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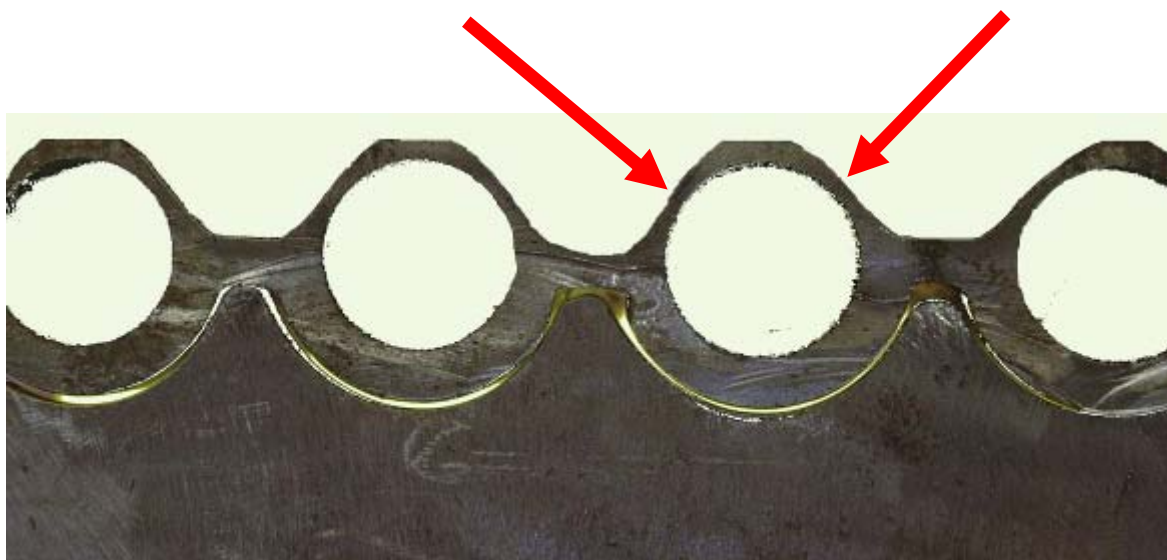


## *Water Wall Corrosion from Low NO<sub>x</sub> Burners*

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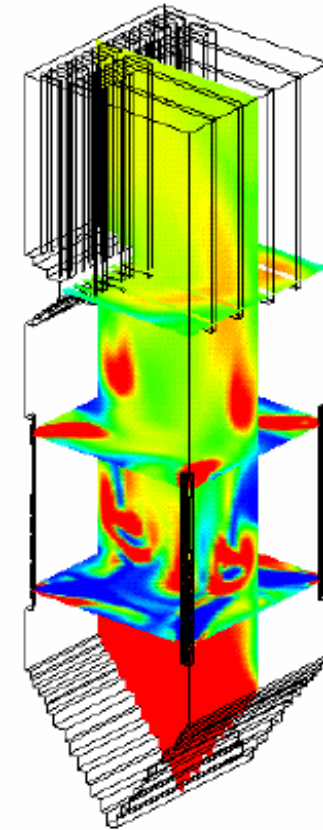
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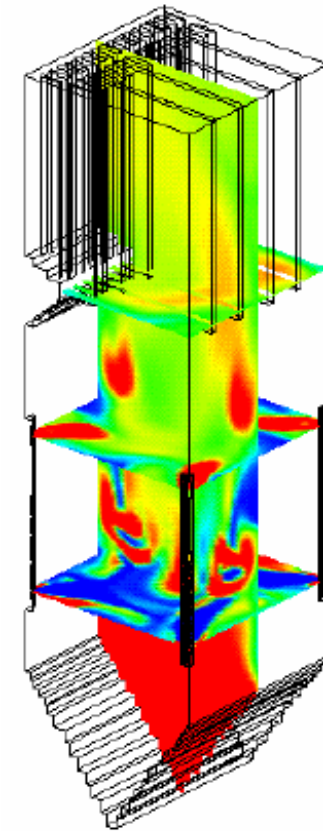
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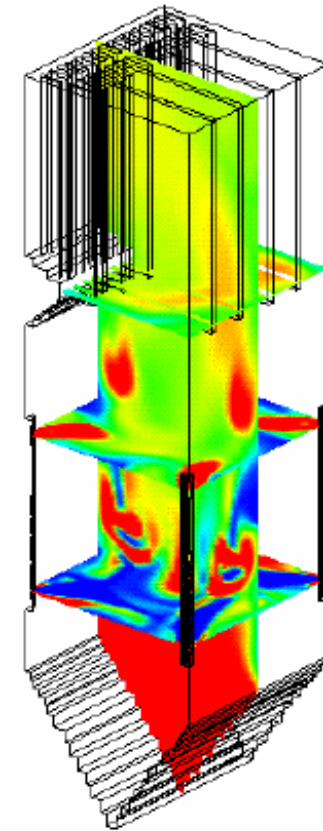
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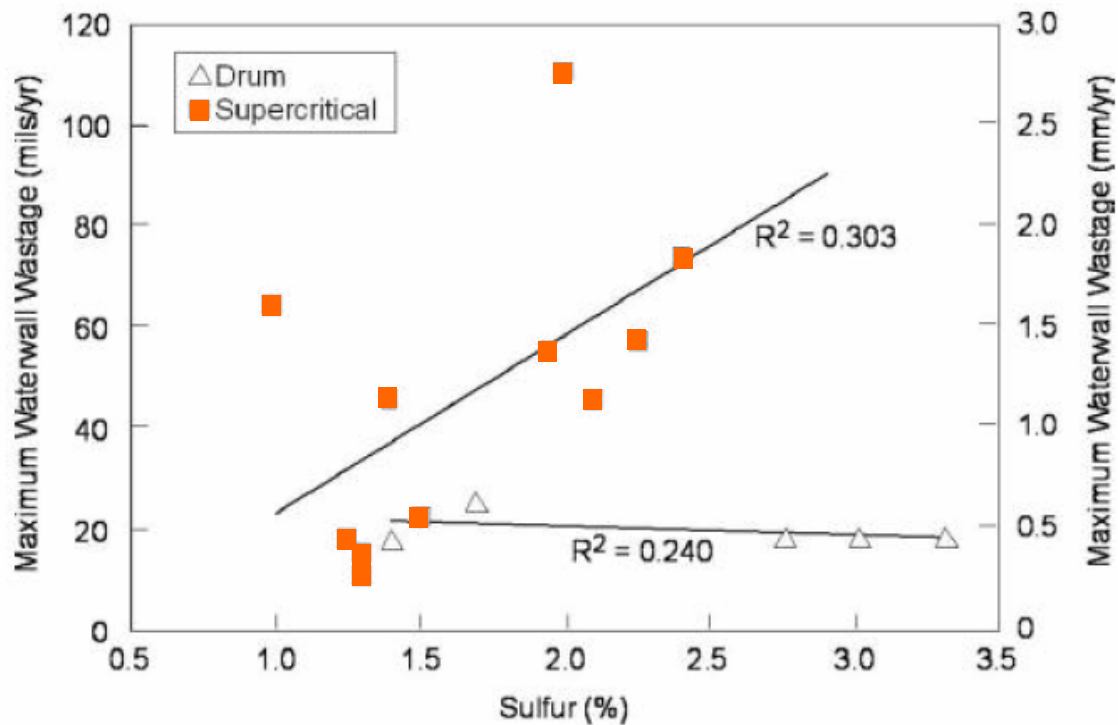
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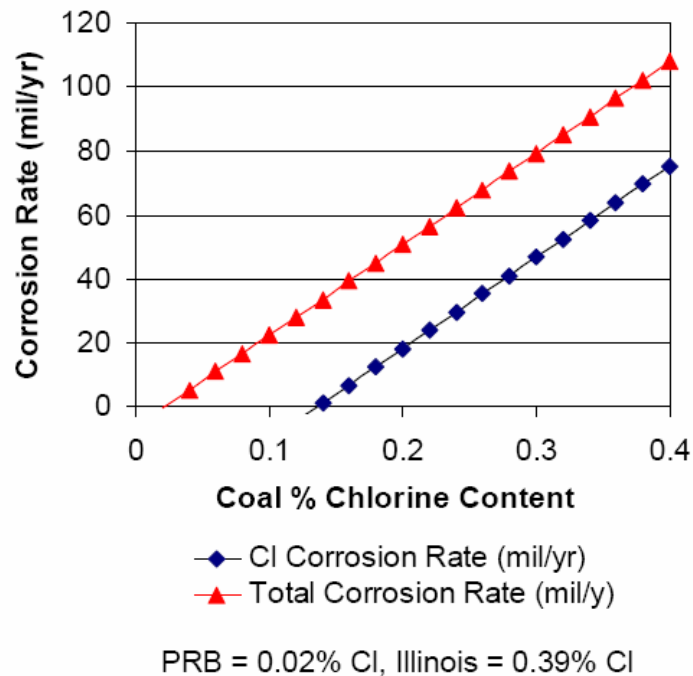
### ➤ Sulfur and Chlorine in Coal

	Illinois Coal	PRB Coal
C	68.32 %	48.89 %
H	4.39 %	3.29 %
O	6.74 %	12.30 %
N	1.59 %	0.99 %
S	0.96 %	0.33 %
ash	5.50 %	4.90 %
moisture	12.50 %	29.30 %
HHV	11,980 Btu/lb	8,500 Btu/lb
Cl	0.40 %	0.017 %

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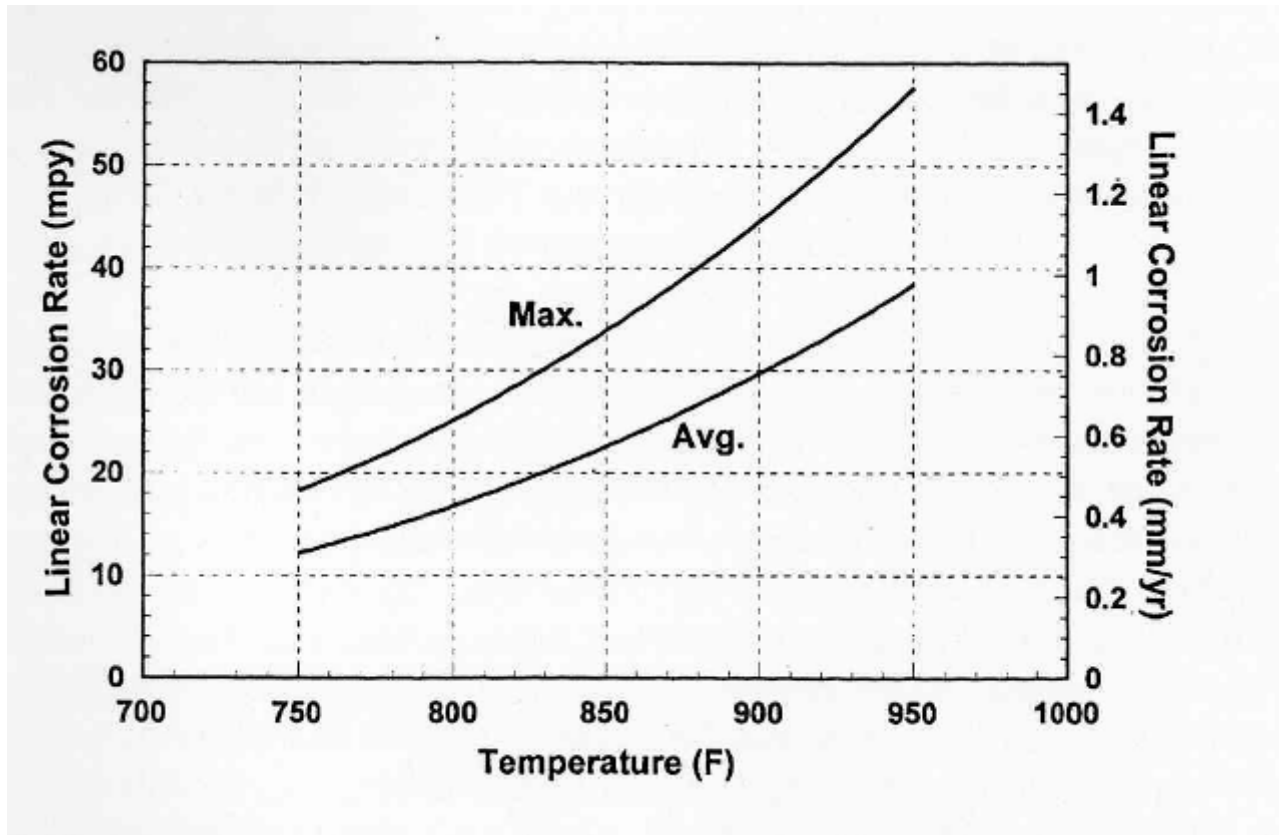
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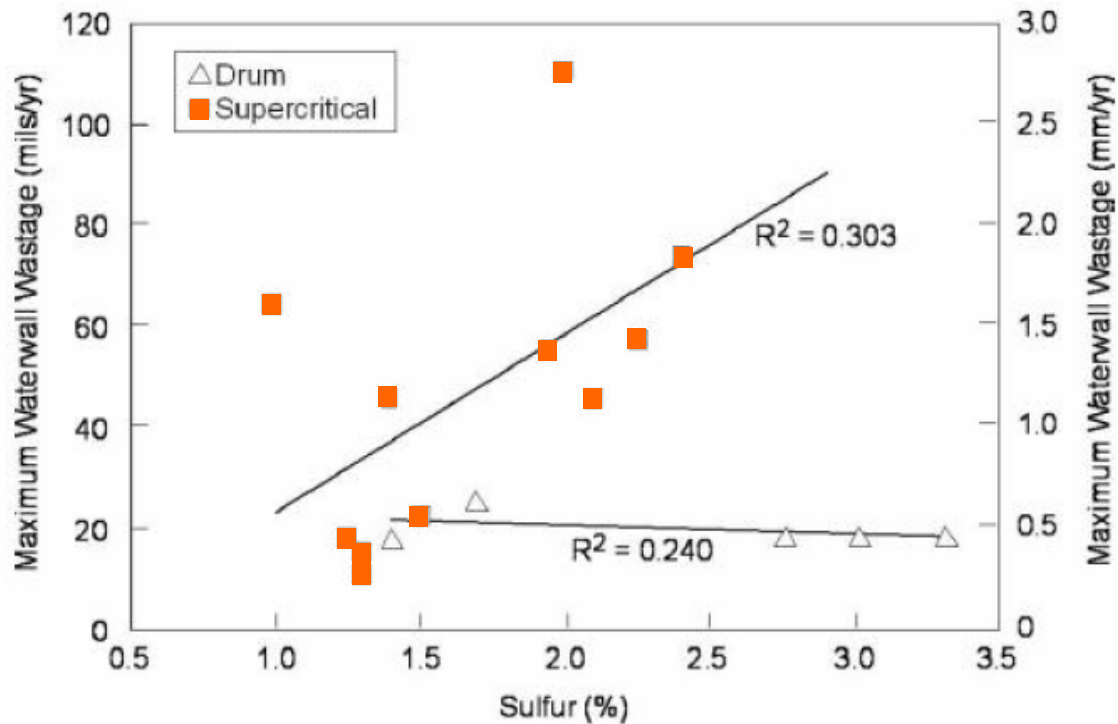
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- **Reducing = High CO and Low O<sub>2</sub>**
- **Oxidizing = Low CO and High O<sub>2</sub>**

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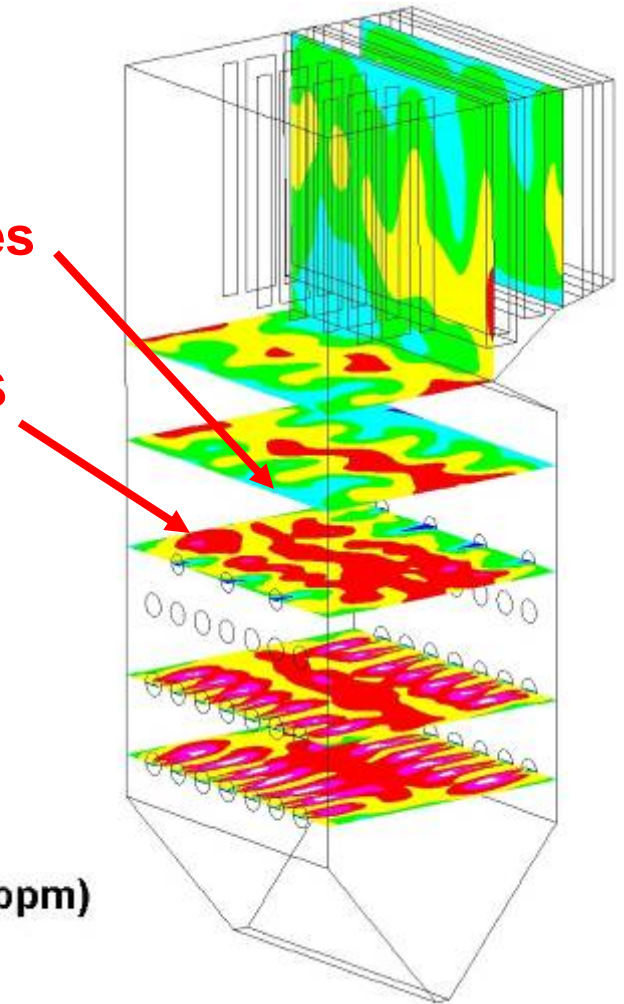
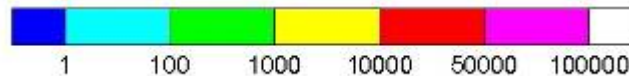
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Oxidizing zones

Reducing zones

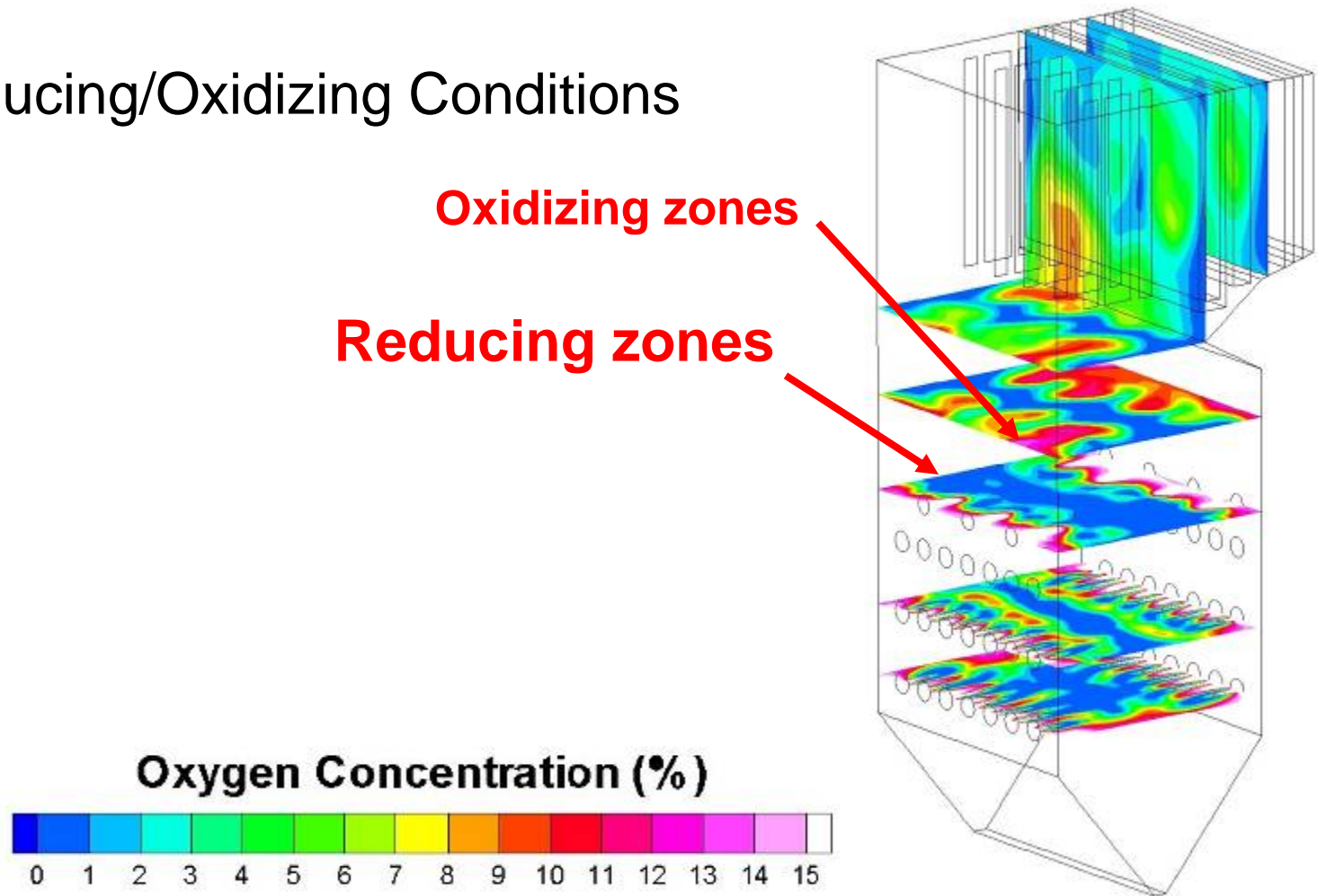
Carbon Monoxide (CO) Concentration (ppm)



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    - **FeS and KCl**

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### ➤ **Reducing**/Oxidizing Conditions

- **FeS** forms in slag from pyrite (FeS<sub>2</sub>)  
Under reducing conditions
- **KCl** deposits in slag from chlorides in coal  
Under reducing conditions

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### ➤ Reducing/**Oxidizing** Conditions

- **FeS** is oxidized to release **Sulfur**

Under oxidizing conditions

**Sulfur causes sulfidation of tubes.**

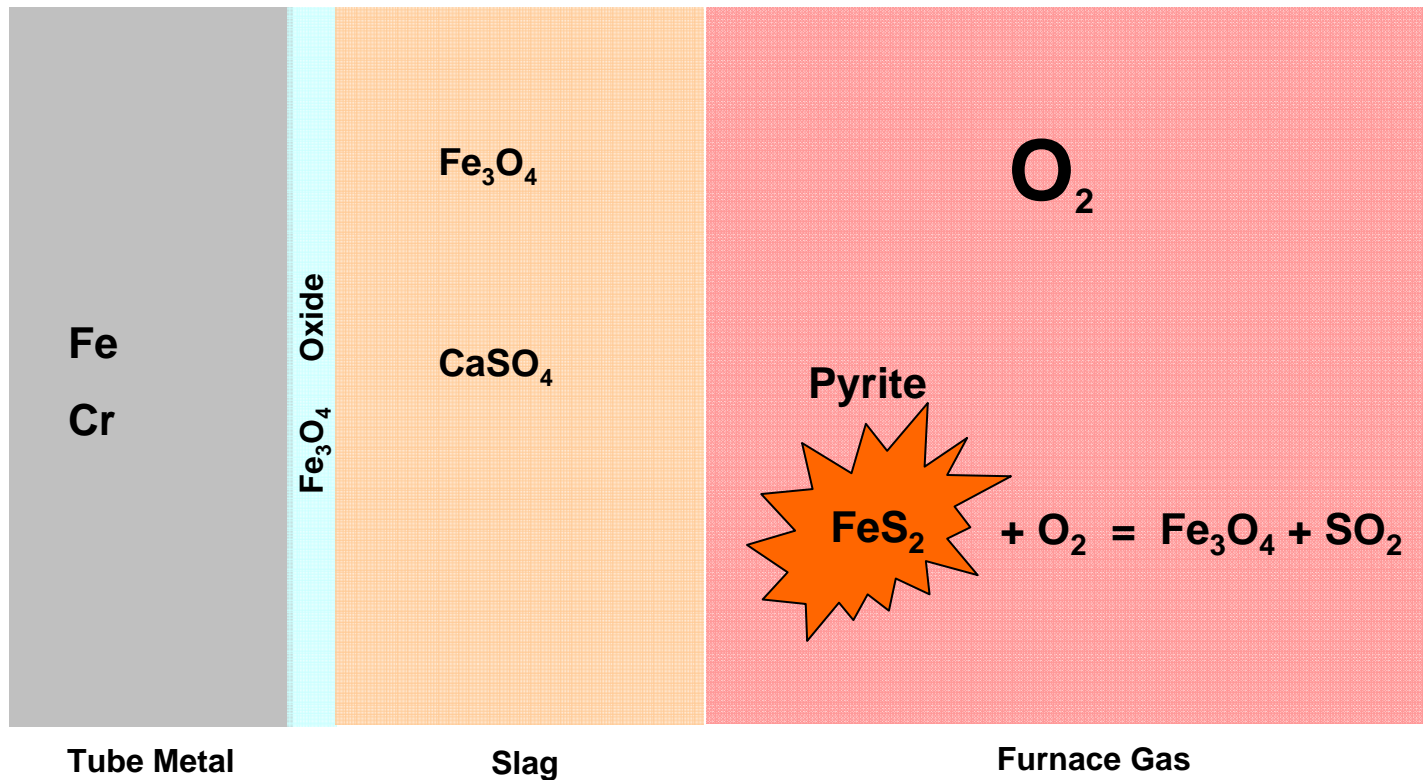
- **KCl** breaks down protective oxides on tubes.

Under oxidizing conditions

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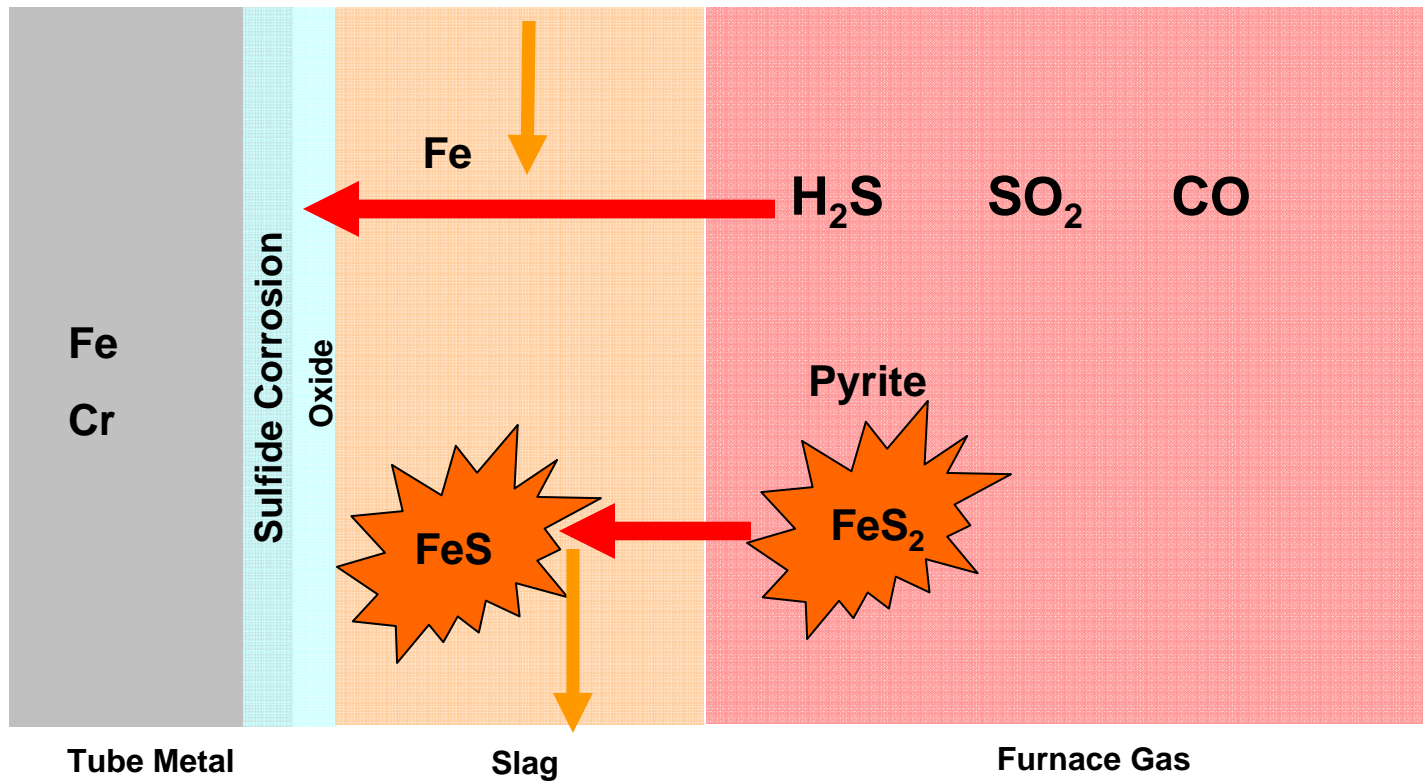
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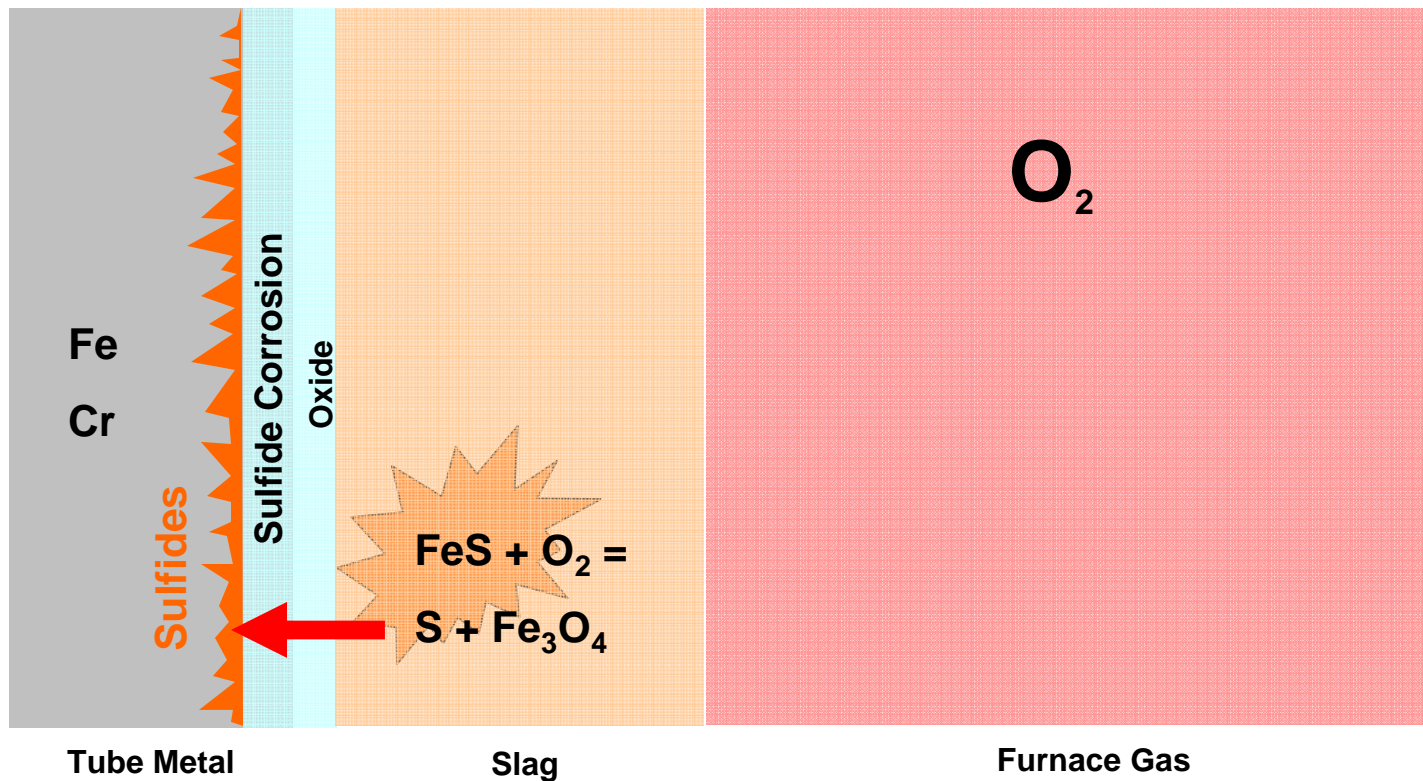
### Reducing Conditions



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Protective oxide layer is broken up by Chlorides and Sulfur

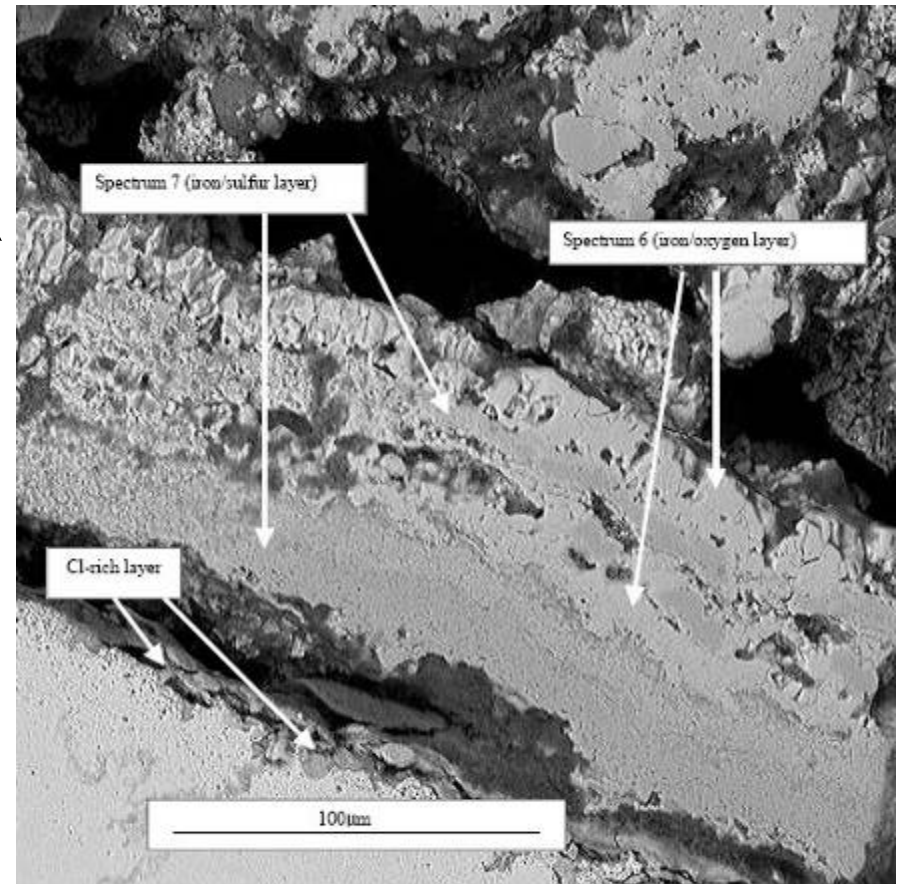
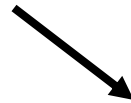
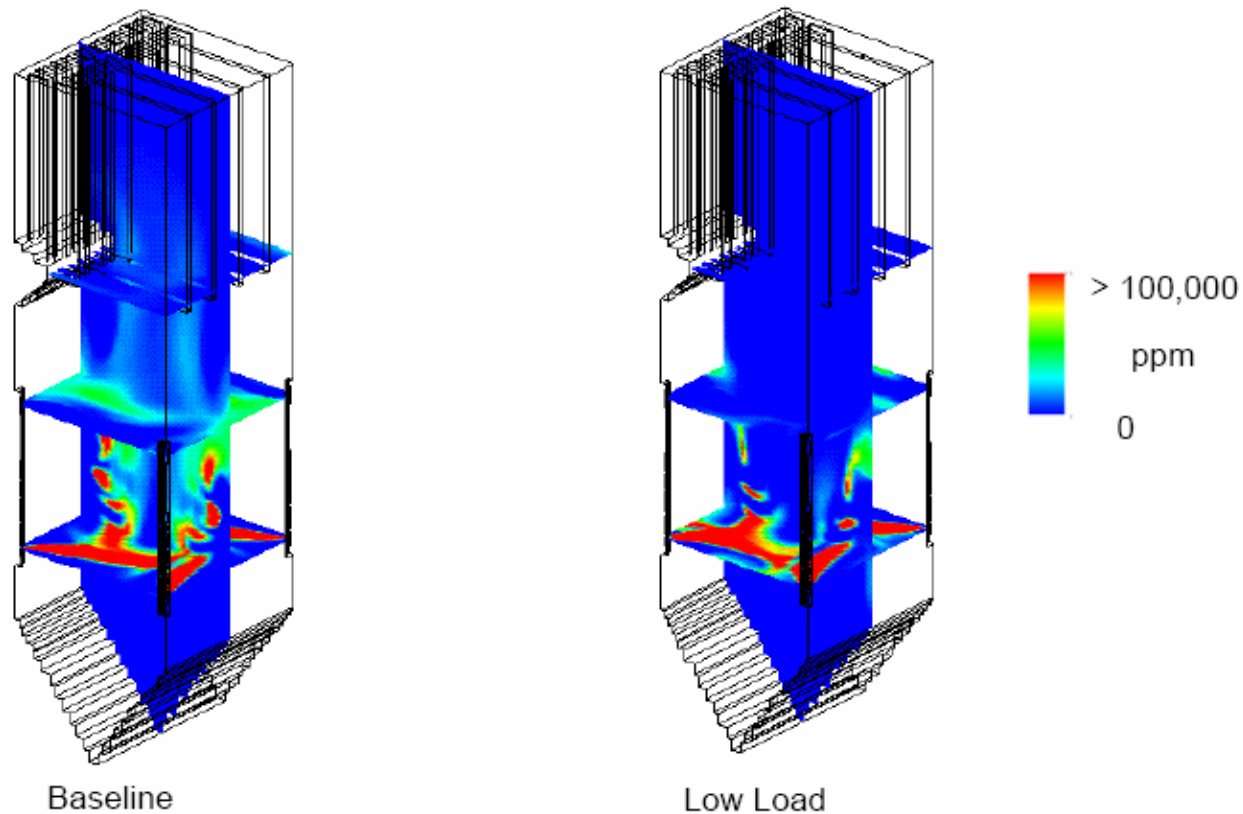


Figure 2-4  
Chloride Corrosion under Deposits Containing 20% Cl

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**Figure B-4**  
Predicted CO concentration for each simulation

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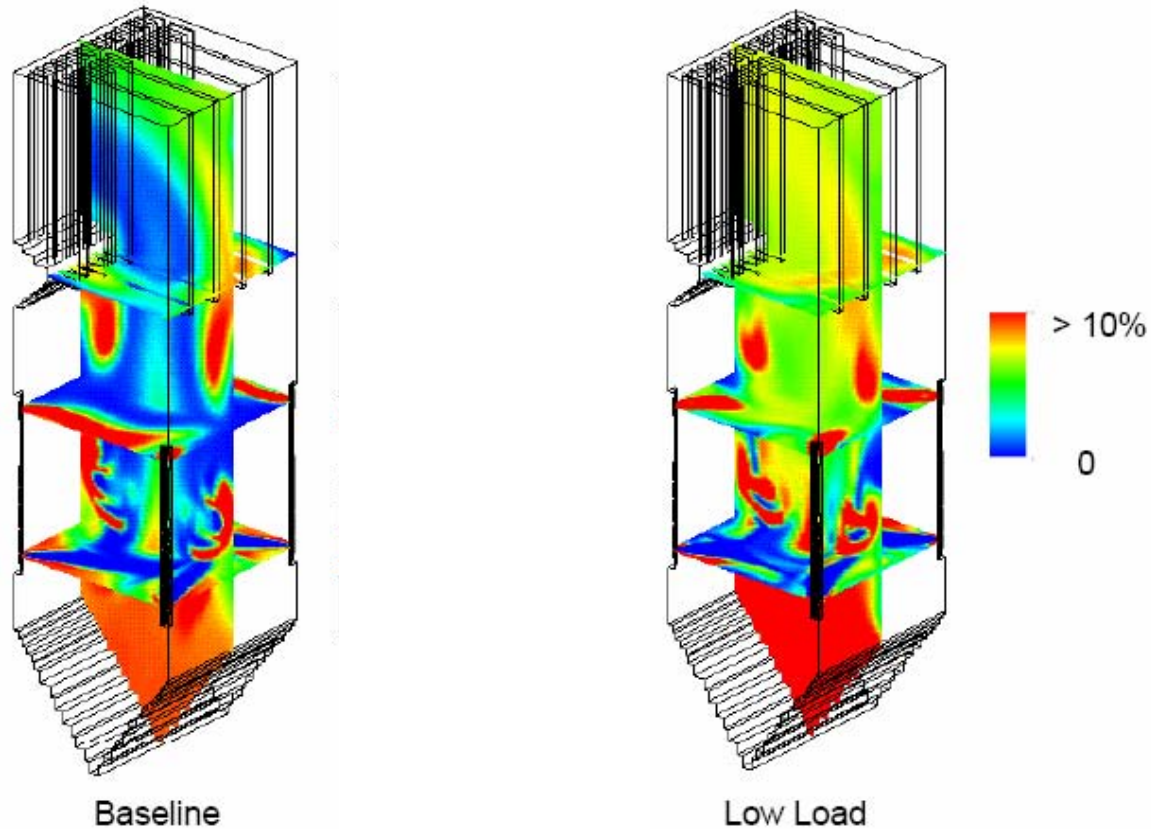
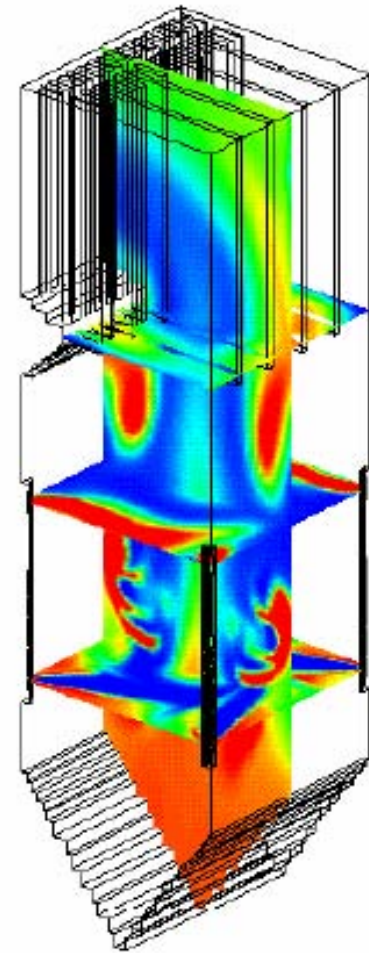


Figure B-3  
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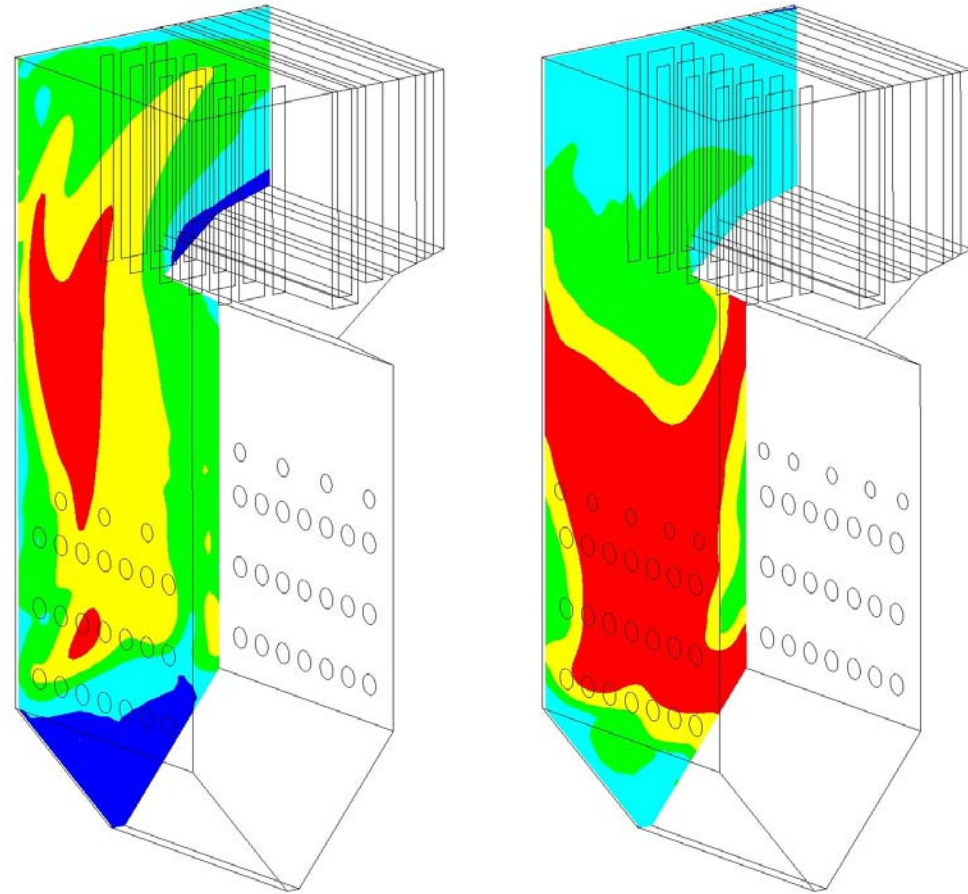
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Cycling operation causes the highest corrosion rates as conditions fluctuate.



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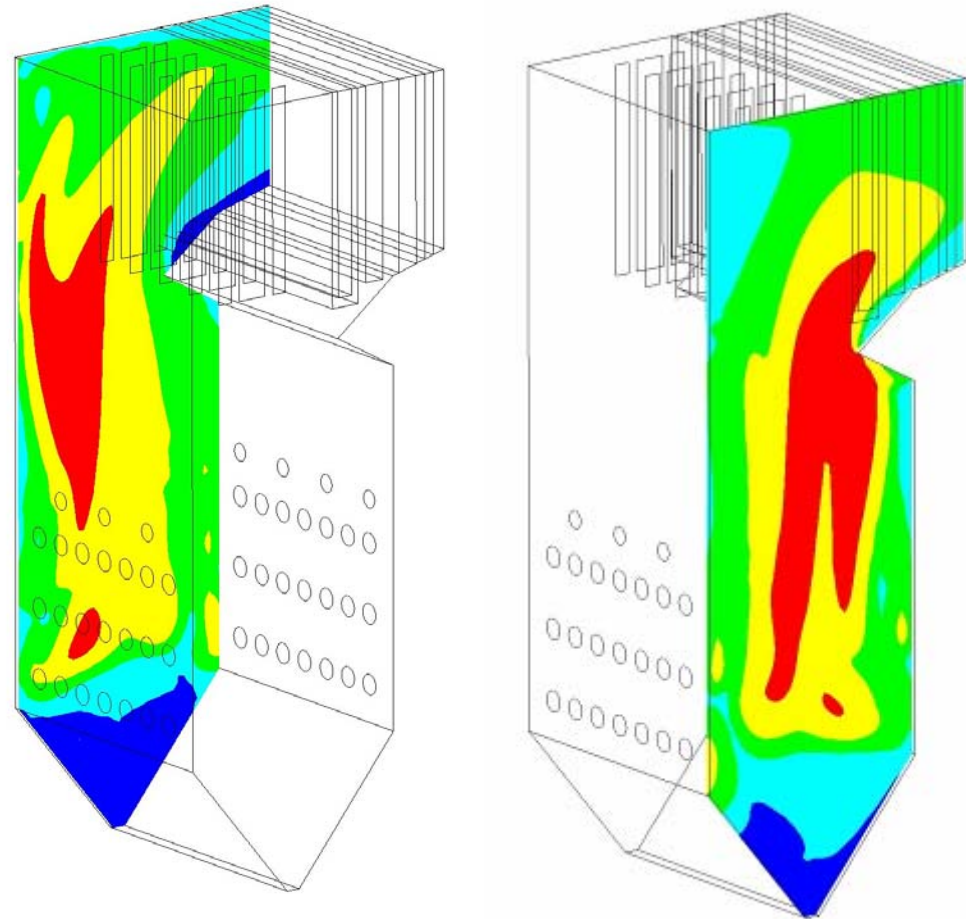


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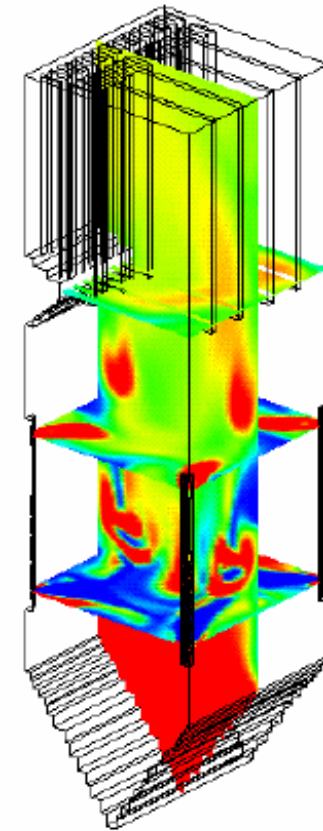
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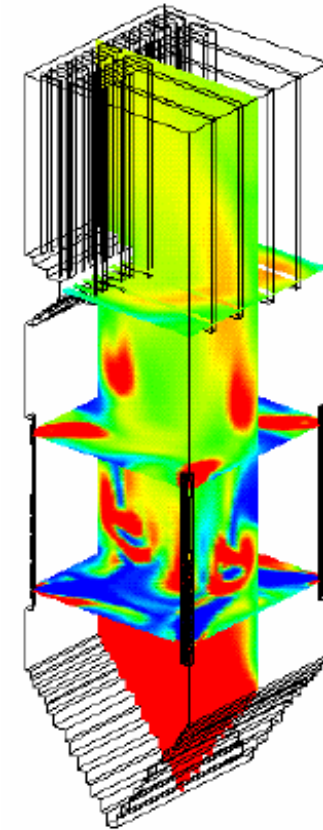


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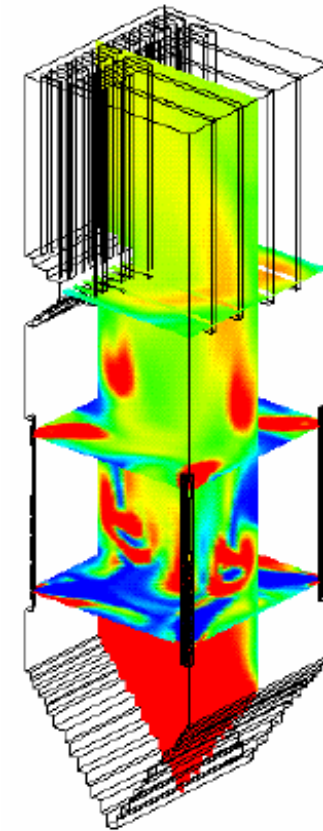
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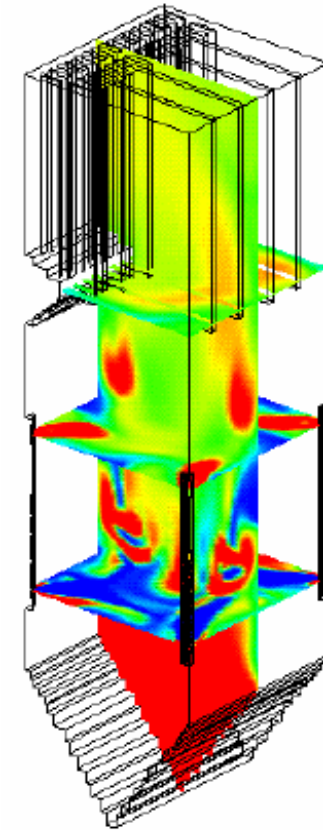
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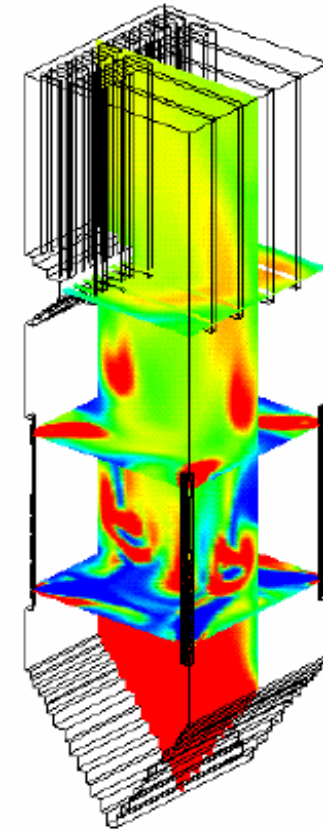
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Thank you

