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# Evolution of Low NOx Burners and Efficiency and Versatility of the Latest Generation of Burners

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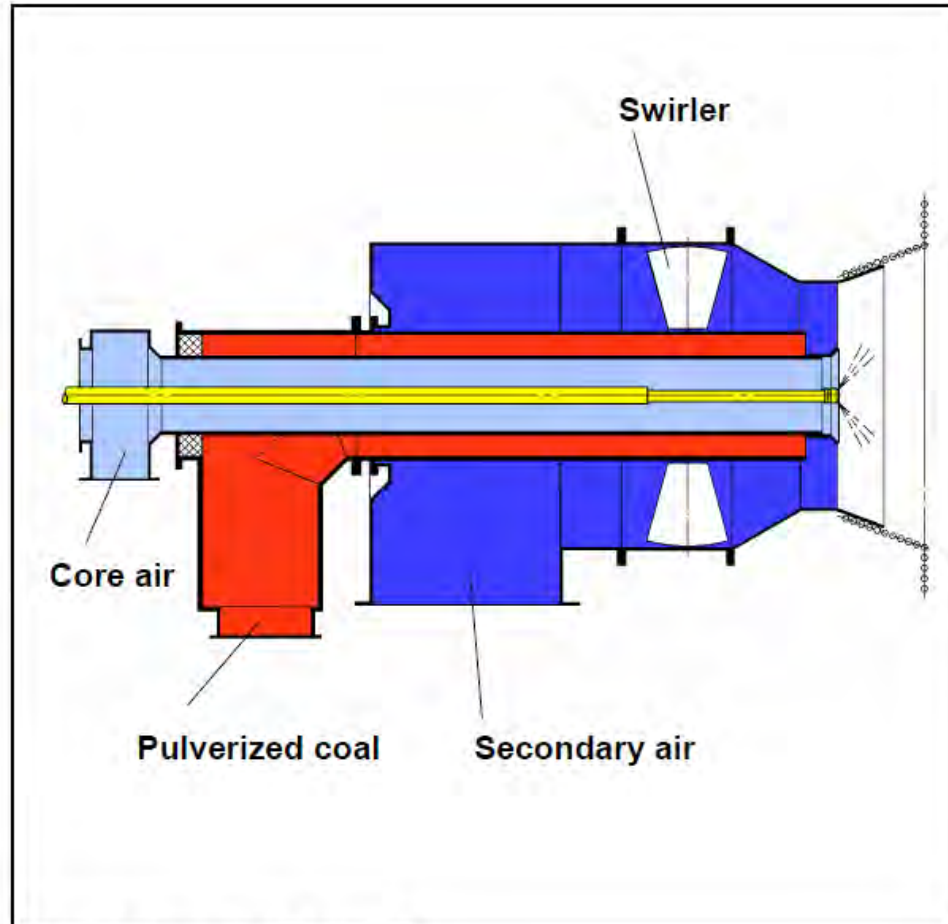
**MITSUBISHI HITACHI POWER SYSTEMS  
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On Feb. 1, 2014 Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, Ltd. and Hitachi, Ltd. have officially merged their operations integrating the thermal power generation businesses of both companies into a single world class technology entity named Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems, Ltd. For the North American market, this will include our family of subsidiary organizations such as Mitsubishi Power Systems Americas Inc., Hitachi Power Systems Canada, Ltd, Mechanical Dynamics & Analysis, Ltd and Hitachi Power Systems America, Ltd. HPSA's new name will be "Mitsubishi Hitachi Power Systems America – Energy and Environment, Ltd."

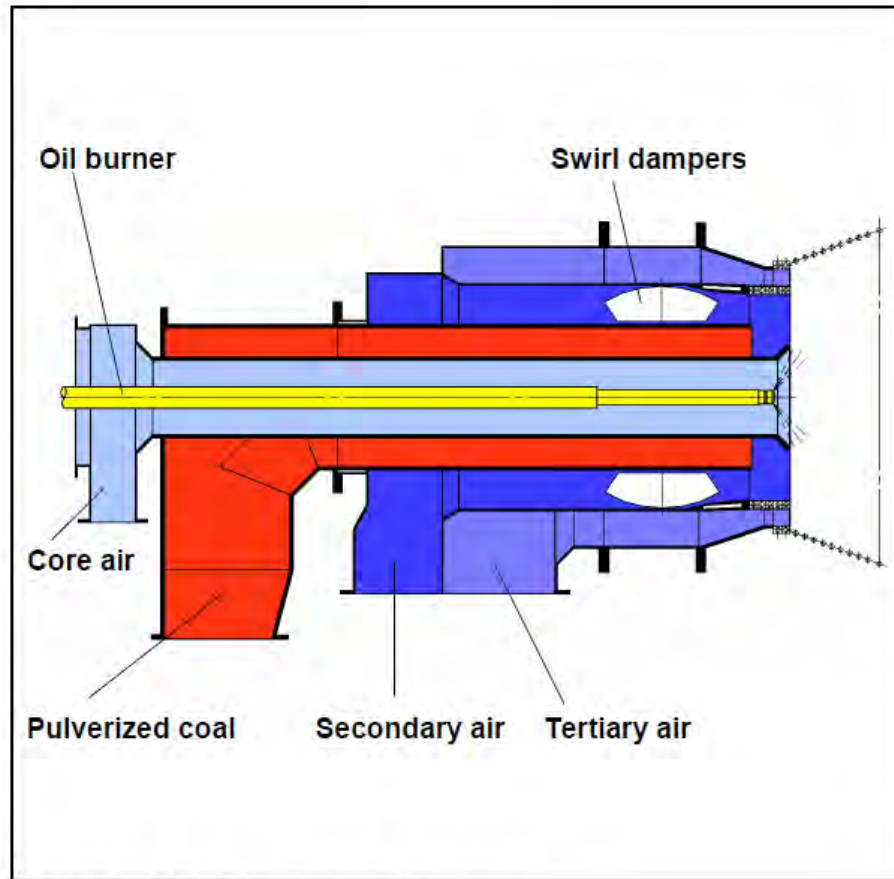


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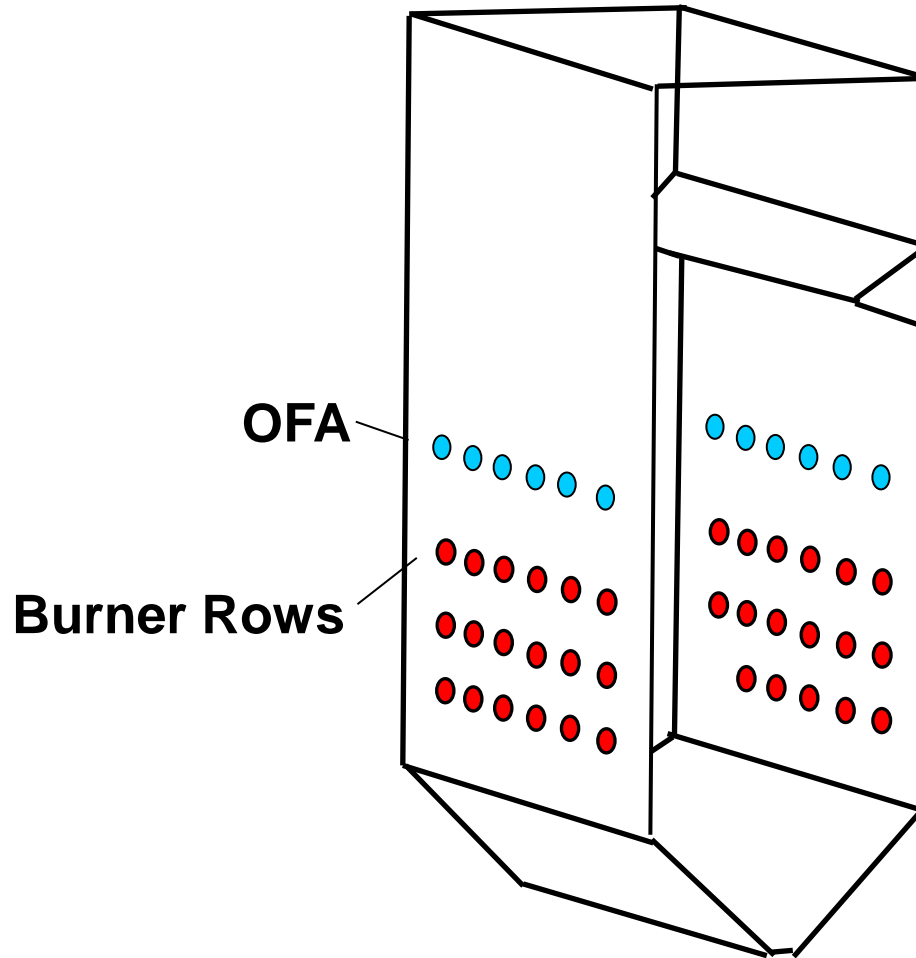
# Vortex Burner



# WS – Whirl Stage



# NOx Control With Over Fired Air Ports (OFA)

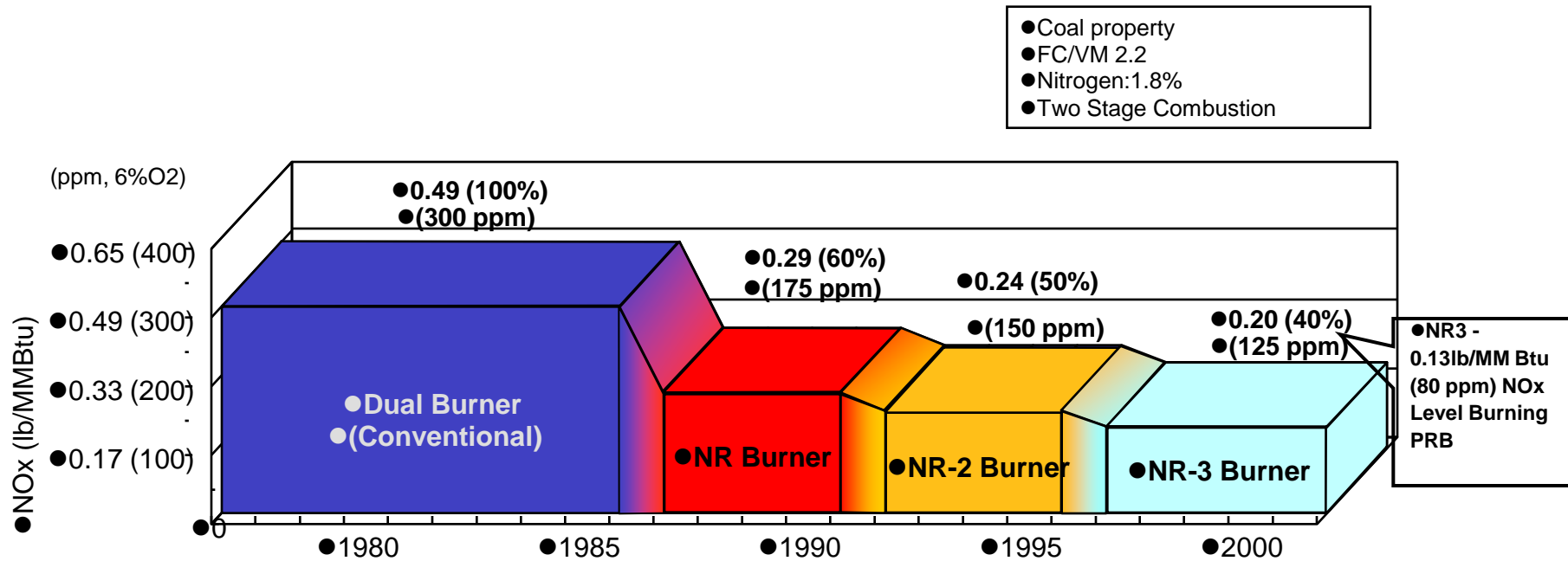


**Early OFA Design**

# NOx Reduction (NR) Technology Evolution



**Delayed Combustion** ▶ **Rapid Ignition In Flame NOx Reduction** ▶



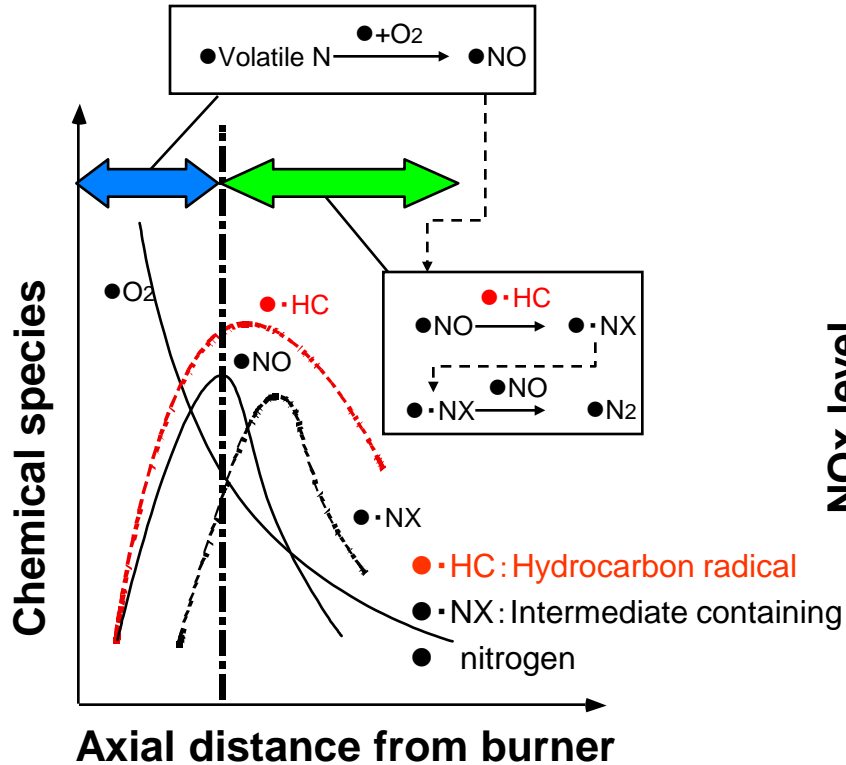


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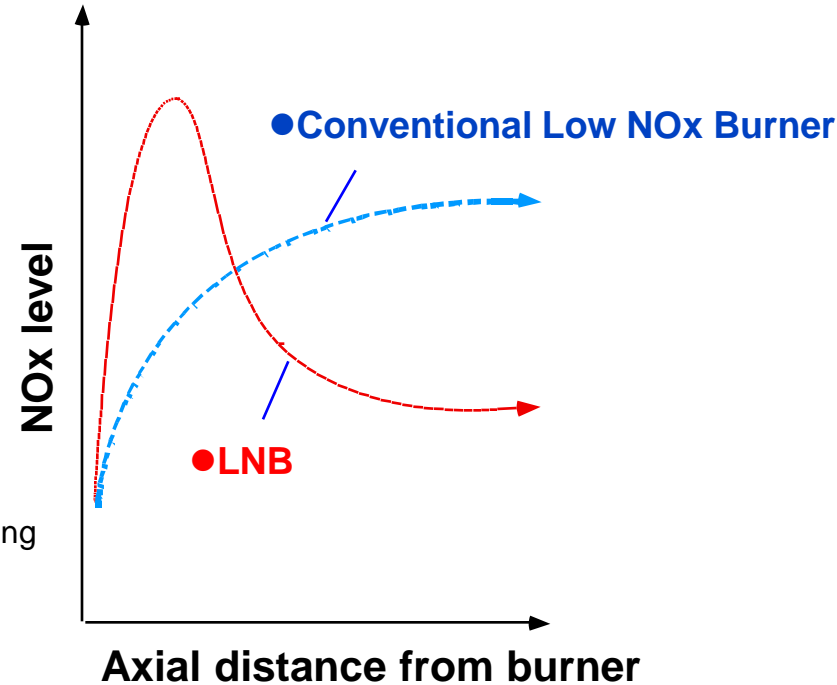
# In-Flame NOx Reduction



## Formation of Reducing Species



## Difference of NOx performance

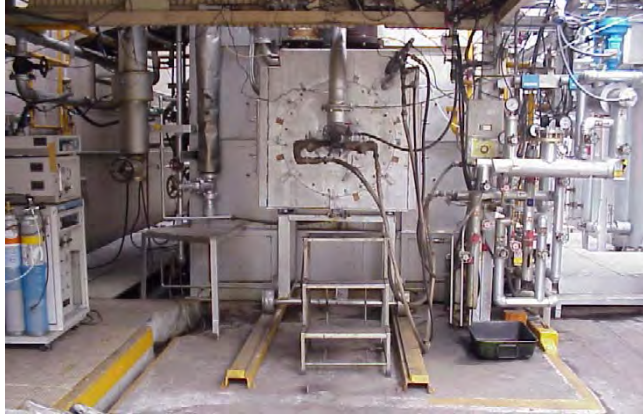


**Rapid Ignition & Promotion of Combustion**

**O<sub>2</sub> consumption and formation of reducing species**

**Inflame NOx reduction with high combustion efficiency**

# Burner Combustion R&D Facilities



● **Medium scale**, low NO<sub>x</sub> burner combustion test facility

- 500kg/h(1100lb/h) firing rate (15MMBtu/h)
- Coal, oil, and gas capable
- Used for the basic design development of Latest burner series



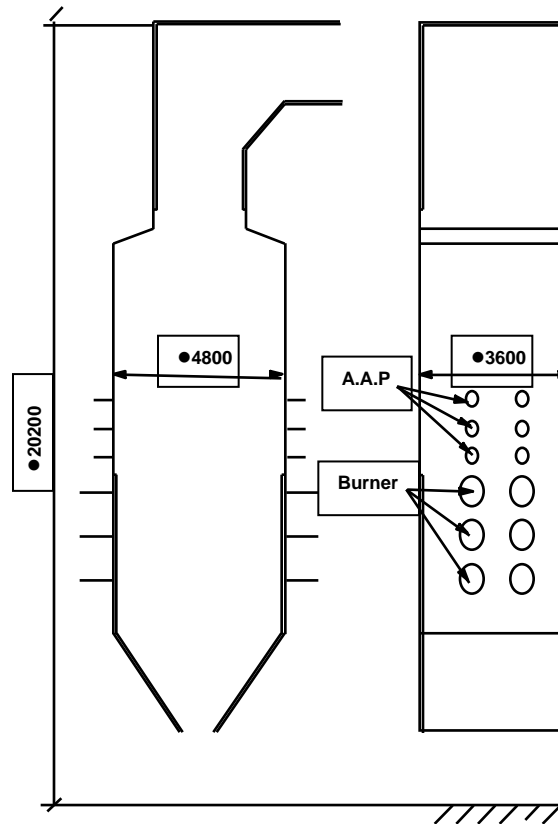
● **Large-pilot scale**, low NO<sub>x</sub> burner design combustion test facility

- 4t/h(8800lb/h) firing rate (100MMBtu/h)
- Coal, oil capable
- Used for the development of Latest burner series

# Large Scale Test Facility



- Evaluation of Large-capacity single burner
- Development of low-NO<sub>x</sub> combustion technologies
- Simulation of load change etc.



## ● Specification

- Furnace : Water Jacket, Vertical
- Heat Input : 30MWth Units
- Dimensions : Wide 4.5 m
- Depth 3.3 m
- Height 20.2 m

# Latest Burner Technology

Developed in Early 1990's and Continuously Improved Through

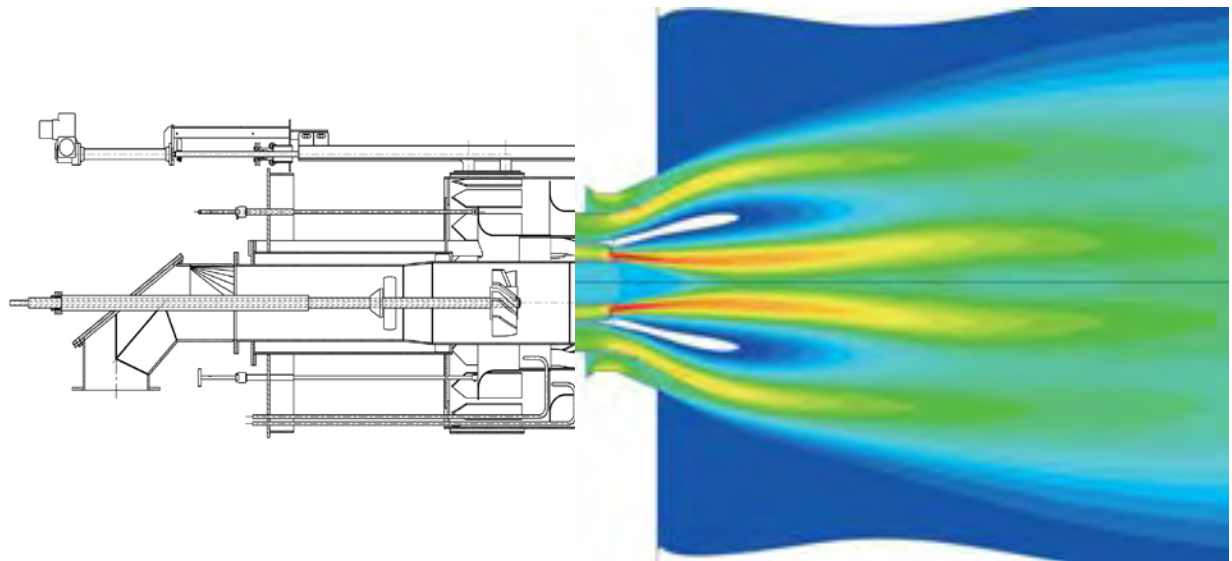
- In-house testing facilities
- Computational Fluid Dynamic (CFD) modeling
- Extensive Empirical Data With Over 1600 Burners Installed Worldwide

Flexibility for All Fuels including PRB, Bituminous, Lignite, and Biomass

Low-Load Operating Flexibility

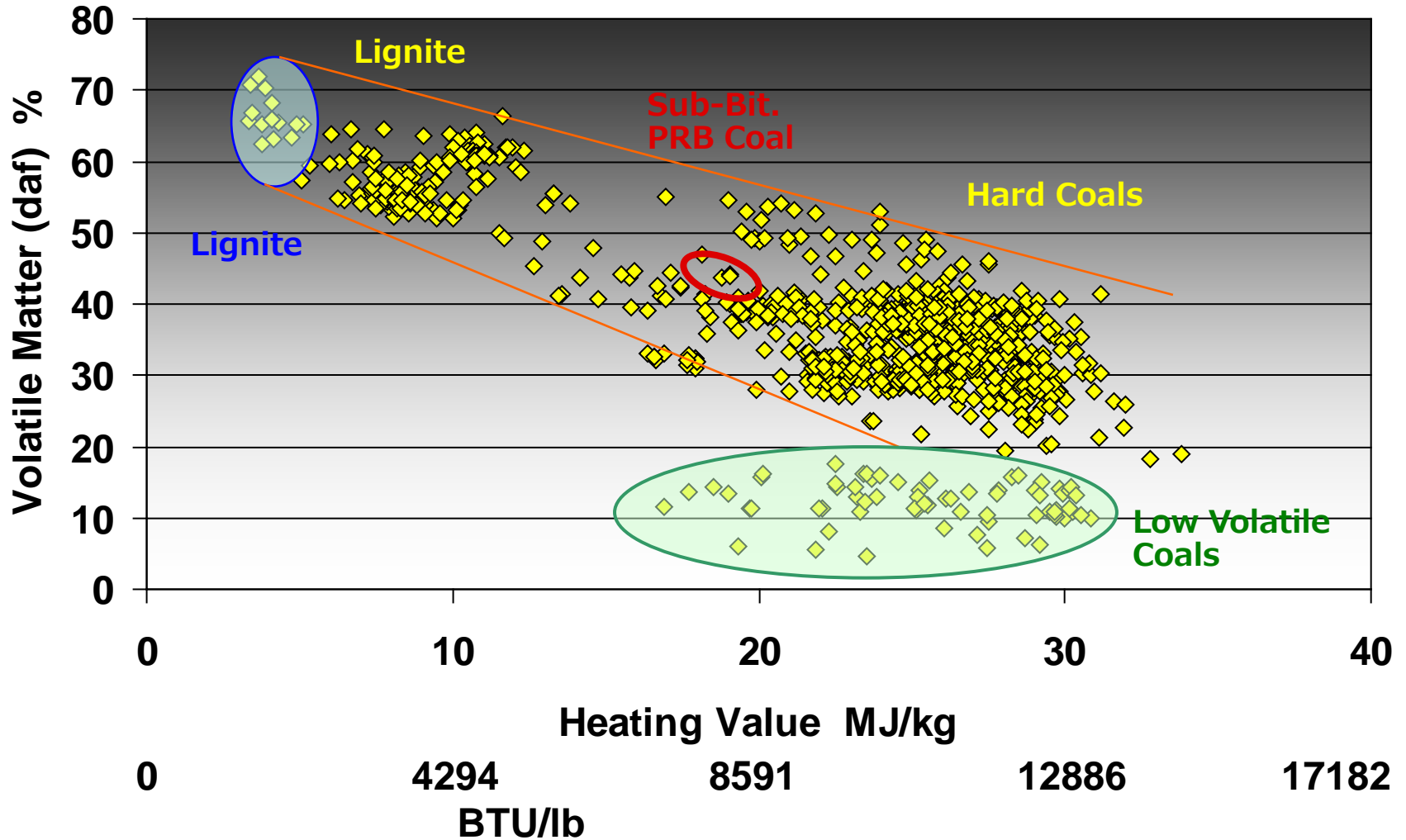
Reliability

Long Cycle Life





## Wide Range of Coal Qualities Large HHV Range and Volatiles

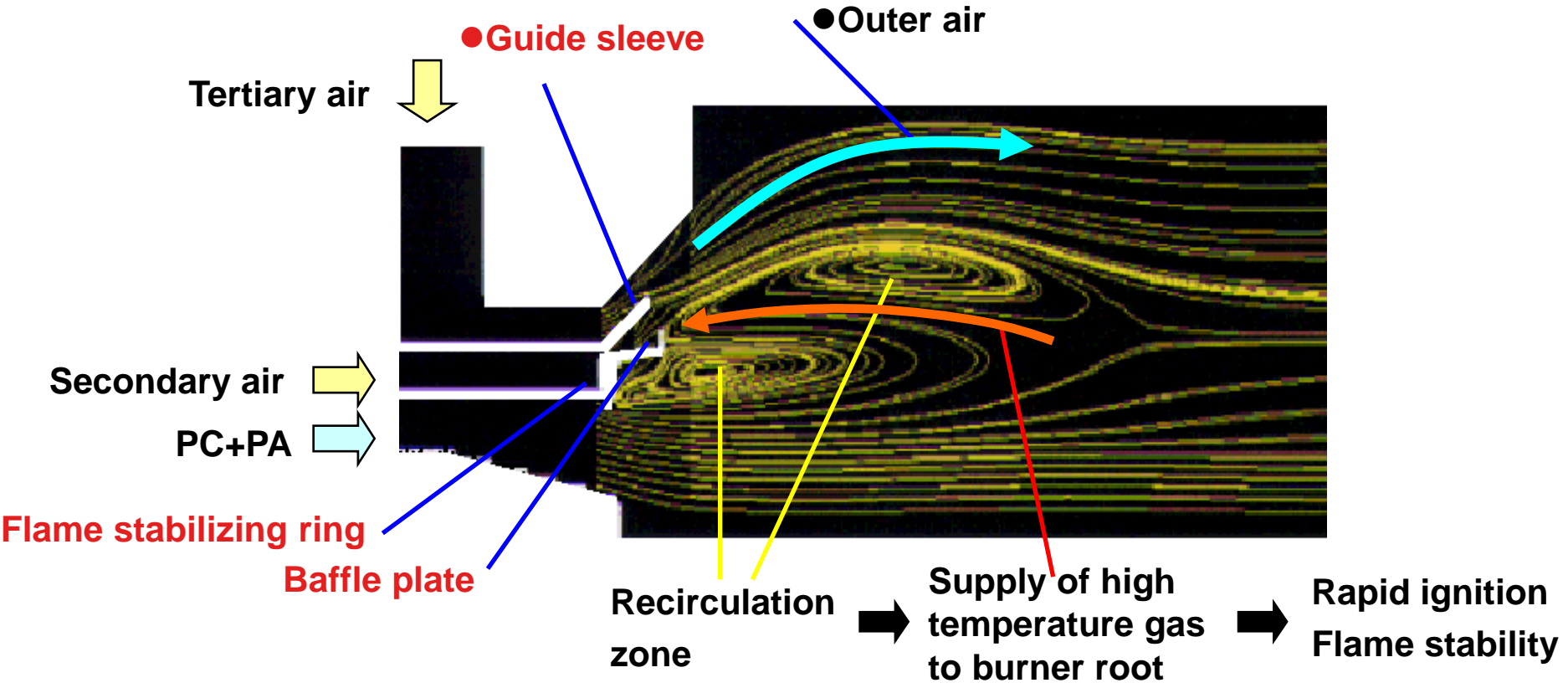


# Latest Burner Design Features

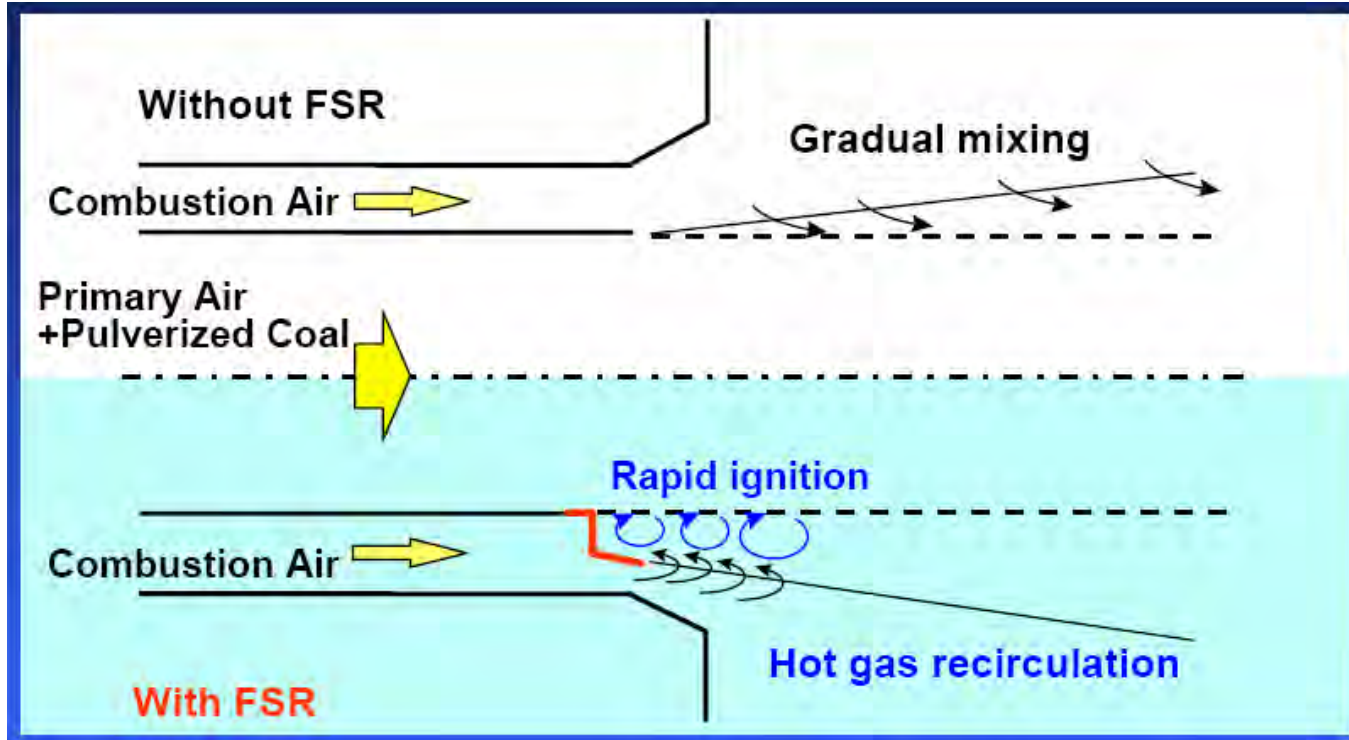
- Concentric design with swirled flow streams in all burner sections (PA, SA, & TA)
- Well defined flame, excellent flame attachment and flame stability over a wide operating load range
- Easy combustion air balancing by using the adjustable sleeve dampers
- Refractory lining in the burner basket area is not required
- Low maintenance requirements as a result of
  - Advanced coal nozzle design with new material for high reliability and long service life
  - Chromium–carbide lining for wear protection
  - Minimization of internal moving parts



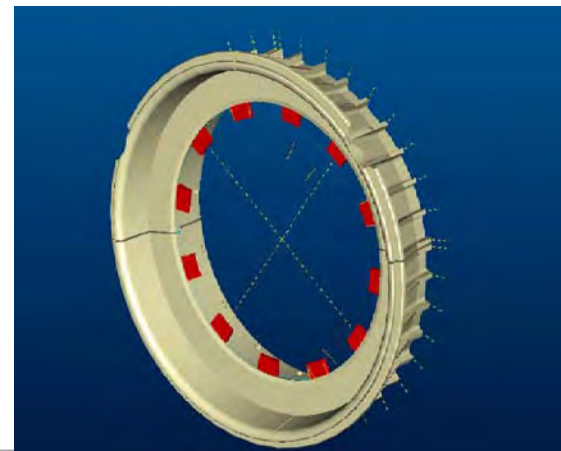
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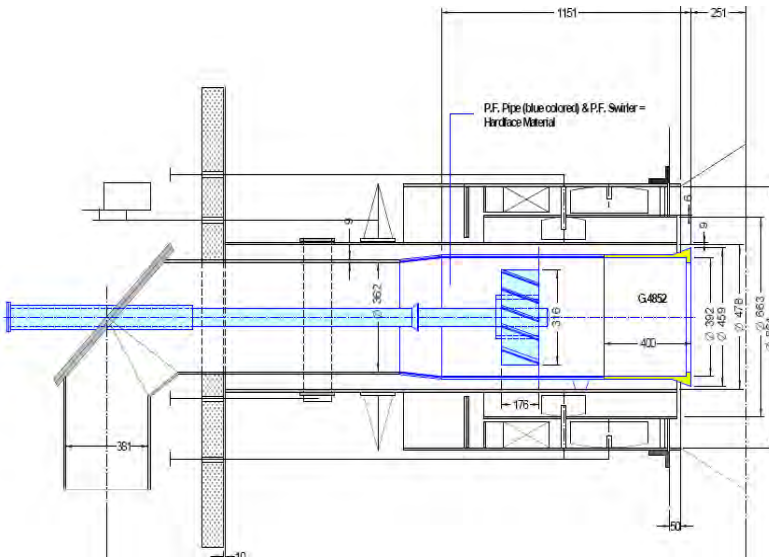
## Flame Stabilizing Ring



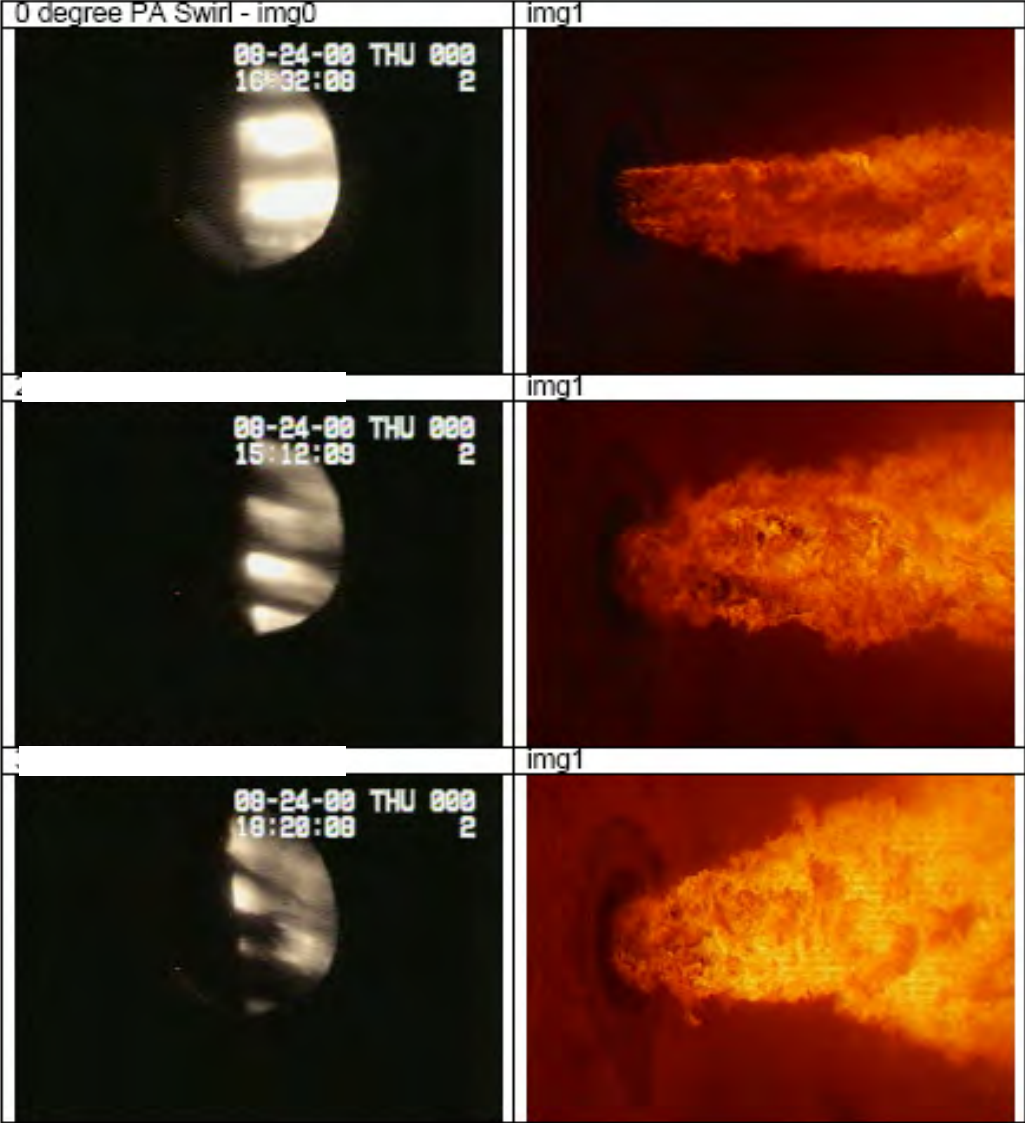
# New Integrated Coal Nozzle Design



- The Coal Nozzle is Exposed to Severe Erosion and High Temperature.
- In 2004, a Centrifugal Casting Fuel Nozzle Was Developed Using a Chrome/Nickel Homogeneous Structure to Minimize the Maintenance and Increase the Performance.



# Influence of PA Swirl Settings on Ignition Performance



# Flame Measurement Program in the Test Furnace



## Different Swirl Settings

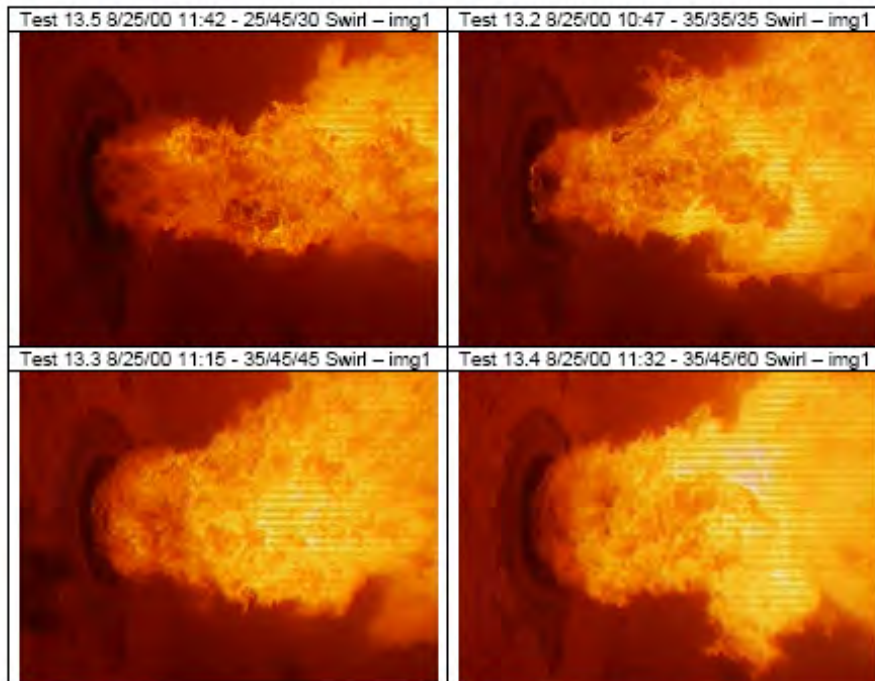


Figure 3-30 Comparison of Flame Video Images for Changes in Swirl Register Settings During DS Burner Tests with Flame Stabilizer Ring No. 2.1 (21 mm step, 9.6 mm teeth-20)

## Different Burner Capacities

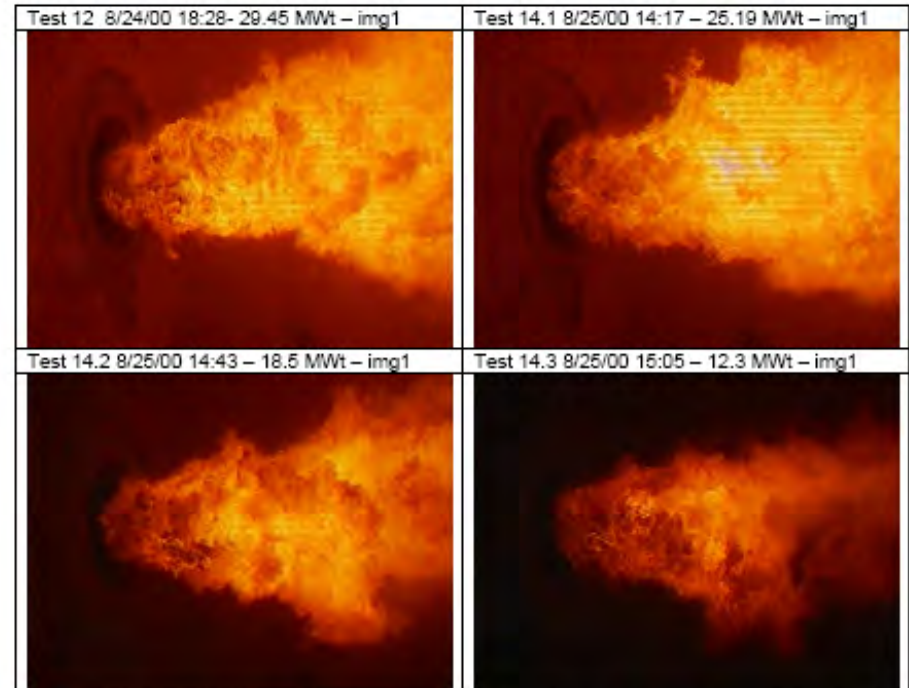
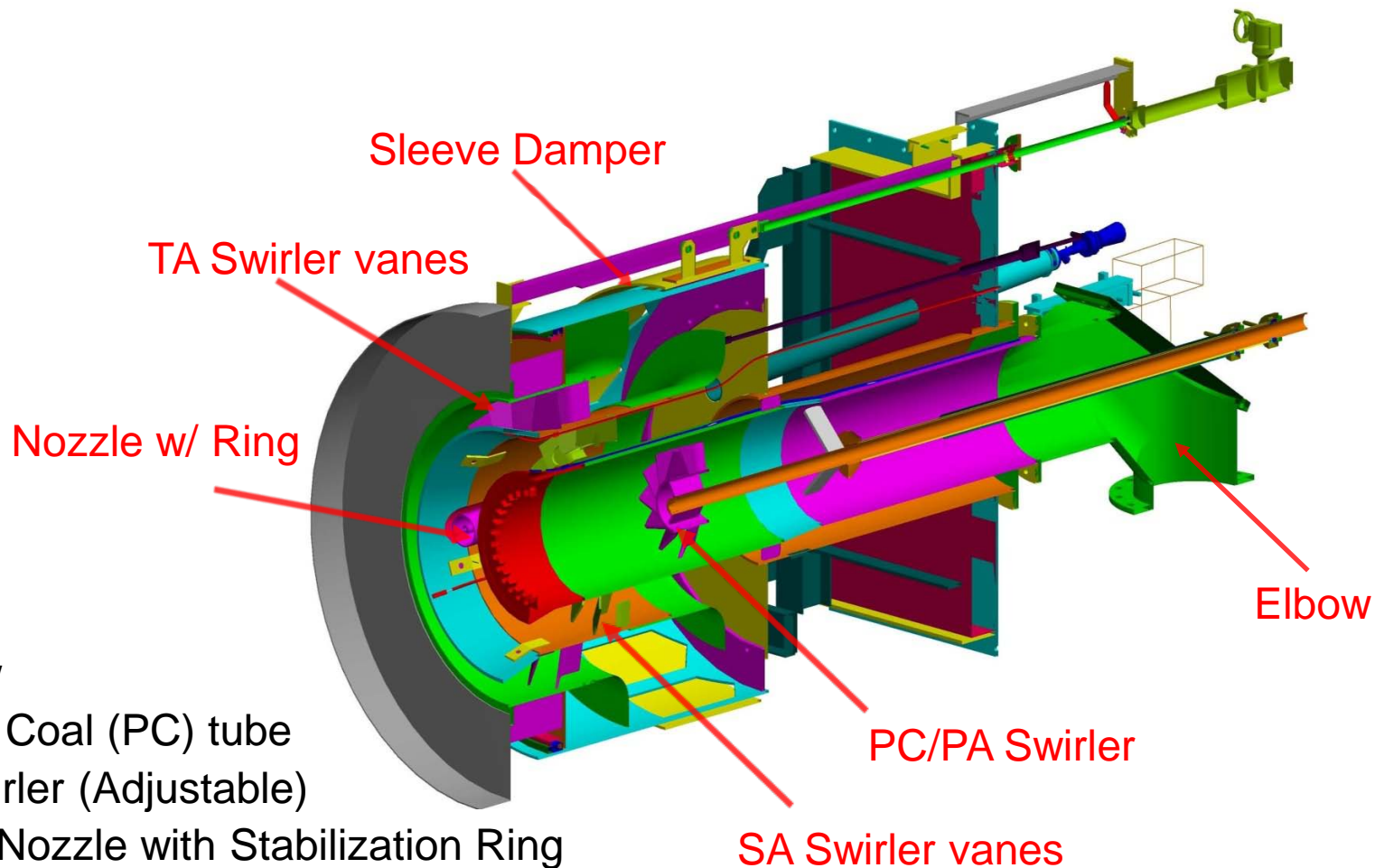


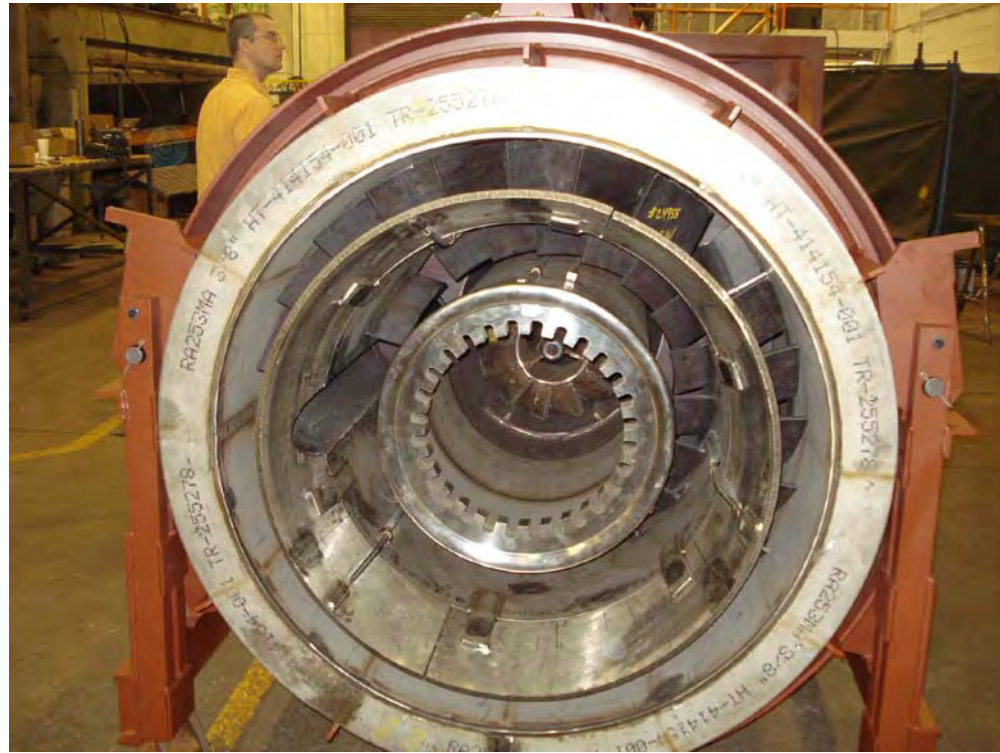
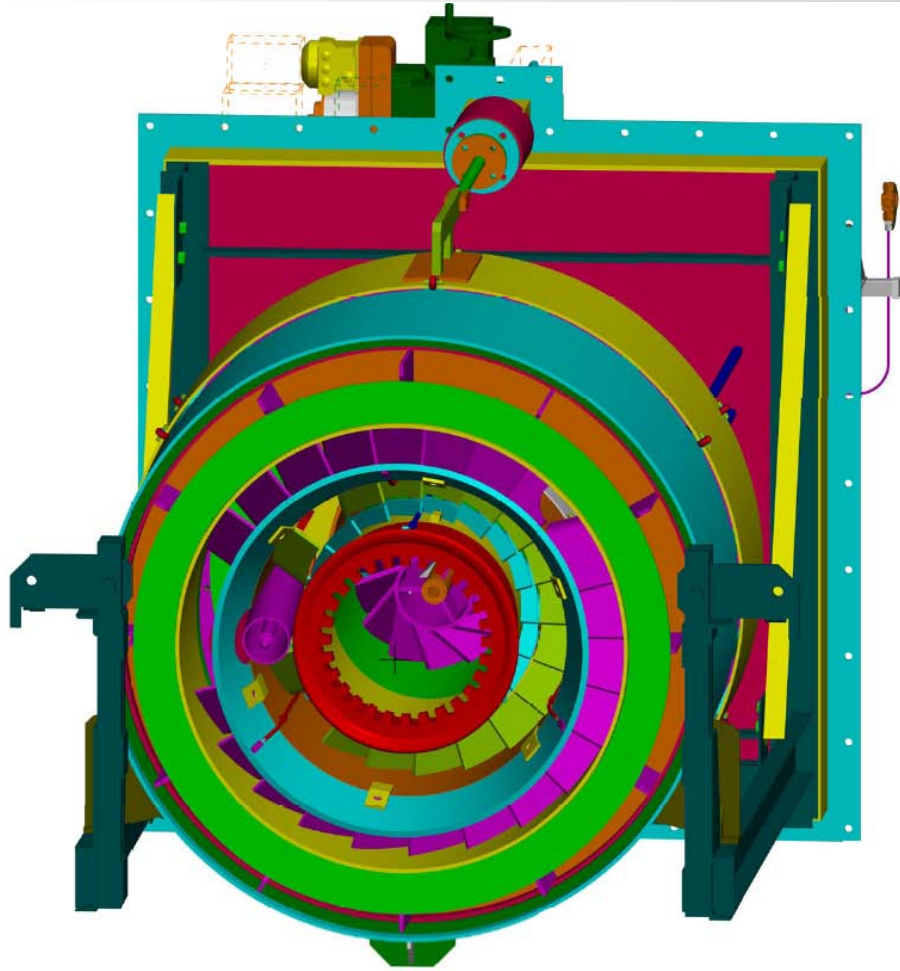
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# Latest Burner Components

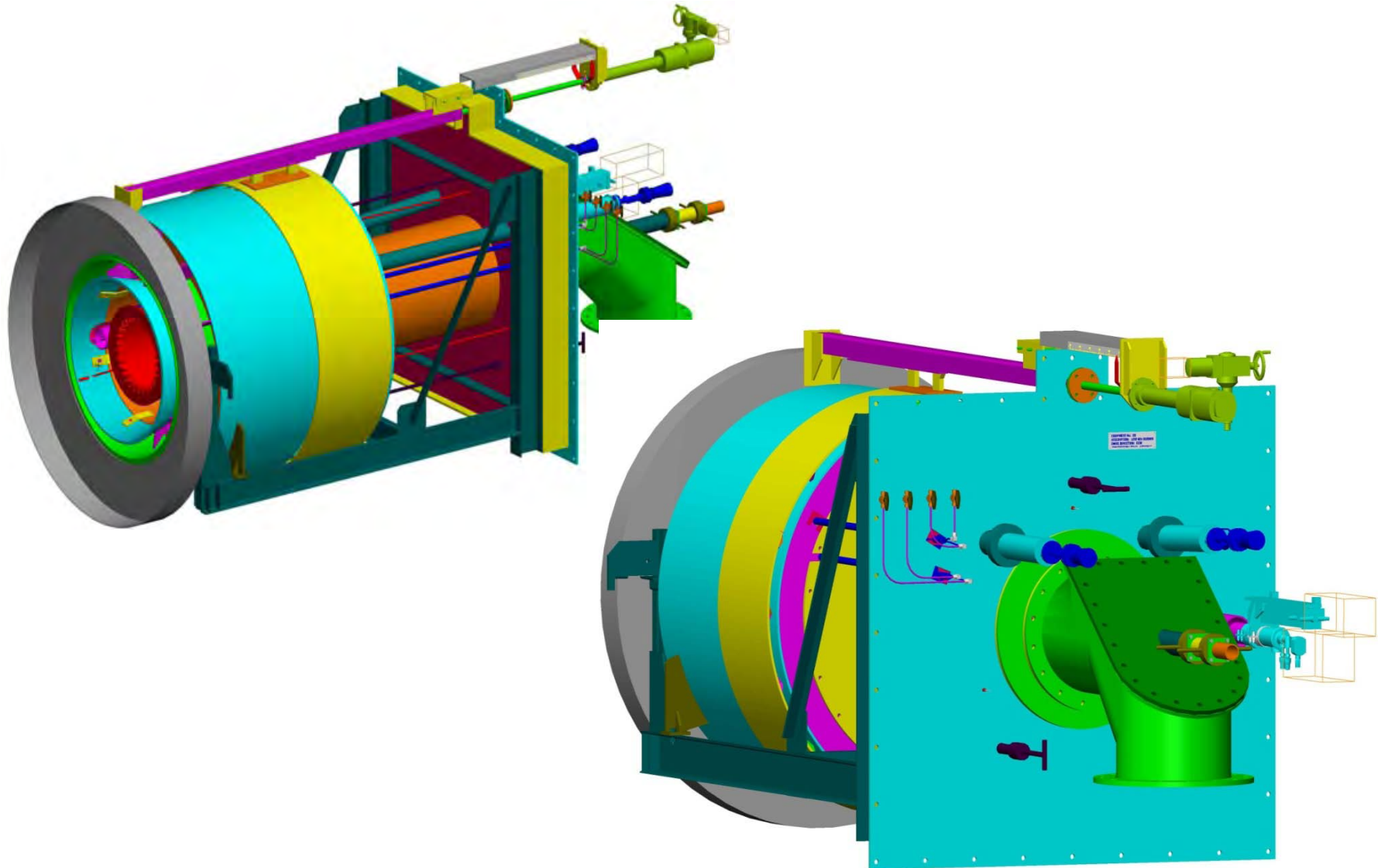


1. Inlet Elbow
2. Pulverized Coal (PC) tube
3. PC/PA Swirler (Adjustable)
4. Advanced Nozzle with Stabilization Ring
5. Secondary Air (SA) Swirler vanes
6. Tertiary Air (TA) Swirler vanes and Diverter (Adjustable)
7. Sleeve Damper (Adjustable)

# Burner Components



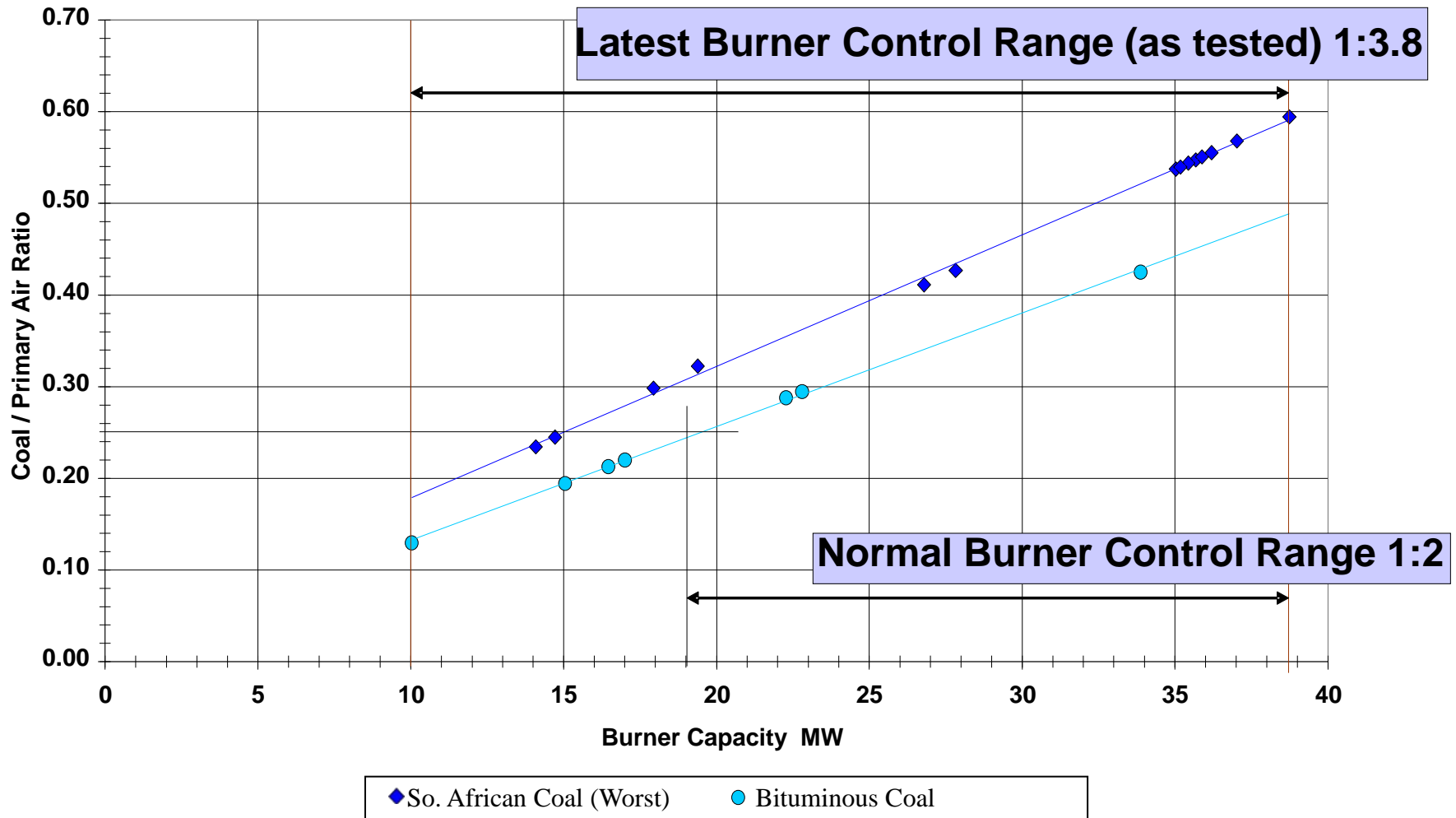
# Latest Coal Burner Model



# Load Operating Flexibility



## Latest Burner Control Range

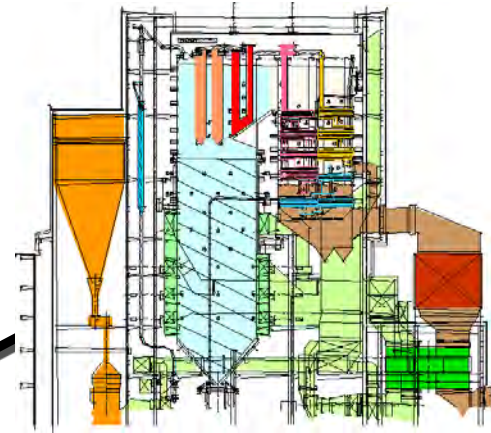


# Unique CFD Model - CRAFT Simulation



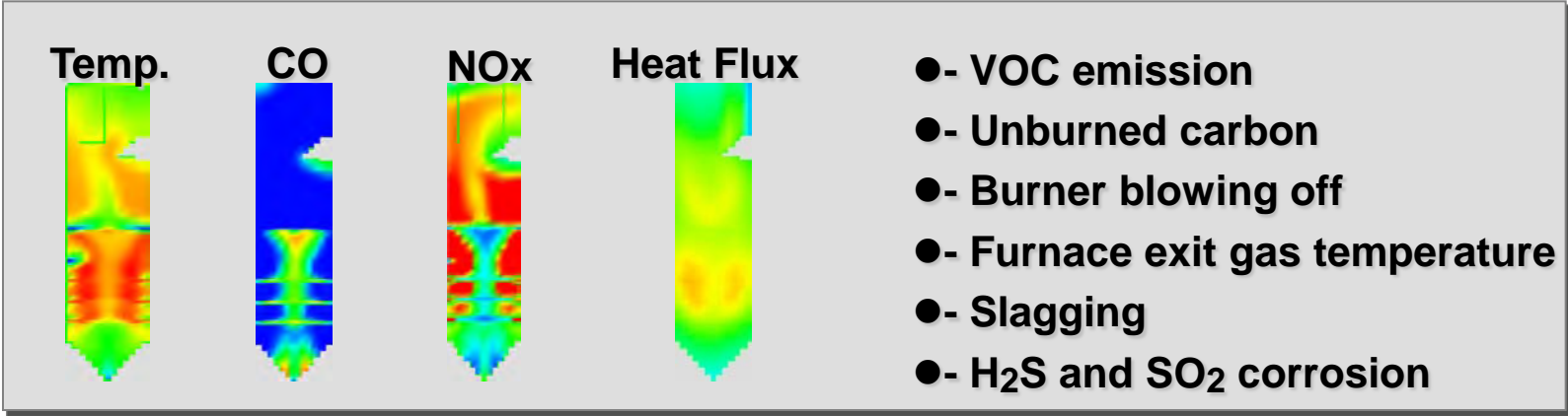
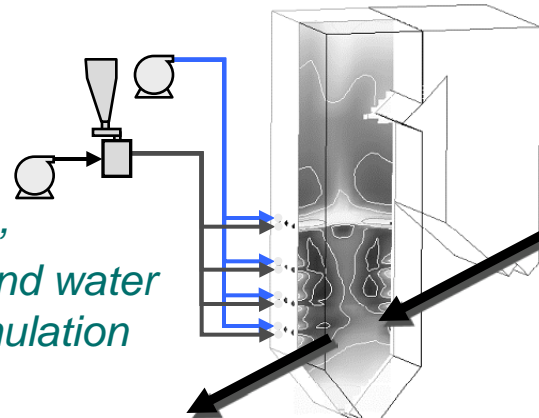
## Original Simulation Models

1. Char gasification model
2. Hydrocarbon NOx reduction model
3. Multi-grid discrete transfer radiation model



**Predicted Performance Lead to Technical Solutions**

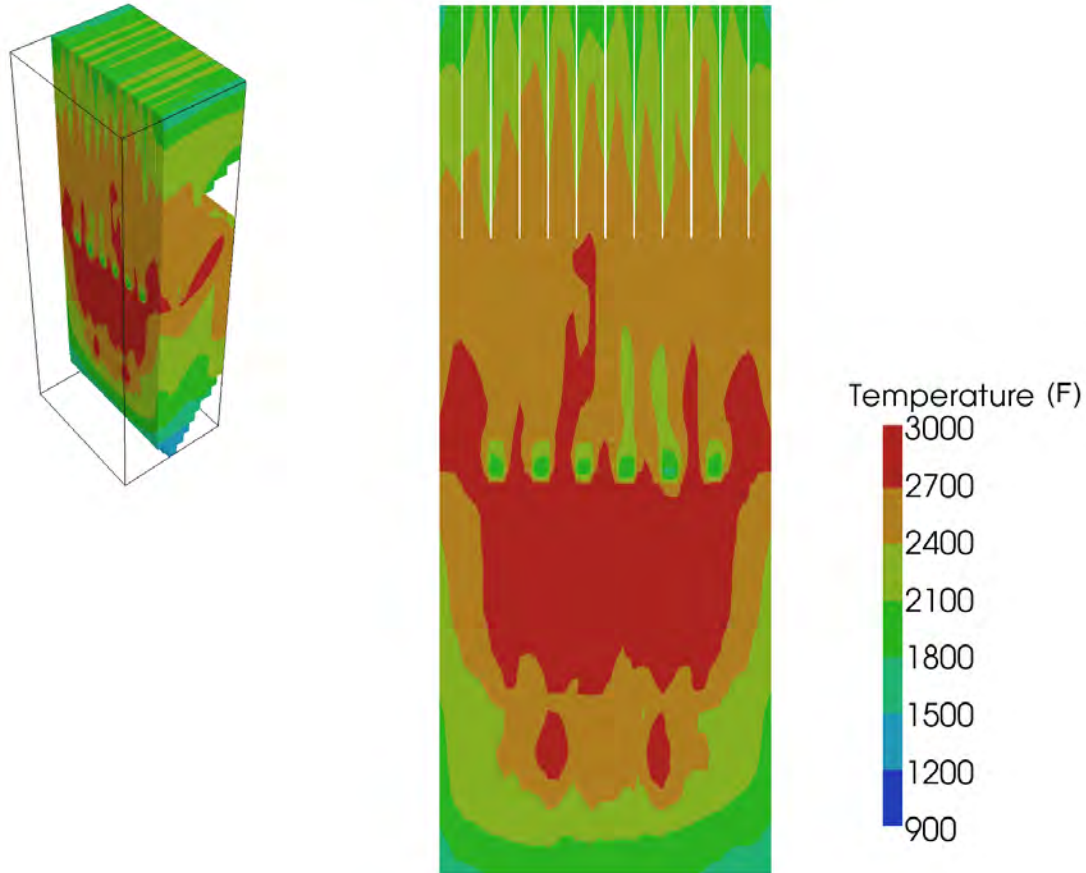
- *Combustion,*
- *RA*diation and water *Flow simulation*
- *Tool*



# Furnace Temperature Model – Cross Section

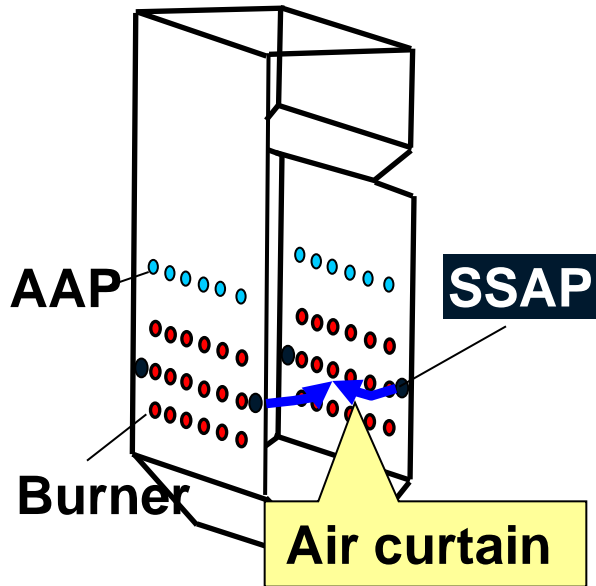


Cross-section through the middle of platen superheater

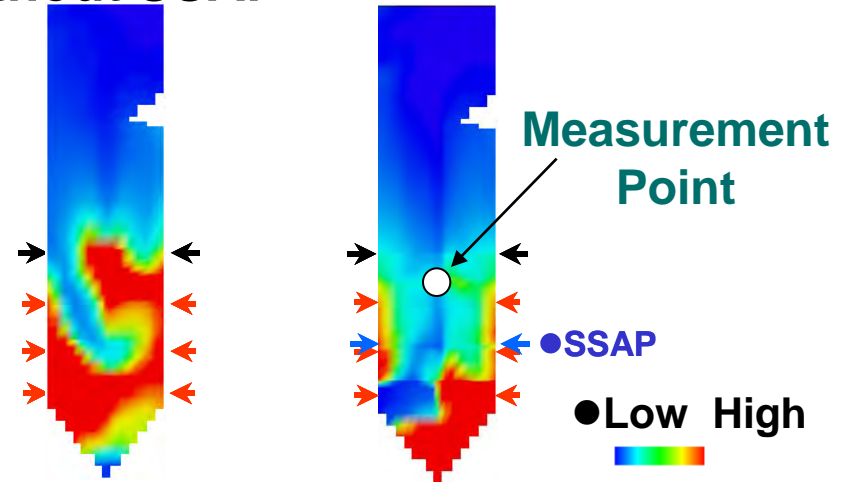


**Eastern Bituminous Coal – with OFA**

# Side Stream Air Port (SSAP)

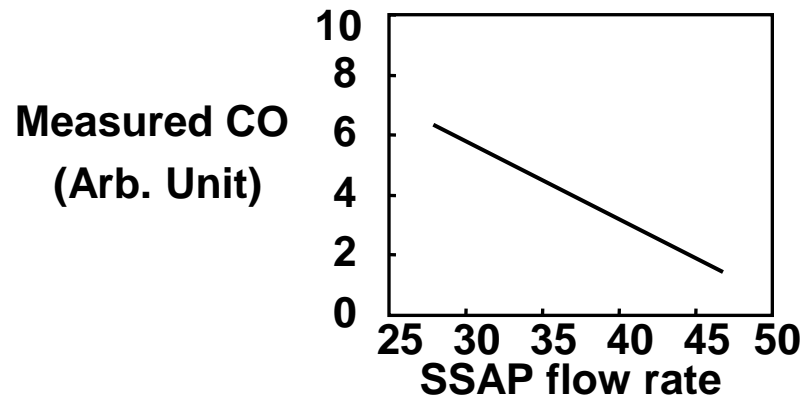


## Prediction of CO Concentration Without SSAP With SSAP



## Validation Results

Plant Name: Hitachinaka #1  
Unit Output: 1000 MW  
Load: 100%  
Coal: Rio Tinto (hv bituminous)



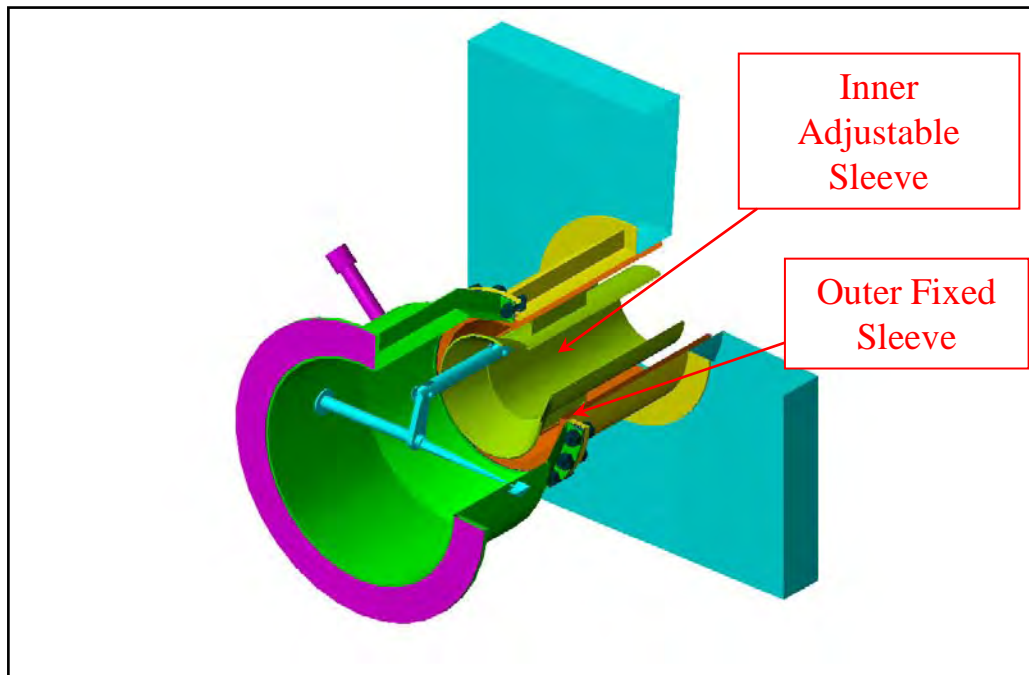
# Over Fire Air (OFA) System



## Double Nozzle Design - A Sleeve Within a Sleeve

The inner sleeve is adjustable and can manually be moved into or away from the furnace. This serves to bias air flow between the inner adjustable sleeve and the annulus formed with the outer fixed sleeve.

This design can also be used to bias more air flow to the outer OFAs, to protect the furnace sidewalls against the formation of a reducing atmospheric condition.





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# Latest Burner – Ready to Ship



# Retrofit Burner Opening – Windbox Side



# Retrofit Coal Burner – Furnace Side



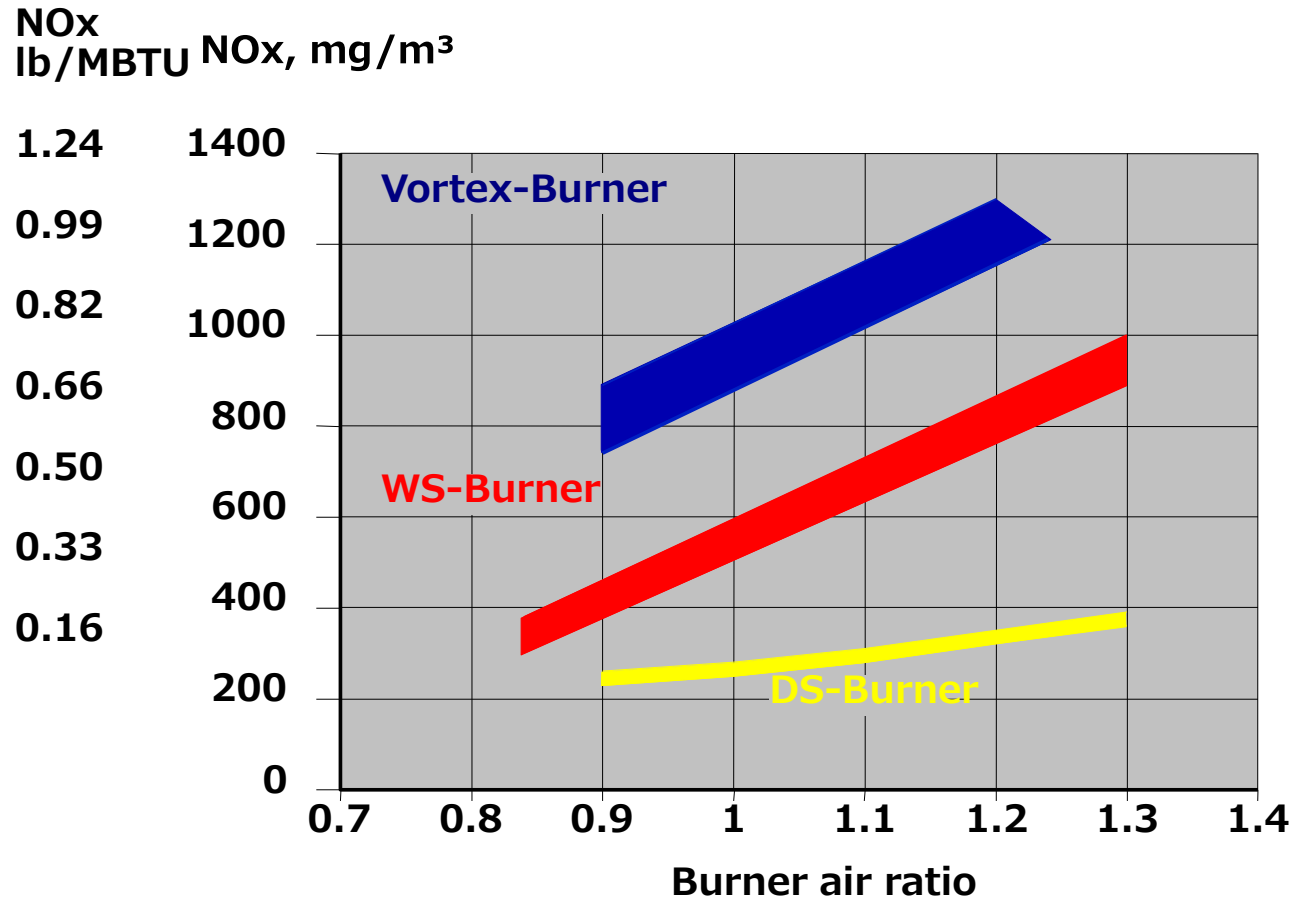
# Retrofit Coal Burner Installation



# Weld Overlay at PC Tube Transition



# Burner Development, NOx Emission



# Burner and OFA Design Evaluation Summary



- Use the Existing Furnace Opening for New Coal Burners
- Verify Pulverizer Performance such as A/C Ratio, Product Fineness, etc.
- Design Burners to Match Pulverizer Operating Conditions, such as A/C Ratio
- Furnace Heat Input/Plan Area Evaluation
- CFD Furnace Model to Predict Emissions & FEGT
- Determine OFA Port Location to Optimize Combustion

**Results: All Design Parameters Achieved**



Low Maintenance and Longer Service Life

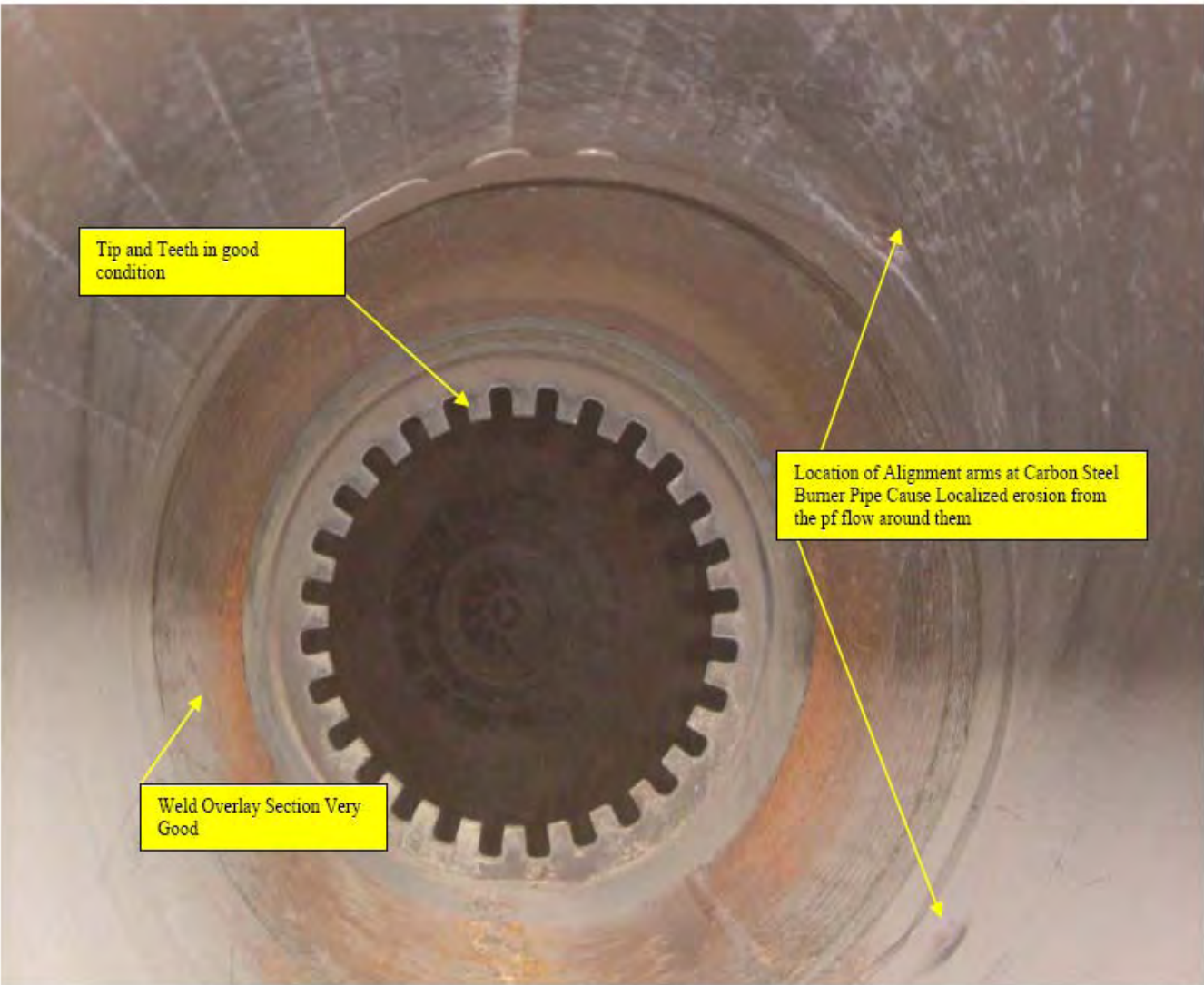
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# Inspection After 2-year Operation



Swirl Vane Exhibit Only Minor Erosion from PF

# Inspection After 2-year Operation



# Inspection After 5-year Operation



Furnace Side



Windbox Side

# Summary



- Optimum NOx Reduction
- High Combustion Efficiency (Low LOI and CO)
- Maximum Fuel Flexibility
- Maximum Operating Flexibility (High Turndown Ratio)
- Low Maintenance and Longer Service Life

