

Large Scale Mercury Control Field Testing – Phase II

“Advanced Utility Mercury-Sorbent Field-Testing Program”

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Project Participants

Host Sites

- Duke Energy
- Detroit Edison

Project Contractors

- W. Kentucky Univ., (CMMs)
- Fuel Tech Inc. (CFD)

Field Test Partners

- PS Analytical Ltd. (Dry Converter)
- Spectra Gases (Hg Standards)
- Headwaters Clean Coal (Byproducts)

Unique Features

- Brominated PAC (B-PAC™)
- Subbituminous (85%) Blend
- Hot-Side ESP (H-PAC™)

Detroit Edison – St. Clair Station

Southeast Michigan

Cold-Side ESP

290°F

85 Sub/15 Bitum. Blend

80 MW

700 (580) ft²/K acfm

0.06 ppm

Mostly Hg⁽⁰⁾



Continuous Mercury Monitors (CMMs)

- 2 Latest PS Analytical Ltd. CMMs & an experimental Ohio Lumex unit
- Dual Wet/Dry Hg⁽⁺²⁾ Converters
- Baldwin & Apogee Inertial Separators
- Also Ontario Hydro & Method 324 Hg Sampling
- Baseline Native Hg Removal: 0%—~30%



Injection Trailer & Instruments in Place

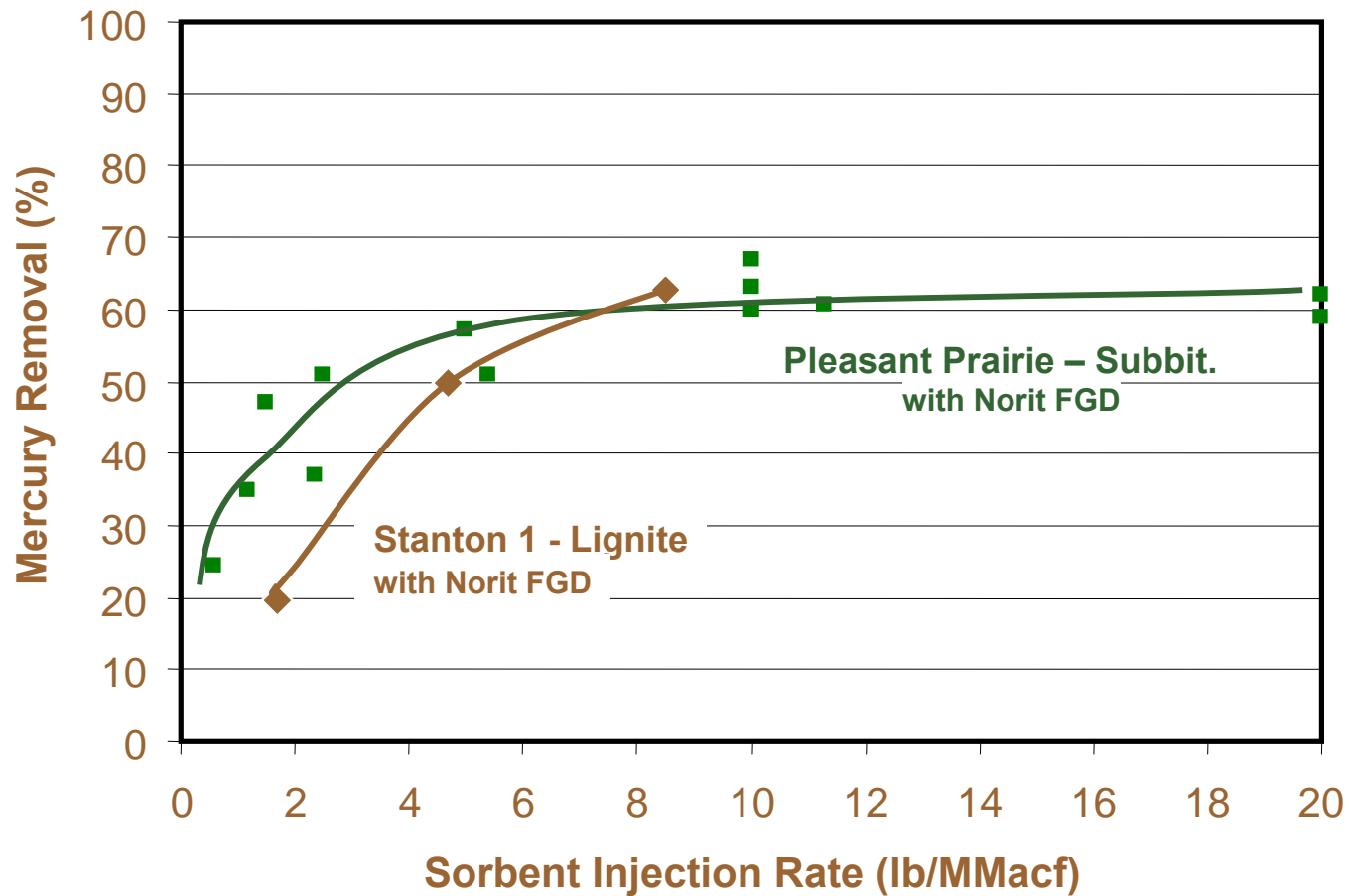


Mobile injection trailer (patent pending) in place.

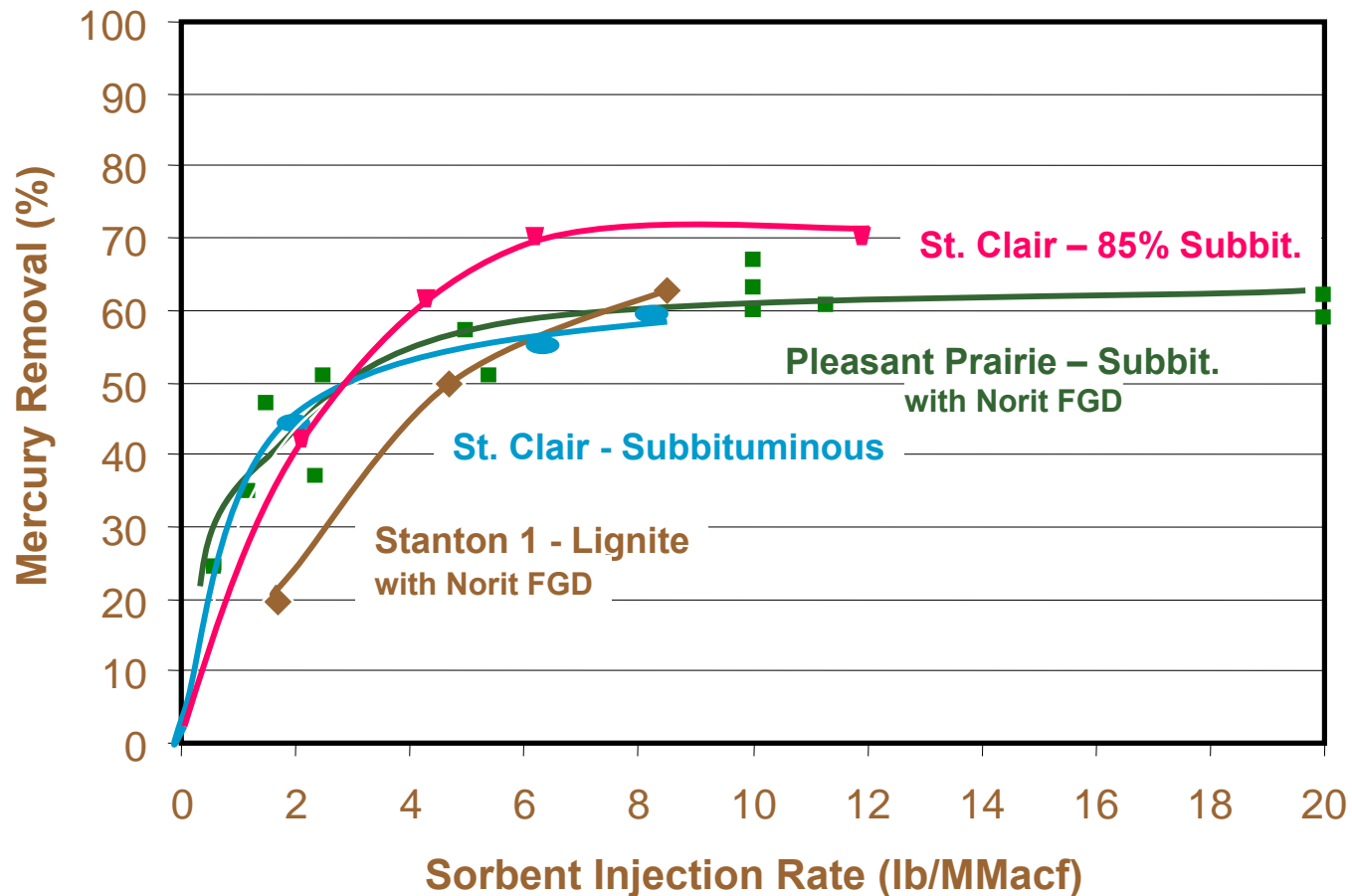


ESP outlet Hg measurement.

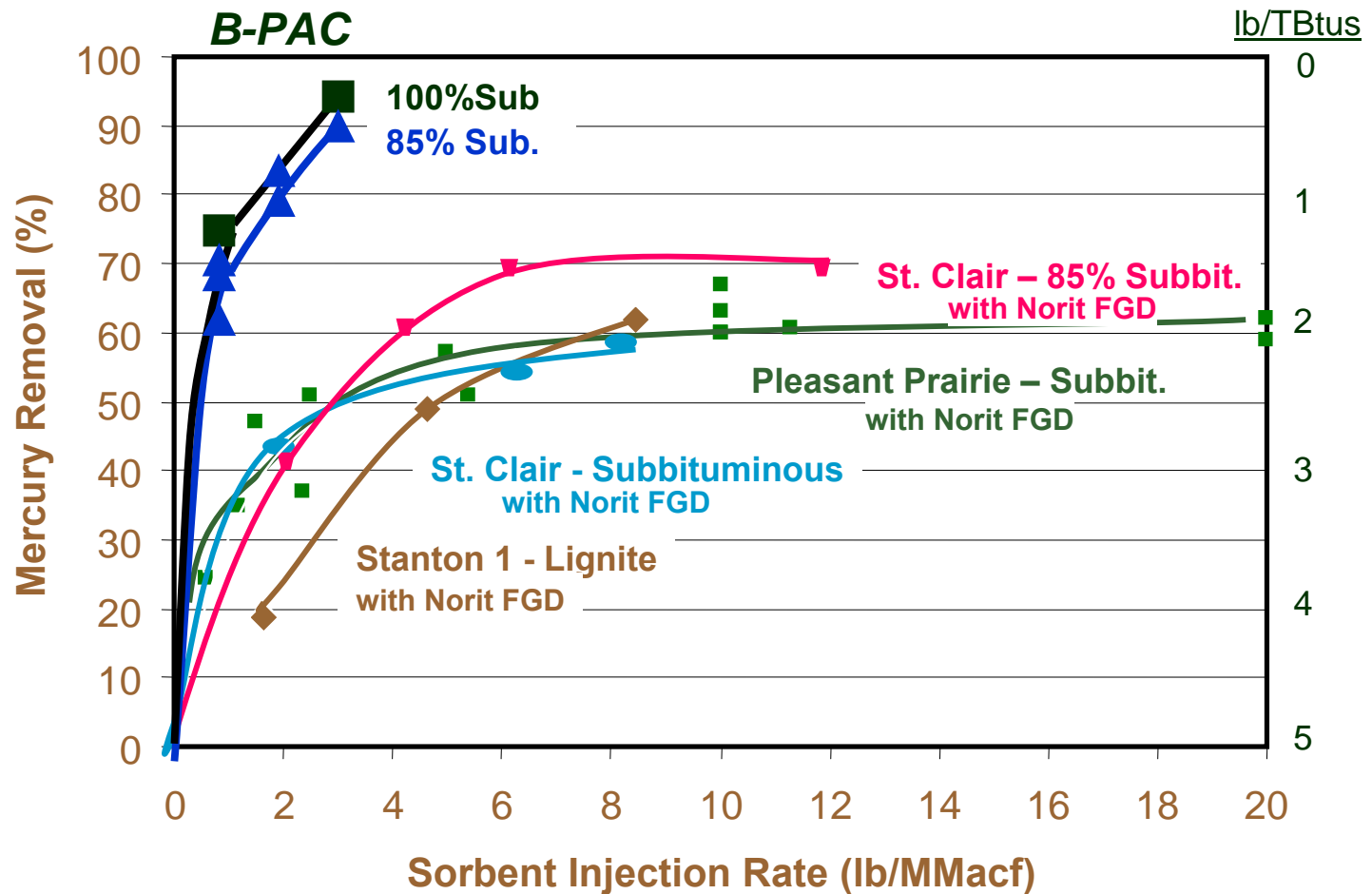
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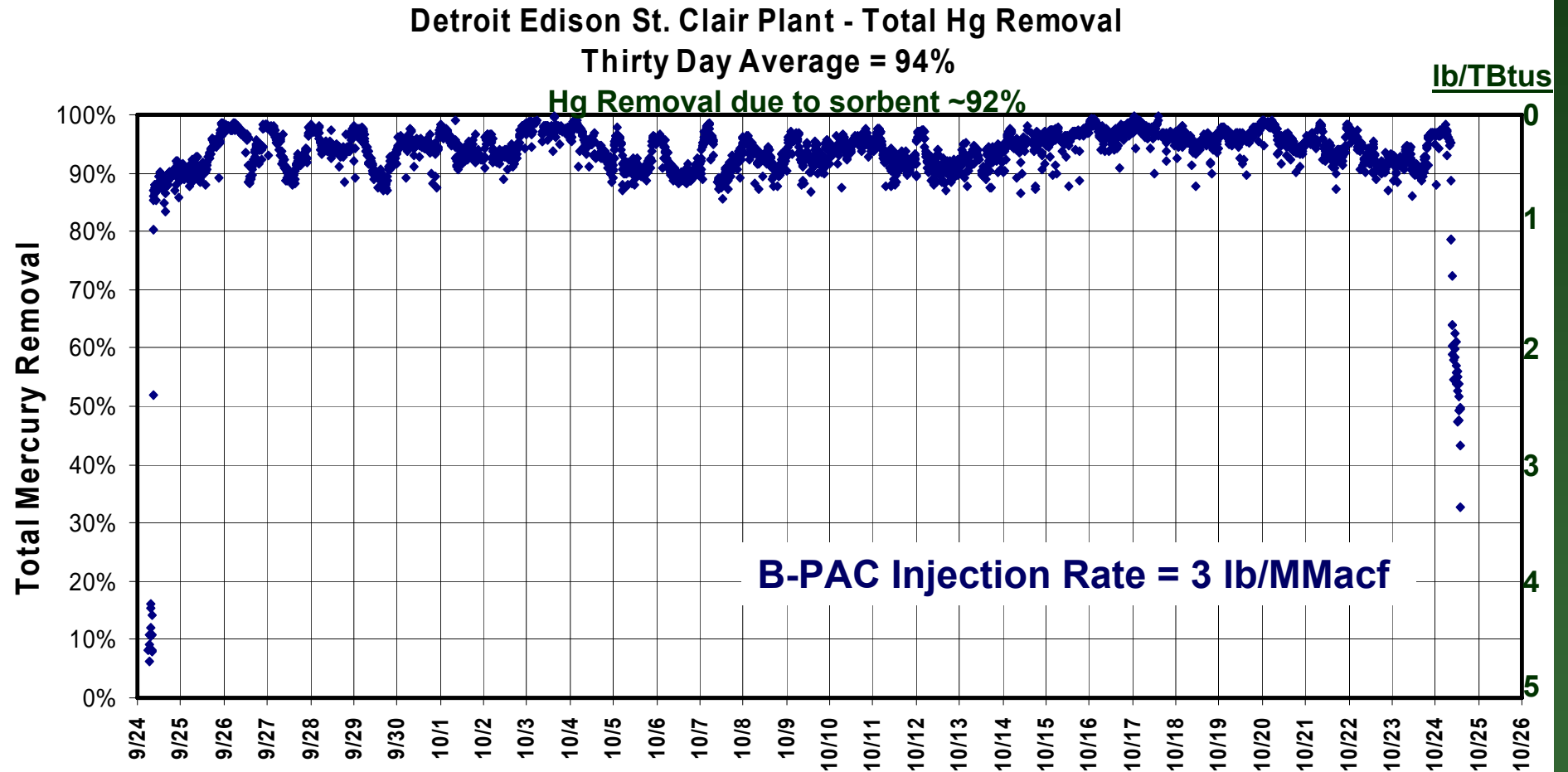


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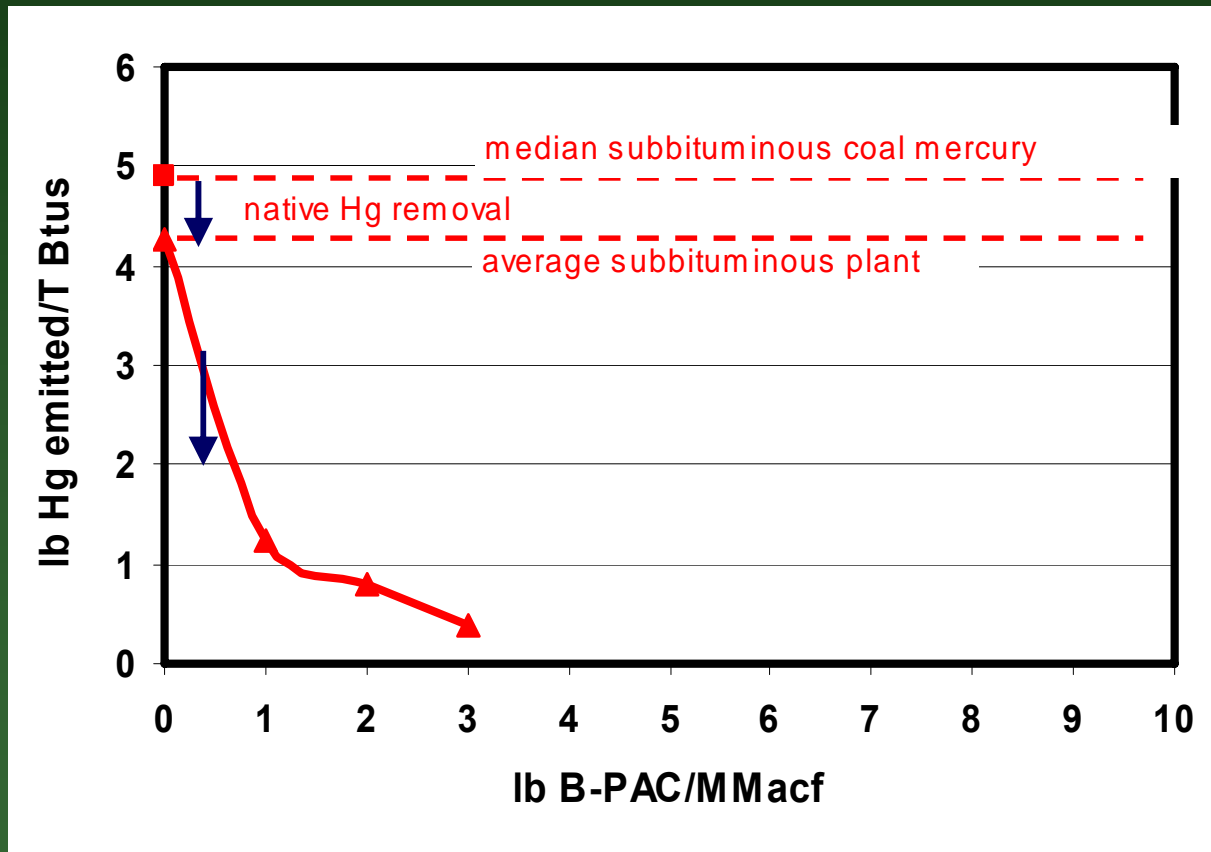


Long-Term Continuous B-PAC Run at St. Clair

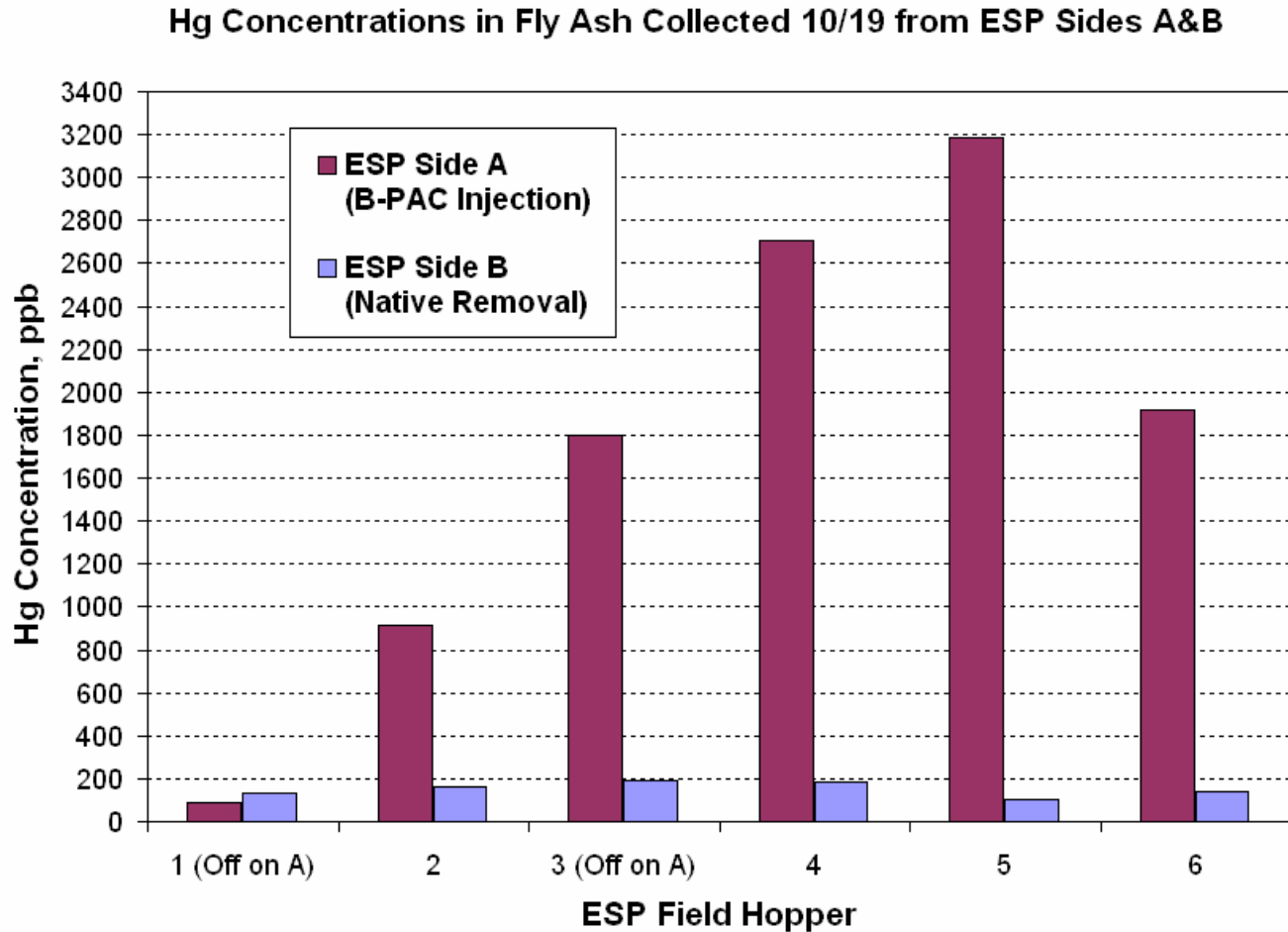
Thirty Day Average Mercury Removal = 94%



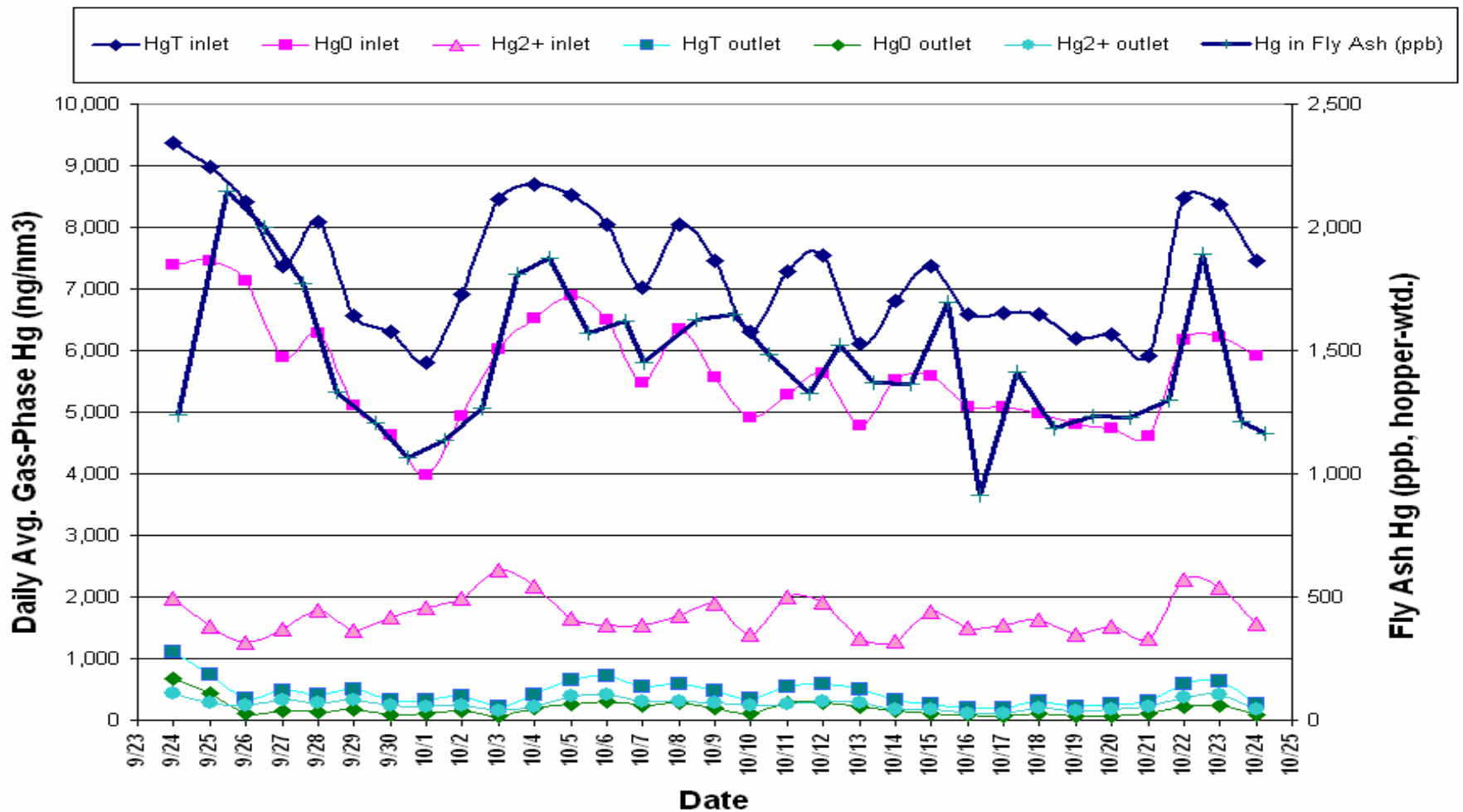
1-2 lb B-PAC/MMacf Gets to 1 lb Hg/T Btus



Mercury Sequestered in the Fly Ash

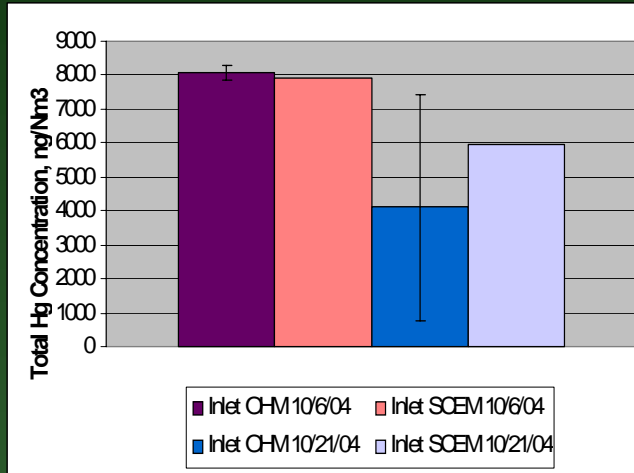


Fly Ash Hg Tracked CMM Hg Closely

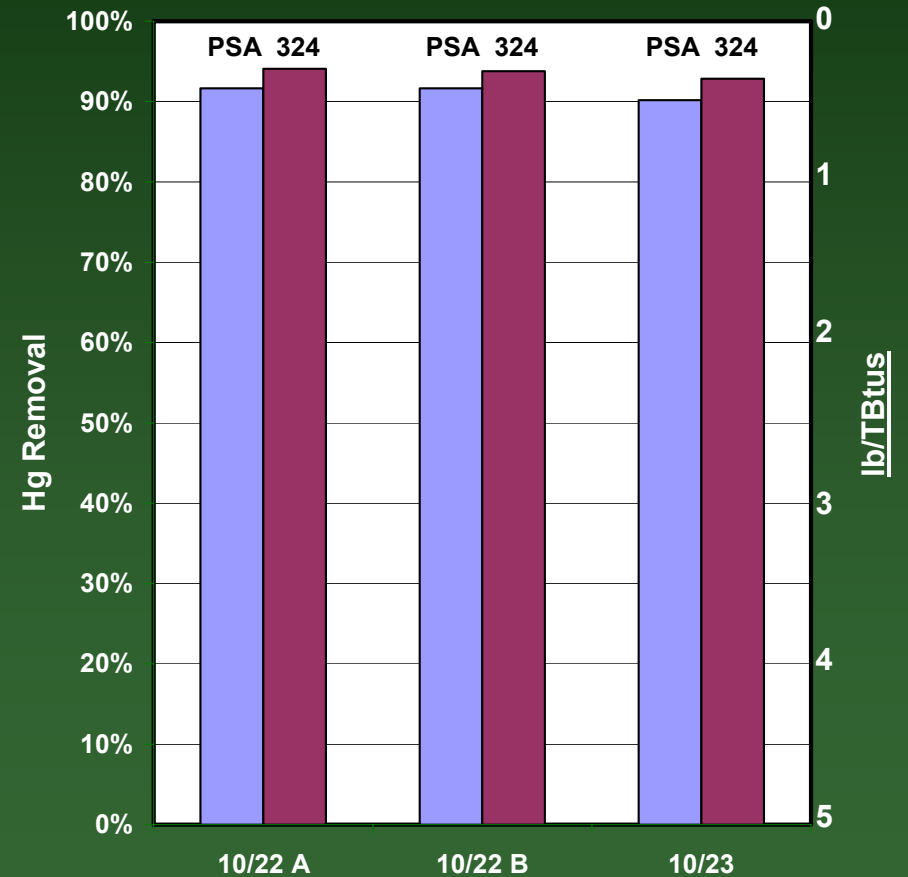
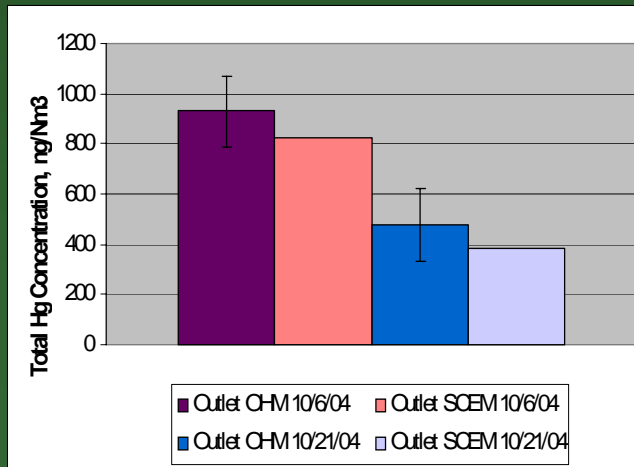


Ontario Hydro & Method 324 Verification

Inlet – Twice in Long-Term Run



Outlet – Twice in Long-Term Run



Cost Effectiveness with PRB at St. Clair

If 1 lb/MMacf of \$1.00/lb B-PAC is injected into a CS-ESP with $7 \mu\text{g Hg/Nm}^3$ provides 70% Hg removal:

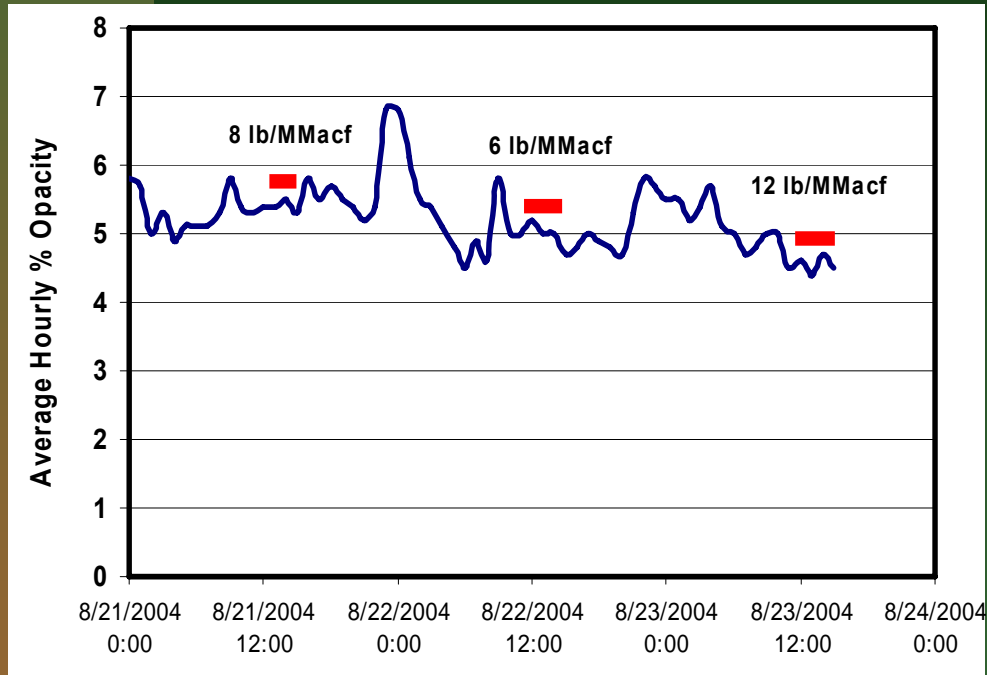
Cost < \$5,000 /lb Hg removed,
>90% cost reduction from the current technology baseline.

Similarly, if 3 lb/MMacf of B-PAC is injected into a cold-side ESP provides 90% Hg removal:

Cost < \$15,000 /lb Hg removed,
75% cost reduction from the current technology baseline.

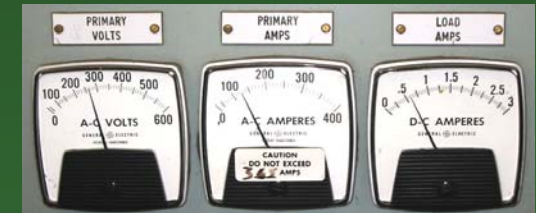
No Balance-of-Plant Effects Observed

No Changes in ESP Performance



Never any Sparking.
All Data at High Load.

Field	G-R Set		Load on Wire		Load on Plate		
	Primary Volts	Primary Amps	Primary Amps	Load Amps	Before	During	
B-PAC	2	220	210	100	80	0.35	0.35
6 lb/MMacf	4	290	290	150	150	0.80	0.80
85% Subbituminous	5	250	250	140	140	0.75	0.75
8/10/2004	6	270	270	150	150	0.75	0.75
Plain PAC	2	225	230	40	40	0.15	0.15
8 lb/MMacf	4	300	300	110	110	0.60	0.60
100% Subbituminous	5	220	220	90	90	0.35	0.35
8/21/2004	6	290	290	150	150	0.75	0.75



No Leachate Hg

B-PAC in the fly ash had net adsorption of Hg from the leaching solutions

No Balance-of-Plant Effects Observed

Very low off-gassed bromine.

Method 26A Results – All data in ppm.

No Br₂ was ever detected.

Without Sorbent	Baseline 07/28	Inlet-Long-Term 10/21
HF	1.0	0.4
HCl	8.1	3.6
Cl ₂	<0.1	0.3
HBr	0.1	<0.1

B-PAC 3lb/MMacf	Parametric 09/09	L-T 10/06	L-T 10/21
HF	2.2	0.1	0.4
HCl	5.9	6.0	4.3
Cl ₂	0.1	0.2	0.4
HBr	1.0	0.3	0.2

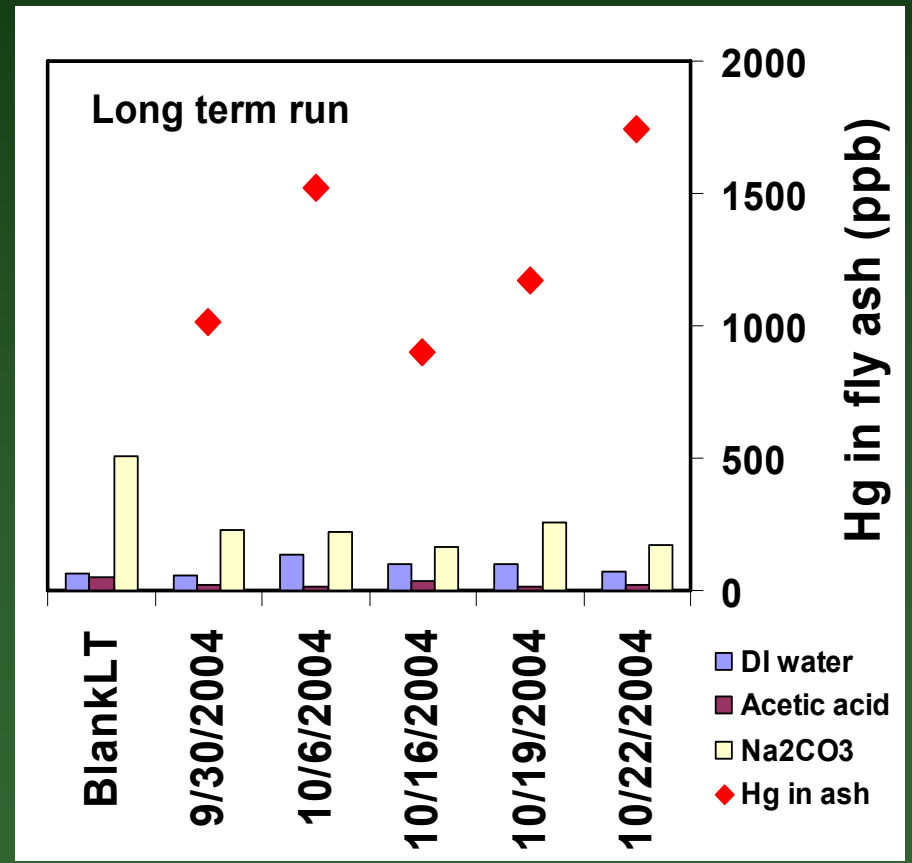
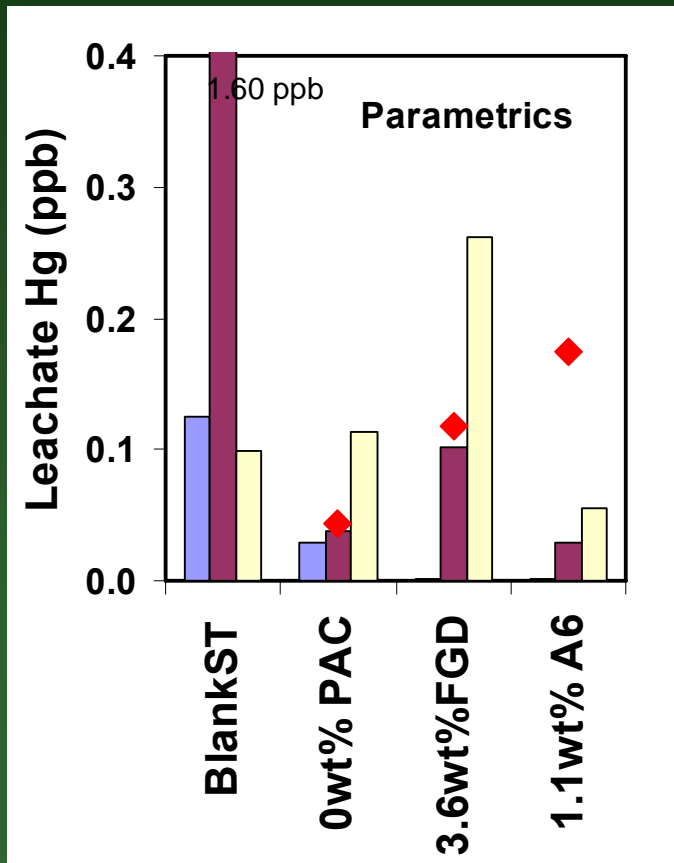
Carbon Steel Corrosion Coupons

(4 each, 30 days)

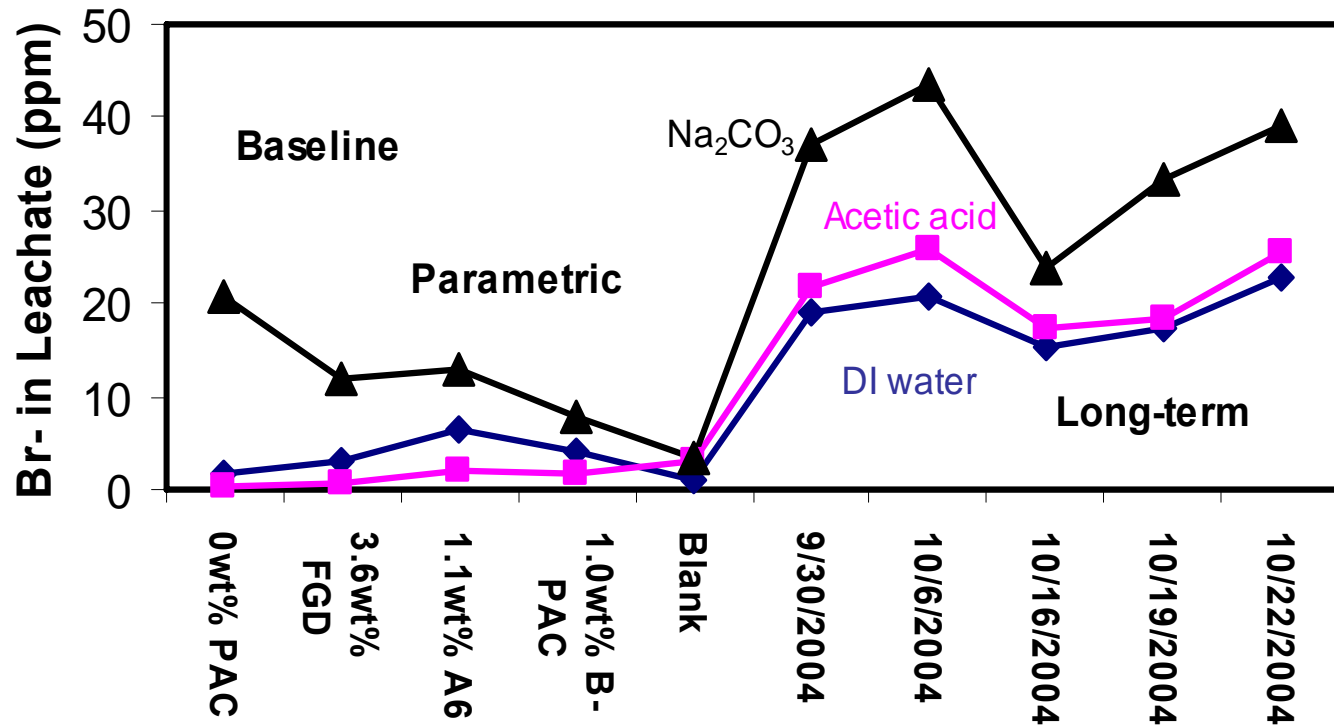
	<u>Avg. ΔWt.</u>
Baseline	+0.13%
B-PAC	+0.13%

No corrosion detected.

Hg Is Not Leachable



Leachate Br- from St. Clair Fly Ash



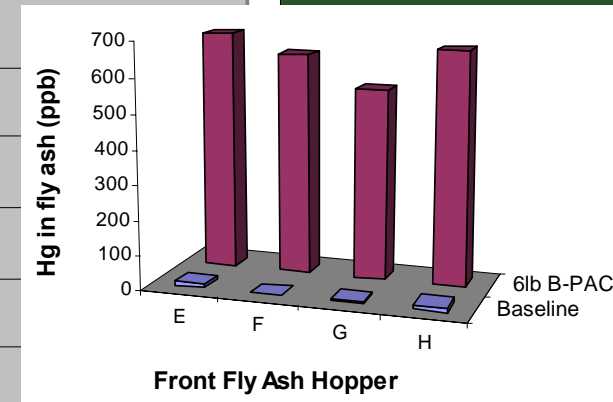
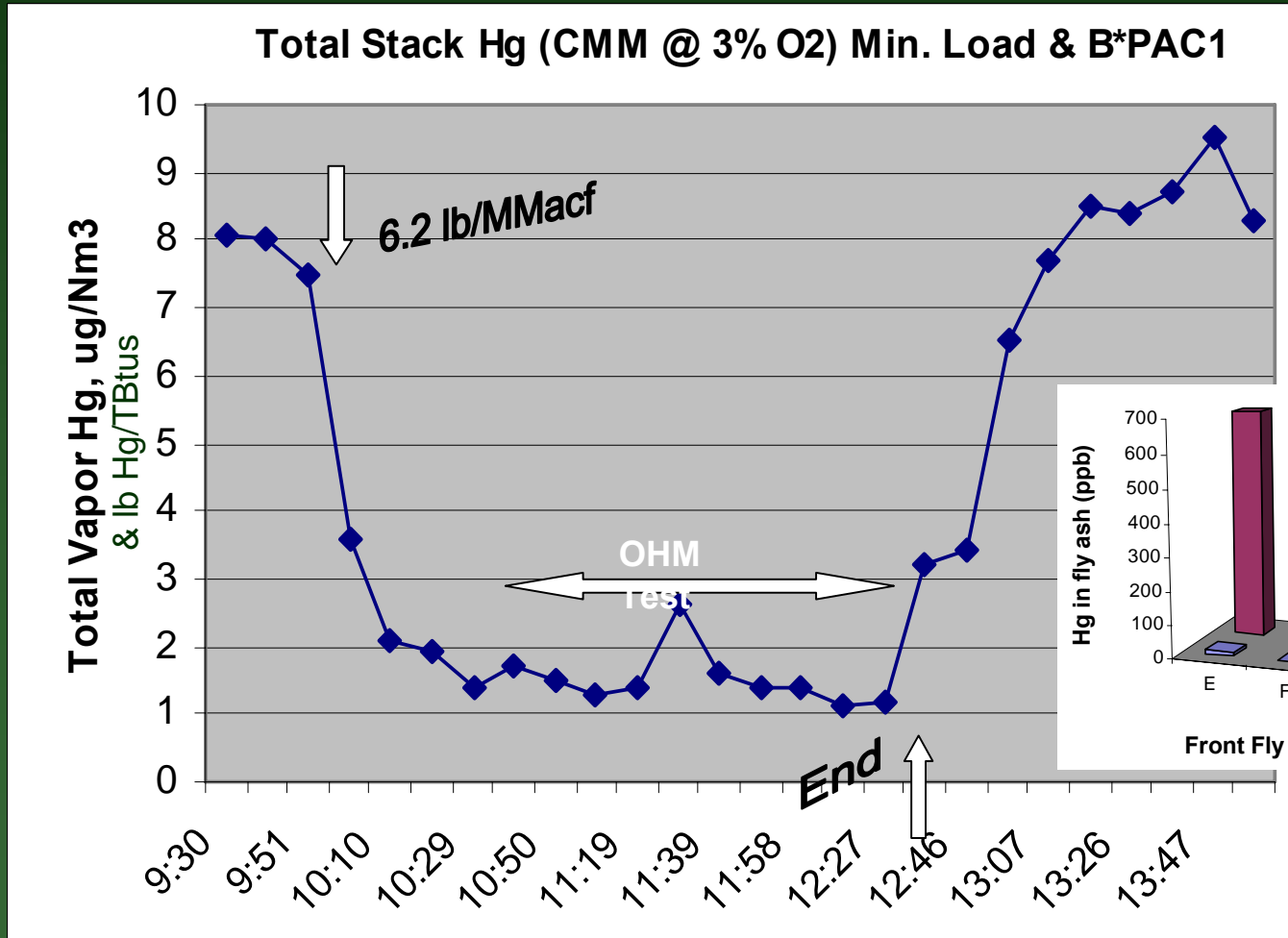
Hot-Side Testing at Duke's Cliffside Plant



Coal Type:	Low-S Bitumin.
Boiler:	No. 2 (Unit 2)
Boiler Type:	Tangential
Particulates:	Hot-Side ESP
ESP Stream Size:	40 MWe
ESP Inlet Temp.:	700°F
SCA :	240 ft ² /K acfm
Avg. Coal Hg:	0.08 ppm
Avg. Coal Cl:	500 ppm

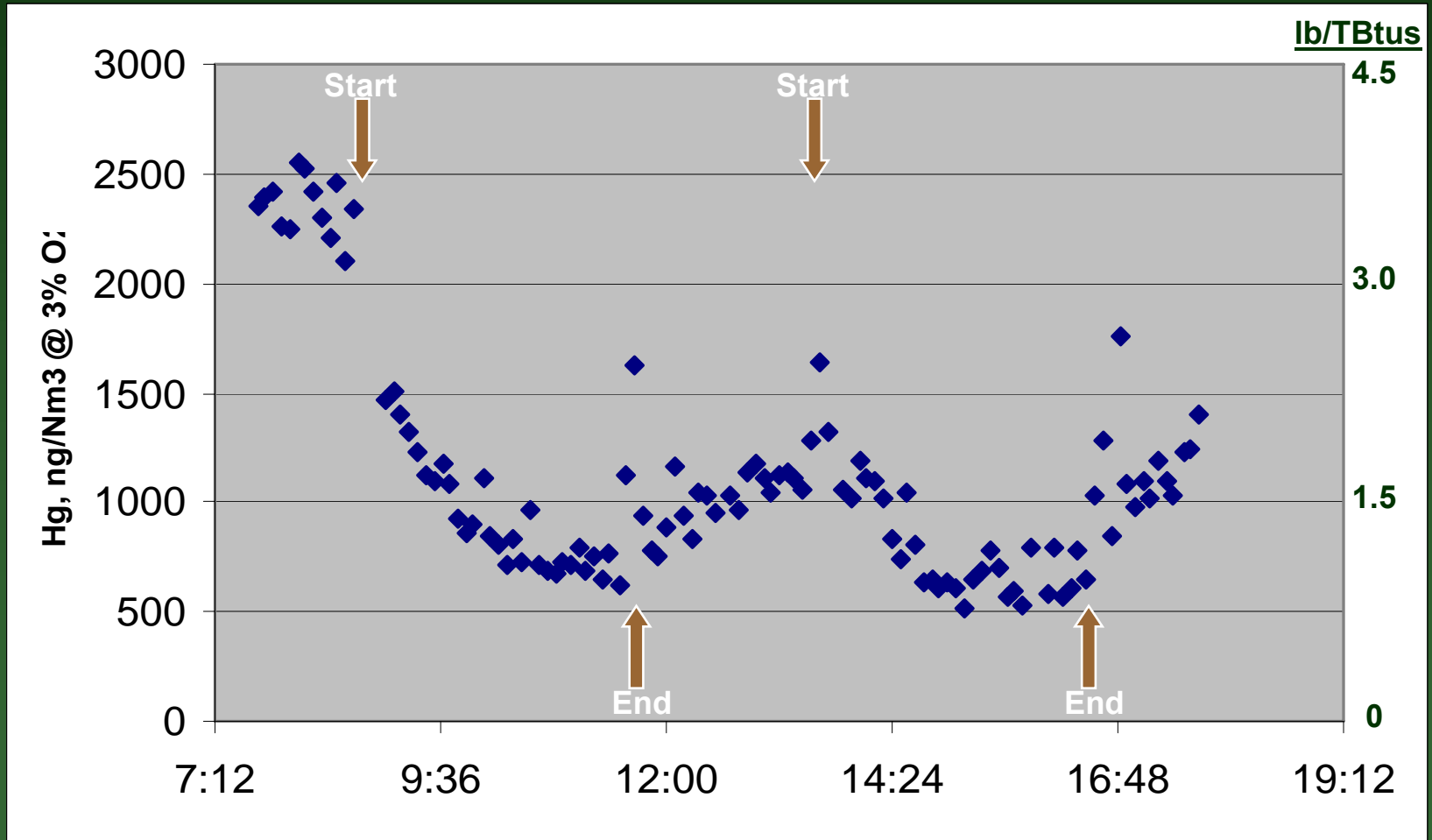
Cliffside 2003 Results

H-PAC at 6.2 lb/MMacf



Cliffside 2004 Results – Two B-PAC Sorbents

H-PAC at 5.0 lb/MMacf



Duke Energy – Buck Plant – Hot-Side ESP

North Carolina

Hot-Side ESP

640°F Inlet

Low-S Bituminous

½ x140 MW (~100MW)

240 ft²/K acfm SCA

~ 0.06 ppm Hg

~ 5.4 µg/Nm³ @ O₂

~ 60-80% Hg⁽⁺²⁾



Parametric Tests

<u>Boiler Load</u>	<u>Inj.Temp.</u>	<u>lb/MMacf</u>	H-PAC1 <u>% Removal</u>	H-PAC2 <u>% Removal</u>
60 MW	540F	4.0	56%	65%
60 MW	540F	7.0	57%	63%
100 MW	590F	2.0	54%	44%
100 MW	590F	5.0	62%	N.D.
100 MW	590F	7.0	63%	62%
140 MW	640F	7.0	64%	54%
140 MW	640F	7.0	3%	Norit FGD

Conclusions from Parametrics

- essentially no native Hg removal
- essentially no Hg removal with plain PAC
- generally 50-65% removal at 2-7 lb/MMacf with both H-PACs
- gas temperature & load appeared to have little affect
- Hg removal appeared to plateau with injection rate

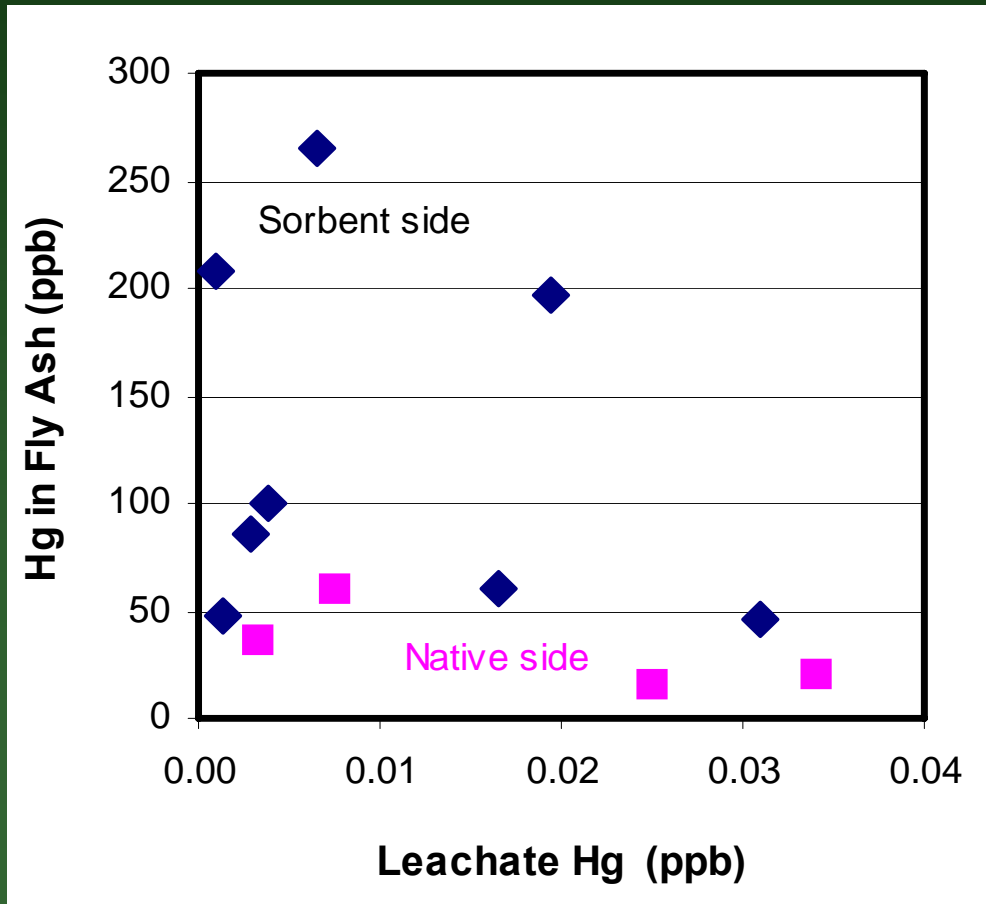
Long-Term Testing

- **30 days, but periodic shutdowns**
 - boiler tube leak, 2 flameouts, etc.
 - coal went to >20% ash
 - some inertial-separator or analyzer outages
- boiler switched to low-NOx mode/OFA
- switched inlet monitoring to untreated outlet
- difficulty in getting representative ash samples
- M324s + 3 days of Apogee co-measurement + OHMs

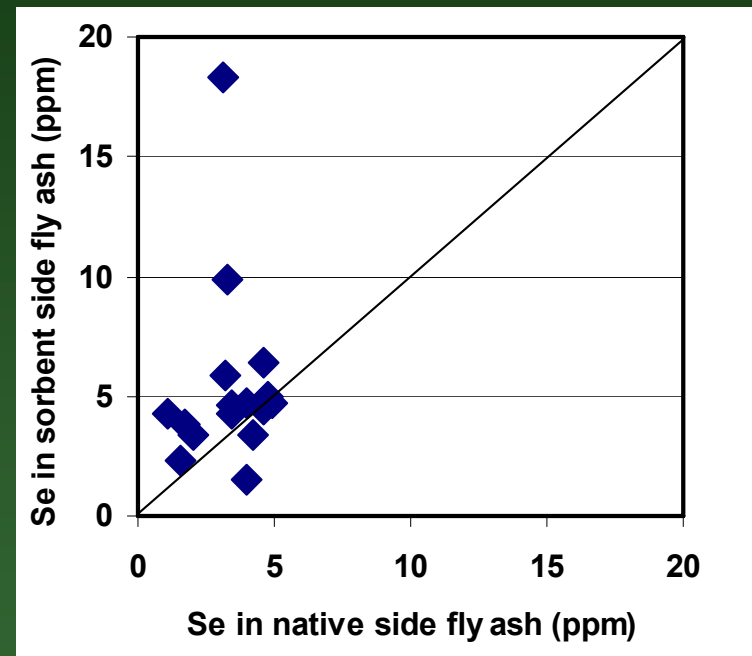
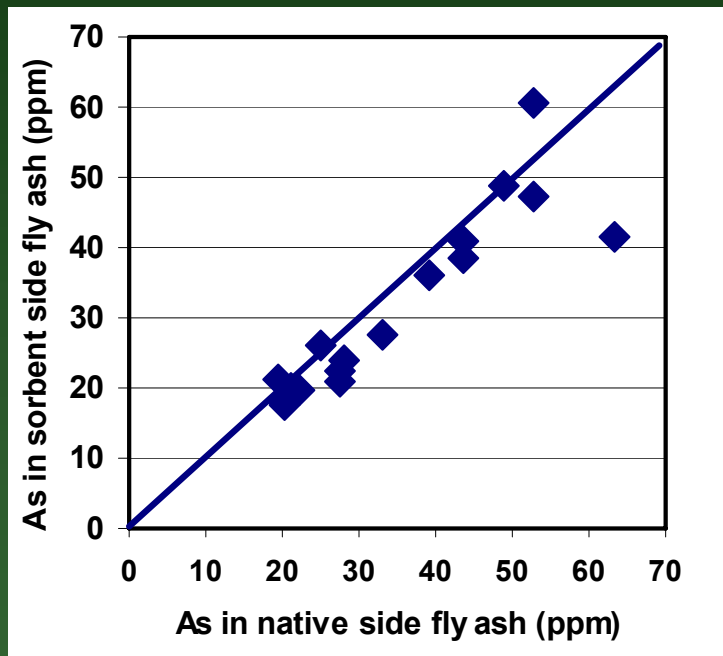
Long-Term Test

<u>Load</u>	<u>Inj.Temp.</u>	<u>Ib/MMacf</u>	<u>Time Fraction</u>	<u>Wtd.Avg. %Remov.</u>	<u>Ib/TBtus</u>
60 MW	~ 540F	5.0	28%	49%	3.0
140 MW	~ 640F	5.0	50%	50%	3.0
60 MW	~ 540F	10.0	22%	71%	1.8

Hg Leachates at Buck



As & Se Concentration at Buck



The B-PAC & H-PAC Were Supplied in Bulk

- Our B-PAC, C-PAC and H-PAC production facility



Conclusions

1. High levels of mercury removal are possible in boilers which fire subbituminous coal or a blend of subbituminous coal and bituminous coal at low sorbent usage rates.
2. While ACI is more difficult with hot-side ESPs, with Brominated PAC it is indeed possible.
3. No negative balance of plant impacts were observed in this test program.