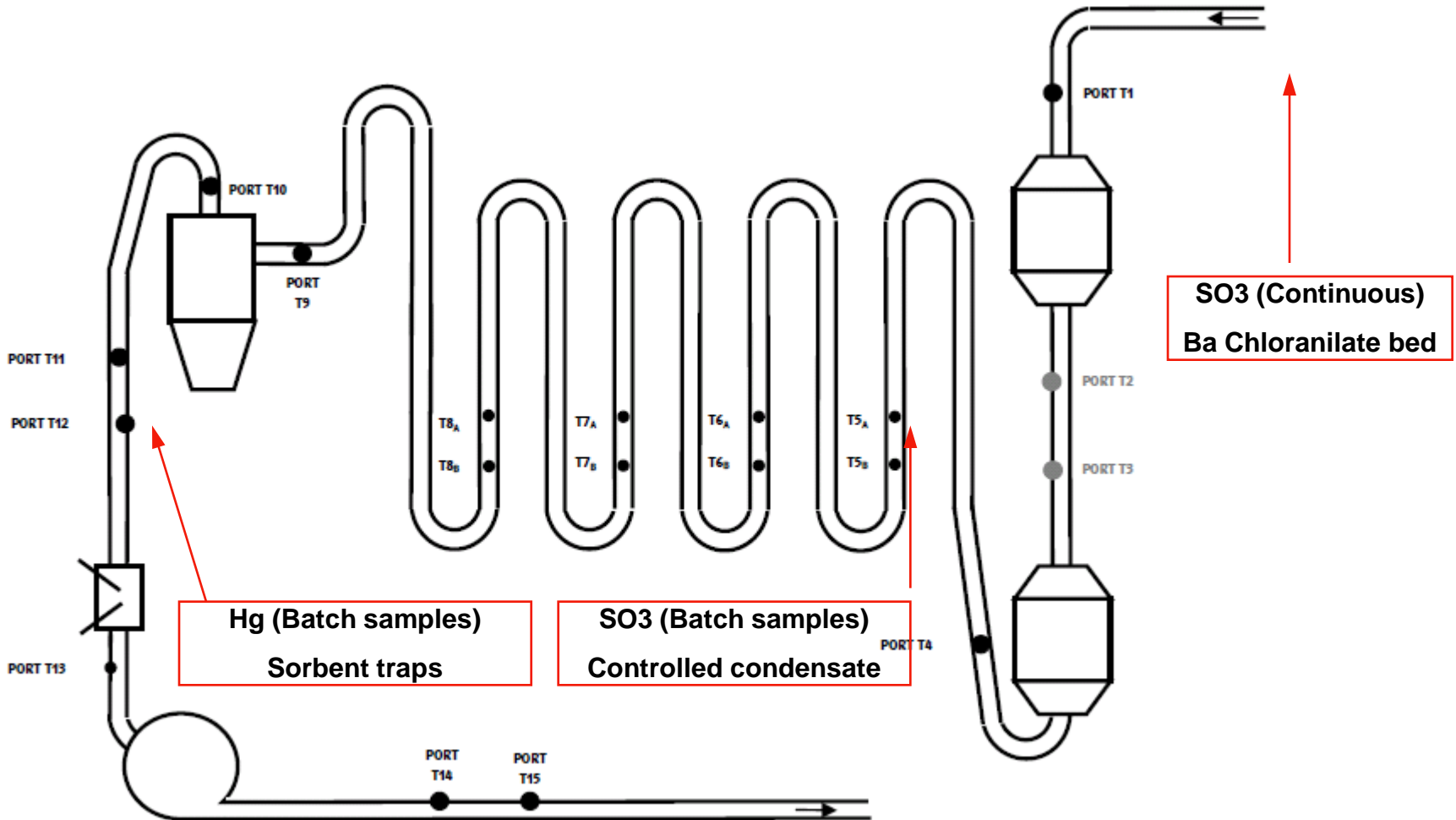
	Sample 1	Sample 2
Moisture (%)	5.6	5.7
Ash (%)	8.4	8.7
S (%)	1.66	1.65
Cl (%)	0.34	0.32
CV (kj/kg)	29010	28870

		Sample 1	Sample 2
Al ₂ O ₃	%w/w	20.5	20.1
BaO	%w/w	0.05	0.05
CaO	%w/w	5.18	4.86
Fe ₂ O ₃	%w/w	15.9	15.1
K ₂ O	%w/w	2.41	2.41
MgO	%w/w	1.14	1.12
Mn ₃ O ₄	%w/w	0.06	0.06
Na ₂ O	%w/w	0.68	0.64
P ₂ O ₅	%w/w	0.1	0.1
SiO ₂	%w/w	50	49.1
SO ₃ *	%w/w	4.78	4.32
TiO ₂	%w/w	1.05	1.03
Hg	mg/kg	0.07	0.08
Br	mg/kg	5.83	9.45

Testing plan

- Test run measured gaseous mercury and SO₃ along with flyash and LOI samples taken.
- 3 test conditions
 - Air baseline with back end oxygen of 2% vol. dry
 - Oxyfuel condition 1 with back end oxygen of 2% vol. dry
 - Oxyfuel condition 2 with back end oxygen of 4% vol. dry
- Operating conditions
 - 15% OFA
 - 3.5-1 tertiary-secondary ratio
 - Primary enrichment of 21% oxygen and 35% for secondary

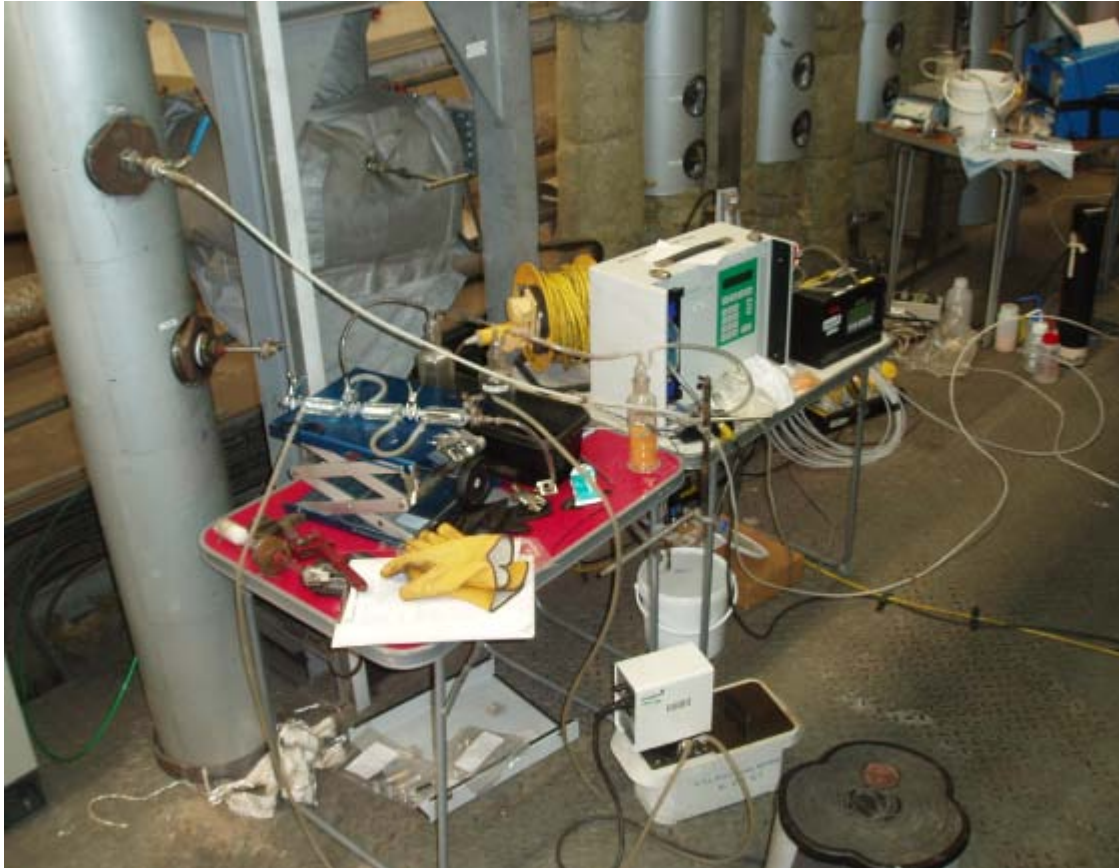
TOMERED Loop for SO₃ and Hg



Hg measurements

- Used E.ON developed method, practised in the field on fuel/air combustion power plants for ~10+ yrs on E.ON & Non E.ON sites
- First trial on oxyfuel combustion plant
- Sorbent traps to capture oxidised and elemental mercury
- Activated carbon bed to capture elemental and resin for oxidised
- Each bed is hand held in size and made from glass
- Beds located in a water bath to prevent moisture condensation
- For each condition traps are exposed to flue gas for 1hr and then repeat sample conducted

Hg measurements



Hg numbers

		Oxidised	Elemental	Wool	Glass	Total
		(ug/Nm ³ , dry, 6% O ₂)				
Air	Test 1	0.054	0.054	0.009	0.043	0.116
Air	Repeat	0.094	0.047	0.023	0.012	0.165
Oxy 1	Test 1	0.145	0.048	0.047	0.008	0.240
Oxy 1	Repeat	0.388	0.086	0.006	0.005	0.481
Oxy 2	Test 1	18.245	0.068	0.119	0.008	18.433
Oxy 2	Repeat	18.815	0.058	0.190	0.071	19.063

NB: Oxidised and Elemental values around 0.05 ~ detection limit

- Very little to no elemental mercury detected
- Very little to no gaseous phase mercury detected in air firing or during first oxyfuel test
- Large spike in oxidised mercury at the second oxyfuel condition (back end oxygen of 4%)

Hg numbers

		Oxidised	Elemental	Wool	Glass	Total
		(ug/Nm ³ , dry, 6% O ₂)				
Air	Test 1	0.054	0.054	0.009	0.043	0.116
Air	Repeat	0.094	0.047	0.023	0.012	0.165
Oxy 1	Test 1	0.145	0.048	0.047	0.008	0.240
Oxy 1	Repeat	0.388	0.086	0.006	0.005	0.481
Oxy 2	Test 1	18.245	0.068	0.119	0.008	18.433
Oxy 2	Repeat	18.815	0.058	0.190	0.071	19.063

- Oxy O₂ •
- LOI • Hg_p • SO_{3p} •
- Hg_p matches with • Hg_g
- Logical trends

		Target back end oxygen (% vol. dry)	Actual back end oxygen (% vol. dry)	Cyclone ash Hg (mg/kg)	Cyclone ash LOI (%)	Cyclone ash SO ₃ (%)	Measurement point temperature (oC)
Air	Test 1	2	2.12	0.07	5.60	1.19	124
Air	Repeat	2	2.05				124
Oxy 1	Test 1	2	2.29	0.27	3.55	1.55	126
Oxy 1	Repeat	2	1.81				126
Oxy 2	Test 1	4	3.71	0.05	1.59	1.81	127
Oxy 2	Repeat	4	4.14				127

- High Oxy 1 Hg_p ?
- must treat trends with caution

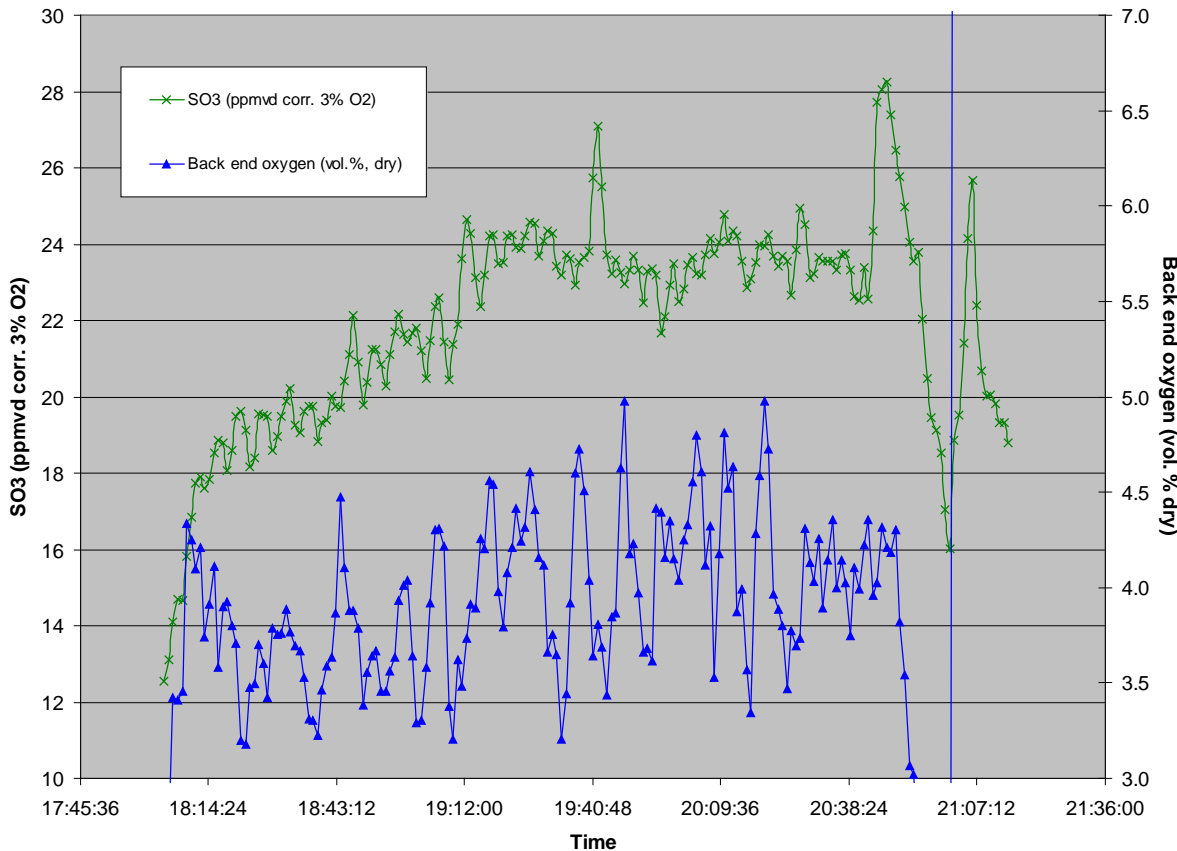
NB: Ash taken from main cyclone for air firing and bulk stream cyclone for oxyfuel

SO₃ measurement

- Severn Science kit
 - Equipment developed by CEGB prior 1980's
 - SO₃ reacts with isopropanol to form sulphate ions
 - This solution is passed through a porous bed of barium chloranilate
 - Ensuing reaction releases light which is measured by a photometer
 - Ran continuously for the final condition (oxy with 4% back end oxygen)
- Controlled condensate kit
 - Equipment developed by E.ON for SO₃ measurements in the field on fuel/air combustion plant
 - Consists of filter wool followed by glass tubing to capture SO₃ which is sat in a water bath to prevent moisture condensation
 - Samples sent to laboratory for titration
 - Ran in batch mode with 3 samples taken at each condition

SO3 numbers

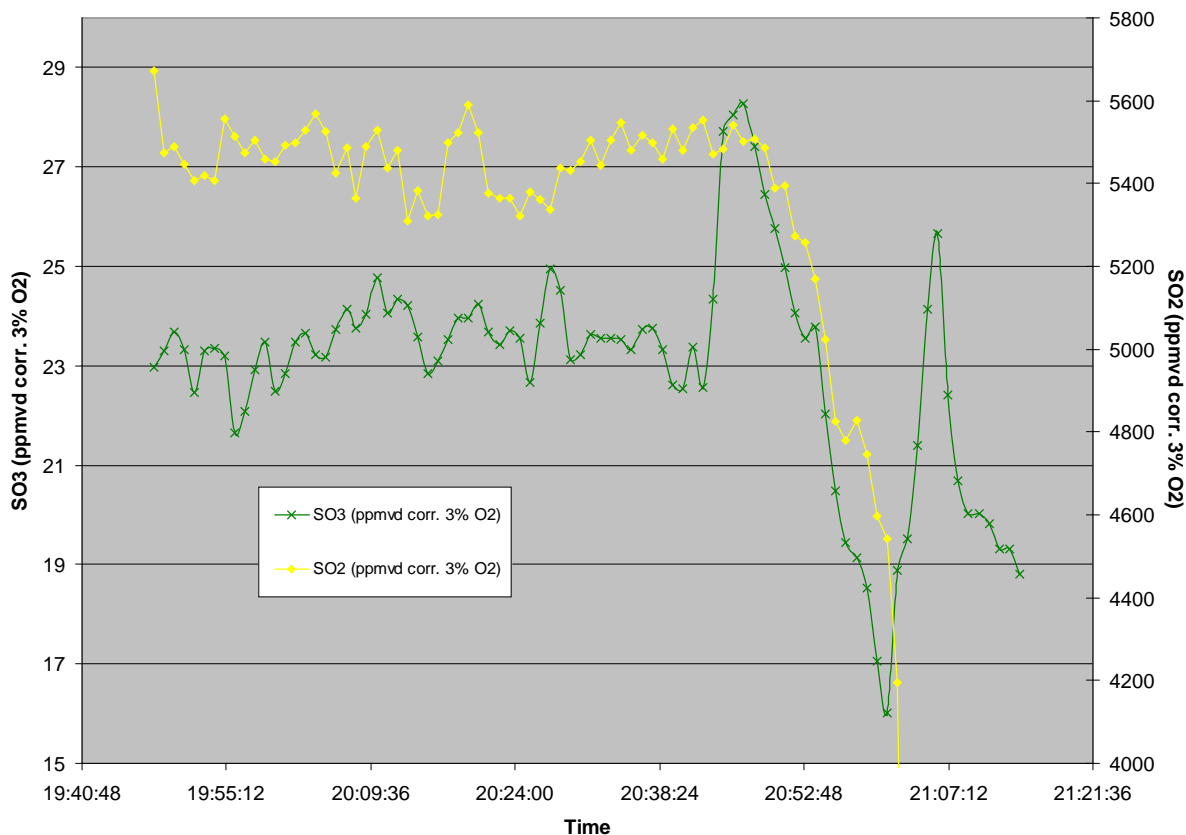
- Severn Science kit ran for last oxyfuel condition (back end 4%)



- Temp. ~430oC
- SO3 trends closely to O2.
- SO3 range ~18-28ppmvd C.
- SO3 average ~22.5ppmvd C.
- $\bullet O_2 = \bullet SO_{3g} = \bullet SO_{3p}$
- SO2 interference?

SO3 numbers

- Severn Science kit ran for last oxyfuel condition (back end 4%)



- SO3 trends closely to SO2.
- SO2 range ~5300-5671ppmvdc.
- SO2 average ~5470ppmvdc.
- SO2-SO3 conversion = ~0.41%

SO3 numbers

- Controlled condensate
 - Local temperature ~140-150oC
 - Pump malfunction during Oxy 2

	SO3 (ppmvd corr. 3% O2)	SO2 (ppmvd corr. 3% O2)	SO2-SO3 conversion (%)	
Air	3.11	1306	0.24	SO2 increase ~3.8
Oxy 1	23.33	4975	0.47	Similar to SS determined conversion of 0.41%
Oxy 2	5.12	NA	NA	

- Operational difficulties with port removal causing air ingress vs using old dust laden filter wool which absorbed SO3 resulting in lower readings

Ash analysis – Major components -XRF

		Air	Oxy 2%	Oxy 4%
Al ₂ O ₃	%w/w	21.4	21.3	22.1
BaO	%w/w	0.06	0.06	0.06
CaO	%w/w	4.37	3.97	4.13
Fe ₂ O ₃	%w/w	12.2	11.5	11.5
K ₂ O	%w/w	2.48	2.62	2.72
MgO	%w/w	1.06	1.11	1.16
Mn ₃ O ₄	%w/w	0.05	0.05	0.05
Na ₂ O	%w/w	0.69	0.68	0.72
P ₂ O ₅	%w/w	0.07	0.09	0.1
SiO ₂	%w/w	51.6	50.5	52.1
SO ₃	%w/w	1.19	1.55	1.81
TiO ₂	%w/w	1.17	1.21	1.25
CaCO ₃	%w/w dry	0.22	0.09	0.09
Total	%w/w	96.56	94.73	97.79

>5-10% variation
typical

~30%

30-40%

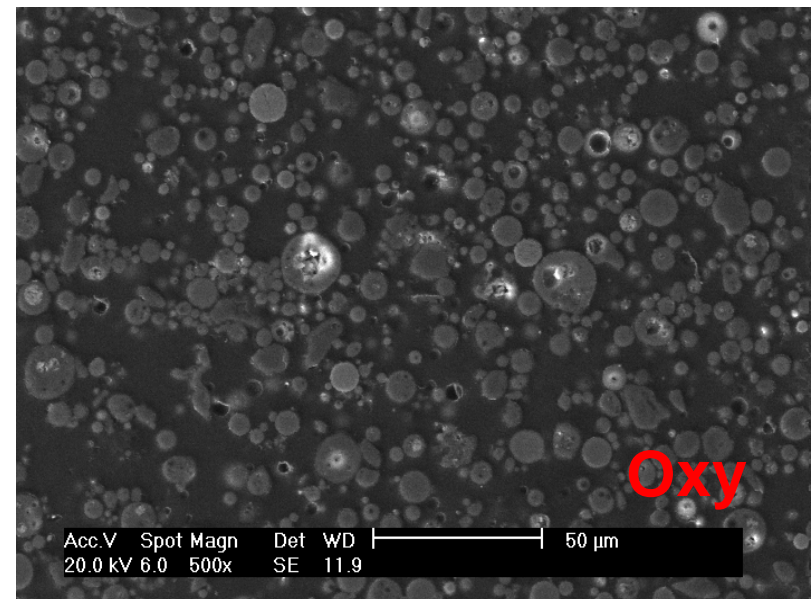
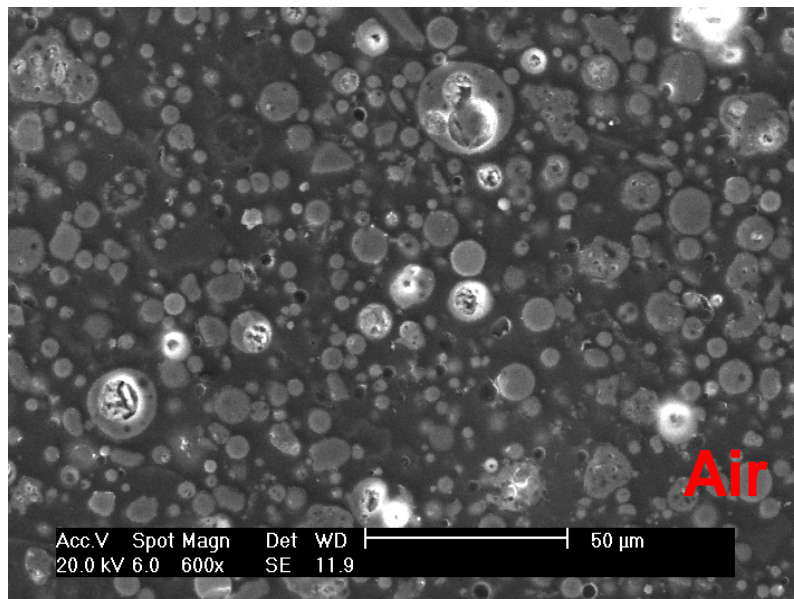
Ash analysis – Trace components

- Large increase in a number of trace elements with oxy compared to air (>20%)
- Particularly As, Mo and Cd
- Consistent with deposit found on coupon samples in convective section

		Air	Oxy 2%	Oxy 4%	% diff. from air to oxy	
As	mg/kg	57.8	102	105	76.5	81.7
Sb	mg/kg	6.29	8.05	8.58	28.0	36.4
Se	mg/kg	<1	2.88	<1		
Cr	mg/kg	182	253	223	39.0	22.5
Cu	mg/kg	81.5	106	110	30.1	35.0
Mo	mg/kg	26.7	51.4	48.6	92.5	82.0
Ni	mg/kg	206	257	238	24.8	15.5
V	mg/kg	220	267	271	21.4	23.2
Zn	mg/kg	400	494	491	23.5	22.8
Hg	mg/kg	0.07	0.27	0.05	285.7	-28.6
LOI	%	5.6	3.55	1.59	-36.6	-71.6
Cd	mg/kg	1.34	2.1	1.81	56.7	35.1
Pb	mg/kg	121	157	151	29.8	24.8

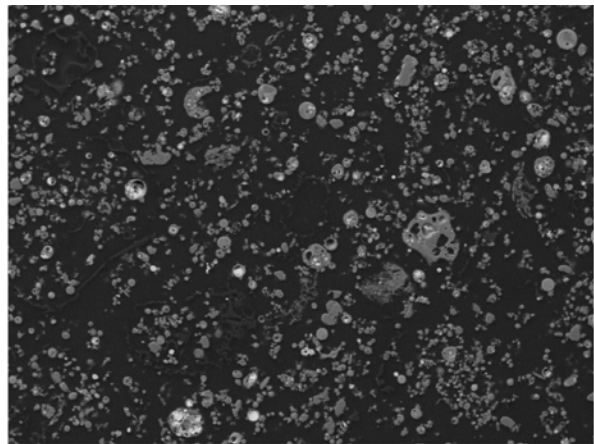
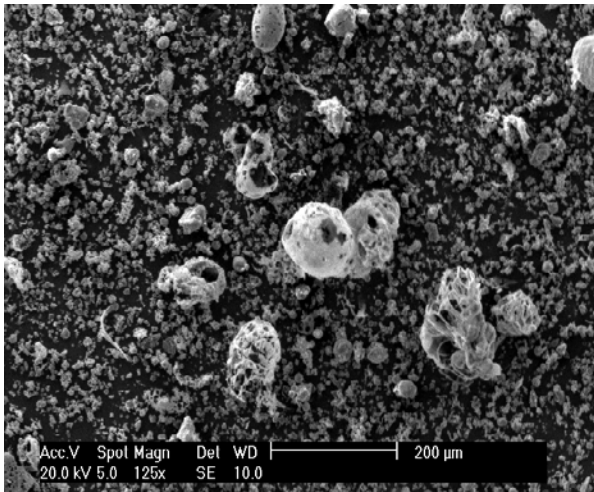
Ash analysis – SEM

- Similar shapes and sizes (NB: superheater temp $\pm 600^{\circ}\text{C}$)

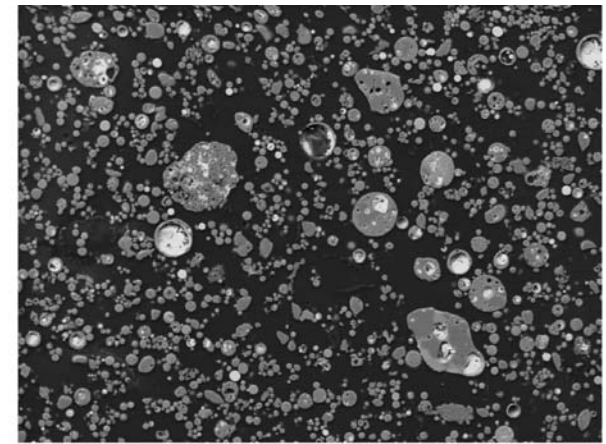
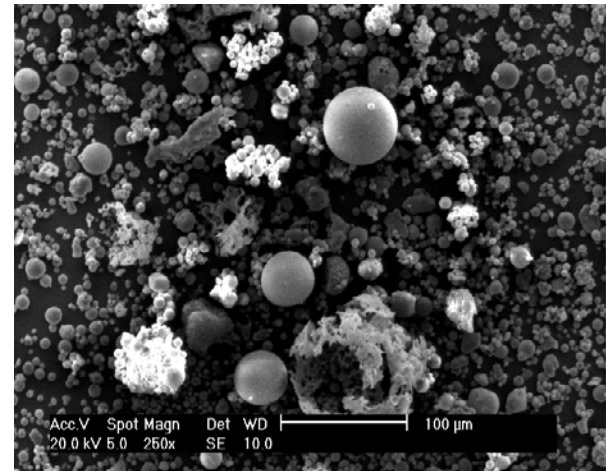


- Previous testing with no primary enrichment and lower furnace top temperatures compared to air ($\sim 100\text{-}200^{\circ}\text{C}$) did show some differences

Ash analysis – SEM (previous project)



Air



Oxy

Oxy has
slightly
larger
and more
spherical
ash

Summary

- Hg, SO₃ and ash evaluated on air and 2 oxyfuel conditions
- No gaseous phase Hg found with air firing or oxyfuel (2% oxygen) corresponding with high ash phase Hg
- Peak in oxidised Hg detected on oxyfuel (4% oxygen) corresponding with decreased Hg in ash (lower LOI and increased SO₃ in ash)
- SO₂-SO₃ conversion appears to be increased for oxyfuel (caution - based on limited data set)
- Difficulties measuring SO₃ include ash build up interference and air ingress during filter switch over
- Main ash components show little variation from air to oxyfuel with the exception of sulphur
- Trace metals appear considerably more concentrated in oxyfuel ash

Close

- Evaluation and analysis of test run on second coal to follow this year
- Corrosion work and findings reported later today
- Thanks for listening
- Questions?
- Further questions? Feel free to contact me.
 - David.couling@eon.com
 - +44 (0)2476 192724