

# Continuous Mercury Emissions Monitoring Feasibility and Costs

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# Objectives:

1. *Understand the Mercury Abatement and Monitoring Goals of LADCO Membership*
2. *Present HgCEMS Technology and Applications*
3. *Discuss Installation and Operations Challenges and Results*
4. *Outline Measurements Challenges and HgCEMS Traceability Requirements*
5. *Outline Total Ownership Costs*
6. *Address Questions*

# Presentation Outline

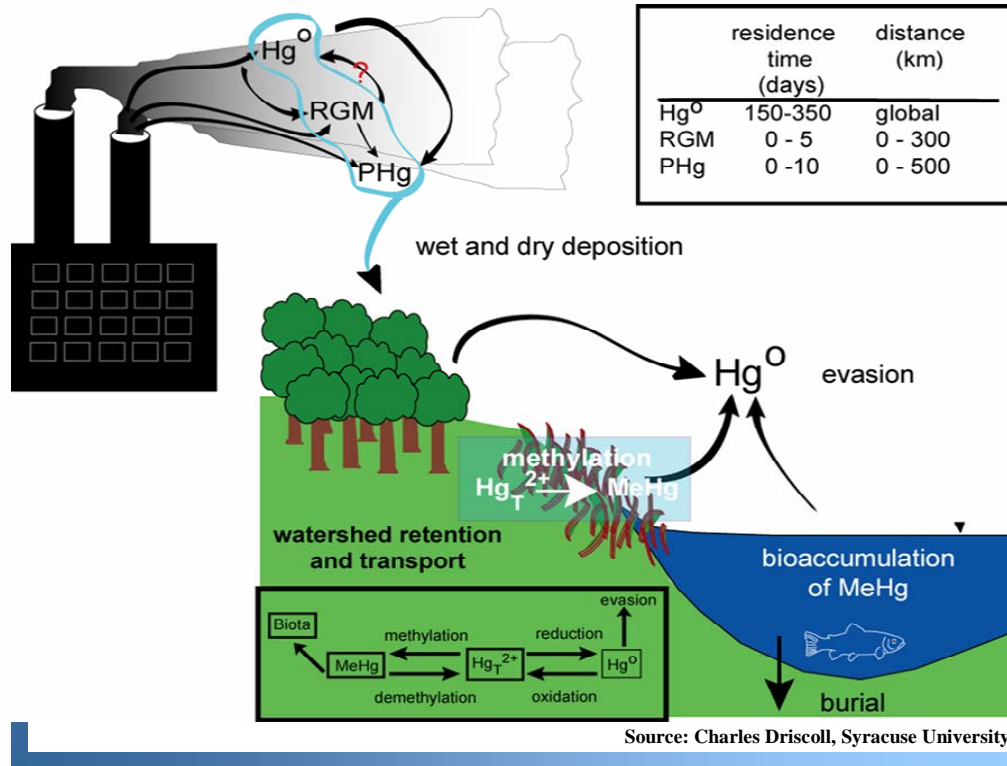


1. *Situation Analysis*
2. *FAQs*
3. *Monitoring Approaches/Solutions including Abatement Performance Measurements*
4. *Constituents of Electronic HgCEMS*
5. *Total Cost of Ownership*
6. *Example Applications, Challenges, and Solutions*
7. *Group Discussion*

# 1. Situation Analysis

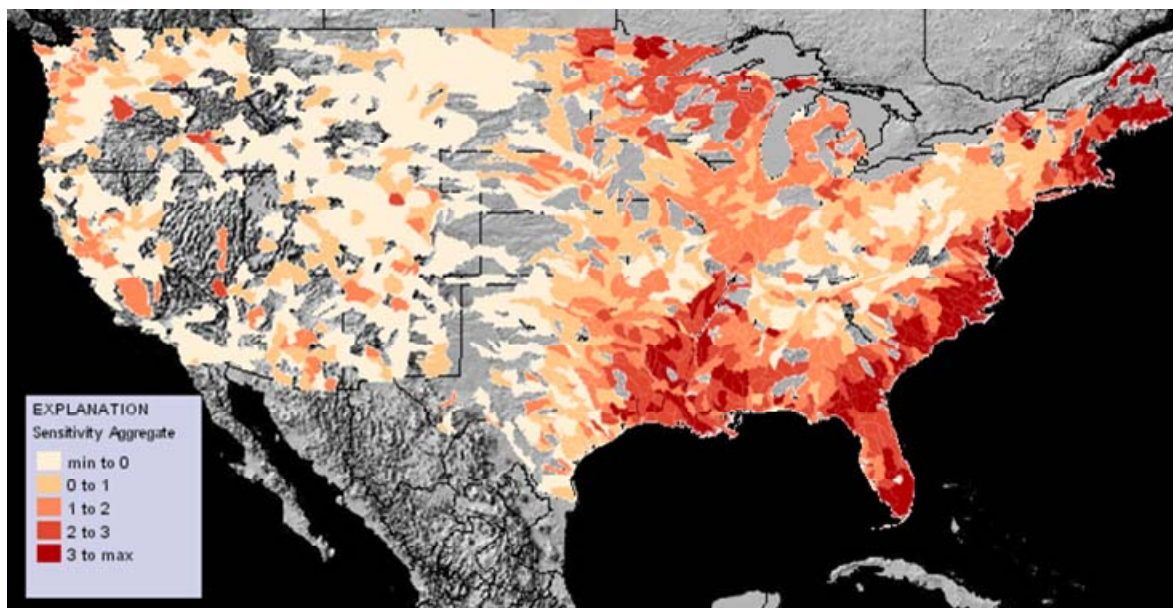
1. Mercury is a known neurotoxin – and can also negatively impact plants, animals and human organs
2. Regulations will require that mercury emissions be monitored and reduced,
3. Mercury emissions and concentrations are in the parts per billion vs. parts per million like other regulated emissions such as NO<sub>x</sub> and SO<sub>x</sub>,
4. Mercury CEMS are more expensive to procure and maintain than criteria pollutant CEMS

# Mercury Generation, Transport and Fate



- *Two thirds of mercury in the environment is anthropogenic (i.e. man made).*
- *Mercury is a neurotoxin. It bio-accumulates and impacts the heart and other organs.*

## *USGS Mercury Methylation Sensitivity Map for Aquatic Ecosystems (Preliminary)*



Based on USGS data for TOC, pH, aquatic sulfate concentration, and hydric soils. Areas not colored are missing data for one or more of these indicators.

*5 - Year USGS Fish Study revealed ALL mercury analyses exceeded health limits*

- Tekran focuses solely on Mercury Measurement
- Applications - Ambient Air, Aqueous and Flue Gas
- Service, Training, Parts Support, NIST Traceability

## Three Product Lines Serve Different Market Sectors

1 Mercury Continuous Emissions Monitor (HgCEM) for coal fired power plants to meet requirements of Federal and State Regulations and Process Performance Monitoring and Optimization.

- Electric Generating Units (EGUs)
- Mercury emissions control (i.e. abatement) technology suppliers and researchers
- Other emitting sources of Hg, e.g. Steel, Cement Kilns, Waste incinerators, Chlor-Alkali Plants, etc.



# Tekran's 3300 CMM



## Tekran CMMS Services

Field Tested. Field Proven. Field Ready.



### Field Services

- 24/7 Service Availability
- Phone Support
- RATA Support
- Emergency Service



### System Services

- System Installations
- Industrywide DAS Support
- Training Classes - Onsite & Remote
- Custom Maintenance Agreements
- Remote Diagnostics



### Calibration & Maintenance

- NIST Traceable Service Center
- System Repairs & Scheduled Maintenance
- Component Warranty Service Center
- Scheduled Consumables Delivery
- Spares Inventory Program
- Component Exchange Programs



### Mercury CEM Parts

- Large Parts Inventory
- Same Day Shipment on Most Orders
- Afterhours Parts Availability



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## Tekran® Series 3300 Mercury Continuous Emissions Monitor

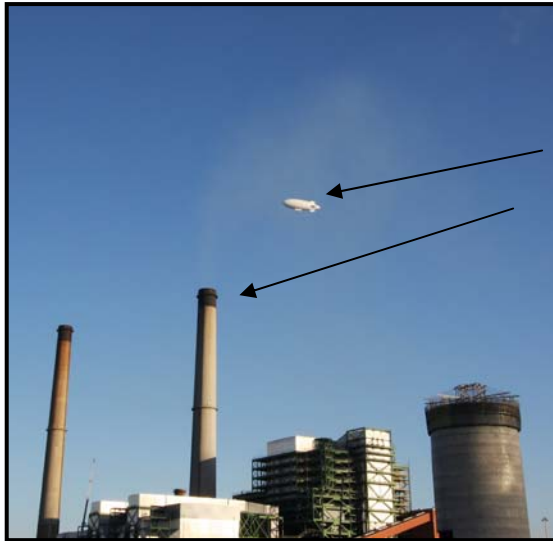
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## 2. Ambient Air Monitoring and Research

Ambient air products allow total or speciated mercury monitoring:

- State and Federal Government air quality networks - both North American & international
- Universities & Research institutions – along with USGS, DOE, EPA, EPRI etc.



**Tekran CMMs in Dirigible and Coal-fired Plant Stacks**



**Tekran 2537A**

**Arctic Air Pollutants Research  
Project 2007-2009**

**Collaborative Research Project  
Mercury Emissions, Transport and Fate**

## 3. Analytical

Laboratory products provide trace mercury determinations in a variety of sample matrices:

- Private analytical service labs
- State and Federal government labs
- Wastewater utilities
- Universities & research institutions



Tekran 2700 Methyl Mercury Analyzer

## 2. Frequently Asked Questions



1. What will the Mercury (Hg)-Related Regulations Require – Federal and State?
2. What are the options for Mercury Monitoring and HgCEMS?
3. How much does it cost to for an HgCEMS?
4. What are the challenges with HgCEMS?

- ***Sensitivity***
  - Mercury is present in the low ppb or sub-ppb range
- ***Selectivity***
  - Potential interferents are present at ***1000's of times*** higher concentration than mercury
    - SO<sub>2</sub>
    - NO<sub>x</sub>
    - HCl

- Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT)-type approach likely
- Additional focus on NIST traceability and CMM System Accuracy
- Potential renewed investigation of  $\text{Hg}^0$ ,  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$ , and  $\text{Hg}^{\text{P}}$
- Potential increased use of CMMs for Abatement System Control and Optimization
- Outlet Levels of Hg will be lower yet

### 3. Monitoring Approaches/Solutions

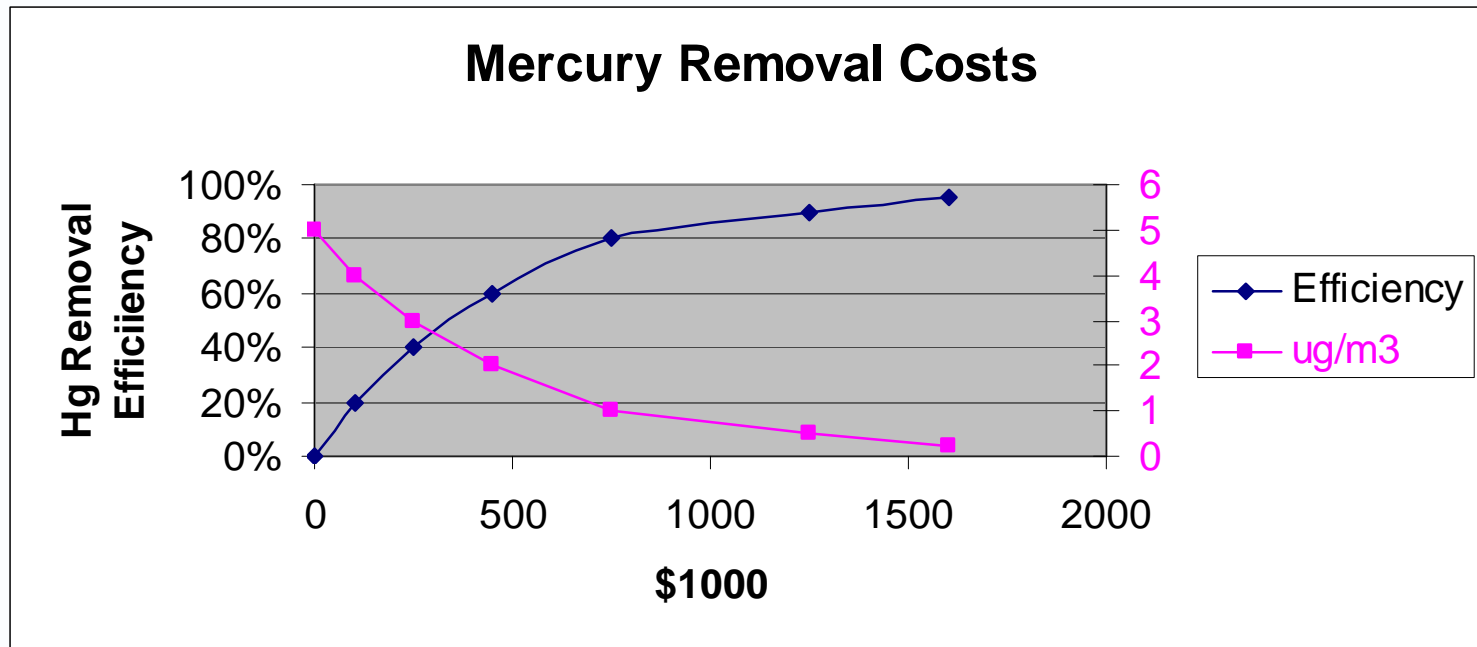


<b>Option</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Do Nothing	Wait for Definitive Regulatory Guidance
Sorbent Traps	Less Expensive Capital Costs No real-time view of process
Electronic CEMS	Higher Capital Costs Real-time view of process and abatement/regulatory performance

1. Substantial testing and evaluation completed to date
2. New technologies being developed and demonstrated
3. Hg removal rates are Unit specific and can often exceed 90%
4. Unit, Plant and Fleet-wide Hg monitoring and optimization will likely be implemented
5. If MACT type rules get traction, utilities will need:
  - Low-level measurements capability
  - NIST Traceability and ongoing verification
  - Fleet-wide optimization program for mercury abatement



# Example Mercury Abatement Using Sorbent Injection



***Stack Concentrations will be lower than current levels,  
The last 10% removal may cost an additional 50%  
Low-level measurement accuracy more important than ever !***

# 4. Constituents of an Electronic HgCEMS



- **Tekran 3300**
- Installation
- Maintenance
- The Results
- What's Next

- Speciating
  - $\text{Hg}^{\text{T}}$  and  $\text{Hg}^0$  measured directly
  - $\text{Hg}^{2+}$  determined by subtraction
- Typical detection limit ( $< 0.05 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) or ( $\sim 0.005 \text{ ppb}$  v/v)
  - MDL limited by system blanks, *not* instrumentation
  - Lower MDL ( $< 0.01 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) possible for low Hg applications
  - Update rate: one sample every 2.5 minutes
- No reagent mixing required

- High level data exchange
  - OPC, TCP/IP, Modbus, CSV data files
  - Can act as either Modbus/OPC master or slave
  - Allow over 160 internal system parameters to be accessed
  - Last resort: 4-20 mA or 0-5V analog outputs
- Remote access, operation, data transfer and troubleshooting via dial-up or network link

# Model 3310 – Hg<sup>0</sup> and 3315-Hg<sup>2+</sup> Calibration Unit



- Based on fundamental physical properties
  - Long term stability
  - High delivery rate (up to 30 l/m)
  - Precisely known delivery rate
  - Provides Zero gas
  - Span gas available at multiple levels
- Traceability protocols are developed by NIST for both gas generators and for cylinders

- Dual channel for speciation
  - ***Hg<sup>T</sup>*** - Thermal conversion of diluted sample
  - ***Hg<sup>0</sup>*** - Hg<sup>2+</sup> removal
  - Sample conditioning
  - Acid gas scrubbing
  - No chemical reagents
  - Does *not* use impingers

- Originally designed as an ambient air mercury analyzer
  - MDL is  $< 0.1 \text{ ng/m}^3$
  - Update rate: every 2.5 minutes
- Proven reliability under extreme conditions
  - Has been used in the high Arctic, Antarctica and everywhere in between
- Demonstrated long term stability and accuracy
- Capable of continuous unattended operation

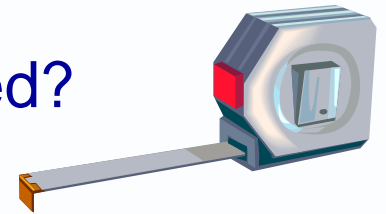
- Mercury in sample gas is preconcentrated onto (pat'd) pure gold cartridge
- Adsorbed mercury is thermally desorbed
- Detected by atomic fluorescence detector
- Two cartridges are used to alternately sample and desorb
  - No gaps in data stream
  - Provides *continuous* monitoring of inlet stream
  - Each reading is a true 2.5 minute average concentration



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# What do we need to know?

- The **Series 3300** CEM does not require tailoring to each site
  - No customization typically required
- We *do* need to know:
  - How long is the heated line you will need?
  - Probe stinger length and material?  
*(custom fabricated per site)*
  - Our one page site questionnaire asks for the above
    - Stack composition data is for reference only



# Typical Installation



- Full Site Pre-delivery Checklist is available
  - Explains in detail all utility and space requirements
- Requirements at CEM shelter
  - Electrical-instruments: 3 x 115 VAC, 15A
  - Heated line: 20 W/ft. 115 or 230 VAC
  - Compressed air: 80-120 PSI, max 3 CFM
  - Argon: 4.8 grade. (99.998%) 5-6 tanks/year (Approx. \$18 to \$40 per tank)
  - Water: 3 L (approx.  $\frac{3}{4}$  gallon) per day
  - Vent to outdoors
  - Communications: Telco or Internet link
- Requirements at Probe
  - Mounting: 4" ANSI flange
  - Electrical: 2 x 115 VAC

# Emissions Monitoring Options



- Out Right Purchase
- Rental/Purchase
- Lease
- Try/Buy
- Buy the Data

Some items related to rental such as umbilical's are site specific and must be purchased. Tekran has a few lengths we can include in the rental program.

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- More than a Criteria CEM
- Much Lower Detection limits
- Heated Umbilical's (350 F)
- CMM's Use Gas Generators versus Bottles
- RATA's are difficult (No IRM) - the Utility Industry Generally Uses 30B – Sorbent Trap – or in some cases Ontario Hydro Method used

# Continuous Emissions Mercury Monitors

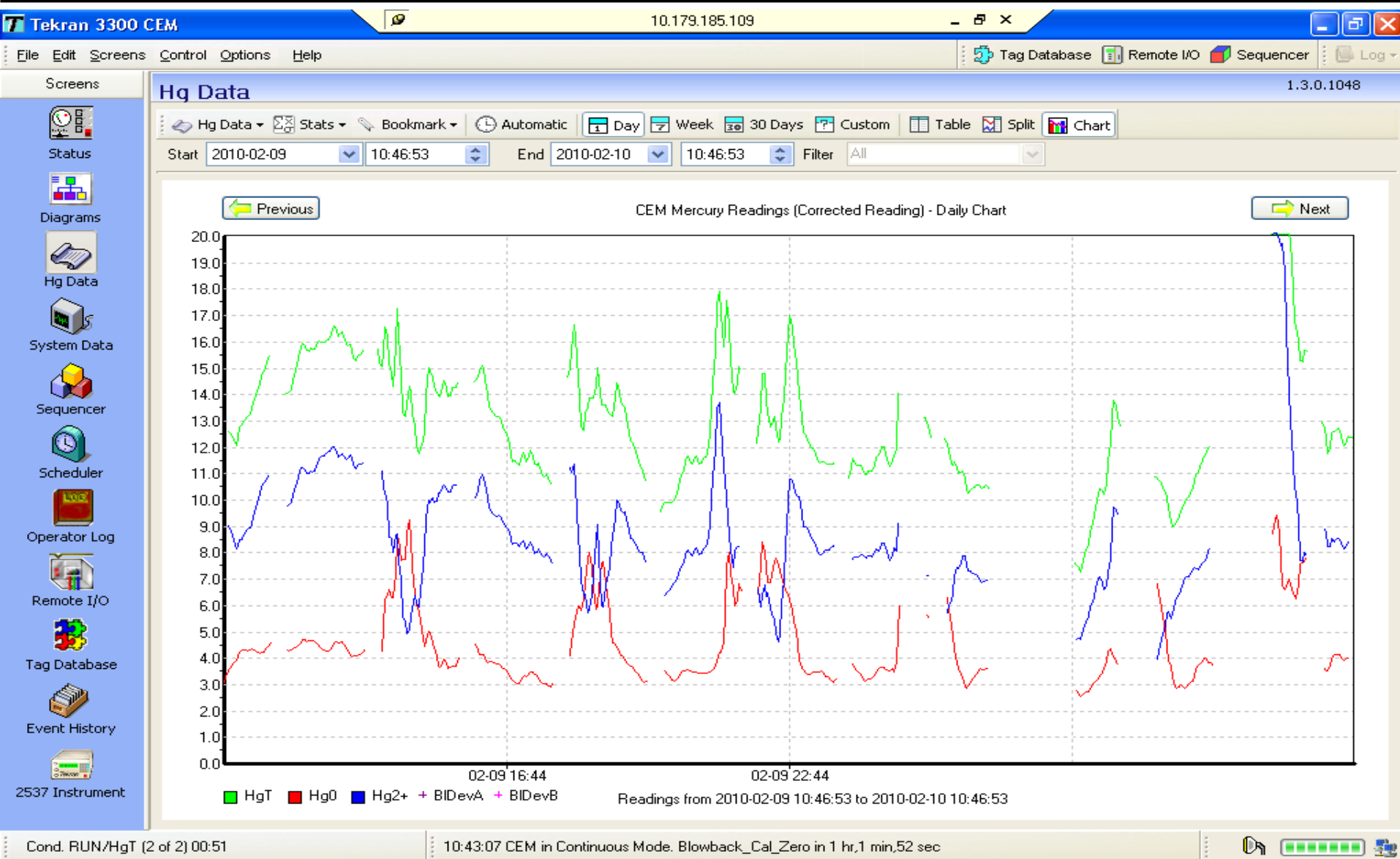


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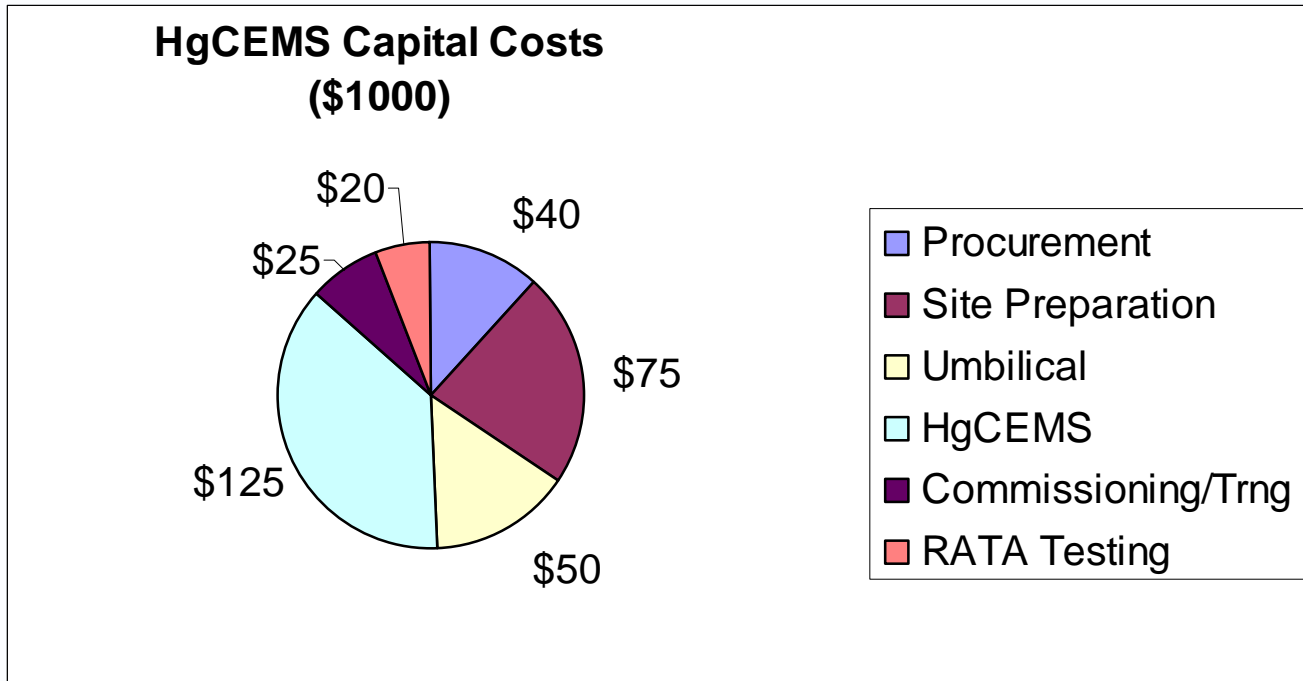
# Example Speciation Results



# 5. Hg CEMS – Total Cost of Ownership



## Capital Costs (\$300-\$400K)



## O&M Costs

1. Service \$25K
2. Parts & Repairs \$15K
3. NIST Traceability \$10-20K

# 6. Example Applications and Challenges



## Example Applications

- **Process** – Coal-fired EGUs, Steel, Waste and Weapons Incineration, Cement,
- **Abatement Systems Research** – ACI, Scrubbers, Catalyst, etc.

## Example Challenges

- Umbilical Failures
  - Sample transport – loss of  $\text{Hg}^{2+}$
  - Reliability / difficult operation
  - Interferences - (AA or direct AF)
  - Verification of low-level (i.e.  $<1.0 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ ) accuracies
  - EPA/NIST Traceability Compliance

# 7. Group Discussion

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1. Did we accomplish objectives?
2. Additional Questions ?
3. Action Items and Follow Up?