

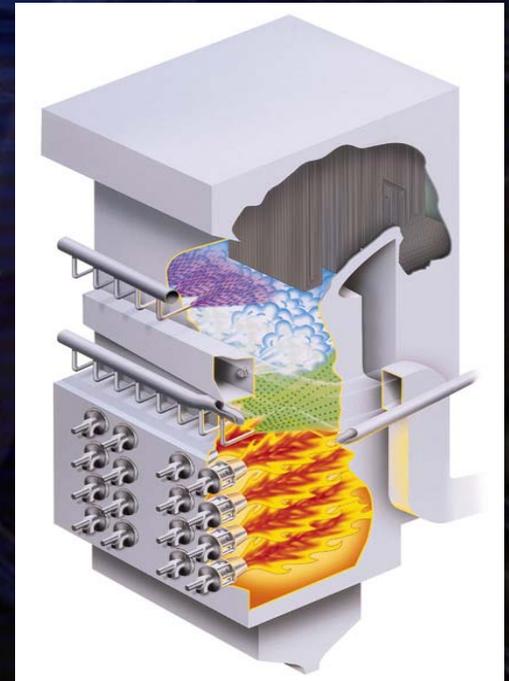
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# Reburn & Advanced NOx Control Technologies

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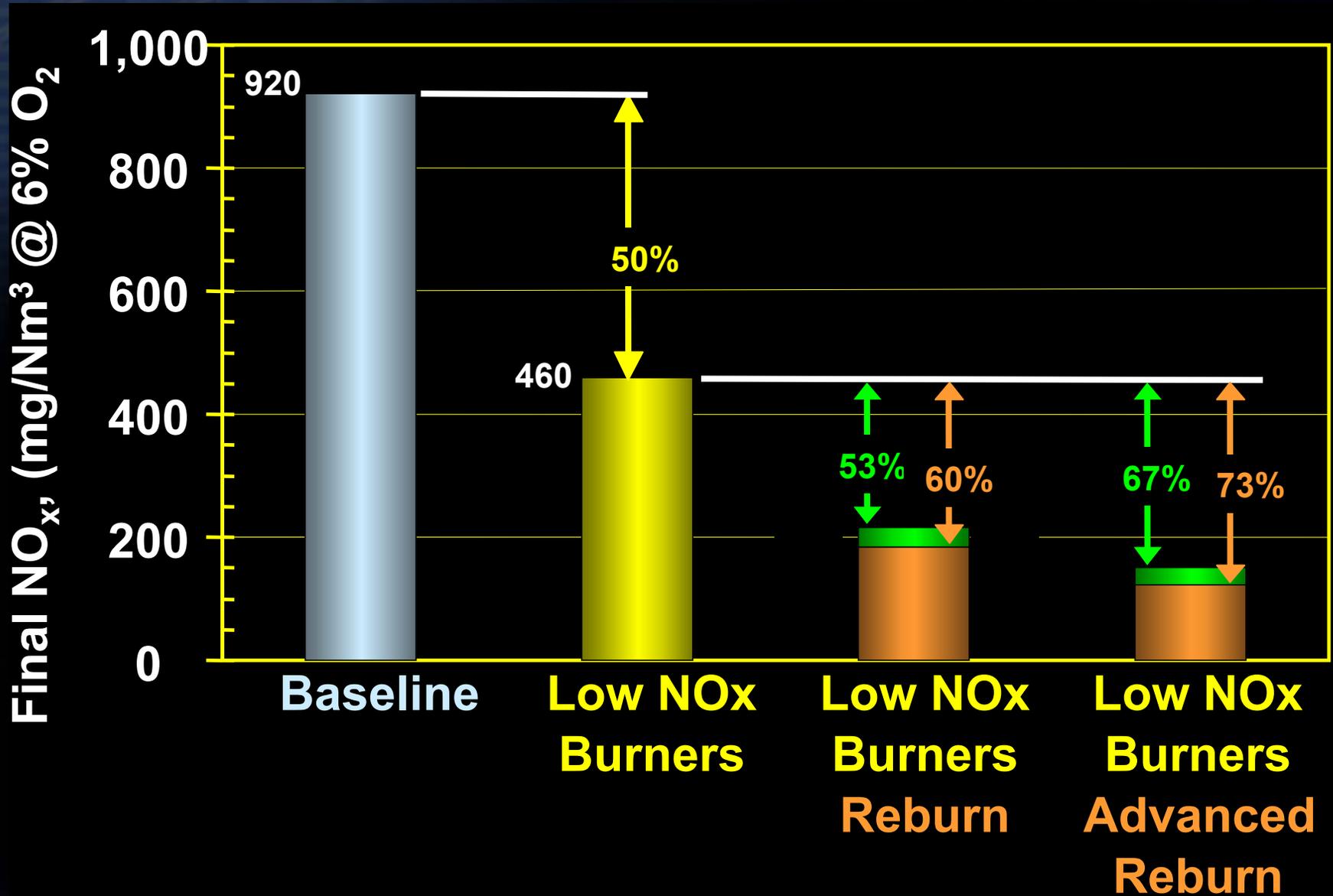


# GE NOx Control Offering Summary

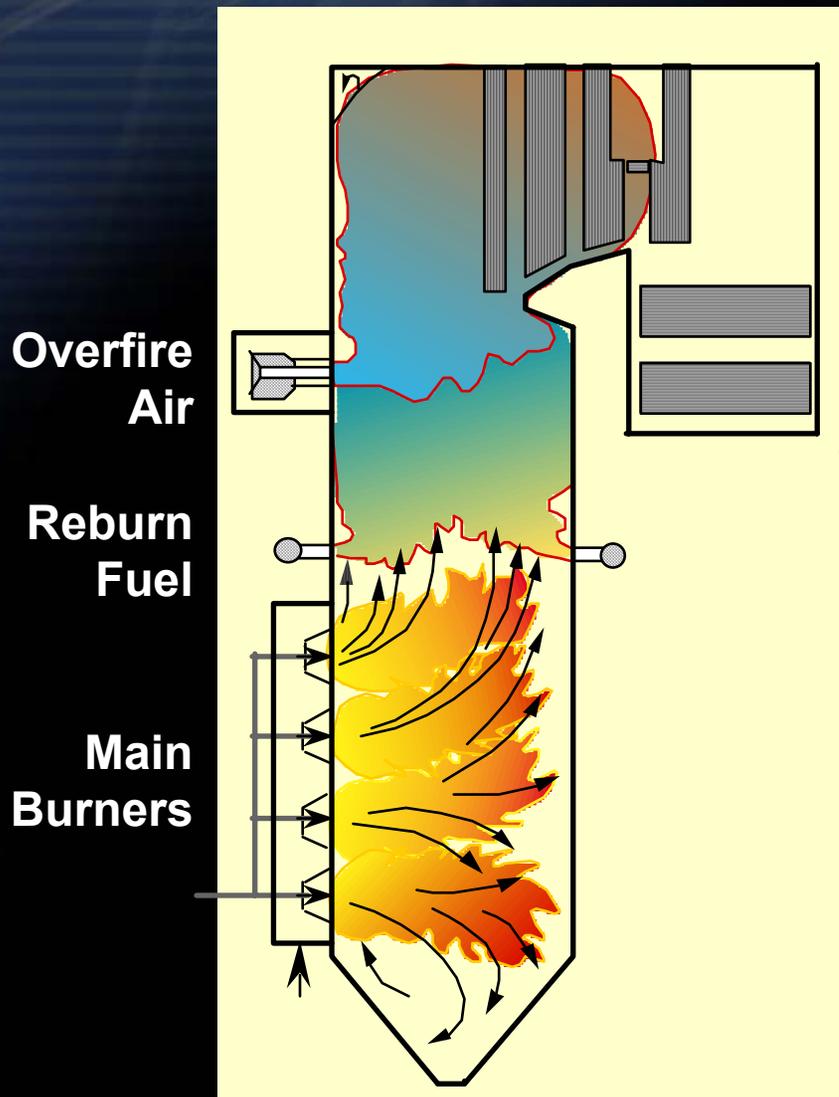
- **Low-NOx Burners & Existing Burner Modifications**
  - Coal burners for wall-fired applications
  - 30 to 150 MMBtu/hr
- **Overfire Air (OFA) & Underfire Air**
  - For wall-fired and tangentially-fired systems
  - Close coupled and separated OFA installations
- **Reburn System**
  - Applicable all boiler types
  - Gas, coal, fuel oil applicable as main fuel and reburn fuel
- **Hybrid Systems (Reburn / SNCR / Additives)**
- **Integrated Sensors for Combustion Optimization Systems**

**Engineered Combustion Modification Solutions**

# Typical Combustion NOx Control Solutions



# The Reburn Process



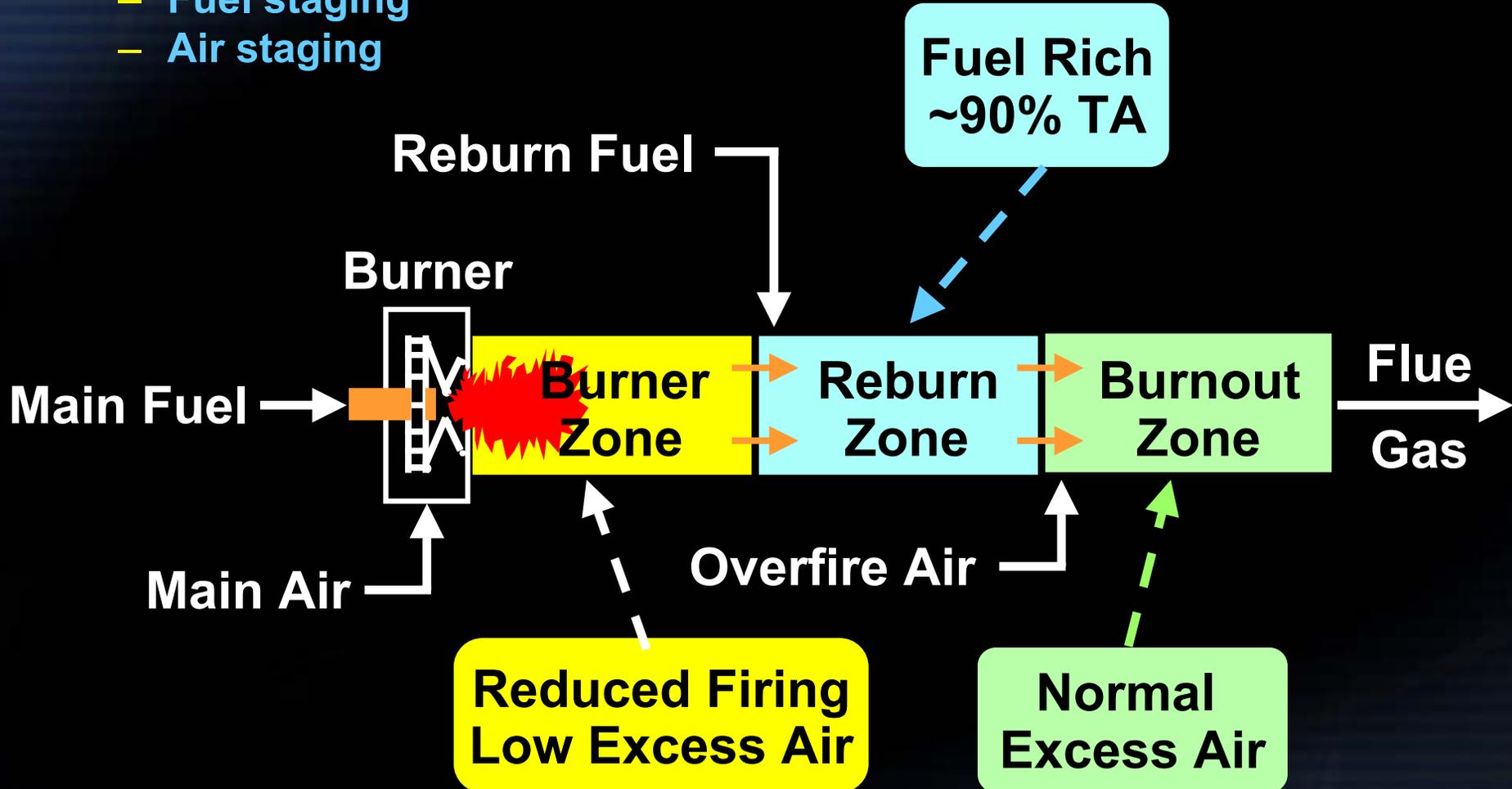
## Reburn NOx Control

### 3-Stage Combustion

- i) Main combustion zone
- ii) NOx generated in the **main burner zone** reacts with fuel fragments injected into the **reburn zone**, reducing it to molecular nitrogen
- iii) The overfire air addition completes combustion in the **burn-out zone**

# Reburning Process Diagram

- Three stage combustion process
  - Burner staging
  - Fuel staging
  - Air staging



# Reburn and Advanced Reburn

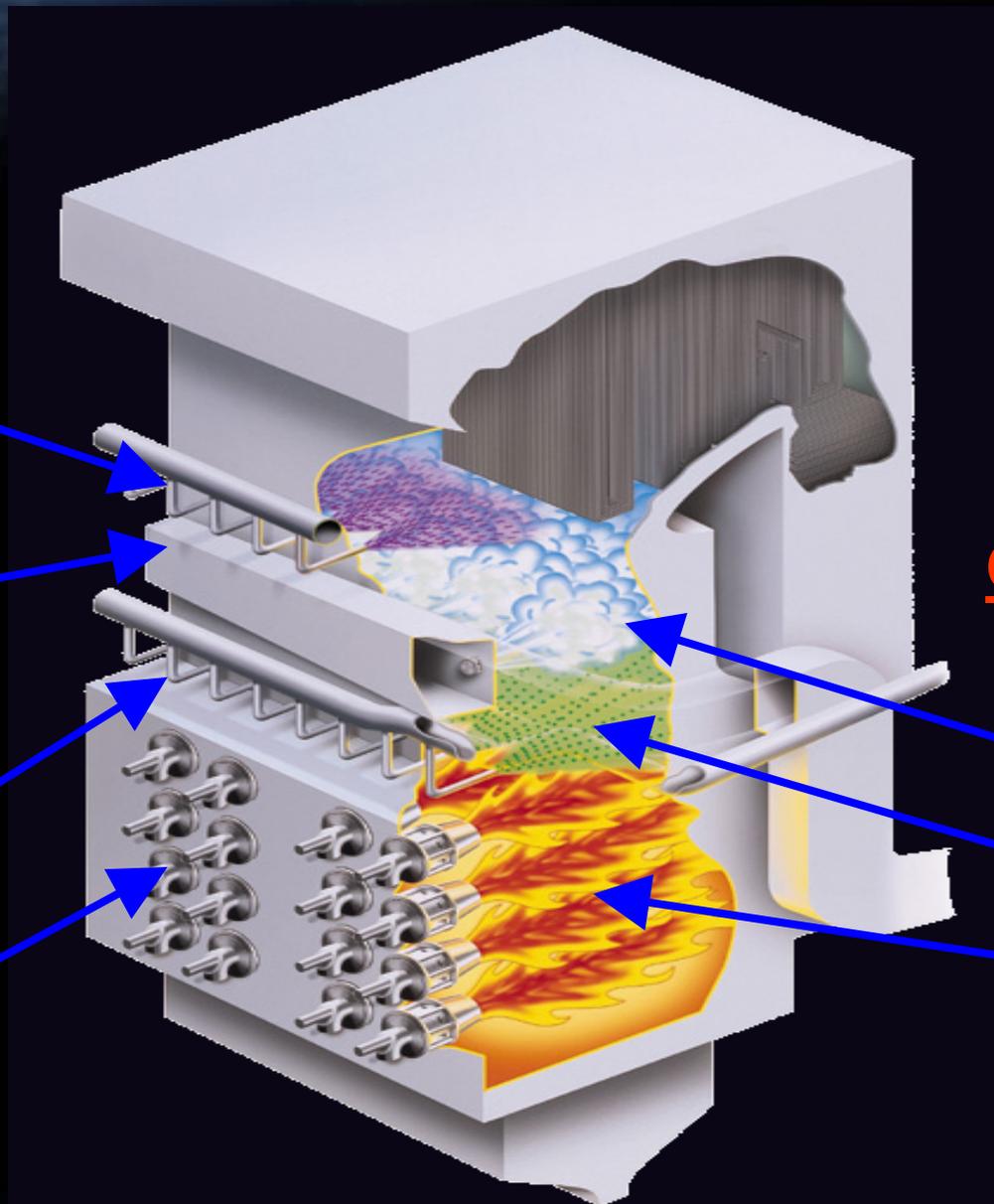
## Components

Nitrogen Agent  
Injectors

Overfire  
Air Ports

Reburn Fuel  
Injectors

Main  
Burners



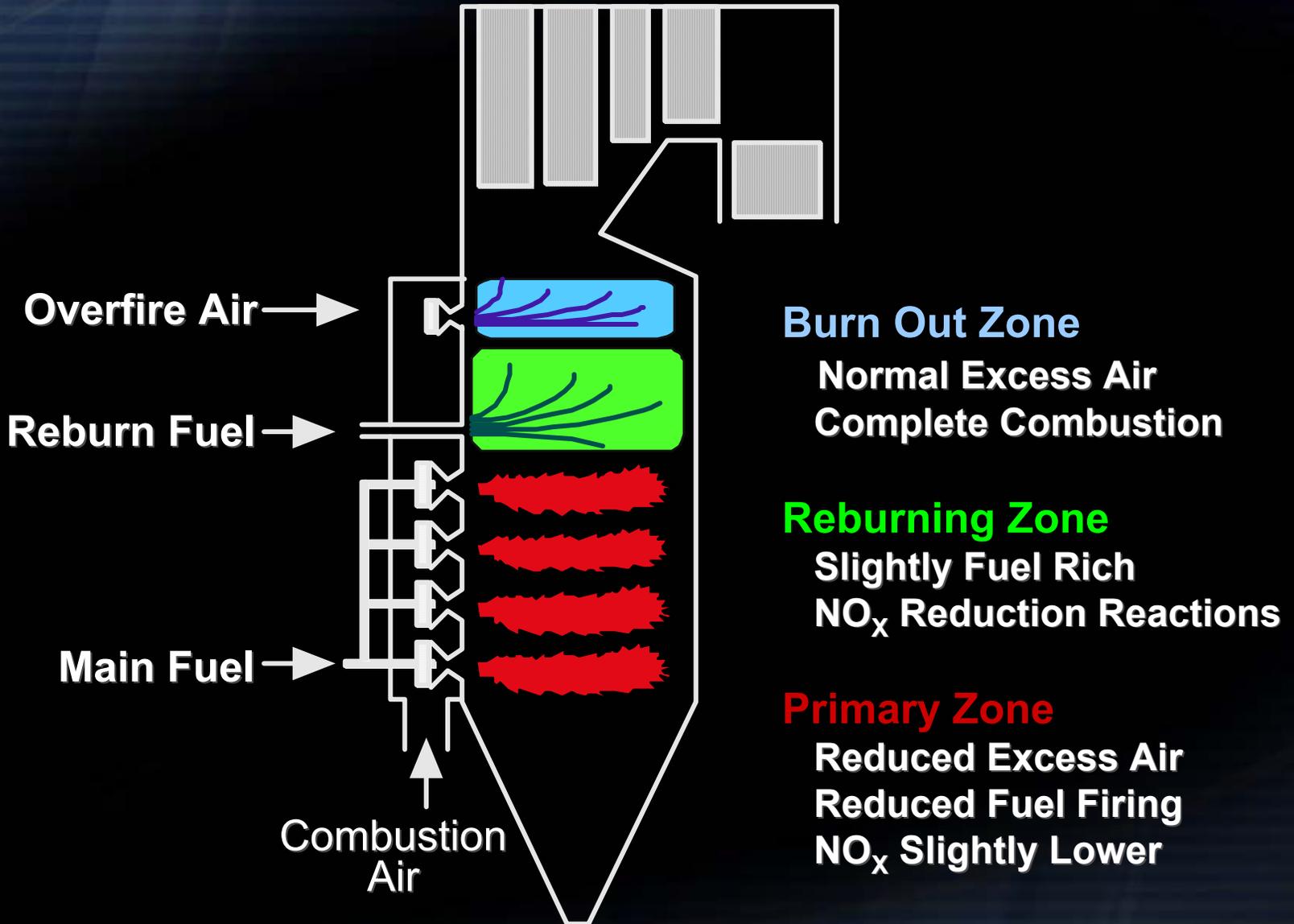
Combustion  
Zones

Burnout

Reburn

Main

# Reburn Application

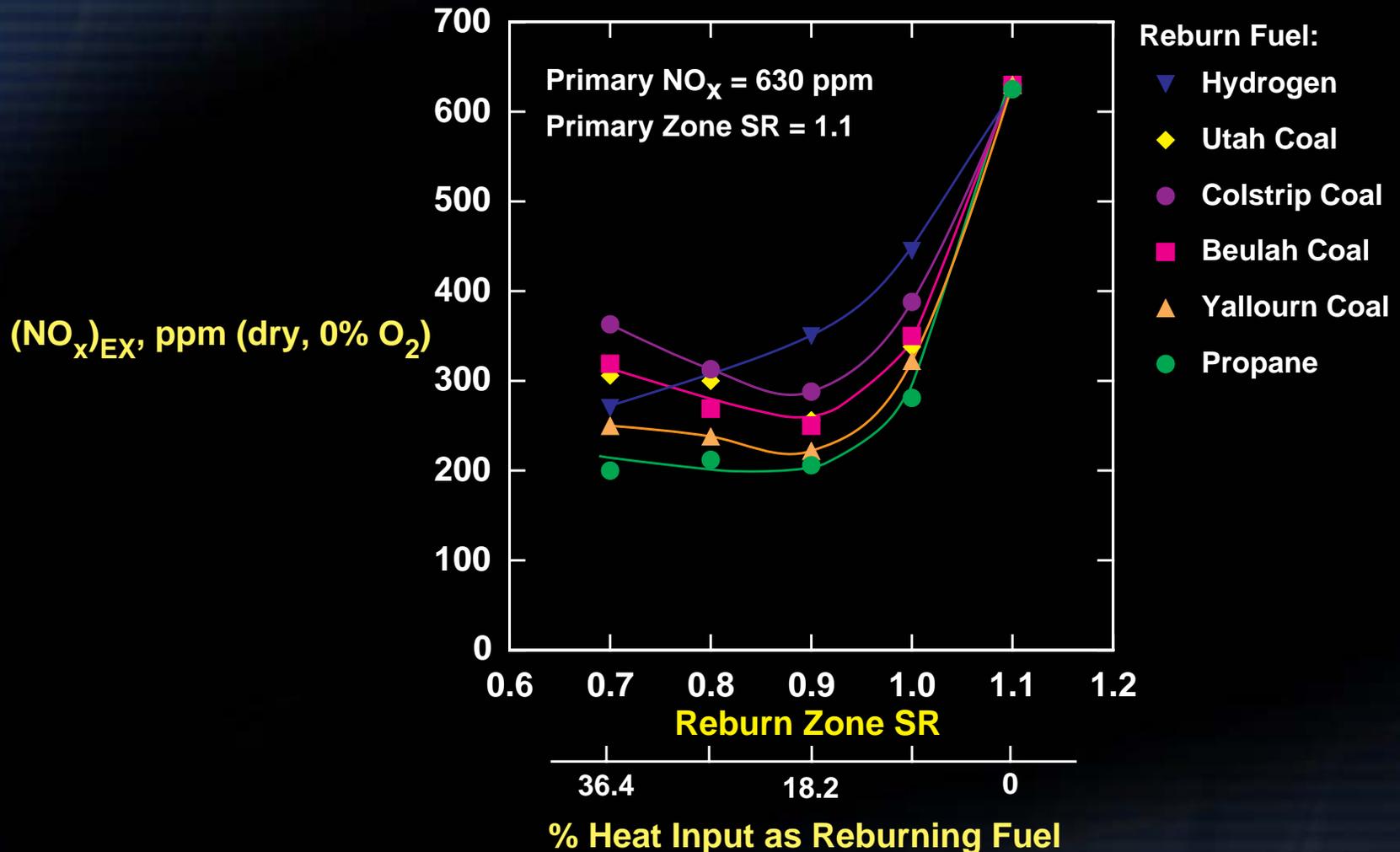


# Reburn and Advanced Reburn

- **Reburn:**
  - An advanced NO<sub>x</sub> control technology using fuel and air staging to achieve high levels of NO<sub>x</sub> reduction (50–70%)
  - Can be applied to all boiler firing configurations & types (tangential, wall, cyclone, arch)
  - Can be applied to boilers firing coal, fuel oil, natural gas, process gases, or waste streams
  - Can use the primary boiler fuel or an alternate fuel depending upon availability, operator preferences, and emissions control requirements
  - Provides flexibility for optimizing emissions reductions throughout the year
- **Advanced Reburn:**
  - Couples reagent injection (SNCR) with reburning to achieve deep levels of NO<sub>x</sub> control

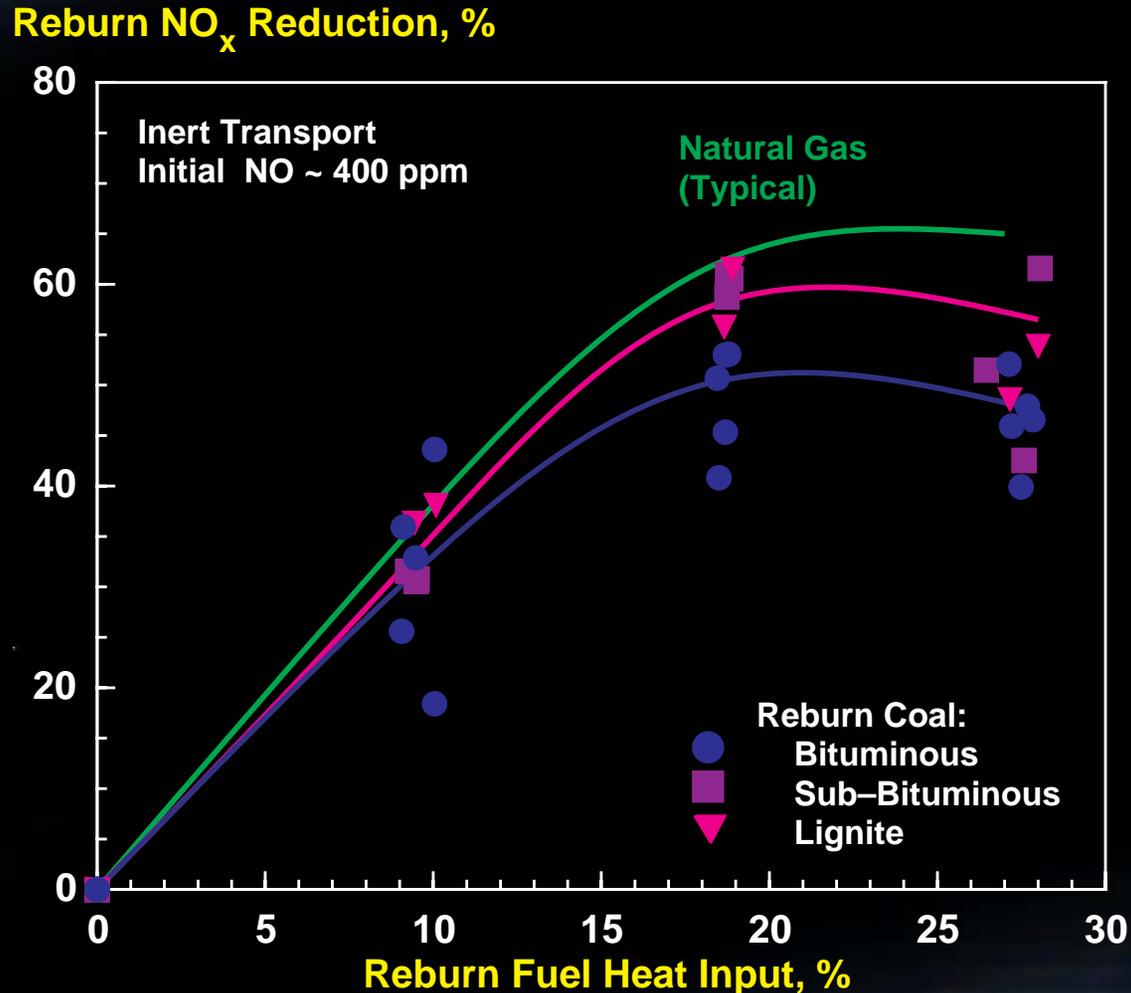
# Reburn Performance

## Impact of Reburn Zone Stoichiometry



# Reburn Performance

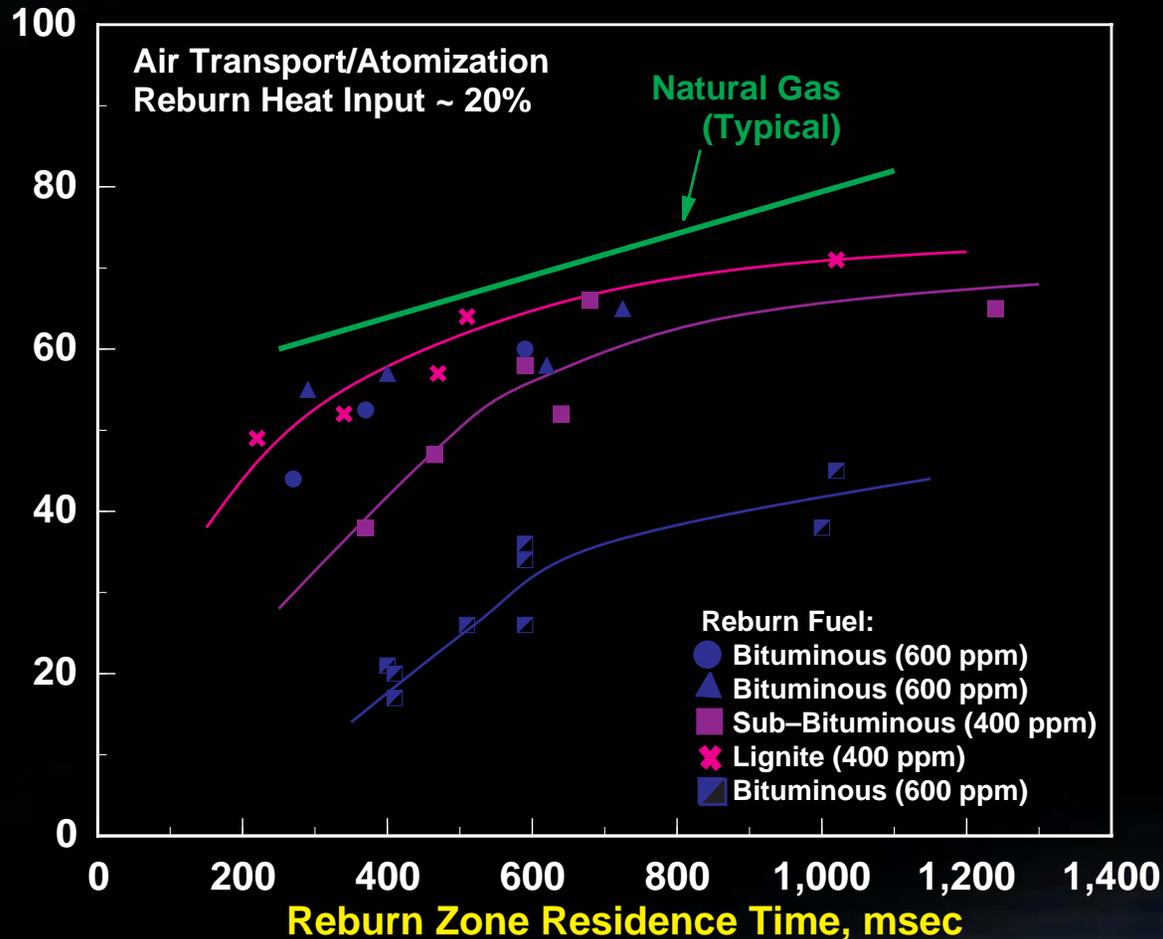
## Impact of Reburn Fuels



# Reburn Performance

## Reburn Zone Residence Time

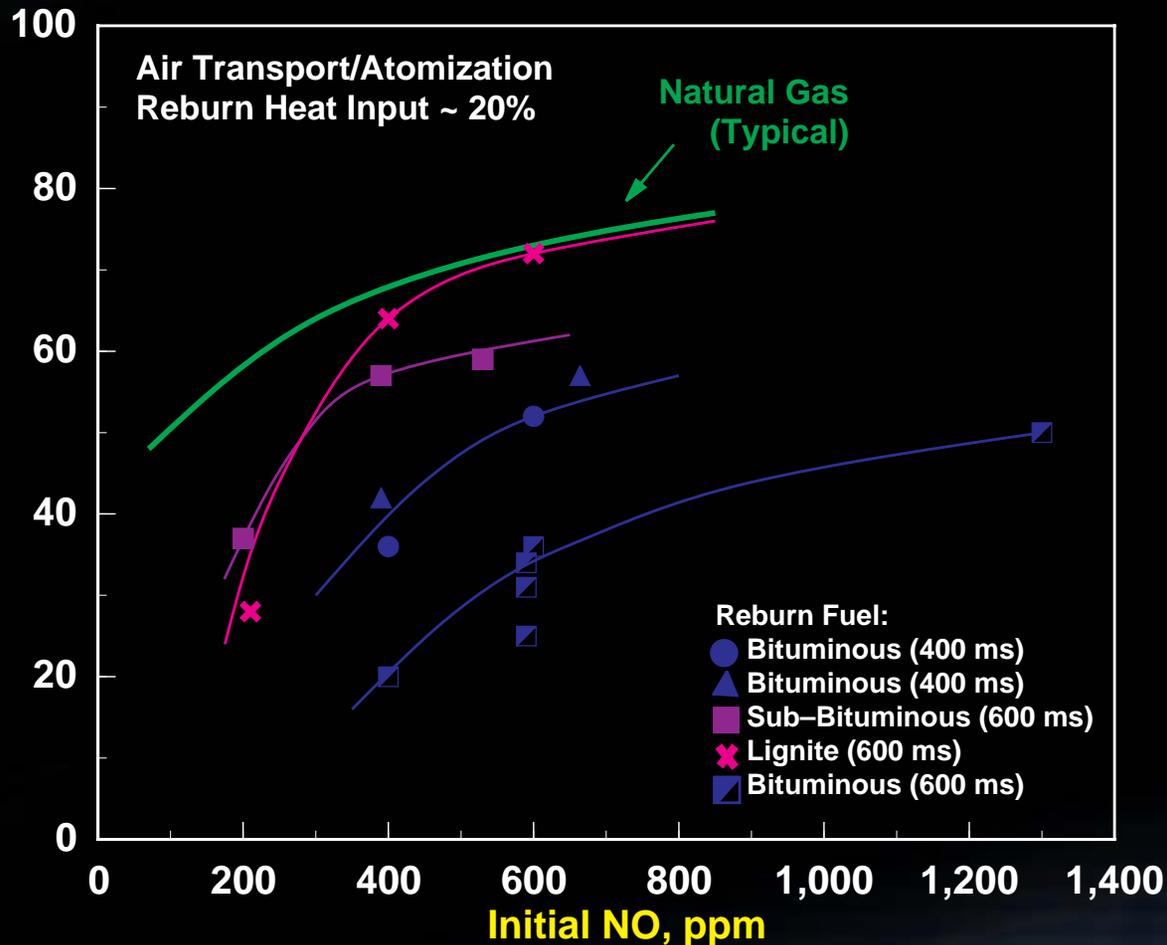
Reburn  $\text{NO}_x$  Reduction, %



# Reburn Performance

## Primary NO Level

Reburn  $\text{NO}_x$  Reduction, %



# Reburn Process

## Application Considerations

- **Boiler specific factors can influence reburn performance:**
  - Boiler design generally sets reburning zone residence time and temperature, and initial  $\text{NO}_x$
  - Firing configuration and fuel have a minor impact, except where they influence first order parameters
  - Primary excess air does not influence reburn effectiveness, but does set amount of reburn fuel needed for optimum boiler emissions control
- **Reburn system design parameters that dictate level of control which can be achieved for a particular boiler:**
  - Reburning zone stoichiometry
  - Reburning fuel type
  - Reburning fuel mixing

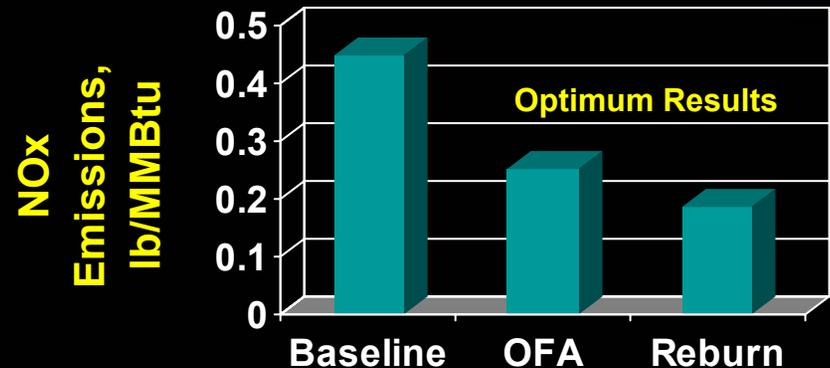
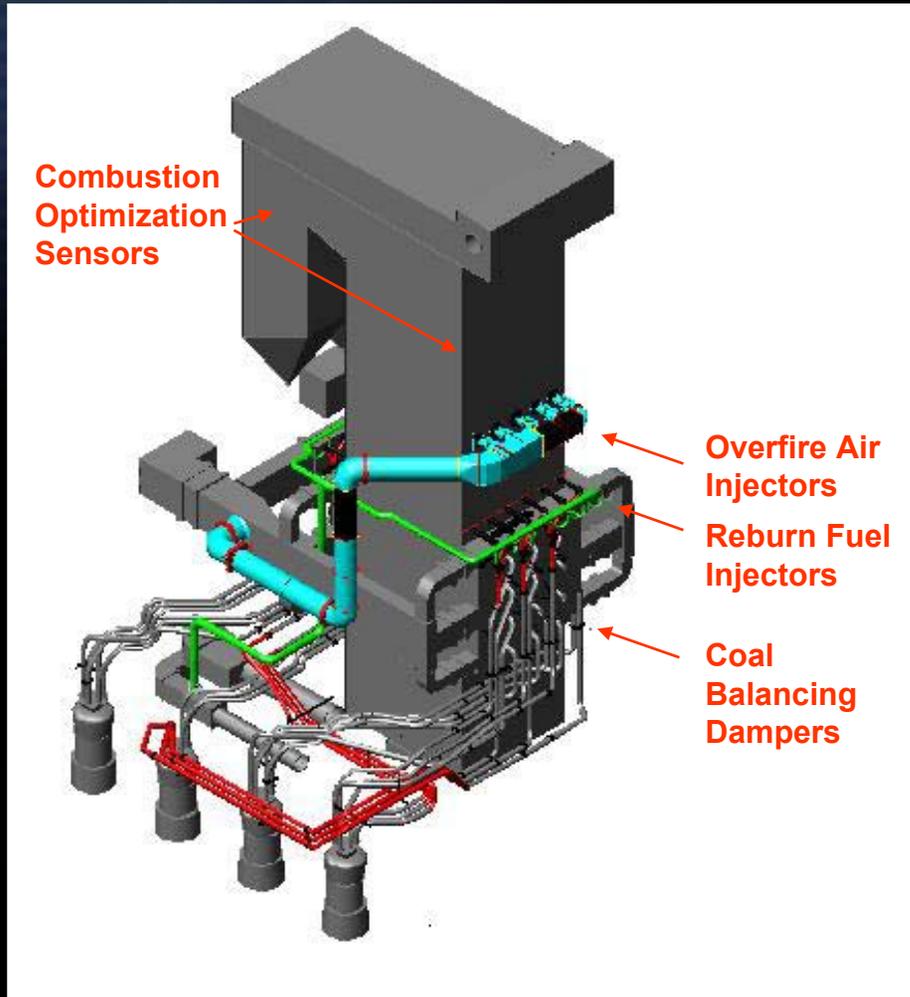
# Reburning

## GE EER Experience

- **Firing Configuration**
  - Cyclone
  - Cell
  - Wall
  - Tangential
  - Stoker
- **Capacity**
  - Min. = Package boiler (2MW)
  - Max. = 800 MW
- **Main Fuels**
  - Coal
  - Oil
  - Gas
- **Reburn Fuels**
  - Gas
  - Fuel Oil
  - Orimulsion
  - Pulverized Coal / CWS

**GE Environmental Energy is the World Leader  
in Reburning Technology, > 4,800 MW Operating**

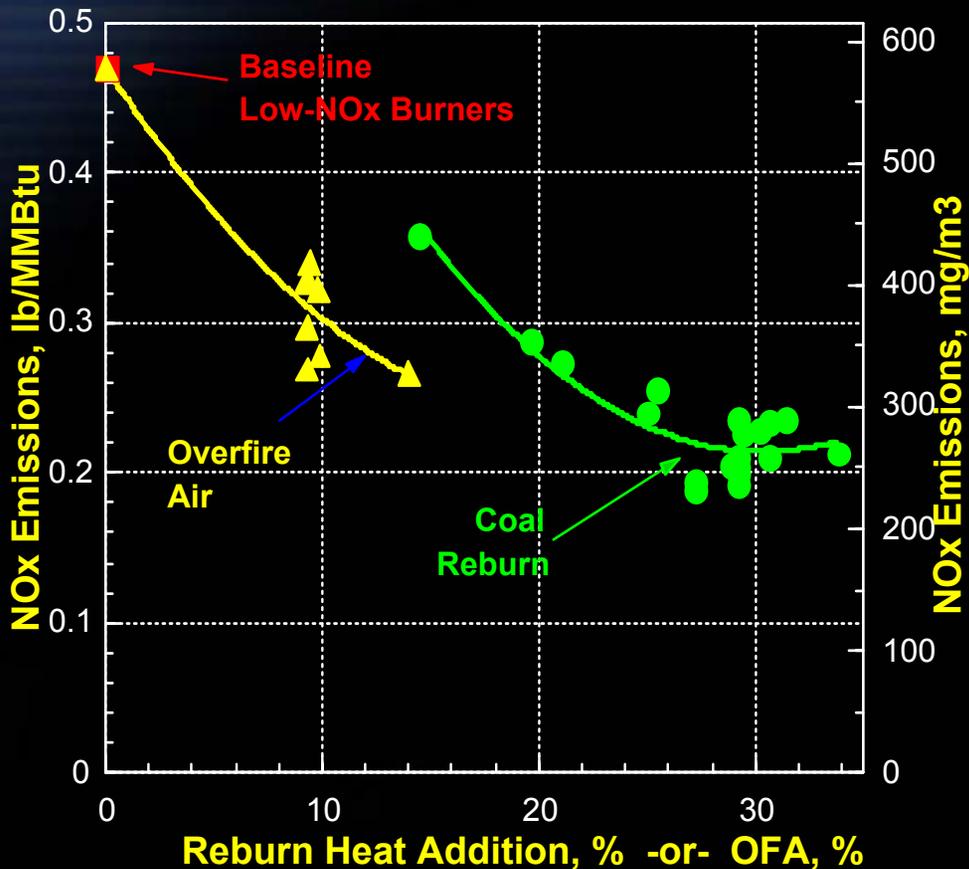
# Opposed Wall Fired Boiler - Coal Reburn



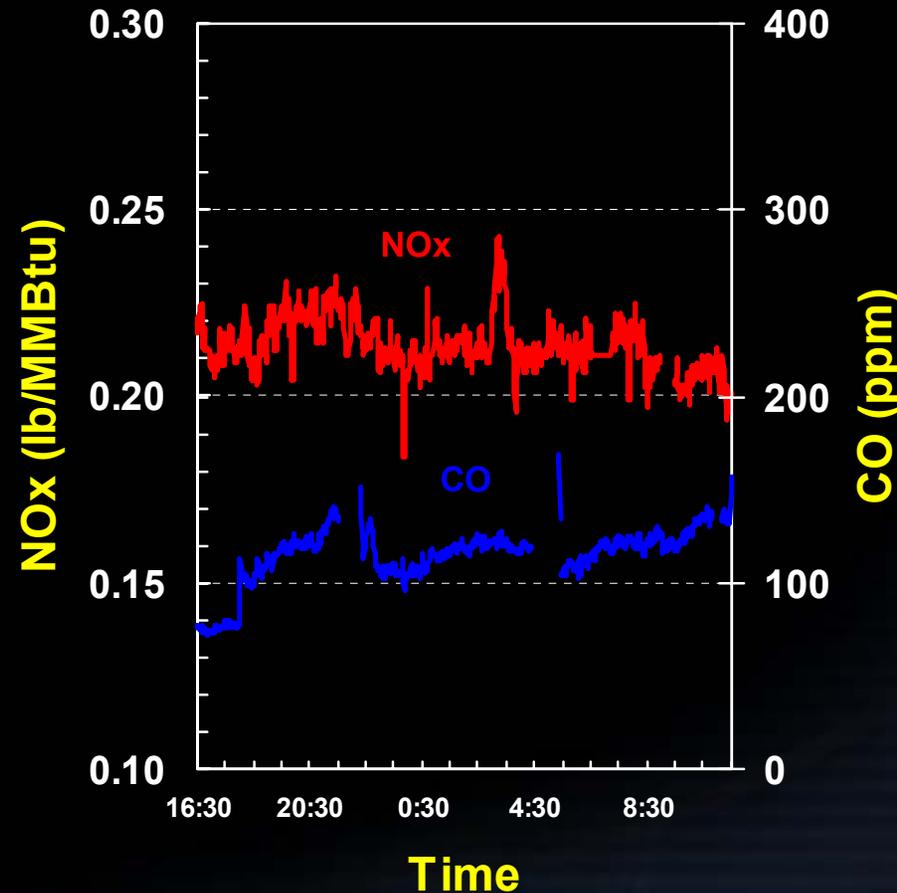
- Capacity: 250 MW
- Fuel: Bituminous Coal / Pet coke
- Optimization Solution: Coal Reburn, Advanced Combustion Sensors, Coal Balancing Dampers
- Coal Reburn Performance Test Results (Nov. '02):
  - NOx Emissions = 0.21 lb/MMBtu
  - CO Emissions = 120 ppm
  - LOI (Unburned Carbon) = No impact

# Opposed Wall Fired Boiler – Coal Reburn

## Impact of Reburn Fuel



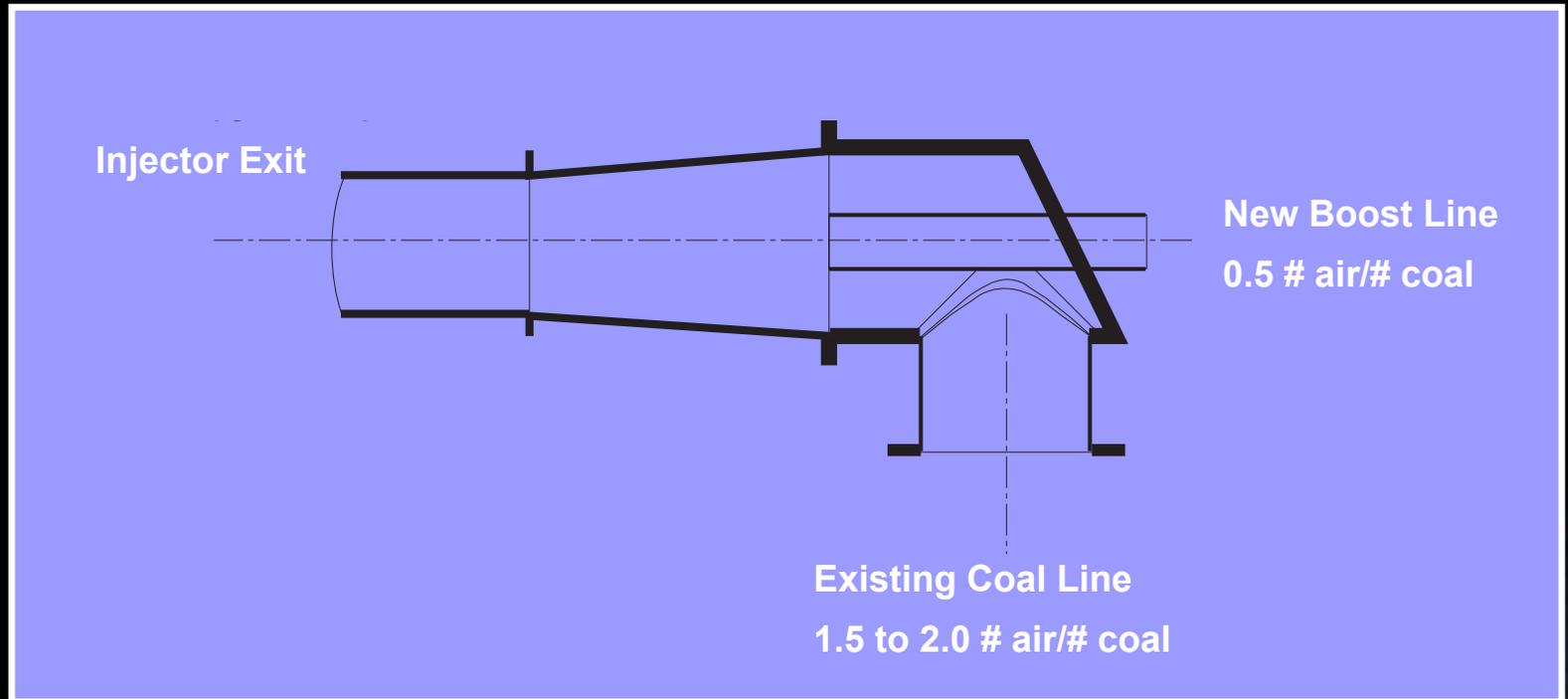
## Emissions vs. Time



# Coal Reburn Application

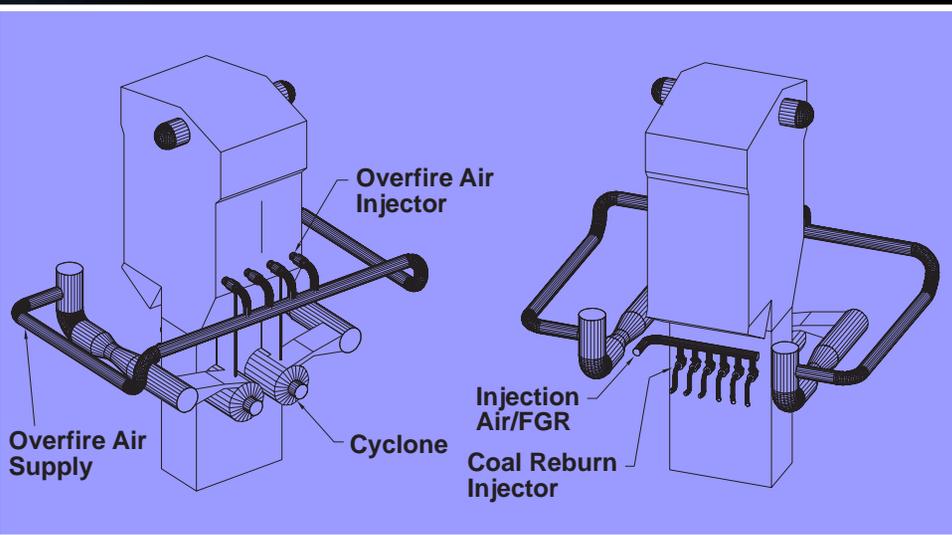
## EER Reburning Coal Injector, Wall Fired Boilers

- Boosted Injector Design
  - Boost flow (air/FGR) improves jet penetration
  - Flow from new booster fan discharge

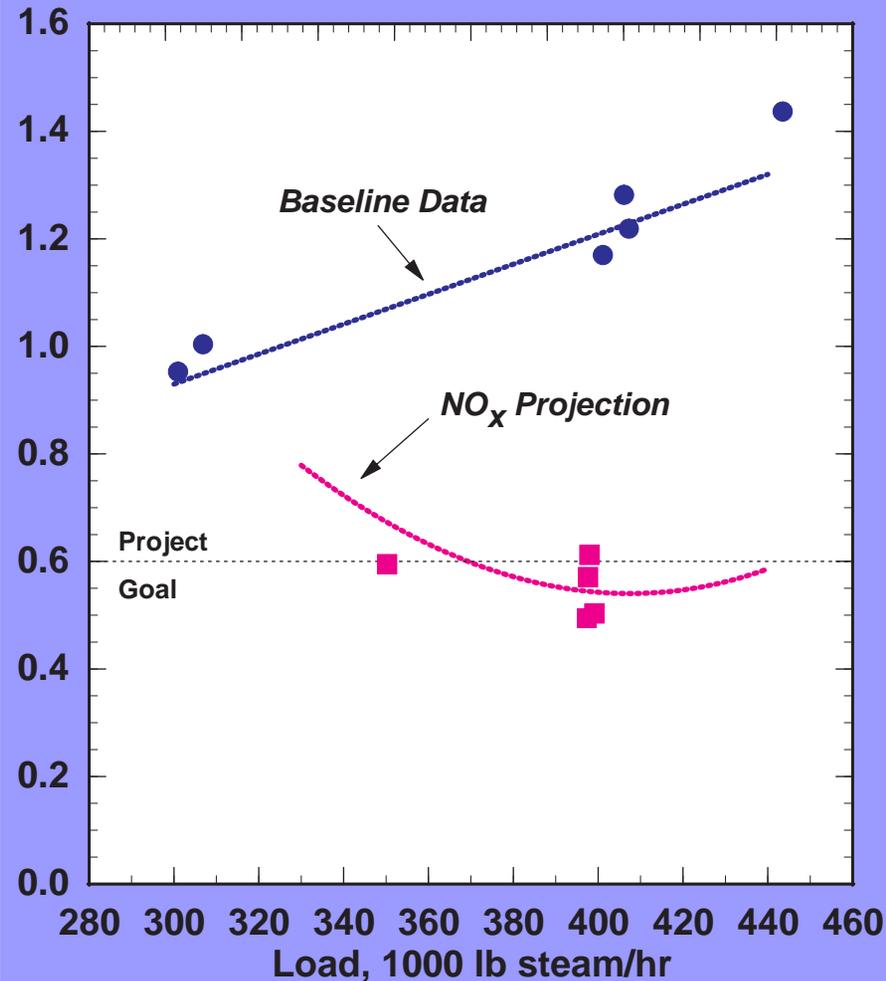


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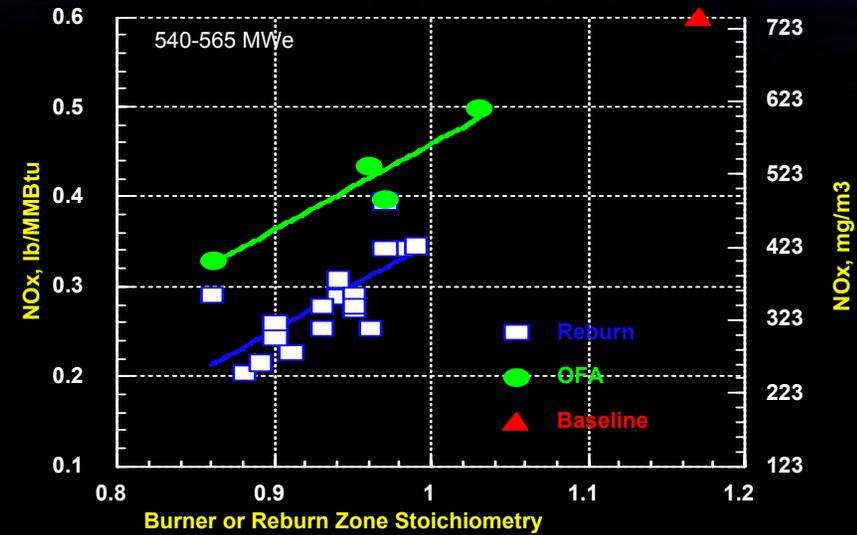
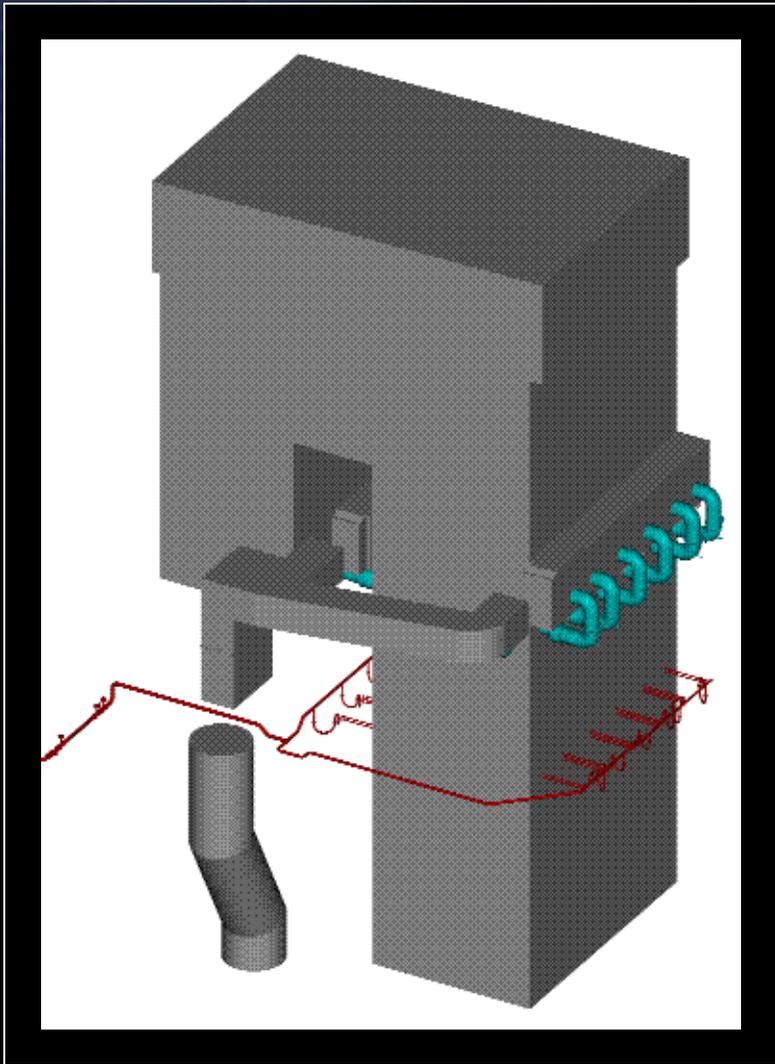
- Coal-Fired Boiler (~30 MW)
- Cyclone Fired



NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions, lb/MMBtu

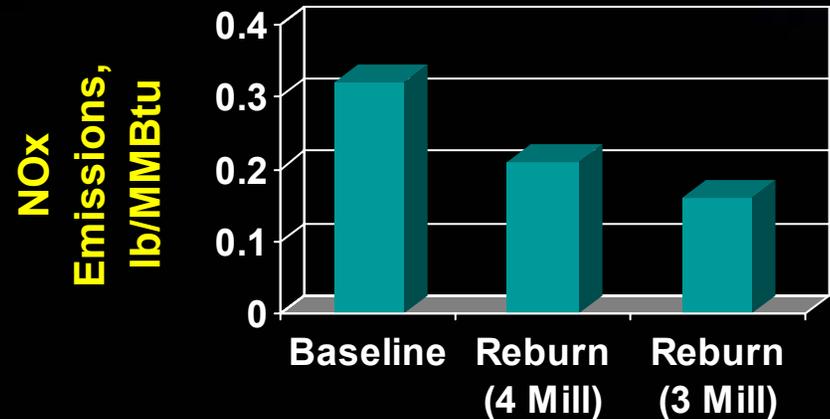
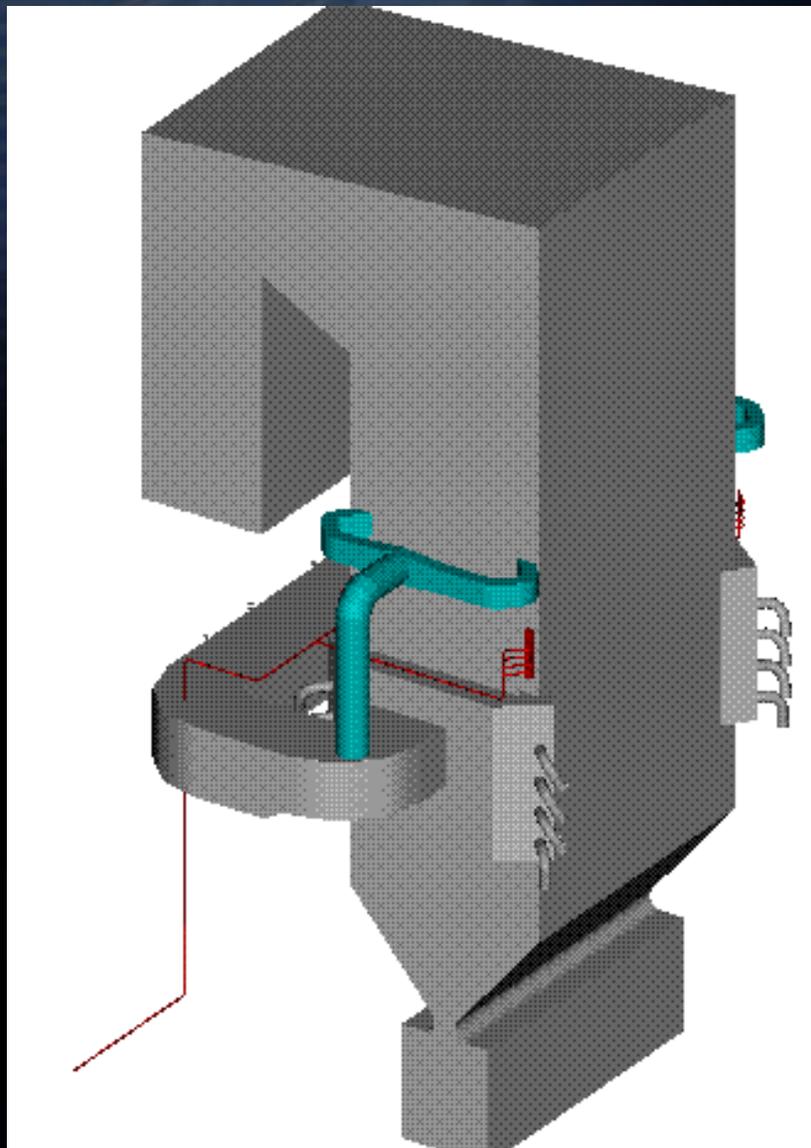


# Opposed Wall Fired Boiler - Gas Reburn



- Capacity: 560 MW
- Fuel: Bituminous Coal
- Baseline NOx: 0.62 lb/MMBtu (760 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) with Low-NOx Cell-Burner Arrangement
- Coal Reburn Performance:
  - NOx Emissions = 0.20 lb/MMBtu (~250 mg/m<sup>3</sup>)
  - CO Emissions = 10 ppm
  - LOI (Unburned Carbon) = < 4%

# Tangentially Fired Boiler – Gas Reburn



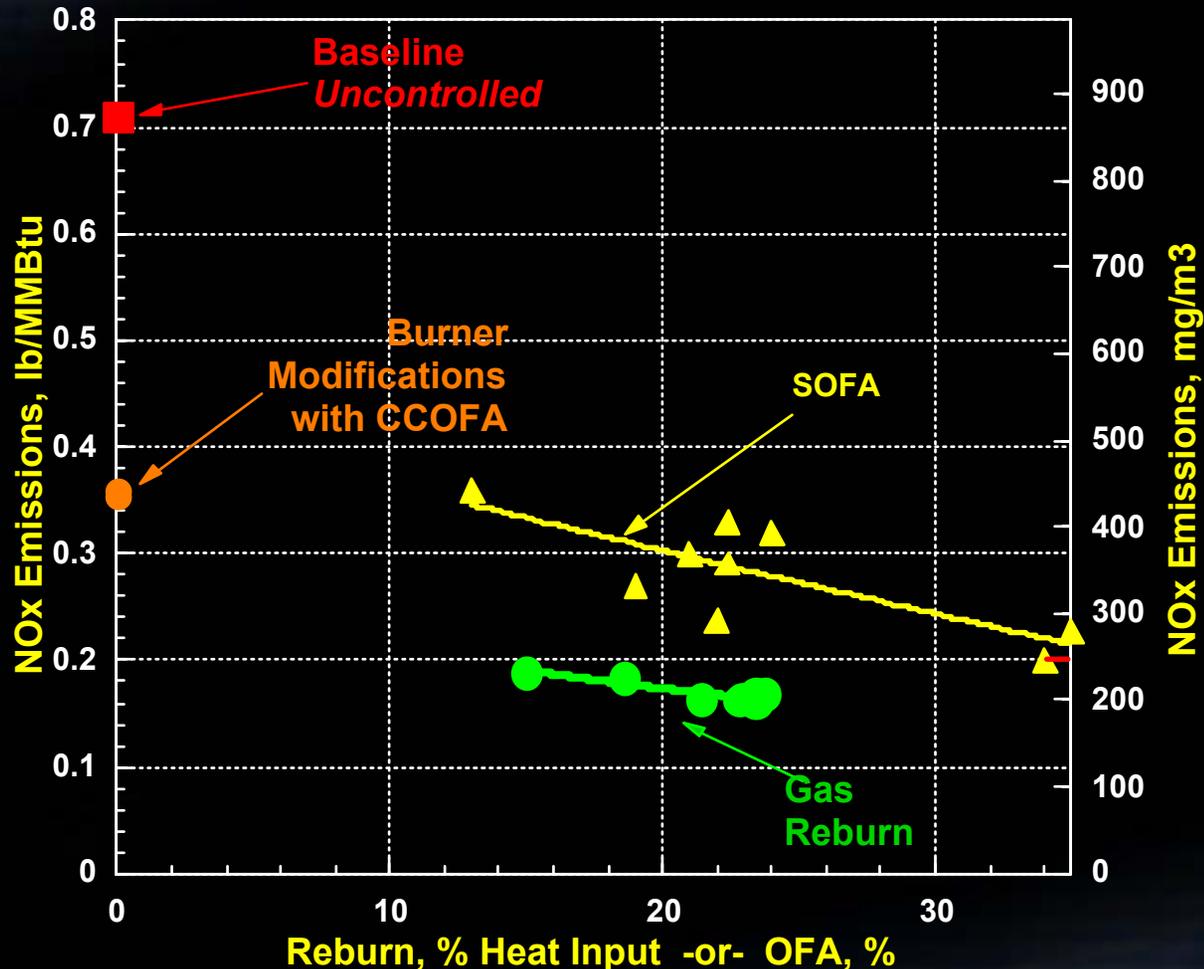
- **Capacity: 160 MW**
- **Fuel: Bituminous Coal**
- **NOx Control System: LNCFS II, Gas Reburn.**
- **4 Multi-Nozzle Gas Injectors**
- **4 Dual-Compartment Overfire Air Injectors**

# Tangentially Fired Boiler – Gas Reburn

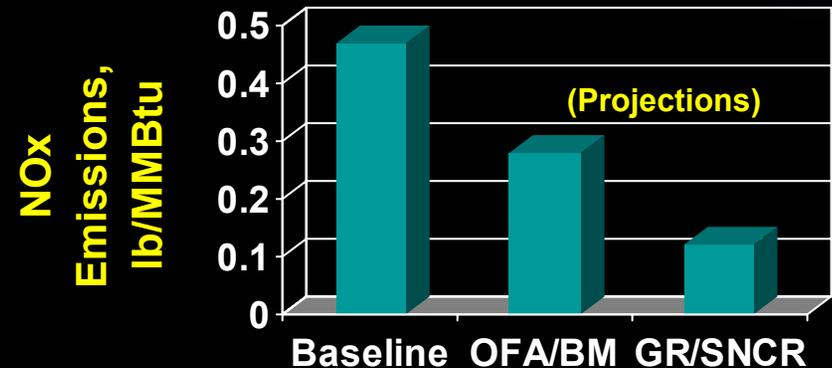
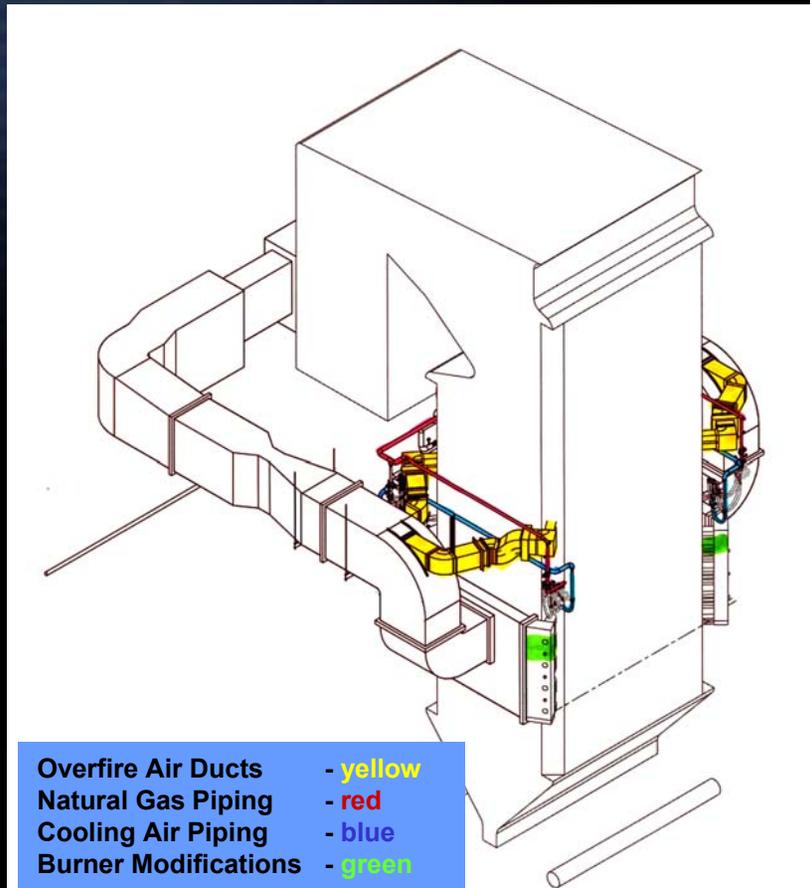
Impact of Reburn Fuel

160 MWe

Impact of CCOFA

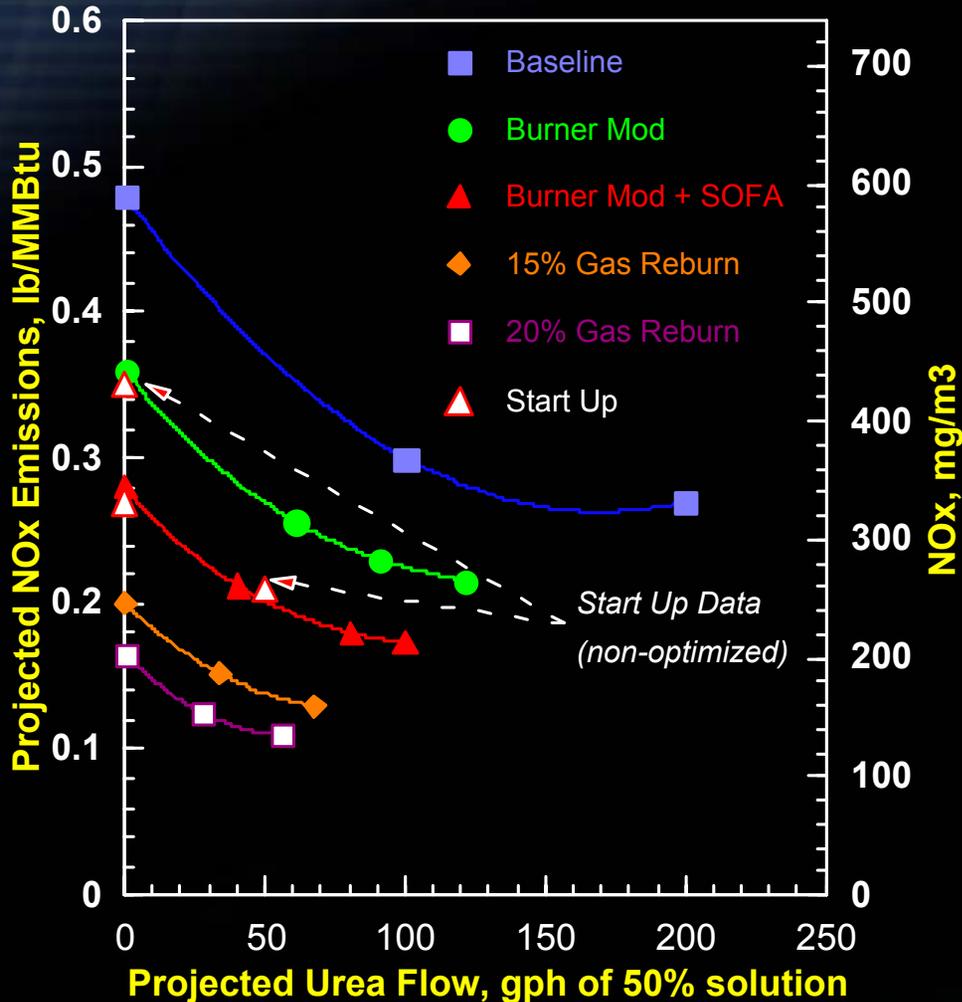


# Tangentially Fired Boiler – Gas Reburn/SNCR



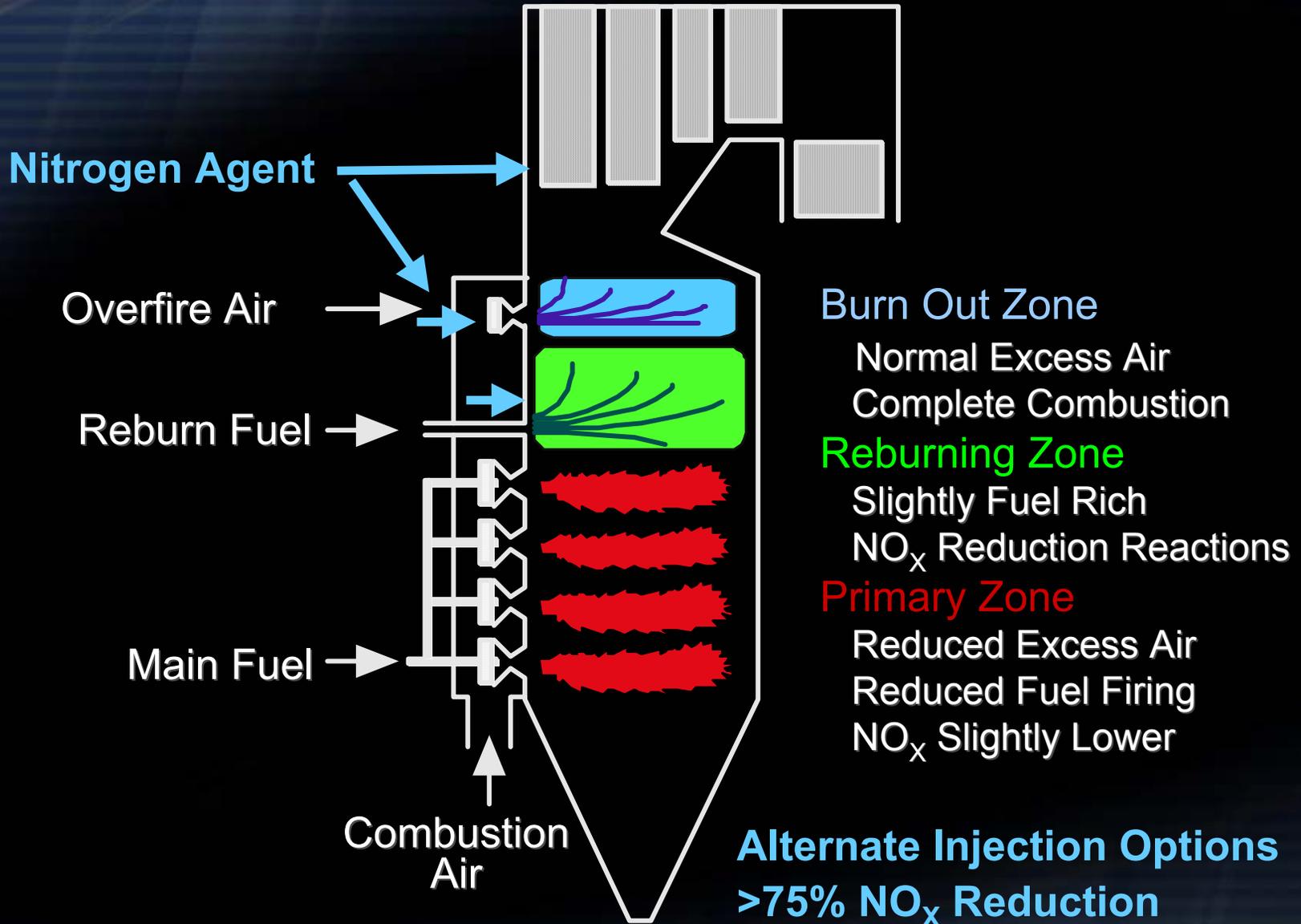
- Capacity: 120 MW
- Fuel: Bituminous Coal
- NOx Control System: Burner Modifications & SOFA, Gas Reburn, SNCR.
- 4 Multi-Nozzle Gas Injectors
- 4 Dual-Compartment Overfire Air Injectors

# Tangentially Fired – Gas Reburn/SNCR

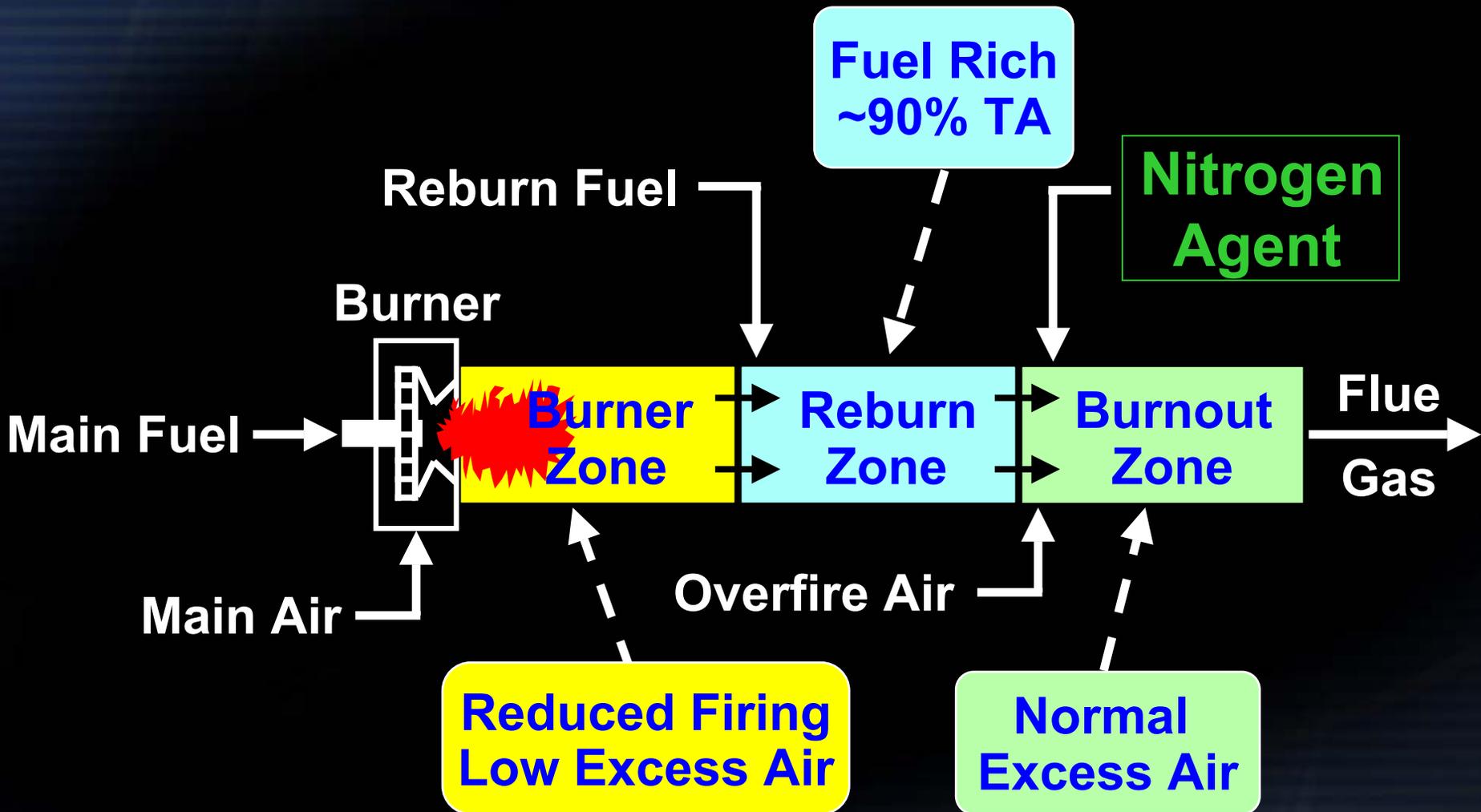


- **Baseline NOx**
  - 0.48 lb/MMBtu (590 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) uncontrolled
  - 0.28 lb/MMBtu (345 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) with SNCR
- **Start-Up Sept. '03**
  - 0.25 lb/MMBtu (307 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) with Burner Mods. and SOFA
  - < 0.20 lb/MMBtu (250 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) with SNCR
- **Gas Reburn Oct. '03**
  - < 0.16 lb/MMBtu (200 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) with Gas Reburn
  - < 0.12 lb/MMBtu (150 mg/m<sup>3</sup>) with Reburn and SNCR

# Advanced Reburn Application

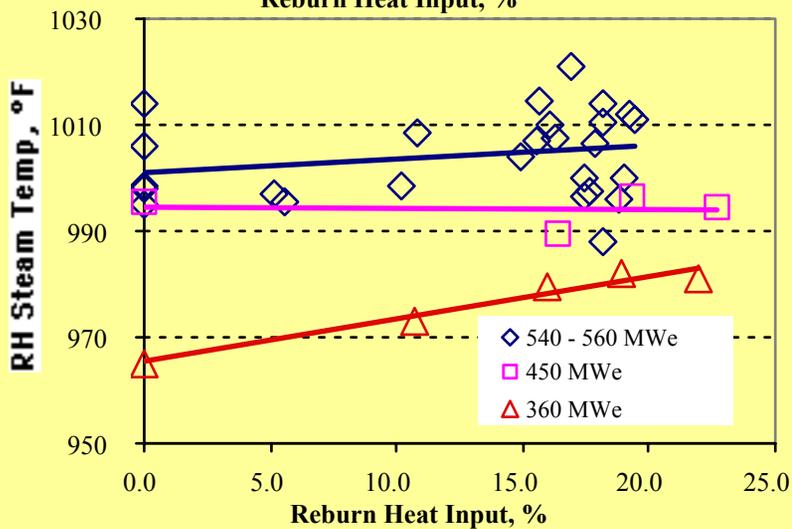
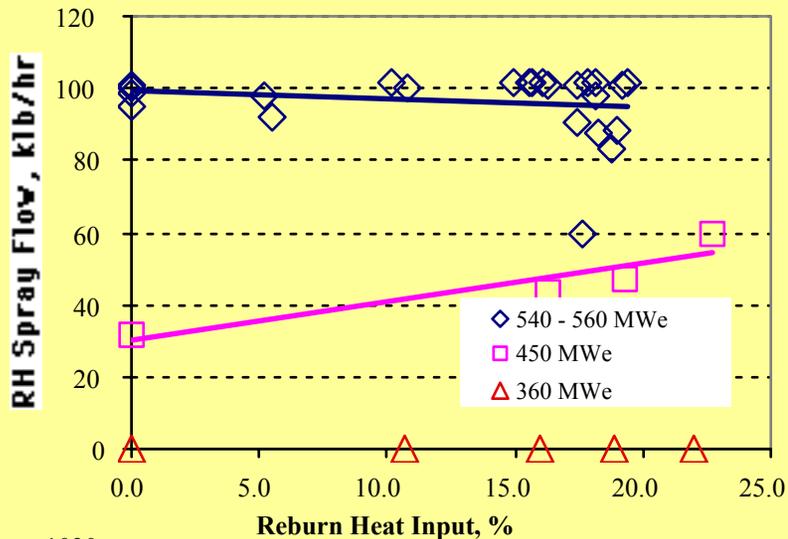


# Advanced Gas Reburn Process



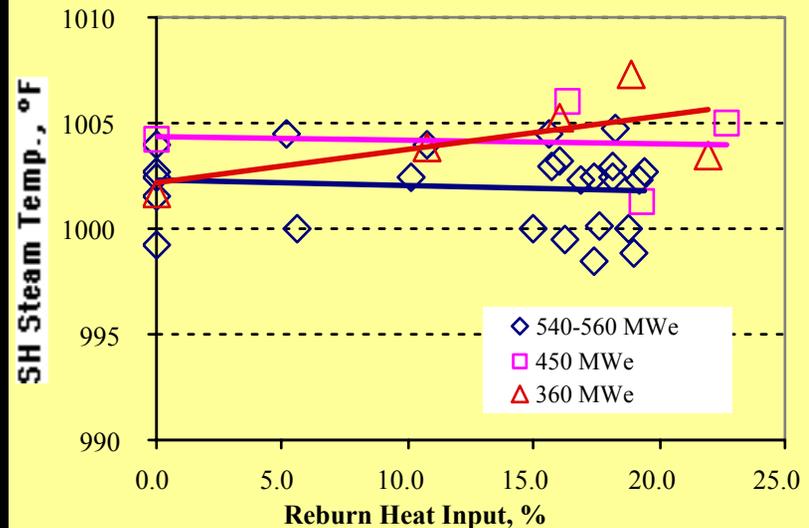


# Steam Temperature Control



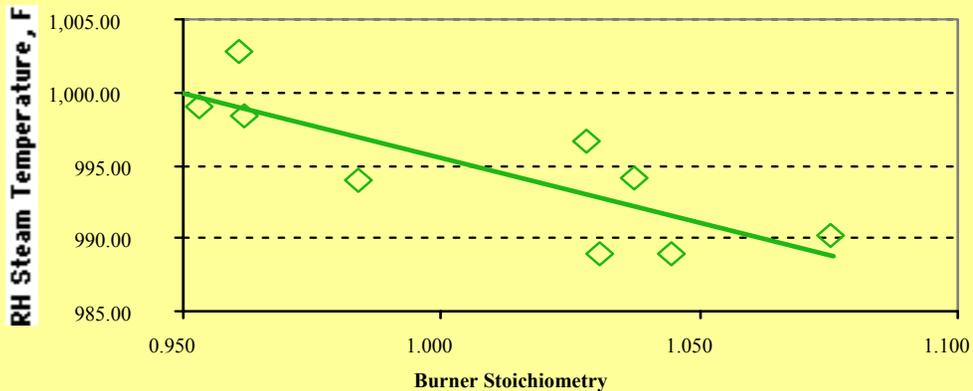
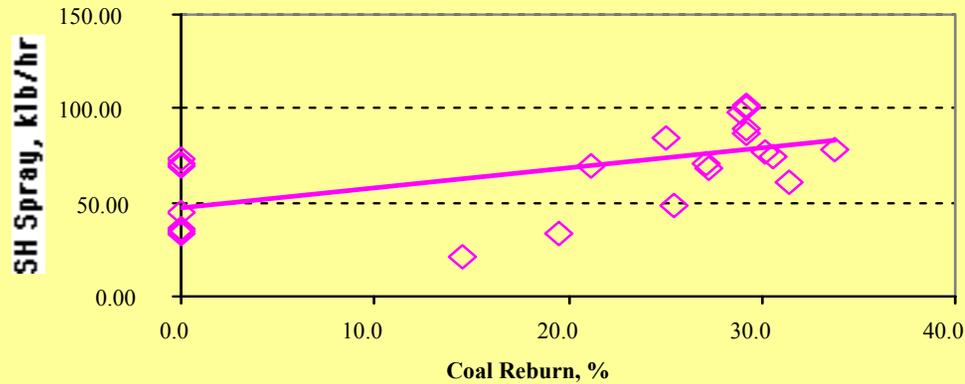
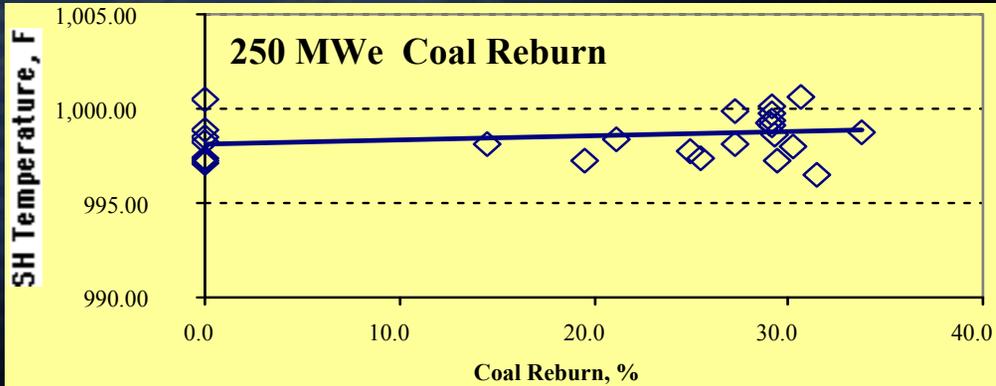
## Impact of Reburn on Steam Temperature Control

### Gas Reburn - 560 MWe 2.5% Sulfur Coal



**Steam Conditions Maintained Within Normal Control Range**

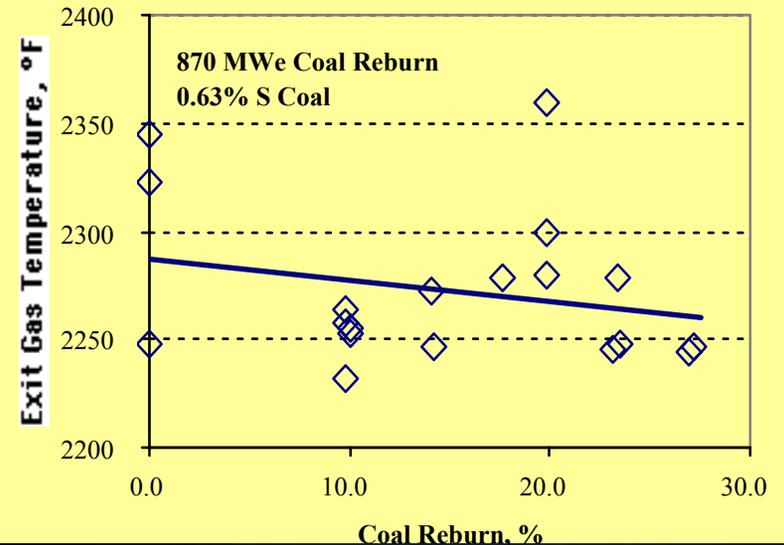
# Thermal Performance



## Coal Reburning 250 MWe and 850 MWe

FEGT (Exit Gas Temp),  
SH (Superheater)  
& RH (Reheater)  
Temperatures

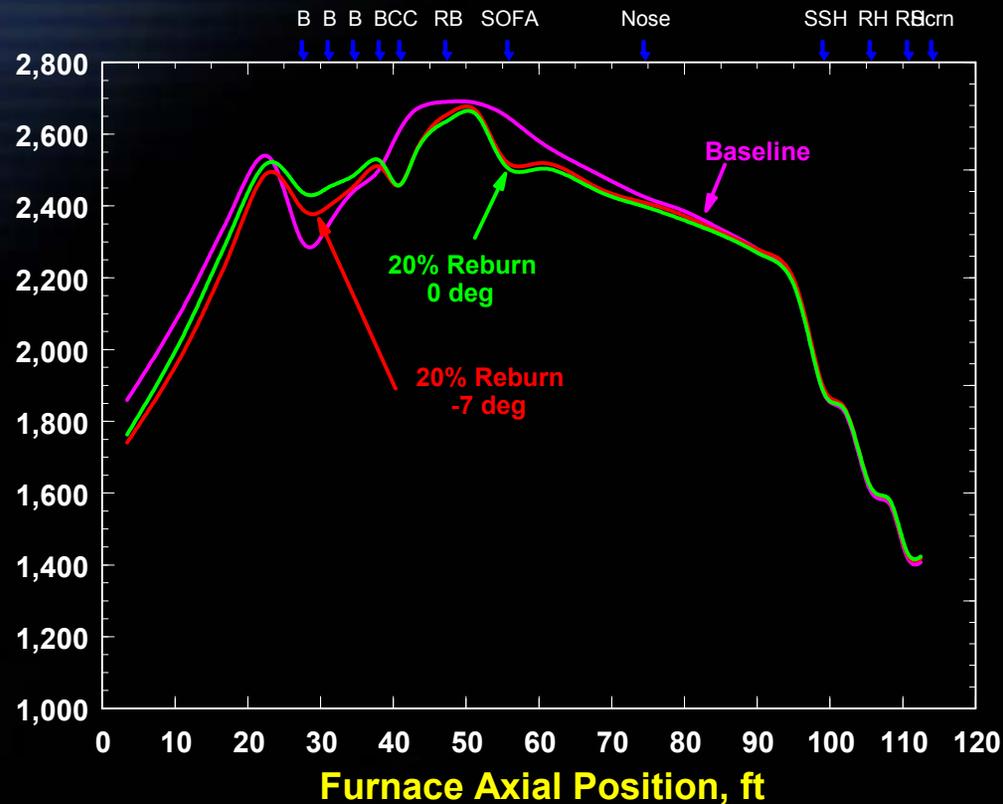
### FEGT



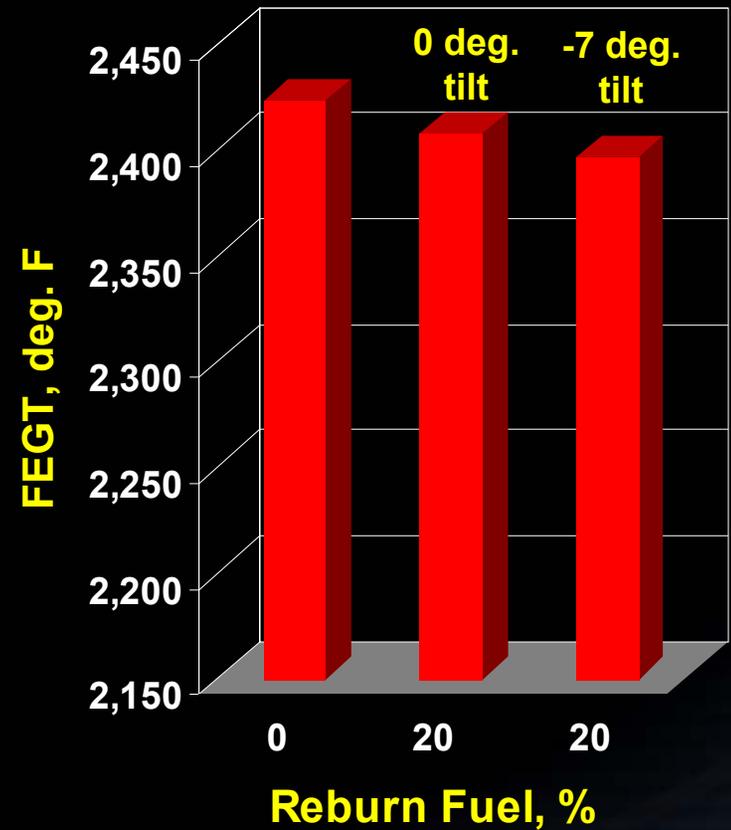
# Reburn Evaluation

## Thermal Performance Analysis

Mean Gas Temperature, deg. F



Flue Gas Temperature

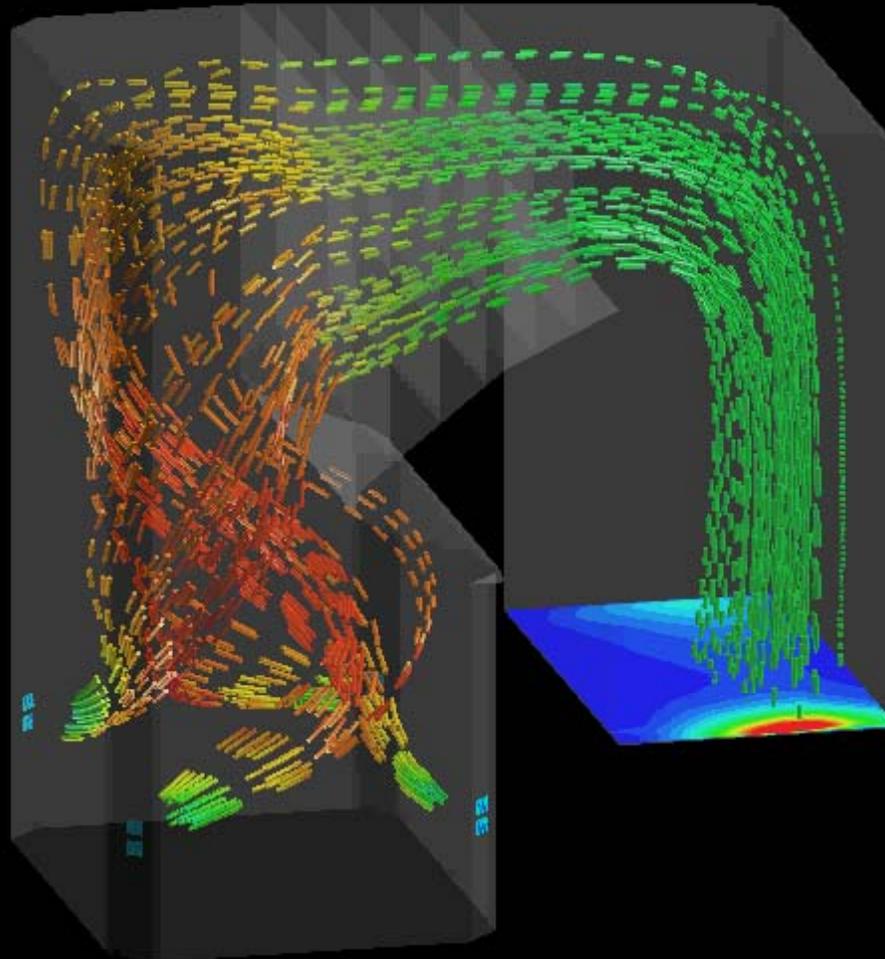


FEGT

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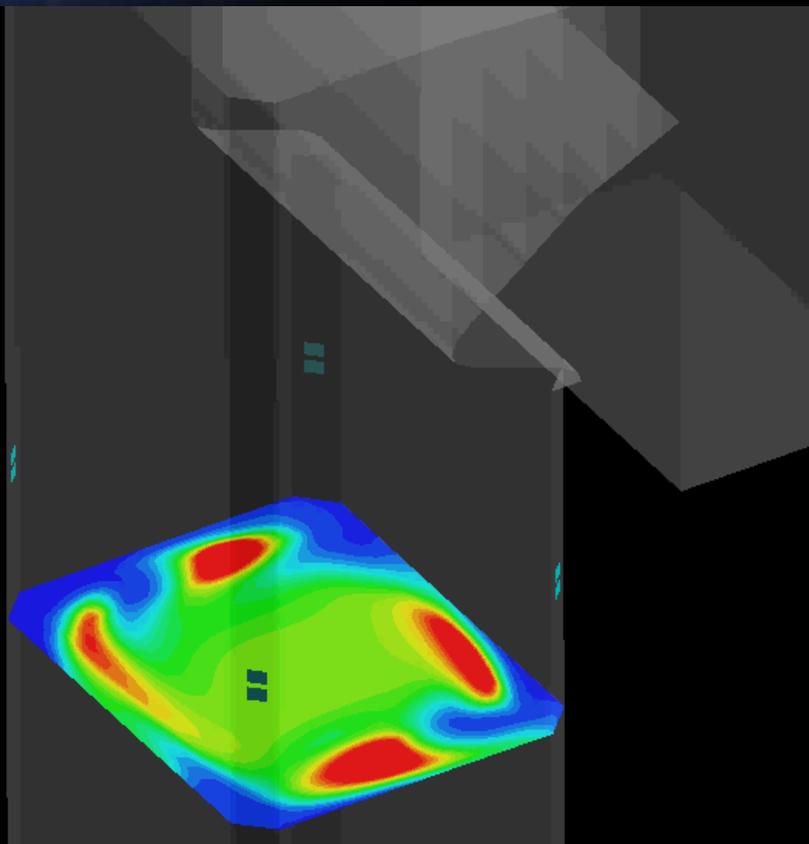
## Overfire Air Operation

OFA Pathlines

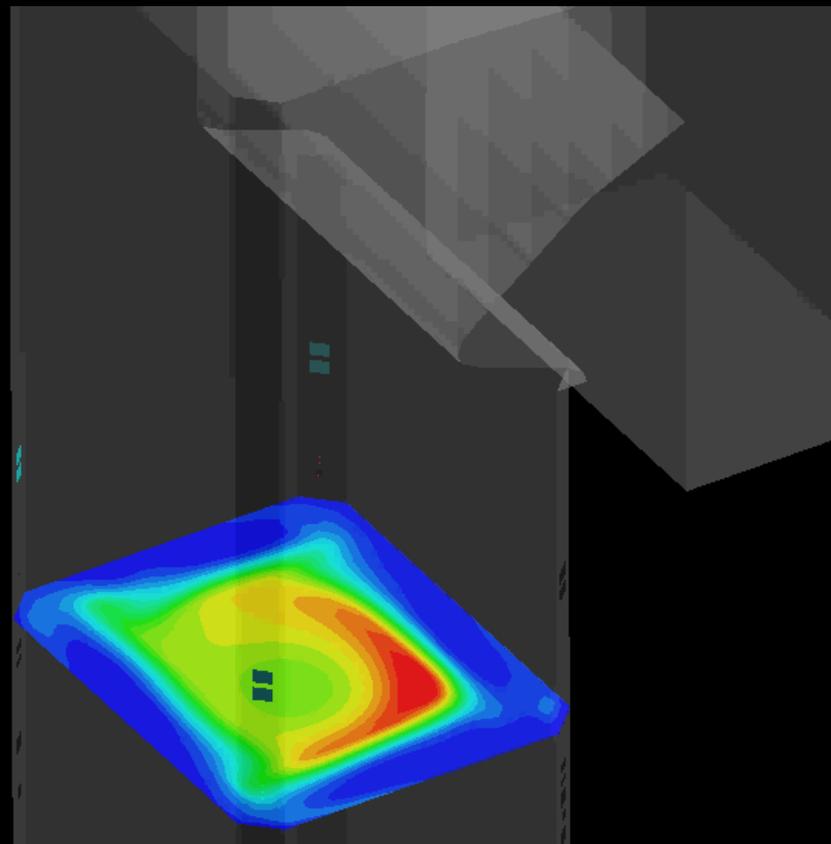


# OFA/Reburn Evaluation

## CO Concentration



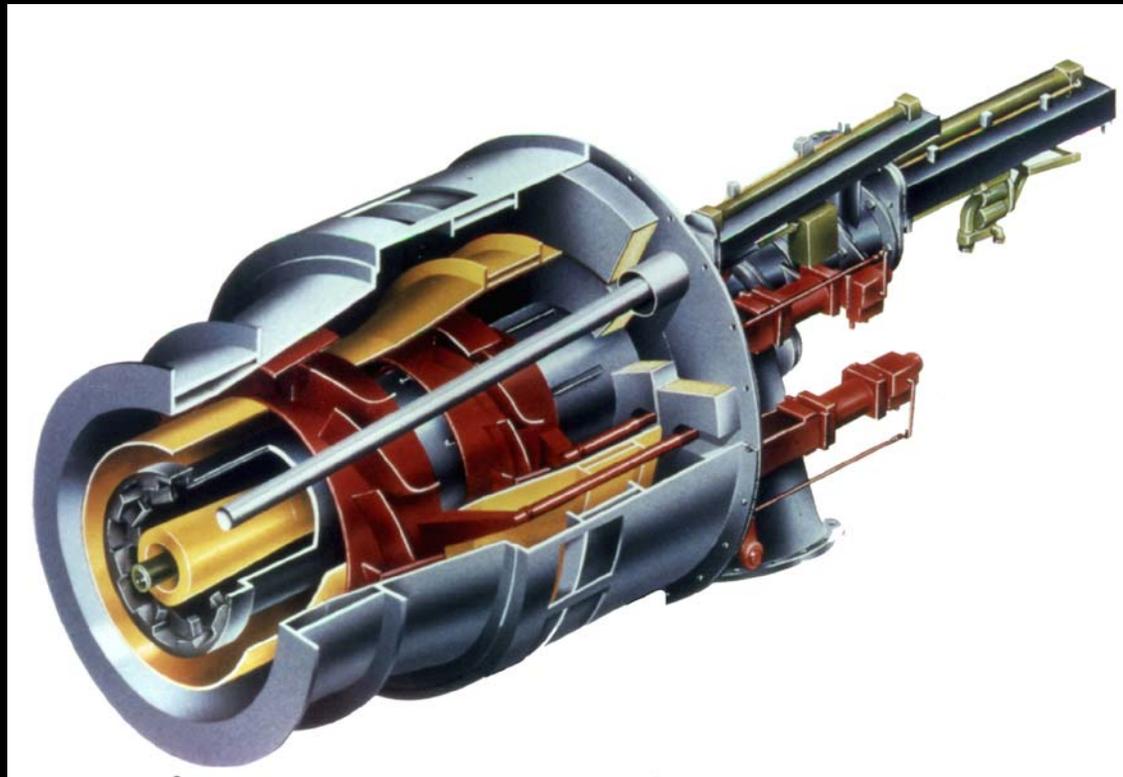
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Reburn

# FlamemastEERTM Low NOx Burners

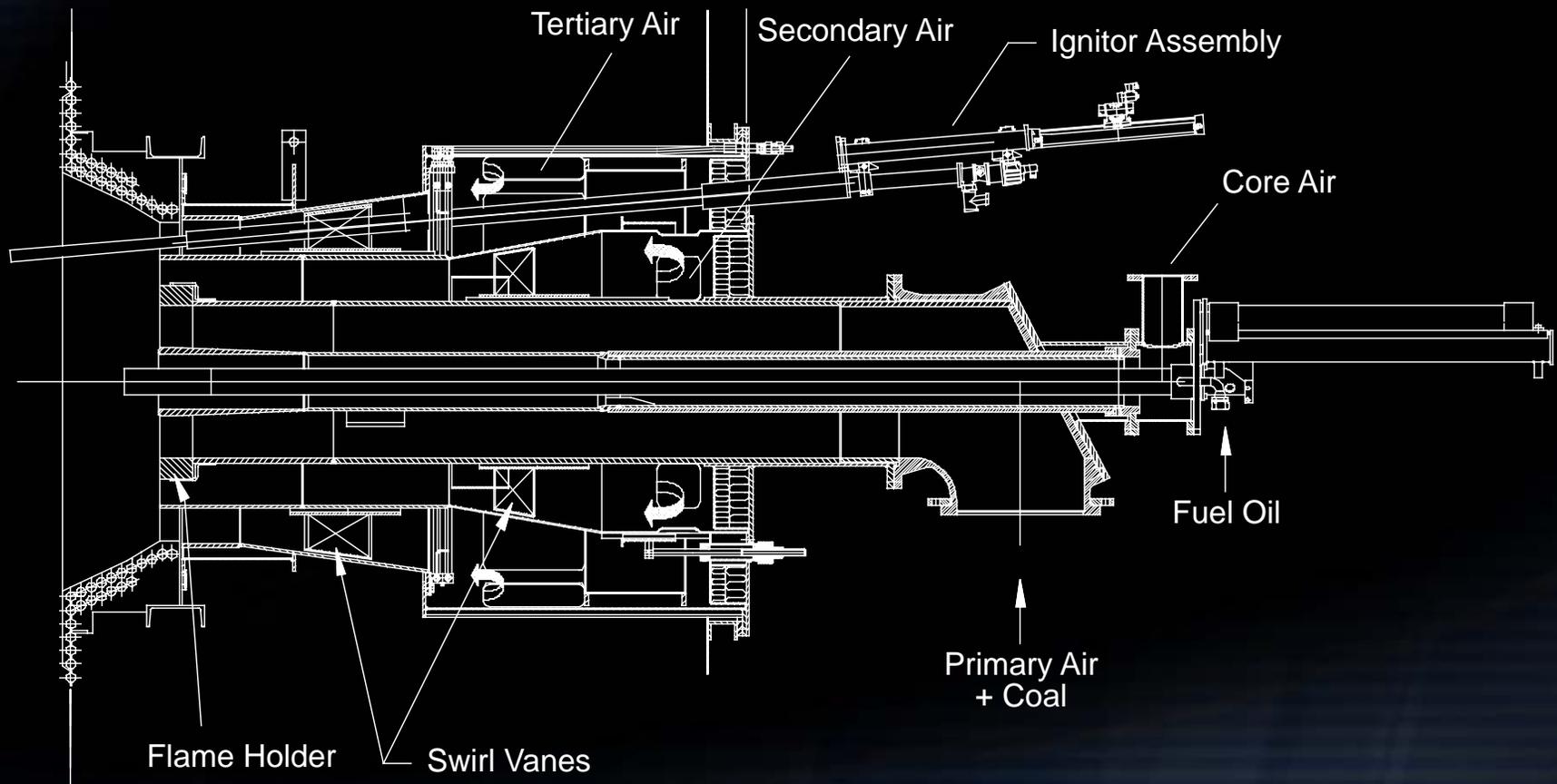
- 30-50% NOx Reduction
- Independent Air Flow and Air Swirl Killen BurnerStuart #2 Burners
- Low Cost Option: Burner Modifications



# Low-NOx Coal Burners

## *Key Design Features*

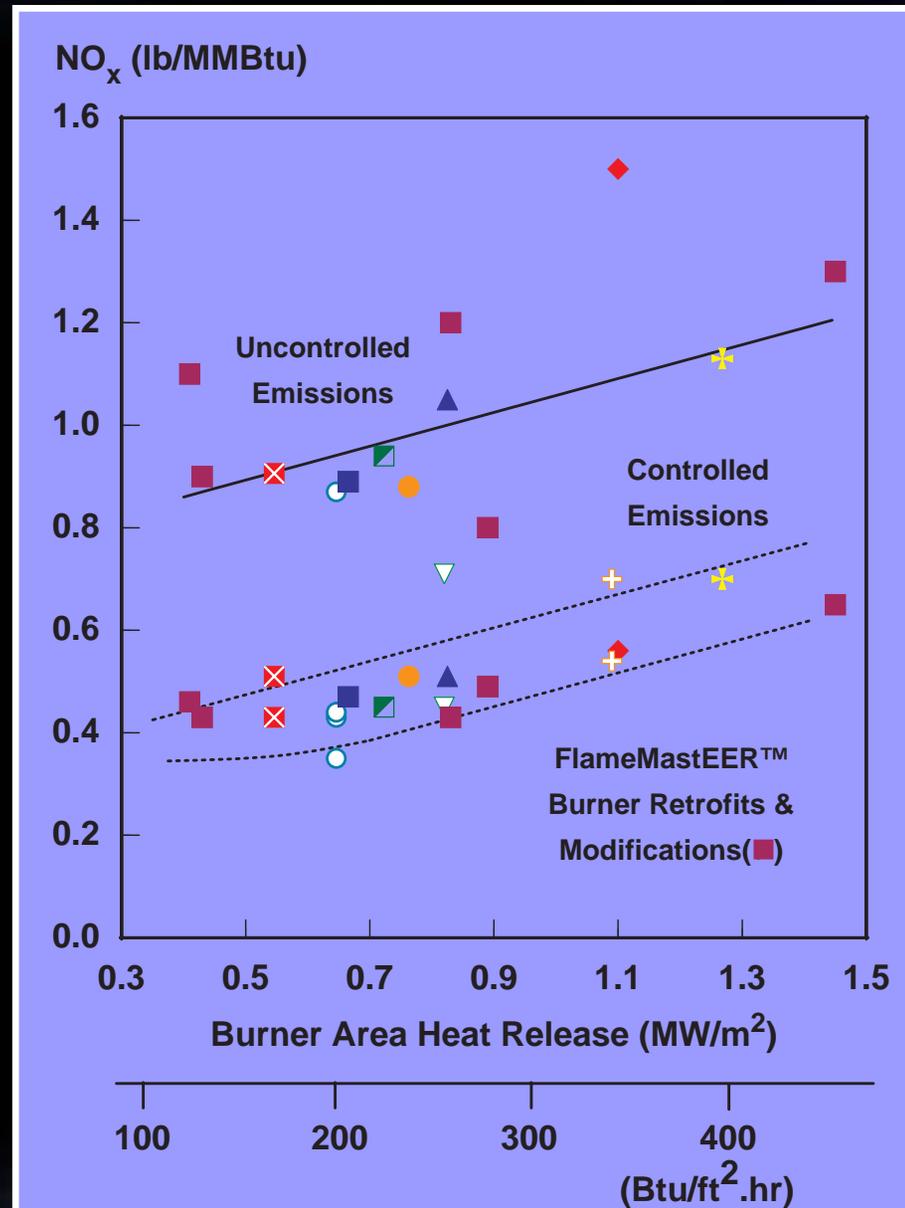
- Flame Stabilizer anchors flame to coal pipe
- Divided Air Register provides air staging, oxidizing envelope
- Variable Air & Swirl Distribution control NOx and flame shape



# Low-NOx Coal Burner

## Performance

- Comparison of uncontrolled and retrofit low-NOx burner performance
- Typically 30-50% NOx reduction can be achieved for most applications
- Performance depends on boiler design and retrofit flexibility, coal type, available firing depth, etc.
- Burner Modifications comparable to new burner performance.
- Unit size from 50 to 868 MWe.



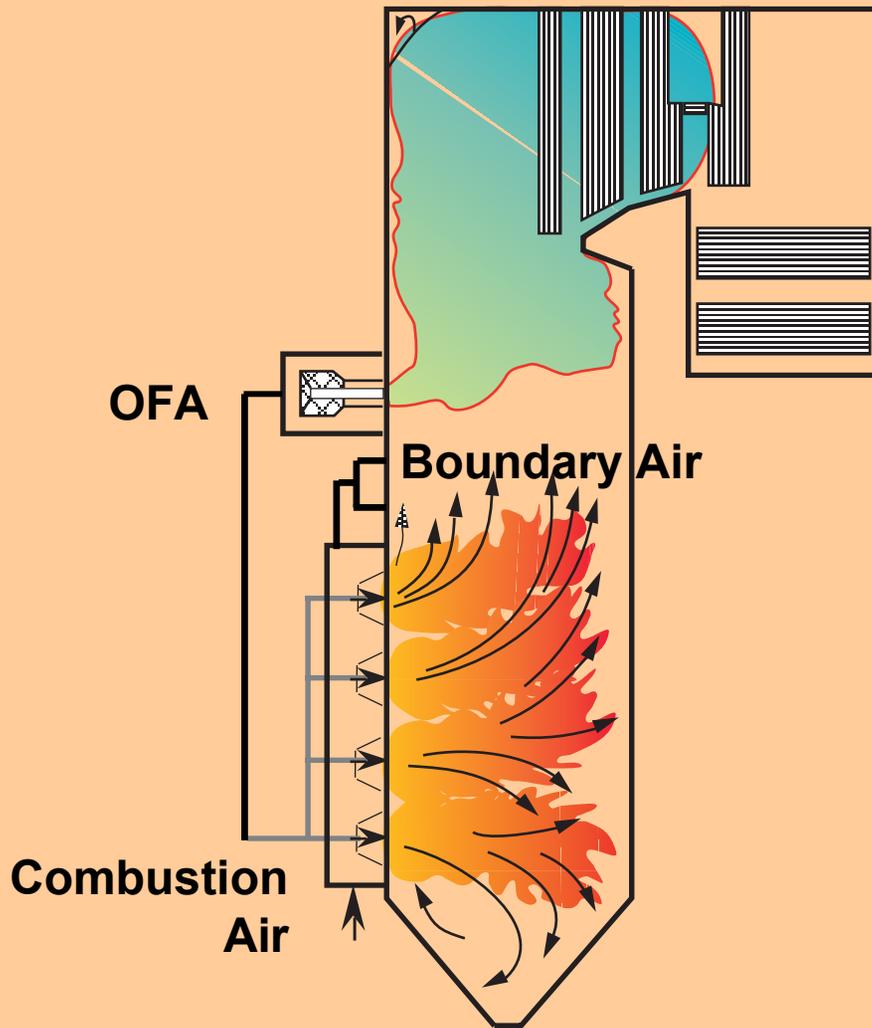
# GE Low NOx Burner Modification Experience

**(Wall-Fired)**

**3,426 Total MWe**

Company	Application	Unit Size (MW)	Fuel	Base NOx lb/MMBtu	NOx Reduction	Year
Louisville Gas & Electric/ Cane Run #4	Low NOx Burner Modifications Gas Igniters	170	Bituminous	1.2	64%	1996
Louisville Gas & Electric/ Cane Run #5	Low NOx Burner Modifications Gas Igniters	180	Bituminous	0.8	40%	1996
Jamestown Board of Public Utilities/Boiler #9	Low NOx Burner Modifications	17	Bituminous	0.6	20%	1996
Jamestown Board of Public Utilities/Boiler #10	Low NOx Burner Modifications	17	Bituminous	0.6	20%	1996
Jamestown Board of Public Utilities/Boiler #12	Low NOx Burner Modifications	25	Bituminous	0.9	52%	1996
Jamestown Board of Public Utilities/Boiler #11	Low NOx Burner Modifications	17	Bituminous	1.1 1	58%	1997
Dayton Power & Light/ J.M. Sturat #3	Low NOx Burner Modifications	605	Bituminous	1.15	41-52%	1997
Conectiv/ Indian River #1	Low NOx Burner Modifications and Overfire Air	89	Bituminous	0.67	43%	1998
Conectiv/ Indian River #2	Low NOx Burner Modifications and Overfire Air	89	Bituminous	0.81	53%	1998
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Wisconsin Public Service/Weston #2	Low NOx Burner Modifications	91	PRB	0.89	55%	1999
Mid-American Power LLC/Stoneman #1	Low NOx Burner Modifications	24	Bituminous	1	55%	1999
Mid-American Power LLC/Stoneman #2	Low NOx Burner Modifications	24	Bituminous	1	55%	1999
Dynegy Havana #6	Low NOx Burner Modifications and Overfire Air	460	Bituminous	0.4	33%	2001
TVA Widows Creek #4	Low NOx Burner Modifications	125	Bituminous	0.9	40%	2001

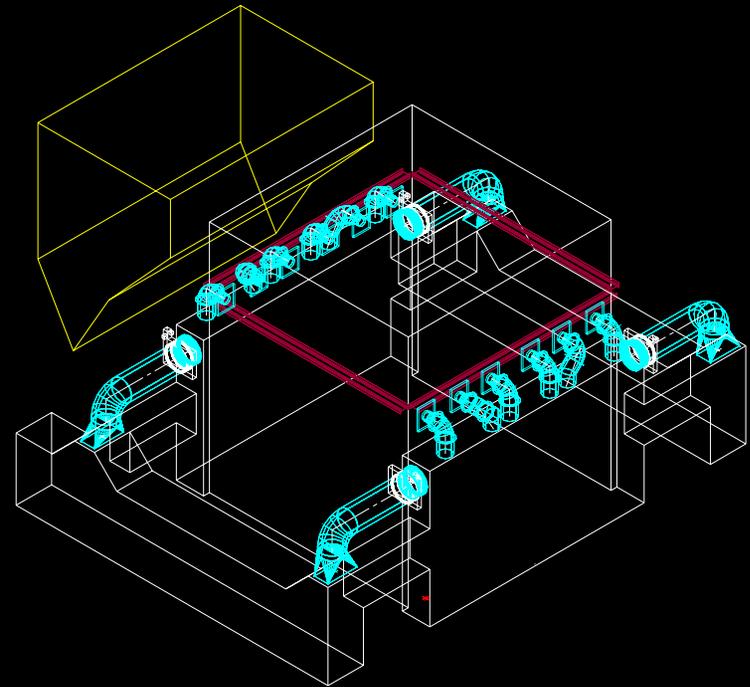
# Overfire Air (OFA)



- 20-30% of combustion air diverted to an elevation above the main burners
- 20 - 50% NO<sub>x</sub> control with standard and low-NO<sub>x</sub> burners
- Applicable to wall- and tangentially-fired systems
- Reduced excess air levels in burner zone may require boundary air to control corrosion
- Design tools:
  - Empirical databases
  - Physical and computational fluid dynamic modeling

# Burner Modifications with Overfire Air

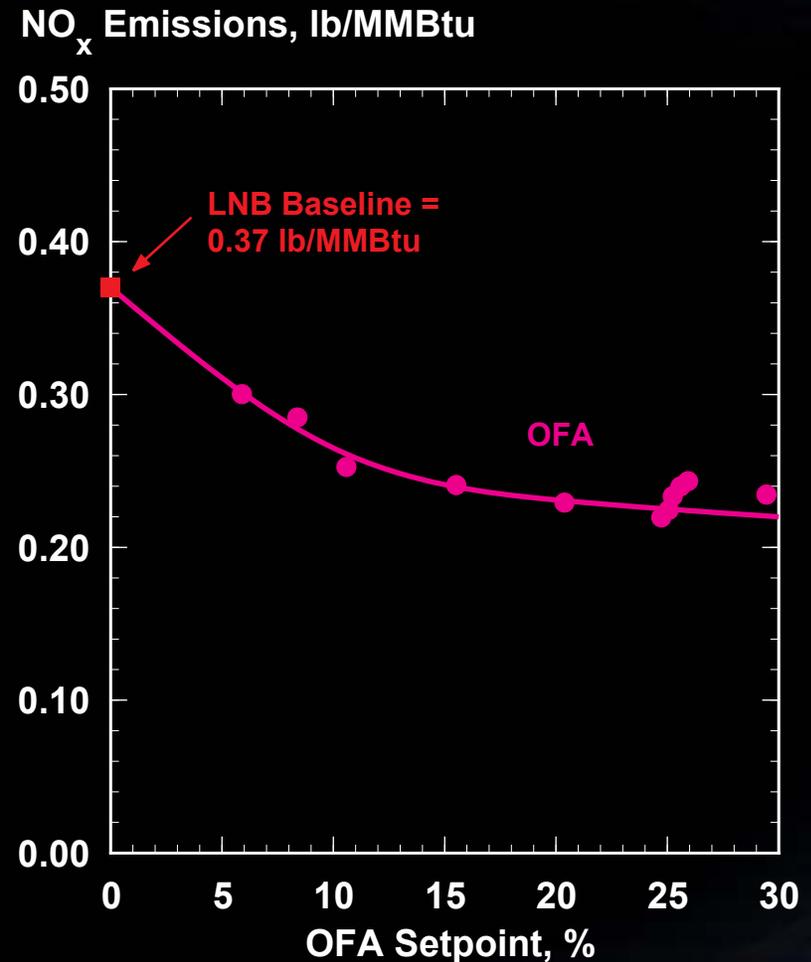
- **Furnace**
  - Unit Capacity: 490 MW
  - Opposed wall
  - Divided furnace
  - Depth = 51', width = 52'
- **OFA Injectors**
  - Design capacity = 30% Total Air
  - Opposed wall (6 x 2 = 12 injectors)
  - Dual concentric design
  - Adjustable swirl
- **Burner Modifications**
  - Flame stabilizers
  - Divided air register with flow control damper



# GE OFA Experience

## LNB and OFA Performance

- Unit Capacity: 490 MW
- Firing Design: Opposed Wall
- Fuel: Bituminous Coal
- NO<sub>x</sub> Control System:
  - Low-NO<sub>x</sub> Burners
  - Overfire Air
- System Performance:
  - NO<sub>x</sub> < 0.22 lb/MMBtu
  - CO < 100 ppm
  - LOI < 5%

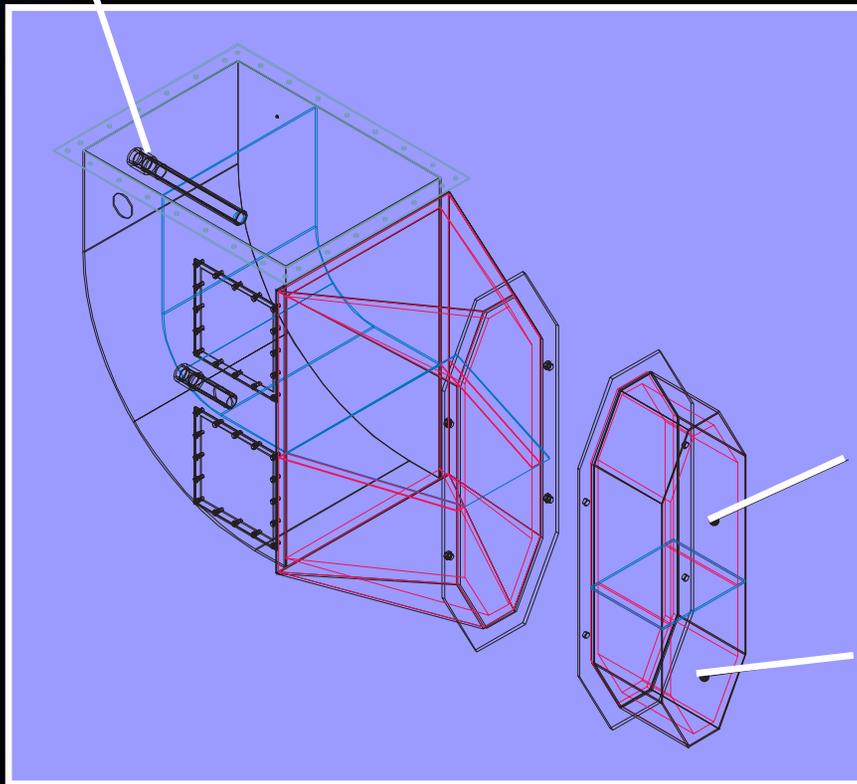


**OFA can provide significant emissions reduction**

# OFA Injector Design

## Tangentially Fired Boilers

Flow Sensors



- Placement
  - One per corner
  - 350 ms from top burner elevation for overfire air
  - Under nose for reburn
- Control
  - Flow monitoring (8)
  - High velocity dampers (4)

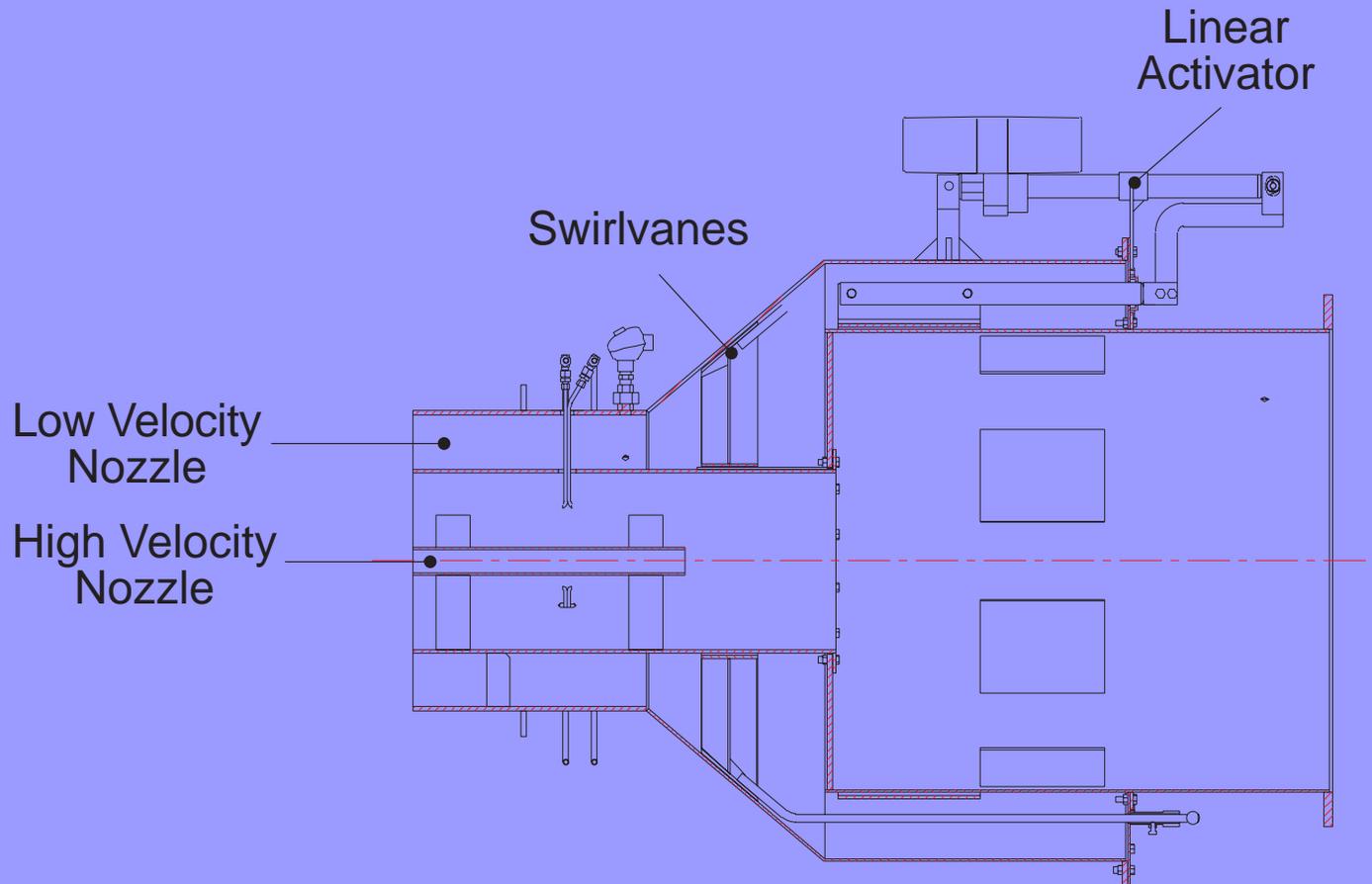
### Design

20 to 25% of  
Combustion Air  
60% Flow Through  
Low Velocity Nozzle

40% Flow Through  
High Velocity Nozzle

# OFA Injector Design

## Wall-Fired Boilers

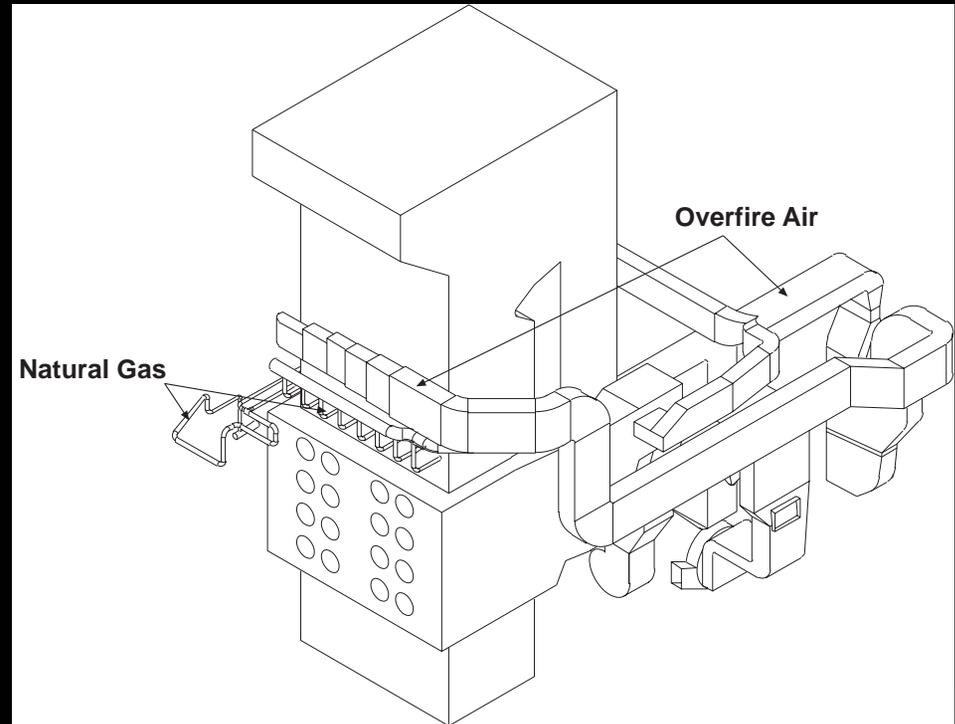


TYPICAL DUAL – CONCENTRIC OFA INJECTOR

# GE OFA Experience

## OFA System Design

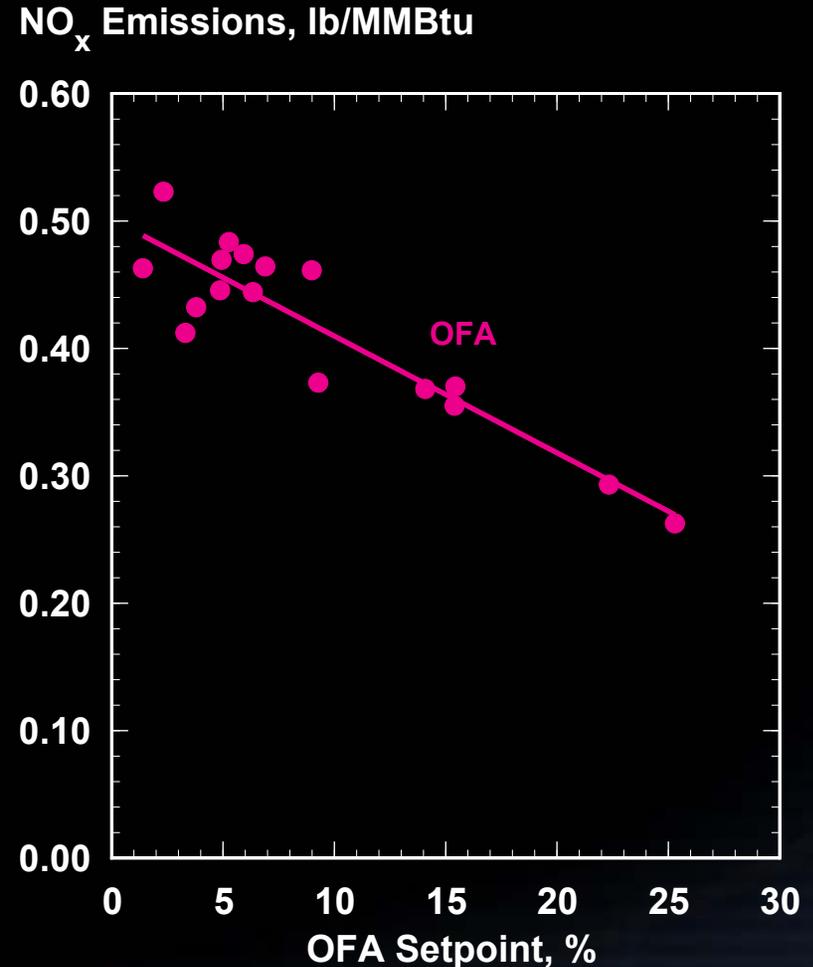
- **Furnace**
  - Unit Capacity: 150 MW
  - Single wall
  - Partial division wall
- **OFA Injectors**
  - Design capacity = 25% OFA
  - Front wall (6 injectors)
  - Duel concentric design
  - Adjustable swirl



# GE 'OFA + LNB' Experience

## LNB and OFA Performance

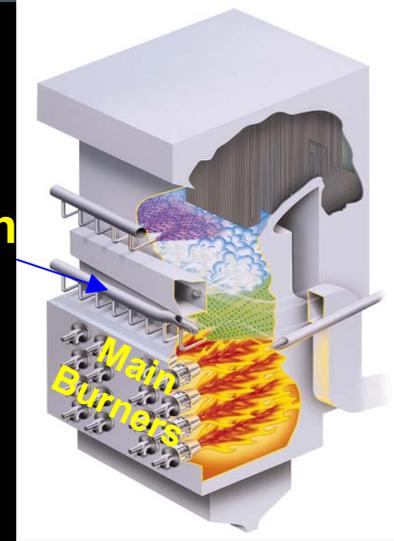
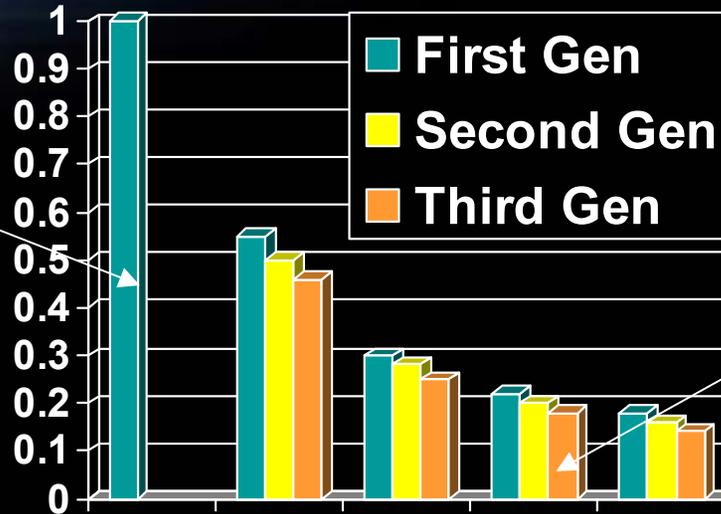
- Unit Capacity: 150 MW
- Firing Design: Single Wall
- Fuel: Bituminous Coal
- NO<sub>x</sub> Control System:
  - Low-NO<sub>x</sub> Burners
  - Overfire Air
- System Performance:
  - NO<sub>x</sub> < 0.26 lb/MMBtu
  - CO < 100 ppm
  - LOI < 12%



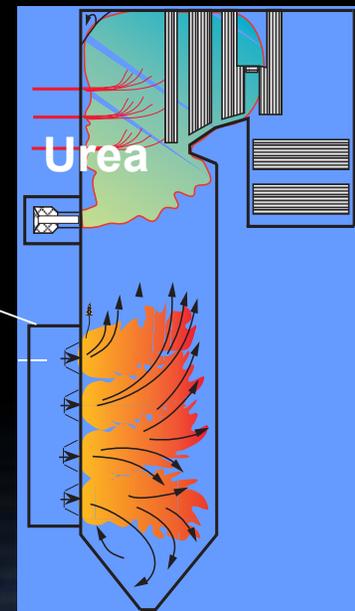
# Multi-Generational NOx Performance



NOx  
(lbs/MMBtu)



Uncontrolled  
LNB  
LNB+OFA  
LNB+Reburn  
LNB+R+SNCR



# Recent Reburn Construction Retrofits

**5,443 Total MWe**

Company	Unit	Application	Unit Size (MW)	Fuel	Base NOx lb/MMBtu	NOx Reduction	Year Comm
City Water, Light & Power	Lakeside #7	Gas Reburning system w/OFA Incl. Cyclone Fired	33	Eastern Bituminous	0.95	74%	1992
New York State Electric and Gas	Greenidge #6	Gas Reburning Tangential (LNCFS)	100	Eastern Bituminous	0.53	47%	1996
Gas Research Institute / New York State Electric and Gas	Greenidge #6	Advanced Gas Reburning Tangential w/ Gas Reburning	100	Eastern Bituminous	0.53	72%	1996
Eastman Kodak	Kodak Park #16	Micronized Coal Reburning Cyclone	50	Bituminous	1.21	63%	1996
Illinois Power	Hennepin #1	Orimulsion Reburning w/OFA, T-Fired	71	Eastern Bituminous	0.75	65%	1997
Tennessee Valley Authority	Allen #1	Gas Reburning Cyclone	300	Western Bituminous & PRB	1.29	67%	1998
Tennessee Valley Authority	Allen #2	Overfire Air	300	Western Bituminous & PRB	1.29	53%	1999
Tennessee Valley Authority	Allen #3	Overfire Air	300	Western Bituminous & PRB	1.29	45%	1999
Baltimore Gas and Electric	CP Crane #1	Gas Reburning Cyclone	200	Bituminous	1.84	65%	1999
Baltimore Gas and Electric	CP Crane #2	Gas Reburning Cyclone	200	Bituminous	1.8	68%	1999
Conectiv	Edge Moor #4	Gas Reburning Tangential	160	Bituminous	0.31	48%	1999
Allegheny	Hatfield #2	Gas Reburning Wall-Fired	600	Bituminous	0.62	68%	1999
PEPCO	Chalk Point #1	Gas Reburning Wall-Fired	350	Eastern Bituminous	0.6	43%	2000
PEPCO	Chalk Point #2	Gas Reburning Wall-Fired	350	Eastern Bituminous	0.6	45%	2000
Cheng Loong	Cheng Loong #1	Coal Reburning Wall-Fired	N/A	Bituminous	410 ppm @ 6% O2		2000
Georgia Power	Scherer #1	Coal Reburning Tangential	887	Eastern Bituminous	0.36		2000
Allegheny	Hatfield #1	Gas Reburning Wall-Fired	600	Bituminous	0.62		2002
Allegheny	Hatfield #3	Gas Reburning Wall-Fired	600	Bituminous	0.62		2003

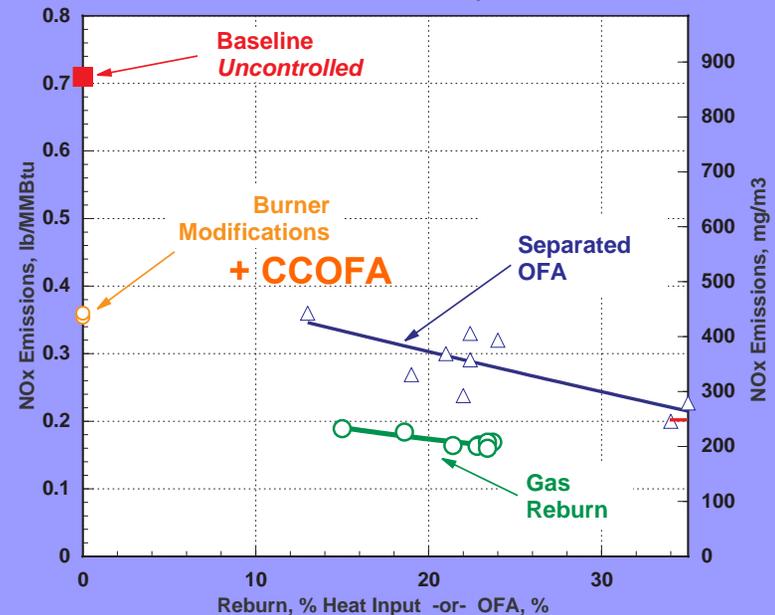
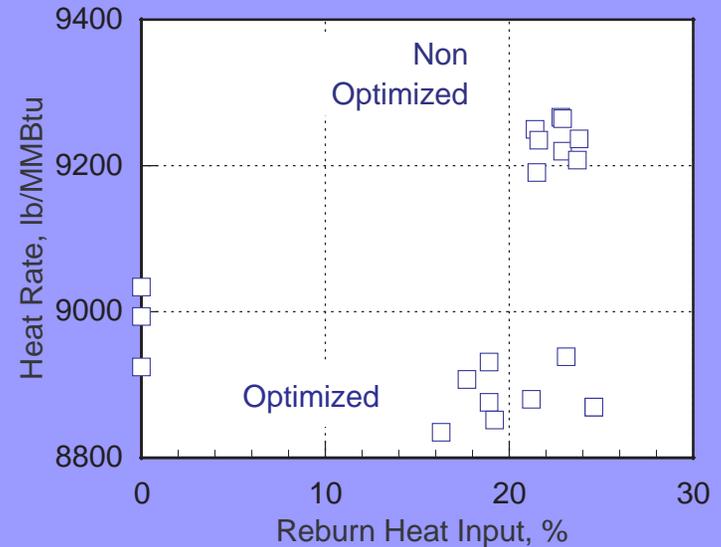
# Reburn Combustion NOx Control

## Gas Reburn & SOFA

(Separated Overfire Air)

- 165 Mwe
- Tangentially-fired
- 4 burner elevations
- Bituminous coal
- Technology
  - Gas reburn
  - SOFA

**40% Reduction with OFA**  
**52% Reduction with Reburn**  
**1% Heat Rate Improvement**



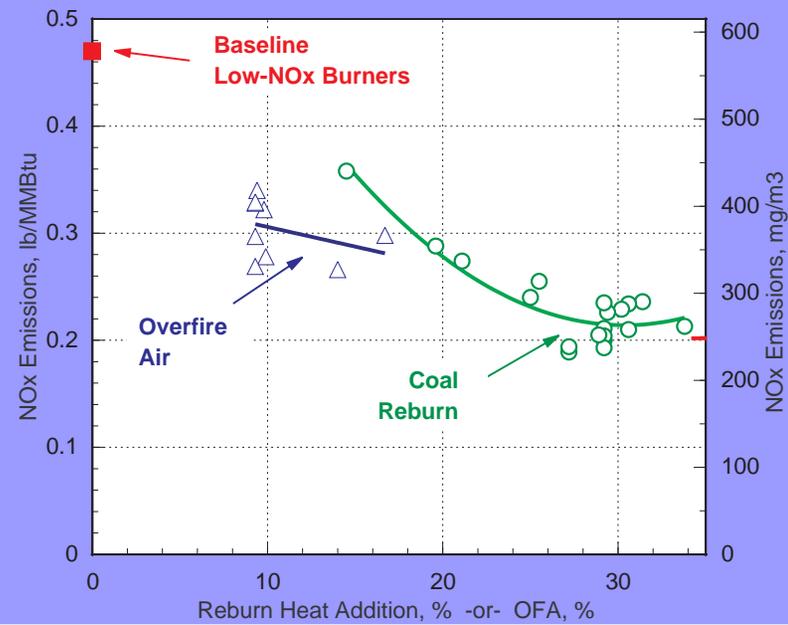
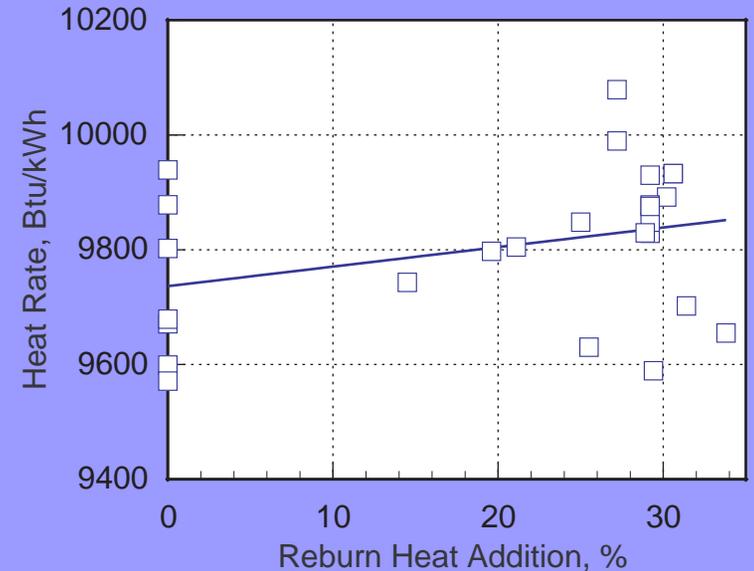
# Reburn Combustion NOx Control

## Gas Reburn & SOFA

(Separated Overfire Air)

- 240 Mwe
- Wall fired
- Opposed
- 24 Burners
- Fuels
  - Bituminous coal
  - Coal + Pet Coke Blend
- Technology
  - Coal Reburn
  - SOFA

**36% Reduction with OFA**  
**52% Reduction with Reburn**  
**1% Heat Rate Degradation**



# Typical Project: Scope of Material Supply

## Combustion Modifications

- Reburn Fuel Injectors
- OFA Injectors
- Tubewall Penetrations
- OFA Instrumentation and Control Devices
- OFA Ductwork
- Cooling Air Piping/Ductwork/Dampers
- Reburn Fuel I&C Devices
- CCOFA Ports
- OFA Ductwork
- Piping/Ductwork Hangars & Supports

## Selective Non-Catalytic Reduction (SNCR)

- Agent Injection Lances or Grid
- Agent Unloading, Storage, and Transfer System
- Transport and Injection Air Skid
- Tubewall Penetrations
- Agent Distribution Skid

# GE Reburning & Advanced NO<sub>x</sub> Technologies

## Summary

- Significant operational experience with Reburning using natural gas, fuel oil, coal, and other fuels
- Reburning has been applied to all major classes of boiler designs (i.e., tangential, wall, and cyclone)
- Reburning has been applied to coal, natural gas, and fuel oil fired units, with minimal impacts on unit performance or operability
- Reburning may be combined with other NO<sub>x</sub> control technologies (e.g. low-NO<sub>x</sub> burners) and with post combustion NO<sub>x</sub> control (i.e. SNCR)
- NO<sub>x</sub> reductions of between 50–70%, relative to uncontrolled baseline, can be achieved depending upon the reburning fuel used and site-specific factors (e.g., unit design, retrofit difficulty, etc.)
- Success is based upon application of a validated design methodology. This methodology is used to design systems that optimize NO<sub>x</sub> reduction and minimize impacts on boiler performance
- GE continually develops advancements in reburning technology that reduce costs, extend fuel and operating flexibility, and improve performance (e.g., Advanced Reburning).

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