



# **Mitigation of SCR Impacts on Fuel Flexibility Using Targeted In Furnace Injection (TIFI)**

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# Agenda

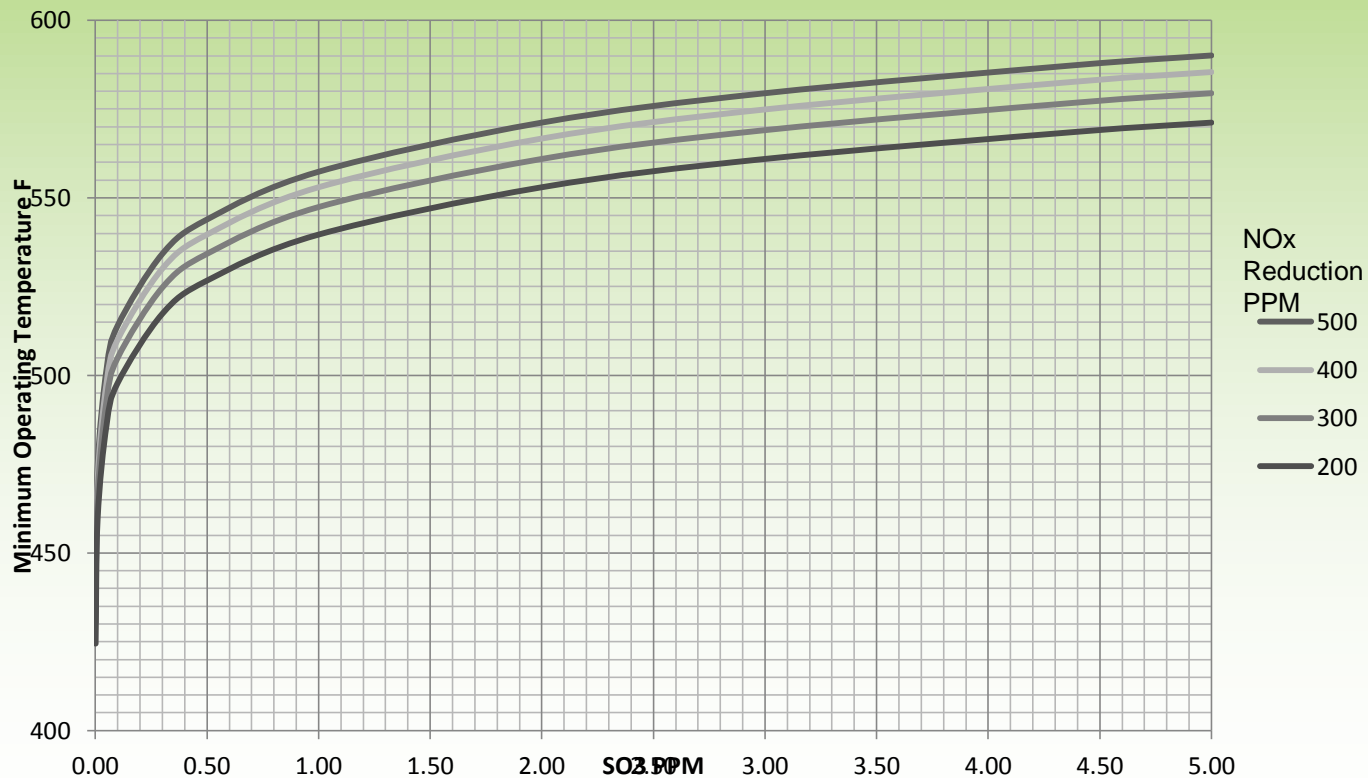
- **Impact of catalyst technology on fuel flexibility**
- **Overview of Targeted In Furnace Injection TIFI®**
- **Demonstrated Benefits of TIFI® on boiler and SCR operation**
- **Conclusions**

# **Impact of SCR on Boiler Operation and Fuel Flexibility**

- **Minimum Operating Temperature MOT**
  - Determined by ABS formation temperature (to protect catalyst from masking)
  - MOT may impose restrictions on unit minimum load, NOx removal efficiency (NH<sub>3</sub> injection rate) and fuel quality (Sulfur content)
- **Downstream impacts of Ammonia Slip and SO<sub>3</sub>**
  - Fouling (delta-P), Corrosion, Byproduct Quality (\$), Visible Emissions (Environmental)
- **Catalyst poisons**
  - Fuel flexibility and Catalyst life (\$)

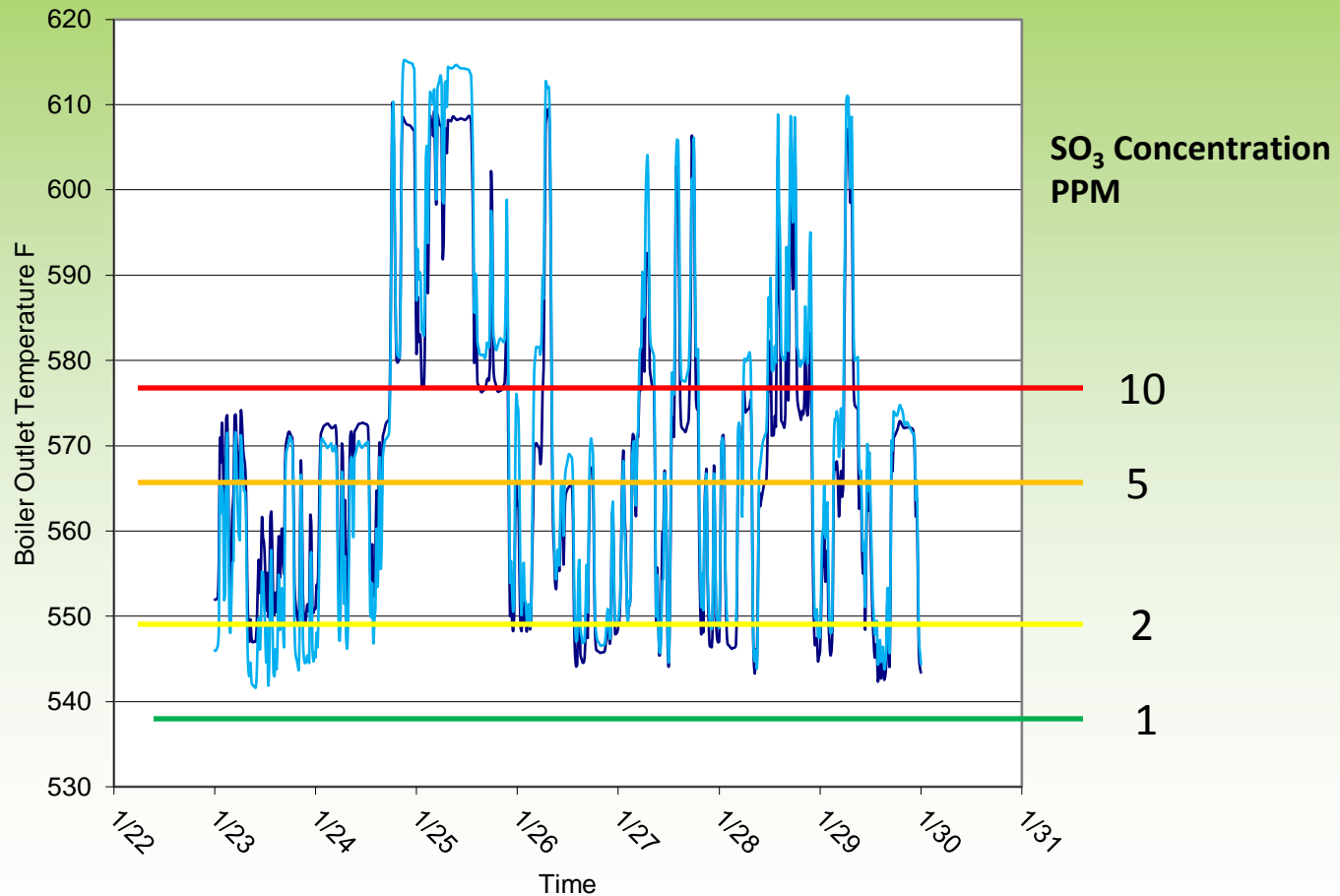
# Minimum Operating Temperature

- The MOT of the catalyst depends on the  $\text{SO}_3$  and ammonia concentration in the flue gas
- The ammonia concentration is a function of the  $\text{NO}_x$  removal



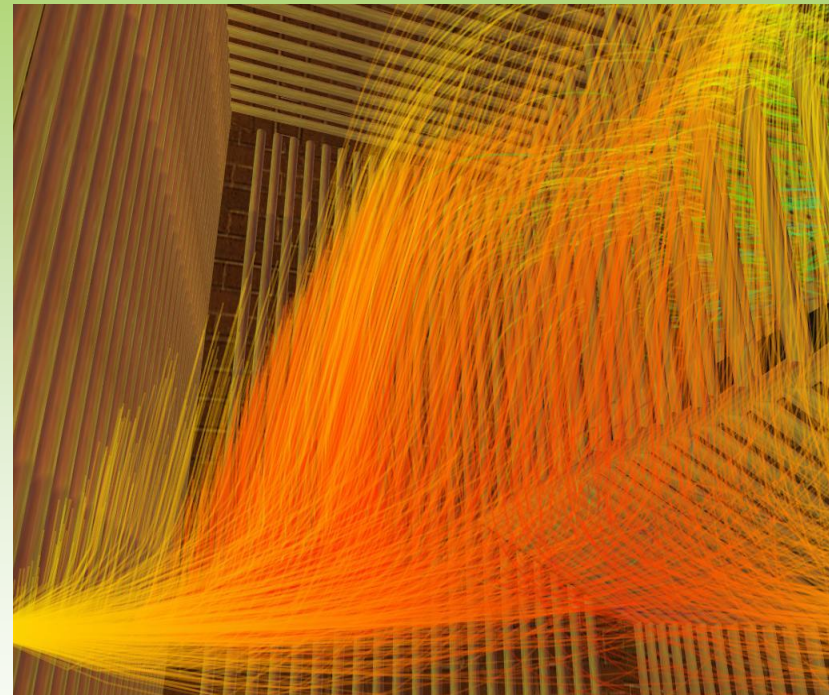
# Impact of SO<sub>3</sub> on NO<sub>x</sub> Reduction

- MOT impact at 200 PPM NO<sub>x</sub> Reduction



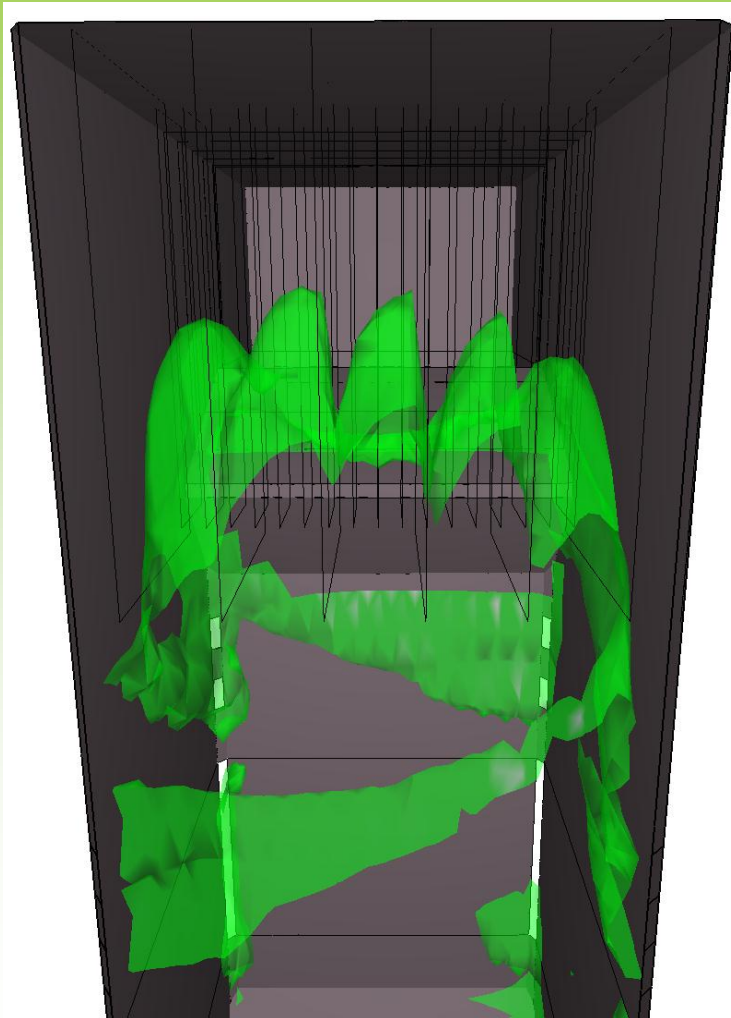
# TIFI<sup>®</sup> Targeted In-Furnace Injection<sup>™</sup>

- Highly reactive magnesium hydroxide  $Mg(OH)_2$
- Patented process using Computational Fluid Dynamic Modeling
- Critical Design Criteria
  - ▲ Furnace gas flows and temperatures
  - ▲ Chemical distribution, particle size and feed rate

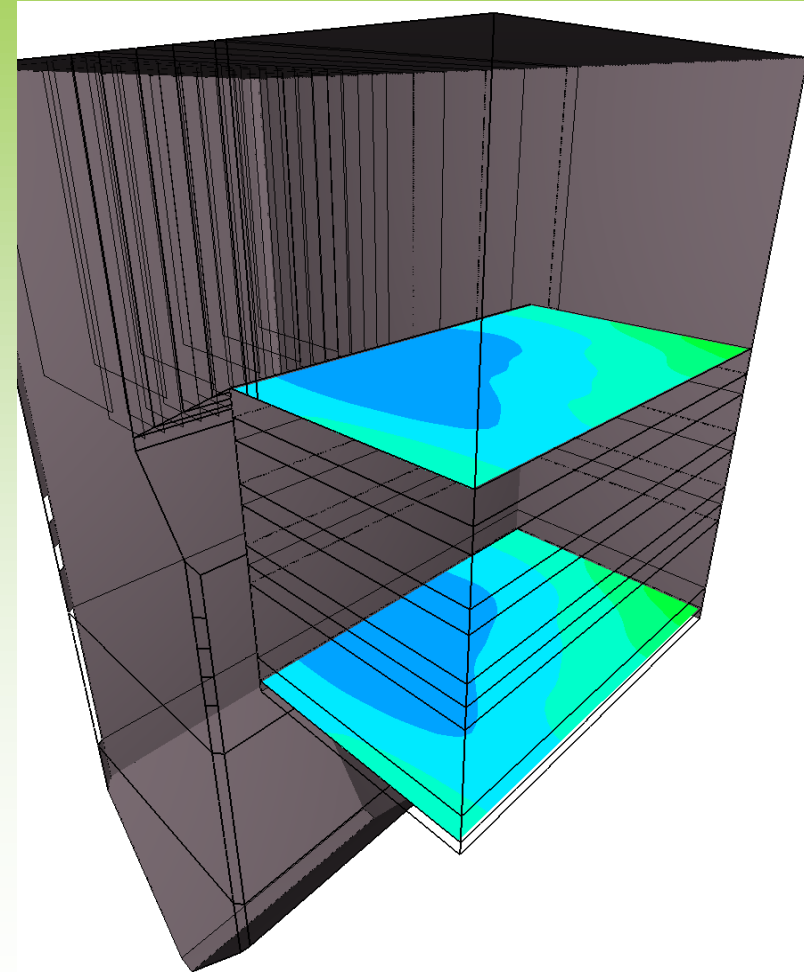


# CFD Modeling of Injection Strategy includes both Furnace and Backend

TIFI Injection Model



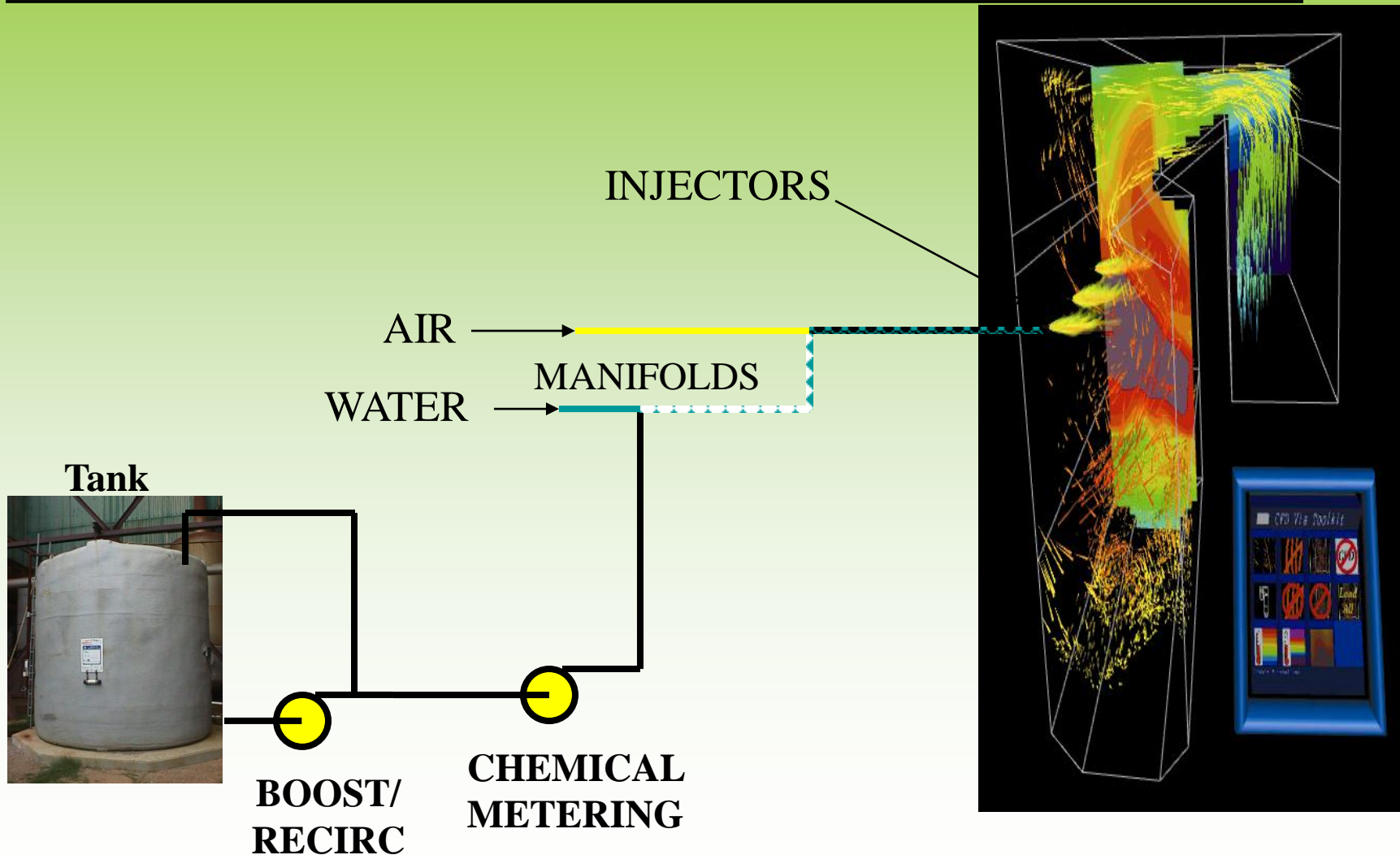
SO<sub>3</sub> Distribution Map





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## ANATOMY OF A TYPICAL INJECTION SYSTEM





# TIFI reduces ABS, SO<sub>3</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub>

- **Lower Furnace Temperature**
  - ▲ Decreased SO<sub>2</sub> Oxidation Rate
- **More Balanced Furnace**
  - ▲ Reduced Excess Oxygen
- **Reduced Slag and Iron Deposits**
  - ▲ Less Catalytic Oxidation of SO<sub>2</sub>
- **Direct Reaction with MgO**
  - ▲  $\text{MgO} + \text{SO}_3 \Rightarrow \text{MgSO}_4$
  - ▲  $\text{MgO} + \text{NH}_4\text{HSO}_4 \Rightarrow \text{MgSO}_4 + \text{NH}_3 + \text{H}_2\text{O}$

# Case Studies

## Demonstration of TIFI with SCR

# Control of Hard Slag Formation

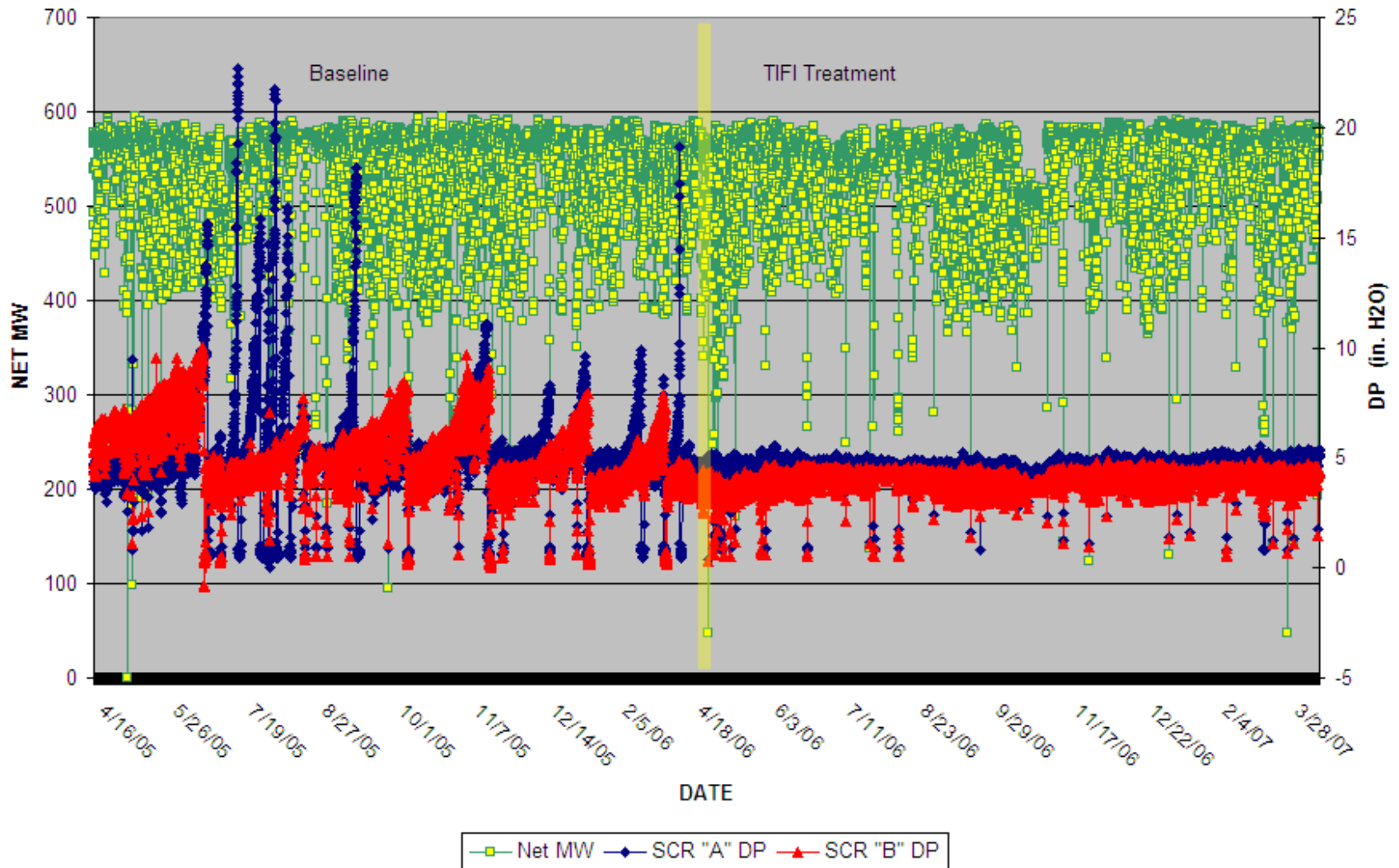
Fuel Characteristics – SO<sub>2</sub> 3.3-4.5 #mmBtu; Iron Content (in ash) 23-25%



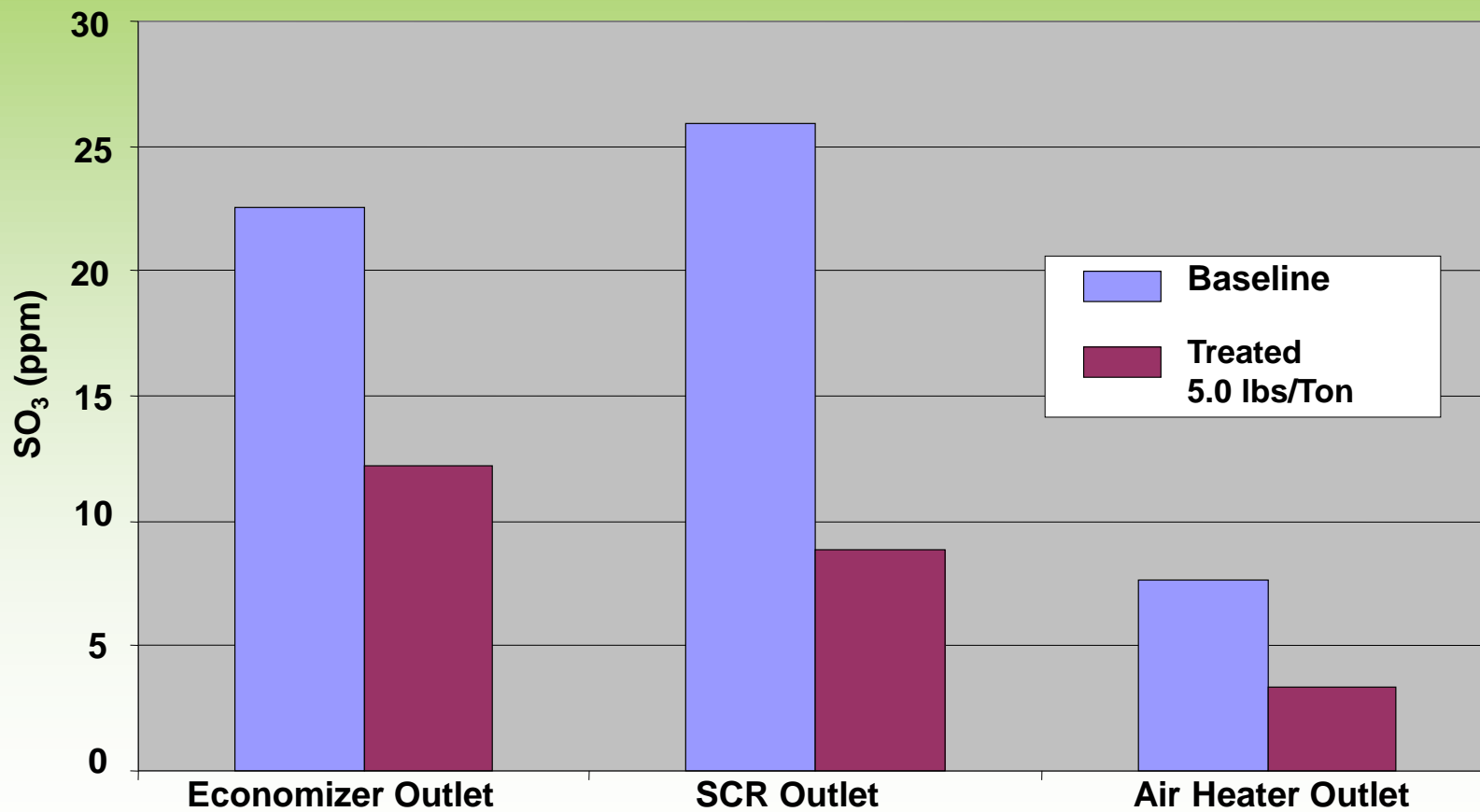
- Treated slag material is more friable
  - More easily and thoroughly removed with existing soot blowing
  - Mitigates formation of Large Particle Ash/Popcorn Ash
  - Reduces build up of catalytic metals in the furnace
  - Generous improvement of boiler efficiency

# Control of LPA/SCR Pressure Drop

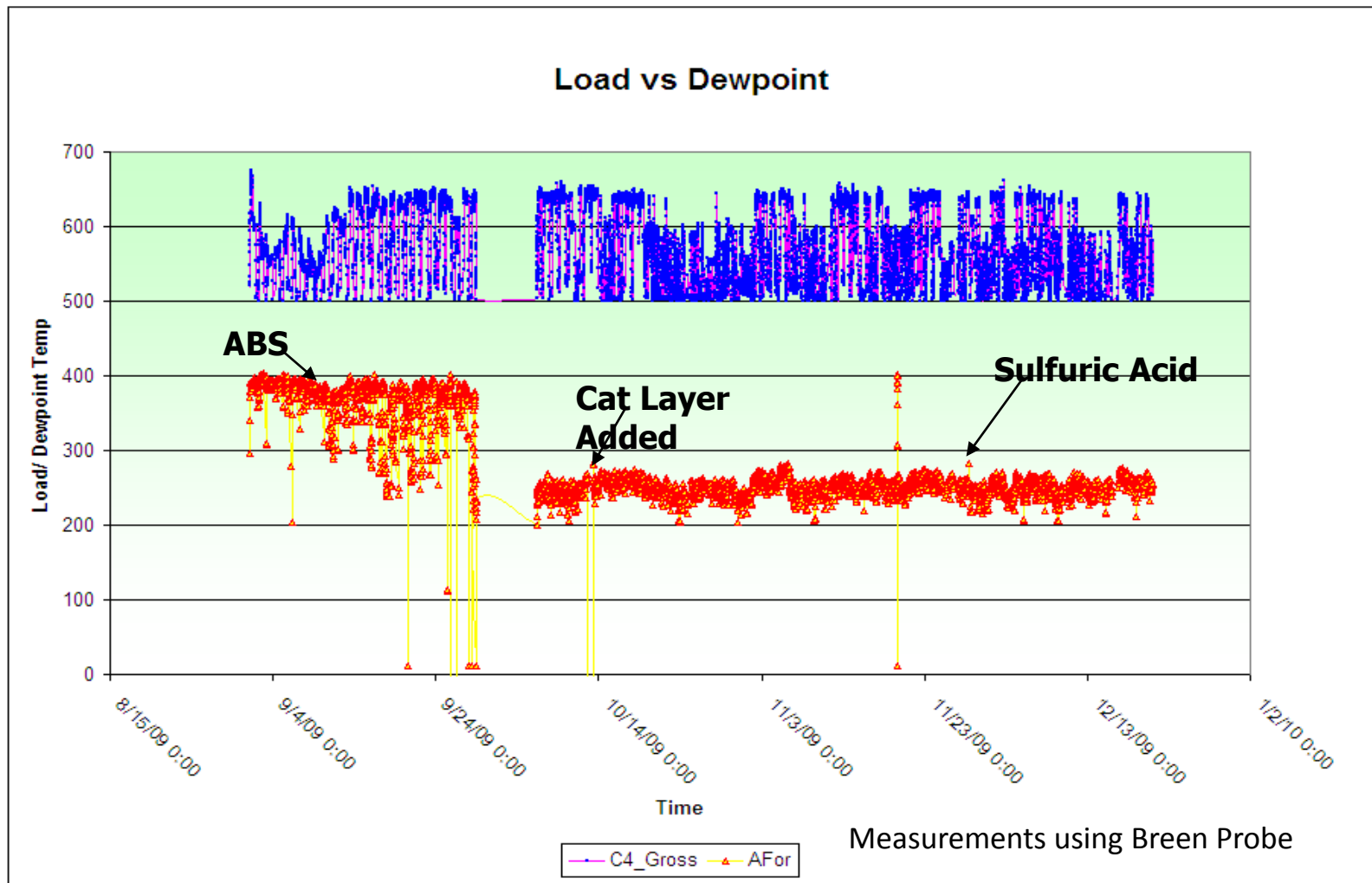
NET MW vs. SCR DP



# SO<sub>3</sub> Mitigation with TIFI

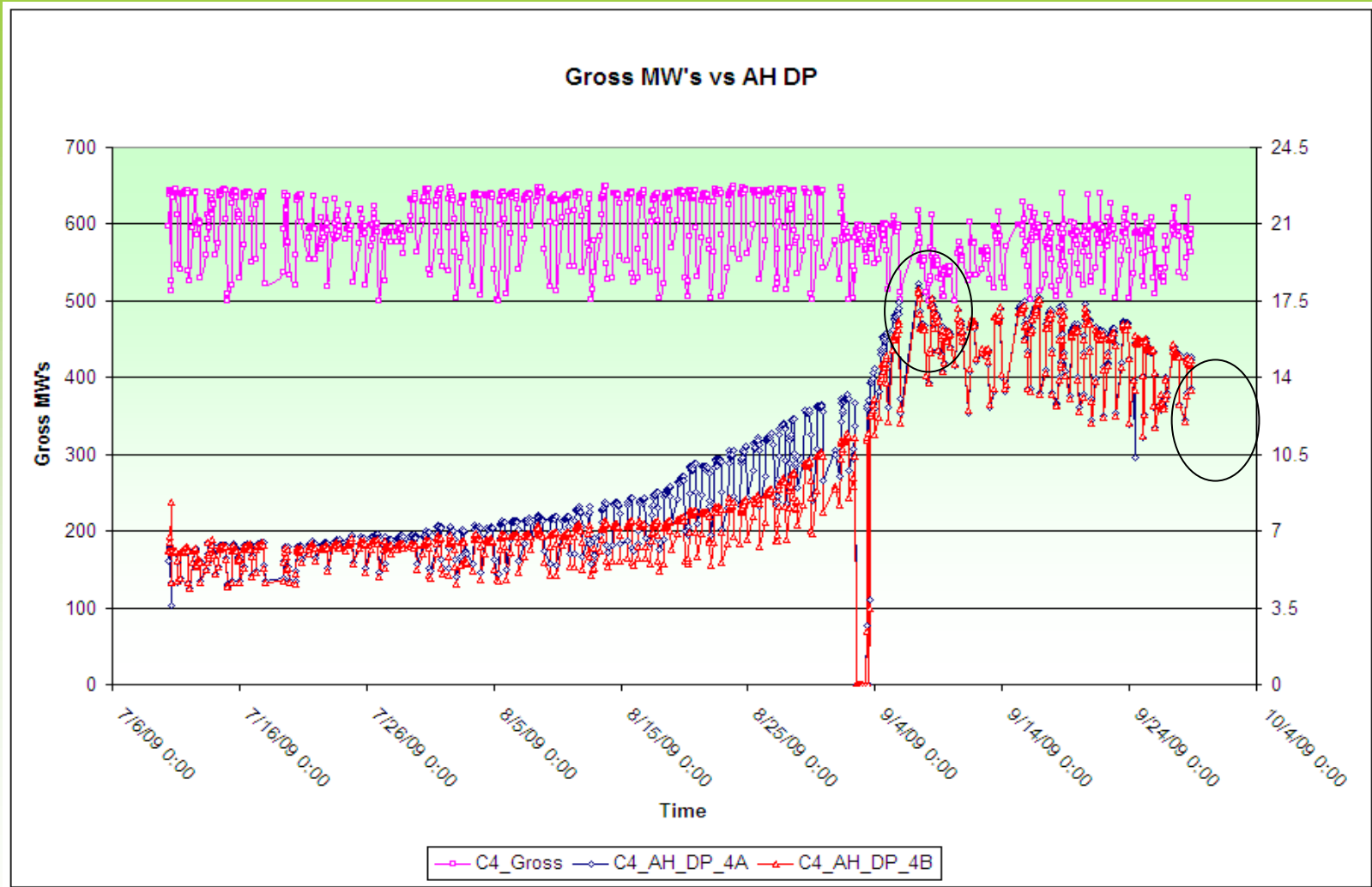


# TIFI Clean up Of Air Heater



➤ TIFI virtually eliminates precipitation of ABS in the AH

# Online ABS Removal from Air Heater

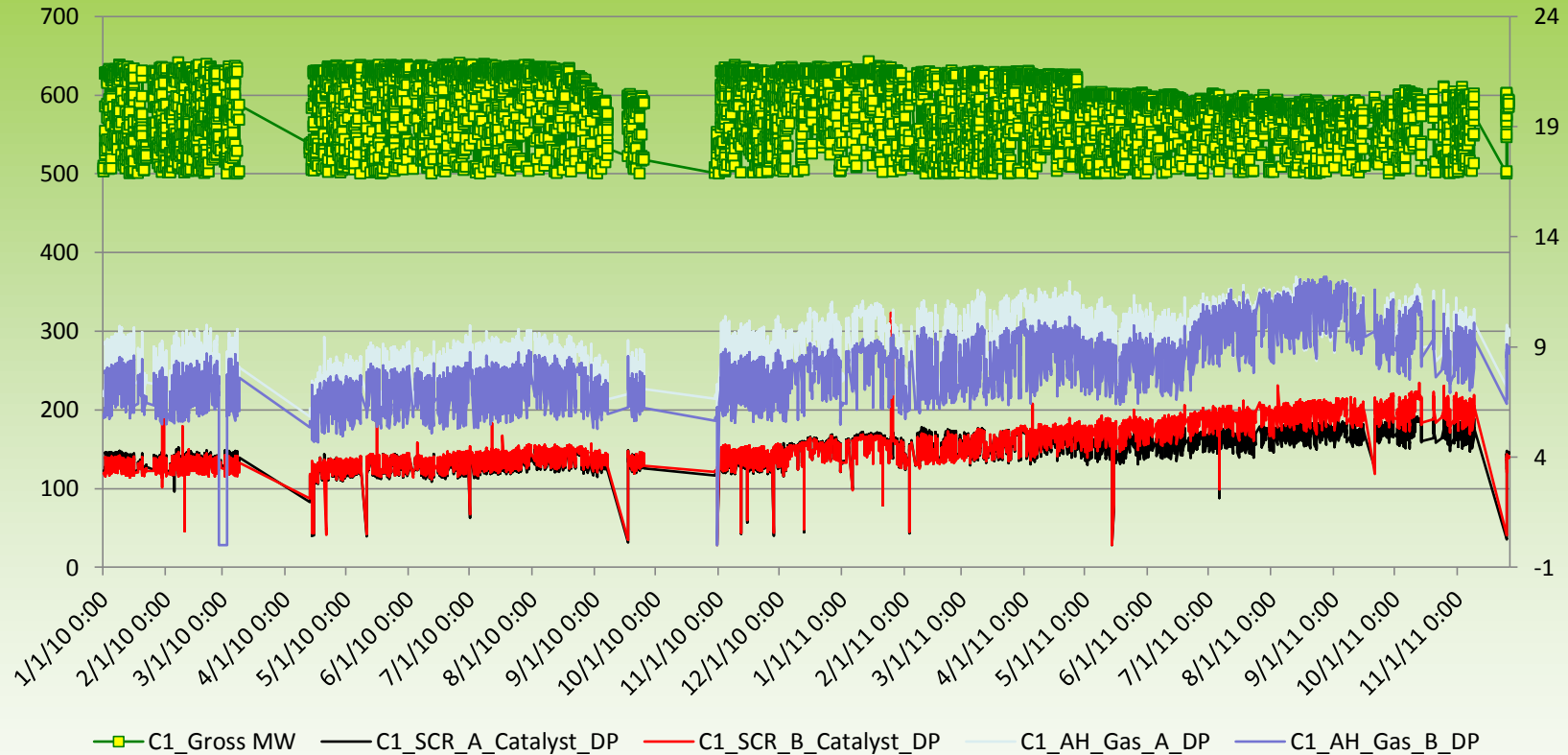


➤ AH pressure drop decreased from 17.8" to 14.7"



# Catalyst Operating Life Extension

## Gross MW vs. SCR DP & AH DP



- Ammonia Slip ranged from 3-15 ppm
- SCR dP and Air Heater dP controlled for 19 months

# Arsenic Poisoning Mitigation

**Gaseous Arsenic is a predominant deactivation mechanism for SCR catalyst in coal fired applications (source E-ON 2010)**

**Low concentration of alkaline metals in the fuel can exacerbate deactivation by Arsenic.**

- TIFI provides alkaline metal (Mg) to mitigate

**Higher flue gas temperatures can exacerbate deactivation by Arsenic.**

- TIFI improves furnace heat recovery and allows lower MOT

**Higher concentrations of  $\text{SO}_3$  can exacerbate deactivation by Arsenic.**

- TIFI effectively reduces  $\text{SO}_3$

# Conclusions

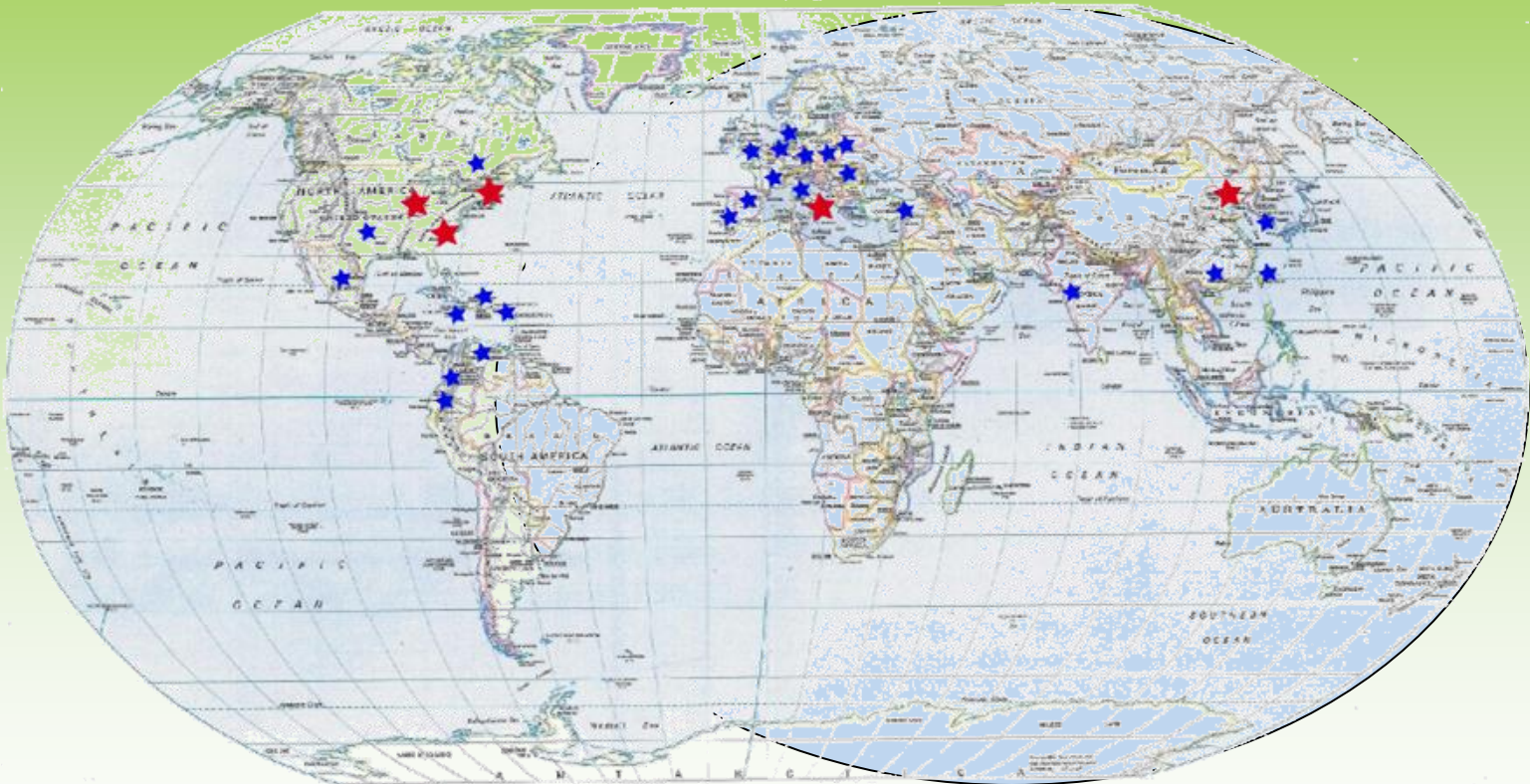
- **TIFI® Targeted In-Furnace Injection™ Successfully controlled slag, fouling, SO<sub>3</sub>, & ABS**
- **Prevented ABS Formation, and removed ABS from a Fouled Air Heater**
- **Catalyst Life Significantly Extended by maintaining low SCR & AH dP**
- **Ammonia slip is managed - preventing need to buy new catalyst prematurely**
- **TIFI mitigates several contributors to catalyst deactivation by gaseous Arsenic**

## *NOx Reduction Technology Suite*

- ◆ Advanced Combustion Technologies
  - Combustion Modifications: LNB, ULNB, FGR and OFA Systems
- ◆ Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction
  - RRI (Rich Reagent Injection)
  - NOxOUT<sup>®</sup> SNCR
  - HERT (High Energy Reagent Technology)
- ◆ Catalyst Technologies
  - Urea-based and NH<sub>3</sub>-based\* SCR for Industrial Applications
  - NOxOUT CASCADE<sup>®</sup>: SNCR + SCR Hybrids
  - Advanced SCR Systems
  - NOxOUT ULTRA<sup>®</sup>: Thermal Decomposition of Urea
  - SCR Design and Application Consulting, Catalyst Mgmt Services

\*Note: Recent development for small NH<sub>3</sub> flow SCR's under 10,000 pounds of reagent storage.

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