

BIOMASS PYROLYSIS



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Waste Disposal Options

⌘ **Landfilling**

⌘ **Incineration**

☑ **Mass Burn**

☑ **Refuse Derived Fuel (RDF)**

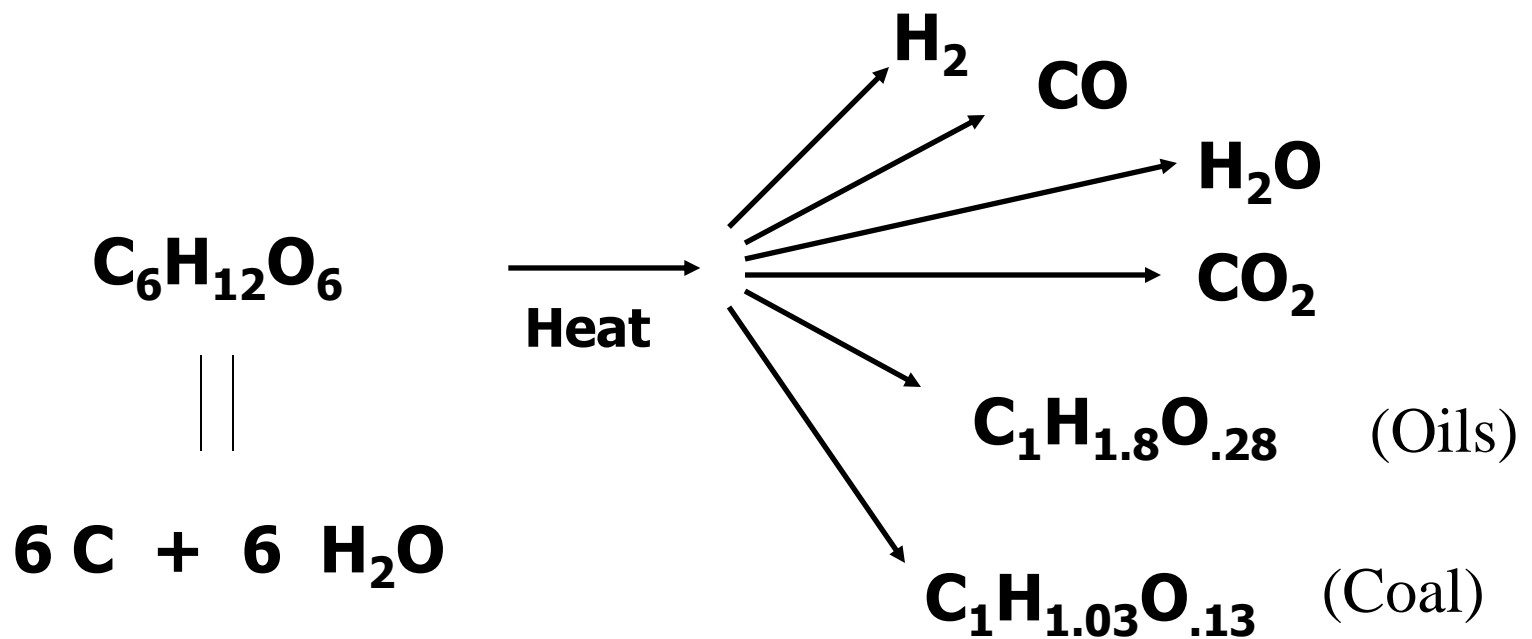
⌘ **Gasification**

⌘ **Pyrolysis**

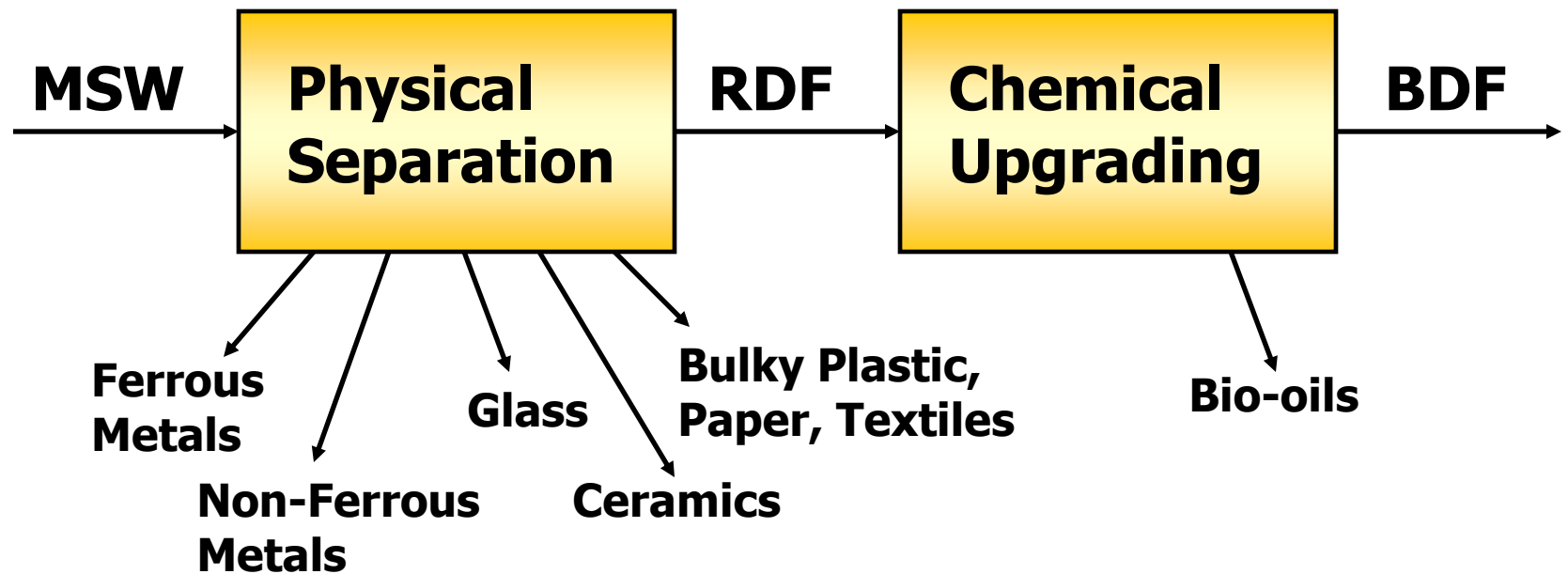
☑ **High Temperature**

☑ **Low Temperature**

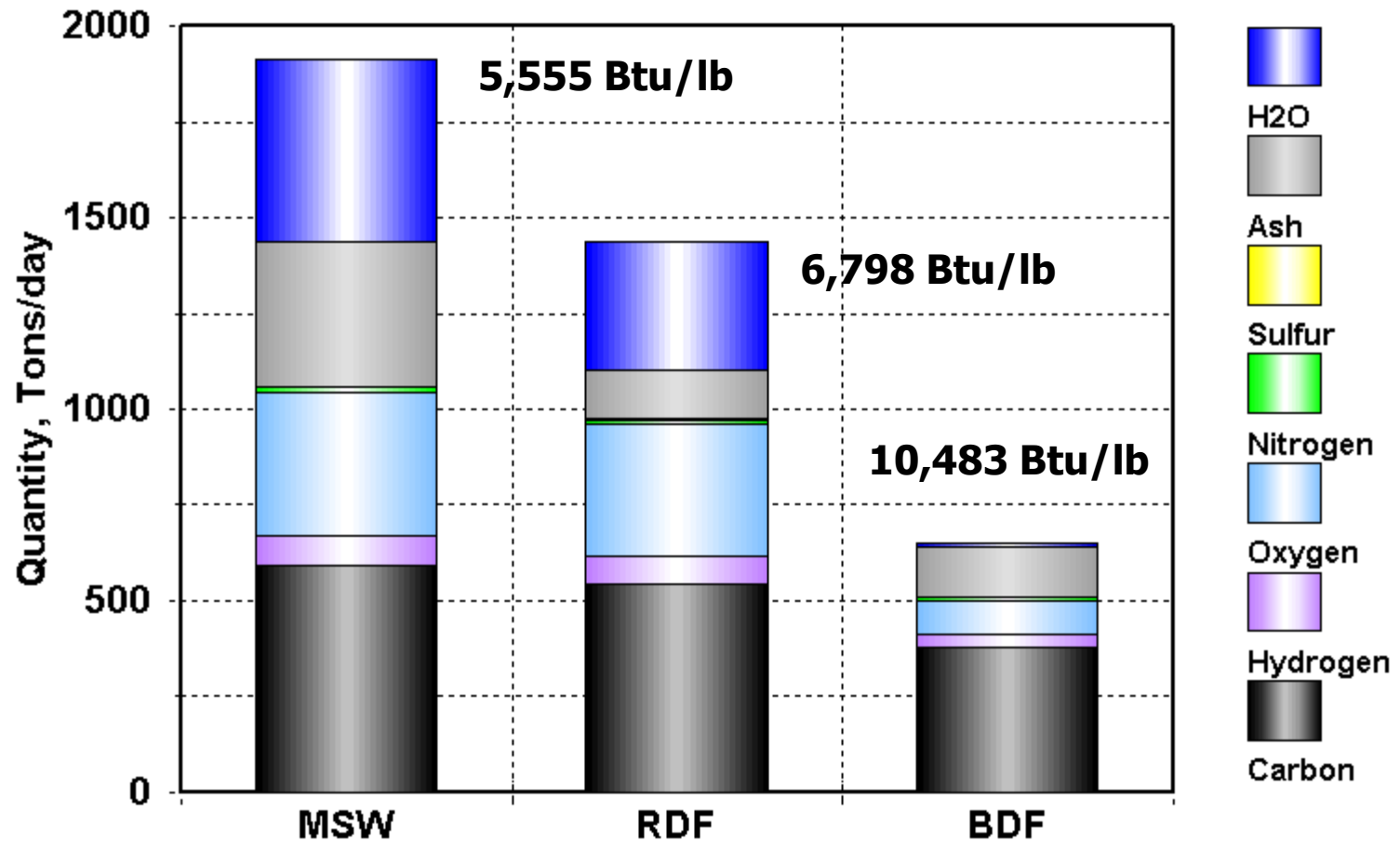
Pyrolysis



LTMP Renewable Fuels Process



Fuel Upgrading



Waste to BDF



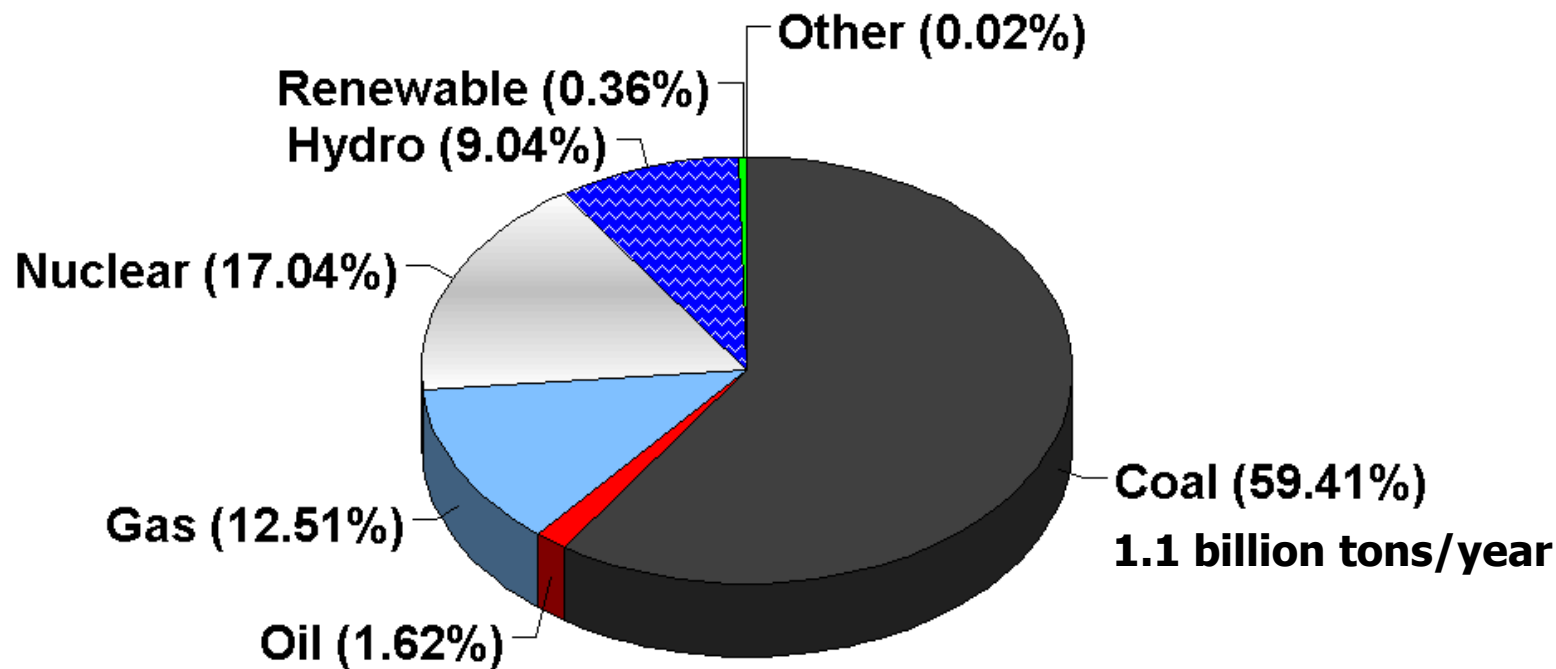
Shredded Waste



Biomass-Derived Fuel

Why Displace Coal?

Electric Utility Fuel Use



Source: US EIA

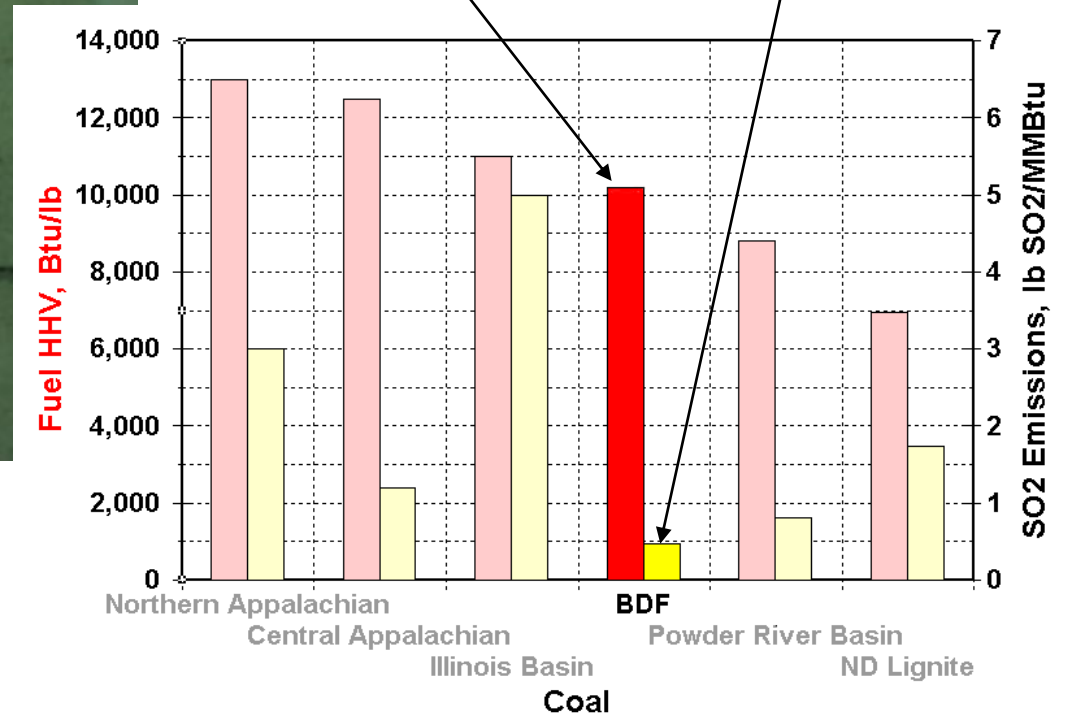
Burning Biomass-Derived Fuel



Easy ignition
Stable combustion
High carbon conversion

**Energy Content
greater than
Low S Western Coal**

**Sulfur Content
lower than
natural coals**



LTMP Pyrolysis Process



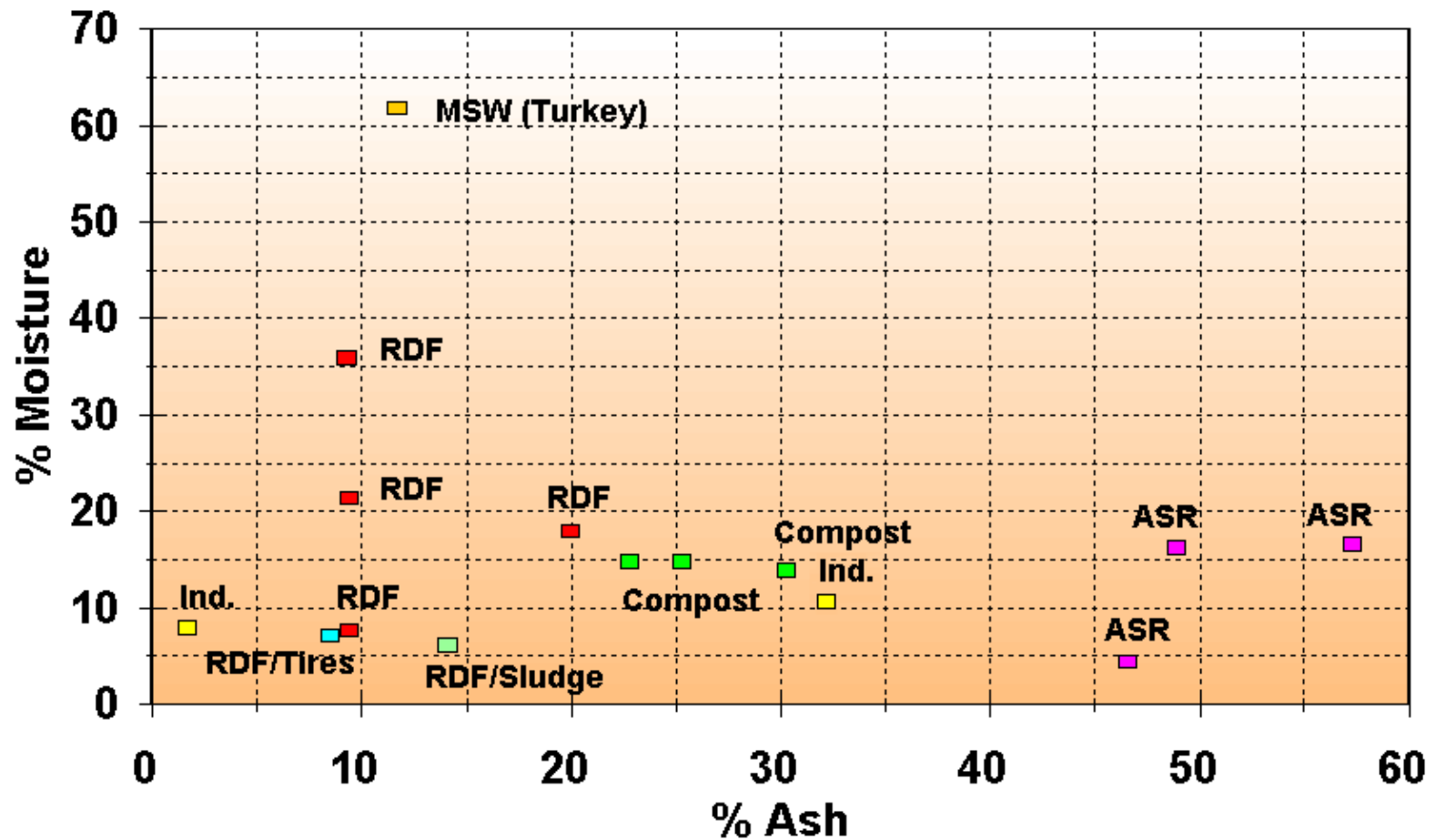
⌘ Based on low temperature twin screw extruder/mixer technology

☑ Forty years of experience in similar applications, over 1,200 commercial extruder/mixer units in service.

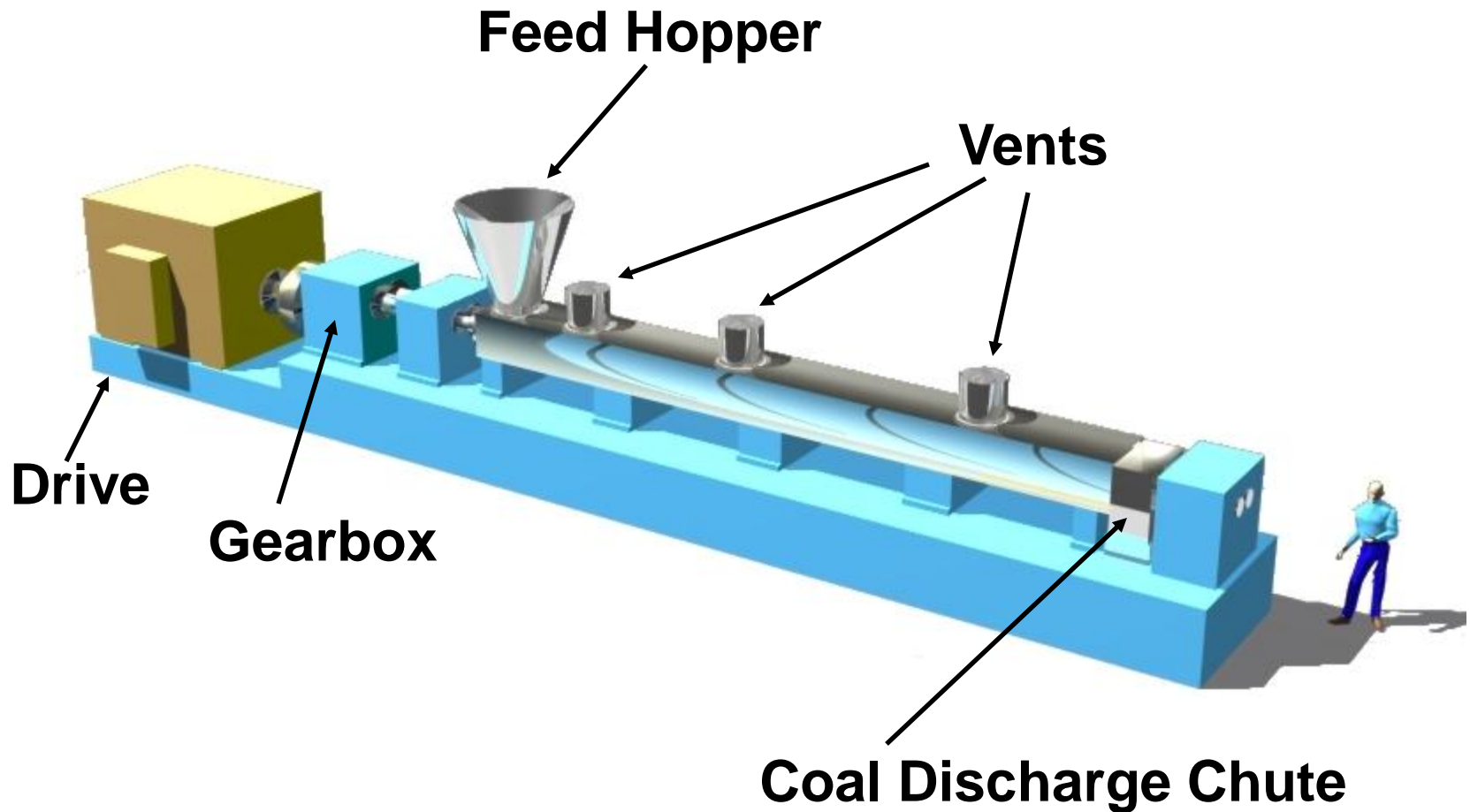
☑ Mixer produces highly consistent product quality

☑ Process can operate on a wide variety of organic waste materials

Feedstock Range



Pyrolysis Reactor



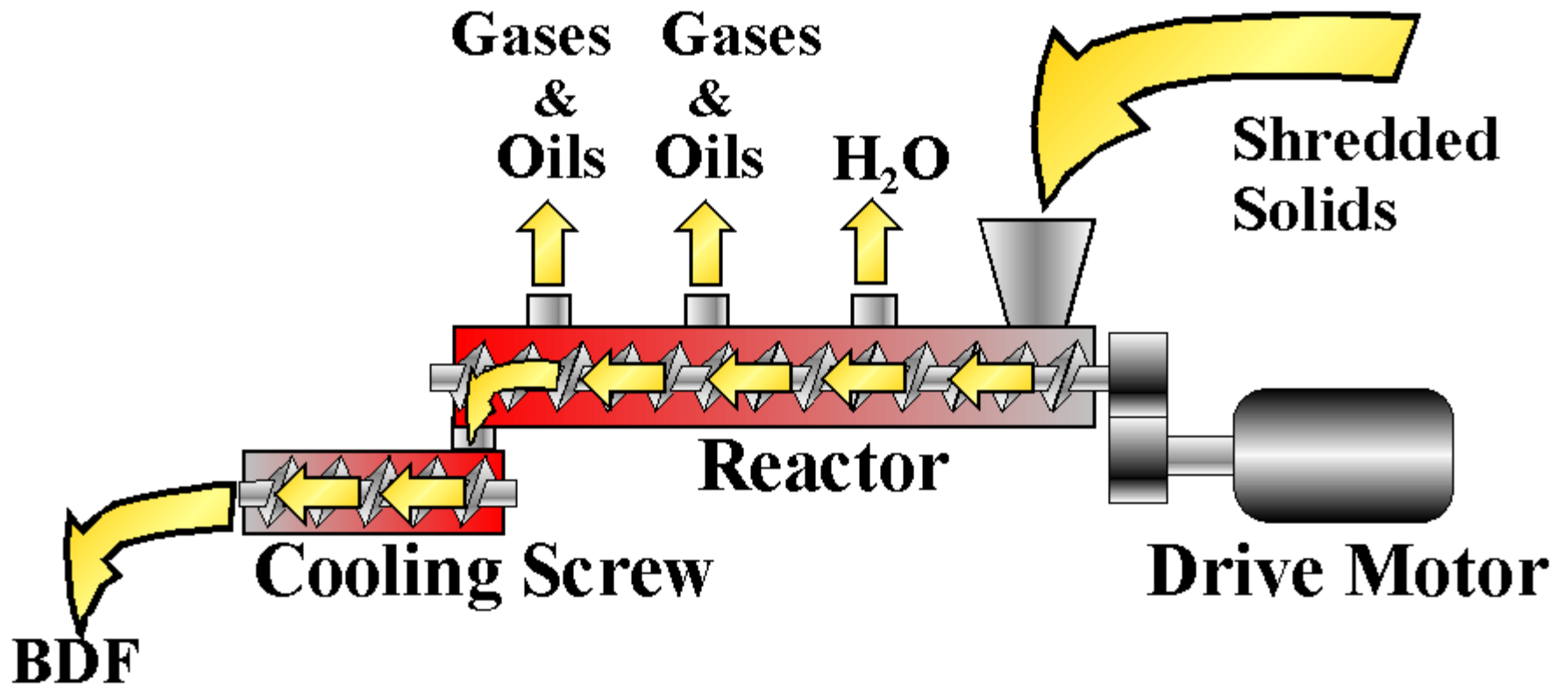
8 Tons/hr Capacity

Internal Augers

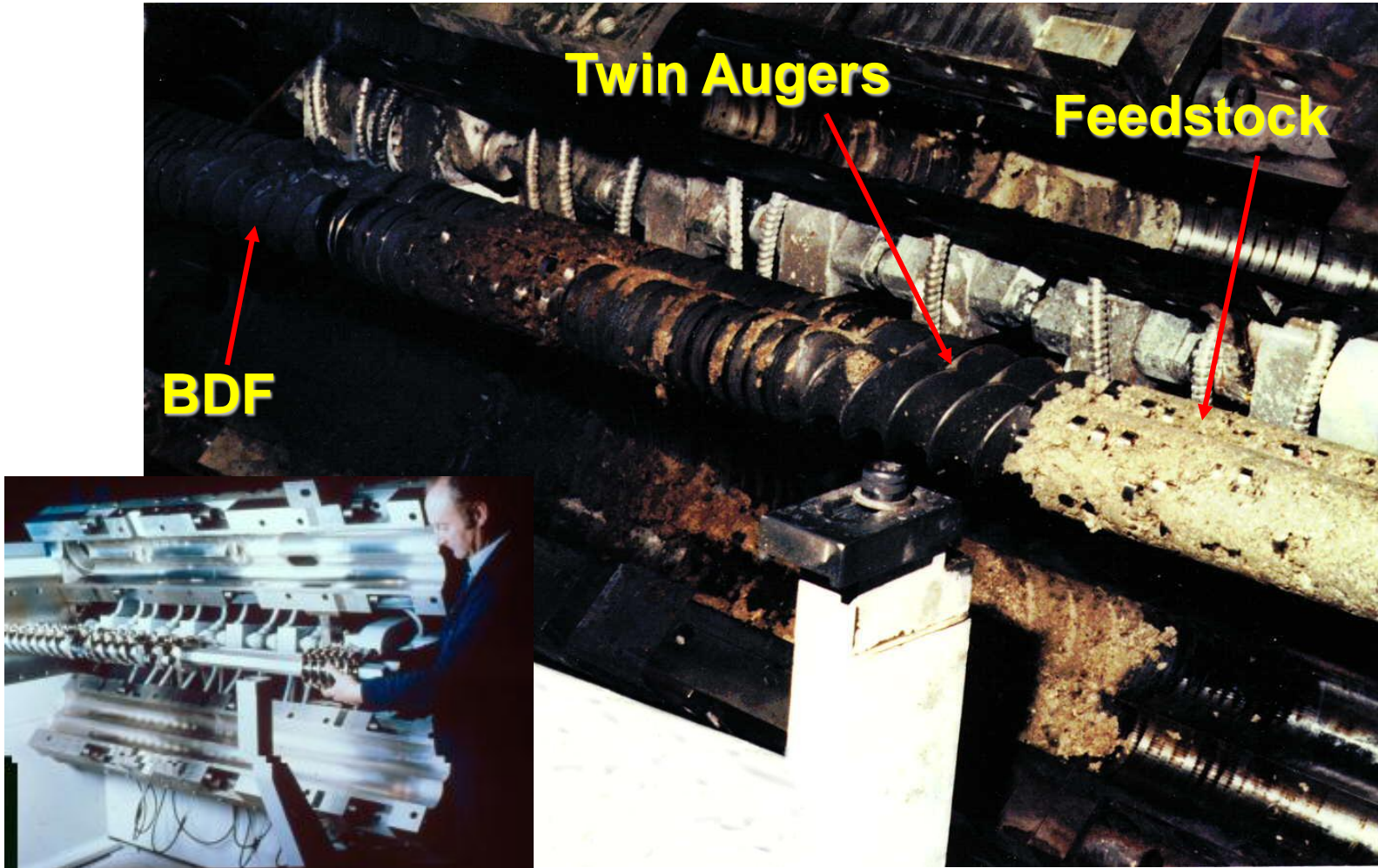


~25 Tons/hr Capacity

BDF Production Process



Pyrolysis at Work

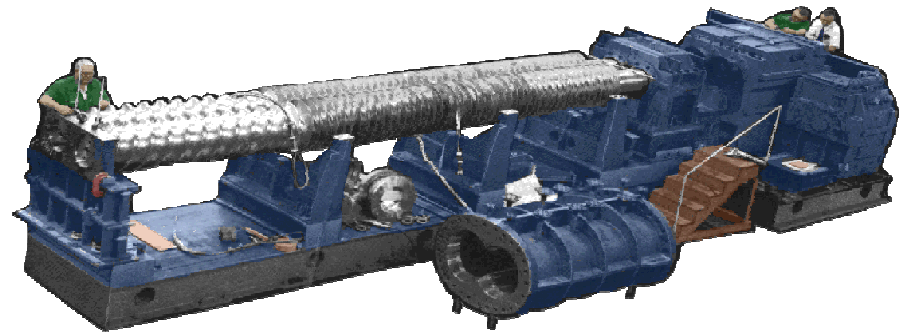


Large Capacity Machines



Similar Unit --
Designed for cellulose
Vertical vs horizontal
35" Diameter Augers
100 tph vs 8 tph

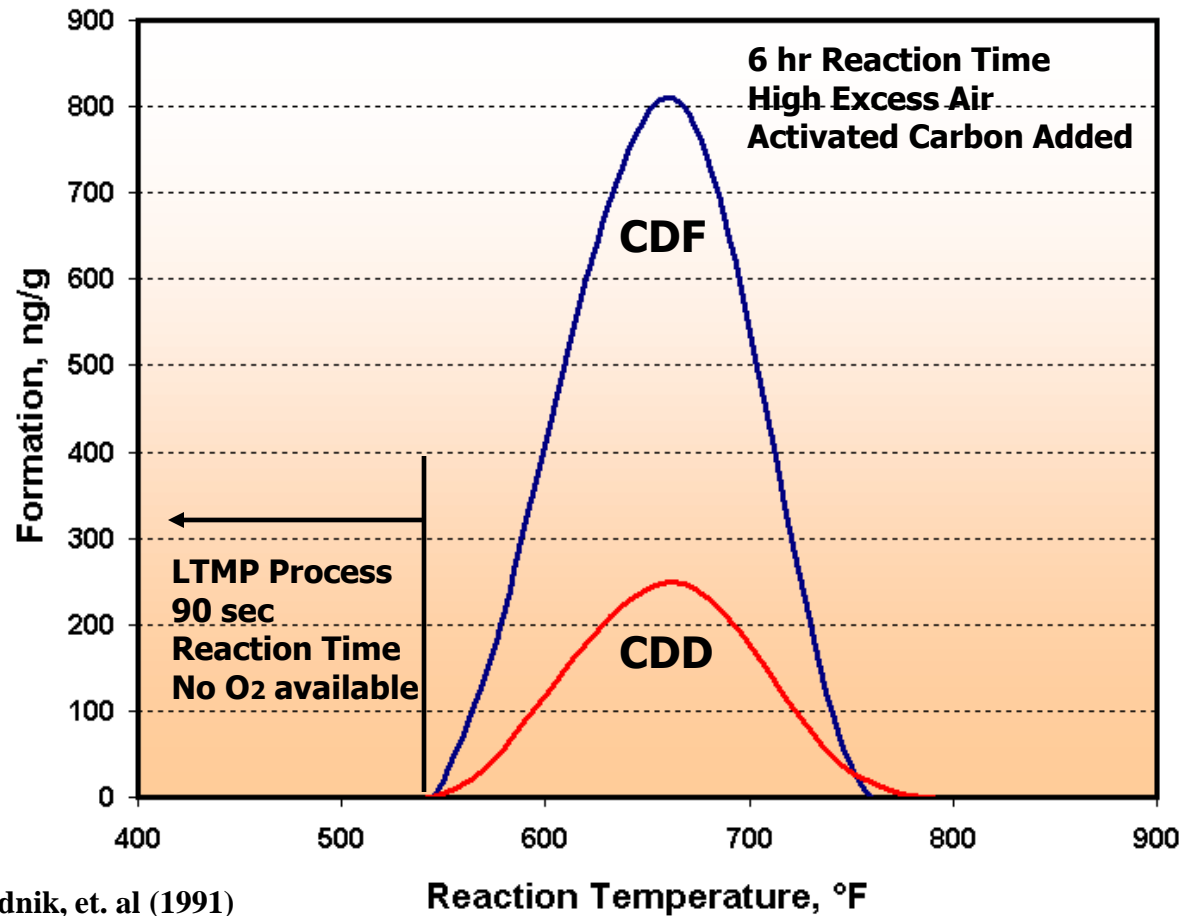
Similar Unit --
Designed for Kevlar
Horizontal Configuration
31" Diameter Augers
75 tph vs 8 tph



Unique Reactor Properties

- ⌘ **No incineration, combustion or burning**
- ⌘ **No air or oxygen added**
- ⌘ **No flame**
- ⌘ **No external heat addition**
- ⌘ **No circulating solids**
- ⌘ **550°F max. operating temperature**
- ⌘ **Single step to end product - no refining needed**

Dioxin Formation



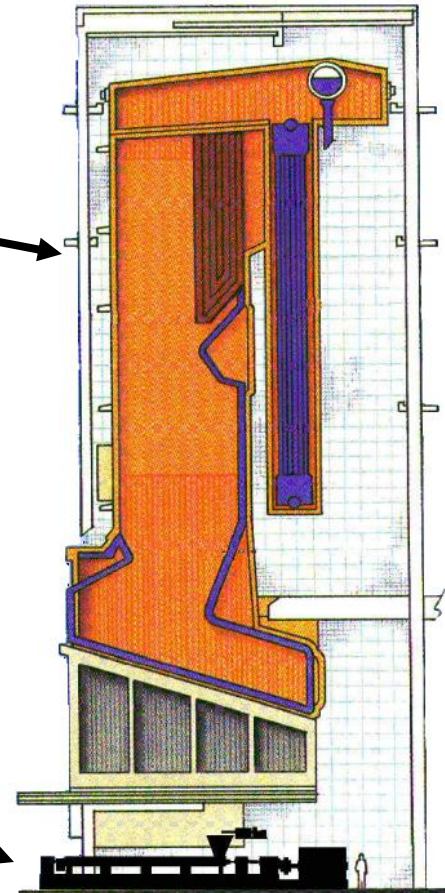
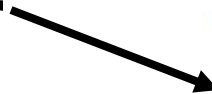
Sources: USEPA, Addnik, et. al (1991)

Incineration vs. LTMP

200 Tpd Incinerator



200 Tpd LTMP Reactor



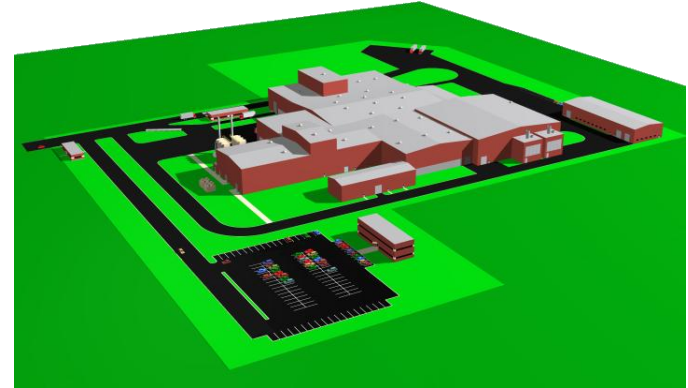
Incineration vs Pyrolysis



Detroit Incinerator, Michigan



LTMP Pyrolysis, Illinois

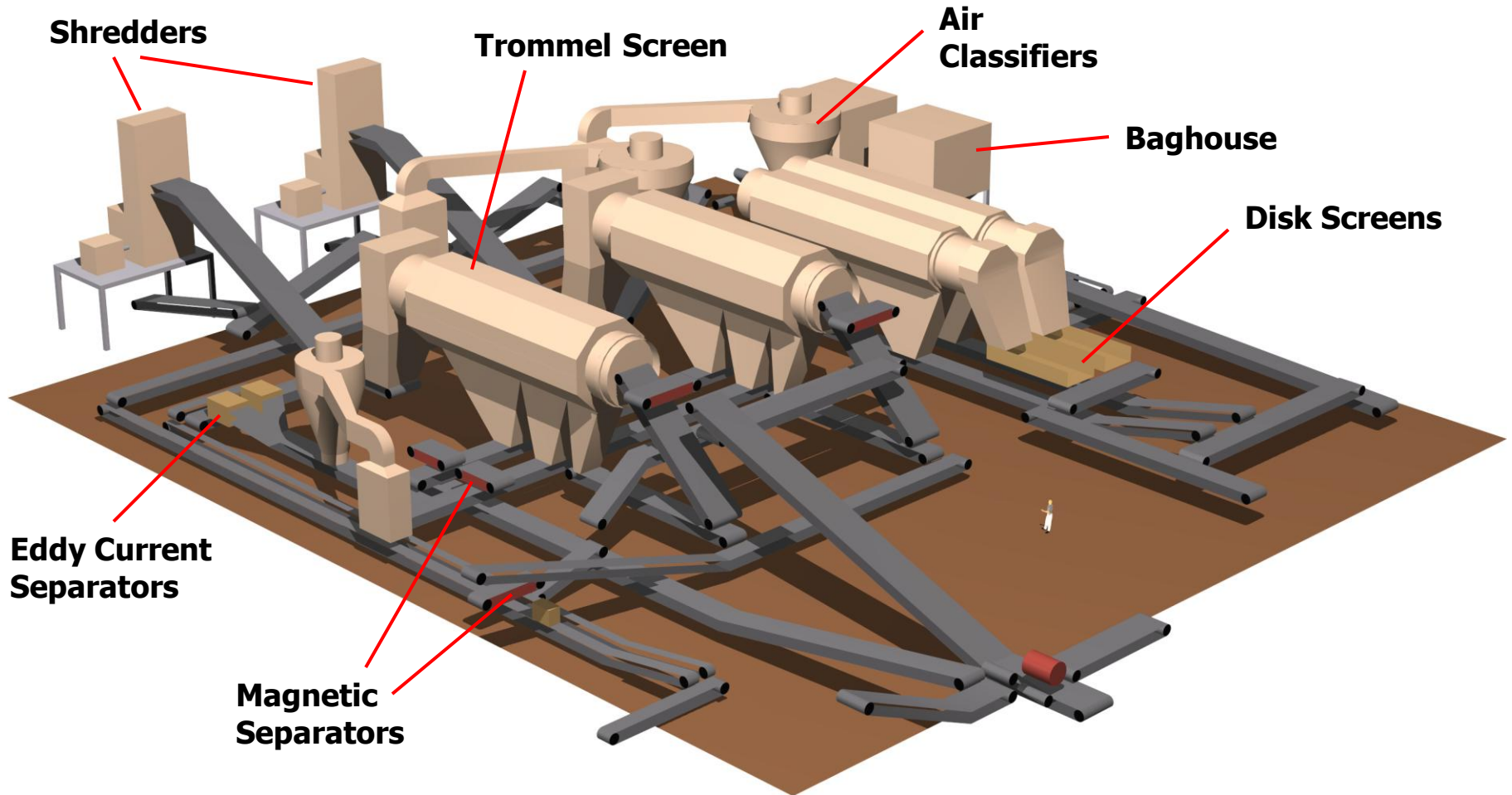


Waste Quantity — 3,200 UST/d*
Waste Moisture — 18%
Net Power Generation — 65 MW
Generating Efficiency — 16.9%

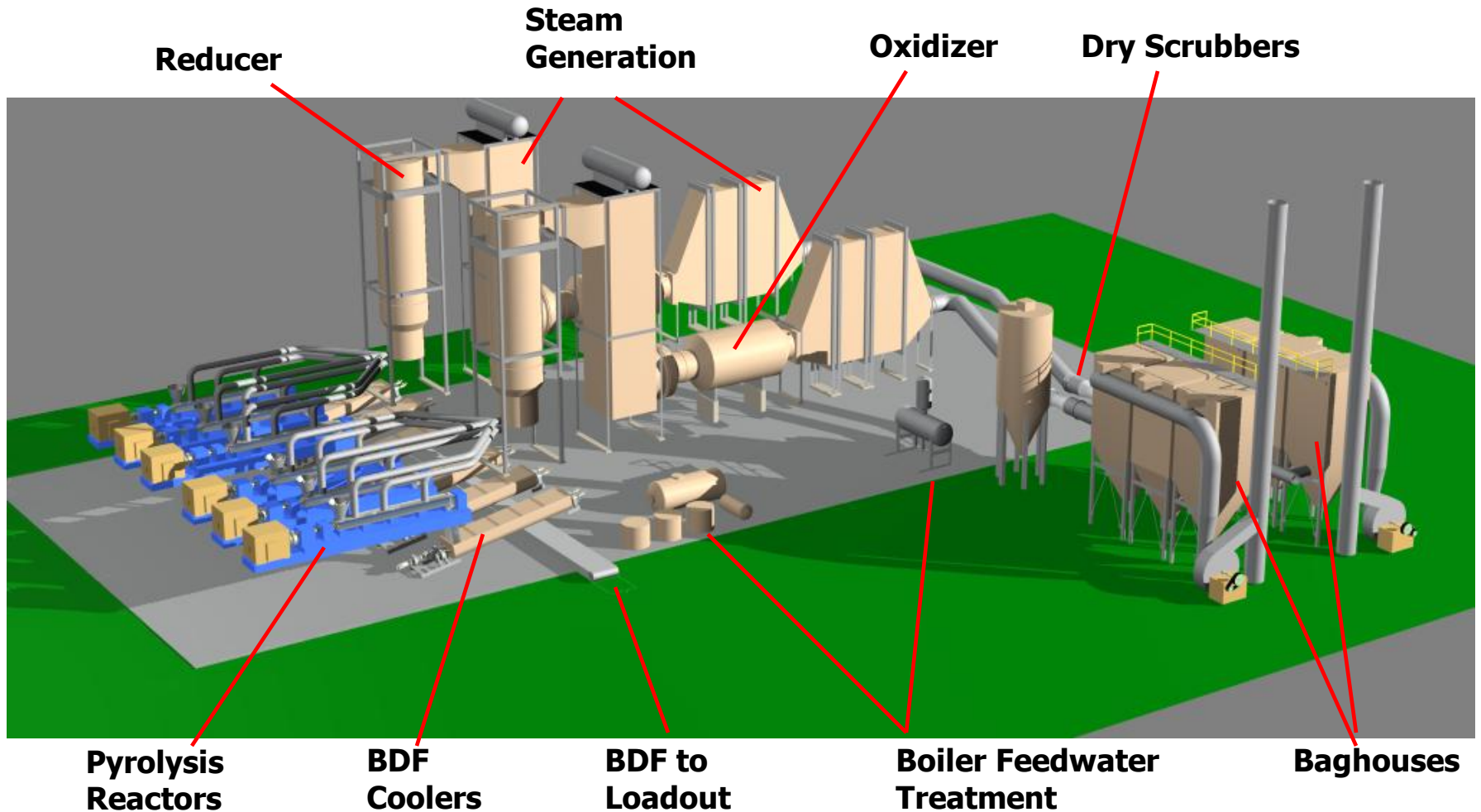
Waste Quantity — 1,232 UST/d*
Waste Moisture — 24%
Power from Syncoal — 35 MW
Generating Efficiency — 19.2%

***7 day/wk average**

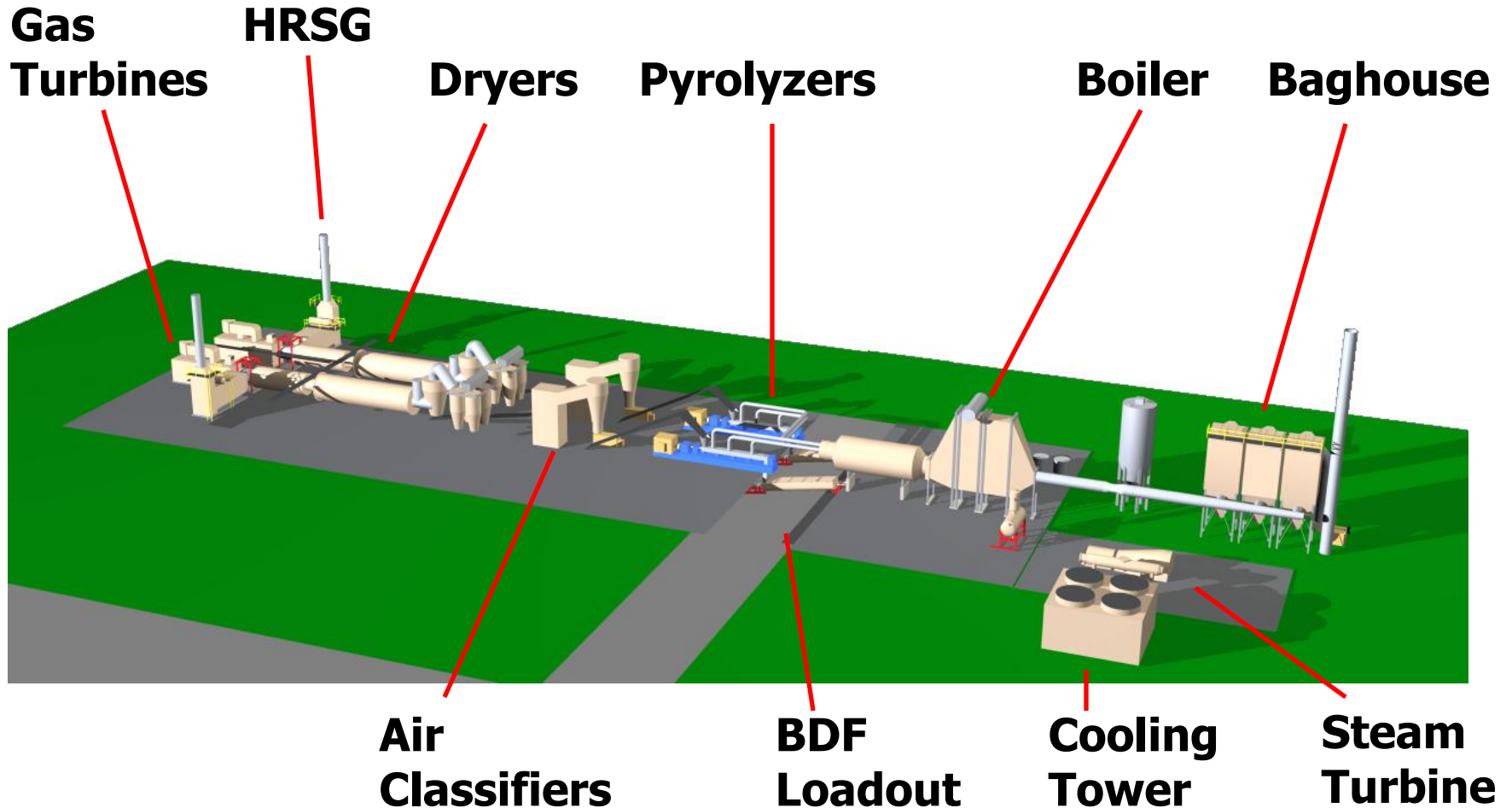
RDF Preparation



Pyrolysis Area



Pyrolysis Area - High Moisture



Incineration vs Pyrolysis

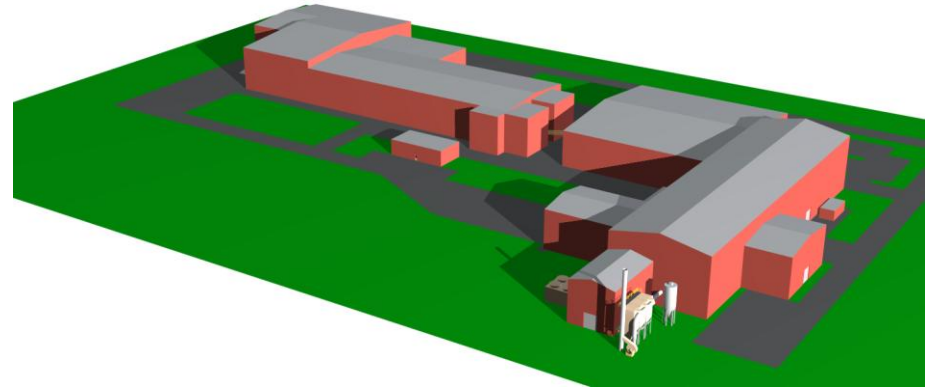


Kajang Incinerator, Malaysia*



Waste Quantity — 1,100 UST/d
Waste Moisture — 56%
Net Power Generation — 5 MW
Generating Efficiency — 6.4%

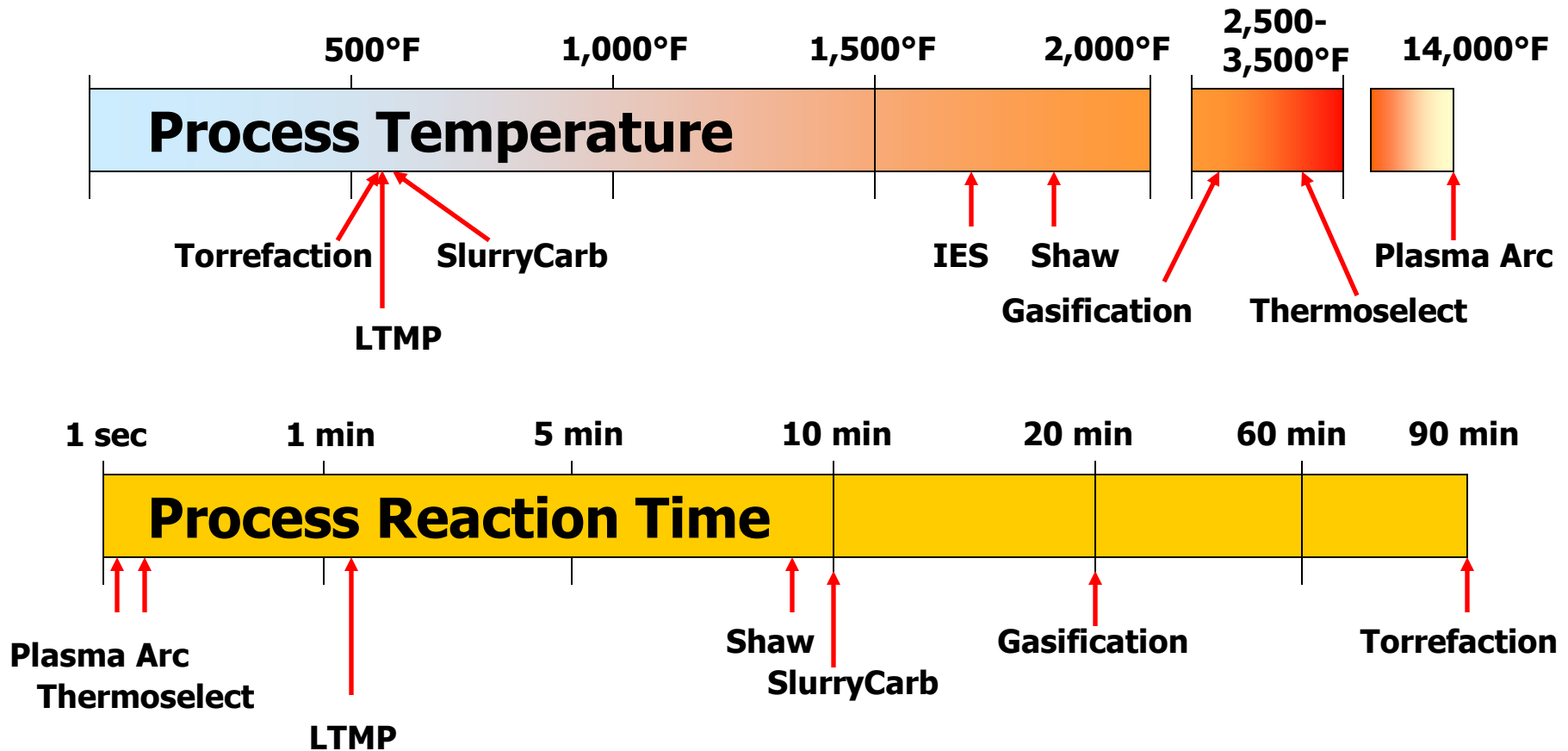
LTMP Pyrolysis, Santiago



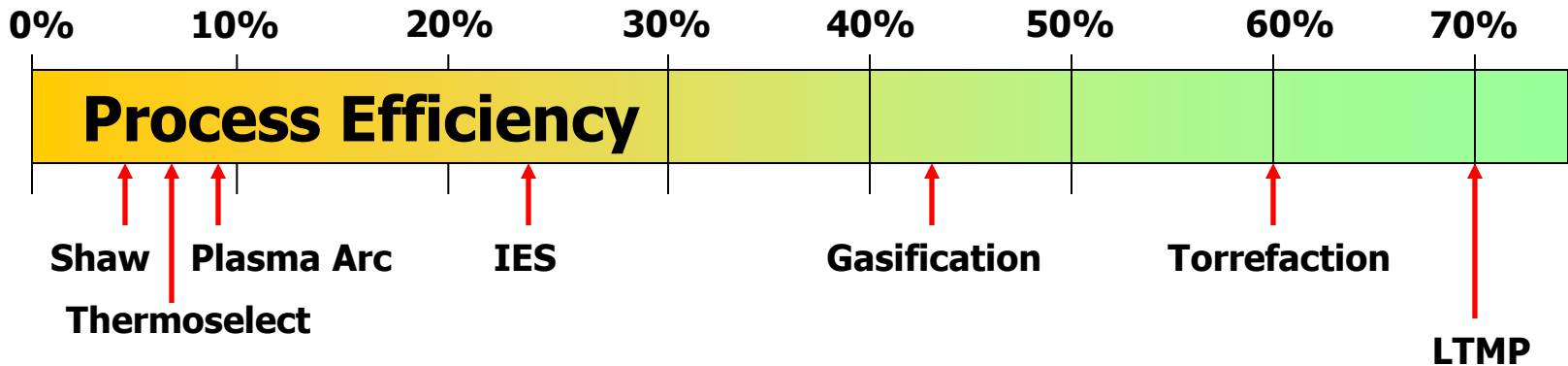
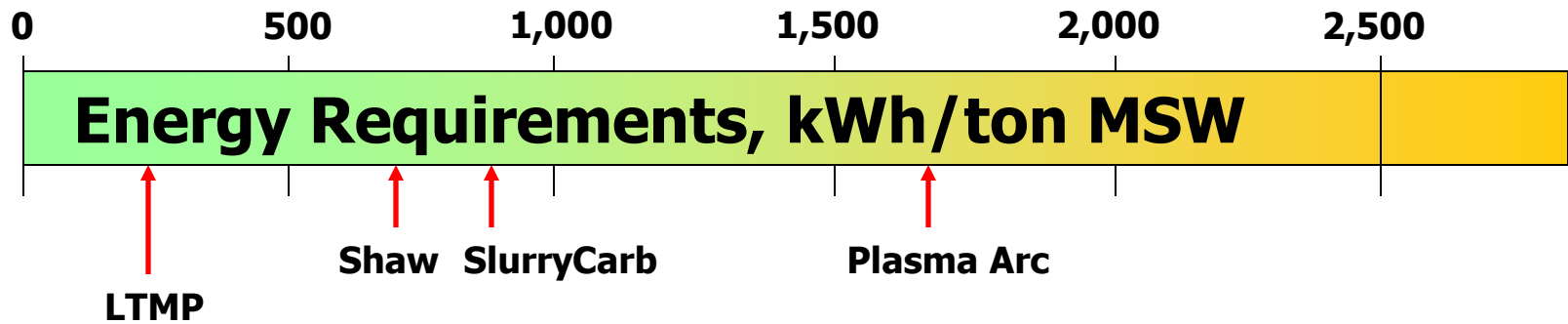
Waste Quantity — 1,500 UST/d
Waste Moisture — 54%
Power from Syncoal — 25 MW
Generating Efficiency — 19.2%

*Renewable Project of the Year 2010 -- “Power Magazine”

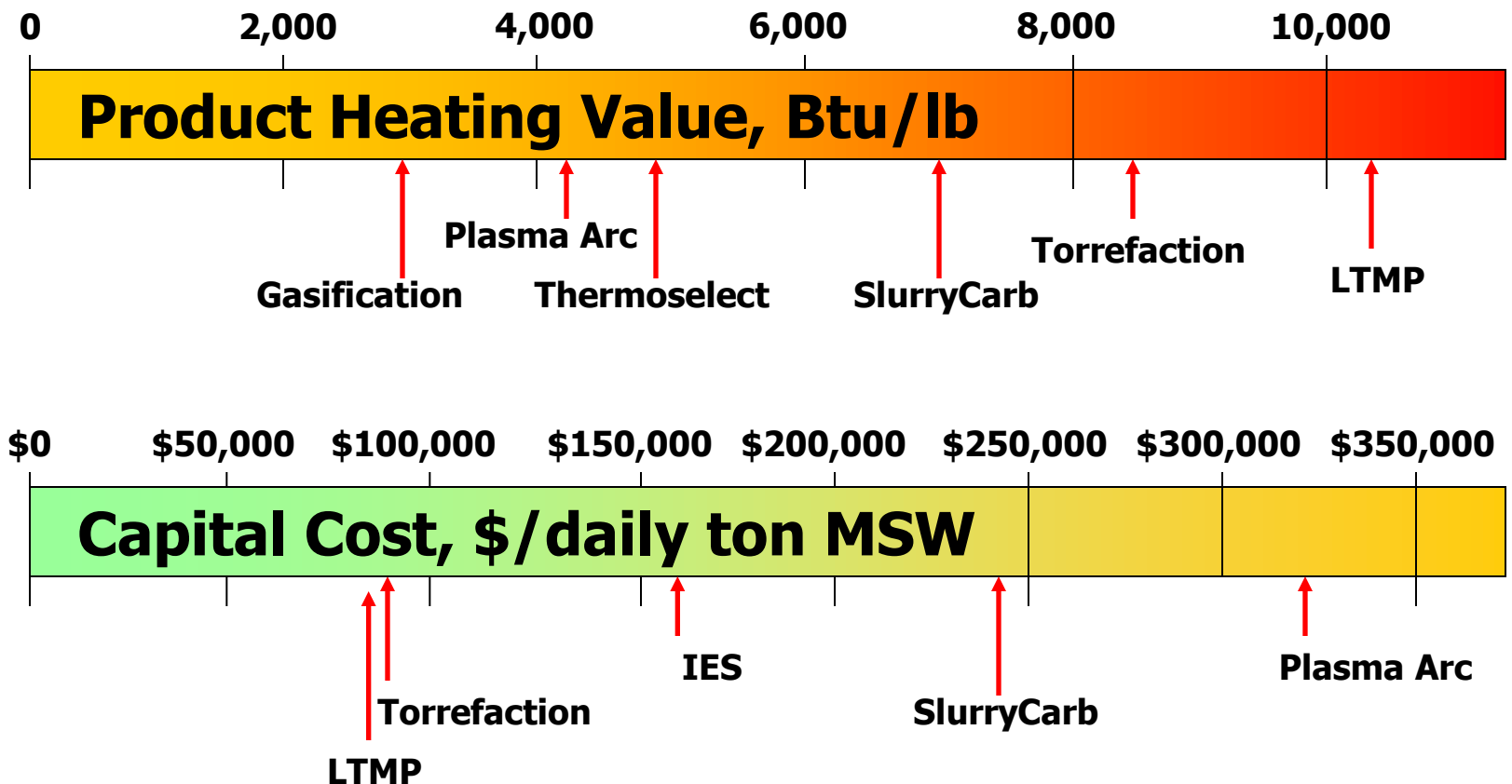
Process Comparisons



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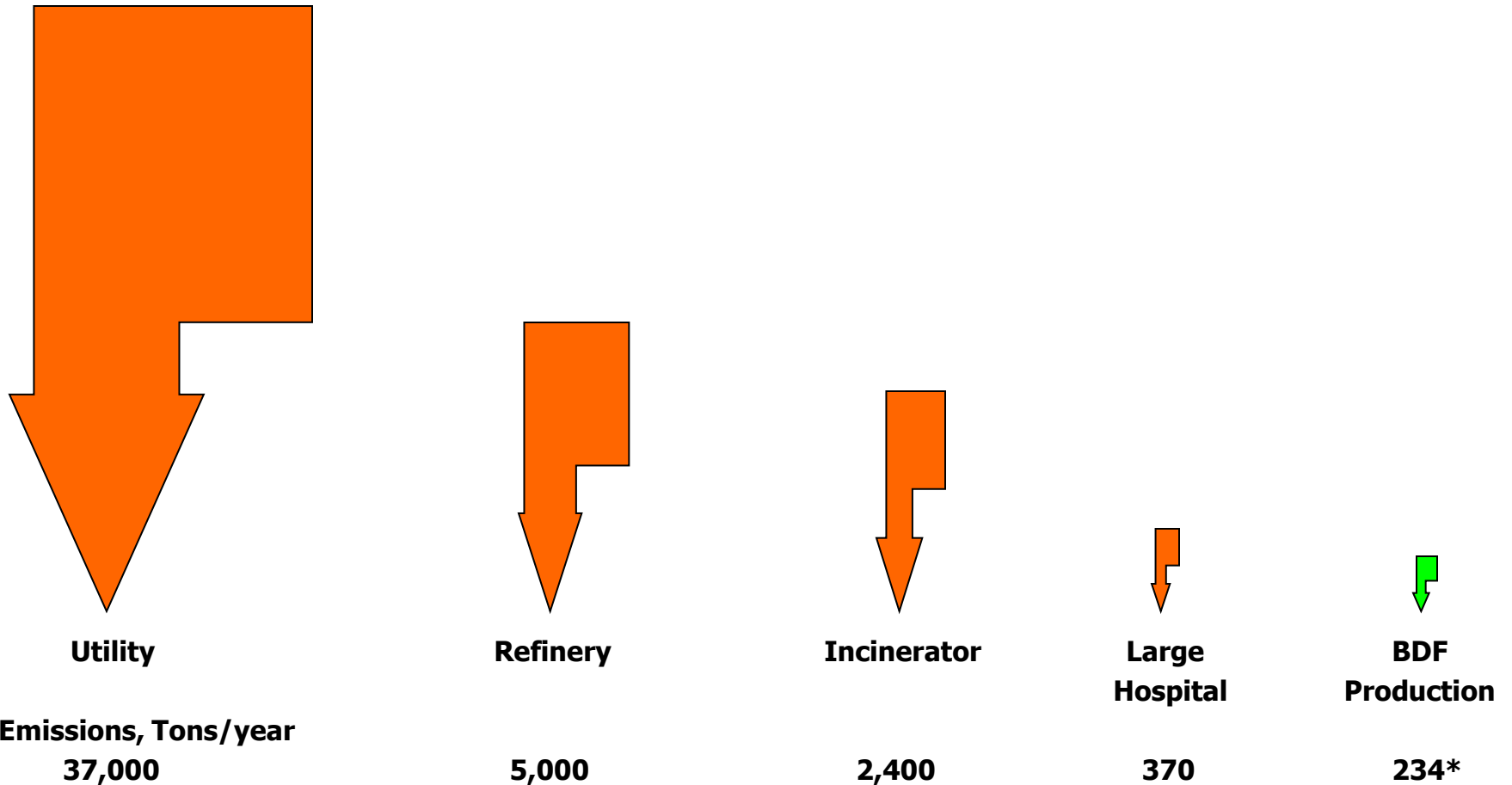
Net Energy Production



	<u>Net Electric/ Fuel Output</u>	<u>1,000 TPD 100% Availability</u>
Thermal		
Gasification	400 kWh/ton	16 MWe
Pyrolysis	450 kWh/ton	19 MWe
Plasma Arc	400 kWh/ton	16 MWe
Anaerobic Digestion	125 kWh/ton	5 MWe
Acid Hydrolysis	31 gal EtOH/ton (260 kWh/ton)	11 mm gal/yr (11 MWe)
LTMP Carbonization	0.38 ton BDF/ton (785 kWh/ton)	137,000 tpy BDF (33 MWe)



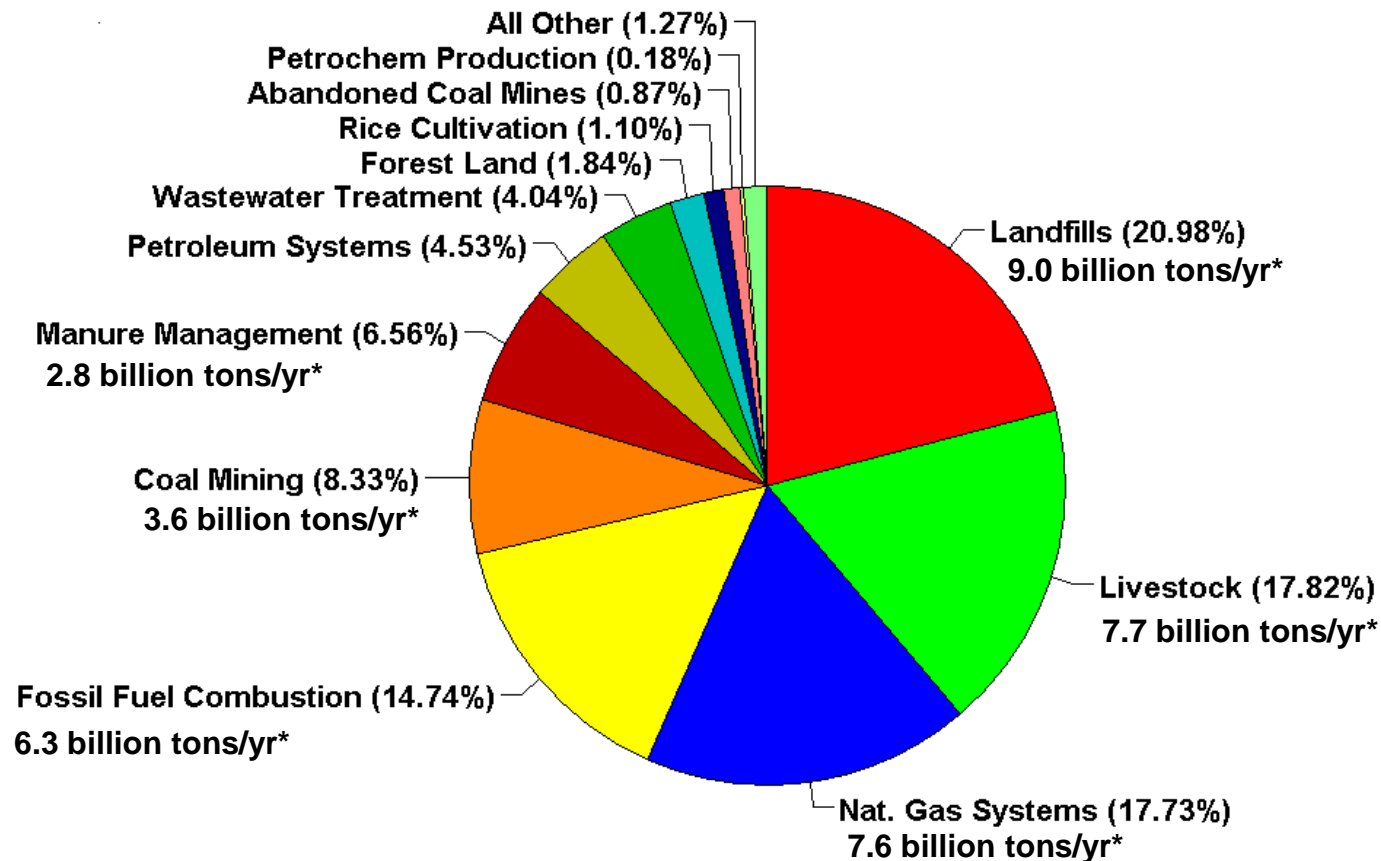
Comparative Emissions



*minor source

Sources of Greenhouse Gases

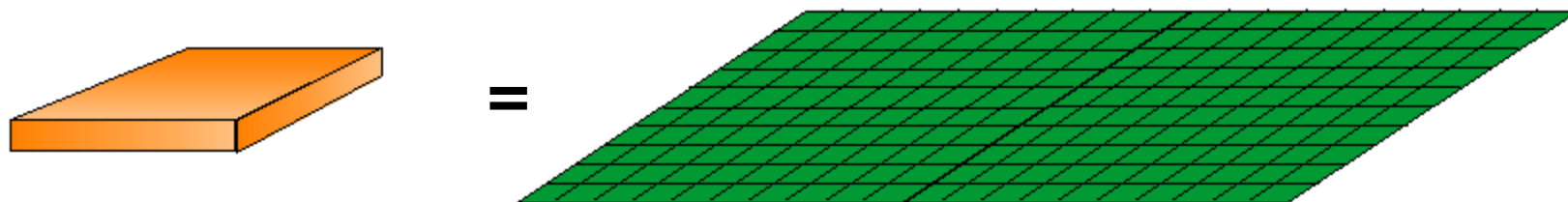
US EPA Data



*CO₂ Equivalent

Greenhouse Gas Reduction

LTMP Plant vs Forest Land



200 Square Miles

1 LTMP Plant

1 Acre Forest Land

Capacity

1,600 Tons/day MSW
450,000 Tons/yr MSW

CO₂ Reduced*

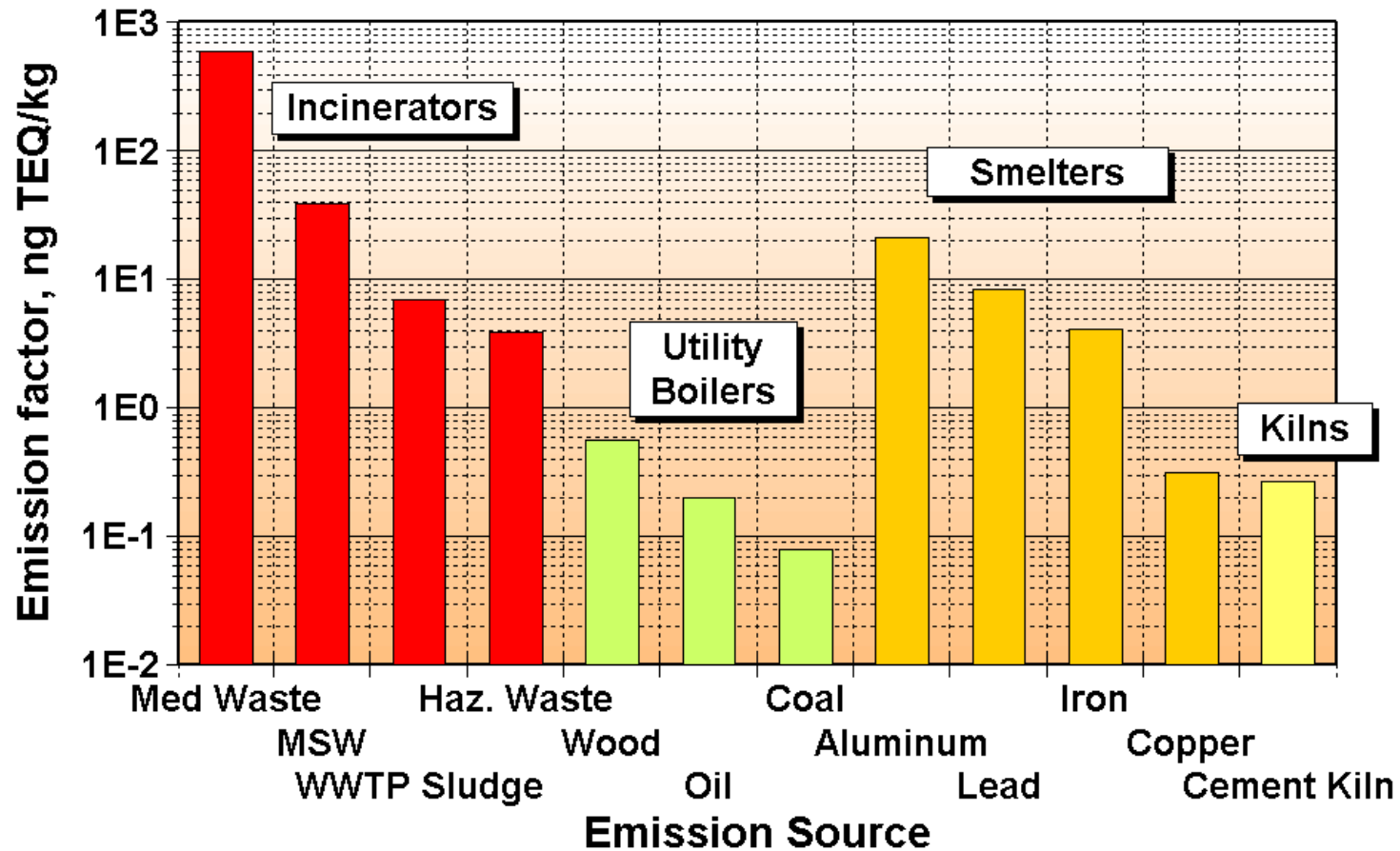
1.5 million Tons/yr

12 Tons/yr

*All Greenhouse gases, as CO₂

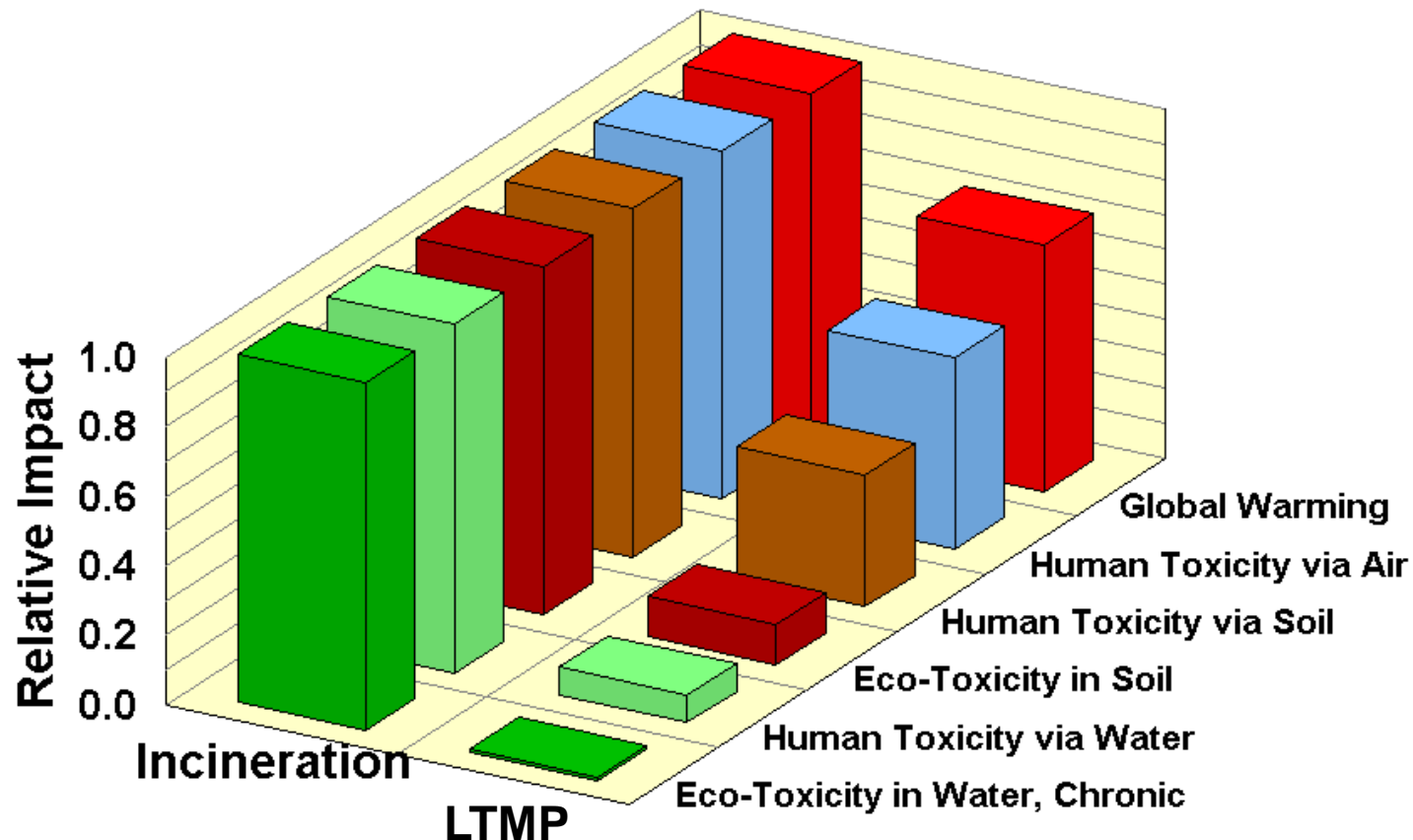
Dioxin Emission Factors

USEPA Dioxin Reassessment



Environmental Impact

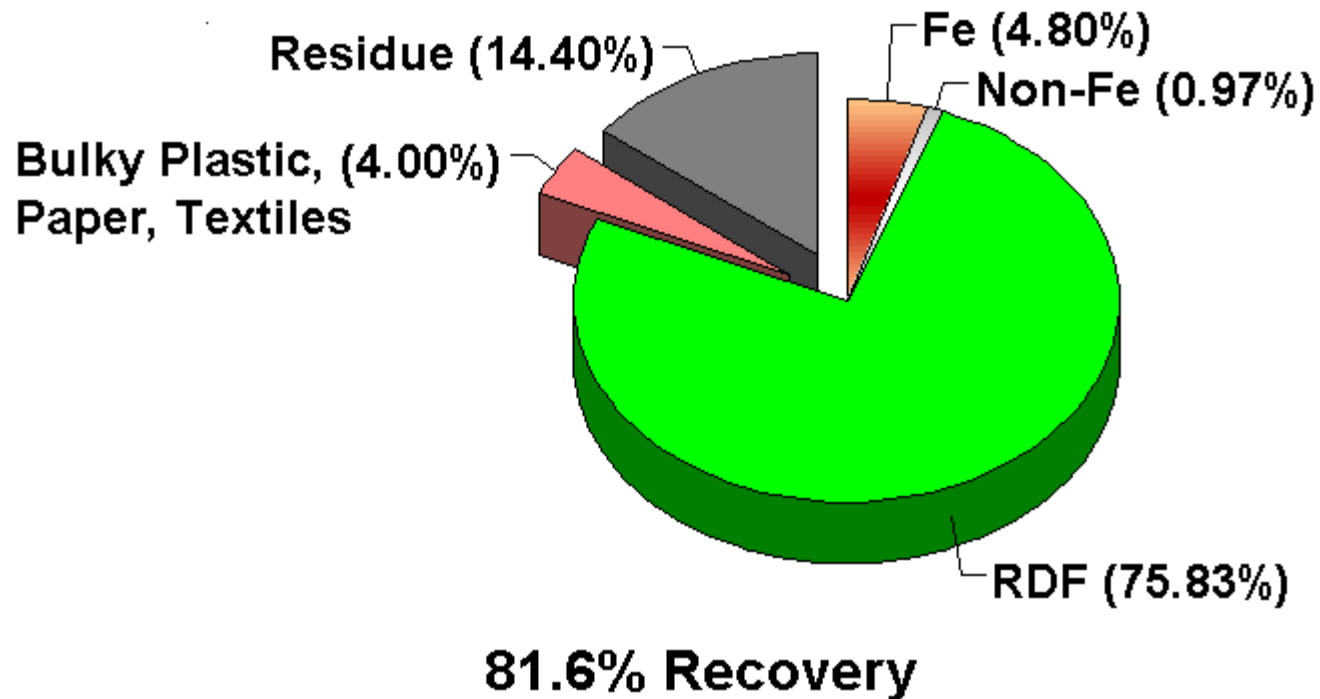
LTMP Carbonization vs Incineration*



Source: Technical University of Denmark, Nov. 2007

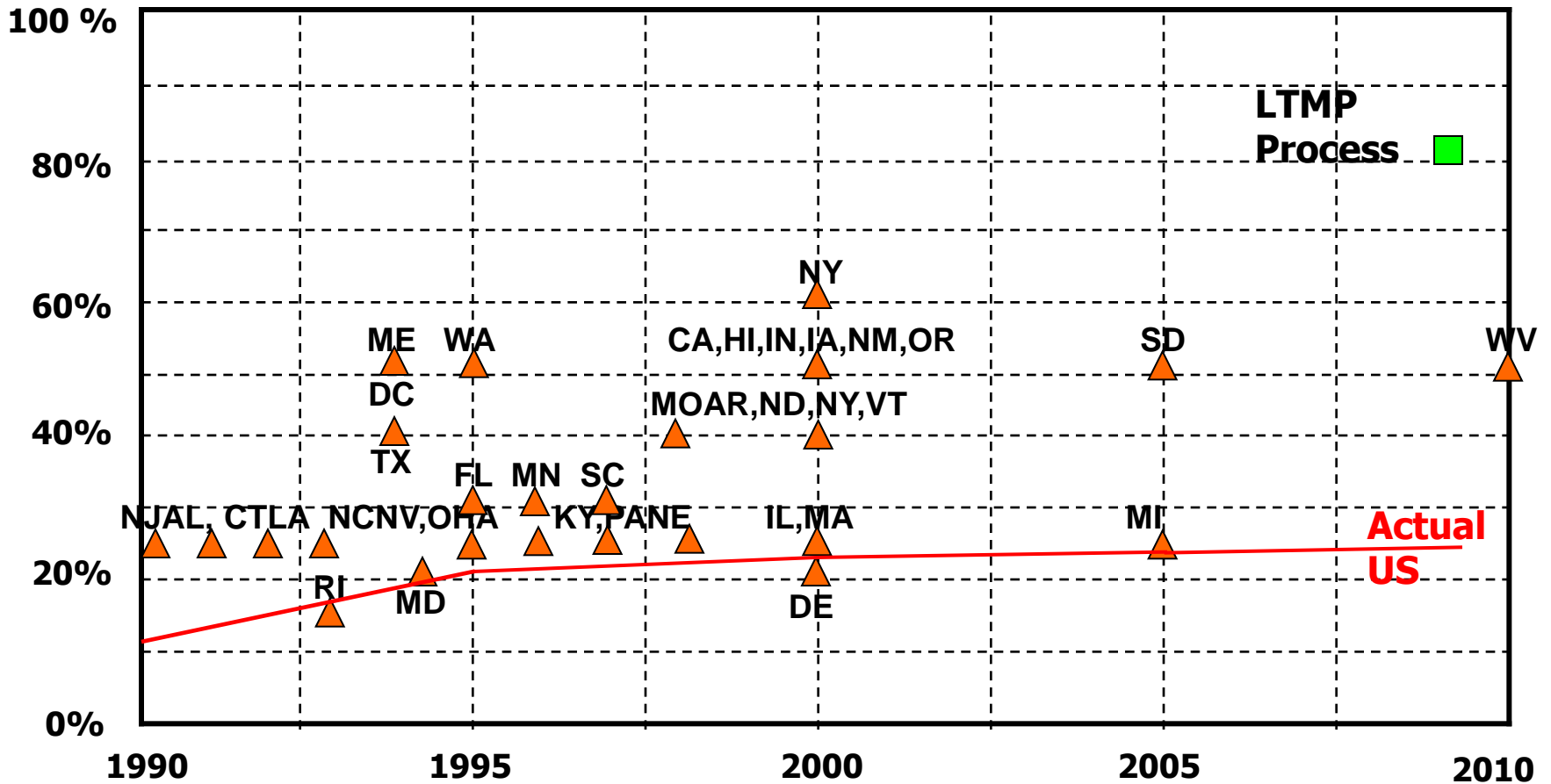
*Includes impact of BDF Use

Recycling Performance



Recycling Goals

Comparison with LTMP Process



Feed Coal Samples



PRB Coal



BDF (Syncoal)



Bit. Coal Mix

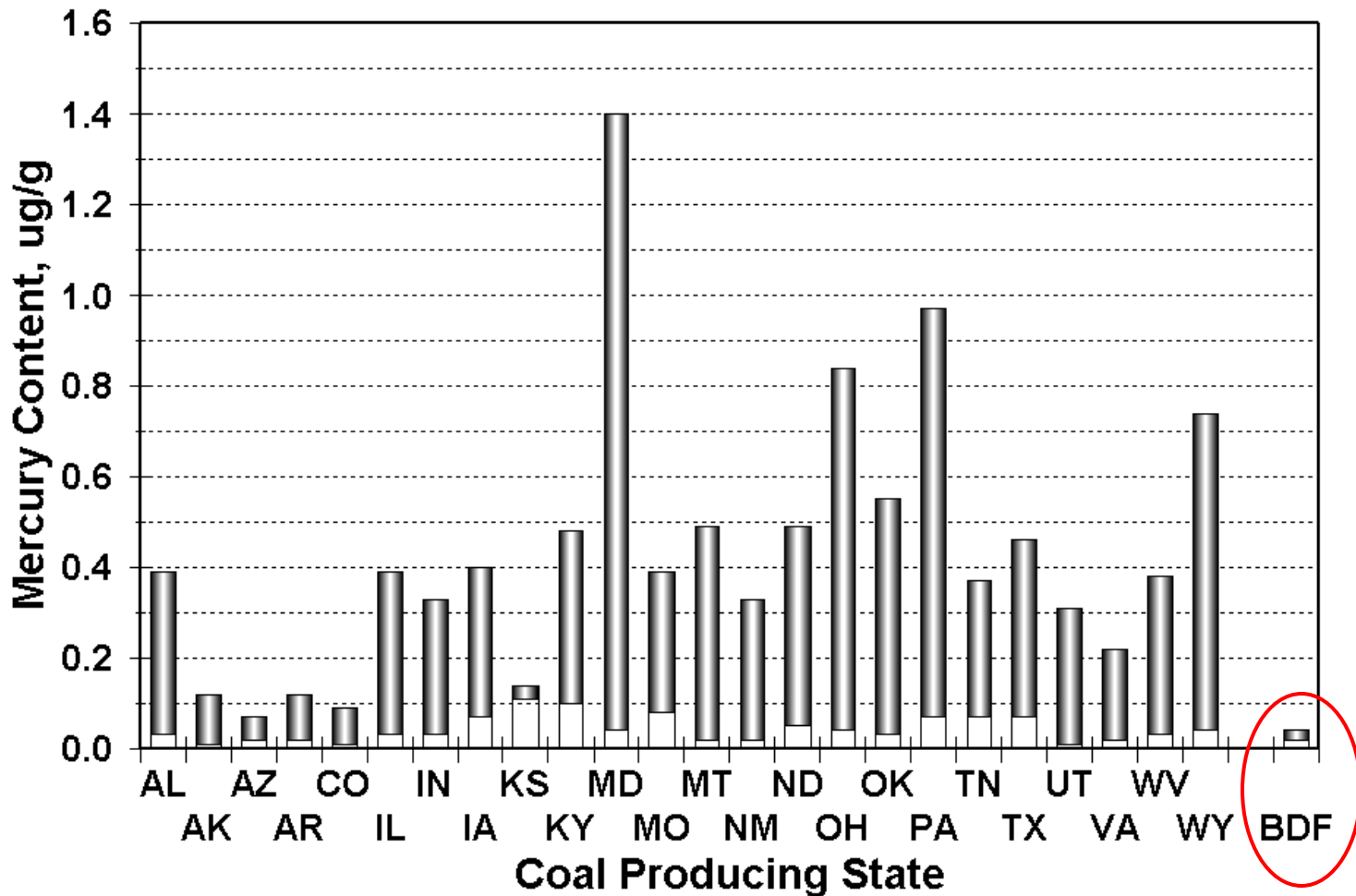
Coal Analyses



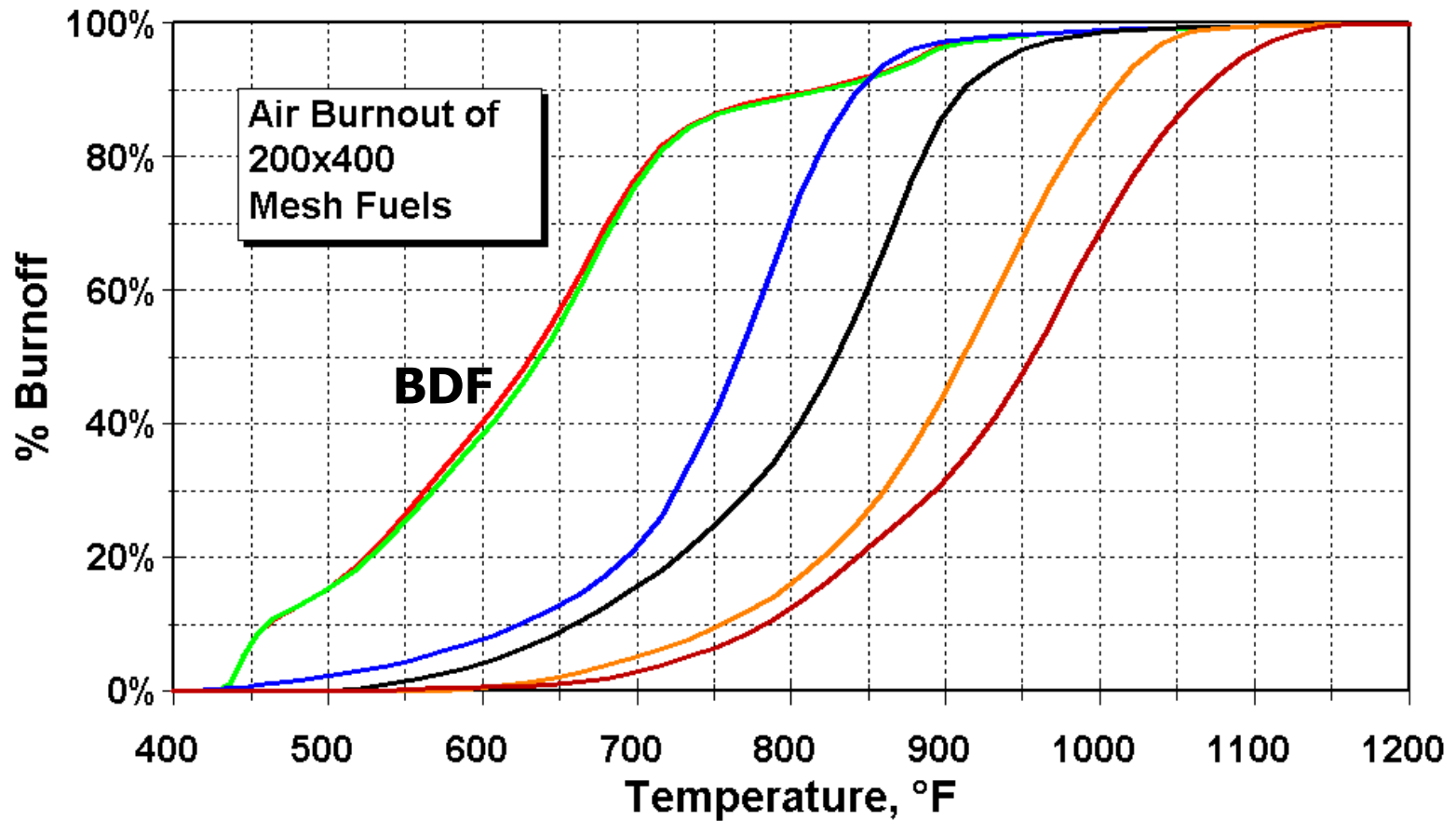
<u>Proximate</u>	<u>BDF</u>	<u>PRB Coal</u>	<u>Bit Blend</u>
VM, %	53.14%	30.04%	29.46%
H ₂ O, %	1.82%	30.47%	11.49%
<u>Ultimate</u>			
C, %	57.49%	49.52%	67.88%
H, %	5.67%	3.39%	4.26%
O, %	11.41%	11.31%	6.27%
N, %	1.06%	0.71%	1.29%
S, %	0.29%	0.23%	1.75%
HHV, Btu/lb	10,236	8,264	11,628
Hg, ug/g	0.04	0.07	0.134
Lb CO ₂ /MMBtu	205.8	219.6	213.9
Stack Losses, %*	12.8%	14.7%	11.3%
Comb. Eff'y, %*	87.2%	85.3%	88.7%

***15% XS Air, 350°F Stack Temperature**

Coal Mercury Content

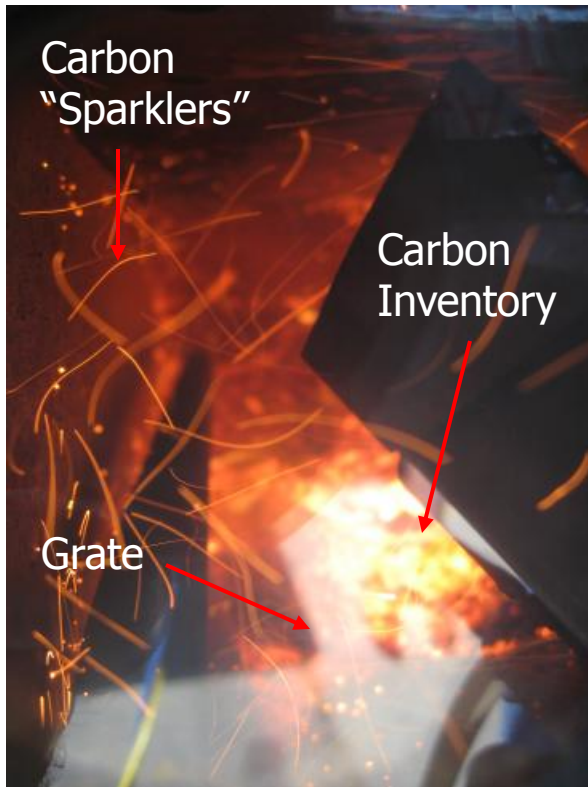


Thermogravimetric Analysis

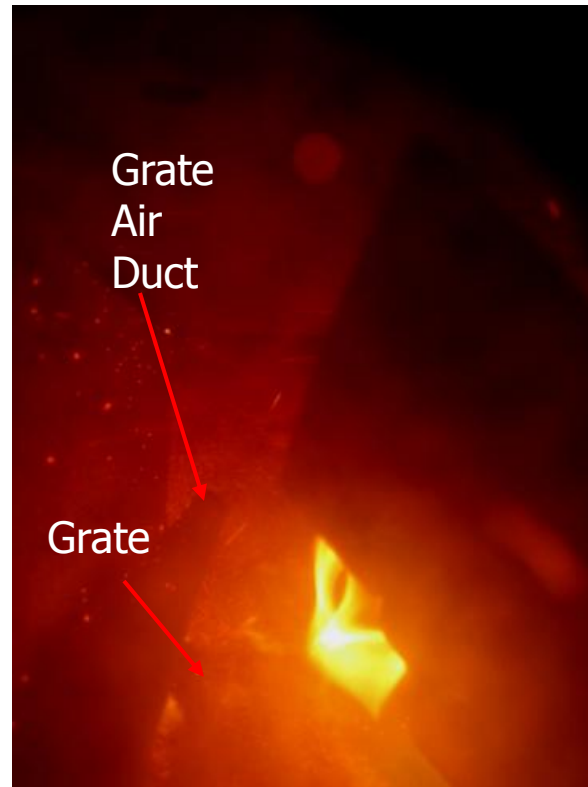


— BDF1 — BDF2 — PRB Sb — Ill #6 Hvc — Pitt. #8 Hvb — MD mvb

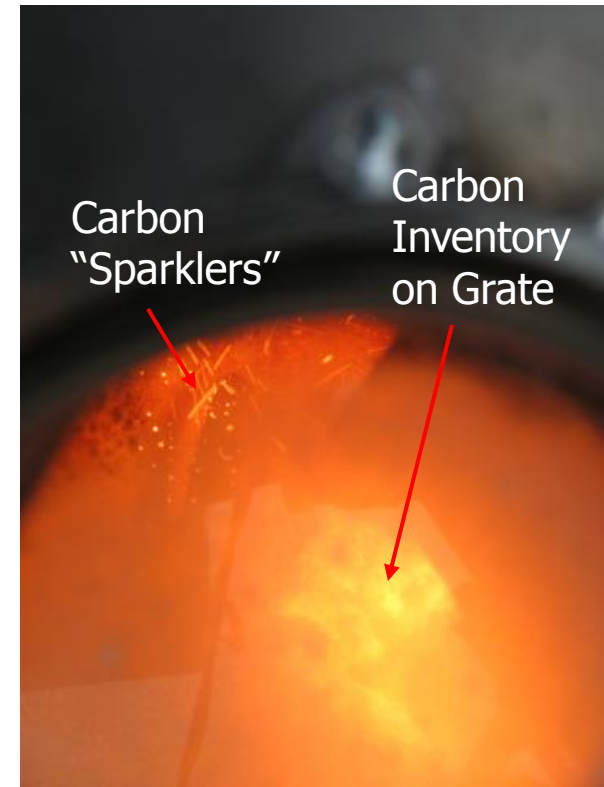
Furnace Views



PRB Coal



BDF (Syncoal)



TES Coal Mix

Carbon Burnout

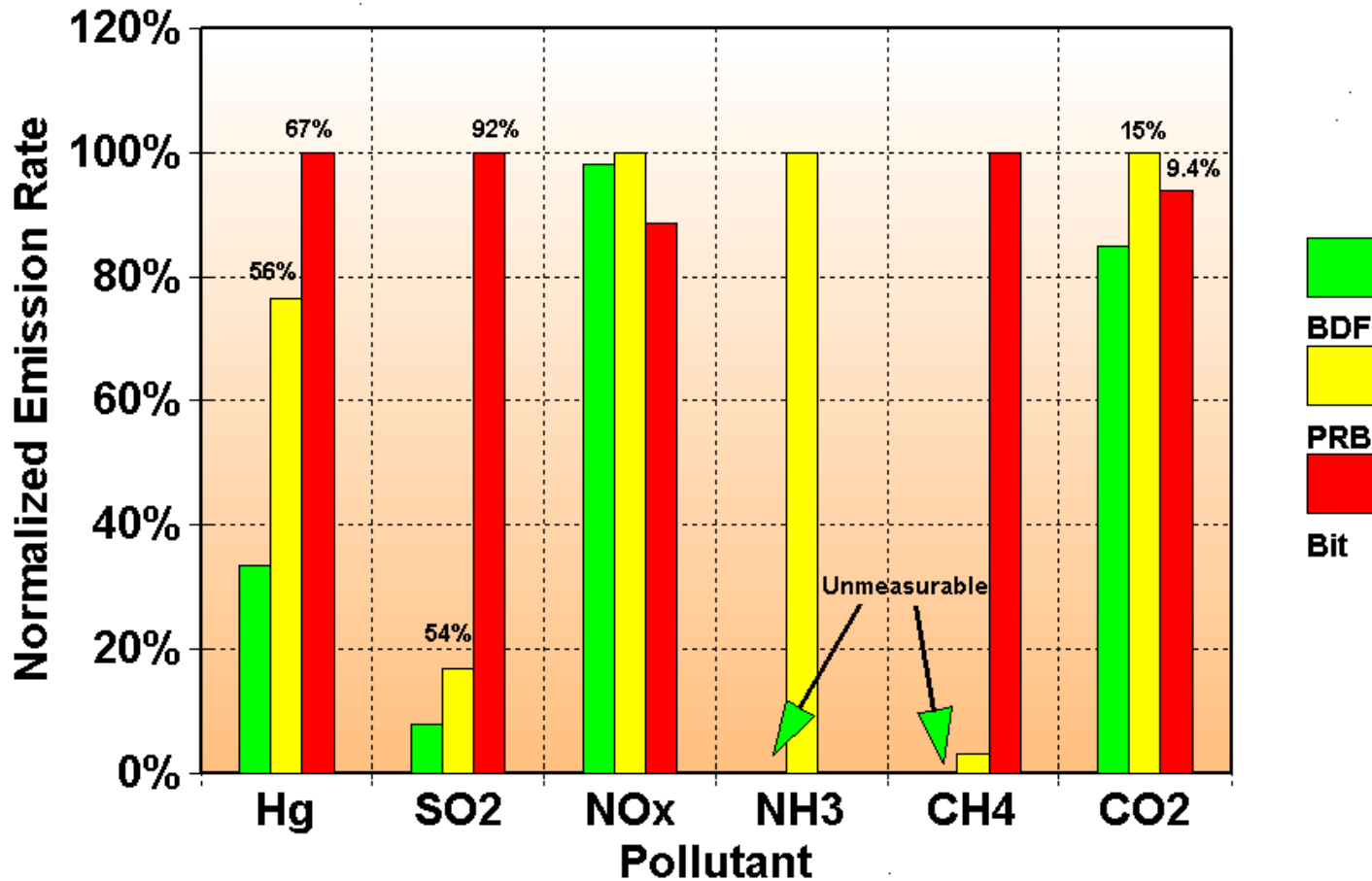


BDF Ash

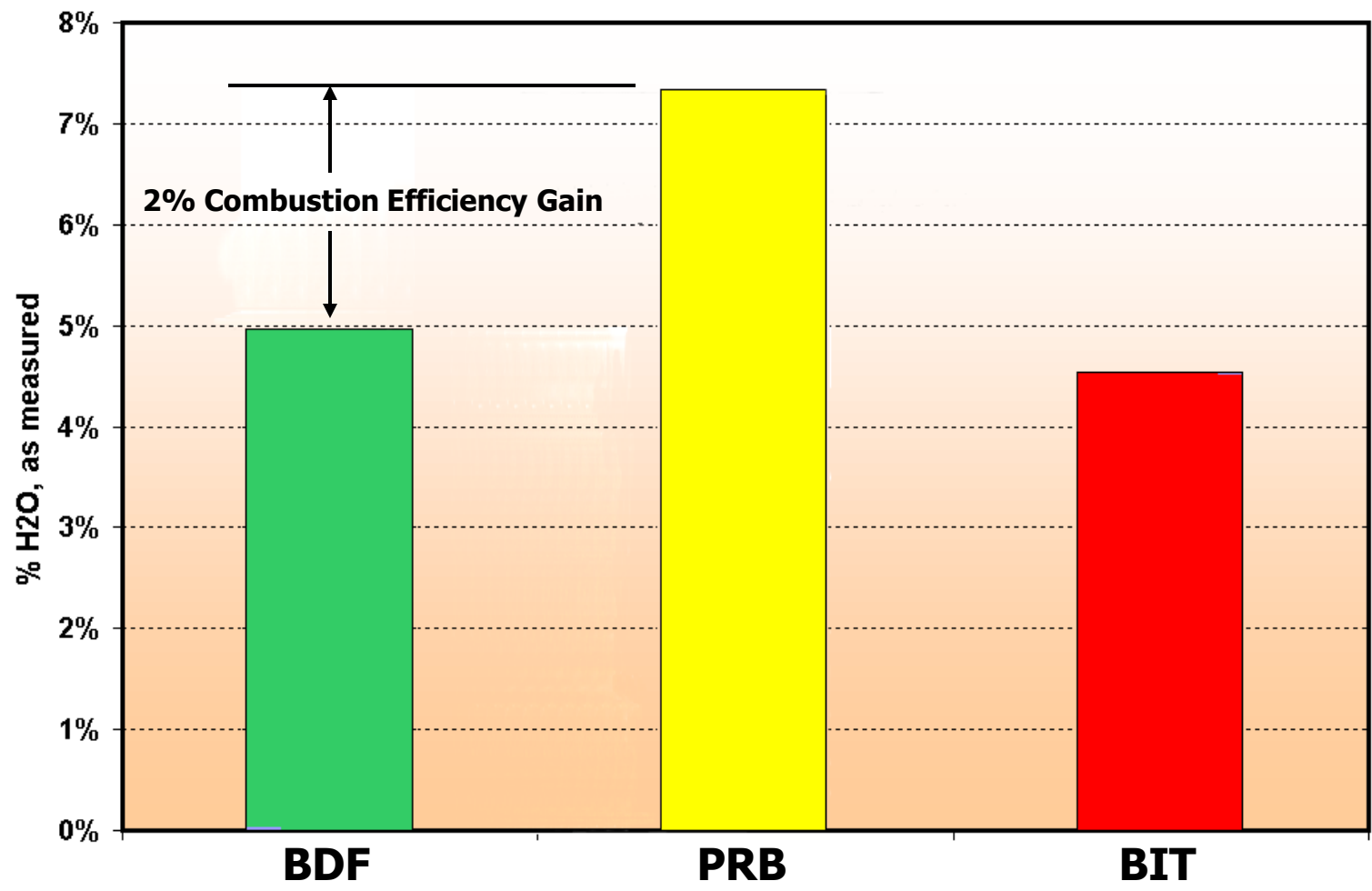


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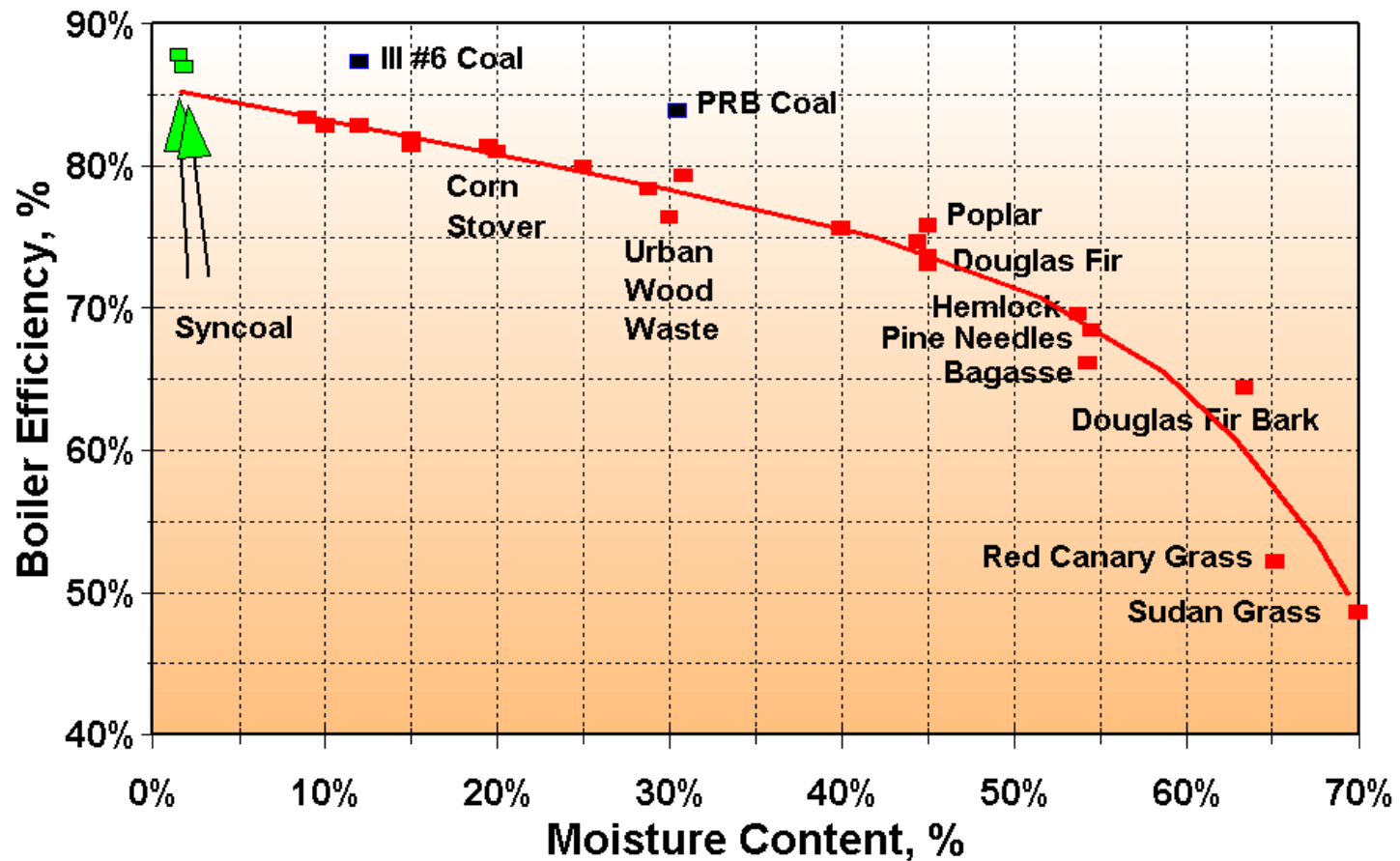
Emission Reductions



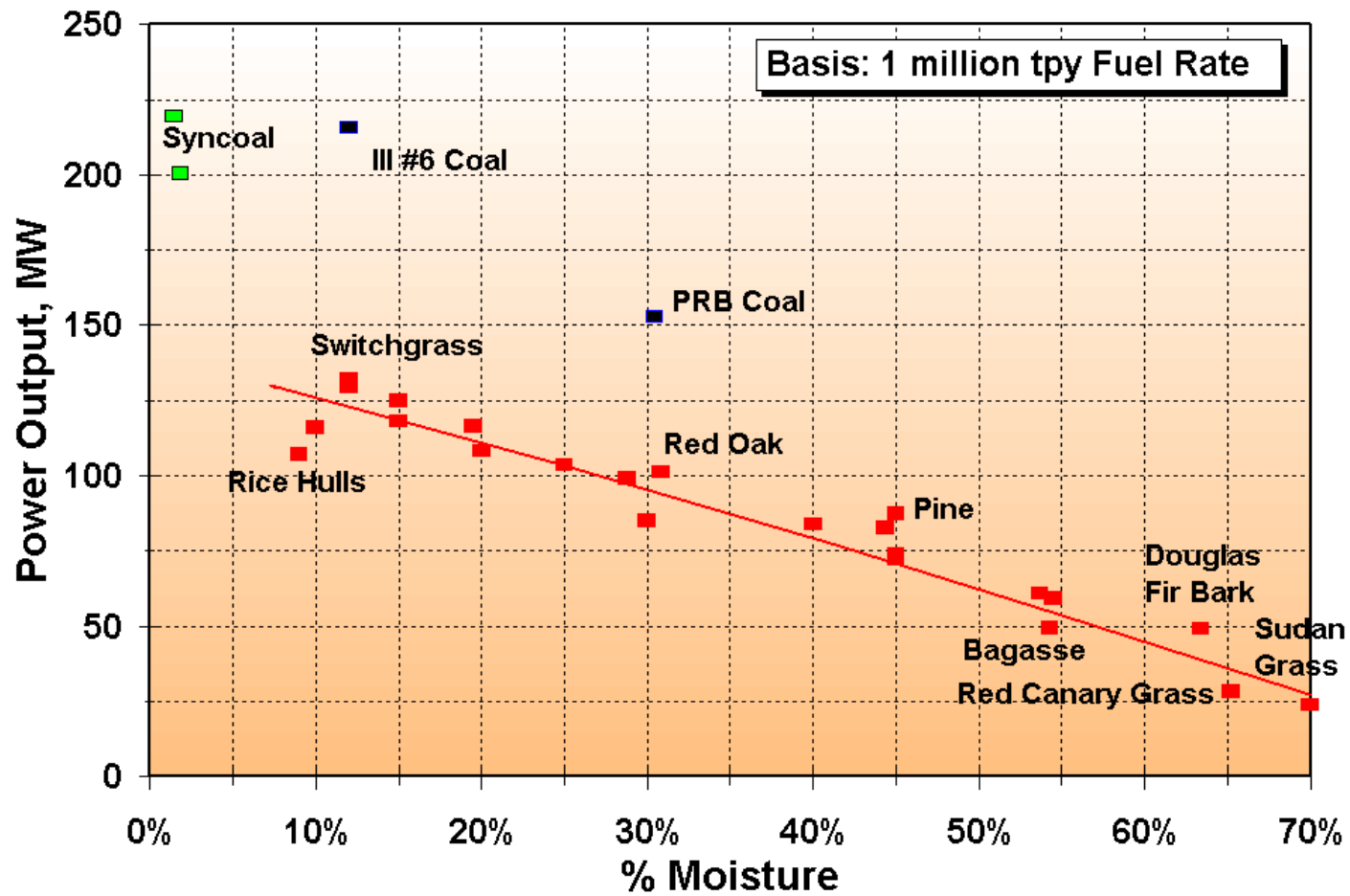
Stack H₂O Content



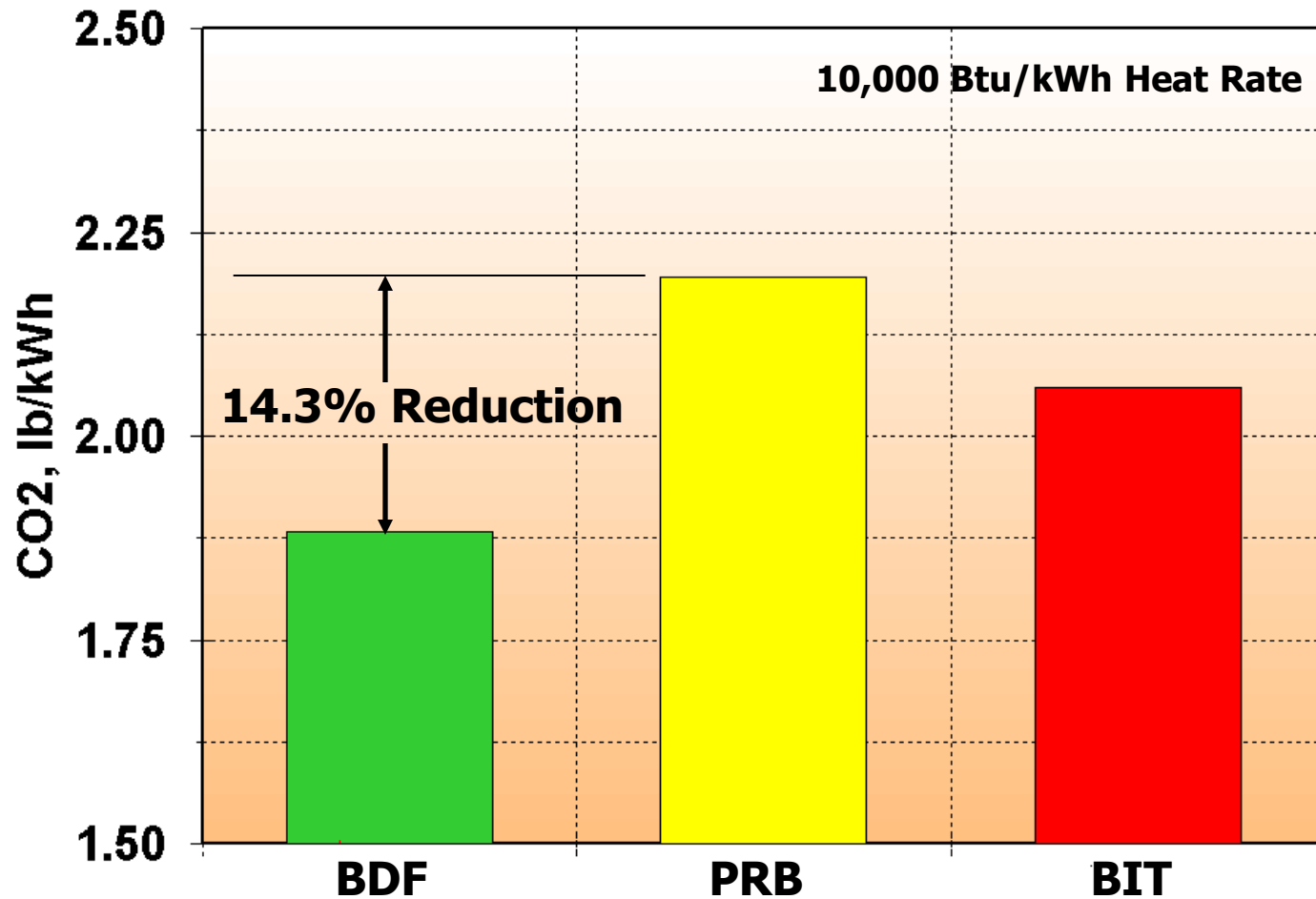
Boiler Efficiency



Power Generation



CO₂ Emissions

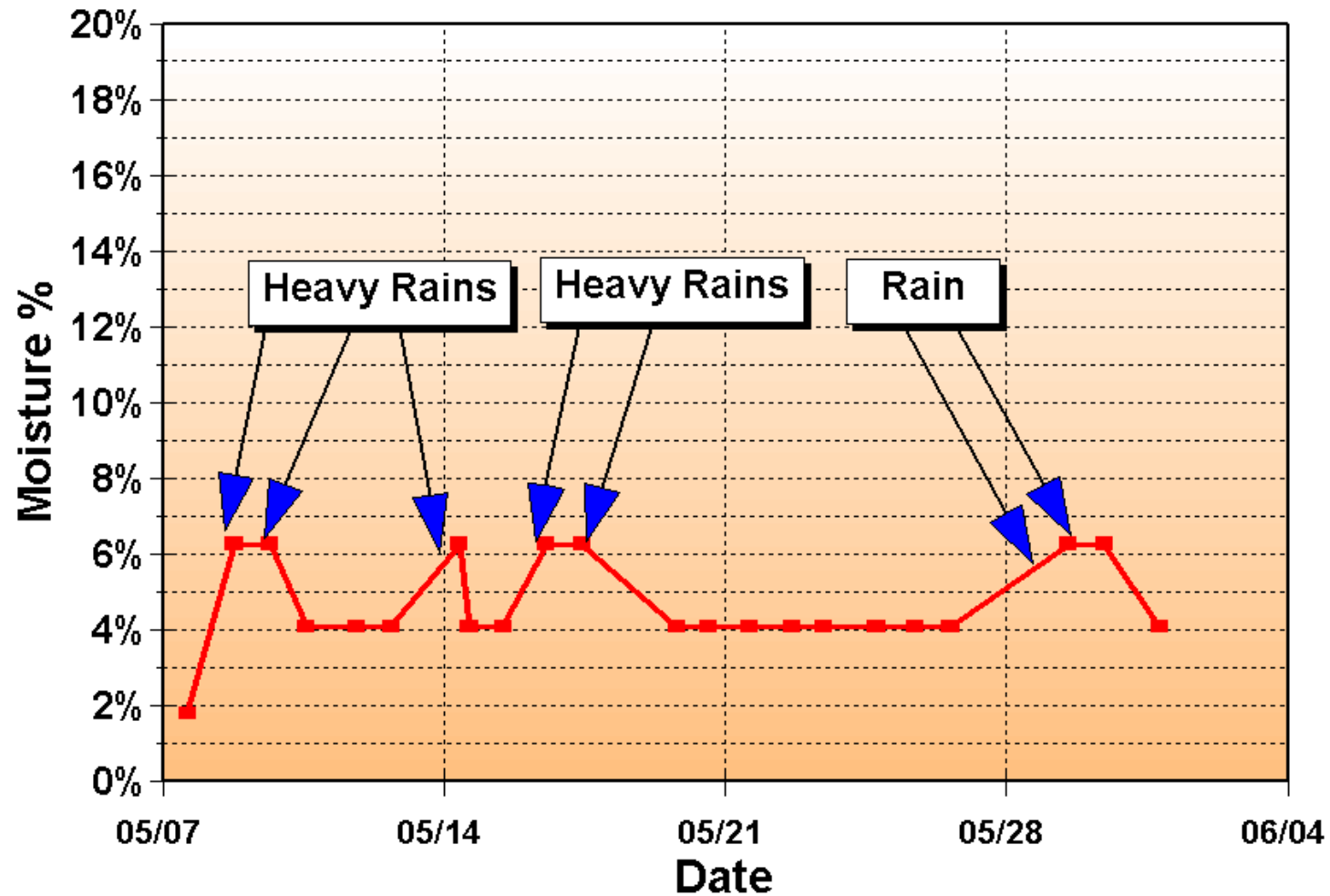


Grindability



80/20 Coal/BDF blend
Grindability comparable to Western coals
Pulverizer stays clean
No sample compaction

Moisture Pickup



BDF/Biomass Comparison



	<u>Wood Pellets</u>	<u>BDF</u>
Rail Transportation	Closed hopper only	Same as coal
Fuel Unloading	Bottom dump only – no rotary	Same as coal
Fuel Storage	Enclosed storage only	Same as coal
Moisture Pickup	Serious – becomes mush	Same as coal
Dust Generation	Very dusty – explosion potential	Same as coal
Grindability	Poor 1 - 3 mm	Same as coal 0.075 mm
Mill Clearing Cycle	60+ minutes	Same as coal 5-10 minutes
Primary Air Flow	Much higher – must be cold air	Same as coal

BDF/Biomass Comparison



	<u>Wood Pellets</u>	<u>BDF</u>
Steam conditions	Decreased superheat, reheat temperatures	Same as coal
Cl Corrosion	Serious - may require doping with sulfur	Same as coal
Plant Capacity	17% Derating	Same as coal
Plant Heat Rate	4% Efficiency Loss	2% Efficiency Gain
CO ₂ Emissions	8% Increase	15% Reduction
SO ₂ Emissions	Reduction	50-93% Reduction
Hg Emissions	50% Reduction	55-70% Reduction
Heat Value	8,297 Btu/lb	10,400 Btu/lb

BDF Ash Analyses



Ash Minerals

SiO ₂	39.31%
Al ₂ O ₃	12.35%
Fe ₂ O ₃	4.87%
CaO	22.66%
MgO	2.46%
TiO ₂	2.08%
K ₂ O	2.02%
Na ₂ O	5.23%
SO ₃	2.60%
MnO ₂	0.20%
P ₂ O ₅	1.71%
SrO	0.05%
BaO	0.16%

Trace Elements (TCLP)

As, mg/L

Ba

Cd

Cr

Pb

Hg

Se

Ag

Sample

BQL*

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0.20

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Reg. Limit

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*Below Quantitative Limit

Bio-oil Boiler Fuel



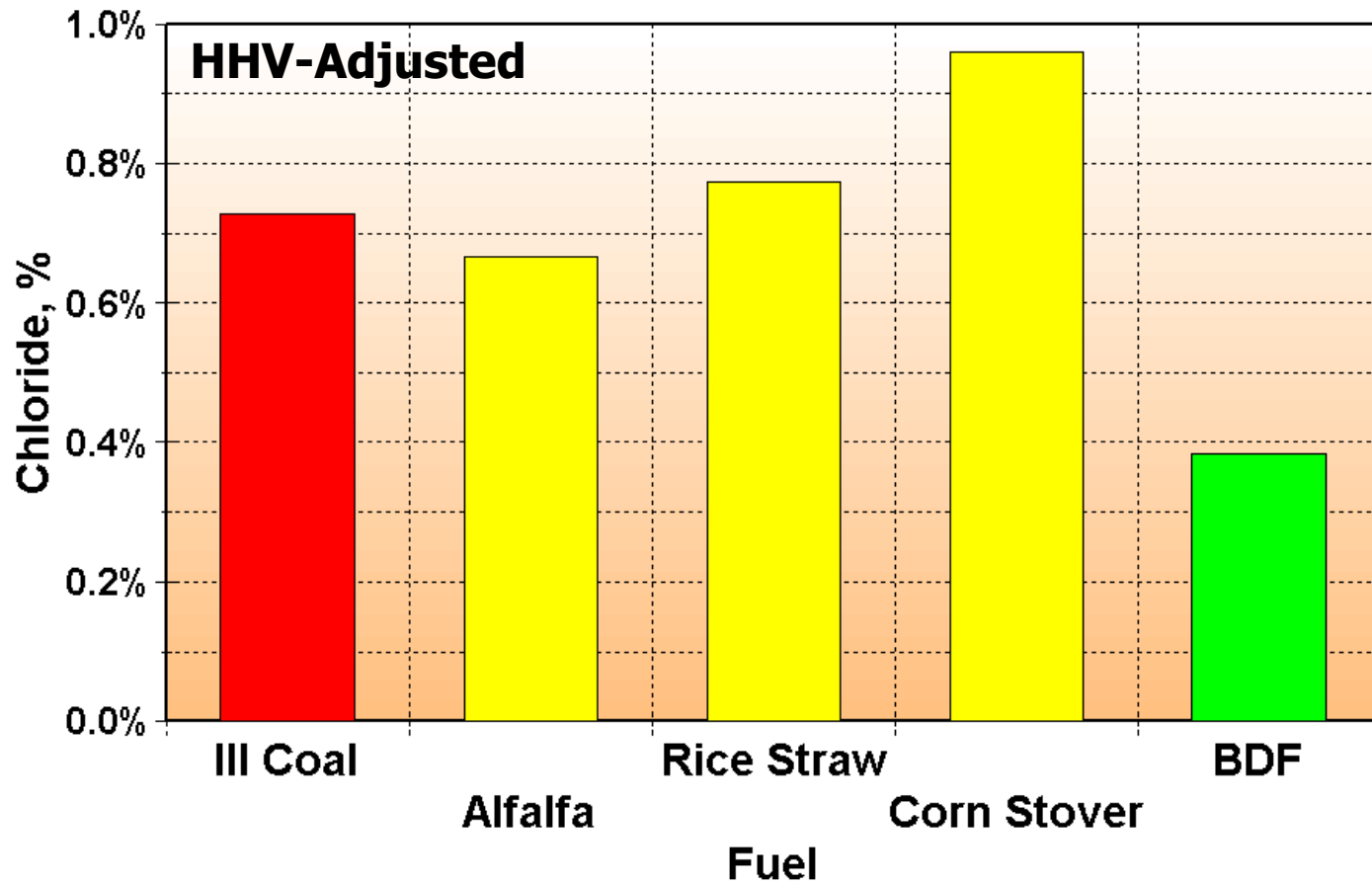
Vents 2/3 - Bio-Oil

Oil Characteristics



	<u>MeOH</u>	<u>EtOH</u>	<u>Bio-Oil</u>	<u>Biodiesel</u>	<u>No. 2</u>	<u>No. 6</u>
C	37.48%	52.14%	60.84%	76.14%	87.18%	85.60%
H	12.58%	13.13%	8.76%	11.25%	12.50%	9.70%
O	49.93%	34.73%	29.20%	12.10%		1.80%
N			0.58%	0.20%	0.02%	0.10%
S			0.18%	0.20%	0.30%	2.30%
Ash			0.06%			0.50%
Btu/lb (HHV)	9,750	12,800	12,026	16,095	19,430	18,300
Btu/gal	64,250	84,100	112,202	118,300	140,090	143,655
SpGr, lb/gal	6.63	6.61	9.33	7.35	7.21	7.85
Visc @ 60°F	0.59	1.19	5.09	7.50	3.30	450

Chloride Content

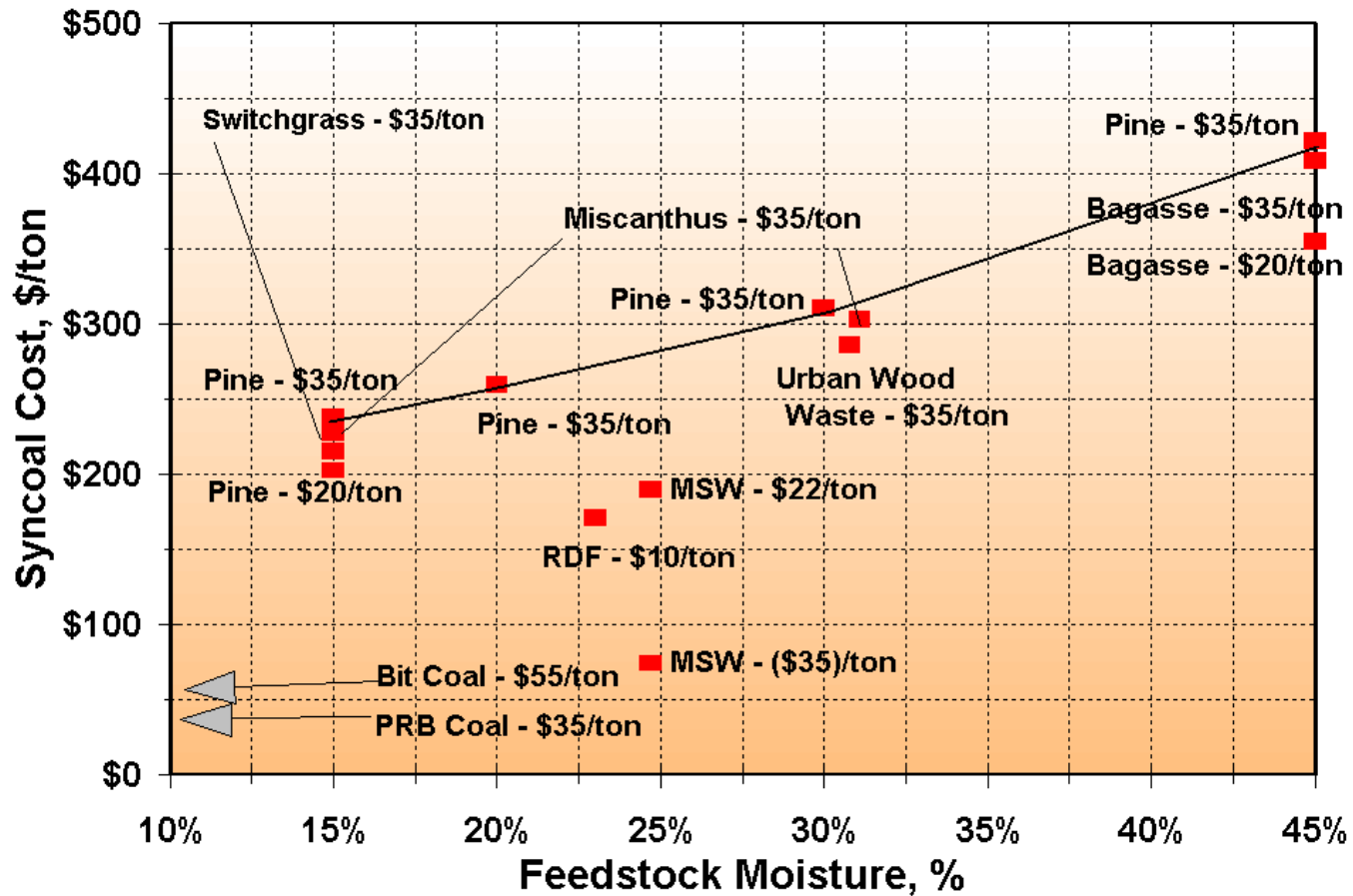


Source: "Chloride Issues with Biomass Co-firing in PC Boilers," Duong & Tillman

Syncoal Production Cost



Stand-Alone Plant



MSW as a Renewable Resource



On August 18, 2009 the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER) announced that **only waste-based biofuels will qualify toward fulfilling its biofuel requirements** “until further notice.” The announcement ... excludes using other renewable and sustainable biomass feedstocks, such as agricultural crop residues and algae.

MSW/BDF as a Renewable Resource



- ⌘ Overwhelmingly agricultural biomass
- ⌘ Continuously produced - little seasonality
- ⌘ No diversion of existing crop lands required
- ⌘ Produced at energy use centers - low transport costs
- ⌘ Collection (“harvesting”), distribution systems already in place
- ⌘ BDF makes MSW/biofuels compatible with existing energy technologies
- ⌘ BDF burns cleaner than the fossil fuel it displaces
- ⌘ BDF process offers huge GHG benefits

Before/After



Completed Project Site

