

Calculations of Heat Transfer in Furnaces of Steam Boilers under Laws of Radiation of Gas Volumes and Development of Innovative Designs of Furnaces

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Abstract

The analysis of heat transfer in furnaces of steam boilers is carried out. Throughout the 20th century, due to the lack of precise methods of calculation in Russia and foreign countries, there was incomplete local information about the scope of heat fluxes in furnaces. After the discovery by the author of the laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes, it became possible to obtain accurate data on the distribution of heat flows along with the height and perimeter of the screen surfaces of fire chambers (furnaces). The executed calculations showed essential no uniformity of distribution of heat fluxes, vaporization, and in-pipe deposits on height and perimeter of screen surfaces of fire chambers. Proposed are innovative furnaces, in which the distribution of heat fluxes, vaporization, in-pipe deposits on the screen surfaces are leveled.

Index terms— thermal radiation, furnace, steam boiler, torch.

1 Introduction

In Russia on thermal power plants (fig. 1), about 2000 power units with a capacity of 30 to 1200 MW are installed. The power units include a steam boiler, a steam turbine, and a turbine generator. Dimensions of buildings of power plants in which power units are installed depending on dimensions of steam boilers. The height of steam boilers can reach up to 100 m. In the furnaces of steam boilers, 80-85% of the fuel and energy resources extracted and used in the world, including Russia, are burned. Total rated capacity of power units of the thermal power plants (TPPs) and combined heat and power plants (CHPPs) of Russia is 160,000 MW. Every hour, in the furnaces of steam boilers (SB) of thermal power plant (TPPs) and combined heat and power plants (CHPPs), 35,730 tons of fuel are burned in the form of heat equivalent in fuel oil or 600 railway tanks with a capacity of 60 tons of fuel oil, which is ten trains with 60

Author: e-mail: tgtu_kafedra_ese@mail.ru tanks each. A day in the furnaces of TPPs and CHPPs steam boilers of Russia burn above 240 trains of heavy fuel oil equivalent. It is significant to increase the efficiency of the furnaces of steam boilers and steam turbines, to organize the rational combustion of fuel in the furnaces since only 1% of the fuel saved per day will be 8580 tons in fuel oil equivalent or 2.4 trains. Saving of 1% of fuel per year will be 876 trains in fuel oil equivalent of 60 tanks in each or 3 million 132 thousand tons of fuel oil.

The Problem of Heat Transfer Calculation in the Furnaces of Steam Boilers

In the 20th-21st centuries, widespread flaring in furnaces, combustion chambers of gaseous, liquid, pulverized fuel was widely adopted. Flaring of fuel is characterized by volumetric radiation, a three-dimensional model of radiation. Radiation heat transfer accounts for 90-98% of the total heat transfer in the furnaces of steam boilers [1,2], torch heating [3], and electric arc steel-smelting furnaces [4,5]. In a torch, an electric arc emits quadrillion atoms, the radiation of each atom to the calculation site must be taken into account, which is an extremely complex task. To calculate the thermal radiation of the torch to the calculation site, it is necessary to solve the triple integral equations of heat transfer by radiation [6]. There were no solutions to the triple integral equations

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for determining the fluxes of thermal radiation, the angular emission coefficients of the torch to the calculation site, and the average path length of the rays from the emitting atoms to the calculation site were not found.

It is believed that the problem of calculating heat transfer in torch furnaces and power plants was eliminated with the advent of computers and the beginning of the use of the numerical computational technique for integral equations of heat exchange and calculation methods Pl-approximation, Monte Carlo, Schwarzschild-Schuster, Eddington, Chandrasekhar, spherical harmonics.

Numerical and other methods are based on the law of thermal radiation of solids, the Stefan-Boltzmann law. However, long-term theoretical and experimental studies of heat transfer have shown that the thermal radiation of the gas volumes of flares does not obey the Stefan -Boltzmann law, and the calculation error is 90-180% or more [5][6][7][8][9]. For example, the furnace of a steam boiler of a power unit with a capacity of 300 MW of a power plant is a rectangular parallelepiped with a width, depth, height of 14, 7, 35 m, respectively. When working on fuel oil in the furnace, every hour burns 67 tons of fuel. A high-temperature radiating gas volume of the torch is formed in the furnace, filling the entire space of the furnace. The torch emits all the atoms, which amount is approximately equal to the quantity of grains of sand in the Sahara Desert. The radiation of each atom to the calculation site must be taken into account, which was not done in the 20th century. Throughout the 20th century the torch in furnaces and combustors was "a black box," an unexplored object of radiation. To save fuel when burning in steam boiler furnaces, to increase the efficiency of a steam boiler, it is necessary to organize correctly combustion of liquid, powdered, gaseous fuel in the burners, to rationally place the burners on screen surfaces of fire chambers. It is possible to correctly place the burners on the screen surfaces if there is an exact methodology for calculating heat transfer in the furnaces of steam boilers, which allows obtaining a calculation result corresponding to the true heat transfer in the steam boiler furnaces.

Having performed dozens of calculations using the exact methodology with different locations of the burners in the furnace, you can find a rational arrangement of the burners at which the heat flow of the flame is aligned along the perimeter and height of the furnaces, the efficiency of steam boilers is increased, in-pipe deposits, operating costs and fuel consumption are reduced. Exact methods for calculating heat transfer in flare furnaces and combustion chambers were absent throughout the 20th century. Calculation methods that existed in Russia and other industrialized countries (zonal, numerical, Pl approximations, Monte Carlo, Schwarzschild -Schuster, Eddington, Chandrasekar, spherical harmonics) did not allow to obtain a complete picture of heat transfer in flare furnaces and combustion chambers [1][2][3][4][5].

All of the above methods are based on the law of thermal radiation of blackbody, Stefan -Boltzmann solid body and the emission of gas volumes of torches does not obey the law of blackbody, the law of radiation of a solid body and the calculation error is 90-180% or more. This error led to the fact that throughout the 20th century in the textbooks, monographs, articles in Russian and foreign scientists, there was no information on the distribution of heat flows and radiation in the furnaces on the axis of symmetry of the display surfaces and their periphery (Fig. 2), on the causes of damage to the burner devices, uneven vaporization, and in-pipe deposits on the height and perimeter of the screen surfaces. Local knowledge of heat transfer was obtained in the course of numerous laborious experimental studies of heat transfer in the furnaces of the steam boiler. Expensive time-consuming and resourceconsuming experimental methods of heat transfer research did not allow to obtain a complete picture of heat transfer due to its complexity, low efficiency, lack of serial devices for measuring the heat flux of radiation on the heating surfaces in flare furnaces and combustion chambers.

The lack of reliable methods for calculating heat transfer in flare furnaces and combustion chambers led to the containment of their development, improvement, creation of innovative, more advanced flare furnaces, furnaces with a different arrangement of burners and flares in them (Fig. 3). The rational location aligned to the heat flows on the heating surfaces, evaporation, and in-line sediments in torch furnaces, the heating period becomes shorter, and the fuel consumption in flaring furnaces [10,11], reduced fuel consumption and operating costs for removing intra pipe deposits. The lack of a reliable method for calculating heat transfer did not allow the calculation of heat transfer and to predict the creation of more advanced efficient flare furnaces [11] and combustion chambers. The design of most of the direct-flow furnaces of steam boilers and flare heating furnaces has not made any fundamental changes for several decades, contributing to the equalization of the distribution of the fluxes of radiation of the flares on the heating surfaces.

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3 The Laws of Thermal Radiation of Gas Volumes of Torch Furnaces

In 1996-2001 an author discovered the laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes of flares, the laws of radiation of isothermal isochoric coaxial cylindrical and concentric spherical gas volumes [5][6][7][8][9][10]. To comply with centuries-old scientific traditions and copyright laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes of torches in a diploma for scientific discovery, articles, textbook [5][6][7][8][9][10] are similar to the laws of radiation of a black body, the laws of Stefan -Boltzmann, Planck, Wien, Bohr's postulates [9] named after the author who discovered them -the laws of Makarov. Based on the scientific discovery, a new concept for calculating heat transfer in flare furnaces of steam boilers and combustion chambers of gas turbine plants was developed [5,10].

With the discovery by the author of the article of the laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes (Table 1) of torches, it became possible to calculate heat transfer (distribution of heat fluxes overheating surfaces) with high accuracy, to predict a change in the distribution of heat fluxes overheating surfaces with a change in the design of torch furnaces [11], furnaces, combustion chambers and the location of burners and torches in them. With the discovery of the laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes, it became possible to make changes in the design of furnaces, combustion chambers and calculate the rational arrangement of burners and torches in them, create innovative flare furnaces and combustion chambers in which heat fluxes are aligned overheating surfaces, time is reduced heating, fuel consumption, operating costs for flushing boilers from intra pipe deposits, the cost of pilot studies of the combustion chambers of gas turbine plants, the number of destruction of the combustion chambers is reduced, hence the resource of their work increases.

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Journal of Researches in Engineering () Volume XX Issue I Version I and a gas volume in the form of a rectangular parallelepiped (c) Fig. 4. Shows the radiation from cylindrical gas volumes to the calculated area. Mathematical notation of the laws of heat radiation from cylindrical gas volumes of the torches is given in Table 1 [6]. Heat radiation flux density incident on the calculated area from the cylindrical gas volume is directly proportional to its power, the angular radiation coefficient and is inversely proportional to the absorption coefficient, the average beam path length from the atoms of the volume to the site and the site area.

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The average beam path length from radiating atoms to the calculated area is equal to the arithmetic mean distance from the symmetry axis to the calculated area.

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Angular coefficients of radiation from coaxial cylindrical gas volumes to the calculated area are equal.

IV Flux densities of radiation from coaxial cylindrical gas volumes to the calculated area are equal.

V Flux densities of heat radiation from cylindrical gas volume of large diameter and its cylindrical axis of symmetry to the calculated area are equal when the heat capacities released in them are equal.

In Table 1 the following symbols are used : q is the density of the heat flux incident on the calculated area (CA) from the cylindrical gas volume (CGV), kW/m^2 ; θ is the angular radiation coefficient (a portion of the radiation) from the CGV to the CA; P is the radiation power of the CGV, kW ; k is the absorption coefficient of the CGV; l is the average beam path length from all atoms of CGV to the CA, m ; F is the surface area of the CA, m^2 ; indices denote the numbers of gas volumes from 1 to n .

In 2011 the author of this article Makarov A. N. received a diploma for the scientific discovery [13]. According to the first law of heat radiation from cylindrical volumes, the heat radiation flux density of cylindrical gas volume to the calculated area q_{FodF} is directly proportional to the radiation power of the volume P_{F} , the proportion of the radiation on the calculated area θ_{FodF} of the total radiation from the volume and inversely proportional to the site area F_0 , the absorption coefficient of the gaseous medium k , the average beam path length l from the atoms of the volume to the area.

The open laws of thermal radiation of ionized gas (electric arcs) and non-ionized (flares) gas volumes, as well as all fundamental laws of physics, are universal, multidisciplinary, applicable to several sectors of economic activity.

These laws are used to create innovative devices and methods in many industries: metallurgy, energy and various industries [4][5][6][7][8][9][10][11].

The open laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes make it possible to calculate with high accuracy for any calculation site the radiation of each atom and the total radiation of all atoms that make up the torch. It should be borne in mind that with the discovery of the laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes, the extremely complex problem of calculating, using one radiation formula of quadrillion torch atoms to any calculation site in flare furnaces and combustion chambers, was solved. Based on open laws, the author developed a method for calculating heat transfer in flare furnaces and combustion chambers, the basic calculation formulas of which are given in the table. 2 [11].

In the table. 2 the following conventions are used: q_{i-} is the density of the heat flux incident on the i -th elementary area on the heating surface, $q_{i-?}$ is the density of the flux of thermal radiation incident on the i -th area from the torch, taking into account the absorption of the torch radiation; $q_{i\text{no}.?}$ is the flux density of thermal radiation incident on the i -th area b caused by the reflection of the radiation from the torch from the walls, arch, products; $q_{i?}$ is the flux density of thermal radiation incident on the i -th site from the radiating walls, the hearth, the lid, taking into account the reflection and absorption of radiation; $q_{i\text{no}.?}$ is the flux density of thermal radiation incident on the i -th platform, caused by the reflection of surface radiation from walls, hearths, lids, ingots; $q_{i???}$ is convective flux density of the torch and combustion products of the i -th site; $q_{i??}$ is the radiation flux density of the combustion products to the i -th site, $\theta_{?ji}$ is the local angular emissivity of the j -th cylindrical source to the i -th site, $P_{?j}$ is the power of the j -th cylindrical source, F_i is the area of the i -th elementary area, $\theta_{?jk}$ is generalized angular emissivity of the j -th volume zone (j -th cylindrical source) to the k -th surface, $\theta_{?jk}$ is the average angular emissivity of the j -th cylindrical source to the k -th surface, θ_{ji} is the

10). Patents for inventions [12][13][14][15] were obtained for the proposed furnaces. The calculation according to the laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes made it possible to obtain complete information about the torch thermal radiation flows incident on the frontal, rear, side walls along the perimeter and height, on the reasons the unevenness of deposits along the perimeter and height of the furnaces, the unevenness of vaporization in the pipes, and the reasons for burner burnout [9] and other physical phenomena occurring in the furnaces of steam boilers. Using the laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes in the design of furnaces will allow us to analyze the effect of changes in the location of the burners in the width and height of the furnaces, calculate their optimal location, achieve equalization of vaporization and deposits in pipes, increase the efficiency of steam boilers by 1-3%, reduce fuel consumption and operating costs for flushing pipes.

Fundamental laws of physics are the basis for the development of theories, calculation methods, with the help of which all existing types of engineering and technologies were created in the 20th-21st centuries, electrification, mechanization, automation, computerization of industry, agriculture and everyday life were carried out [10]. Open Makarov A.N. the laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes, like all fundamental laws of physics, have multi disciplinarity, use in various sectors of economic and economic activity: in energy, metallurgy, in various industries, in education [11].

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10 Conclusion

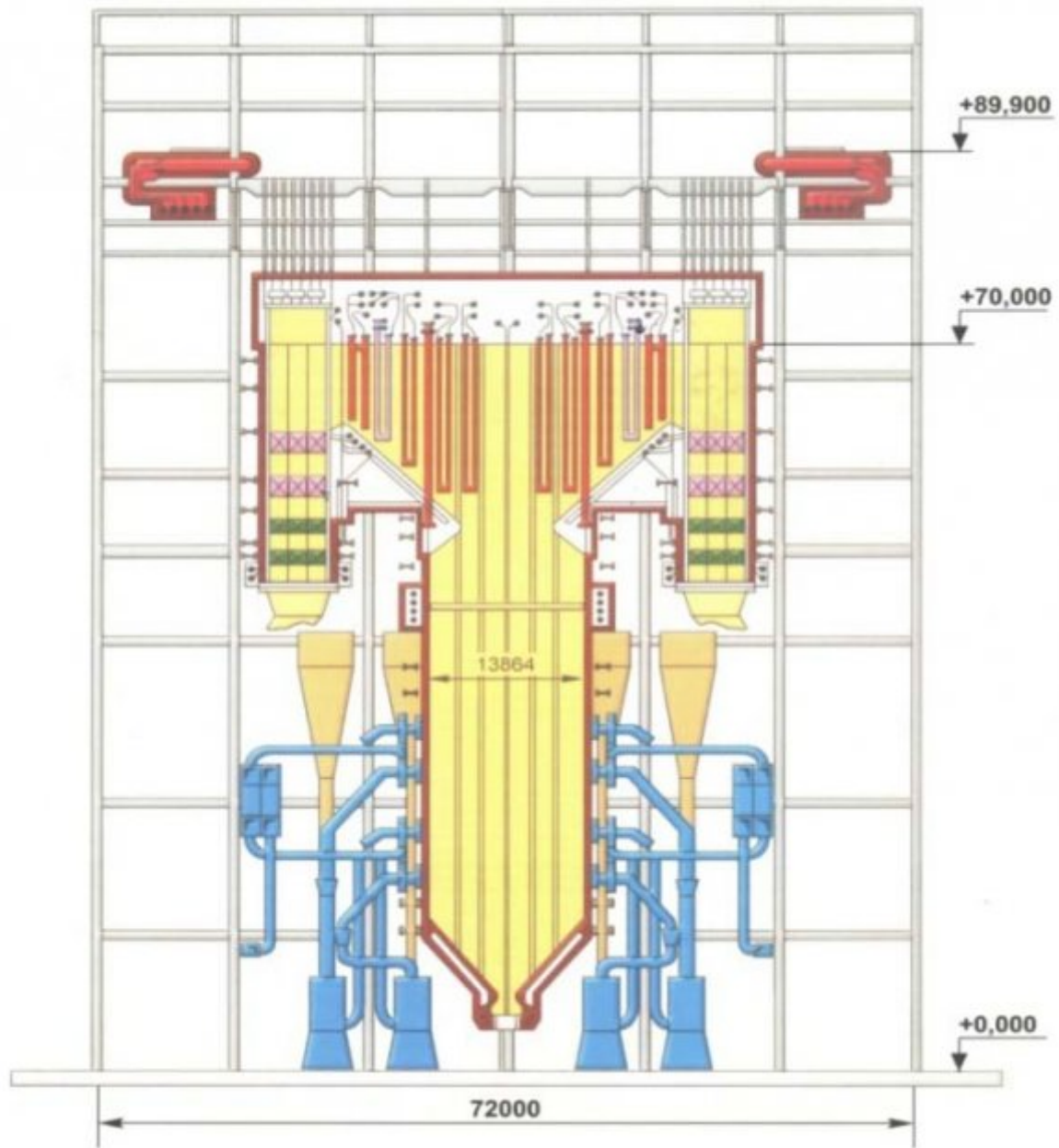
The open laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes and their practical use in calculating heat transfer in flare furnaces made it possible to determine with high accuracy the distribution of torch radiation fluxes along the perimeter and height of the furnaces, to Global Journal of Researches in Engineering () Volume XX Issue I Version I identify the causes of burn-out nodes of burner assemblies in the furnaces and the unevenness of deposits inside the pipes around the perimeter and height of the pipes and to develop innovative furnaces of steam boilers, which eliminate the above disadvantages [12][13][14][15]. The practical use of the laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes in heat transfer calculations in flare heating furnaces made it possible to calculate the distribution of torch radiation fluxes along heating surfaces, to find out the reasons for the uneven distribution of heat fluxes on the surfaces of heated products, and to develop innovative torch furnaces with a rational arrangement of burners and torches in the furnaces at which it is aligned distribution of heat flows over heated products, reduced heating time of products, consumption fuel, increases the productivity of furnaces [11]. The use of open laws and the methodology for calculating heat transfer in the combustion chambers of gas turbine plants developed on their basis makes it possible to determine the distribution of the thermal radiation flux of the torch over the surface of the flame pipe at the stage of designing the combustion chambers, to organize effective cooling of the surface of the flame pipe, onto which the maximum heat flux of the flame falls, to exclude burnout of a flame tube, increase its service life, reduce the cost of experimental studies of combustion chambers and at the design stage to create conditions for long-term reliable operation of combustion chambers [16].

With the scientific discovery of the laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes of torches and electric arcs, it became possible for the first time to calculate the heat transfer in electric arc and flare furnaces and combustion chambers with high accuracy, to improve the heat transfer and design of electric arc and flare furnaces of industrial enterprises, furnaces and combustion chambers of gas turbine plants of electric stations save million kWh of electricity and million tons of liquid, gaseous, pulverized fuel, reduce pollutant emissions, reduce technogenic load on the environment and in many cities around the world. For a similar scientific discovery by the author of the laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes, for the discovery of the laws of thermal radiation by Wine and Planck of solids, blackbody, Wine in 1911, Planck in 1918 was awarded the Nobel prize in physics [10]. In 1921, Einstein was awarded the Nobel prize in physics for the discovery of the photoelectric effect of radiation, which was of similar importance, and for the development of the theory of the atom and radiation from it. The laws of thermal radiation of gas volumes, as well as the laws of thermal radiation of solids, blackbody, belong to the fundamental laws of physics, its section "Quantum Physics of Thermal Radiation." Bohr was the last scientist to receive the Nobel Prize in Physics for discovering the fundamental laws of physics. The discovery of the fundamental laws of physics is an outstanding event in the life of humanity, which occurs once every 50-80 years. Confirmation of this fact is physics textbooks for schools and universities, which set out a little more than 30 laws discovered by humanity over 3 thousand years, starting from the III century BC. From the law of Archimedes and ending with the last fundamental laws, postulates discovered by Bohr in 1913.



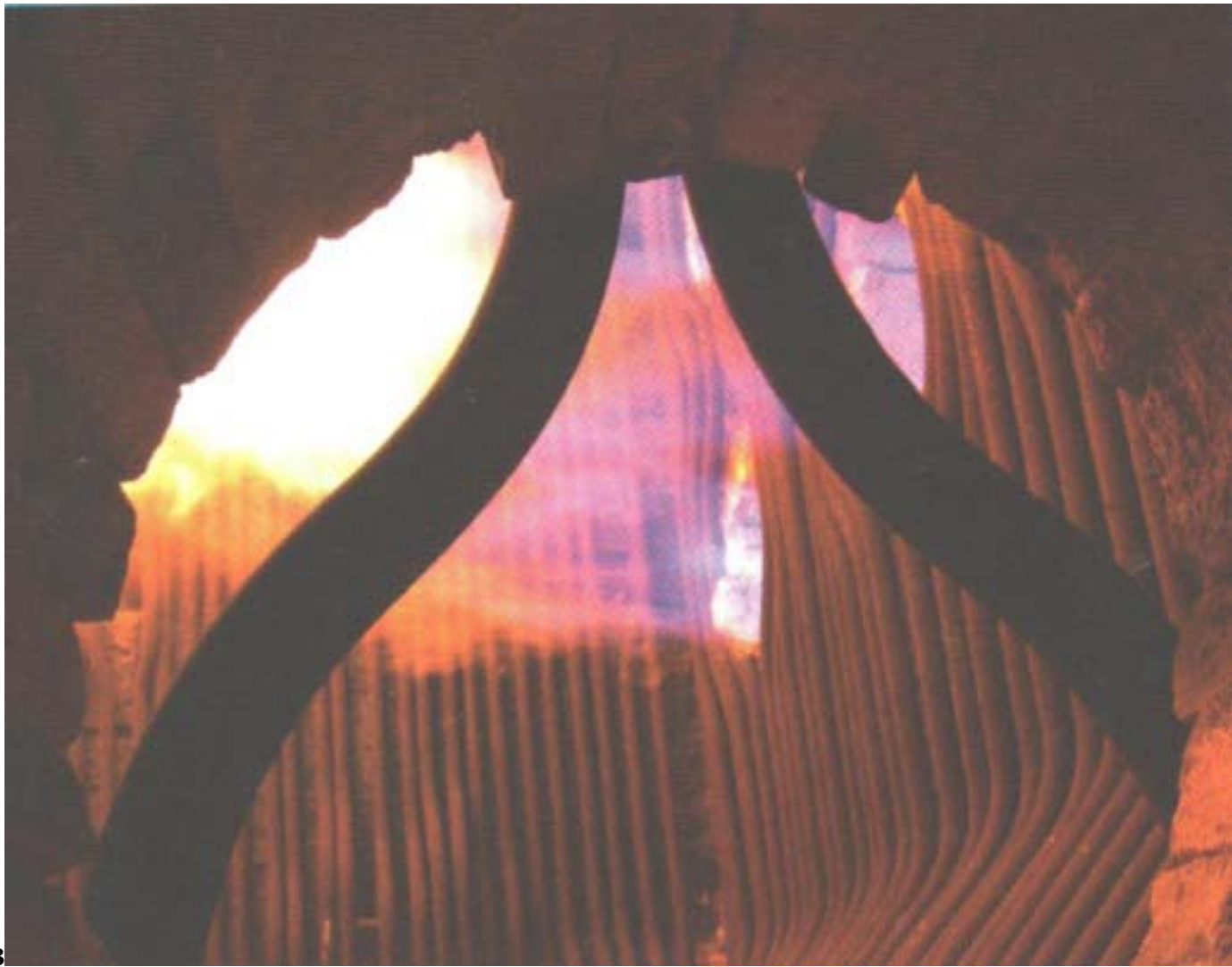
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Figure 1: Fig. 1 :



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Figure 2: Fig. 2 :



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Figure 3: Fig. 3 :

$$q_{F_{dF}} = \frac{\varphi_{F_0dF} \cdot P_F \cdot e^{-kl}}{F_0} = \frac{\varphi_{F_0dF} \cdot P_F}{F_0 \cdot e^{kl}}$$

Figure 4: F

$$l_1 = l_2 = l_3 = \dots = l_i = \left(\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{l_i}{n} \right) = l$$

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Figure 5: Fig. 4 :

$$\varphi_{F_1dF} = \varphi_{F_2dF} = \varphi_{F_3dF} = \dots = \varphi_{F_idF}$$

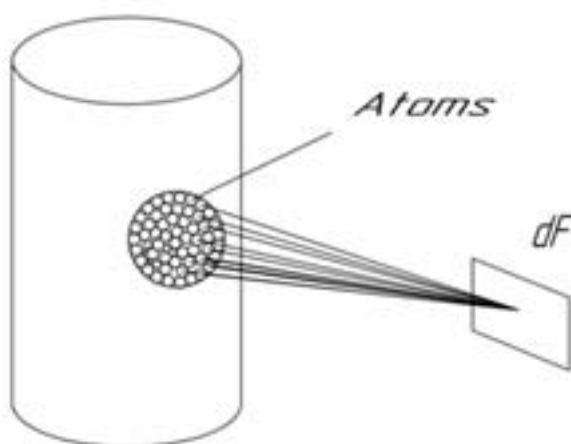
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$$q_{F_1dF} = q_{F_2dF} = q_{F_3dF} = \dots = q_{F_idF}$$

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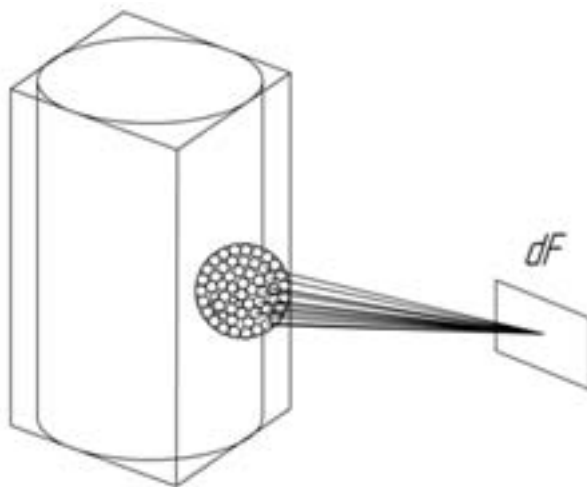
$$q_{F_1dF} = \sum_{i=1}^n q_{F_idF}$$

Figure 8: Fig. 6 :



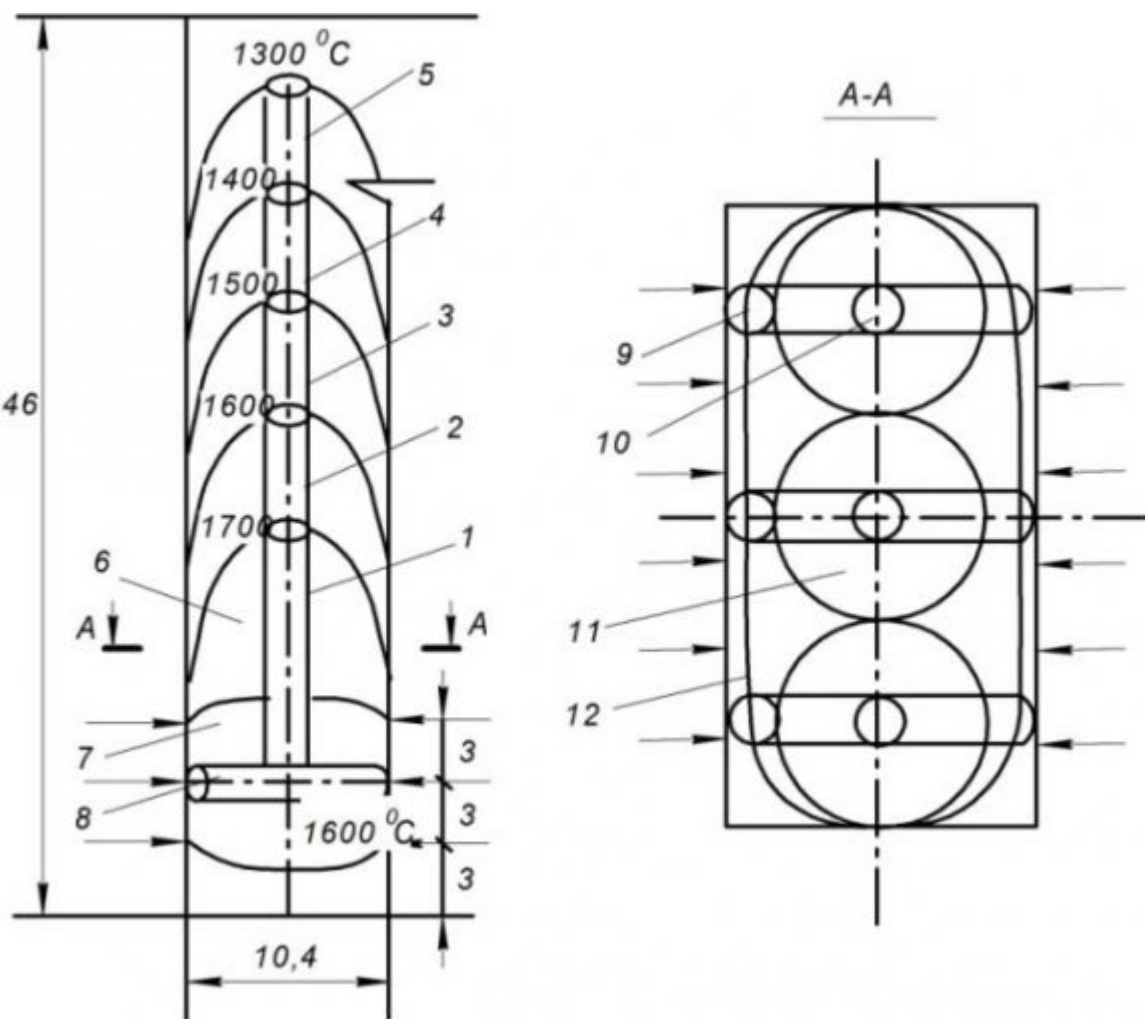
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Figure 11: Fig. 11 :

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Figure 12: Table 1 :

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