

# Emissions Measurement at NCCC

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Workshop on Measurement, Monitoring and  
Controlling Potential Environmental Impacts from  
the Installation of Point Source Capture

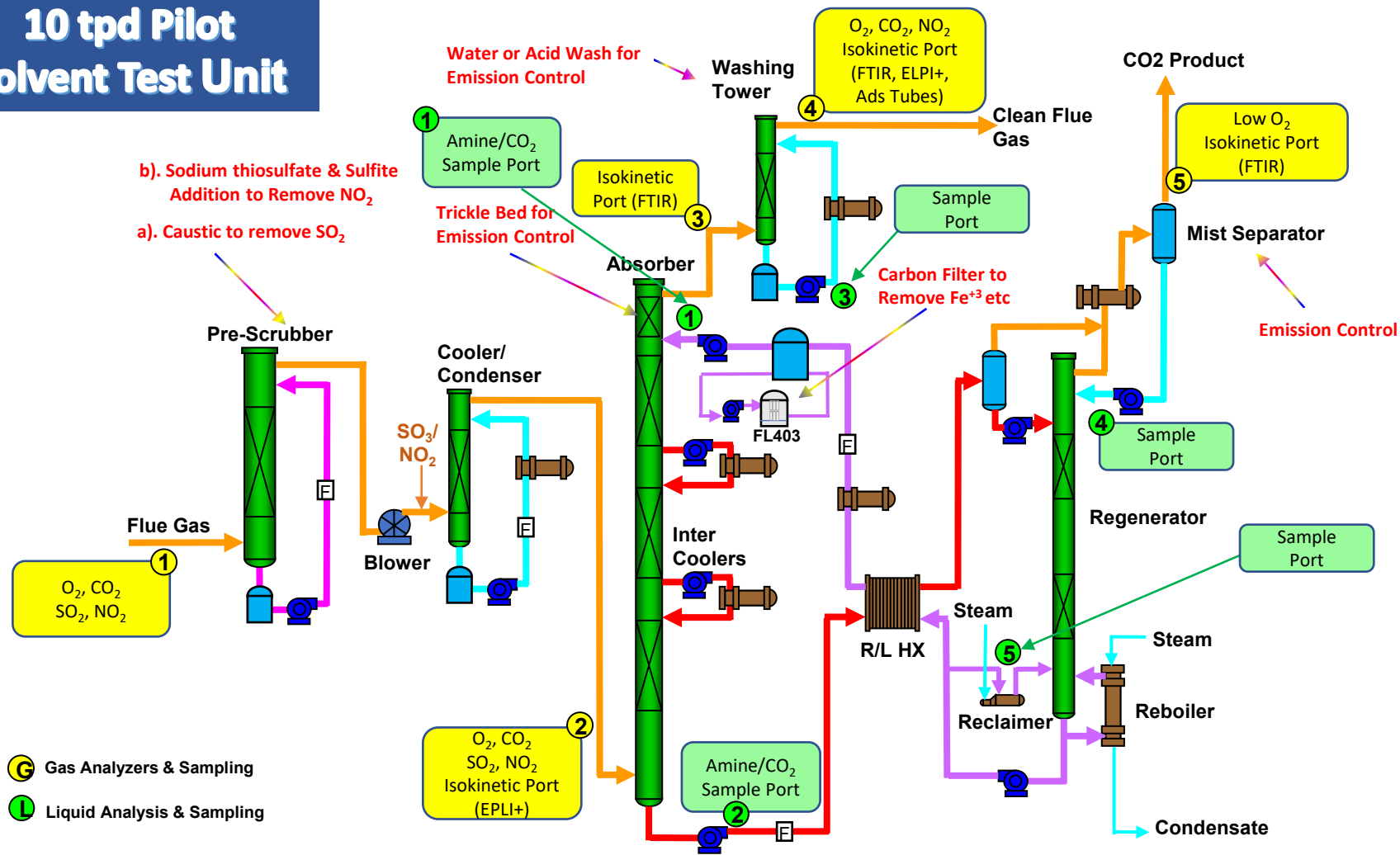


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# 10 tpd Pilot Solvent Test Unit



# Emission Related Analyses

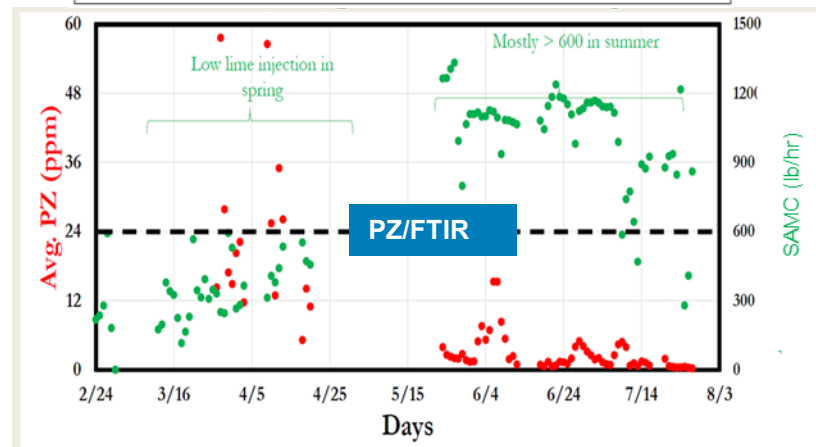
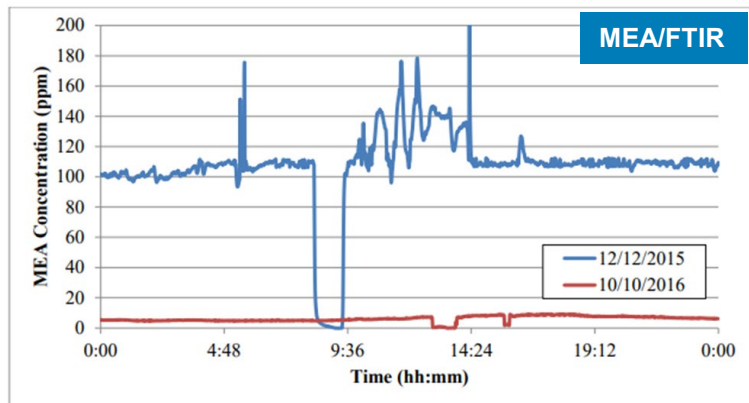
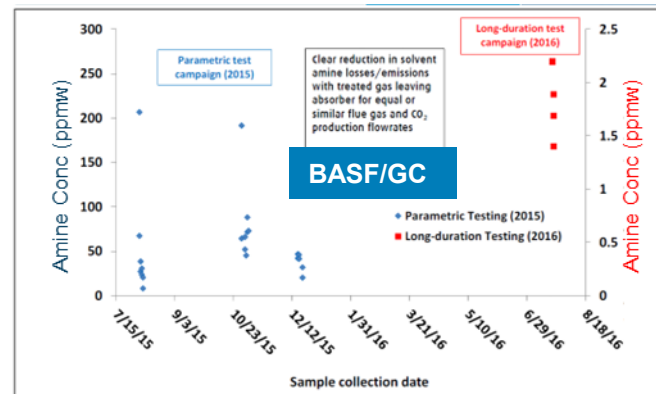
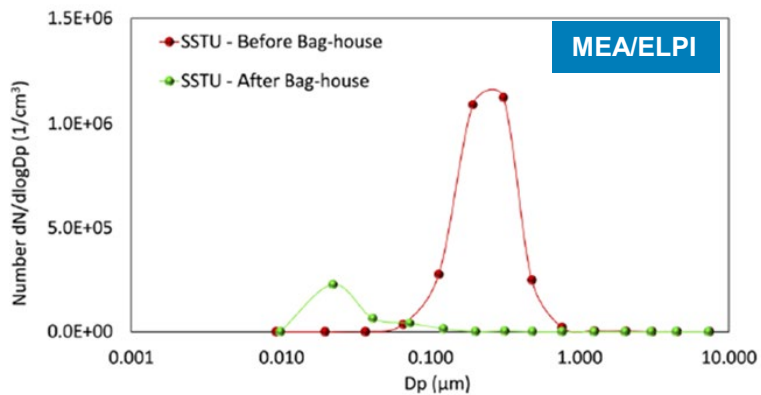
- In-house Capability

- Sample gas treatment (condensing chillers and Nafion dryers)
- UV Analyzers for NO<sub>2</sub> and SO<sub>2</sub>
- FTIR for amines, NH<sub>3</sub>, etc.
- ELPI<sup>+</sup> for particles concentrations and size distribution
- Gas sampling train for offline degradation products

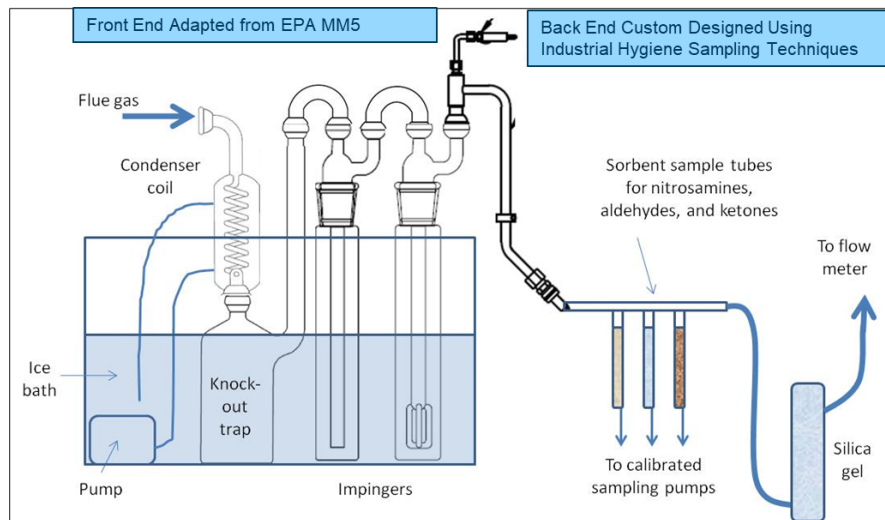
- In Collaboration with Technology Developers

- FTIR, PDI, UV-Vis, Ecotech low-NO<sub>2</sub> analyzer, AMI low O<sub>2</sub> analyzer (UT Austin)
- SMPS and APS from TSI Inc. (Linde/BASF, EPRI & WUSL) for particles distribution
- CB&I CEM Mobile Trailer (Linde/BASF)
- PTR-TOF MS for degradation products (UT & U of Oslo ,planned)

# Example – Impact of Aerosol (SO<sub>3</sub>)



# Example - MEA Degradation Products Sampling and Results



**MEA ~ 1100 operation hours**

| Analyte                                | WT Outlet Concentration, ppmv <sup>(1)</sup> |             |
|--|--|-------------|
|  | Wash Tower                                   | Regenerator |
| MEA                                    | 135  | 0.061       |
| Formaldehyde                           | 0.32   | 2.09        |
| Acetaldehyde                           | 0.69   | 2.04        |
| Ammonia                                | 140  | 3.5         |
| Ethyl amine                            | 0.036  | ND          |
| Acetone                                | 0.18   | 0.033       |
| Acetonitrile                           | 0.039  | 0.023       |
| Acetic acid                            | 0.021  | 0.020       |
| Propionic acid                         | 0.23   | 0.26        |
| N-Nitrosodimethylamine <sup>(2)</sup>  | 0.000225                                     | 0.0000058   |
| N-Nitrosodiethanolamine <sup>(2)</sup> | 0.00106                                      | ND          |

<sup>(1)</sup> Expressed as ppmv in the gas phase

<sup>(2)</sup> Present only in vapor samples

ND = Not Detected

# NCCC Future Considerations

- Continuous monitoring of source flue gas for changes
- Measurements in both liquid and gas phases (key locations) for comprehensive understanding
- Explore advanced analyzer/instrument for solvent degradation/emission analysis
  - PTR-TOF MS
  - Total Nitrosamines (TONO) by Stanford University
  - Raman Spectroscopy
  - Optical Sensor
- Design a flexible multi-stage flue gas washing for emission reductions (e.g. dry bed, trickle bed, water & acid wash)
- Explore the use of SSTU for long-term solvent degradation and reclamation study
- Perform emission measurement for all technologies testing at NCCC, as appropriate