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#### AF&PA Recovery Boiler Committee Meetings and Conference

#### Tuesday, February 7, 2012

8:30 am - 3:30 pm	Operations and Maintenance Subcommittee Meeting
10:00 am - 3:30 pm	Research and Development Subcommittee Meeting
12:00 Noon - 1:00 pm	Luncheon
4:00 pm - 5:30 pm	Steering Committee Meeting
6:00 pm	Reception - Atlanta Airport Marriott Hotel
7:00 pm	Dinner - Atlanta Airport Marriott Hotel

#### Wednesday, February 8, 2012

8:00 am	Continental Breakfast
8:30 am	General Assembly – Chairman's Report Karl T. Morency - Georgia-Pacific Corporation
8:40 am	Research & Development Subcommittee Report Christopher L. Verrill – International Paper Company
8:50 am	Operations & Maintenance Subcommittee Report Donald G. Flach – Georgia-Pacific Corporation
9:00 am	Report on BLRBAC Activities Leonard T. Erickson – Boise, Inc.
9:10 am	Report on Recovery Boiler Explosions and Incidents Jules G. Gommi – Gommi Tech
9:20 am	Report on TAPPI Recovery Boiler Subcommittee Activities Alarick J. Tavares – Georgia-Pacific Corporation
9:35 am	Chloride & Potassium Accumulation, Impact & Control – A Review of 30+years of Research - Honghi Tran – University of Toronto
10:15 am	Coffee Break (Over)

#### Wednesday, February 8, 2012 (continued)

10:35 am	Update on Pulp and Paper MACT Michael Curtis – Georgia-Pacific Corporation
11:00 am	Prediction of Recovery Boiler NOx Emissions in the Light of New Field Data and Theoretical Deliberations - John Phillips – Andritz
11:30 am	An Improved Method for Modeling NOx Emissions from Recovery Boilers Allan Walsh – Jansen Combustion and Boiler Technologies, Inc.
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm	Update on the First Lignoboost Plat in North Americe Gene M. Christiansen – Metso Power
1:30 pm	Using a Finishing Economizer for Recovery Boilers to Reduce DA Steam Demand – Michelle Bodnovich – Babcock & Wilcox Company
2:15 pm	Coffee Break
2:30 pm	Update on Soot Blower Technology and Plugging Technology Prevention Danny S. Tandra – Clyde Bergemann Inc.
3:00 pm	Introduction to Infrafone Monica Finnegan – Infrafone AB
3:30 pm	Considerations for Natural Gas Firing in Chemical Recovery Units Mark O. Wagner – Alstom Power Inc.
4:00 pm	Update of Property Insurance Market for Recovery Boilers Jimmy Onstead – FM Global
4:20 pm	Report from Swedish Recovery Boiler Committee Urban Andersson – AF Industry
4:40 pm	Report from Finnish Recovery Boiler Committee Markus Nieminen - Poyry Finland Oy
5:00 pm	Closing Remarks Adjournment

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# **BLRBAC 2011 Activities**

Len Erickson February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012 AF&PA RECOVERY BOILER COMMITTEE



#### BLRBAC Basics Black Liquor Recovery Boiler Advisory Committee

Objective - promote improved safety of recovery boilers through the interchange of knowledge, experience and data. Meetings in April and October in Atlanta - Spring meeting April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, & 4<sup>th</sup> - Fall meeting October 1st. 2nd, & 3rd Members from recovery boiler: operating, manufacturing and insuring companies. - plus associate members with direct interest

#### BLRBAC



# BLRBAC's 50<sup>th</sup>

#### BLRBAC's first 50 years will be celebrated October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2012 @ the Crown Plaza Airport.



## **BLRBAC Internet Site**

www.BLRBAC.org • Guidelines and questionnaires – Draft revisions for review Articles of Association, Operating Procedures Meeting registration forms and information Meeting minutes

## **Meeting Attendance**

#### • Spring 2011 Meeting April 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>

- 209 Registered
- 23 paper cos., 4 boiler mfg., 5 insurance, 29 associate and 7 guests.
- ◆ Fall 2011 Meeting October 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>
  - 223 Registered
  - 33 paper cos., 4 boiler mfg., 6 insurance, 35 associate members and 6 guests.

**BLRBAC Executive** Committee 10/10 - 10/12 Chairman – Scott Moyer, Georgia Pacific
 Vice Chairman – Jim Hinman, Weyerhaeuser Operator Rep. – Dave Fuhrmann, IP Insurance Rep. – Jim Onstead, FM Global Output Boiler Rep. – John Weikman, Metso Treasurer – Len Olavessen, LENRO Inc. Secretary – Michael Polagye, FM Global

**BLRBAC Subcommittees (9)** ESP (Emergency Shutdown Procedure) Safe Firing of Black Liquor Safe Firing of Auxiliary Fuel Personnel Safety Instrumentation Waste Streams Advisory • Fire Protection in Direct Contact Evaporator Materials & Welding • Water Treatment **BLRBAC** 

# **ESP Working On**

- Continuing to work on the definition of "Dedicated Stand Alone" A joint meeting with the instrumentation subcommittee is planned for April 2011.
- The Subcommittee discussed the possible use of ball valves as rapid drain valves on the boiler. The guidelines do not have specific requirements for the type of valve to be used. Any valve used should comply with the applicable ASME boiler code. If a mill is planning to use ball valves, they should consider limiting the speed at which the valve is opened to minimize potential for stressing or "hammer" in the downstream piping.

# **ESP** continued

Maintaining List of Boilers in Service
Posted on www.BLRBAC.org
Any corrections to Julius Commit

Any corrections to Julius Gommi

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# Safe Firing of Black Liquor

 Are working on revising the prerequisites for firing liquor;

- boiler on line
- superheater loops cleared of condensate
- stable firing established

Reviewing DCE permissive requrements
Proposing language recommending remote shut

off capability of dissolving tank dilution sources.

# **Auxiliary Fuel**

SFAF Meets once per year at the Fall meeting
Met in a joint meeting with the Instrumentation subcommittee



# Personnel Safety Working On

More information was presented and discussed on PP&E equipment for use in the smelt spout area.

 Continue to review safety issues and near misses in the recovery area and make the information available to the BLRBAC membership.

### Instrumentation

Updating the instrumentation checklist.
Continuing to update Chapters 2 & 3
Continuing work on the "Stand Alone" definition with ESP @ the spring meeting.

# Waste Streams Working On

 Reviewing the temperature that waste gasses need to be reheated to. Reducing from 150 F to 120 F
 Incineration of dissolving tank vent gases

# Fire Prevention in DCE

No DCE fire incidents reported
The committee did not meet.



Materials & Welding • A general document revision is posted on the BLRBAC web site for review. • Work continues on updating technical bulletins. • Working on updating definitions and abbreviations.

## Water Treatment

- Five sections in the production queue with two sections complete and in final draft form.
- Two sections will receive a second edit in the spring meeting.
- Spring of 2012, the committee will be in a position to homogenize the content and performing a final edit for all five of these sections.

# **Questions?**



# 2011 BLRBAC Incidents Summary

AF&PA Conference, Atlanta February, 2012 Jules Gommi

- This report summarizes the previous year's BLRBAC incidents, derived from both the Spring and Fall 2011 ESP meetings.
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- Please report all changes in company names and recovery unit operating status to j.gommi@comcast.net.

### Location of leaks 2011

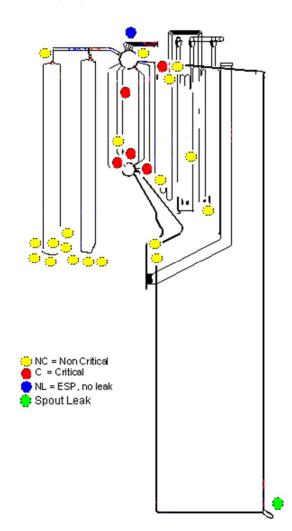
Location	Spring	<u>Fall</u>	<u>Total</u>
Econ+Handhole	11	10	21
SH	5	2	7
Boiler	5	2	7
Screen	0	1	1
Upper Furnace	3	5	8
Lower Furnace	1	3	4
Floor & below	0	0	0
Smelt Spout	1	2	3
Feedwater Air Heater	0	1	1
Dissolving Tank	0	0	0
ESP No Leak	1	0	1
Totals	27	26	53

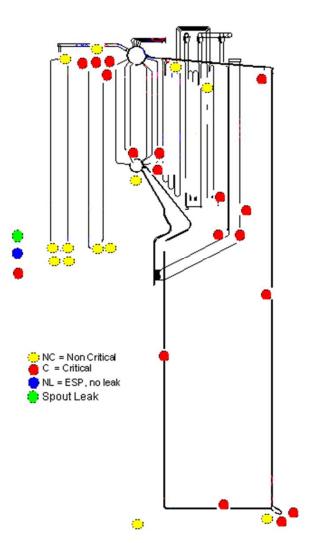
Includes 2 International reports: of which 1 was fatality in Japan (not in leak count).

### Spring & Fall 2011 Incidents Spotted (N. America)

Spring 2011 Leak Locations

Fall 2011 Leak Locations





## **Classification of Incidents 2011**

57 North American incidents

22 Critical Incidents
31 Non-critical Incidents
3 Spout Failure (2 Critical)
1 ESP No Leak
16 ESP'd of which

12 were Critical (only 54% of Criticals!)
Note: Of the non-ESP'd criticals, 1 was in <u>smelt spout</u>
<u>shooting water back into furnace</u>, 1 was in 1-drum boiler
<u>thought</u> to be below nose arch, 3 were in upper furnace, and
<u>5 were upper economizer with a straight shot to furnace</u>
<u>cavity!</u>

2 International Incidents

1 Smelt-Water Reaction – Corrosion thinning at gun level, no damage

1 Fatality - Fall while dislodging ash lumps in upper furnace

### Root Causes 2011

Weld Failure	21
Fatigue, Mechanical & Thermal	15
SAC/SCC/FAC	3
Thinning	12
OverHeat	2
Mechanical Damage	2
Unknown	1

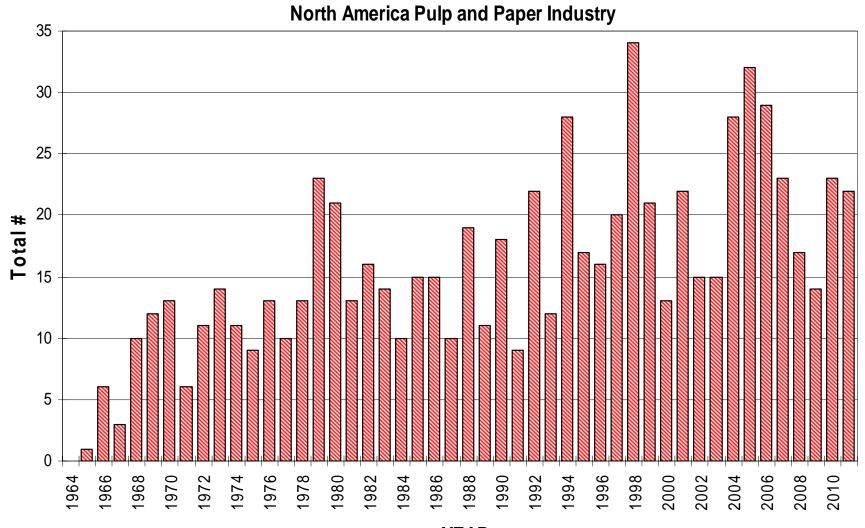
Totals may exceed # of incidents, since multiple causes were reported

### How Discovered 2011

Walk Down	
<b>Control Room Indications</b>	
Leak Detection	8
Bed Camera	-
Furnace Puff	
SWR	1
Hydro	3
During Hydro	
Fatality	1
Equipment Failure	

Totals may exceed # of incidents, since multiple inputs were reported.

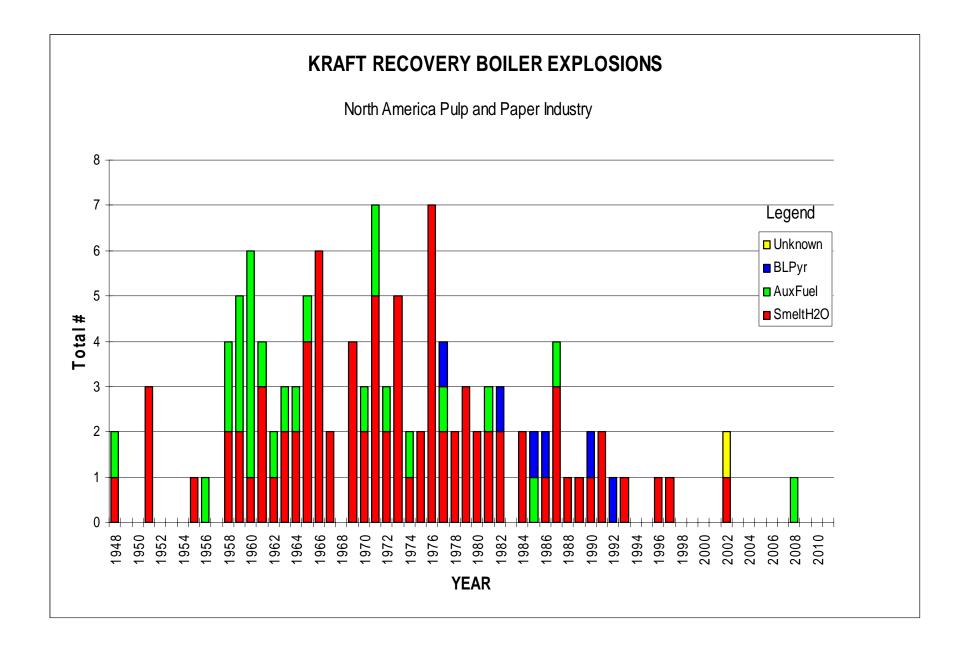
#### **KRAFT RECOVERY BOILER CRITICAL INCIDENTS**

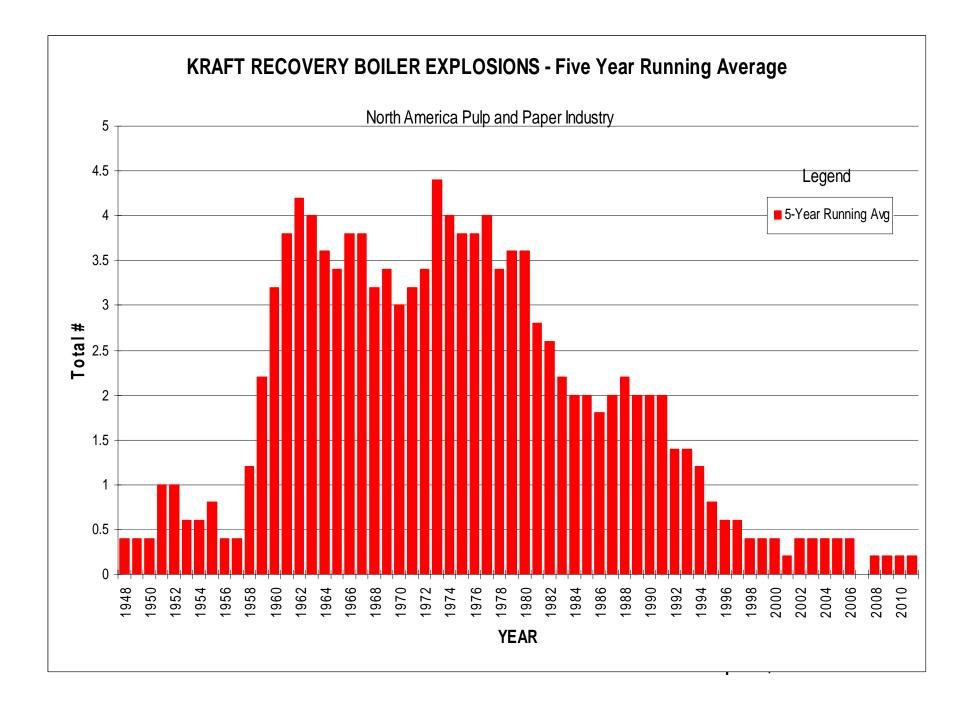


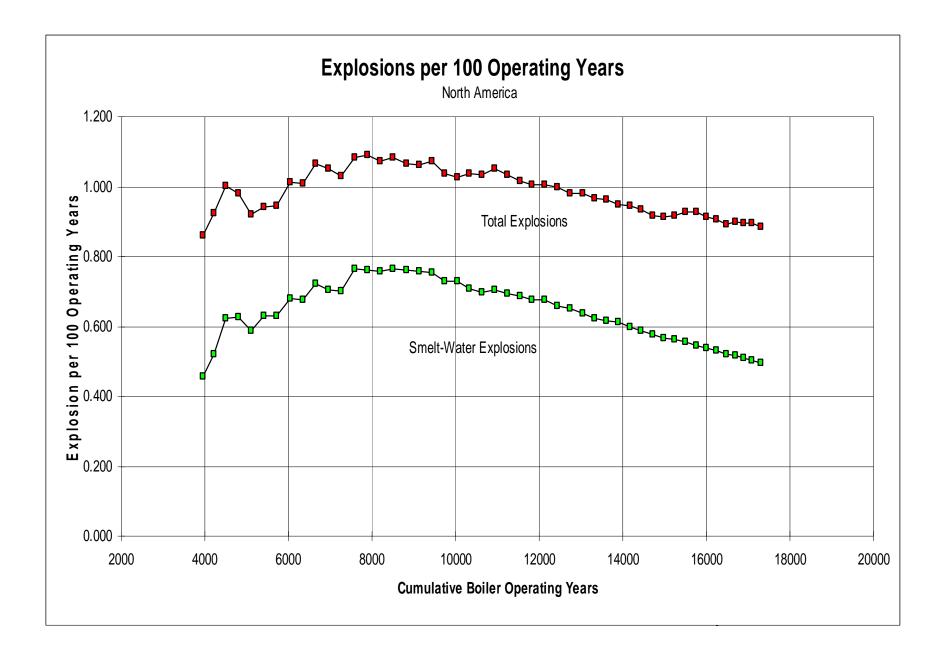
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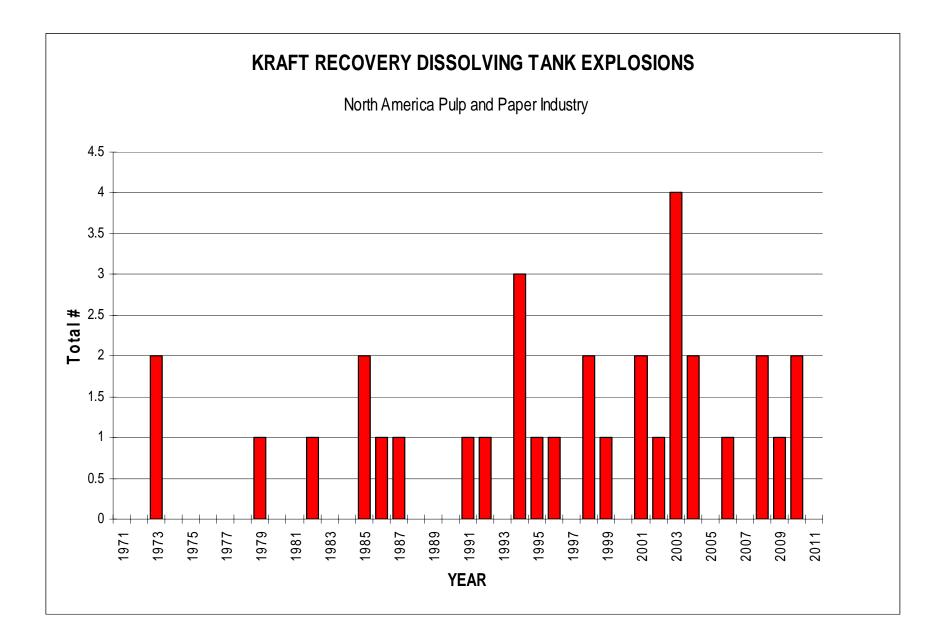
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# Learnings

- Don't assume economizer leaks are low behind boiler baffle
- Have clear indication of 1-drum baffles elevation
- Smelt spout leaks can shoot back into furnace
- One SH leak was due to short term overheat start-up conditions after only short shut-down
- Mount SH TC's at least 12" below headers
- Check for thinning above composite tube line
- Assure operators have immediate authority to ESP

#### Learnings, cont'd

- Unit component, materials and control system changes need to be checked against safety consequences
- Small leaks can erode neighbor tubes to rupture – DON'T operate for extended period
- DCE dilution control and drive high amp alarm are important during upset conditions
- Leaking sootblower poppet valves can create tube leaks
- After trip, low drum level doesn't confirm a leak

#### Learnings, cont'd

- Changes in unit conditions (liquor chemistry, etc.) can cause changes in corrosion progress
- Enter unit only after ash and slag are cleared
- Don't be in denial when looking for tube leaks

# 2011 ESP Subcommittee Summary of Activities

AF&PA Conference, Atlanta February, 2012 Jules Gommi

- This report summarizes the 2011 activities of the Emergency Shutdown Procedures (ESP) Committee of BLRBAC, derived from both the Spring and Fall ESP meetings.
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### Normal Activities of the ESP Committee

- A major function of the Committee is to receive, review, classify, and share learnings from the Incident Questionnaires received from the North American community of recovery unit operators. In addition, international incidents are reviewed and shared as available.
- Another major function is to develop and keep up to date the Emergency Shutdown Procedure for quickly and safely shutting down a recovery unit as soon as a known hazard is recognized.

### Normal Activities of the ESP Committee

- An extension of the Procedure deals with Testing Procedures.
- The subcommittee also interacts with other subcommittees and their recommendations to assure compatibility of efforts.

### Normal Activities of the ESP Committee

#### **Incident Definitions**

- **Explosions:** Only if discernible damage has occurred. This does not include incidents where there is only evidence of puffs or blowback alone. With the new emphasis on damage, more attention will be given to the extent of damage and the amount of downtime for the damage repair (as opposed to total downtime that includes other activities).
- <u>Critical Incidents:</u> All cases where water in any amount entered or could have entered the recovery unit forward of isolating baffles (and therefore would be a similar criterion to the need to perform an ESP). This includes leaks of pressure parts of all sizes. Since small leaks often wash adjacent tubes to failure, this category is important to our learnings. This new definition will result in more entries for the Critical Incident list.
- **Non-Critical Incidents:** Those cases that did not admit water to the furnace cavity defined above.

### Specific 2011 Activities of the ESP Committee

- The ESP Questionnaire gets minor changes regularly, so be sure to get your blank from the BLRBAC website <u>www.blrbac.org</u>
- The US & Canada Units In Service update lists on the website are only as good as the input you pass on to J Gommi. Please help with all the name changes and shutdowns.

### Specific 2011 Activities of the ESP Committee

- ESP Procedures. Agreements and intent were reached after joint session with Instruments Subcommittee.
- They will use the term "RBSS" (Recovery Boiler Safety System) to do ESP, BMS, FSS and BLD. The ESP system must be specified "Energize to Activate" May be hard wired, but OK if programmable PLC's. The Safety systems override the Regulatory systems.

#### Specific 2011 Activities of the ESP Committee, cont'd

- The final ESP Architecture to include:
- System must be "Energize to Actuate"
  - Must remember Last State during power failures
  - Minimal logic
  - Seldom requires changes
  - Alternate means to perform all required actions
  - Management of Change issues
    - Inadvertent change of ESP logic must not be possible
- Chapter 1 second sentence : "Upon initiation of the Emergency Shutdown Procedure, a dedicated, stand-alone <u>the</u> system shall perform the following automated actions"
- Page 4 after bulleted items: "The Emergency Shutdown Procedure functions must be "energized to activate" and executed either by means of relay technology and hard-wiring or other Recovery Boiler Safety System as described in Chapter 4 of the *Instrumentation Checklist and Classification Guide*. It must not be possible to alter the system unintentionally or to alter the system during operation of the boiler. Any time maintenance is done or modifications are made to the system, the system shall be functionally tested prior to putting the unit back on line. Whatever technology is utilized, the BMS or DCS systems can be used to monitor operation of the functions. Any time modifications are made to the system, the system shall be functionally tested prior to putting the unit back on line."

Specific 2011 Activities of the ESP Committee, cont'd

- Delete "Dedicated Stand Alone" definition from Section 3.24
- Note: Even maintenance activity can affect the system without realizing the consequence, and management of change is so important
- A cascade fire incident occurred where dilution water was shut off as part of the ESP. If the ESP shuts the black liquor pump and cascade dilution water is shut due to "no water to furnace" requirement, and the cascade starts to concentrate, cascade liquor can concentrate to excess with fire resulting from pyrolysis gasses or overheated dried liquor. A joint meeting will be scheduled with the Fire Protection in DCE committee and DCE operating company reps to resolve the issues. It will also cover proper operation of fans and dampers if fire detected post ESP, and revision of Post ESP Guidelines.

TAPPI Power and Recovery Boiler Sub-Committee Update

#### Objectives:

To develop & disseminate information, and provide best practice guidelines related to:

- Design & operation of <u>recovery boilers</u>, evaporators, NCG systems & related equipment
- Steam generation from <u>solid fuels</u>, such as coal, bark, wood refuse and MSW
- Thermal and electric power cycle design, operating performance and <u>energy</u> policy considerations
- Design requirements for boiler feedwater systems, monitoring requirements for <u>boiler feedwater and</u> <u>condensate systems</u> and response to feedwater contamination.
- Design, application and operation of <u>gasification</u> technologies for biomass and black liquor.

#### Activities:

- Develop TIP's (Tech. Info. Papers/Proc.)
- Support TAPPI Conferences with technical program items, coordination

## Recovery Boiler – Released TIP's

 Specification for Procurement of Recovery Boiler Economizer (2009)

Developed from AF&PA Economizer Study

Recommended Test Procedures for Black Liquor Evaporators (2008)

Documents test procedures for evaporators

- Recovery Boiler Sootblowers (2009) Two TIP's – "The Basics" and "Practical Guidelines"
- Recovery Boiler Performance Calculation Forms

Long Form/in publication form - Short Form/includes spreadsheet

## <u>Recovery Boiler – Released TIP's</u>

 Stripping of Kraft Pulping Process Condensates–Regulations, Design & Operations (2008)

- Collection and Burning of Concentrated NCG's
   Regulations, Design, Operation (2008)
- Recovery Boiler Energy Efficiency Improvements (2008)
- Estimating the First Melting Temperature of Fireside Deposits in Recovery Boilers (2004)

### <u>Recovery Boiler – Released TIP's:</u>

- Chloride and Potassium Measurement and Control in the Pulping and Chemical Recovery Cycle (2005)
- Guidelines for Replacement of Generating Bank Tubes with Expanded Joints in Two-drum Boilers (2009)
- Guidelines for Operating and Maintenance Impacting Recovery Boiler Economizers (2009)
   Appendix 2 from recent AF&PA economizer study

### Water Treatment Activities

- Keys to Successful Cleaning of Boilers
  - Mandatory 5-year review in 2009
- Water Quality and Monitoring Requirements for Paper Mill Boilers Operating on High Purity Feedwater
  - Mandatory 5-year review
  - Editing, review underway
- Water Quality Guidelines and Monitoring Requirements for Paper Mill Boilers Operating with Softened Make-up Water
  - Mandatory 5-year review
  - Editing, review underway
- The A-B-C's of Ion Exchange
- Steam Purity

#### Meetings:

- Meetings are held twice per year
  - Next Meeting
  - Spring, Following BLRBAC Meeting
  - Wednesday April 6, 2011; 1:00 pm 4:00 pm
  - PEERS Conference October 15, 2012

# Chloride (CI) and Potassium (K) Accumulation and Control



#### Honghi Tran

Pulp & Paper Centre University of Toronto, Toronto, CANADA

AF&PA Recovery Boiler Program Annual Meetings and Conference Atlanta, GA, February 8, 2012

## **Presentation Outline**

- Problems with Cl and K
- Inputs
- Accumulation
- Deposit formation and CI and K contents
- Control

## **Problems with Cl and K**

Occurs mostly in recovery boilers

### Fouling of tube surfaces

- Increase the liquid content of carryover and deposits at a given temperature
- Decrease sticky temperatures of carryover and deposits

## **Problems with CI and K**

#### Lower furnace corrosion

 Thin wall deposits → increase tube surface temperature

#### Superheater corrosion

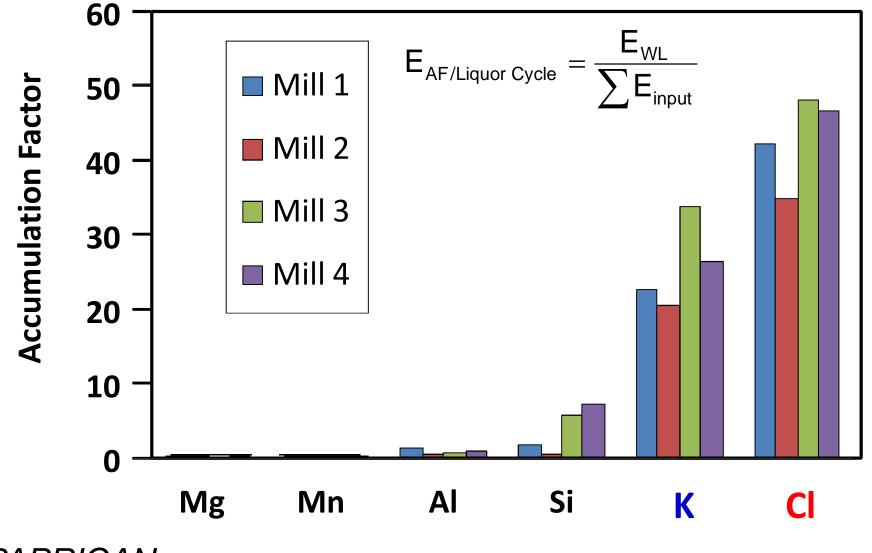
- Lower deposit First Melting Temperature
- Increase deposit liquid content at FMT
- Dissolve corrosion products
- Back end corrosion
  - HCI formation
  - Dew point corrosion

# Chloride (CI) and Potassium (K)

- Two main non-process elements (NPEs) in the liquor
- Enter the liquor cycle mainly with wood, but also with
  - Makeup sodium (CI)
  - Makeup lime (K)
  - Water (CI)
  - Biosludge (CI)
- Accumulate in the liquor cycle

• Due to the high solubility of alkali salts in water

## **Accumulation Factors in Liquor Cycle**



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# **CI and K Compounds**

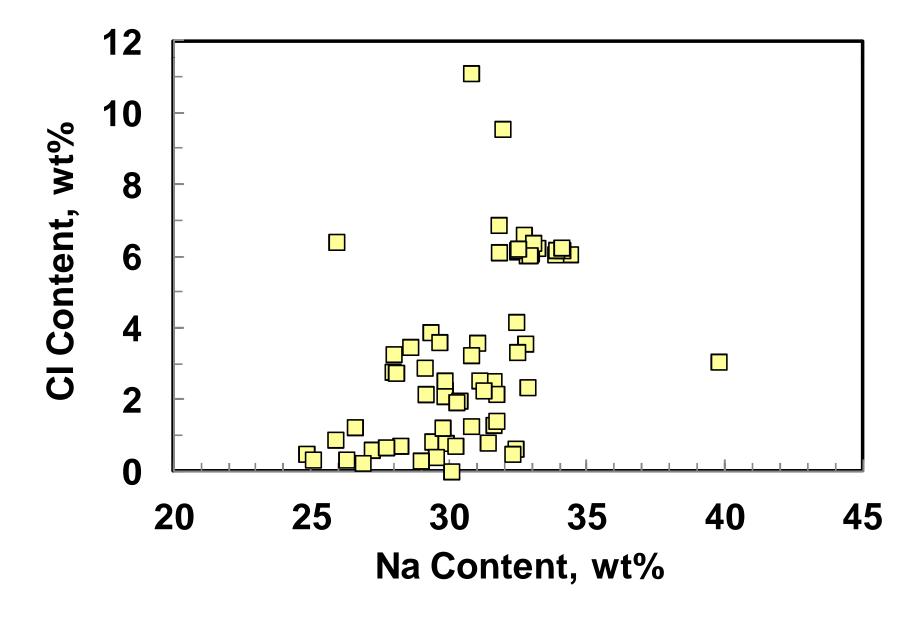
### Chlorine

- Mainly NaCl with a small amount of KCl, organic
   Cl and Cl-containing minerals
- Eventually present as Cl<sup>-</sup>

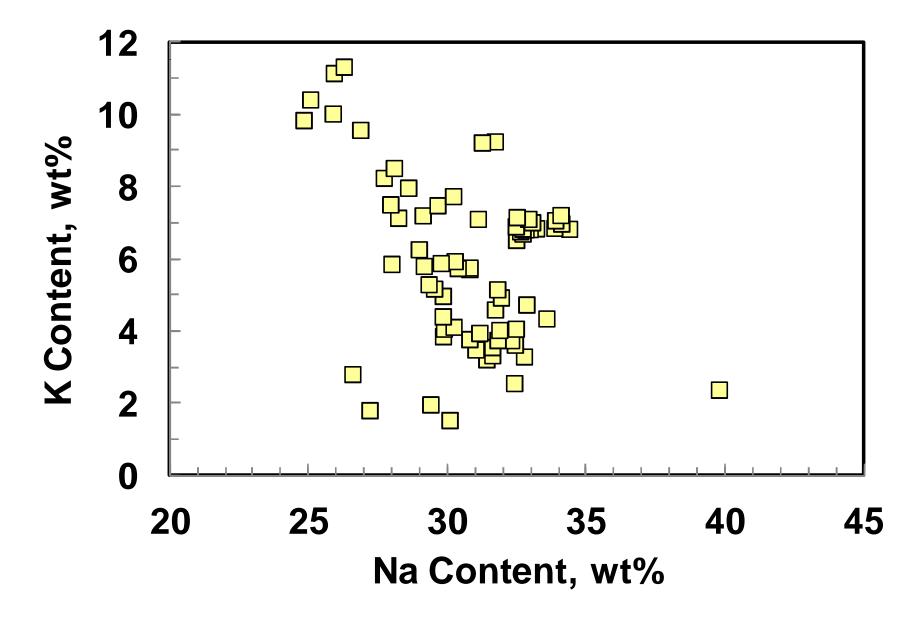
### Potassium

- Mainly as K-containing minerals and KCI
- Eventually present as OH<sup>-</sup>, CO<sub>3</sub><sup>2-</sup>, S<sup>2-</sup>, SO<sub>4</sub><sup>2-</sup> and Cl<sup>-</sup>

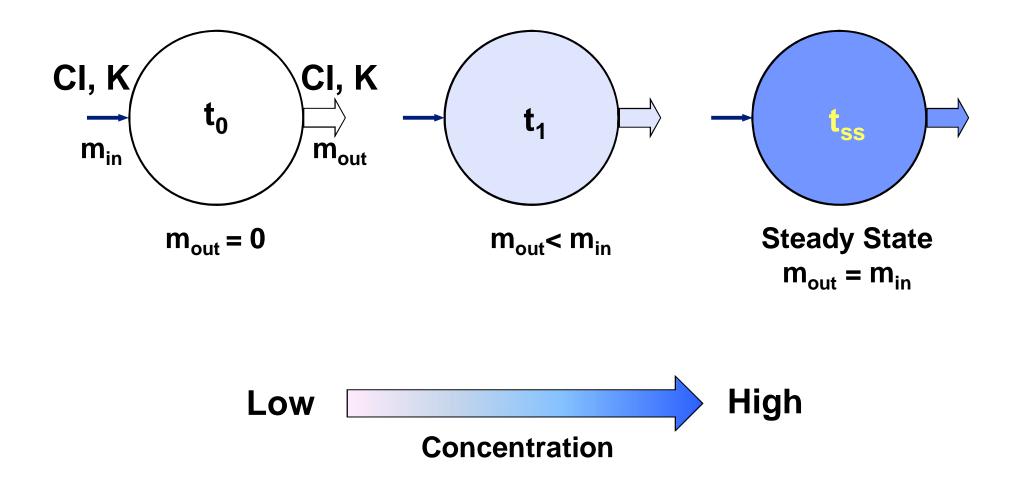
## **Chlorine vs. Sodium in Ash**



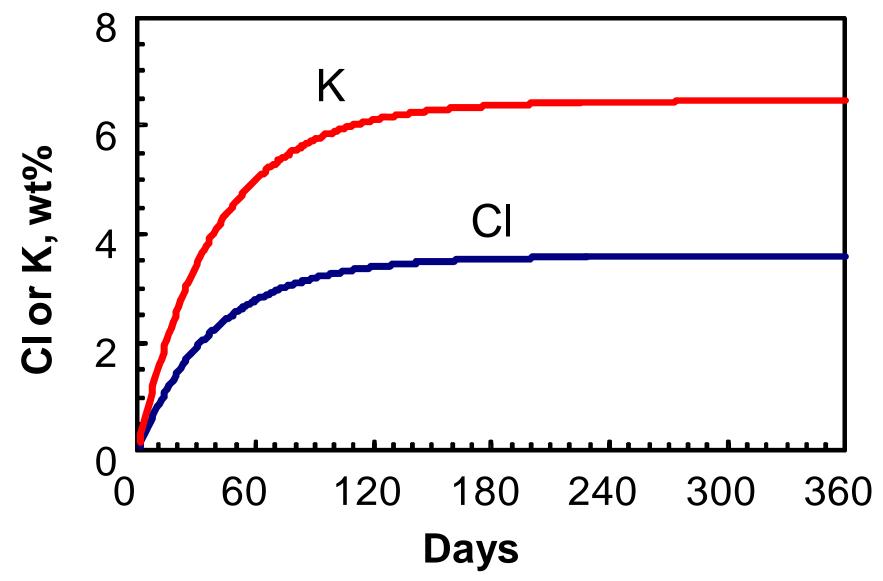
## Potassium vs. Sodium in ESP-Ash



## Accumulation



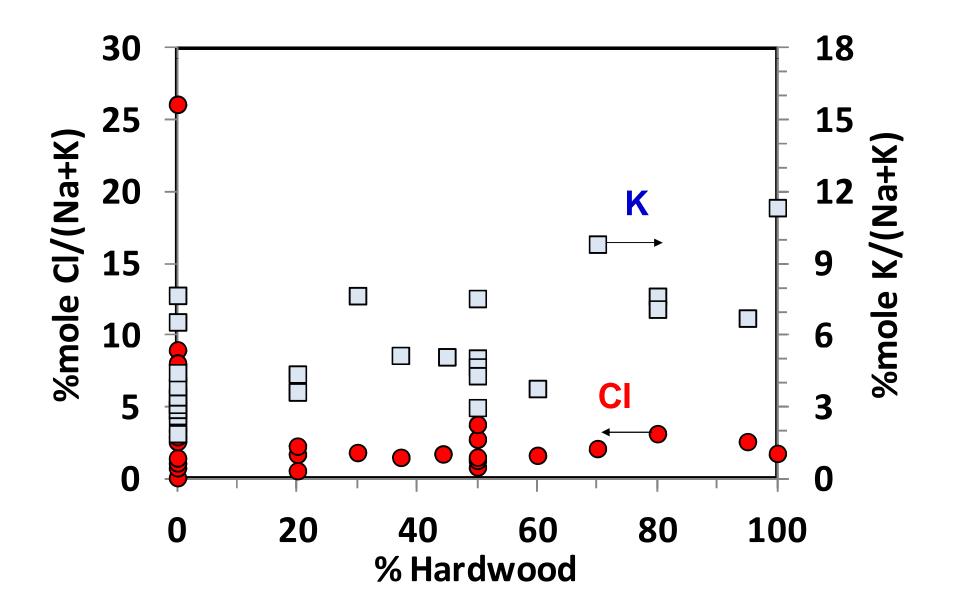
### Cl and K Contents in Ash An Example



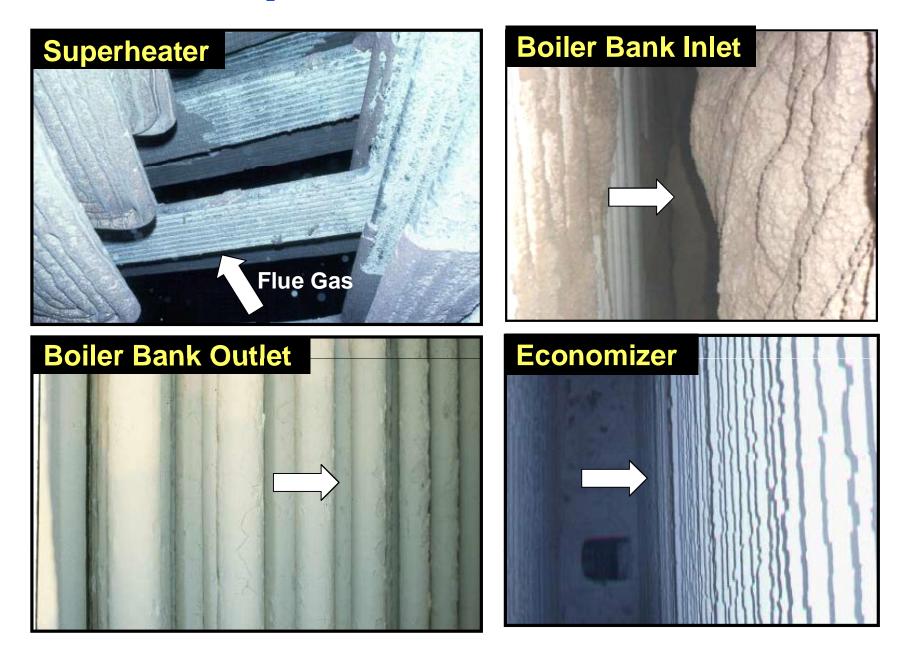
## **Cl and K Conc. in Liquor Increase with**

- Cl and K inputs
  - Coastal mills > Inland mills (CI only)
  - Hardwood mills > Softwood mills (K only)
- Degree of mill closure (low chemical losses)
- Decrease in liquor sulphidity (Cl only)
- Increase in reocvery boiler bed temperature (CI only)

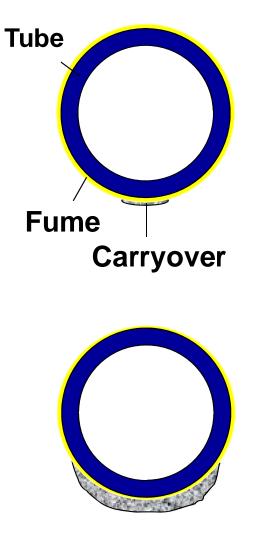
### Hardwood Pulping vs. Cl and K in Dust

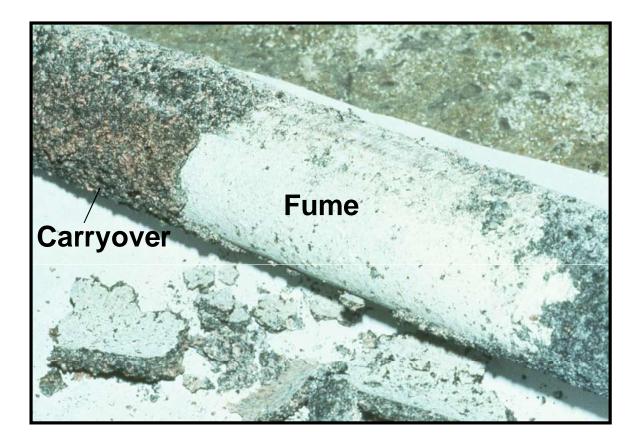


## **Deposit Formation**



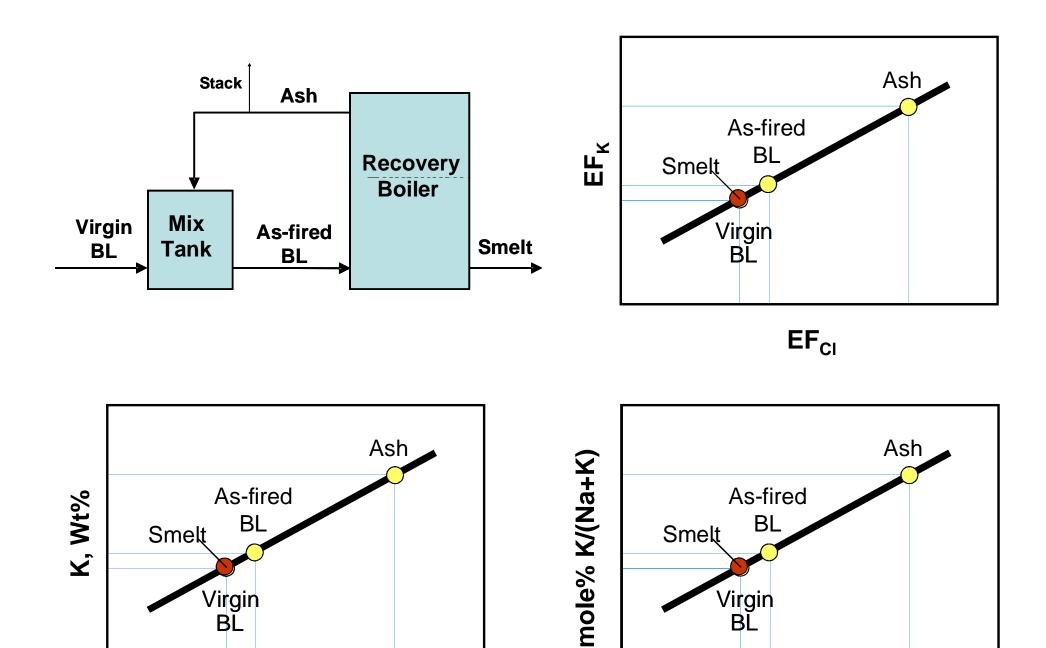
## **Carryover and Fume Deposits**





## Deposits are a Mixture of Carryover and Fume

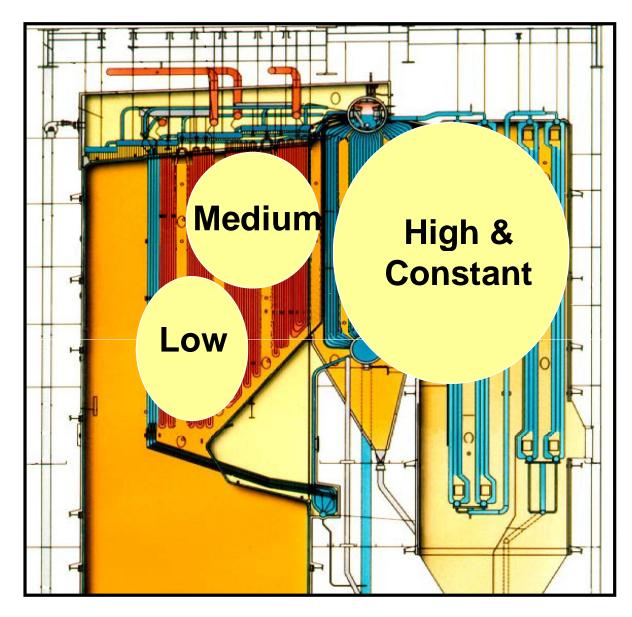
- Carryover Deposits
  - Inertial impaction
  - Formed mostly in the superheater region
  - **Depleted** in CI and K ( $EF_{CI} = 0.3$ ,  $EF_{K} = 0.8$ )
- Fume Deposits
  - Direct condensation and thermophoresis
  - Formed mostly in the upper superheater, generating bank and economizer regions
  - Enriched in CI and K ( $EF_{CI} = 2.5, EF_{K} = 1.5$ )



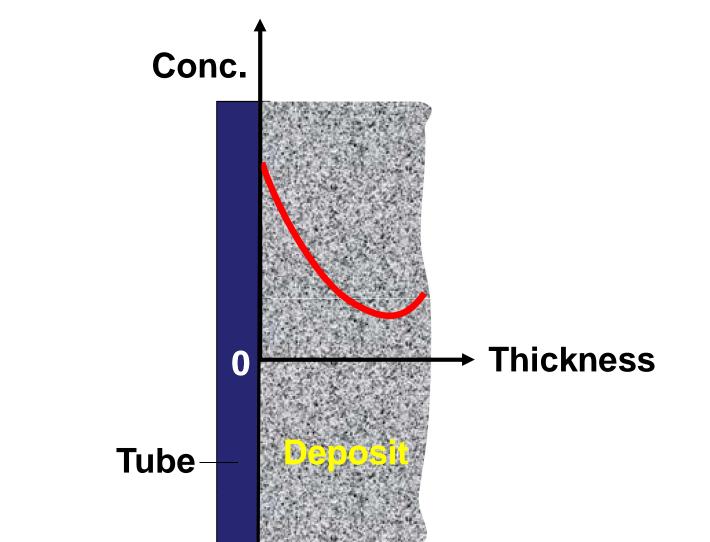
CI, wt%

mole% Cl/(Na+K)

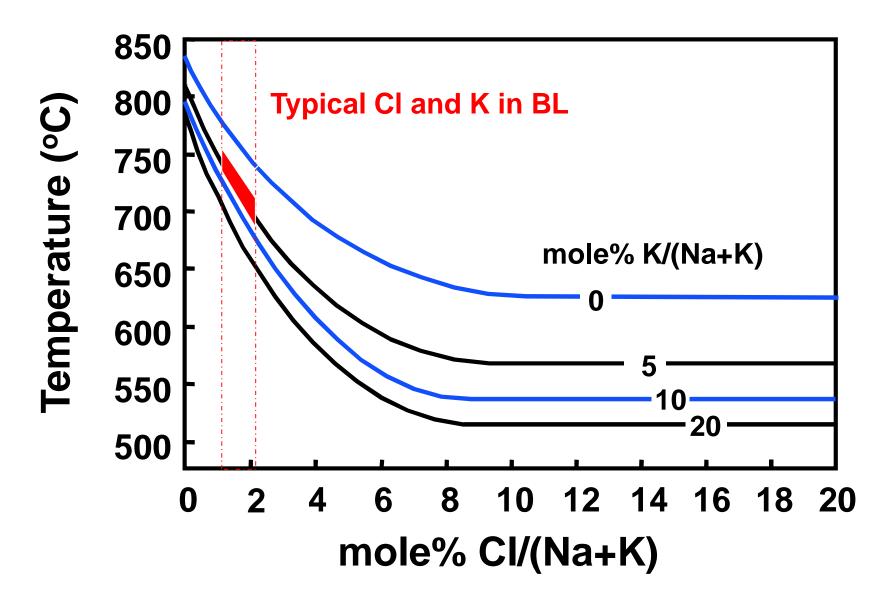
## **CI and K Contents in Deposits**



# Cl and K Conc. Profile Across the Superheater Deposit Layer



## **Deposit Sticky Temperature**



## **Concentration Units**

### Units

wt% (as CI, NaCI)

- mole% (as Cl/Na%, Cl/(Na+K)%)
- g/L, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>, lb/gal

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Media

- Black liquor (weak, virgin, as-fired)
- White liquor
- Smelt
- Precipitator ash
- Deposits

## **Concentration Units**

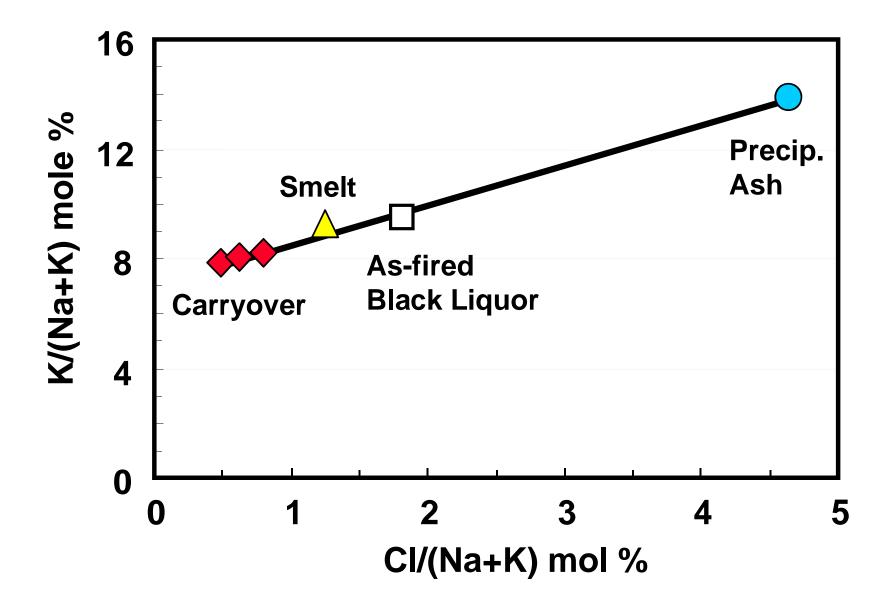
#### Units

- wt% (as CI, NaCI)
- mole% (as Cl/Na%, Cl/(Na+K)%)
- g/L, lb/ft<sup>3</sup>, lb/gal
- oppm
- Media

## Same value in mole%

- Black liquor (weak, virgin, as-fired)
- White liquor
- Smelt
- Precipitator ash
- Deposits

## **CI content vs. K Content in a RB**



## Rules of Thumb for Unit Conversions

#### Black Liquor

1 wt% CI = 3.3 mole% CI/(Na+K)

1 wt% K = 3.0 mole% K/(Na+K)

→ To convert wt% into mole%, multiply by 3

### Precipitator Ash

- 1 wt% CI = 2.0 mole% CI/(Na+K)
- 1 wt% K = 1.8 mole% K/(Na+K)

→ To convert wt% into mole%, multiply by 2

## Rules of Thumb for Unit Conversions

#### Precipitator Ash vs. As-fired Black Liquor

- 1 wt% CI in ash  $\Rightarrow$  0.24 wt% CI in as-fired BL
- 1 wt% K in ash  $\Rightarrow$  0.40 wt% K in as-fired BL

## Guidelines for Controlling Cl and K in As-fired Black Liquor

	Chloride (wt% Cl)	Potassium (wt% K)
Very low	< 1	< 0.7
Low	0.1 – 0.3	0.7 – 1
Typical	0.3 – 0.7	1 – 2
High	0.7 – 2	2 – 4
Very high	> 2	> 4

## Guidelines for Controlling Cl and K in Precipitator Ash

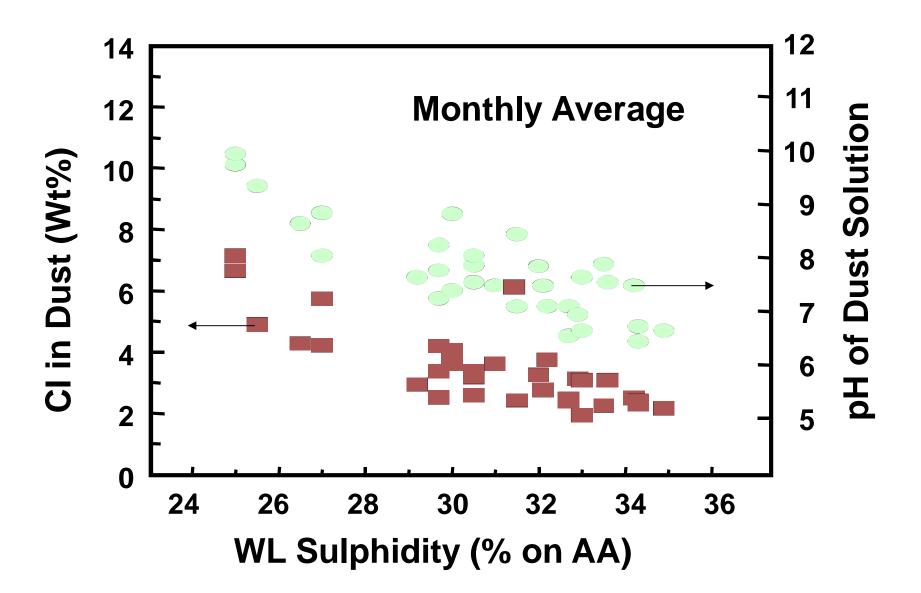
	Chloride (wt% Cl)	Potassium (wt% K)
Very low	< 0.4	< 1.8
Low	0.4 – 1.2	1.8 – 2.5
Typical	1.2 – 2.9	2.5 – 5
High	2.9 – 8.5	5 – 9
Very high	> 8.5	> 9

## **Factors Affecting Accumulation**

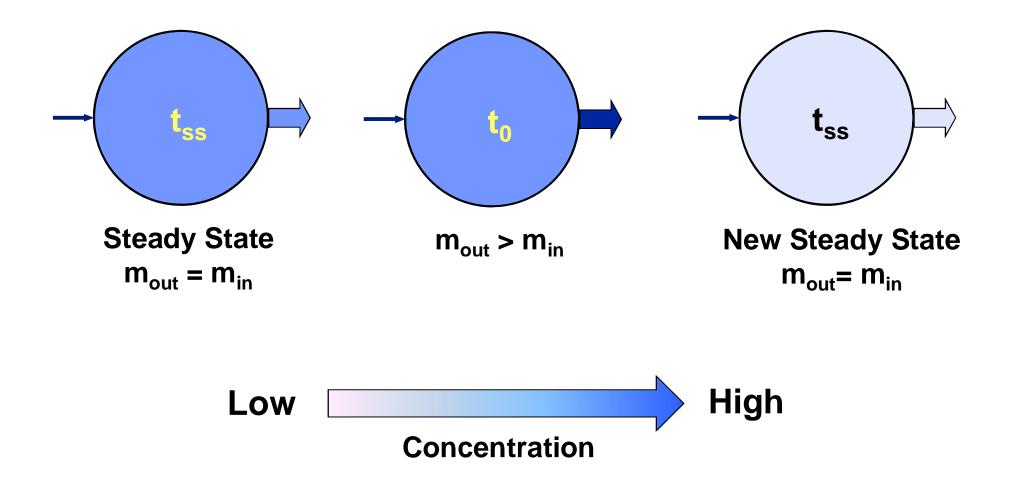
### Input

- Loss
- Ash purged
- Sulphidity, SO<sub>2</sub>, HCI release
- Na inventory
- Makeup chemicals

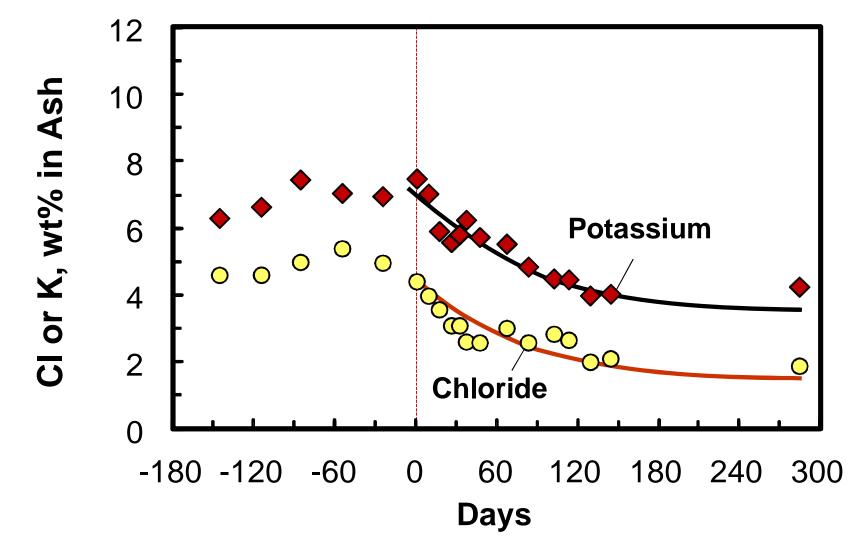
## **Effect of Sulphidity**



## **Ash Purging/Treatment**

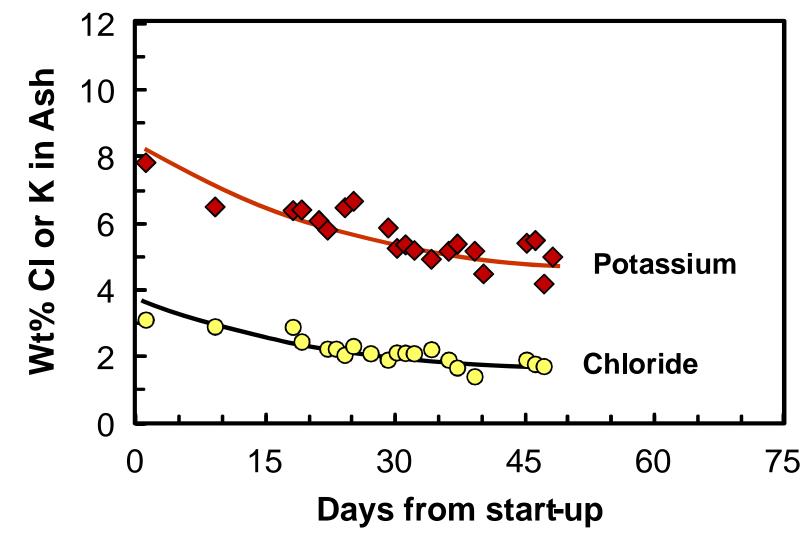


### Experience of Ash Treatment System (Oji Paper Yonago Mill, Japan)



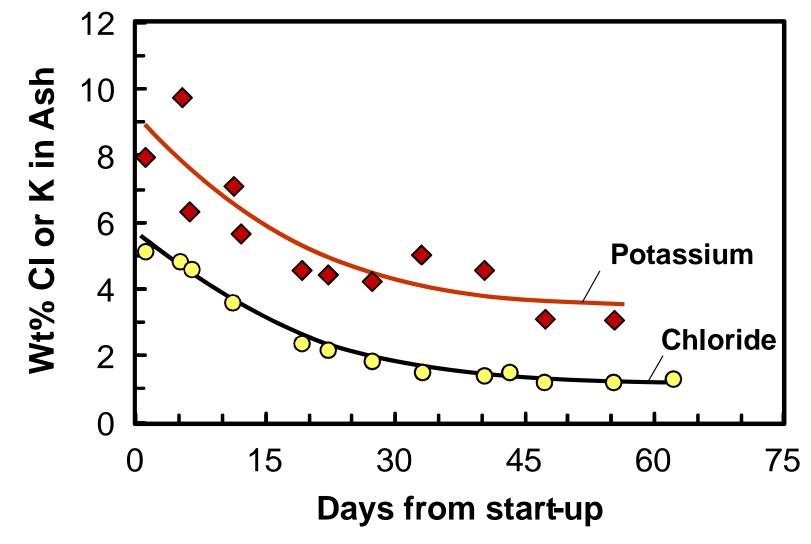
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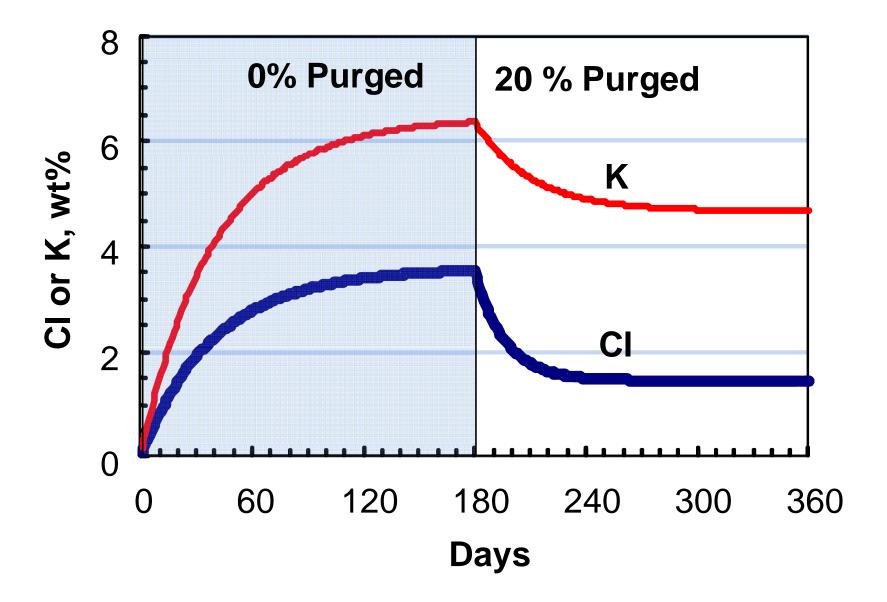
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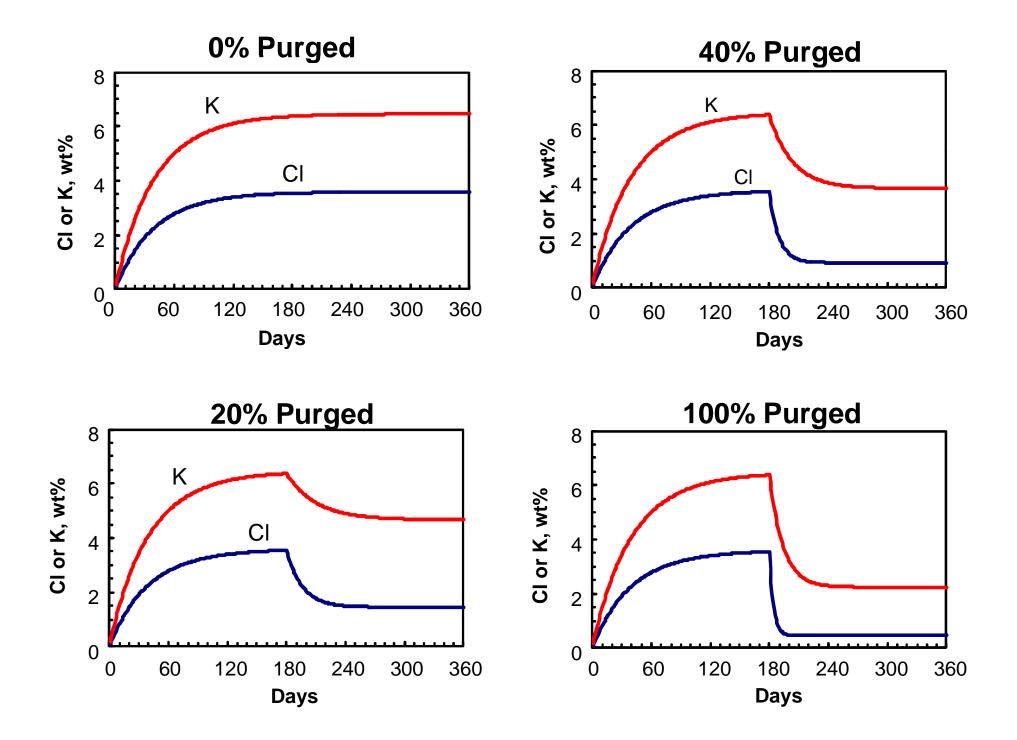
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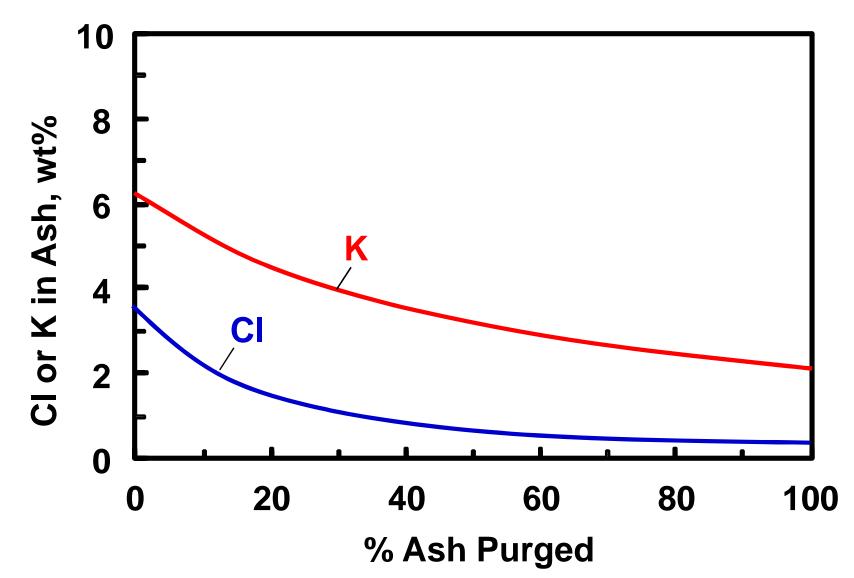
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## Effect of Purging on Cl and K in Ash





## Effect of ESP Ash Purging on Cl and K Contents





- Cl and K originate mostly from wood
- Accumulate due to high solubility
- Steady state concentrations determined by net inputs
- Take about 1 month to reach steady state
- No need to purge more than 40% of total ESP ash

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## SUBPART MM RTR UPDATE

Mark Aguilar February 8, 2012

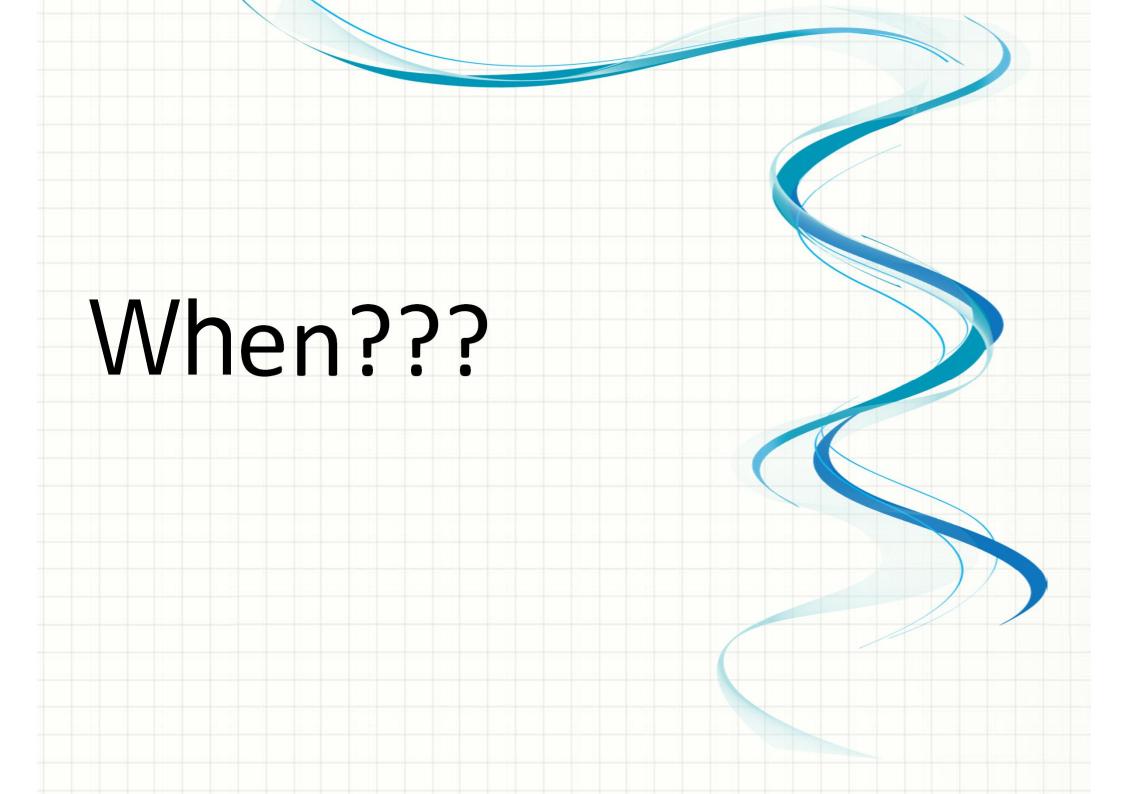
## What is Subpart MM RTR?

"Subpart MM" – the Maximum Available Control Technology (MACT) Standard the was Promulgated in 2001 that established emission limits Pulp and Paper Mill Recovery Furnaces, Smelt Dissolving Tanks and Lime Kilns.

First "R" – Residual risk analysis required by Section 112(f)(2) of the Clean Air Act (CAA)

"TR" – Technology Review Section required by 112(d)(6) of the CAA  <u>Residual Risk</u> – ONE time analysis
 § 112(f)(2) of CAA directs EPA to conduct risk assessments on each MACT source category within 8 years of MACT rule promulgation to determine if additional standards are needed to reduce residual risks.

• <u>Technology Review</u> – Every 8 years § 112(d)(6) of CAA requires EPA to review/revise the MACT standards, as necessary, taking into account developments in practices, processes and control technologies.



# When will EPA finalize the Subpart MM RTR?

- Pulp and Paper Mills submitted data to EPA for Subpart S and Subpart MM RTRs in 2011. EPA will not solicit additional industry-wide data.
- EPA issued a proposed RTR rule on December 27, 2012 for Subpart S sources and expects to issue a final rule by July 31, 2012.
- Subpart MM RTR not defined, BUT:
  - Center of Biological Diversity, Green Peace, and Port Townsend Airwatchers sued EPA on December 6, 2011 to force EPA to complete the Pulp and Paper NSPS review §111(b)(1)(B). NSPS Subpart BB regulates PM and TRS from RFs, SDT and LKs.
- Ongoing negotiations will determine the schedule for this NSPS review to be completed.
- EPA indicates they expect to complete the Subpart MM RTR at the same time as the NSPS Subpart BB review.

# Are there concerns with Subpart MM?

# What issues may be of concern with Subpart MM? (Part 1)

<u>Residual Risk</u> – EPA summary from Subpart S proposal: Of the 171 mills included in this analysis:

- 7 have facility-wide maximum predicted individual cancer risks of 10 in 1 million or greater. Only 30% of the risk at these mills, is from pulp and papermaking operations
- 99 have facility-wide maximum predicted individual cancer risks of 1 in 1 million or greater. 43% of the risk at these mills are from pulp and papermaking operations
- For these sets of Mills, all other (non-S) risk is primarily driven by emissions of arsenic compounds, chromium compounds and nickel compounds from boiler and lime kiln operations.

What issues may be of concern with Subpart MM? (Part 1) Residual Risk –

- EPA has provided mills all their risk analysis details for individual sites and requested corrections for their Subpart S rule.
- As the S rule includes facility-wide risk modeling, sites should confirm/correct any data for Subpart MM sources.
- Deadline is February 27, 2012

# What issues may be of concern with Subpart MM? (Part 2)

- <u>Technology Review</u> this analysis has not been completed by EPA and we do not have indications if there will be issues.
  - In the technology review, EPA will be evaluating the BACT clearinghouse to determine advancements in technology are documented, The following are a few BACT determination issues:
    - SDT vents routed into recovery furnaces.
    - ESP installed on Lime Kilns.
  - Though technology is stable, BACT for PM has become much more stringent than 2004 MACT Subpart MM.
    - Example gr/dscf RF: MACT=0.044; BACT = 0.02
    - Example gr/dscf LK: MACT= 0.064; BACT= 0.01

## Subpart MM RTR

- EPA has wrapped the RTR into two other rule makings Subpart S RTR and NSPS Subpart BB.
- Subpart MM technology concerns are unknown at this time. However, the BACT standards are an issue for PM emissions. PM used as a surrogate for metal HAPs. Metal HAPs contribute to EPA's predicted facility-wide risk.
- Subpart S Schedule is certain: Final rule by July 2012. Subpart MM timing is contingent on the NSPS BB review negotiations.

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## Prediction of recovery-boiler $NO_x$ emissions in the light of new field data and theoretical deliberations

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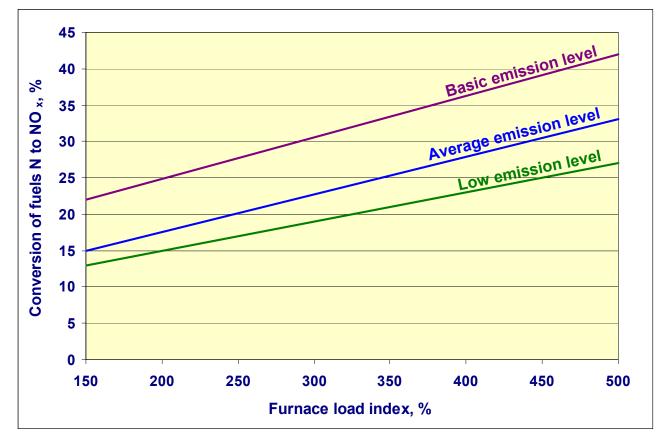
Finnish Recovery Boiler Days, Helsinki, 19.10.2011

We accept the challenge!

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#### Correlations based on extensive field data gathered from numerous boilers

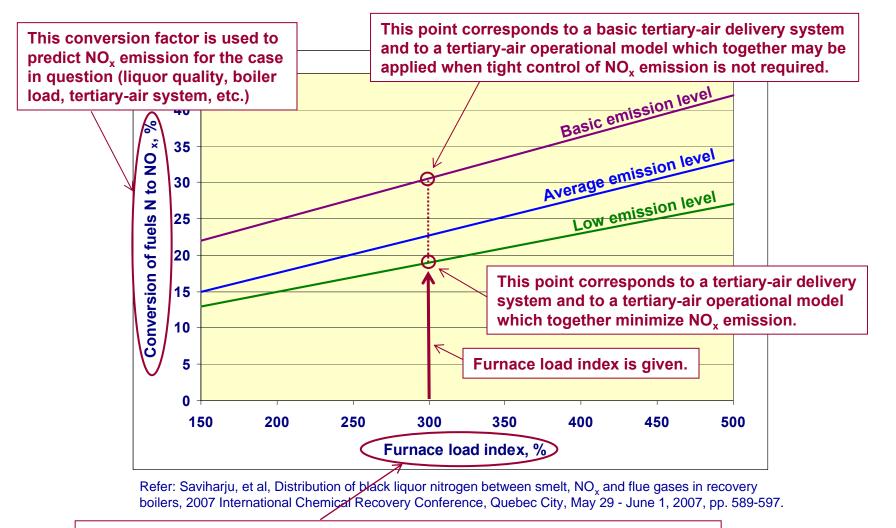


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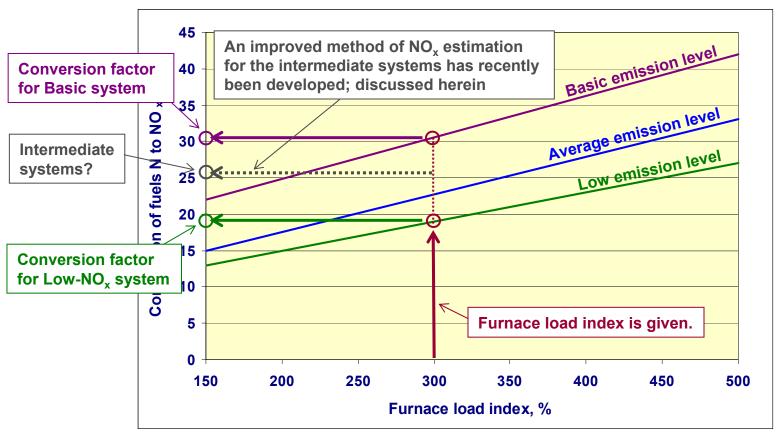
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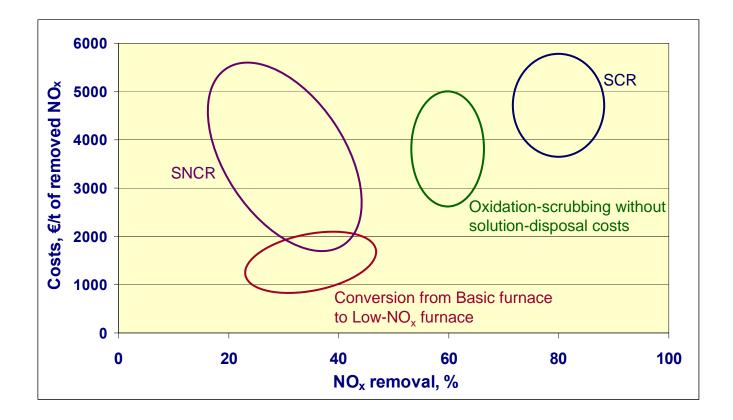


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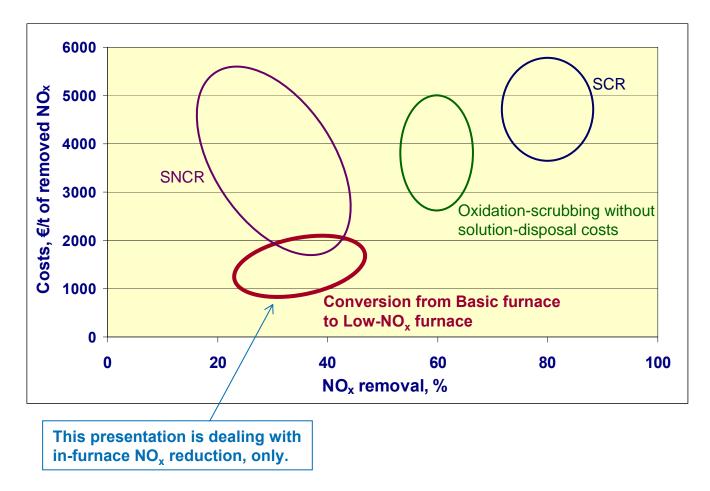
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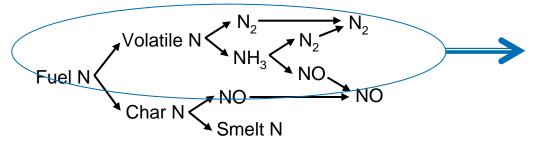




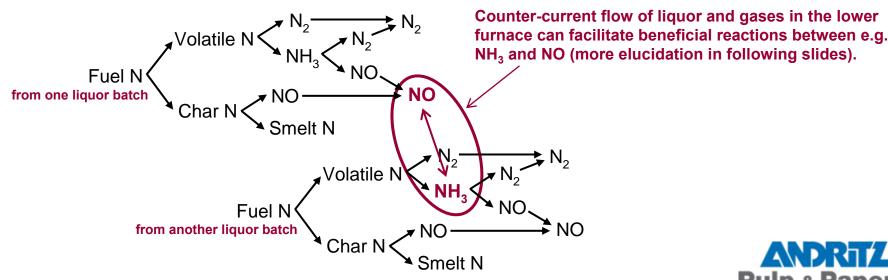
#### $NO_x$ formation and reduction in the recovery furnace

#### A shift of emphasis

Traditionally, the reactions have been envisaged as occurring with both fuel (excluding char/smelt) and gases moving in basically the same direction; viz., co-currently:



However, in the recovery-boiler lower furnace, the gas flow is, in the main, counter-current to the flow of liquor droplets / particles. As explained in more detail in the following slides, this results in increased opportunity for NH<sub>3</sub>, NO and fuel-derived combustible components to come into contact and react beneficially with each other:

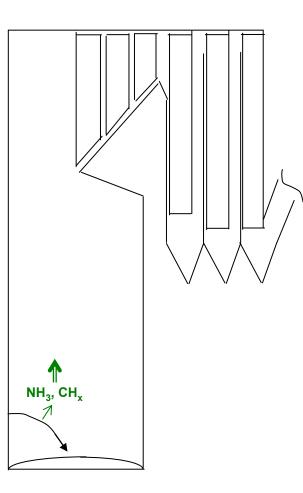


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#### $NO_x$ formation and reduction in the recovery furnace

Counter-current flows of liquor and gases in lower furnace taken into account

**Step 1**. The release of  $NH_3$ , and also combustible fuel-derived compounds, such as hydrocarbons  $CH_x$ , begins at a relatively short distance from the black-liquor nozzles. The compounds released here tend to be conveyed upwards and the oxidation of these compounds is initially limited.

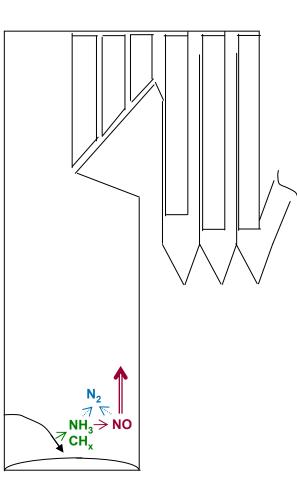




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**Step 2.**  $NH_3$  released from black liquor lower down tends to be converted to NO to a significant degree (higher temperatures; more oxygen available) and the NO so produced is then conveyed upwards. (Some of this NO may react locally in beneficial N<sub>2</sub>-forming reactions with  $NH_3$ and/or fuel-derived combustibles.)

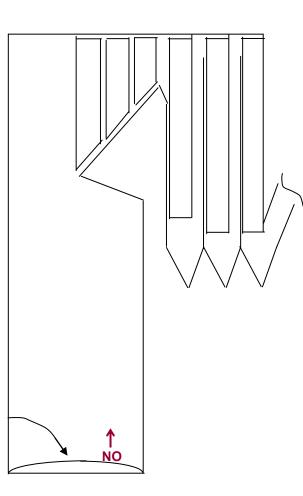




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**Step 3**. Some NO is also released from the char burning on the bed



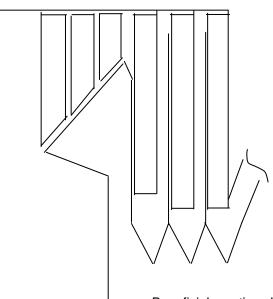


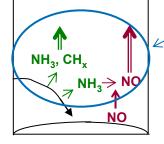
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**Step 4**.  $NH_3$  and fuel-derived combustibles from Step 1 and NO from Steps 2 and 3 come into contact under conditions which are reasonably favourable for beneficial ( $N_2$ -forming) reactions between them. Apparently, at the relatively high temperatures encountered in the lower and middle furnace,  $N_2$ -forming reactions benefit from reducing conditions in the gas stream.

An essential feature of this theoretical mechanism is that the main reactants, NO, on the one hand, and  $NH_3$  and fuel-derived combustibles, on the other, have <u>not</u>, in general, originated from, essentially, the same portion of black liquor. The NO has mainly come from black liquor that was fed to the furnace <u>earlier</u> than the liquor from which the co-reactants,  $NH_3$  and/or fuel-derived combustibles, have been released.





Beneficial reactions between NO, on the one hand, and  $NH_3$  and fuel-derived combustibles, on the other, lead to  $N_2$  formation; e.g. according to the following simplified overall reactions:

 $NH_3 + NO \rightarrow N_2 + H_2O + 1/2H_2$ 

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{CH}_{\mathsf{x}} + \mathsf{NO} \rightarrow \mathsf{HCN} + \mathsf{H}_2\mathsf{O} + [(\mathsf{x}\text{-3})/2]\mathsf{H}_2 \\ \mathsf{HCN} + \mathsf{NO} \rightarrow \mathsf{N}_2 + \mathsf{CO} + 1/2\mathsf{H}_2 \end{array}$ 

Competing reactions include oxidation of  $\rm NH_{3},\,\rm HCN$  and  $\rm CH_{x}.$ 

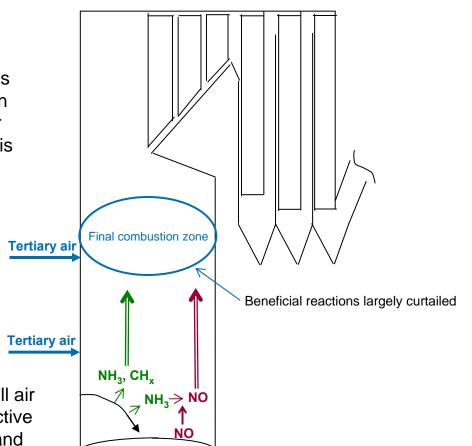


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**Step 5**. The beneficial reactions are largely curtailed at or near the final combustion zone.

Assuming that this theoretical picture is correct, the higher the final combustion zone, the more opportunity there is for the beneficial reactions to occur. This is consistent with the well-known trend that higher overall tertiary-air input lowers  $NO_x$  emission.



Note that, in Andritz's nomenclature, all air delivered above the gun level, irrespective of the number of such delivery levels and their elevations, is termed tertiary air.



#### Recent field data generated in the ChemCom 2.0 project

Measurements of gas composition in various zones of a recovery furnace

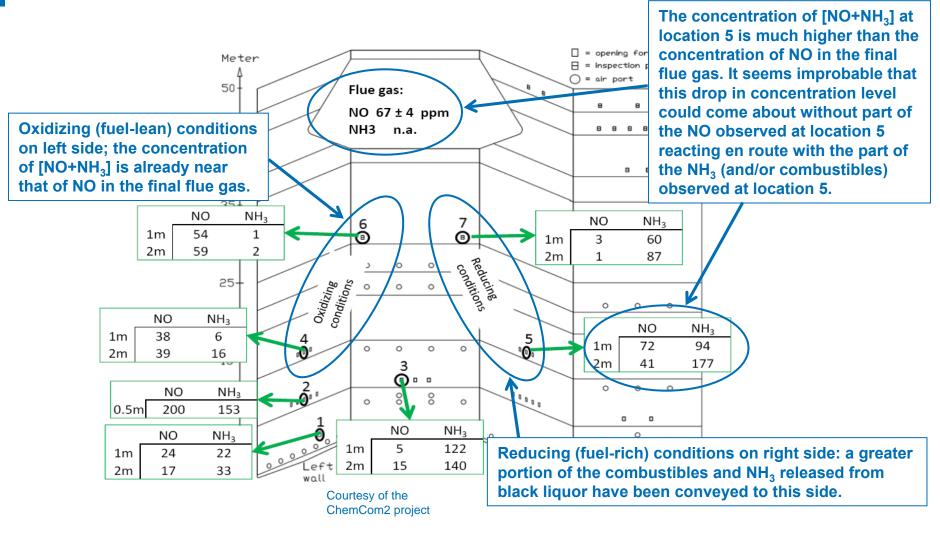
Boiler: recovery boiler of the UPM Wisaforest mill, Finland

- ChemCom 2.0 R&D project 2008 2010: main funding from Tekes and industrial companies; leading research group: Process Chemistry Centre, Åbo Akademi U.
- Results of the gas-composition measurements have been reported in the following publication:
  - E. Vainio, A. Brink, N. DeMartini, M. Hupa, H. Vesala, K. Tormonen, and T. Kajolinna, In-furnace measurement of sulfur and nitrogen species in a recovery boiler, 2010 International Chemical Recovery Conference, Williamsburg, USA, 29 March – 1 April, 2010, Vol 1, pp 106-118.
- As indicated in the next slide, the results concerning nitrogen species seem to support the ideas, presented herein, regarding the role of beneficial N<sub>2</sub>-forming reactions occurring between the liquor guns and the highest tertiary level.



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Measurements of gaseous nitrogen species



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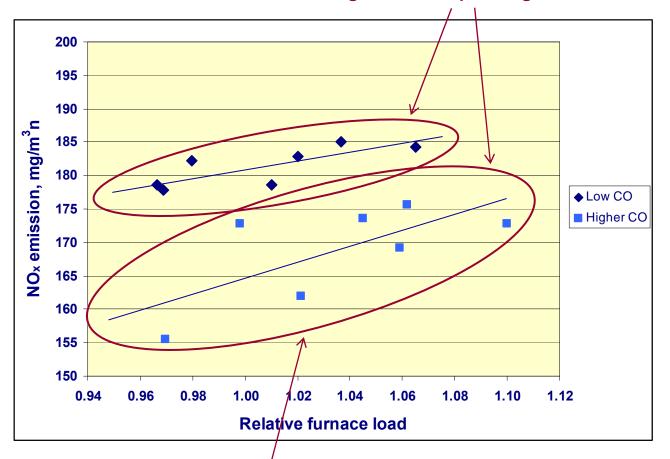


Comprehensive measurement campaign at one mill

- Boiler: large recovery boiler with a multi-level tertiary-air system (Note, however, that the boiler is not one designed for lowest possible NO<sub>x</sub> emission.)
- Campaign manager: J. Savolainen
- The boiler tests were meticulously planned and carried out with the aim of "one key variable at a time".
- Main variables investigated:
  - boiler load
  - excess oxygen (CO emission level)
  - secondary-air operational model, including share of secondary air
  - tertiary-air operational model, including share of tertiary air.
- The in-house data presented in the following slides were all generated during this one campaign.



#### NO<sub>x</sub> vs. furnace load



Two regions corresponding to different CO emission levels

Larger scatter in this region explained by the fact that it covers the tests with the significant variations in tertiary-air operational model.



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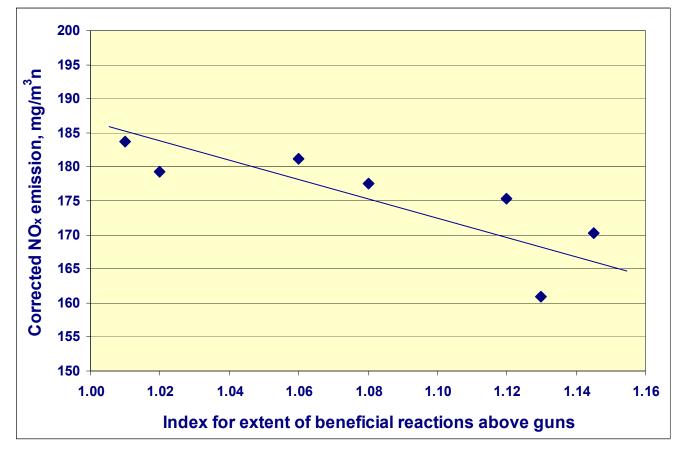
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Testing the emphasized theoretical viewpoint against the field data

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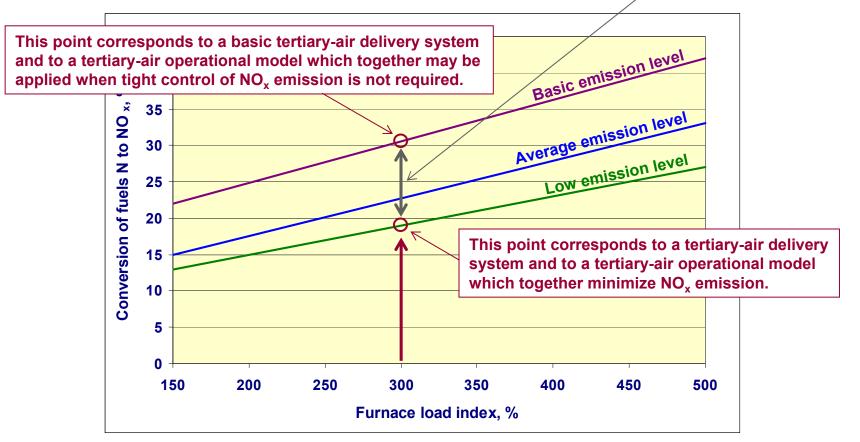
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The data points in this figure correspond to those of the seven tests in which, specifically, the tertiary-air delivery was varied.

#### The basic correlations

For the intermediate cases, a more accurate prediction method has now been developed (refer later slides).



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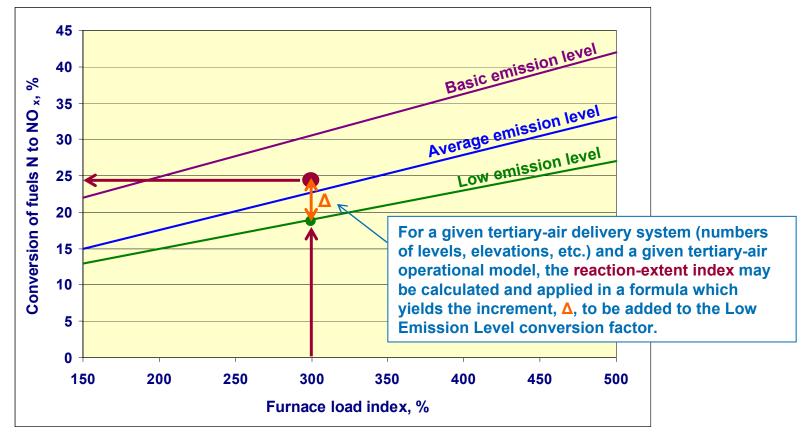
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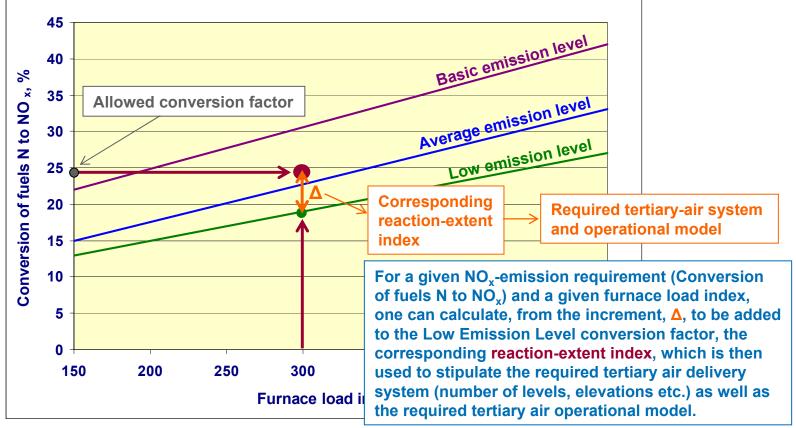
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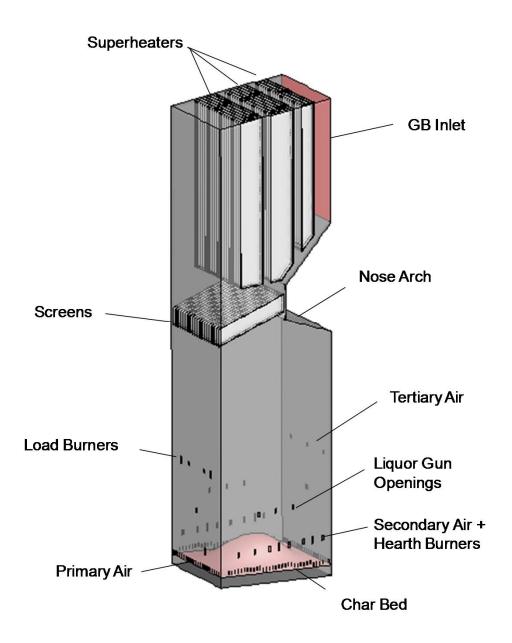
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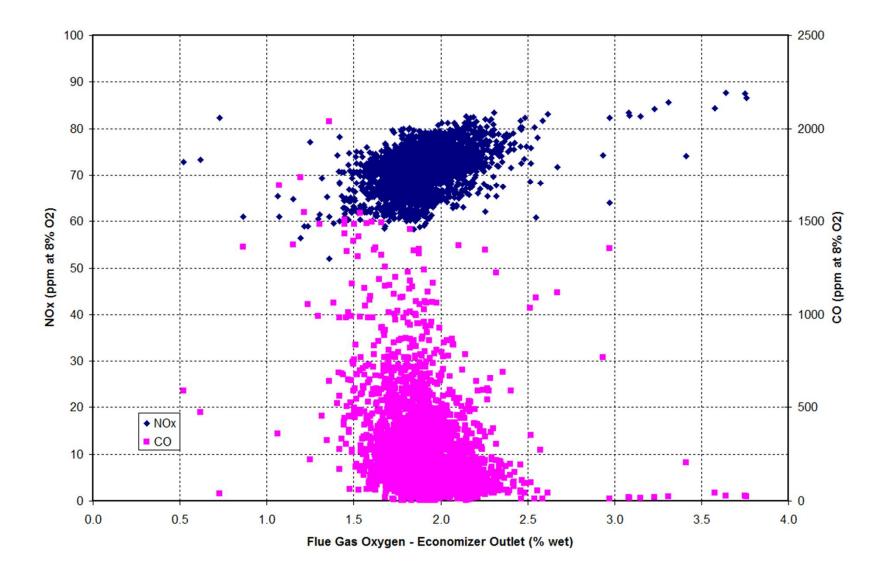
# An Improved Method for Modeling NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions from Recovery Boilers

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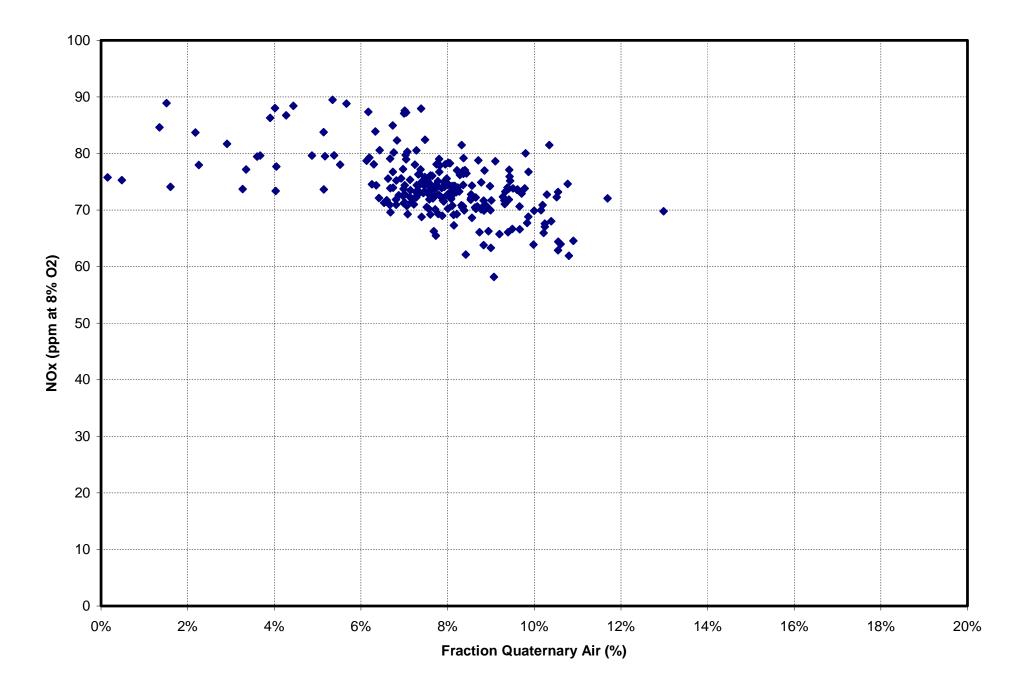


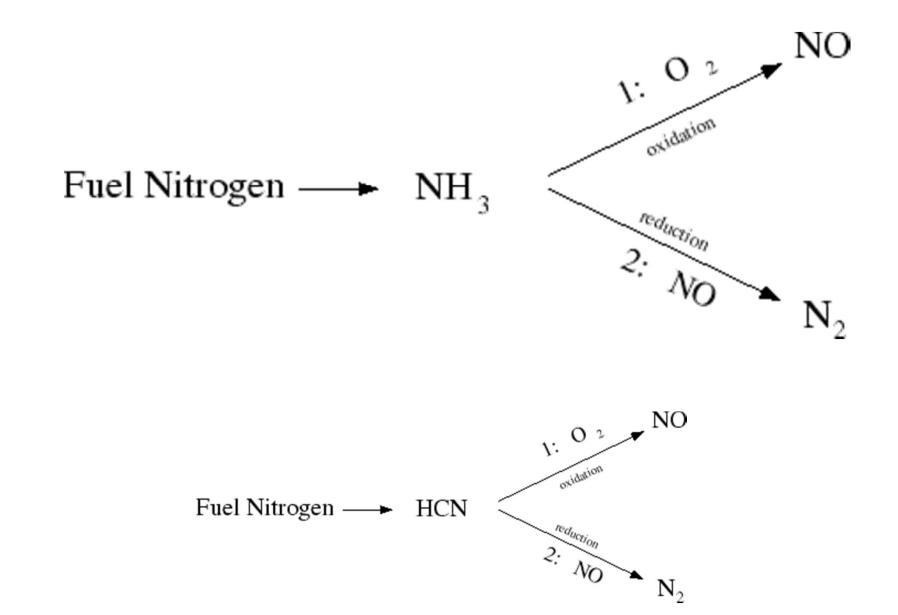


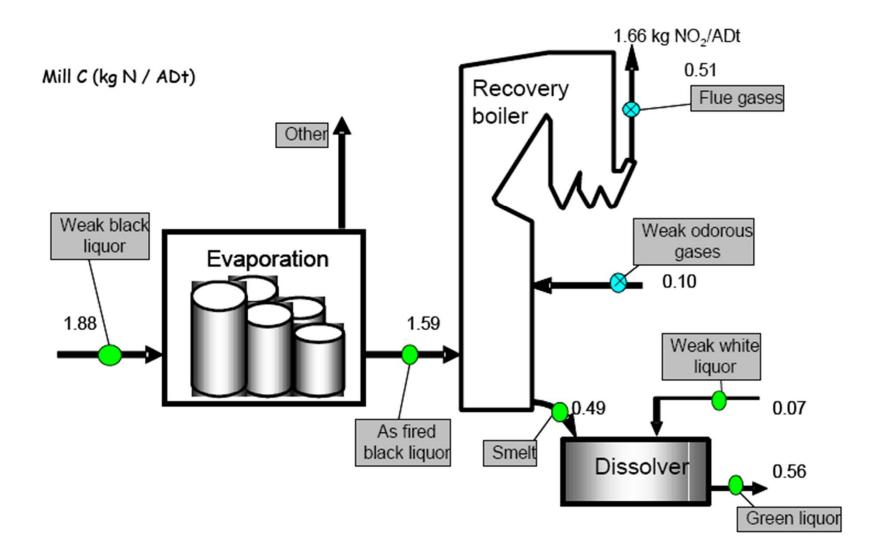
# NO<sub>x</sub> and CO Emissions versus Excess Air



## NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions versus Quaternary Air







## Rates

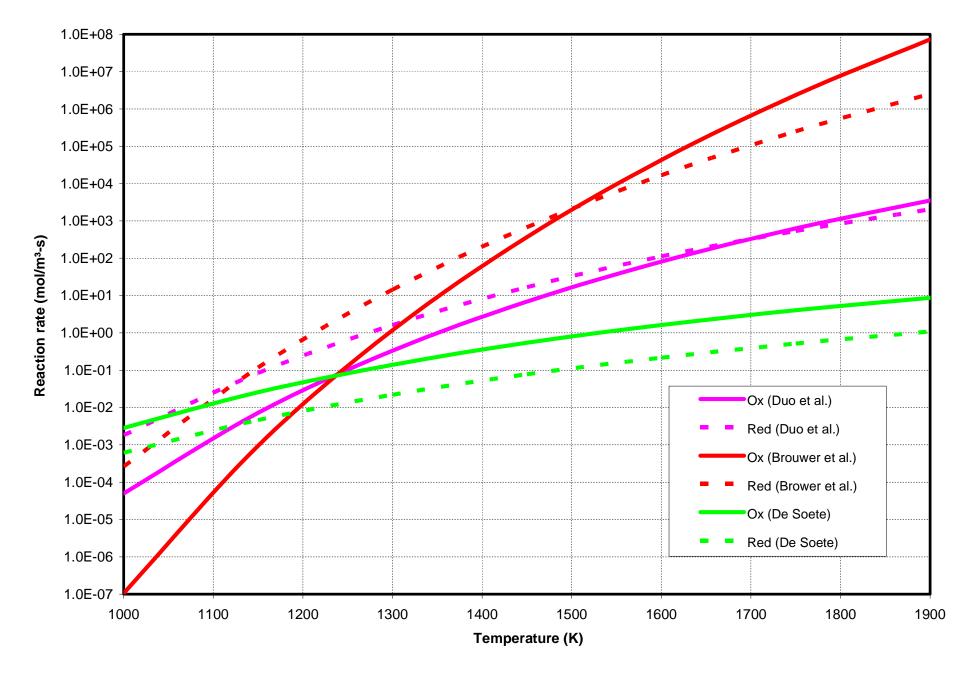
$$d[NH_{3}]/dt = -r_{ox} - r_{red}$$
(1)  
$$d[NO]/dt = r_{ox} - r_{red}$$
(2)  
$$r_{ox} = k_{ox}[NH_{3}]^{a} [O_{2}]^{b}$$
(3)

 $\mathbf{r}_{\rm red} = \mathbf{k}_{\rm red} [\rm NH_3]^c \ [\rm NO]^d \tag{4}$ 

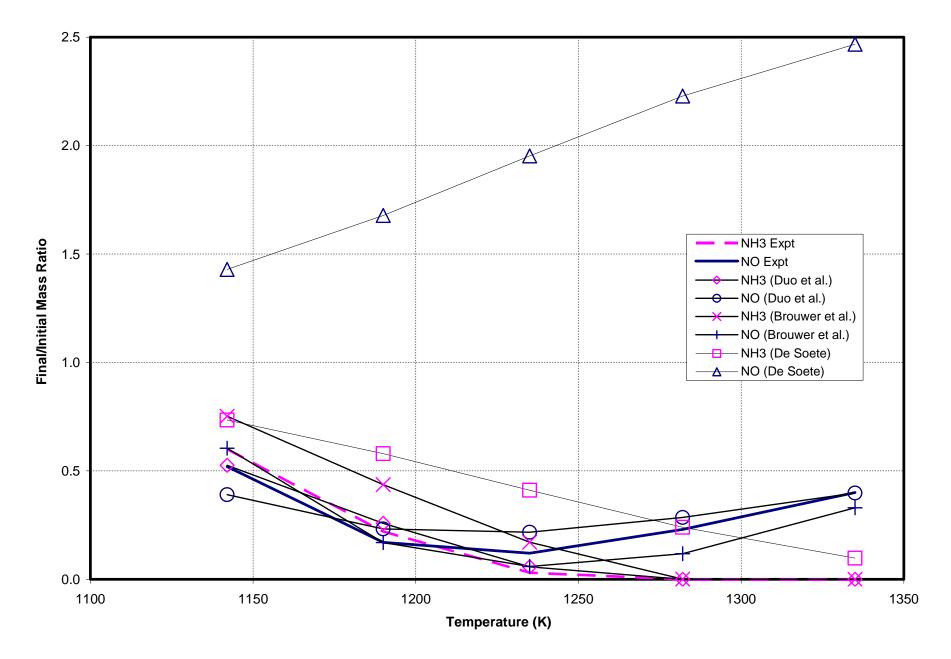
## Notes

- in the De Soete mechanism, a, c, d = 1;  $b = f[O_2]$
- in the Duo *et al.* mechanism, a, c, d = 1; b = 0
- in the Brouwer *et al.* mechanism, a, b, c, d = 1
- in the Brouwer *et al.* mechanism,  $k_{ox}$  and  $k_{red}$  are a f[CO]

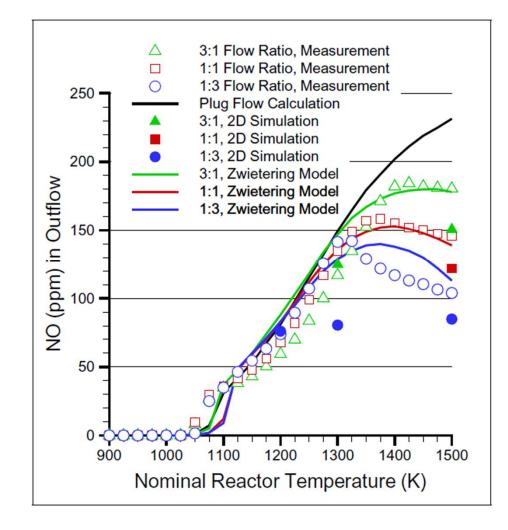
## **Comparison of Calculated Reaction Rates**



### Post-flame: Experiment versus Calculated

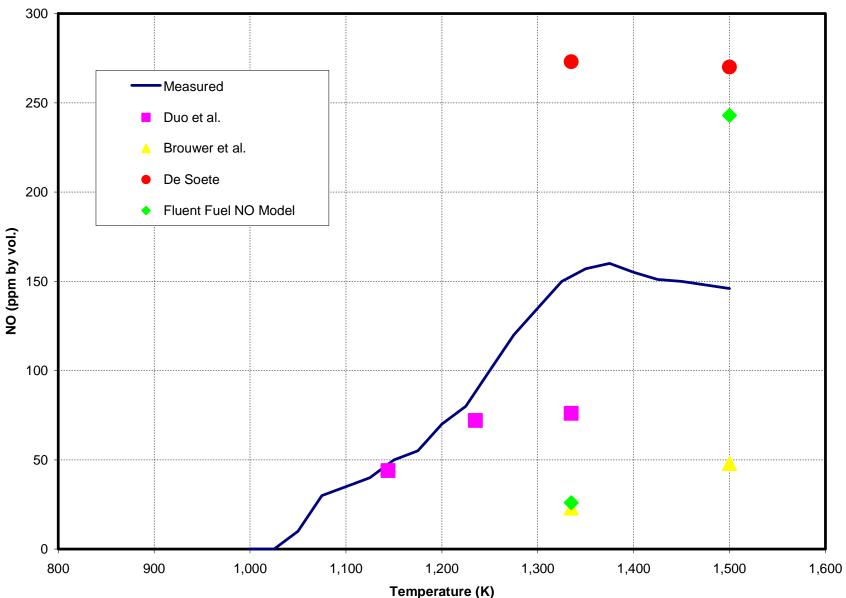


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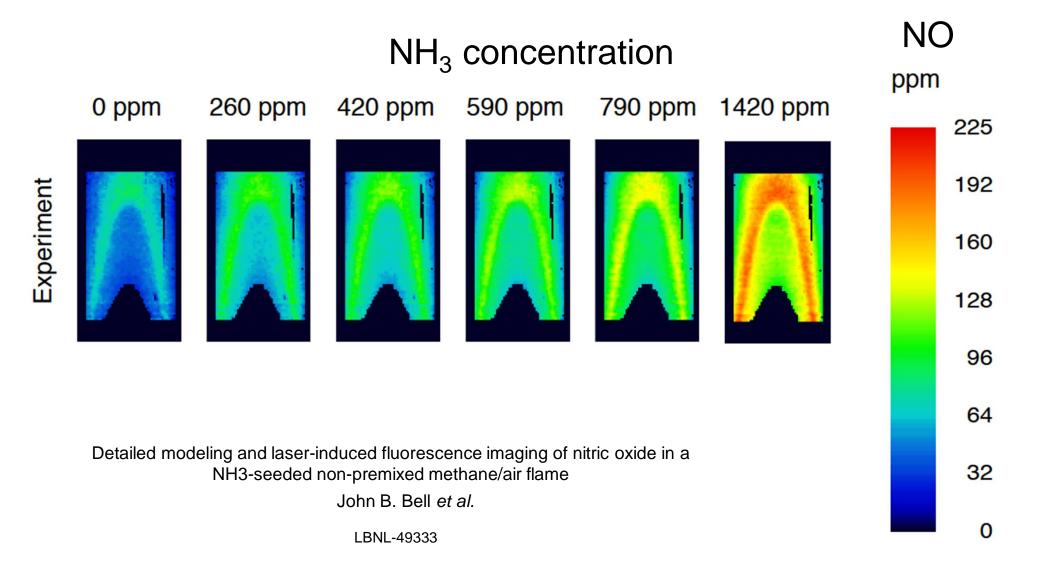


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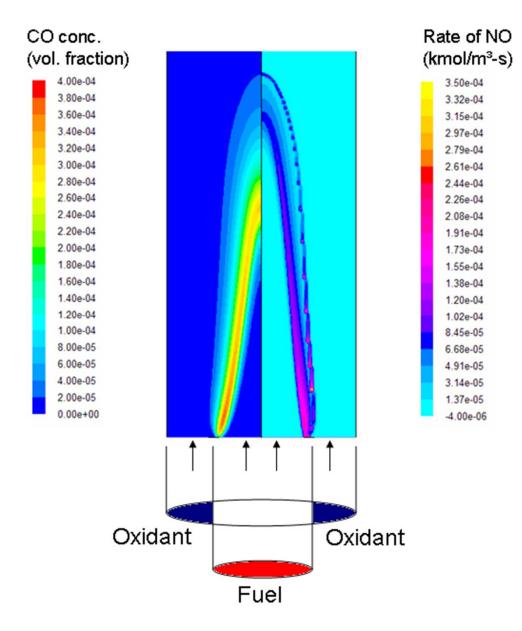
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# Experimental Images of NO concentration



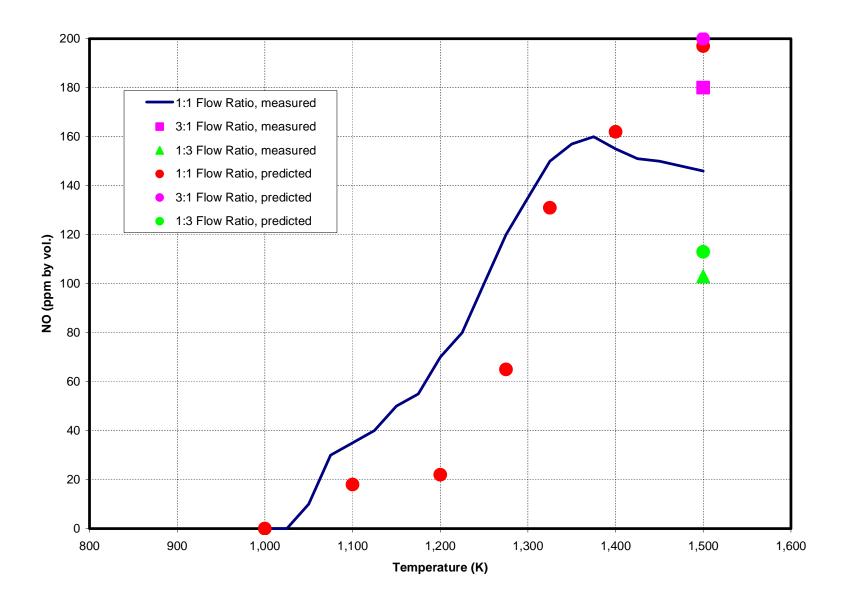
# "Flame" region NO formation



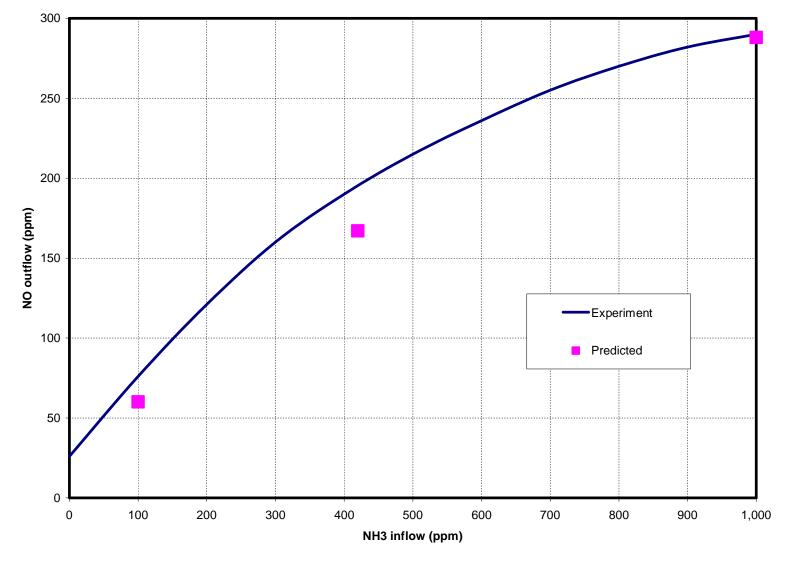
# Algorithm for Flame-based NO<sub>x</sub> model:

- IF CO > CO<sub>Thresh</sub> AND T >  $T_{Thresh}$ , Use the De Soete mechanism,
- Else IF  $O_2 < 4\%$  Use the Brouwer *et al.* mechanism,
- Else, Use the Duo et al. mechanism

# Predictions with flame-based model

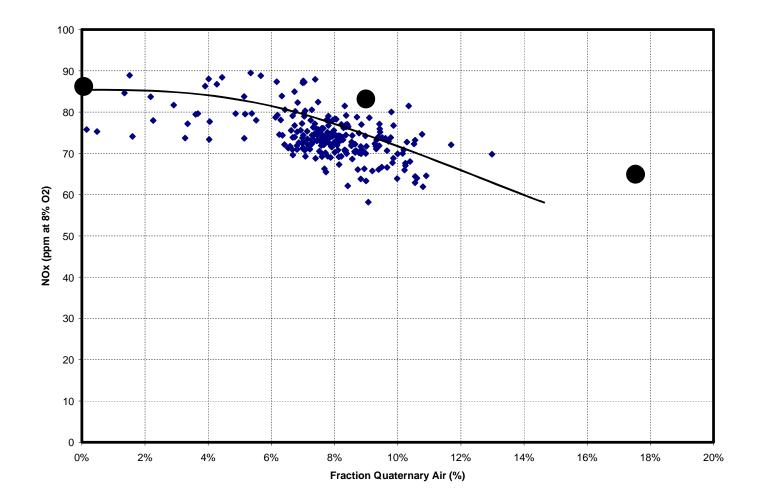


# NO versus initial NH<sub>3</sub> concentration

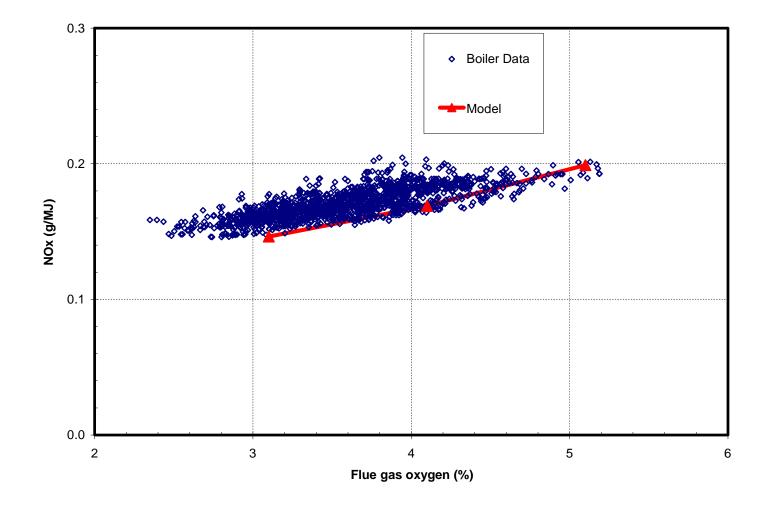


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# Effect of Air Staging on NO<sub>x</sub>



# Effect of Excess Air on NO<sub>x</sub>



# Results

- Use mechanisms for specific conditions
- Used in combination, give reasonable agreement with laboratory results
- For industrial furnace conditions, not substantially different than kinetic based multiple-species multiple-reaction schemes

# Results (cont.)

- Half-dozen RB combustion designs for NOx minimization
- 4 SNCR evaluations
- Several biomass boiler NOx studies

# Discussion

- Fuel nitrogen content, conversion, and species
- Turbulent reaction limitations
  - Cell size/resolution
  - Models
  - Time dependence
- Model SNCR
- What are factors to describe flame region?

# Summary

- Simple, well-established equations for NO<sub>x</sub> modeling, depending on conditions
- Satisfactory for laboratory flame data
- Reproduce data for large industrial boilers burning biomass



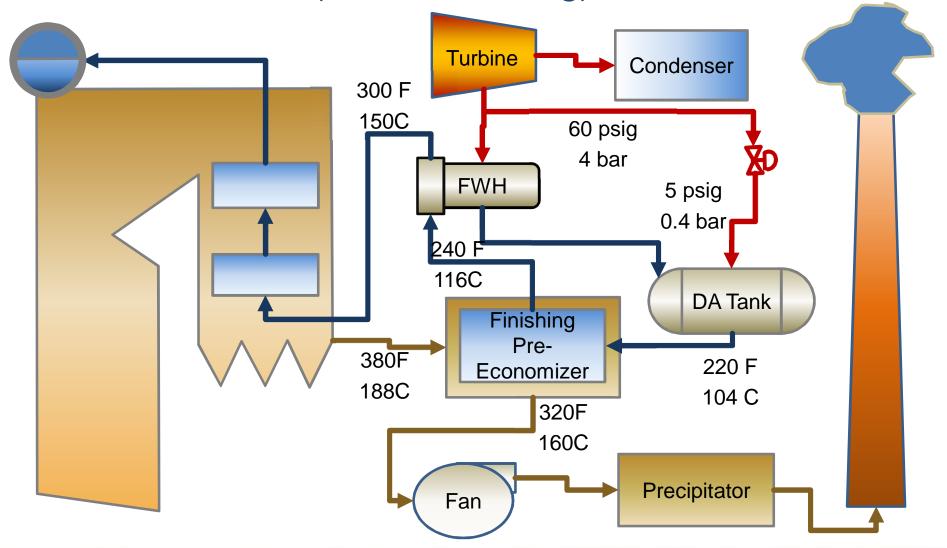
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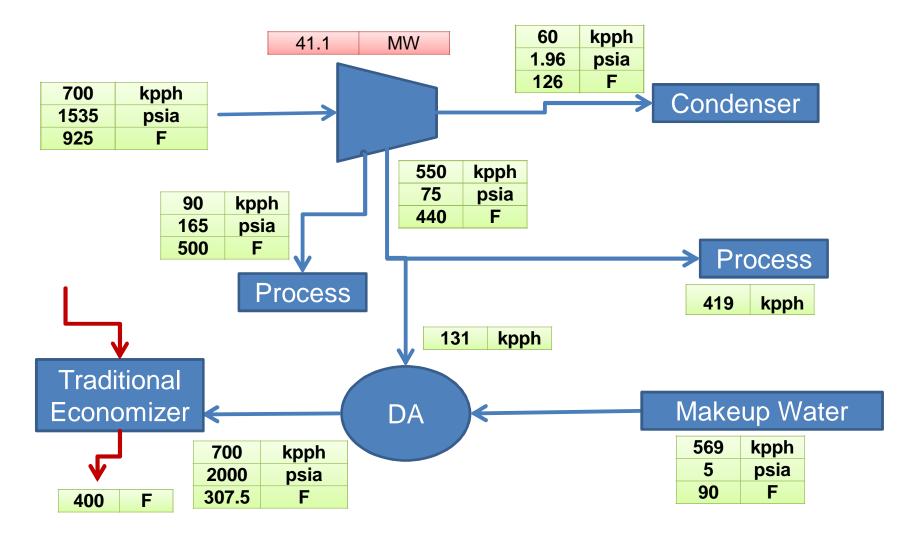
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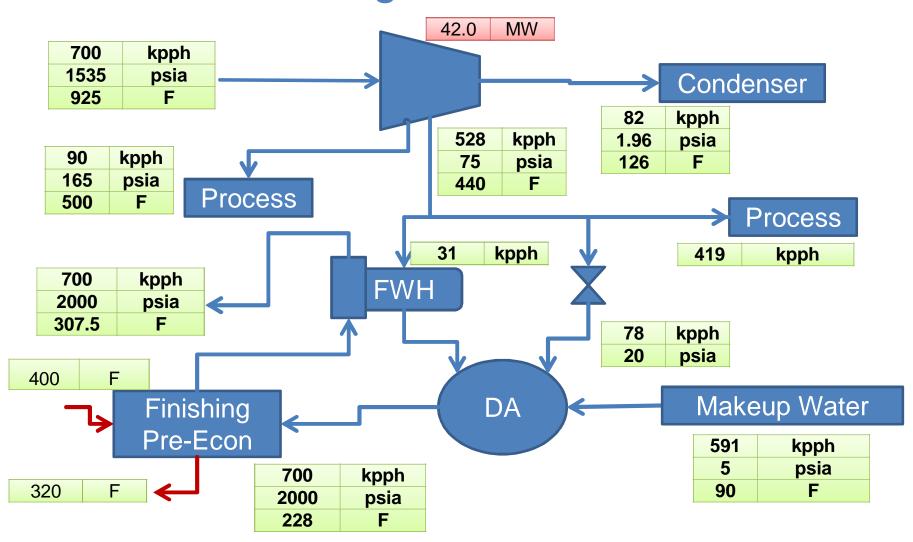
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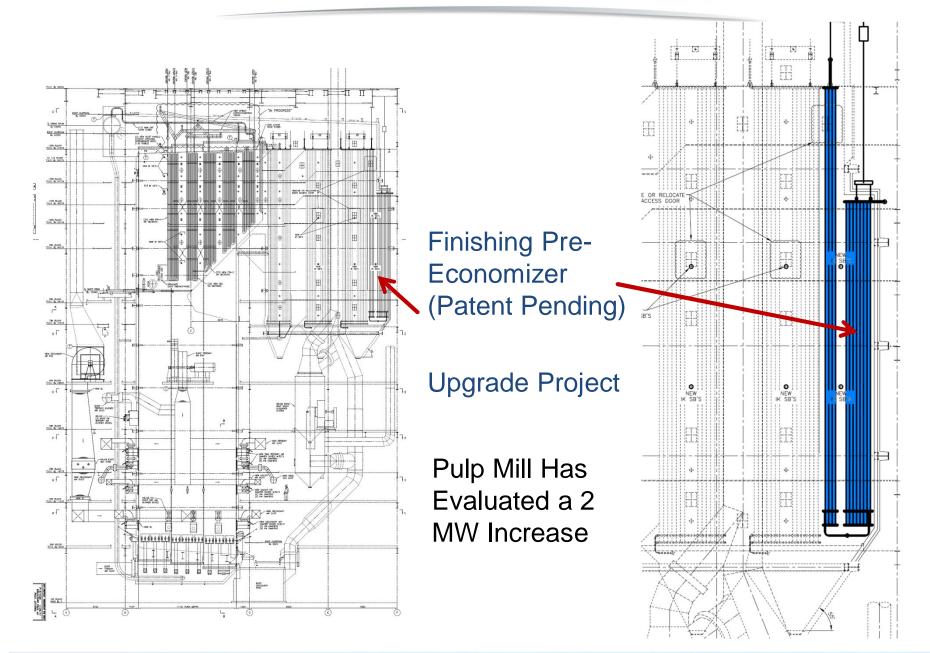


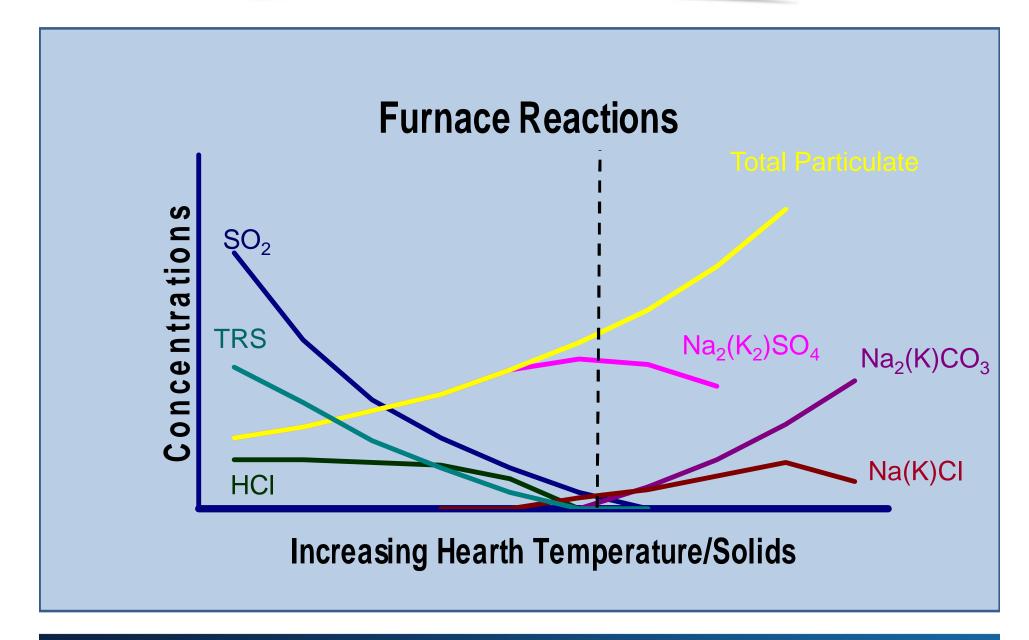
### **Typical Existing DA/Economizer**



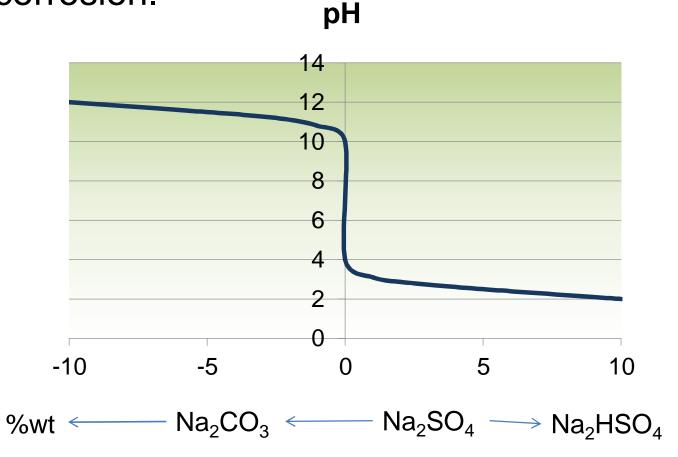
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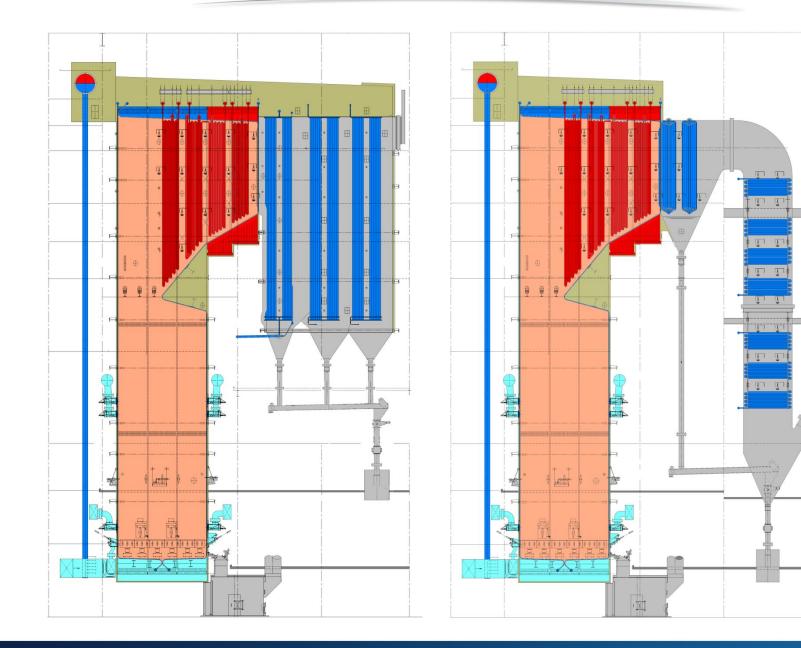




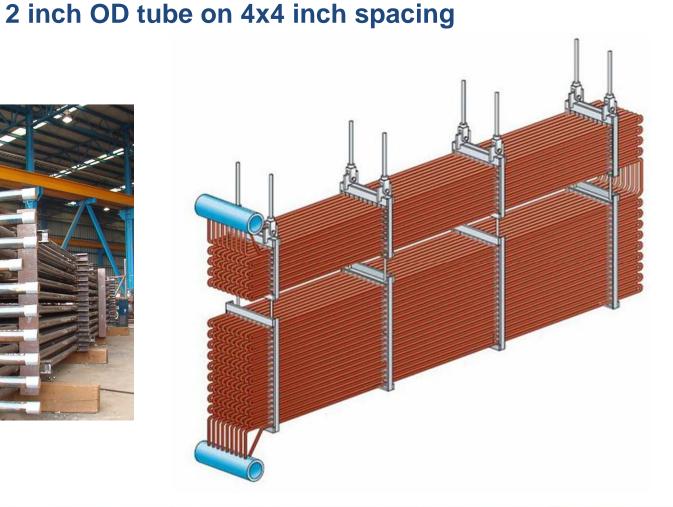
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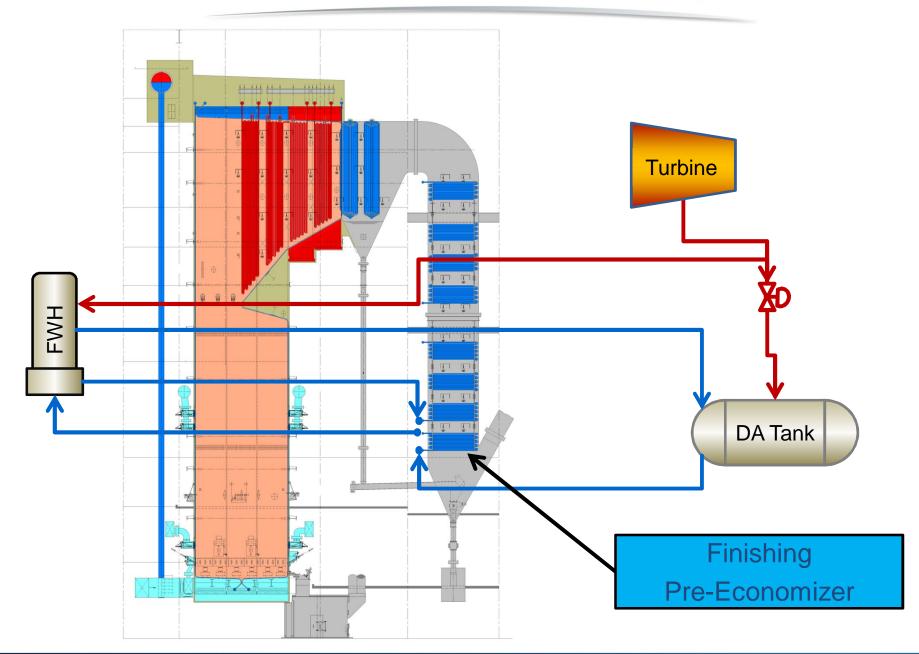
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# Thank You!



## **Update on Sootblowing Technology**

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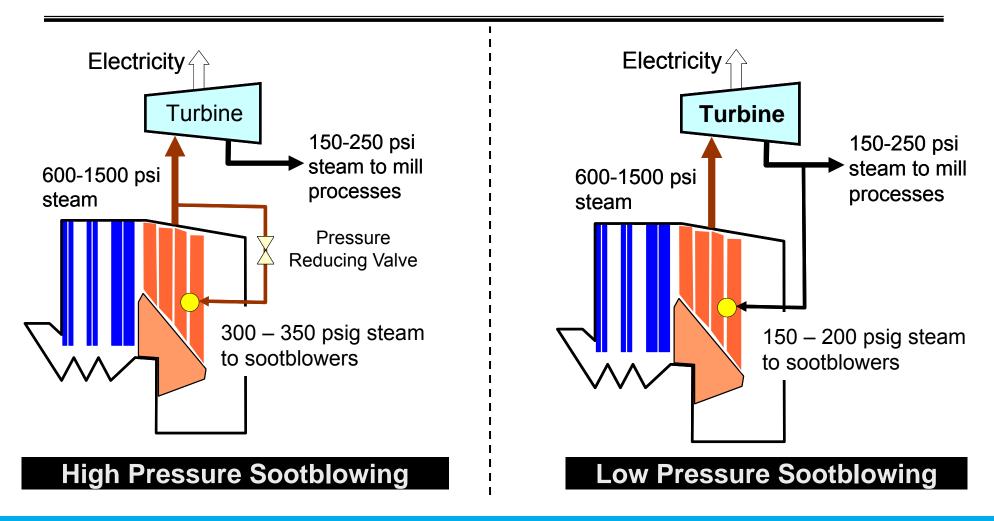
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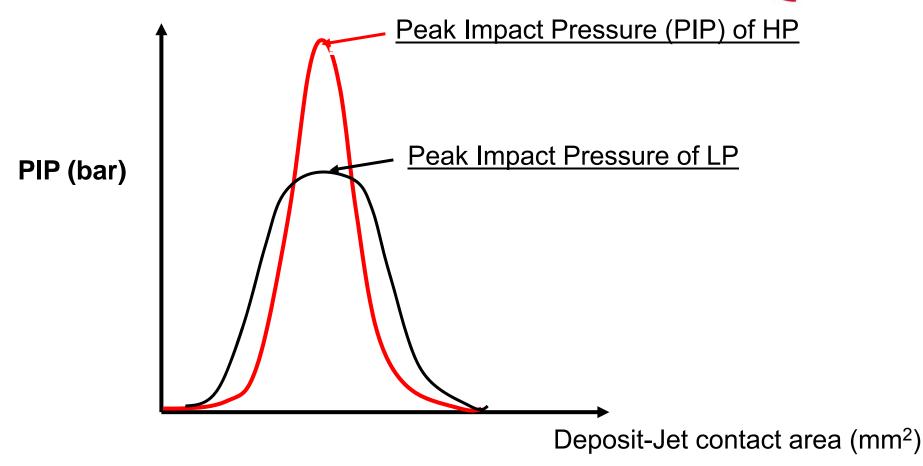


## Low Pressure Sootblowing Technology



# LP vs HP: A comparison





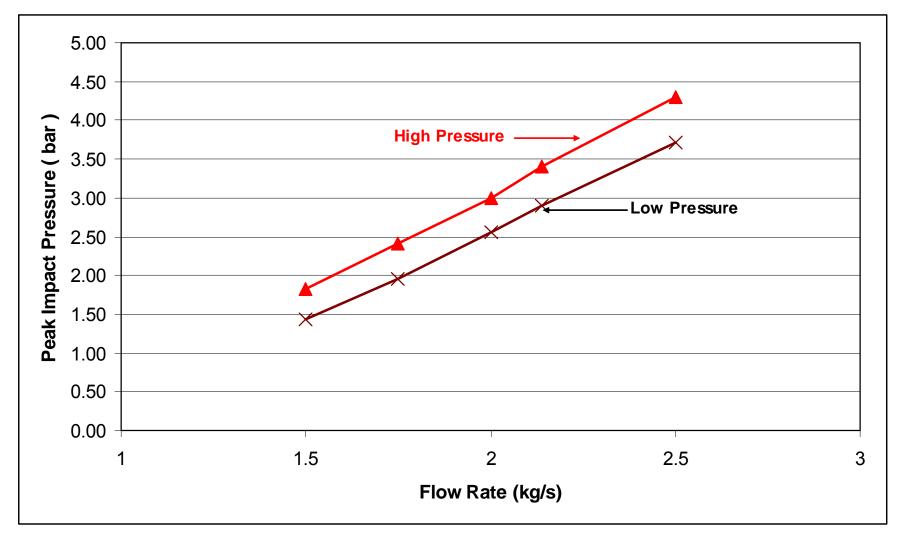
 PIP of HP is higher than the PIP of LP, but the area under the curve (which is force) of HP and LP are made comparable.

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### **Peak Impact Pressure (PIP)**



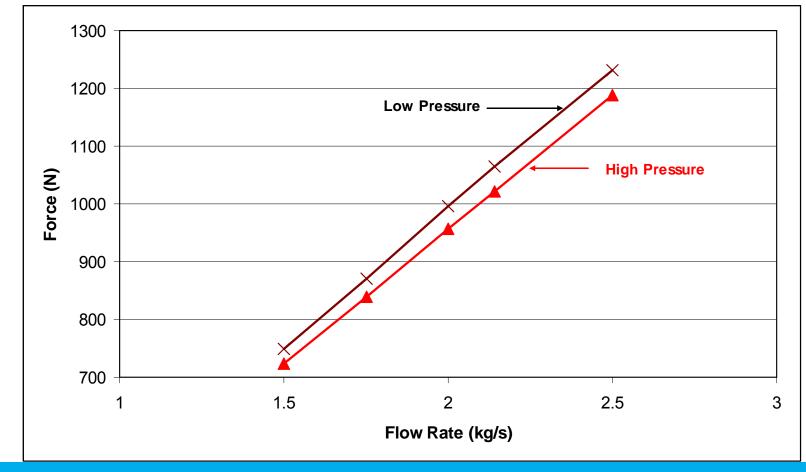
PIP of HP sootblower is higher than its LP counterpart ..... BUT



### Force

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- But the FORCE of LP can be made comparable to its HP counterpart
- Deposit is only "care" about how much force the jet exerted on its surface.
- Deposit can be removed if the force can overcome the deposit adhesion strength



# **Mill Trials**

## MILL TRIALS



- Irving Pulp & Paper (2004)
  - TAPPI Engineering Conference 2005, Philadelphia, PA, USA
    - \* "Mill trial on LP sootblower performance"
      <u>Contributors</u>: Clyde Bergemann, Univ of Toronto, Irving Pulp & Paper

### International Paper Vicksburg, MS, USA (2005)

 International Chemical Recovery Conference (ICRC) 2007, Quebec City, QC, CANADA

\* "Development of LP sootblowing technology" Contributors: Clyde Bergemann, Univ of Toronto, International Paper

# **\*FIRST FULL SCALE INSTALLATION**

### Weyerhaeuser Valliant (2007)

TAPPI PEERS Conference 2008 (Clyde Bergemann & Weyerhaeuser)

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## Installations

Sootblower Specification

### Steam Pressure

- 200 psig (13.8 bar) turbine extraction
- Poppet valve setting:
- Superheater 170 psig (12 bar g)
- Generating Bank 150
  - 150 psig (10.3 bar g)
     107 psig (7.38 bar g)
- Steam consumption

- Economizer

- 16,000 18,500 lb/hr (7.25 8.4 ton/hr)
- Same as its high pressure sootblower counterpart



### Installations

- International Paper
  - → Valliant, OK (2007)
    - Capacity 6.3 million lb dry solid / day (2,860 ton DS / day)
    - 80% Solid
    - 1500 psig, 925 °F (103 bar g, 496 °C)
    - 88 low pressure sootblowers (32 SPHR, 34 GB, 24 ECON)
  - → Campti, LA (2008)
    - Capacity 6.0 million lb dry solid / day (2,720 ton DS / day)
    - 80% Solid
    - 1500 psig, 950 °F (103 bar g, 510 °C)
    - 88 low pressure sootblowers (32 SPHR, 34 GB, 24 ECON)
- PCA
  - → Valdosta, GA (2010)
    - Capacity 3.5 million lb dray solid / day (1,588 ton DS / day)
    - 75% solid, 1500 psig, 925°F (103 bar g, 496 °C)



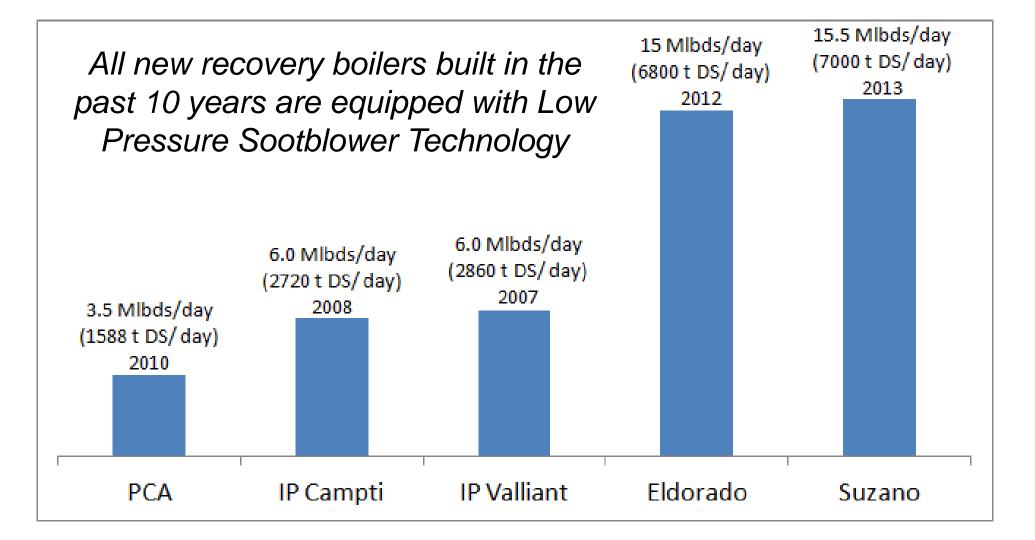
### Installations

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- Eldorado
  - → Tres Lagoas Green Field Pulp 1.5 Mt/yr (2012)
    - Capacity 15 million lb dry solid / day (6,800 ton DS / day)
    - 80% Solid
    - 1235 psig, 905 °F (85 bar g, 485 °C)
    - 116 low pressure sootblowers
- Suzano
  - → Maranhao, Imperatriz Green Field Pulp 1.5 Mt/yr (2013)
    - Capacity 15.5 million lb dry solid / day (7,000 ton DS / day)
    - 80% Solid
    - 1335 psig, 915 °F (92 bar g, 490 °C)
    - 120 low pressure sootblowers

### **Low Pressure Sootblower Installations**





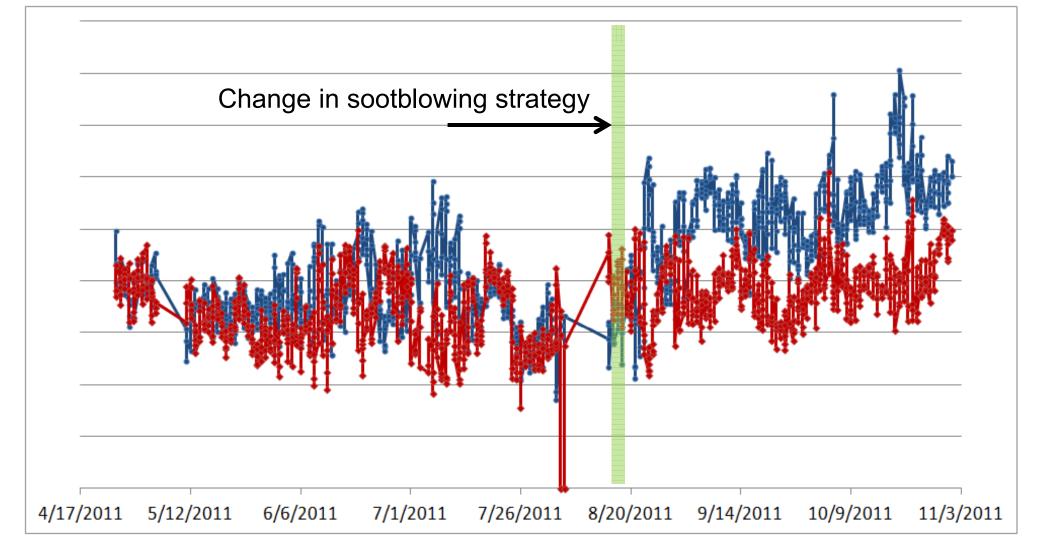
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# **International Paper**

#### Deposit Accumulation Trend – Strain Gauge





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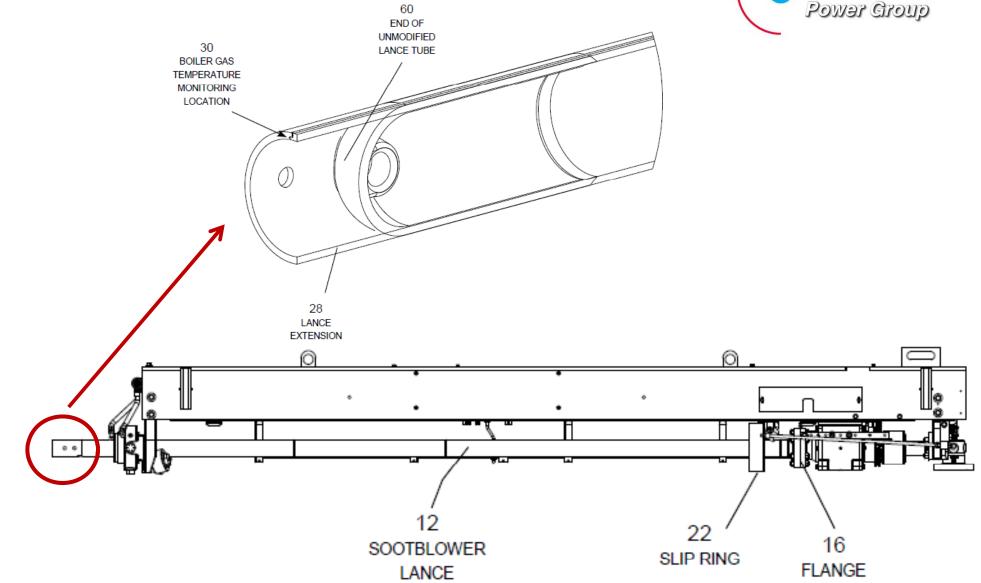
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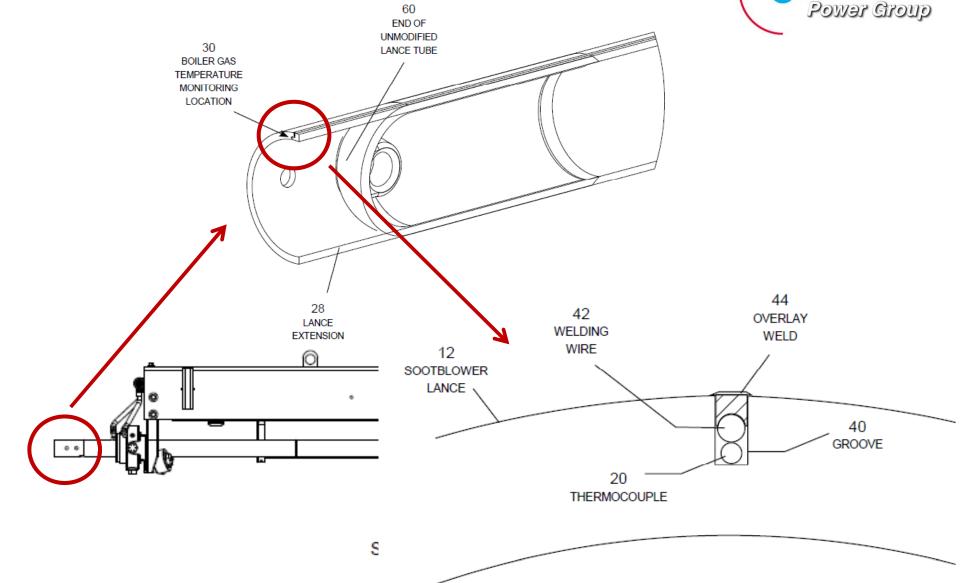
### **Sootblower with Gas Temp Sensors**



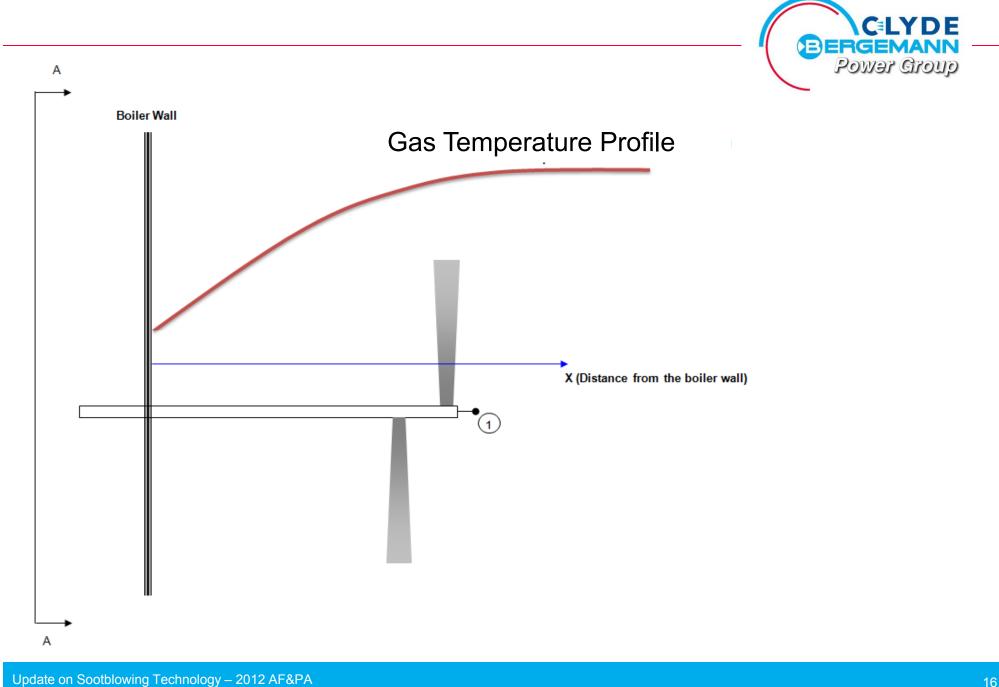


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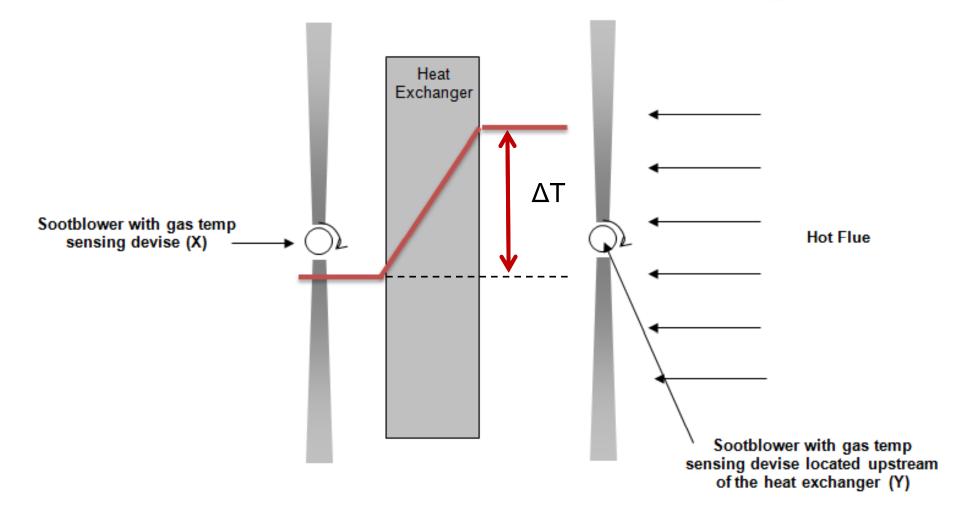
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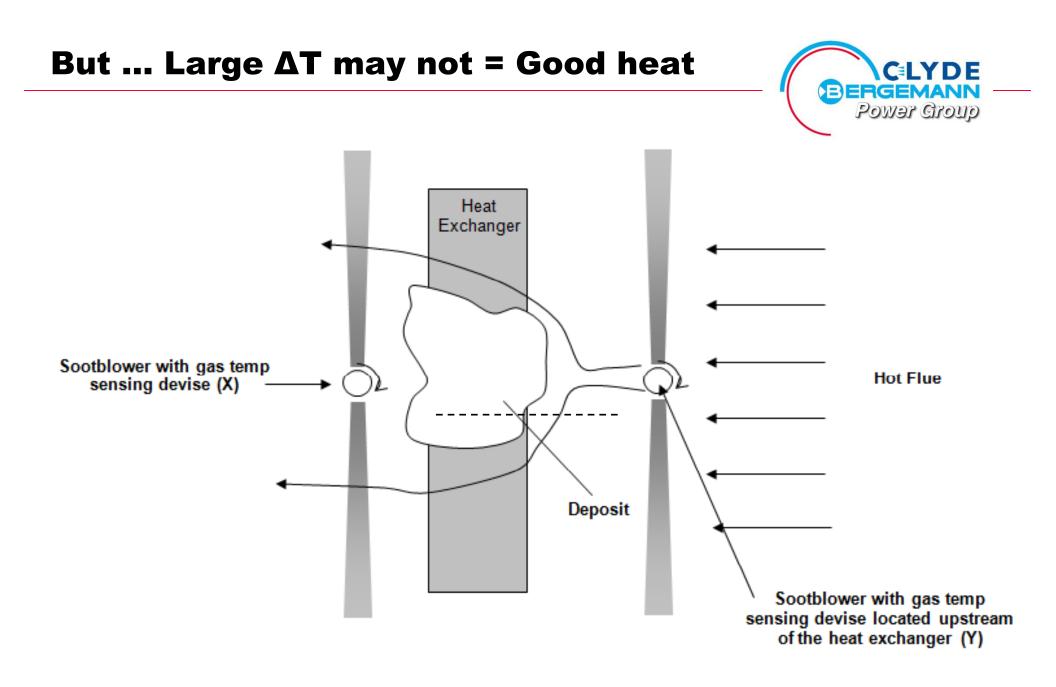


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# Generally, large $\Delta T$ = good heat transfer

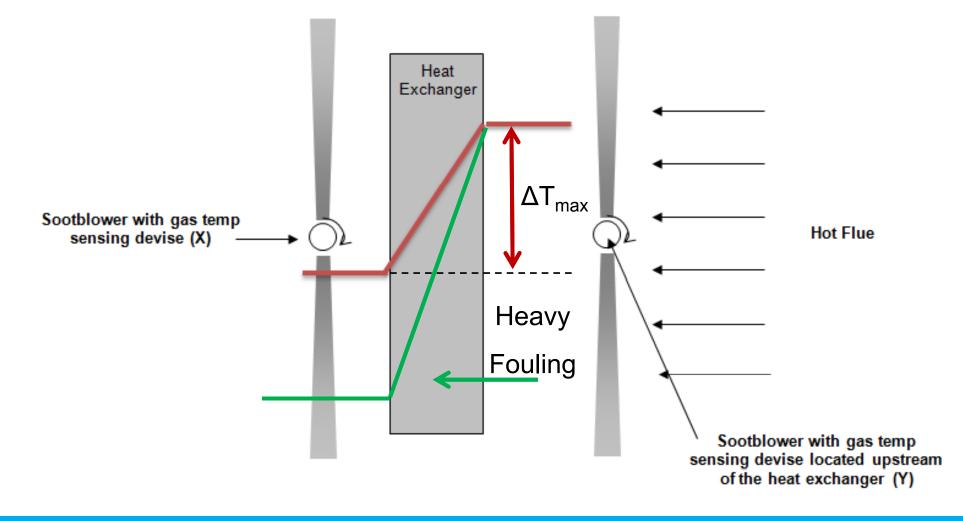








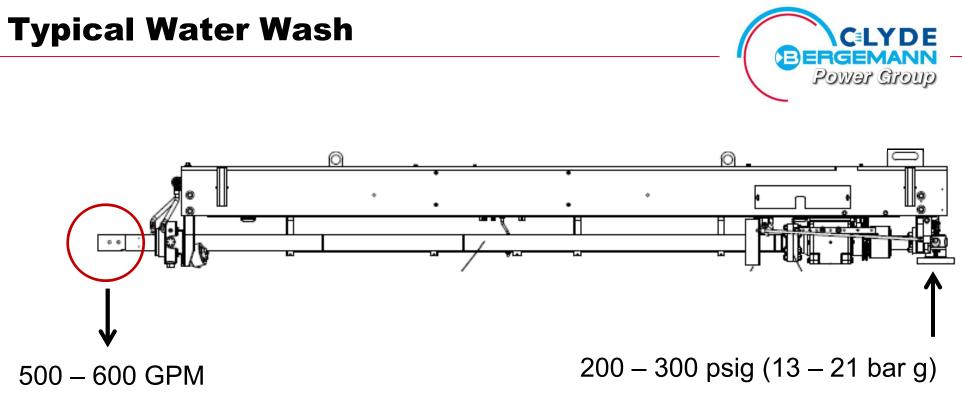
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114 – 136 m<sup>3</sup>/hr

Water Pressure

One sootblower is typically parked inside the boiler to prevent water hammer

Total water consumption =  $1,000 - 1200 \text{ GPM} (227 - 273 \text{ m}^3/\text{hr})$ 

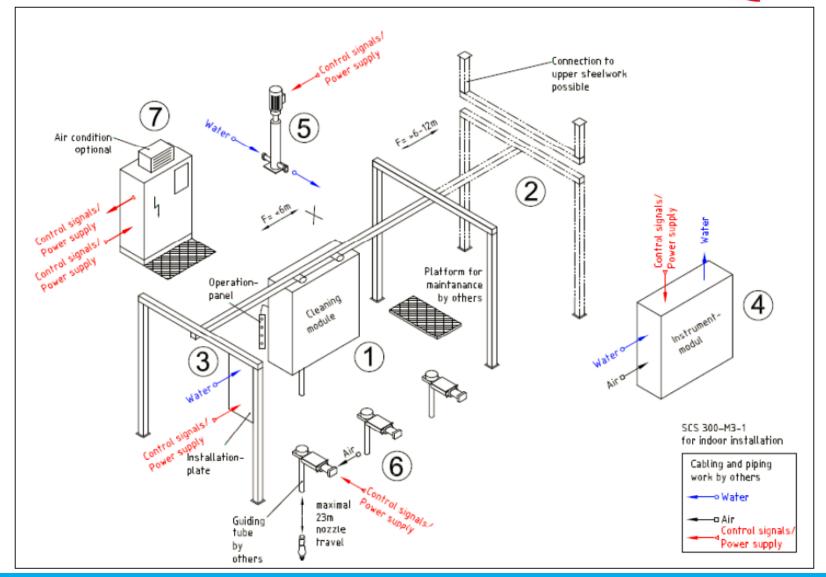
- Shorten the life of the packing
- Damage feed tube





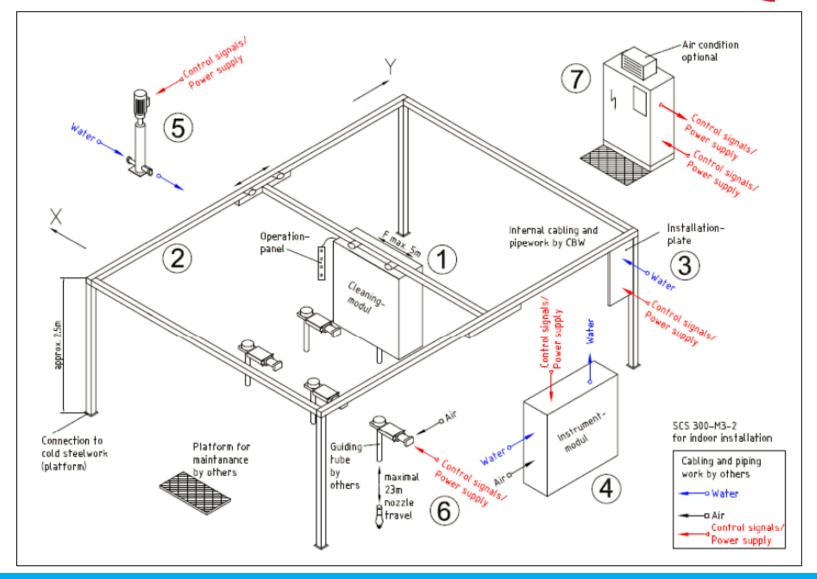
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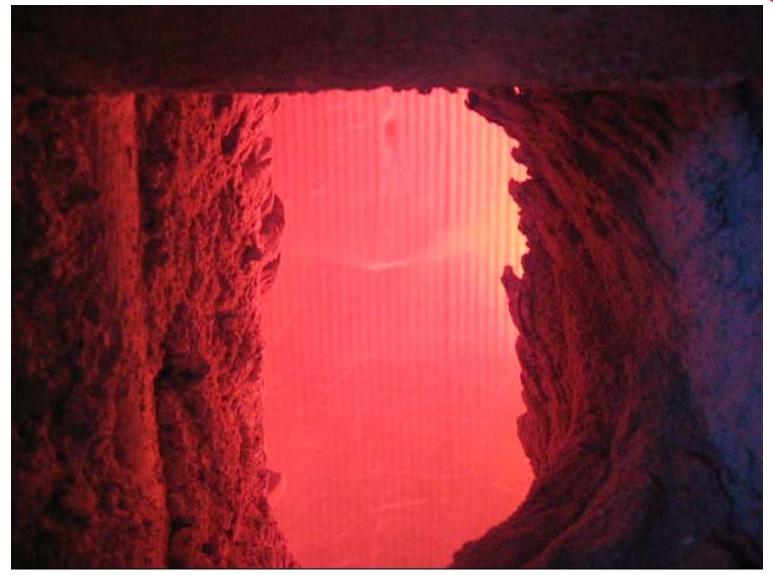






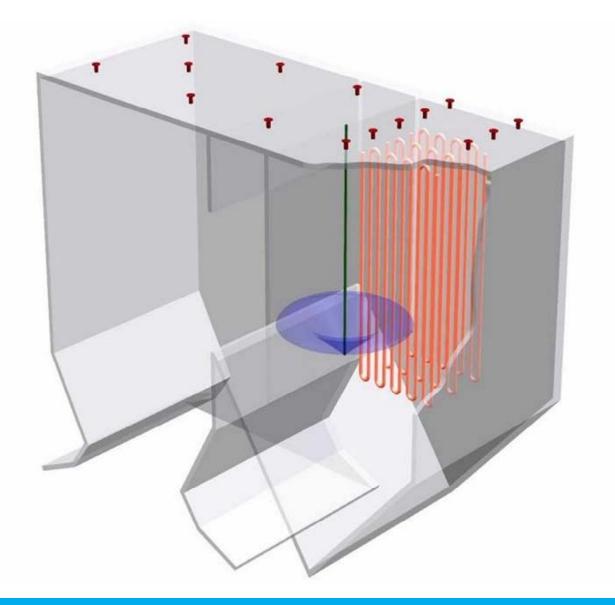
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150 psig, 13 - 27 GPM C.f. regular sootblower 1,000 – 1200 GPM

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# Creating Value With Infrasound

Presentation to AF&PA Recovery Boiler Program By Monica Finnegan of INFRAFONE in partnership with Goltens



### Who we are

- Our business idea is to help our customers to increase the efficiency, availability and lifetime of industrial boilers through the optimization of soot cleaning
- By harnessing the power of infrasound we offer soot cleaning solutions that create value through unique knowledge and experience. With more than 1000 installations worldwide, we are experts in "creating value with infrasound"
- We have been working in the field of Infrasound since 1978 and our headquarters are in Stockholm, Sweden





# **Recent History**

- Renewed focus on the Paper industry
- Renewed focus on Biomass boilers
- Renewed focus on the Waste to Energy market
- Emphasis on improved project management and keeping the customer at the center of everything we do
- Continued success in the marine and land side of the business in tandem with our partners Goltens





# **Our Applications**

- Ducts
- Goose necks
- Electrostatic precipitators
- Economizers
- Catalysts
- Air pre-heaters





# Fuels suitable for Infrafone

- Black liquor
- Bio-fuels (wood chips,peat, bark, pellets, demolition waste, shells (sunflower, cotton seeds, grain shells)
- Waste (industrial, MSW)
- Coal
- Oil, FCC-process
- Diesel





## **BLRB** Challenges

- Build up of soot in goose neck ducts or inlet vanes which leads to the ID or FD fans working harder- using up precious energy
- Restricted air flows due to build up of soot on screens which leads to increased emissions/opacity and less than optimal operation of the ESP
- Blockages of ducts where it is not physically possible to install a steam soot blower
- Build up of soot in convection ducts
- Build up of soot leading to shut down for manual cleaning which adversely effects production





# **Customized Product**

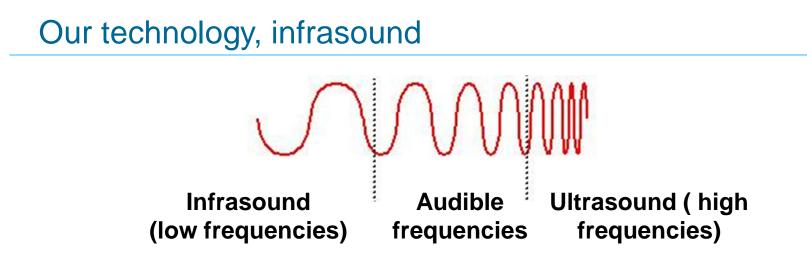
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Acoustic Power (W)	15	70	150	350
Frequency (Hz)	16-32			
Weight (Ibs)	330	385	495	770
Height, H (m)	8′1′′-14′9′′			
Ø D <sub>o</sub>	11″	12.5′′	16′′	20.4

Size	APL 1000	APX 2000	APX 5000
Acoustic Power (W)	1000	2000	5000
Frequency (Hz)	16-32		
Weight (Ibs)	1320	2200	2860
Height, H (m)	11′6′′-18′	13´-21´4´	
Ø D <sub>o</sub>	28.6	35.4´´	58.8΄





**NIFRAFONE** 



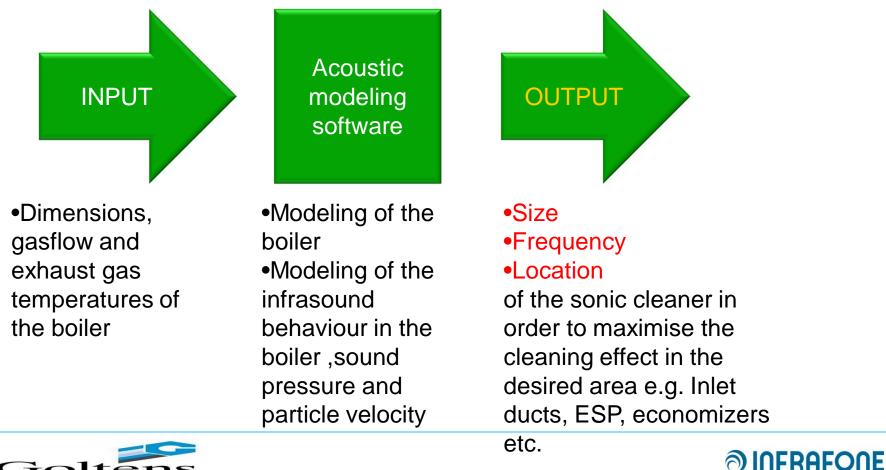
- The technology is based on the energy of the infrasound (frequencies under 30 Hz)
- The infrasound waves create a turbulence in the gasflow that prevents the soot deposits
- The key to a successsful installation is in the mathematical models that we use in order to model the behaviour of the acoustic waves inside the boiler





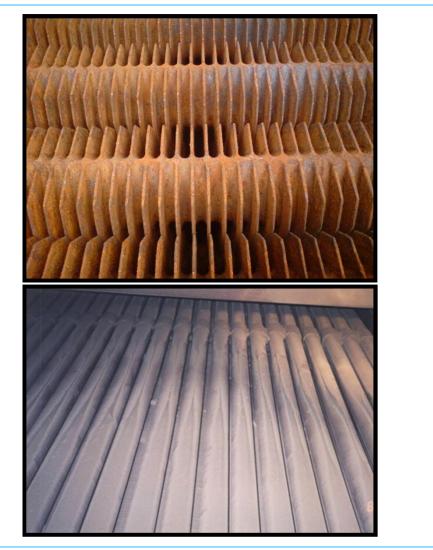
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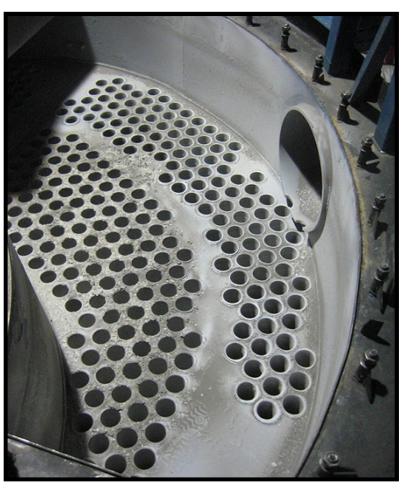
Our expertise and knowledge, the key to success  $\bullet$ 





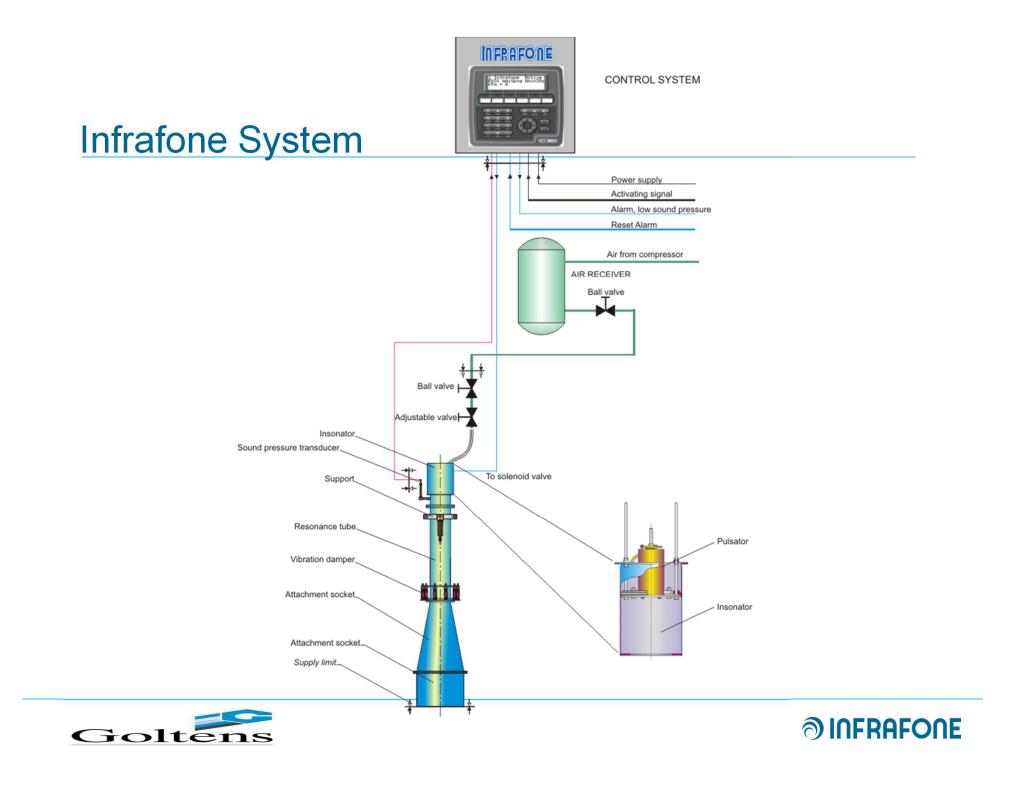
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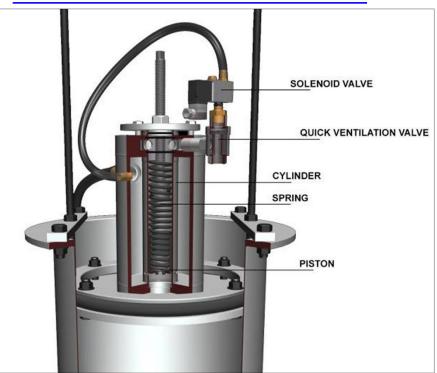






Infrafone Reliability

• Key to mechanical reliability, high power and low compressed air consumption: The pulsator



Infrafone sonic cleaner animation





# Case Study: RockTenn, Stevenson, Alabama, USA

Installation specification		
Type of plant	Paper pulp, corrugated paper/ Andritz boiler	
Fuel	Black liquor	
Capacity	649 metric tones /day	
Particulate	Sodium Sulphite, pH 3,6	
Areas to be kept clean	Gooseneck of the ESP	
Commissionin g date	APX2000 April 2006	







# Case Study: RockTenn, Stevenson, Alabama, USA

- Challenge description
- Severe obstruction problems due to low pH of the particulate:
  - Outage each 6th or 7th day to clean the gooseneck between the economizer and the ESP
  - Stoppage of the first field of the ESP during 24 hours each 2nd or 3rd day due to excessive spark rate. Failure of the second and third field due to the stoppage of the first one
- Boiler availability below 85%
- Boiler production capacity limited due to the low performance of the ESP (24 500 kg DS/h)





# Case Study: RockTenn, Stevenson, Alabama, USA

- Results after installing an Infrafone APX2000
- Large reduction of the accumulation and obstruction problems
- The five fields of the ESP are kept constantly at a constant voltage rate
- Increased boiler efficiency from 24 500 kg DS/h to 28 100 kg DS/h
- Compliance with the environmental regulation when it comes to emissions (permitted level 0,036 #/MMBTU, level after the installation of Infrafone 0,008 #/MMBTU)
- 80-90% reduction of the outages to clean the goose neck
- Currently the ESP stops range from once a month to once every 3 months





# Case Study BLRB

### Korsnäs, Frövi, Sweden

Installation spec	ifications	
Type of plant	Paper pulp/ Kvaerner boiler	
Fuel	Black liquor	
Capacity	2,130 metric tones DS/day	
Particulate	Sodium sulphate, pH 10,5-11,5	
Areas to keep clean	Duct between the generating bank and the economizer.	
Commissioning date	APX 2000 February 2007	



Infrafone Case Study

Korsnäs, Frövi, Sweden

The challenges

•Boiler production capacity limited due to soot build-up in the duct between the generation bank and the economizer

•Corrosion of the duct due to the use of water and steam for cleaning Frequent replacement of the damaged areas (complete change of duct in 2003)

 $\bullet \mbox{Increase}$  of  $\Delta p$  across the duct, making the ID fan work at its capacity limit

Prior to Infrafone's installation the duct was kept clean using the following methods:

•Four steam soot blowers

•On-line manual waterwashing 1-2 times/day

•Off-line waterwashing through the soot blowers noozles every 6

weeks





**Infrafone Case Study** 

Korsnäs, Frövi, Sweden

Results after installing an Infrafone APX2000

Elimination of the soot accumulation problem
Elimination of the need of waterwashing, reducing the corrosion and the manpower needed for this task previously
Reduction of the use of steam soot blowing, from 4 units to 2 units
Low and stable Δp, leading to low and stable fan speed
Direct impact on bottom line due to an increase in annual production





#### Our Solution

- We utilise the power of Infrasound to keep the ducts clean
- How do we do it-we model your boiler and then we model how the Infrasound will act inside it
- Based on this information we determine the number, size, location and the frequency of the Infrafone sonic cleaner







#### **Expected Outcomes**

- Confirmed cleaning effect as measured by boiler performance post installation-performance warranty
- Post installation confirmation of how the Infrasound is working within the boiler by taking sound measurements- these match the predictive modeling
- A satisfied customer





### Creating Value through Infrasound

- What value do we offer our customers?
  - Reduced maintenance costs
    - Savings related to operation of soot blowing
    - Savings related to extending equipment lifetime
    - Savings related to reduced manual cleaning
  - Stable  $\Delta p$ , which means:
    - Less downtime, higher energy production
    - Less downtime, higher production of DS
    - Reduced electrical consumption of ID fan
  - Lower risk for high flue velocity in local areas
    - Reduction in level of opacity due to improved ESP function
    - Improved work environment, improved safety





### Thank you for listening!

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#### **Chemical Recovery Boilers**

#### **Considerations for Gas Firing**

# February 8, 2012

Mark Wagner, Alstom Power Inc.





Introduction

Natural gas currently inexpensive, preferred fuel

**Economic and environmental benefits** 

**Multiple aspects to consider when converting** 

**Contracting and permitting to get started** 

Focus on boiler area hardware and engineering



**Purpose and Boiler Load** 

**Fuel Firing Equipment** 

Controls

**Balance of Plant** 

Emissions

**Performance** Validation



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**Purpose and Boiler Load** 

**Bed ignition at start-up and stabilization** 

**Bed burndown prior to boiler shutdown** 

**Supplemental load carrying** 

Plant steam demand drives need for capacity



**Purpose and Boiler Load** 

Thermal characteristics similar to black liquor **Convective rather than radiant energy transfer** Typical furnace is suitable for gas firing Slight Btu increase required vs. oil Furnace height, superheater and air flow review **Combustion volume and temperature control** 

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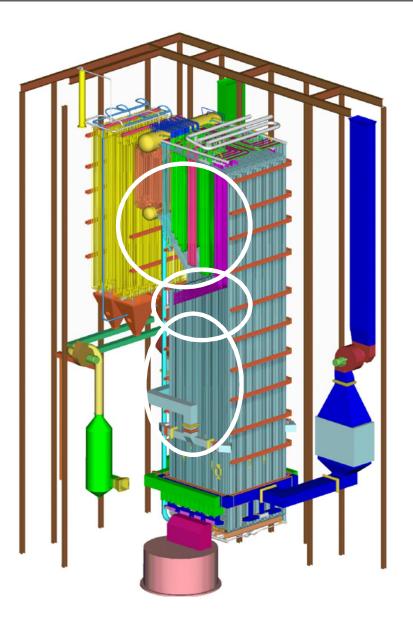
#### **Boiler Modeling**

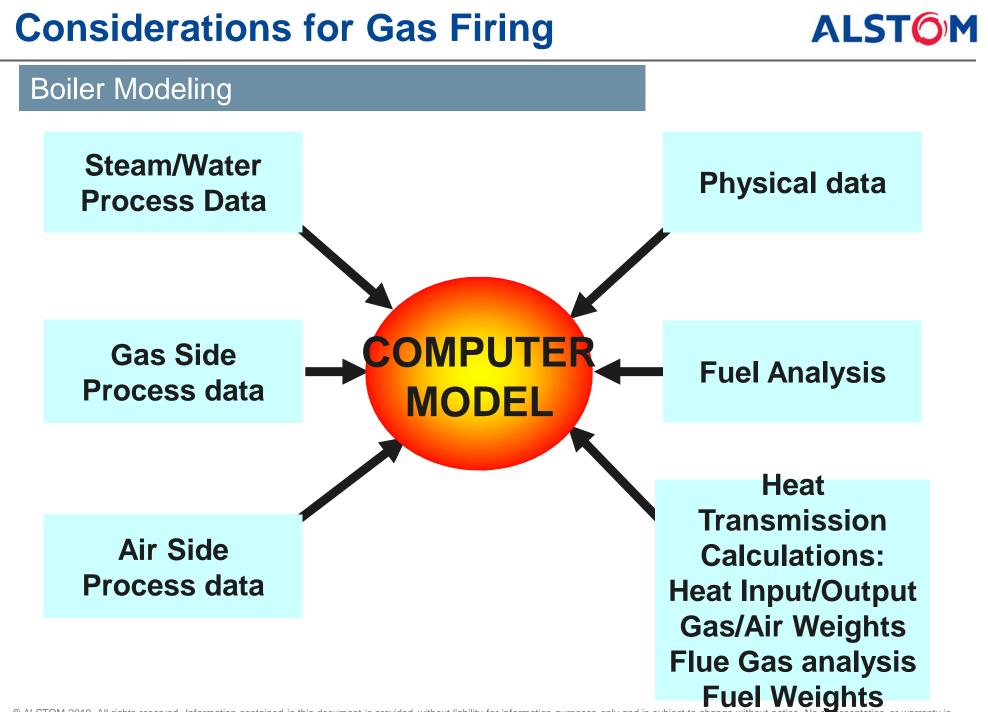
#### **Heat Transfer Effectiveness**

**Furnace Exit Gas Temperature** 

**Combustion Volume** 

**Heat Balance** 





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Purpose and Boiler Load

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**Purpose and Boiler Load** 

Ignition system for start up and stabilization

Starting burners sized for bed management

Load burners sized for partial or full load

**Dual fuel firing capability for flexibility** 



**Fuel Firing Equipment** 

**Bluff Body Gas Ignitor** 

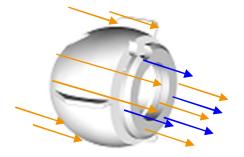
Highly reliable with integral flame proving

Wide range of capacity – 1 to 18 MMBtu

Patented bluff body fuel/air mixing device

#### **Bluff Body Flame Stabilizer**



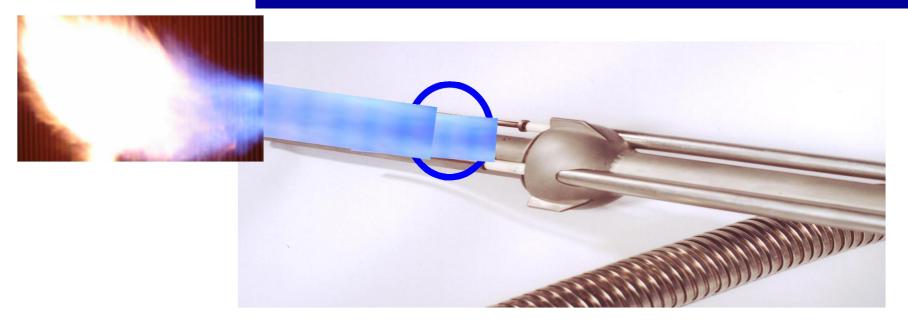


Bluff Body air movement provides turbulence

Aerodynamic flow for optimal fuel/air mixing

**Optimized at the electrical spark for ignition** 

Superior pilot flame stability at root of flame





#### Ignitor in service with load burner





**Fuel Firing Equipment** 

**Starting Burner** 

Simple technology for hearth bed management

Limited capacity to avoid tube rupture

**Typically 15-30 MMBtu firing rate** 

Available in oil/gas arrangement for flexibility



#### Starting Burner Assembly with Ignitor





**Fuel Firing Equipment** 

**Load Burner** 

Sized for boiler load carrying capacity as needed

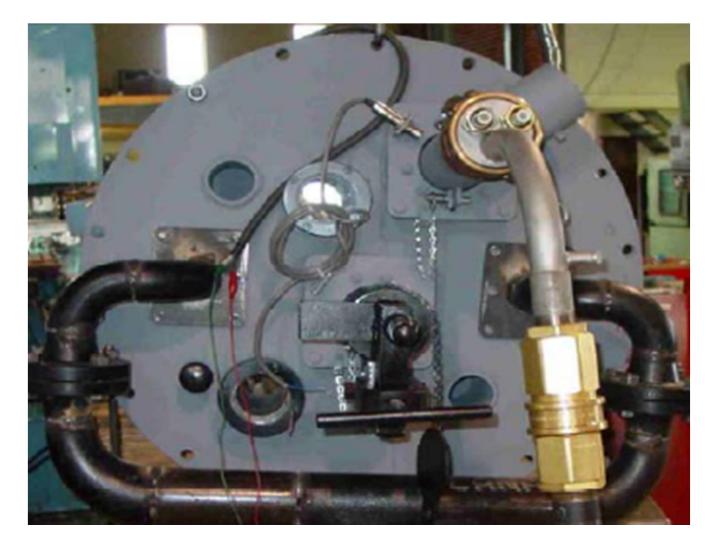
Wide range of capacity – 40 to 100 MMBtu

Extended turndown to vary heat input

Available with oil gun for fuel flexibility

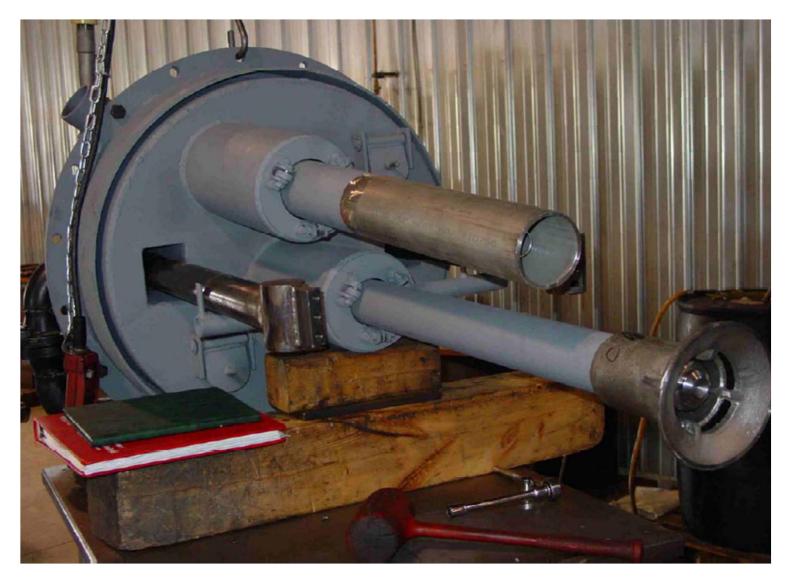


#### Oil/Gas Load Burner with Ignitor



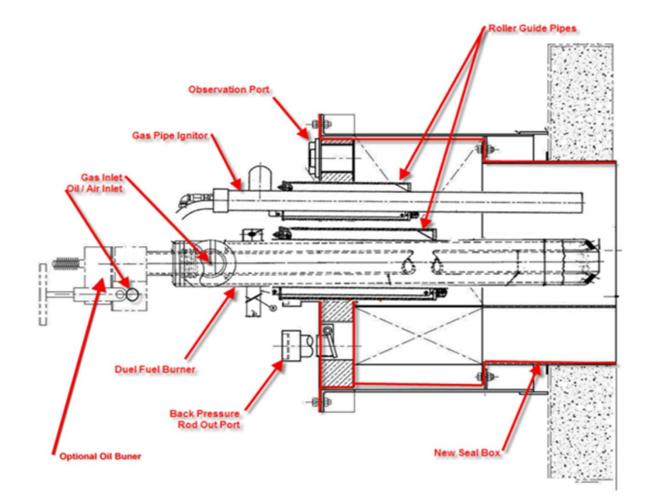


#### Oil/Gas Load Burner with Ignitor





#### Concentric Oil/Gas Load Burner with Ignitor





Fuel Firing Equipment

**Starting/Load Burner Operation and Maintenance** 

Supplied with Class 1 Ignitor (or flame scanner)

**Convenient "roller" retract for removal of assembly** 

**Protects equipment in harsh environment** 

**Extend life and reduce maintenance** 



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Controls

**Combustion Control for efficient operation** 

**Burner Management for fuel firing safety** 

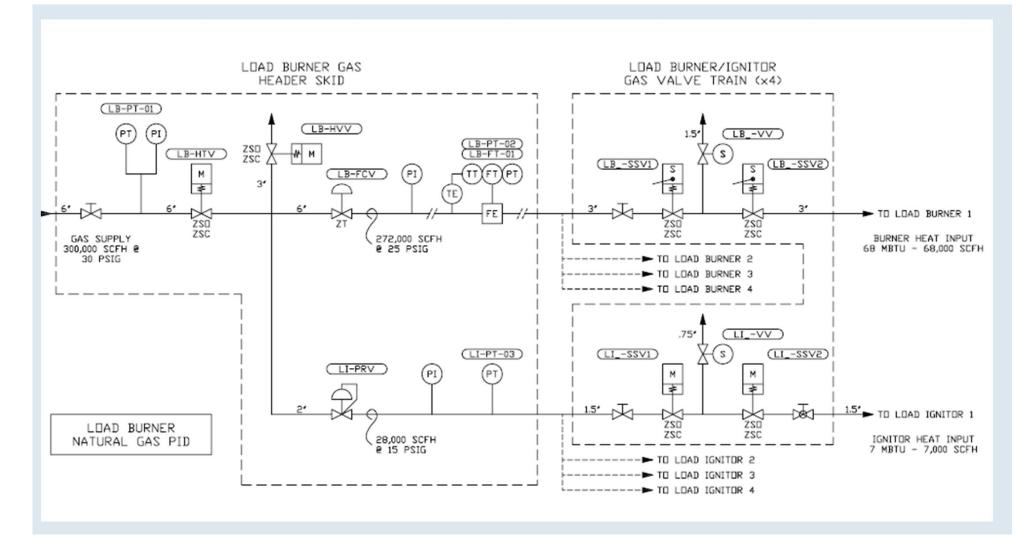
**Primary sensors and end control devices** 

**Operator interface for ease of use** 

Data management for analysis



#### Gas Burner/Ignitor P&ID



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Controls

Fairly easy integration into combustion controls

Locating equipment can be a challenge

**Remote I/O can reduce wiring cost** 

**Centralized valve skids can simplify installation** 



#### **Gas Piping Valve and Instrument Skid**





#### Individual Gas Burner/Ignitor Valve Skid





Controls

More complex integration into Burner Management

**Segregation of duty from combustion controls** 

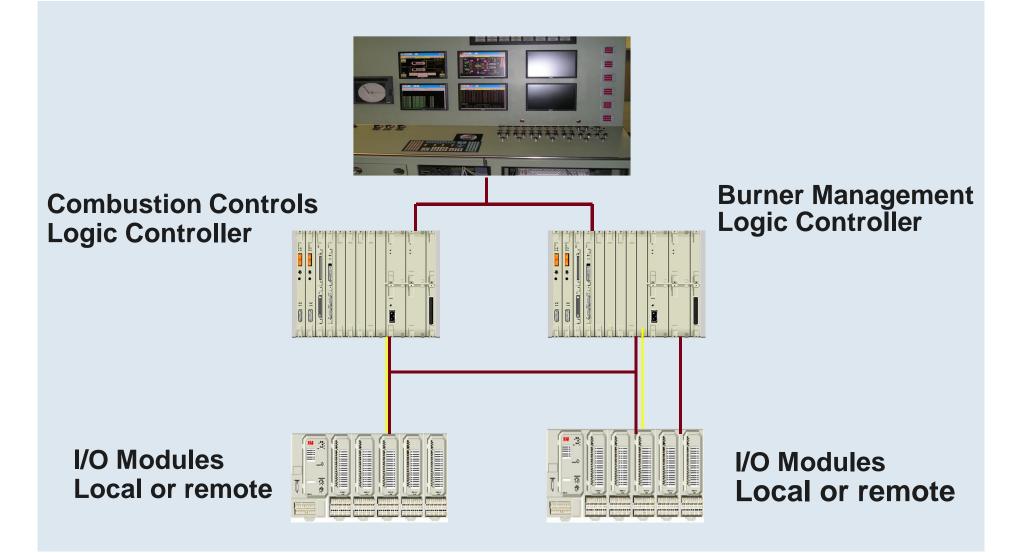
Separate controllers often used for gas firing

Local I/O cabinets reduce installation cost

Pre-fab valve skids reduce installation time and cost



#### **Control System Architecture**





Controls

**Operator interface for local and remote operation** 

Local controls require hardened equipment

LCD displays for easy view of operating conditions

Advanced software for historical data analysis



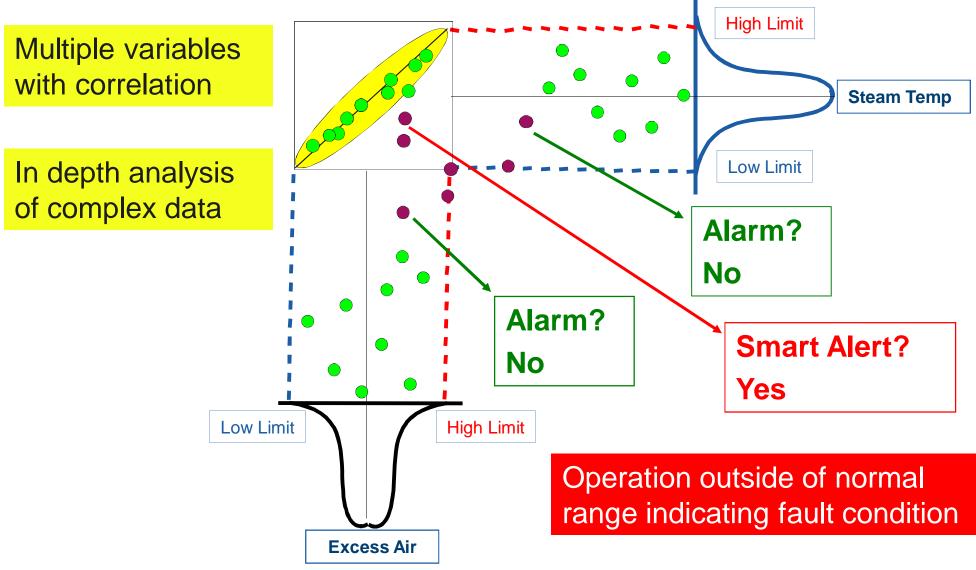
#### Gas Burner Local Control Cabinet



# **Boiler Data Advisor**



#### **Pattern Recognition Software**





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#### Balance of Plant

Gas piping

**Structural support** 

**Electrical wiring** 

**Code compliance** 

Leak and fire protection





Balance of Plant

Gas pipe routing through the plant

Flow, pressure and velocity management

Vent piping to safe location, above roof line

Structural steel, hangers, stress analysis



Balance of Plant

**Instrument location** 

**Electrical wiring** 

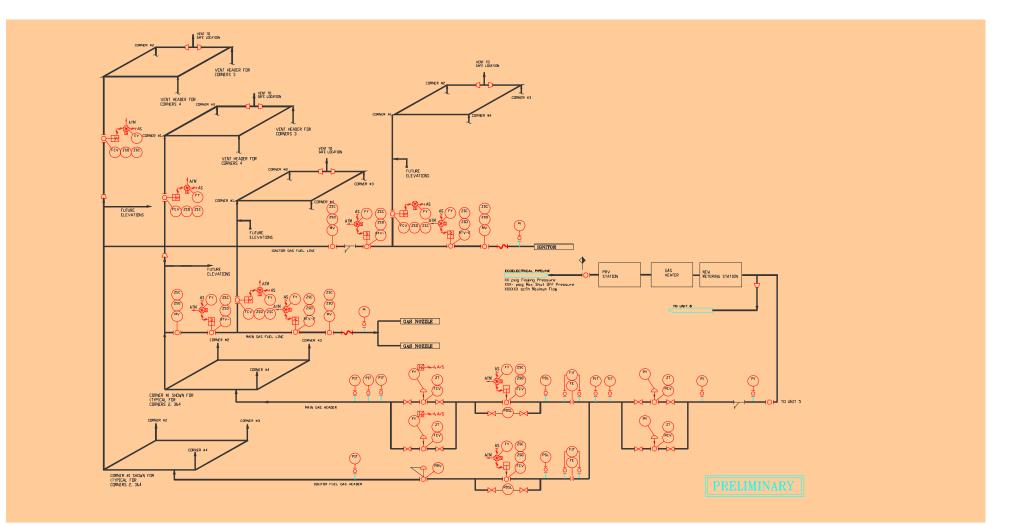
**Power distribution and safety protection** 

Signal wire and grounding

**Communication bus network** 



#### **Balance of Plant**





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#### **Performance Validation**



Emissions

Typically not an issue with CRU's

Intermittent use, 30 day rolling average

Inherently low emissions from gas

**Boiler in leakage impact** 

**Reduce or eliminate solid and liquid wastes** 



Emissions

**Competing and/or simultaneous objectives** 

NOx vs. CO vs. Efficiency

**Particulates virtually eliminated** 

Reduction in NOx, SO<sup>2</sup> and CO<sup>2</sup> compared to oil



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**Performance Validation** 

**Engineering study to determine likely outcomes** 

**Baseline testing to assess current performance** 

**Optimization tuning** 

**Post installation performance test** 



**Performance Validation** 

**Temporary test instruments** 

**Sampling grids** 

Thermocouples, flow meters

NOx, CO, O2, steam flow and temperature



Conclusions

Gas firing is good!

Low cost fuel

**Increased reliability** 

**Less maintenance** 

Low impact emissions

**Multiple aspects to consider** 

Mark Wagner, Alstom Power Inc.







Recovery Boiler Insurance Market Update Jimmy Onstead FM Global 8 Feb 2012



### Paper mills are still underwritten in a specialized way.

# But, what happens globally affects the price of insurance capacity available in the US, and the world market.

### 8.8 magnitude EQ in Chile, February, 2010

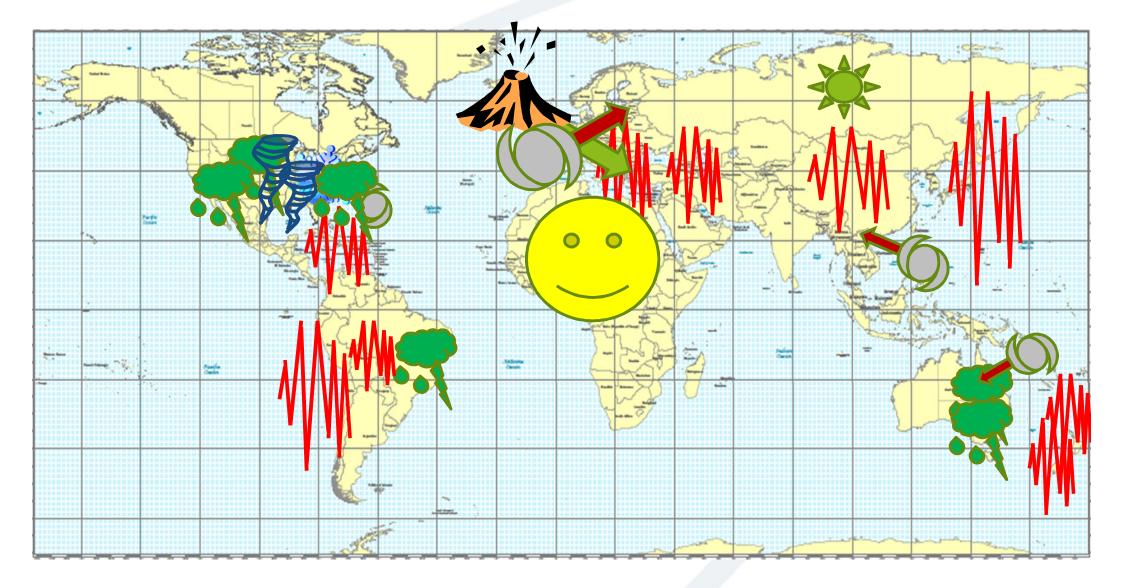
### **Pulp Market**

- Demand was on rise
- 3.7M tons/year Pulp taken off-line immediately
- Pulp price went up about 25% over the next month.

### **Insurance Market**

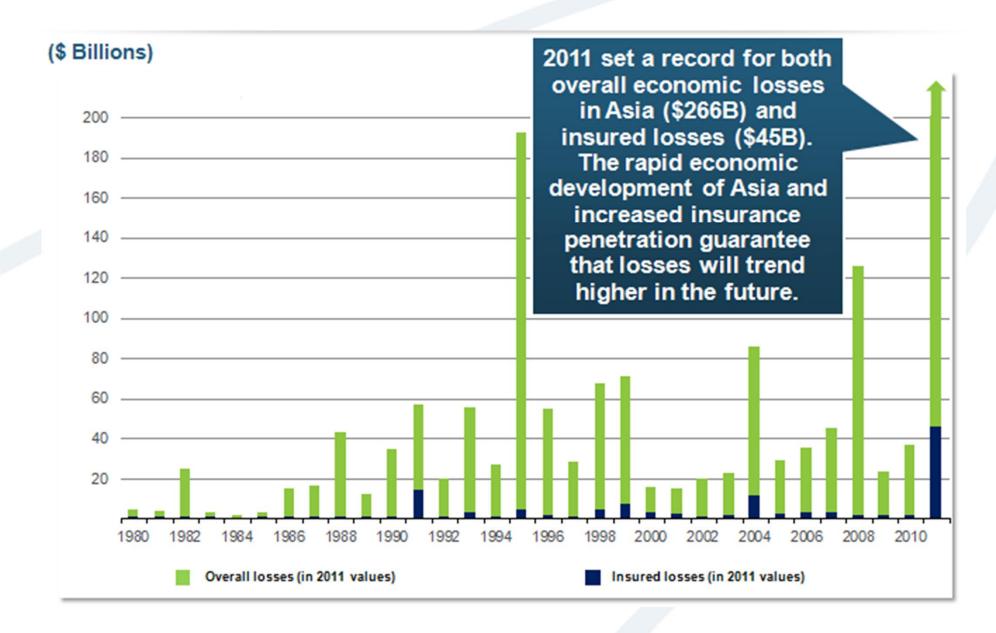
- Market will continuing to soften
- \$12B insured loss
- \$10B covered by European companies
- 20% + increases in Chile
- Global market began to harden

## 2010 & 11 Catastrophes



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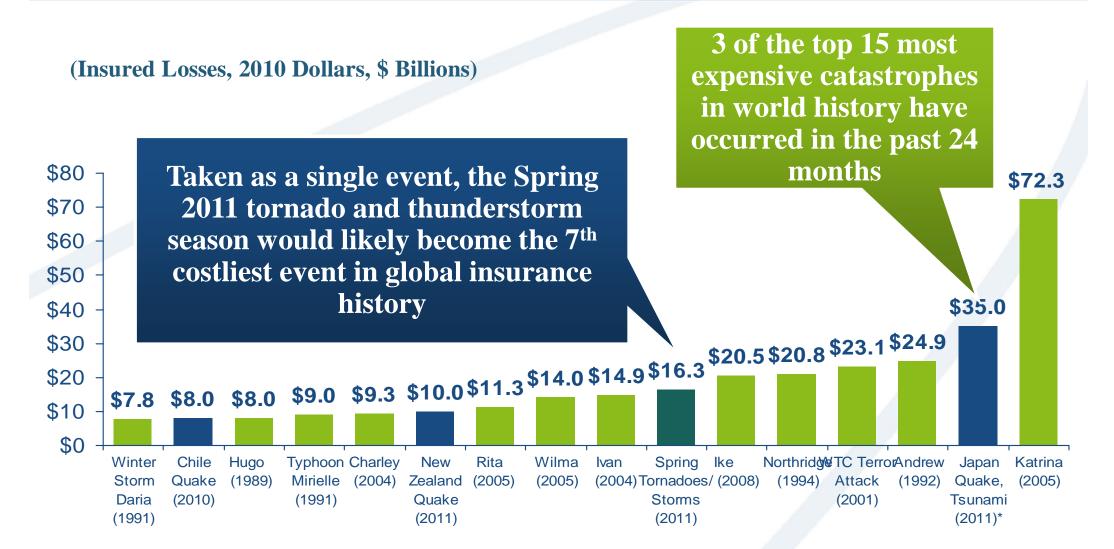
### Worldwide Natural Disasters 1980–2011, Overall and Insured Losses\*



#### Source: Ins. Information Inst.

### Top 16 Most Costly World Insurance Losses, 1970-2011\*

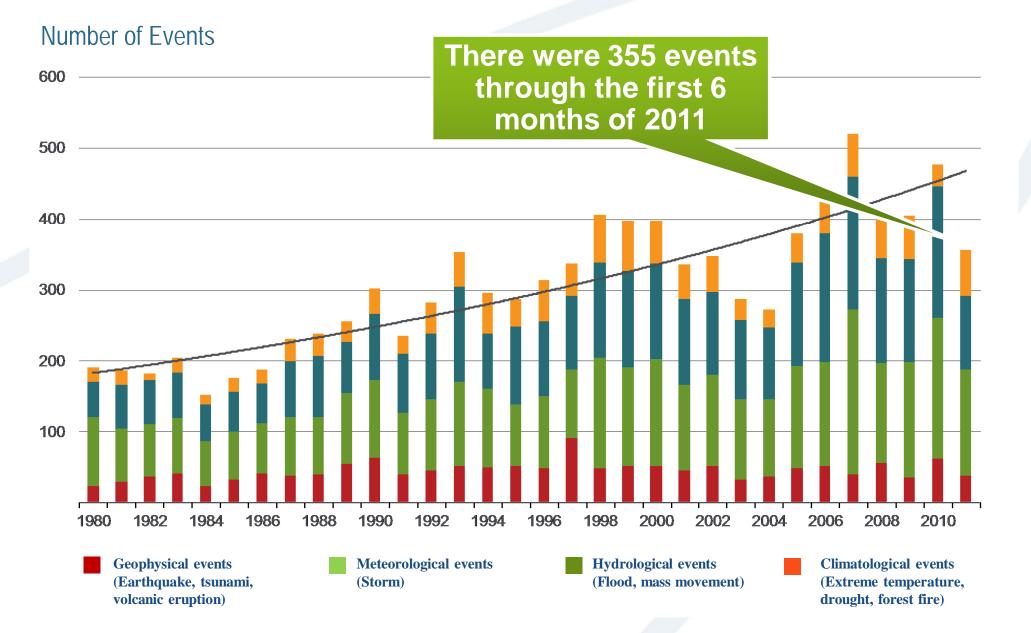
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\*Through June 20, 2011. 2011 disaster figures are estimates; Figures include federally insured flood losses, where applicable. Sources: Swiss Re *sigma 1/2011*; AIR Worldwide, RMS, Eqecat; Insurance Information Institute.

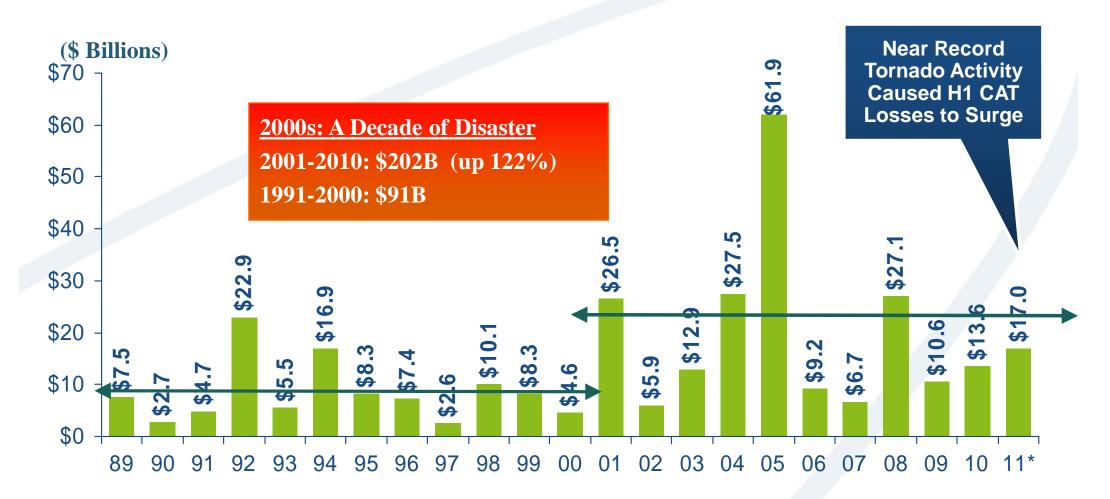
### Worldwide Natural Disasters, 1980 – 2011\*





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### **US Insured Catastrophe Losses**



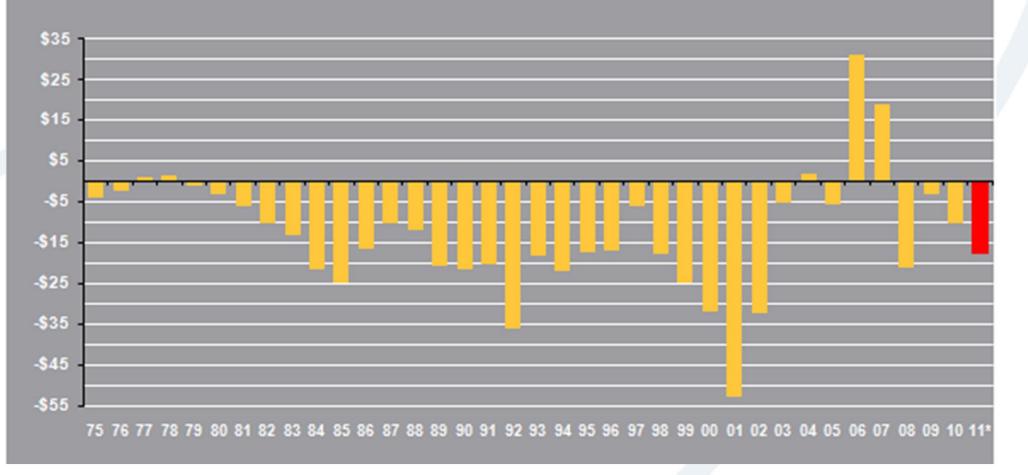
\*First half 2011 (est).

Note: 2001 figure includes \$20.3B for 9/11 losses reported through 12/31/01. Includes only business and personal property claims, business interruption and auto claims. Non-prop/BI losses = \$12.2B.

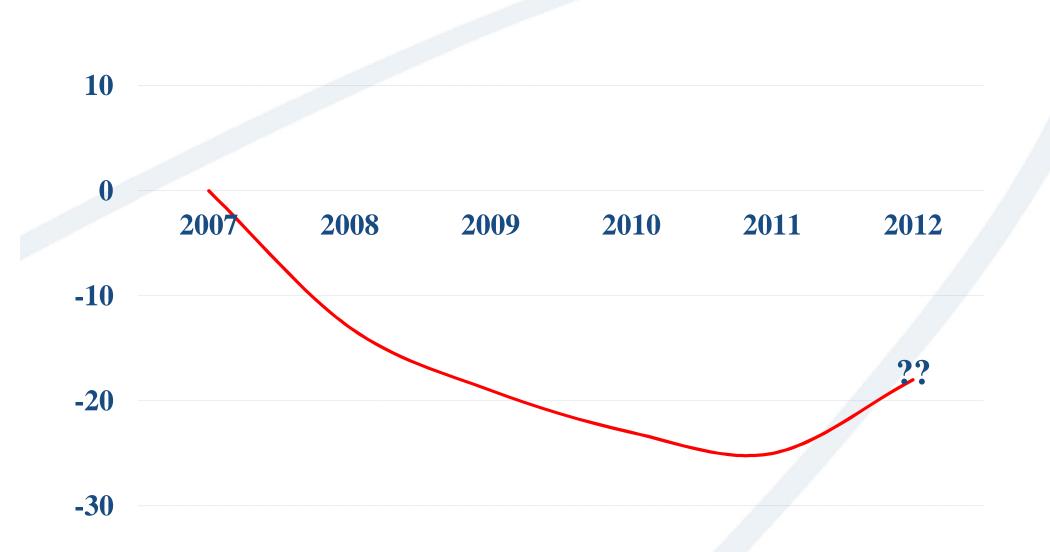
Sources: Property Claims Service/ISO; Munich Re; Insurance Information Institute.

### Property Underwriting Profit

#### How smart are we?



### Rate trend compared to 2007



**Rates are expected to increase in 2012** 

- Continue focus on loss prevention specifically the Nat Cat.
- Have you ever evaluated your recovery boiler and facility with regard to wind, flood, quake? Maybe you should.
- Learn from others poor risk management and bad luck.

## Annual Report from the Swedish-Norwegian Recovery Boiler Committee

Urban Andersson, ÅF

Secretary of the Swedish-Norwegian Recovery Boiler Committee



## Topics

- The organization of the SNRBC
- State of the boiler park in Sweden and Norway
- Incidents 2010 statistics
- Details on some serious incident



## General information

 Research – A DCS-group is formed for analysis of increased numbers of DCS problems



## The organization of the SNRBC

The Board of the SNRBC Chairman: Mats Jakobsson, Mondi Group Secretary: Urban Andersson, ÅF 16 members (11 voting)

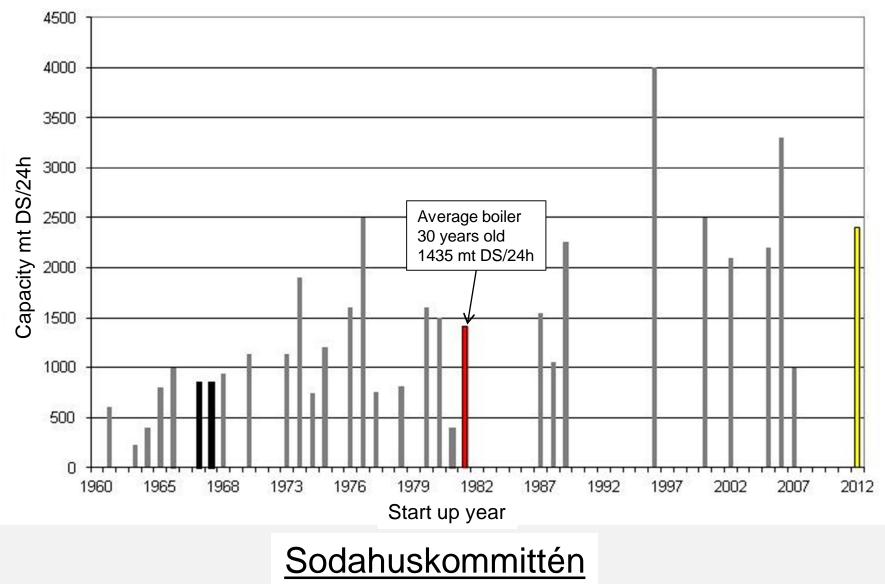
> Recommendations Subcommittee Lars Andersson, ÅF 3 members

Incidents Subcommittee Bert Flodqvist, ÅF David Good, ÅF 9 members

Training Subcommittee Björn Lundgren, Billerud 2 members

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## The boiler park in Sweden and Norway



## Incidents

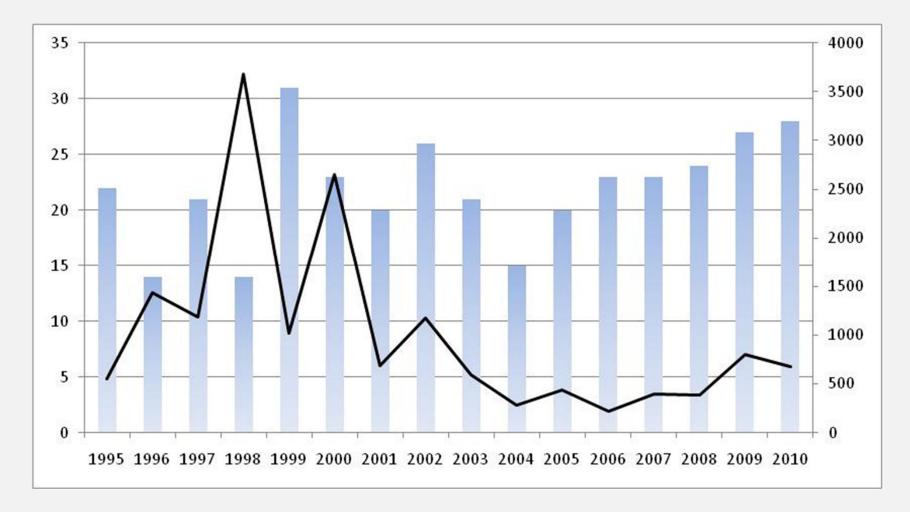
### A total number of 28 incidents were reported for 2010

No.	Incident headline	Down time	No.	Incident headline	Down time
10-1	Boiler bank tube leak	66 h	10-15	Leak, secondary air pre-heater	17 h
10-2	Tube leak, screentube (explosion?)	n/a	10-16	Leak, secondary air pre-heater	17.5 h
10-3	Tube leak, primary superheater	44 h	10-17	Leak, secondary air pre-heater	22.5 h
10-4	Tube leak, boiler wall (penthouse)		10-18	Tube leak, primary superheater	36 h
10-5	Communication errors, DCS-system	0.9 h	10-19	Tube leak, between smelt spouts	00 l
10-6	smelt spout cooling water leak	35.5 h	10-20	Wall tube leak at screen level	26 h
10-7	Leaking economizer	23 h	10-21	Water leak from smelt spout	24 h
10-8	Gas explosion, pyrolysis	118 h	10-22	Low pH in boiler water	-
10-9	Boiler bank tube leak	48 h	10-23	Boiler bank tube leak	45 h
10-10	Broken bolts in evaporator liq. leak	-	10-24	Water leak,Smelt spout cracking	26 h
10-11	Pitot line leakage	-	10-25	Leaking smelt spout	10 h
10-12	Dissolving tank agitator failures	24 h	10-26	Failure of mixer in dissolving tank	36 h
10-13	Purge line leak	-	10-27	Sootblower lance failure	
10-14	Leak in rolled tube end, steam drum	54 h	10-28	Sootblower lance failure	-



## Incidents

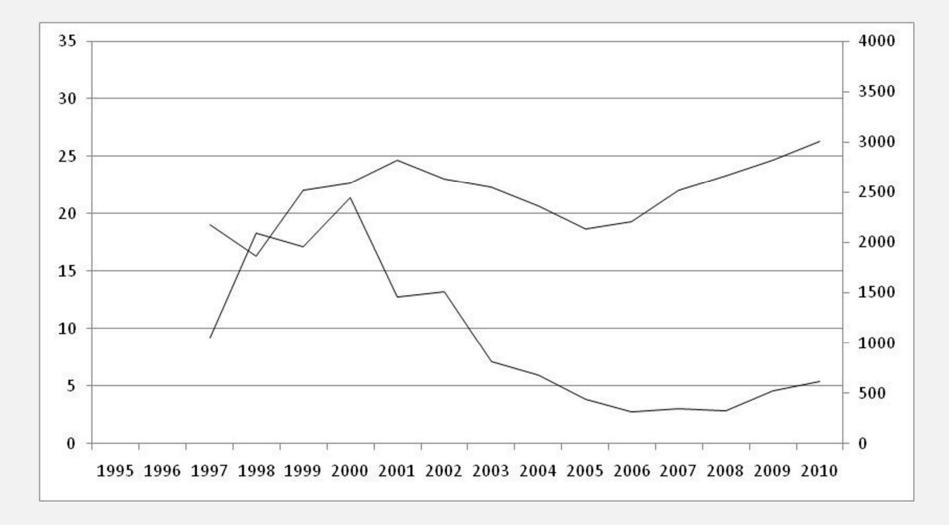
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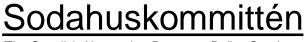




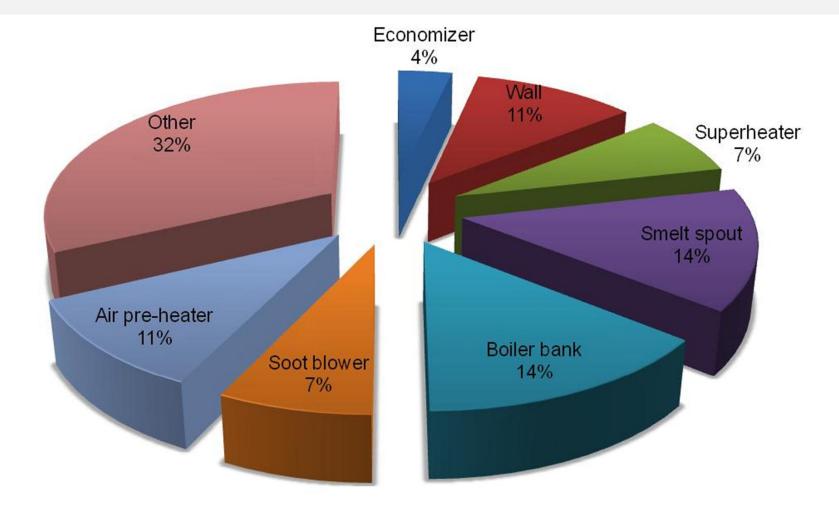
## Incident trends

### 3-year running average





## Incidents per area 2010



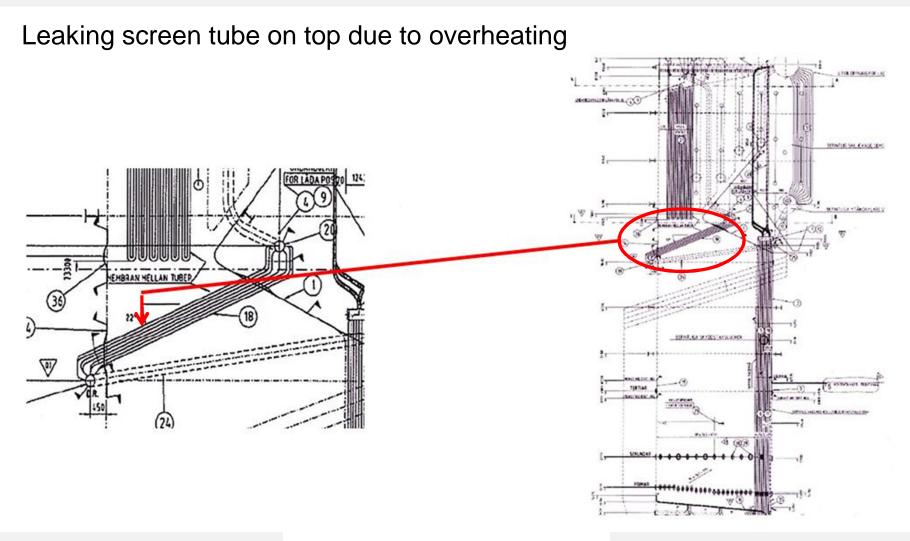


## Incident: 2010-02 Screen tube leak

- The feed water flow was increasing and water were coming out from the smelt spouts
- The boiler was emergency shout down
- Water was leaking from a overheated screen tube which had opened
- Overheating was caused by water side deposits
- A smelt-water explosion probably occurred



### Incident: 2010-02



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### Incident: 2010-02 Screen tube leak







## Incident: 2010-05 Water leak from smelt spout

- Water from smelt spout cooling system was sprayed into the boiler
- The boiler was emergency shut down
- The smelt spout was made of stainless material
- The cooling system works at present with overpressure and cannot be shut off outside the boiler house



• Smelt spout cooling should have a vacuum system



### Incident: 2010-19 Water leak between smelt spouts

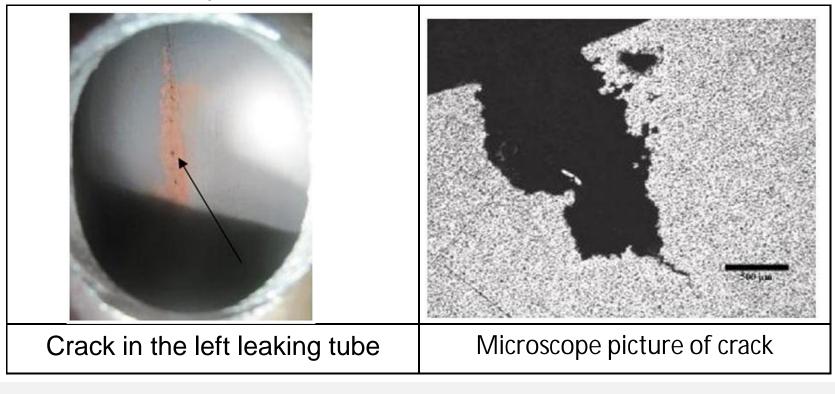
• Water was coming out from isolation between smelt spout openings during operation



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### Incident: 2010-19 Water leak between smelt spouts

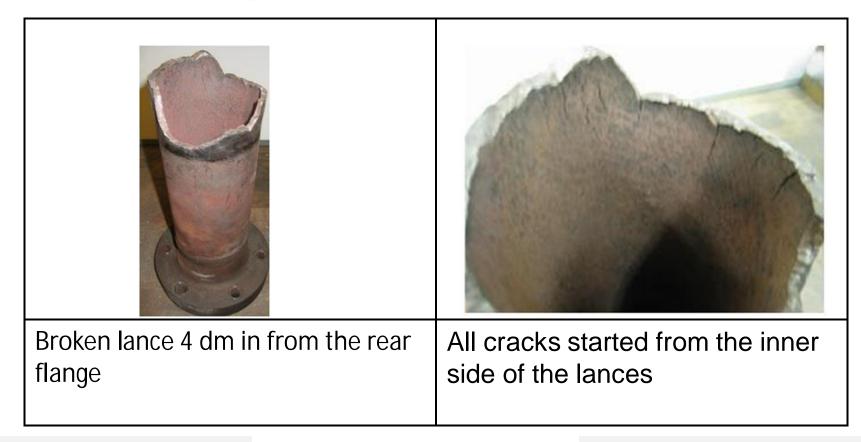
- The failure analysis showed stress assisted corrosion.
- Hih residual and thermal stresses in and at the weld between the cover plate and the tubes.
- The cracks have started in the water side of the tube and propagated towards the cover plate.



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### Incident: 2010-27/28 Breaking soot blower lances

- Both lances broke 4 dm from the rear flange
- The break occurred both times in the unaffected lance not at any welding or dimensional change



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## Thank you for your attention!

