

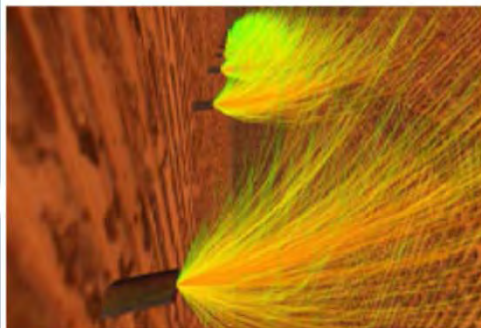
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# LACYGNE UNIT 1 – CFD MODELING FOR SCR OPTIMIZATION



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**2014 NOx-Combustion/PCUG Round Table**

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## **PROJECT SUMMARY**

**Flow Modeling and GSG technology provided significant improvements in velocity distribution and flow direction**



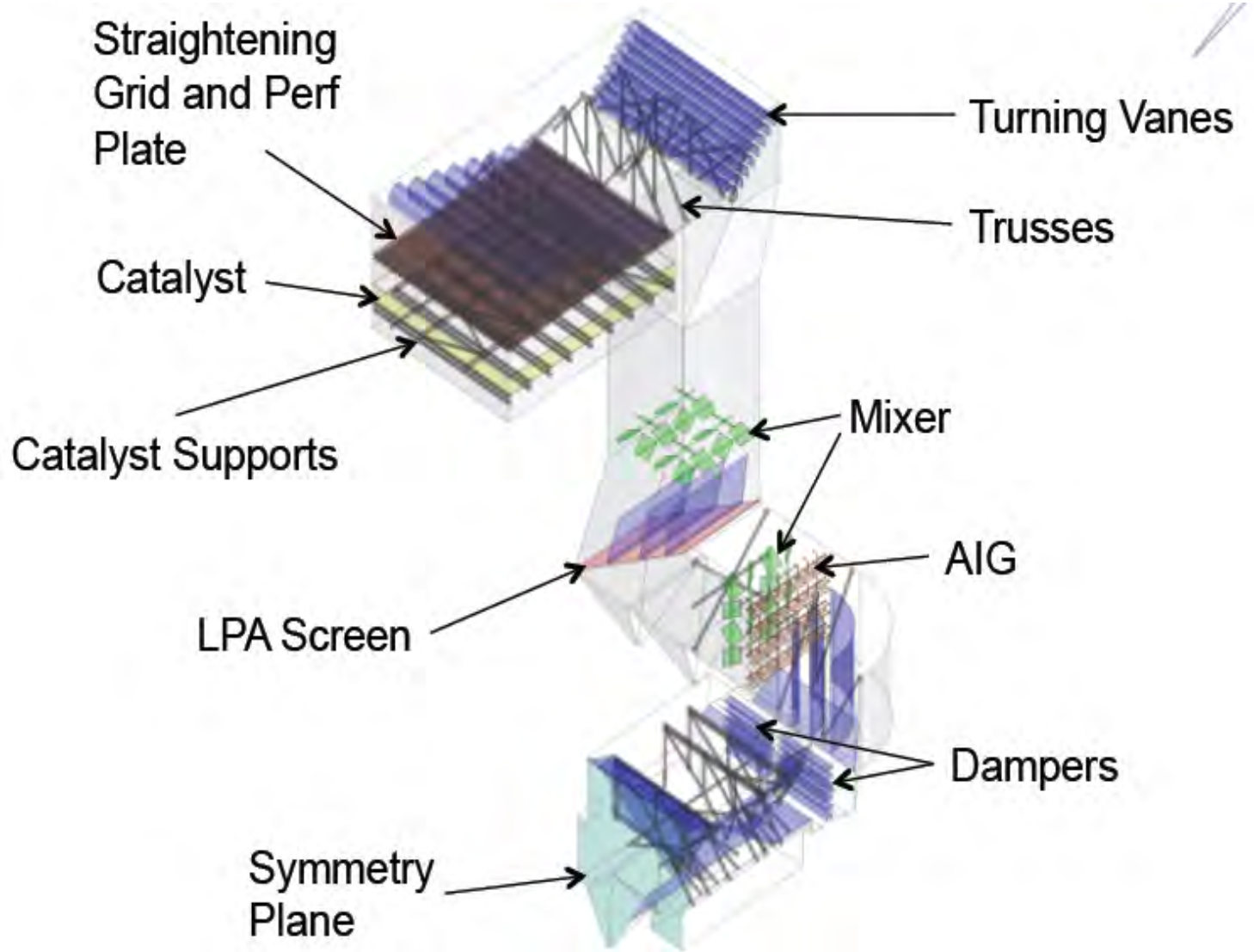
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- **KCPL experienced excess flyash pluggage in LaCygne 1 SCR**
- **CFD & Physical Flow Modeling**
- **Graduated Straightening Grid (GSG)**
- **Uniform-Vertical-Non Recirculating Flow**
- **Improvements will benefit LaCygne operation**
- **SCR Lessons Learned**



# BASELINE FLOW MODEL GEOMETRY



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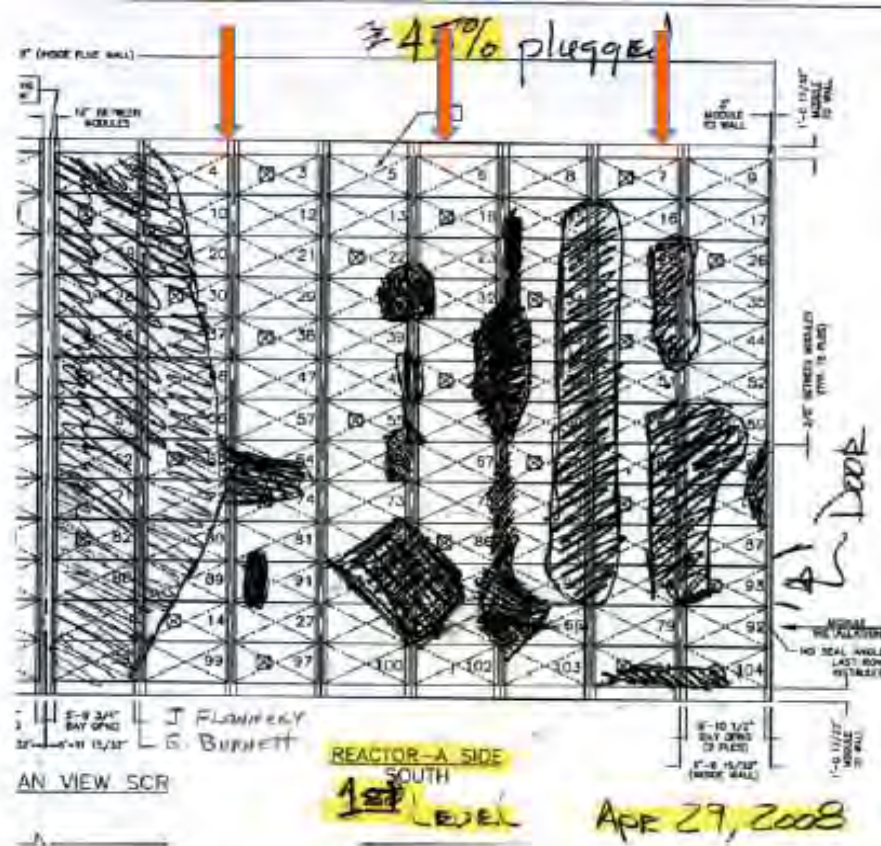




# EXCESS FLYASH PLUGGAGE – LAYER 1 ASH DEPOSIT “MAP”



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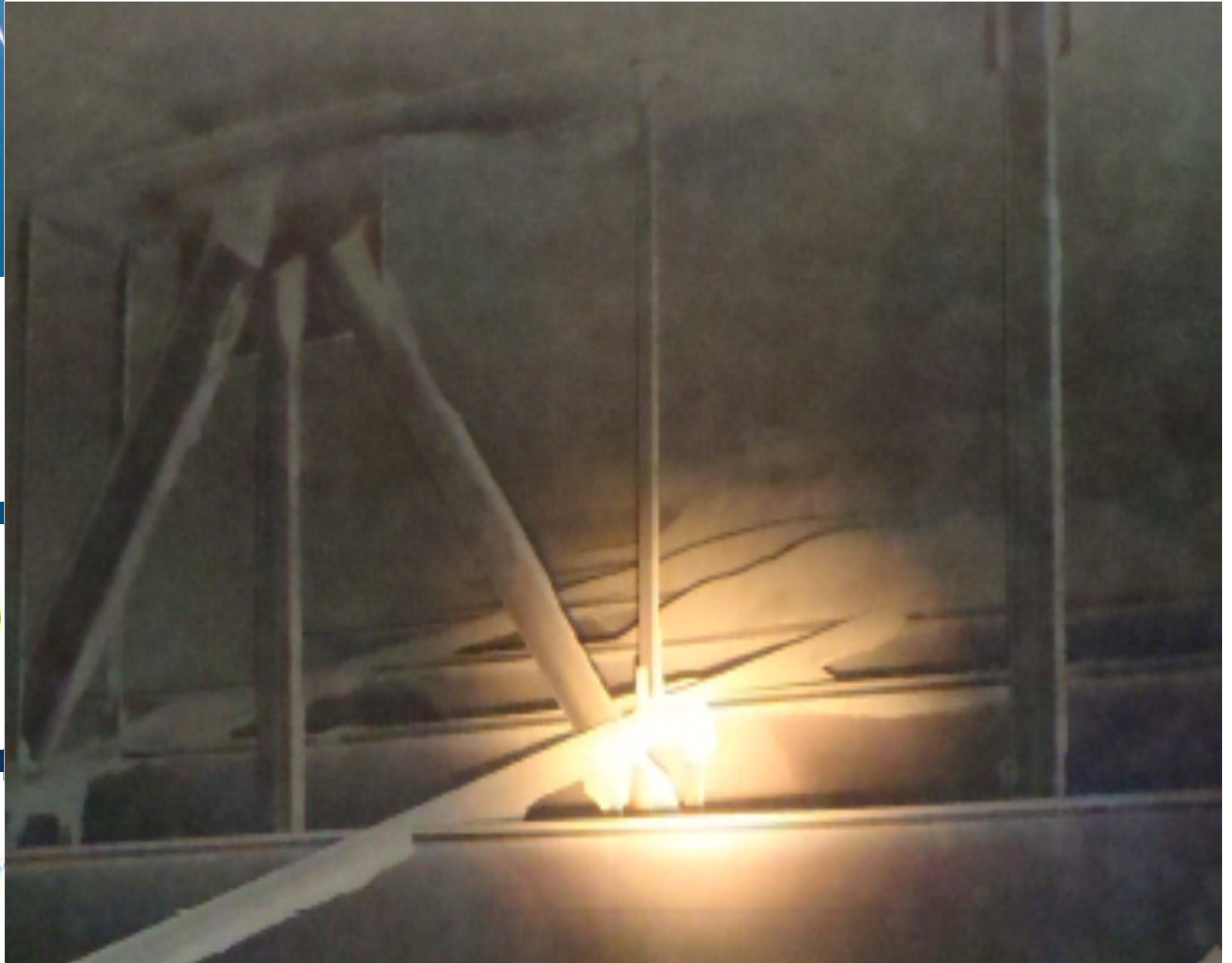
- After 1 year operation
- First layer 45% plugged
- Ash “rows” noted below structural supports



# EXCESS FLYASH PLUGGAGE – TURNING VANES



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# EXCESS FLYASH PLUGGAGE – A-SCR LAYER 2 2ND SEAL STRIP

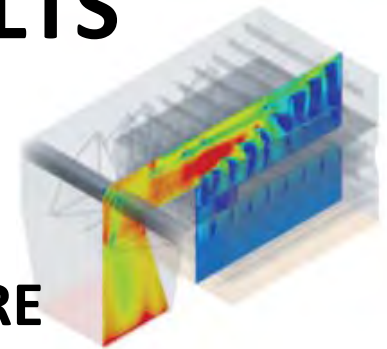


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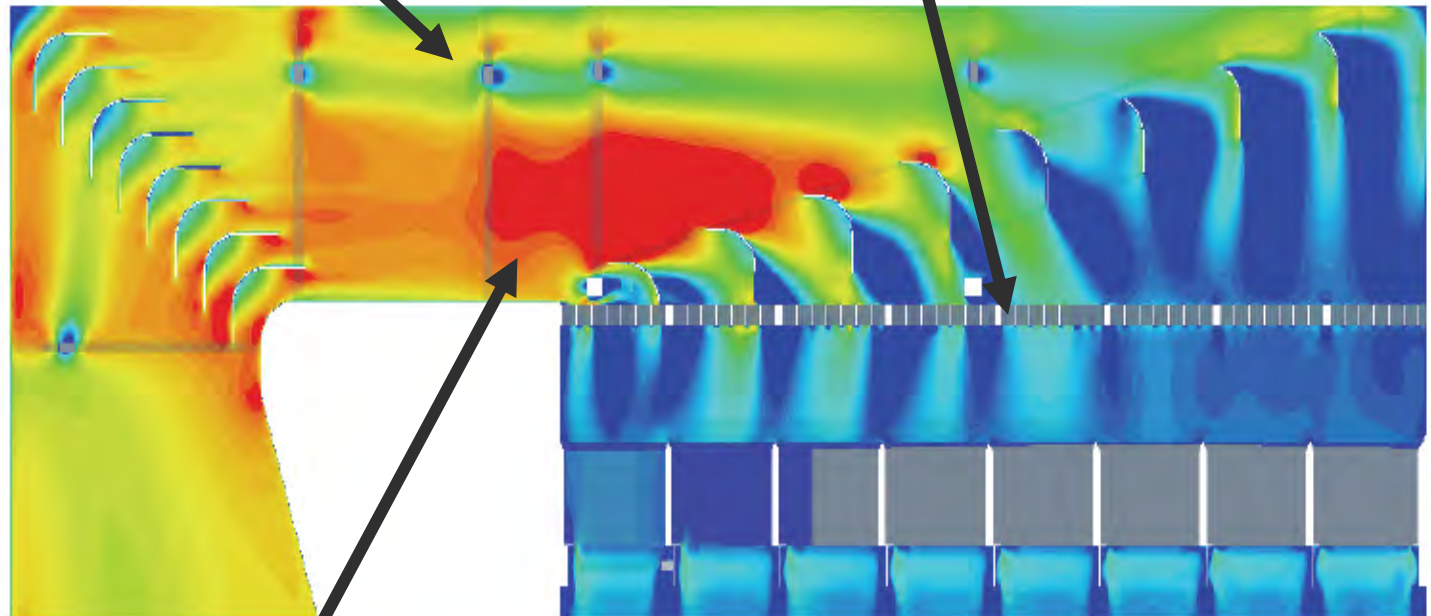


# BASELINE VELOCITY RESULTS



**STRUCTURE:  
Truss & Gussets**

**Egg Crate STRUCTURE**



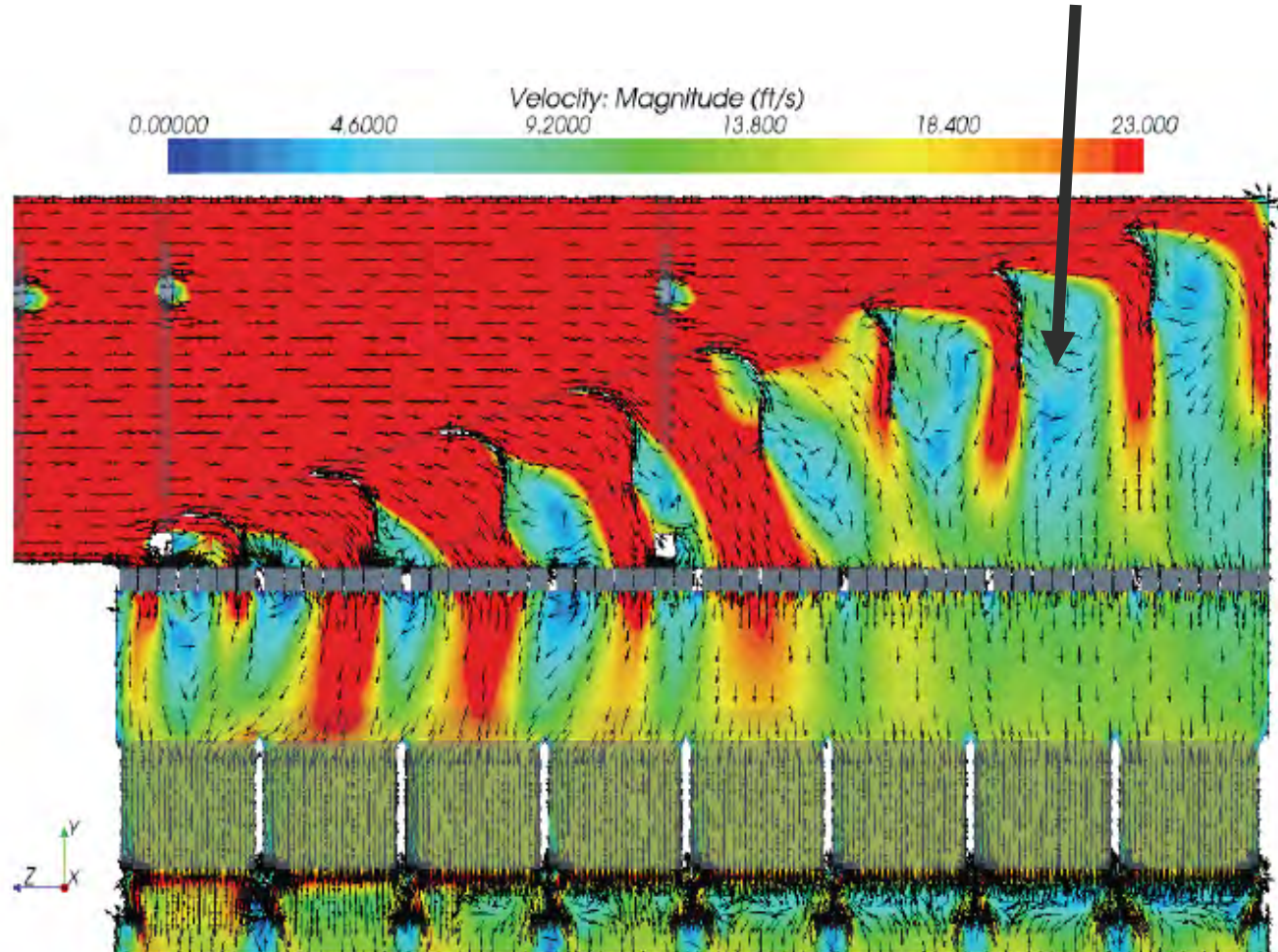
**Inlet transition, Truss & Gussets create high flow**





# BASELINE RESULTS VELOCITY VECTORS

## TURNING VANES & RECIRC



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Vectors near vanes show recirculation areas where potential ash fallout can occur.



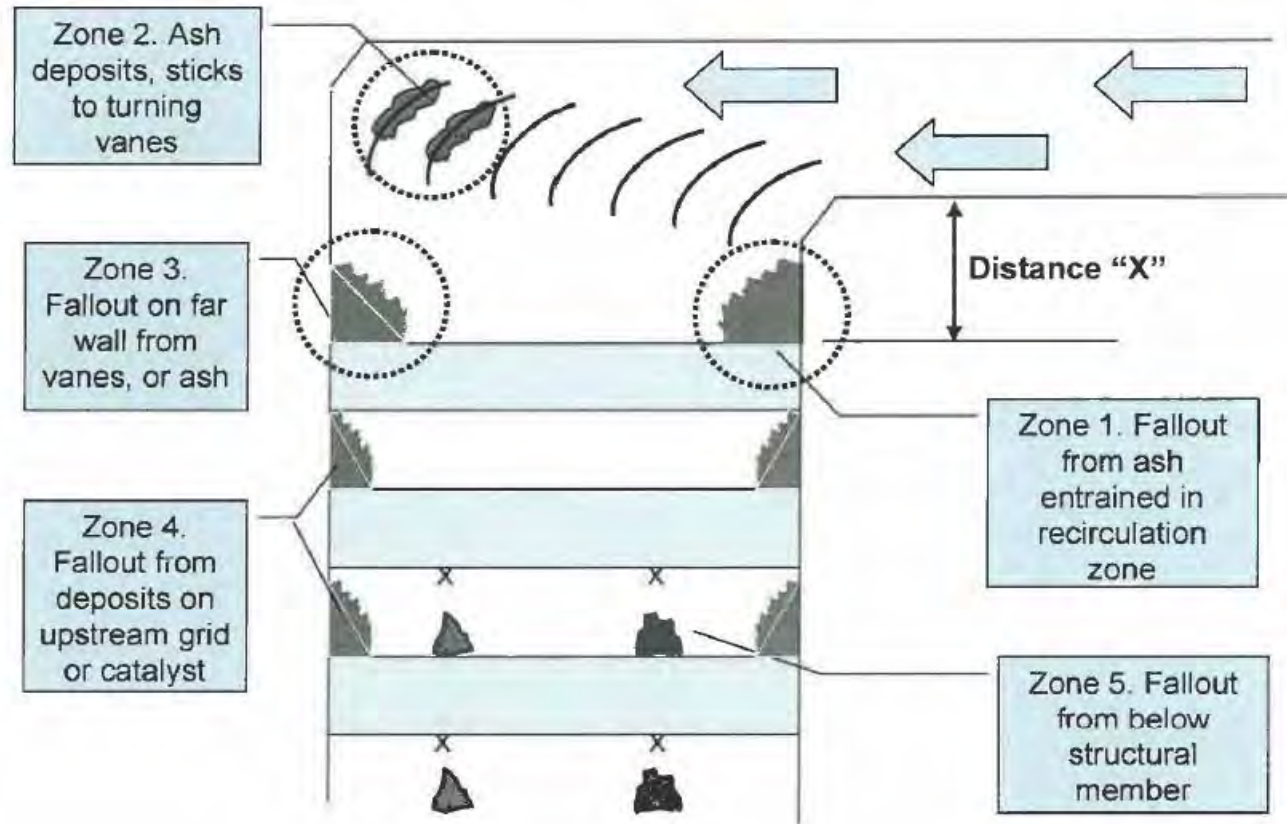
# EXCESS FLYASH PLUGGAGE from TURNING VANES-FLOW RECIRC-STRUCTURE

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*Guidelines for New SCR Systems*



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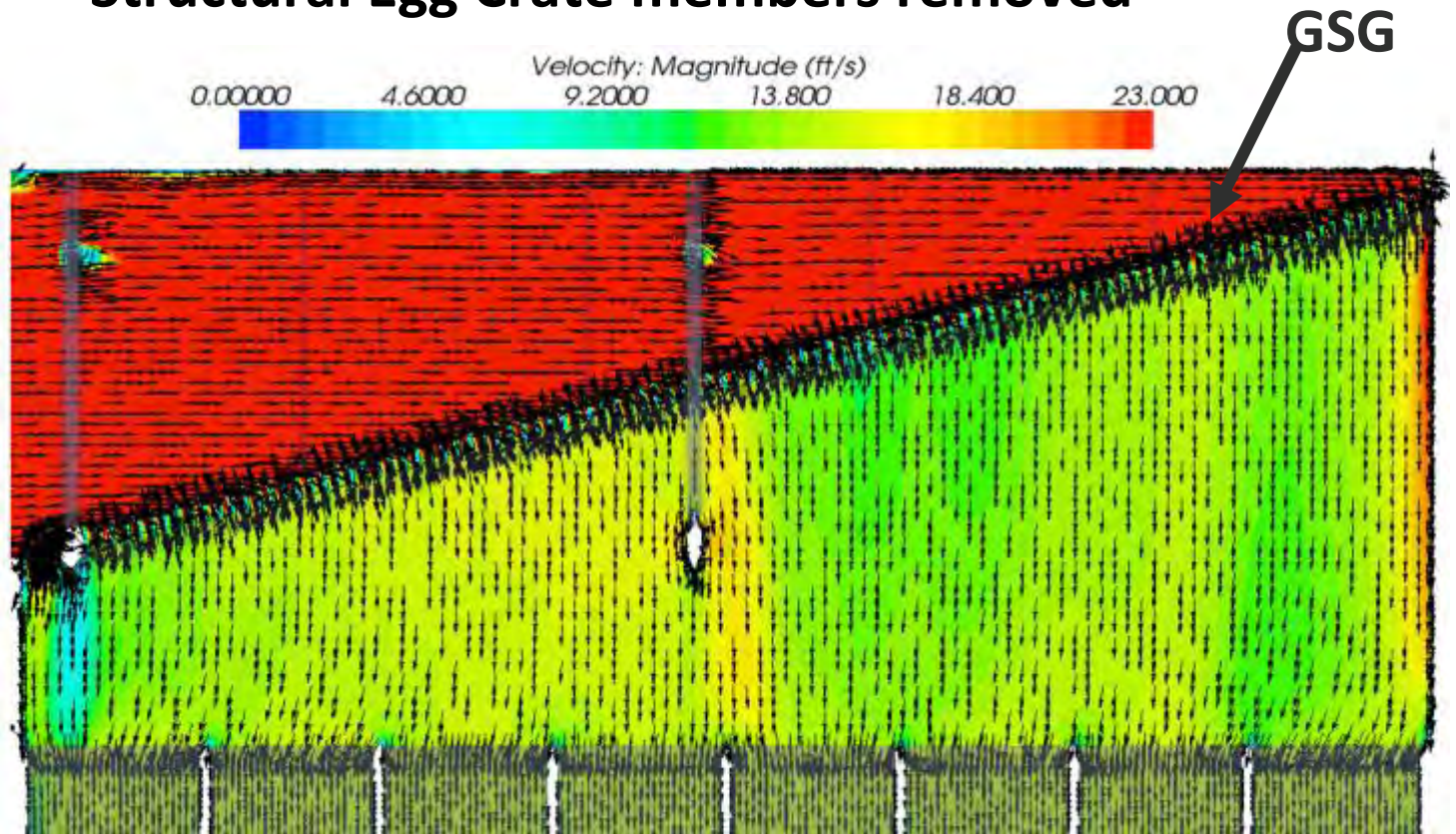


# FLOW MODELING CFD SHOWS GSG BENEFITS

- Graduated Straightening Grid (GSG) with variable Perforated Plate eliminates Turning Vane Recirc
- Structural Egg Crate members removed



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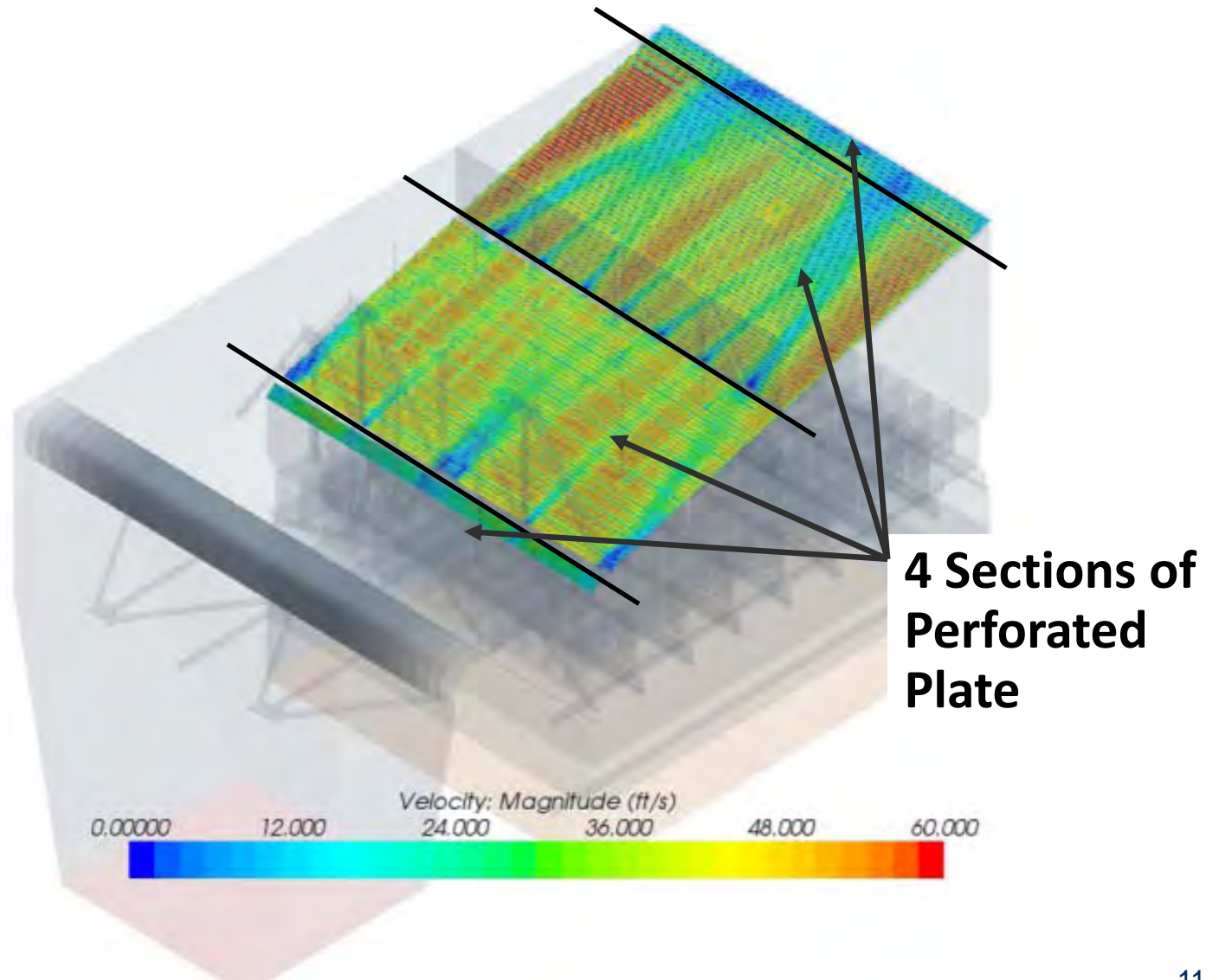
Vectors show very good straight flow in the hood.



# RUN 5 RESULTS (GSG) – VELOCITY



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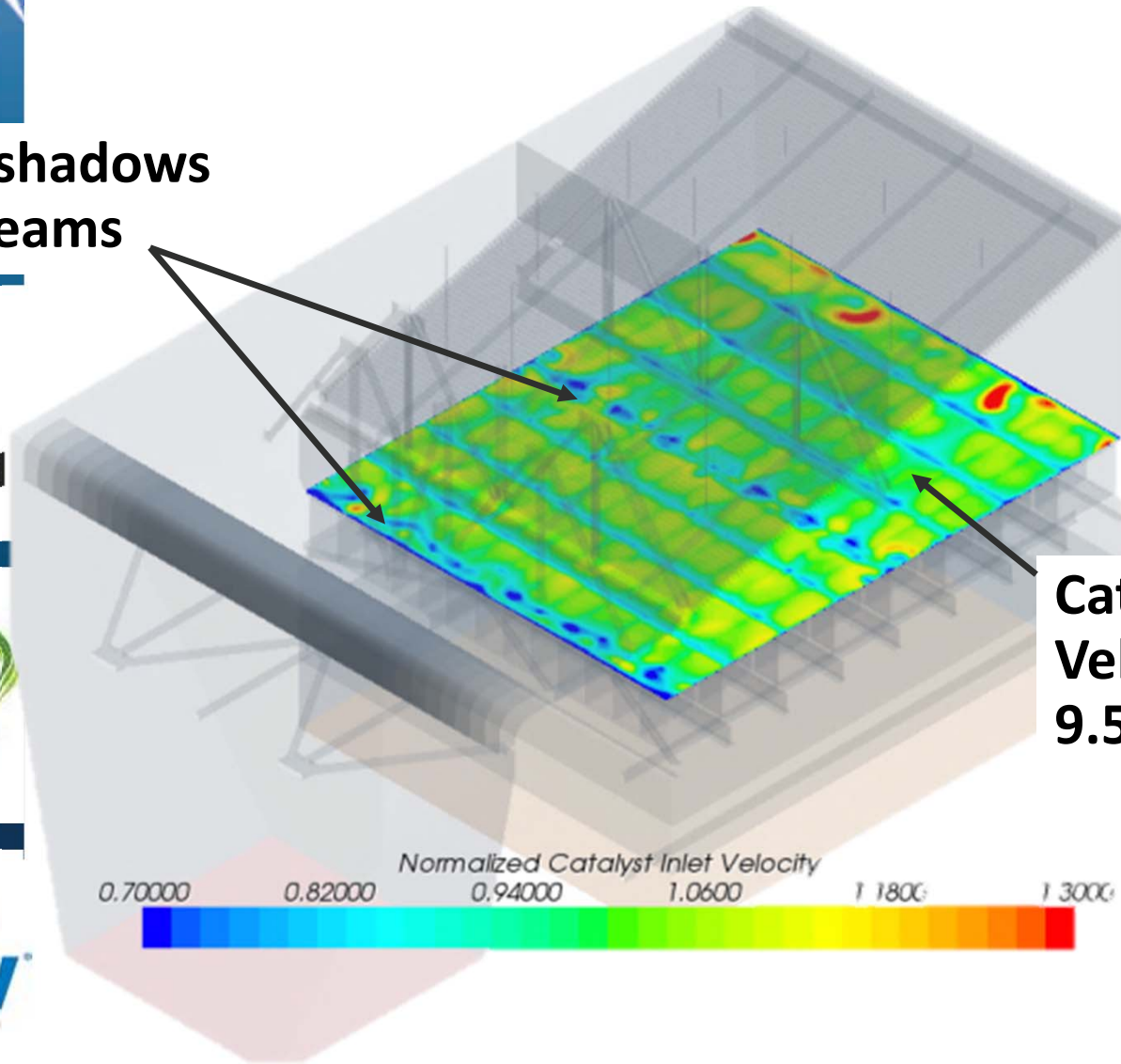


# RUN 5 RESULTS (REACTOR) – VELOCITY

Smaller shadows below beams



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Catalyst Inlet Velocity – 9.5% RMS



# FLOW MODELING CFD SHOWS GSG BENEFITS

	Baseline	GSG	Desired
Flow +/- 15%	58%	91%	100%
Flow +/- 30%	94%	99%	Not Used
RMS	17.5%	9.5%	Not Used



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# RESULTS AT 4 MONTHS

LAYER 2 – 2<sup>ND</sup> SEAL STRIP

LAYER 2 DIVISION WALL



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# CONSTRUCTION – DEMOLITION OF TURNING VANES



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# CONSTRUCTION – DEMOLITION OF EGG CRATE STRAIGHTENER AND SUPPORTS



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# CONSTRUCTION – EXTERNAL REINFORCEMENT



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# CONSTRUCTION – SCR CRANE



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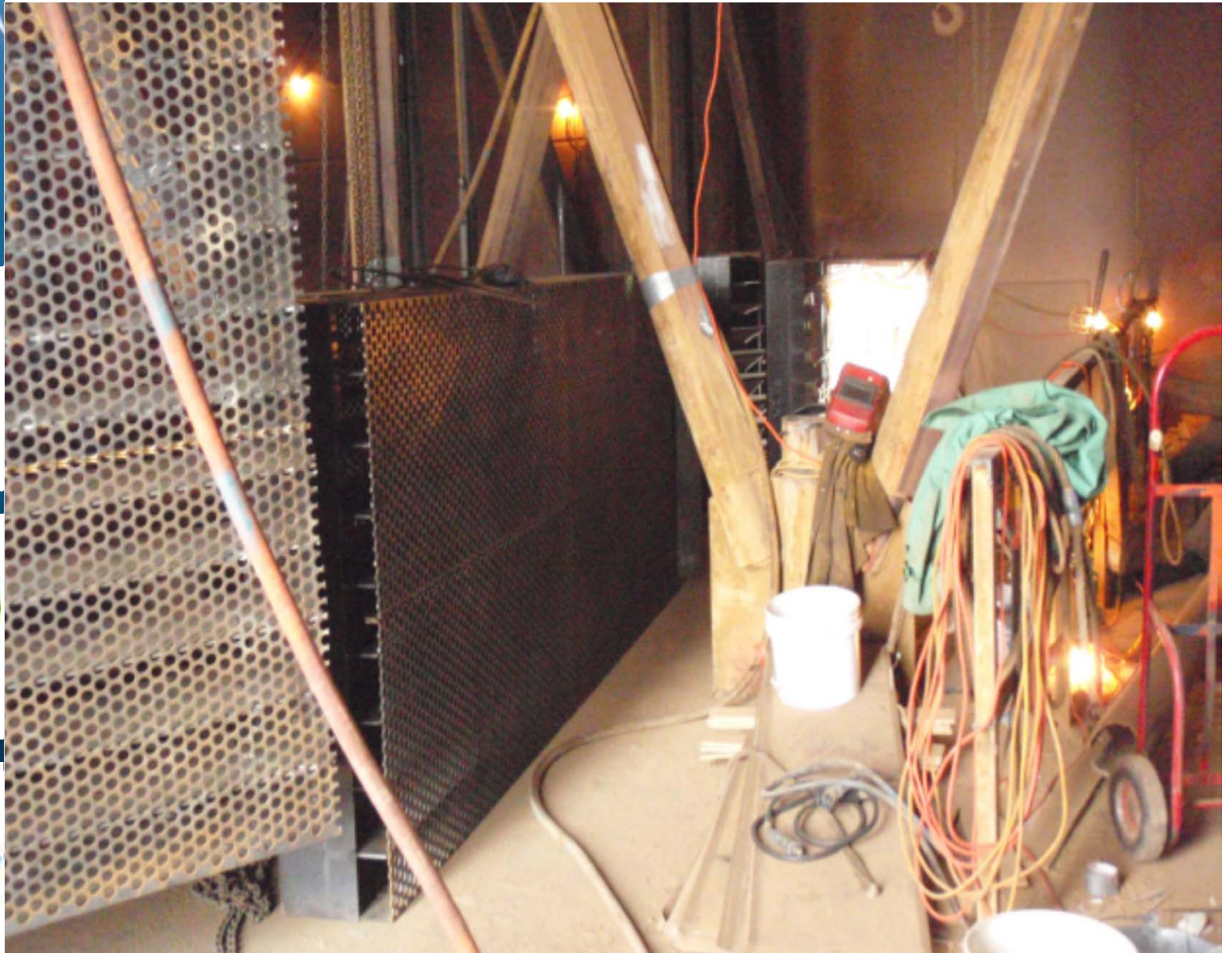




# CONSTRUCTION – GSG PANEL INSTALLATION



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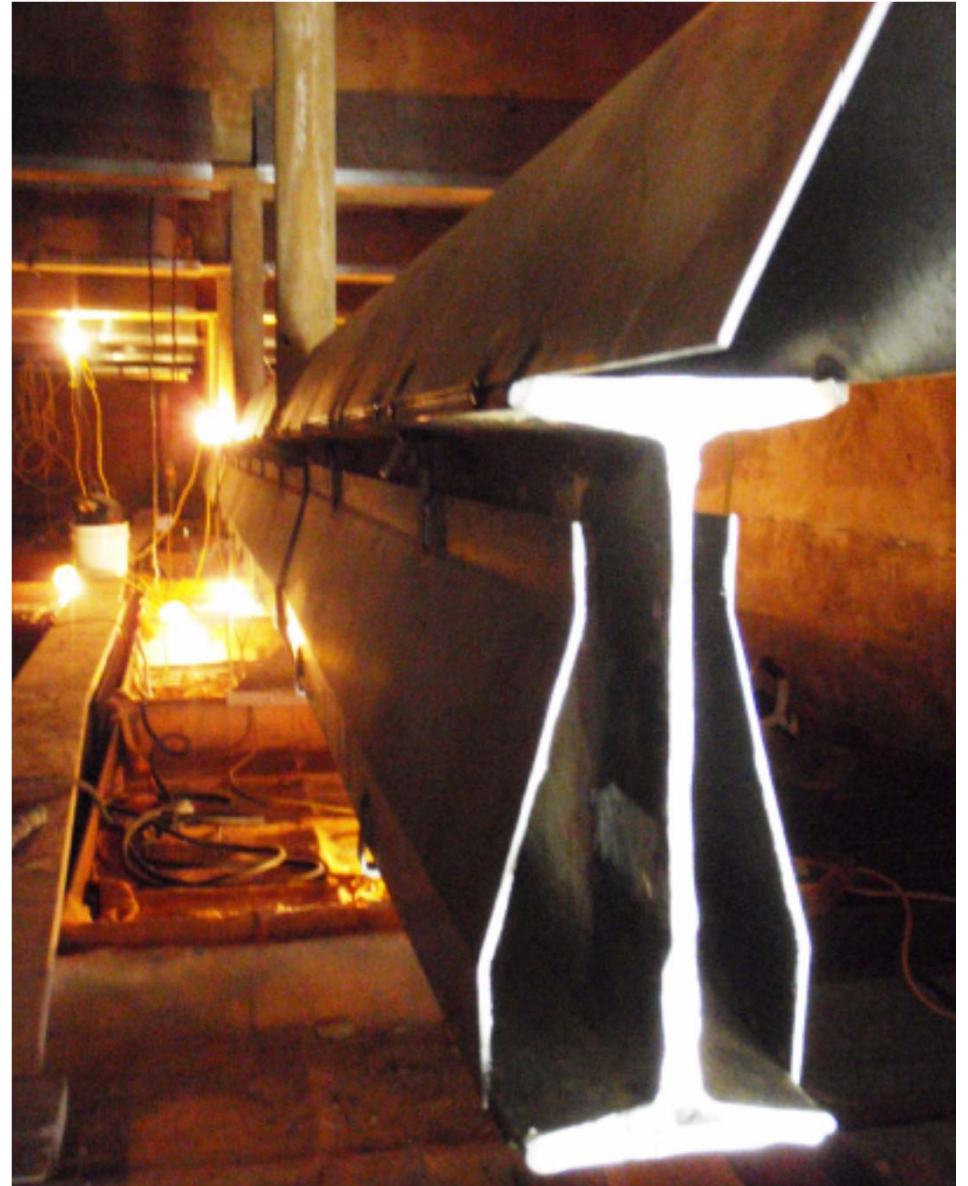


# EXCESS FLYASH PLUGGAGE – A-SCR LAYER 2 TENT SEAL STRIPS





# EXCESS FLYASH PLUGGAGE – BEAM ASH GUARDS



# CONSTRUCTION – LAYER 1 FLOOR GRATE AND ASH GUARDS



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# RESULTS AT 4 MONTHS

## LAYER 2 DIVISION WALL



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# GSG BENEFITS FOR LACYGNE UNIT 1 OPERATION

- Improved flue gas flow distribution and reduced fly ash accumulation resulting in:
  - Reduced catalyst replacement costs. The next catalyst layer replacement forecast after 2019, resulting in one layer being replaced after 7 years of operation.
  - Reduced fly ash vacuum removal costs/reduced complexity of outages
  - Reduced catalyst press drop and fan power costs eliminating de-rate of unit
  - Reduced ammonia slip and reagent costs. The lower ammonia slip also reduces FGD foaming potential that can damage ID Fans.
- **\$5M in realized cost savings**



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# KEY SCR DESIGN REQUIREMENTS AND OPERATING LESSONS LEARNED



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- Uniform, vertical, non-recirculating flow into catalyst
- Flue Gas flow design criteria – 15% from Mean vs. RMS or Cv
- CFD and Physical Modeling – Complimentary design activities. Matching results validate each model.
- Flow Modeler needs to have SCR experience & PRB coal experience
- Flow model resolution – 5-10,000,000 cells SCR Hood to Layer 1
- Equipment modeled – 6” in physical / all flow disturbances in CFD



# KEY SCR DESIGN REQUIREMENTS AND OPERATING LESSONS LEARNED



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- Minimal structure inside SCR and Gas Flues – flow disturbances
- Minimize horizontal surfaces – PRB ash accumulates on any surface
- Catalyst pitch – minimum 8mm Honeycomb or 5.6mm plate
- Outage layup – keep SCR hot or use heaters to prevent condensation
- Sonic horn failures – Moisture and PM
- LPA screen failures – Erosion or layout
- Outage ash cleaning method – vacuum to catalyst face
- Inspections and Monitoring – catalyst management program



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