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# HTW™ Gasification of High Volatile Bituminous Coal

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# Structure of Presentation



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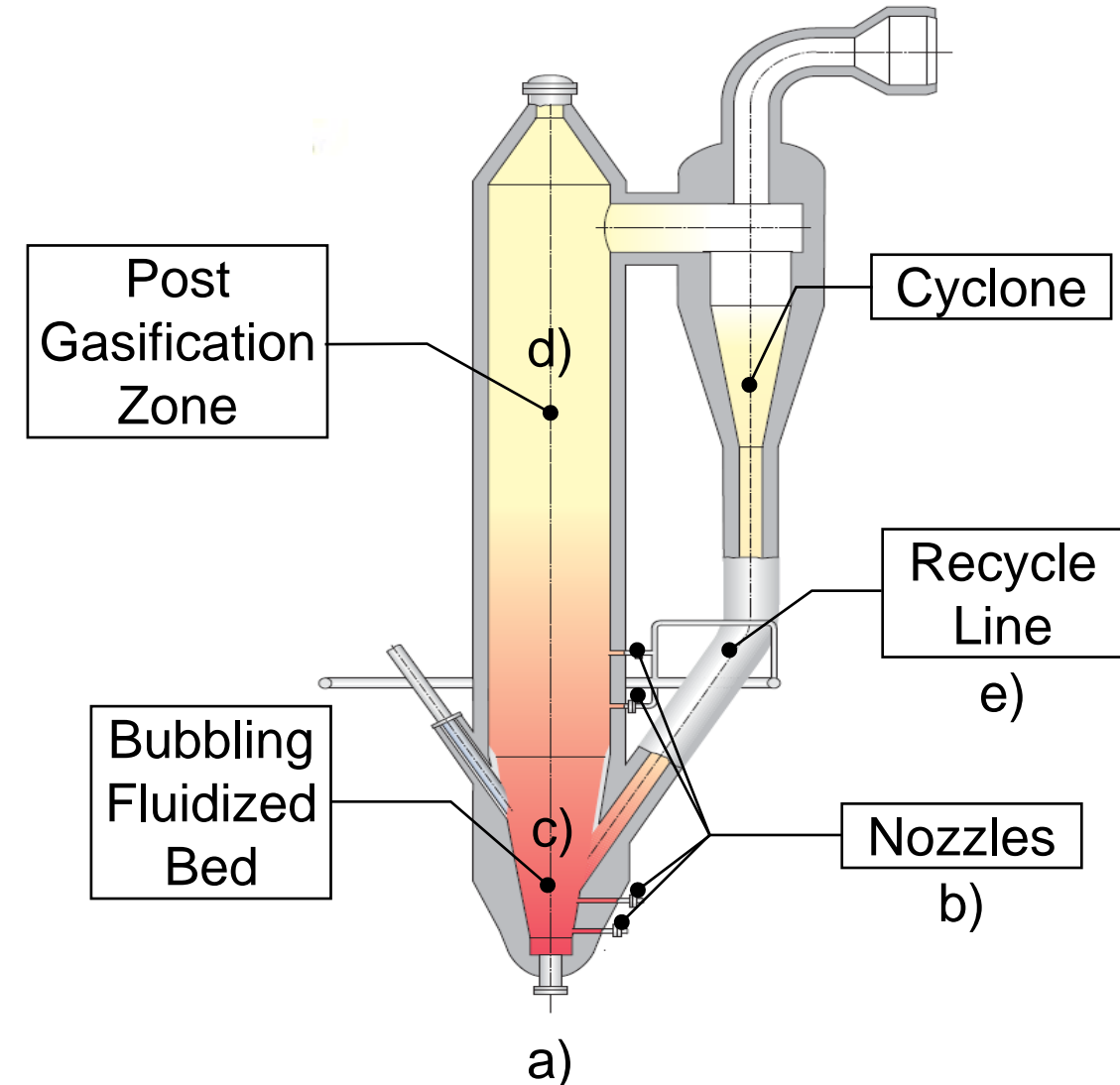
- Introduction of the HTW™ Process
- Brief description of the test setup
- Feedstock
- Test results
  - Continuous operation
  - Compact results
- Optimization
- Summary and Outlook



# Introduction of the HTW™ Process

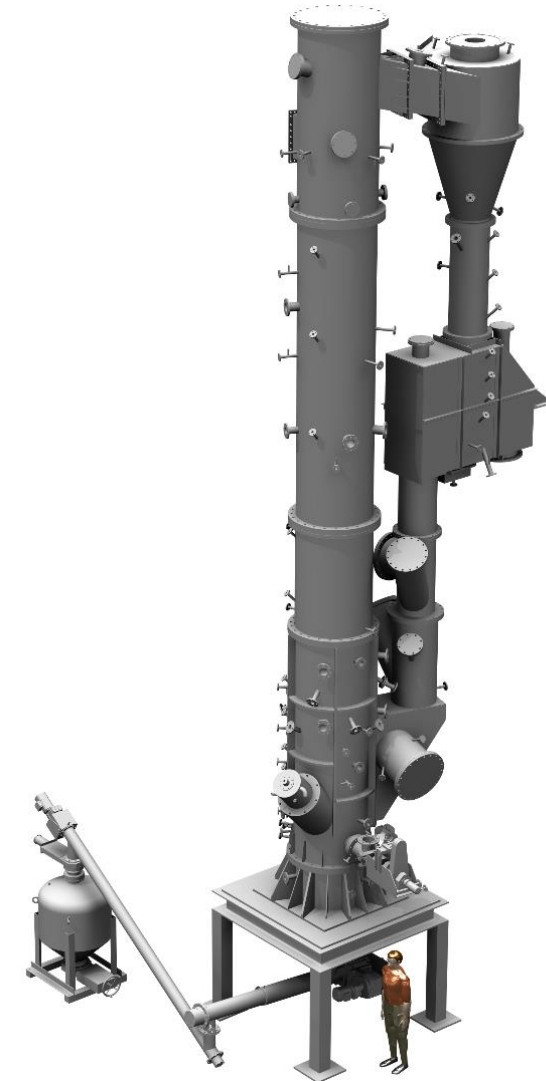


- a) Continuous extraction of bed material
- b) Injection of gasification agents ( $O_2$ , Steam,  $CO_2$ )
- c) T below ash softening point (850 – 950 °C)
- d) High T  $\rightarrow$  conversion of heavy hydrocarbons up to 1,200 °C
- e) Recirculation of particles separated in cyclone to the fluidized bed



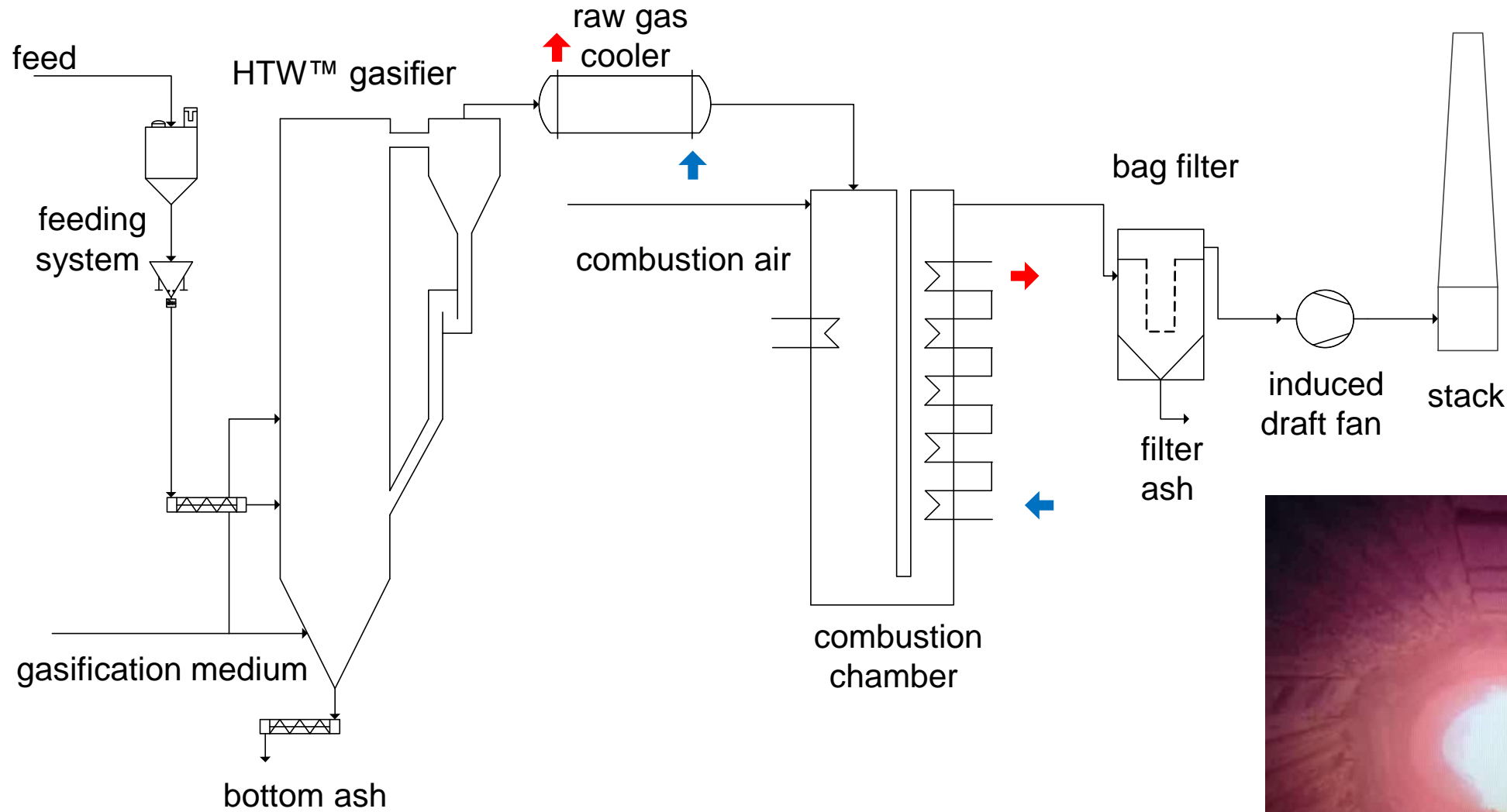
Source:  
thyssenkrupp Industrial Solutions AG

- 2015 retrofitting of a fluidized bed reactor into a HTW™ gasifier
- Investigation of
  - Feedstock suitability
  - Equipment for large-scale plant usage
- Gasifier
  - Inner diameter of 400 mm
  - Height of 11 m
  - Temperatures up to 1,200 °C
  - Operating at atmospheric pressure level



Source: EST TU Darmstadt

# Pilot Plant

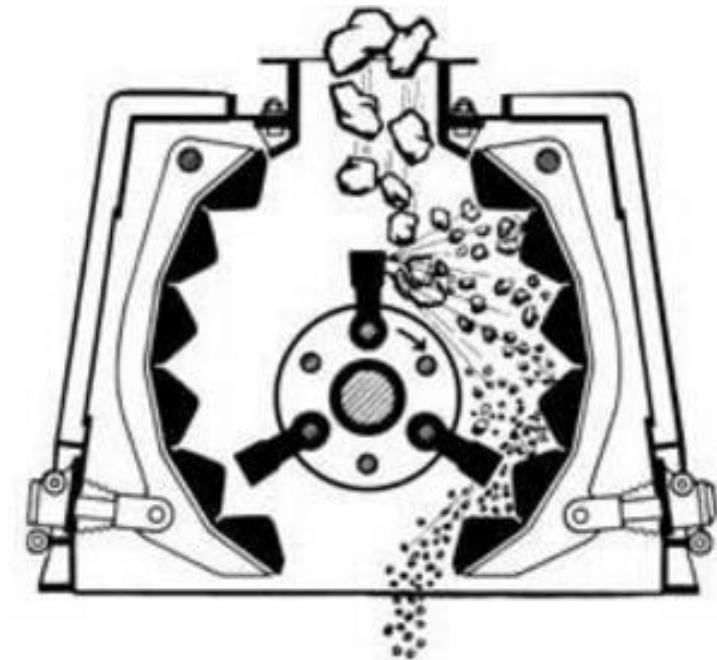


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- High Volatile Bituminous Coal (HVBC) prepared by grinding
- Continuous operation for 5 days (7.4 tons)

		<b>HVBC</b>
<b>Lower Heating Value</b>	MJ/kg	29.1
<b>Ash Softening Point</b>	°C	1,100
<b>Water Content</b>	wt.-%	5.7
<b>Ash Content</b>	wt.-%	7.0
<b>C-fix</b>	wt.-%	52.6
<b>Volatile Content</b>	wt.-%	34.7
<b>D50</b>	µm	402

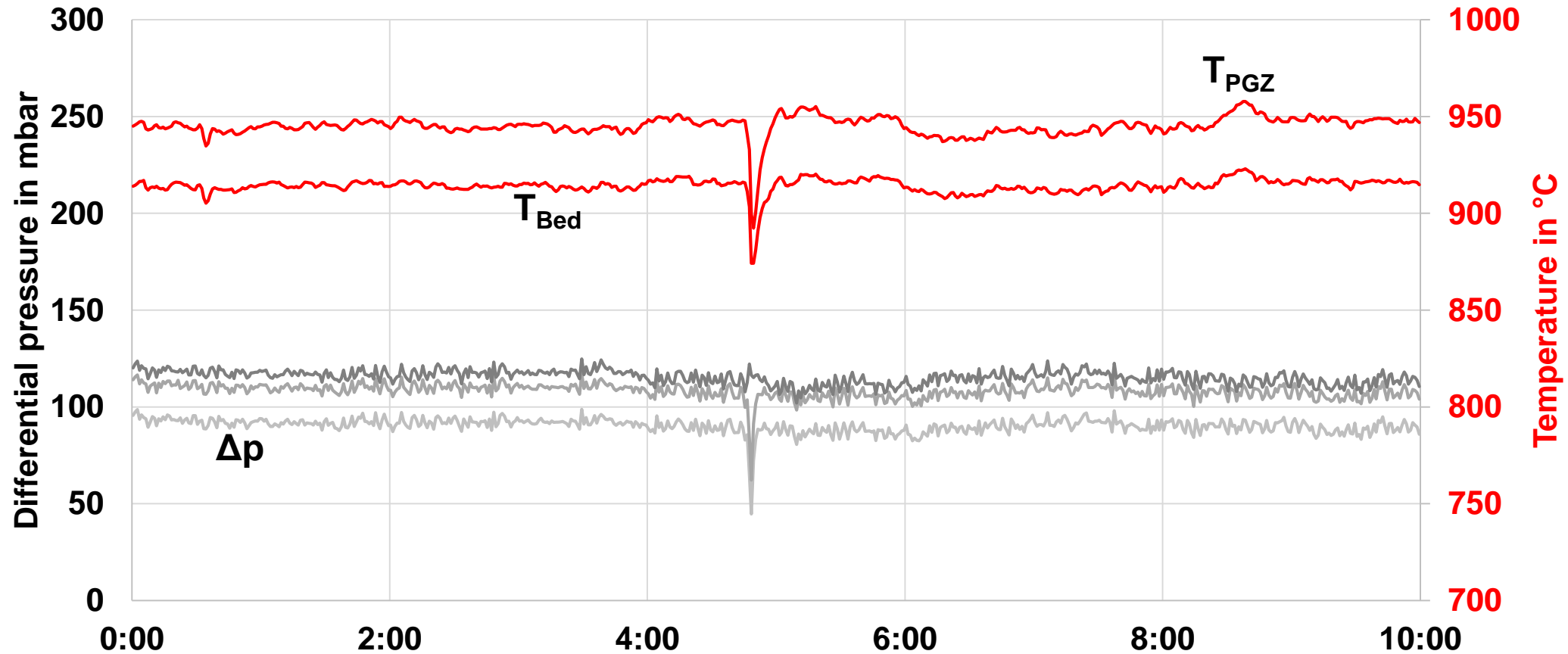


Source: Wuhan Erun technology co.,ltd

# Operation with high volatile bituminous coal



- Continuous operation



▪  $T_{Bed} \approx 915 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$

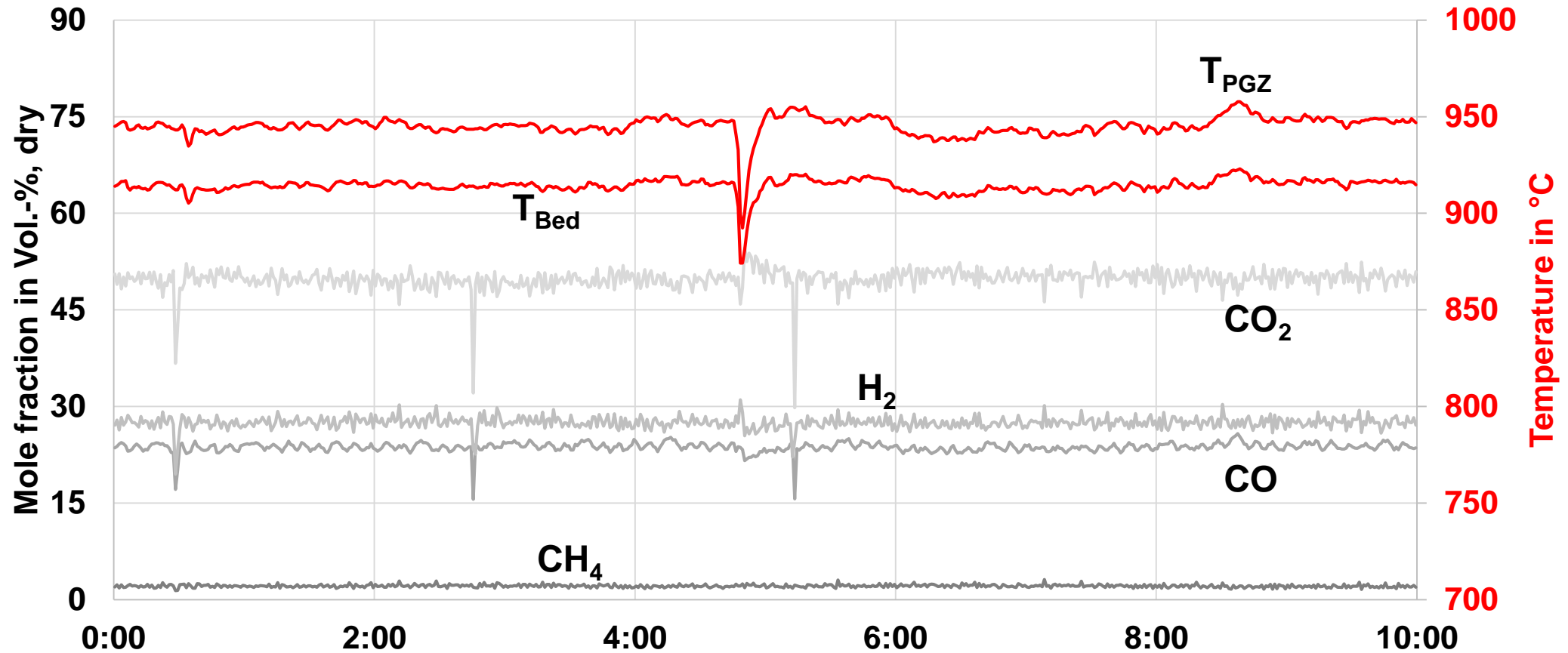
▪  $\Delta p_{total} \approx 110 \text{ mbar} - 120 \text{ mbar}$

▪  $T_{PGZ} \approx 945 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C}$

# Operation with high volatile bituminous coal



- Continuous operation





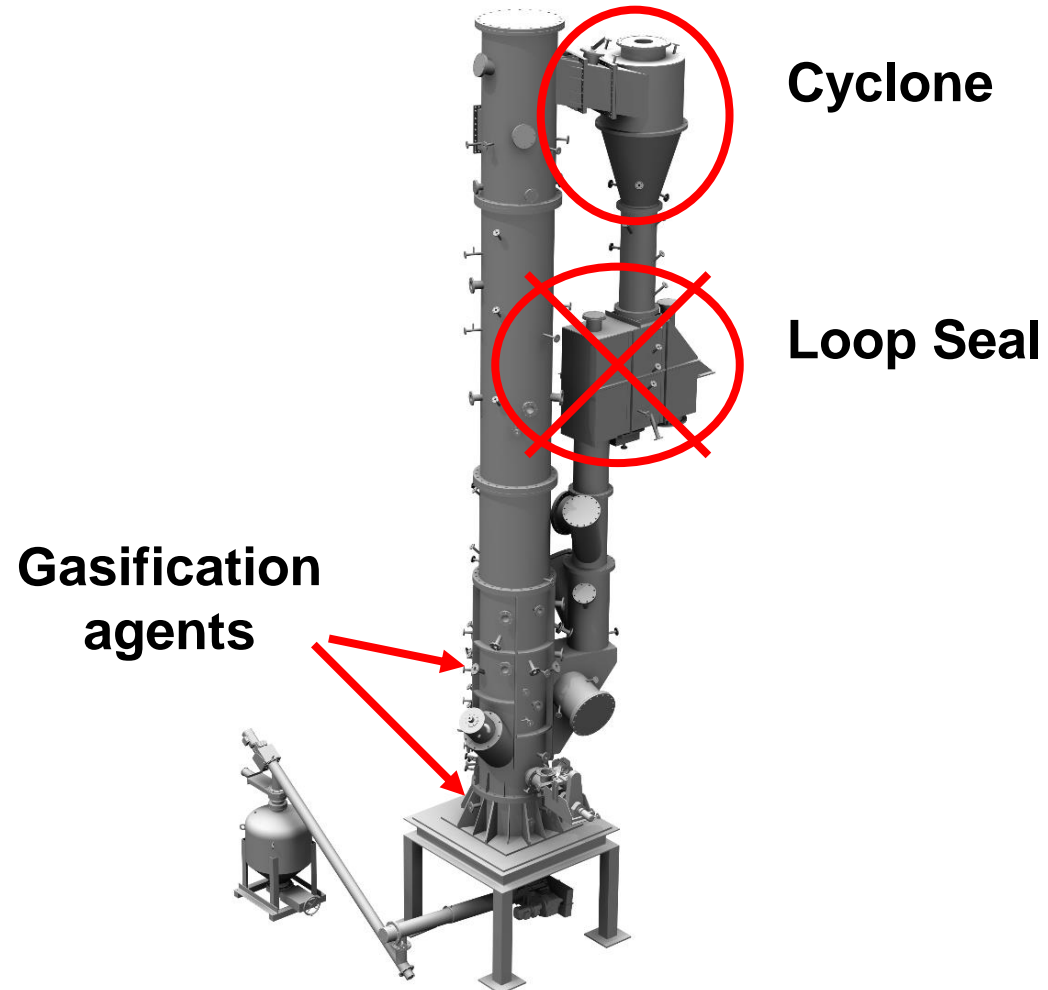
# Summary of results



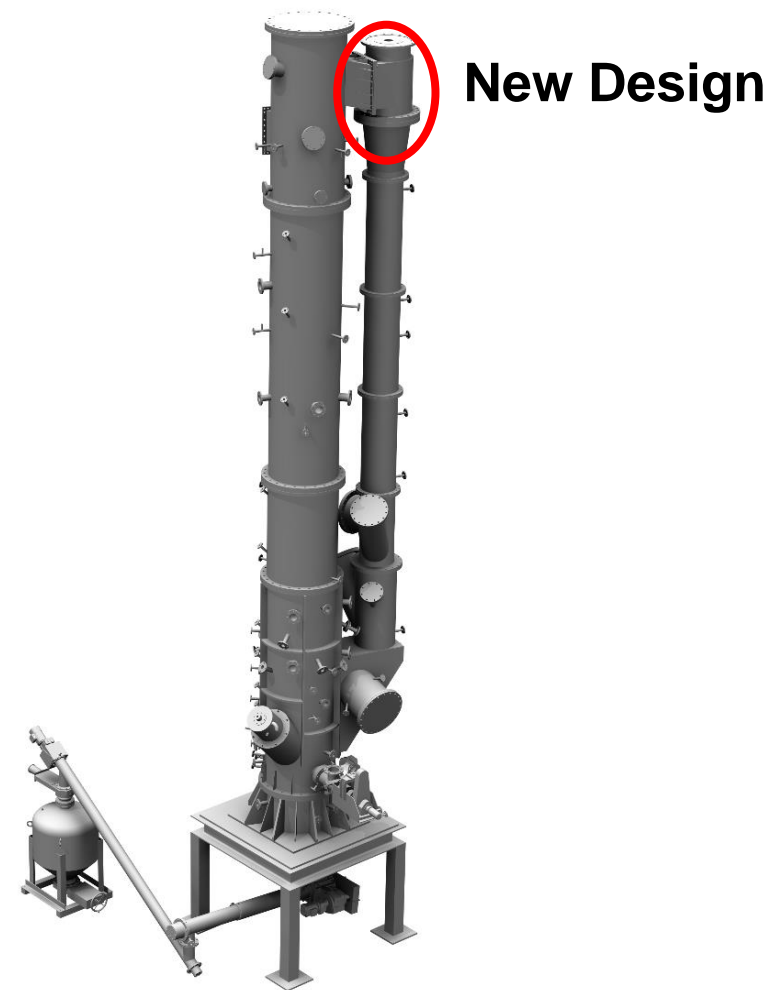
- Comparison of test results with High Volatile Bituminous Coal and Lignite Energy Grained

		<b>HVBC</b>	<b>LEG</b>
<b>Coal mass flow</b>	kg/h	61.0	70
<b>Gasifier performance</b>	kW <sub>th</sub>	493	418
<b>Raw gas quantity</b>	kg/h	221.4	225
<b>Gas composition (dry)</b>			
<b>CO<sub>2</sub></b>	Vol.-%	48.7	30
<b>CO</b>	Vol.-%	23.1	31
<b>CH<sub>4</sub></b>	Vol.-%	1.9	1
<b>H<sub>2</sub></b>	Vol.-%	26.3	30
<b>Lower heating value raw gas (dry)</b>	MJ/m <sup>3</sup>	6.4	7.5
<b>Carbon conversion rate</b>	%	75.7	96

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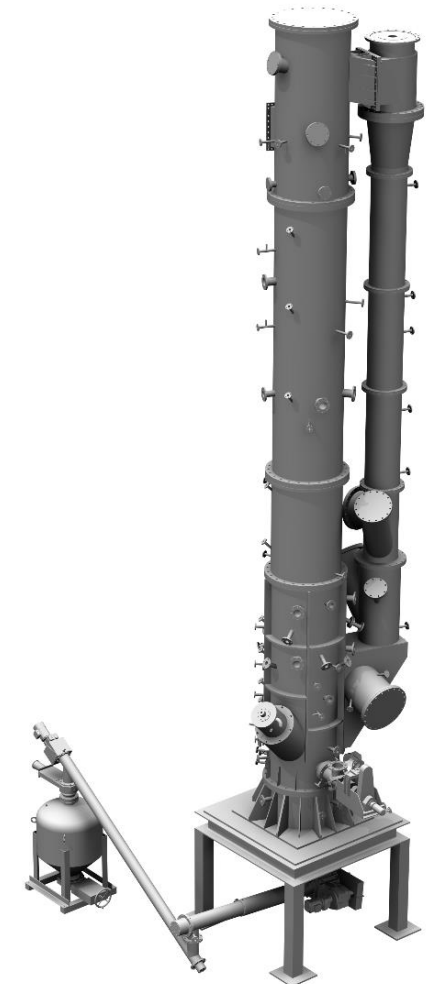


## Optimization



- Impact of the optimization

		Campaign		Optimization
<b>Gas composition (dry)</b>				
CO <sub>2</sub>	Vol.-%	48.7	↘	<b>36.4</b>
CO	Vol.-%	23.1	↗	<b>28.8</b>
CH <sub>4</sub>	Vol.-%	1.9	↗	<b>2.1</b>
H <sub>2</sub>	Vol.-%	26.3	↗	<b>32.7</b>
<b>Lower heating value raw gas (dry)</b>				
	MJ/m <sup>3</sup>	6.4	↗	<b>7.9</b>
<b>Carbon conversion rate</b>		%	↗	<b>94</b>



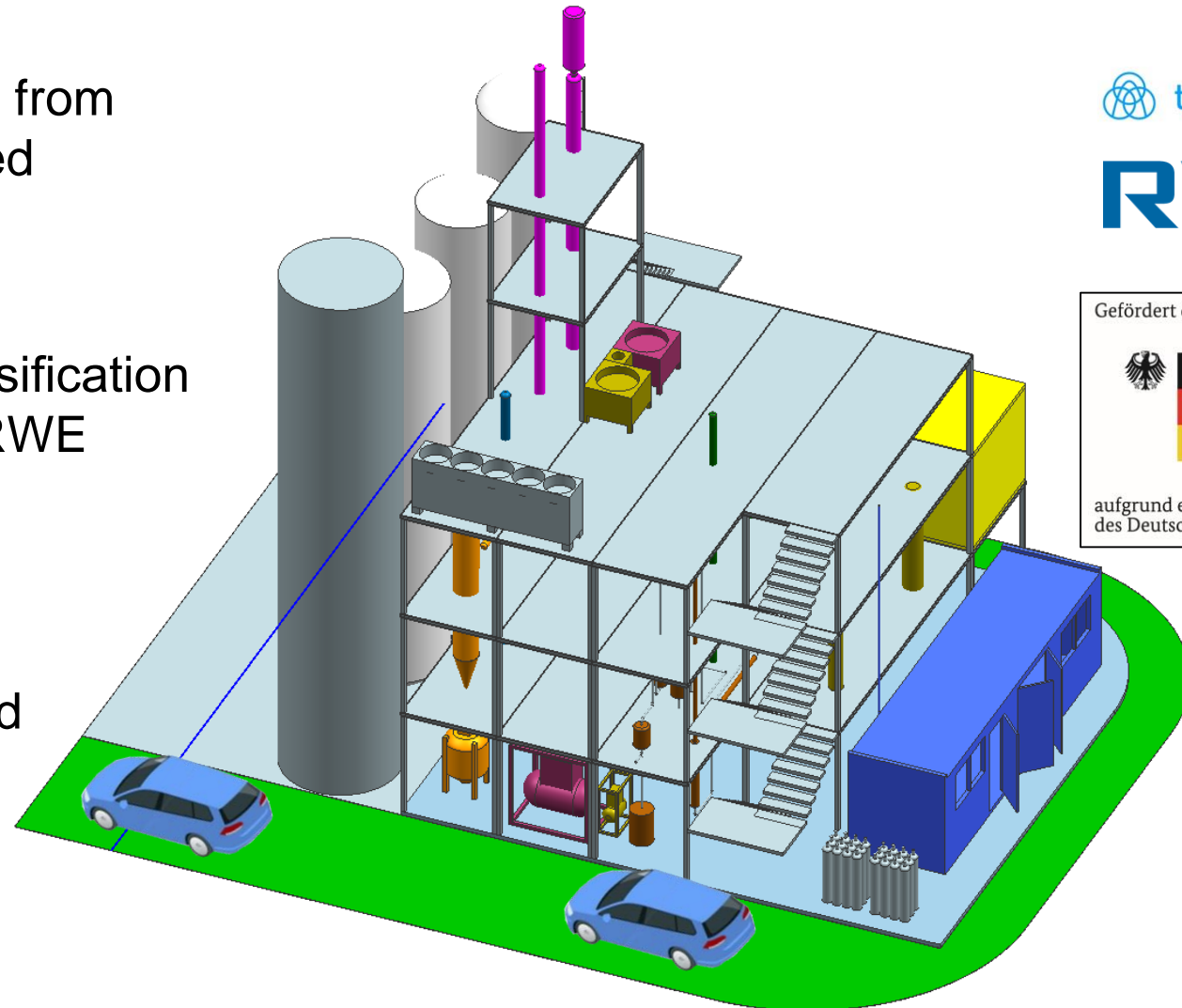
- Gasification test
  - Continuous operation for 5 days with high volatile bituminous coal (gasification of 7.4 tons)
  - Stable process, resilient to disruptions
- Optimization for the pilot plant operation include:
  - New design of cyclone
  - Removal of loop seal
  - Increasing preheating temperature of the gasification agents
- Prove that the HTW™ gasification is applicable to the High Volatile Bituminous Coal

# Summary and Outlook

## FABIENE:

Flexible Supply of Electricity and Fuels from  
Gasification of Lignite in a Fluidized Bed

- Erection of a gas purification unit
- Coupling with the existing HTW™ gasification pilot plant and a catalysis test rig of RWE
- 4 two-week test campaigns
  
- Techno-Economic assessment of polygeneration based on fluidized bed gasification
- Christian Heinze, TU Darmstadt
- 11:50 – 12:10
- Room: Pavillon





**Thank you for your kind attention!**