



# New Developments in Power Plant Air Pollution Control – Advances in Dry Sorbent Injection (DSI) Reagents



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# Agenda

- ✓ Drivers for DSI
  - Regulatory
  - Operational
- ✓ DSI Basics
  - Chemistry
  - Effectiveness factors
  - Optimized  $\text{Ca}(\text{OH})_2$  DSI reagent results
- ✓ Other Impacts of DSI to consider
  - DSI reagent impacts on CCRs
  - DSI impacts on other air emissions





# Lhoist Group and LNA Operations



● Plants	15
● Chem Limestone Plants	7
● Clay Plant	1
● Hydrating Plants	5
● Stand alone Quarry	3
● Terminals	34



# History of DSI



- Sodium and calcium dry injection testing done in 70's & 80's
- LIMB project – calcium products
  - Major R&D project from 1988 – 1992
  - Demonstrated SO<sub>2</sub> control capability of approx. 50%-60%
  - Too low to compete with FGD scrubbers
- LNA pioneered use of calcium DSI for utility SO<sub>3</sub> control at TVA Widows Creek in 2004
  - Much more effective for aggressive acid gases (SO<sub>3</sub>, HCl, HF)
  - Demonstrated control capability in excess of 95%
  - Dry sodium injection also resurrected for SO<sub>3</sub> control
- Over 15 years of data on use of advanced hydrated lime for HCl control in Europe in MSW incineration applications
  - Demonstrated to capture over 98% of HCl in MSW acid gas control applications – gaining of data on utility HCl control
- Status of DSI for incremental SO<sub>2</sub> control
  - Perceived limits of calcium reagents overcome with optimized reagents and high temp injection





## Current DSI Drivers

- ✓ Low capital cost acid gas control technology
- ✓ Advances in DSI reagents
  - Sodium based
  - Calcium based
- ✓ Both sodium and calcium now in wide use for  $\text{SO}_3$
- ✓ Regulatory drivers evolving
  - $\text{SO}_3$
  - HCl for MATS
  - Incremental  $\text{SO}_2$  control
  - Process water rule making efforts
- ✓ Use expected to expand as new rules come into play
- ✓ EPA 2011 IPM model estimates 56 GW of DSI for MATS
- ✓ Operational benefits now recognized
  - Duct corrosion minimized
  - ABS formation reduced





# Basic DSI Reactions Calcium and Sodium

## Calcium Hydroxide acid gas capture reactions



## Trona acid gas capture reactions



Secondary sulfate capture reaction is as follows:



The basic chloride capture mechanism for sodium reagents is as follows<sup>[1]</sup>:





# DSI System Effectiveness Factors

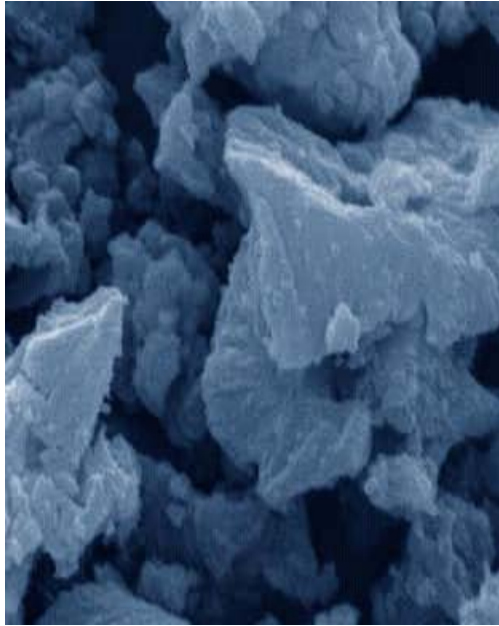
- Flue Gas Properties
  - Temperature
  - Flue gas moisture
  - Competing acid gases ( $\text{SO}_3$ , HCl, HF and  $\text{SO}_2$ )
  
- **Reagent Properties – physical and chemical**
  - Relative reagent reactivity
  - Reagent surface area
  - Reagent porosity
  
- Injection System Configuration
  - Particulate control device
  - In flight residence time
  - Reagent mixing
  - Injection location



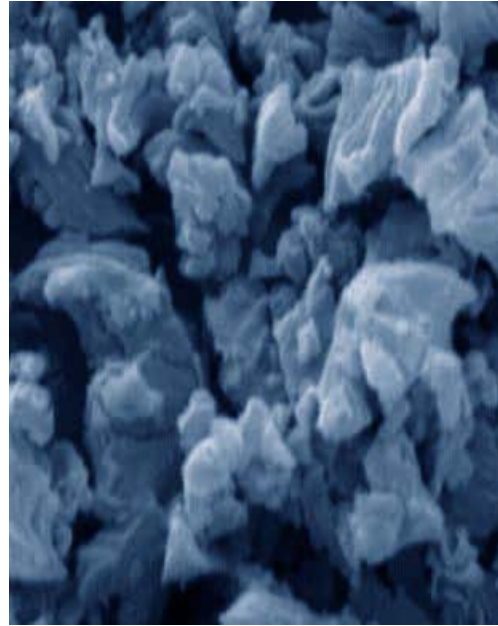




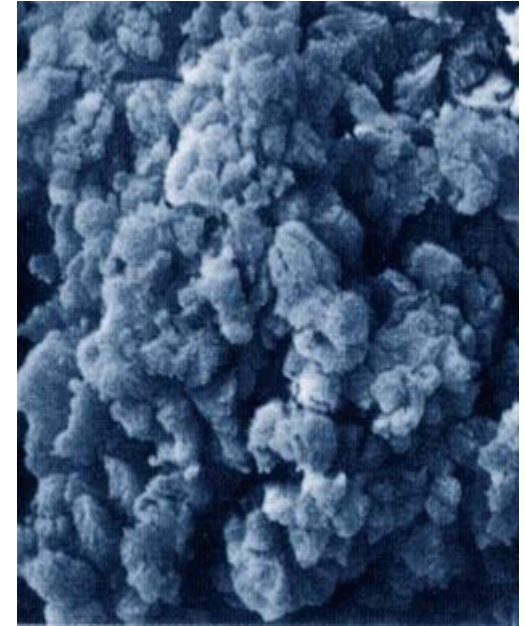
# Reagent reactivity considerations



Standard  
Hydrated lime



Sorbacal<sup>®</sup> H



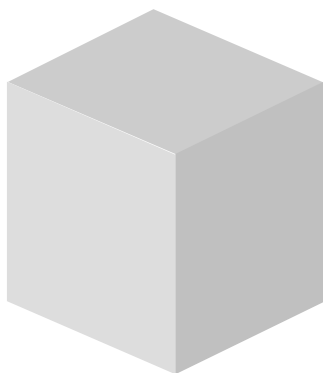
Sorbacal<sup>®</sup> SP



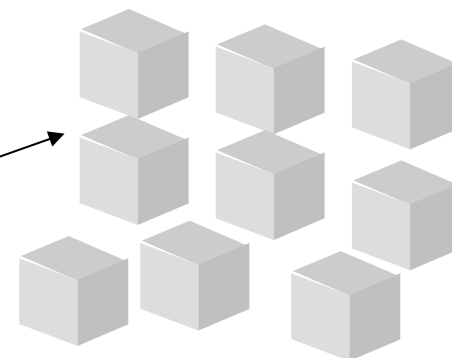




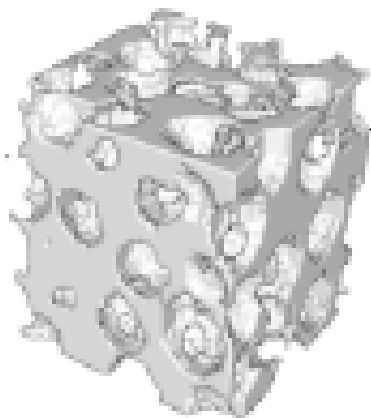
# Calcium Hydroxide Physical Properties



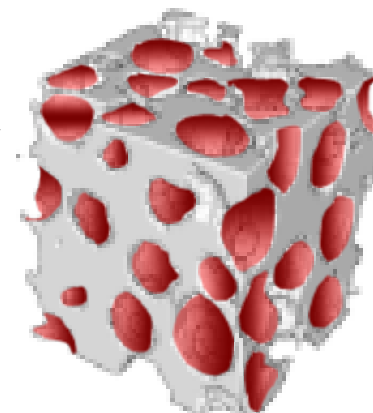
**Standard Hydrate**  
- SSA 15 - 18 m<sup>2</sup>/g (BET)



**Sorbacal<sup>®</sup> H :**  
-SSA 17 - 22 m<sup>2</sup>/g (BET)



**Sorbacal<sup>®</sup> SP :**  
- High SSA > 40 m<sup>2</sup>/g (BET)  
- Large Pore Volume

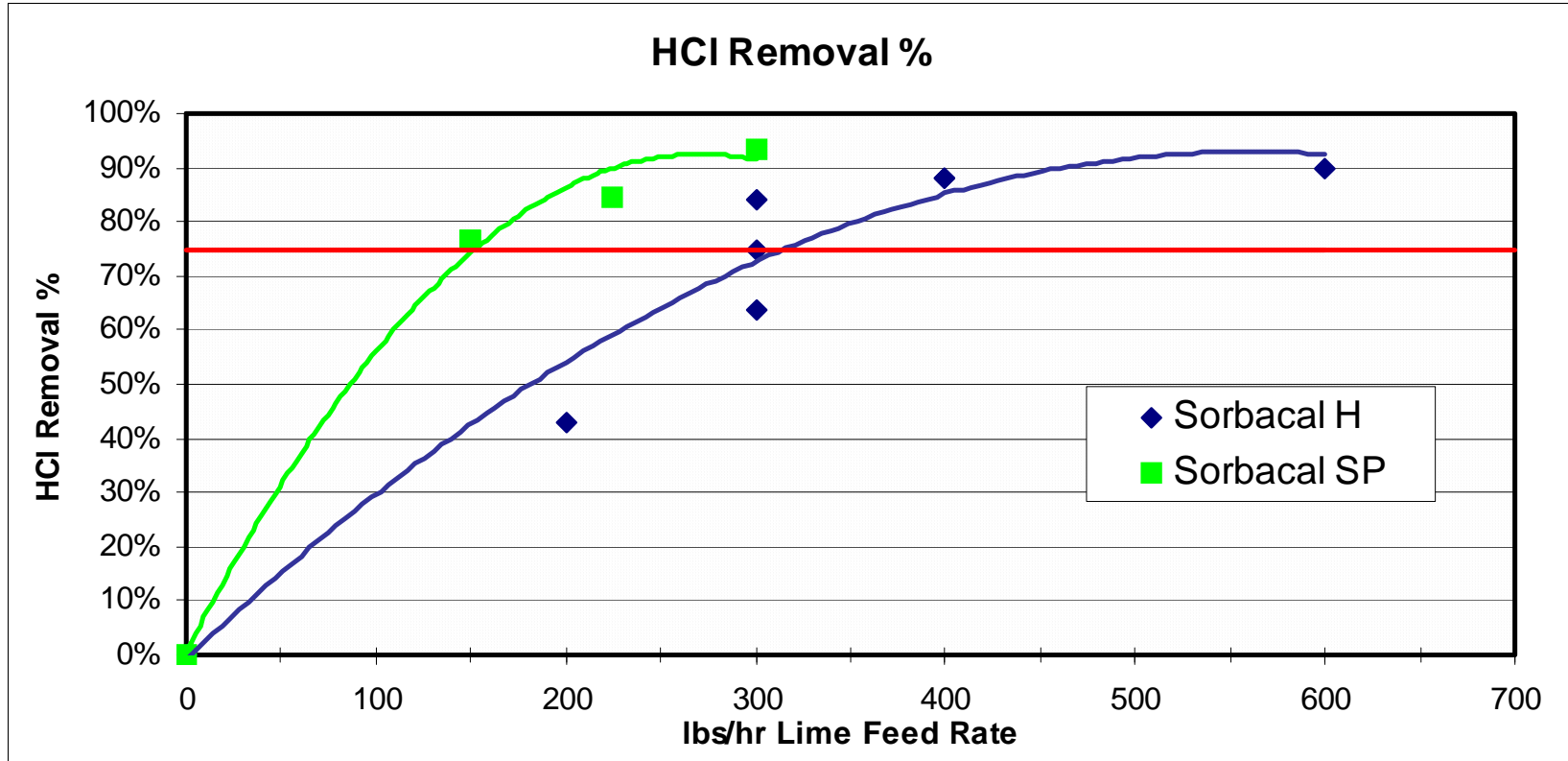


**Sorbacal<sup>®</sup> SPS :**  
- Activated Sorbacal<sup>®</sup> SP to improve its SO<sub>x</sub> removal performances



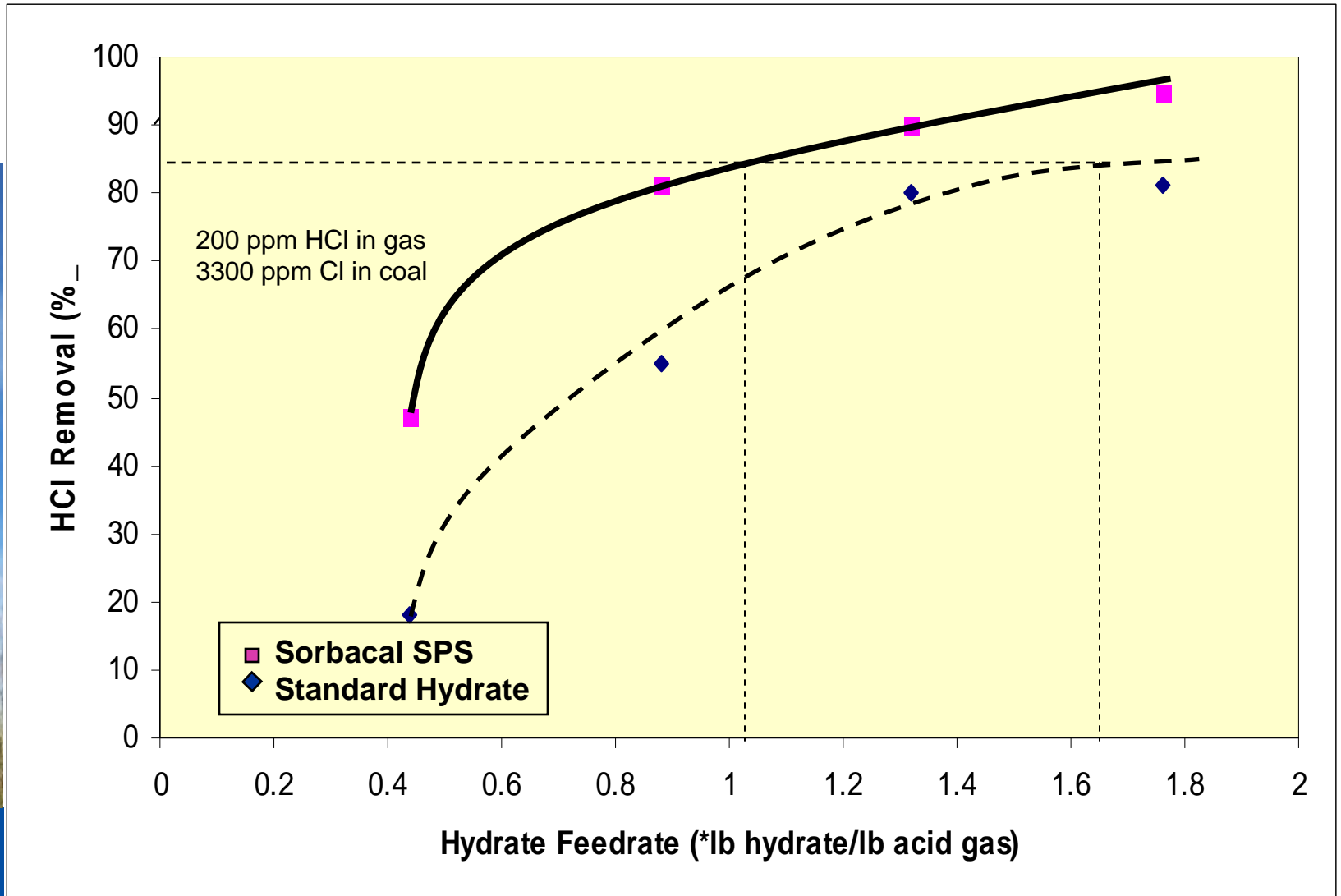


# HCl Capture with baghouse (Industrial)

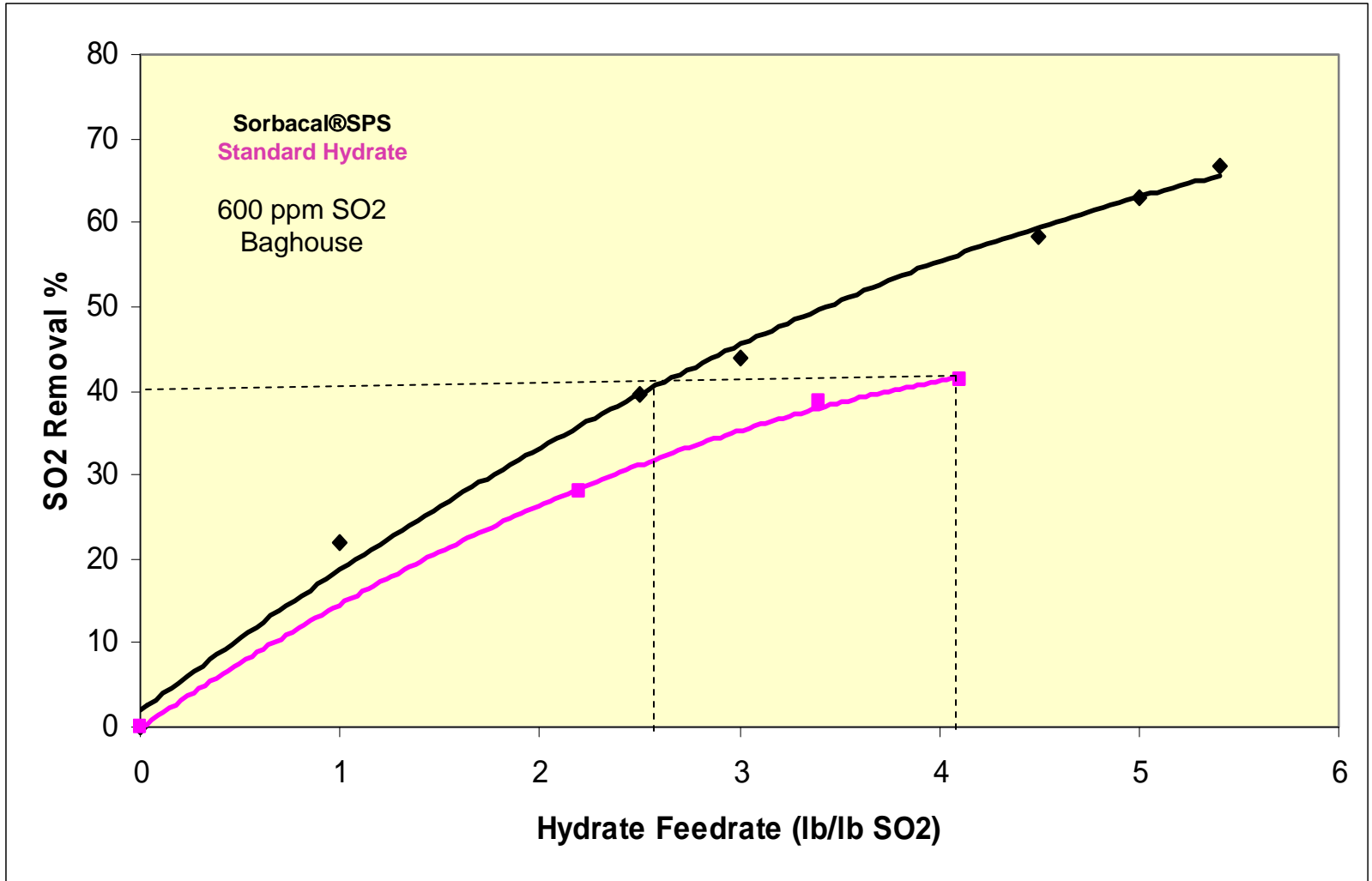




# HCl Capture with ESP (utility)



# SO<sub>2</sub> Removal @ Air Heater Inlet T





# Ancillary DSI Considerations

- ✓ Impact of DSI reagent on CCRs should be considered
  - Metals capture and leachability
  - Impact on total dissolved solids (TDS)
- ✓ Impact on other air pollutants
  - Generally accepted that removing  $\text{SO}_3$  in advance of ACl injection can improve ACl performance
  - Sodium DSI reagents have potential to catalyze  $\text{NO}_x$  compounds to  $\text{NO}_2$ , which can compete with Hg for ACl
  - Calcium hydroxide DSI reagents can negatively impact resistivity of ESP systems
- ✓ Especially important to understand ancillary impacts as more reagent is utilized to capture HCl and  $\text{SO}_2$ 
  - Optimized reagents can minimize impacts





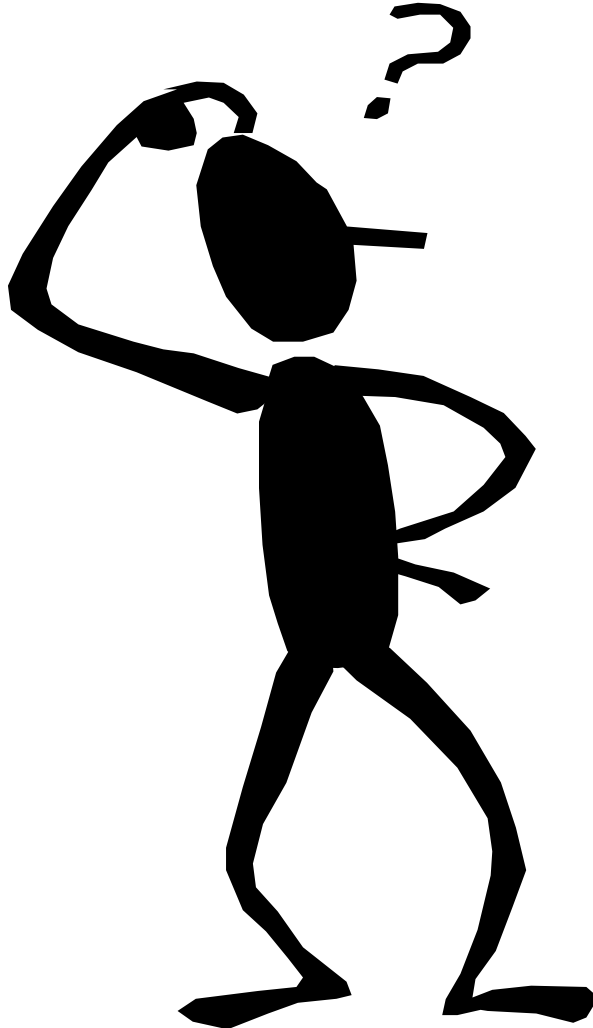
# Conclusions

- ✓ DSI is relatively low capital option for addressing new air emissions rules
- ✓ Improvements in DSI reagent properties have dramatically improved acid gas capture capability of DSI reagents
- ✓ Ancillary impacts of DSI on CCRs and other air emissions must be considered
- ✓ Case by case DSI efficacy can vary dramatically therefore - field trials recommended





# Questions?



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