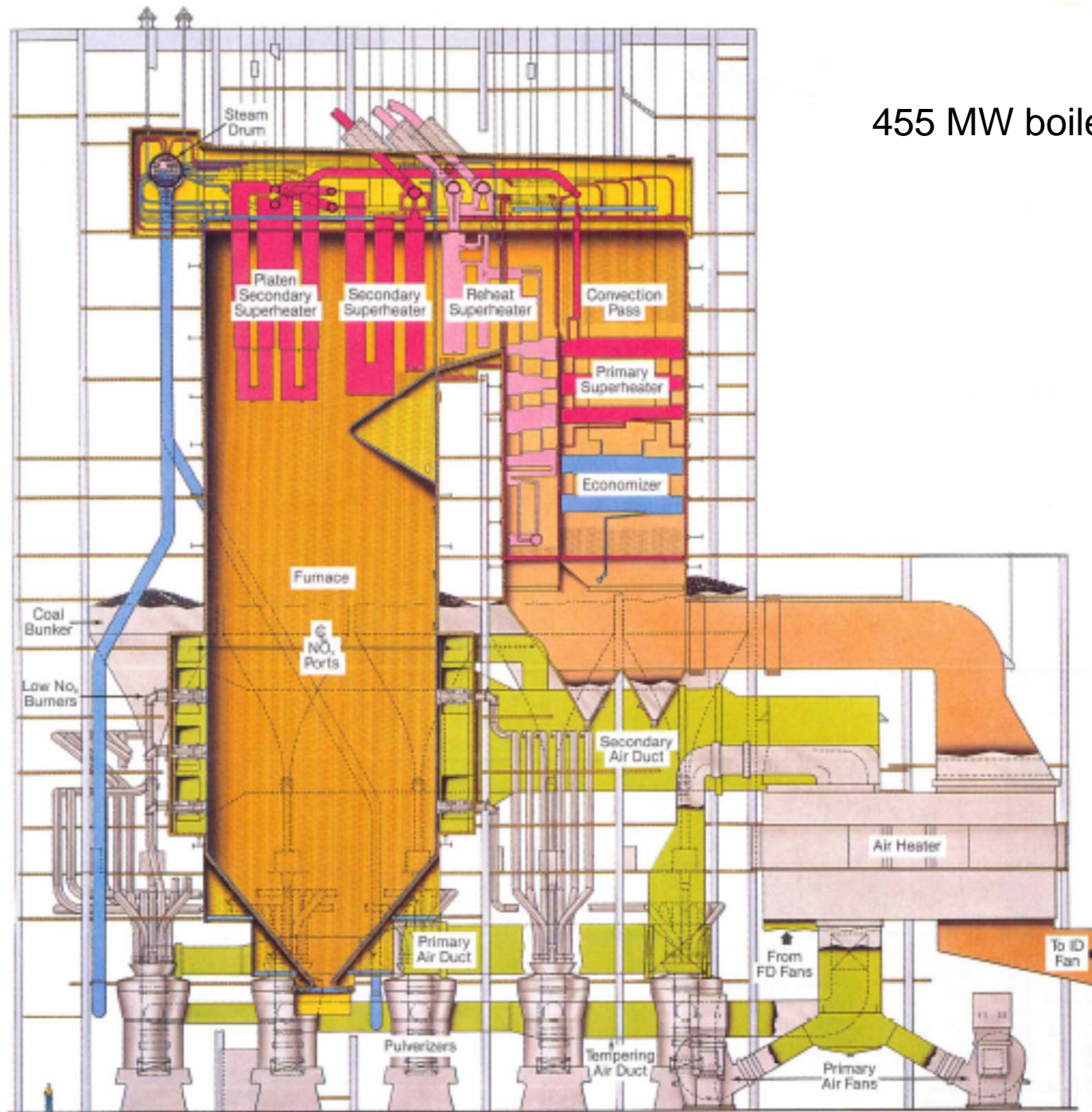
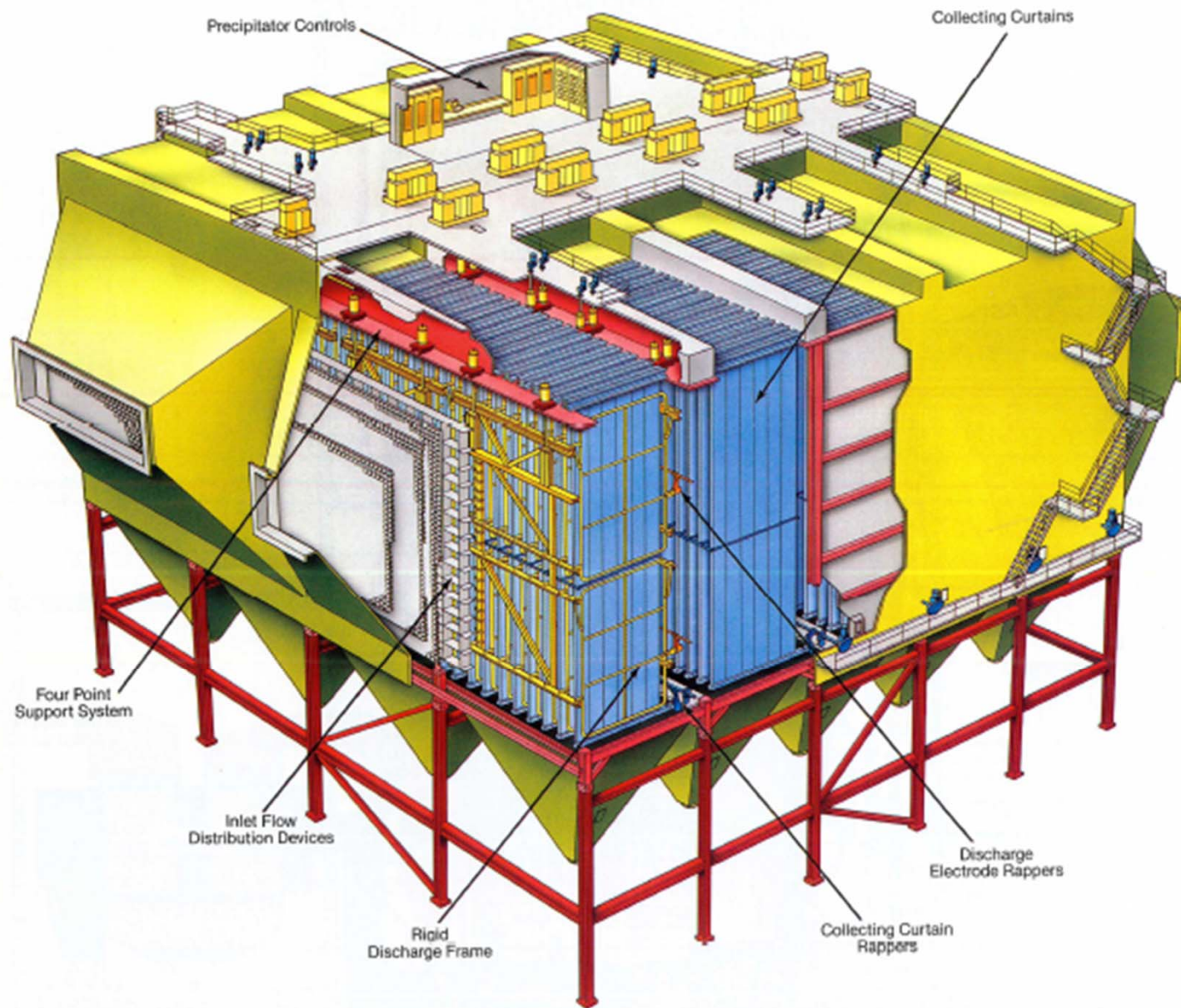


From Steam, Babcock & Wilcox, 1992, Plate 1.

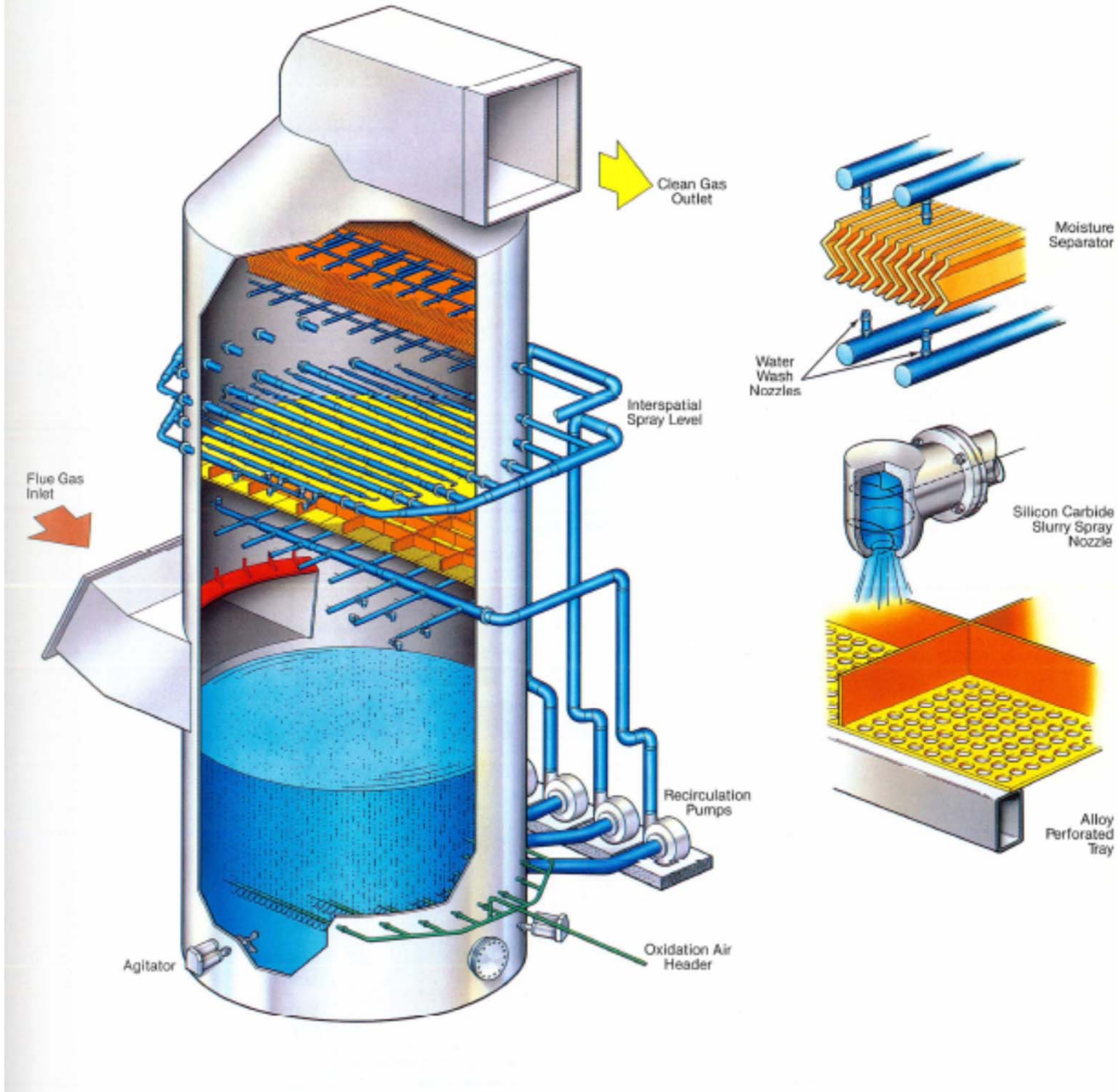


455 MW boiler

Electrostatic Precipitator



Wet flue gas desulfurization scrubber



Homework Hints from Web Page

- 14-6. Wow- This was a hard problem. The author's answer key had lots of mistakes. The solubilities are not in the book, but are listed in Perry's Chemical Engineering Handbook. To be consistent, let's use the following solubilities:
0.002 kg CaCO_3 /100 kg liquid H_2O
0.003 kg CaSO_3 /100 kg liquid H_2O
I found that sometimes drawing a unit separately, with the inlet and outlet streams, along with the different phases, helped me to sort through this problem. See the TA's to check answers.
On 14.6e, the second part of this problem is somewhat ambiguous. What is really wanted is the mass fraction of each component in the wet solids.
- 14-7. I found it a lot easier to do this problem if I calculated the heat of formation of coal. The high heating value of the coal is given, which is the negative of the heat of combustion assuming that the hydrogen goes to liquid water. All reactants and products are 25 C for this value of the heat of combustion. Since the heat of combustion is the total enthalpy of the products minus the total enthalpy of the reactants, and the total enthalpies at 25 C are merely the weighted sums of the heats of formation, the only unknown in this equation is the heat of formation of coal. Assume a basis of 100 kg of dry coal, calculate the products, and then calculate the weighted sum of enthalpies, and finally determine the heat of formation of the coal.
- 14-10. The only way that this problem makes sense is if the heat input to the boiler is really the heating value of the coal going into the boiler. This is the way that the regulations are written.
- 14-14c. From the flow rate of methane, multiply the flow rate by the heat of combustion (i.e., the high heating value). This is an approximate heat addition rate. Then divide by the high heating value of the coal.

Individual Scrubber

Slurry in

CaCO₃(s)
Inert(s)
Sat'd CaCO₃(aq)
Sat'd CaSO₃(aq)
H₂O (liq)
CaSO₃ · ½H₂O(s)

Air Out

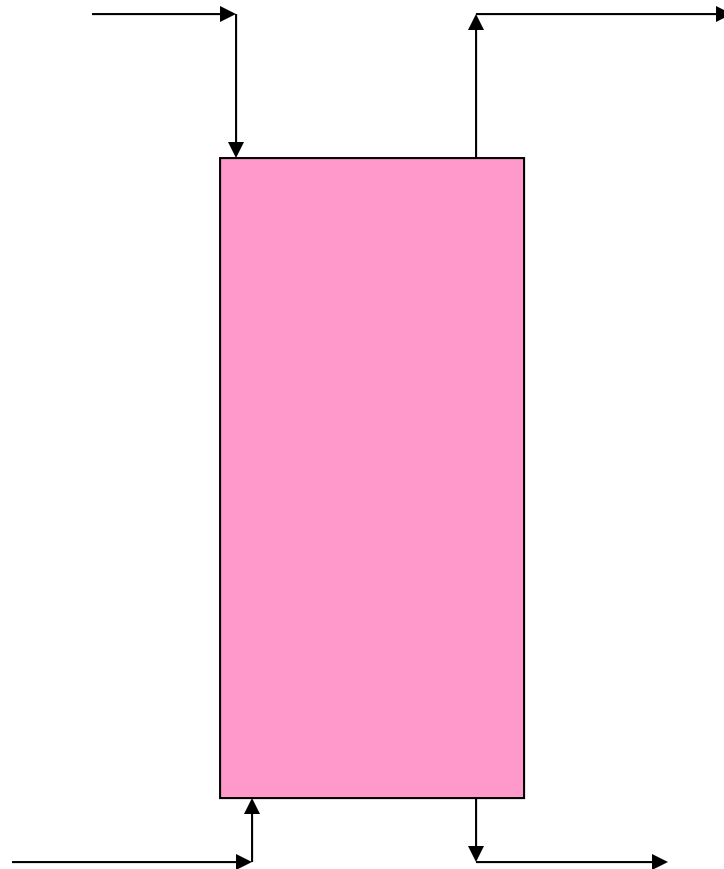
O₂
N₂
10% of SO₂ gas in
H₂O (sat'd vapor)
CO₂ + Extra CO₂

Air In

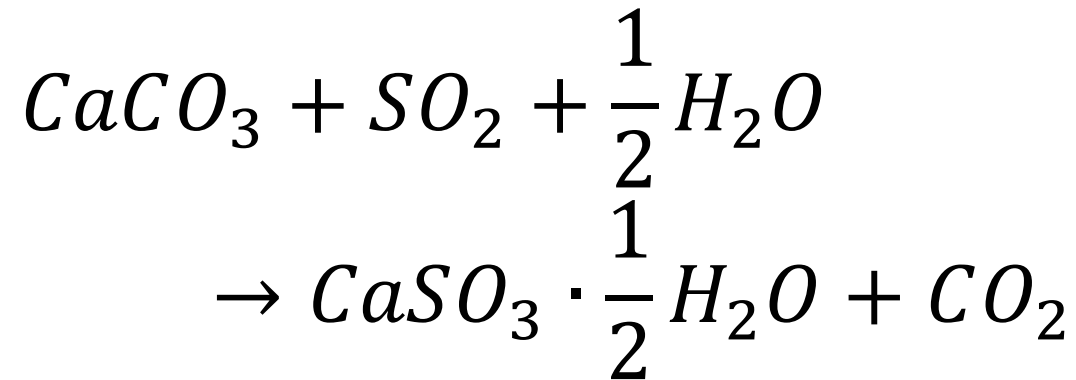
O₂
N₂
H₂O (gas)
CO₂
SO₂ gas

Slurry Out

CaCO₃(s)
Inert(s)
Sat'd CaCO₃(aq)
Sat'd CaSO₃(aq)
H₂O (liq)
CaSO₃ · ½H₂O(s)



SO₂ Reaction



$$\dot{n}_{SO_2,removed} = \dot{n}_{SO_2,in} - \dot{n}_{SO_2,out}$$

$$\dot{n}_{CO_2,formed} = \dot{n}_{SO_2,removed}$$

$$\dot{n}_{CaCO_3,consumed} = \dot{n}_{SO_2,removed}$$

$$\dot{n}_{CaSO_3-hydrate,formed} = \dot{n}_{SO_2,removed}$$

$$\dot{n}_{H_2O,consumed} = \frac{1}{2}\dot{n}_{SO_2,removed}$$

H₂O Balance on a Scrubber

$$\begin{array}{l} \dot{n}_{H_2O(g),in} + \dot{n}_{H_2O(liq),in} + 0.5\dot{n}_{CaSO_3-hydrate,in} \\ \text{From boiler} \quad \quad \quad \text{From recycled} \quad \quad \quad \text{From recycled} \\ \text{exhaust} \quad \quad \quad \text{slurry} \quad \quad \quad \text{slurry} \\ \\ = \dot{n}_{H_2O(g),out} + \dot{n}_{H_2O(liq),out} + 0.5\dot{n}_{CaSO_3-hydrate,out} \\ \text{To stack} \quad \quad \quad \text{In slurry} \quad \quad \quad \text{In slurry} \end{array}$$

Values in green are unknown, but-----

$$\dot{n}_{CaSO_3-hydrate,formed} = 0.5\dot{n}_{CaSO_3-hydrate,out} - 0.5\dot{n}_{CaSO_3-hydrate,in}$$

Since the amount formed is known, the water balance now has only one unknown:

$$\dot{n}_{H_2O(liq),out}$$

A note on treating the mass of liquid with solubilities

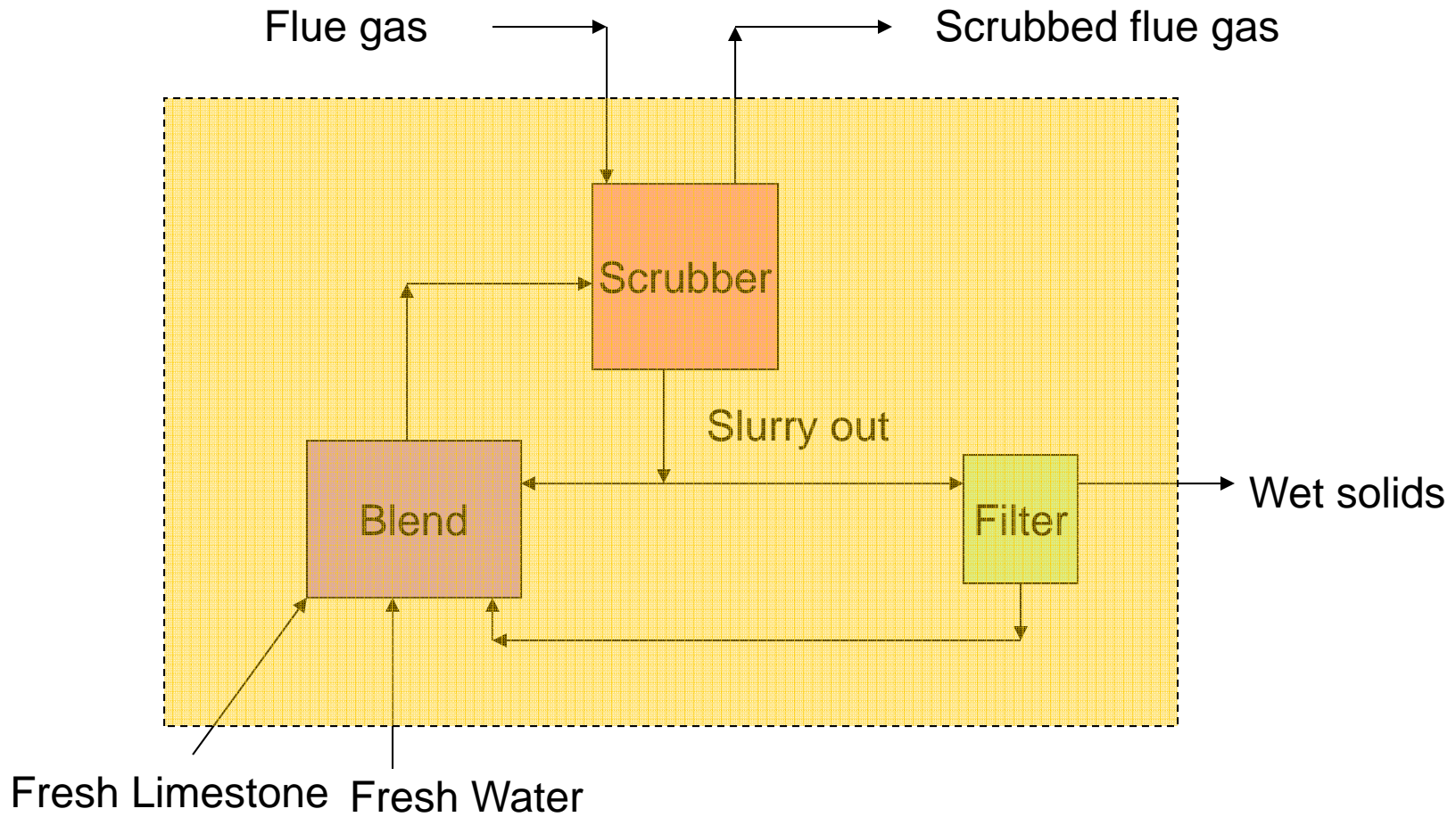
$$\dot{m}_{liq} = \dot{m}_{H_2O,liq} + \dot{m}_{CaCO_3,aq} + \dot{m}_{CaSO_3,aq}$$

$$\dot{m}_{CaCO_3,aq} = \frac{0.002}{100} \dot{m}_{H_2O}$$

$$\dot{m}_{CaSO_3,aq} = \frac{0.003}{100} \dot{m}_{H_2O}$$

$$\dot{m}_{liq} = \left(1 + \frac{0.002}{100} + \frac{0.003}{100} \right) \dot{m}_{H_2O}$$

14.6 (e)

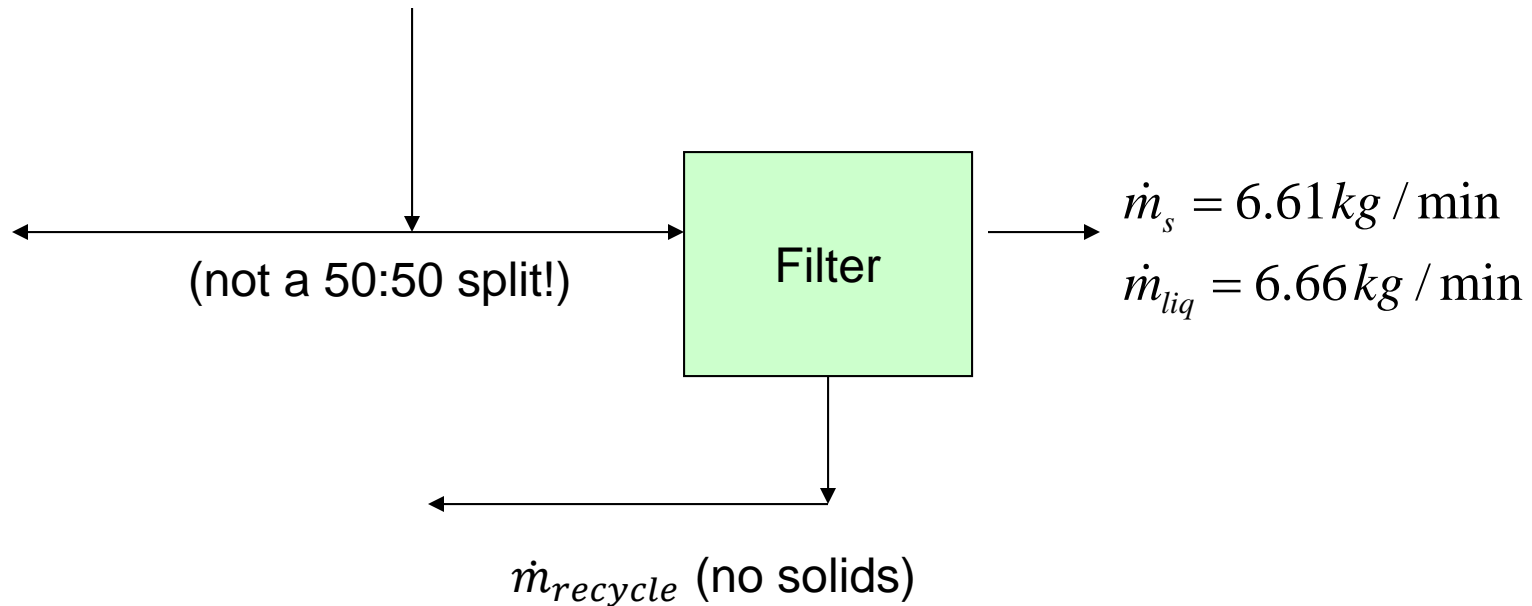


Solids Out in Filter Cake

- All inerts (solid) from limestone → inerts in solid in filter cake
- All unreacted CaCO_3 in with fresh limestone → wet filter cake
- All CaSO_3 removed → wet filter cake (CaSO_3 hydrate)
- All flyash in with flue gas → filter cake
- Sum of all of above = \dot{m}_{solids}
+ small amount of aqueous CaSO_3 hydrate
- Need to guess $\dot{m}_{\text{H}_2\text{O},\text{liq}}$ and use solver to ensure that
$$\frac{\text{Total mass of liquid out}}{\text{Total mass out}} = 0.502$$

14.6 (f)

S/L ratio = 0.1115 (from 14.6c)



So $\frac{\dot{m}_s}{\dot{m}_{liq} + \dot{m}_{recycle}} = 0.1115$ (combination of outputs from filter has same S/L ratio as the inlet)

Rearranging,

$$\dot{m}_{recycle} = \frac{\dot{m}_s}{0.1115} - \dot{m}_{liq}$$