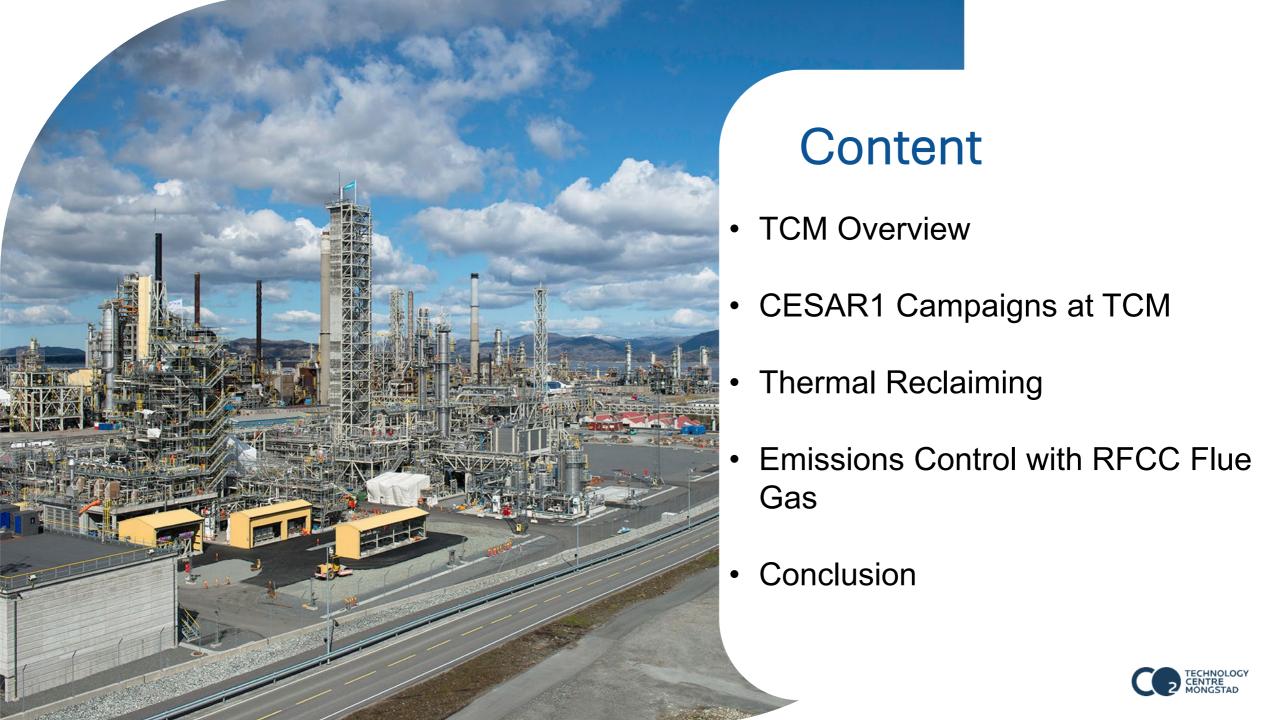


New Insights From CESAR1 Solvent Testing at Technological Centre Mongstad: Thermal Reclaiming and Emissions Control

<u>Ahmad Wakaa</u> & Matthew Campbell

September 18<sup>th</sup> 2025





## **TCM Overview**



# Tested 17 different Technologies

























Solvent Technologies

**Start 2012** 



















**Honeywell** 

>2025

#### **Start 2020**

**Emerging Technologies** 





























Sponsored by TCM Owners, DOE, EC and CLIMIT



> 23.000 hrs **Non-proprietary Campaigns** 



> 70

Scientific publications

2013



MEA-1

MEA-2

MEA-3

MEA-5

CESAR-1

**AURORA** 

**Owners** Campaign



MEA-4

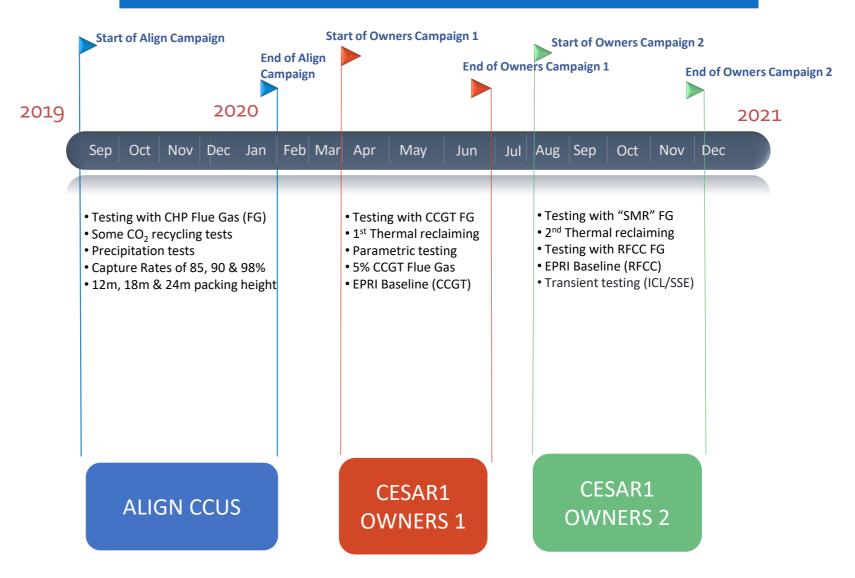
Align-CCUS

# TCM's CESAR1 Campaigns Overview





#### TCM CESAR 1 CAMPAIGNS 2019-20





# **Thermal Reclaiming**



#### Main sources of amine degradation

Thermal degradation

Oxidative degradation

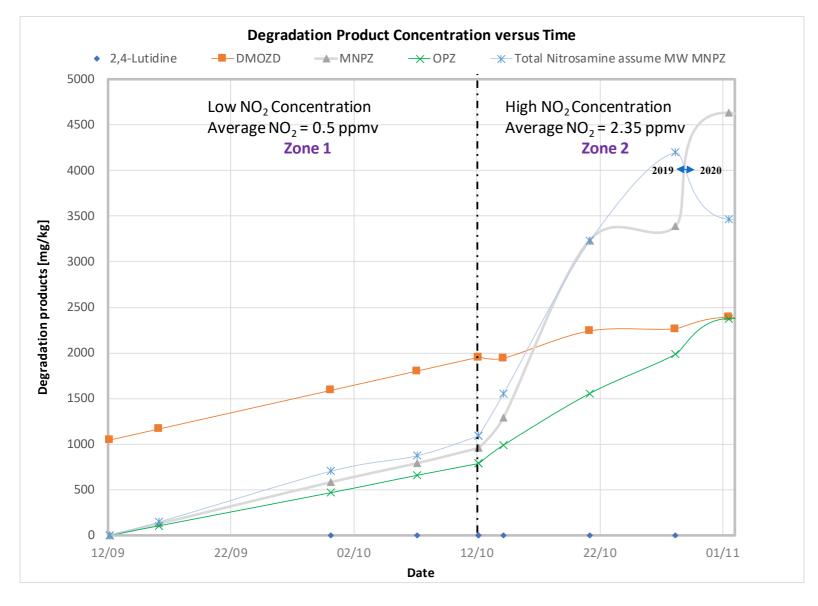
Reaction with NO<sub>x</sub>

Metal catalysed

Other mechanisms e.g., degradation in the presence of SO<sub>2</sub> and sulfite



#### **CESAR1** solvent degradation profiles during ALIGN-CCUS

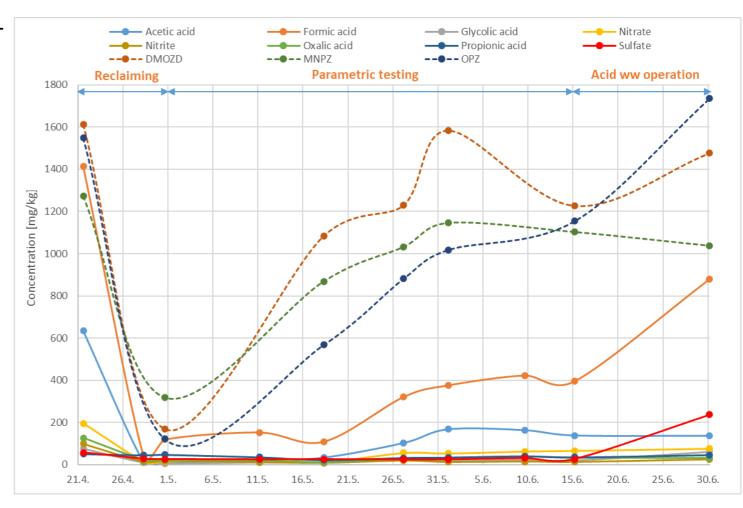


- Testing with CCGT flue gas type
- Rate of Piperazine degradation products increased in High NO<sub>2</sub> region
- Higher NO<sub>2</sub> caused by reduction in ammonium injection into SCR



#### Solvent degradation during CESAR1 campaign 1

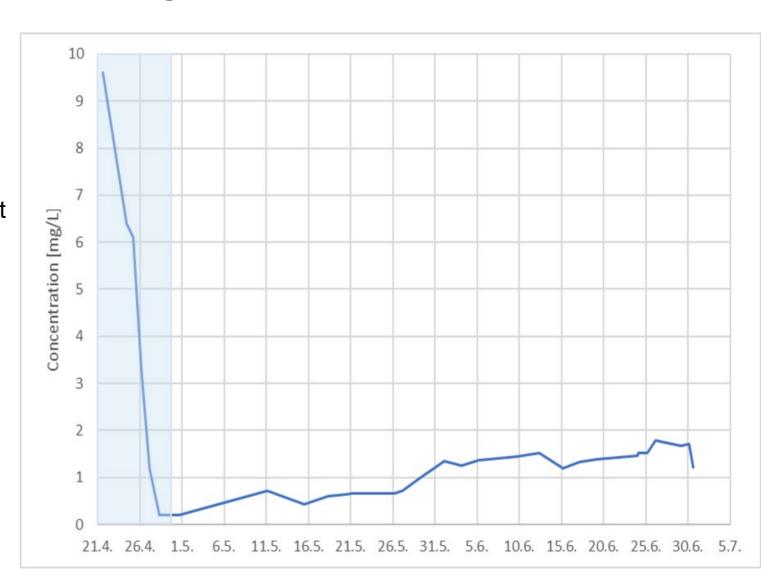
- Solvent degradation products increase after ALIGN campaign.
- Significant decrease during reclaiming.
- Degradation products increased after reclaiming at different rates:
  - Some back to levels before reclaiming.
  - Most kept at relatively low levels.





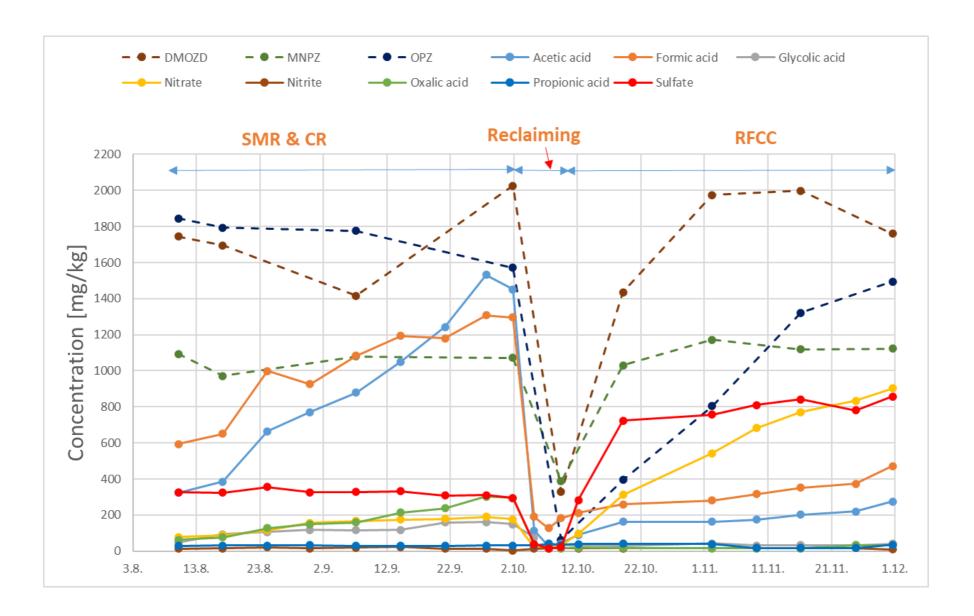
## Iron content during CESAR1 campaign 1

- Iron content increase during ALIGN campaign.
- Significant decrease during reclaiming.
- Iron has been increased steadily throughout the campaign at relatively low levels < 2 mg/L.



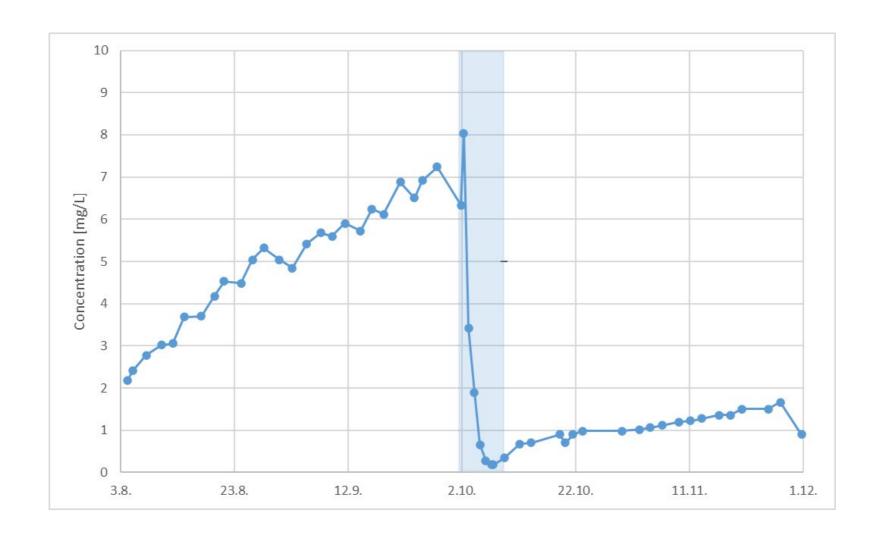


#### HSS and degradation products during CESAR1 campaign 2





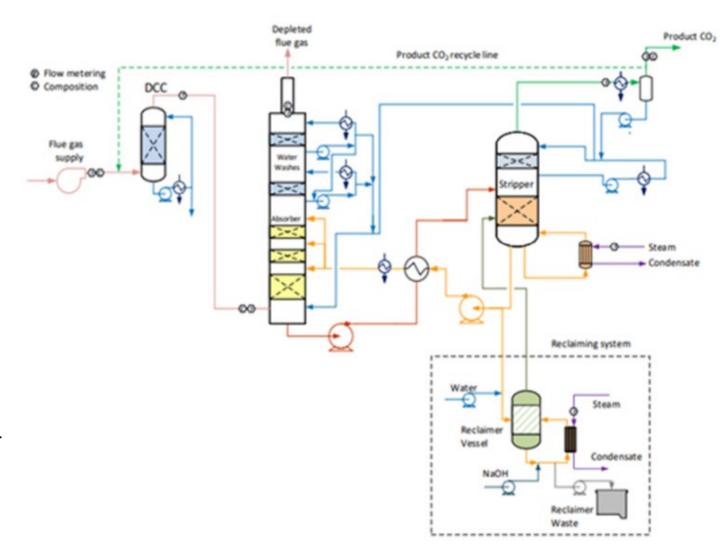
#### Iron content during the Owners campaign 2





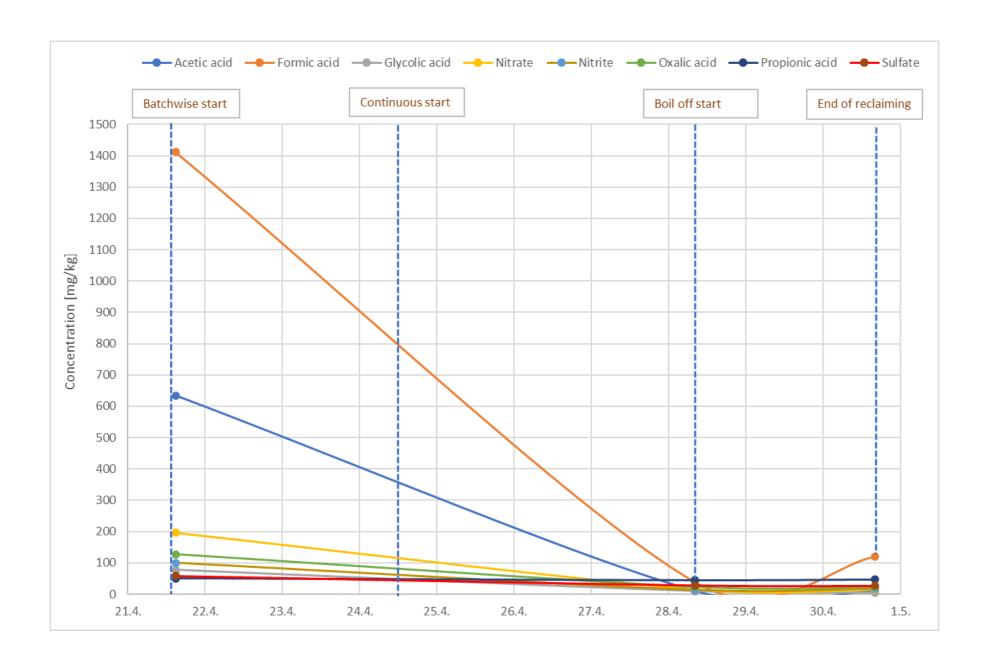
#### **The Reclaiming Process**

- Batchwise → semi-continuous reclaiming
- Slip stream of lean amine circulated to reclaimer vessel
- The solvent is heated by steam
- Caustic is added to liberate amine
- Slip stream is stopped and water added during boil-off
- Amines are boiled off and led back to stripper
- Degradation products and metals are accumulated in the vessel during amine feed and removed after the boil-off



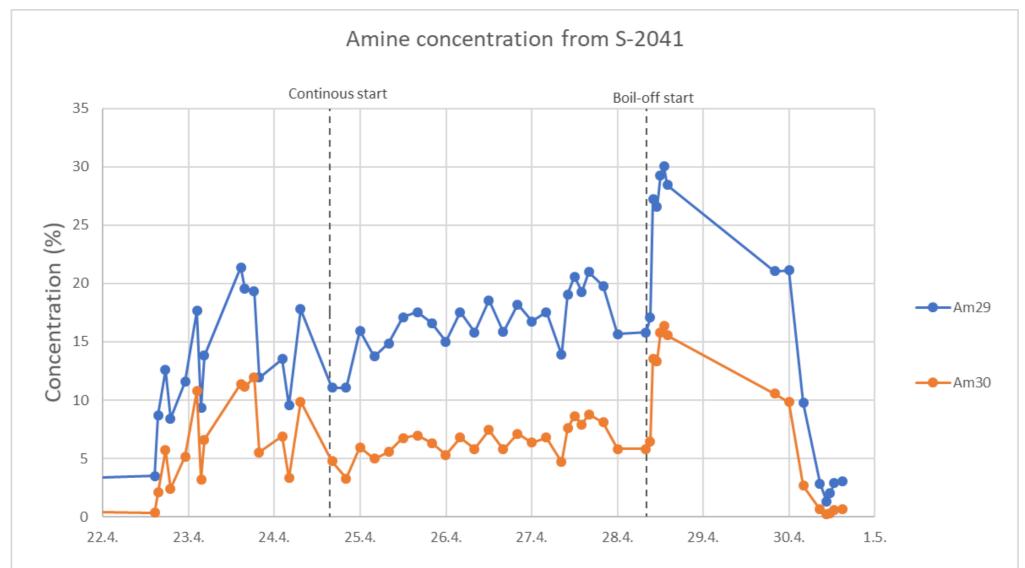


#### Anions concentration during Reclaiming.



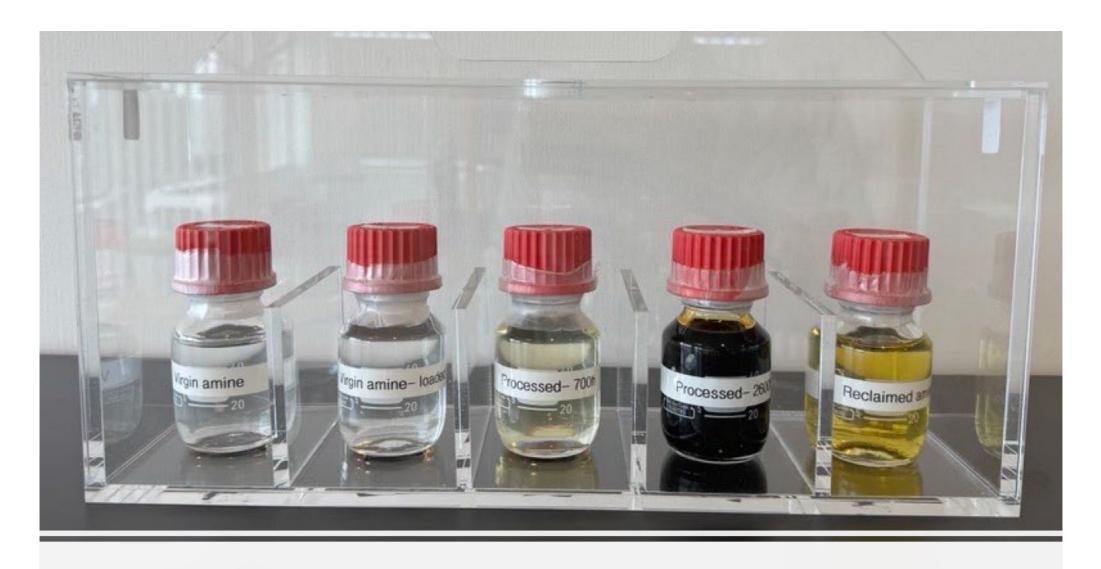


#### Individual AMP and PZ Concentration From Reclaimer back to the process



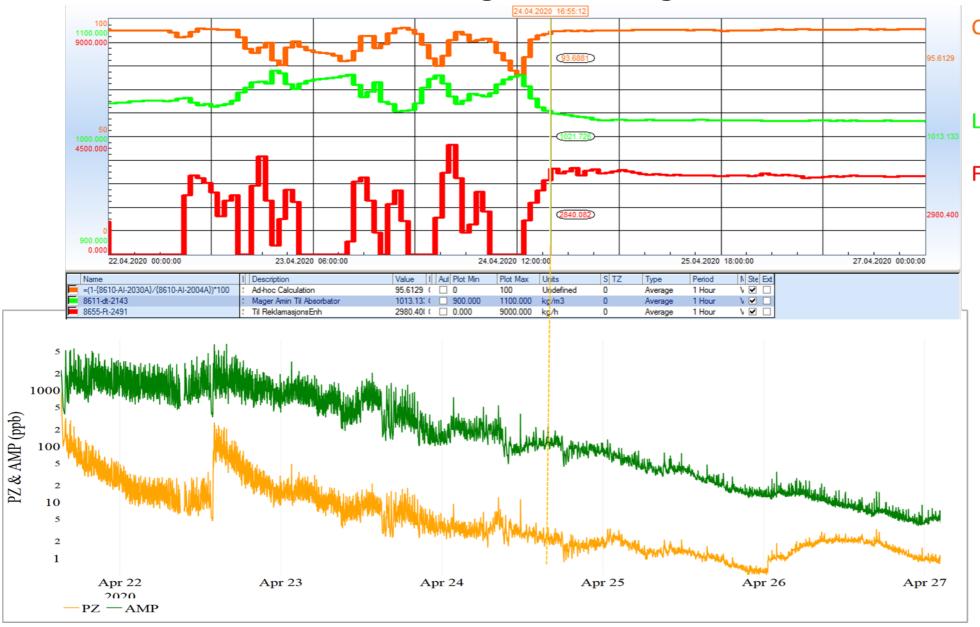


## Solvent color change





#### **AMP & PZ Emissions during Reclaiming**



Capture rate

**Lean Density** 

Flow to reclaimer



TECHNOLOGY CENTRE MONGSTAD

## **CESAR1 Reclaiming Summary**

- Batchwise reclaiming is ineffective at TCM.
- Semi-continuous reclaiming is recommended with long boil off time with water addition.
- 4-5 times the overall plant inventory was circulated through the reclaimer.
- NO<sub>2</sub> has a significant impact on CESAR1 degradation.
- Promising CESAR1 thermal reclaiming results.



#### **CESAR1 Reclaiming's Summary**

#### Goal for 2<sup>nd</sup> reclaiming:

- 1) Remove degradation products and metals with minimum solvent loss
- 2) Reproduce the first reclaiming with CESAR1 (to the extent possible with CHP flue gas unavailable)

	Unit	Reclaiming 1	Reclaiming 2
Batchwise/Continuous	-	Batchwise → Continuous	Continuous
Solvent through reclaimer	times total plant inventory	4.5	5
End boil-off time	hours	56	46
Amine loss	%	<5%	<5%
HSS removal	%	89	89
Metals removal	%	95	93
Degradation products removal	%	84	82

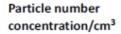
Effective thermal reclaiming operation

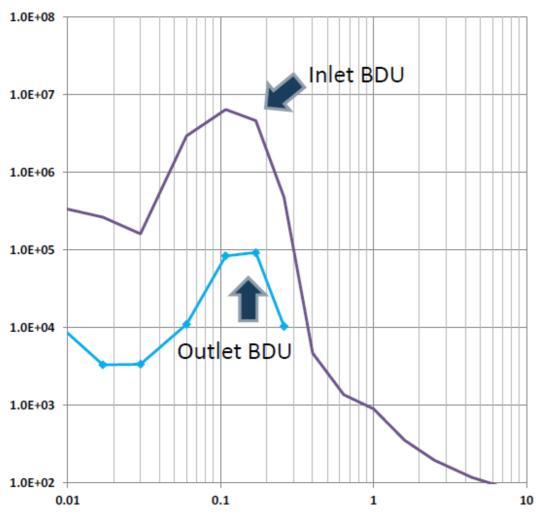


# **Emission Mitigations**

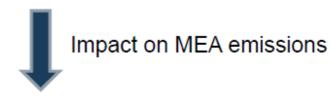


## Pollution Reduction for RFCC FLUE GAS





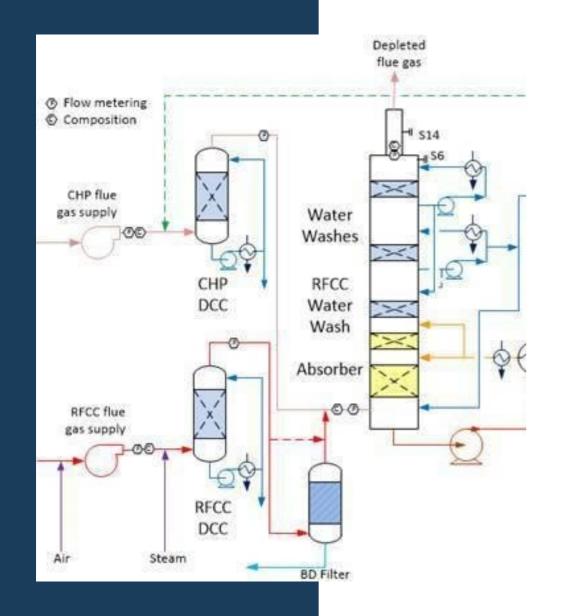
>99 % reduction of PM 2.5 & SO<sub>2</sub>



Flue gas	MEA emissions (ppmv)
RFCC (wo BDU)	> 100
RFCC (w BDU)*	< 1.0
CCGT	< 0.5

<sup>\*</sup>with optimal BDU operation

Size distribution µm

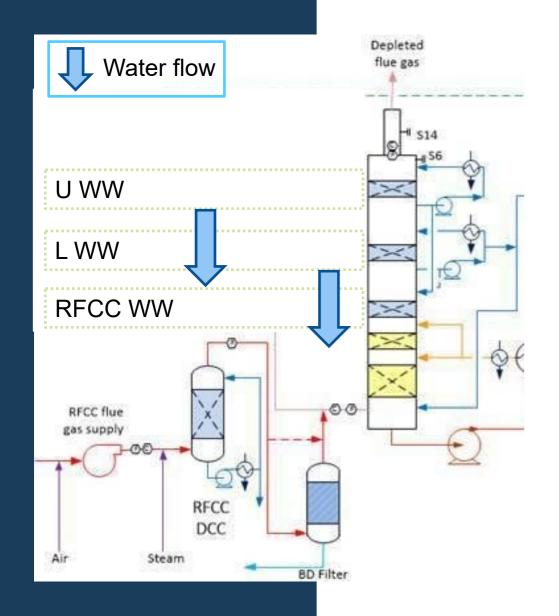


Impact of aerosols on emission

- 1. Piperazine emission is proportional to aerosols
  - High concern due to Nitrosamine formation<sup>(1)</sup>

- 2. BD filter, Primary removal of SO<sub>2</sub> aerosols
  - Operation not possible without!





Operational changes to reduce emissions

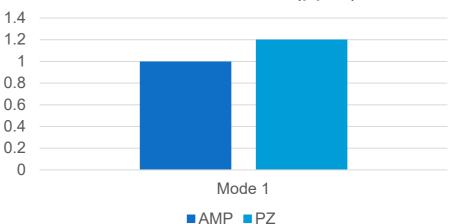
Standard mode

Max. cooling on upper water wash (U WW)

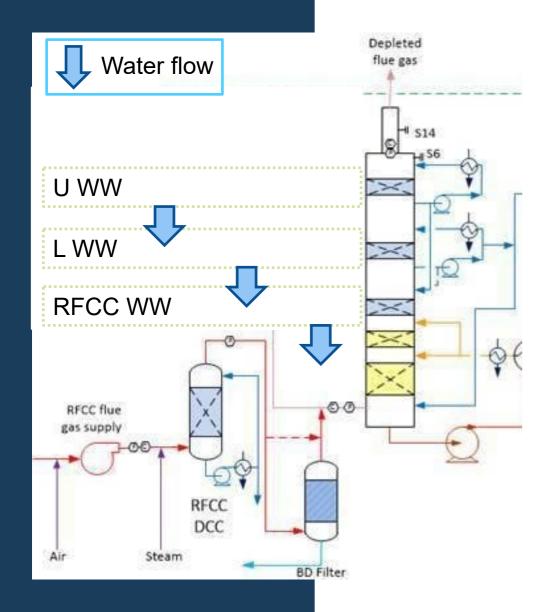
Min. cooling on lower water wash (L WW)

Upper packing used as water wash ( RFCC WW)



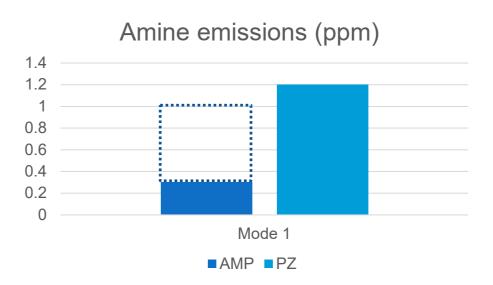




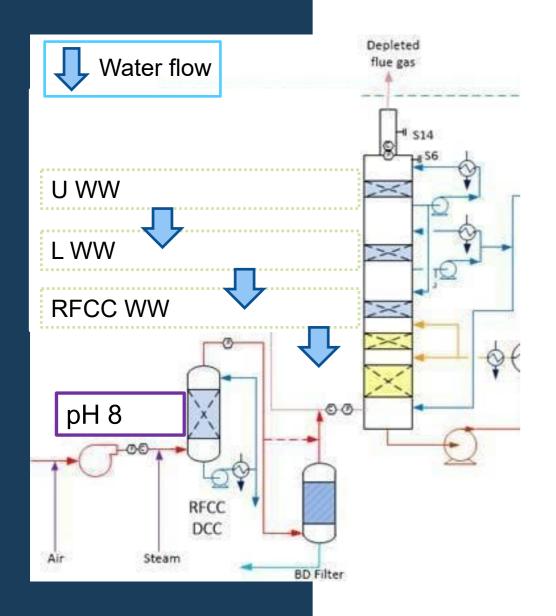


Operational changes to reduce emissions

- Water wash cooling strategy
- Counter current flow
- → Removal of volatile emissions

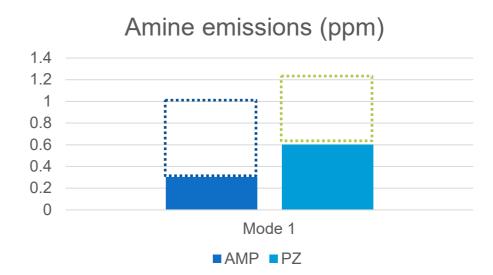




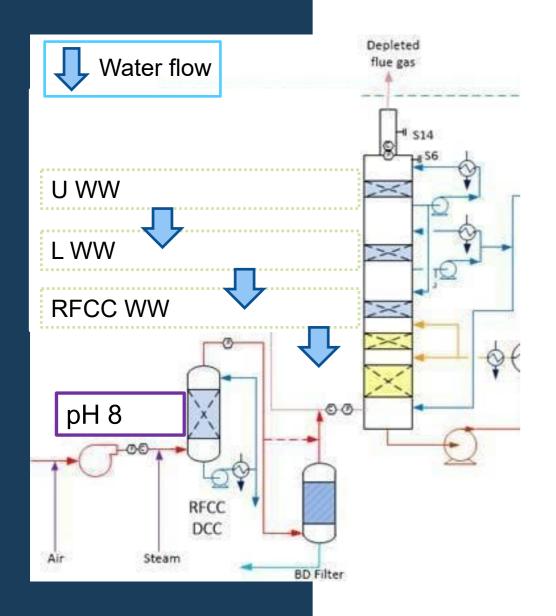


Operational changes to reduce emissions

- Counter current flow
- NaOH injection in DCC (pH ~8)
  - Removal of acidic SO<sub>2</sub> aerosols

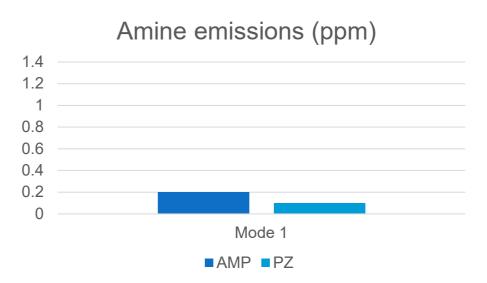






Operational changes to reduce emissions

 Refinement of operational parameters including high lean solvent temperature further reduced emissions







# Connect with TCM Partnering for CCS Deployment

#### Why TCM?

- +60,000 operational hours → proven, bankable performance
- ◆ 17 post-combustion capture technologies tested and derisked for commercial deployment → unmatched track record
- Neutral, independent test center → trusted by industry, investors & policy makers

#### What We Offer:

- \* Advisory services: technology screening, selection & scale-up
- Project support: from feasibility through FID
- CO<sub>2</sub> quality expertise: Characterization, specifications & impurity impacts on compression, Liquefaction, transport & storage
- Open for new test campaigns, Tailored advisory services, Strategic partnerships & joint projects



post@tcmda.com



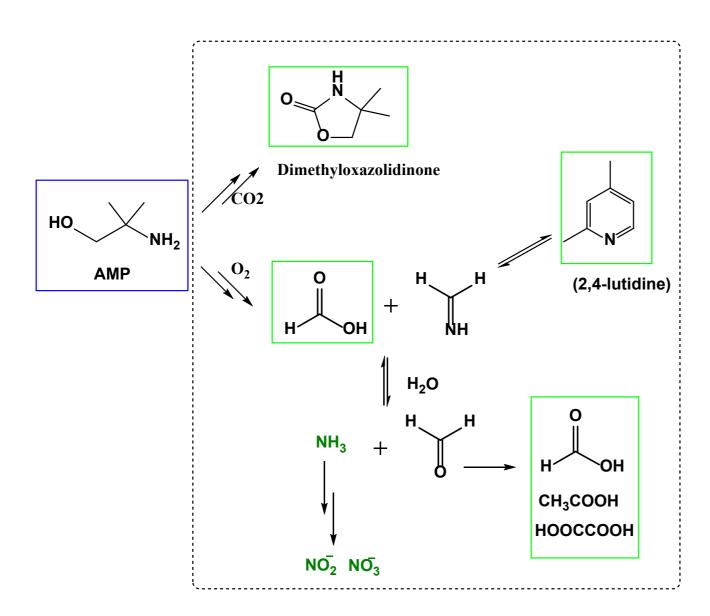






#### **BACK-UP SLIDES**



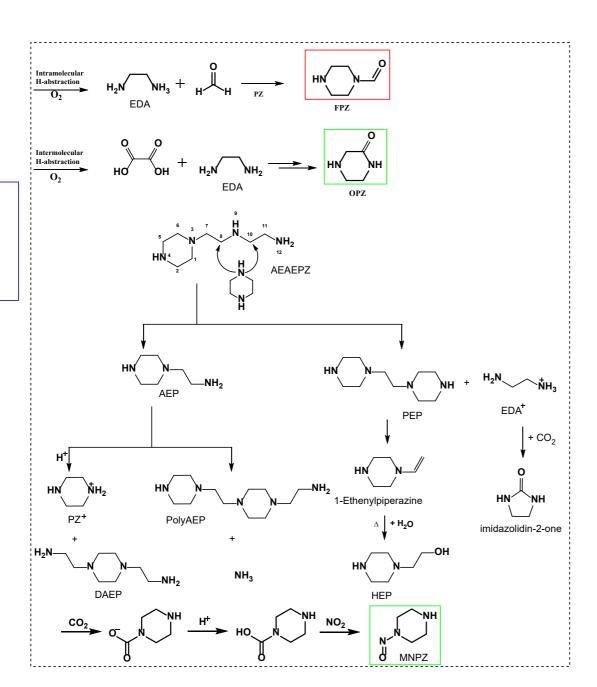


## **AMP** degradation

Most common AMP degradation products are

- 1. 4,4-dimethyl-2-oxazolidinone (DMOZD)
- 2. 2, 4-Lutidine
- 3. Acetone
- 4. Formic acid





#### PZ degradation

The most common PZ degradation products:

- 1. Ethylene diamine (EDA),
- 2. 2-oxopiperazine (OPZ),
- 3. N-formyl piperazine (FPz),
- 4. Mononitrosopiprazine (MNPZ),

Other minor products include carboxylate ions, amides, glycolate, nitrite and nitrate.

