

Fundamentals of Combustion and Combustion Monitoring Chemicals



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- **Combustion Reactions :**

- 1. Heterogeneous Combustion :**



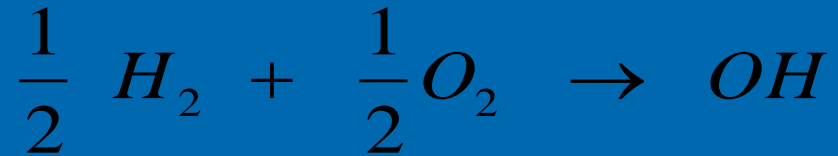
- 2. Homogeneous Combustion :**



- 3. Heterogeneous Reactions :**



Hydrogen-Oxygen Reactions :



Water Gas Carbon Reactions :



Reaction Kinetics :



Overall Rate :

$$R = \frac{k_1 \cdot k_2 \cdot p_s}{k_1 p_s + k_2 + k_4 p_1}$$

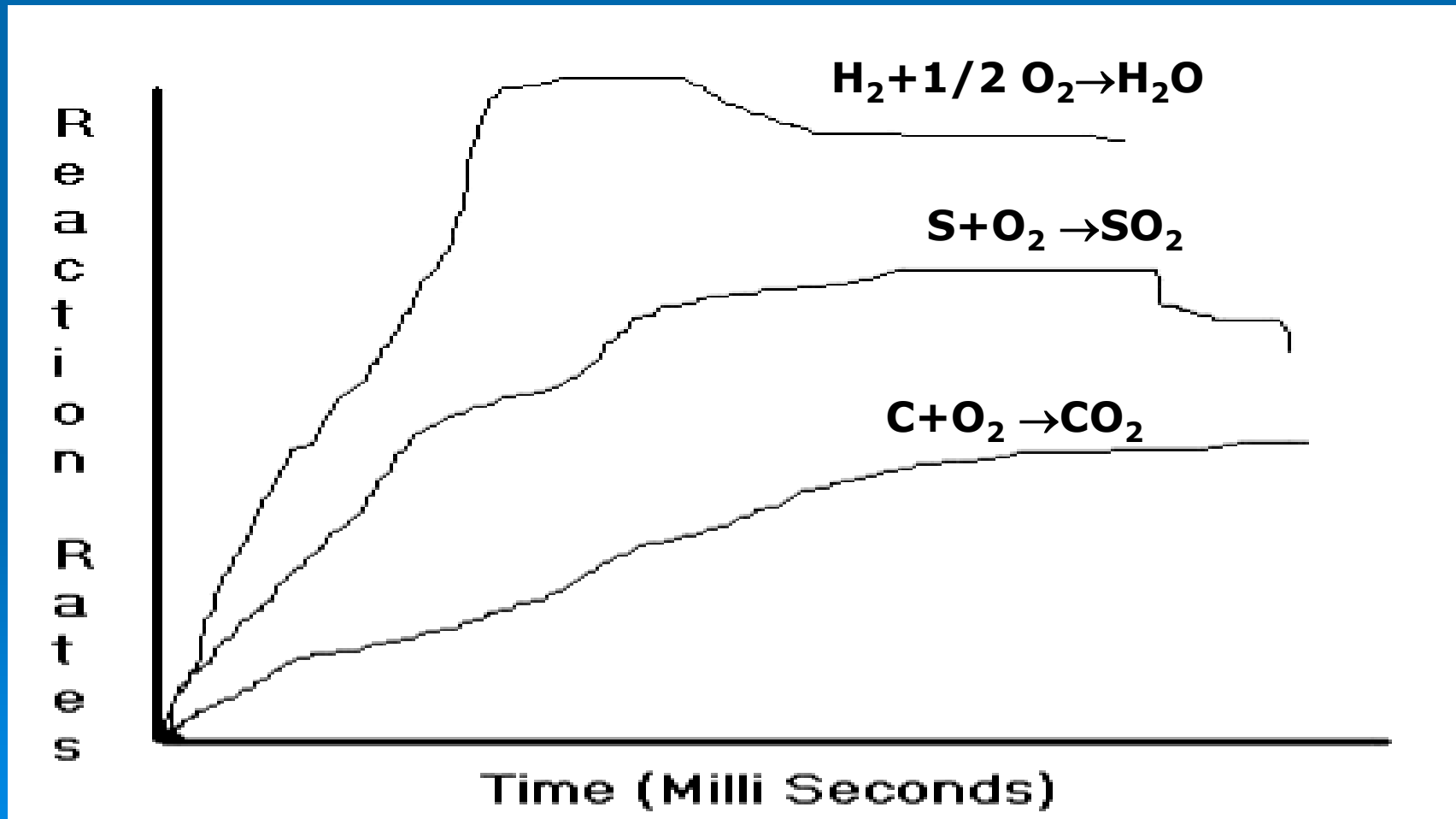
K_i	=	Rate of i^{th} reaction
	=	$k_{o, i} e^{-\Delta E_i/RT}$
$K_{o, i}$	=	Velocity constant for i^{th} step
p_s	=	Partial Pressure of Reacting Gas, atm.
P_1	=	Partial Pressure of Reaction product atm.
ΔE_i	=	Activation Energy of i^{th} step
R	=	Gas Constant
T	=	Temperature, K

Reaction Time/Burning Rate for Carbon Particle :

$$t_b = k \cdot d \cdot o^2, \text{ secs.}$$
$$k = 5000 \text{ for pulverised fuel}$$
$$= f(EA, VM, MC, A, \epsilon)$$



The Rate of Reactions Can be Represented as :



Factors Influencing the Combustion reactions/ Efficiency

Fuel Quality

Particle Size

Reaction Surface Area

Air-Fuel Mixing-Velocity-Turbulence

Residence Time-Velocity/Size of Furnace

Bed Height

Furnace Configuration

Excess Air Ratio



Factors Influencing Heat Transfer :

Water Side Scaling

Metal Resistance

Gas Side Fouling

Heat Transfer Coefficients :

- Tube Size

- Velocities

- Reynolds No.

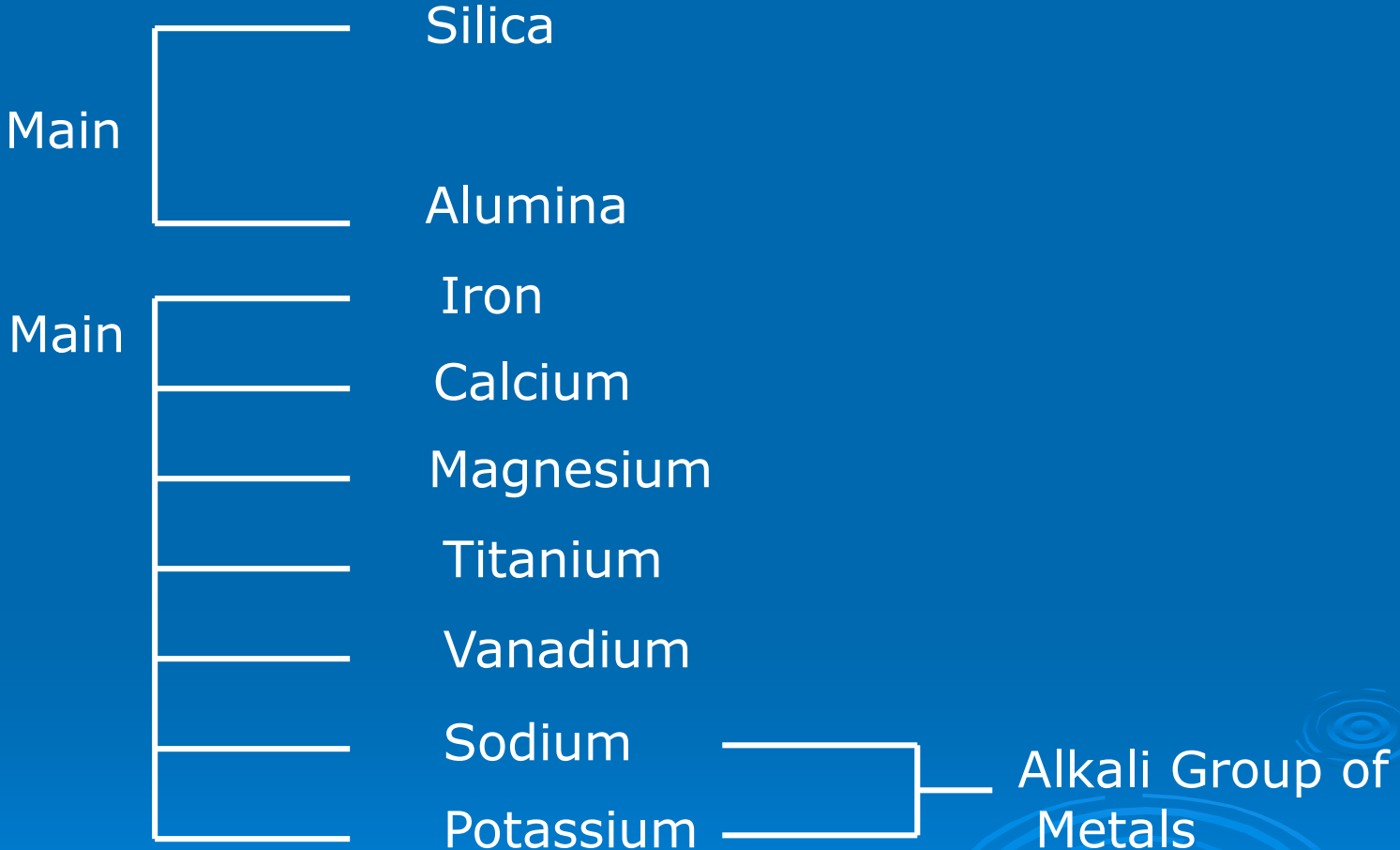
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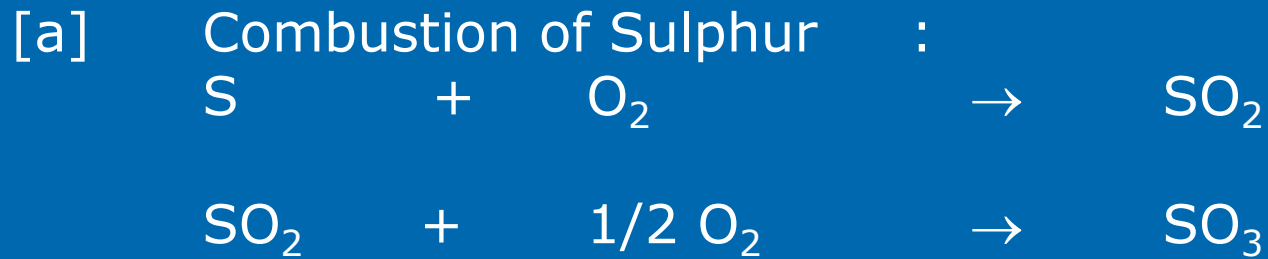
Overall Heat Transfer Coefficient is given by

$$\frac{1}{u} = \frac{1}{h_g} + \frac{x_a}{K_a} + \frac{t}{K_t} \cdot \frac{d_o}{d_m} + \frac{x_c}{K_c} \cdot \frac{d_o}{d_i} + \frac{1}{h_w} \cdot \frac{d_o}{d_i}$$

Constituents of Coal Ash



Ash Reactions :



[b] Ash Reactions with SO_3



• EFFECT OF ALKALI COMPOUNDS ON METALS :

PyroSulphate, in particular, reacts very rapidly at temperatures above their melting points with protective iron oxide and iron to cause rapid corrosion of steels as per following reactions.



- **Effect of Alkali Compounds on Refractory**

Compound	Refractory Constituents	Temp °C	Results/Effect
Na_2O	Chromium	730	Liquid Formation
Na_2CO_3	Alumina	730	Volume Expansion
Na_2SiO_4	Alumina	750	Liquid Formation
Na	Silicate	800	Liquid Formation
Na_2CO_3	Magnesia	840	Volume Expansion
Na_2CO_3	Alumina	1090	Volume Expansion

Melting Points of Some Constituents of Ash Relevant to Fireside Problem :

Effect of Chlorides	
Constituents	Melting Point, °C
NaCl	800
KCl	776
CaCl ₂	772
FeCl ₃	282
Effect of Alkali Metals & Sulphur	
Na ₂ CO ₃	851
Na ₂ SO ₄	880
K ₂ SO ₄	1069
MgSO ₄	1124
Na ₂ S ₂ O ₇	401
K ₂ S ₂ O ₇	300
Na ₃ Fe(SO ₄) ₃	624
K ₃ Fe(SO ₄) ₃	618
Na ₃ Al(SO ₄) ₃	646
K ₃ Al(SO ₄) ₃	695
Na ₂ SiO ₂	800

Constituents	Melting Point, °C
Eutectics :	
$\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{NaCl}$	625
$3\text{K}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7 \cdot \text{Na}_2\text{S}_2\text{O}_7$	280
$\text{Na}_3\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_4)_3 \cdot \text{K}_3\text{Fe}(\text{SO}_4)_3$	552
$\text{FeO} \cdot \text{FeS}$	940
$\text{Fe} \cdot \text{FeS}$	965
$\text{MgSO}_4 \cdot \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$	660
$\text{Na}_2\text{O} - \text{SiO}_2 \cdot \text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$	635
$\text{NaCl} \cdot \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	633
$\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot \text{Na}_2\text{CO}_3$	828
Effect of Vanadium	
V_2O_5	690
$\text{Na}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{V}_2\text{O}_5$	630
$\text{Na}_2\text{O} \cdot 3 \text{V}_2\text{O}_5$	621
$5\text{Na}_2\text{O} \cdot \text{V}_2\text{O}_4 \cdot 11\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$	535
$10\text{Na}_2\text{O} \cdot 7\text{V}_2\text{O}_5$	573
$2\text{MgO} \cdot \text{V}_2\text{O}_5$	835
$3 \text{Mg O} \cdot \text{V}_2 \text{O}_5$	1190

Effect of Individual Oxides on Fusion Temperature :

Oxides	Name of Oxides	Effect of Fusion Temperature Due to Increase in Oxide Content
SiO ₂	Acidic	Decrease
Al ₂ O ₃	Acidic	Increase
SO ₃	Acidic	Decrease
Ti O ₂	Acidic/Neutral	No Effect
P ₂ O ₃	Acidic/Neutral	No Effect
Fe ₂ O ₅	Basic	Decreases
Ca O	Basic	Increase
Mg O	Basic	Increase
Na ₂ O	Basic	Decrease
K ₂ O	Basic	Decrease
Cr ₂ O ₃	Basic/Neutral	Increase

Ash Deformation & Fusion Temperature :

[Koristkii's Correlation]



T_d = Ash Deformation Temperatures

$$= 1094 + 42.5 K_{fu} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

T_f = Ash Fusion Temperature

$$= 1139 + 48.6 K_{fu} \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$$

K_{fu} = Fusibility Coefficient

$$K_{fu} = \frac{SiO_2 + Al_2O_3}{CaO + MgO + Fe_2O_3}$$

Fouling Tendency :

Fouling tendency of coal can be judged from ash analysis by calculating a fouling factor given by :

$$\text{Fouling Factor} = \frac{[Fe_2O_3 + CaO + MgO + K_2O] \times Na_2O}{SiO_2 + Al_2O_3 + TiO_2}$$

All Constituents in %

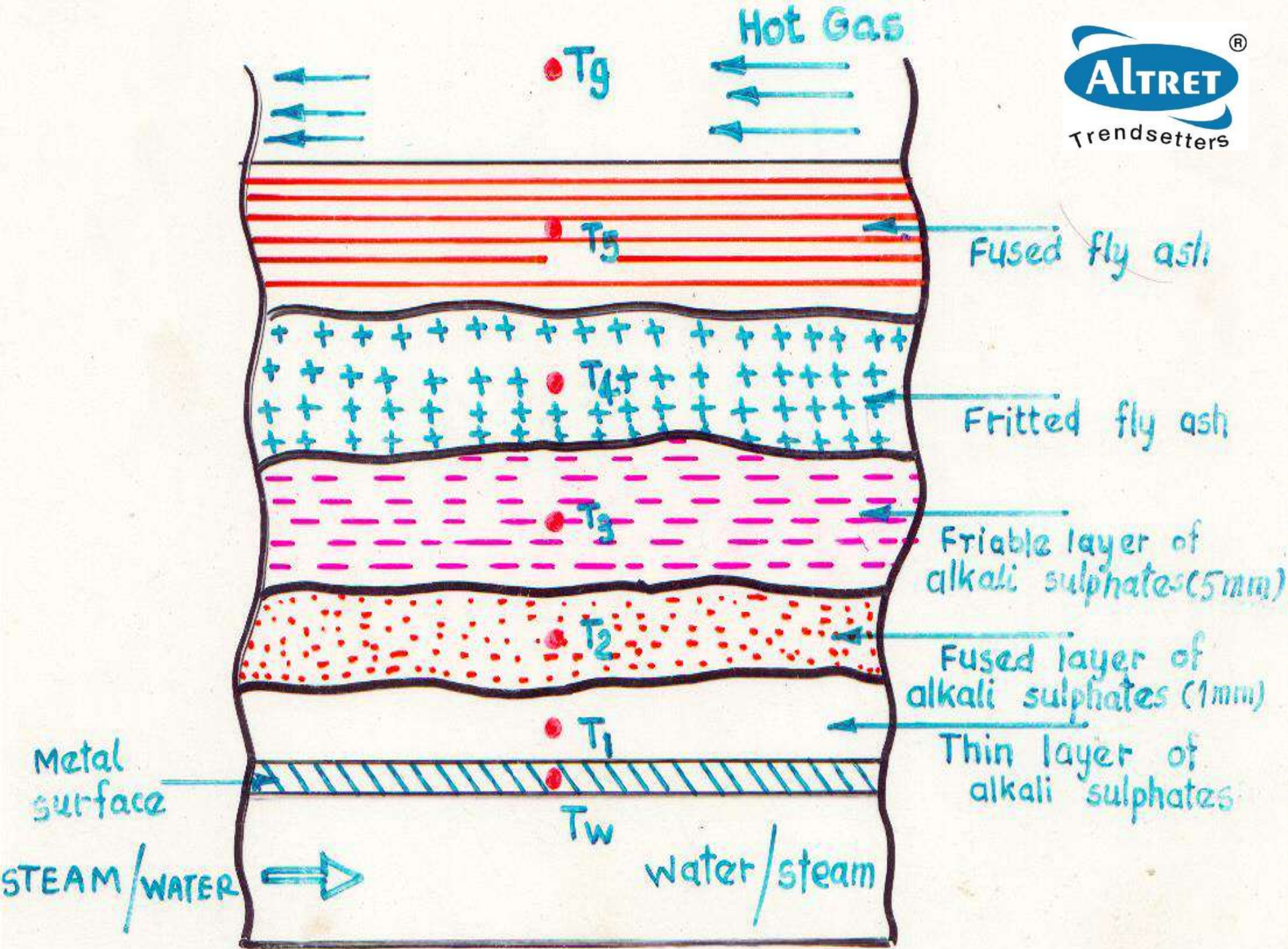
Table : Ash analysis of two British coals

Substances	Coal A Deposit Forming	Coal B Deposit Free
S in Coal, %	1.53	1.73
Ash in Coal, %	7.5	7.4
SiO ₂ in Ash, %	46.3	40.6
Al ₂ O ₃ in Ash, %	26.8	33.5
Fe ₂ O ₃ in Ash, %	15.4	10.8
MgO in Ash, %	1.3	3.0
CaO in Ash, %	2.7	6.7
TiO ₂ in Ash, %	1.0	0.8
Na ₂ O in Ash, %	2.2	0.3
K ₂ O in Ash, %	3.1	0.8
	Total Alkali 5.3%	Total Alkali 1.1%
SO ₃ in Ash, %	0.7	4.0
Fouling Factor	0.73	0.09

Mechanism of Deposit Formation

(W.M. Crane, BCURA Report No. 254, 1962)

- Alkali Sulphates & PyroSulphate has low melting point
- They have higher affinity towards high temperature metal surfaces.
- The higher forces of adhesion and preferred direction of orientation initiates deposit formation.
- W.M. Crane proposes a five layer deposit formation hypothesis.



FIRE SIDE TREATMENT

WHAT ?

Monitoring the combustion

Why ?

- To improve combustion efficiency.
- To reduce fouling.
- To reduce clinker formation.
- To reduce pollution.



HISTORY OF FIRESIDE TREATMENT :

- In early seventies problem of hard clinker formation with steam coal was a major area of concern.
- Sodium chloride & Vanadium based fuel additives tend to soften the clinker.
- But after a decade problem of metal sponge $\text{Na}_2\text{OV}_2\text{O}_5$ observed.
- In eighties with better understanding of combustion, fouling, eutectic structure of ash, Ammonium Chloride, Magnesium Oxide, Nitrate & Oxychlorate based Compounds came in to existence. They worked well, but offered higher NO_x emissions.
- Much work on better combustion catalyst and anti-emissions catalyst proceeded at a rapid rate due to increased demand of higher efficiencies at lower emission levels in nineties.



ALTRET 95 COMBUSTION MONITORING CHEMICAL (C.M.C)TM IS A NOVEL COMBUSTION CATALYST DEVELOPED BY THE AUTHOR.

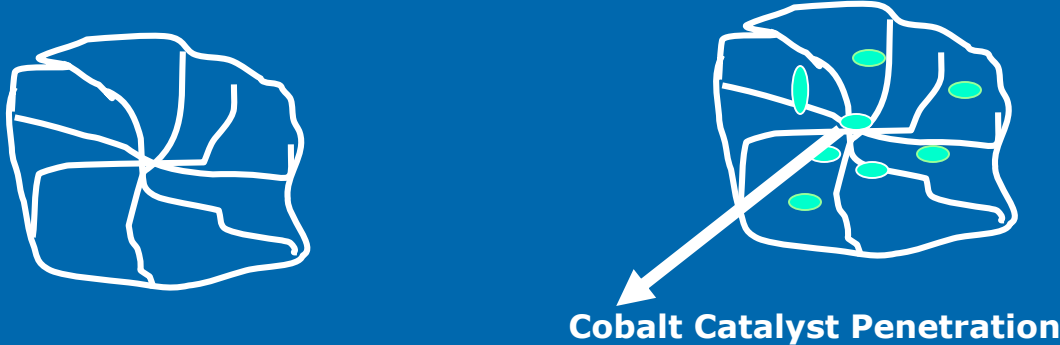
IT HAS THREE DISTINCT EFFECTS

- *Catalytic Effect*
- *Anti Fouling Effect*
- *Anti-Emission Effect*



CATALYTIC ACTION OF ALTRET-95 CMC

- **Provide Better Pore Surface Area**



Normal Coal Particle

Catalyzed Coal Particle

- **Improved Oxygen Penetration :**

The high velocity cobalt and iron catalyst penetrates the coal particle and enhance the micro surface area for reaction. The oxychlorate provides ionic oxygen for catalytic combustion and all the major reactions get enhanced. The nitrate decomposition provides N_2 O_2 which catalyses gas phase reactions and volatiles combustion. The presence of CO enhance gas solid reactions. The sequences of reactions may be represented as :

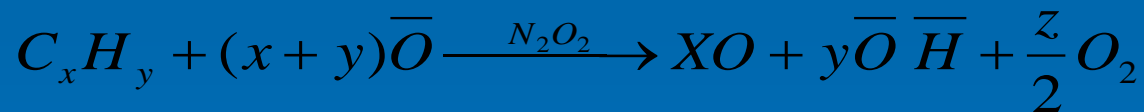
- *Nitrate De Composition :*



- *Gas Phase Reactions*



- *Volatile Combustion*



- *Gas – Solid Reactions*



ANTIFOULING ACTION OF ALTRET-95 CMC

- Antifouling effect may be obtained by the following route :
 - @ By changing preferred direction of orientation of particle.
 - @ By forming a protective layer of vapours on surfaces.
 - @ By retarding ash reactions leading to formation of Sodium and Potassium Sulphates and PyroSulphate.

NH_4Cl & $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ vapours has very high affinity towards SO_3 and they form ammonium and magnesium sulfates which has much higher melting points than that of sodium and Potassium Sulfates

@ By increasing Ash Fusion temperature through changing the Eutectic Structure of ash.

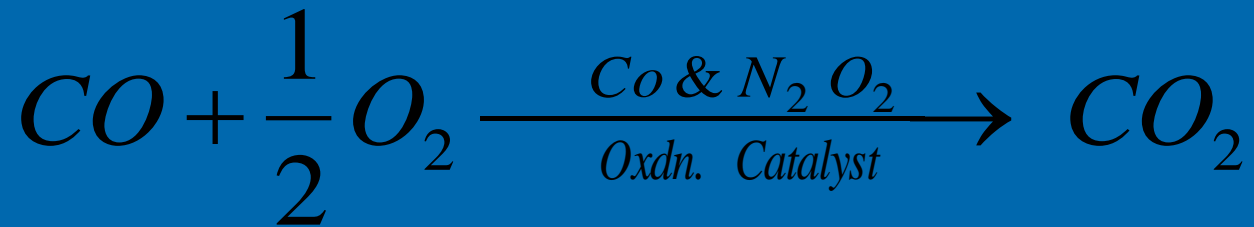


[Parent Eutectic m.p. 621°C]

[Modified Eutectic m.p. 1243 °C]

ANTI-EMISSION ACTION OF ALTRET-95 CMC

- **Control of Co :**



- **Control of NO_x :**



• Control of Particulate Emissions :

- The Parent ash in fuel & unburnt carbon will appear as particulate emissions in stack
- The only solution is to increase collections efficiency of ESP

$$\text{Collection Efficiency} = 1 - e^{-wk}$$

k	=	Specific Collection Area = A/Q
A	=	Projected area of electrodes, m ²
Q	=	Volume flow of gas, m ³ /s
w	=	Effective migration velocity, m/s.

- ALTRET – 95 CMC promotes formation of magnesium and ammonium sulphates which increases “ASH CONDUCTIVITY” which enhance “EFFECTIVE MIGRATION VELOCITY” & Hence improves ESP Collection Efficiency.



OBJECTIVES OF PRESENT WORK :

- To quantify the performance improvement in large power plants through use of ALTRET- 95 Combustion Monitoring Chemical.
- To establish the quantitative of influence ALTRET-95 Combustion Monitoring Chemical in reducing stack emissions in large power station.



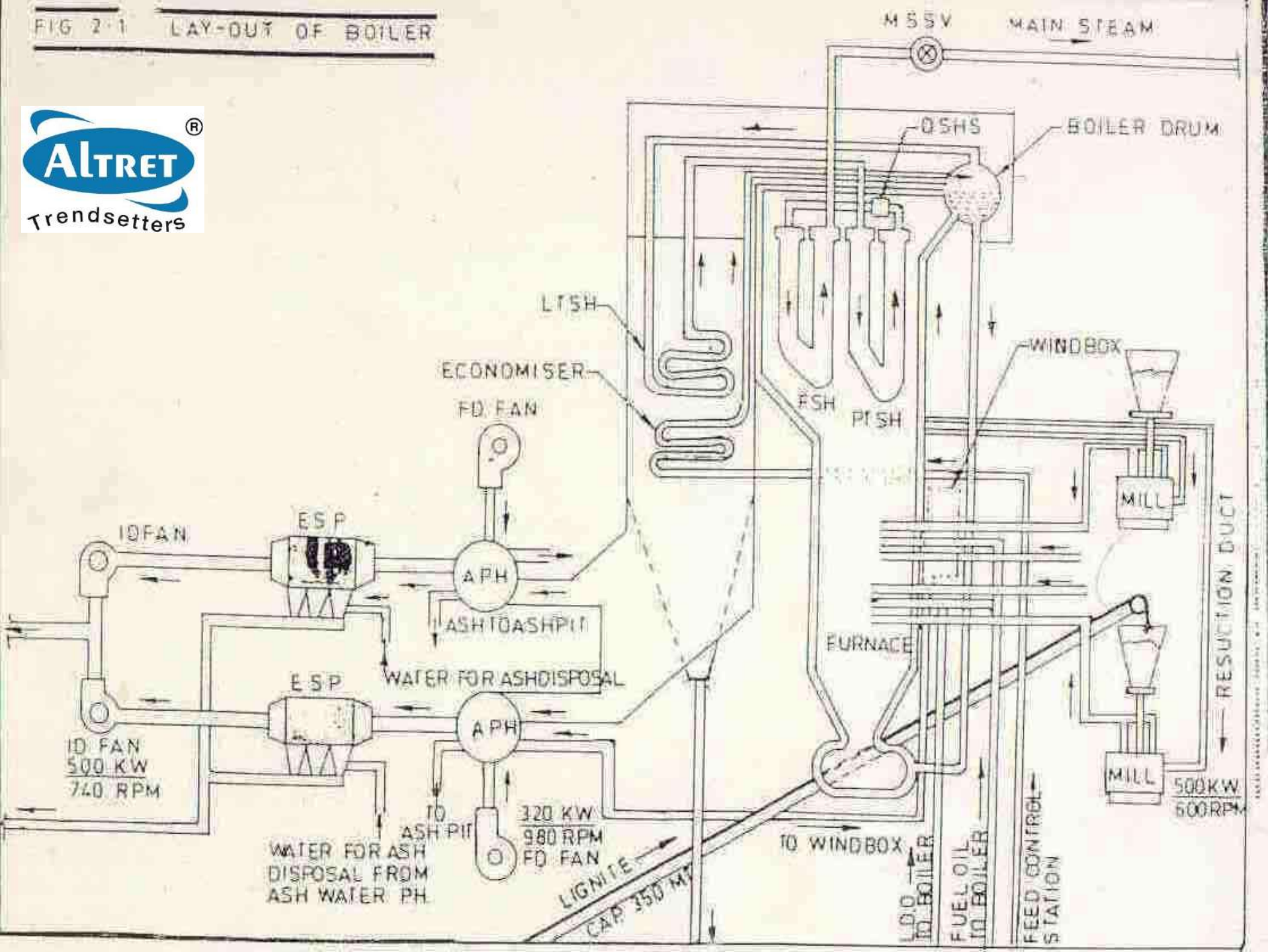
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FIG 2-1 LAY-OUT OF BOILER



BOILER DETAILS

- **BOILER TYPE** : Pulverised Fuel
- **MAKE** : BHEL
- **CAPACITY** : 325 TPH
- **PRESSURE** : 90 kg/cm²
- **FUEL** : Lignite

PROBLEM FACED

- Heavy Clinkering in Furnace Zone
- Heavy Fouling in Resuction Duct
- Excess SO₂ due to high S % in lignite

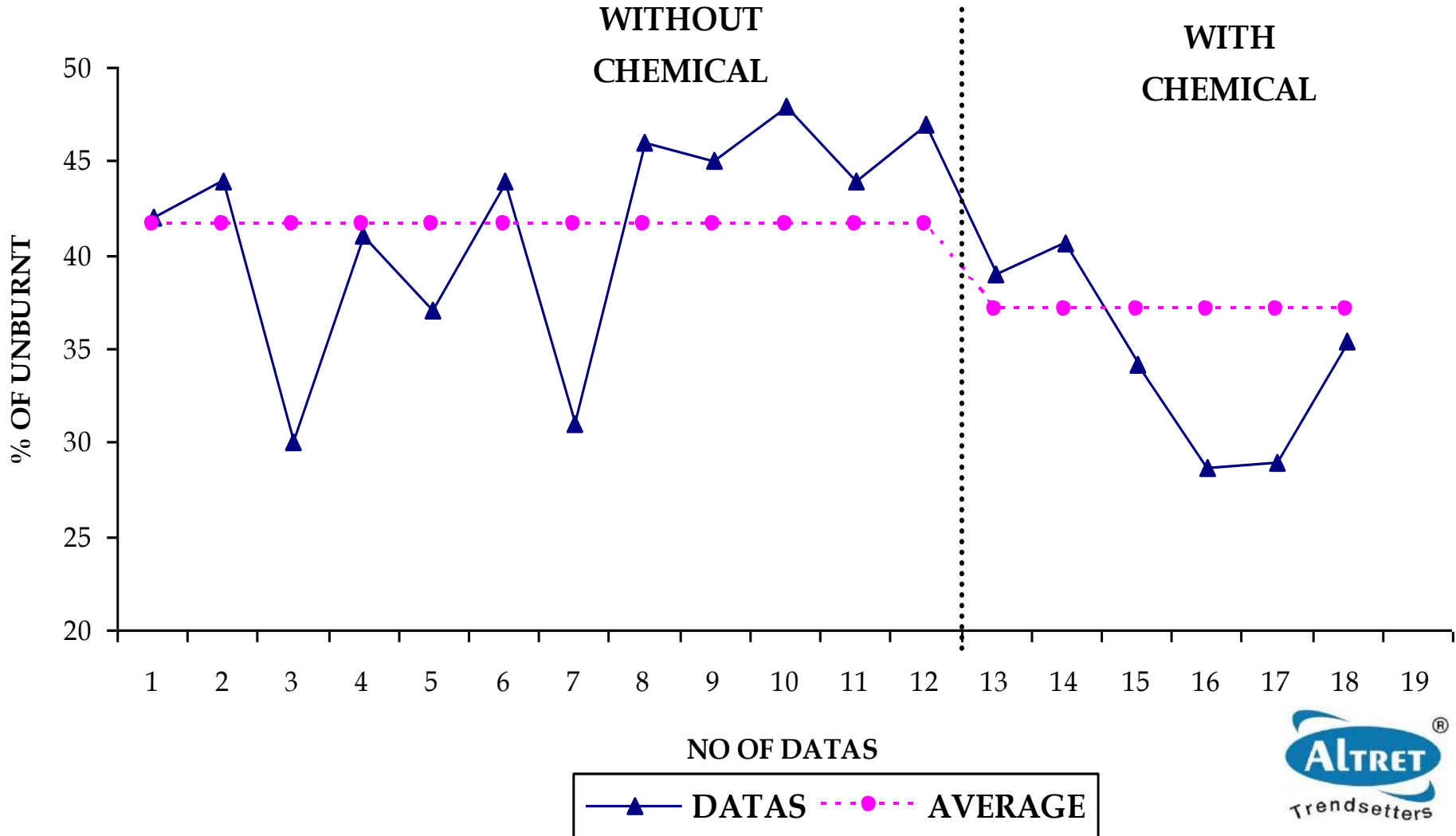
SOLUTION

- Chemical suggested: “ALTRET” 95 SCA
- Dosage: 40 ppm



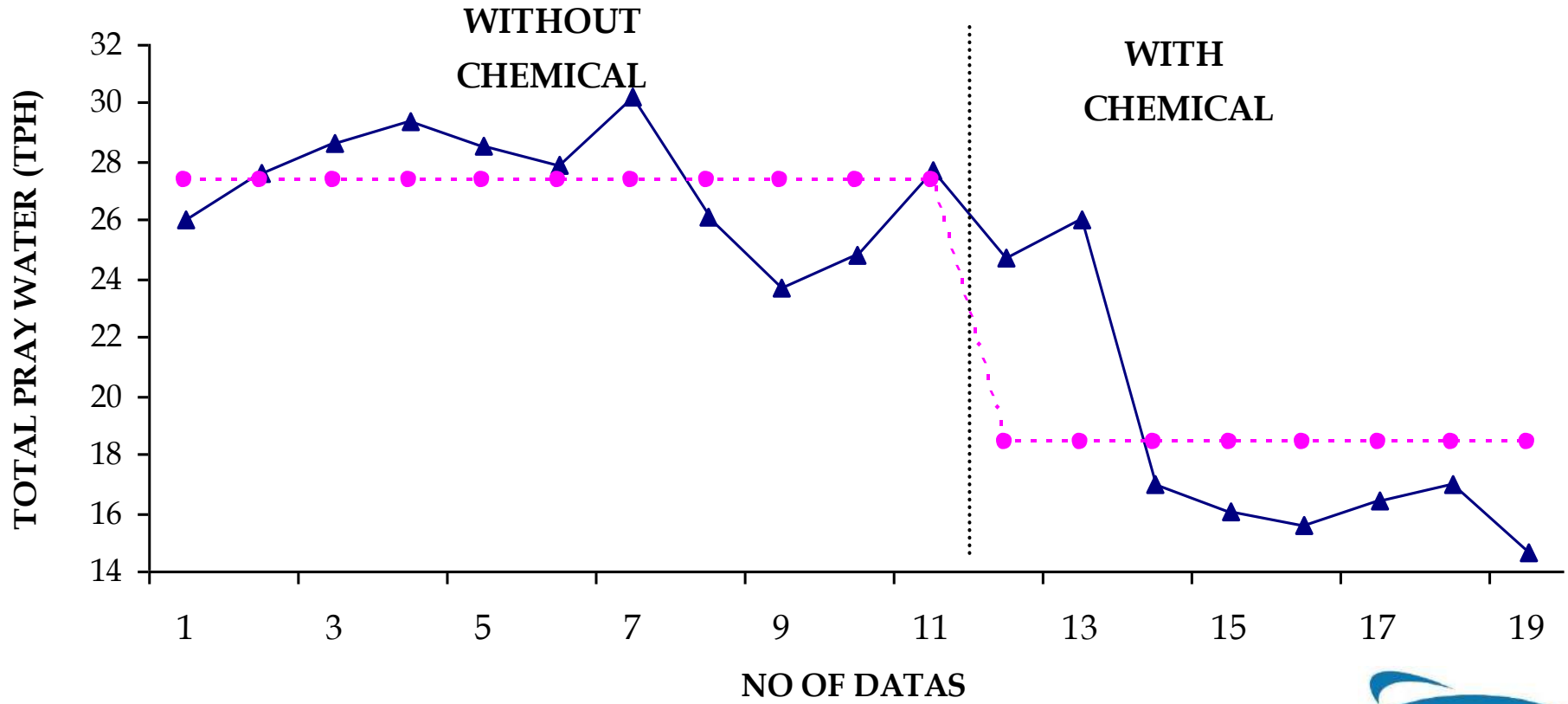
Catalytic Effect

REDUCTION IN UNBURNT CARBON IN BOTTOM ASH



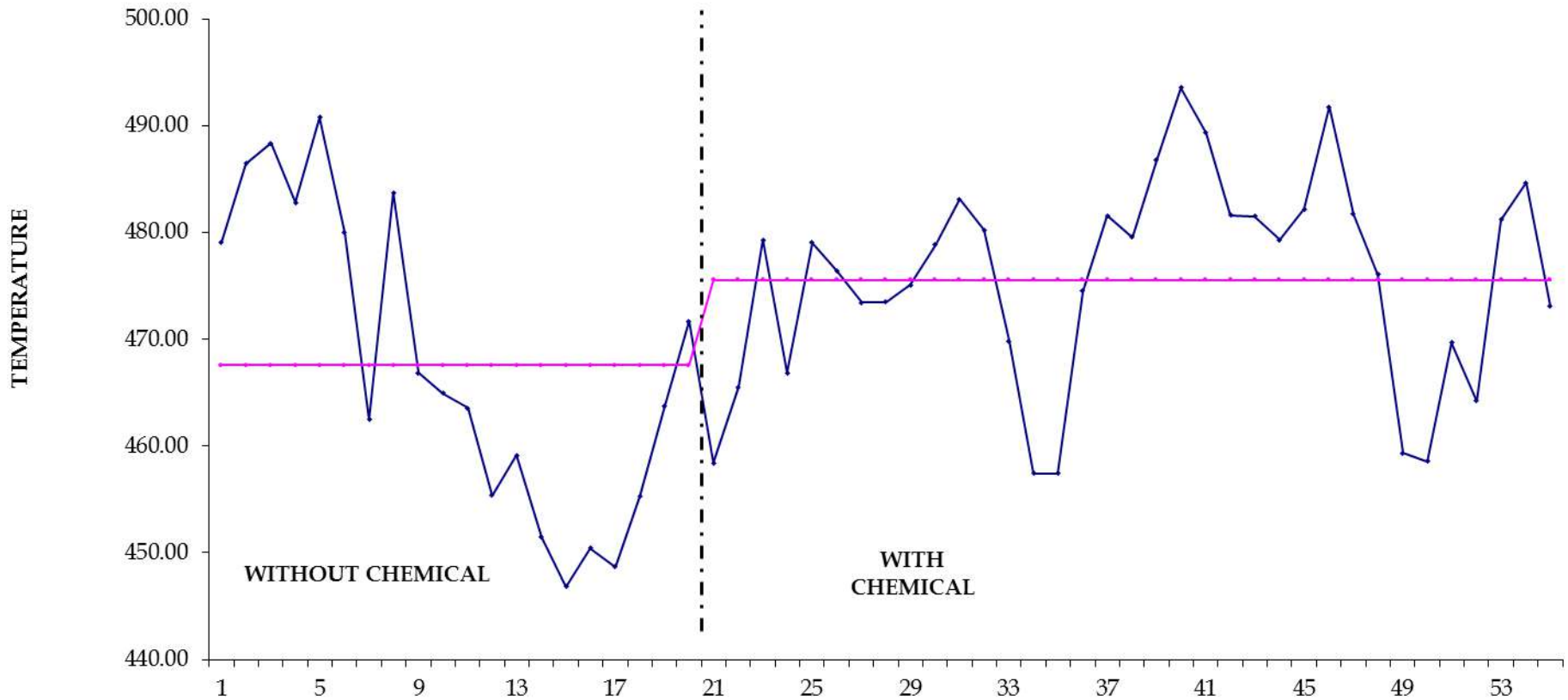
Catalytic Effect

REDUCTION IN TOTAL SPRAY WATER (TPH)



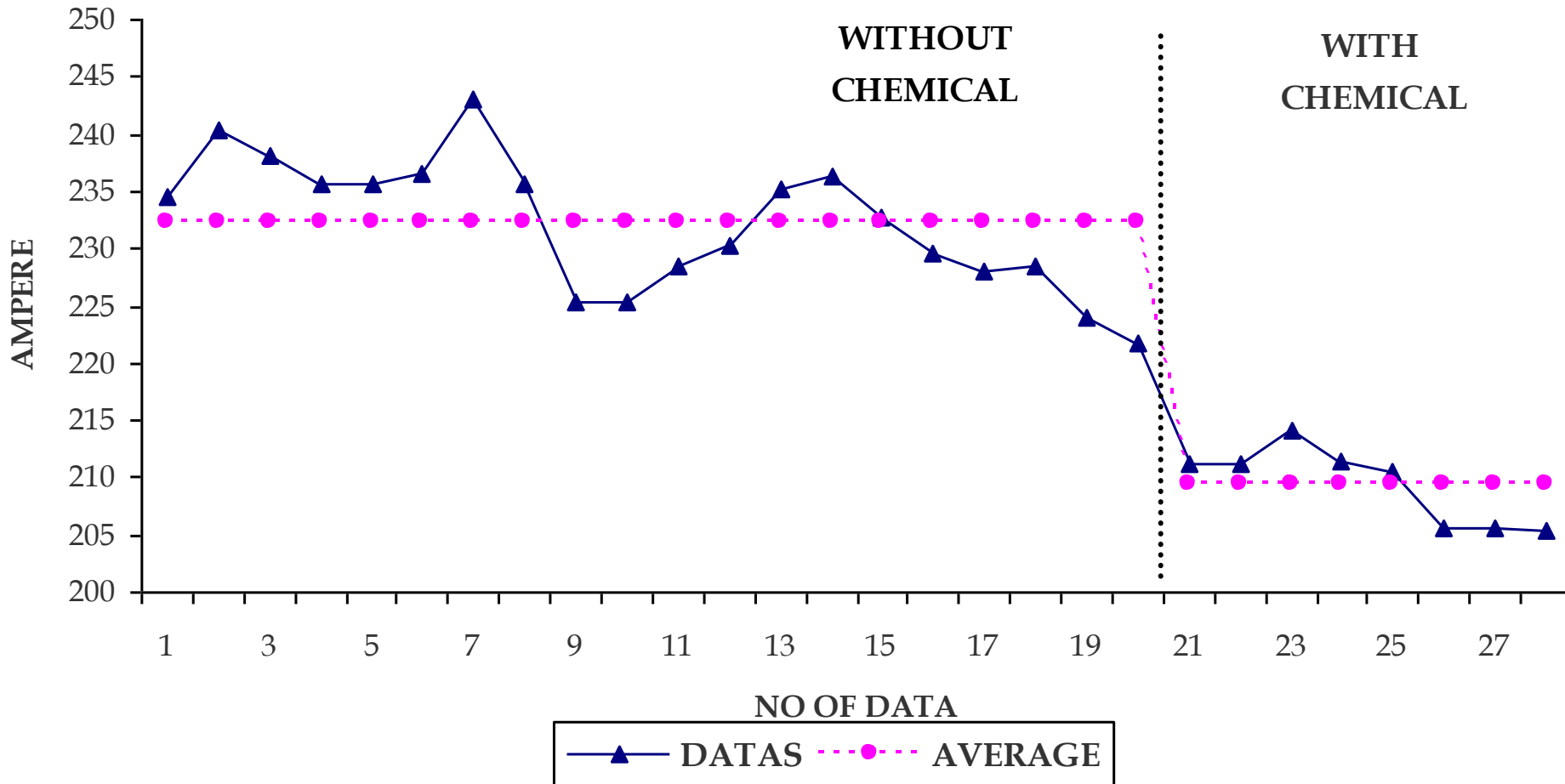
Anti-Fouling Effect

IMPROVEMENT IN S.H. TEMPERATURE



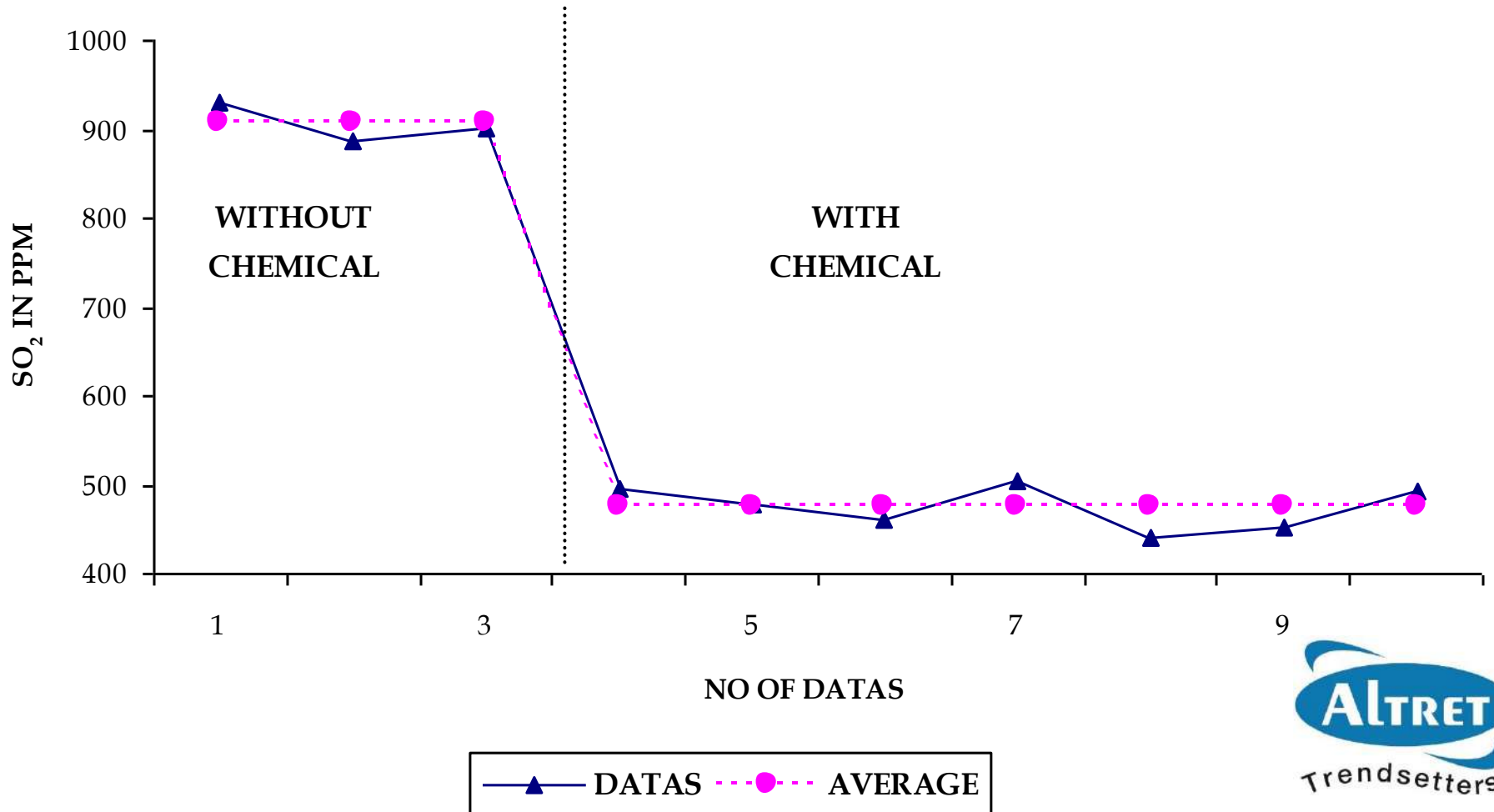
Anti-Fouling Effect

REDUCTION IN FAN AMPERE LOAD



Anti-Emission Effect

REDUCTION IN SO2 EMISSION



RESULTS



Parameter	W/O Chem.	With Chem.	% Improvement
Aux. Power Consumption	105.78	102.39	3.21
Boiler Eff. (%)	74.13	75.96	2.74
Generation Eff. (%)	24.19	24.79	2.51
SO ₂ (ppm)	708.98	540.36	23.78
SPM	93.04	64.27	30.92
Fuel Savings (T/Yr)	13,788.50		
Net Eco. Savings (Rs/Yr)	11.977 lacs		

CONCLUSION

➤ The benefits observed are quite high due to:

- Longer boiler availability
- Reduction in down time
- Reduction in oil consumption
- Reduced boiler outage due to reduction in clinker formation
- More M.W.H generation due to reduction in fouling and cleaning time.



CASE STUDY

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BOILER DETAIL



SPECIFICATIONS	CEHP - 2	HPB - 3
Make	Combustion Engineering - USA	LLB - Germany
Type	P.F. Fired	C.F.B.C.
Fuel	Enviro Coal	75% Petcoke + 25% Enviro Coal
Steaming Rate	136 T/h	185 T/h
Working Pressure	105 Kg/cm ²	105 Kg/cm ²
Max. Steam Temperature	510 – 515 °C	560 °C
Fuel Consumption	500 T/day	525 T/day

PROBLEM FACED

- Heavy Clinker formation in Super Heater Region.
- Higher Unburnt Carbon
- Require Higher Boiler Efficiency
- Excess SO_2 due to high S % in Pet-coke

SOLUTION

For CEHP # 2 Boiler – 100 % Enviro Coal

A Precise dosage of “ALTRET” 95 SC Combustion Monitoring Chemical (CMC)TM is suggested @40 ppm

For HPB # 3 Boiler, Dual Fuel Fired
(Petcoke- 75% + Enviro Coal 25%)

On Petcoke @ 50 ppm of ”ALTRET” 95 R &

On Enviro Coal @ 70 ppm of “ALTRET” 95 SCA



BOILER CEHP # 2 EVALUATION



Fig. - 1 : LOAD OF CEHP # 2

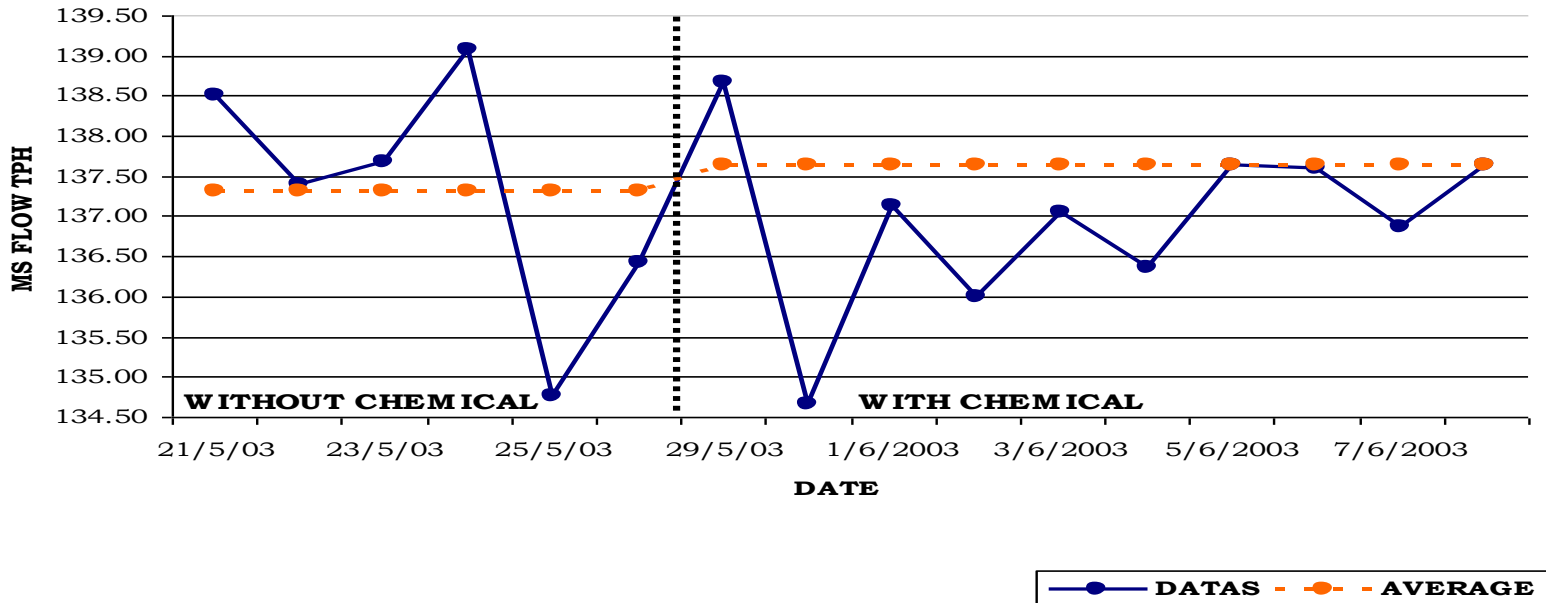


Fig. - 2 : MAIN STEAM PRESSURE OF CEHP # 2

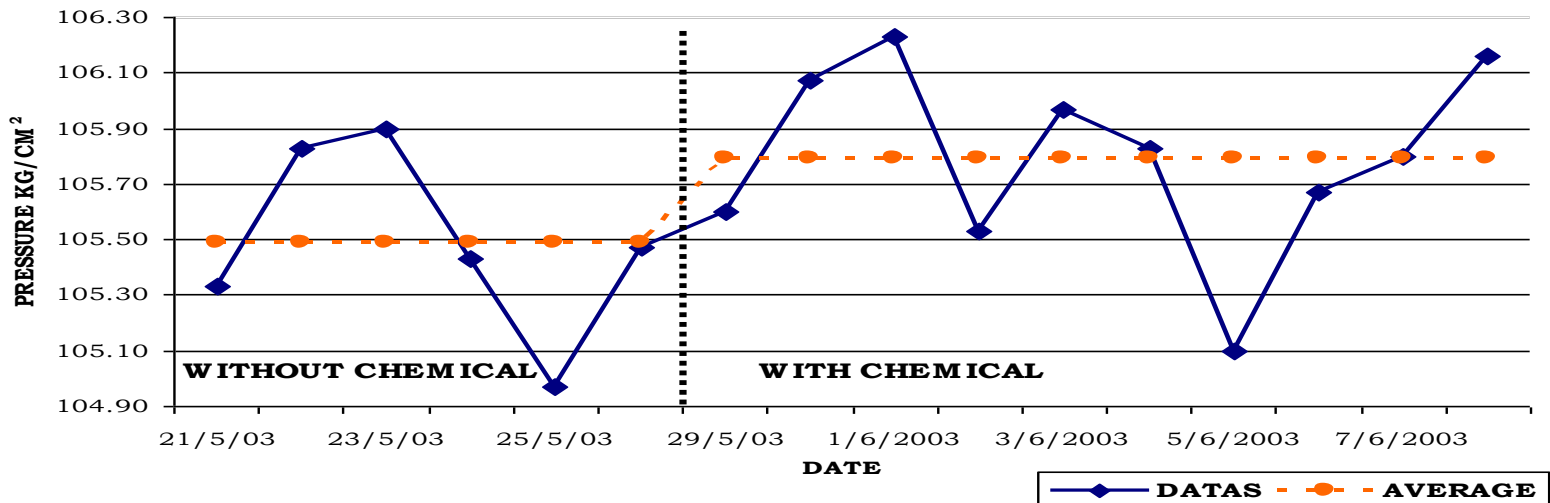


Fig.- 3 : MAIN STEAM TEMERATURE CEHP # 2

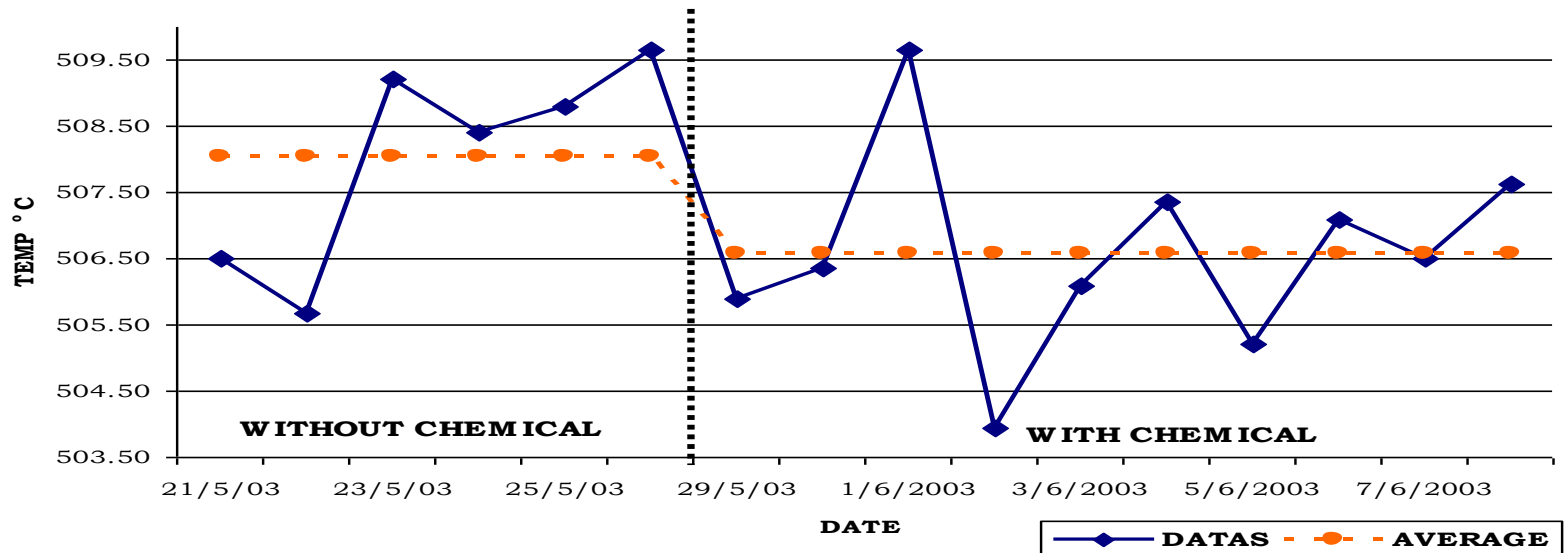


Fig. - 4: REDCUTION IN UNBURNT CARBON IN FLY ASH IN CEHP # 2

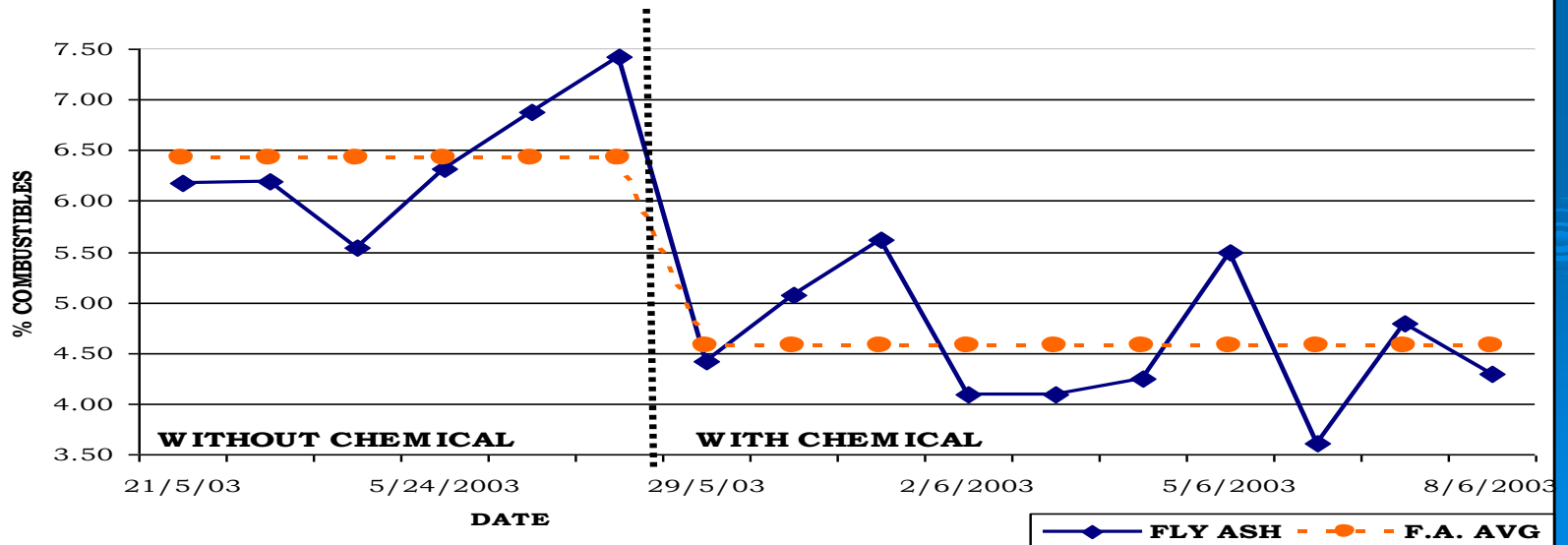


Fig. - 5 : REDUCTION IN UNBURNT CARBON IN BOTTOM ASH IN CEHP #2

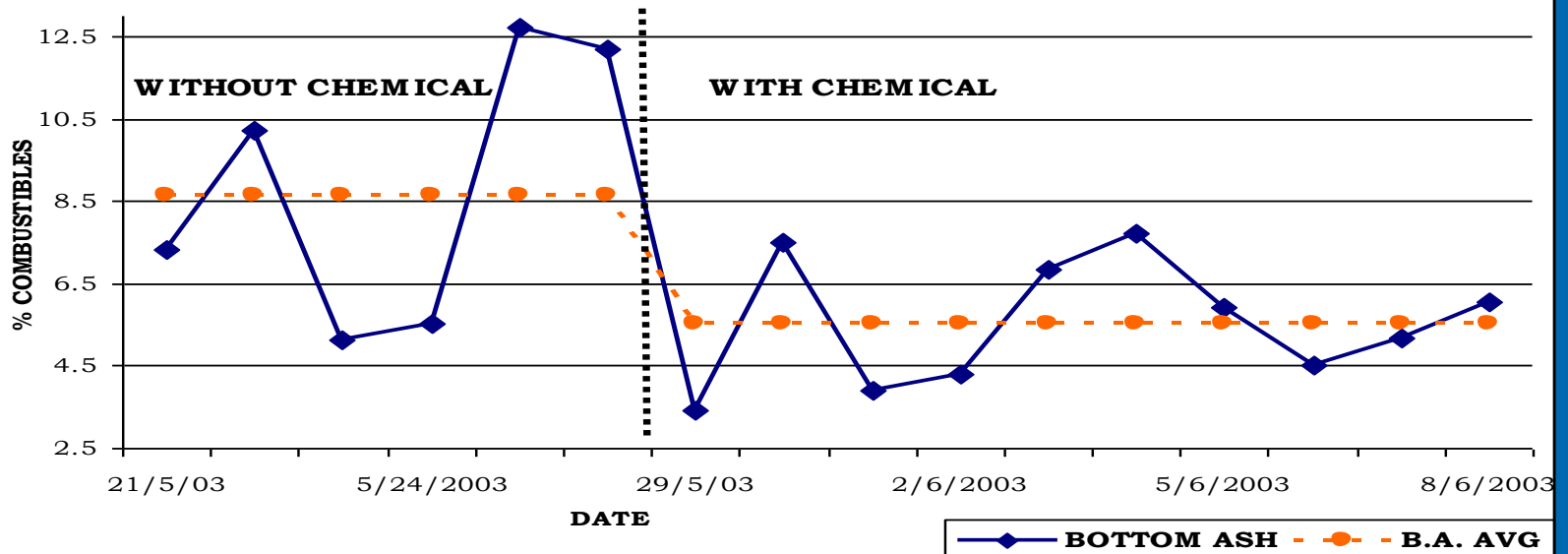


Fig. - 6: Δ P ACROSS BOILER IN CEHP # 2

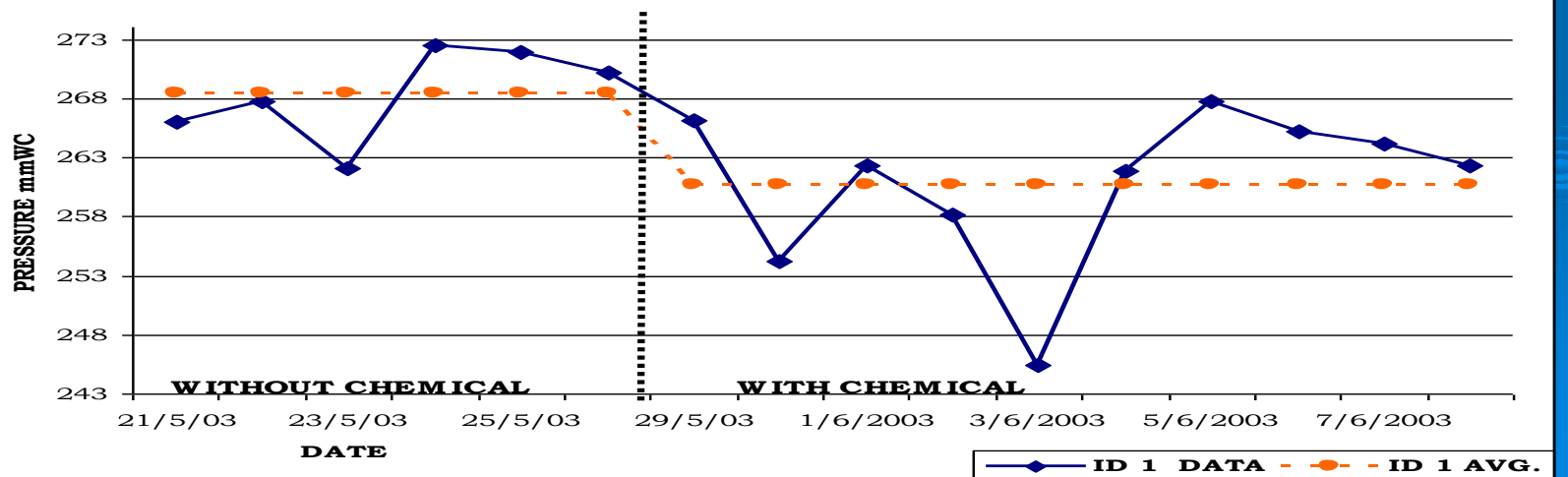


Fig.- 7: REDCUTION IN AUXLLARY AMPERE LOAD IN CEHP # 2

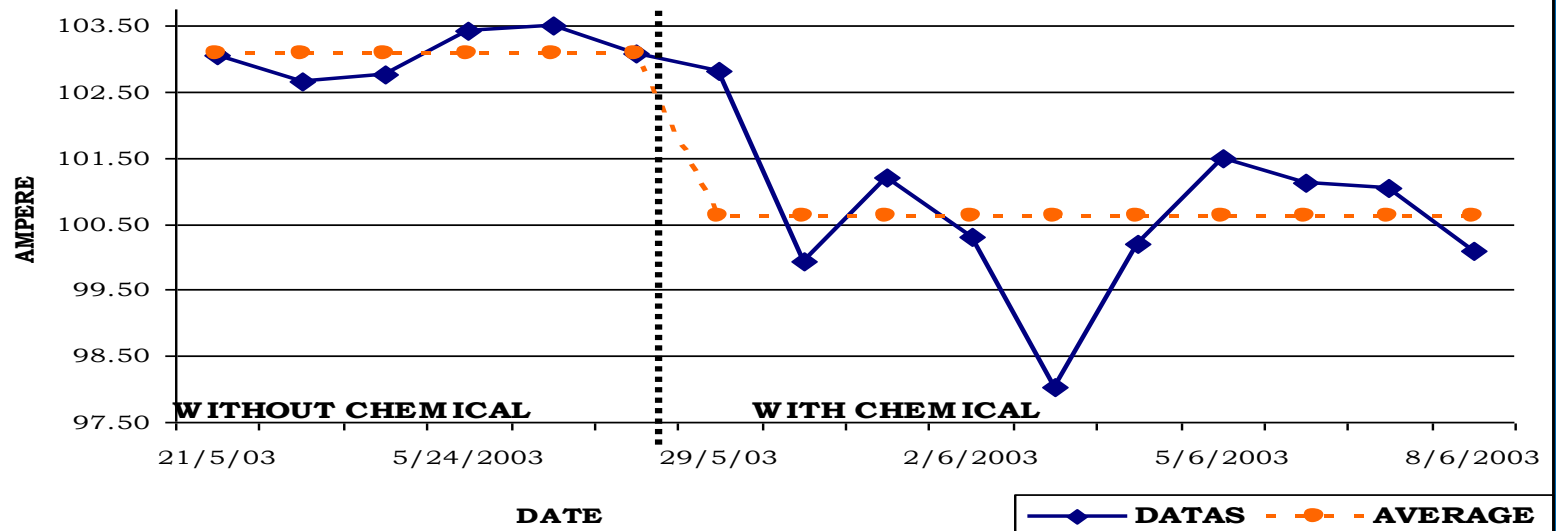


Fig. - 9 : IMPROVEMENT IN S.E.E IN CEHP # 2

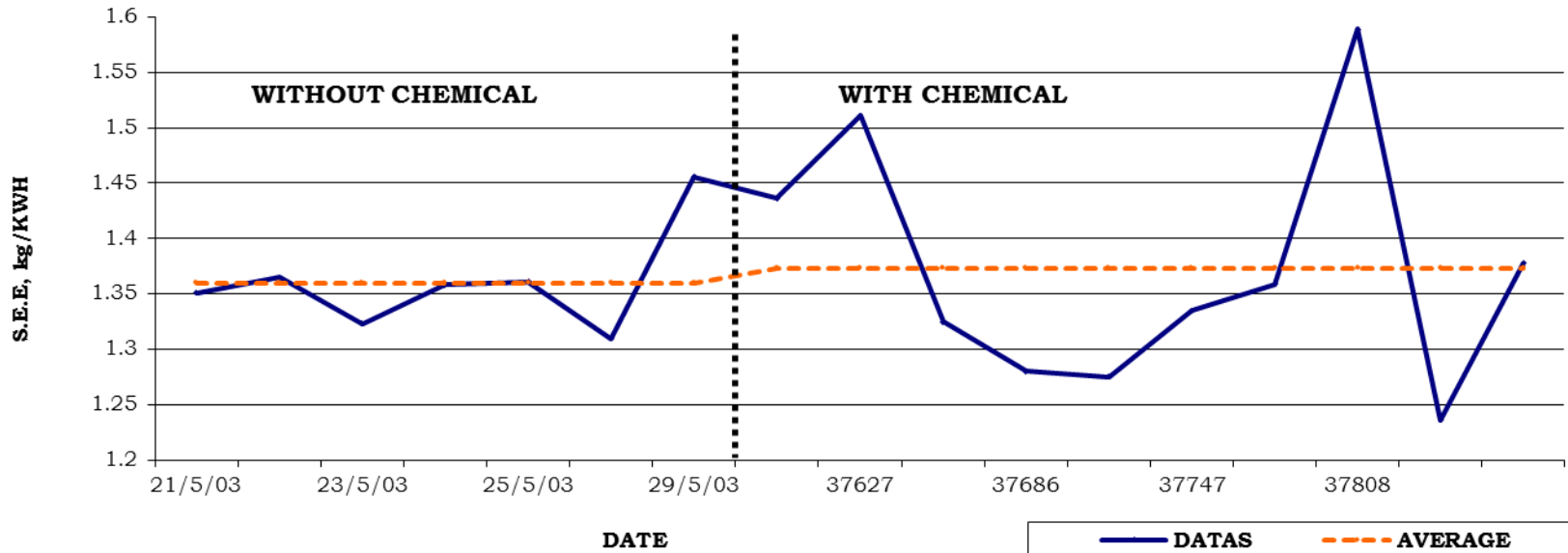
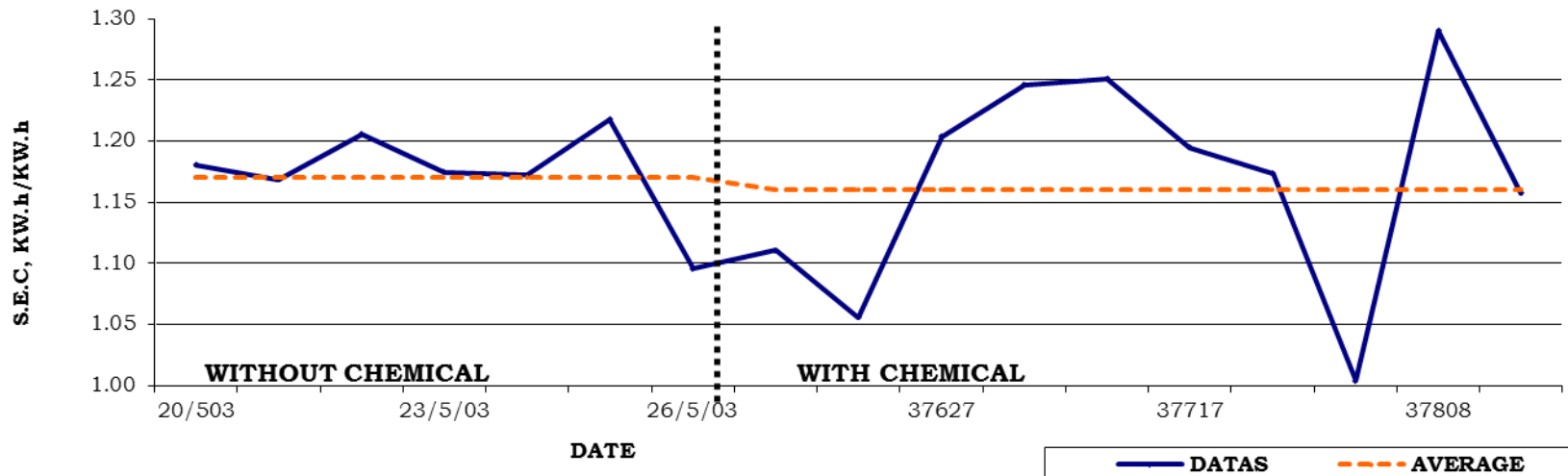


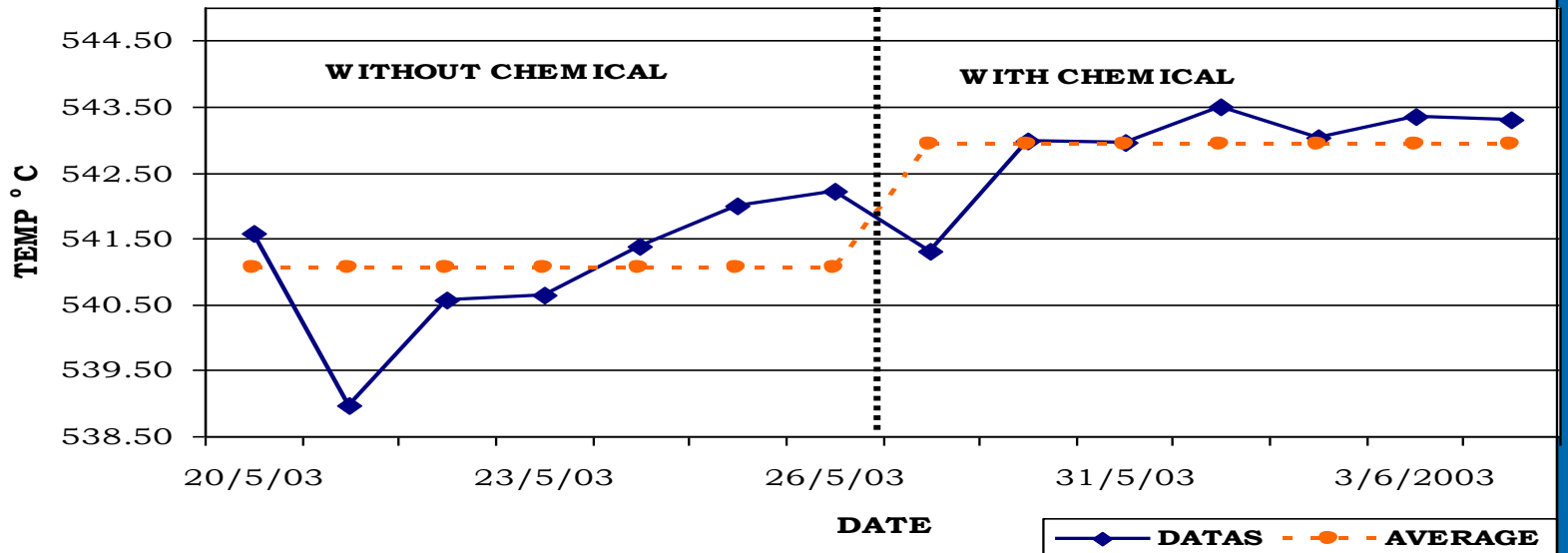
Fig. - 10: REDUCTION IN S.E.C IN CEHP # 2



BOILER HPB # 3 EVALUATION



Fig. - 13 : MAIN STEAM TEMERATURE IN HPB # 3



Fi.g - 14 : REDUCTION IN UNBURNT CARBON LEVEL IN FLY ASH IN HPB # 3

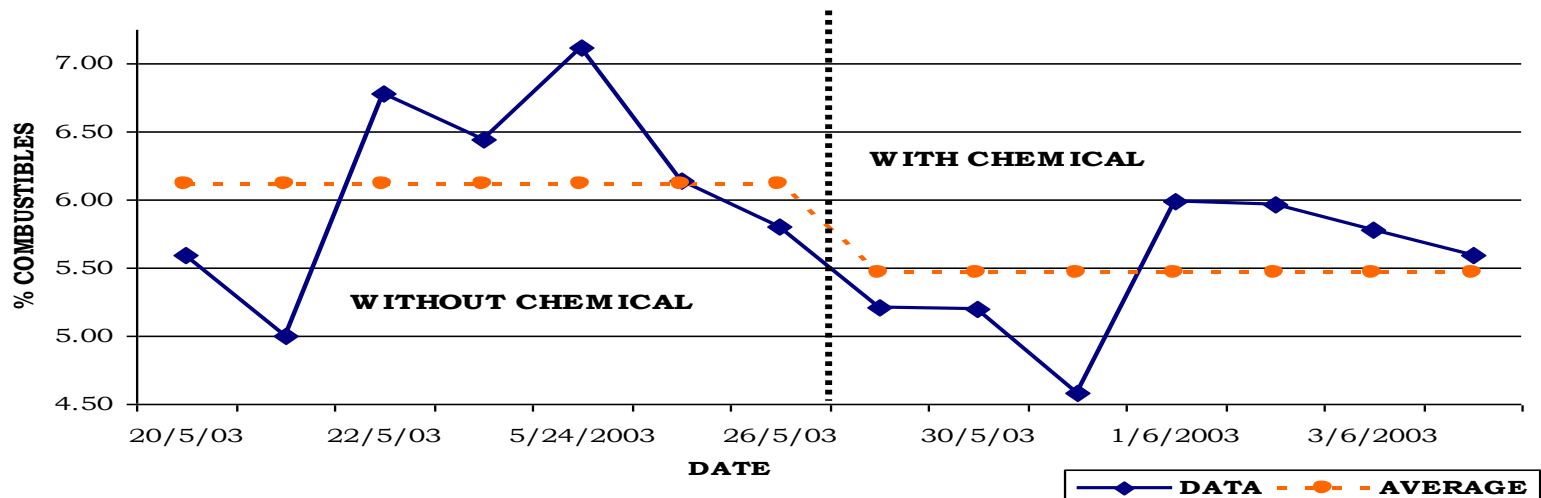


Fig. - 15: REDUCTION IN UNBURNT CARBON LEVEL IN BOTTOM ASH IN HPB # 3

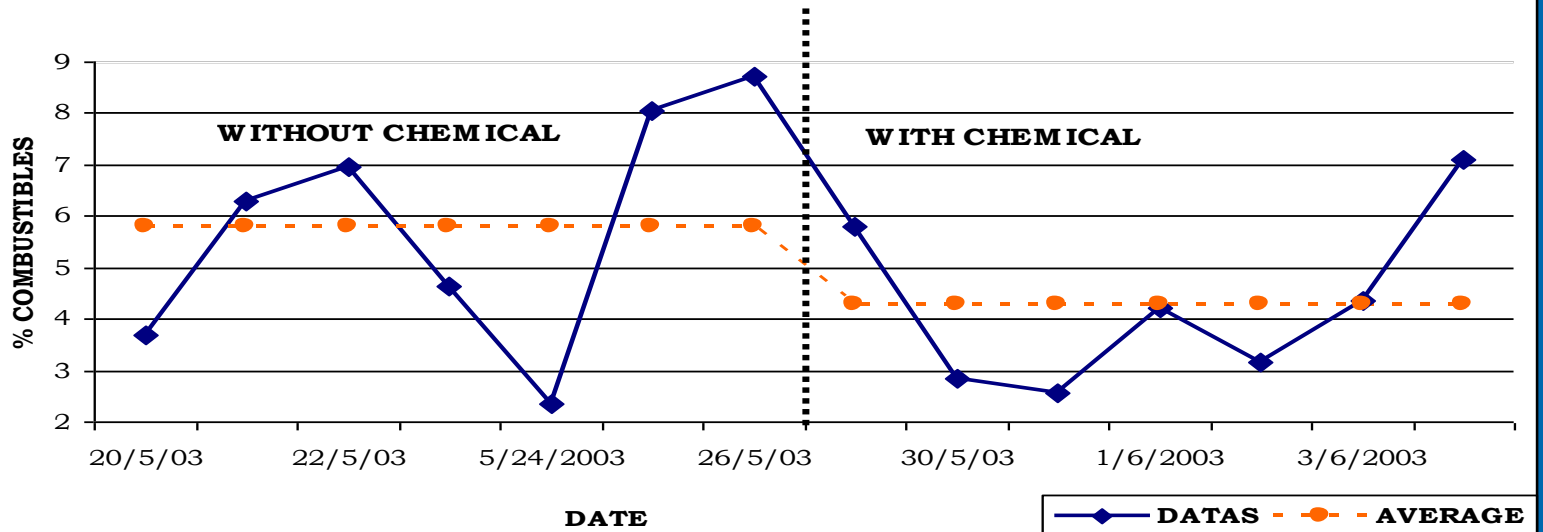


Fig. - 16 :REDUCTION IN PRESSURE DROP ACROSS APH IN HPB # 3

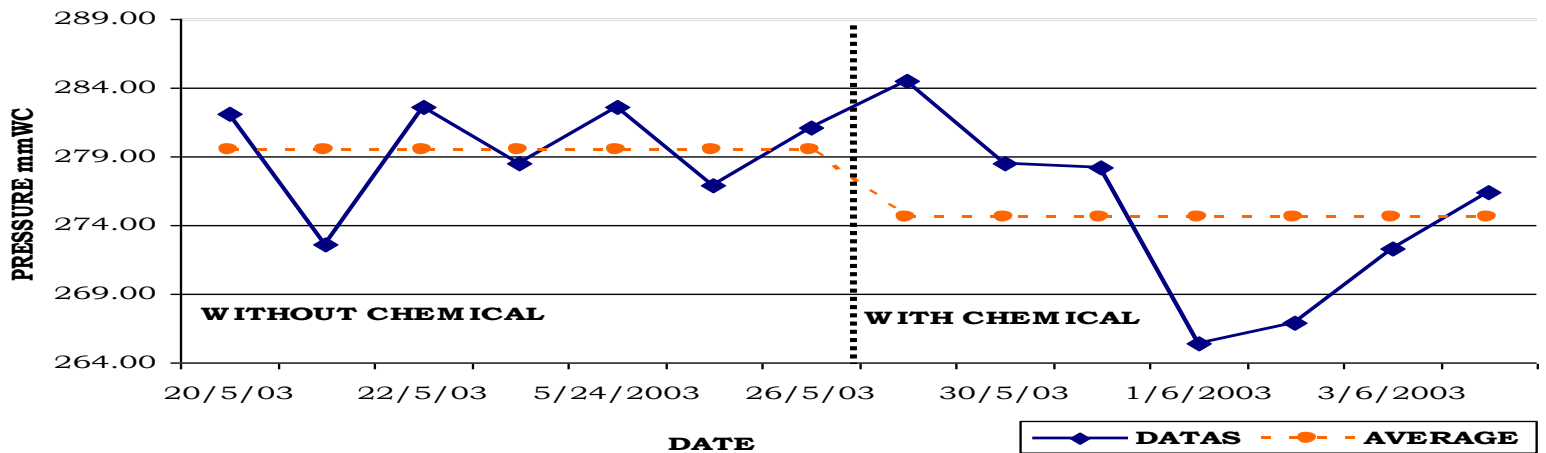


Fig. -17: REDUCTION IN AUXILLARY POWER CONSUMPTION IN HPB # 3

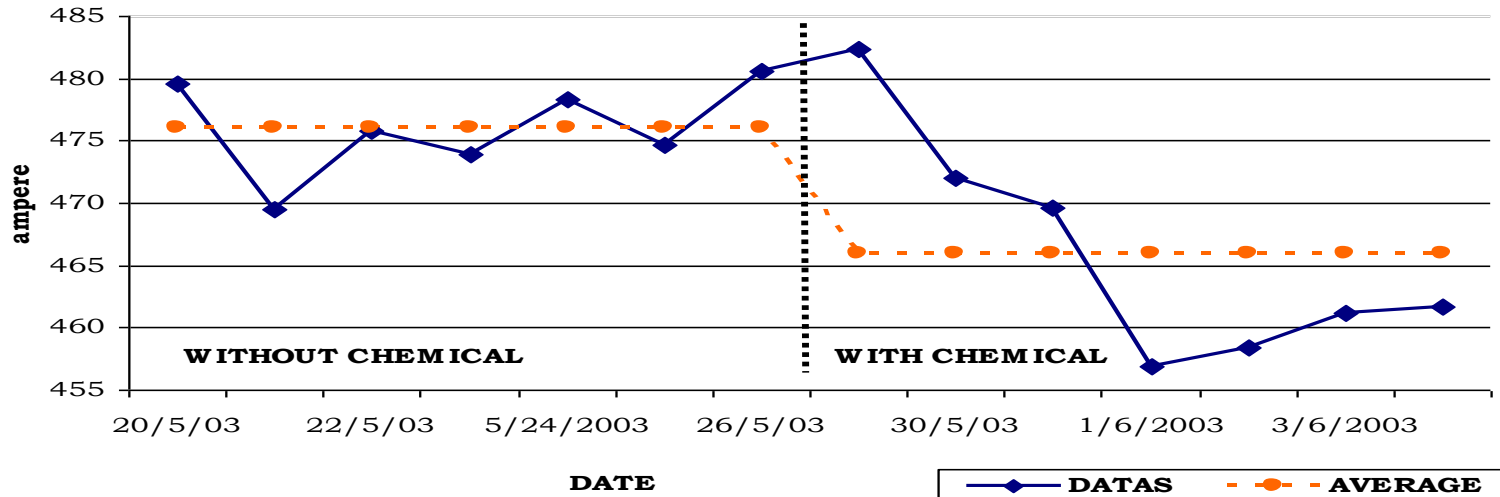


Fig. - 18 : REDUCTION IN CHIMNEY GAS OUTLET TEMP. IN HPB # 3

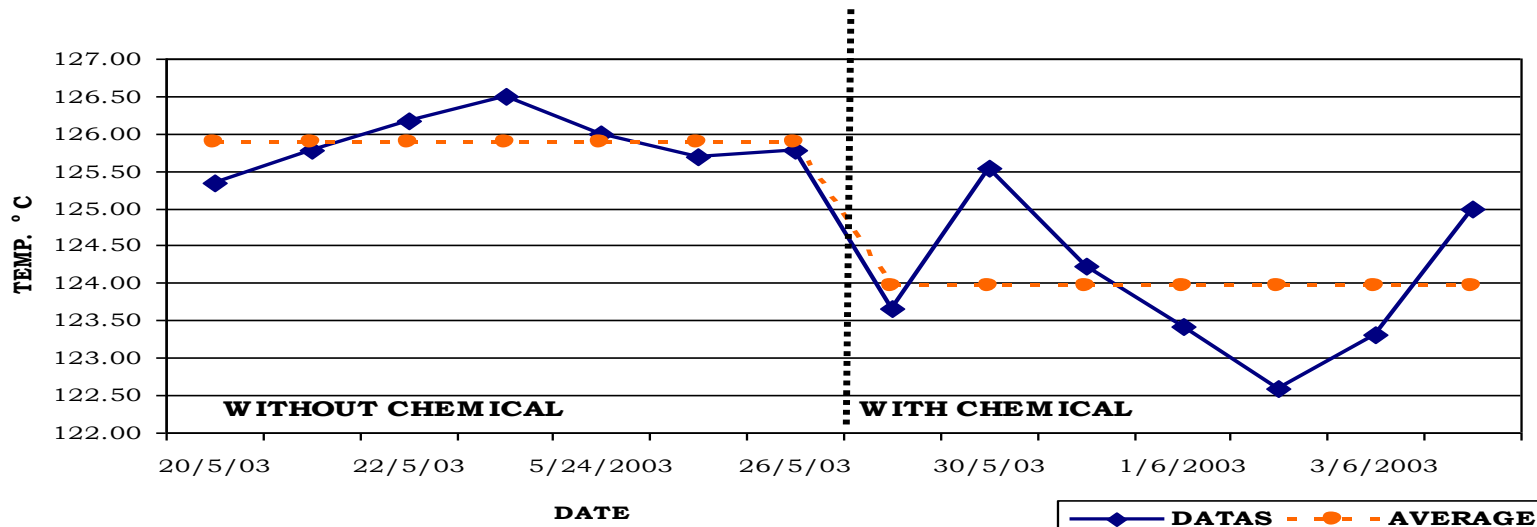


Fig. - 19 : EFFECT ON REDUCTION IN SO₂ LEVELS IN HPB # 3

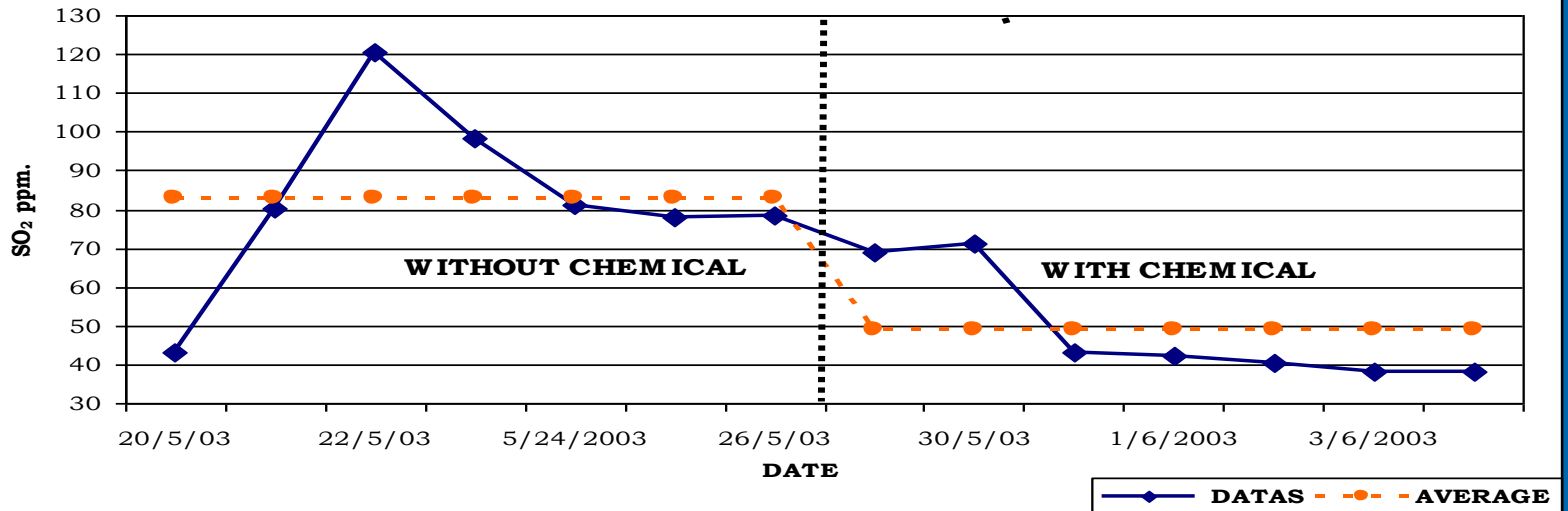


Fig. -20: EFFECT ON REDUCTION IN CO LEVELS IN HPB# 3

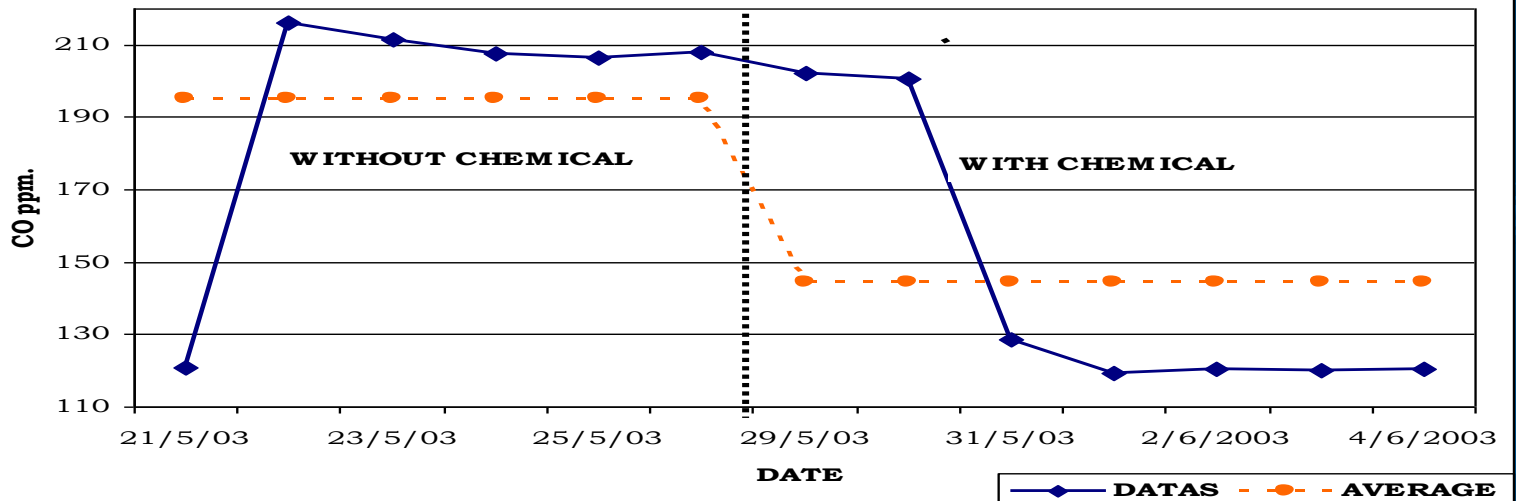


Fig. - 21 : REDUCTION IN LIME STONE FEEDING IN HPB # 3

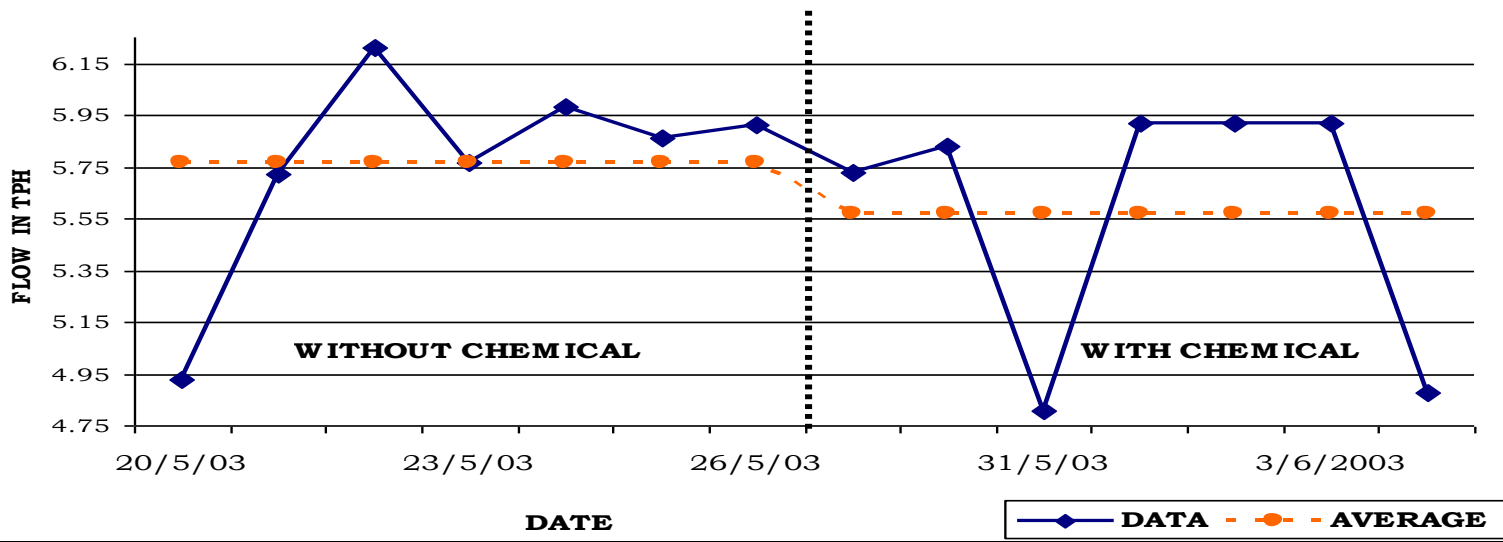


Fig.- 22 : IMPROVEMENT IN S.E.E IN HPB # 3

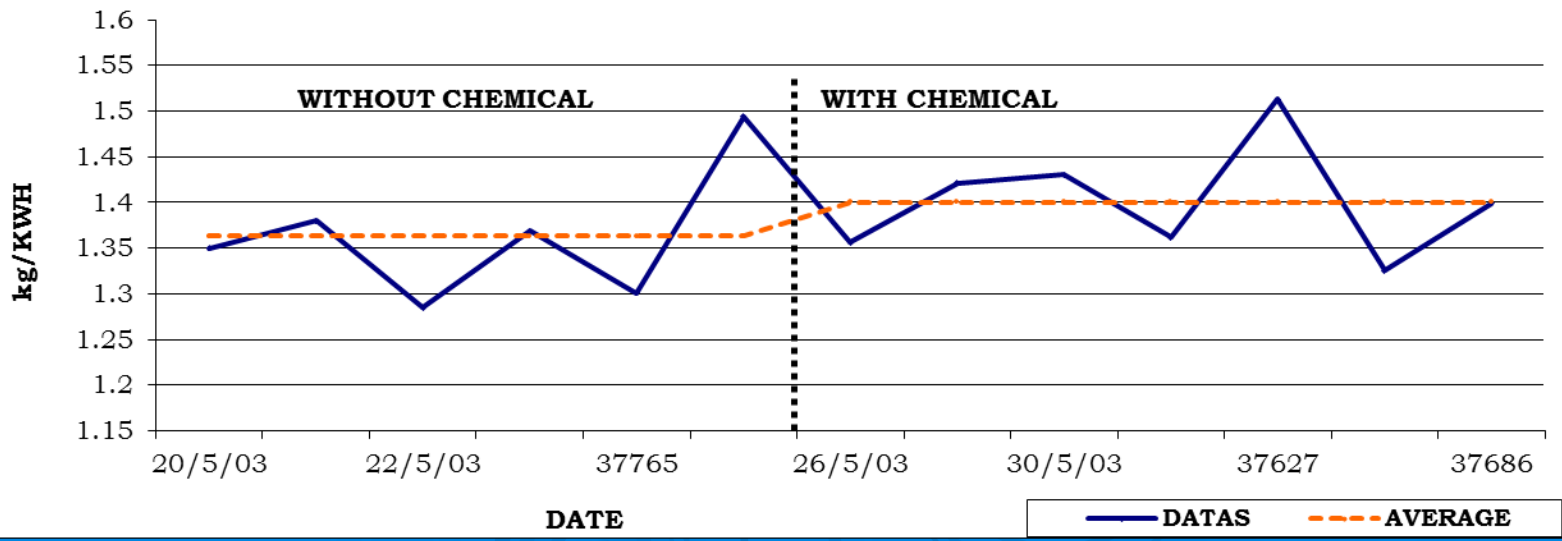
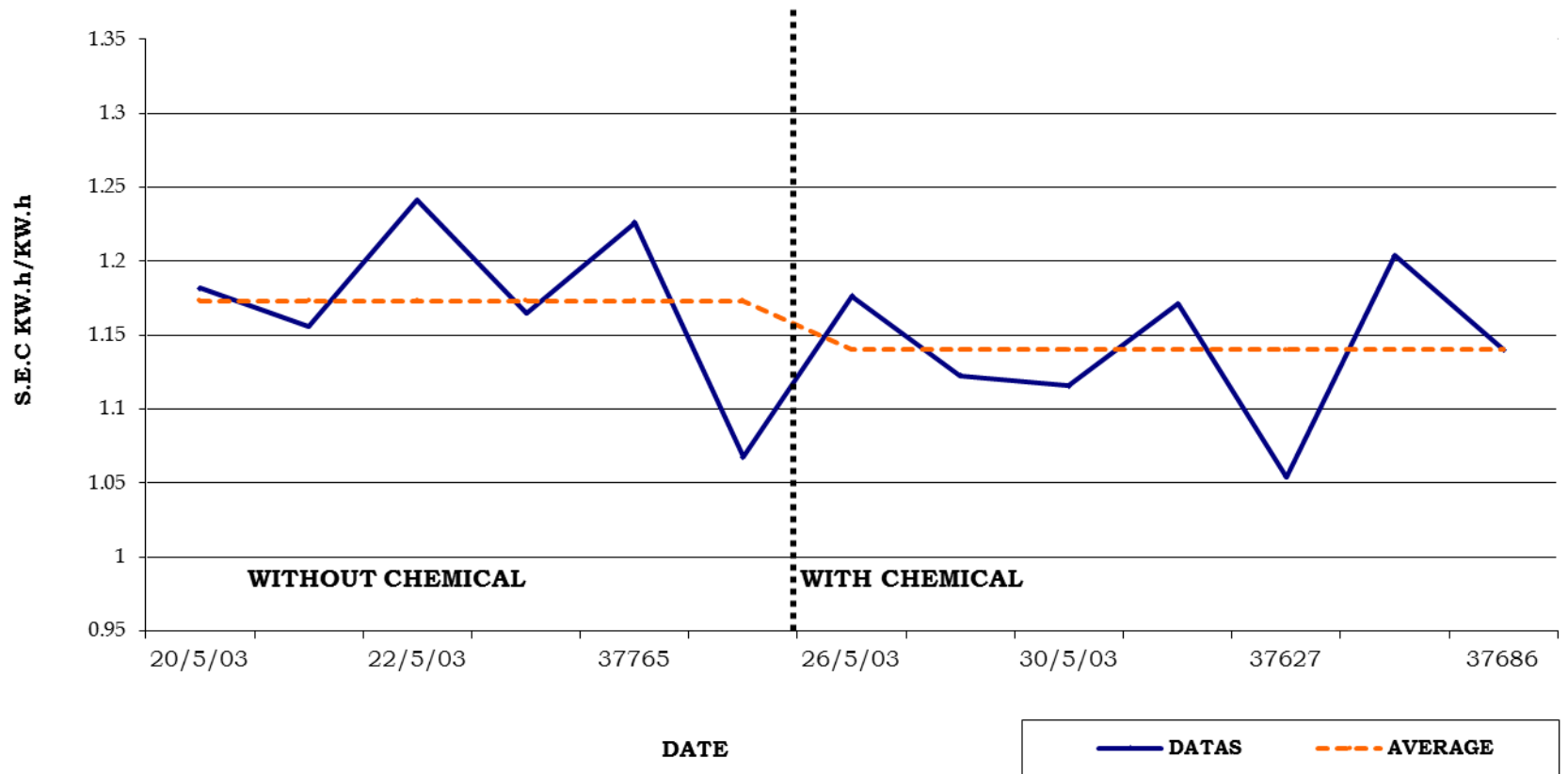


Fig. - 23 : REDUCTION IN SEC IN HPB # 3



RESULTS

CEHP # 2	WITHOUT CHEMICAL	WITH CHEMICAL
CV Kcal/kg	5120.43	5054.7
M_{fuel} TPD	517.00	521.00
M_{steam} TPD	3274.43	3277.6
Δh kJ/kg	2883.99	2876.76
Q_{in} MW	128.24	127.534
Q_{out} MW	109.30	109.13
S.E.E kg/KWH	1.36066	1.372
S.E.C KWH/kg	1.173	1.162
BOILER EFFICIENCY %	85.302	86.042

RESULTS

HPB # 3	WITHOUT CHEMICAL	WITH CHEMICAL
CV Kcal/kg	7023.50	7011.57
M_{fuel} TPD	520.86	512.29
M_{steam} TPD	4496.86	4431.16
Δh kJ/kg	2966.34	2970.29
Q_{in} MW	153.21	173.33
Q_{out} MW	154.39	152.34
S.E.E kg/KWH	1.3937	1.4044
S.E.C KWH/kg	1.15751	1.13774
BOILER EFFICIENCY %	87.373	88.047

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS



TABLE- A - 5 :- ECONOMIC ANALYSIS: CEHP # 2

I.) SAVING DUE TO REDUCTION IN FUEL CONSUMPTION

1.)	FUEL SAVING BY DIRECT METHOD:	0.94%
2.)	FUEL SAVING BY INDIRECT METHOD:	0.37%
3.)	AVERAGE FUEL SAVINGS CONSIDERING BOTH METHOD	0.65%
4.)	Avg. Fuel Consumption (TPD)	500.00
5.)	Fuel savings (TPD)	3.25
6.)	Economic savings per day (Fuel cost @ Rs. 1900.00/Ton)	Rs.6175.00

II.) SAVING DUE TO REDUCTION IN AUXILLARY POWER

1.)	Total Ampere Load Reduction	2.465	Ampere
2.)	Total reduction in KWH/Day	36.146	KWH/Day
	$P = 1.73 V.I. \cos \phi$ $V = 415 \text{ volts} \quad \cos \phi = 0.85$		
3.)	Total economic savings @ Rs. 0.50/KWH	Rs. 18.07	per day
4.)	TOTAL ECONOMIC SAVINGS : I.(6) + II.(3)	Rs. 6193.07	Per day
5.)	Chemical cost (@ 40 ppm & Rs. 285.00/kg)	Rs. 5700.00	per day
6.)	Net Economic savings	Rs. 493.07	Per day

TABLE- B - 5 :- ECONOMIC ANALYSIS: HPB # 3

I.) SAVING DUE TO REDUCTION IN FUEL CONSUMPTION

1.)	FUEL SAVING BY DIRECT METHOD:	1.67%
2.)	FUEL SAVING BY INDIRECT METHOD:	0.554%
3.)	AVERAGE FUEL SAVINGS CONSIDERING BOTHMETHOD	1.107%
4.)	Avg. Fuel Consumption (TPD)	525.00
5.)	Fuel savings (TPD)	5.118
6.)	Economic savings per day (Fuel cost @ Rs. 1900.00/Ton)	<u>Rs.9724.20</u>

II.) SAVING DUE TO REDUCTION IN AUXILLARY POWER

1.)	Total Ampere Load Reduction	13.06 Amp.
2.)	Total reduction in KWH/Day	191.50 KWH/Day
	$P = 1.73 V.I. \cos \phi$	
	$V = 415 \text{ volts} \quad \cos \phi = 0.85$	
3.)	Total economic savings @ Rs. 0.50/KWH	Rs. 95.75 per day

III.) SAVING DUE TO REDUCTION IN LIME STONE ADDITION



1.)	Average Reduction In Lime Stone addition	4.80	TPD
2.)	Saving due to reduction in Lime stone (@ Rs. 2000.00 Tons)	Rs. 9600.00	
3.)	TOTAL ECONOMIC SAVINGS : I.(6)+II.(3)+III.(2)	Rs. 19,419.95	Per day
4.)	Chemical cost (367.50 TPD Petcoke @ 50 ppm ÄLTRET"95 R & Rs. 365.00/kg) (158.5 TPD Coal @ 70 ppm ÄLTRET"95 SCA & Rs.234.00/kg)	Rs. 9303.11	per day
6.)	Net Economic savings	Rs. 10,116.00	Per day
7.)	Net Annual savings	Rs. 35,40,600.00 /Yr.	

CONCLUSION

➤ The benefits observed are quite high due to:

- Longer boiler availability
- Reduction in down time
- Reduction in oil consumption
- Reduced boiler outage due to reduction in clinker formation
- More M.W.H generation due to reduction in fouling and cleaning time.



CASE STUDY

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BOILER DETAILS

- **BOILER TYPE** : F.B.C
- **MAKE** : CVL
- **CAPACITY** : 30 TPH
- **PRESSURE** : 32 kg/cm²
- **FUEL** : Coal



PROBLEM FACED

- Higher Unburnt Carbon in Bottom & Fly Ash
- Require improvement in Boiler Efficiency

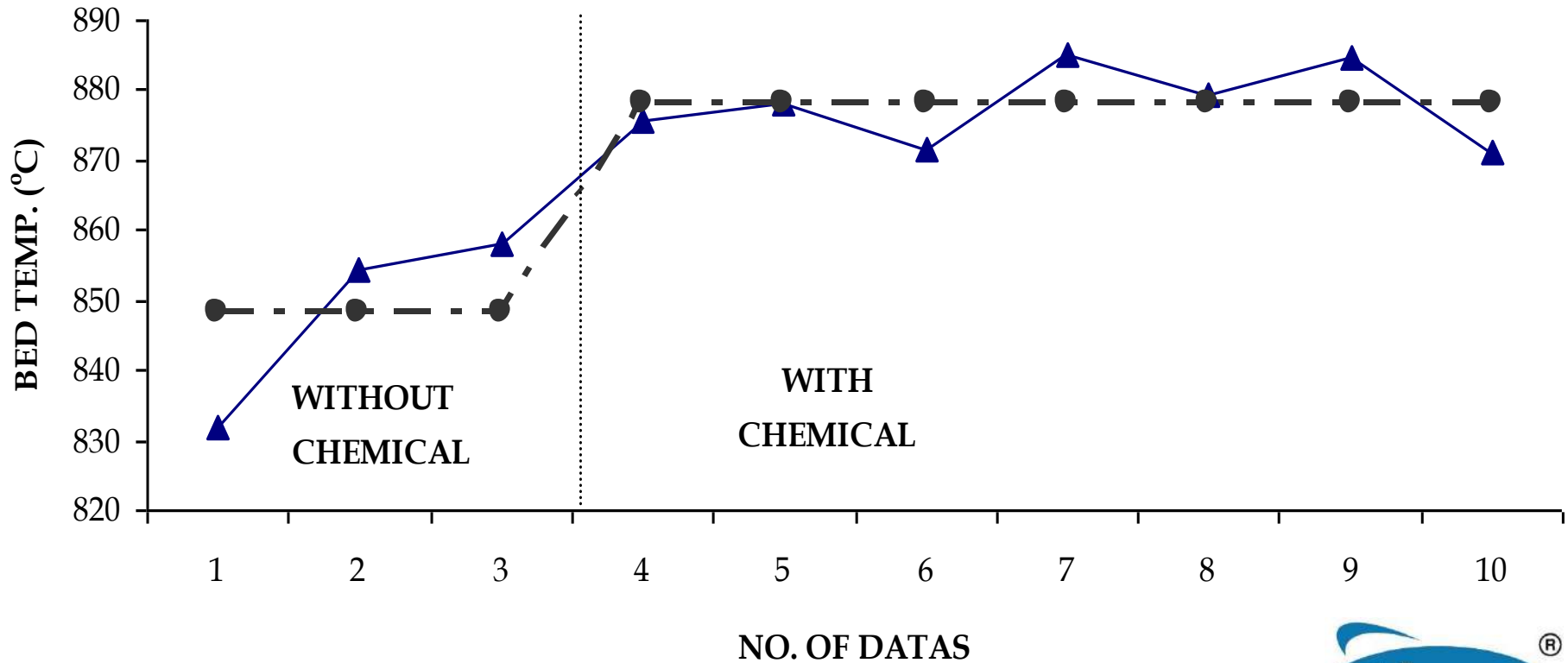
SOLUTION

- Chemical suggested: “ALTRET” 95 SCA
- Dosage: 50 ppm



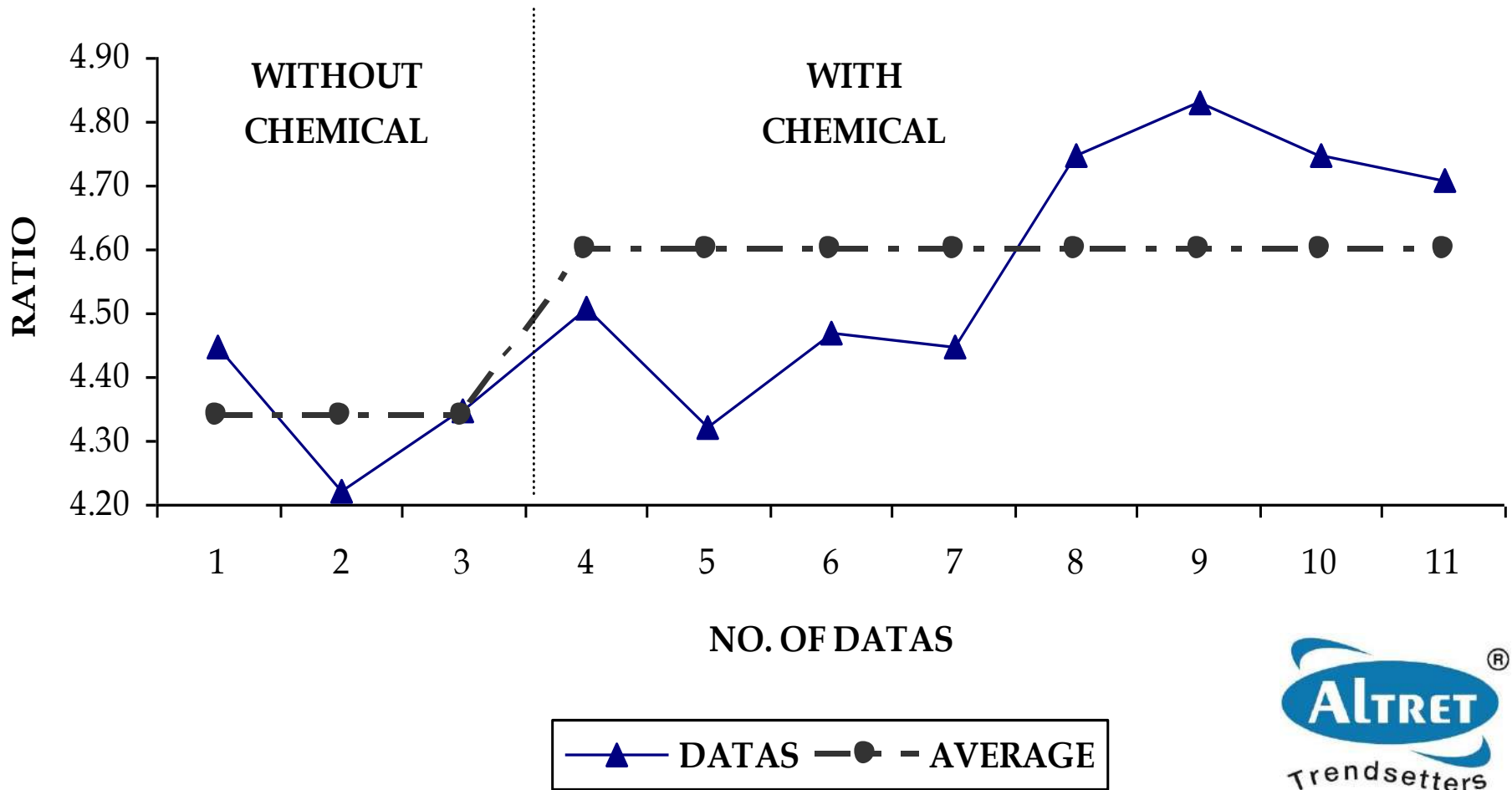
Catalytic Effect

IMPROVEMENT IN BED TEMP.



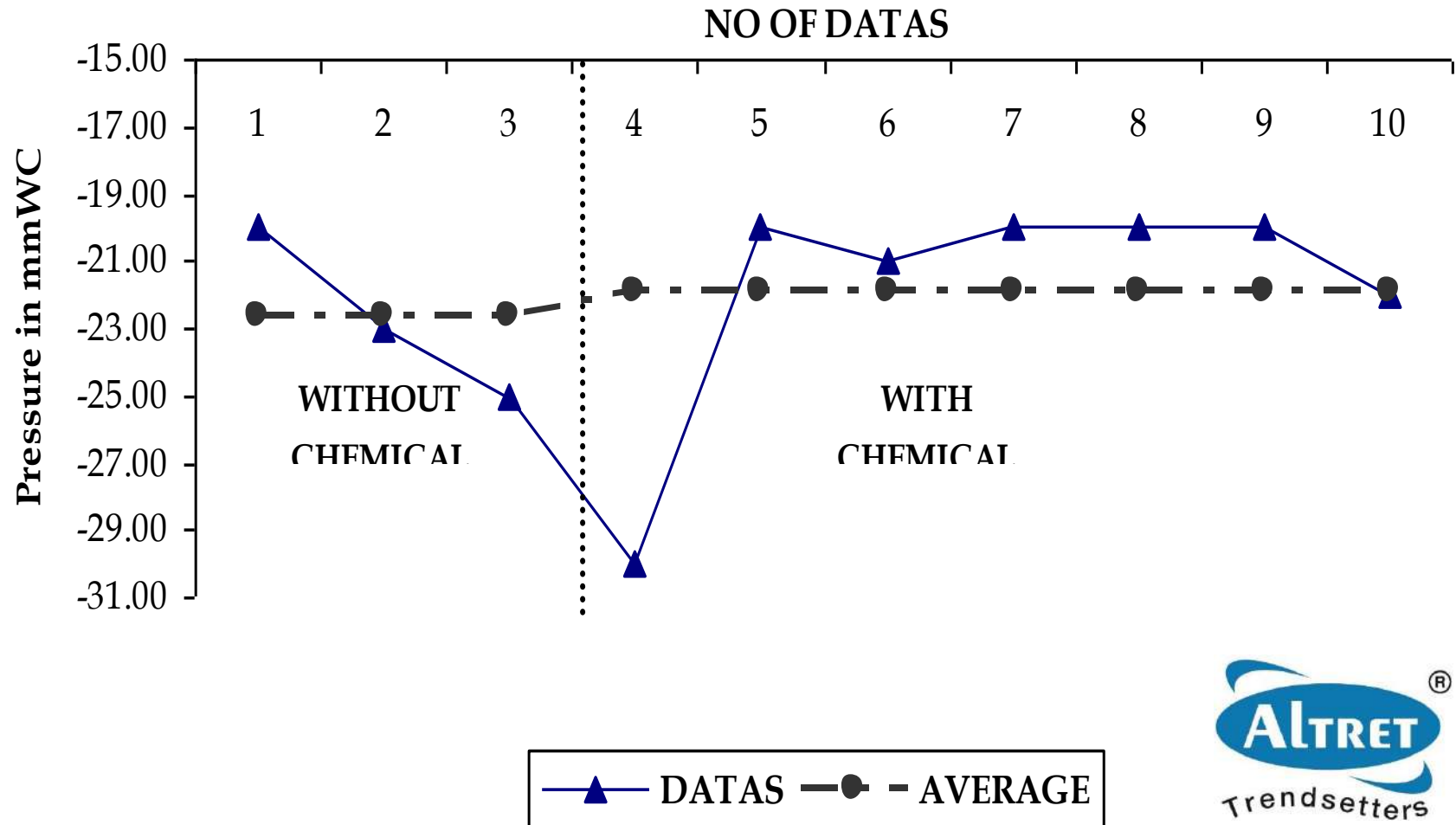
Catalytic Effect

EFFECT OF IMPROVEMENT IN EVAPORATION RATIO



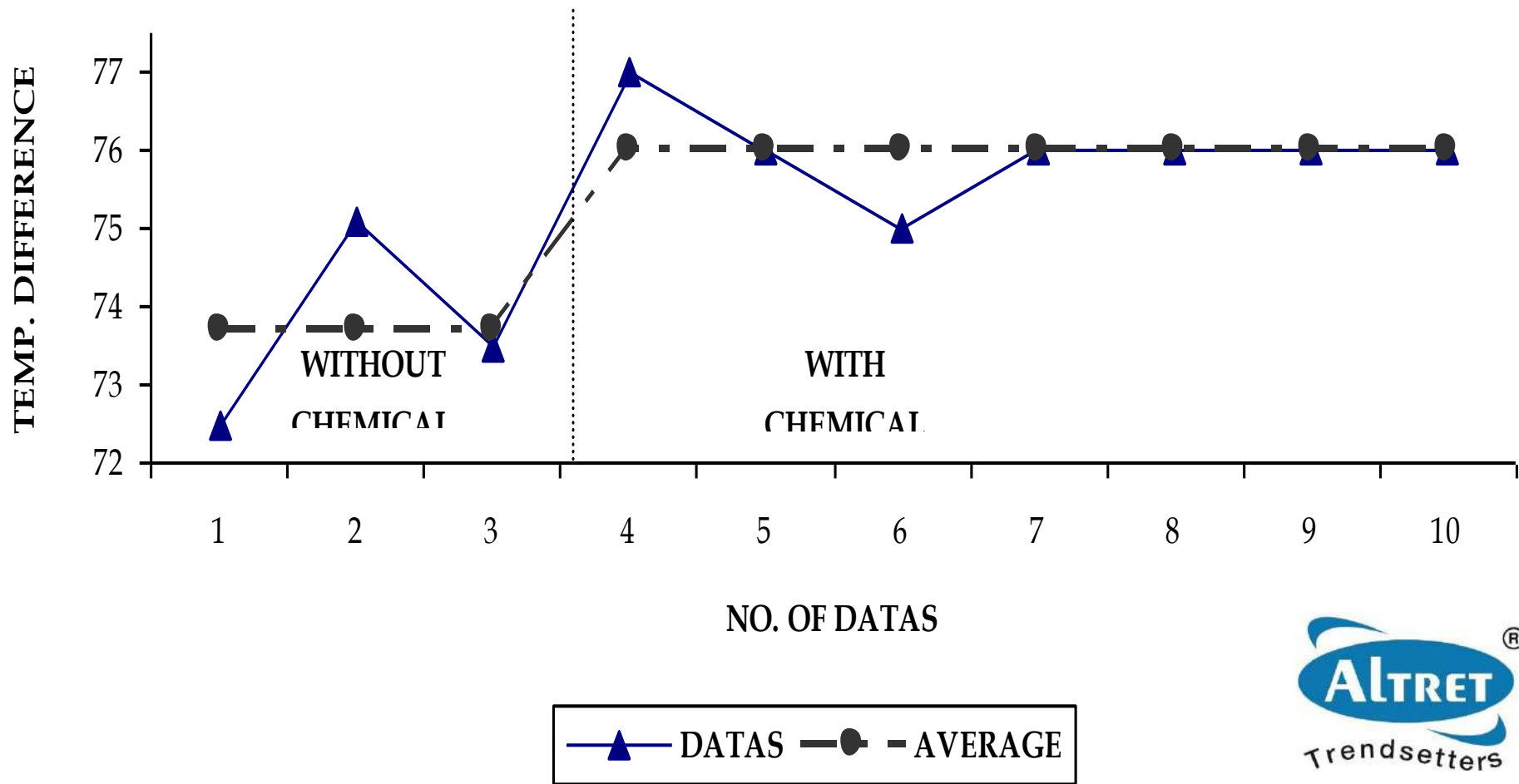
Anti-Fouling Effect

REDUCTION IN DRAUGHT LEVEL AT ECONOMISER



Anti-Fouling Effect

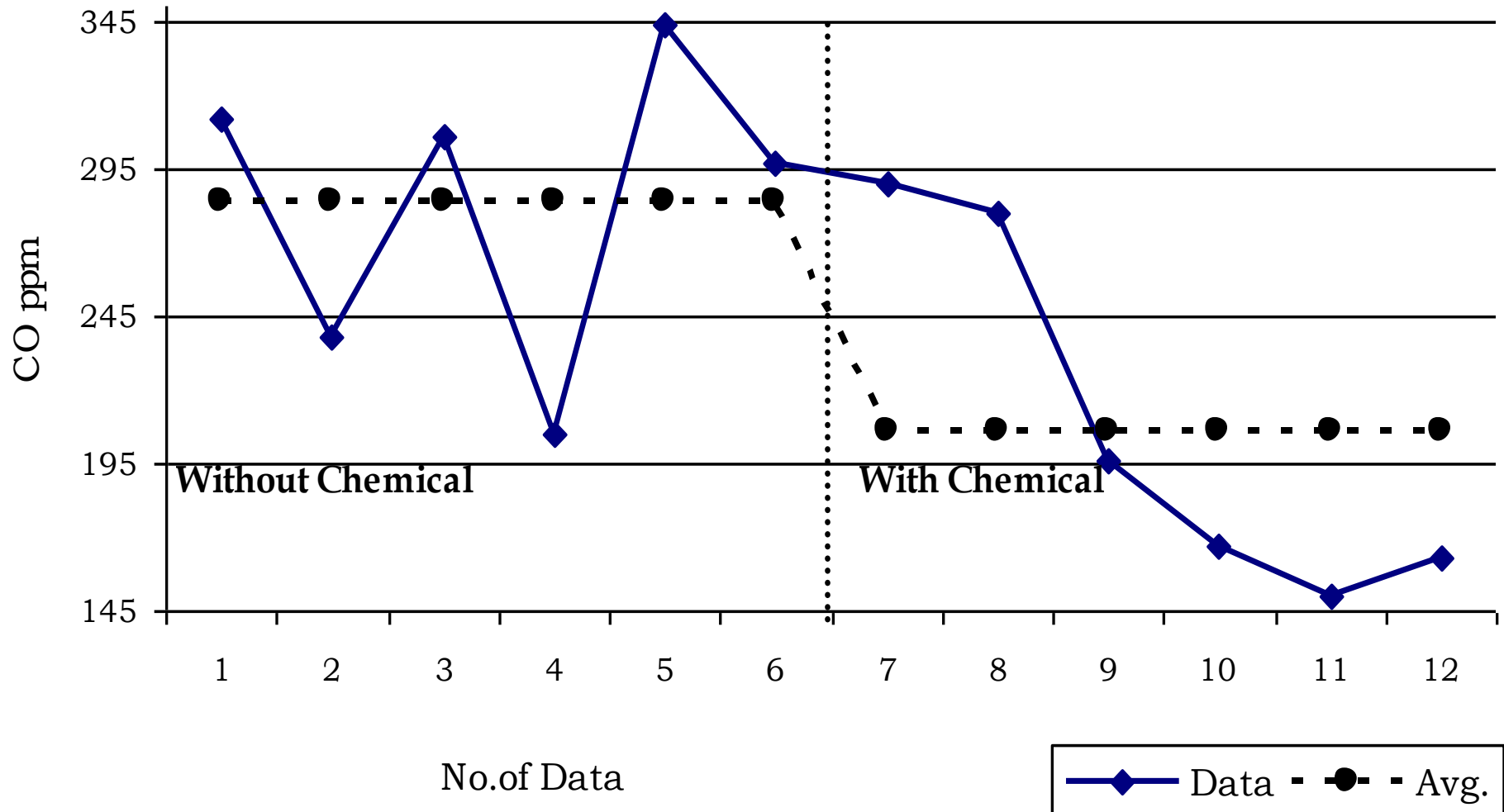
IMPROVEMENT IN TEMP. DIFFERENCE IN ECONOMISER



Anti-Emission Effect



Reduction in CO emission



RESULTS

Parameter	W/O Chem.	With Chem.	% Improvement
Boiler Eff. (%)	84.74	85.68	1.109
Combustion Eff. (%)	78.00	79.80	2.30
Evaporation Ratio	4.34	4.60	5.99
Unburnt Carbon in Bottom Ash (%)	6.89	5.49	20.31
Unburnt Carbon in Fly Ash (%)	7.97	6.30	20.95
Fuel Savings (T/Yr)	900		
Net Eco. Savings (Rs./Yr)	6,28,320/-		

CONCLUSION

- Reduction in feeder RPM & improved boiler and combustion efficiency and also by reduction in unburnt carbon shows a definite reduction in fuel consumption.



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• Indexes of Coal Ash Fusibility :

1. Silica Ratio (SR) :

$$SR = \frac{SiO_2}{SiO_2 + Fe_2O_3 + CaO + Mg}$$

$SR \leq 0.5$: Fouling Inevitable

2. Schaefer's Ratio (SCR) :

$$SCR = \frac{Al_2O_3}{SiO_2} \times \frac{[SiO_2 + Al_2O_3]}{[Fe_2O_3 + 0.6\{CaO + MgO + Na_2O + K_2O\}]}$$

$SCR \leq 0.1$: Fouling Inevitable

3. Dolomite Ratio (DR) :

$$DR = \frac{CaO + MgO}{Fe_2O_3 + CaO + MgO + Na_2 + K_2O}$$

$DR \leq 0.5$: Fouling Inevitable



METHODOLOGY AND MEASUREMENTS :

To increase the correct qualitative and quantitative influence of "ALTRET" 95SAC combustion catalyst in reducing unburnt carbon levels in ash, fouling of heat transfer surfaces, clinkering and SO₂ emissions, two stages of investigations were planned on Lignite based Unit No.1 & Unit No. 3 of 70 MW capacity each at KLTPS, GEB, Panandhro, Gujarat. Boiler of Unit No. 1 is essentially multi-tier, tangentially fired PF boiler employing beater wheel type mills and generating steam at 94 kg/cm² pressure, 515°C temperature and 325 T/h flow rate. The boiler of Unit No. 3 is a single tier, PF boiler having the same rated parameters.

• Stage- I : Base Data Generation :

During the first stage of trial various data on boiler parameters and emission characteristics was collected from 15th July 2001 to 12th August 2001 [for about 500 hours] without use of any fuel additive. This data forms the basis for comparison.

The data collected include hourly variation of steam pressure, steam temperature , feed water flow rates, steam generation rates, various temperature levels and draft levels. The SO₂ emissions were measured once or twice in a day as per the convenience. The hourly data of boiler parameters so collected is transformed in daily averages and finally to an overall average over a trial period. [One overall average data point represents the average of about 500 hourly data points]. This data formed not only the base data but provided sufficient insight on the actual operations of both the boilers.



- **Stage- II : Data Generation with Combustion Catalyst :**

In the second stage of trial, "ALTRET" 95 SCA combustion catalyst was dosed at 20ppm level [30gms/tonne of lignite] from 14th August 2001 to 4th Sept. 2001 and the data was collected in a similar way as in stage- I.

The water quality, fuel quality, unburnt carbon levels in ash and SO₂ emissions were regularly measured as per relevant standards [18-31] for both stages of trial. The samples o lignite from each mill feeders were collected twice in a day from Unit No. 1 & Unit No. 3. the daily samples so collected were mixed and its proximate analysis and GCV were evaluated for both the boiler. The overall average values are given below in Table-1.

Table – 1 Overall Average Lignite Quality During both Stages of Trial

Sr. No	Parameters	Unit No.1		Unit No. 3	
		Stage- I	Stage-II	Stage – I	Stage-II
1.	Total Moisture, %	34.85	33.29	33.18	31.75
2.	Fixed Carbon, %	19.7	18.23	21.17	19.12
3.	Volatile, Matter, %	27.89	26.04	29.68	27.61
4.	Ash Content, %	17.56	22.44	15.97	21.52
5.	Sulphur, %	1.93	2.204	1.93	2.204
6.	GCV, MJ/kg	11.886	11.309	13.024	11.677



RESULTS & DISCUSSION :

• Catalytic Effect :

The catalytic effect of "ALTRET" 95 SCA fuel additive may be ascertained by reduction in unburnt carbon levels in ash. Fig. 1 shows the variation of unburnt carbon in bottom ash of Unit No. 1. It is observed that average unburnt carbon is reduced from 12.59% to 7.56% indicating a relative decrease by 39.95 through the use of "ALTRET" 95 SCA Combustion Monitoring Chemical. It is also worth to note here that this decrease is achieved in spite of the fact that the fuel contains more ash in second stage of trial. There is also marginal reduction in unburnt carbon levels in bottom ash of Unit No. 3. The reduction in Unit No. 3 is marginal which is due to problem of single tier firing.

This reduction in unburnt carbon levels in bottom ash clearly signifies catalytic effect of this fuel additive which improves reaction area & oxygen penetration. Due to such multiple chain action, the unburnt carbon levels in ash reduces.

Fig. 1 Reduction in Unburnt Carbon Levels in Bottom Ash Through Use of "ALTRET" 95SCA Combustion Monitoring Chemical [Unit No.1]

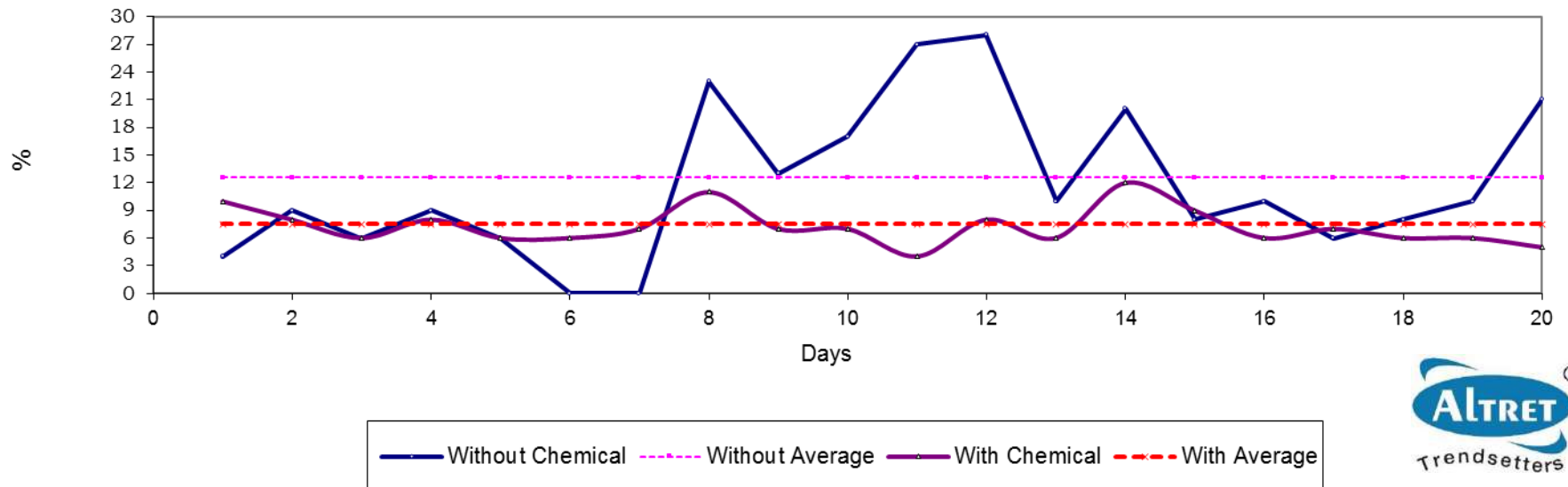
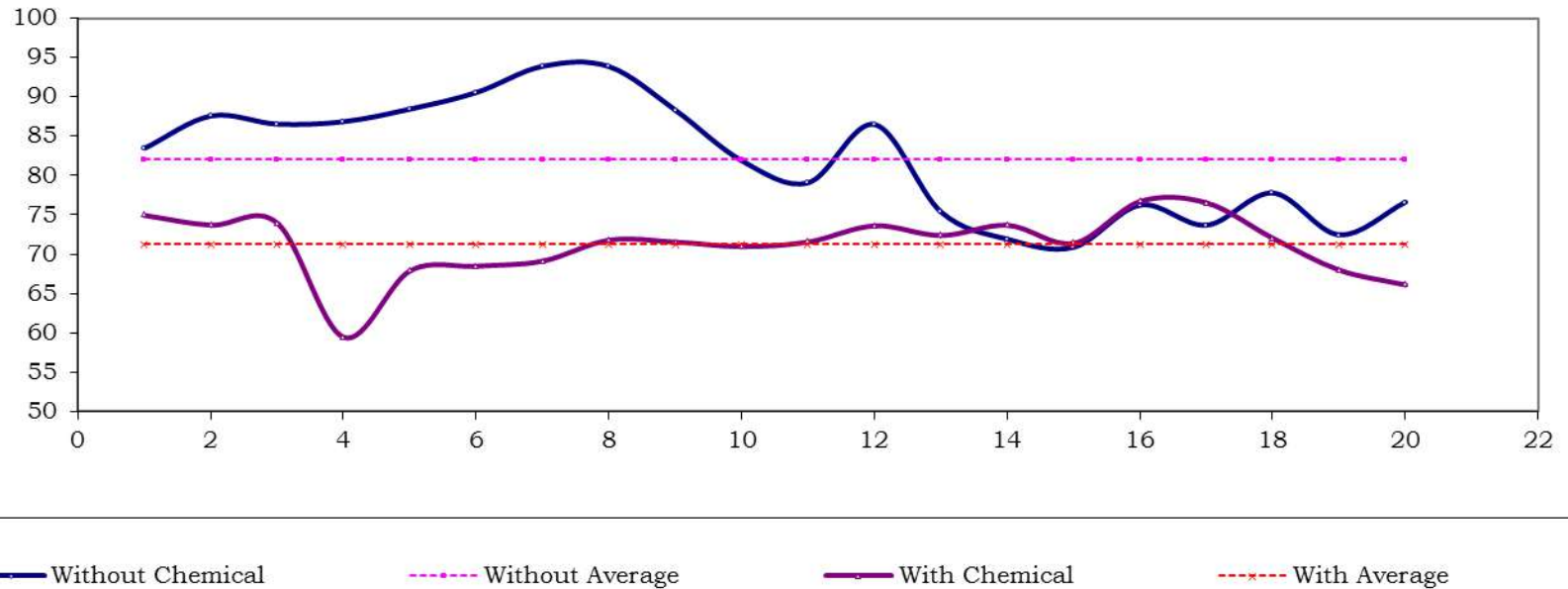


Fig : 2 Pressure Drop Across Air-preheater during Both Stages of Trial [Unit No.1]



- **Anti Fouling Effect :**

Fig. 2 & 3 shows the pressure drop across air pre-heater and boiler respectively in Unit No. 1. In boiler No. 1 the pressure across air-pre-heater is reduced from 82.07 mm of H₂O to 71.26mm of H₂O by about 13.17% while across the boiler as a whole it reduced from 196.39 mm of H₂O to 188.16 mm of H₂O indicating a reduction by 4.19%.

Anti-emission characteristics :



Fig. 8 and Fig. 9 highlights the influence of "ALTRET" 95 SCA combustion monitoring chemical on SO₂ emission in Unit No. 1 & unit No. 3, respectively.

A remarkable decrease from 1242.35 ppm to 994.54ppm i.e. 19.95% in Unit No. 1 & from 1243.41 ppm to 946.52ppm indicating a decrease by 23.88% in Unit No. 3 is observed through use of "ALTRET" 95 SCA combustion monitoring chemical.

Further, it is worth to mention here that during second stage of trial, sulphur content was higher [2.204% in second stage] as compared to that in 1st stage [1.93% in 1st stage]. If one assumes same sulphur content in fuel, SO₂ emission may be reduced by about 40%.

Fig. 8 Influence of "ALTRET" 95SCA Combustion Monitoring Chemical on SO₂ Emissions [Unit No.1]

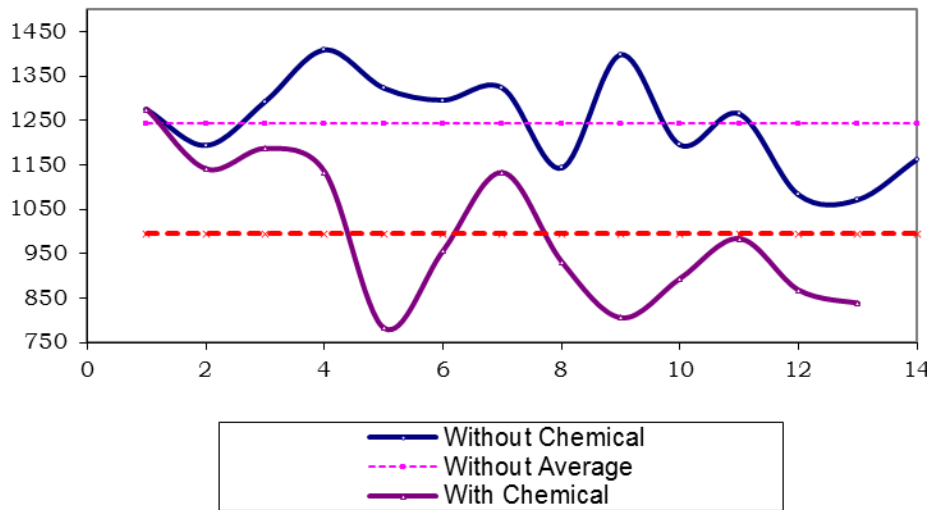


Fig. 9 Influence of "ALTRET" 95SCA Combustion Monitoring Chemical on SO₂ Emissions [Unit No.3]

