



# **On Load Boiler Cleaning Optimization Technologies**

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# Outline

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- Review of Best Available On Load Cleaning Optimization Technologies,
  - ➔ SMART Feedback Devices
  - ➔ On load cleaning control integration into different optimization goals for the power boilers
  - ➔ How to select the right feedback technology
  - ➔ System Integration
- Case study on tube life and reliability optimization
- Case study on SCR temperature control
- Case study on Plant Heat Rate Optimization
- Case studies on Fuel Flexibility System Introduction

# Clean Energy Solutions



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  - Privately held
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- 30 business units worldwide
  - 17 of which include production facilities
- Over 1,500 employees

- Vision:
  - # 1 Global Enterprise providing innovative Products and Solutions for Clean Power Generation
- Currently Providing Solutions in Six Fields:
  - Air Pollution Control
  - Material Handling
  - Boiler Efficiency
  - Air & Gas Handling
  - Energy Recovery
  - Firing Solutions

# On Load Boiler Optimization

## → Decision:

The uppermost goal is to preserve boiler efficiency and availability. Here, an evaluation takes place of all recommended cleaning actions using current process data and stored operating events. The most suitable cleaning strategy will be selected and triggered.

## → Analysis:

Software modules as intelligent units continuously analyse and interpret data in real time. They provide recommendations concerning where, how and when to clean. These recommendations are forwarded to the decision level.

## → Diagnostics:

Different sensors continuously monitor important process parameters feeding back key data for analysis.



DECISION

ANALYSIS

DIAGNOSTICS

# ON LINE DIAGNOSTICS SMART Feedback Devices



## Monitor Boiler Performance

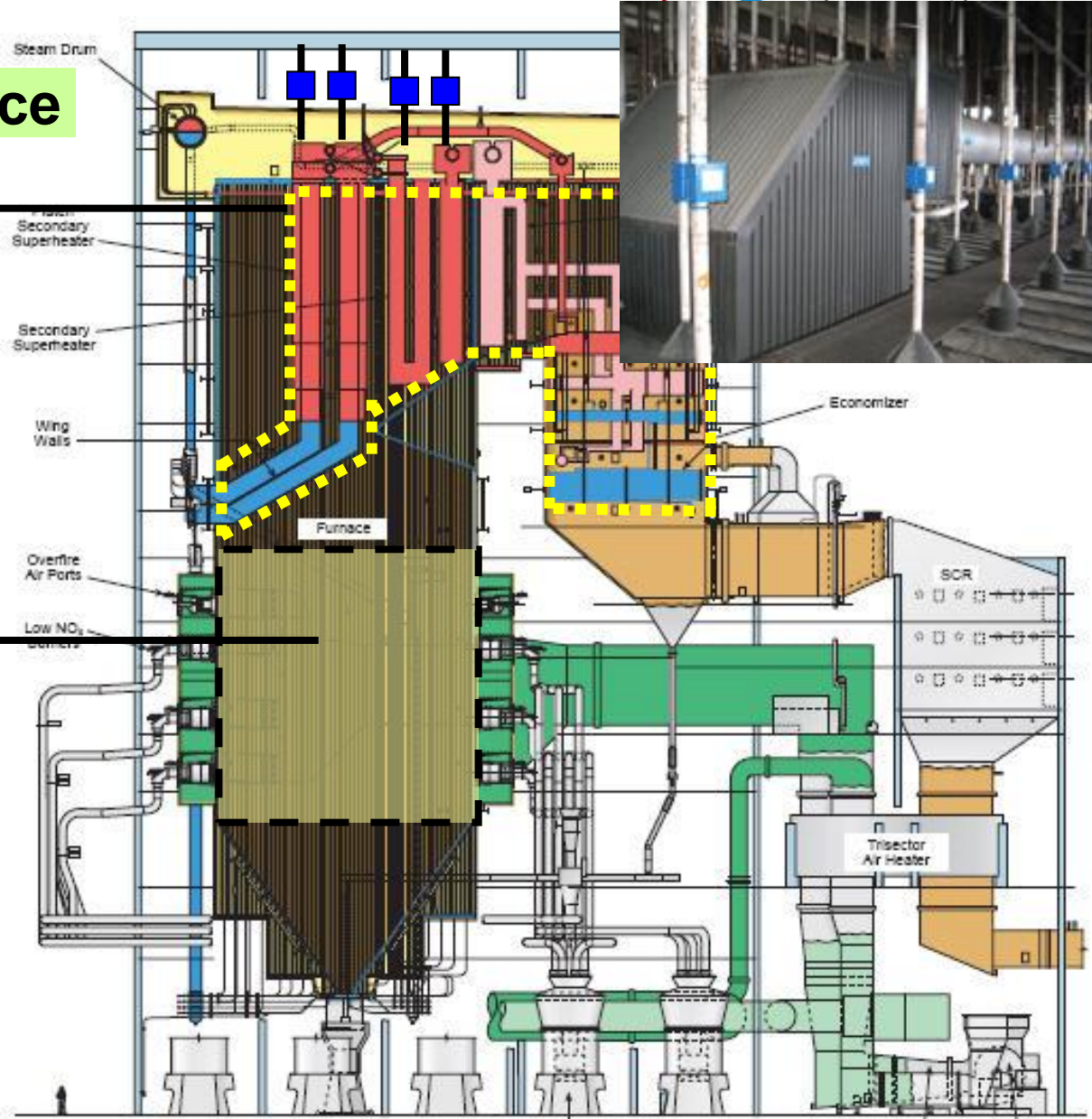
CONVECTION

SMART Gauge

TDM Thermo Dynamic Model

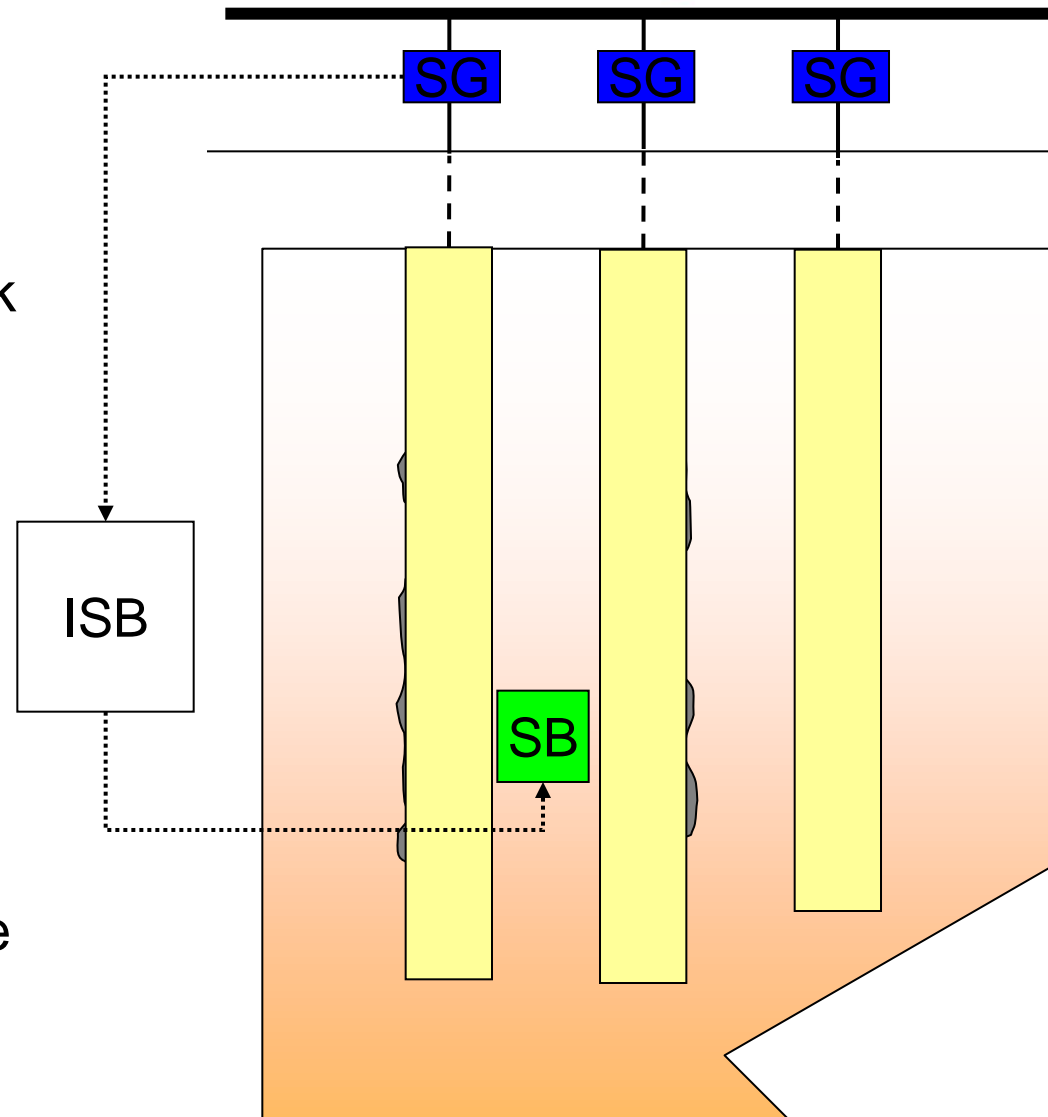
FURNACE

SMART Flux Sensor



# SMART Gauge™ System

- Monitors Weight Accumulation on pendants
- As deposits stick to the tub banks the overall weight of the tube bank increases
- This increase in weight is detected by the Smart Gauges located on the hanger rods
- The strain gauges relay the increase in weight to the ISB system
- The ISB system then operates the correct sootblower to remove the deposit

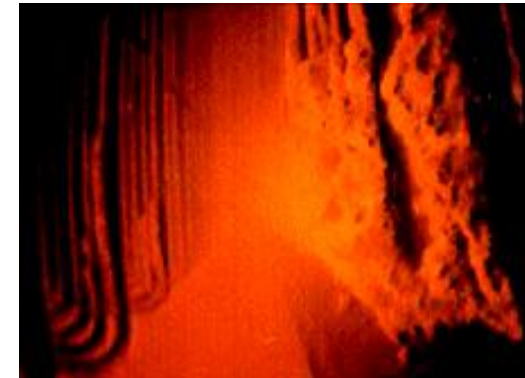
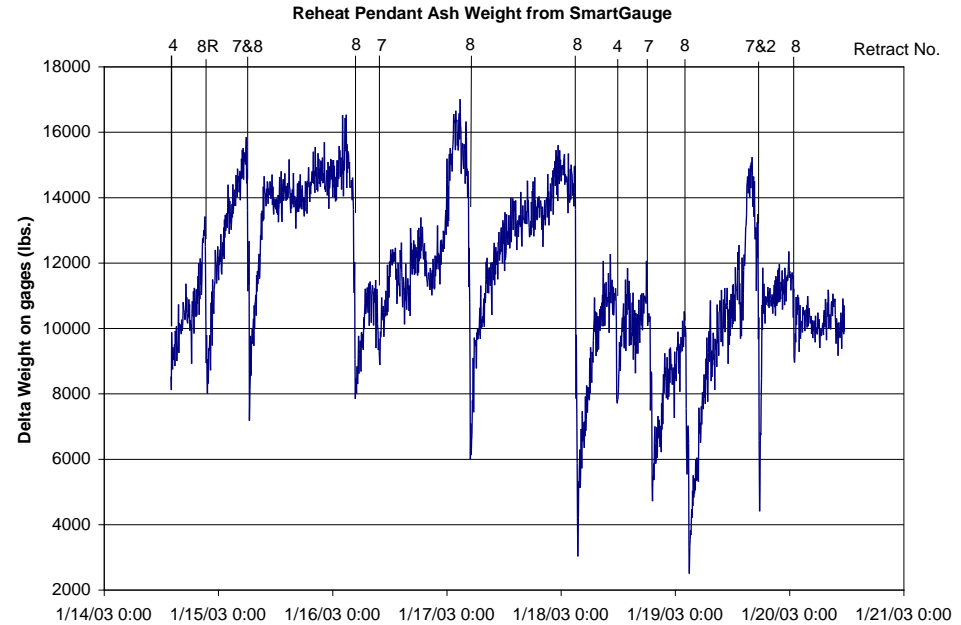


# SMART Gauge™ System



- Direct Measurement System
- Strain Gauge Technology
- Installed on Pendant Rods
  - ➔ Measures Weight Gain from Ash Build-up
  - ➔ Detects Clunker Formation

## SMART Gauge Install



# Thermodynamic Model



- Objective
  - Calculate heat transfer rates of tube banks in convection pass using real-time boiler process data
- Function
  - Uses real-time data to create a Cleanliness Factor

$$\text{Heat Transfer Efficiency [zone]} = \frac{\text{Heat Transfer Rate in Real-Time}}{\text{Maximum Theoretical Heat Absorption}}$$

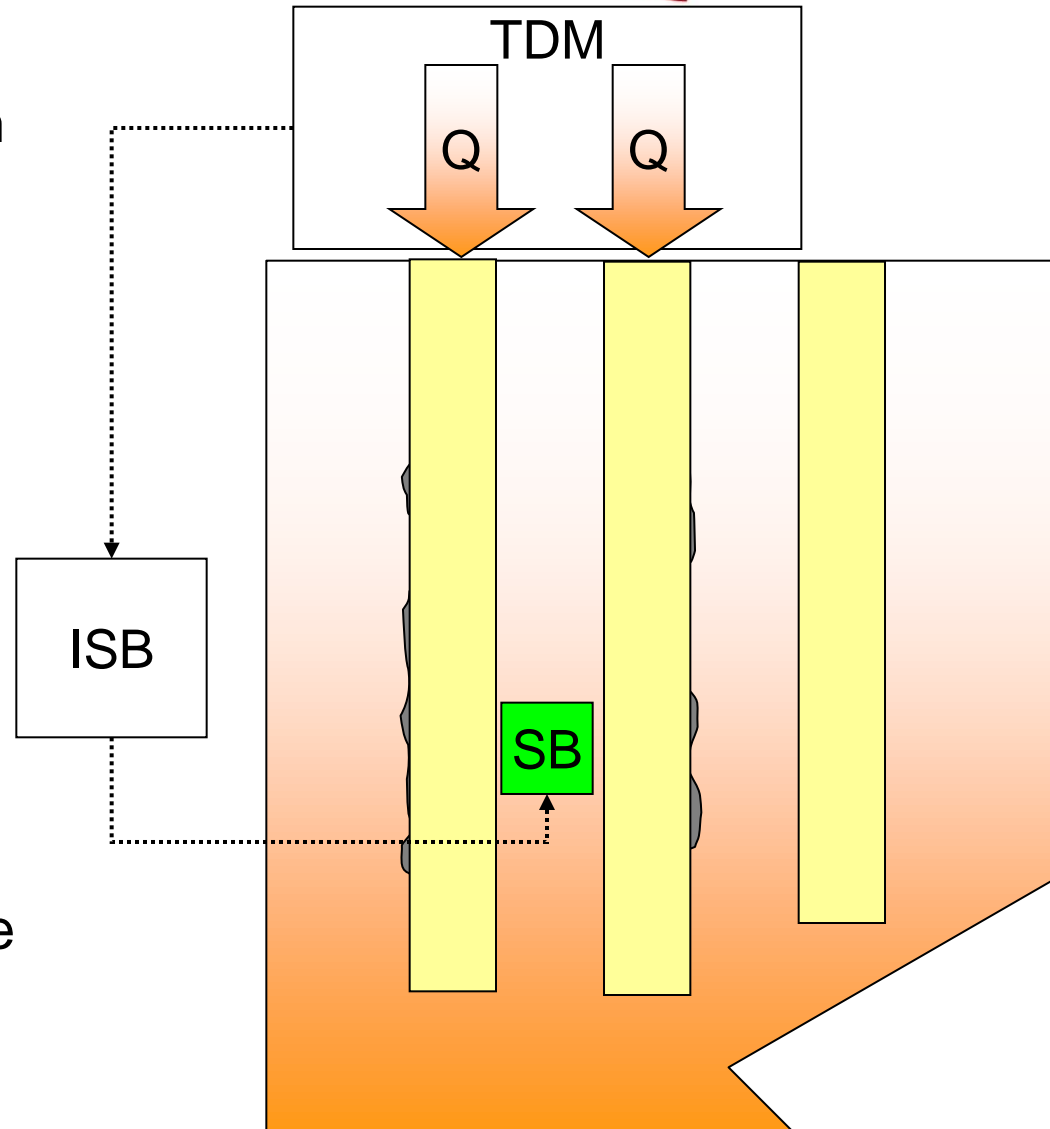
- Tube banks are cleaned only when HTE is below required rate
- Prioritizes sootblowers based on effectiveness of previous cleaning event



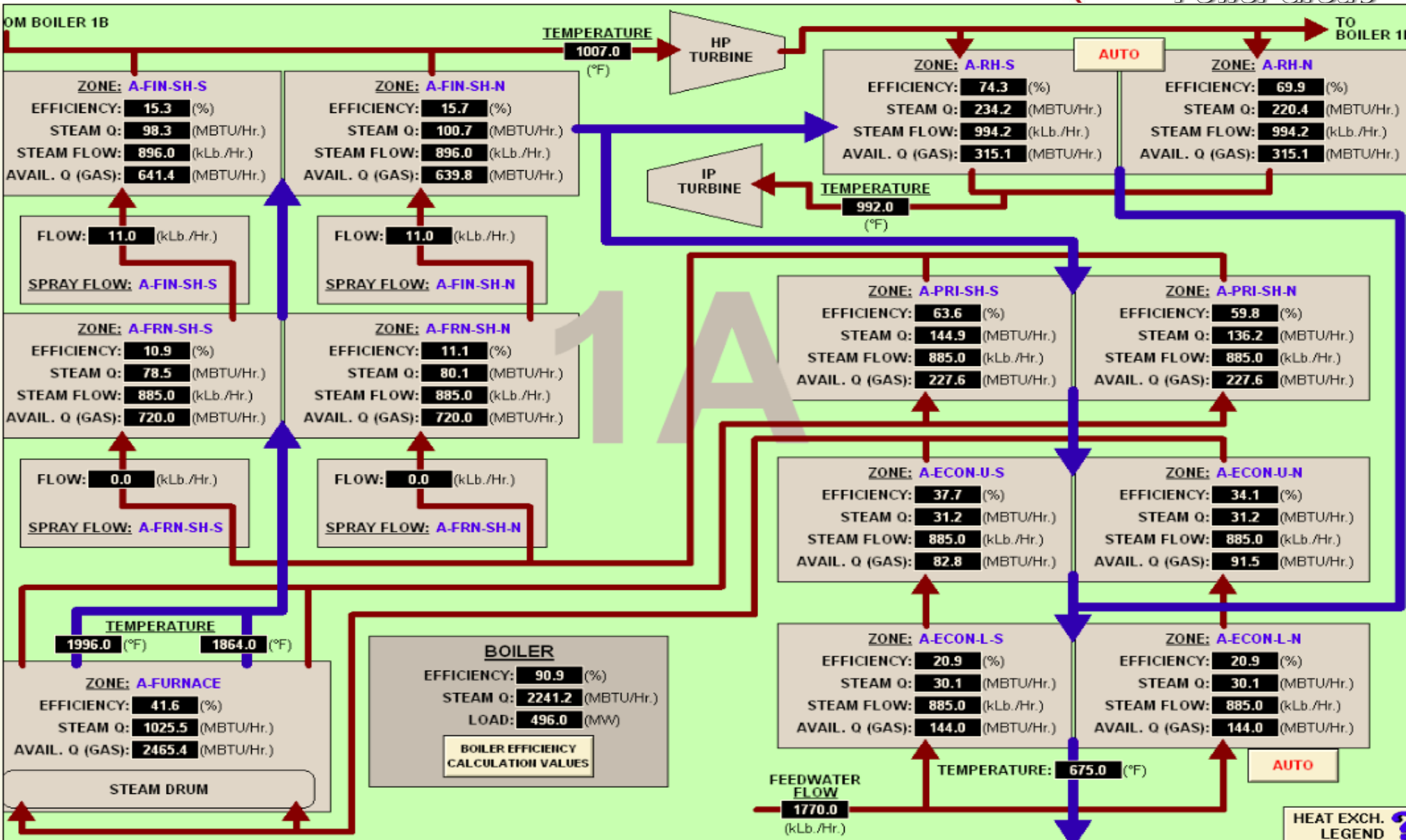


# ThermoDynamic Model

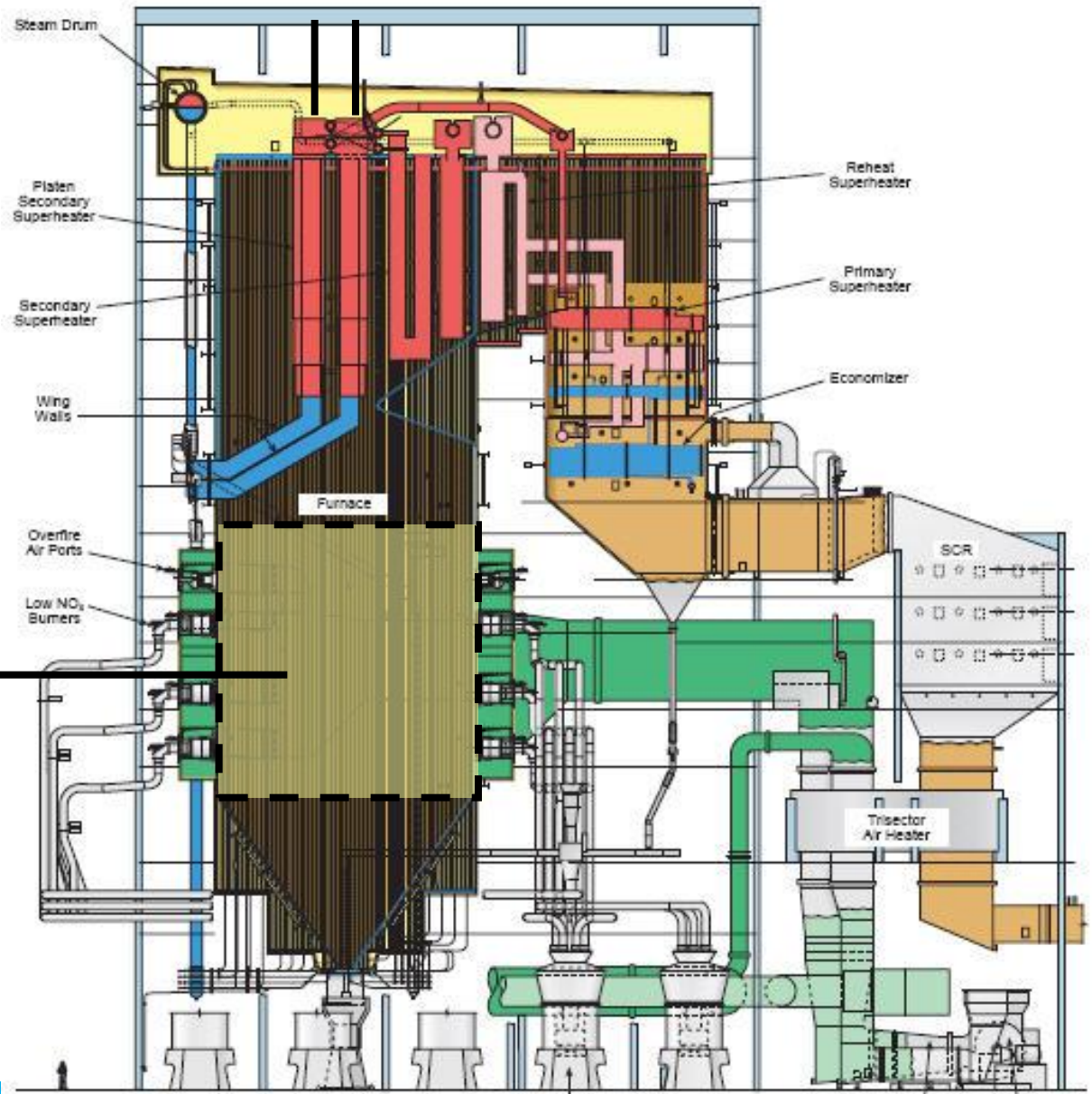
- Monitors Inlet and Exit Temperatures and Flows for each heat exchanger
- As deposits stick to the tub banks the overall heat transferred ( $Q$ ) to the tube banks decreases
- This decrease in heat transfer is detected by the Thermodynamic model
- The TDM relays the decrease in heat transfer to the ISB system
- The ISB system then operates the correct sootblower to remove the deposit



# Thermodynamic Model HMI Screen



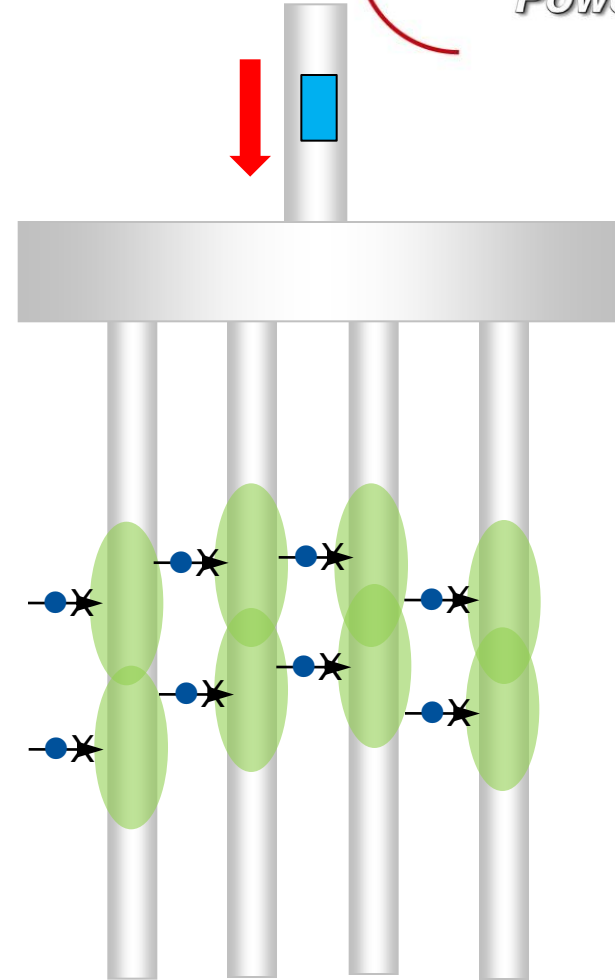
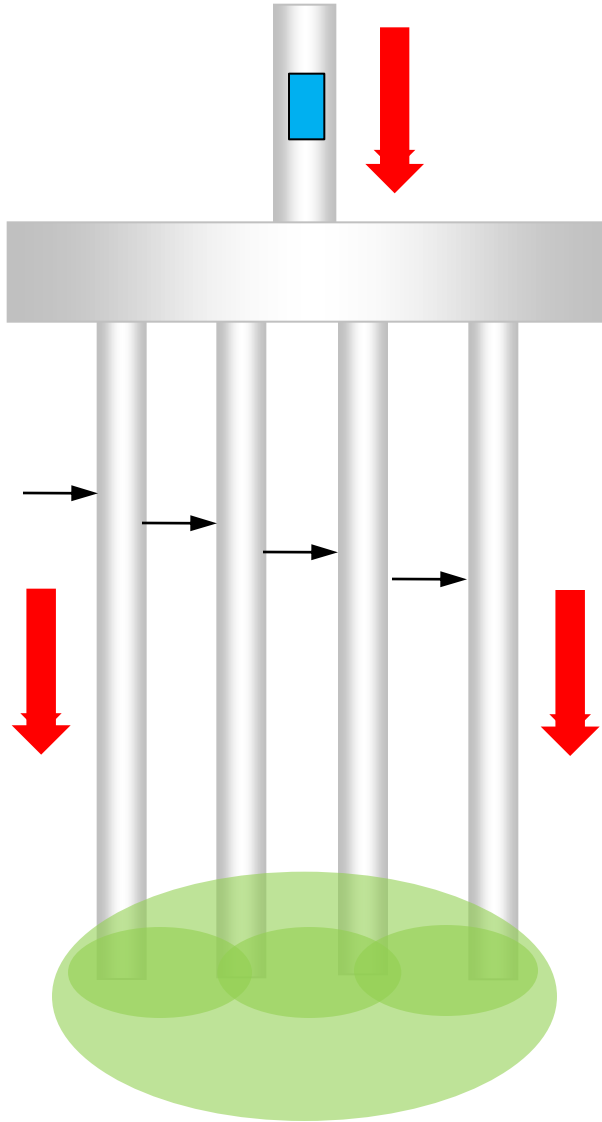
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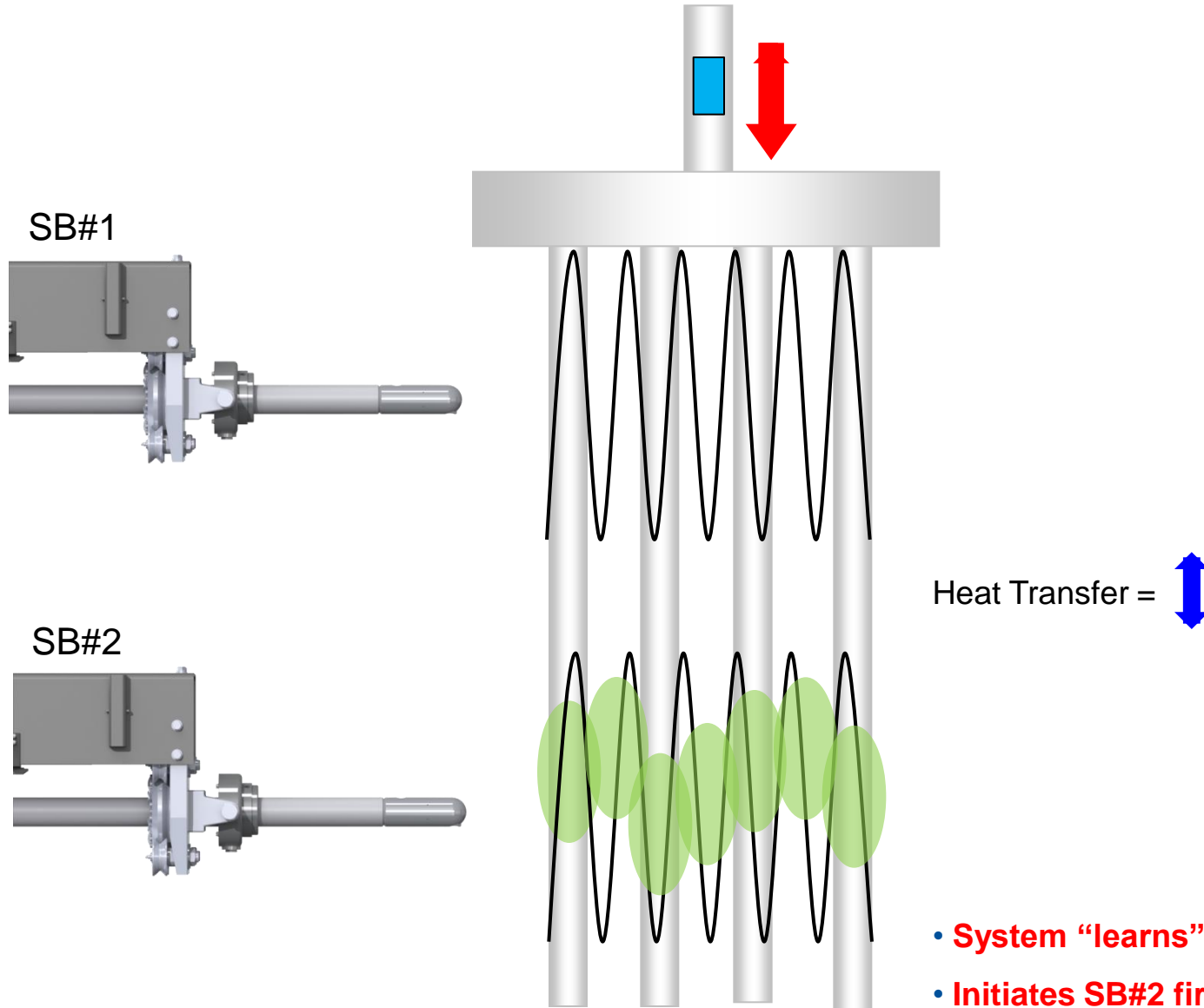


# How to Select the Right Feedback Technology?



| System      | Clinker Formation | Loss in Heat Transfer | Ash Removal |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| SMART Gauge | Yes               | No                    | Yes         |
| TDM         | No                | Yes                   | Yes         |

# SMART Sootblowing

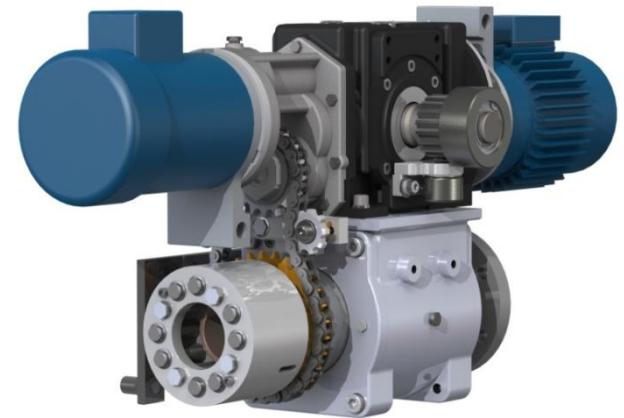


- System “learns” SB#2 was more effective
- Initiates SB#2 first next time

# SMART Retract



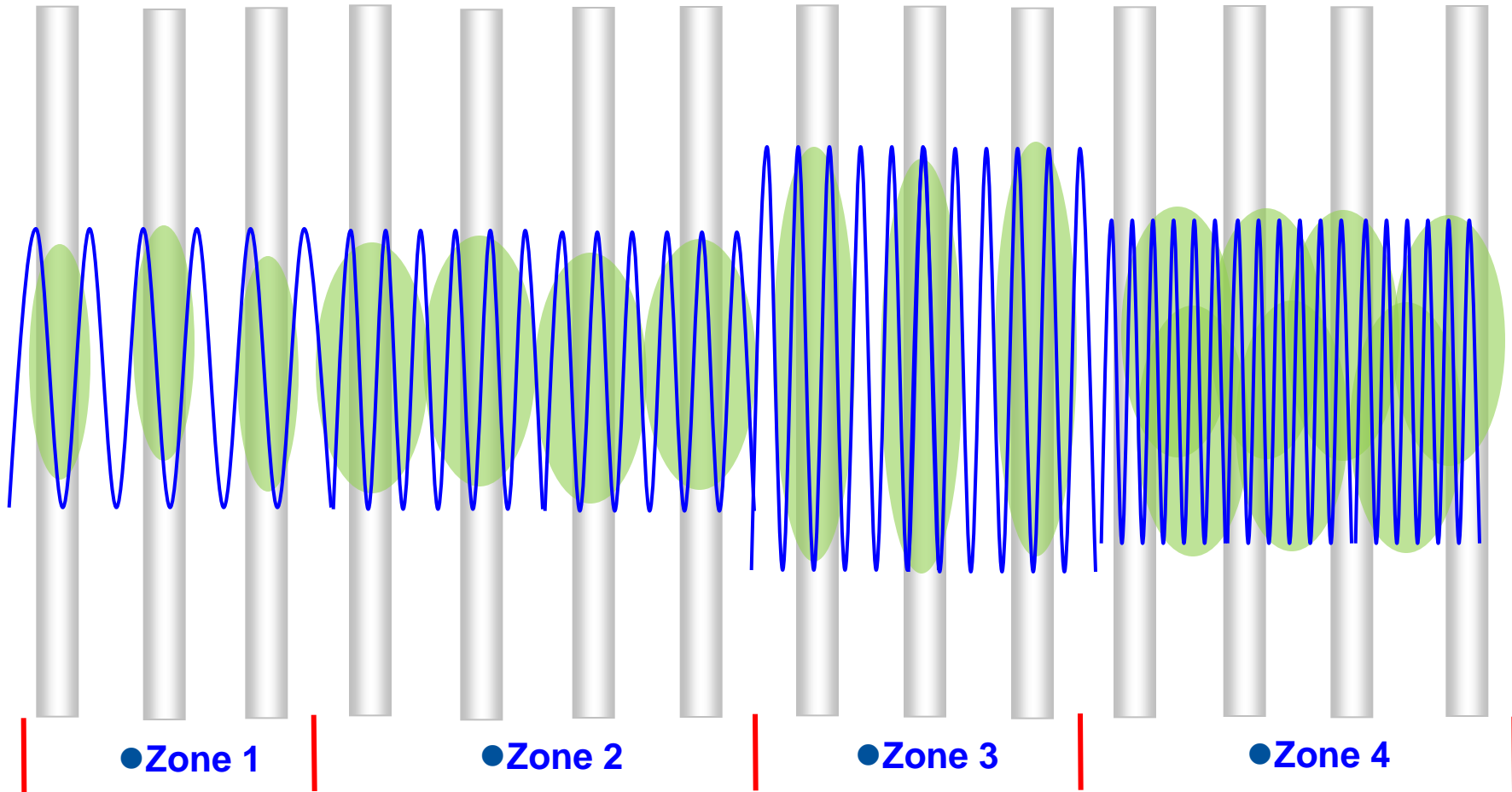
- Targeted Sootblowing
- Variable Intensities:
  - Variable Helix
  - Stop & Go
  - Variable Pressure



| SMART FEATURE              | CUSTOMER BENEFIT  |
|----------------------------|---|
| Dual Motor Drive           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Infinite cleaning patterns</li><li>✓ Independent rotation and traversing speeds</li></ul>   |
| Variable Helix             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Targeted cleaning for fouling conditions specific to that tube bank</li></ul>   |
| Variable Cleaning Pressure | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Remove difficult slag by increasing blowing pressure, or eliminate tube erosion by reducing blowing pressure in real-time</li></ul> |
| Variable Intensity         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Stop the nozzles at specific tube banks that need additional cleaning, or speed through tube banks that are already clean</li></ul> |

# SMART Retract Strategies

## ● Cleaning Intensities



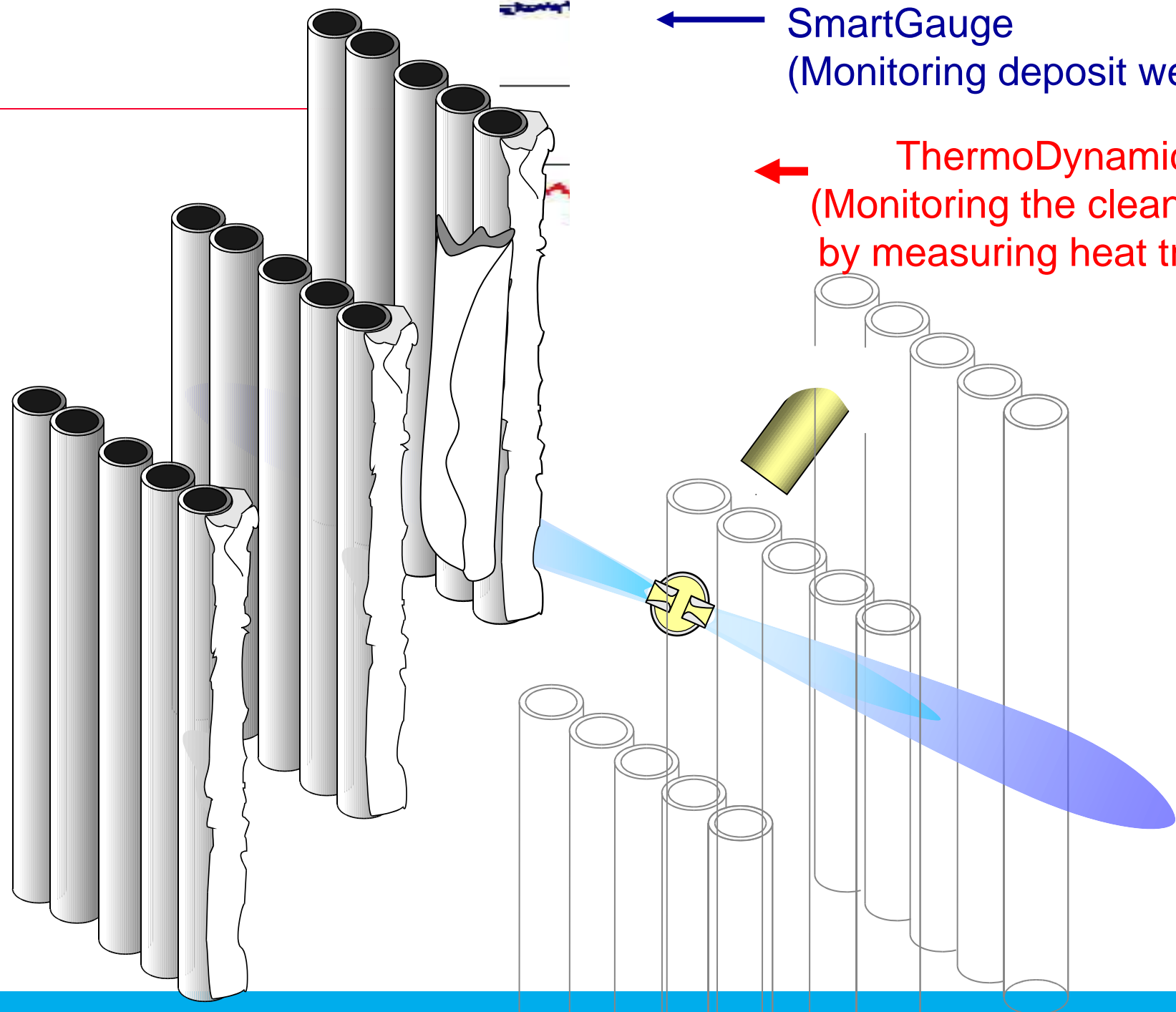
# SHFM & TDM in Operation

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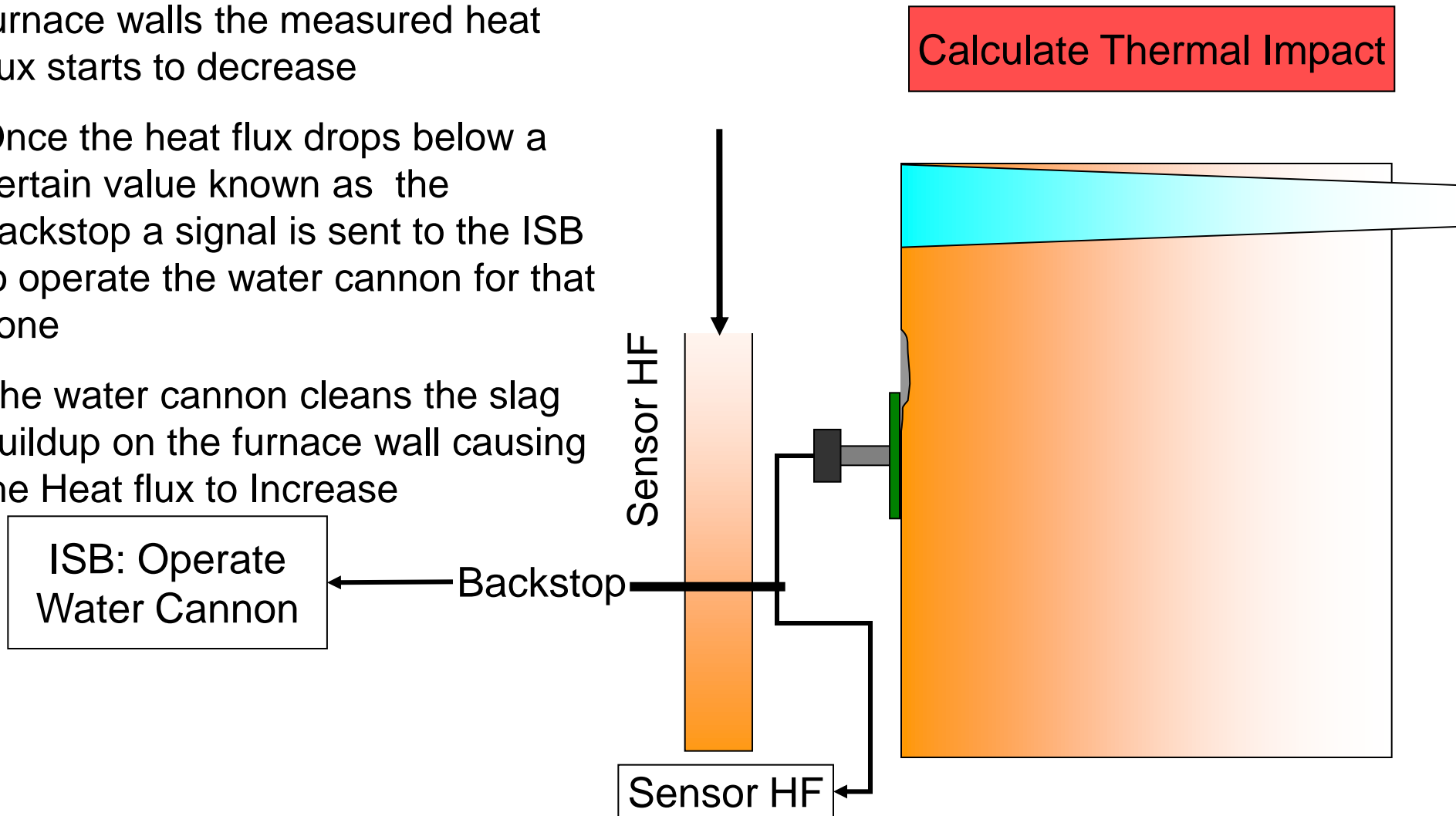
← SmartGauge  
(Monitoring deposit weight)

← ThermoDynamic Model  
(Monitoring the cleanliness factor  
by measuring heat transfer rate)

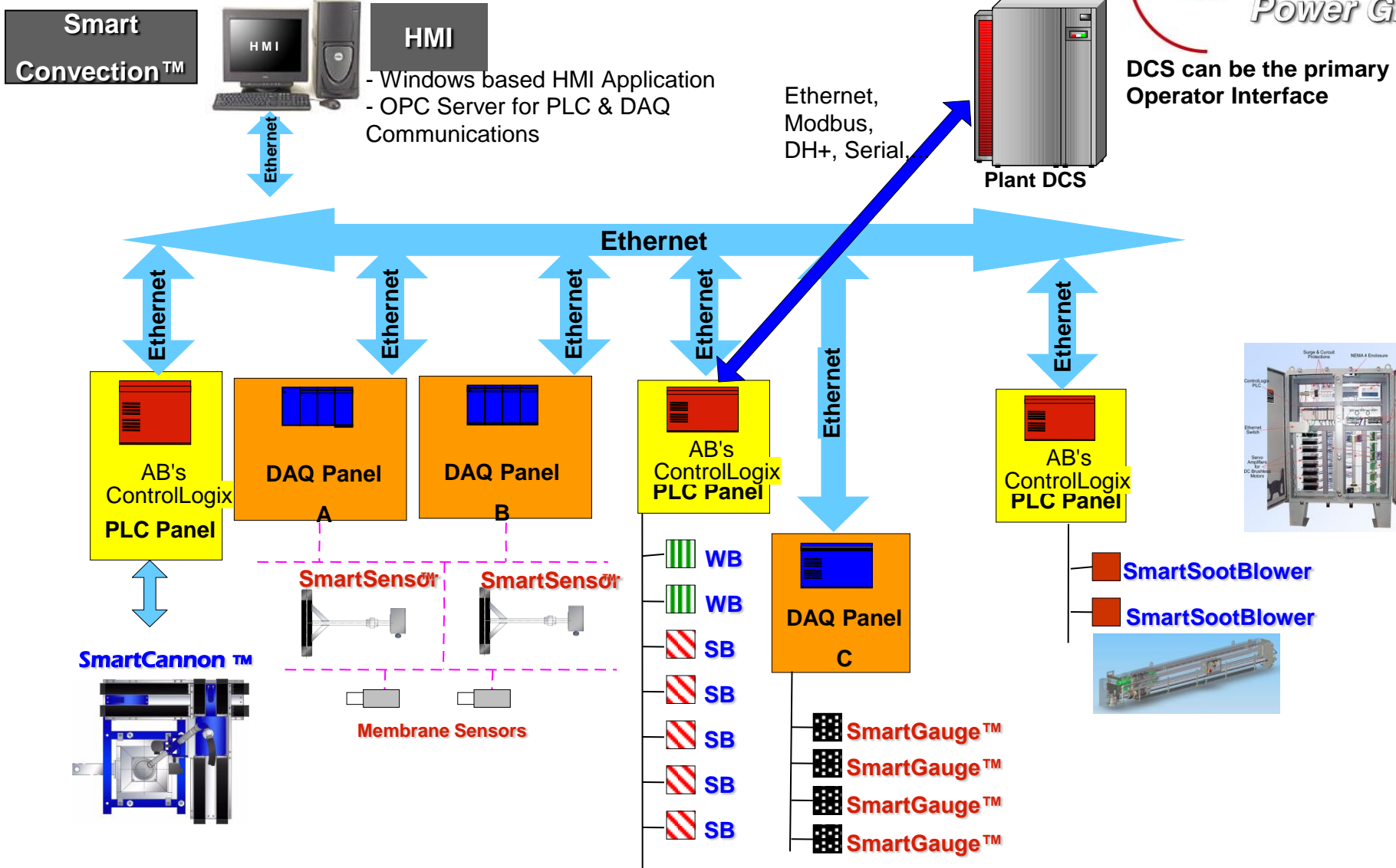


# Furnace Cleaning with SMART Cannons

- When slag begins to build up on the furnace walls the measured heat flux starts to decrease
- Once the heat flux drops below a certain value known as the backstop a signal is sent to the ISB to operate the water cannon for that zone
- The water cannon cleans the slag buildup on the furnace wall causing the Heat flux to Increase



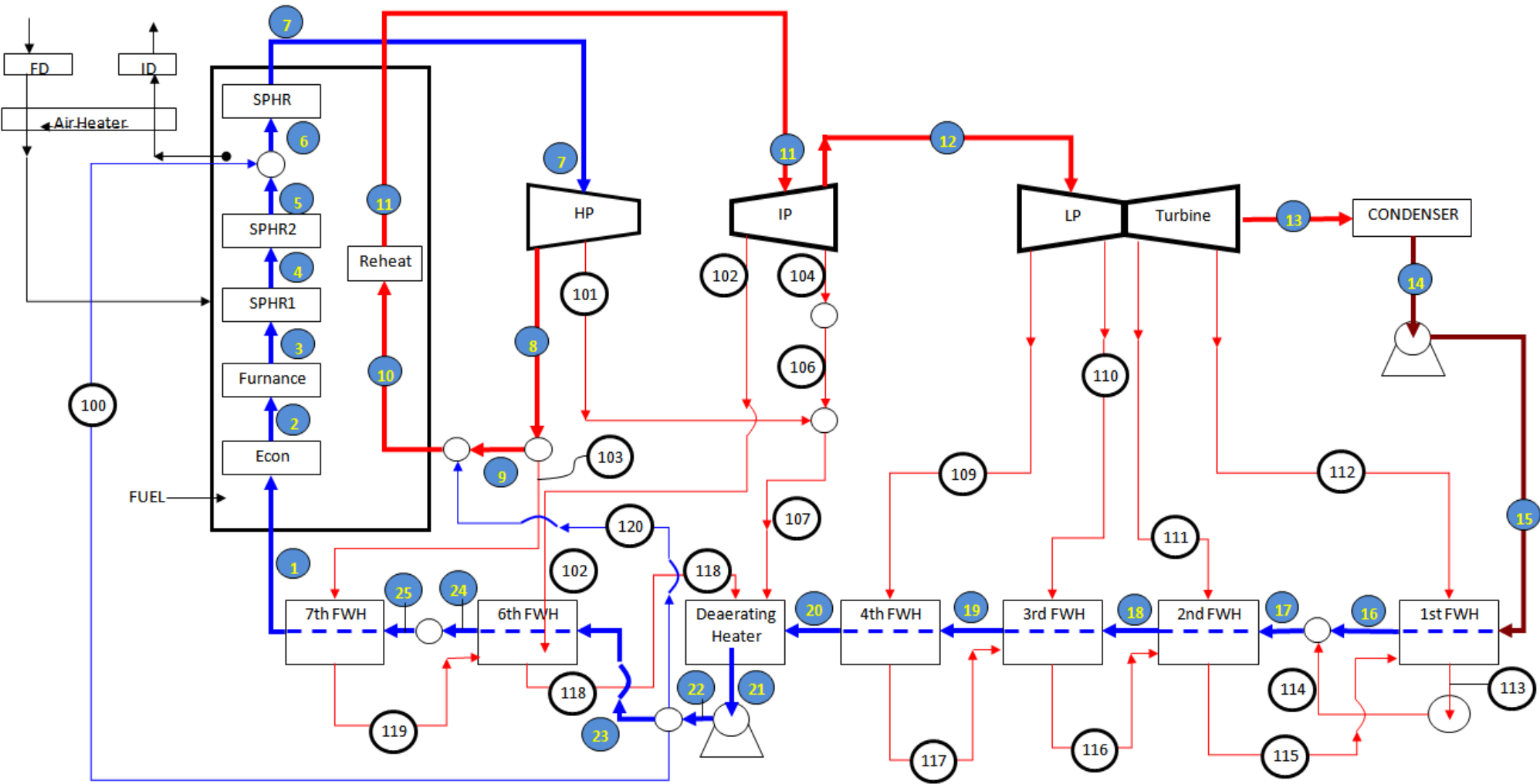
# System Integration



# Cleaning Strategy for Plant Heat Rate Optimization

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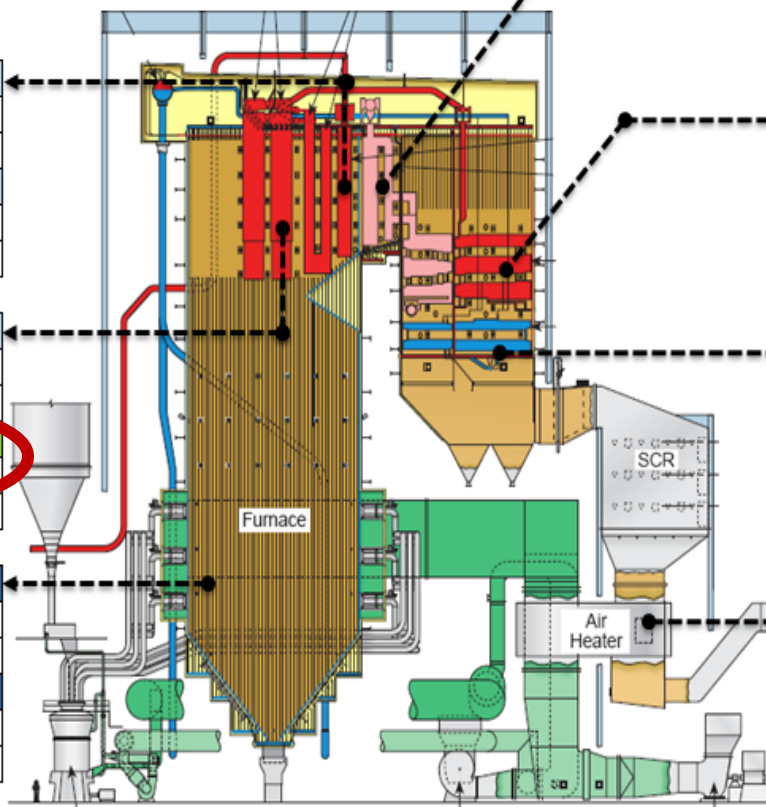
# 600 MW Coal Fired Plant Simulation



# Simulations: PHR and MW Optimization



| Current Conditions |         |         |  |
|--------------------|---------|---------|--|
| PHR                | 10,013  | Btu/kWh |  |
| kW                 | 553,699 | kW      |  |



| SPHR FINAL CLEANING SCNR |       | PHR Improv         |         |
|--------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------|
| Estimated Q Improvement  |       | 0.57               | Btu/kWh |
| SB#1                     | 0.16% | # of SB to run ==> | 3       |
| SB#2                     | 0.02% | <b>MW Improv</b>   |         |
| SB#3                     | 0.02% | 47                 | kW      |
| SB#4                     | 0.00% | # of SB to run ==> | 3       |

| REHEAT CLEANING SCNR    |       | PHR Improv         |         |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------|
| Estimated Q Improvement |       | 0.16               | Btu/kWh |
| SB#9                    | 0.08% | # of SB to run ==> | 3       |
| SB#10                   | 0.01% | <b>MW Improv</b>   |         |
| SB#11                   | 0.01% | 25                 | kW      |
| SB#12                   | 0.00% | # of SB to run ==> | 3       |

| SPHR - 1 CLEANING SCNR  |       | PHR Improv         |         |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------|
| Estimated Q Improvement |       | 0.86               | Btu/kWh |
| SB#13                   | 0.08% | # of SB to run ==> | 4       |
| SB#14                   | 0.02% | <b>MW Improv</b>   |         |
| SB#15                   | 0.01% | 97                 | kW      |
| SB#16                   | 0.01% | # of SB to run ==> | 4       |

| SPHR - 2 CLEANING SCNR  |       | PHR Improv         |         |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------|
| Estimated Q Improvement |       | 0.00               | Btu/kWh |
| SB#5                    | 0.80% | # of SB to run ==> | 0       |
| SB#6                    | 0.60% | <b>MW Improv</b>   |         |
| SB#7                    | 0.40% | 161                | kW      |
| SB#8                    | 0.20% | # of SB to run ==> | 4       |

| ECONOMIZER              |       | PHR Improv         |         |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------|
| Estimated Q Improvement |       | 0.54               | Btu/kWh |
| SB#17                   | 0.05% | # of SB to run ==> | 3       |
| SB#18                   | 0.01% | <b>MW Improv</b>   |         |
| SB#19                   | 0.01% | 0                  | kW      |
| SB#20                   | 0.00% | # of SB to run ==> | 0       |

| FURNACE CLEANING SCNR   |       | PHR Improv         |         |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------|
| Estimated Q Improvement |       | 1.16               | Btu/kWh |
| ZONE#5                  | 0.32% | # of SB to run ==> | 3       |
| ZONE#6                  | 0.09% | <b>MW Improv</b>   |         |
| ZONE#7                  | 0.05% | 714                | kW      |
| ZONE#8                  | 0.02% | # of SB to run ==> | 3       |

| R PREHEATER CLEANING SCNR |       | PHR Improv         |         |
|---------------------------|-------|--------------------|---------|
| Estimated Q Improvement   |       | 1.50               | Btu/kWh |
| ZONE#1                    | 0.08% | # of SB to run ==> | 3       |
| ZONE#2                    | 0.02% | <b>MW Improv</b>   |         |
| ZONE#3                    | 0.01% | 0                  | kW      |
| ZONE#4                    | 0.00% | # of SB to run ==> | 0       |

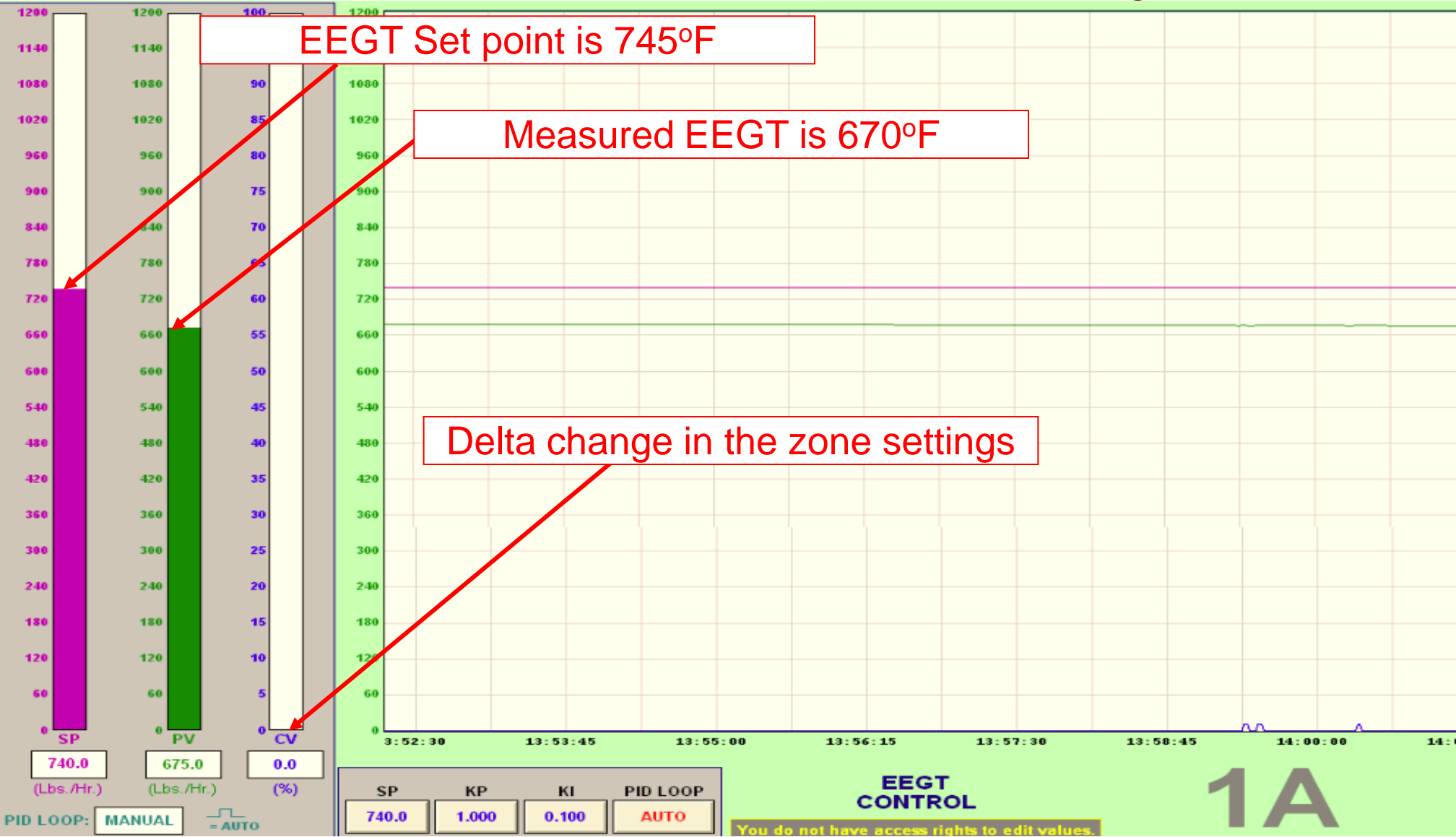
- **Targets are not static numbers.**
- Keeping each heat exchanger at the same cleanliness level at all times is not the right approach for optimum heat rate and back end gas temperature control.
- SmartClean System makes decisions based on key Performance Targets such as:
  - ➔ Main Steam Temperature
  - ➔ Hot Reheater Temperature
  - ➔ Economizer Exit Gas Temperature
  - ➔ Furnace Exit Gas Temperature
  - ➔ Plant Heat Rate
- The system uses simple heat balance and optimization algorithms to realize these targets and derives the local cleanliness targets dynamically.

# Cleaning Strategy for Boiler Back End Temperature Control

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# Automated Setpoint Optimization (2010 Platform) – Ex: EEGT Control Loop



EEGT Set point is 745°F

Measured EEGT is 670°F

Delta change in the zone settings

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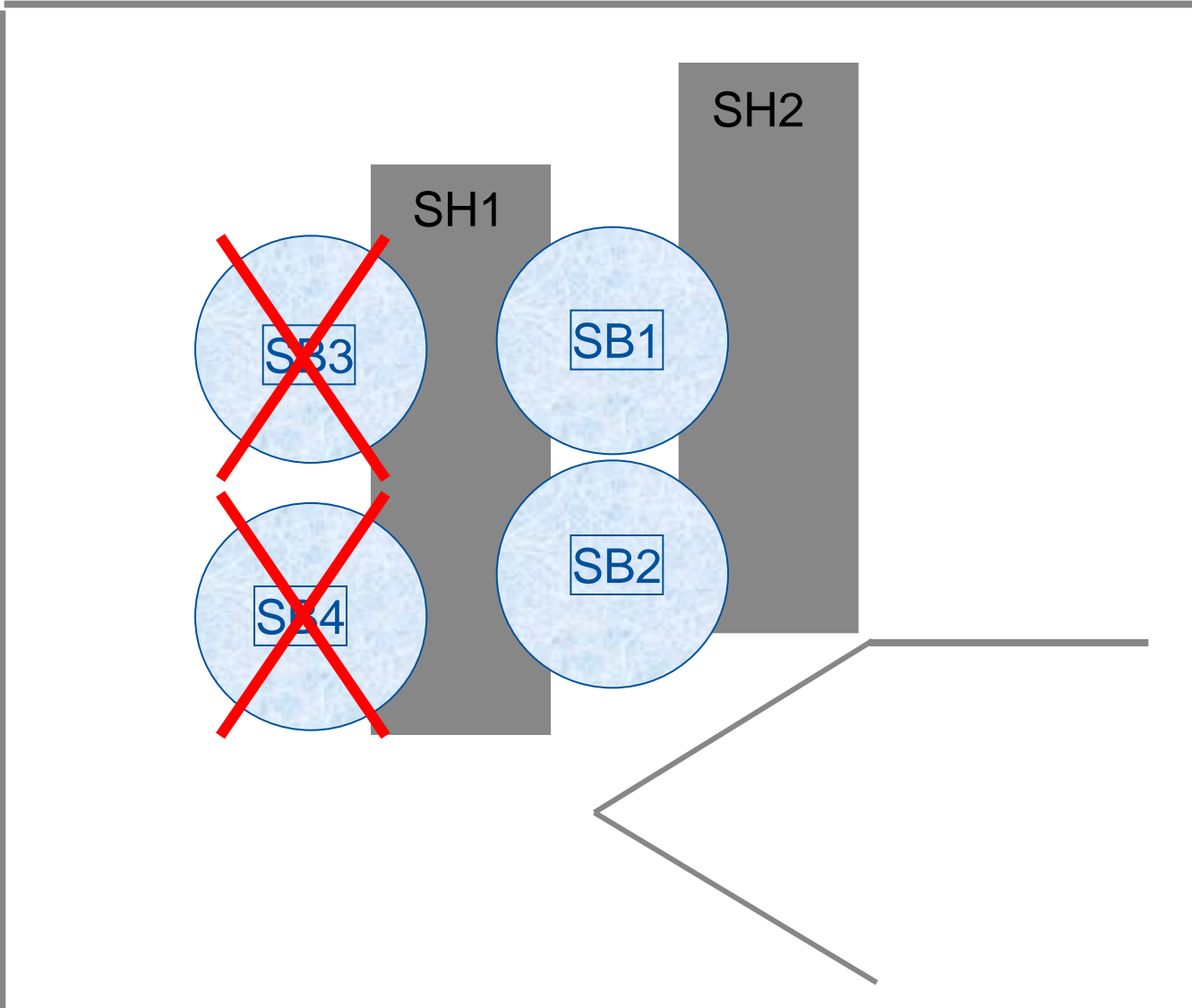
# Successful Cleaning Strategy

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- **Cleanliness Targets are not static numbers.**
- The cleaning ability in a heat exchanger is dependant on the number of sootblowers available for the area.
- If half of the sootblowers are out of duty around a pendant, the system adopts to the new condition and adjusts its targets based on the self learning algorithms.
- When new blowers are made available to clean a section, SmartClean learns the effectiveness of the new blowers and revises its targets accordingly.

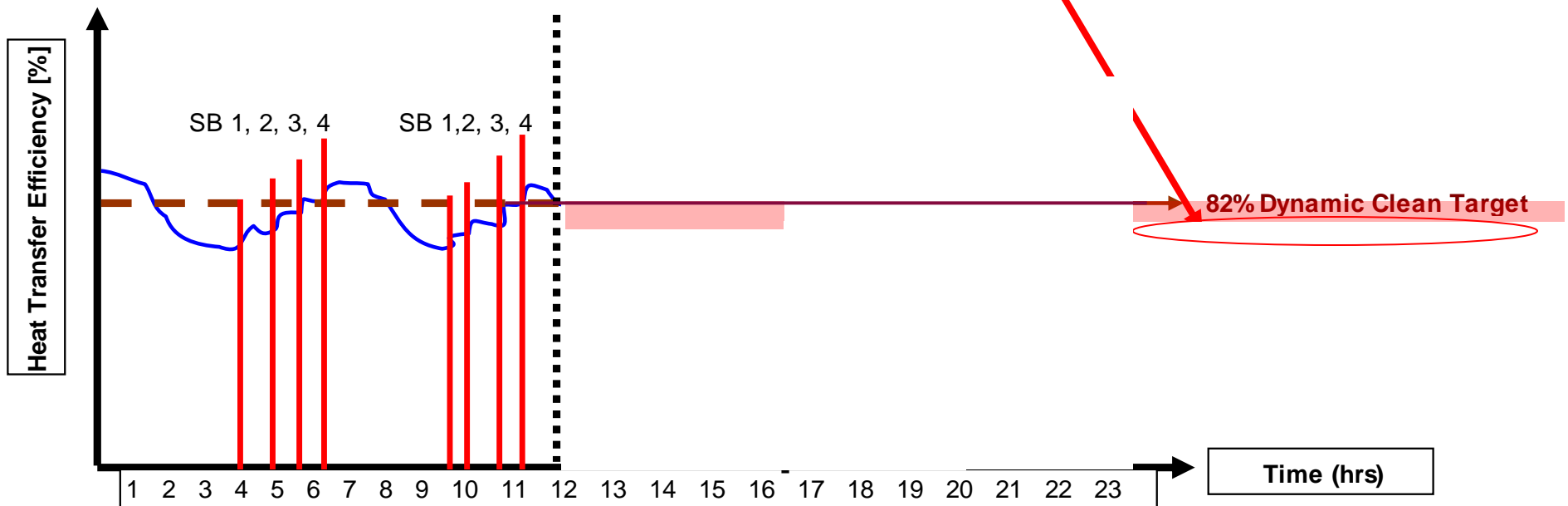
# SMART Clean Cleaning Strategy



# SMART Clean Technology

## Dealing with change in sootblower availability

Target adjustment is made automatically by the system

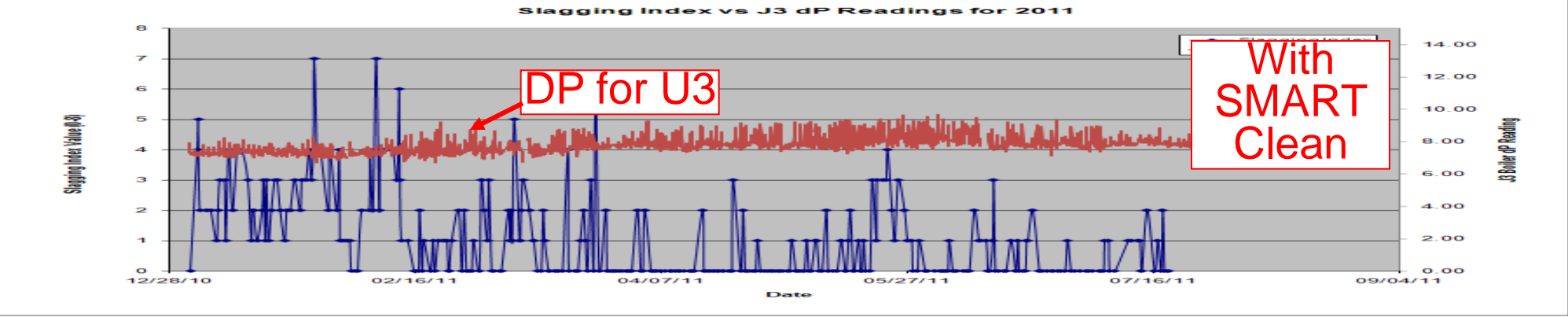
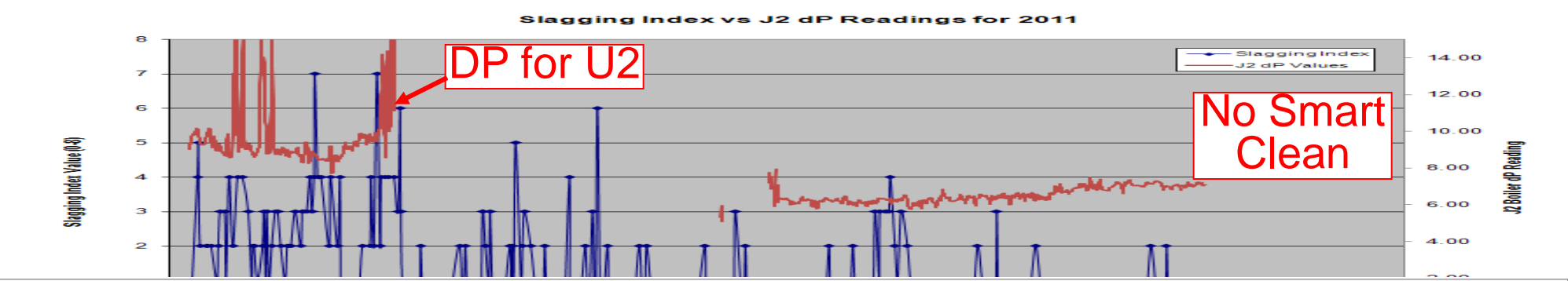
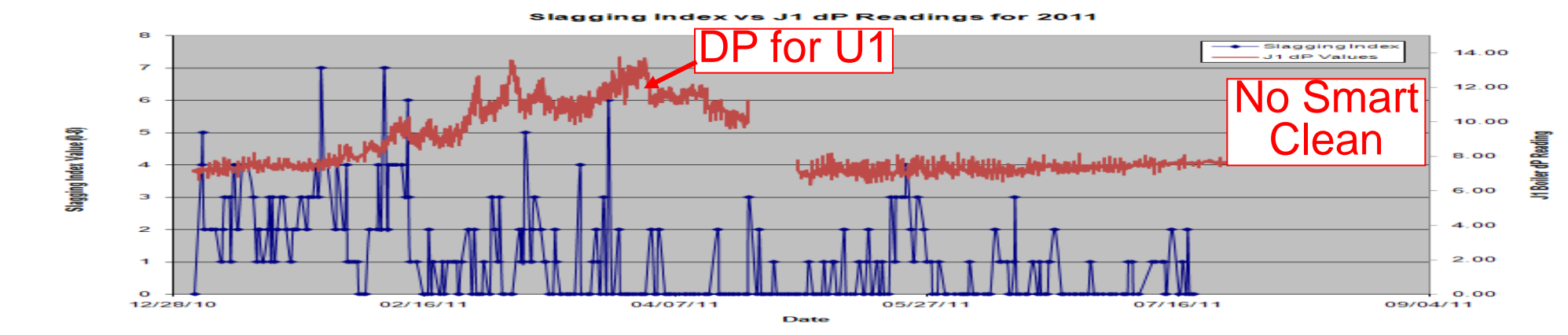


- SMART Clean adjusts its target based on the new condition.

# **CASE STUDY**

## **PRB Fuel Conversion**

# Flue Gas DP Comparison for 3 identical PRB Coal Fired Boilers



# Background



- Dynegy Havana Power Station in Havana, Illinois
  - ➔ 488MW B&W wall fired , Sub Critical
  - ➔ PRB coal

# Operational Challenges After Fuel Switch



- Heavy ash build-up
- Degradation of precipitator performance
- Higher FEGT and EEGT
- Higher superheater temperature and higher superheater spray flows
- Boiler flue gas draft pressure increase
- Impact on induced draft (ID) fan.
- Higher heat rate
- Forced outages due to sootblowing induced tube leaks and ESP pluggage
- Capacity limitations (10-20 MW de-rate)



# SMART Clean™ System

## SMART CONVECTION

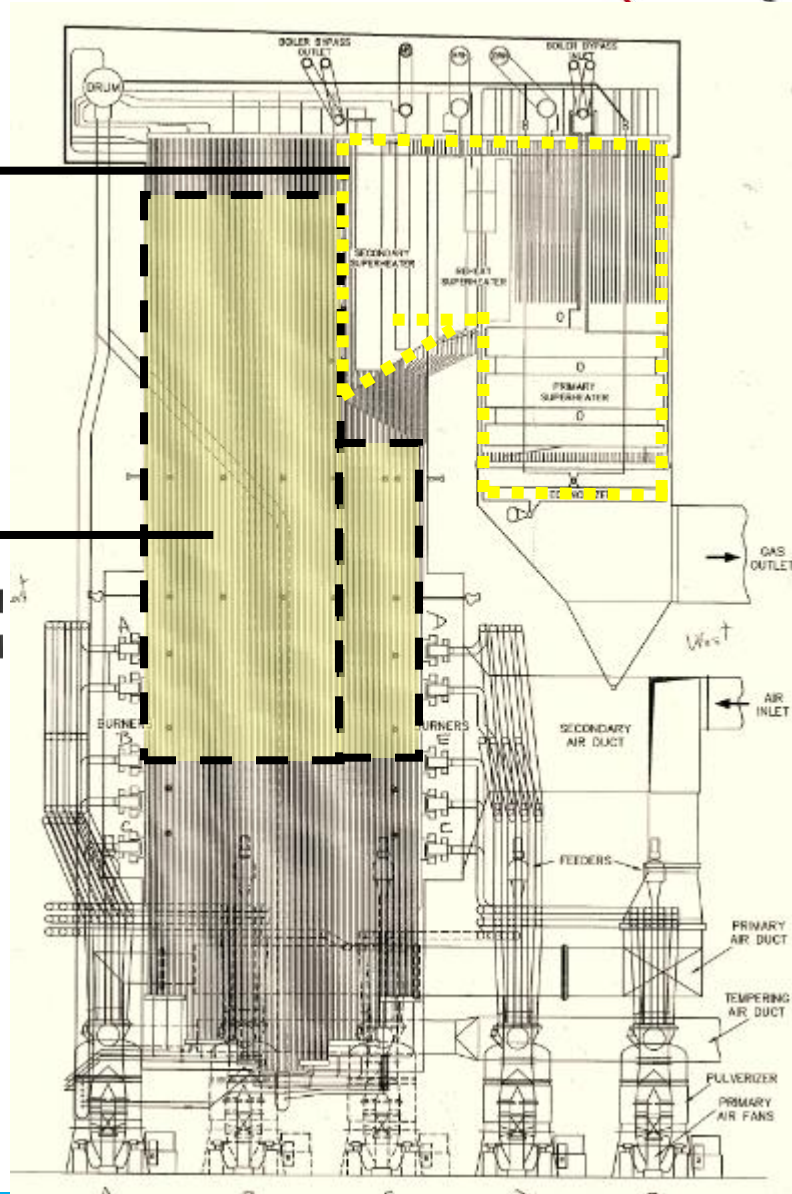
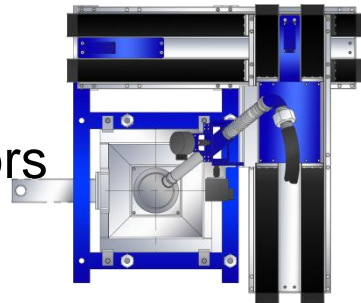
48 Retractable Sootblowers

TDM Thermo Dynamic Model

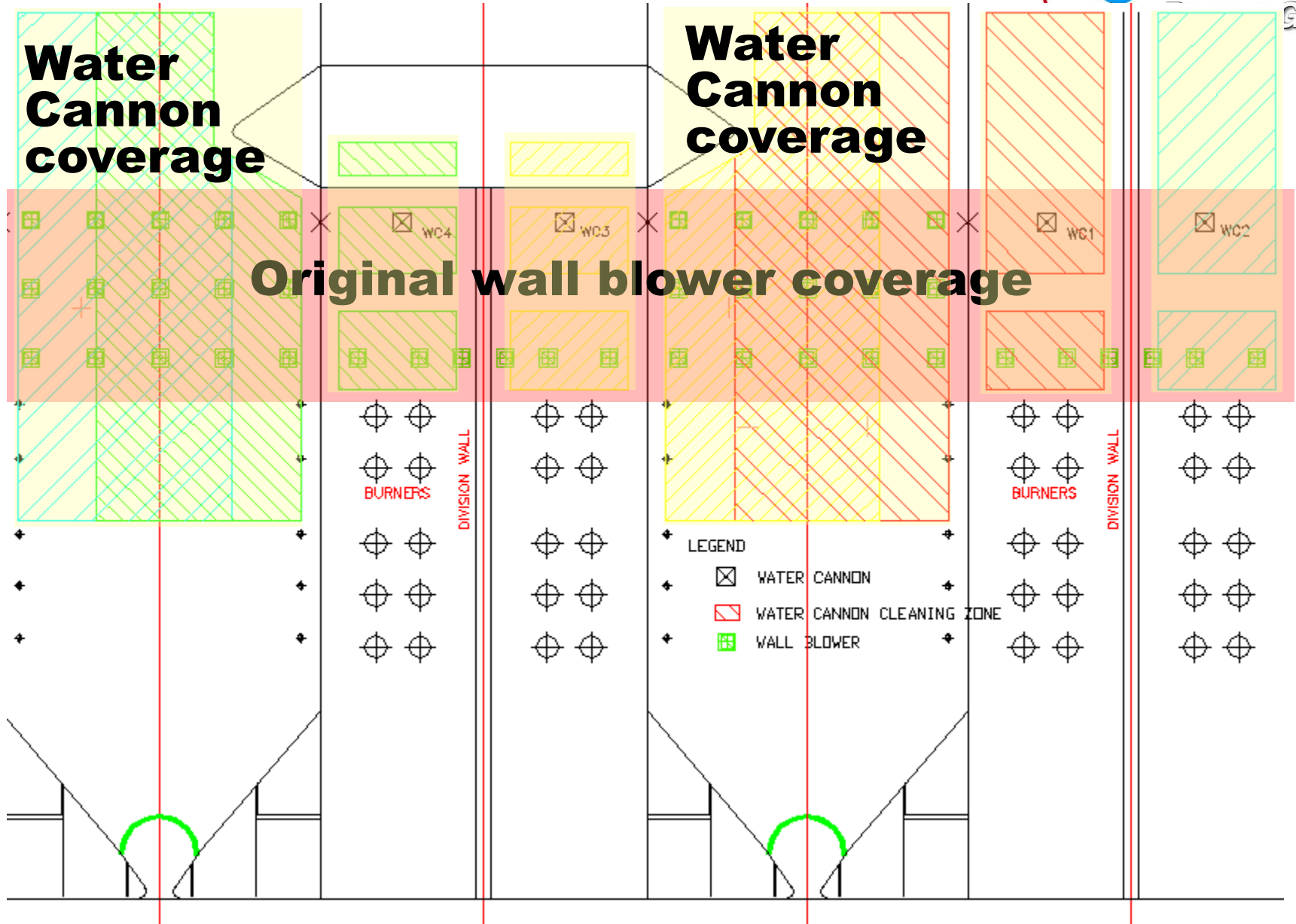
## SMART FURNACE

4 SMART Cannons

44 SMART Flux Sensors



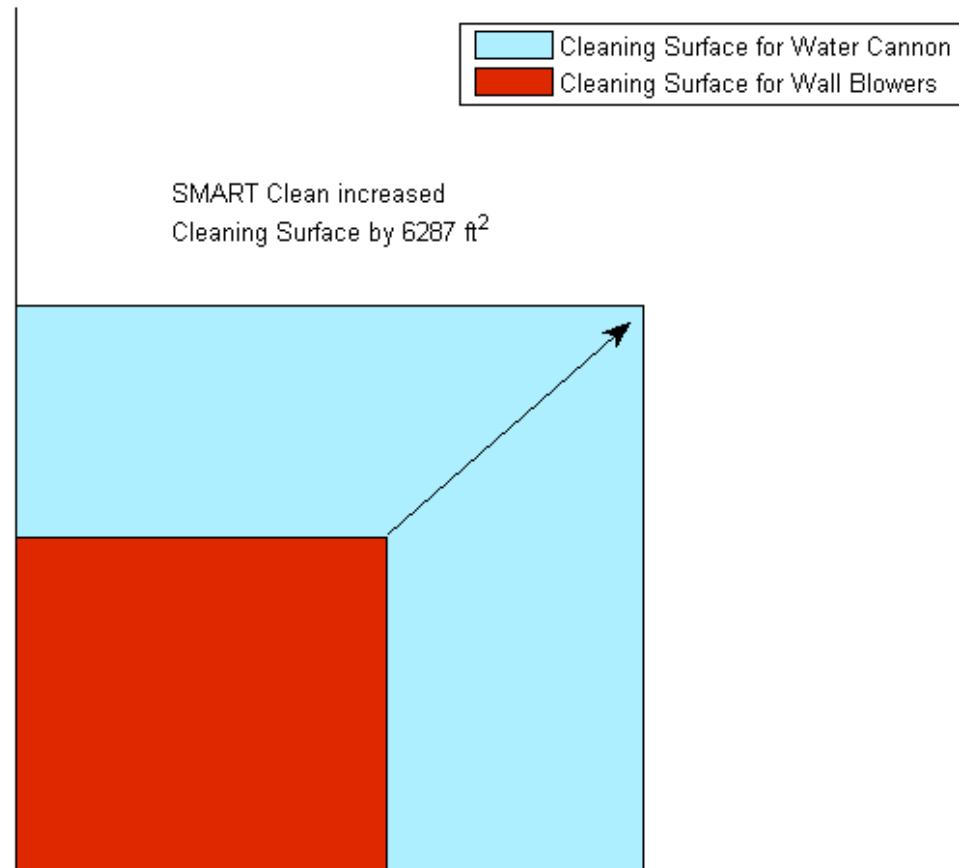
# Boiler Furnace



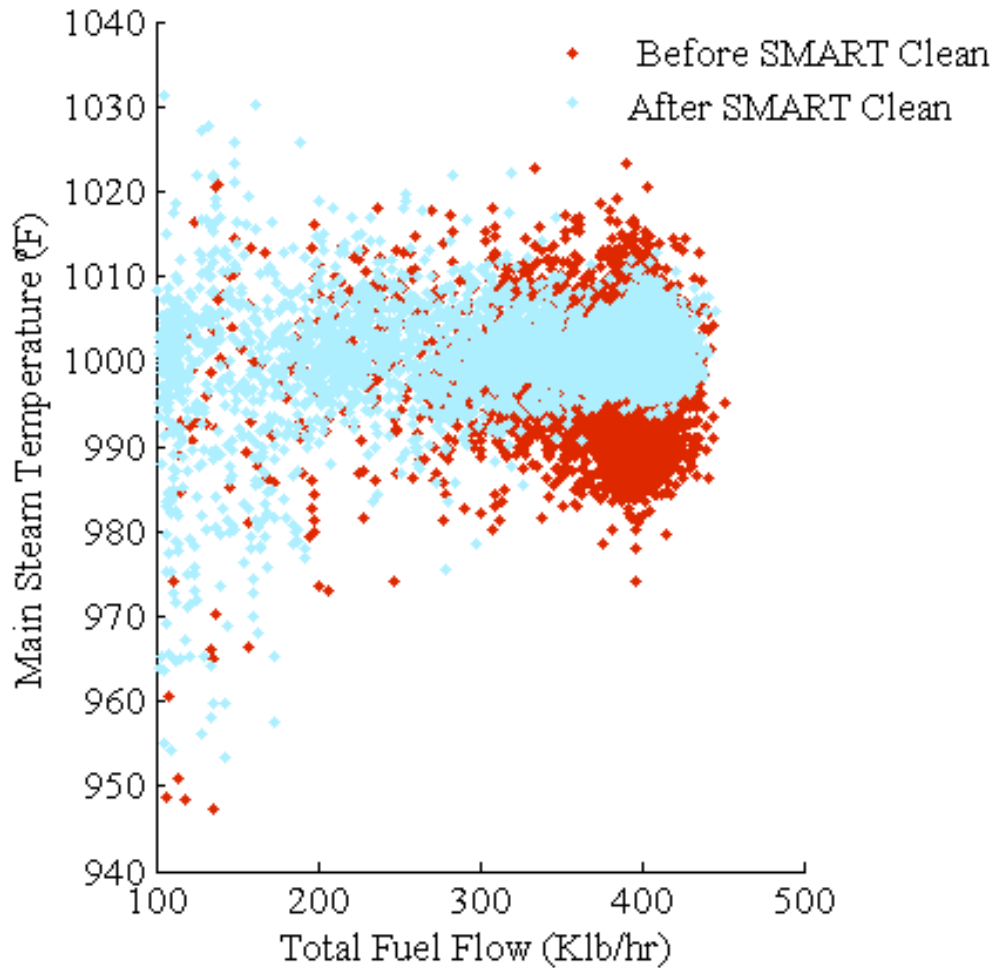
# Cleaning Surface comparison



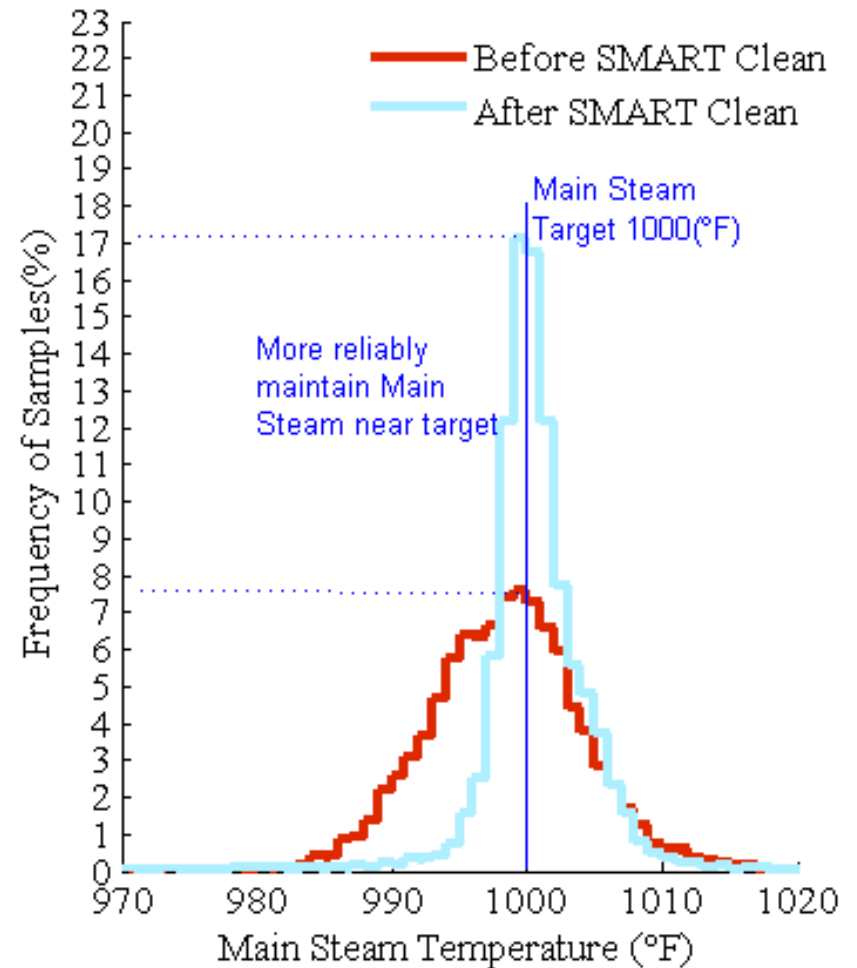
- 43 wall blowers clean 40% of Furnace
- 4 Water cannons clean 80%
- Furnace Cleaning Surface was Doubled.
- Therefore, Wall Blower taken out operation.



# Main Steam Temperature Improvement

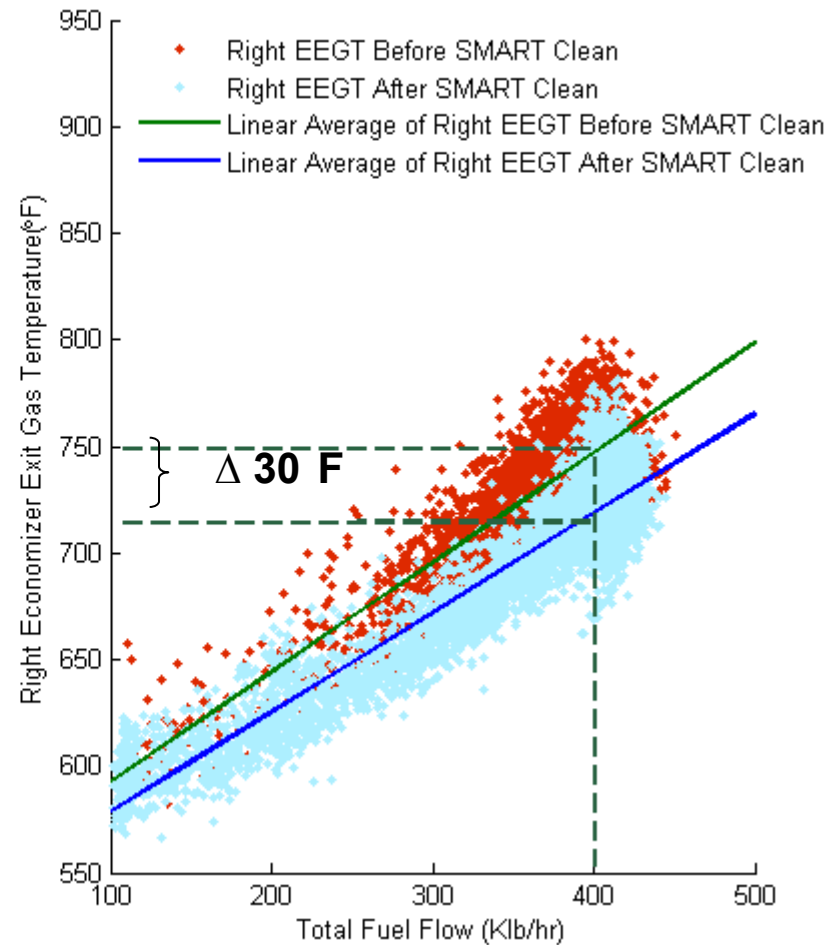
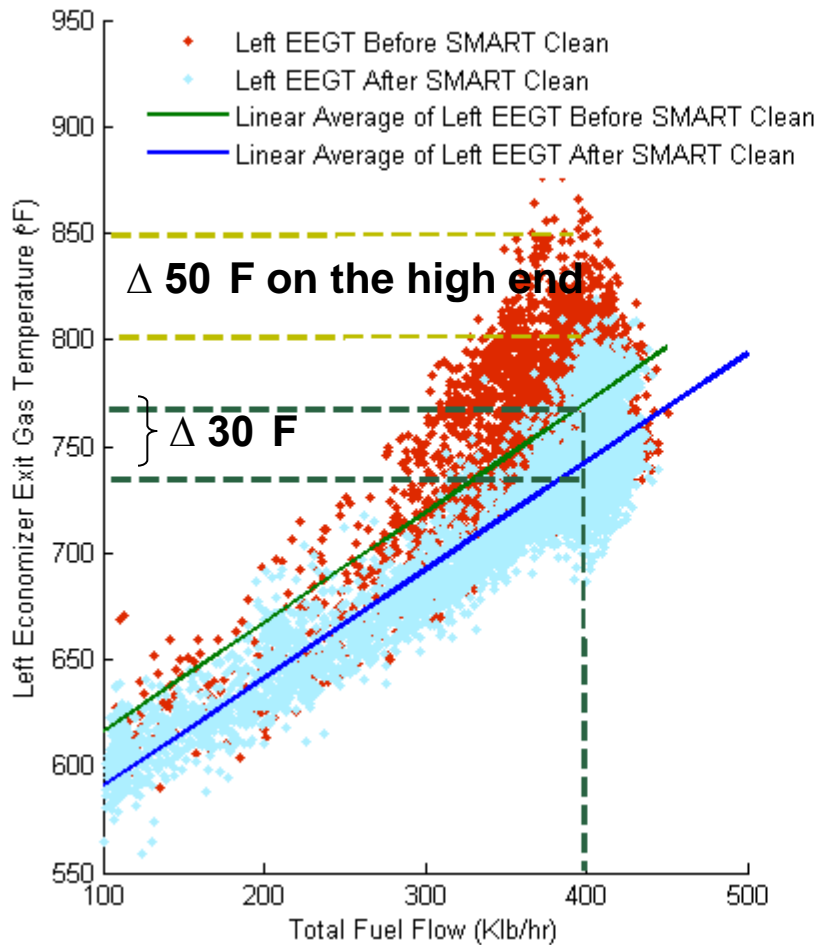


Steam temperature control compared to fuel flow



Improvement in steam temperature control

# E.E.G.T. Improvement

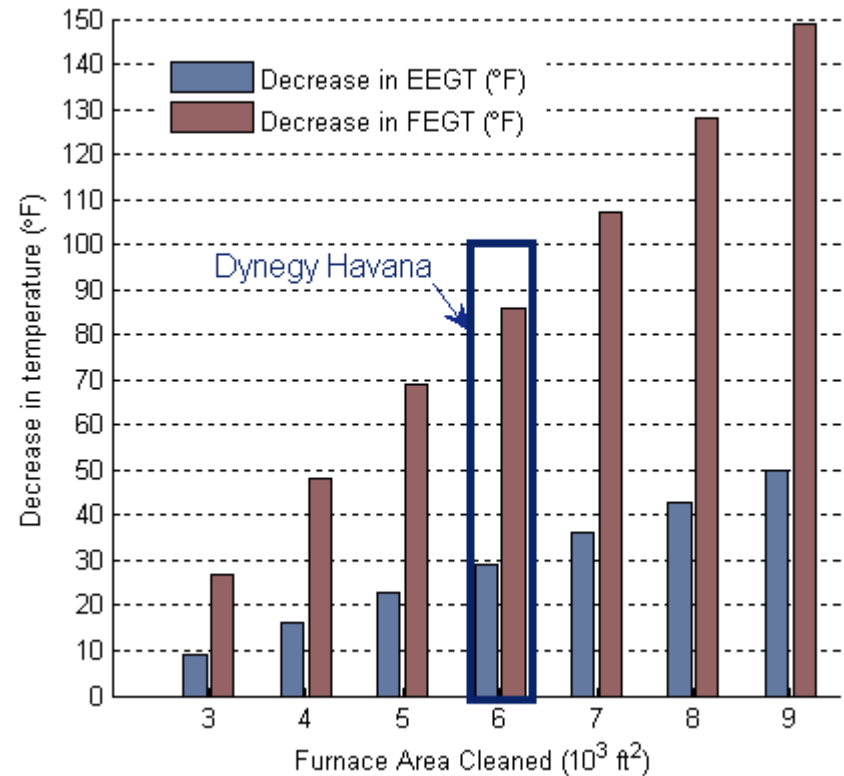


# F.E.G.T. Improvement

- Calculation Inputs

- Average HF improvement = 10%
- Base line Plant Heat Rate = 10900
- Nominal Power Generation = 488 MW
- Furnace Heat Transfer = 36% of total heat absorbed
- HHV of Coal = 8800 btu/lb

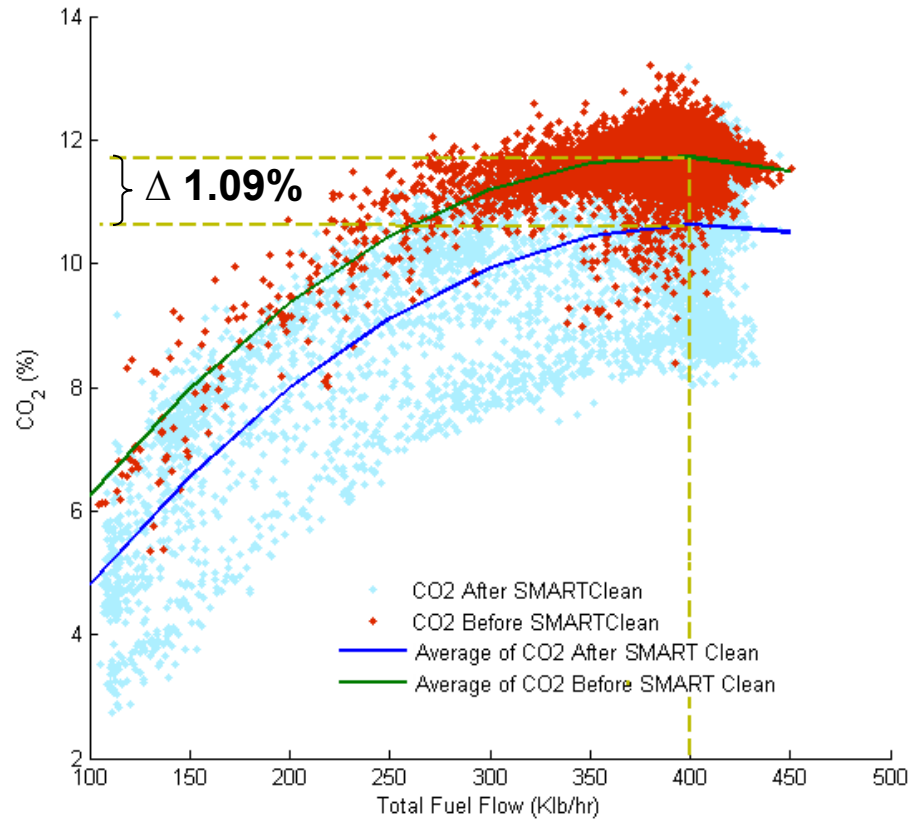
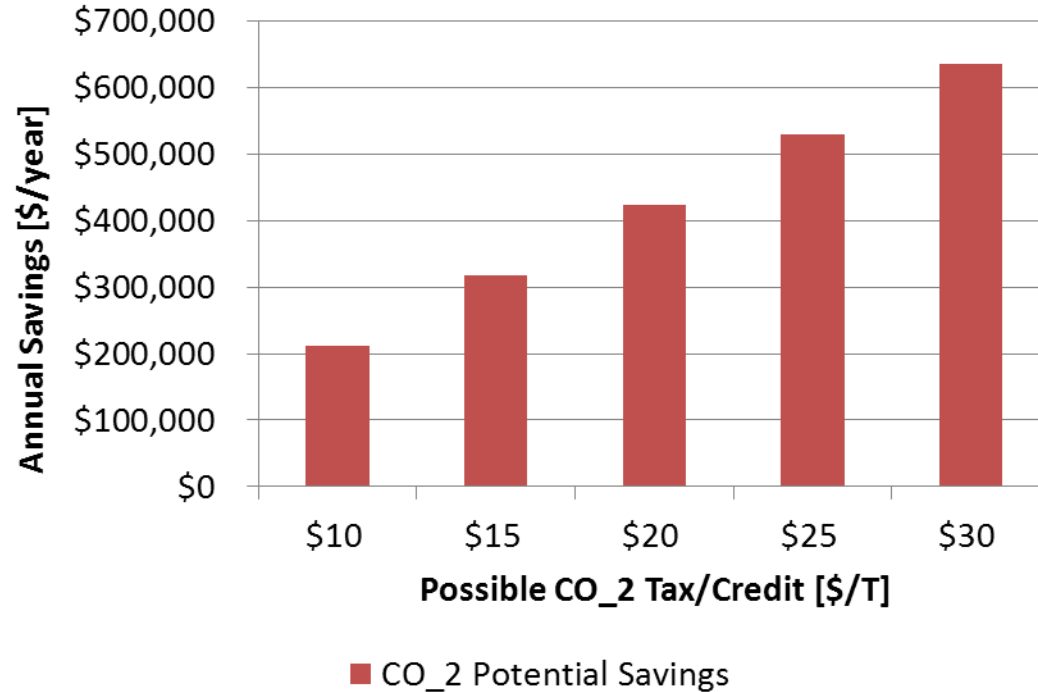
- EEGT Improved by 30 F
- FEGT (calculated) improved by ~ 85 F



# Reduction in Carbon Dioxide

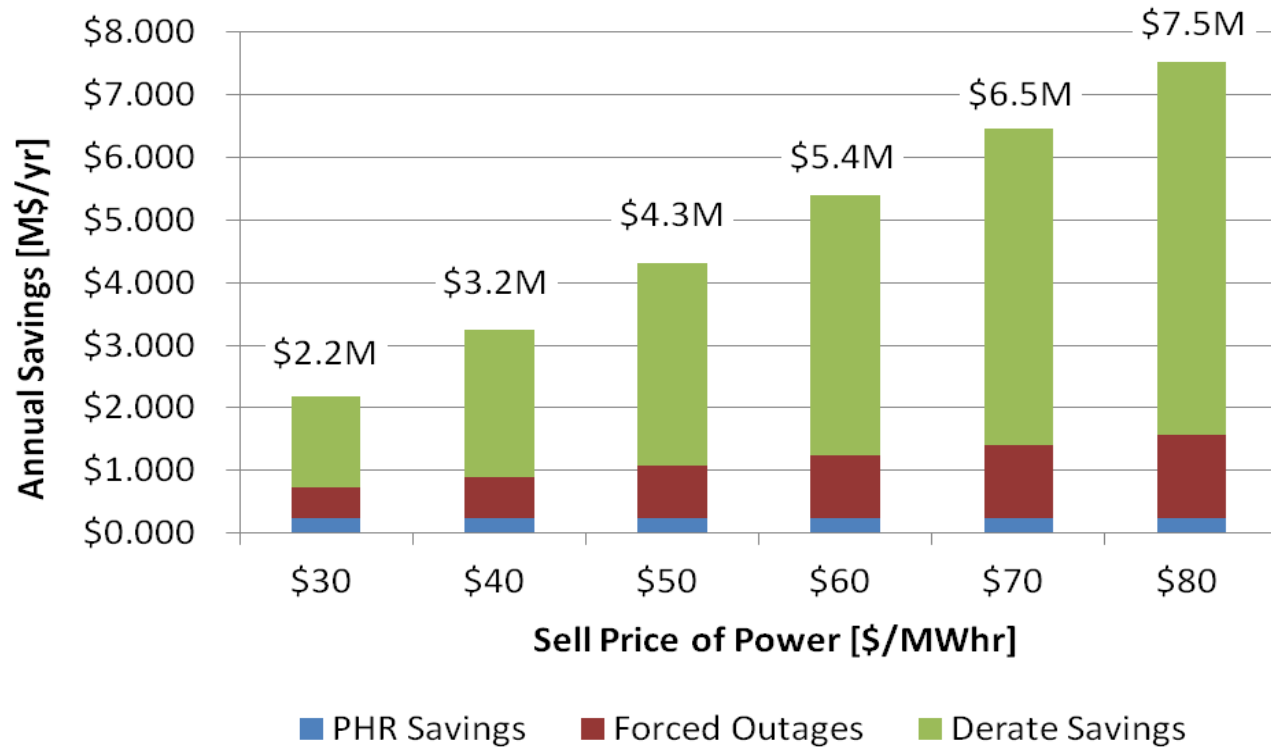


Potential Savings based on CO<sub>2</sub> tax



- Dynegy Havana reduced their CO<sub>2</sub> by 1.09% (2.48 T/hr)

# Economical Analysis



- Total savings ranges from \$2.2M to \$7.5M
  - ➔ 0.59% Plant Heat Rate improvement = \$287,000
  - ➔ Elimination of 2 days forced outages from furnace tube leaks and ESP pluggage ranges in savings from \$500,000 to \$1,300,000
  - ➔ Elimination of average 15 MW Derate ranges in savings of \$1,400,000 to \$6,000,000



# **CASE STUDY**

## **Reliability and Tube Life Improvement**

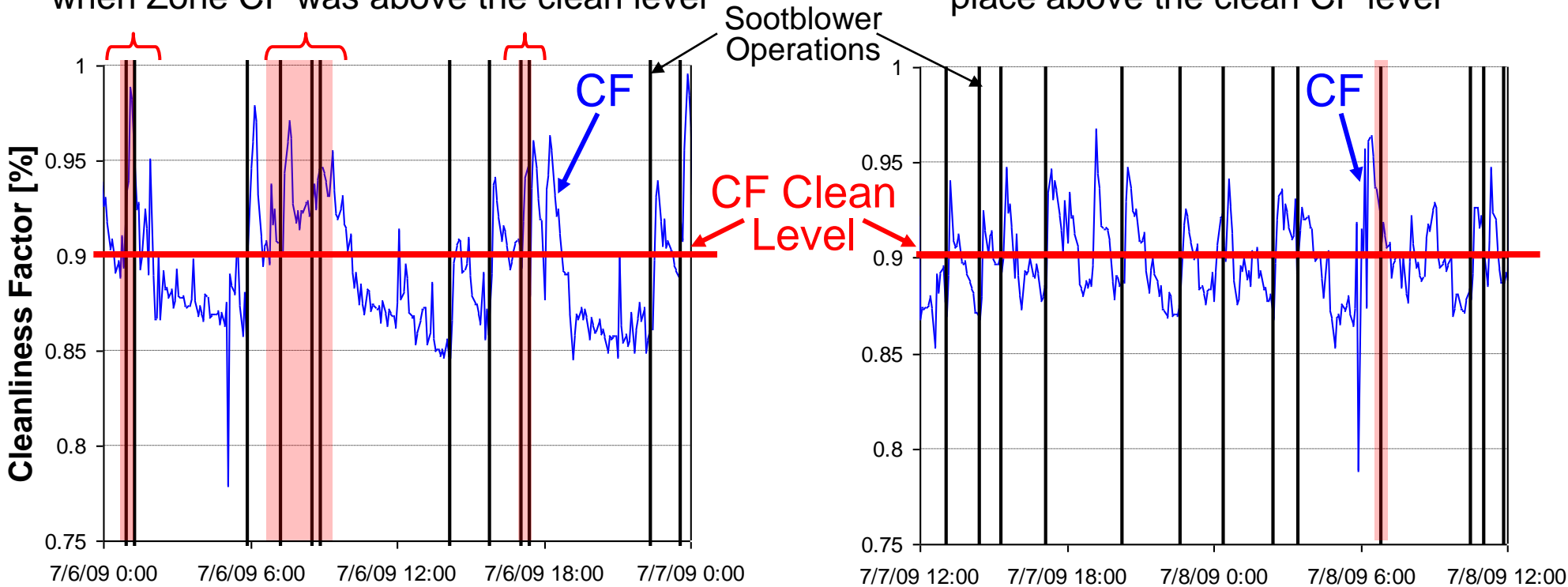
## Preventing Over-Cleaning

### Sequential Operations

50% of the sootblower operations occurred when Zone CF was above the clean level

### ISB Operations

Only 1 sootblower operation took place above the clean CF level

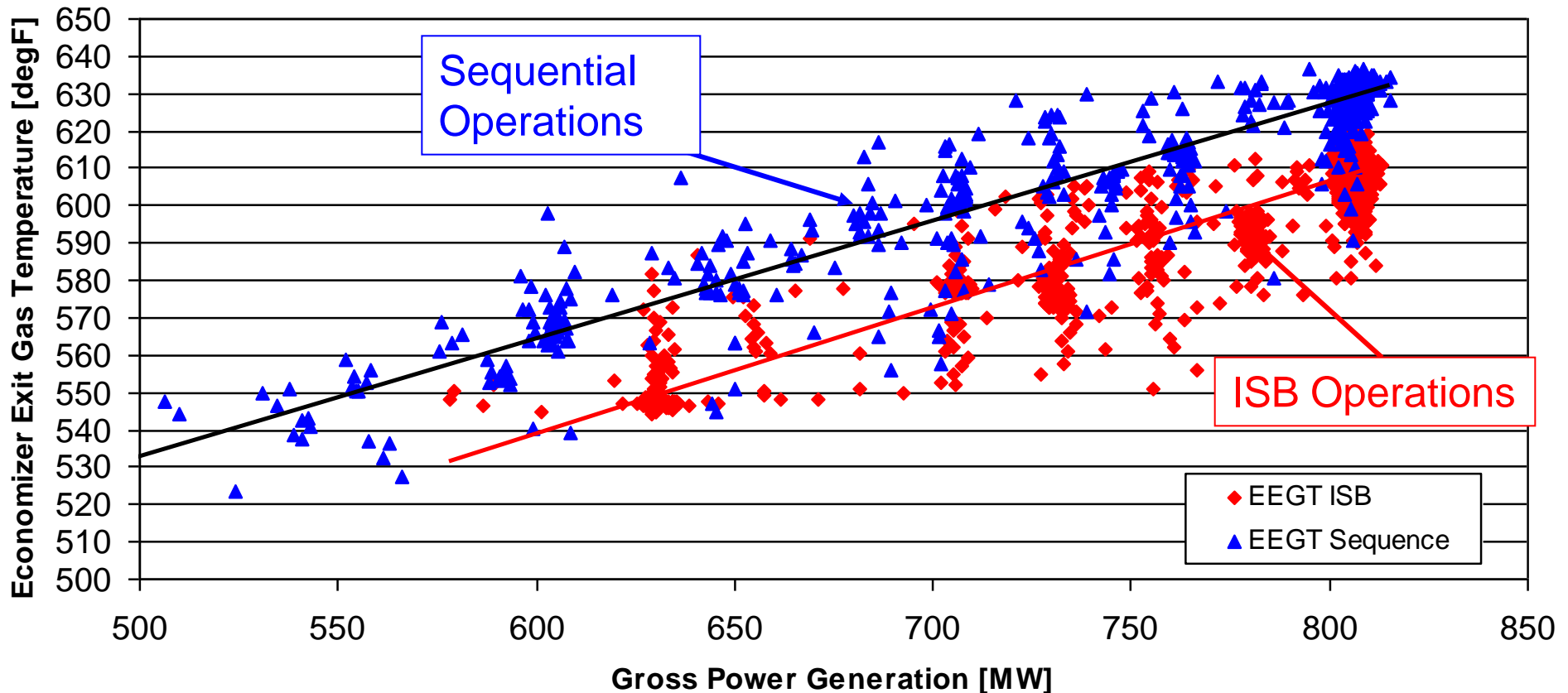


- Both Sequential and SmartClean ISB had similar number of operations/day.
- However, ISB initiated 92% of the cleaning operations below the clean level of 0.9 CF, reducing the risk of over cleaning and tube erosion.

# Improvement in EEGT – SRP Navajo



- 20 F reduction in Economizer Exit Gas Temperature (~0.6% improvement in Boiler Efficiency)



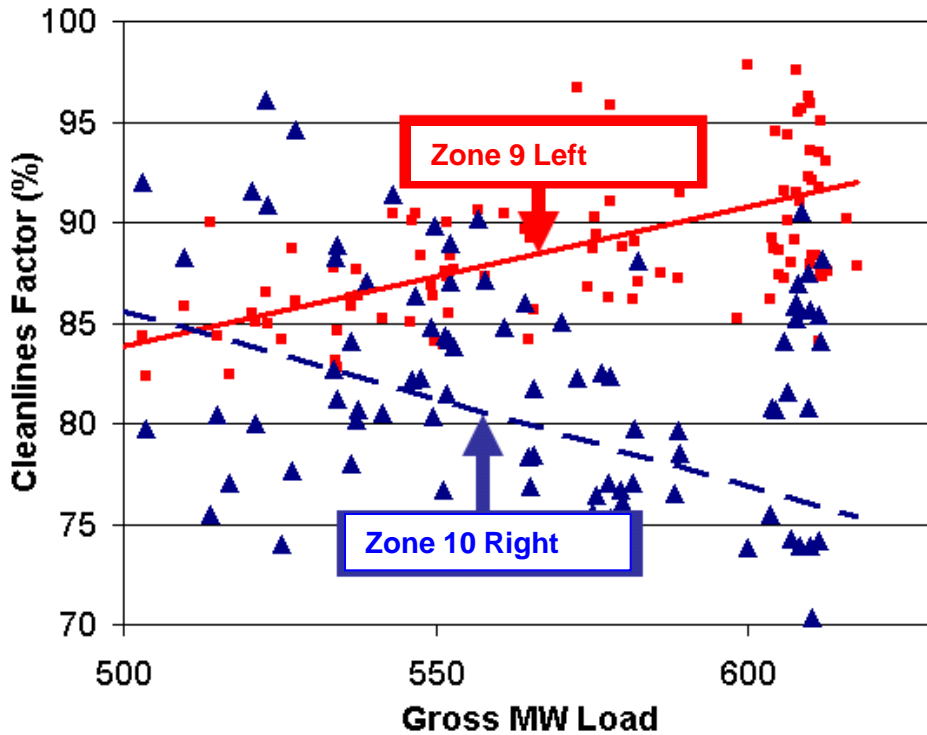
# Resolving Heat Transfer Imbalance



## NON-ISB

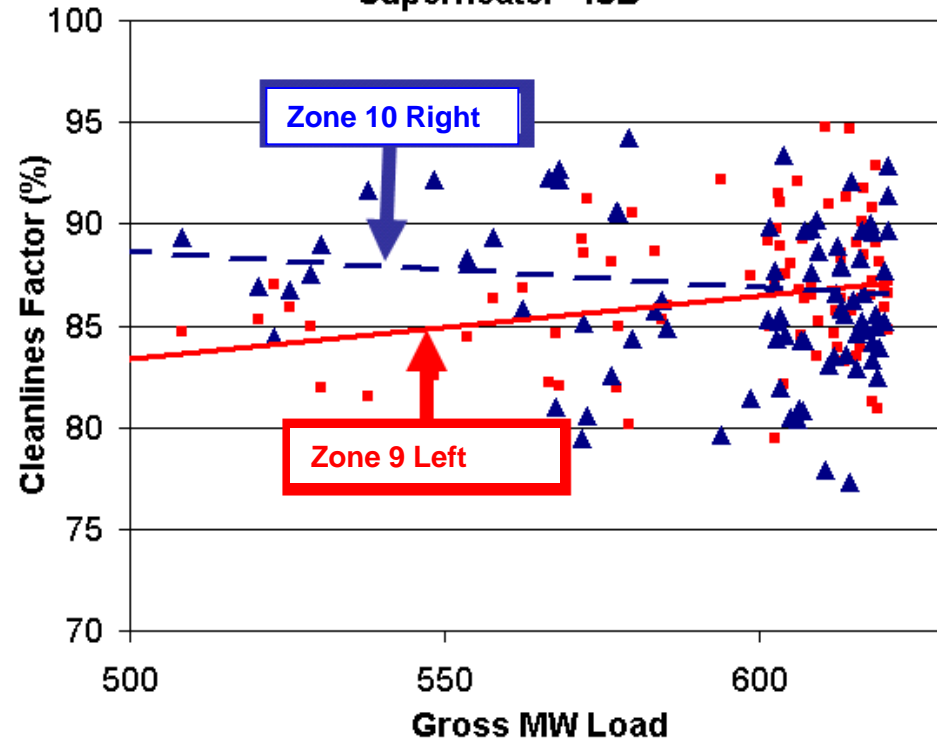
## ISB

Intermediate & High Temperature Secondary Superheater - Non ISB



■ Zone 9 Left Side    ▲ Zone 10 Right Side

Intermediate & High Temperature Secondary Superheater - ISB



■ Zone 9 Left Side    ▲ Zone 10 Right Side

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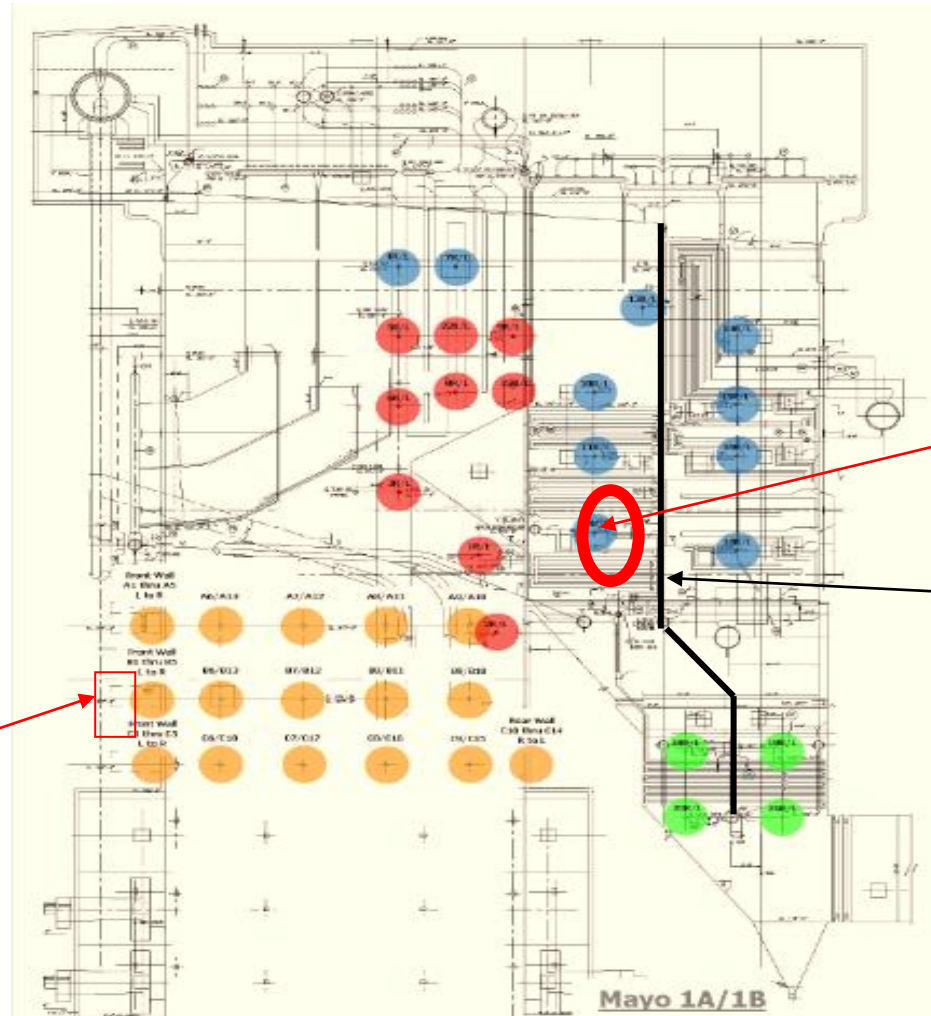
## **SCR Temperature Control**

# MAYO Power Station (Duke/PGN Energy)



- Located near Roxboro, N.C.
- 1983 dual-boiler (Foster Wheeler) unit fired with Bituminous Coal. 800MW Gross.
- Clyde Bergemann SMART Clean Intelligent Sootblowing System was installed and commissioned in June 2010 along with 84 Clyde Bergemann VS sootblowers.

# MAYO - Boilers A & B



New  
Wallblowers

New gas  
temperature  
probes

Split  
Backpass

# SCR Inlet Flue Gas Temp Control



## ● Challenge:

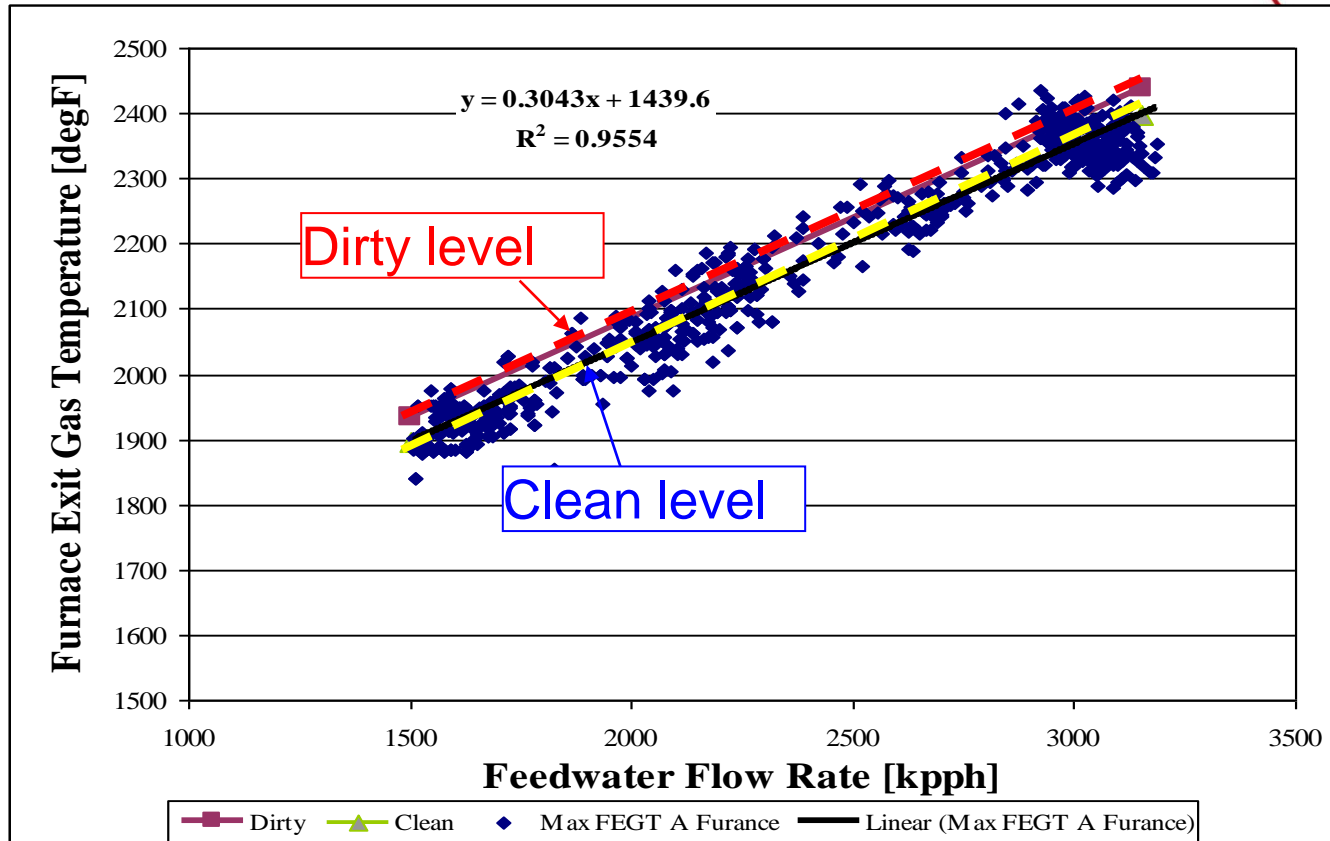
- Furnace fouling is an impact on SCR inlet gas temperature
- The effect of furnace cleanliness needed to be taken out of the equation to improve the SCR inlet gas temperature control

## ● Solution:

- Keep furnace cleanliness stable thus stabilize FEGT
- How?
  - Set cleanliness targets dynamically => A sliding scale FEGT target was determined for each firing rate
  - Clean the furnace via SMART Clean => Wall Blowers were tied into closed loop control and system was run in automatic mode which operates the wall blowers that has the greater effect on FEGT more frequently



# SCR Inlet Flue Gas Temp Control

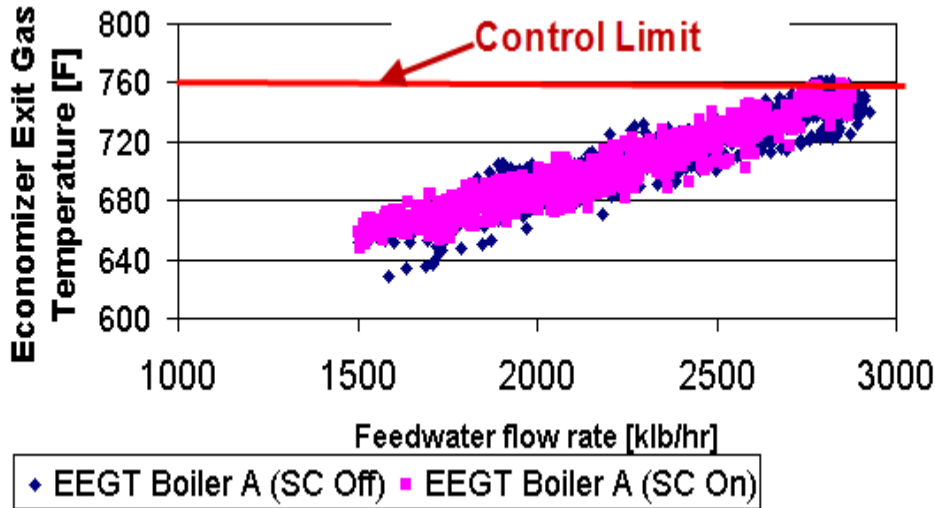


- FEGT clean target is adjusted as a function of the feedwater flow rate to stabilize furnace cleanliness.

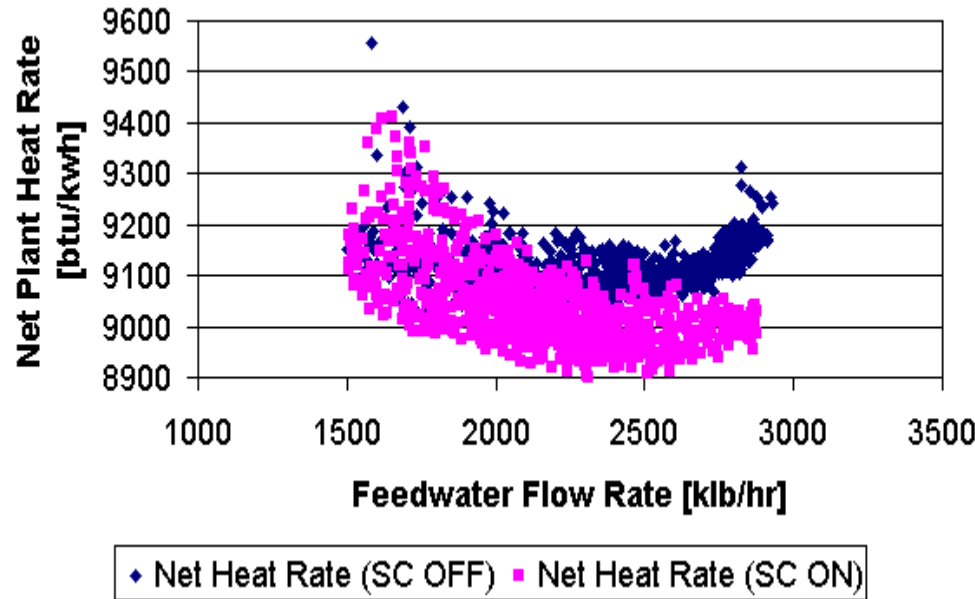
# SmartClean ISB- PGN MAYO



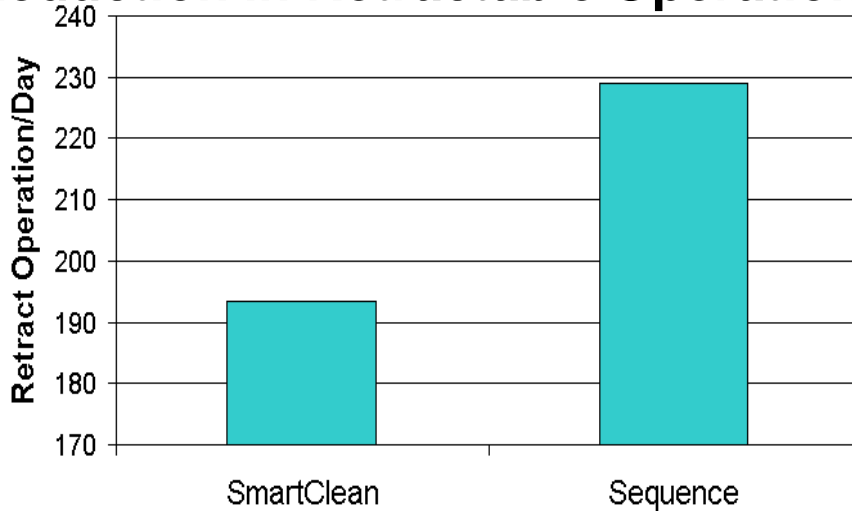
## EEGT and SCR Inlet Gas Temp Control



## PHR Improvement



## Reduction in Retractable Operations



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# Questions?

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