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# COMBUSTION OPTIMIZATION For T-Fired Boiler Applications

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# Tangential Firing System

## Key Advantages

- Inherently Lower NOx Emissions
- Provides Horizontal Mixing of the Combustion Products
- Lower Combustion Temperature
- Tilting Nozzles Provide Extended Steam Temperature Control Range without FGR
- Minimizes the Need for Gas Recirculation

# Tangential Firing System

## Tangential Flame Pattern



## Keys to Proper Combustion

- Fuel and PA Distribution
- Coal & PA Velocity
- Secondary Air Control
- Secondary Air Balance
- Secondary Air Velocity
- Tilt Control

# Example of a Low NOx Arrangement

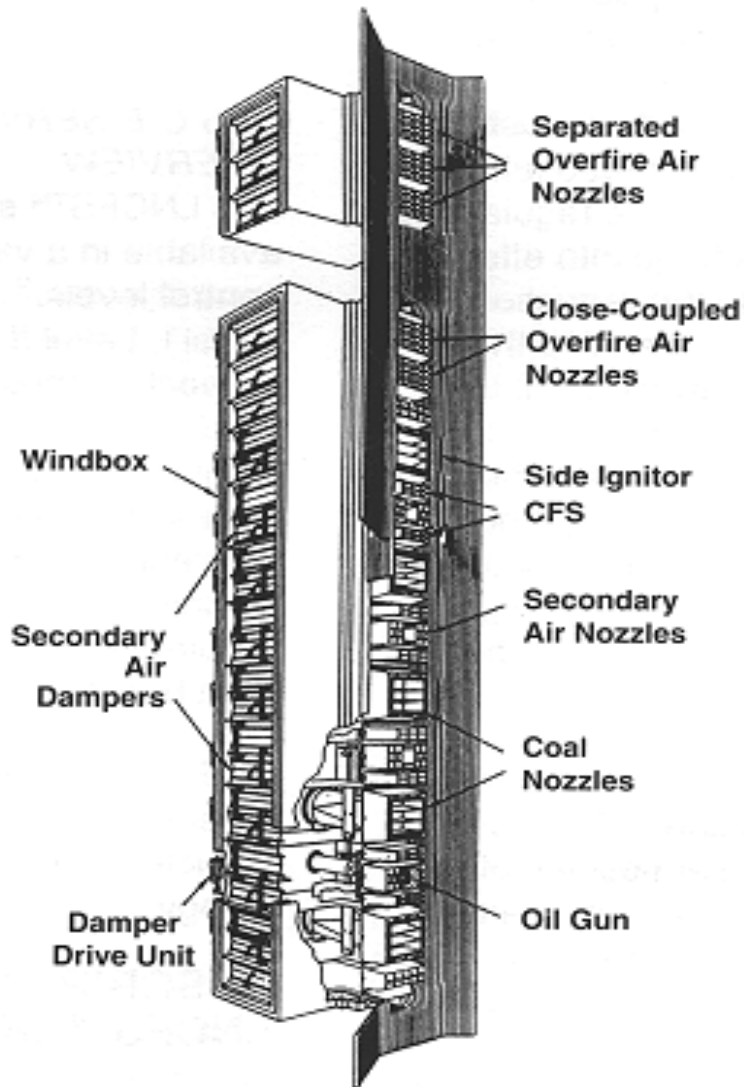
## Tangential Windbox Corner

Each windbox is a series of alternating air and fuel nozzle tips.

These nozzle tips introduce the air and fuel into the furnace.

Tangential firing produces turbulence.

The furnace is the burner.

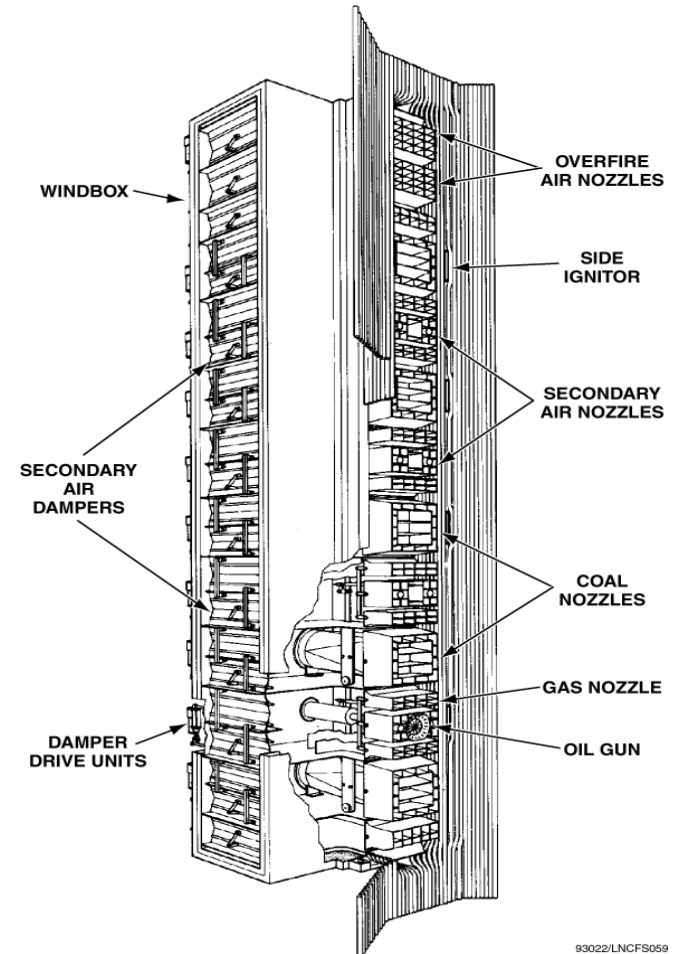


# Windboxes Are Part of A System!

Windboxes are part of a system that includes:

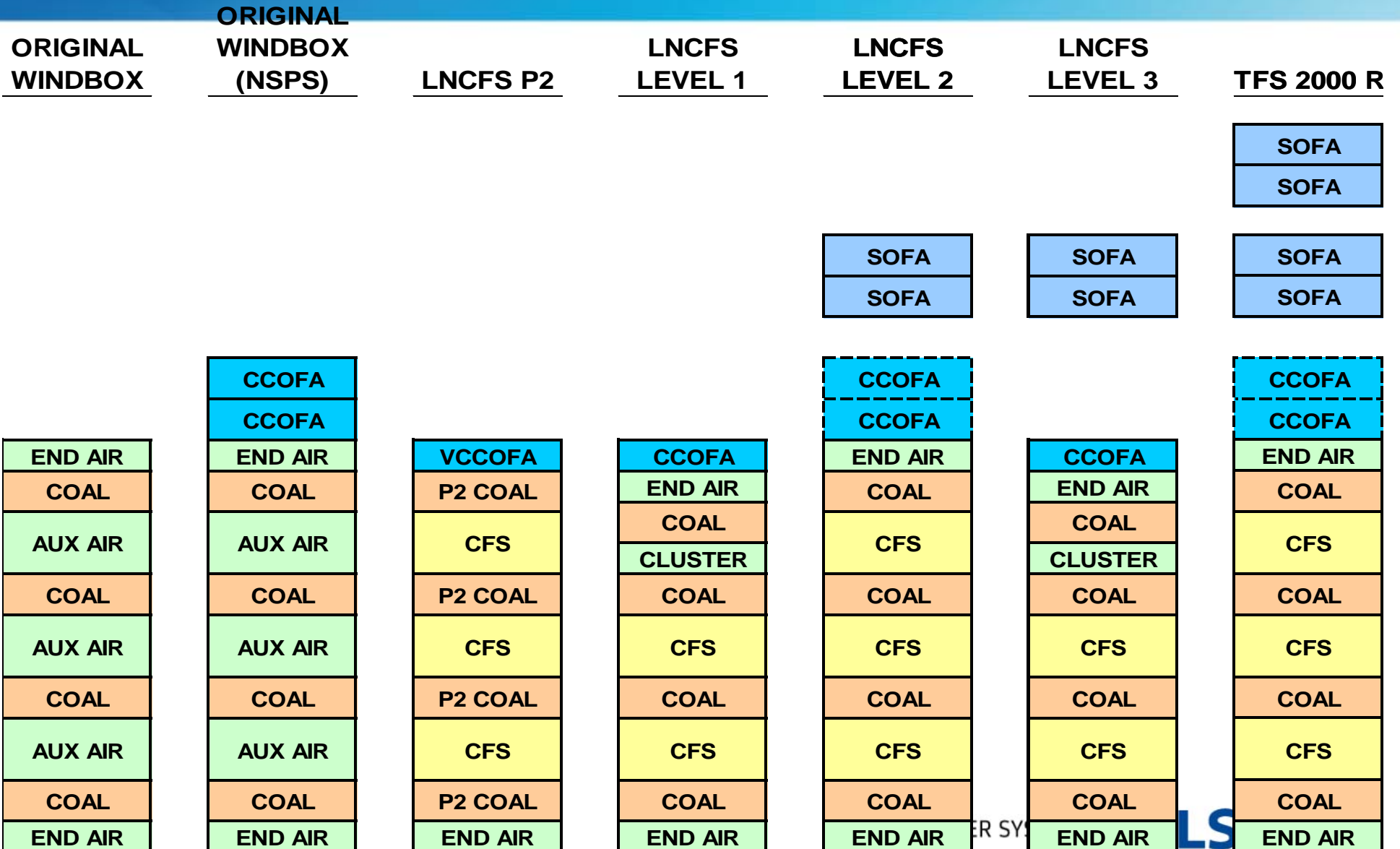
- Coal Piping
- Secondary Air Connecting Ducts
- Buckstays
- Waterwall Tubes

*These components are inter-related!*

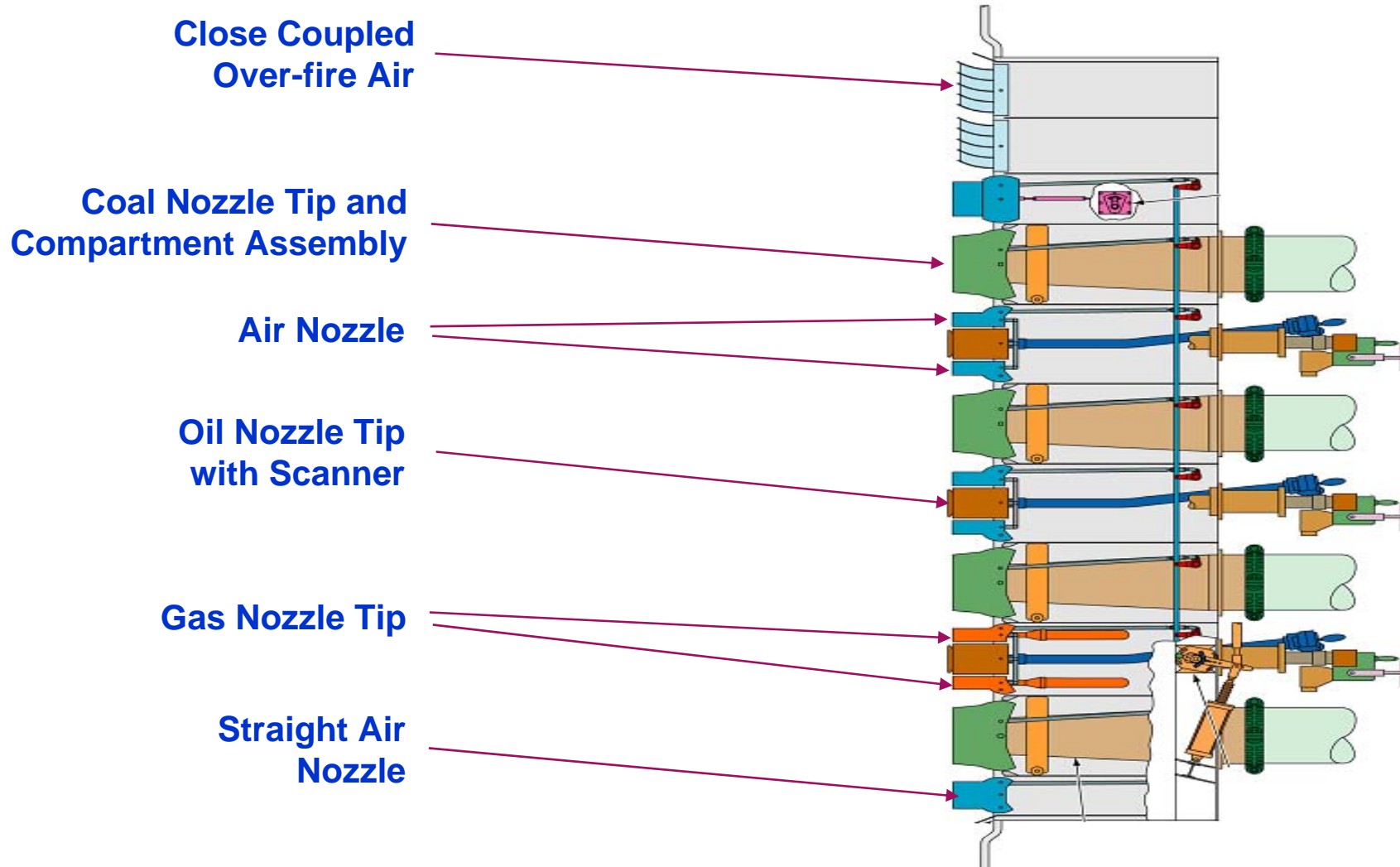


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# In-Furnace NOx Options

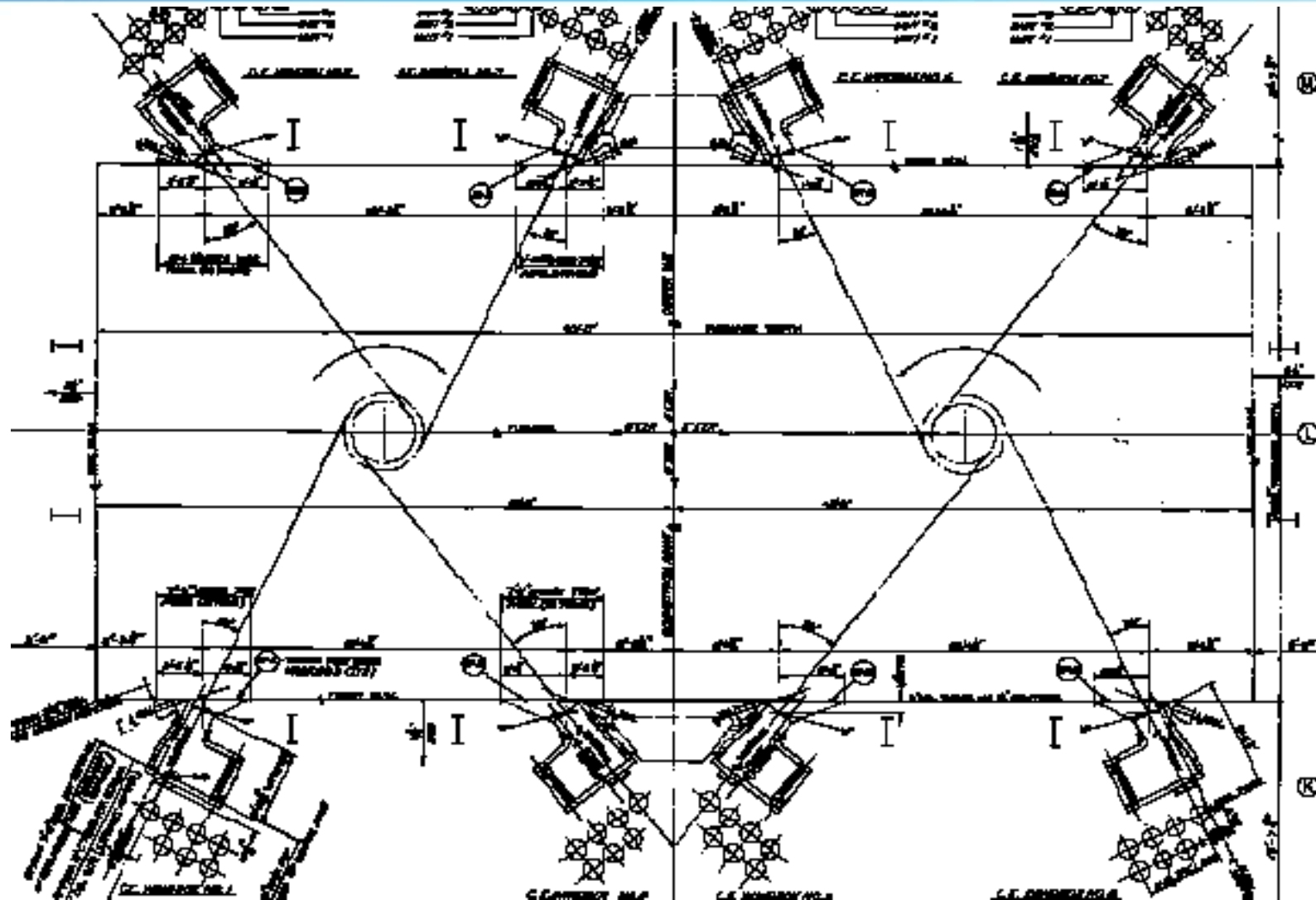


# Windbox for a Tangentially-Fired Combustion System



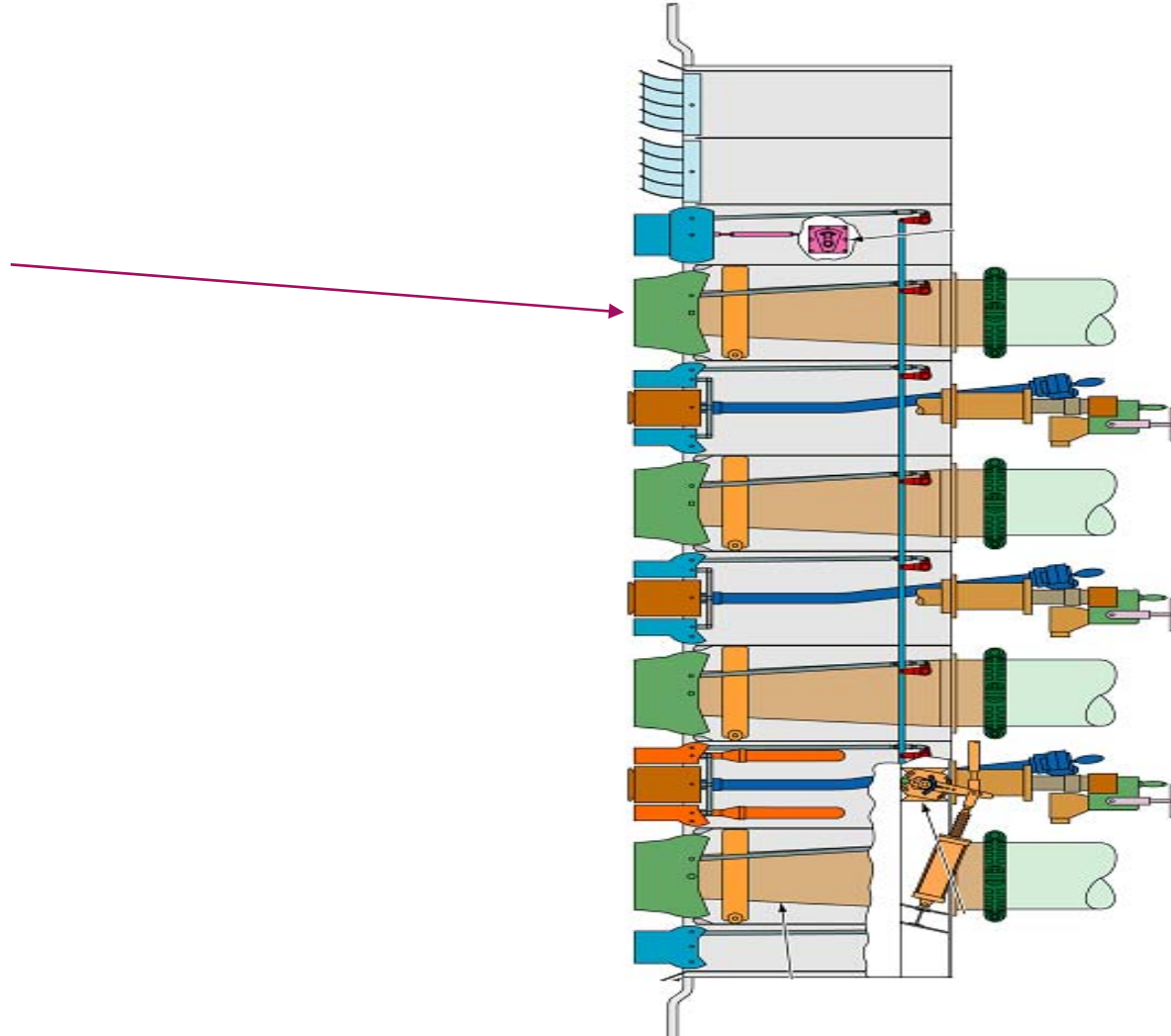


# Plan View of Divided Furnace

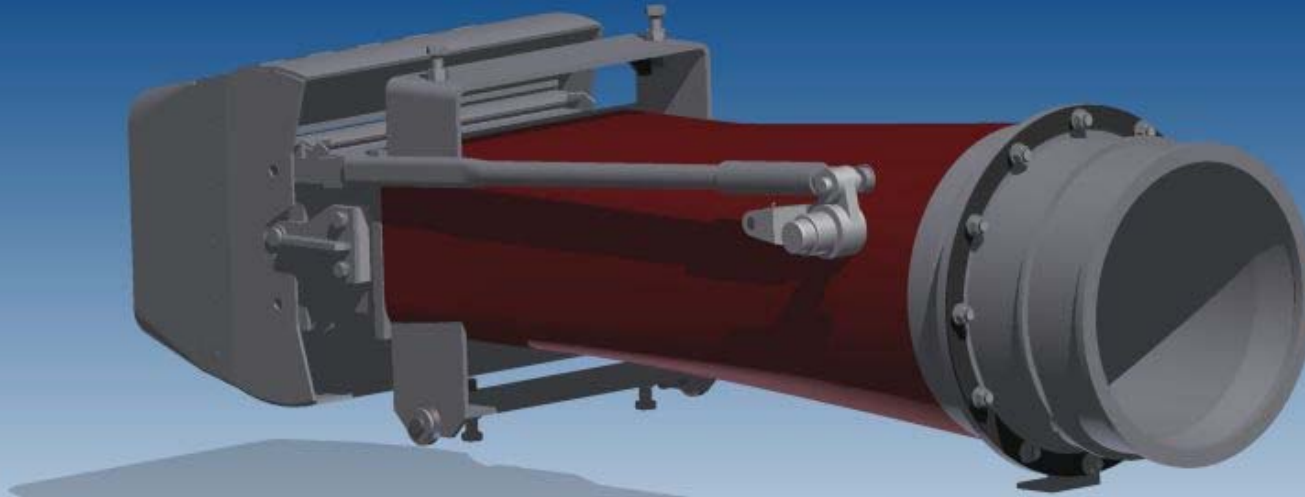


# Coal Nozzle Tip and Compartment Assembly

**Coal Tip and  
Compartment  
Assembly**



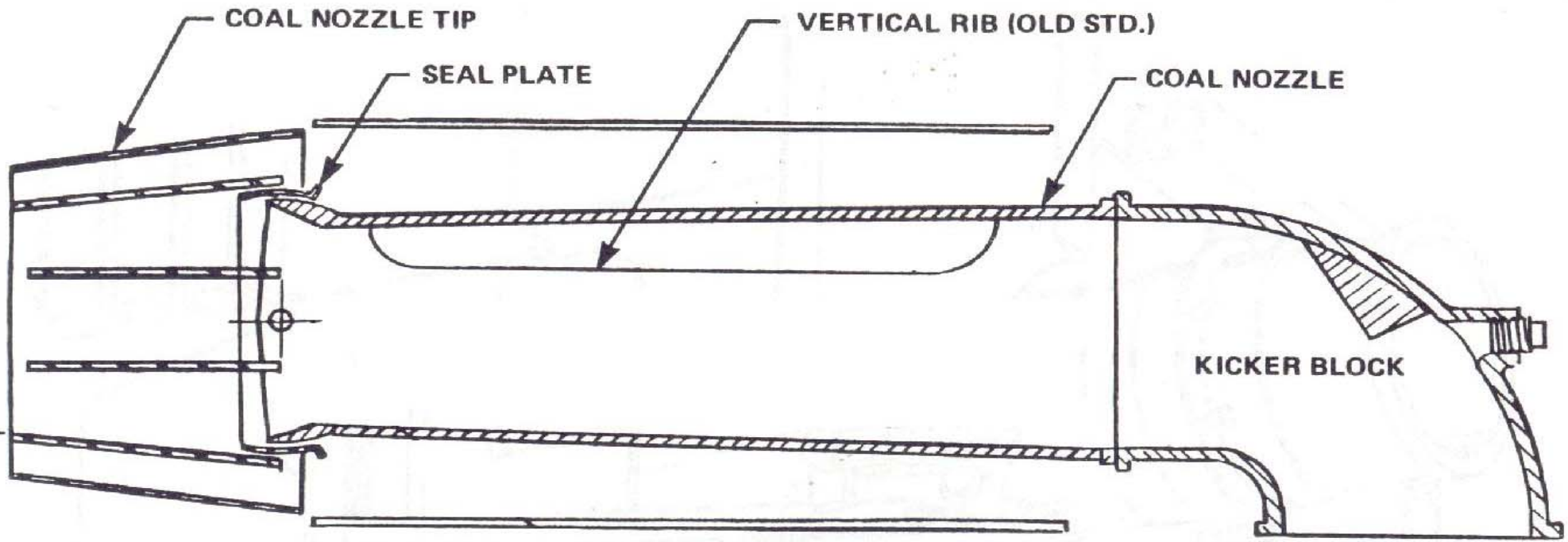
# Coal Compartment Assembly



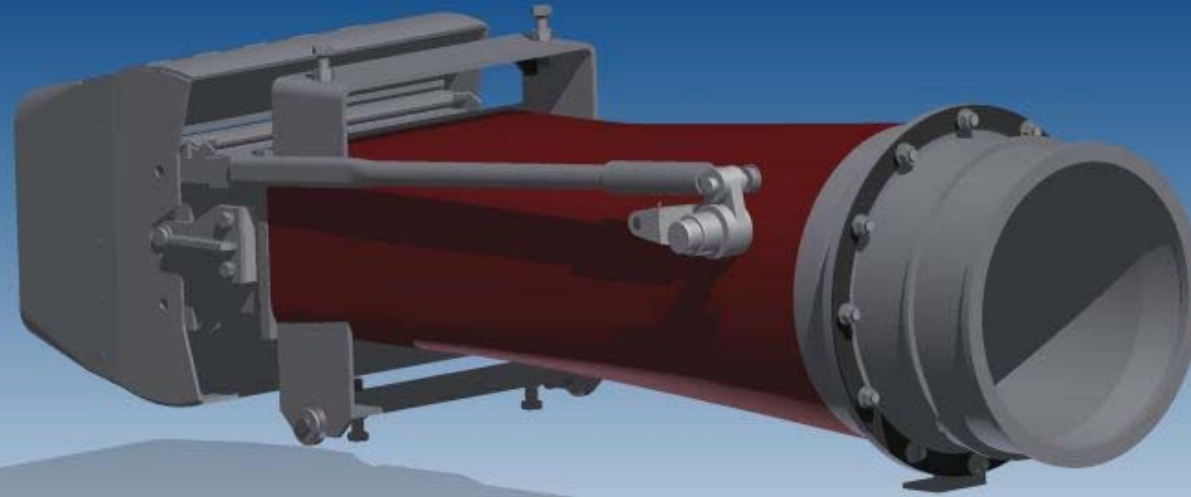
## Function

- Direct coal / Transport air into furnace
- Establish Stable Combustion
- Control heat absorption by tilting action

# Typical Coal Compartment Assembly



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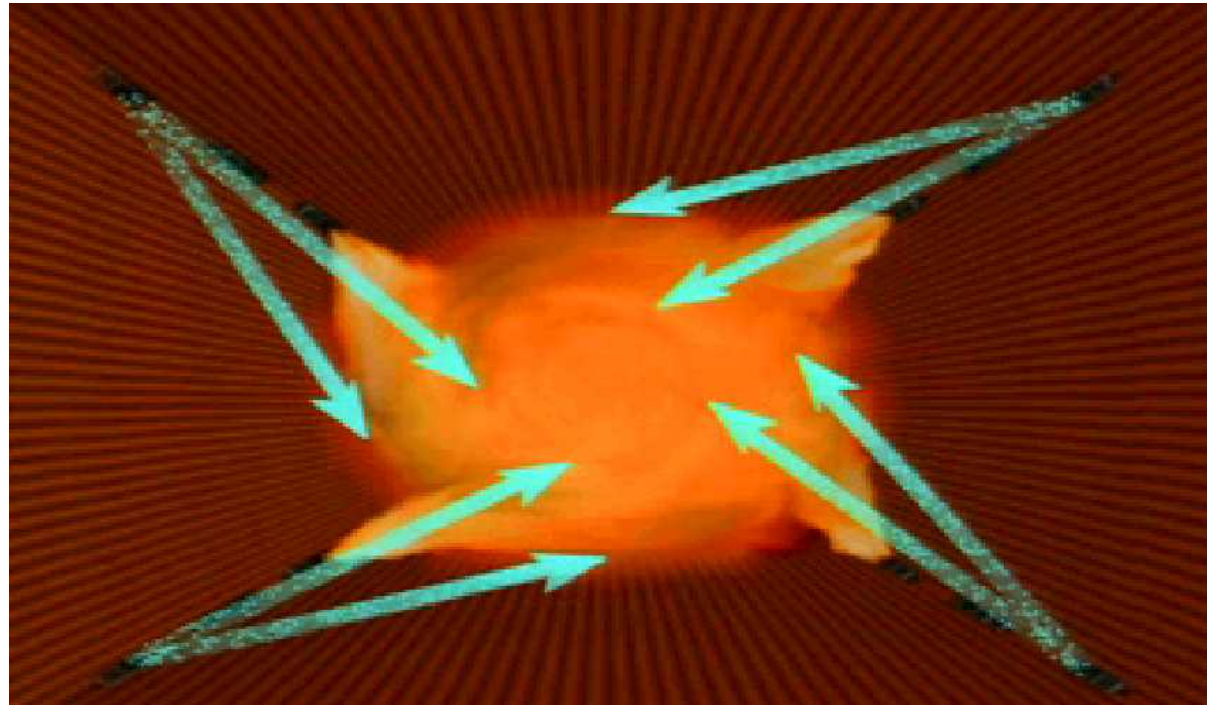
## Typical Issues

- Matching Wear Life to Outage Schedules
- Overheating / Pluggage / Deposition
- Poor Carbon Burnout, NOx or CO

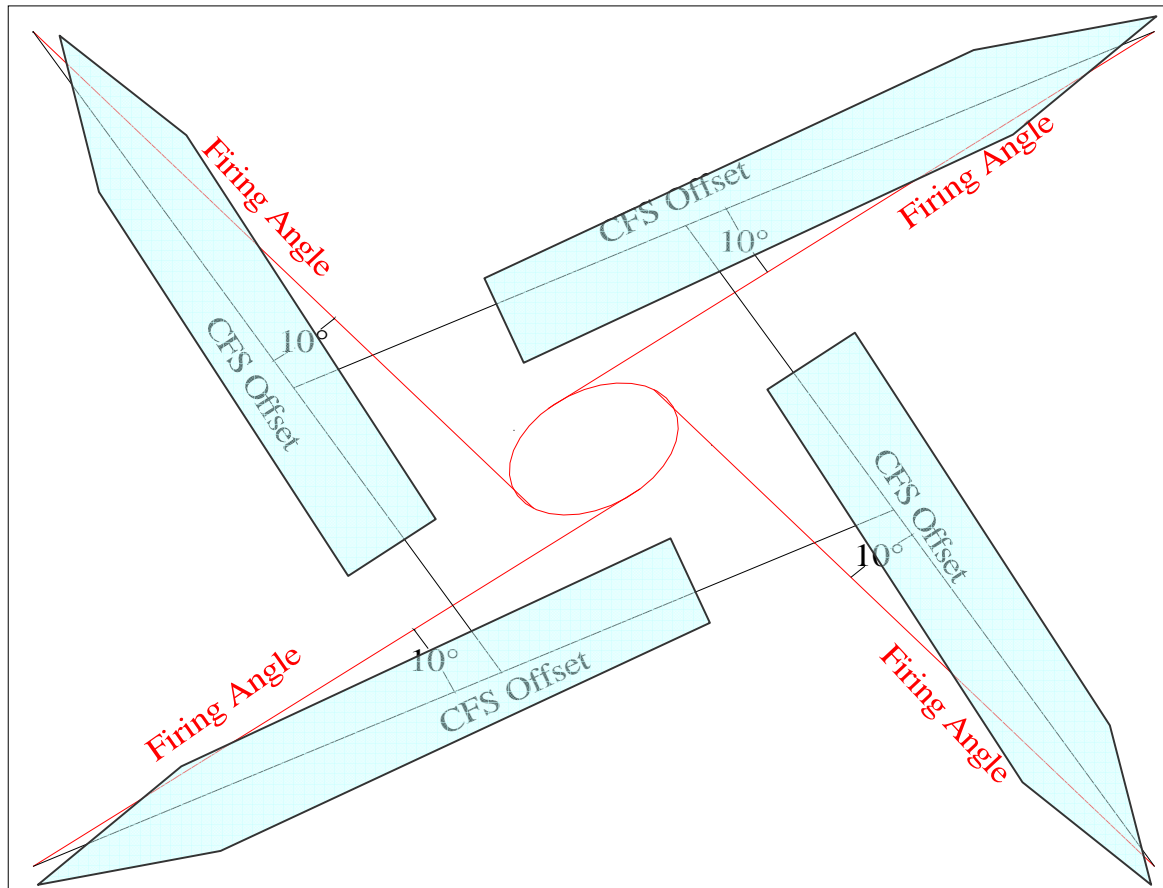
# Concentric Firing System, CFS™

Creates an Oxidizing Near Wall Environment

- Decreases Slagging / Increases Waterwall Heat Absorption
- Promotes Oxidation of Sulfur Species for Reduced Waterwall Wastage

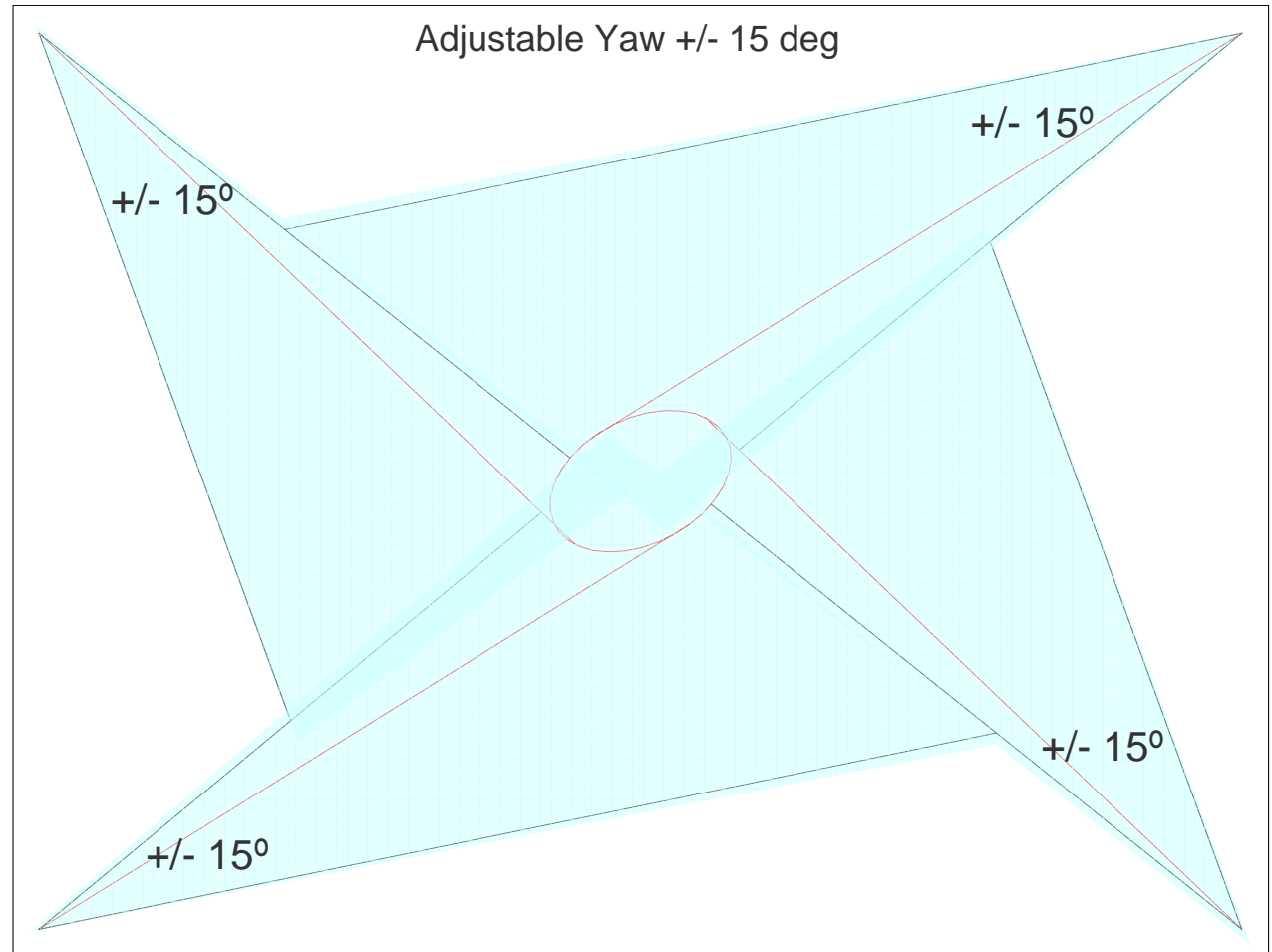


# Fixed CFS Tips

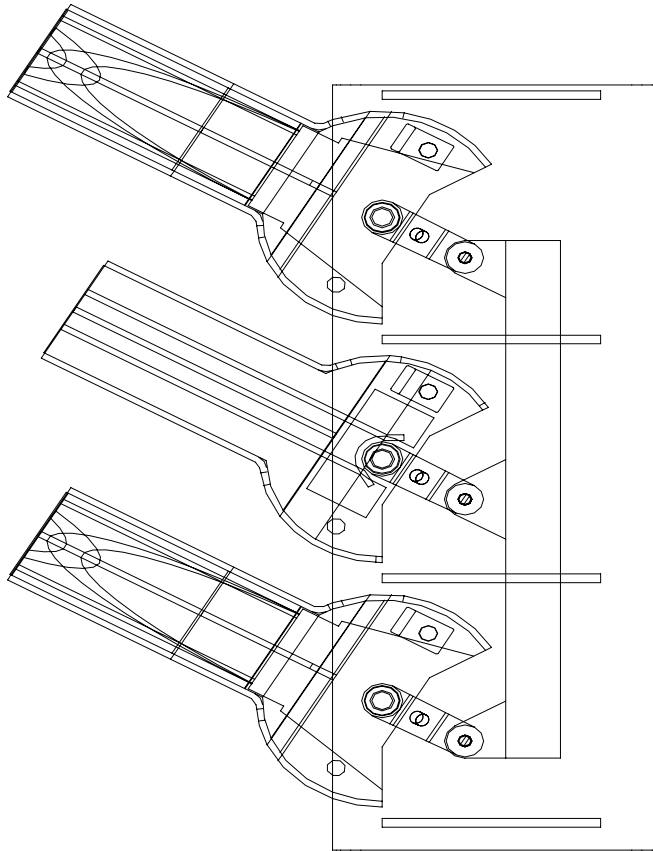


# Adjustable Yaw CFS Tips

- Provides more adjustability
- Can provide more oxygen closer to the waterwalls
- Each compartment has it's own independent mechanism



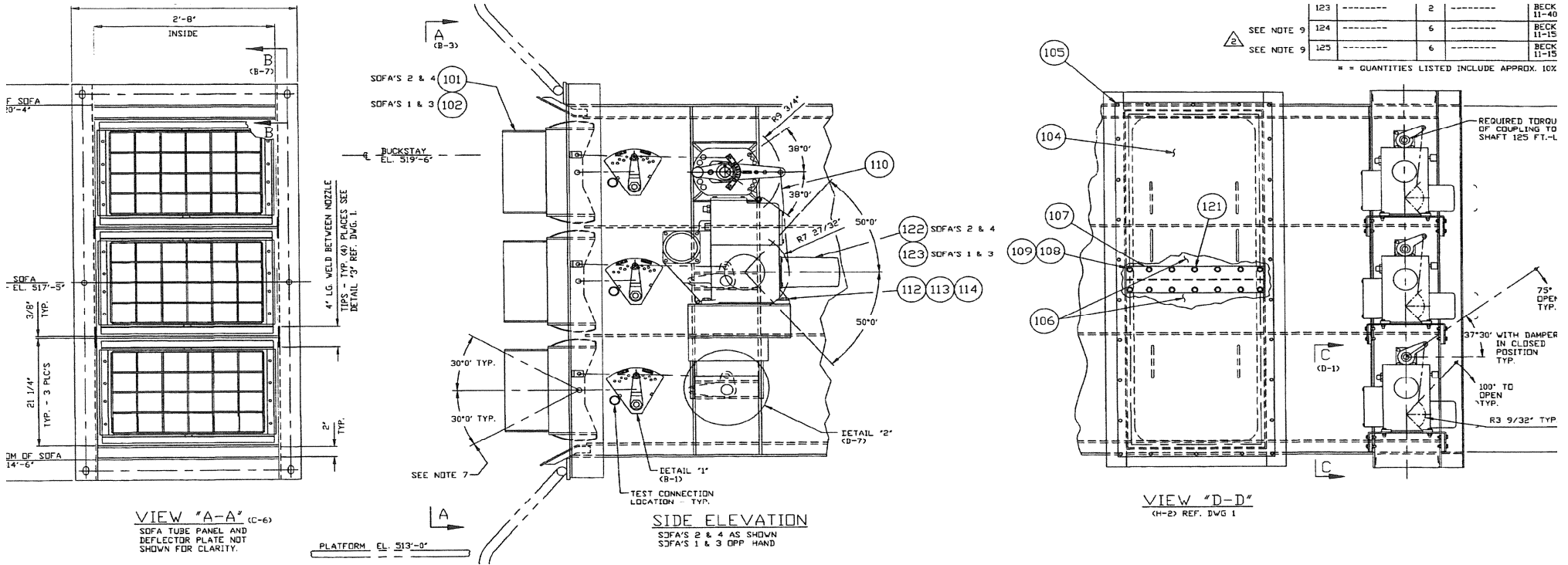
# Bulbous Nozzle Tips



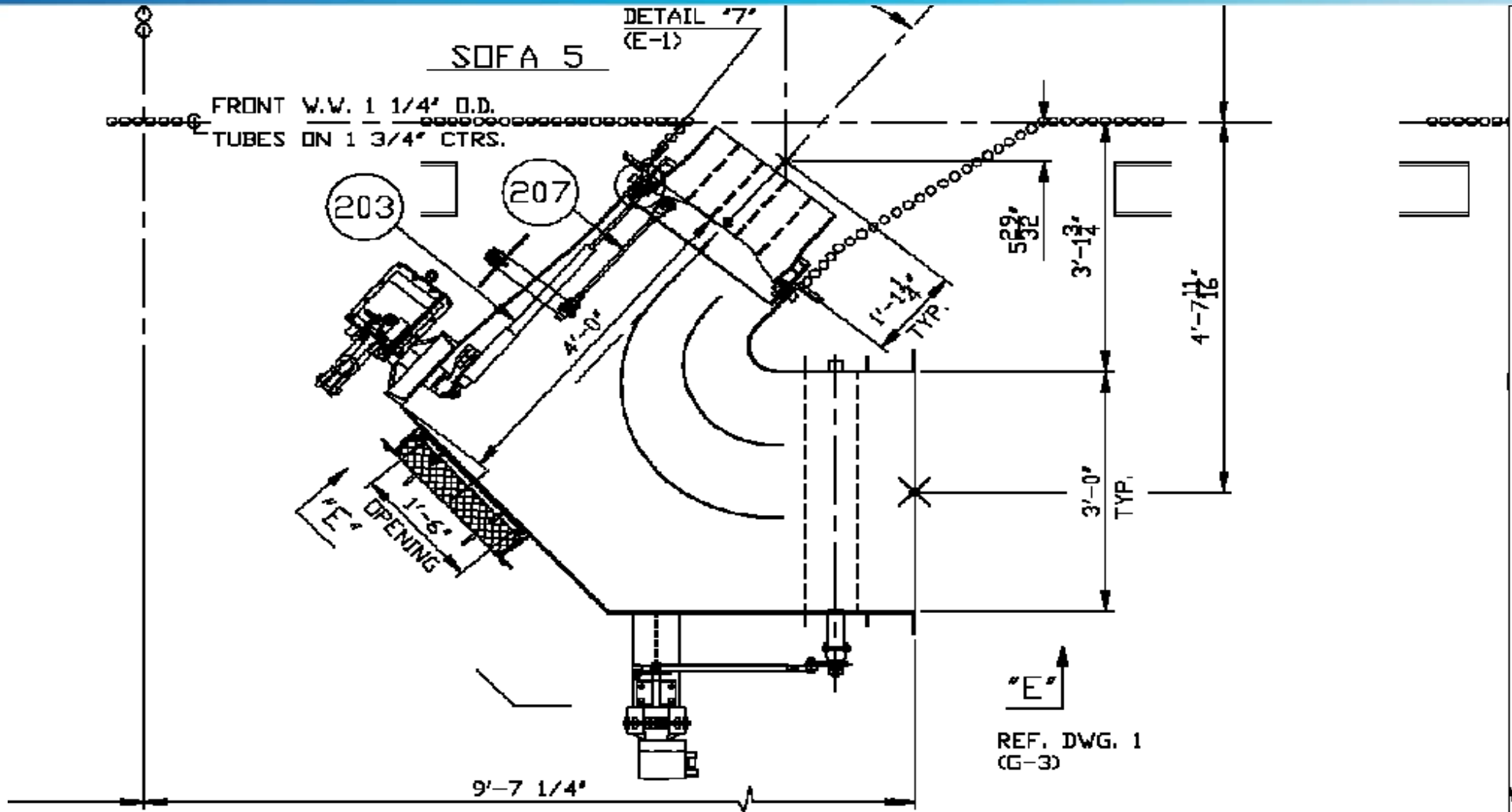
## Features:

- Better Airflow Control (even under tilted conditions)
- Optimizes “Jet” Penetration
- Improves Combustion Performance

# SOFA Side View

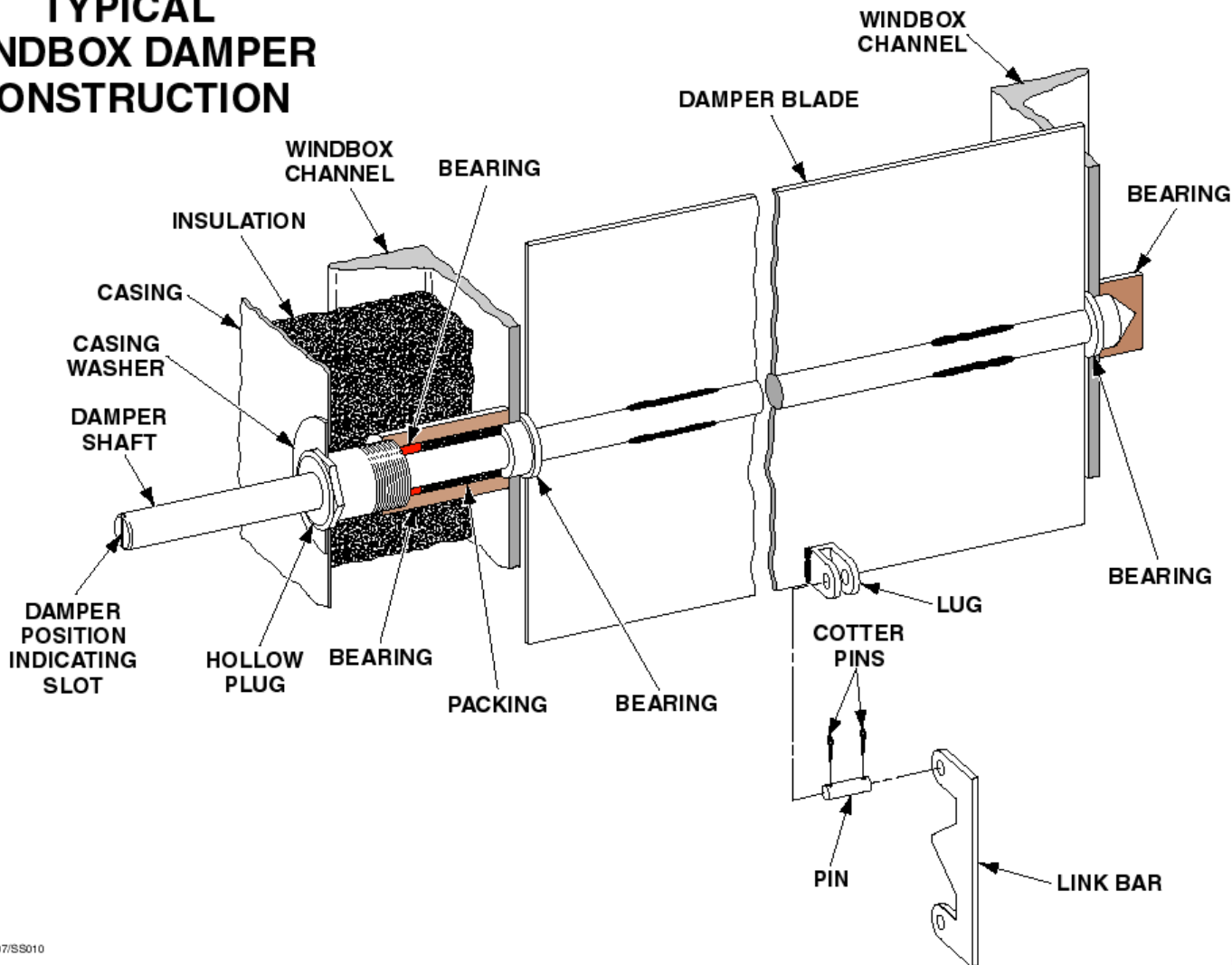


# OFA Register - Plan View



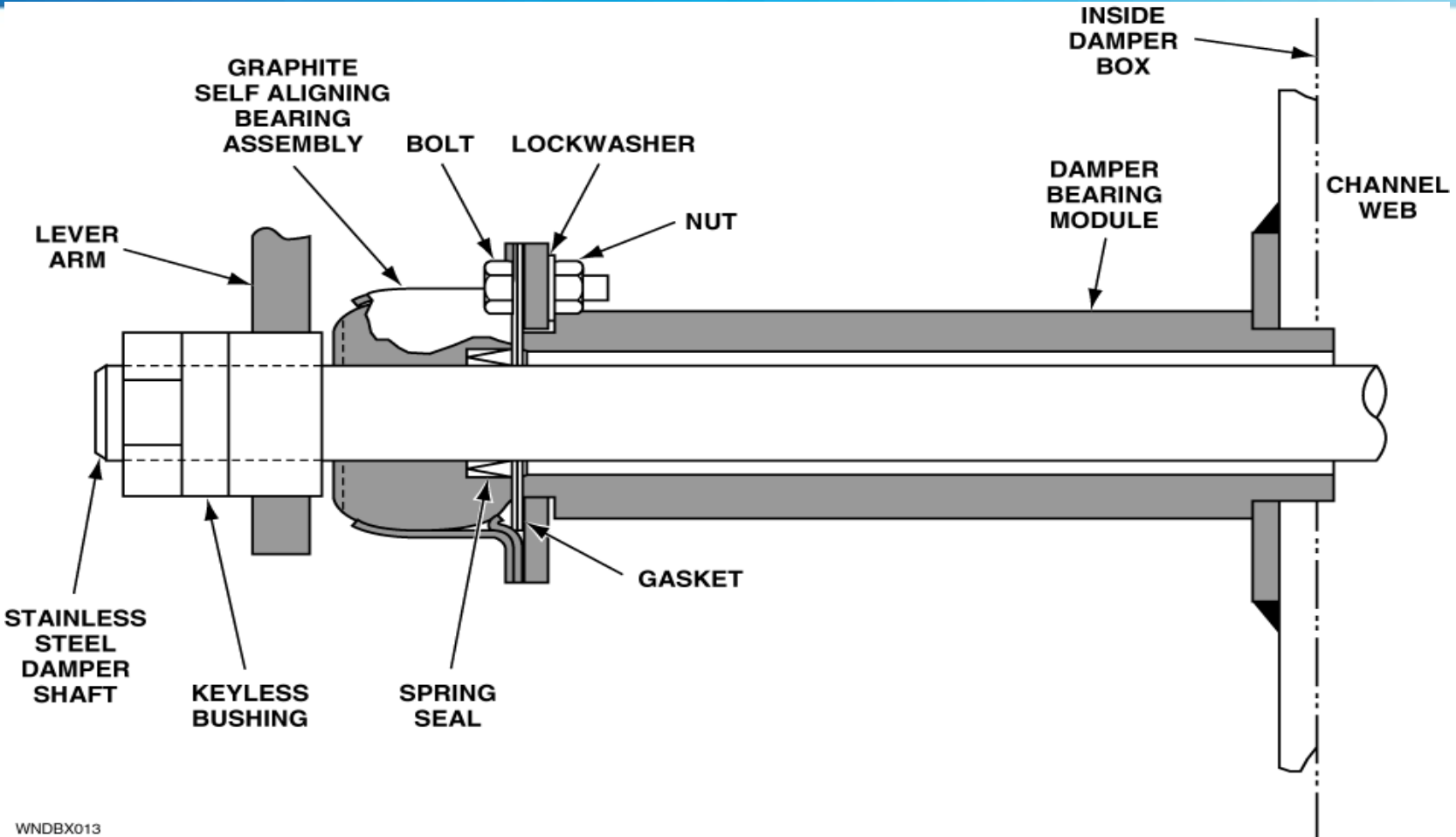
# Windbox Design:

## TYPICAL WINDBOX DAMPER CONSTRUCTION



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# Windbox Design:



WNDBX013

## SPHERICAL GRAPHITE DAMPER BEARING

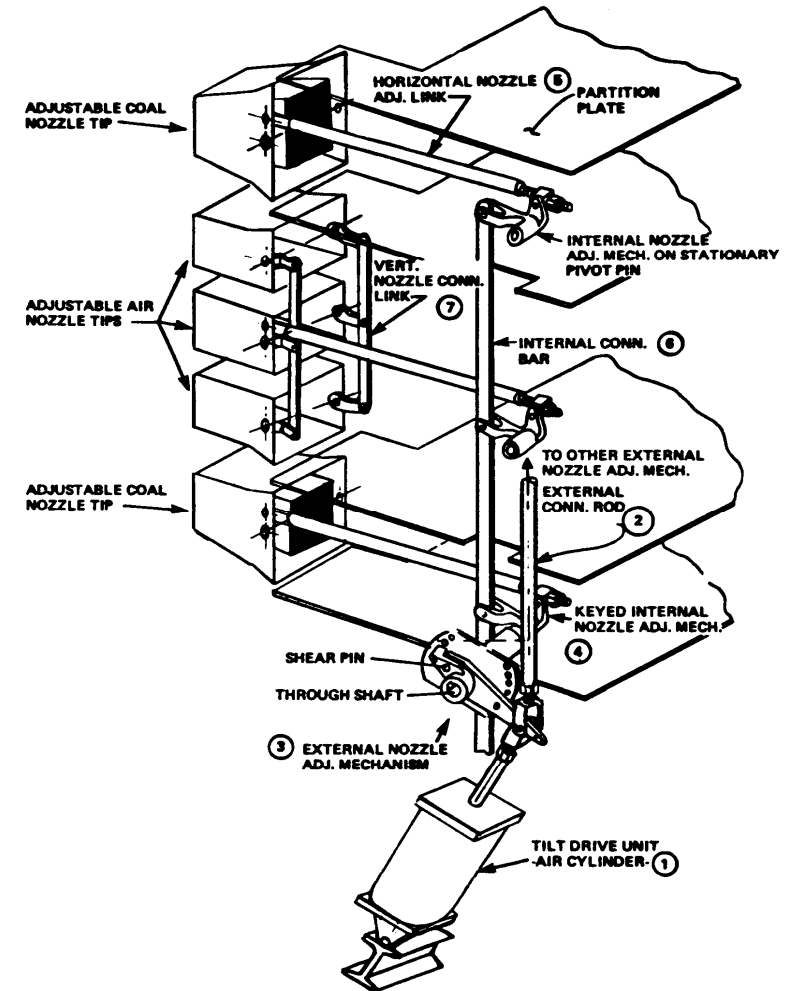
# Indirect Drive Tilt Drive System

## *Major causes of tilt binding:*

- Excess coal pipe loading on coal nozzle
- Faulty fabrication, modifications and/or improper adjustment of windbox internals
- Corrosion and seizing of components
- Lack of trussing

## *Lesser Causes:*

- Excessive slag build up around nozzle tips
- Distorted nozzle tips due to overheating
- Slag crushing



# Background to NOx Emissions

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# Design Considerations Influencing NOx

## Design Characteristics

- Heat Release Rates
- Burner Design & Spacing
- Residence Time
- Furnace Geometry

## Fuel Properties

- FC/VM Ratio
- Fuel Nitrogen
- Coal Rank
- O/N Ratio
- Moisture and Ash

## Boiler Operation

- Unit Load
- Air Staging – Quantity & Location
- Excess Air
- Air In-leakage
- Mills in Service
- Fuel Biasing
- WB Air Distribution
- PA/Fuel Ratio
- Tilt Position (Steam Temp Control)
- Slagging/Fouling Profiles
- Sootblower Control Sequence
- Other Parameters (CO, UBC, etc.)

# Typical Control Curve Characteristics

TFS-2000<sup>R</sup> Low NOx Concentric Firing System Operation and Maintenance

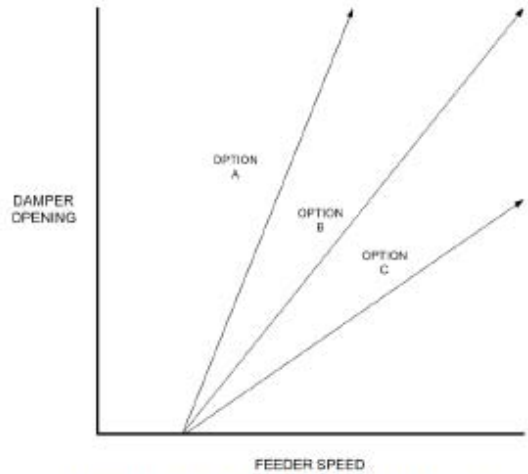


Figure 23: Possible Fuel Air vs. Feeder Speed

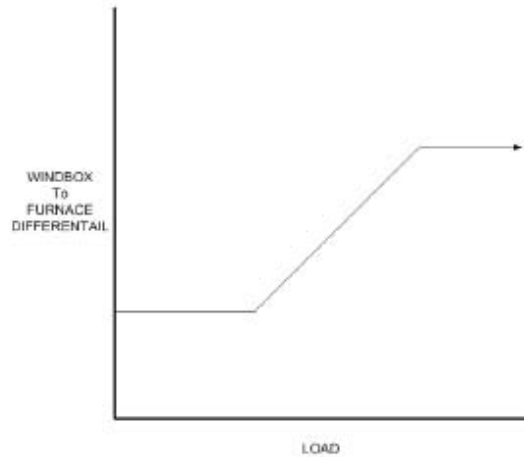


Figure 24: Possible Windbox-to-Furnace Pressure vs. Load



Figure 25: Possible CCOFA vs. Load

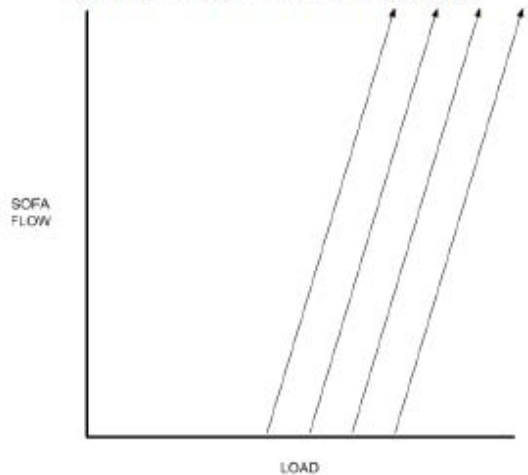


Figure 26: Possible SOFA vs. Load

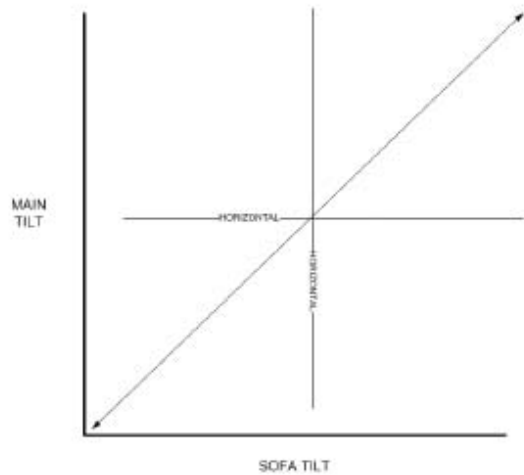


Figure 27: Possible Tilt Control Main vs. SOFA

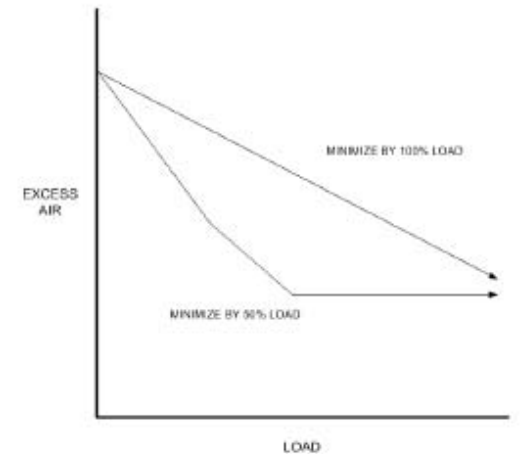
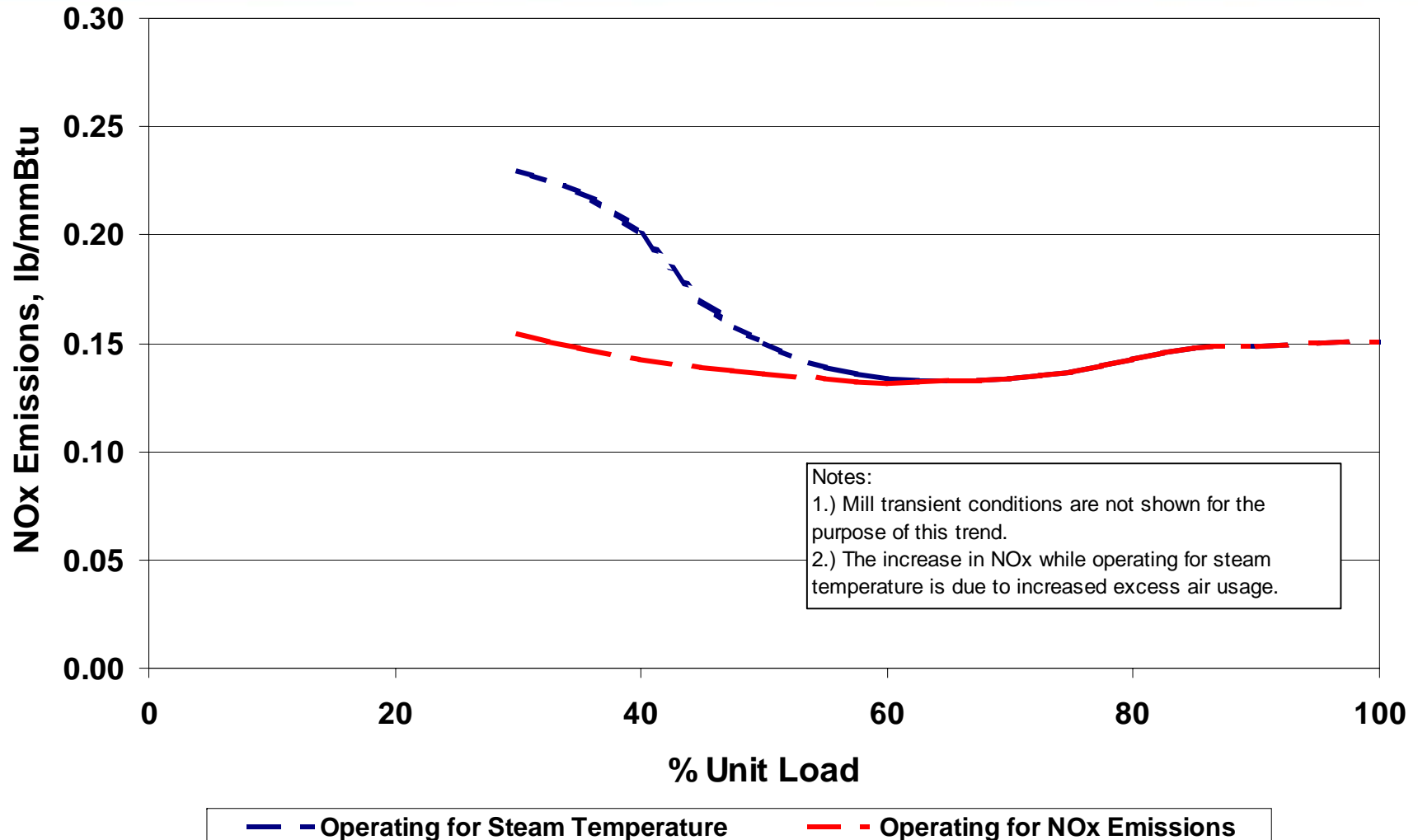


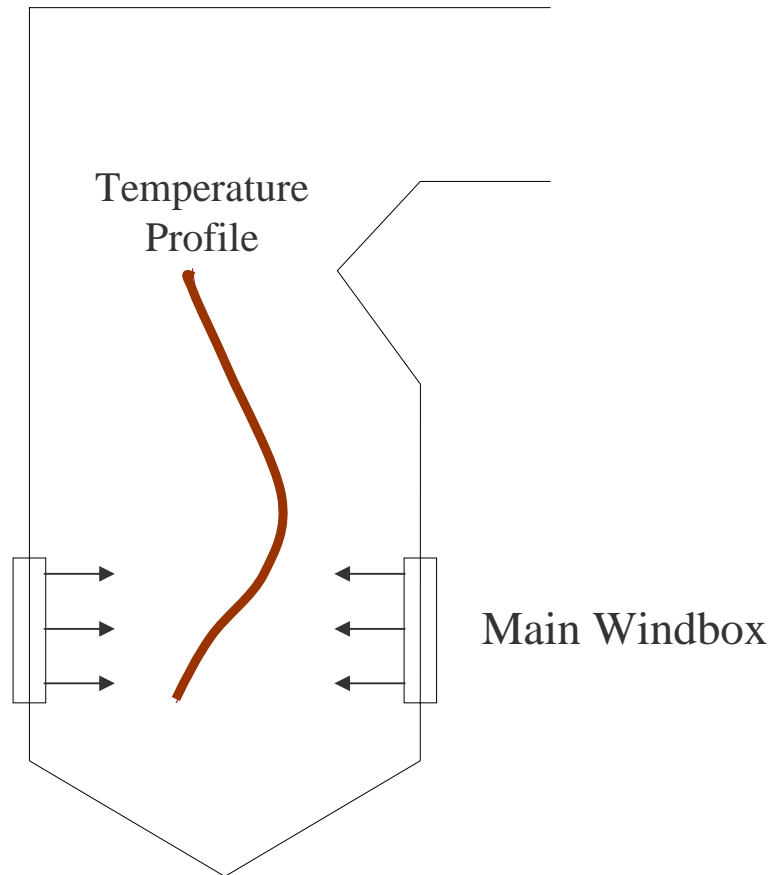
Figure 28: Possible Excess Air Setpoint vs. Load

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# Typical Trend of NOx versus Unit Load



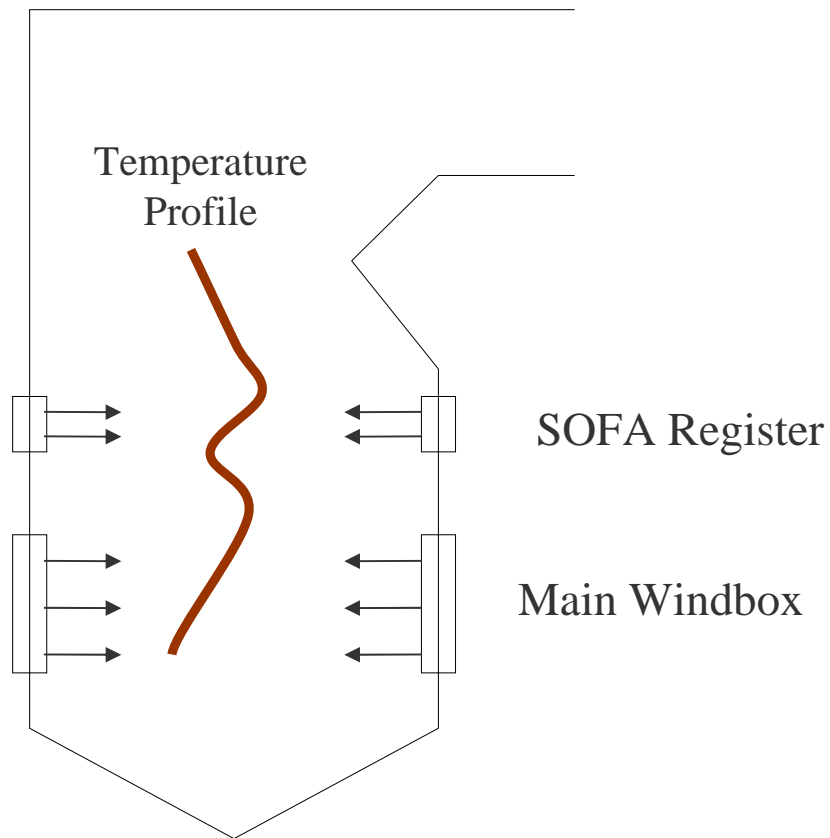
# Typical Temperature Profile - Standard Firing System



## Temperature Profile

- The temperature profiles to the left indicates the peak temperature occurs just above the main windbox

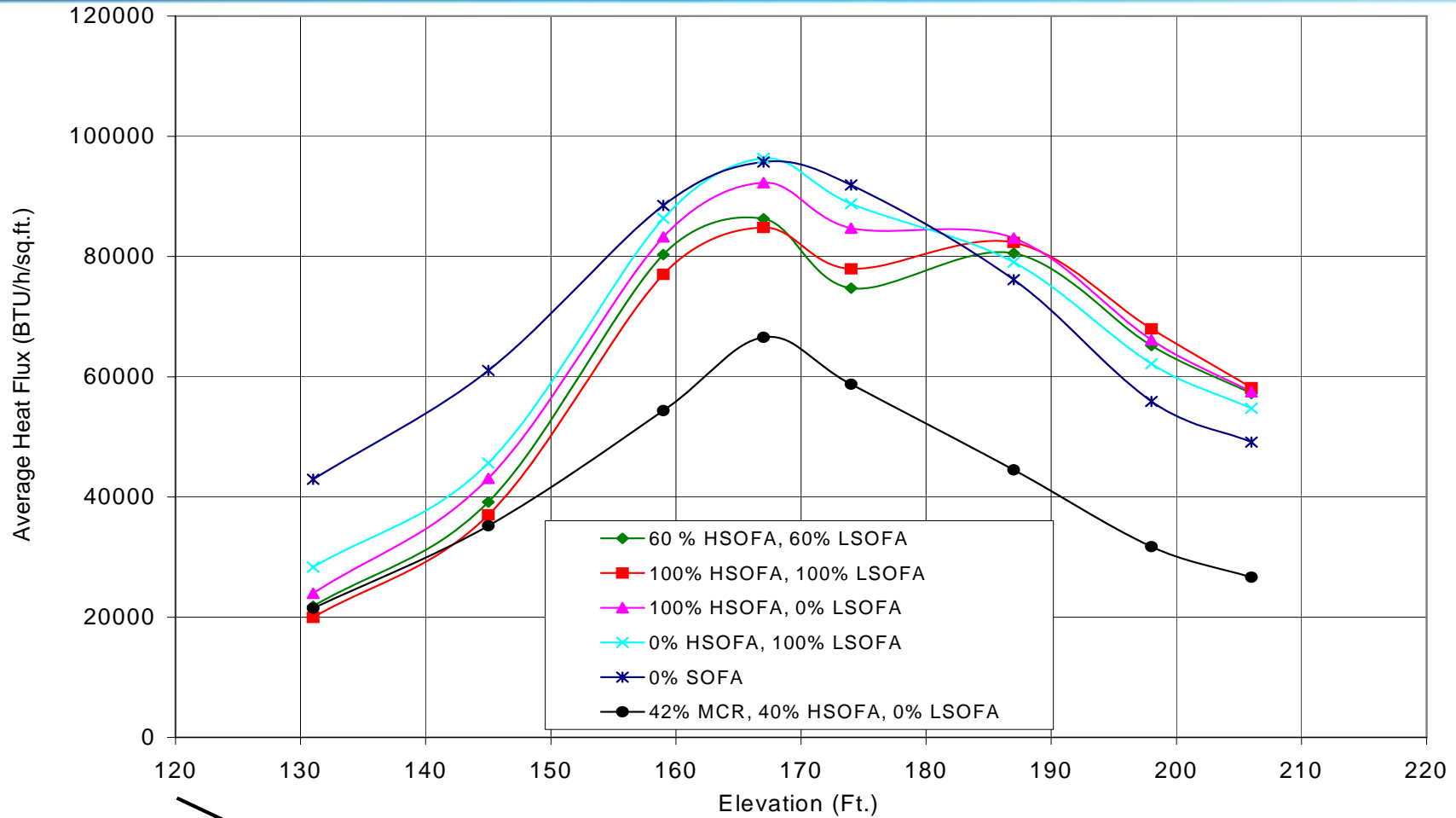
# Typical Temperature Profile - Low NOx Firing System



## Peak Temperature Reduction

- Same heat input as the unstaged system except the heat is distributed over a greater height

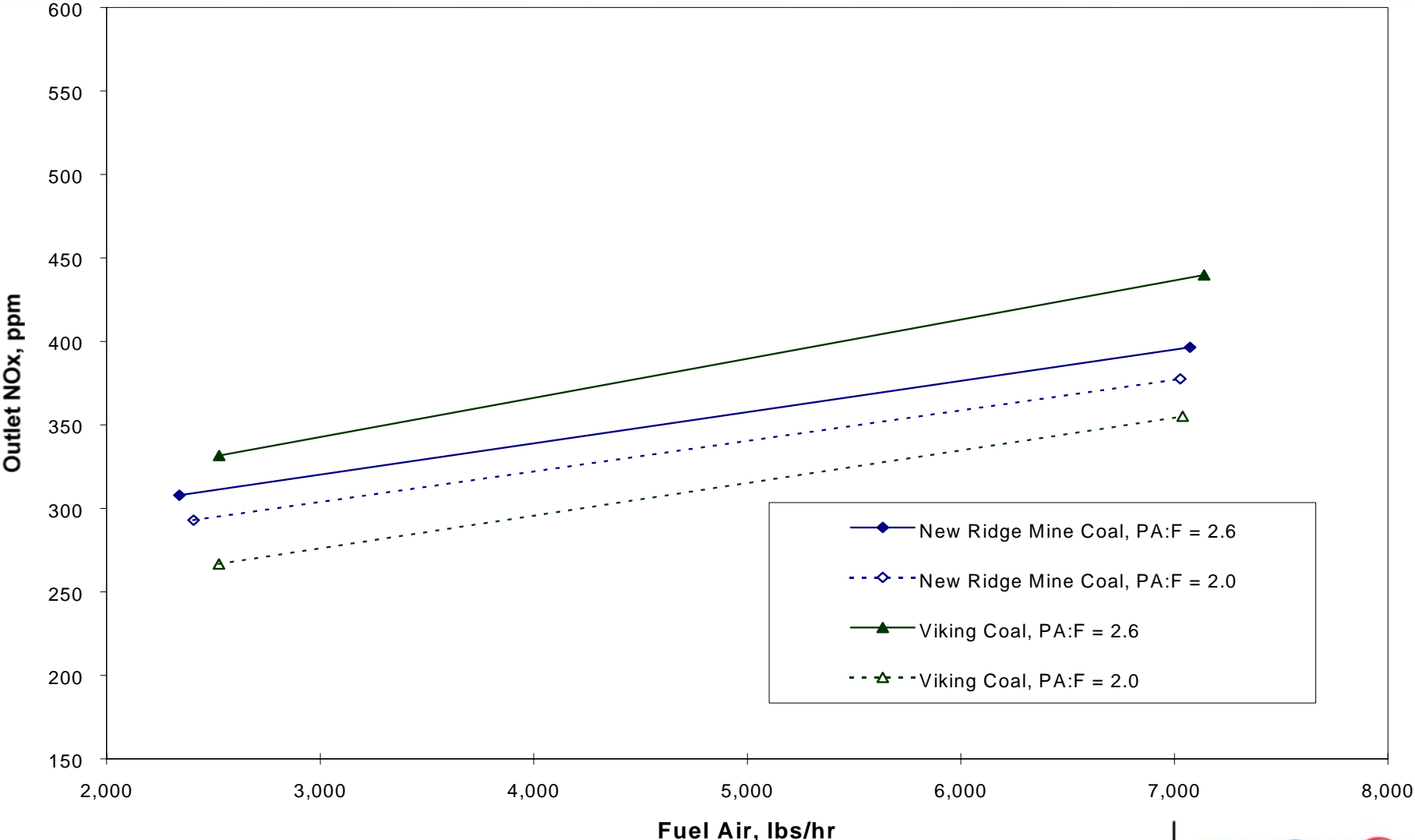
# Comparison of Vertical Absorption Profiles



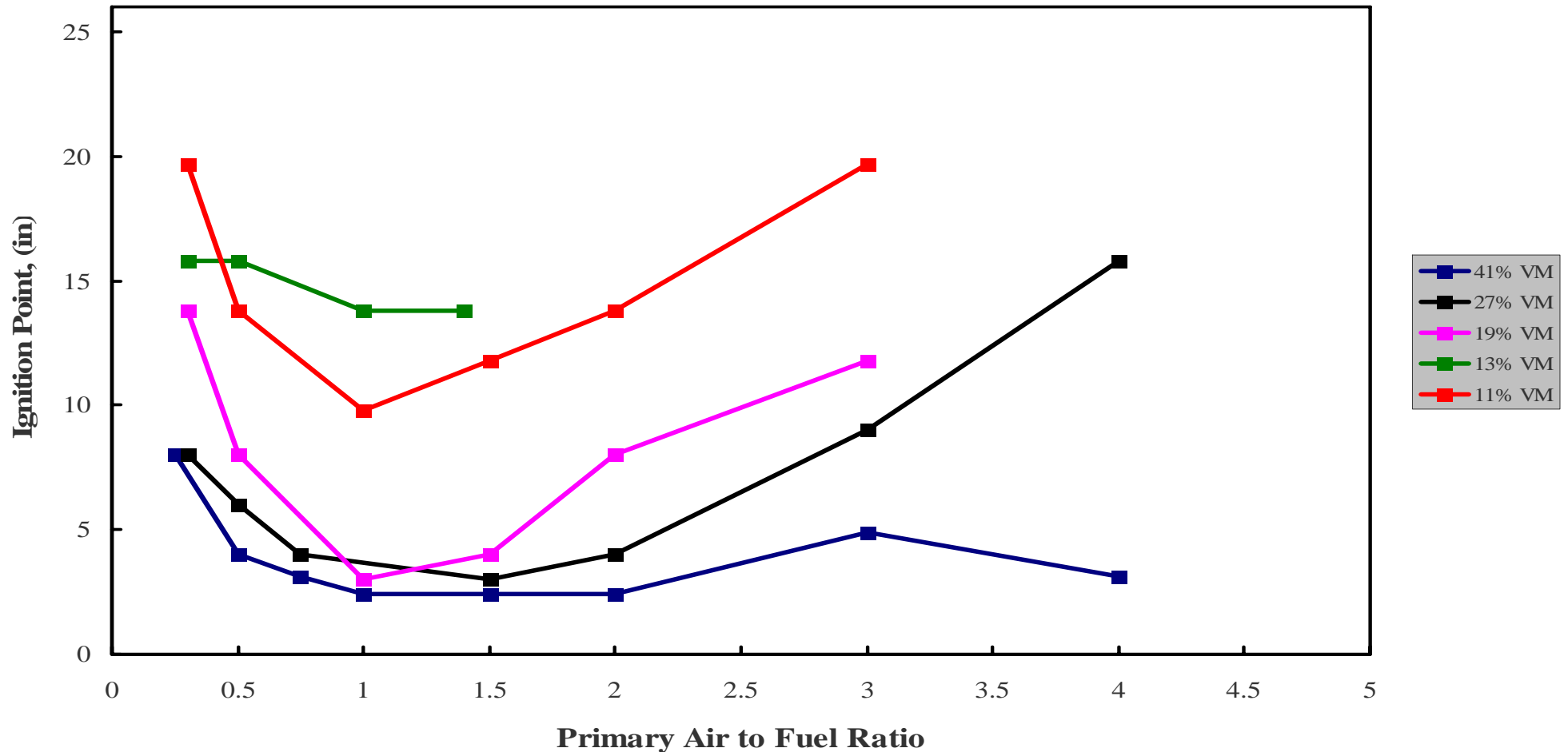
# T-Firing Tuning Parameters

- SOFA Flow
- CCOFA Flow
- OFA Bias
- SOFA Tilt
- Main Tilt
- SOFA / Main Tilt Bias
- WB/Furn dP
- Fuel Air Damper
- Mills in Service
- Primary Air Flow
- Fuel Feed Bias
- Secondary Air Bias
- Sootblower Rate or Sequence
- Yaw Position
- Boiler Load
- Individual Corner Tilt Bias

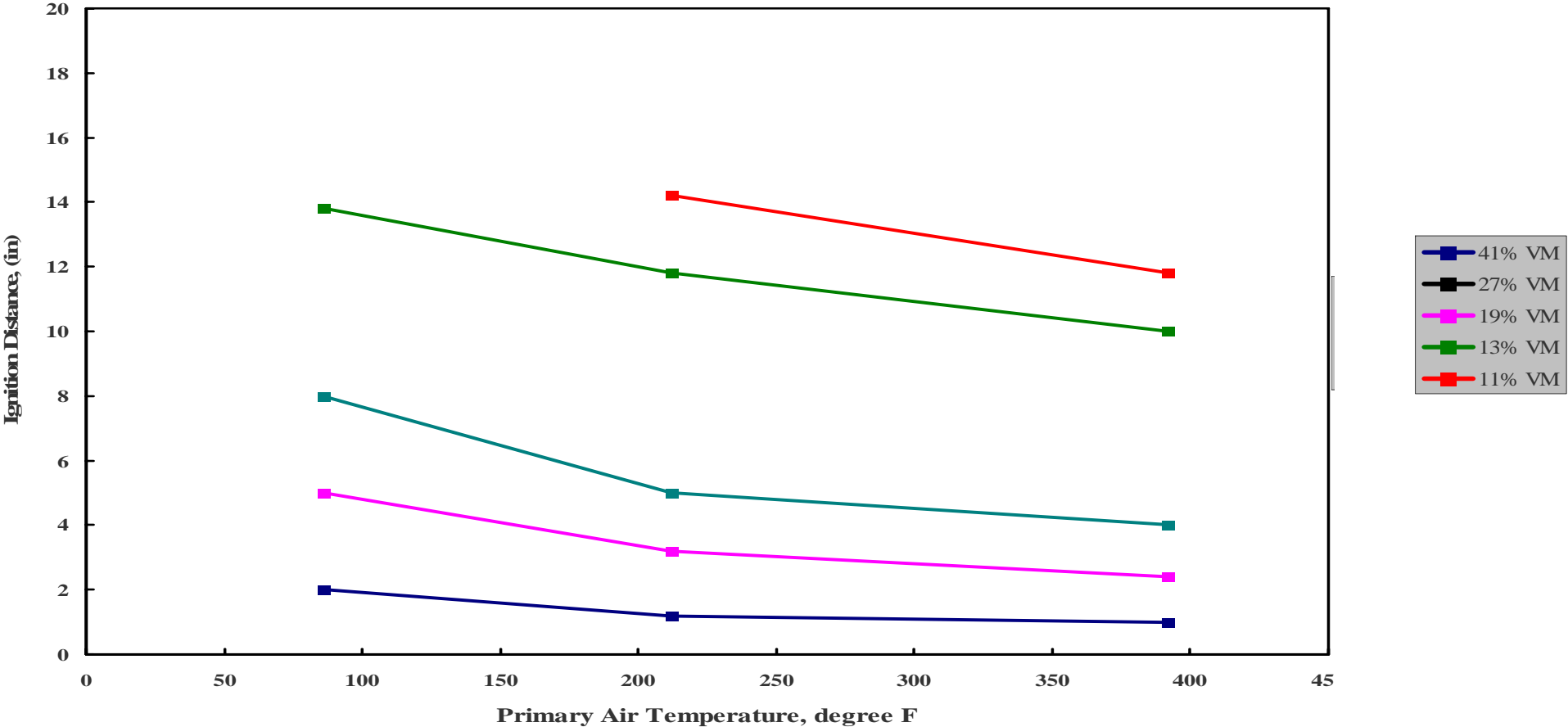
# ISBF Test Data - Effect of Primary Air



# Effect of Primary Air Ratio on Ignition Point



# Effect of Primary Air Temperature on Ignition Point



# Why Balance Flows?

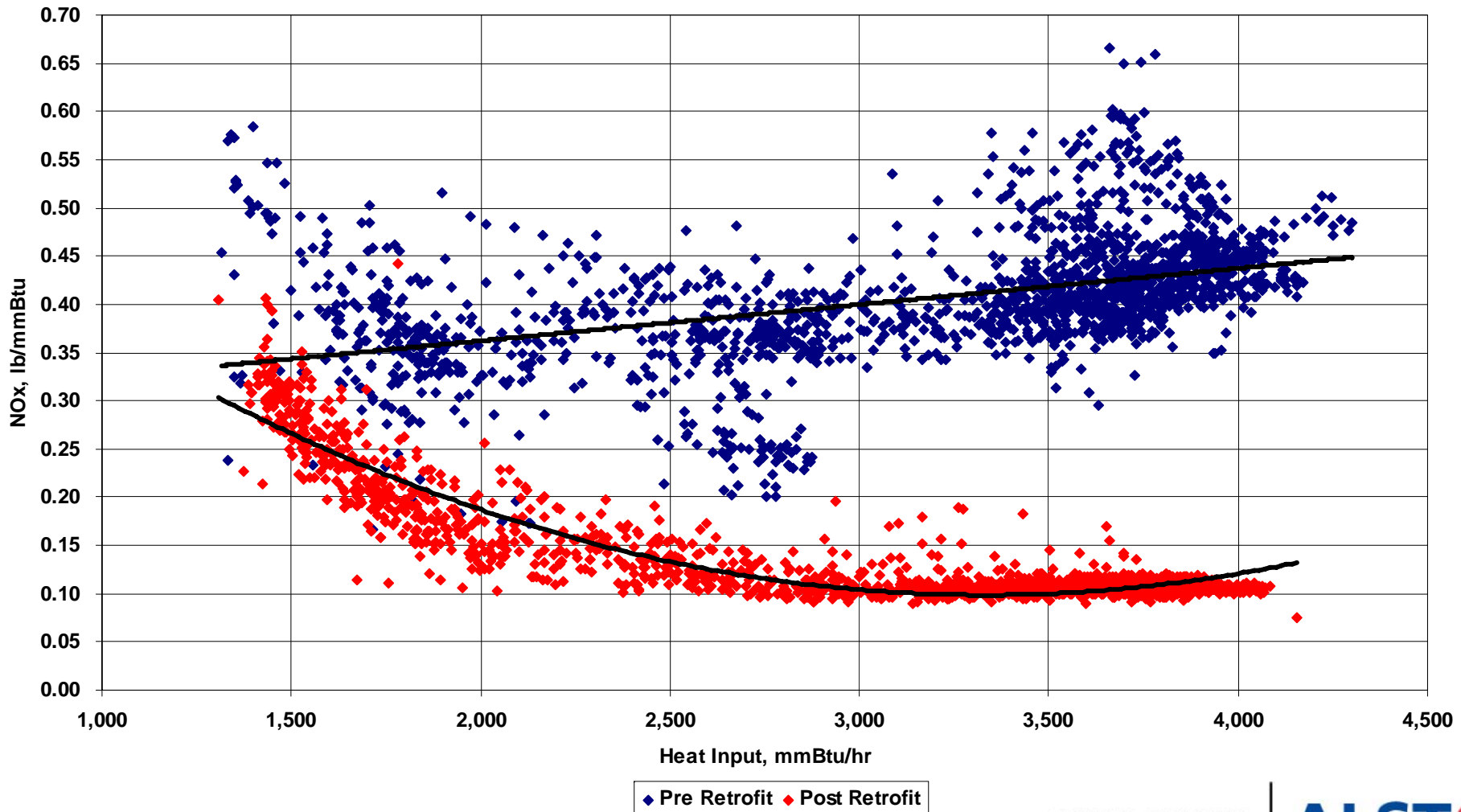
- Accurate control of coal and air flow distribution may provide benefits such as:
  - Lower NOx emissions
  - Reduced carbon-in-ash
  - Lower CO levels
  - Improve Temperature Profiles
  - Improve Flue Gas Distribution
- Operational problems and accelerated wear can be attributed to imbalanced coal flow.
- Existing riffle distributors and static orifices are difficult to set up, and have limited success

# Why Balance Flows? (con't)

- Better secondary air flow control may allow the plant to operate at reduced O<sub>2</sub> (improved efficiency)
- Better control of the combustion process may help control slagging/fouling problems and help correct temperature imbalances
- The ability to precisely control firing system parameters will give operators the option to operate the unit for maximum economic advantage (i.e., NO<sub>x</sub>, efficiency, load...)

# Pre & Post Low NOx – PRB Coal

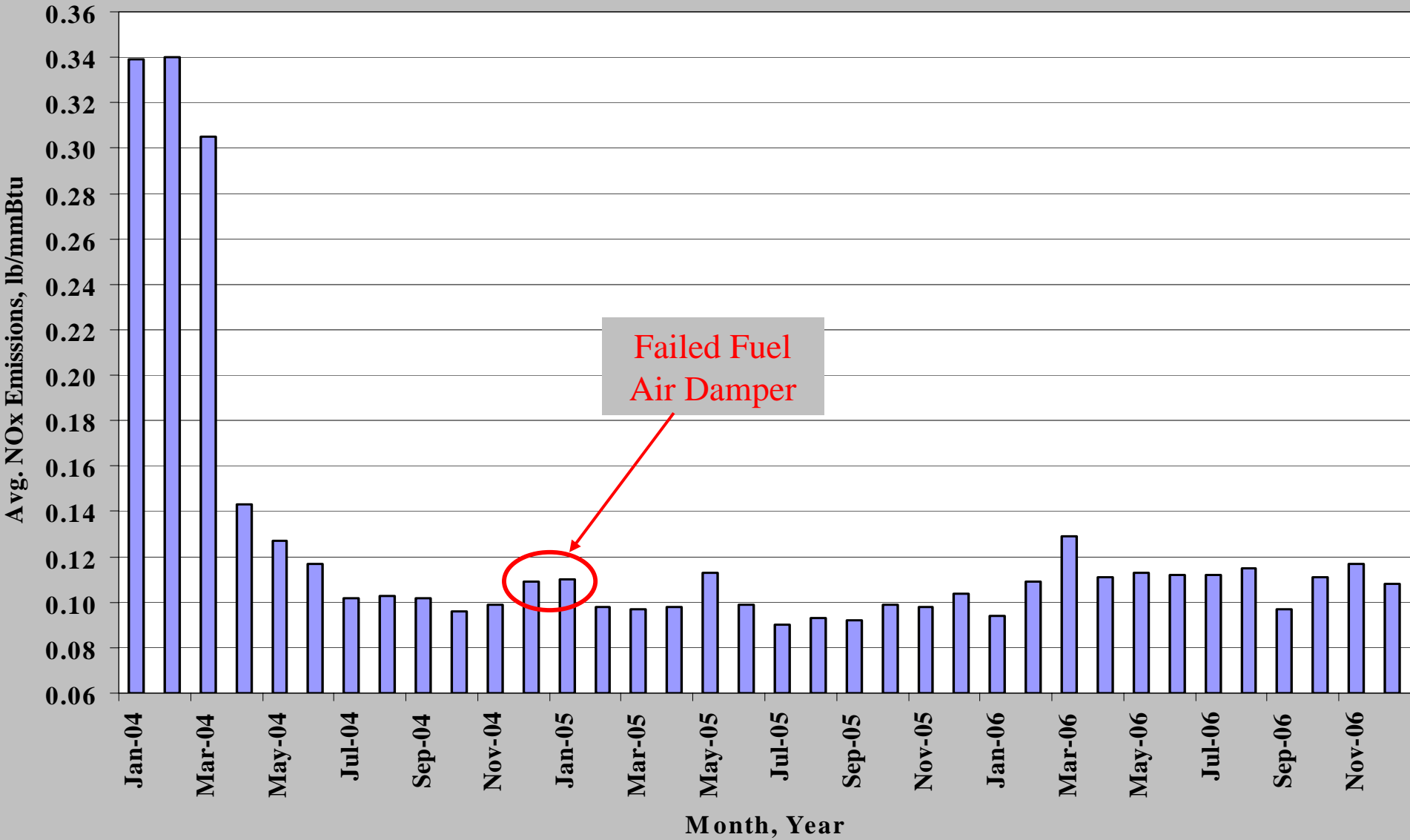
## NOx Results Over Load Range



# Possible Solutions for Improved Performance

- Increase Number of O<sub>2</sub> Probes (Grid)
- Modify Excess Air Control from 'Fixed' to 'Variable for Mills in Service'
- Add Stoichiometry Limit
- Add CO Trim
- Experiment with Individual Tilt Bias
- Evaluate Different Sootblowing Control Sequence
- Fuel and/or Air Balancing \*
- Trend Data
- Dedicated Maintenance Program

# Unit 'X' Average Monthly NOx Emissions



# Background to CO Emissions

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# Key Parameters Effecting CO Emissions

- $2C + O_2 \rightleftharpoons 2CO + \text{heat} + O_2 \rightleftharpoons 2CO_2 + \text{heat}$
- CO Emissions can be a Result of Being Diffusion Limited (Mixing) or Kinetically Limited (Temperature)
- CO Levels Below Approx. 1200 °F Become Kinetically Limited
  - Furnace Temperatures are Above 1200 °F
  - Therefore, CO Emissions Emitted from a Furnace are a Result of Being Diffusion Limited
- Mixing of the Products of Combustion with O<sub>2</sub>
  - Requires Sufficient O<sub>2</sub> Concentration
  - Need for Turbulence (Mixedness)
  - Velocity of Fuel & Air Jets
  - Good Furnace Coverage
- Fact! - 1000ppm = 0.1% of all product gases

# CO Emissions in Boilers

## Primary Factors

- Boiler O<sub>2</sub>
- Furnace In-leakage
- Turbulence (Mixing) - WB/Furn, damper settings, etc.

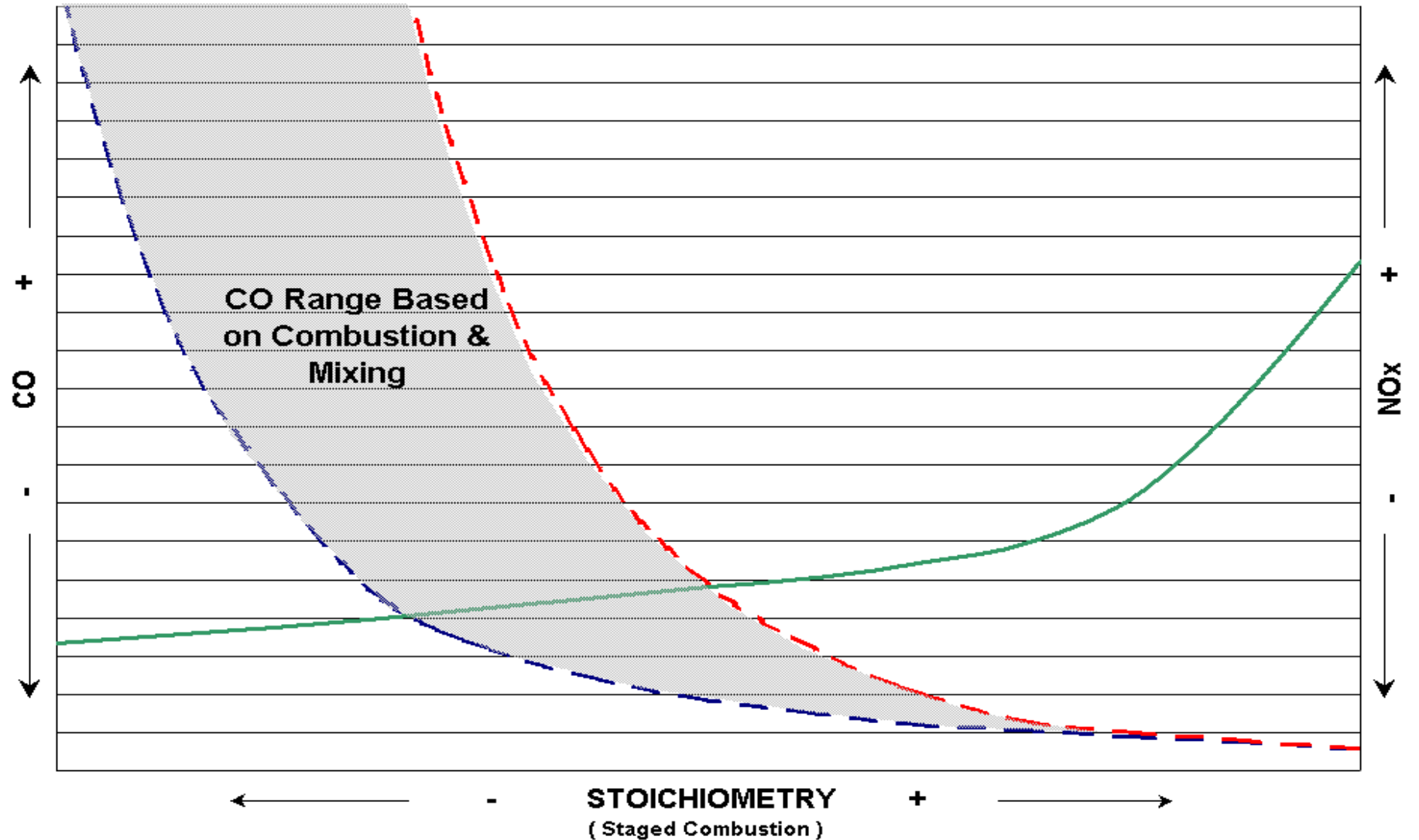
## Secondary Factors

- Residence Time - Tilt, burners in service
- Balancing - Fuel and/or Air
- Mill Performance - Primary air flow
- Coal Fineness

# Possible Solutions to Mitigate CO Emissions

- New, Improved Burner Design
- New or Re-tipped FD Fan
- Incorporate a Boost Fan
- Operate with Higher Excess Air Level
  - May Necessitate New, or Re-tipped Fan
  - Adversely Affects NOx Emissions
- Reduce the Amount of Air Infiltration (if balanced draft)

# Typical Trend of CO versus NOx Emissions



# Background to UBC in Fly Ash

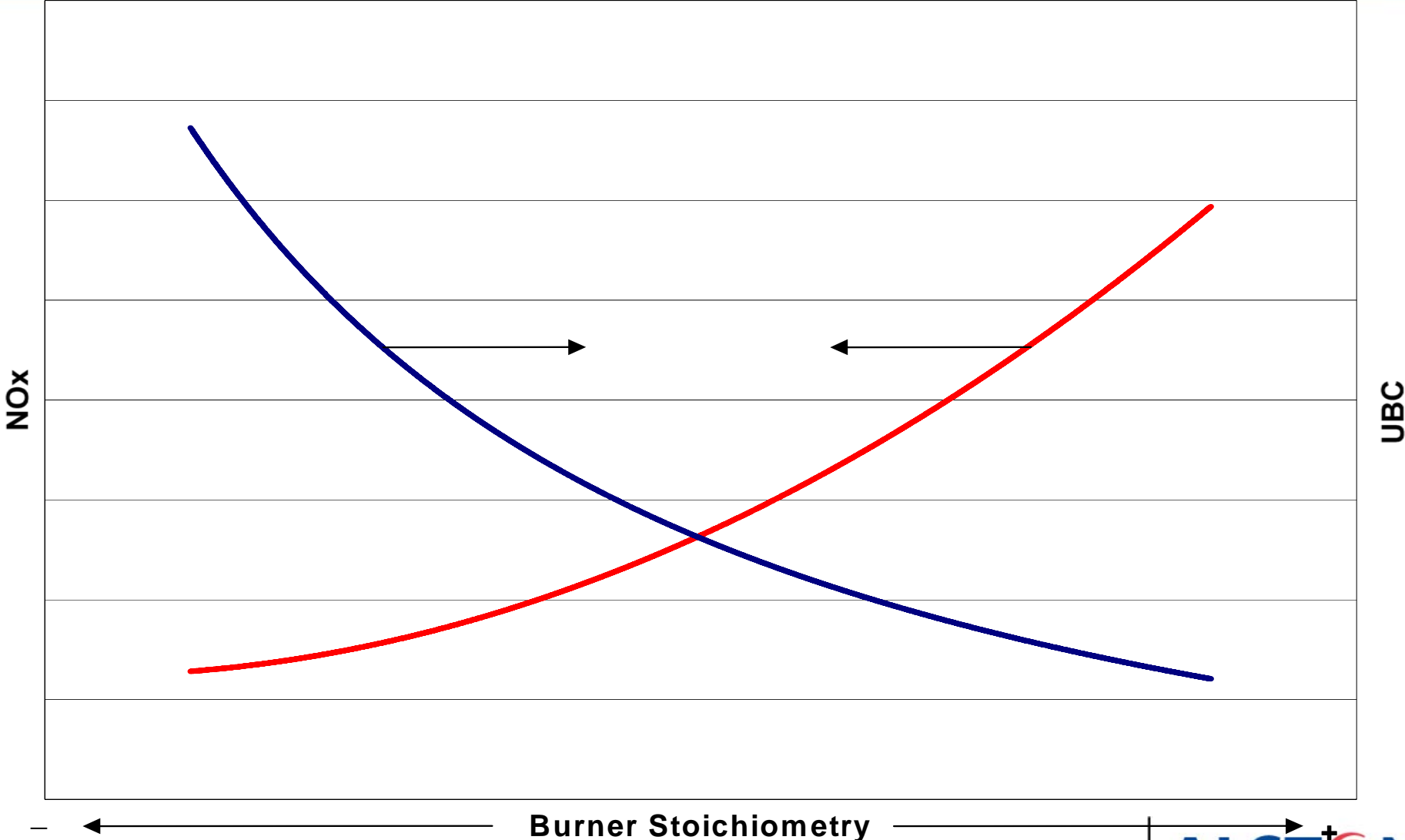
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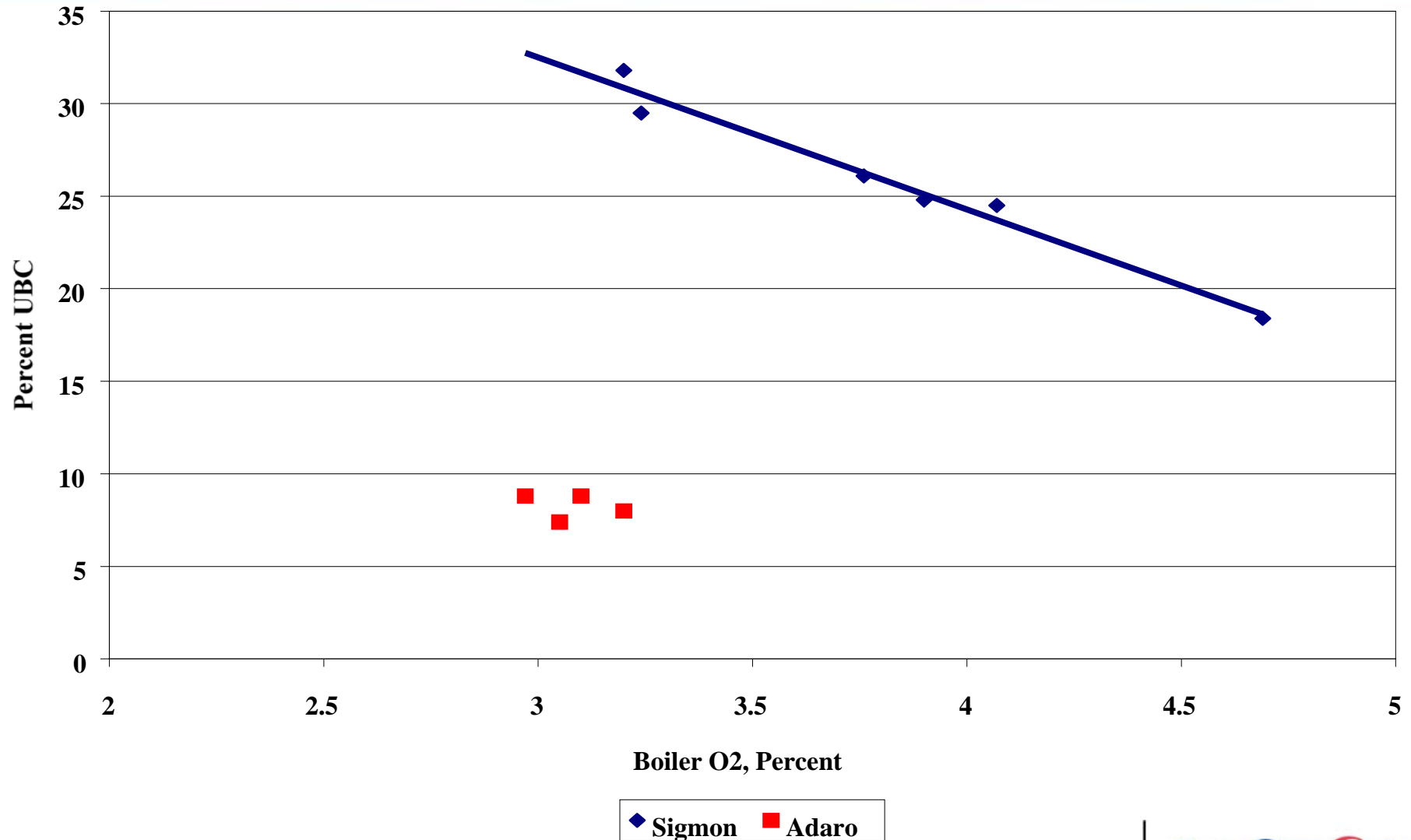
# Factors Affecting UBC in Fly Ash

- Fuel Rank / Reactivity
- Ash Content (Ash Loading lb/mmBtu)
- Fineness
- Residence Time (Tilt)
- Excess Air
- Turbulence
- Localized Air-to-Fuel Ratio

# Relationship of NOx and UBC vs Stoichiometry



# UNIT 'X' Test Burn Results - UBC vs O<sub>2</sub>



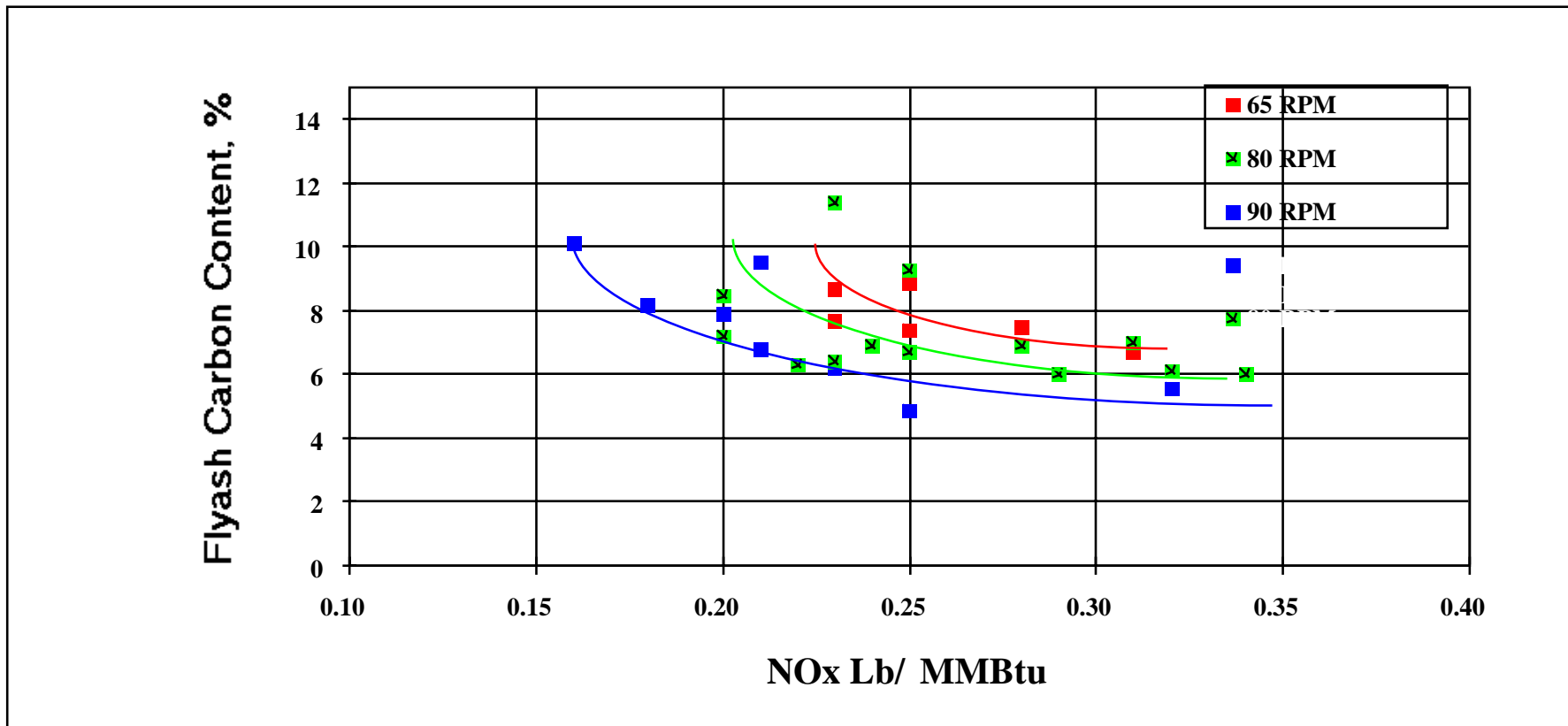
# Effect of Particle Size

Finer Coal Particles Improve:

- Flame Stability by increasing overall surface area for oxygen diffusion and heating of coal
- Unburned carbon levels in fly ash

# NOx and UBC Results with an Eastern Bit. Coal

## Carbon in Flyash vs . NOx at MCR Dynamic Classifier Operation



# PRECIPITATOR HOPPER

## *FLY ASH SAMPLES*

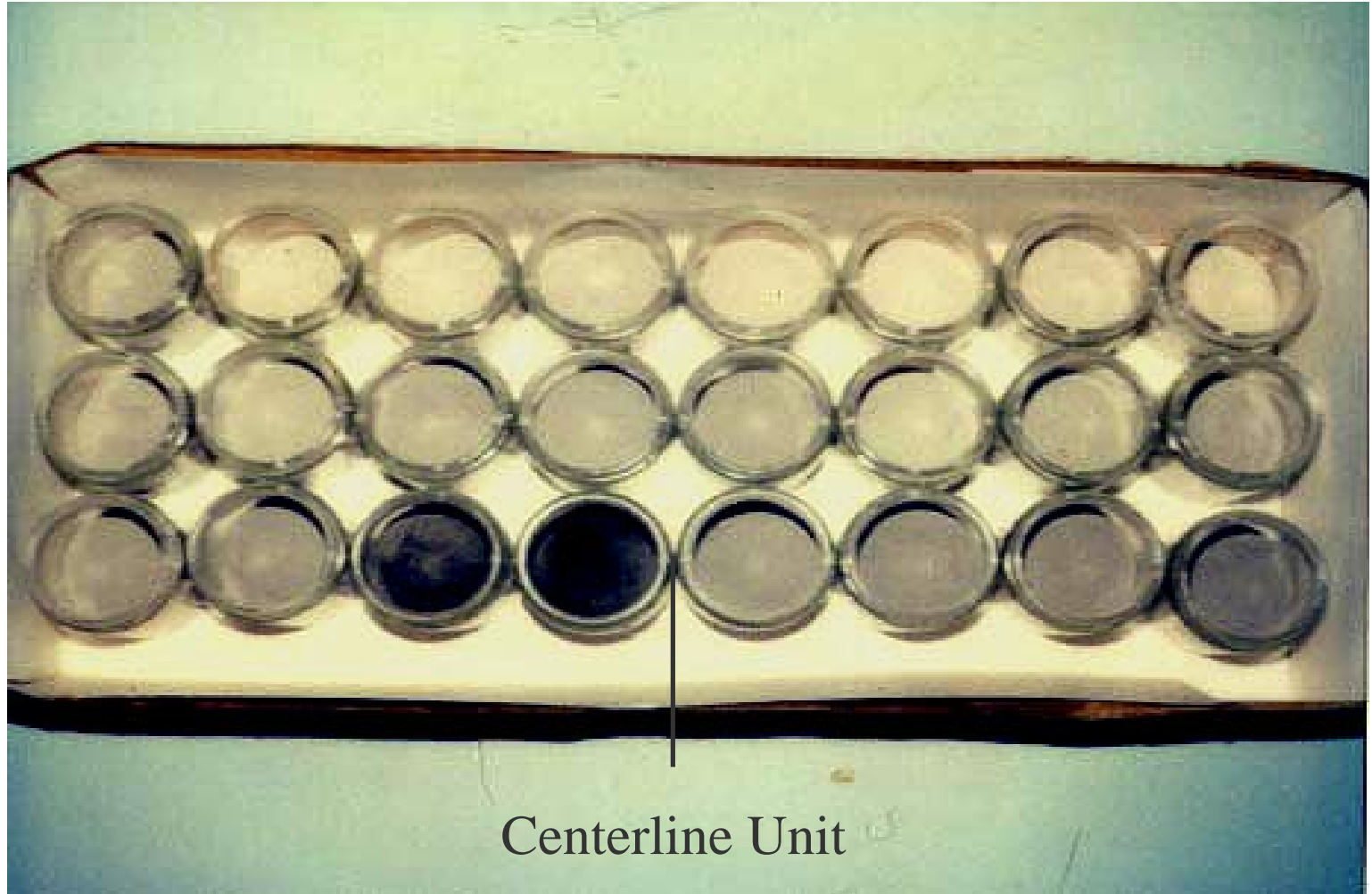
Precipitator  
Hopper

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Third Field

Second Field

First Field



Gas Flow

Centerline Unit

Left

*Eight (8) Hoppers*

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# Coal Fundamentals

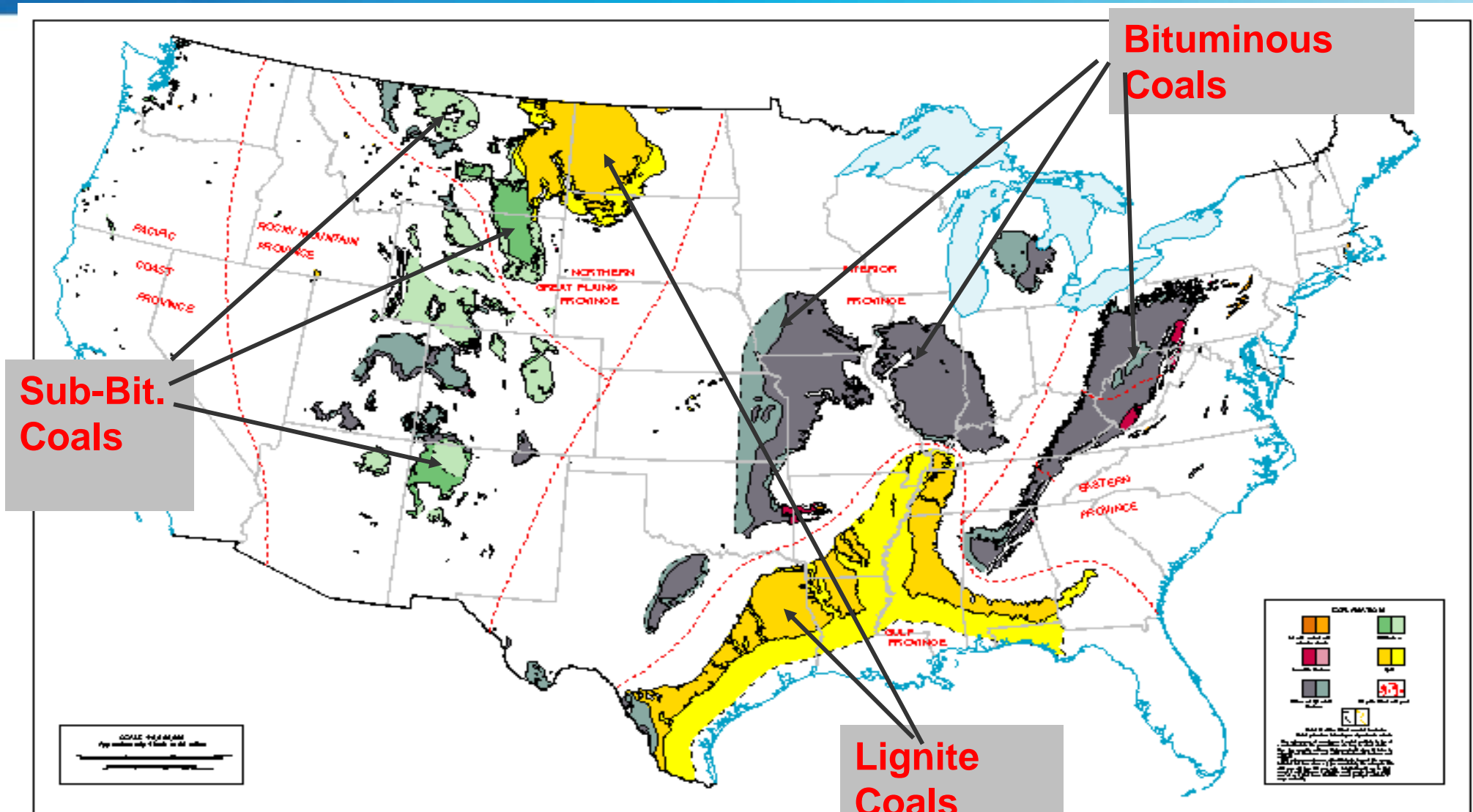
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# Coal Facts

- Coal and Coal Ash are Very Heterogeneous
- The ASTM Test Procedure for Ash Composition Just Provides Standard Mineral Matter Oxides
- Much of Our Knowledge About Problematic Coals is Empirical
- Blending Coals Can Form Eutetics
- There is No Known Single Indice for Problematic Coals

# Coal Fields of the U.S.



# Coal Analysis

## Proximate Analysis

## Ultimate Analysis

## Ash Composition

## Fusion Temp.s

Moisture

Volatile Matter  
Fixed Carbon

Ash

HHV  
(Higher Heating Value)

Moisture

Hydrogen  
Carbon  
Sulfur  
Nitrogen  
Oxygen

Ash

HHV

SiO<sub>2</sub>

Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>

CaO

MgO

Na<sub>2</sub>O

K<sub>2</sub>O

TiO<sub>2</sub>

P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>

SO<sub>3</sub>

I.T

S.T.

H.T.

F.T.

Hardgrove  
Grindability  
Index (HGI)

# Typical Coal Analyses

	E. bit.	Hi-vol B bit.	Hi-vol C bit.	Sub bit. A	Sub bit. B	Sub bit. C	TX Lignite
H <sub>2</sub> O	5.00	6.28	13.12	14.09	25.00	27.30	33.06
VM	33.10	37.49	34.91	33.75	32.43	31.90	26.75
FC	53.50	46.35	45.78	37.58	38.23	36.40	27.47
Ash	8.40	9.88	6.19	14.58	4.00	4.40	12.72
Hydrogen	5.00	4.68	4.22	4.12	3.72	3.49	3.02
Carbon	71.70	67.70	61.58	55.70	53.88	51.18	39.45
Sulfur	1.30	0.48	0.36	0.48	0.34	0.21	1.99
Nitrogen	1.60	1.38	1.23	0.98	0.72	0.73	0.67
Oxygen	7.10	9.60	13.30	10.05	12.32	12.71	9.09
HHV	12,959	12,000	10,861	9,674	9,350	8,800	6,935
HGI	45	55	55	50	50	60	50
FC/VM	1.62	1.24	1.31	1.11	1.18	1.14	1.03
HHVdaf	14964	14313	13461	13562	13169	12884	12790
lb S/MBtu	1.00	0.40	0.33	0.50	0.36	0.24	2.87
lb N/MBtu	1.23	1.15	1.13	1.01	0.77	0.83	0.97
lb A/MBtu	6.5	8.2	5.7	15.1	4.3	5.0	18.3

# Coal Analysis

	Mine / Seam	Coal A	Coal B	Coal C	Coal D	Coal E	Coal F
<b>Proximate</b>	Moisture	6	5.88	15.69	25.7	25.3	31.8
	VM	32.4	33.79	31.9	32.2	32.43	27.9
	FC	53.4	51.66	37.11	38.1	38.23	23.7
	Ash	8.2	8.67	15.29	4	4	16.6
<b>HHV</b>	HHV	13110	13009	9526	9004	9350	6476
<b>Ultimate</b>	H	4.8	4.92	3.83	3.4	3.72	2.8
	C	73.2	71.65	53.37	52.3	53.58	37.7
	S	1	2.66	0.84	0.2	0.34	1.6
	N	1.4	1.54	0.99	0.8	0.72	0.8
	O	5.4	4.69	9.98	13.6	12.32	8.7
	Coal Classification	Hi. Vol. A	Hi. Vol. A	Sub Bit A	Sub C / PRB	Sub C / PRB	TX Lignite
	Grindability (HGI)	45	61		46	55	64
	Chlorine					0.02	
	Free Swelling Index (ASTM D720-91)		6.5				
<b>Ash Fusion Temperatures (Reducing)</b>	Initial Deformation Temp., °F	2700	2460	2365	2220	2078	2130
	Softening Temp., °F	2700	2520	2458	2245	2109	2215
	Hemi-spherical Temp., °F	2700	2560	2489	2260	2126	2225
	Fluid Temp., °F	2700	2610	2538	2285	2159	2280
	T250 Temp., °F						
<b>Ash Composition</b>	SiO <sub>2</sub> (acid)	55.9	46	60.13	31.6	29.74	42.9
	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (acid)	29.4	24	21.08	15.1	17.67	16.4
	Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (base)	6.5	16.14	5.61	5.1	4.8	7.5
	CaO (base)	0.9	4.03	3.86	25.8	15.98	14.8
	MgO (base)	0.8	0.75	1	5	4.42	1.7
	Na <sub>2</sub> O (base)	0.4	0.67	0.7	1.3	8	0.2
	K <sub>2</sub> O (base)	1.9	1.54	0.99	0.2	0.63	0.5
	TiO <sub>2</sub> (acid)	1.5	1.3	0.98	1.5	1.21	1.2
	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.1	0.54	0.04	0.8	0.31	0.1
	SO <sub>3</sub>	1.0	2.98	3.85	10.9	15.09	13.4
	BaO	0.1	0.1	0.18	0.6	1.31	0.1
	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>						
	SrO	0.1	0.22	0.09	0.2	0.73	0.2
	Mn <sub>3</sub> O <sub>4</sub>	0.1	0.03	0.06	0.1		0.1
	Undetermined	1.3	1.7	1.4	1.8	0.11	0.9

# Coal – Emissions and Performance Effects

## Emissions

**NO<sub>x</sub> – Fuel Rank, Reactivity (FC/VM Ratio),  
Nitrogen Content, HHV**

**CO – Fuel Rank, Reactivity**

**SO<sub>2</sub> – Sulfur Content**

## Unburned Carbon (UBC) in Fly Ash

**Fuel Rank / Reactivity**

**Ash Content**

**Fineness (HGI)**

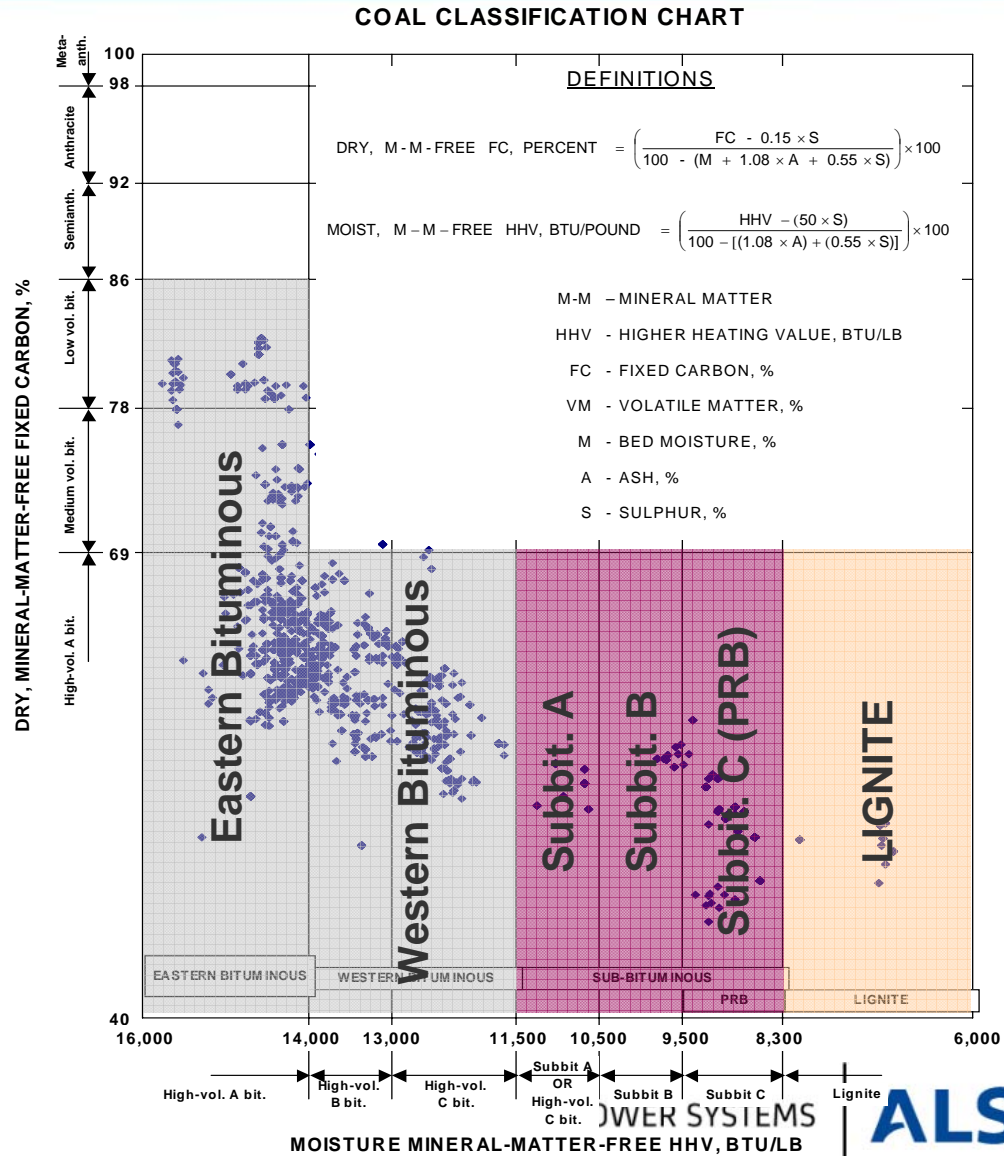
## Slagging and Fouling Characteristics

**Ash Content**

**Ash Composition – Slagging, Fouling &  
Erosion Potential**

# ASTM Coal Rank Classification

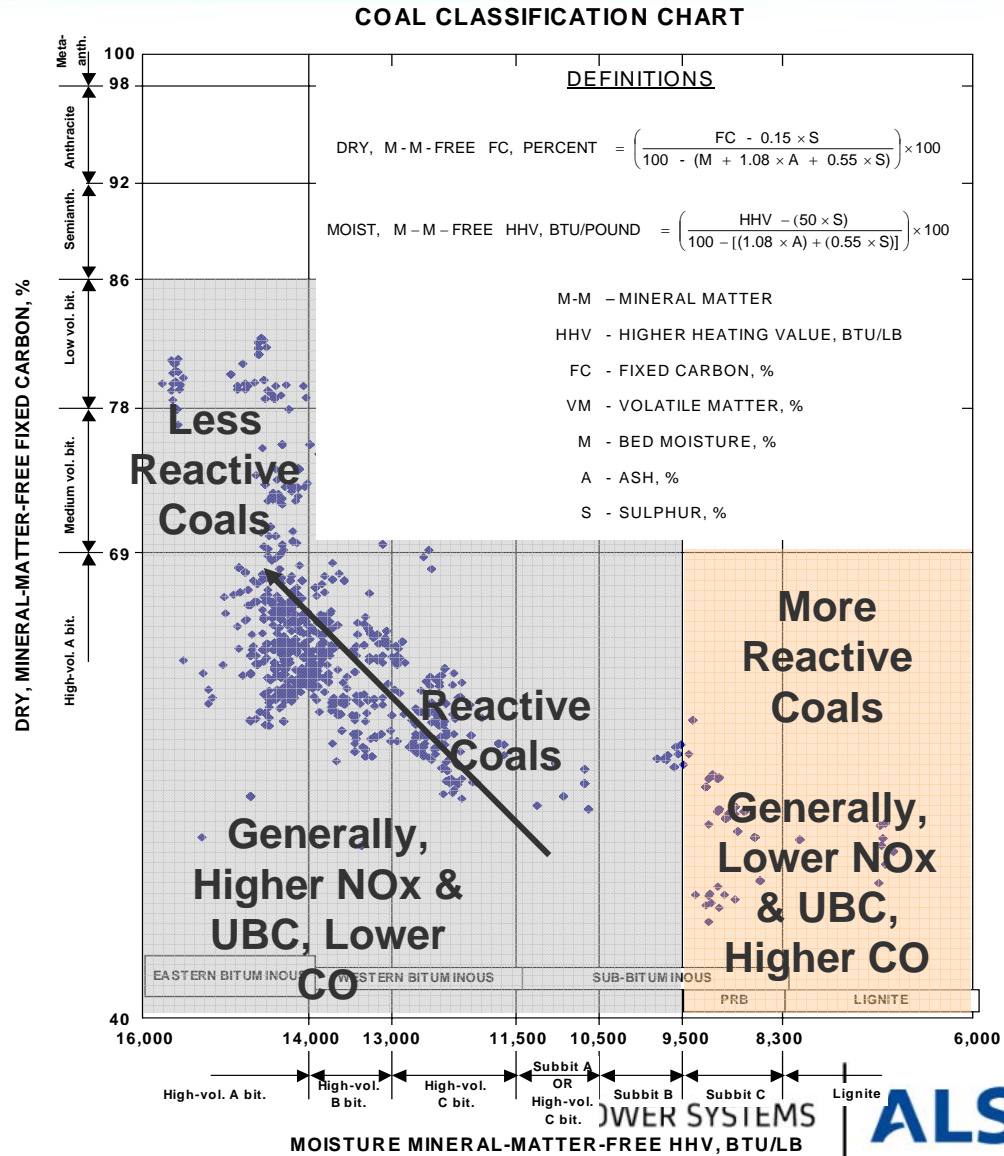
## ASTM Coal Rank



# ASTM Coal Rank Characteristics on Emissions

## Coal Rank

## Impact on Emissions



# Coal Reactivity

- Actual coal reactivity can only be determined by laboratory analysis
- Common indices of reactivity are available from a coal's proximate & ultimate analysis
  - FC/VM or VMdaf
  - HHVdaf
  - Coal rank
- Higher reactivity coals produce lower NO<sub>x</sub> emissions and higher combustion efficiencies than lower reactivity coals
- Lower ranked coals typically have higher reactivity than bituminous coals

# Coal Comparison Chart - Reactivity

	Mine / Seam	Coal A	Coal B	Coal C	Coal D	Coal E	Coal F
<b>Proximate</b>	Moisture	6	5.88	15.69	25.7	25.3	31.8
	VM	32.4	33.79	31.9	32.2	32.43	27.9
	FC	53.4	51.66	37.11	38.1	38.23	23.7
	Ash	8.2	8.67	15.29	4	4	16.6
<b>HHV</b>	HHV	13110	13009	9526	9004	9350	6476
<b>Ultimate</b>	H	4.8	4.92	3.83	3.4	3.72	2.8
	C	73.2	71.65	53.37	52.3	53.58	37.7
	S	1	2.66	0.84	0.2	0.34	1.6
	N	1.4	1.54	0.99	0.8	0.72	0.8
	O	5.4	4.69	9.98	13.6	12.32	8.7
<b>Normalized Values</b>	Theoretical Air (lb/mmBtu)	765.7	769.0	753.2	745.5	752.6	783.4
	Theoretical Air (lb air/lb fuel)	9.87	9.83	7.05	6.60	6.91	4.99
	SO2 Emissions	1.52	4.09	1.76	0.44	0.73	4.94
	FCdmmf	63	62	55	54	54	47
	HHVmmmf	14416	14439	11423	9411	9773	7878
<b>Coal Classification</b>	<b>Hi. Vol. A</b>	<b>Hi. Vol. A</b>	<b>Sub Bit A</b>	<b>Sub C / PRB</b>	<b>Sub C / PRB</b>	<b>TX Lignite</b>	
<b>VM daf</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>46.2</b>	<b>45.8</b>	<b>45.9</b>	<b>54.1</b>	
Specific Volatile Index (SVI)	166	163	130	108	117	109	
HHV of the VM	5584	5729	4296	3635	3962	3136	
FC daf	62.2	60.5	53.8	54.2	54.1	45.9	
<b>FC/VM</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>1.53</b>	<b>1.16</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>1.18</b>	<b>0.85</b>	
Total % combustibles	85.8	85.5	69.0	70.3	70.7	51.6	
H daf	5.6	5.8	5.5	4.8	5.3	5.4	
C daf	85.3	83.9	77.3	74.4	75.8	73.1	
S daf	1.2	3.1	1.2	0.3	0.5	3.1	
N daf	1.6	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.0	1.6	
<b>O daf</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>16.9</b>	
<b>HHV daf</b>	<b>15280</b>	<b>15224</b>	<b>13802</b>	<b>12808</b>	<b>13225</b>	<b>12550</b>	
S dry	1.1	2.8	1.0	0.3	0.5	2.3	
Ash Loading (lb/MBtu)	6.25	6.66	16.05	4.44	4.28	25.63	
Grindability (HGI)	45	61		46	55	64	
Chlorine					0.02		
Free Swelling Index (ASTM D720-91)		6.5					

Indices

Coal Rank

FC/VM

Vmdaf

HHVdaf

Odaf

# Coal Comparison Chart - Slagging

	Mine / Seam	Coal A	Coal B	Coal C	Coal D	Coal E	Coal F
<b>Proximate</b>	Moisture	6	5.88	15.69	25.7	25.3	31.8
	VM	32.4	33.79	31.9	32.2	32.43	27.9
	FC	53.4	51.66	37.11	38.1	38.23	23.7
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	C	73.2	71.65	53.37	52.3	53.58	37.7
	S	1	2.66	0.84	0.2	0.34	1.6
	N	1.4	1.54	0.99	0.8	0.72	0.8
	O	5.4	4.69	9.98	13.6	12.32	8.7
<b>Estimated LHV</b>	LHV	12601	12490	9007	8421	8741	5885
	SO2 Emissions	1.52	4.09	1.76	0.44	0.73	4.94
	Coal Classification	Hi. Vol. A	Hi. Vol. A	Sub Bit A	Sub C / PRB	Sub C / PRB	TX Lignite
	<b>S daf</b>	1.2	3.1	1.2	0.3	0.5	3.1
	S dry	1.1	2.8	1.0	0.3	0.5	2.3
	<b>Ash Loading (lb/MBtu)</b>	6.25	6.66	16.05	4.44	4.28	25.63
	Free Swelling Index (ASTM D720-91)		6.5				
<b>Ash Fusion Temperatures (Reducing)</b>	<b>Initial Deformation Temp., °F</b>	2700	2460	2365	2220	2078	2130
	Softening Temp., °F	2700	2520	2458	2245	2109	2215
	Hemi-spherical Temp., °F	2700	2560	2489	2260	2126	2225
	<b>Fluid Temp., °F</b>	2700	2610	2538	2285	2159	2280
	<b>dT = Fluid minus Softening</b>	0	90	80	40	50	65
	T250 Temp., °F						
<b>Ash Composition</b>	SiO2 (acid)	55.9	46	60.13	31.6	29.74	42.9
	Al2O3 (acid)	29.4	24	21.08	15.1	17.67	16.4
	Fe2O3 (base)	6.5	16.14	5.61	5.1	4.8	7.5
	CaO (base)	0.9	4.03	3.86	25.8	15.98	14.8
	MgO (base)	0.8	0.75	1	5	4.42	1.7
	Na2O (base)	0.4	0.67	0.7	1.3	8	0.2
	K2O (base)	1.9	1.54	0.99	0.2	0.63	0.5
<b>Normalized Ash Composition Loading</b>	lb SiO2/mmBtu	3.50	3.07	9.65	1.40	1.27	11.00
	lb Al2O3/mmBtu	1.84	1.60	3.38	0.67	0.76	4.20
	lb Fe2O3/mmBtu	0.41	1.08	0.90	0.23	0.21	1.92
	lb CaO/mmBtu	0.06	0.27	0.62	1.15	0.68	3.79
	lb MgO/mmBtu	0.05	0.05	0.16	0.22	0.19	0.44
	lb Na2O/mmBtu	0.03	0.04	0.11	0.06	0.34	0.05
	lb K2O/mmBtu	0.12	0.10	0.16	0.01	0.03	0.13
<b>Ash Factors</b>	Ash Classification	Bituminous Ash	Bituminous Ash	Bituminous Ash	Lignitic Ash	Lignitic Ash	Lignitic Ash
	<b>Base/Acid</b>	0.12	0.32	0.15	0.78	0.70	0.41
	<b>Fe2O3/CaO</b>	7.22	4.00	1.45	0.20	0.30	0.51

## Key Indices

Fusion Temp's

Differential Temp's

Sulfur Content

Iron Content (Tenacity)

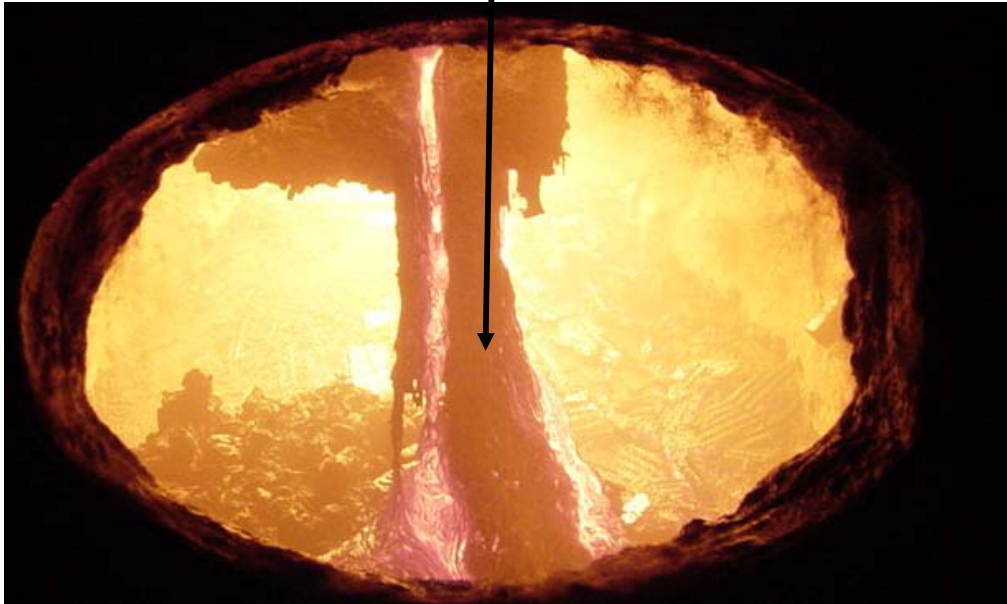
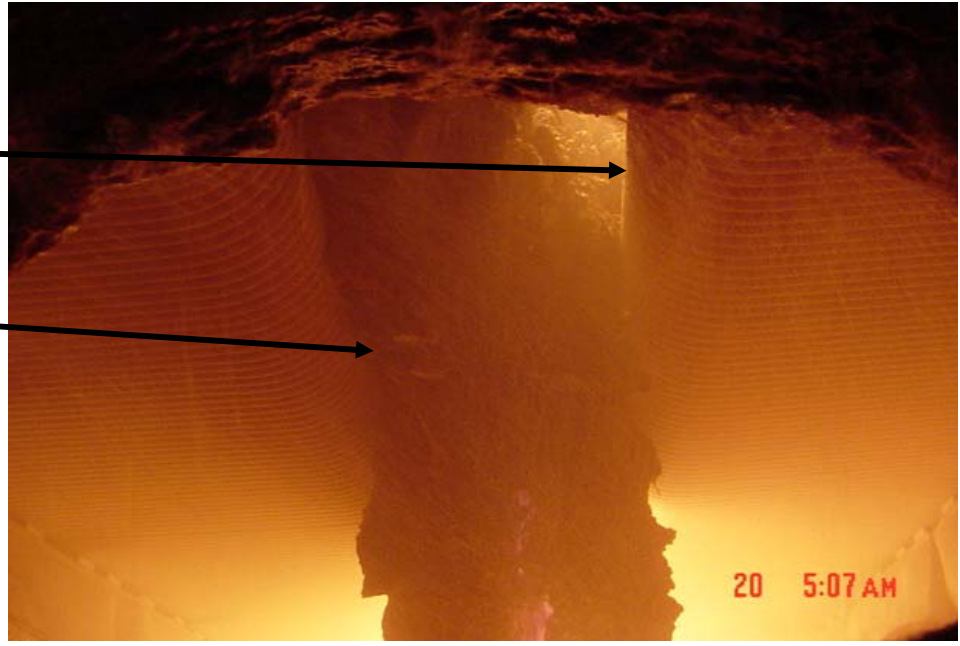
Ash Quantity

Ash Factors

# Coal Slagging – Low Fusion Temperatures

Coutant Opening

Running Slag



# Waterwall Slag – High Iron

Magnet



# Common Potential Slagging Indices

## Potential

Indices	Low	Medium	High	Severe
CAO (%)	<10	10 to 20	20 to 40	>40
Na <sub>2</sub> O(%)	<1	1 to 3	3 to 5	>5
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (%)	<7	7 to 15	15 to 25	>25
IDT °F		<2190	<2100	<2010
FT °F	>2550	2280<FT<2550	2100<FT<2280	<2100

# Boiler Performance

## Slagging Potential

NHI/PA Range MBtu/hr-ft <sup>2</sup>	Coal Slagging Potential	Wall Sootblower Comments
1.3 - 1.6	Low	Normal wall blower can maintain clean walls with <b>occasional</b> use
1.6 - 1.9	Medium	Normal wall blower can maintain clean walls with <b>continuous</b> use
1.9 - 2.4	High	Normal wall blowers may <b>not</b> keep the walls clean. Addition of water lances or canons may be required

# Coal Comparison Chart - Fouling

	Mine / Seam	Coal A	Coal B	Coal C	Coal D	Coal E	Coal F
Proximate	Moisture	6	5.88	15.69	25.7	25.3	31.8
	VM	32.4	33.79	31.9	32.2	32.43	27.9
	FC	53.4	51.66	37.11	38.1	38.23	23.7
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	S	1	2.66	0.84	0.2	0.34	1.6
	N	1.4	1.54	0.99	0.8	0.72	0.8
	O	5.4	4.69	9.98	13.6	12.32	8.7
Normalized Values	Coal Classification	Hi. Vol. A	Hi. Vol. A	Sub Bit A	Sub C / PRB	Sub C / PRB	TX Lignite
	Ash Loading (lb/MBtu)	6.25	6.66	16.05	4.44	4.28	25.63
	Chlorine					0.02	
Ash Fusion Temperatures (Reducing)	Initial Deformation Temp., °F	2700	2460	2365	2220	2078	2130
	Softening Temp., °F	2700	2520	2458	2245	2109	2215
	Hemi-spherical Temp., °F	2700	2560	2489	2260	2126	2225
	Fluid Temp., °F	2700	2610	2538	2285	2159	2280
	dT = Fluid minus Softening	0	90	80	40	50	65
Ash Composition	SiO2 (acid)	55.9	46	60.13	31.6	29.74	42.9
	Al2O3 (acid)	29.4	24	21.08	15.1	17.67	16.4
	Fe2O3 (base)	6.5	16.14	5.61	5.1	4.8	7.5
	CaO (base)	0.9	4.03	3.86	25.8	15.98	14.8
	MgO (base)	0.8	0.75	1	5	4.42	1.7
	Na2O (base)	0.4	0.67	0.7	1.3	8	0.2
	K2O (base)	1.9	1.54	0.99	0.2	0.63	0.5
Normalized Ash Composition Loading	lb SiO2/mmBtu	3.50	3.07	9.65	1.40	1.27	11.00
	lb Al2O3/mmBtu	1.84	1.60	3.38	0.67	0.76	4.20
	lb Fe2O3/mmBtu	0.41	1.08	0.90	0.23	0.21	1.92
	lb CaO/mmBtu	0.06	0.27	0.62	1.15	0.68	3.79
	lb MgO/mmBtu	0.05	0.05	0.16	0.22	0.19	0.44
	lb Na2O/mmBtu	0.03	0.04	0.11	0.06	0.34	0.05
lb K2O/mmBtu	0.12	0.10	0.16	0.01	0.03	0.13	
Ash Factors	Ash Classification	Bituminous Ash	Bituminous Ash	Bituminous Ash	Lignitic Ash	Lignitic Ash	Lignitic Ash
	Base/Acid	0.12	0.32	0.15	0.78	0.70	0.41
	Fe2O3/CaO	7.22	4.00	1.45	0.20	0.30	0.51
	Fe2O3/(CaO+MgO) Dolomite Ratio	3.82	3.38	1.15	0.17	0.24	0.45
	SiO2/Al2O3	1.90	1.92	2.85	2.09	1.68	2.62
	Total Alkali (Na+K)	2.30	2.21	1.69	1.50	8.63	0.70
	"Fouling Index"	0.05	0.67	0.10	1.30	8.00	0.20

## Key Indices

Fusion Temp's

Na & K Content

Ash Quantity

Ash Factors

# Fouling in the Convective Pass



# Common Potential Fouling Indices

Fouling potential	None	Medium	High	Severe
Na <sub>2</sub> O(%)	<1	<2.5	2.5 to 5	>5
CaO(%)	<5	5 to 10	≥ 10	
F=%Na <sub>2</sub> OxB/A	<0.1	01. to 0.5	> 5	

# Coal Comparison Chart - Erosion

	Mine / Seam	Coal A	Coal B	Coal C	Coal D	Coal E	Coal F
<b>Proximate</b>	Moisture	6	5.88	15.69	25.7	25.3	31.8
	VM	32.4	33.79	31.9	32.2	32.43	27.9
	FC	53.4	51.66	37.11	38.1	38.23	23.7
	Ash	8.2	8.67	15.29	4	4	16.6
<b>HHV</b>	HHV	13110	13009	9526	9004	9350	6476
<b>Ultimate</b>	H	4.8	4.92	3.83	3.4	3.72	2.8
	C	73.2	71.65	53.37	52.3	53.58	37.7
	S	1	2.66	0.84	0.2	0.34	1.6
	N	1.4	1.54	0.99	0.8	0.72	0.8
	O	5.4	4.69	9.98	13.6	12.32	8.7
<b>Estimated LHV</b>	LHV	12601	12490	9007	8421	8741	5885
<b>Normalized Values</b>	Coal Classification	Hi. Vol. A	Hi. Vol. A	Sub Bit A	Sub C / PRB	Sub C / PRB	TX Lignite
	<b>Ash Loading (lb/MBtu)</b>	6.25	6.66	<b>16.05</b>	4.44	4.28	<b>25.63</b>
	Grindability (HGI)	45	61		46	55	64
<b>Ash Composition</b>	SiO2 (acid)	55.9	46	60.13	31.6	29.74	42.9
	Al2O3 (acid)	29.4	24	21.08	15.1	17.67	16.4
	Fe2O3 (base)	6.5	16.14	5.61	5.1	4.8	7.5
	CaO (base)	0.9	4.03	3.86	25.8	15.98	14.8
	MgO (base)	0.8	0.75	1	5	4.42	1.7
	Na2O (base)	0.4	0.67	0.7	1.3	8	0.2
	K2O (base)	1.9	1.54	0.99	0.2	0.63	0.5
<b>Normalized Ash</b>	lb SiO2/mmBtu	3.50	3.07	<b>9.65</b>	1.40	1.27	<b>11.00</b>
	lb Al2O3/mmBtu	1.84	1.60	<b>3.38</b>	0.67	0.76	<b>4.20</b>
<b>Composition Loading</b>	lb Fe2O3/mmBtu	0.41	1.08	<b>0.90</b>	0.23	0.21	<b>1.92</b>
	lb CaO/mmBtu	0.06	0.27	<b>0.62</b>	1.15	0.68	<b>3.79</b>
<b>Ash Factors</b>	Ash Classification	Bituminous Ash	Bituminous Ash	Bituminous Ash	Lignitic Ash	Lignitic Ash	Lignitic Ash
	%alpha quartz	1.7	1.5	<b>5.4</b>	0.6	0.4	<b>3.9</b>
	Erosion Potential based on %alpha quartz	Low	Low	<b>High</b>	Low	Low	<b>Moderate</b>
	Erosion Potential based on SiO2 Loading	Moderate	Moderate	<b>Bad</b>	Low	Low	<b>Bad</b>
	Erosion Potential based on Ash Loading	Moderate	Moderate	<b>High</b>	Low	Low	<b>Severe</b>

## Key Indices

Ash Loading

Silica

Alumina

# Coal Tip Erosion – High Si, & Al, or Ash



# Coal Comparison Chart

	Mine / Seam	Coal A	Coal B	Coal C	Coal D	Coal E	Coal F	
<b>Proximate</b>	Moisture	6	5.88	15.69	25.7	25.3	31.8	
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	O	5.4	4.69	9.98	13.6	12.32	8.7	
<b>Normalized Values</b>	Coal Classification	Hi. Vol. A	Hi. Vol. A	Sub Bit A	Sub C / PRB	Sub C / PRB	TX Lignite	
	<b>VM daf</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>39.5</b>	46.2	45.8	45.9	54.1	
	<b>Specific Volatile Index (SVI)</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>163</b>	130	108	117	109	
	HHV of the VM	5584	5729	4296	3635	3962	3136	
	FC daf	62.2	60.5	53.8	54.2	54.1	45.9	
	FC/VM	1.65	1.53	1.16	1.18	1.18	0.85	
	S daf	1.2	3.1	1.2	0.3	0.5	3.1	
	HHV daf	15280	15224	13802	12808	13225	12550	
	Ash Loading (lb/MBtu)	6.25	6.66	16.05	4.44	4.28	25.63	
	<b>Free Swelling Index (ASTM D720-91)</b>		<b>6.5</b>					
	<b>Ash Composition</b>	SiO2 (acid)	55.9	46	60.13	31.6	29.74	42.9
Al2O3 (acid)		29.4	24	21.08	15.1	17.67	16.4	
Fe2O3 (base)		6.5	16.14	5.61	5.1	4.8	7.5	
CaO (base)		0.9	4.03	3.86	25.8	15.98	14.8	
MgO (base)		0.8	0.75	1	5	4.42	1.7	
Na2O (base)		0.4	0.67	0.7	1.3	8	0.2	
K2O (base)		1.9	1.54	0.99	0.2	0.63	0.5	
<b>Normalized</b>		lb SiO2/mmBtu	3.50	3.07	9.65	1.40	1.27	11.00
	lb Al2O3/mmBtu	1.84	1.60	3.38	0.67	0.76	4.20	
	<b>Composition</b>	<b>lb Fe2O3/mmBtu</b>	<b>0.41</b>	<b>1.08</b>	0.90	0.23	0.21	1.92
	<b>Loading</b>	lb CaO/mmBtu	0.06	0.27	0.62	1.15	0.68	3.79
		lb MgO/mmBtu	0.05	0.05	0.16	0.22	0.19	0.44
		lb Na2O/mmBtu	0.03	0.04	0.11	0.06	0.34	0.05
		lb K2O/mmBtu	0.12	0.10	0.16	0.01	0.03	0.13

# Indices for Burner Slagging / Deposition

- Sulfur Content -  $\%S_{ar} > 1.5$  increases concern
- Free Swelling Index  $> 4.0$  High,  $> 7.0$  Extreme Problems
- Specific Volatile Index  $> 160$  with  $V_{mdaf} > 40$  = “Gas” Coals
- Pyrite ( $FeS_2$ ) Content - 3.5 X density of coal and 2 X density of quartz
- Iron Oxide -  $Fe_2O_3 > 15\%$
- Base/Acid Ratio
- Slagging Index -  $(B/A * \%S) > 2.0$
- Ash Fusion Temperatures -  $IT < 2400^\circ F$
- Fe/Ca Ratio
- Cl Content

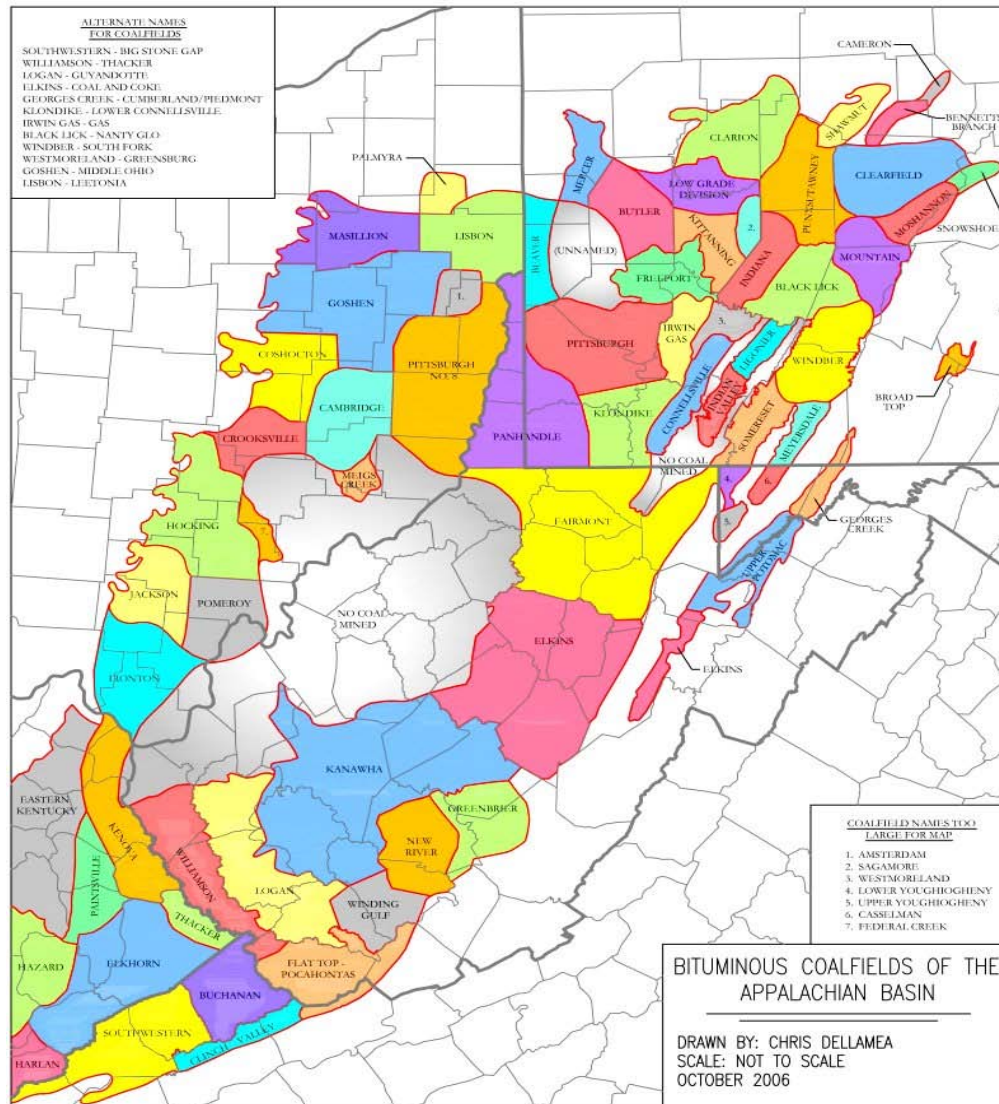
# Coal Tip Deposition – High S & Fe



# Coal Tip Deposition – High S & Fe



# Northern Appalachian Coal Sources



# Damaged Coal Compartments – Gas Coals



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