

# Characterizing Impacts Of Dry Coal Feeding In High Pressure Oxy-coal Combustion Systems

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# Motivation

## Relevance

- Fuel feeding and firing system flexibility are challenges for high pressure coal and biomass fed combustion and gasification equipment
  - Slurry-fed systems often have atomization and burnout problems exacerbated at high pressure
  - Slurry atomization processes may be difficult to scale up
- Dry feeding has the potential to yield efficiency gains, provide better control over flame aerodynamics, improve flexibility and facilitate scale up

## Objective

Develop data and validate mechanisms describing heat transfer, ash deposition and corrosion in a high temperature, high pressure oxy-coal combustion system with dry coal feeding



# Technical Approach

1. Design, construction and installation of a pressurized feeding system for dry pulverized coal in an entrained flow pressurized combustor
2. CFD-based guidance of burner design and pilot-scale operation of pressurized oxy-coal combustion with a dry feed system
3. Detailed measurements of heat flux and flame and material temperatures at high temperatures while firing at 300 kW and 17 bar
4. Ash aerosol measurements at 17 bar pressure experimental conditions to determine slagging and fouling propensity of the ash, and its deposition rates as a function of high pressure
5. Characterize corrosion propensity under high temperature and high pressure conditions using real time corrosion sensors
6. Refinement of CFD modeling tools to ensure accurate prediction of the impacts of high temperature and high pressure oxy-coal combustion on heat flux, ash deposition and corrosion in a commercial boiler implementation



# Program Overview

## Enabling Technologies for Advanced Oxy-Coal Combustion Systems

Characterizing Impacts of Dry Coal Feeding in  
High Pressure Oxy-Coal Combustion Systems  
(DFHP)

*October 2016 – September 2019*



# Program Elements



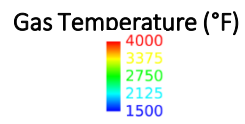
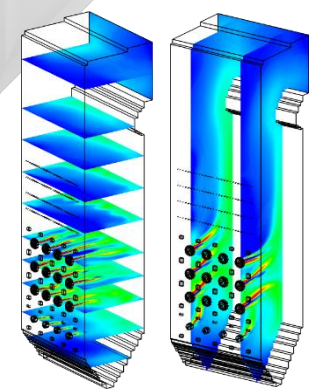
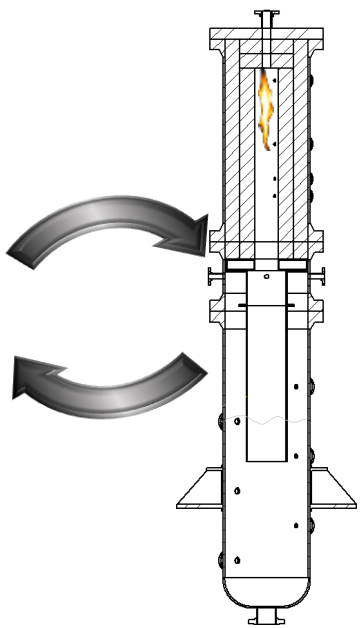
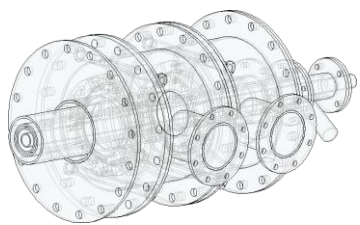
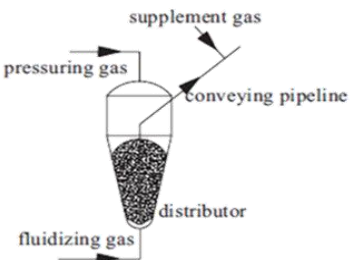
Design, construct and install pressurized dry feed system

Design, construct and install pressurized burner system







Conduct experiments at University of Utah's Entrained Flow Pressurized Reactor (EFPR)

Validate simulations of high pressure oxy-coal combustion

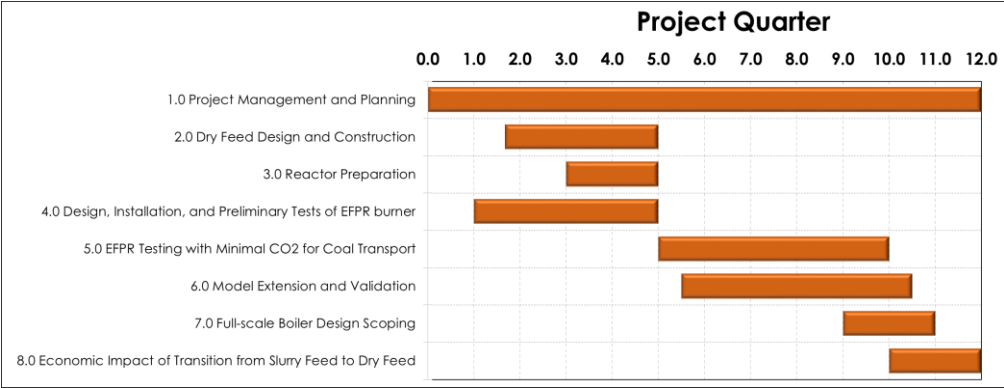
Economic analysis and full scale boiler scoping



# Program Organization

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program management</li> <li>• Pressurized oxy-coal burner design</li> <li>• CFD modeling of pilot-scale tests</li> <li>• Development/refinement and validation of key mechanisms in CFD sub-models</li> <li>• Conceptual design and simulation of multi-burner furnace at pressurized conditions</li> <li>• Full scale boiler scoping and economic analysis</li> </ul>				
				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsible for installation and certification of the dry feeding system.</li> <li>• Operation of 300 kW Entrained Flow Pressurized Reactor (EFPR)</li> <li>• Gathering experimental data</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Design of dry feeding system, and construction of critical (internal) components</li> <li>• Consultation and advisory during startup and operation of EFPR</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Direction in construction of high pressure corrosion monitor design</li> <li>• Guidance of corrosion assessment of pressurized oxy-fuel combustion.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supply power industry perspective and technical support</li> <li>• Design review and feedback on economic analysis and full scale boiler scoping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide O<sub>2</sub> and CO<sub>2</sub> for multi-scale testing</li> <li>• Provide guidance on oxy-combustion testing</li> <li>• Serve as informal advisor</li> </ul>

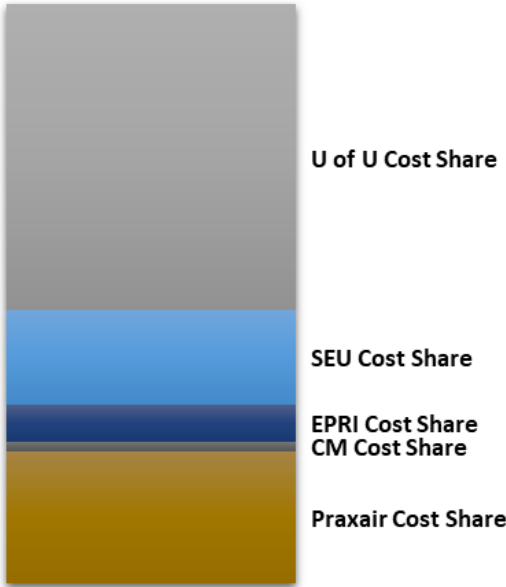
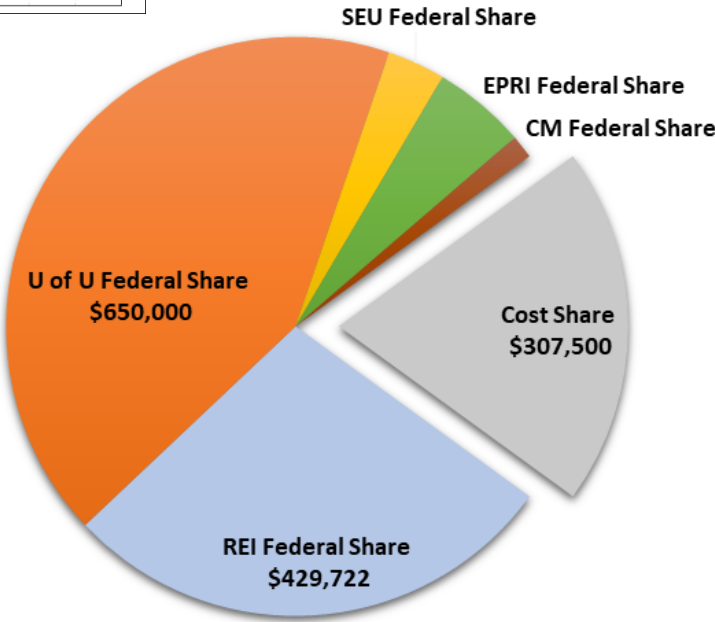
# Timeline and Budget



**Total Budget**  
**\$1,537,220**

**Total Federal**  
**\$1,229,720**

## DFHP Budget



- REI Federal Share

SEU Federal Share

EPRI Cost Share
- U of U Federal Share

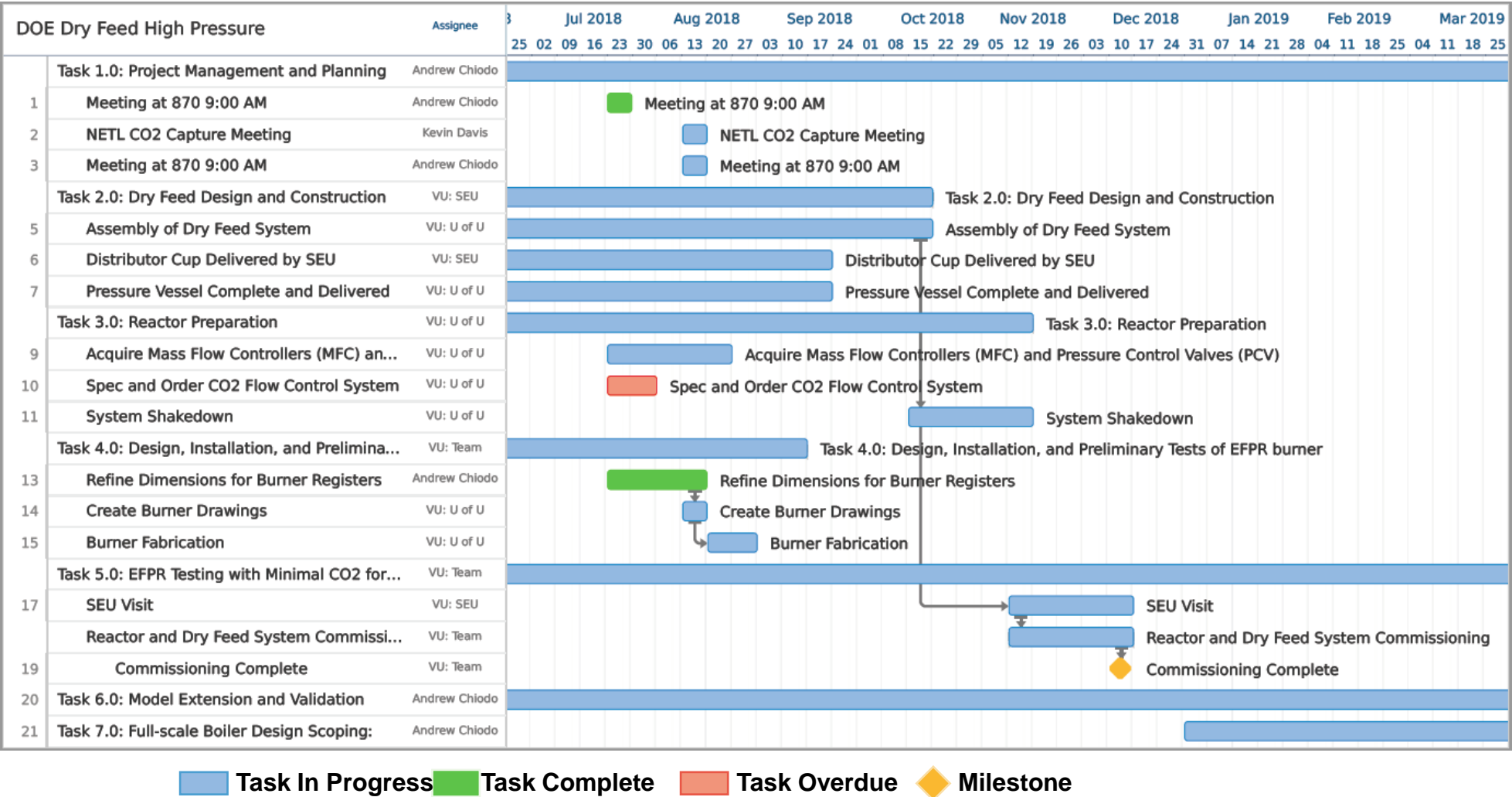
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- U of U Cost Share

EPRI Federal Share

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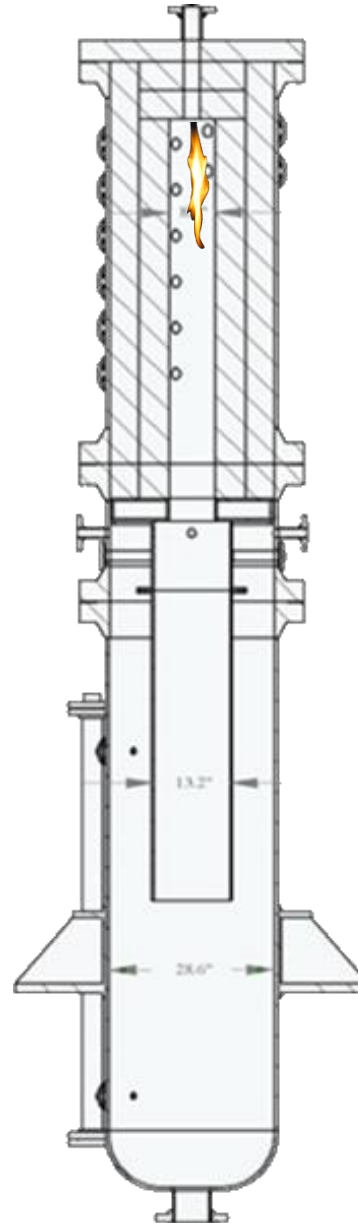
# Schedule of Tasks: Q3 2018-Q2 2019





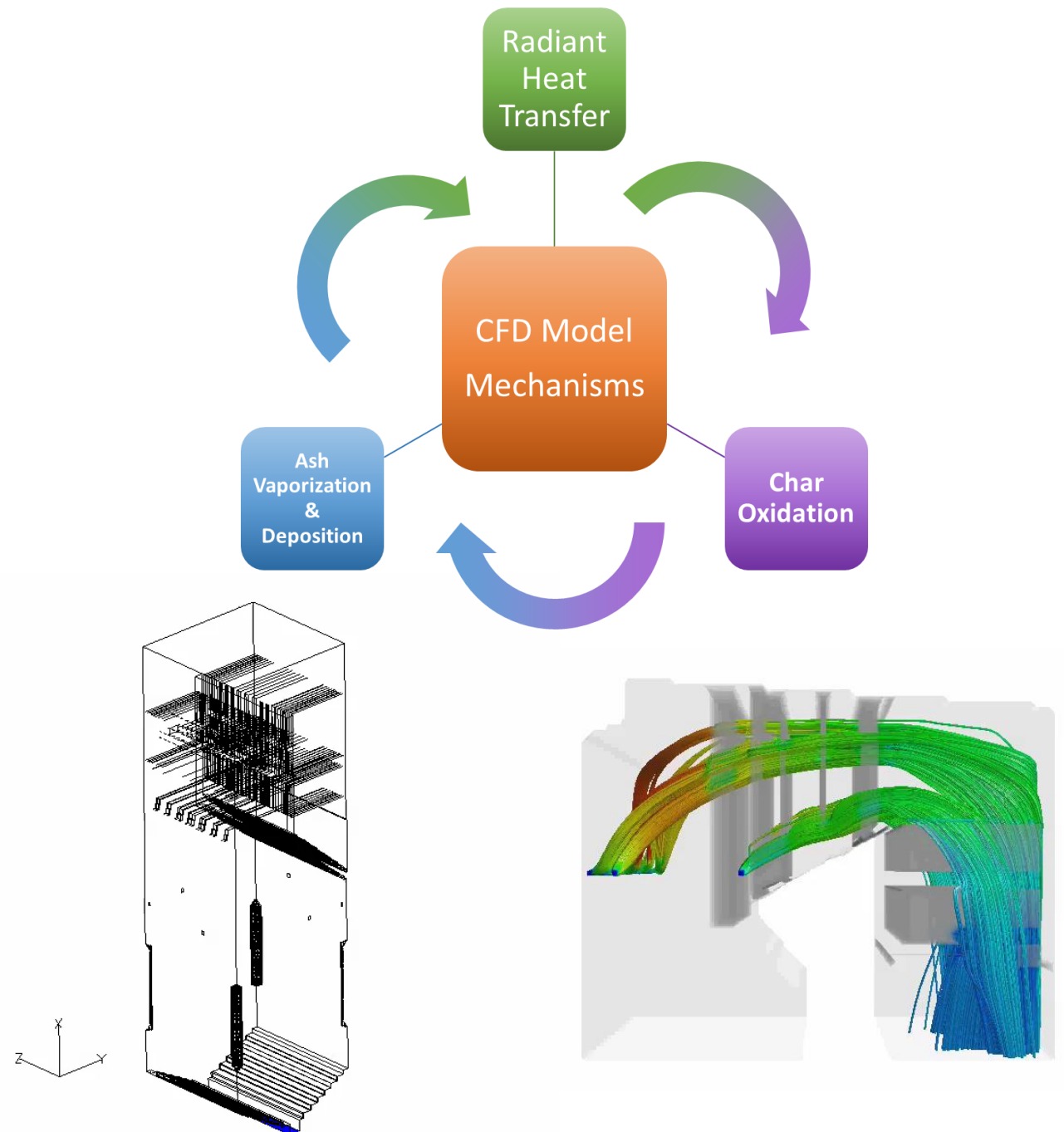
# 300 kW Entrained Flow Pressurized Reactor (EFPR)

- Converted from entrained flow gasifier
- 300 kW (rated) pilot scale
- Max pressure 450 psi
- Coal-water slurry or dry feeding with pure O<sub>2</sub>
- Down-fired, self-sustained and no external heating



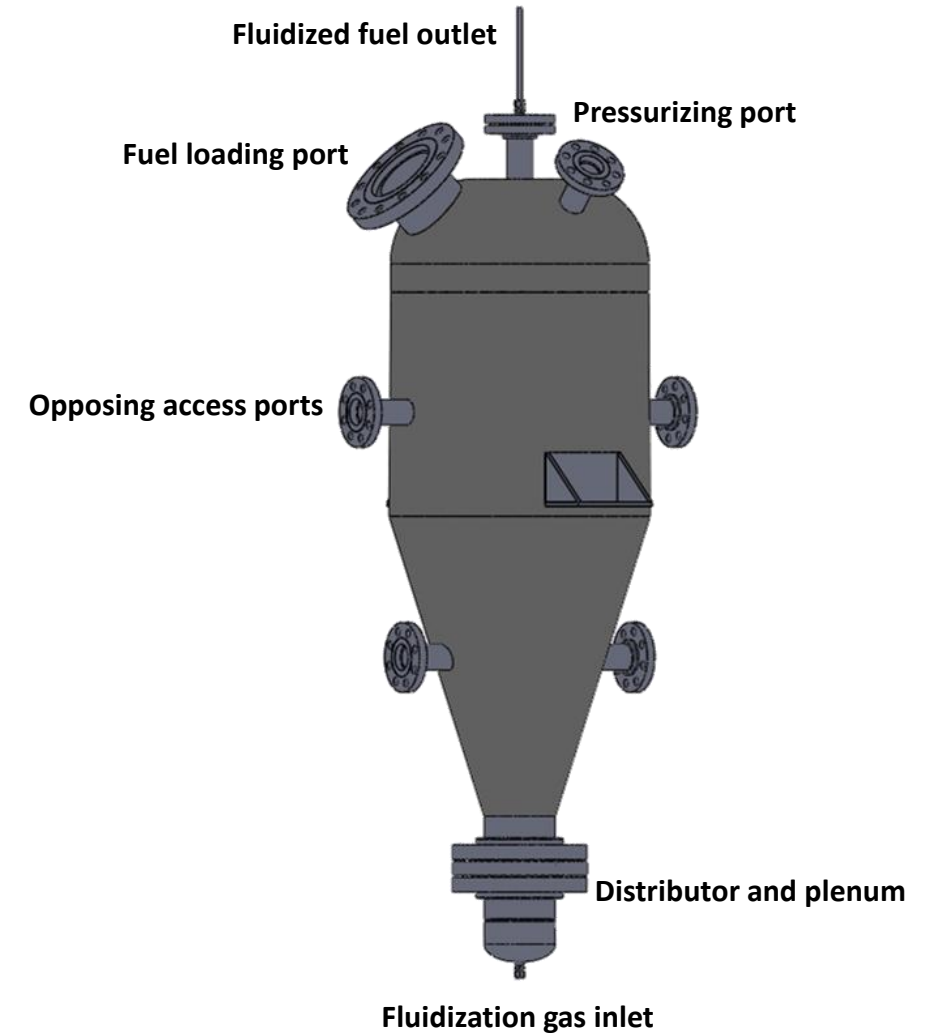
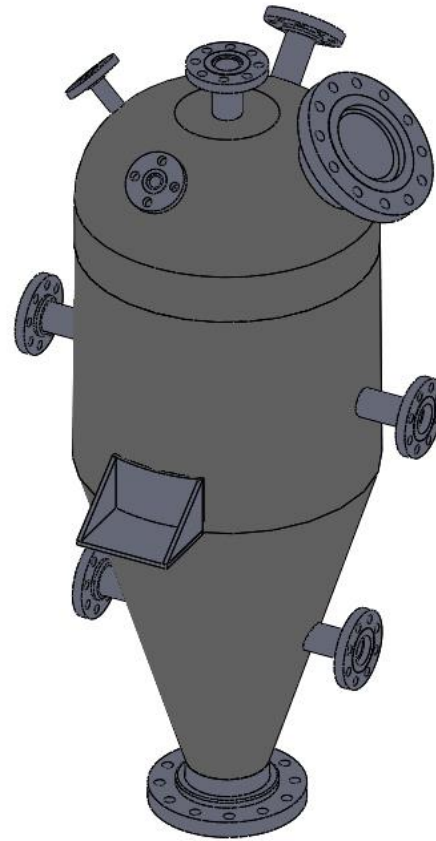
# CFD Tools: GLACIER

- REI's in-house CFD software
- Developed specifically for application to solid fuel fired furnaces and boilers
- 3D, steady-state, turbulent flows
- Coupling between turbulent fluid mechanics, radiative and convective heat transfer, homogeneous and heterogeneous reactions
- Statistical description of particles including particle dispersion
- Pollutant formation kinetics for NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>x</sub>, CO, Hg and fine particles
- Continually evolving including recent developments for atmospheric pressure and pressurized oxy-coal applications



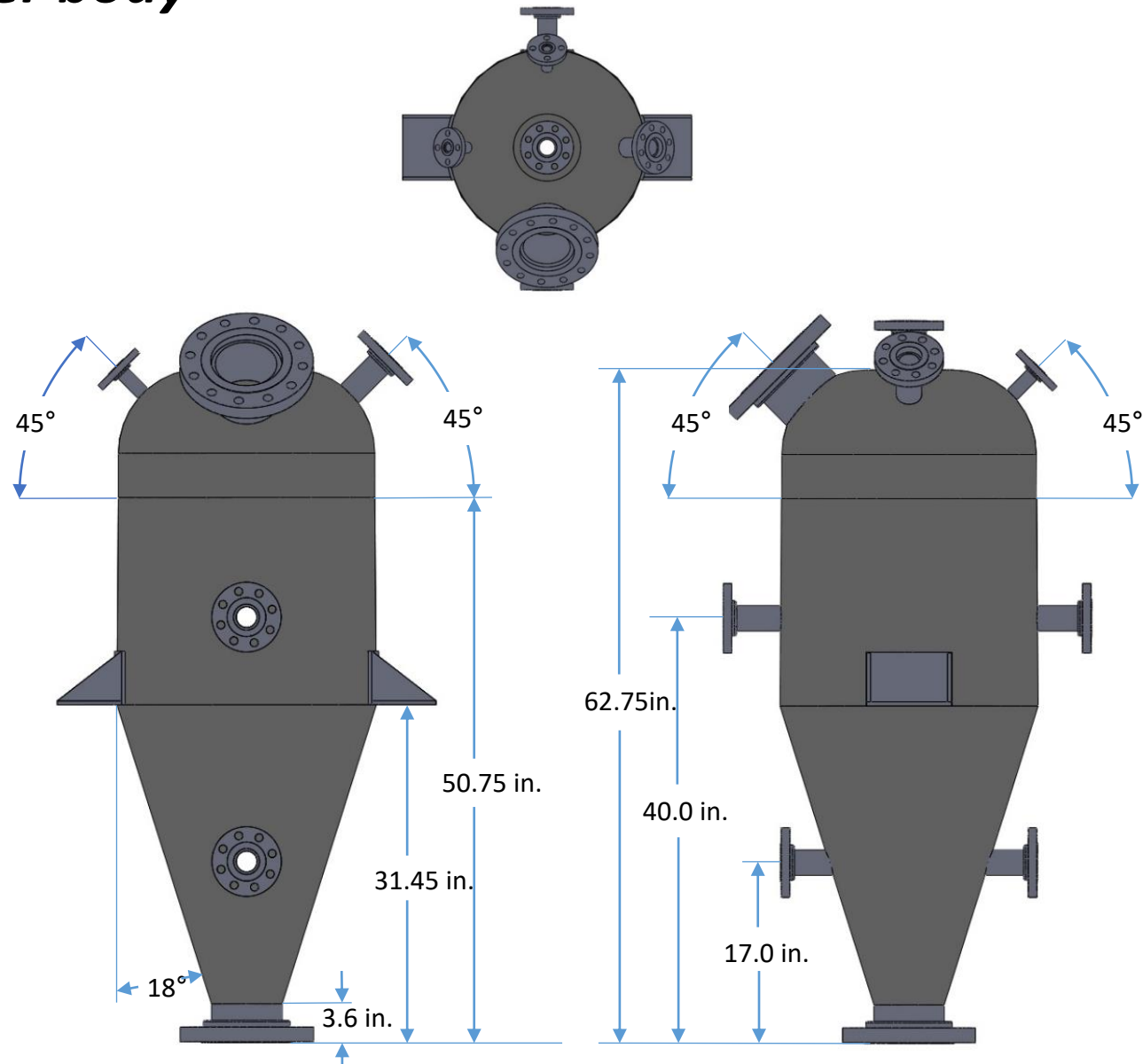
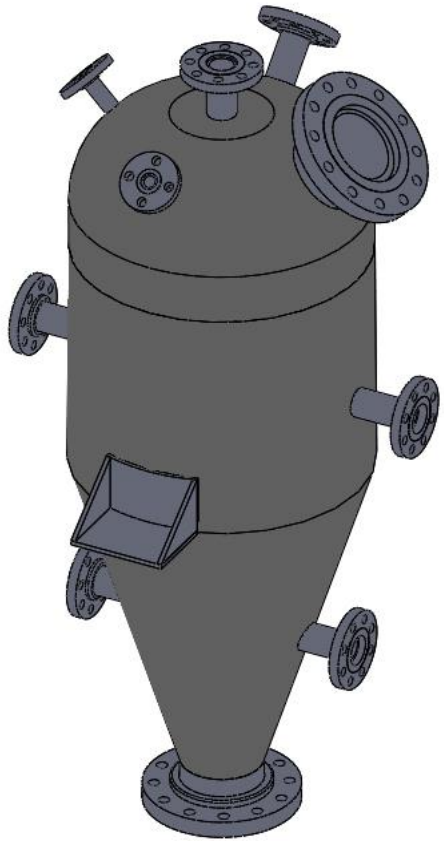
# Pulverized Coal Feeder Design

## *Integration with EFPR*



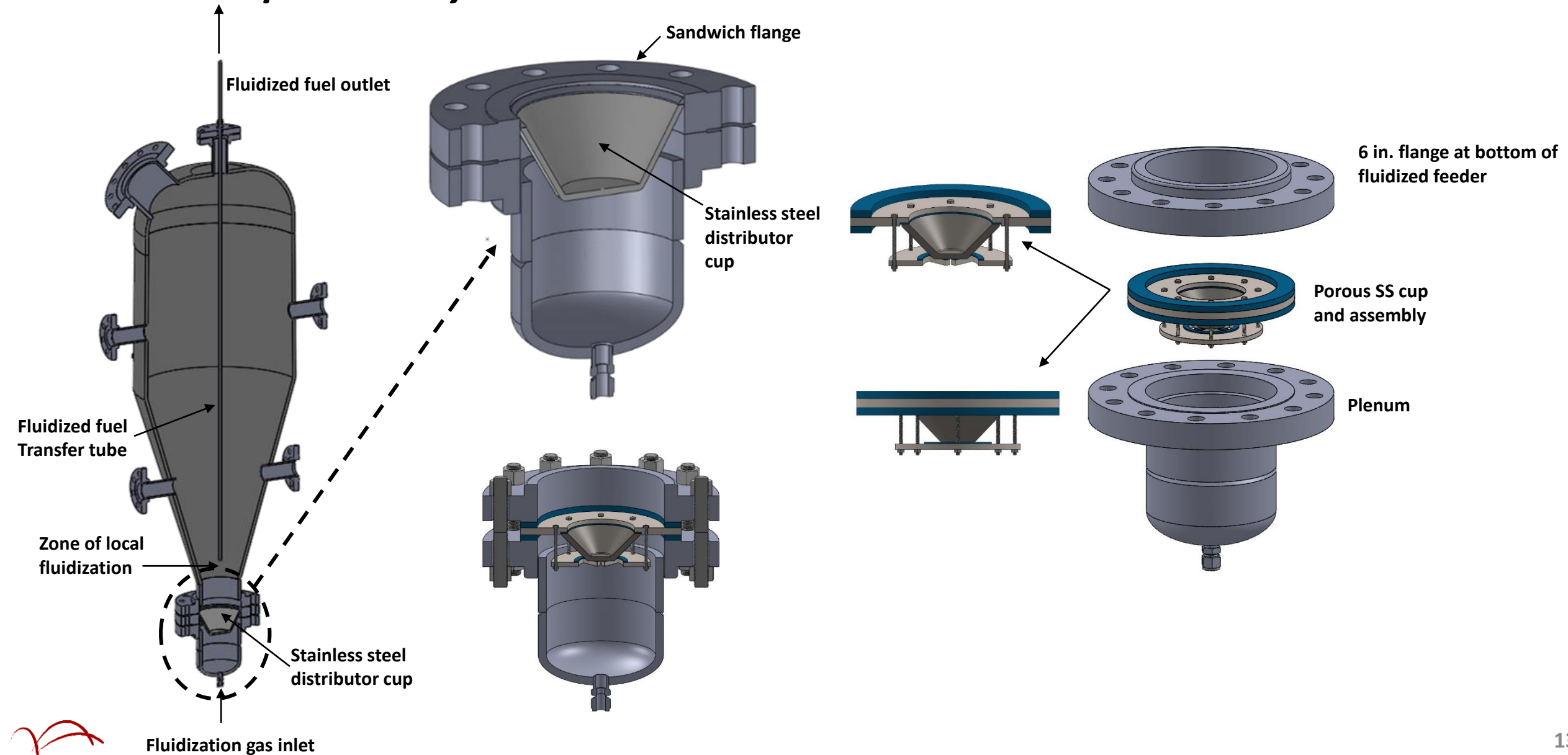
# Pulverized Coal Feeder Design

*Final design of fluidized feeder body*

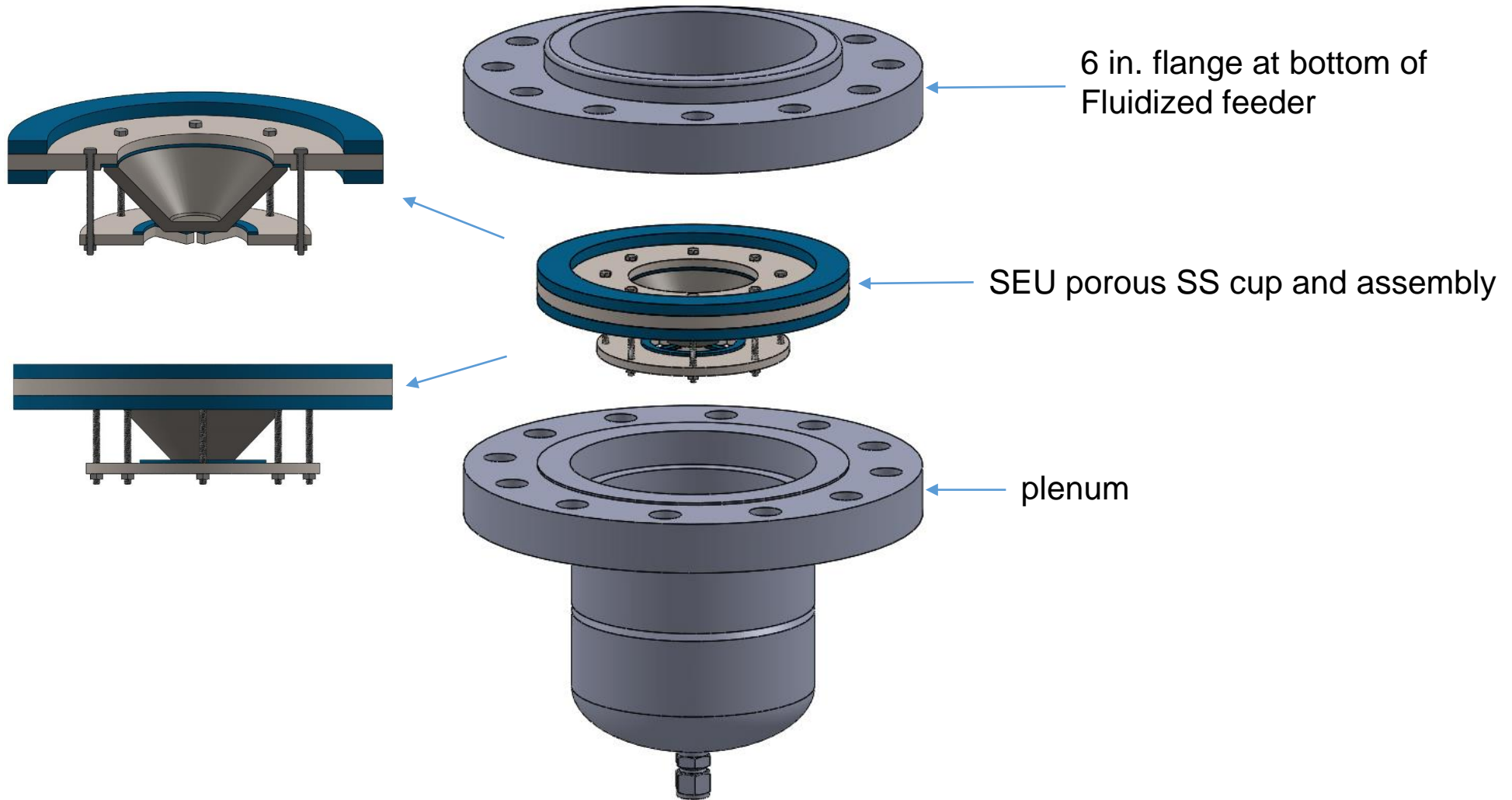


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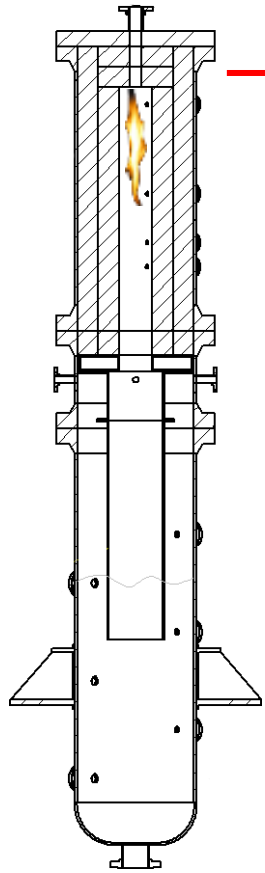
## *Distributor cup assembly*



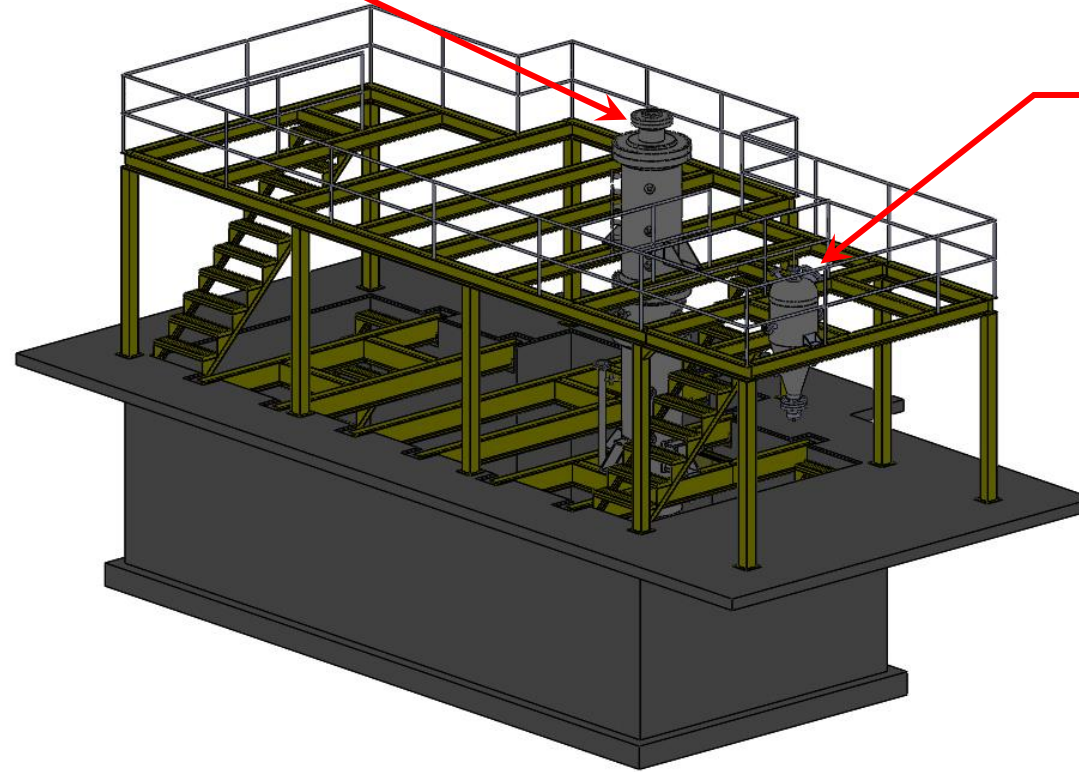




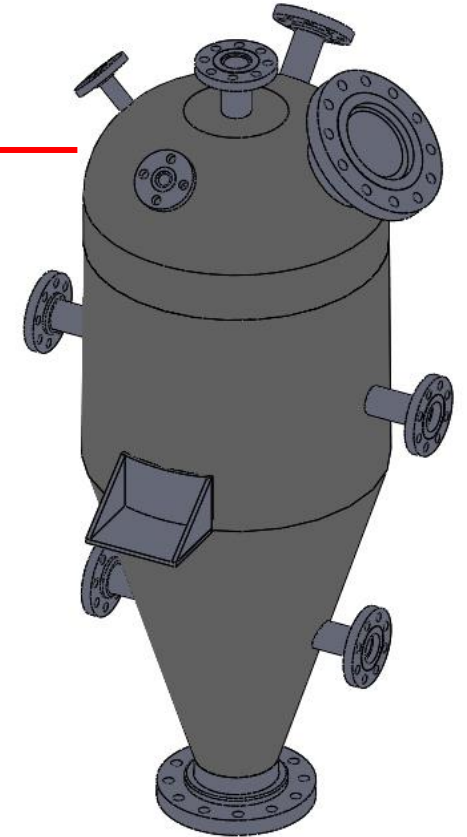
# Pulverized Coal Feeder Design & Construction



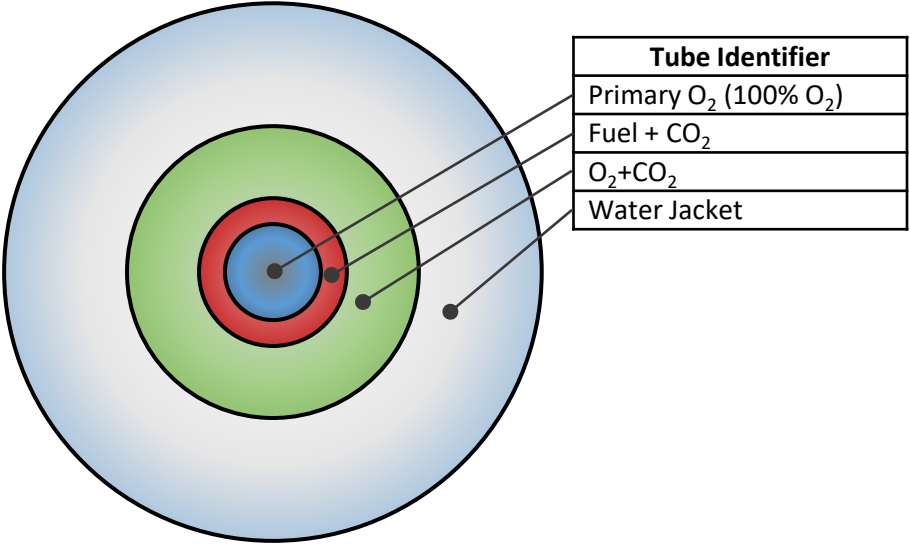
**Entrained flow  
pressurized reactor**



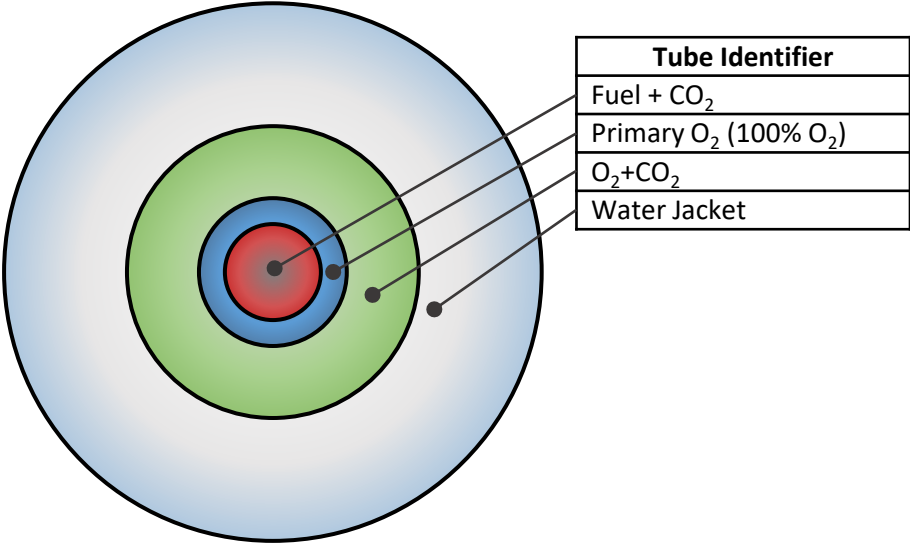
**Dry feed system  
pressure vessel**



# EFPR Dry Pulverized Coal Burner Design Concepts



Design 1



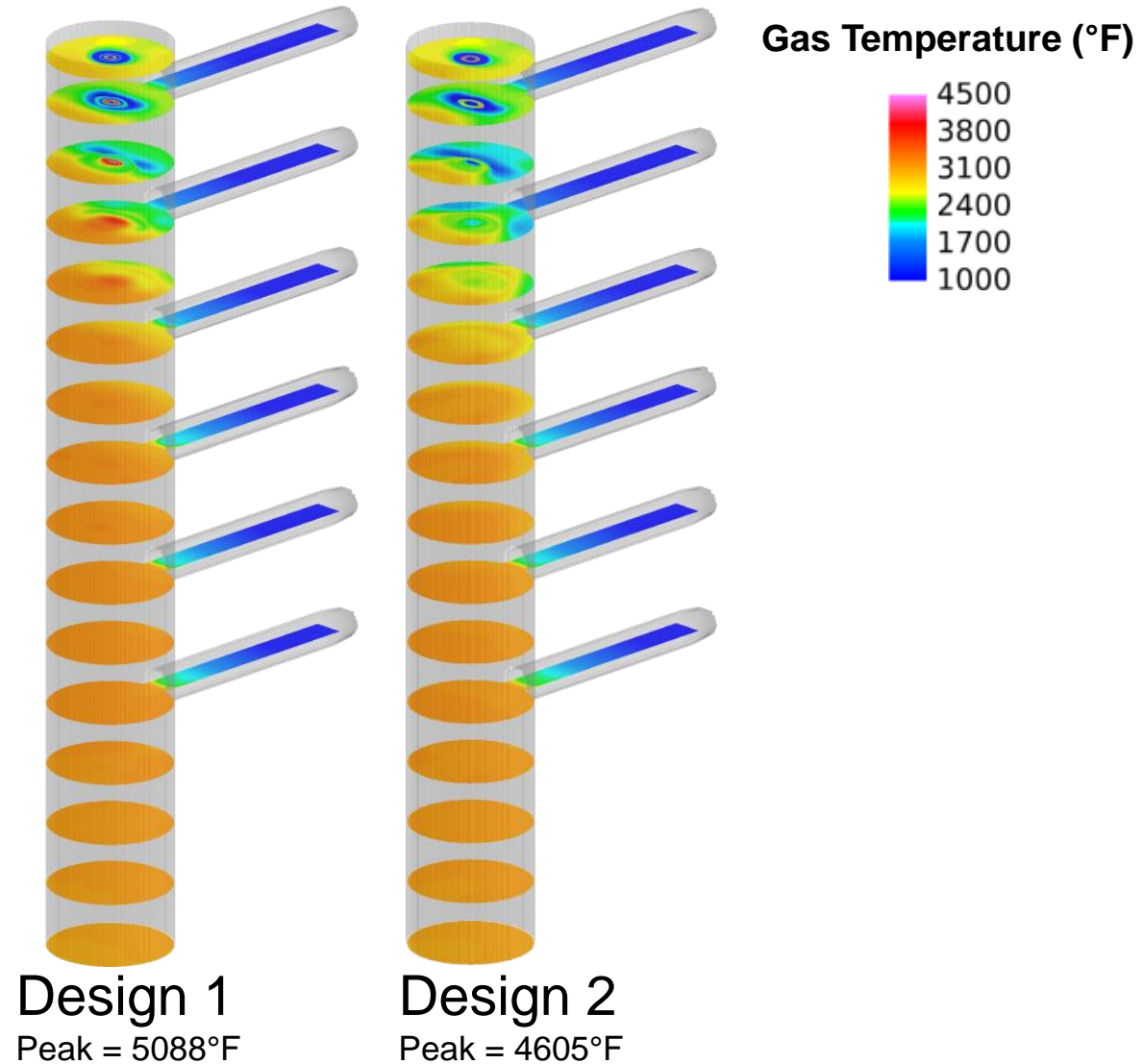
Design 2





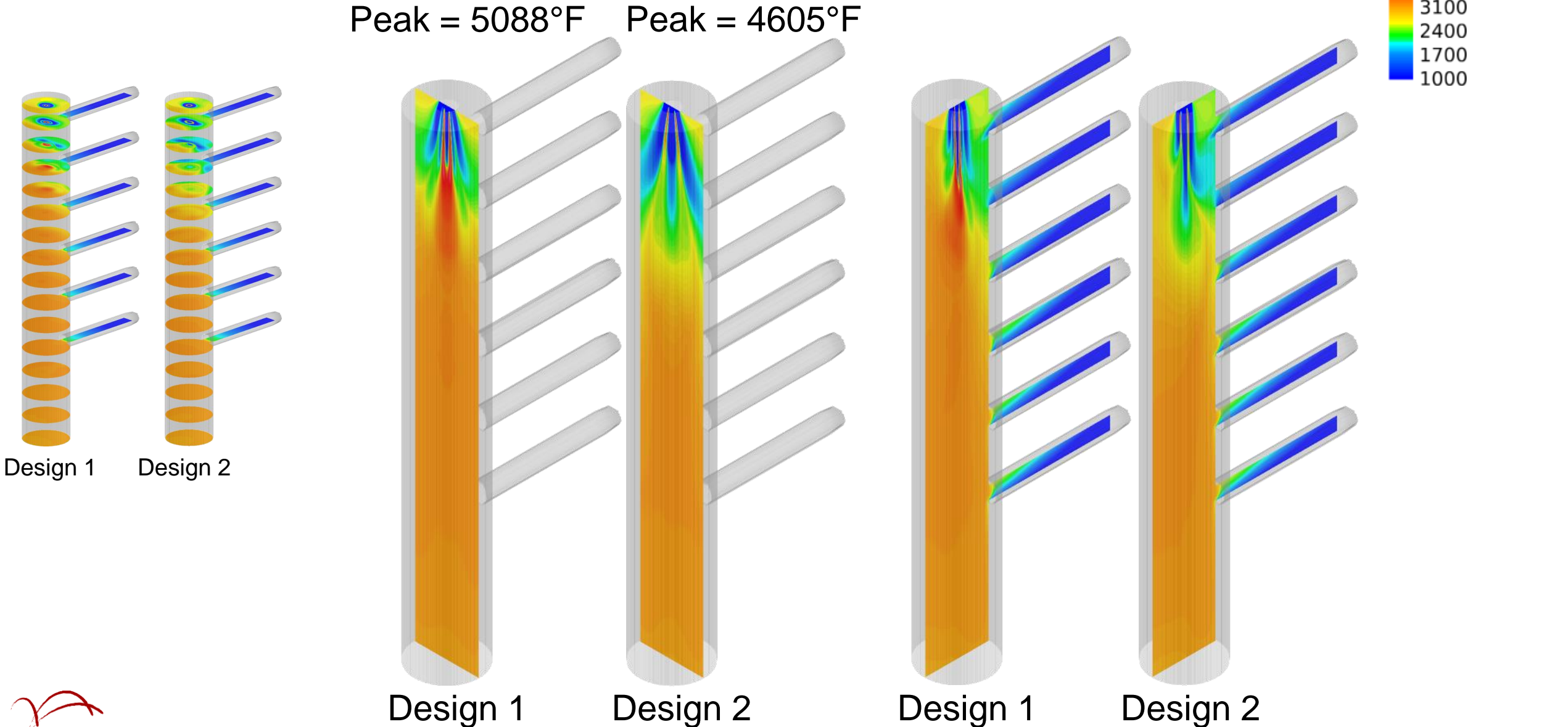
# CFD Model Predictions

## *Gas Temperature Profiles*



# CFD Model Predictions

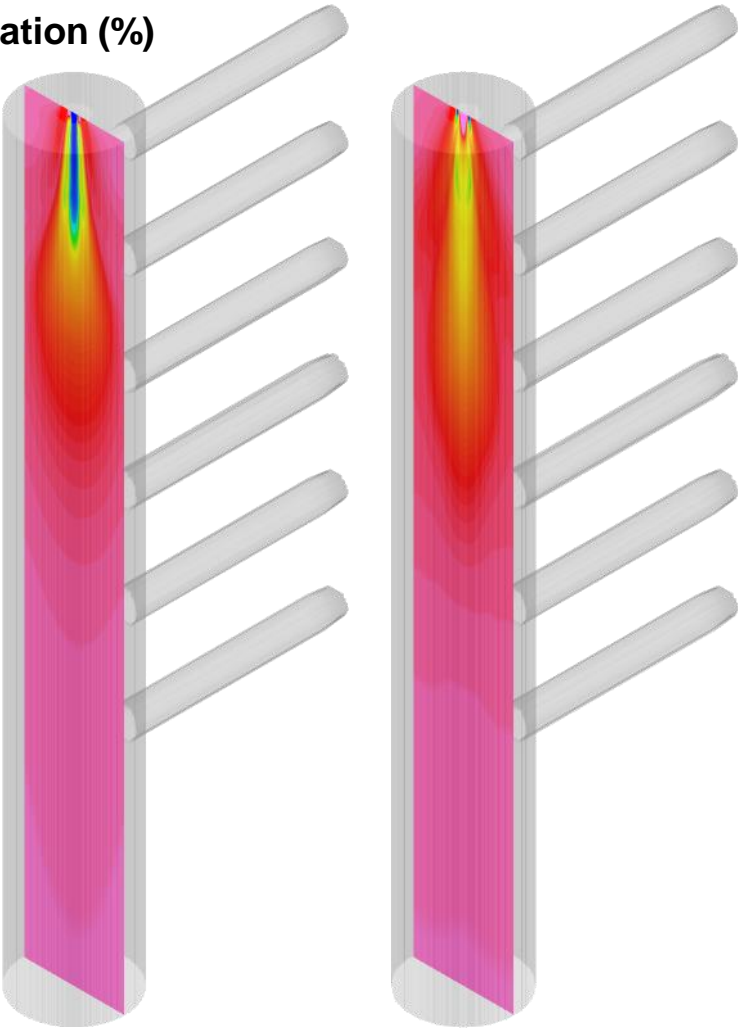
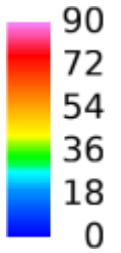
## *Gas Temperature Profiles*



# Controlling the Rate of Heat Release

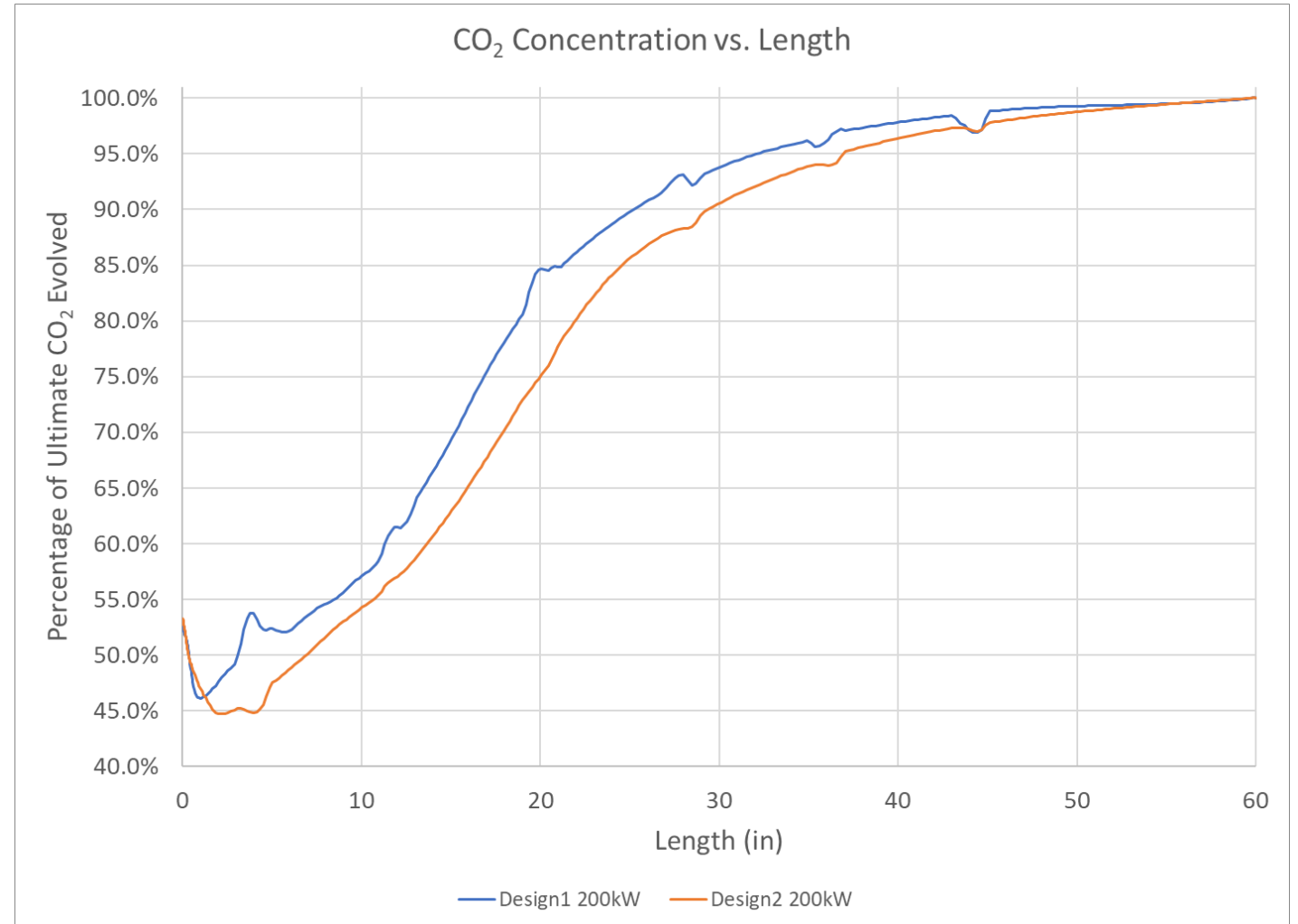
## *Tracking CO<sub>2</sub> Formation in the Furnace*

CO<sub>2</sub> Concentration (%)



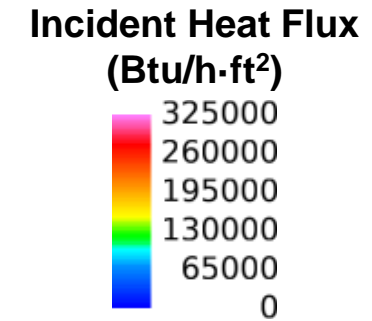
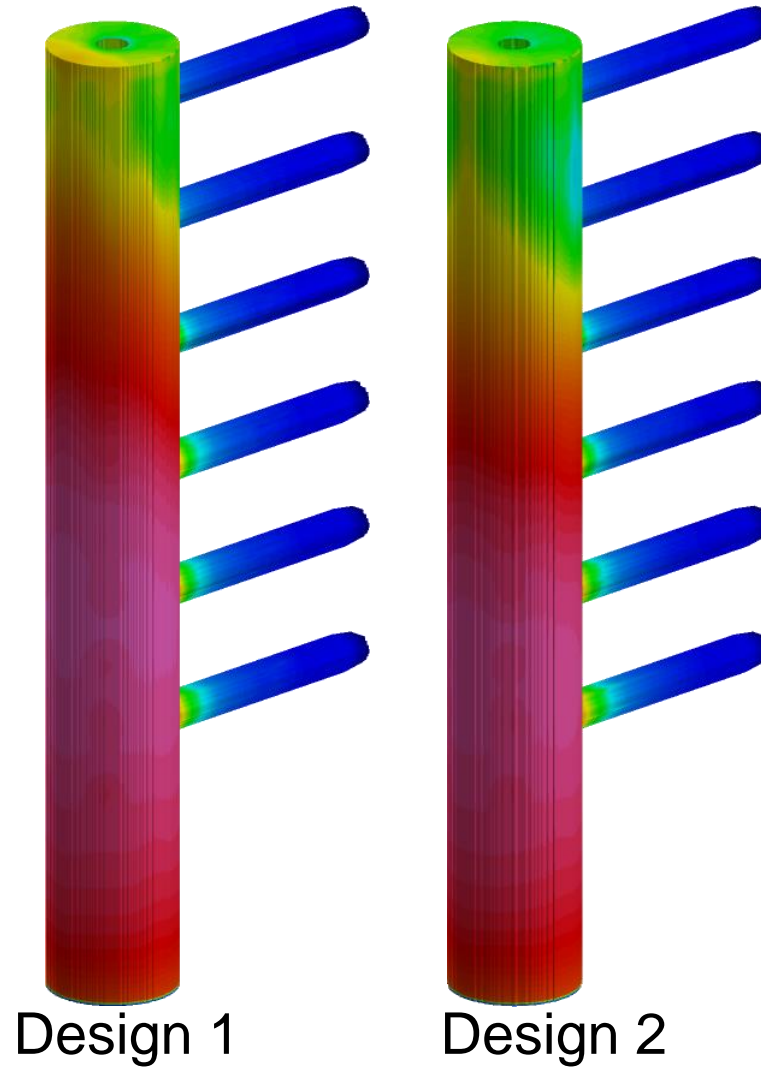
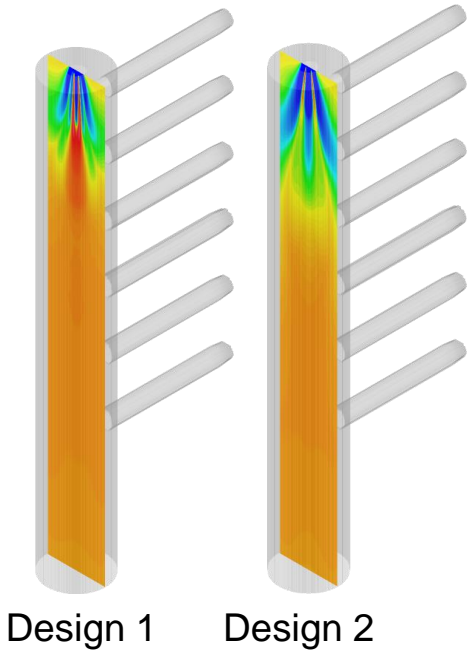
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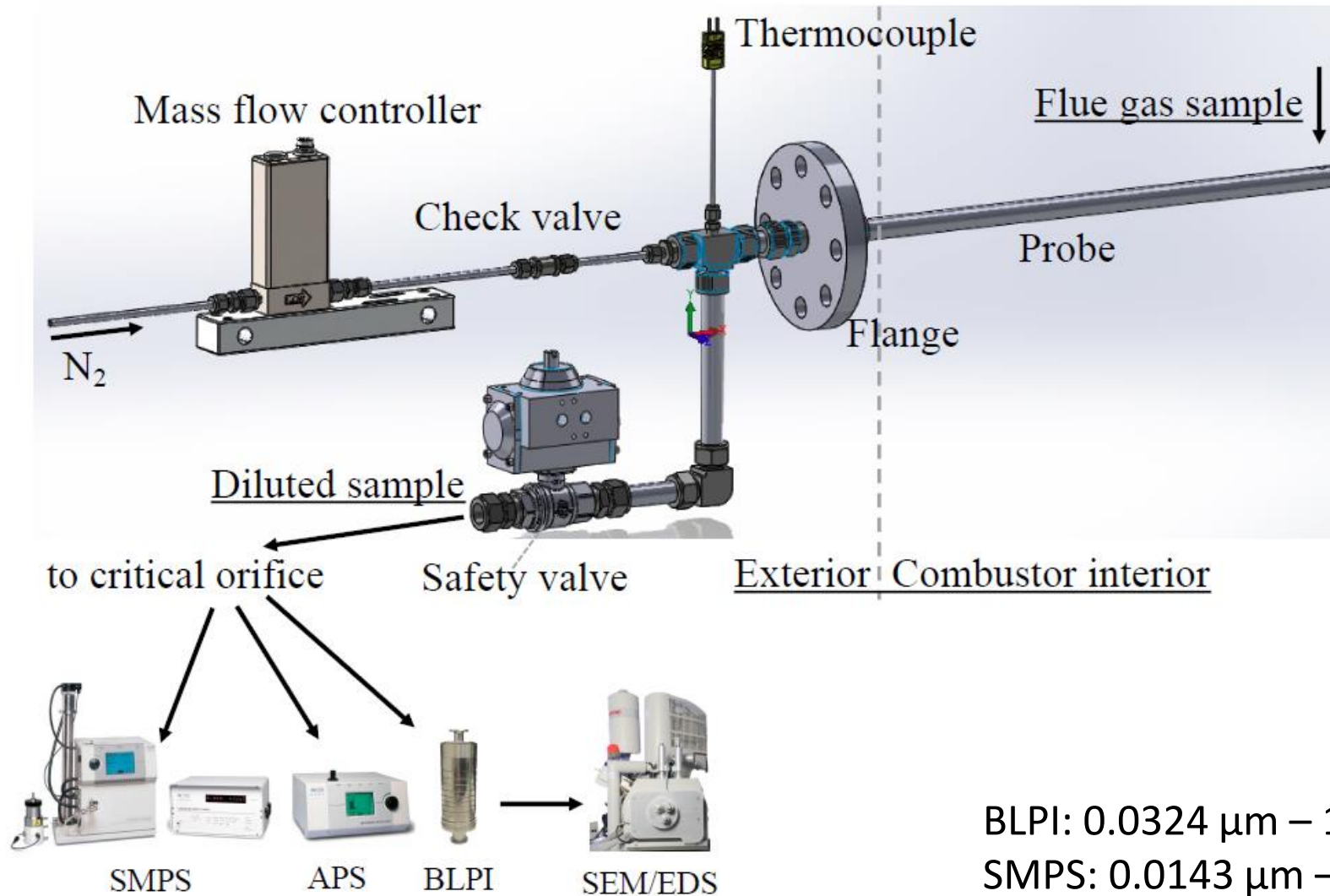
# CFD Model Predictions

## *Radiant Flux Distribution*

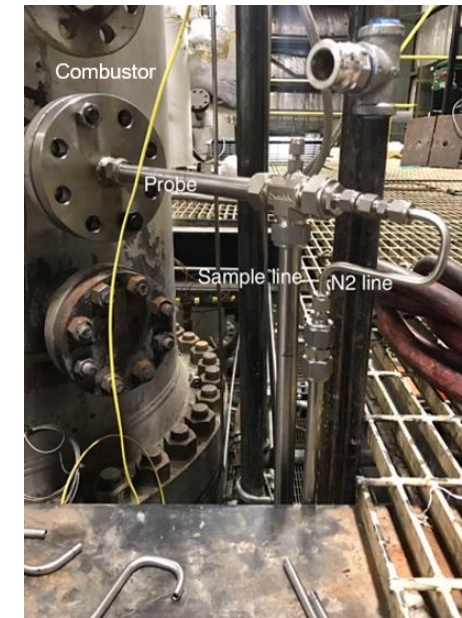




# High Pressure Aerosol Sampling System

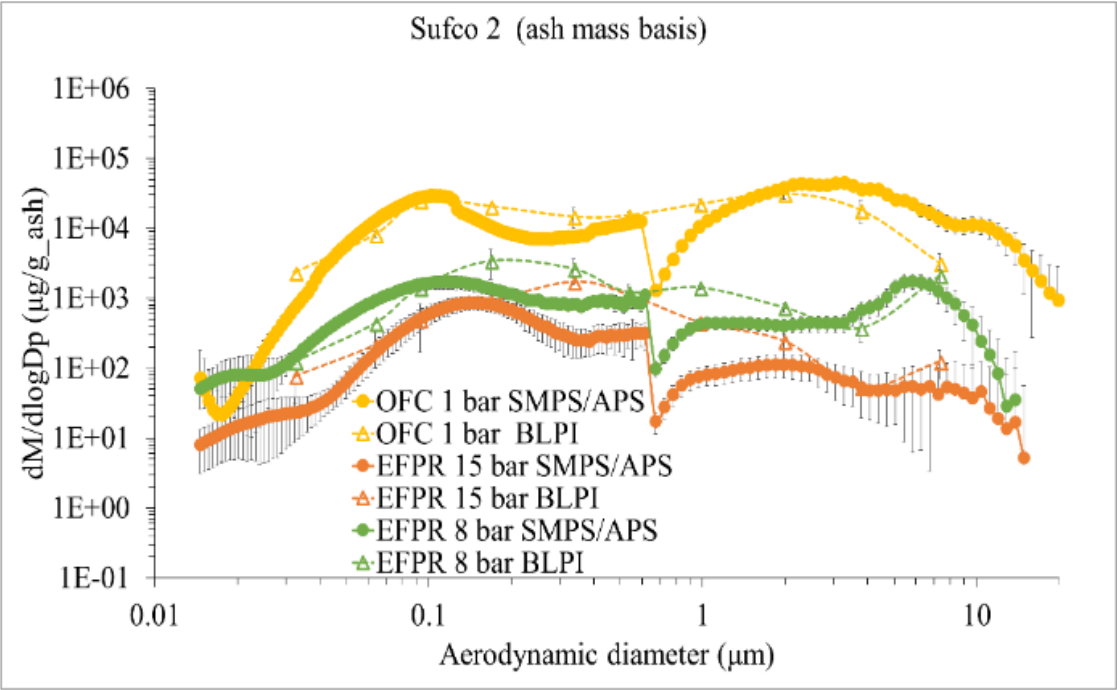
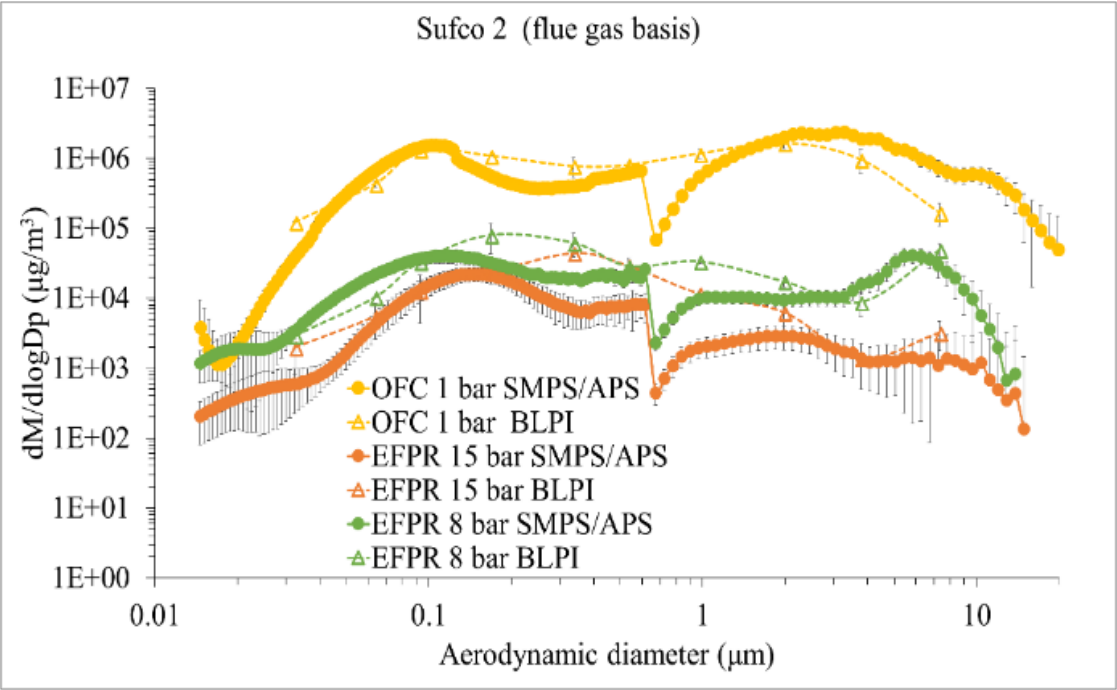


System Schematic



BLPI:  $0.0324\ \mu\text{m} - 15.7\ \mu\text{m}$   
 SMPS:  $0.0143\ \mu\text{m} - 0.6732\ \mu\text{m}$   
 APS:  $0.532\ \mu\text{m} - 20\ \mu\text{m}$

# Effect of Pressure on Ash Aerosol Particle Size Distributions



# Summary

- Design of dry feeding system for integration with EFPR completed and in fabrication
- CFD-guided design of burner for the EFPR with dry feeding has been completed and drawings are being finalized
- Testing of equipment for advanced aerosol characterization in EFPR completed
- Design of corrosion monitoring equipment for use in the EFPR underway
- Integration of dry feeder with high pressure entrained flow reactor and subsequent shakedown testing scheduled for October



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