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# The Pursuit of Low Emissions

## The Development of Catalytic Options for High Sulfur Recovery



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# Agenda

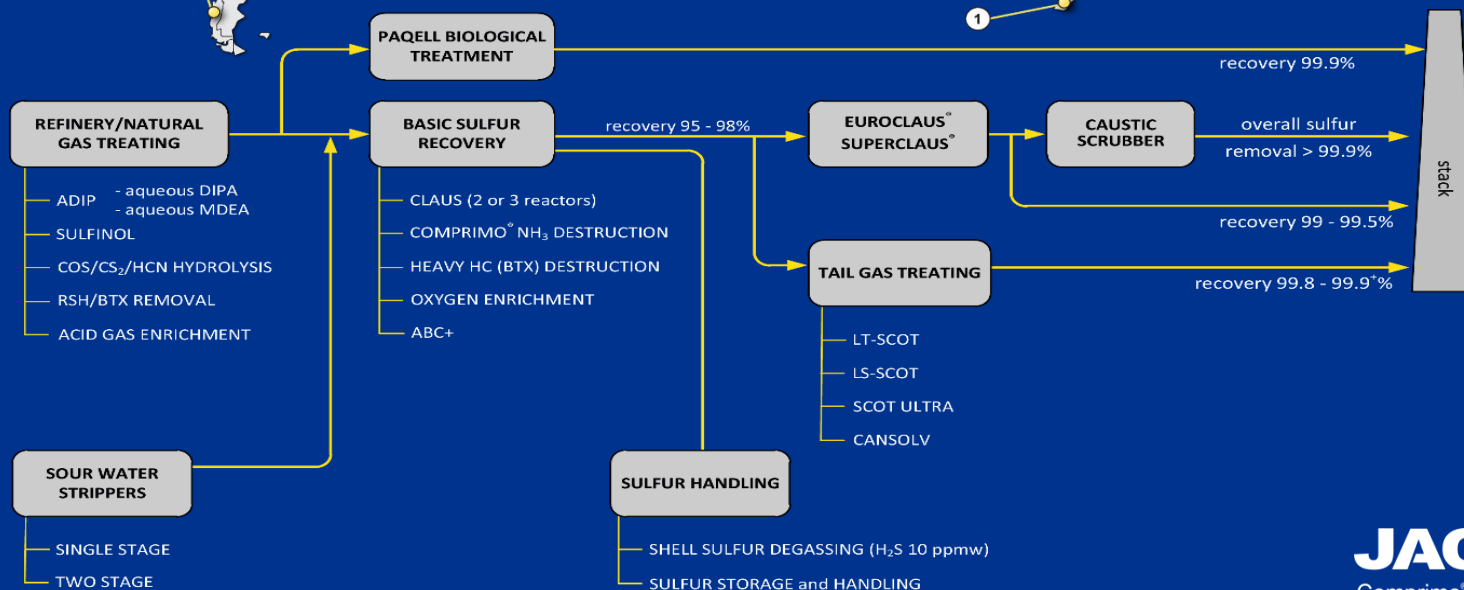
- Comprimo<sup>®</sup> Sulfur Solutions
- SO<sub>2</sub> Regulatory Developments
- Development of Catalytic Sulfur Recovery Technologies
- Solutions and Cost for High Sulfur Recovery Requirements

# Jacobs Comprimo<sup>®</sup> Sulfur Solutions

- A Dutch company Comprimo<sup>®</sup> in business since 1924
- Since 1959, have licensed, engineered and constructed over 550 gas treating and sulfur recovery plants globally
- Global Licensor Leader in gas treating and sulfur technology
  - Patents (SUPERCLAUS<sup>®</sup>, EUROCLAUS<sup>®</sup> and NH<sub>3</sub> Destruction)
  - Licensor for Shell Technologies, including LT-SCOT, LS-SCOT, Sulfur Degassing and Amine Treating Processes (ADIP and Sulfinol)
  - Expertise in Amine Treaters, SWS and Caustic Scrubbers
  - Continually seeking new technologies and third-party relationships
- Jacobs purchased *Comprimo*<sup>®</sup> (1999) and *Delta Hudson* (2000) and their technology portfolios



Location	#
Americas	95
Europe	165
Middle East	75
Africa	10
Oceania	7
India	20
Far East	65
China	40
FSU + Russia	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>&gt;500</b>

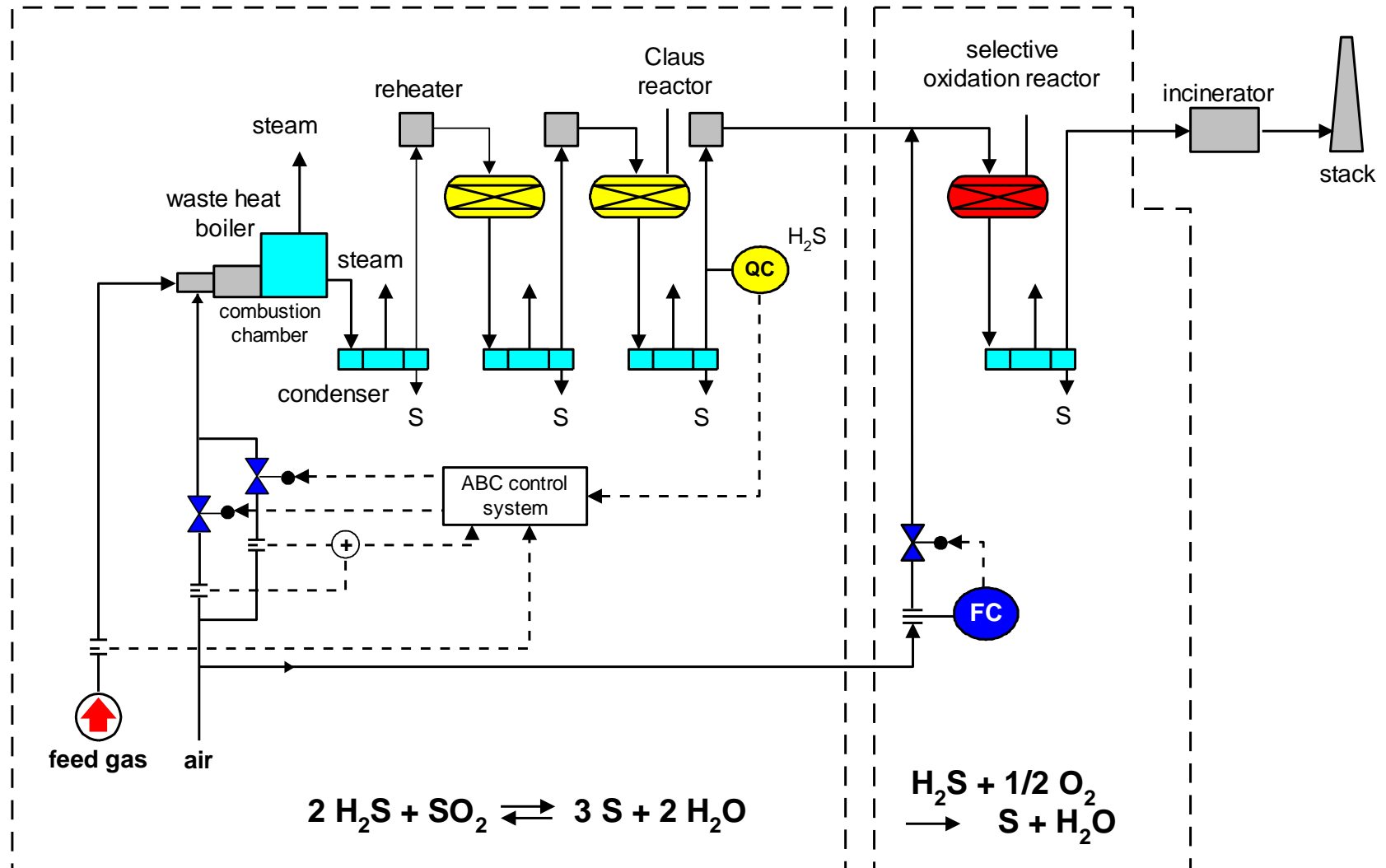


# Regulatory SO<sub>2</sub> Developments

## Three different levels of Sulfur Recovery Efficiency

- <98% : Conventional Claus
  - Typically only for small SRUs
- 98-99.5% : Claus-like Solutions
  - Some European Countries/Canada/Middle East
  - South America
- >99.5% : Tail Gas Treatment Technologies
  - North America/Western Europe/China
- Worldbank Standard for SO<sub>x</sub>: 150 mg/Nm<sup>3</sup> = 99.9+%
  - Program will be stopped in 2019

# Development SUPERCLAUS® Process



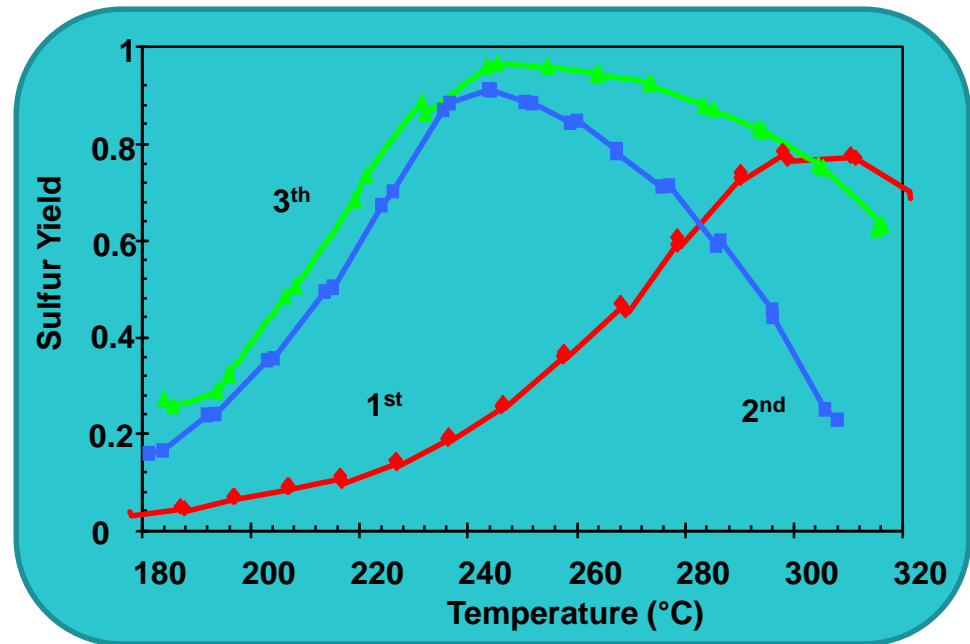
# Characteristics of SUPERCCLAUS®

- Claus Type Process
- Sulfur recovery efficiency of more than 99%
- Low energy consumption
- Low investment cost
- No waste streams
- Simple revamp
- Improved Combustion Air Control
  - Advanced Burner Control (ABC)



# SUPERCLAUS® Catalyst Characteristics

- More than 85% conversion of  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$  to S
- Limited Sensitivity for excess  $\text{O}_2$
- Not sensitive for high  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  concentrations
- No Claus reaction
- No  $\text{CO}/\text{H}_2$  oxidation
- No  $\text{COS}/\text{CS}_2$  formation
- Long lifetime

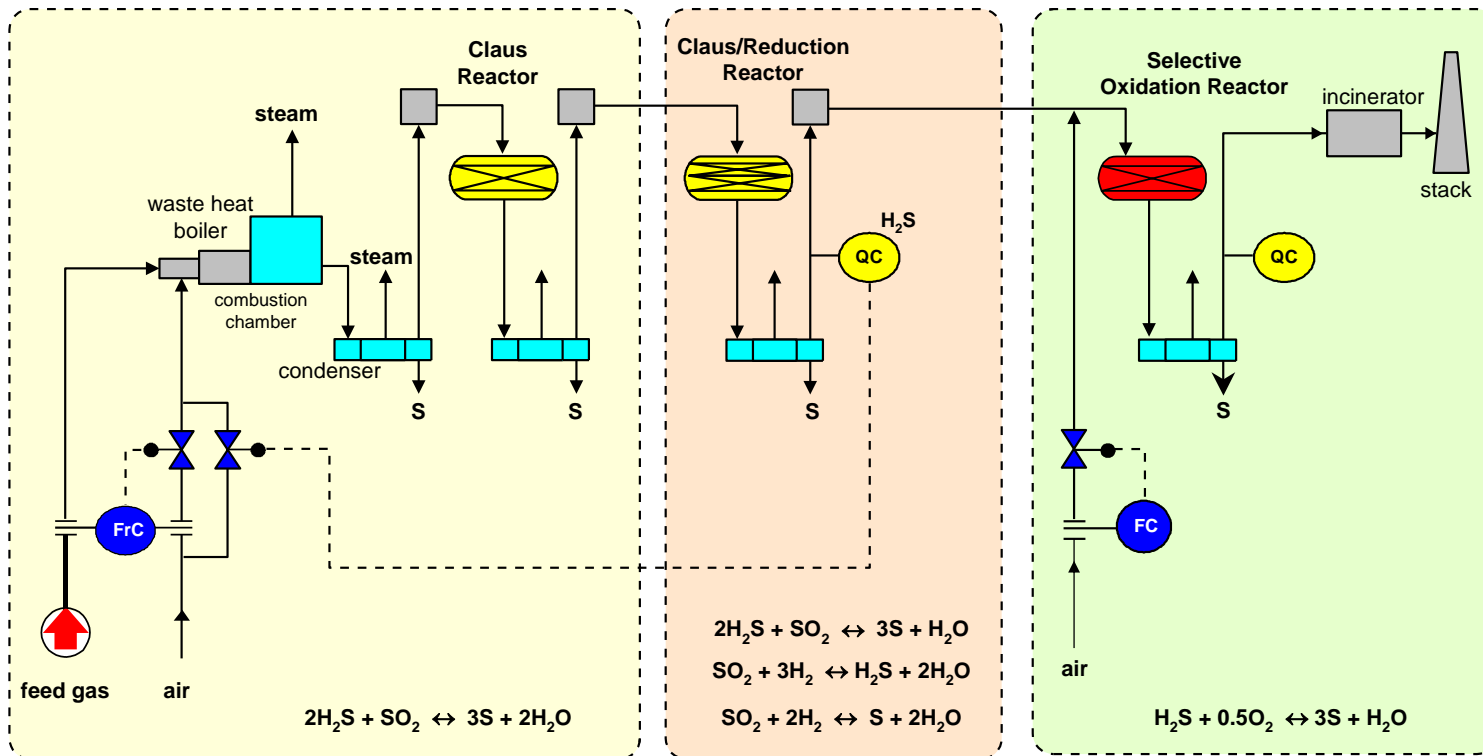


# Analysis: Where do the Recovery Losses Occur:

- Formation of COS / CS<sub>2</sub> in the Thermal Reactor
- Slip of SO<sub>2</sub> from final Claus reactor
- Slip of SO<sub>2</sub> from SUPERCLAUS® reactor
- Slip of H<sub>2</sub>S from SUPERCLAUS® reactor
- Slip of sulfur vapor/ mist in tail gas
- Process upsets due to varying acid gas quality

# The EUROCLAUS® Process

- Principles:
- Reduction of  $\text{SO}_2$  in process gas from Claus Reactors
  - No reduction of Sulfur vapor to  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$
  - Limited COS production in hydrogenation step
  - Improved performance Selective Oxidation



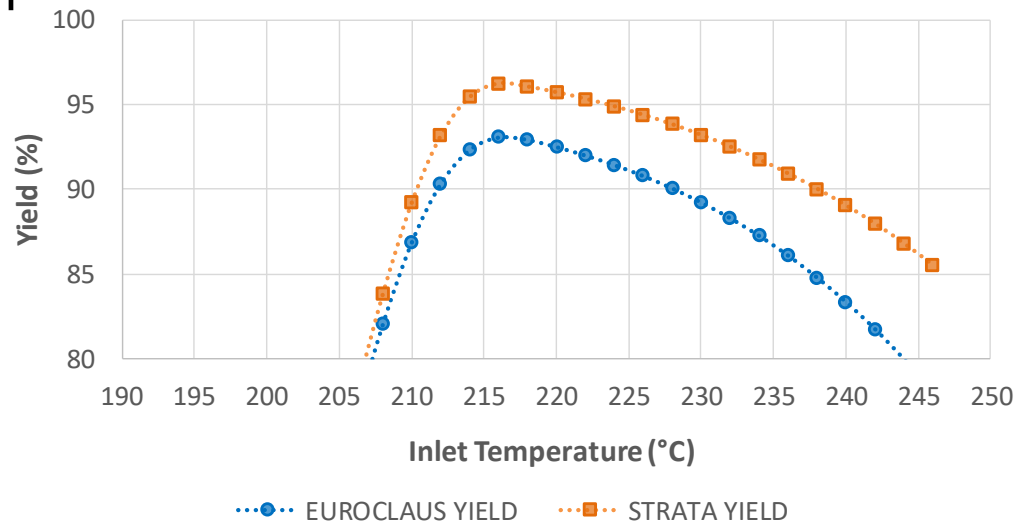
# Targets Further Developments

- High recovery efficiency,  $\geq 99.5\%$
- Maximum four catalytic stages
- Fully continuous process
- Low investment cost
  - Minimal equipment modifications/additions
- Claus type operation
- No additional chemicals (like  $H_2$ ) required

# The STRATACLAUS™ Process

- Principles:
  - Taking advantage of two layers of catalyst
    - High activity for both layers
    - High activity for lower layer at higher temperatures
  - Improvement of yield of the Selective Oxidation Catalyst
    - Lower SO<sub>2</sub> formation

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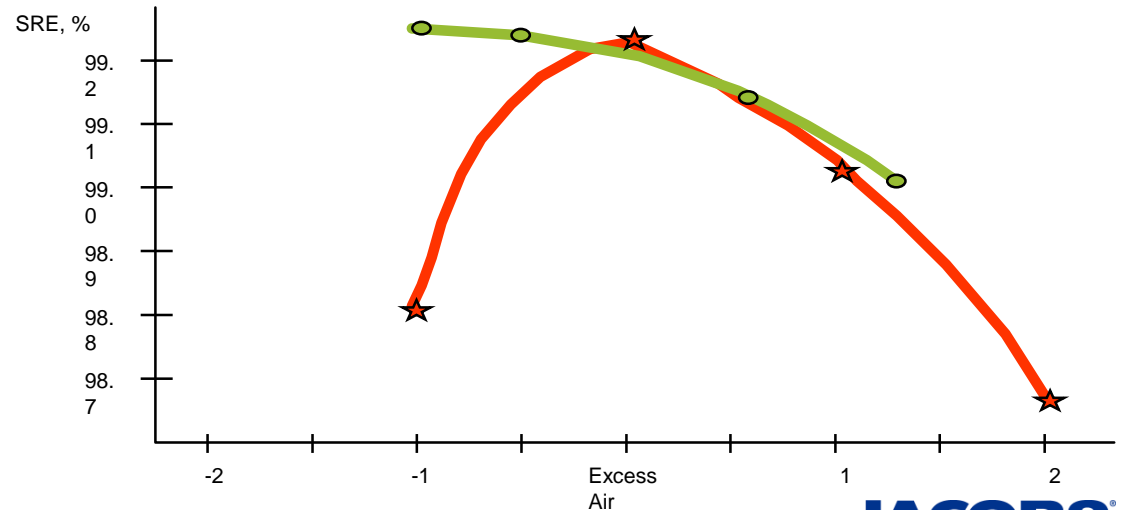
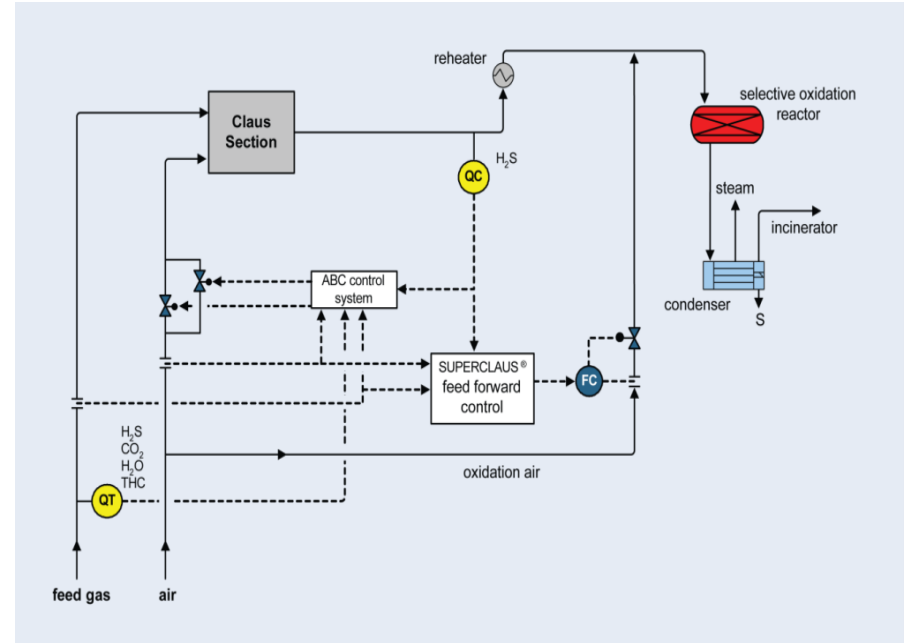


# Further Improvements:

- Longer Final Condensers
- Titania in first and second Claus Reactor
- Installation of Oxygen Analyzer in Tail Gas from Selective Oxidation Reactor
- Improvement of sulfur vapour removal from tail gas
- Feed Forward Air Demand Control via ABC+

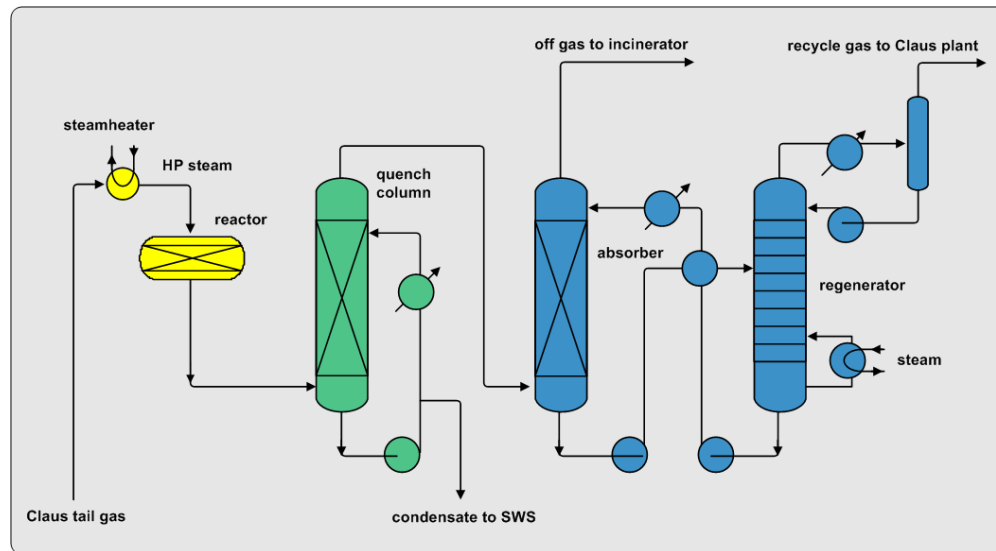
# ABC+ Control Benefits

- Units with fluctuating feed compositions
- Complex refineries with multiple upstream units
- Units with (varying) high concentration of HC components
- Units with varying CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations
- Units with SWS gas
- 10 units designed



# Deep Sulfur Removal

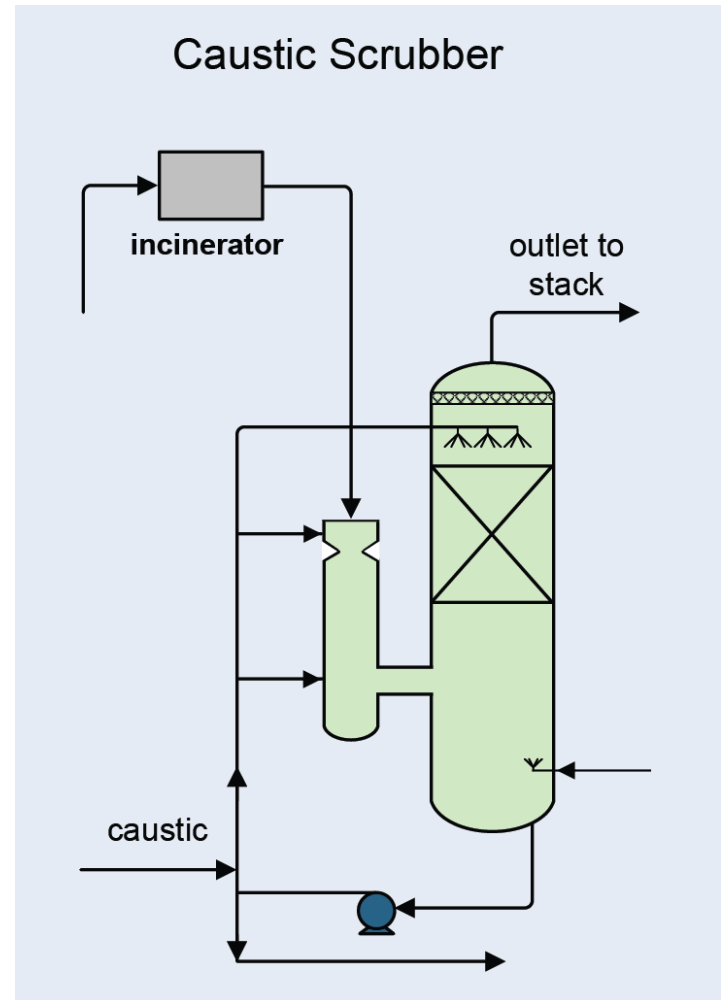
- Industry Standard:
  - Amine Based Tail Gas Treatment Unit (SCOT)
  - Hydrogenation of tail gas and absorption in Amine
  - Recycle of acid gas to Thermal Stage of Claus unit
  - Developments in solvent for improved operation and economics





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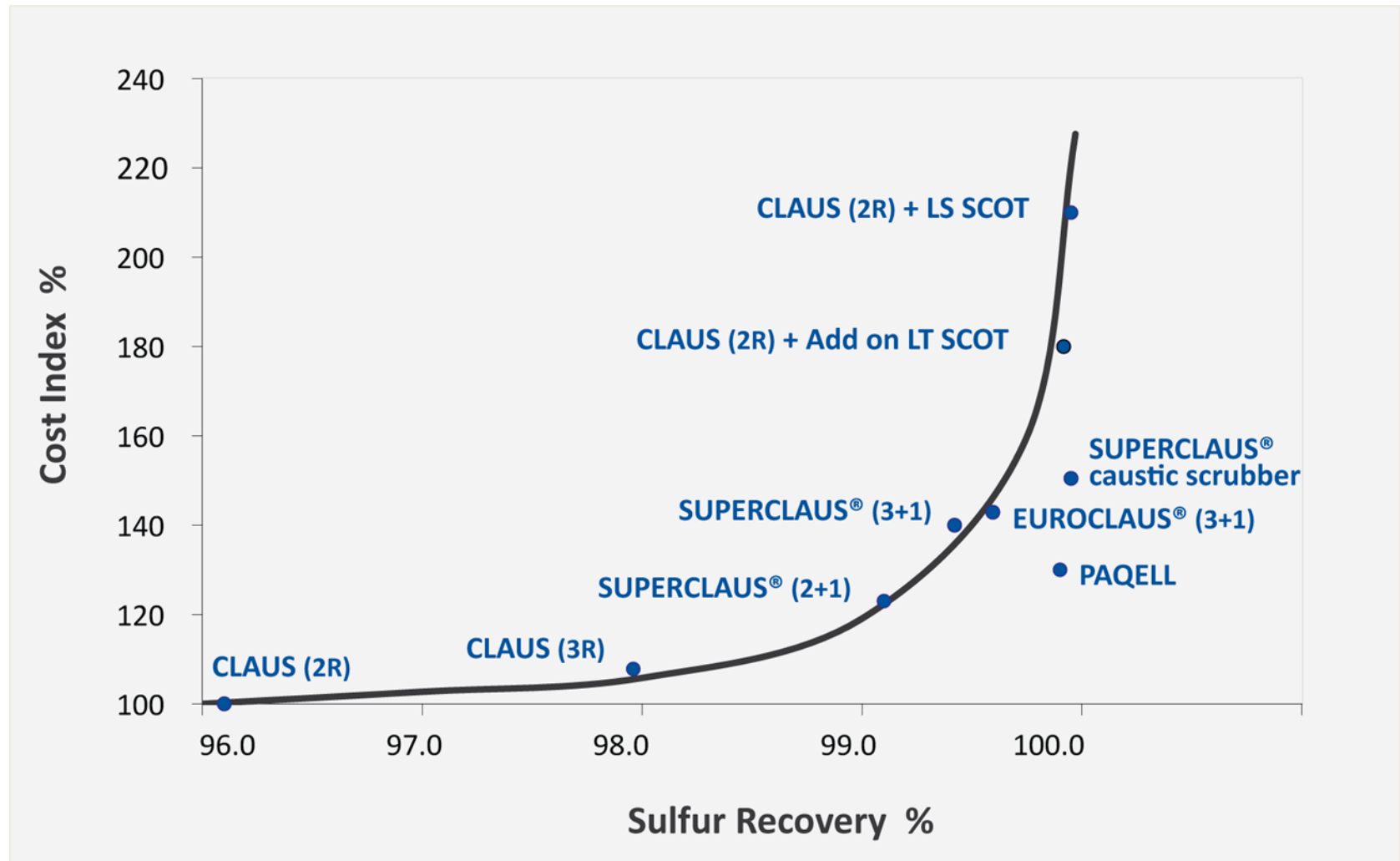
- Viable alternative to Amine based TGTU
- Very high sulfur removal, very low sulfur emissions  
(down to 20 ppm SO<sub>2</sub> if required)
- Less capital cost
- Small plot footprint
- Simplified operation



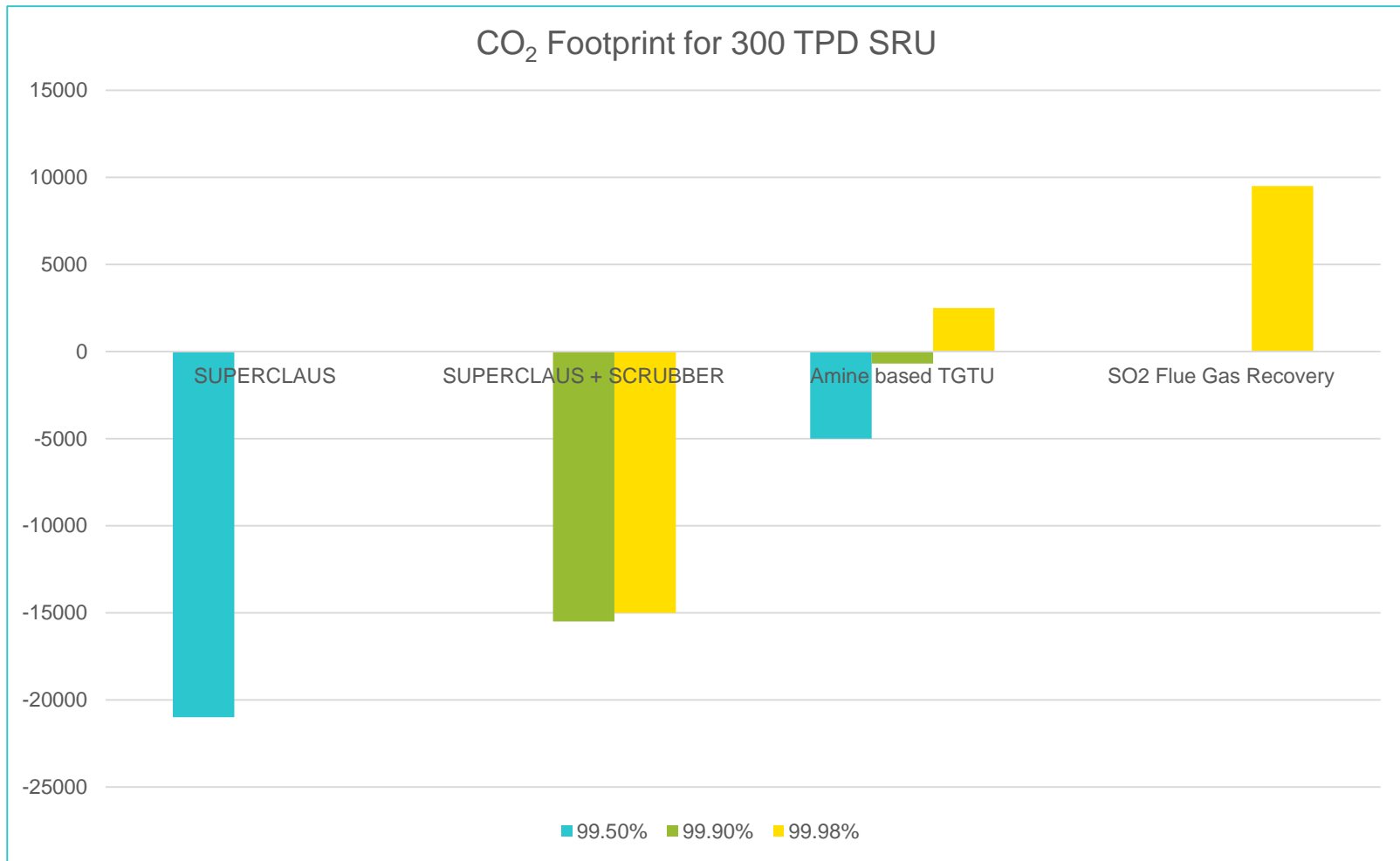
# Summary of Technologies for Sulfur Recovery

Type of Process	S-recovery
2 Stage Claus	95 – 96.5%
3 Stage Claus	96.5 – 98.0%
2+1 SUPERCLAUS®	98.5 - 99.2%
3+1 SUPERCLAUS®	99.0 - 99.4%
3+1 EUROCLAUS®	99.2 - 99.6%
3+1 STRATACLAUS®	99.3 - 99.7%
Claus + SCOT (TGTU)	99.8 – 99.95%
2+1 SUPERCLAUS® + Caustic Scrubber	99.9 - 99.99%

# Cost Comparison



# CO<sub>2</sub> Footprint Comparison



# Conclusions

- Long way from simple Claus technology
- Possible to meet up to 99.5% SRE with catalytic options only
- Above 99.5%, different options are available with wide range of cost and environmental footprint
  - All options shall be evaluated during conceptual to determine optimal solution for Client taking into account capital cost, operating cost, operability and environmental footprint

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