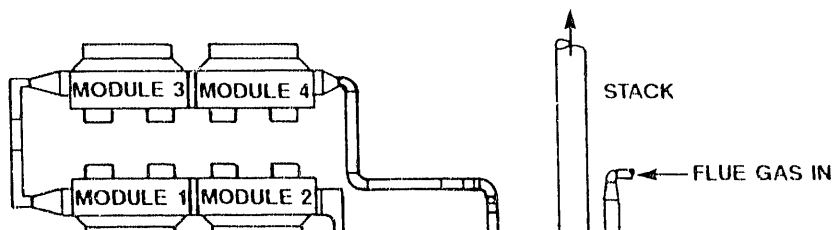
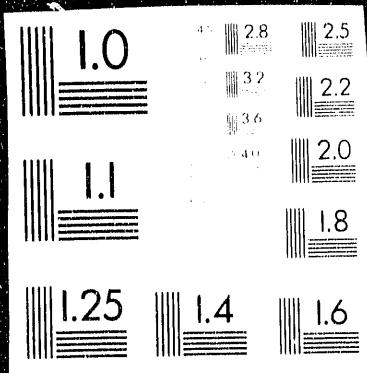


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## OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

This three-year research project at Combustion Engineering, Inc. (CE), will assess the potential economic and environmental benefits derived from coal beneficiation by various advanced cleaning processes. The objectives of this program include the development of a detailed generic engineering data base, comprised of fuel combustion and ash performance data on beneficiated coal-based fuels (BCFs), which is needed to permit broad application. This technical data base will provide detailed information on fundamental fuel properties influencing combustion and mineral matter behavior as well as quantitative performance data on combustion, ash deposition, ash erosion, particulate collection, and gaseous and particulate emissions. Program objectives also address the application of this technical data base to predict performance impacts associated with firing BCFs in various commercial boiler designs as well as assessment of the economic implications of BCF utilization. Additionally, demonstration of this technology, with respect to large-scale fuel preparation, firing equipment operation, fuel performance, environmental impacts, and verification of prediction methodology, will be provided during field testing.

Twenty fuels will be characterized during the three-year base program: three feed coals, fifteen BCFs, and two conventionally cleaned coals for the field test. Approximately nine BCFs will be in dry ultra fine coal (DUC) form, and six BCFs will be in coal-water fuel (CWF) form. Up to 25 additional BCFs would be characterized during optional project supplements.

## SUMMARY

During the fourth quarter of 1989, the following technical progress was made.

- ° Evaluated ignitibility and reactivity characteristics of the Illinois and Upper Freeport beneficiated products, including flammability indices, TGA, and BET surface areas.
- ° Completed pilot-scale combustion and ash deposition tests of the Illinois No. 6 microbubble product in standard pulverized form.
- ° Continued analyses of as-fired fuels and resulting ash deposits.

## TASK 1 - FUEL PREPARATION

Beneficiated coals (BCs) and feed coals are acquired from other DOE projects and shipped to CE. These fuels are then processed into either a dry pulverized coal form by CE or a coal-water fuel (CWF) form using OXCE Fuel Company technology. The feed coals are fired as standard grind (70% minus 200 mesh) pulverized coal (PC), while the dry beneficiated fuels are generally dry ultra fine coal (DUC).

Six twenty-ton batches of test fuels had been stored at PETC in sealed, inerted drums from the last quarter of 1987 until the summer of 1989. These fuels included:

1. Illinois No. 6 feed coal
2. Pittsburgh No. 8 feed coal
3. Upper Freeport feed coal
4. Illinois No. 6 microbubble flotation product
5. Pittsburgh No. 8 microbubble flotation product
6. Upper Freeport microbubble flotation product

The three feed coals were tested at CE during the previous two quarters. The remaining Upper Freeport feed coal was shipped to MIT for their combustion tests, after being pulverized in the FPTF bowl mill to an approximate fineness of 75-89% through 200 mesh. The air drying of the Illinois #6 and Upper Freeport microbubble products was completed using drying trays in a heated room. The Illinois #6 dried microbubble product was fired in the FPTF in a dry pulverized form, after the final drying and pulverization was done in the FPTF bowl mill.

The Upper Freeport dried microbubble product will be made into CWF. Manufacturing of the CWF is scheduled for the first part of February with shipment of the CWF to MIT scheduled for mid-February.

Discussions were held at PETC to determine what the next BCF's would be. It was decided that the BCF's would come from the spherical agglomeration process to be performed at Homer City. The first BCF to be processed will be the Illinois #6. The first agglomerates are scheduled to be delivered to CE in mid-to-late February.

## TASK 2 - BENCH-SCALE TESTS

All test fuels are fully characterized using various standard and advanced analytical techniques. These tests evaluate the impacts of parent coal properties and beneficiation processes on the resulting BCF's qualities.

A few selected fuels are tested in a laminar flow drop tube furnace to determine fly ash particle size and chemical composition. Results include mineral matter measurements and modeling of fly ash history.

A swirl-stabilized, entrained flow reactor is used to characterize the surface compositions and the states of ash particles formed during combustion. Deposition rates on a target are determined, and the size and compositions of the deposits from different fuels are compared.

### Drop Tube Furnace System-1 (DTFS-1) Combustion Tests at CE

Work during this quarter focused on evaluating the effect of particle size of beneficiated coal-based products (microbubble flotation products (MFPs) from Upper Freeport and Illinois No. 6 coals and spherical oil agglomeration product (SOAP) from Illinois No. 6 coal) on reactivity characteristics. TGA and BET measurements of chars prepared from these fuels were used as reactivity characterization parameters. A comparison of these results with those reported previously on the parent feed coals shows the effects of both fuel nature (i.e., parent feed coal vs BCF) and particle size (200x400 mesh vs 325x0 mesh) on a given char reactivity.

CE normally conducts TGA and BET tests on 200x400 mesh char samples. The rationale for also including 325x0 mesh char samples in this study is that the beneficiation processes produce, by design, very fine products (e.g., 73 percent minus 325 mesh and 87 percent minus 325 mesh for Upper Freeport and Illinois No. 6 MFPs, respectively), as shown immediately below:

<u>Screen Size, X (micron)</u>	<u>Weight Percent Greater than X</u>	
	<u>(Upper Freeport MFP)</u>	<u>(Illinois No. 6 MFP)</u>
1180	0.1	-
600	0.2	0.1
300	0.6	0.4
150	5.0	3.3
75	19.5	8.6
45	27.5	12.7

The TGA and BET test procedures entailed pyrolyzing 200x400-mesh and 325x0 mesh size fractions of BCF products in the DTFS-1 (Figure 2.2.1) in nitrogen atmosphere at 2650°F to drive off the volatile matter, and subjecting the resulting chars, sized to 200x400 and 325x0 mesh, respectively, to TGA and BET measurements in air at 700°C and nitrogen at -196°C, respectively. These procedures were depicted schematically in the December, 1989, quarterly report.

The TGA results from this study are presented in Figures 2.2.2 to 2.2.4, and the BET data are shown below:

<u>Parent Fuel</u>	<u>BET Surface Area of Char, m<sup>2</sup>/g (daf)</u>	
	<u>(200x400 mesh)</u>	<u>(325x0 mesh)</u>
Upper Freeport Coal	23.6	28.8
Upper Freeport Microbubble Product	17.8	32.1
Illinois No. 6 Coal	33.1	32.5
Illinois No. 6 Microbubble Product	31.0	39.4
Illinois No. 6 Oil Agglomeration Product	35.9	48.6
Pittsburgh No. 8 Coal	29.3	49.8



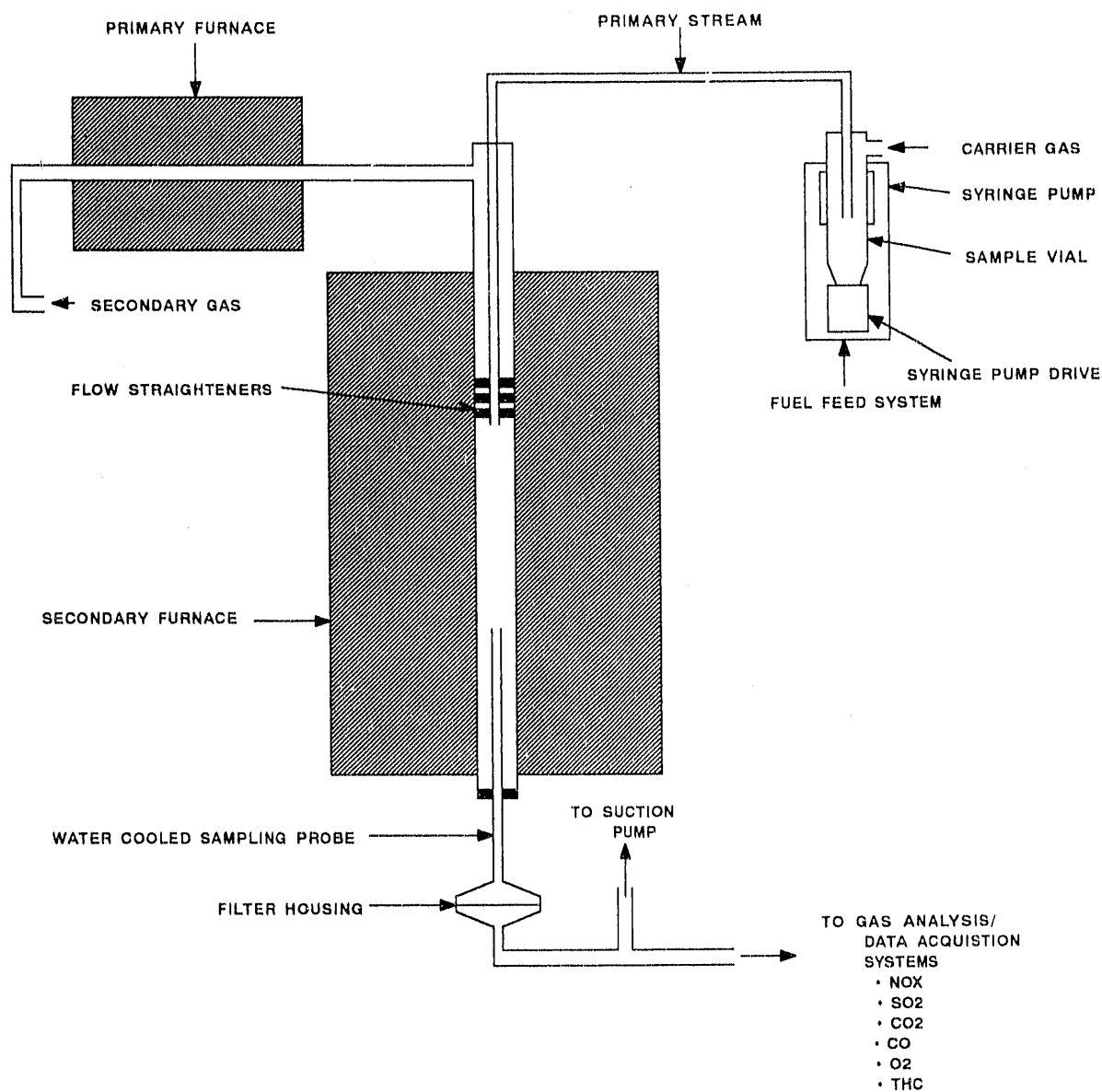


Figure 2.2.1 Schematic of Drop Tube Furnace System (DTFS-1)

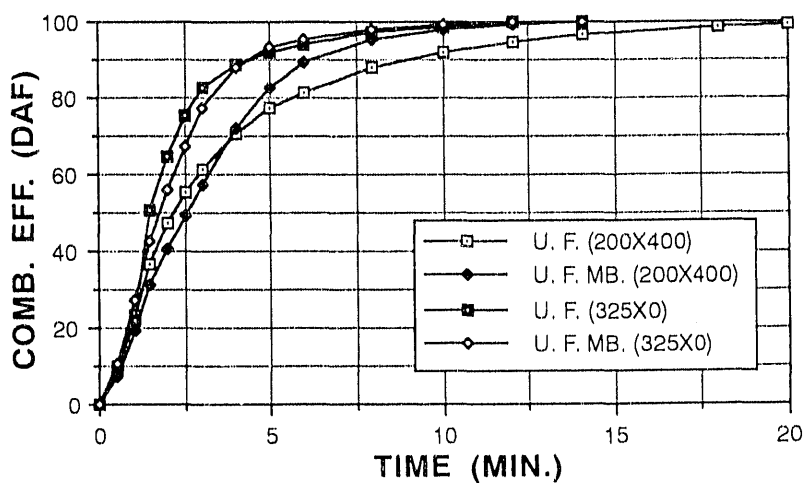
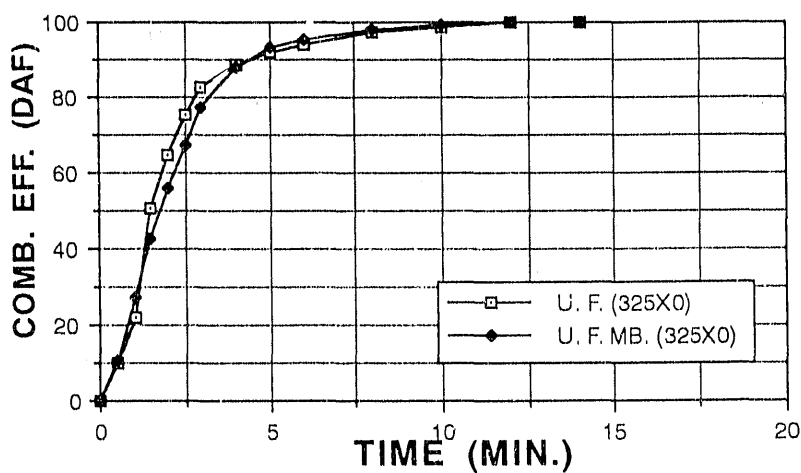
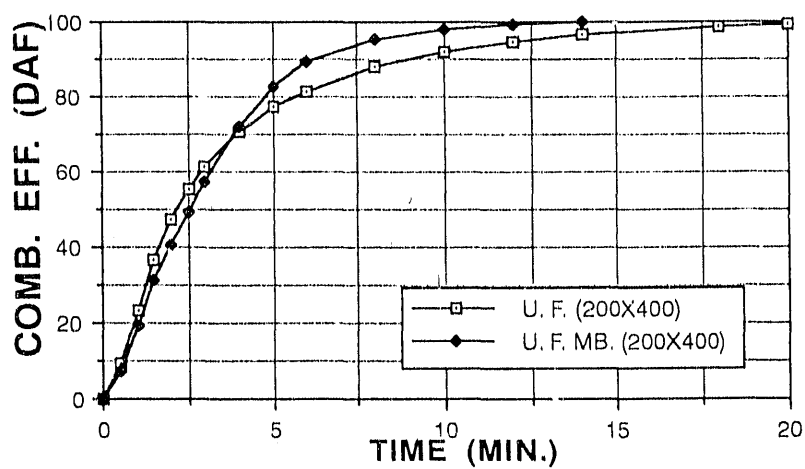


FIG. 2.2.2 TGA BURN-OFF CURVES IN AIR AT 700° C

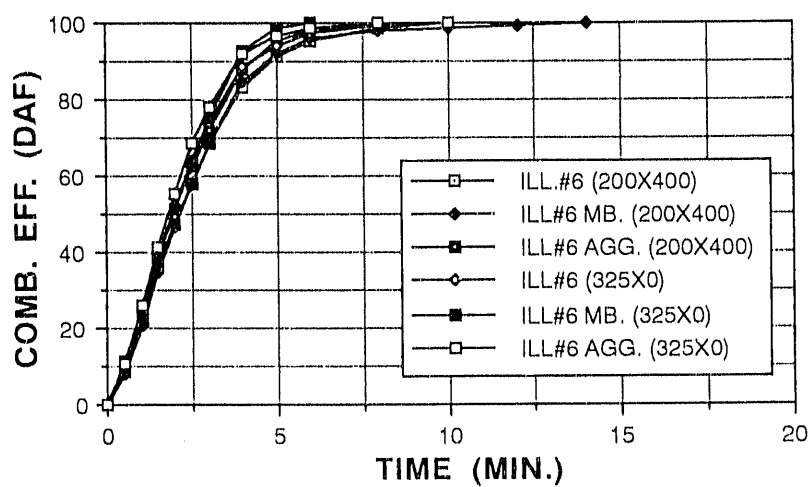
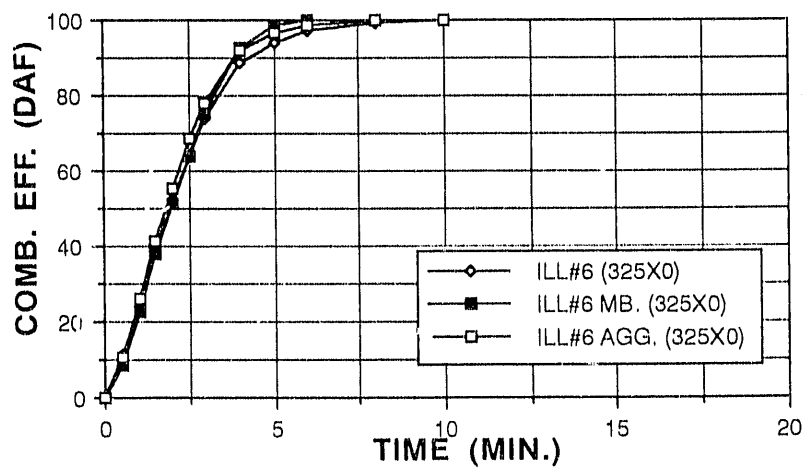
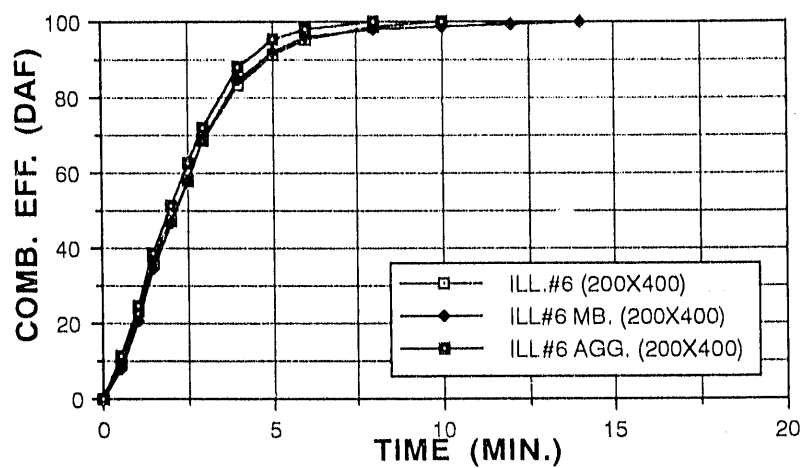


FIG. 2.2.3 TGA BURN-OFF CURVES IN AIR AT 700° C

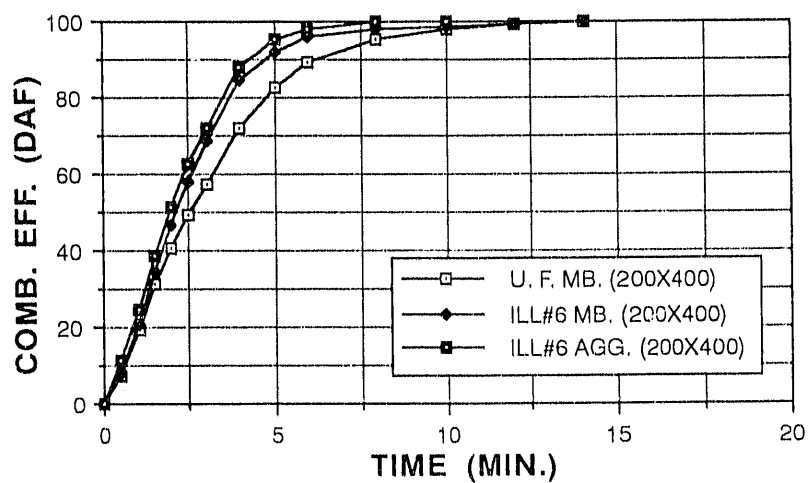
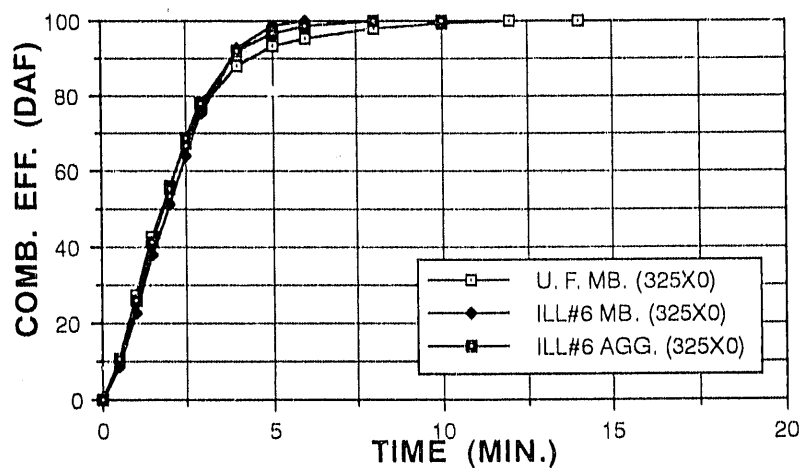
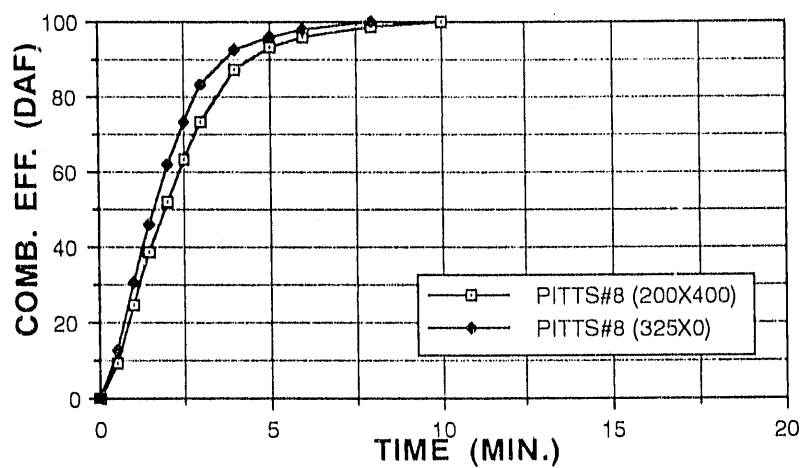


FIG. 2.2.4 TGA BURN-OFF CURVES IN AIR AT 700° C

The TGA burn-off curves indicate that: (1) the microbubble coal cleaning process did not adversely affect the reactivities of Illinois No. 6 and Upper Freeport coal chars; (2) the oil agglomeration process also did not adversely affect the reactivity of the Illinois No. 6 coal char; and (3) the impact of particle size on reactivity is more pronounced for the least reactive coal char (i.e., the one prepared from the Upper Freeport coal). The BET specific pore surface areas are generally in support of the TGA burn-off curve results.

Inasmuch as char burnout, rather than volatile matter release and burnout, constitutes the rate determining step in the overall scheme of pulverized coal combustion, it appears, based on these preliminary results, that the microbubble and oil agglomeration cleaning processes did not adversely affect the carbon burnout properties of the Upper Freeport and Illinois No. 6 feed coals. Future activities on combustion kinetic studies (Task 2.2) and boiler modeling evaluations (Task 5) will enable CE to quantitatively evaluate the effects of each coal cleaning process on the BCFs' burning characteristics.

### TASK 3 - PILOT-SCALE TESTING

This task includes burner tests in MIT's Combustion Research Facility and boiler performance tests in CE's Fireside Performance Test Facility. To date, combustion tests have been carried out in CE's Fireside Performance Test Facility (FPTF) with Illinois No. 6, Pittsburgh No. 8 and Upper Freeport feed coals and Illinois No. 6 microbubble flotation products, to evaluate their relative combustion characteristics, furnace wall slagging, convection pass fouling, fly ash erosion and electrostatic precipitator performance. Deposit samples generated from these fuels were sent to the University of North Dakota Energy and Environmental Research Center (UNDEERC) for detailed analyses. Most of the test data from the Illinois No. 6 feed coal and its corresponding microbubble flotation product have been reduced and are discussed in this report.

#### 3.1 Atomization, Combustion, and Emissions Tests - MIT

Activities under this task were mostly facility preparation during this reporting period. The MIT Combustion Research Facility (CRF) is scheduled to test a coal-water fuel prepared from the Upper Freeport microbubble flotation product in February, 1990.

#### 3.2 Combustion Performance Tests - CE

Combustion tests were completed with the Illinois No. 6 microbubble flotation product in the FPTF (Figure 3.2.1). It was tested as a dry, microfine pulverized fuel at a single firing rate ( $4 \times 10^6$  Btu/h), with 20 percent excess air and at two furnace gas temperatures (3030°F and 2960°F). These temperatures were achieved by varying the secondary air preheat. The test duration was 24 hours for each of the test run conditions. Figure 3.2.2 shows the temperature-time profile in the FPTF during these tests.

##### Relative Combustion Characterization

Good stable flame was obtained in the FPTF during the Illinois No. 6 MFP tests. Analysis of the fly ash samples indicated that the carbon content was very low, and the calculated carbon conversion efficiencies were greater than 99.9 percent. These results were similar to those obtained from the Illinois No. 6 feed coal tested in the FPTF under the same test conditions. The analyses of the MFP and feed coal are shown in Table 1.

##### Furnace Slagging Characterization

Furnace slagging was characterized by assessing the ease of deposit removal, deposit interface with heat transfer, deposit interference with heat transfer, deposit buildup rate, and the physical and chemical characteristics of the waterwall deposits. The ease of deposit removal, or response to soot blower cleaning, was the primary criterion used in determining the slagging potential of a test fuel. Results showed that a fused layer of deposits was formed on the waterwall panels during each test run conducted at 3030°F and 2960°F furnace gas temperatures. The fused layer remained very thin (0.49mm) throughout the two test runs. Consequently, the waterwall heat flux remained relatively high and constant after an initial heat flux reduction (Figure 3.2.3). The wall blower was not effective in removing these thin deposits at 3030°F and only partially effective at 2960°F furnace gas temperature. The critical furnace temperature where deposits are still cleanable by commercial wall blowers was therefore established at below 2960°F.

A comparison of the furnace slagging characteristics between Illinois No. 6 feed and MFP is provided in Table 2. In general, at the same firing rate and similar gas temperature range, the MFP resulted in a higher average waterwall heat flux than that of the feed coal (73,114 Btu/h-ft<sup>2</sup> vs 65,460 Btu/h-ft<sup>2</sup>). This appeared to be due to the thinner deposits produced from the MFP than from the feed coal (0.49 mm vs 2.78 mm). However, waterwall deposit cleanability did not improve with the MFP. The critical furnace gas temperature remained at the same furnace temperature range.

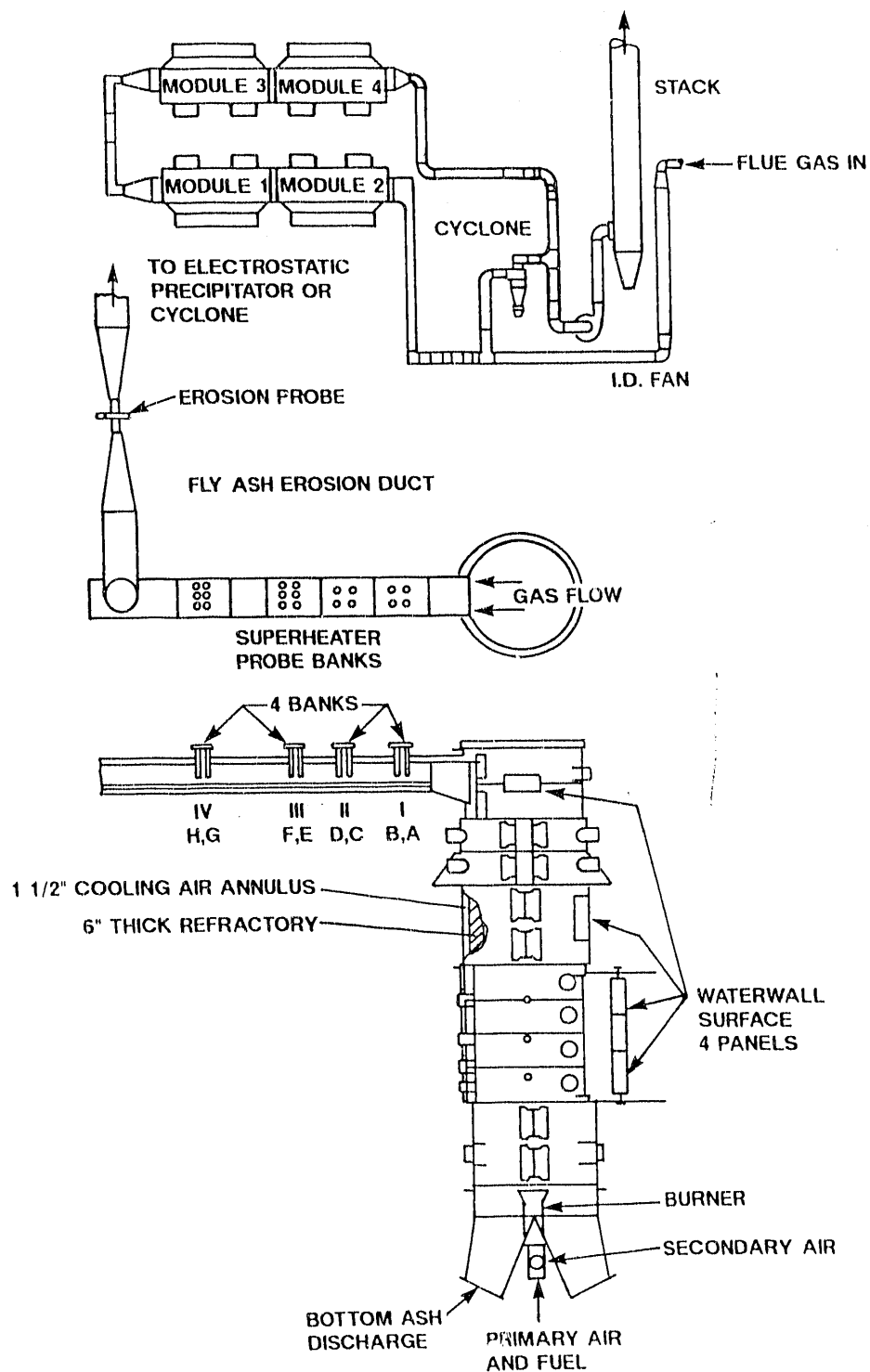
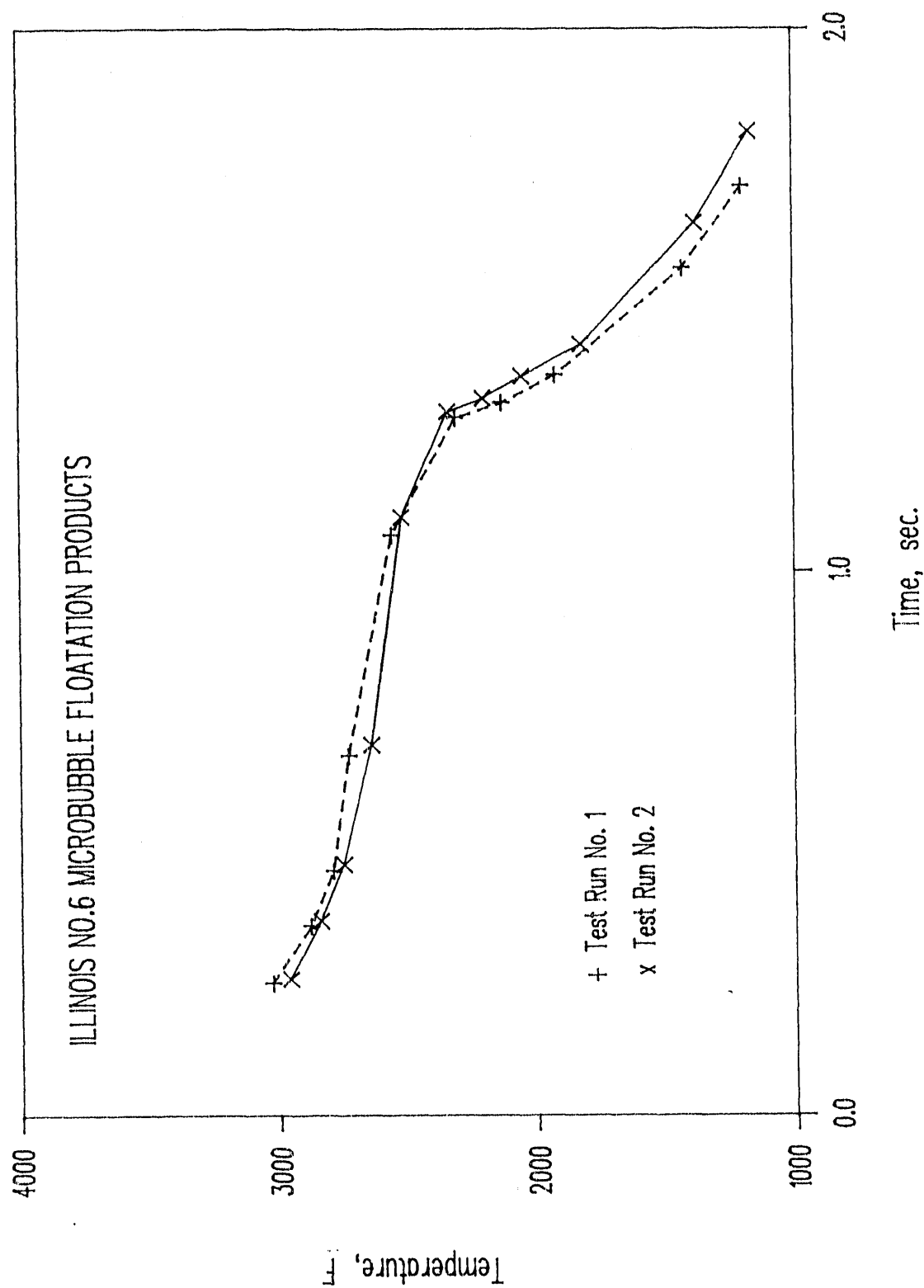


Figure 3.2.1 FIRESIDE PERFORMANCE TEST FACILITY

Figure 3.2.2

# TEMPERATURE-RESIDENCE TIME PROFILE





**Table 1**  
ANALYSIS OF THE AS-FIRED AND MFP COALS  
ILLINOIS NO. 6

	FEED		MFP	
	As Received	Moisture Free	As Received	Moisture Free
Proximate (wt. %)				
Moisture	4.5	-	7.0	-
Volatile Matter	36.9	38.6	37.6	40.4
Fixed Carbon	50.0	52.4	51.5	55.4
Ash	8.6	9.0	3.9	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Ultimate (wt. %)				
Moisture	4.5	-	7.0	-
Hydrogen	4.7	5.0	4.5	4.8
Carbon	66.1	69.3	70.3	75.5
Sulfur	2.9	3.0	2.5	2.7
Nitrogen	1.3	1.3	0.9	1.0
Oxygen	11.9	12.4	10.9	11.8
Ash	8.6	9.0	3.9	4.2
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
HHV (Btu/lb)	12100	12675	12262	13185
lb Ash/MBtu	7.1	-	3.2	-
lb SO <sub>2</sub> /MBtu	6.9		4.9	
Sulfur Forms (wt. %)				
Pyritic	0.5		0.01	
Sulfate	0.3		0.4	
Organic	2.1		2.0	
Ash Fusibility, Red. Atm. (°F)				
IDT		2000.0		2020.0
ST		2280.0		2180.0
HT		2420.0		2230.0
FT		2530.0		2280.0
(FT-IT)		530.0		260.0
Ash Composition (wt. %)				
S <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		51.7		42.0
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		20.7		19.3
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		16.9		21.2
CaO		2.2		3.7
MgO		0.9		1.4
Na <sub>2</sub> O		0.5		2.3
K <sub>2</sub> O		2.0		2.3
TiO <sub>2</sub>		6.8		2.2
SO <sub>3</sub>		2.1		3.4
Total		97.8		97.8

Figure 3.2.3

HEAT FLUX THROUGH WATERWALL PANEL 1  
AT 4 X 106 BTU/H FIRING RATE

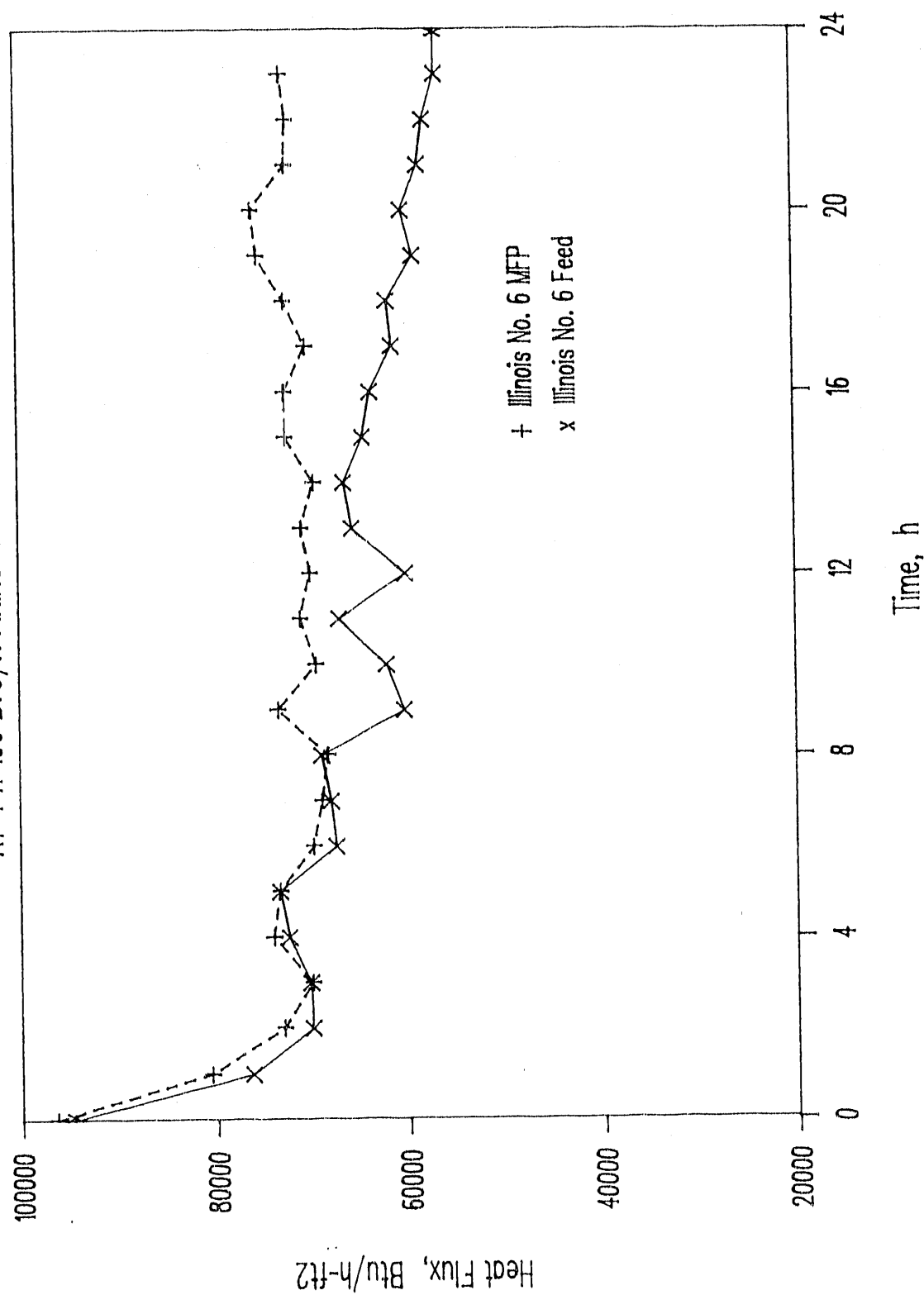


TABLE 2

## WATERWALL DEPOSIT PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

<u>FUEL TYPE</u>	<u>FIRING RATE</u> (10 <sup>6</sup> Btu/h)	<u>FURNACE GAS TEMPERATURE</u> (°F)	<u>DEPOSIT PHYSICAL STATE</u>	<u>PANEL COVERAGE</u> (%)	<u>DEPOSIT THICKNESS</u> (mm)	<u>DEPOSIT CLEANABILITY</u>
ILL.6 FEED	4.0	2980	MOLTEN	100	2.78	POOR
ILL.6 MFP	4.0	2960	MOLTEN	100	0.49	POOR

TABLE 3

## CONVECTION TUBE DEPOSIT PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

<u>FUEL TYPE</u>	<u>FIRING RATE</u> (10 <sup>6</sup> Btu/h)	<u>GAS TEMPERATURE</u> (°F)	<u>DEPOSIT PHYSICAL STATE</u>	<u>RELATIVE SOOT BLOWING FREQUENCY (h)</u>	<u>DEPOSIT BONDING STRENGTH</u>	<u>DEPOSIT CLEANABILITY</u>
ILL.6 FEED	4.0	2320	SINTERED	4	9	MODERATE
ILL.6 MFP	4.0	2340	SINTERED	8	12	MODERATE

### Convection Pass Fouling Characterization

Convection pass deposit characteristics were assessed by deposit buildup rate, deposit bonding strength, and deposit physical and chemical properties. The results obtained from the Illinois No. 6 feed and MFP fuels are summarized in Table 3.

In general, the convection pass deposit buildup rate was reduced with the MFP due to its lower ash loadings. The relative soot blowing frequency was reduced from approximately four hours for the feed coal to approximately eight hours for the MFP at a similar gas temperature range (2320°F-2340°F). The in situ deposit bonding strengths were slightly higher with the MFP than with the feed coal but remained at moderate levels (deposit bonding strengths up to 15 are considered cleanable through conventional soot blowing).

The MFP also showed an unusual characteristic which was not observed with the feed coal and other conventional pulverized coals test-fired in the FPTF. Fine powdery deposits were developed at gas temperatures below 1500°F with the MFP. These powdery deposits adhered to the duct walls, the erosion probe, and the isokinetic sampling equipment downstream of the FPTF superheater sections. These observations would indicate that the MFP would present fouling problems in the economizer and airheater of steam generators.

The reasons for this phenomenon are not clear. Preliminary chemical analysis on the as-fired fuels showed that the MFP ash had lower ash fusibility temperatures and higher sodium contents than the feed coal ash (Table 1). The lower ash fusibility temperatures reflect mostly the changes in base-to-acid ratio due to the preferential removal of silicate mineral by the MF process. SEMPC analysis conducted by UNDEERC also showed that the MFP deposits had lower viscosity distributions than those found in the feed coal deposits (as discussed in more detail in Section 3.4). The MFP also generated more submicron fly ash particles than those from the feed coal (3.2 microns vs 7.5 microns mass mean diameter, respectively) (Figure 3.2.4). Each of these may have contributed to the fouling characteristics of the MFP. As the surface analysis data from the fly ash samples become available (currently being reduced by UNDEERC), it may help to further explain the fouling behavior of the MFP.

### Fly Ash Erosion

Fly ash erosion characteristics of the fuel were evaluated on line in a special high velocity convection section of the FPTF. A surface activation technique is used to determine metal loss on tube specimens after exposure. This method measures the changes in intensity of radiation to determine erosion. The FPTF data is normalized to 60 ft/sec gas velocity and 10,000 hours exposure time to project field erosion rate potentials.

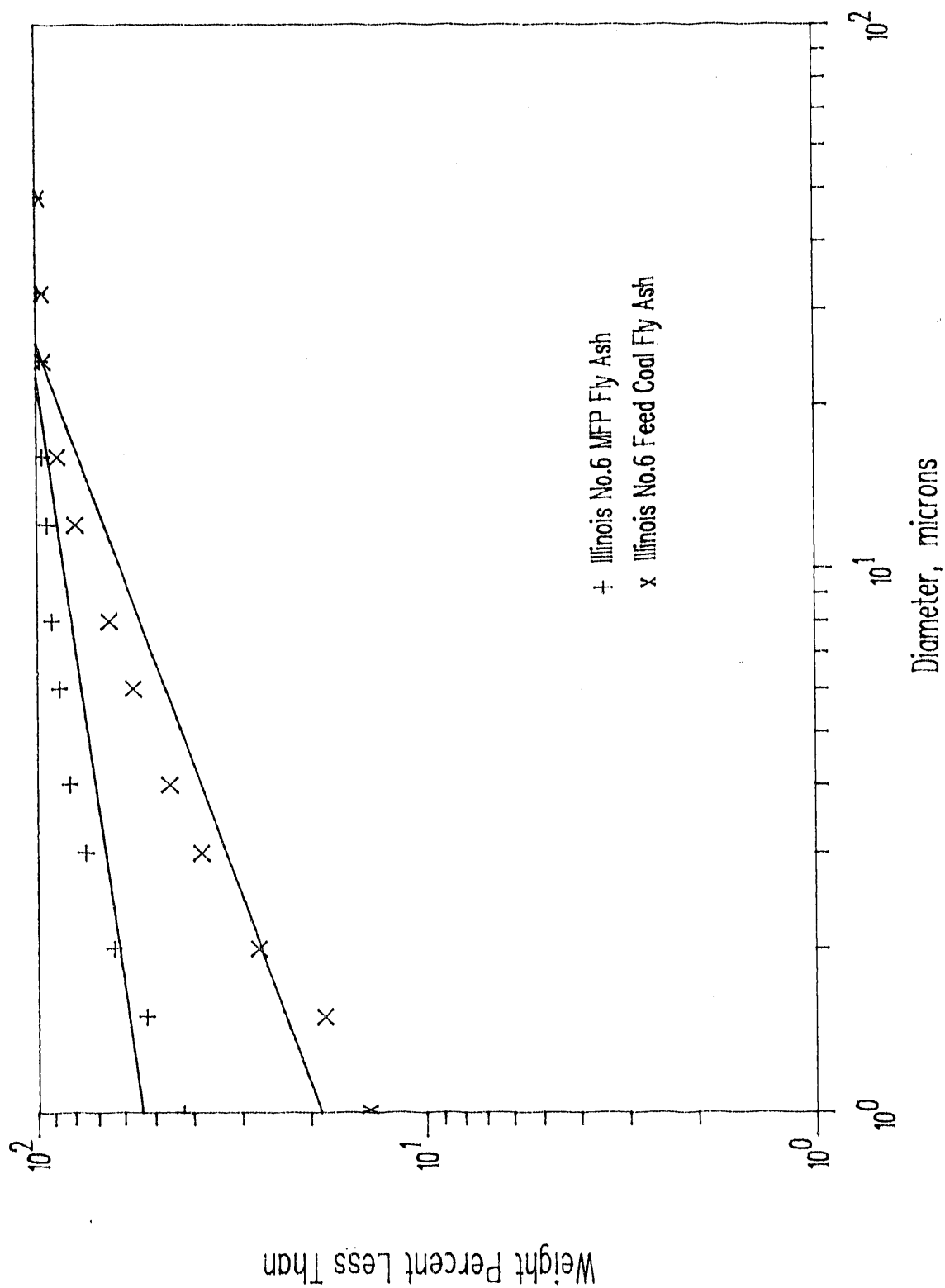
The FPTF results indicate erosion was reduced with the MFP. This was expected due to the reduced ash loading and quartz concentration, as well as generally smaller quartz particles in the MFP fly ash, compared to the feed coal.

### 3.3 Electrostatic Precipitator Performance

Electrostatic precipitator performance characterization was conducted during the FPTF tests. Isokinetic sampling of the fly ash at both the inlet and outlet of the ESP, in situ fly ash resistivity, SO<sub>3</sub> concentration and ESP power consumption were measured to determine the migration velocity and the overall ESP collection efficiency.

The ESP performance comparison between the Illinois No. 6 feed and MFP shows some marked differences. During Isokinetic sampling, the MFP fly ash tended to adhere to the collecting probe and created nozzle and filter blockage. No problem was encountered during the feed coal tests. In situ resistivity was an order of magnitude higher for the MFP than for the feed coal ( $10^{13}$  ohm-cm vs  $10^{12}$  ohm-cm). This was reflected in the

Figure 3.2.4  
FLY ASH PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION



collection efficiency of the ESP, which was found to be minimal for the MFP (20 percent) compared to the feed coal (90.4 percent). Migration velocity for the MFP was less than 1 cm/sec as compared to 8 cm/sec for the feed coal. Additional data reviews on fly ash particle size distribution and chemical composition, as well as bench-scale resistivity measurements, are on-going to help better understand the differences between the two Illinois fuels.

### 3.4 Sample Analyses - UNDEERC

All analyses of the FPTF samples from the combustion test of the Illinois feed and MFP coals were completed. The surface analysis data has not yet been reduced and will be discussed during the next reporting period.

In general, x-ray fluorescence analytical results show that there is little significant difference between the compositions of the two in-flame solids collected at the FPTF waterwall and furnace outlet and the fly ash sample collected downstream of the FPFT convection duct for either the Illinois feed coal or MFP. With the exception for a slight enrichment in iron, sodium, and sulfur concentrations for the waterwall and superheater inner deposits, all other samples varied little from the composition of their respective as-fired fuel ash (Tables 4 and 5).

The crystalline phases present in the FPTF deposit samples as determined by x-ray diffraction are shown in Table 6. The major iron phases are maghemite ( $\gamma\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) in the suspended solids samples, and hematite ( $\alpha\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$ ) in the deposits for either the Illinois No. 6 feed or MFP. Comparison between the samples from the two fuels shows the presence of hercynite ( $\text{FeAl}_2\text{O}_4$ ) in the MFP samples but not in the feed coal samples, and the presence of mullite ( $\text{Al}_6\text{Si}_2\text{O}_{13}$ ) in the feed coal samples but not in the MFP samples. These differences show that the MFP process has shifted the composition of the ash from the mullite to the hercynite phase field of the  $\text{FeOAl}_2\text{O}_3\text{SiO}_2$  system. The shift would indicate that the MFP ash particles can undergo melting within a deposit at lower temperatures than the feed coal ash particles.

Computer controlled scanning electron microscopy (CCSEM) was used to determine composition vs size distribution of powder samples. The CCSEM data obtained from the in-flame solids waterwall, in-flame solids furnace outlet and fly ash samples show that iron-aluminosilicate and amorphous minerals are the two major constituents in the deposit samples from either the feed or MFP fuel. The feed coal samples also show significant concentrations of quartz and aluminosilicate material, which could contribute to higher erosion due to their high hardness factors.

The scanning electron microscopy point count (SEMP) technique was also used to measure the variations in composition within an ash deposit. The composition data is then used to calculate the viscosity distribution within a deposit using a modified Urbain equation. The results in Figures 3.4.1, 3.4.2, and 3.4.3 show that the MFP deposits have lower calculated viscosity distributions than the feed coal deposits. The lower melting MFP would tend to form more highly sintered deposits than the feed coal. These results were in general agreement with those observed during the FPTF MFP testing. However, the differences between the deposits generated from the MFP and feed coal were not as significant as indicated by the SEMPC data.

TABLE 4

XRF ANALYSES OF ILLINOIS NO. 6 MICROBUBBLE-CLEANED  
FPTF WATERWALL DEPOSITS (WT %)

OXIDE	<u>Panel 1</u>	<u>Panel 4</u>
SiO <sub>2</sub>	40.0	40.0
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	18.1	18.4
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	23.2	24.7
TiO <sub>2</sub>	2.4	2.7
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.3	0.3
CaO	4.0	3.5
MgO	1.3	1.4
Na <sub>2</sub> O	2.0	1.6
K <sub>2</sub> O	4.1	3.3
SO <sub>3</sub>	4.6	4.1
Closure	96.2	98.1

TABLE 5

XRF ANALYSES OF ILLINOIS NO. 6 MICROBUBBLE-CLEANED  
FPTF STEAM TUBE DEPOSITS (WT %)

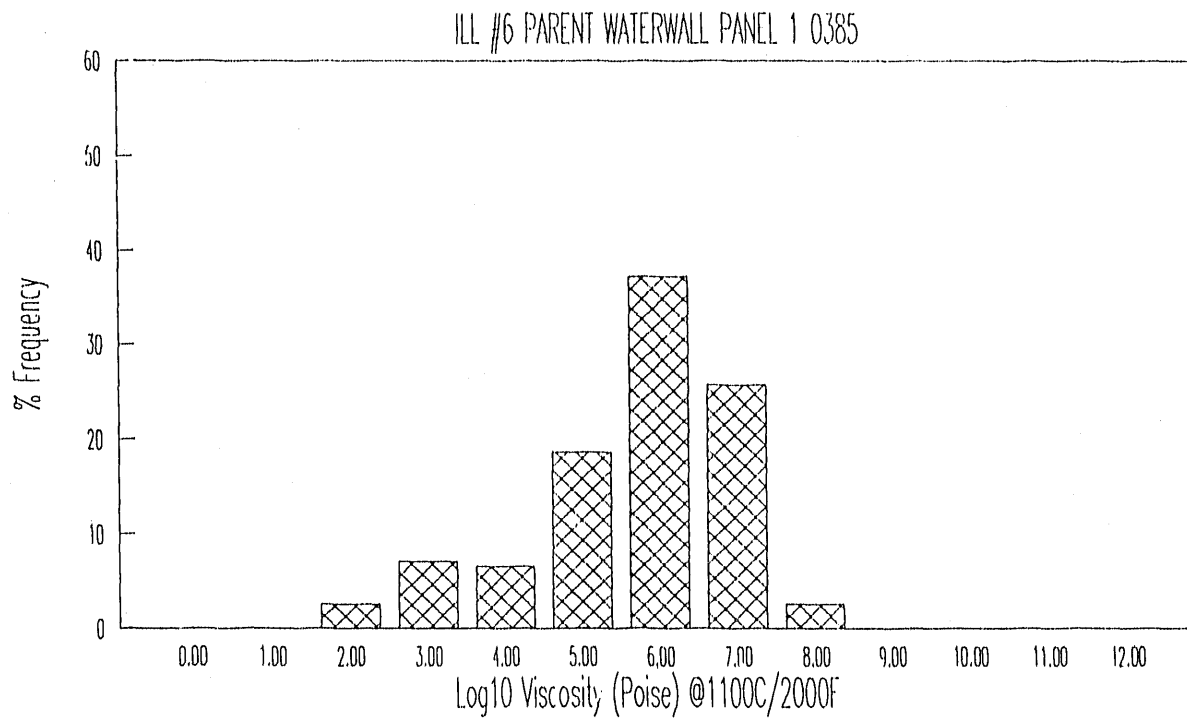
OXIDE	<u>TUBE 1A</u>		<u>TUBE IIC</u>	
	<u>Inner</u>	<u>Outer</u>	<u>Inner</u>	<u>Outer</u>
SiO <sub>2</sub>	41.7	46.9	38.4	44.6
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	18.0	20.6	17.8	20.9
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	23.3	19.7	24.3	21.5
TiO <sub>2</sub>	2.2	2.3	2.4	2.5
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.2	<0.2	0.3	<0.2
CaO	5.4	5.8	5.8	5.0
MgO	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.4
Na <sub>2</sub> O	1.1	1.0	1.4	1.1
K <sub>2</sub> O	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.7
SO <sub>3</sub>	4.4	<0.5	5.8	<0.5
Closure	99.1	94.3	99.8	96.1

TABLE 6

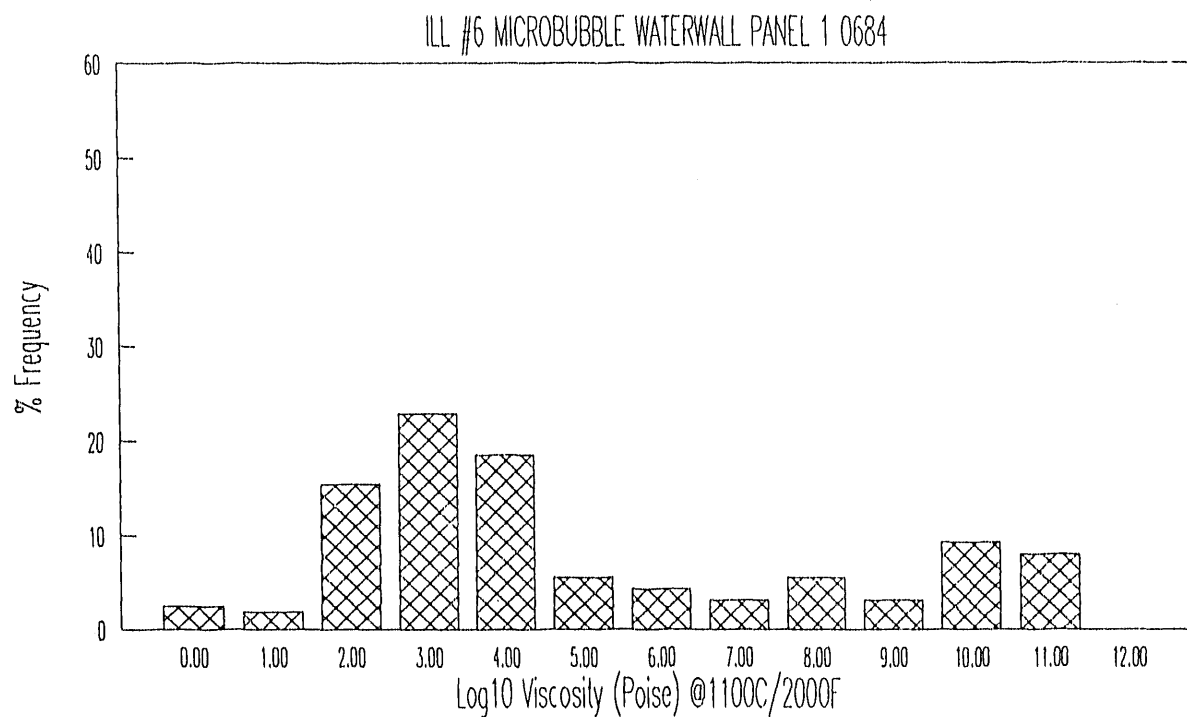
CRYSTALLINE SPECIES IDENTIFIED BY XRD IN THE ILLINOIS  
NO. 6 MICROBUBBLE-CLEANED COAL FPTF SAMPLES

	MAJOR	MINOR
In-Flame Sol. W. Wall	Gypsum Maghemite Hercynite	Quartz
In-Flame Sol. Furn. Out	Maghemite Quartz Hercynite	Akermanite
Fly Ash	Maghemite	Hematite Quartz
Waterwall Panel 1	Hematite	Quartz Anhydrite Albite
Waterwall Panel 4	Hematite Anhydrite	Quartz
Steam Tube IA Outer	Hematite Hypersthene	Quartz
Steam Tube IA Inner	Anhydrite Hematite Maghemite Quartz	
Steam Tube IIC Outer	Hematite Quartz	
Steam Tube IIC Inner	Hematite Anhydrite	Quartz



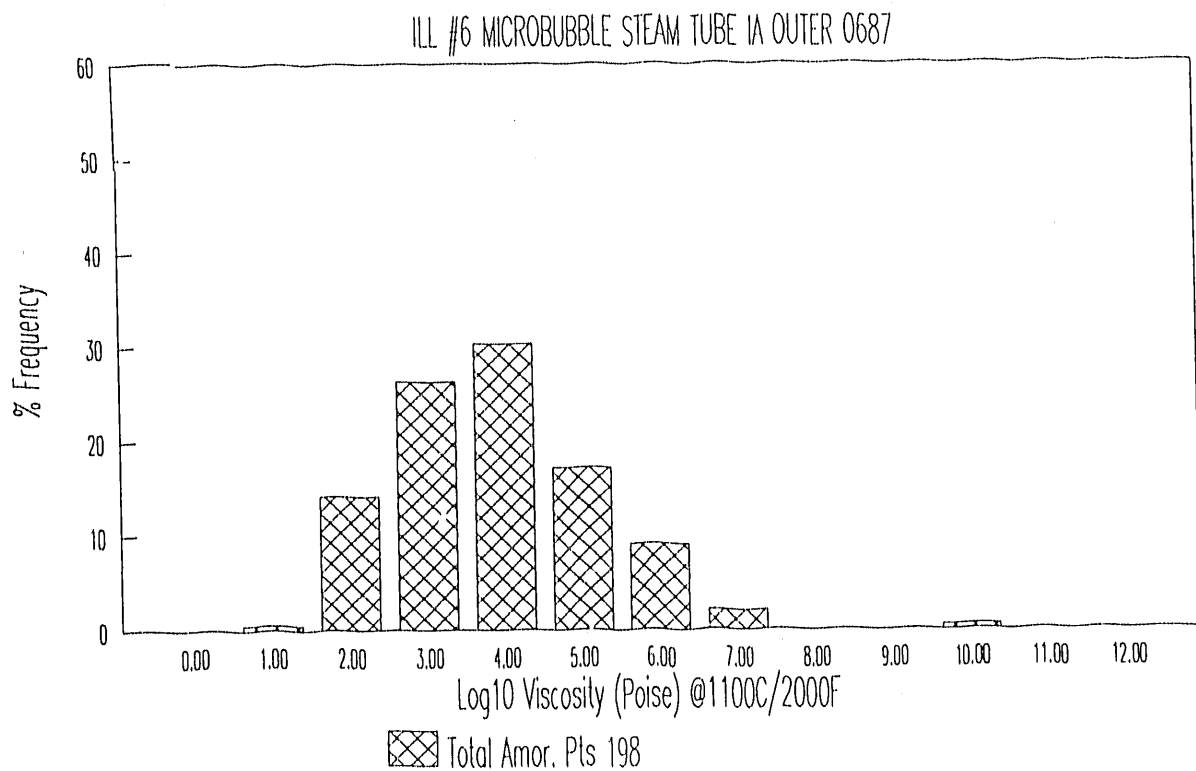
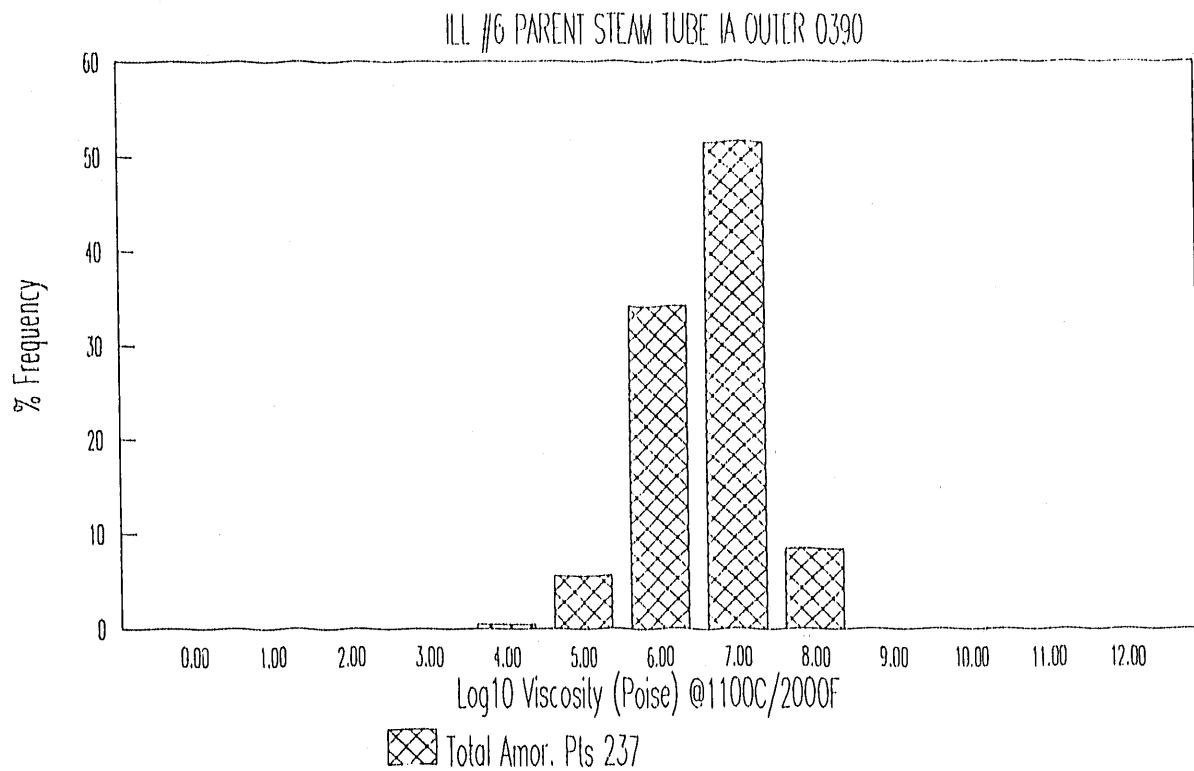


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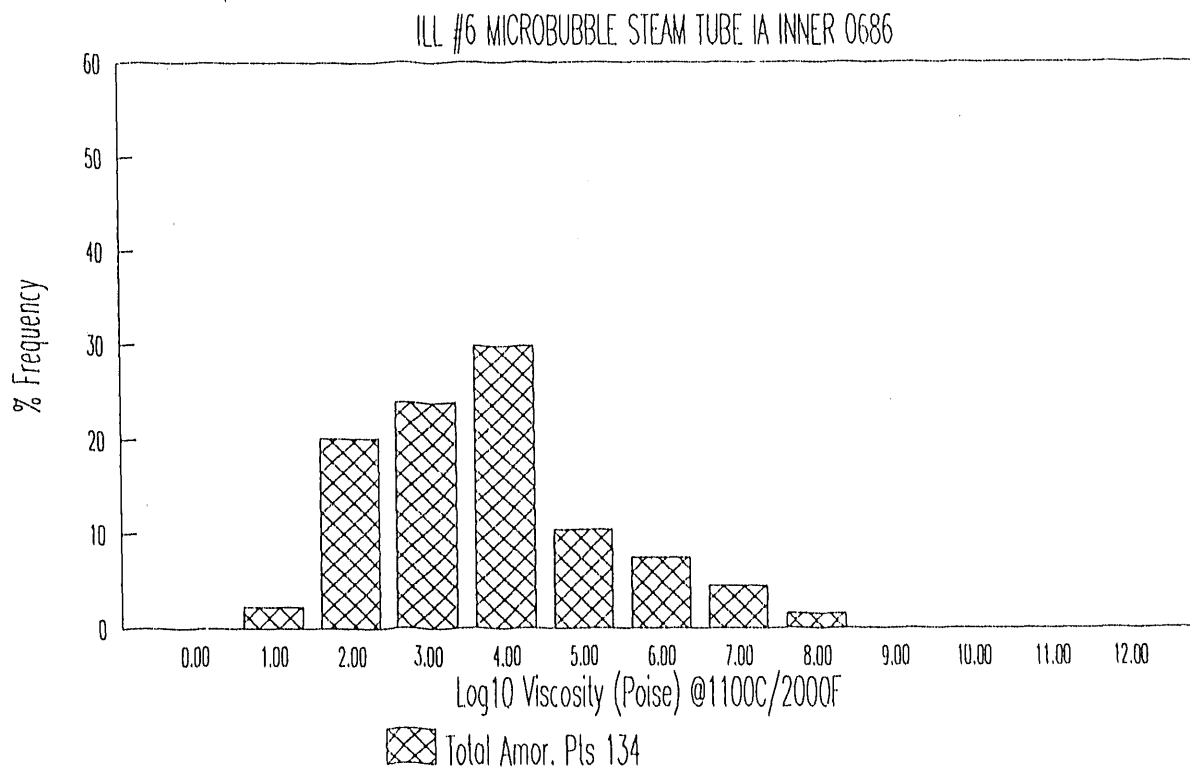
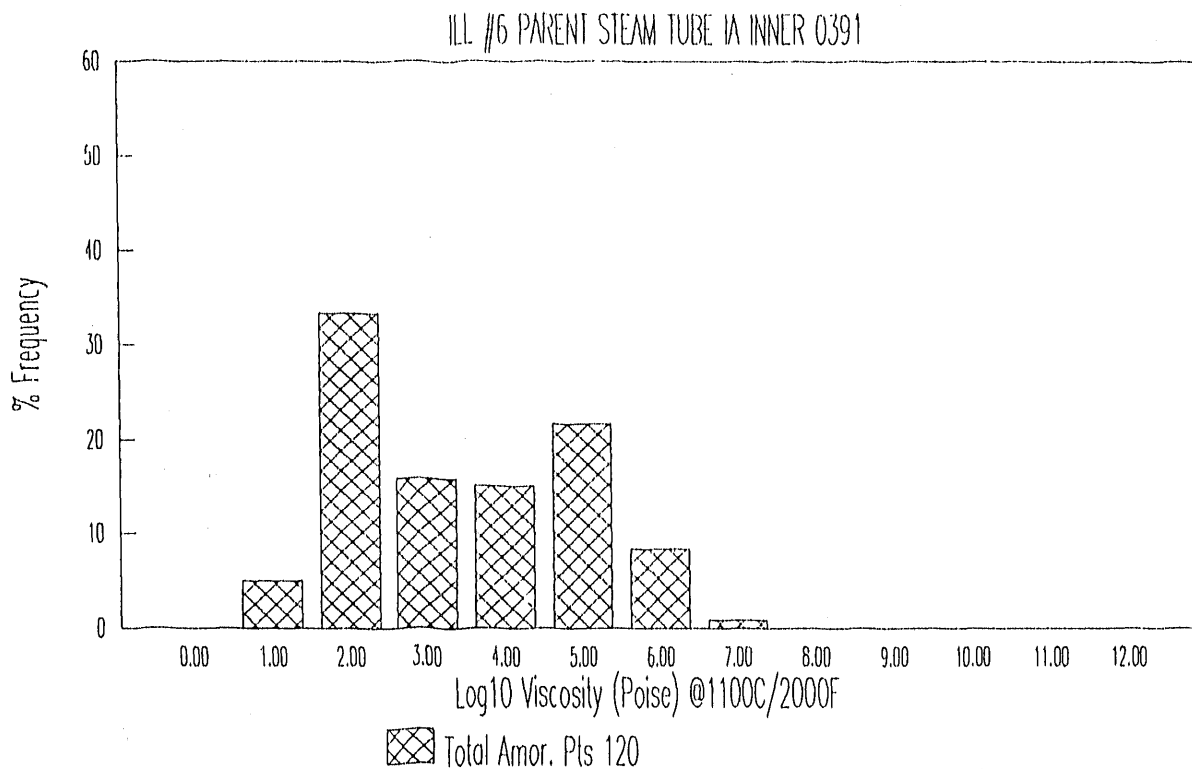


▨ Total Amor. Pts 162

**Figure 3.4.1** The calculated viscosity distributions for the Illinois No. 6 parent (top) and cleaned (bottom) waterwall panel 1 samples.



**Figure 3.4.2** The calculated viscosity distributions for the Illinois No. 6 parent (top) and cleaned (bottom) steam tube IA outer sinter layer samples.



**Figure 3.43** The calculated viscosity distributions for the Illinois No. 6 parent (top) and cleaned (bottom) steam tube IA inner powder layer sample.

#### TASK 4 - SCALE-UP TESTS

The purpose of the scale-up tests is to verify that the results obtained from tests done at bench and pilot scales in Tasks 2 and 3 can be used to provide reasonable estimates of the performance effects when firing BCFs in commercial-scale boilers. Two beneficiated fuels will be fired in either a small utility boiler or a full-scale test furnace.

The only activities in this task were discussions on fuel procurement, alternative test facility selection, and scheduling. Recommendations were submitted to the DOE.

#### TASK 5 - TECHNICAL-ECONOMIC EVALUATIONS

The results of bench-scale, pilot-scale, and scale-up tests (Tasks 2, 3, and 4) are used to predict the performance of three commercial boilers. The boilers include: a 560 MW coal-designed utility unit; a 600 MW oil-designed utility unit; and an 80,000 lb/hr oil-designed, shop-assembled industrial unit. Eight of the base project BCFs are used in models of each unit to calculate performance.

The writing of a report describing the commercial boilers which will be evaluated continued.

## WORK PLANNED FOR NEXT QUARTER

- ° Prepare Upper Freeport and Pittsburgh No. 8 MFPs for testing; the former as CWF and the latter as dry pulverized fuel.
- ° Process Upper Freeport spherical agglomeration product for testing as dry pulverized fuel.
- ° Continue standard bench-scale tests.
- ° Continue drop tube furnace tests at CE and MIT.
- ° Test Upper Freeport MFP CWF in MIT's CRF.
- ° Test Upper Freeport and Pittsburgh No. 8 BCF's in CE's FPTF.
- ° Complete report describing the Task 5 boilers.

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