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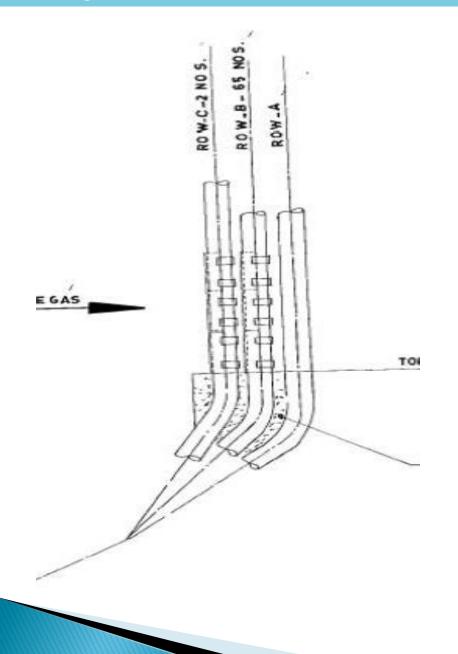
- 1. Higher Availability & Reliability
- 2. Highest Plant efficiency
- 3. Lower Heat Rate
- 4. Minimum Auxiliary Power Consumption
- 5. Minimum Emission of Pollutants

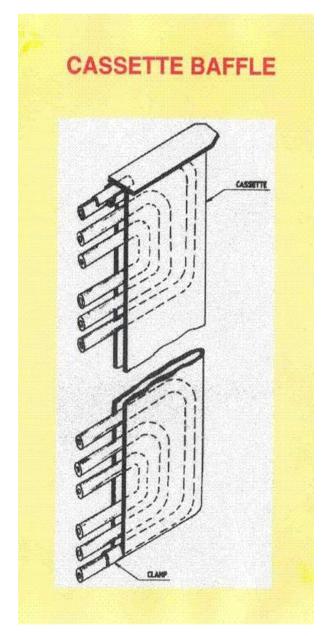
1. To increase Boiler Availability

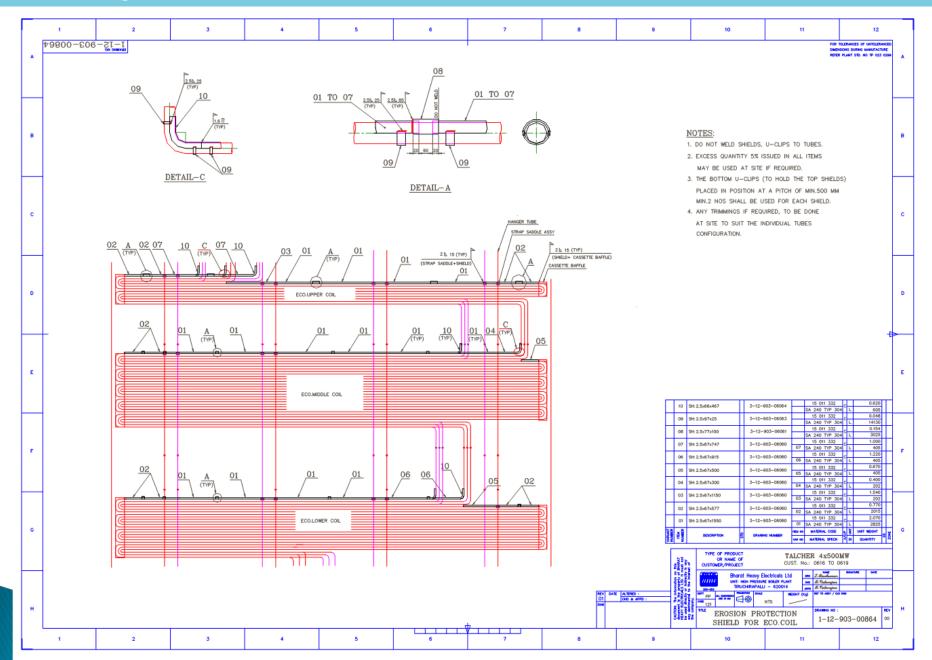
Maintain the auxiliaries

Reduce boiler tube failure

- Fatigue failure expansion restriction / differential
- Erosion failures
- Water chemistry related problems
- Overheating failures
- Clinkering (related to coal and operating condition)







2. To improve Plant Efficiency

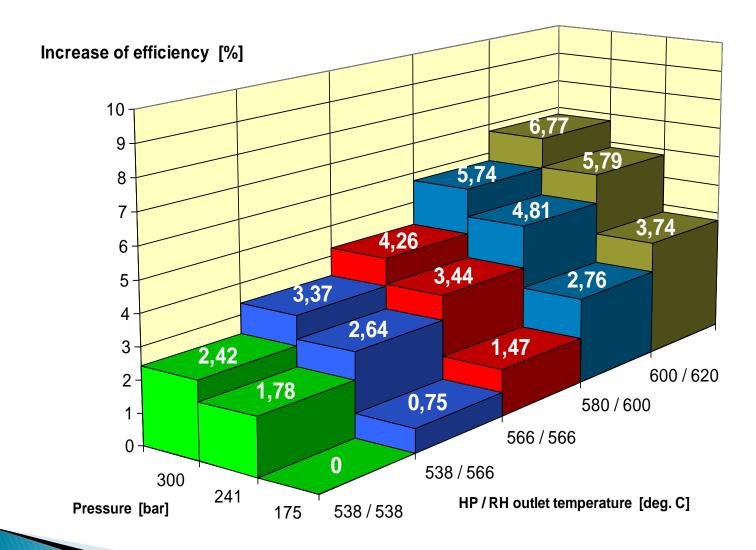
Boiler side Measures

- 1. Minimum flue gas temperature at AH outlet
- 2. Minimum excess air at AH outlet
- 3. Minimum un-burnt Carbon loss
- 4. Minimum RH spray
- 5. Minimum SH spray (if tapped off before feed heaters)
- 6. Reduced Auxiliary Power Consumption

Turbine side Measures

- 1. Higher steam parameters (MS Pressure & SHO/RHO Steam Temp)
- 2. Adoption of double Reheat cycle
- 3. Increasing feed water temperature with Enhanced Regenerative feed heating
- 4. Increase in condenser vacuum

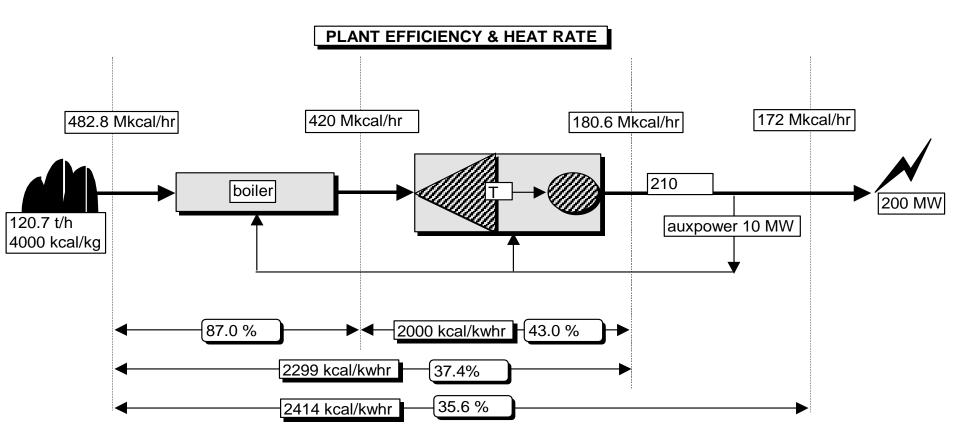
Increase of Cycle Efficiency due to Steam Parameters



3. Turbine Heat Rate

UNIT CAPACITY	TURBINE INLET PARAMETER	TURBINE HEAT RATE (kcal / kW hr)	STATION HEAT RATE (kcal / kW hr)
60/100MW	90 ata 535 °C	2315	2784
110/120 MW	130 ata 535/535 ⁰ C	2180	2551
200/210 MW	130 ata 535/535 ⁰ C	2025	2424
210/250 MW	150 ata 535/535 °C	1975	2335
500 MW	170 ata 535/535 °C	1950	2294
800 MW	240 ata 538/565 °C	1820	2140

Heat Rate & Efficiency



4. Reduce Auxiliary Power Consumption

Major reasons for increase in APC

- Operation of unit with higher excess air
- Air preheater choking & leakage
- Higher PA fan outlet pressure
- High mill fineness, more no. of mills
- Air ingress into boiler
- Plugging in line / ducting

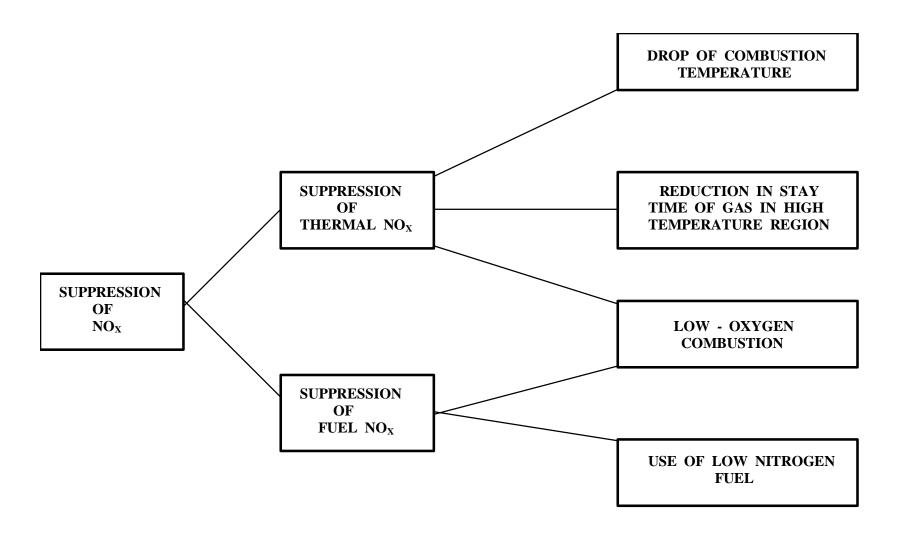
5. Minimization of Emission Levels

CEA Norms

Capacity	Pollutant	Emission
Below 210 MW		350 mg/Nm3
210 MW & above	Particulate matter (PM)	150 mg/Nm3
500 MW & above		50 mg/Nm3

NO_X Formation Mechanism

- Prompt NO_X
- Φ Thermal NO_X
- ⊕ Fuel NO_x



PRINCIPLE OF NO_X SUPPRESSION

NO_X Suppression - Combustion Based Technology

- * Burner out of service (BOOS)
- * Fuel biasing
- * Over fire air
- * Reburning
- * Low excess air operation
- * Flue gas recirculation (FGR)
- * Low NO_X burners
- * Water / steam injection

NO_X Suppression - Post Combustion Based Technology

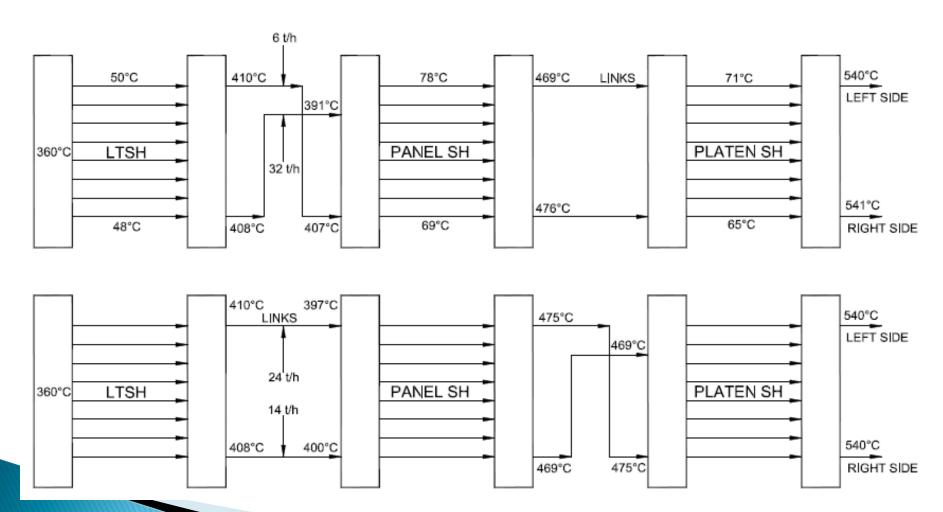
- * Urea injection
- * Ammonia injection (Thermal de-NO_X)
- * Conventional SCR
- * Duct SCR
- * Activated SCR
 - SCR: Selective Catalytic Reduction

Problems faced in 500 MW units

- **★** Achieving the rated steam temperature in SH/RH with zero spray in RH
- Unbalance in SH/RH outlet temperature within +/-10°C
- **★** High Metal Temperature (especially in RH)
- **X** RH leading SH resulting in RH spray

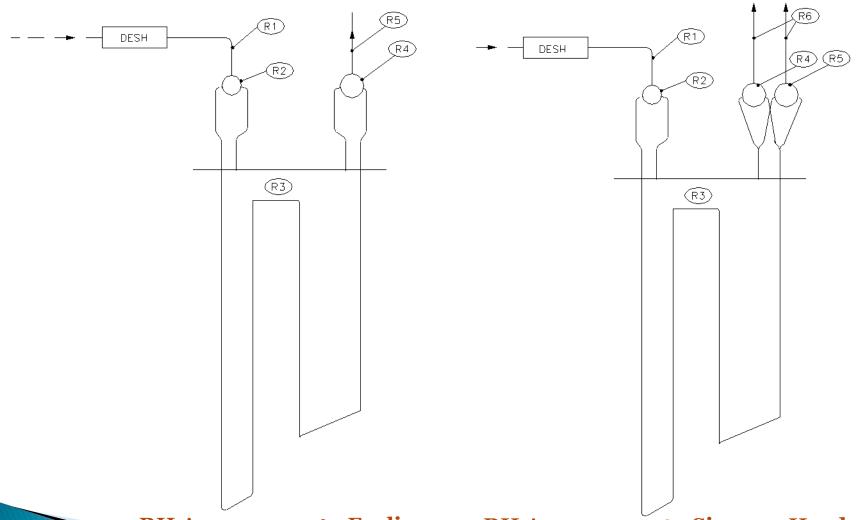
Main Steam Temperature Unbalance

Shifting of cross over links from LTSH outlet to Panel outlet to reduce the SH unbalance



RH Temperature unbalance

Siamese header for RHO to solve the RH unbalance



RH Arrangement - Earlier

RH Arrangement - Siamese Headers

High Metal Temperature in RH

1) Upgrading the material with Stainless steel in RH rear

Recommended for units with 540°C RHOT

2)Splitting the existing RH into two sections with criss cross to reduce the unbalance

(By splitting sections, heat pickup & unbalance in each section is reduced and by crisscrossing the links overall unbalance is reduced. Pressure drop will exceed by 0.5 Kg/Sq.cm)

Recommended for units with 568°C RHOT

