CTM Operation and Fueling Workgroup

- Agenda
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 Stove Protocol Project
 - Discuss next steps

Washington State Stove Protocol

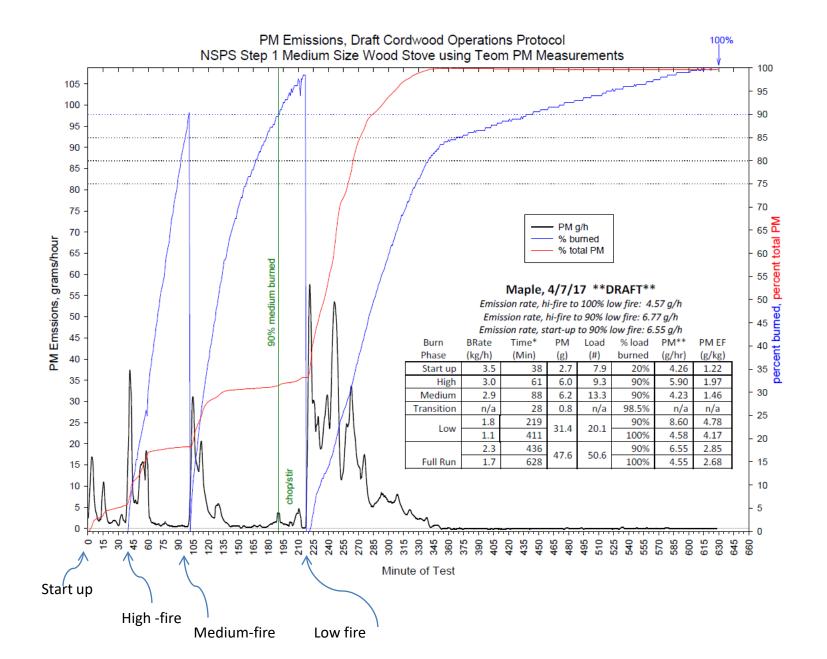
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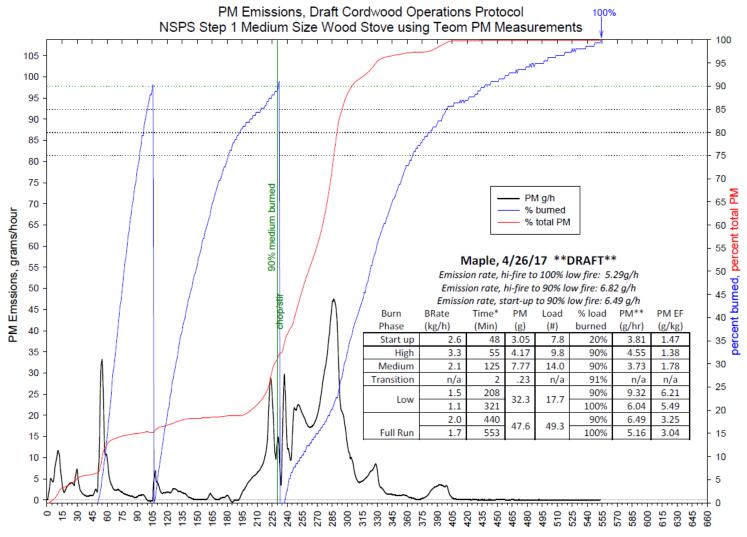
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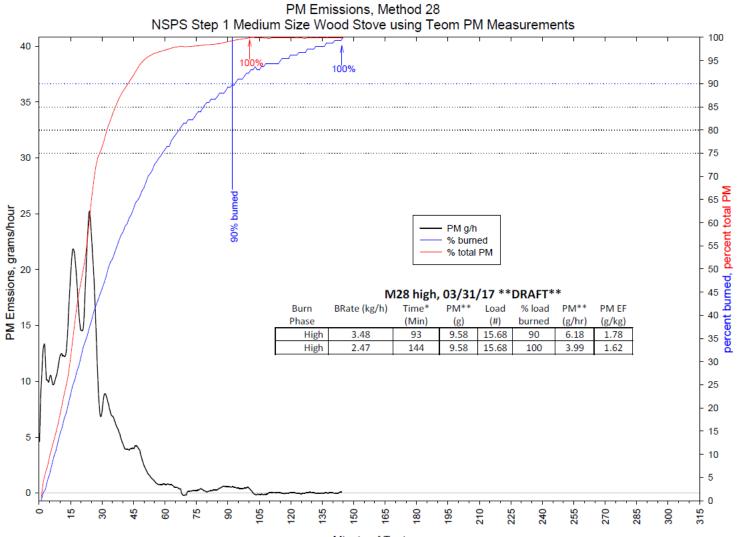
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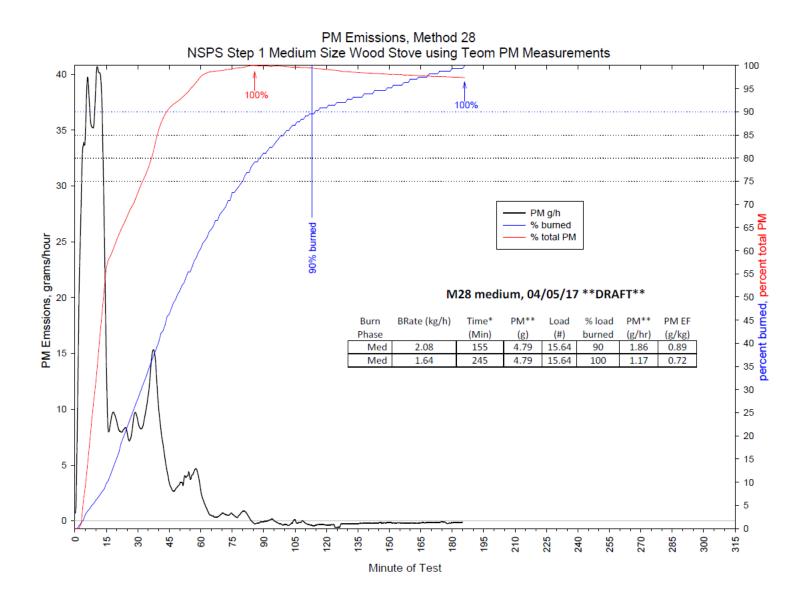
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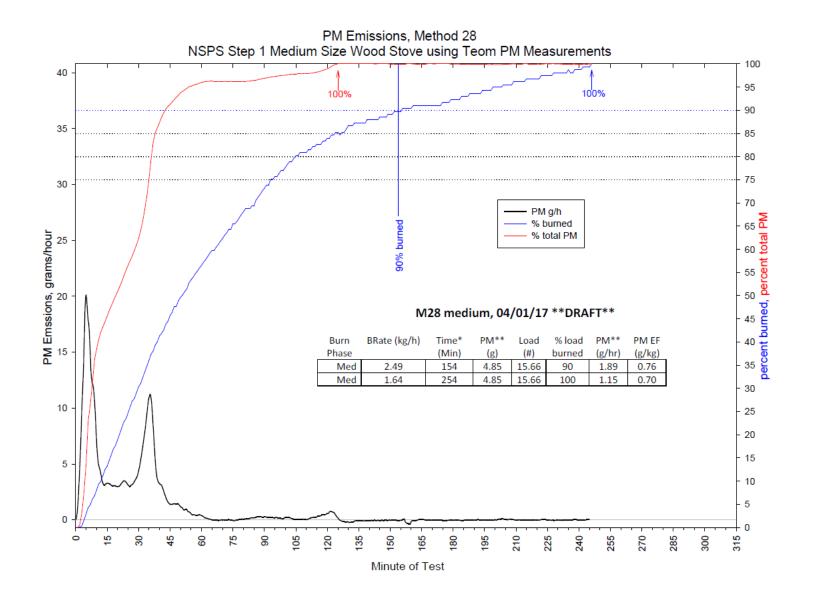
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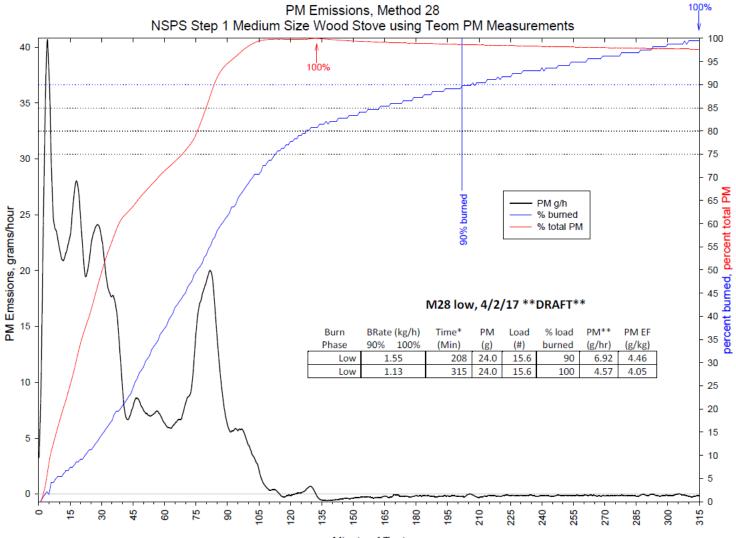


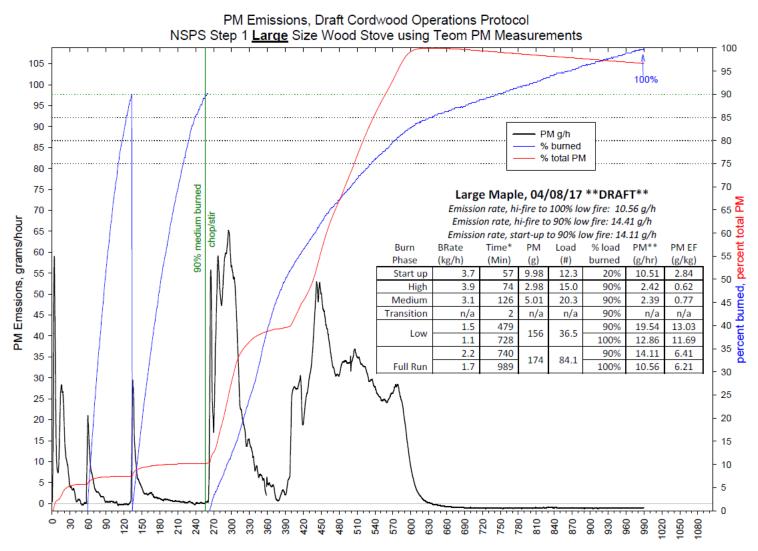












FUEL CHARGES WITH DIFFERENT SPECIES

Fuel charge



Birch – start-up, high and medium fuel charge



Maple – start-up, high and medium fuel charge

Oak – start-up, high and medium fuel charge



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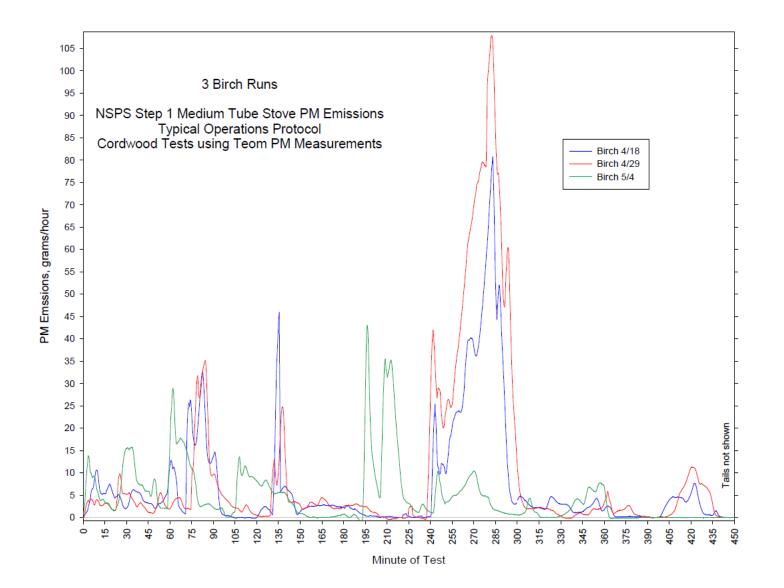


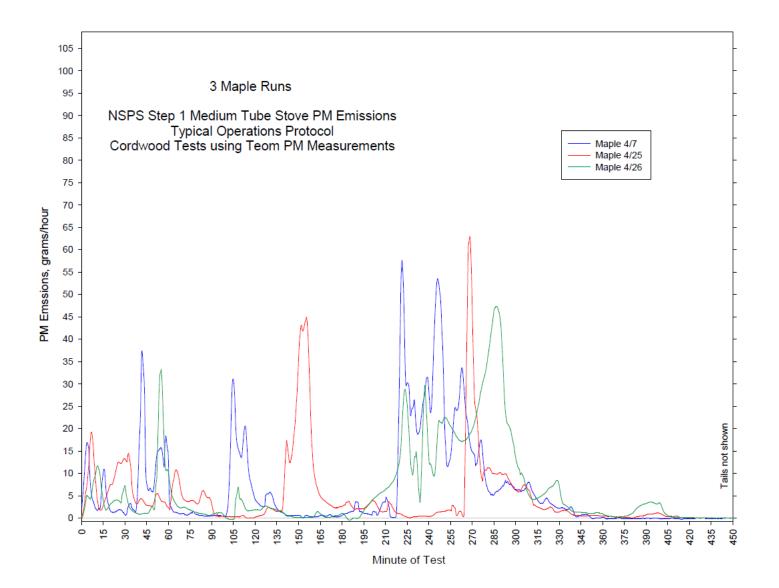
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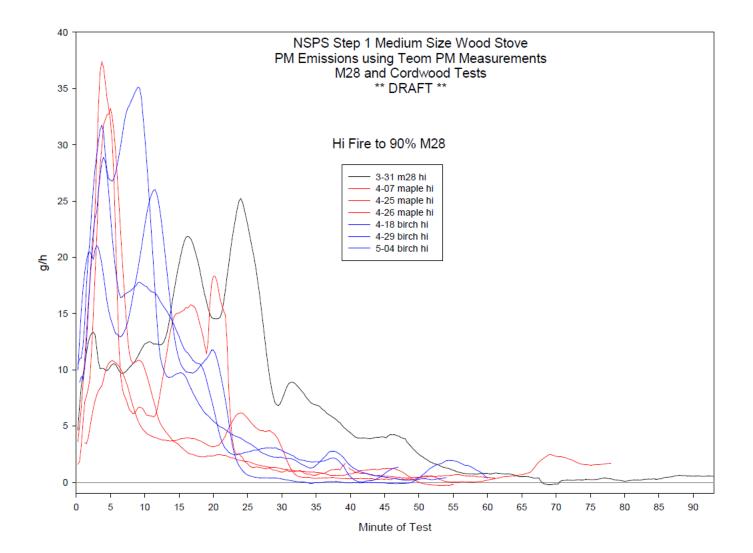
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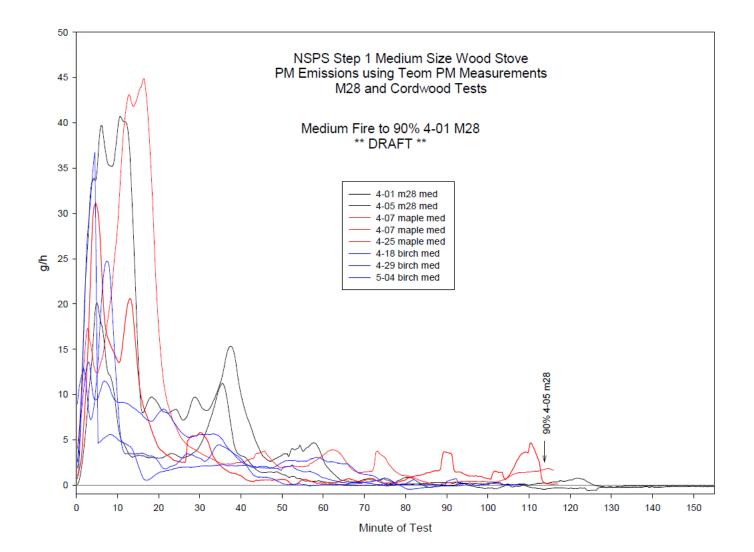
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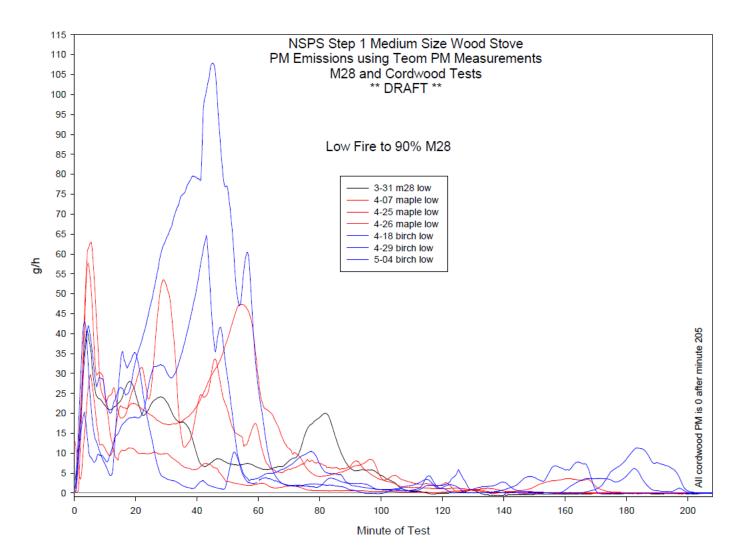
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4/29 Birch	2.8	95	5.34	13.6	3.38	1.2
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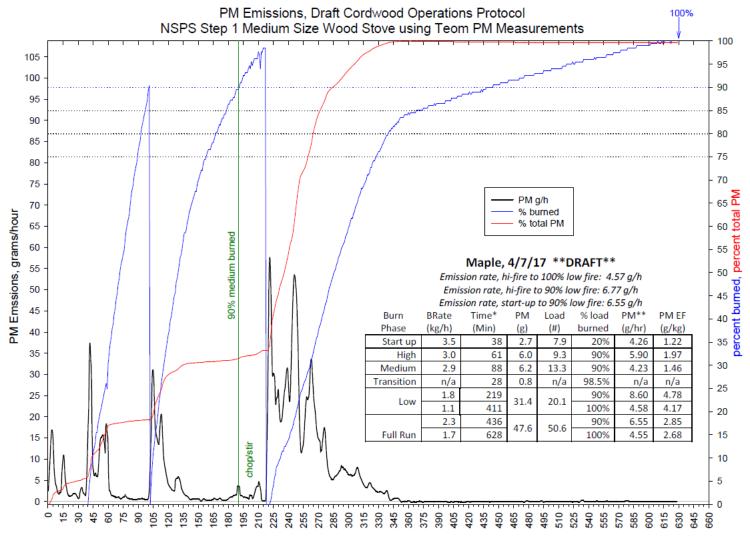
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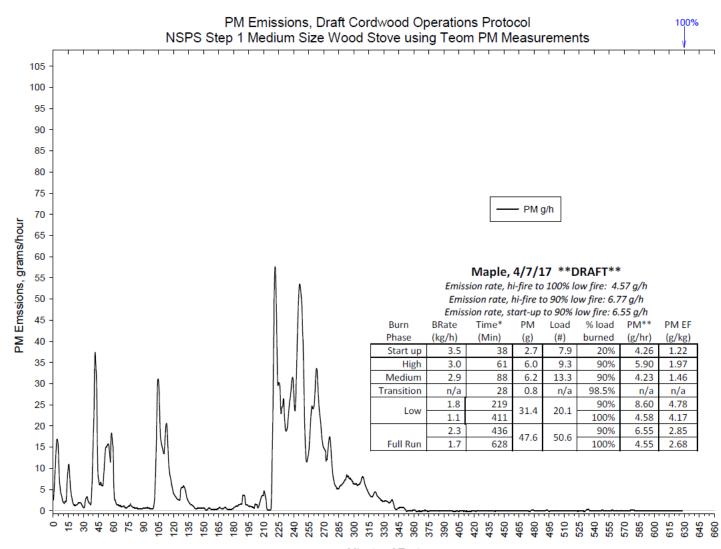
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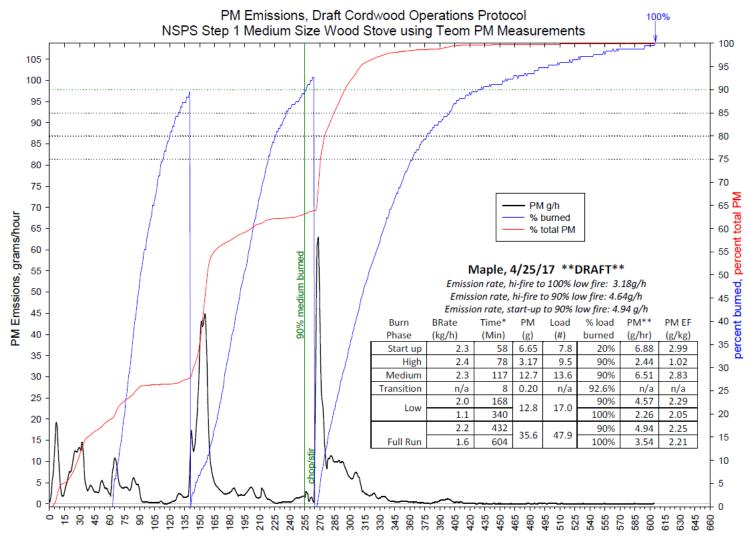
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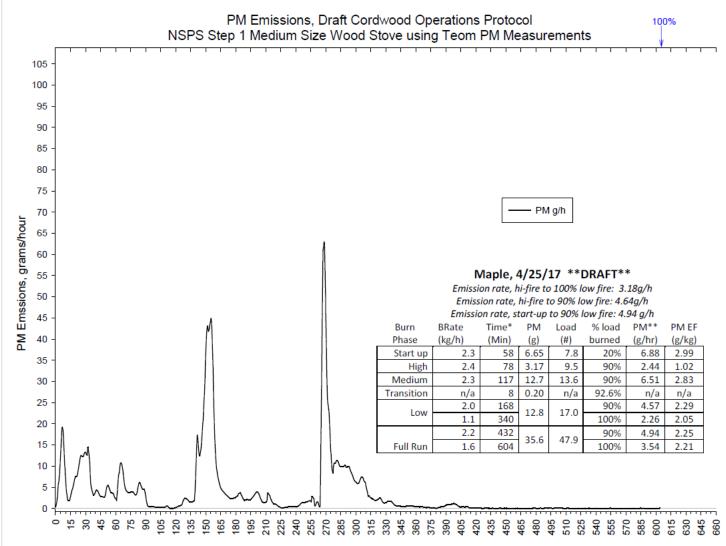
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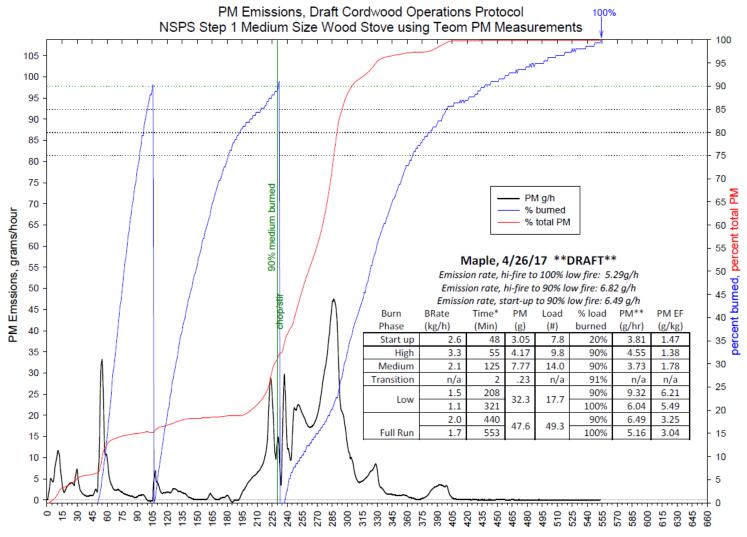
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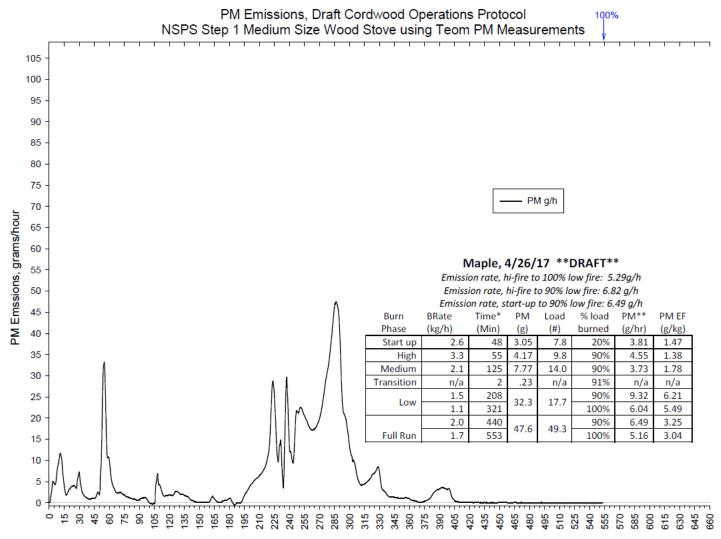


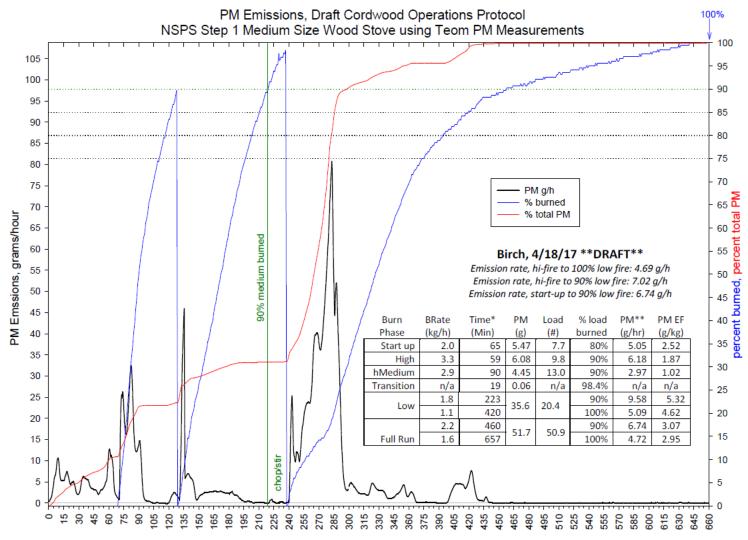




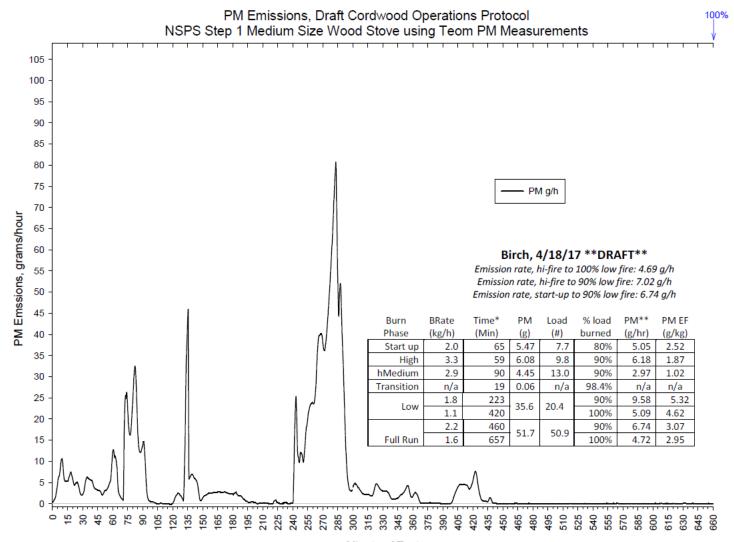


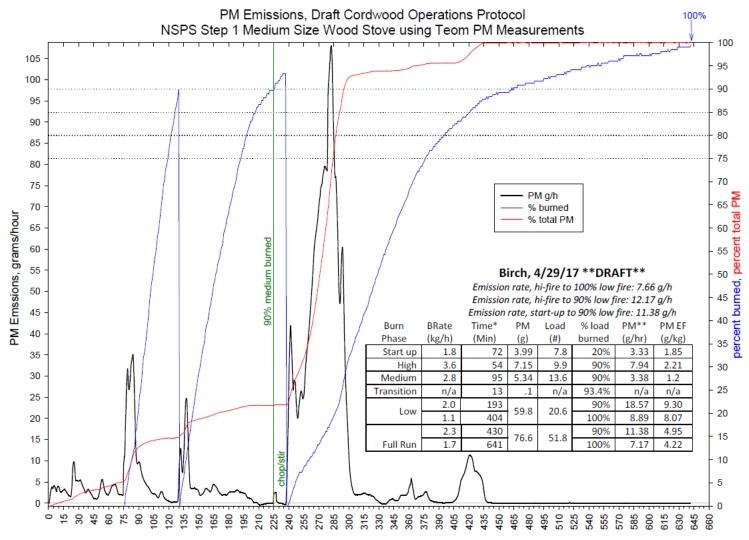


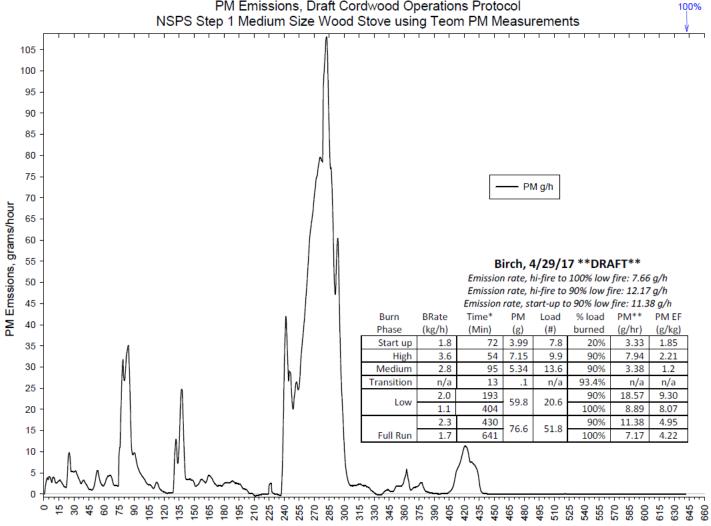




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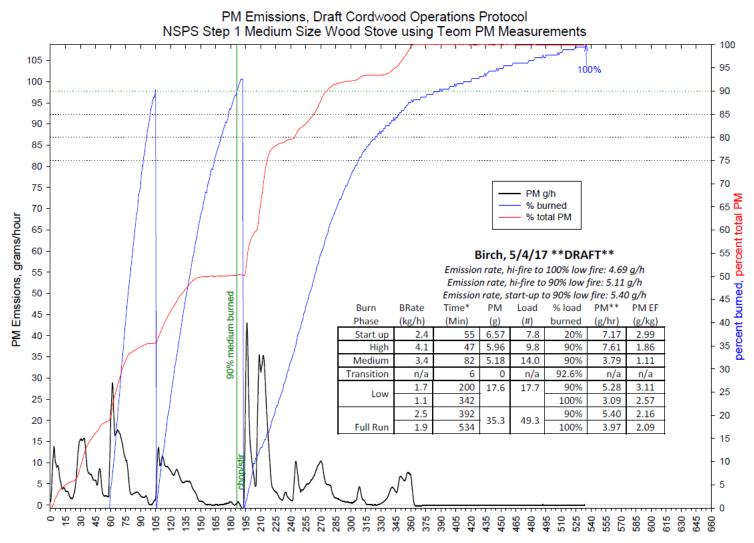


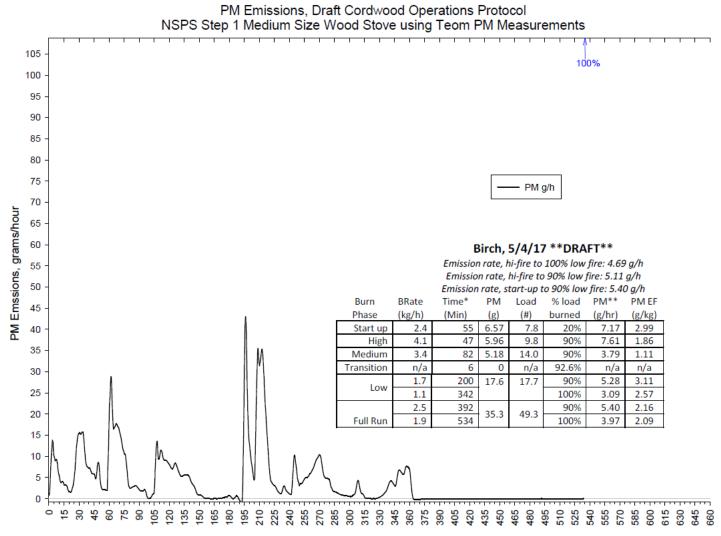


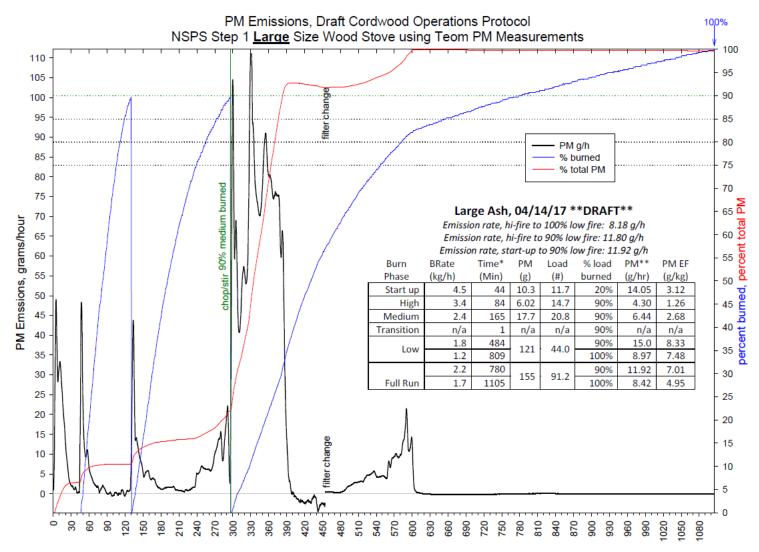


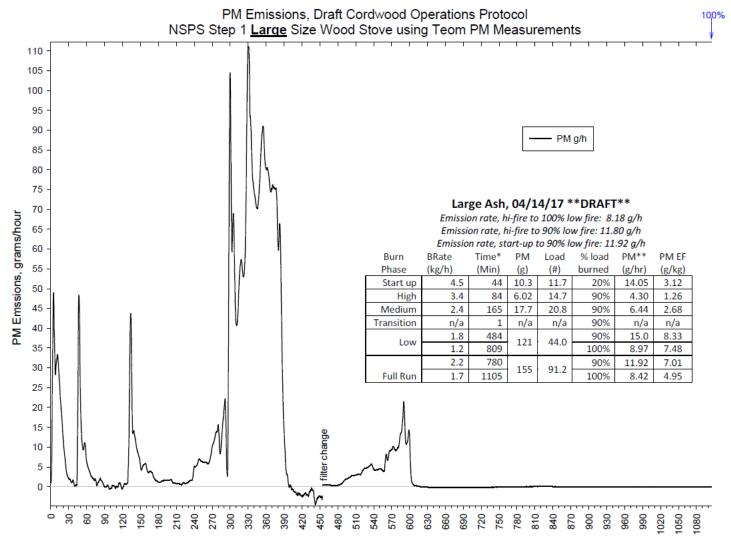
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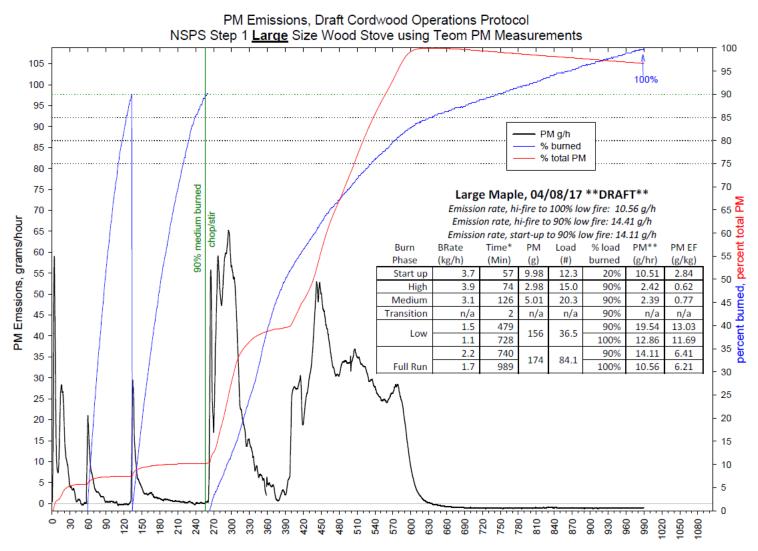
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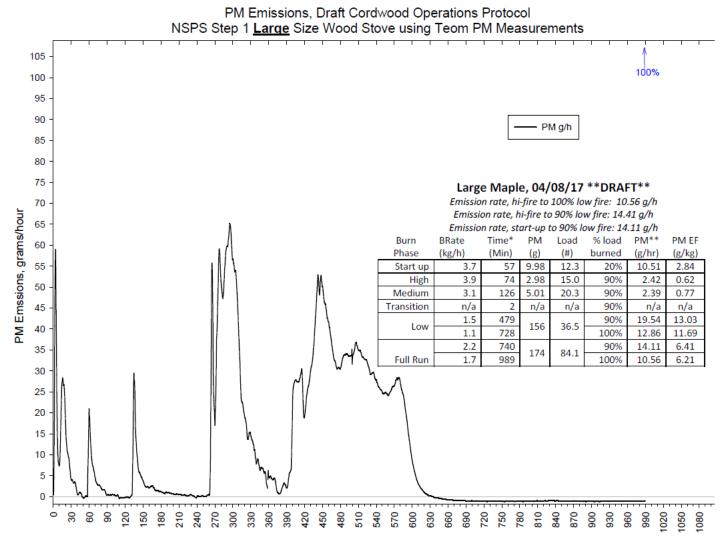


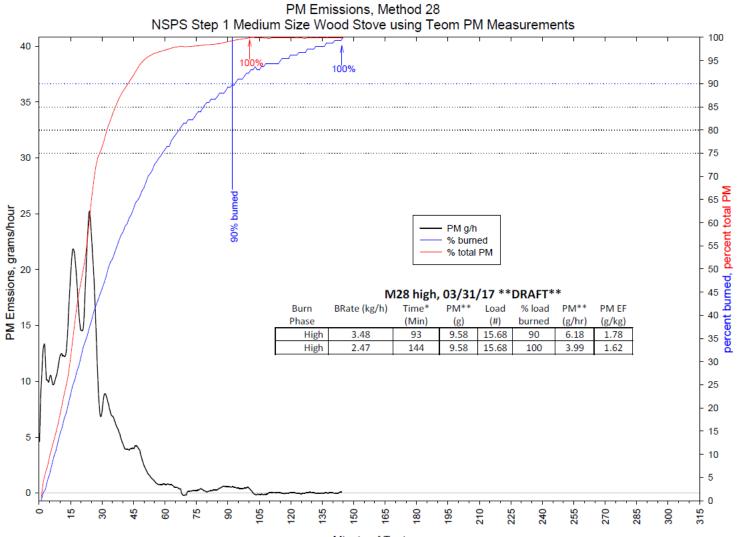


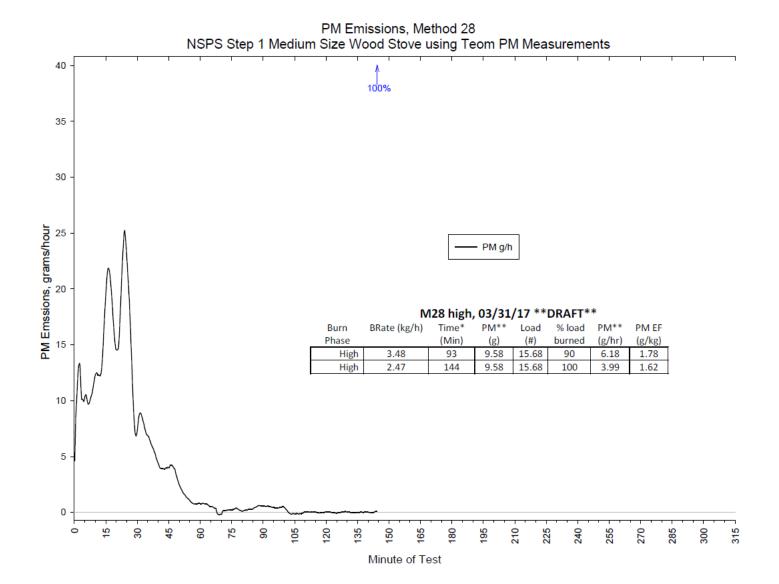


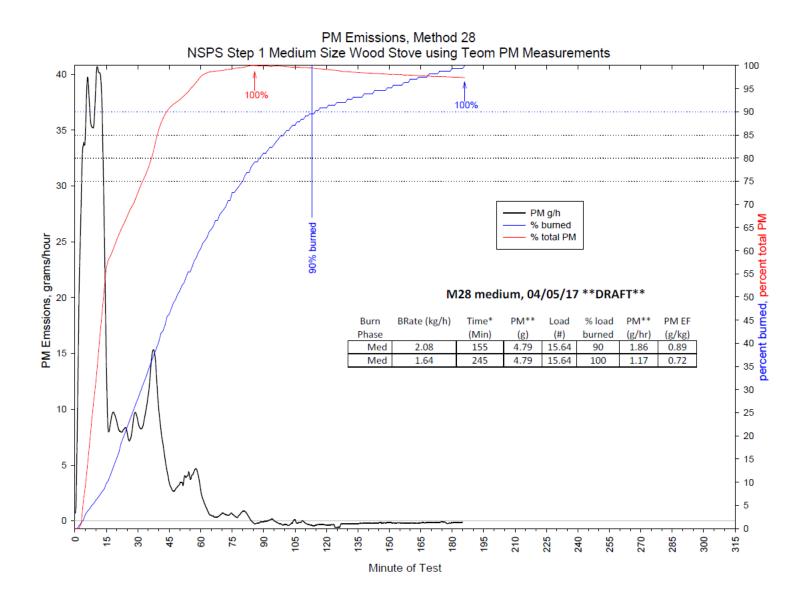


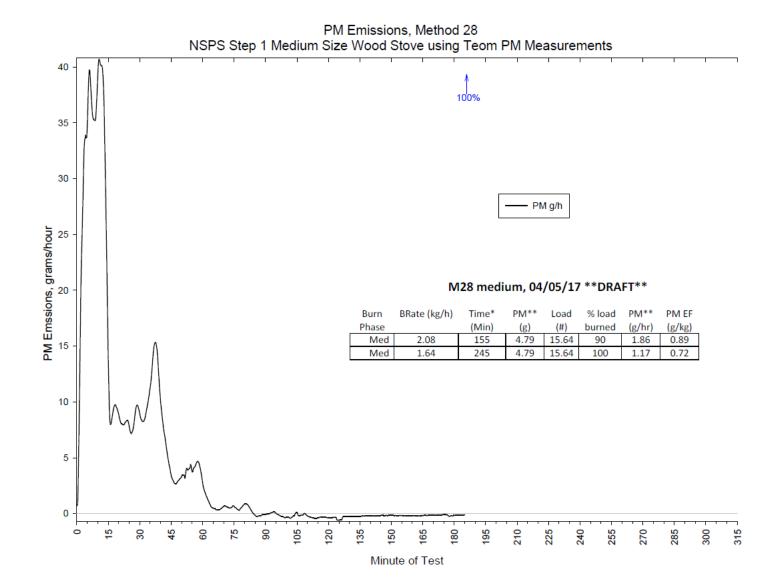


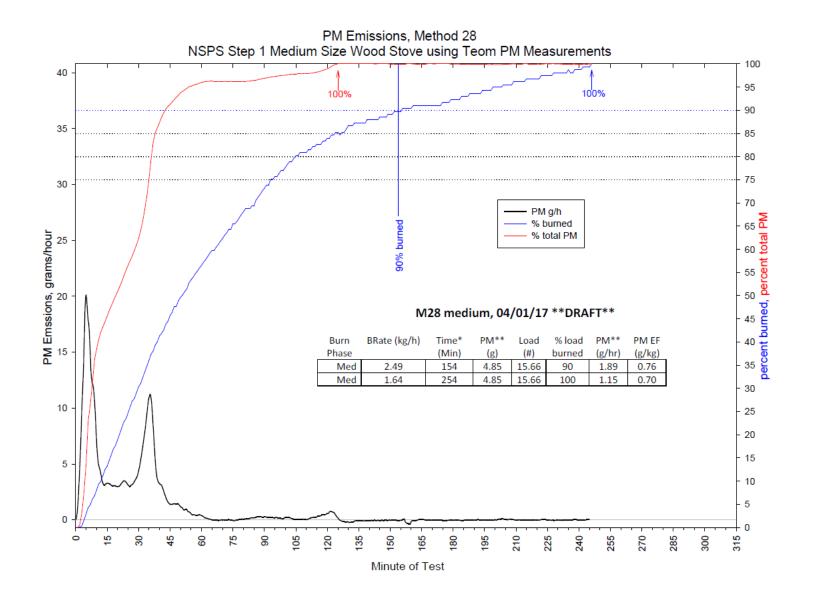


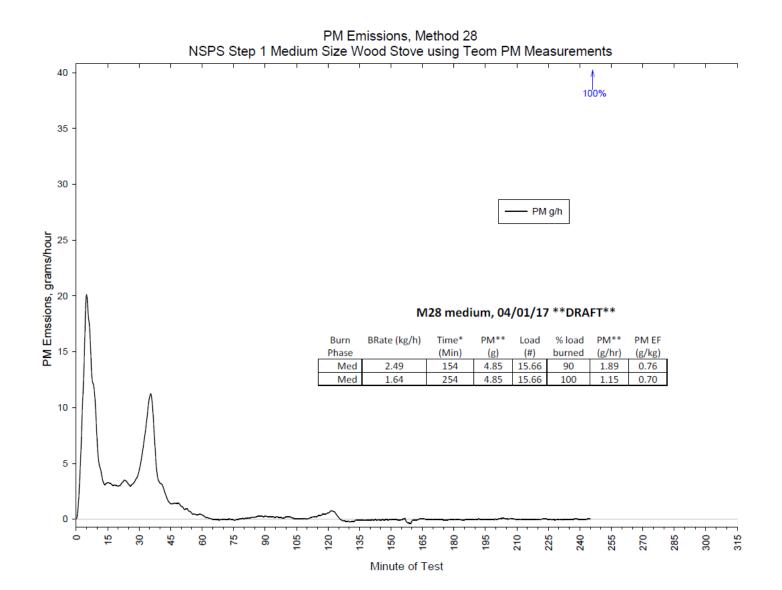


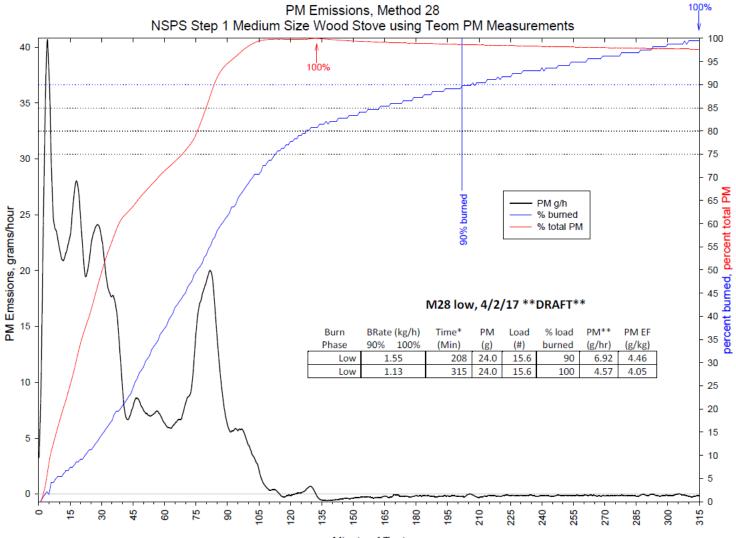


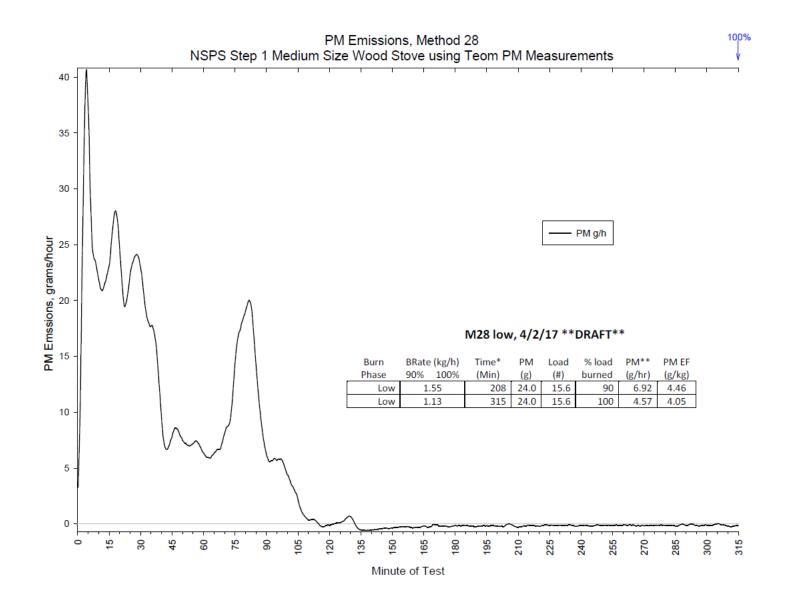












Integrated Duty Cycle Protocol

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Overarching Goals

- Protocol Goals
 - Reflect typical loading patterns
 - Reflect typical operating patterns
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- Meeting Goals
 - Timeline development
 - Identify areas that need data from research runs
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Changes from last iteration

- Operational protocol limited changes
 - Provide a range for coal bed weights for reload. Need to discuss what a reasonable range is and how to apply.
- Fueling protocol major changes
 - Addressed typos that changed meaning in last iteration
 - Created draft fueling calculator
 - De minimus kindling for small stoves of 1 lb. Thoughts on maximum amount?
 - Changed target load piece sizes based on density of fuel used.

Testing/Research at HLS

Six stoves

- 1. High mass construction, large firebox, tube/non-cat emission controls
- 2. High mass construction, small firebox, catalytic emission controls
- 3. Steel construction, large firebox, catalytic emission controls
- 4. Cast iron construction, small firebox, tube/non-cat emission controls
- 5. Cast iron construction, medium firebox, non-cat/nontube emission controls (this is likely a top loading unit)
- 6. Steel construction, medium firebox, tube/non-cat emission controls



Birch – start-up, high and medium fuel charge



Maple – start-up, high and medium fuel charge

Oak – start-up, high and medium fuel charge



Issues Raised on IDC test method

- Fuel loading parameters
 - Configuration laid out in test method or manufacturers instructions?
- Is it really one day, does it save time? Need to consider time for pre-burns that are used in M28
 - Timing analysis for medium stove
 - M28 ~1780 minutes of burning one preburn
 - 3 runs of IDC ~1300 minutes of burning
- What is the passing grade?
 - Ending test at 90% cuts test run at each phase by 30-50%
- How do measure efficiency?
 - Move in the direction of ASHRAE standards or use TCC methods

Start Up Phase







Start-up load, large firebox – Washington State Protocol



Start-up load, medium firebox – Washington State Protocol



Kindling – 2 lb/ft³

Comparison of Start Up Phase Data

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4/25 – Maple	2.3	58	6.65	7.8	6.88	2.99
4/26 – Maple	2.6	48	3.05	7.8	3.81	1.47
4/18 – Birch	2.0	65	5.47	7.7	5.05	2.52
4/29 – Birch	1.8	72	3.99	7.8	3.33	1.85
5/4 – Birch	2.4	55	6.57	7.8	7.17	2.99
Oak	<u>3.4</u>	40	11.6	7.9	<u>16.9</u>	<u>3.7</u>
Ash	2.9	44	4.4	7.6	6.2	2.1
Range	1.8 - 3.5	38 - 72	2.7 - 11.6	7.6 - 7.9	3.33 - 16.9	1.22 - 3.7
3 ft maple	3.7	57	9.98	12.3	10.51	2.84
3 ft ash	4.5	44	10.3	11.7	14.05	3.12

Start Up Phase Discussion Items

- Loading density
 - Amount of kindling
 - Starter fuel
 - Capacity to use in a wide variety of stoves sizes and configurations
- Load configuration
 - Manufacturers instructions
 - Prescribed conditions
- End of Phase

- Questions about size of coal bed to light off high fire

Integrated Duty Cycle Test Method

HIGH FIRE PHASE



High Fire Discussion Items

- Timing of placing the high fire load
 It appears that wood could loaded earlier
- Amount of wood loaded
 - 5lbs per ft³ is it enough? What happens to timing?

Comparison of High Fire Phase Data

Run Species	Burn Rate (g/kg)	Time (min)	PM (g)	Load (#)	PM (g/hr) @90%	PM EF (g/kg) @90%
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Ash	3.0	69	<u>8.0</u>	<u>10.2</u>	6.9	<u>2.3</u>
Range med stove	2.4 - 4.1	47 - 78	3.17 - 8.0	9.3 - 10.2	2.44 - 7.61	1.02 – 2.3
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Integrated Duty Cycle Protocol

MEDIUM FIRE PHASE

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LOW FIRE PHASE

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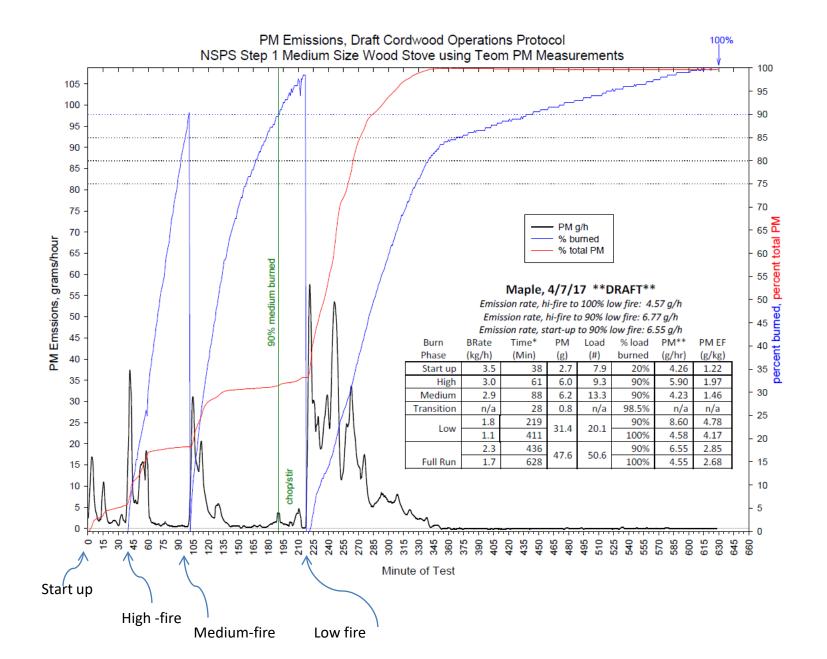
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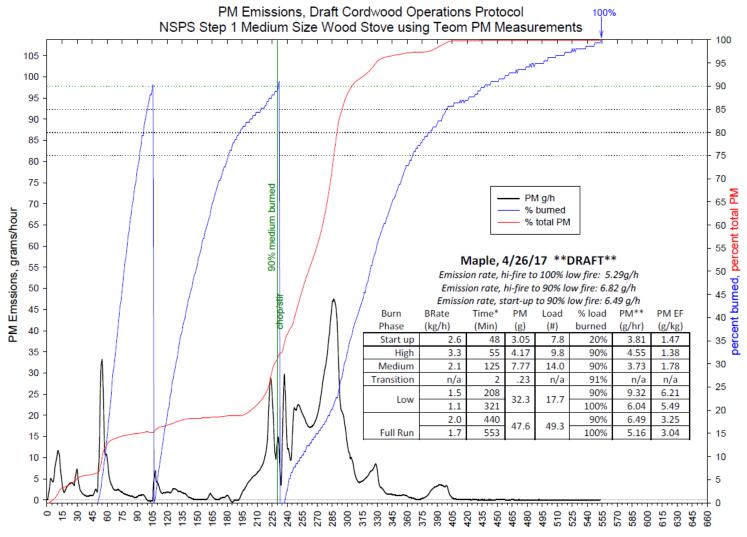
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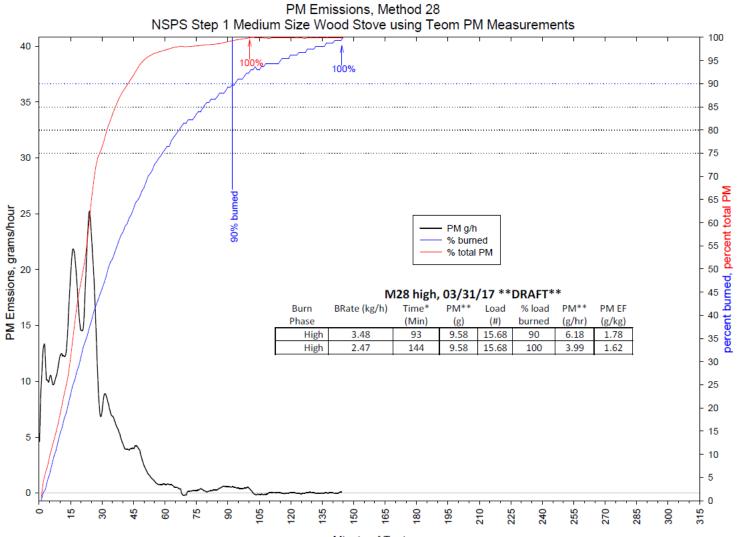
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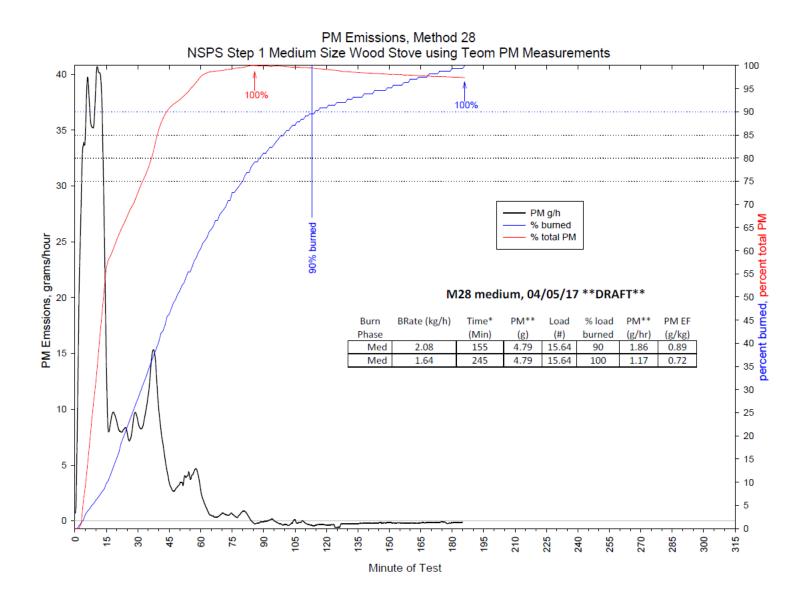
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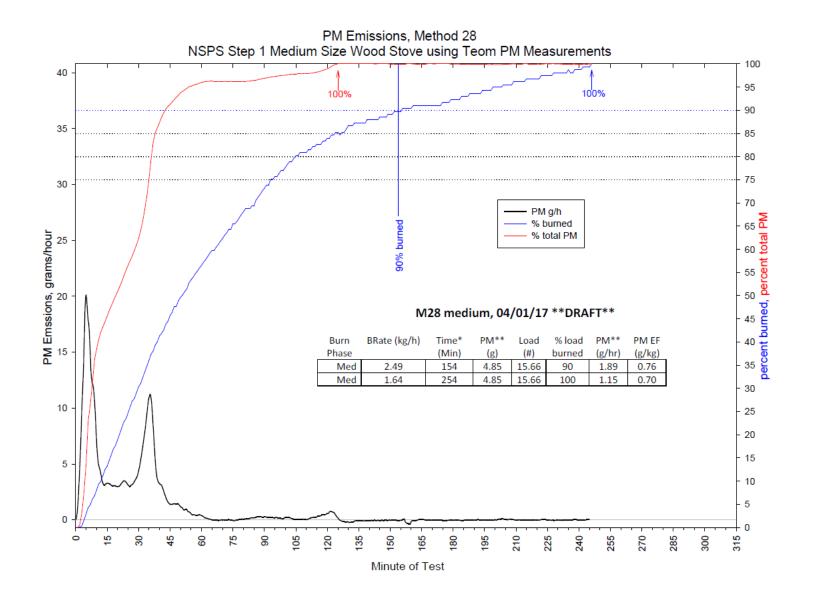
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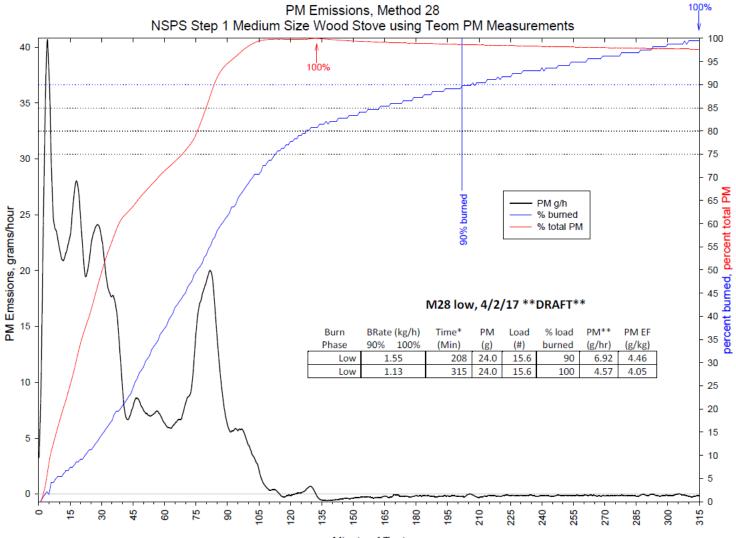


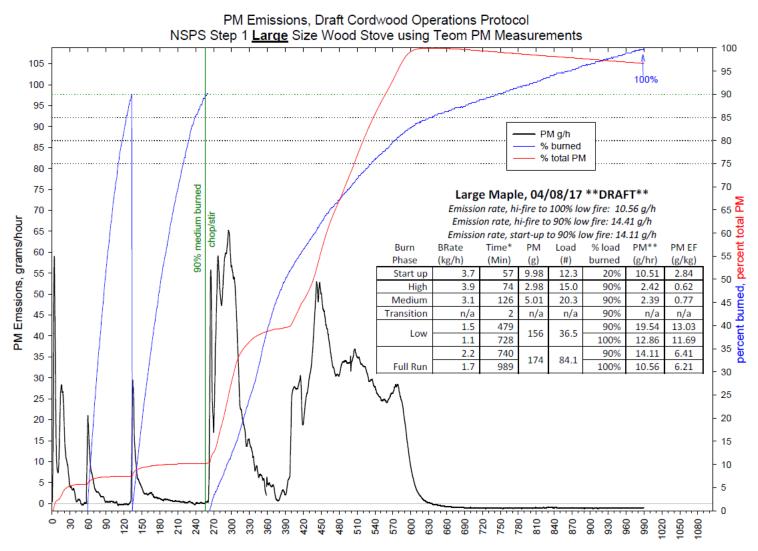


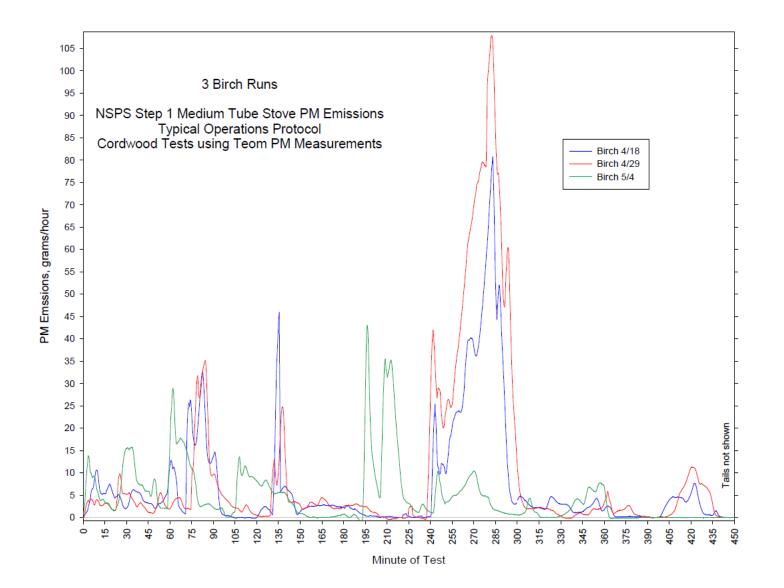


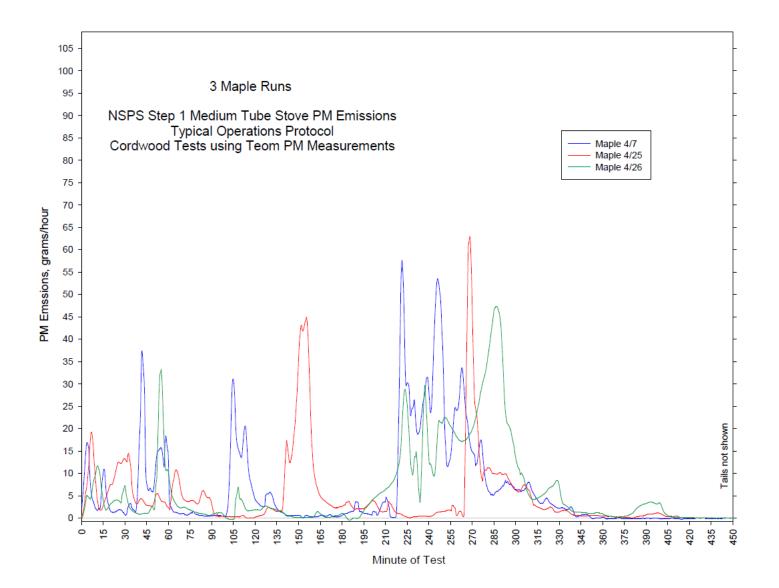


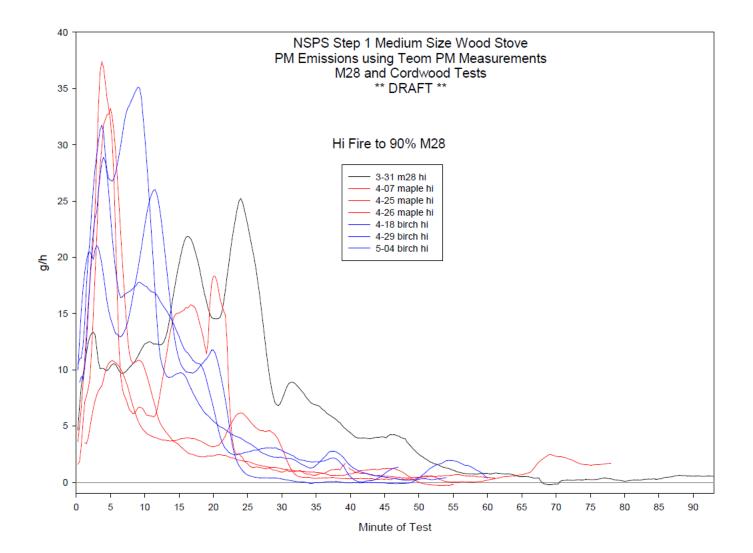


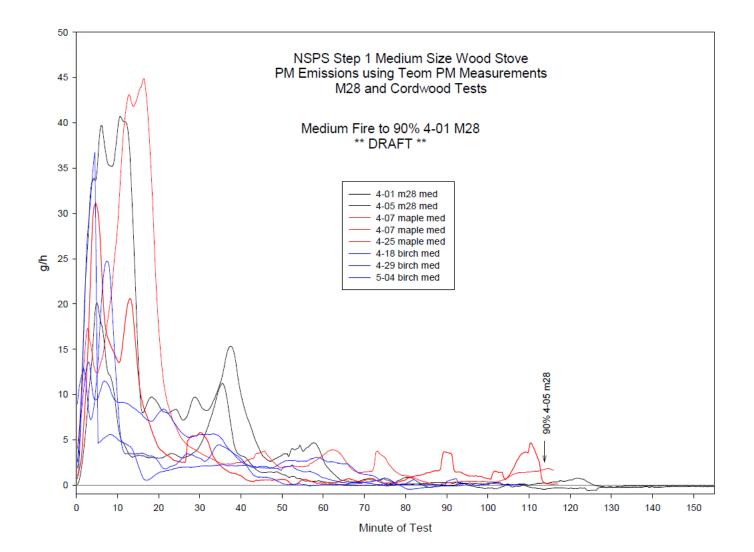


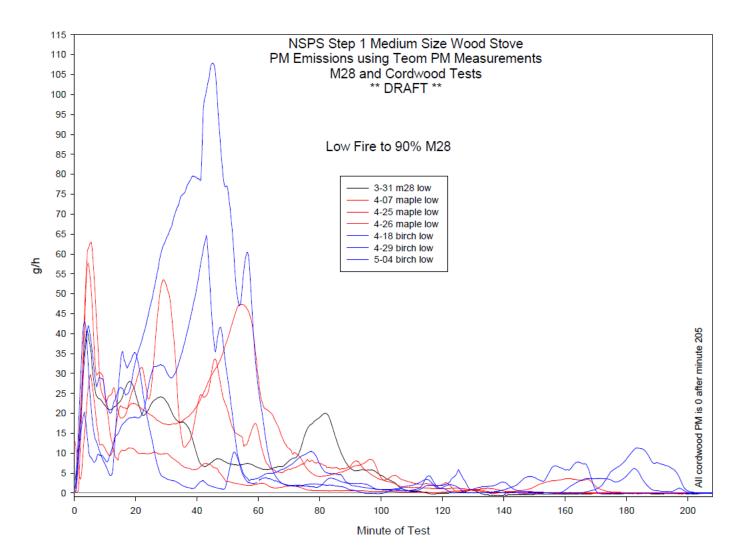


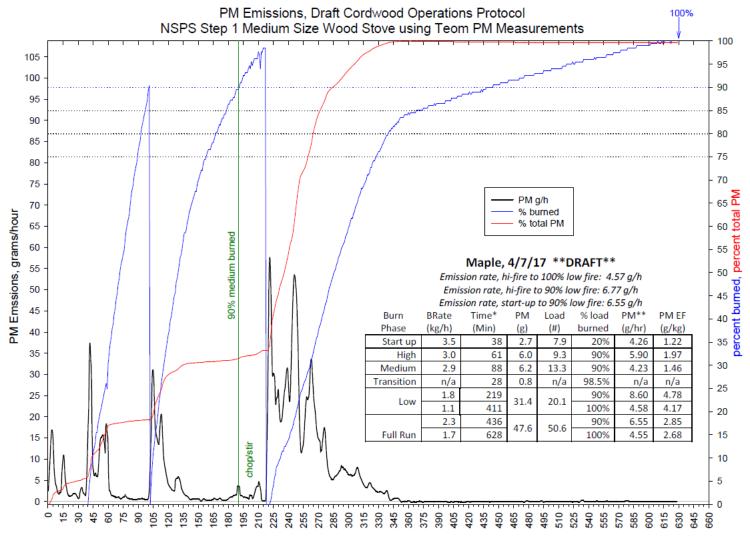


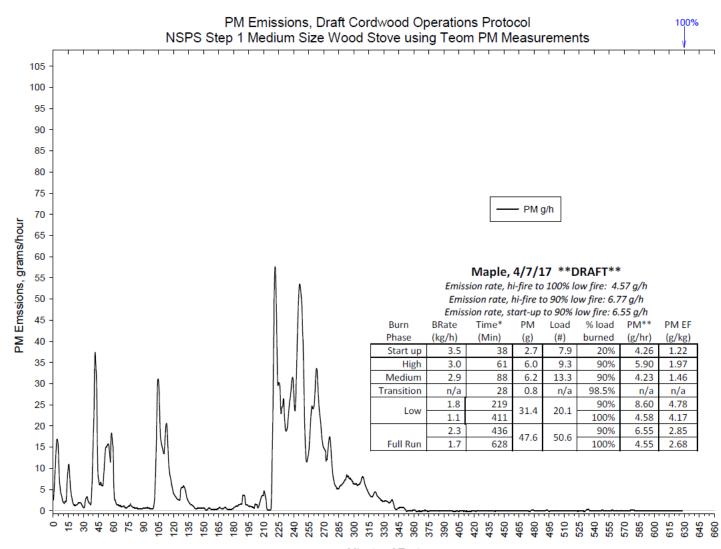


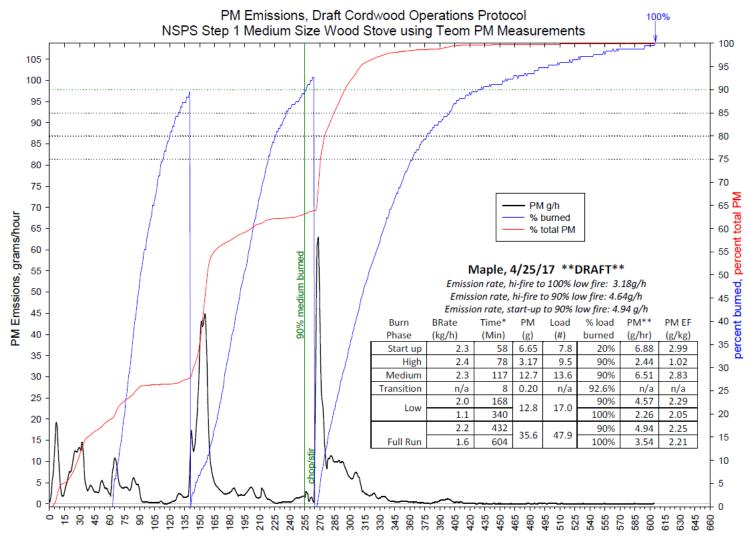


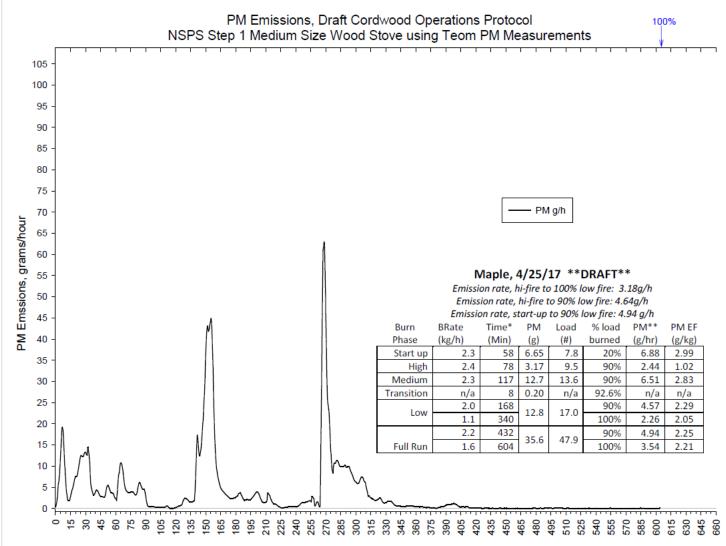


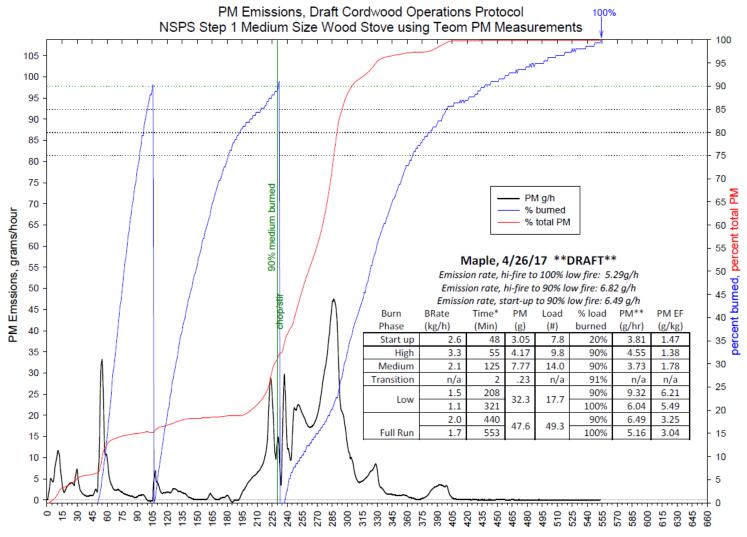


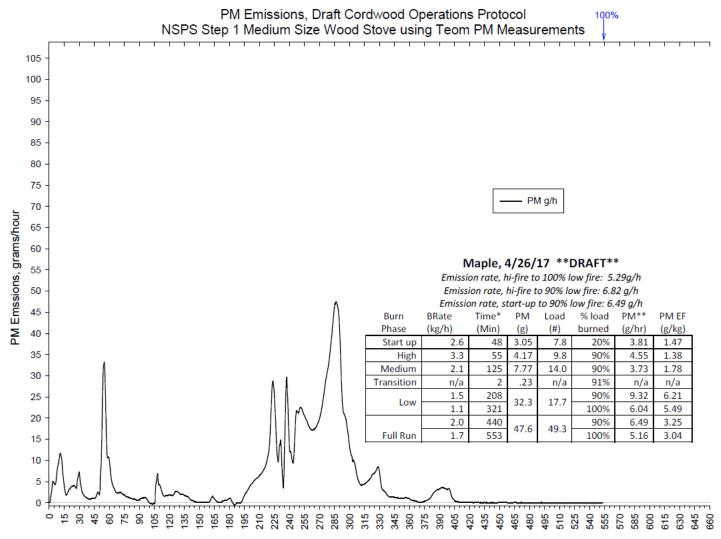


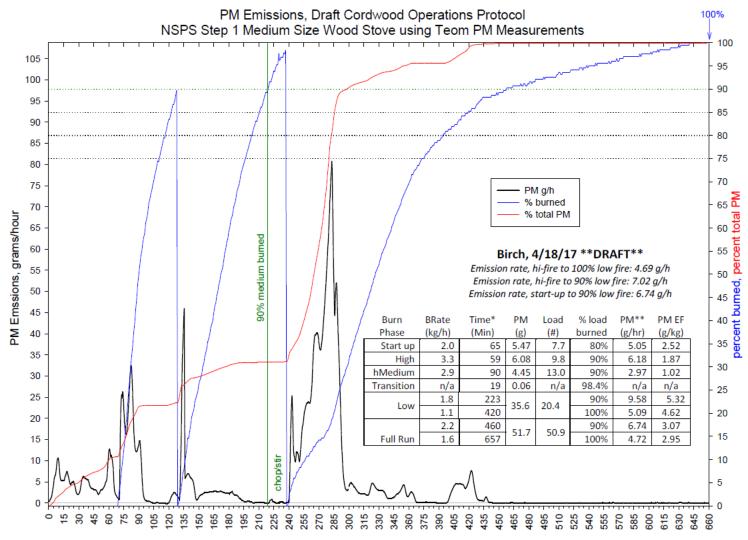




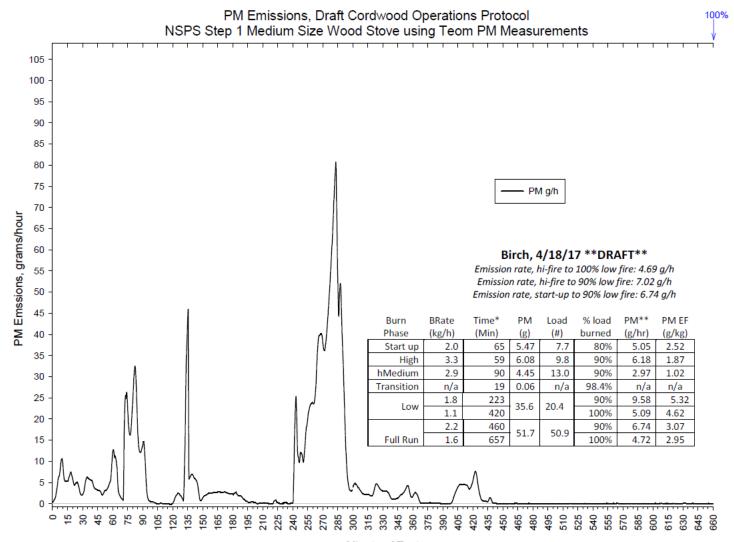


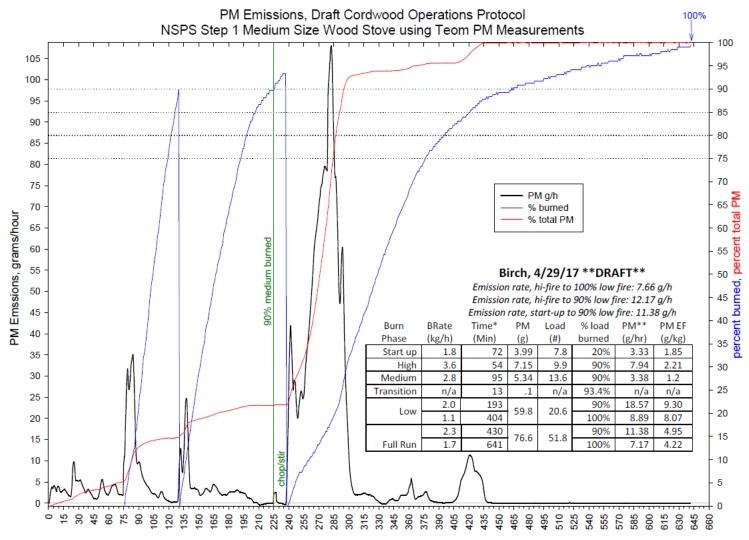


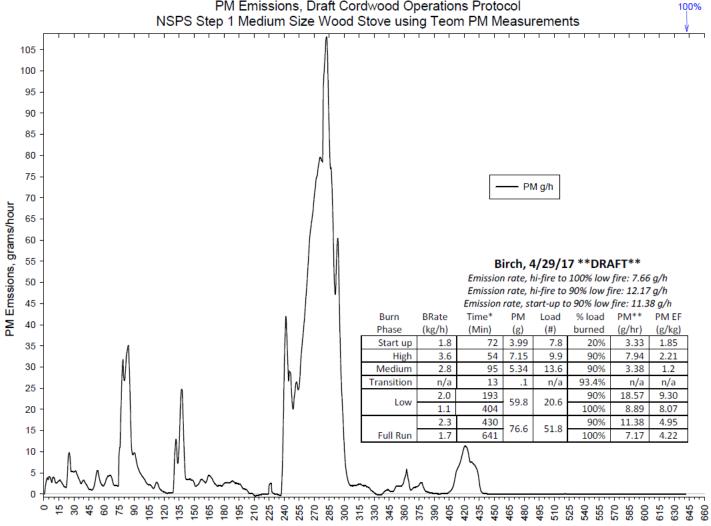




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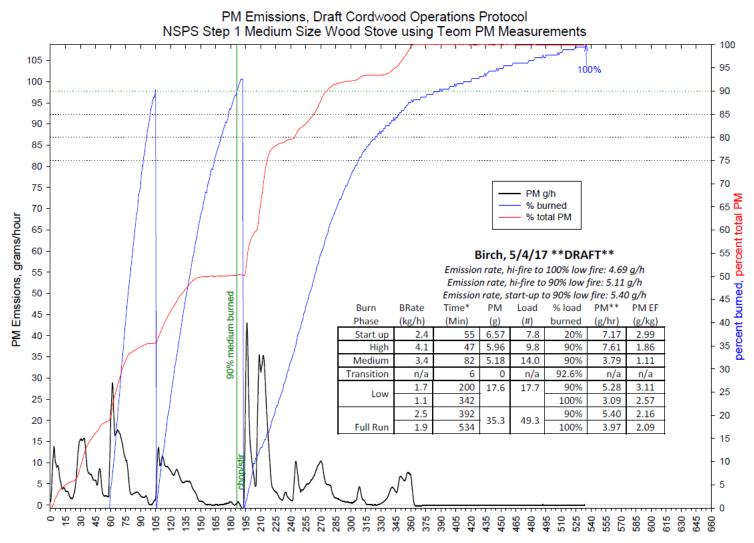


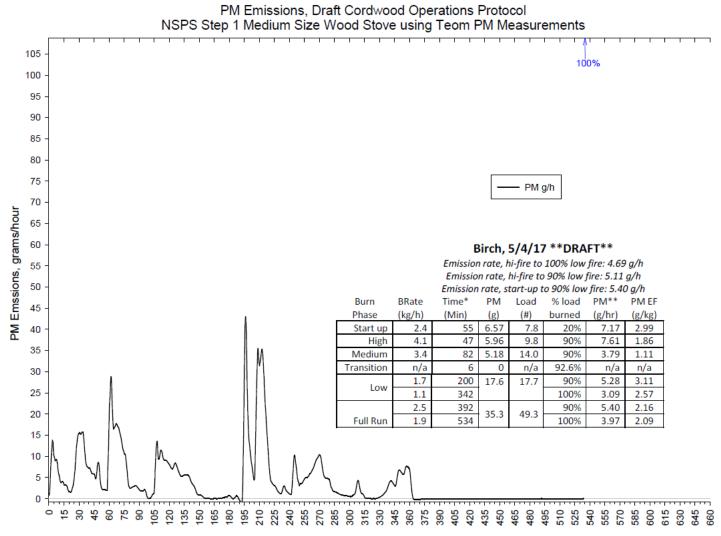


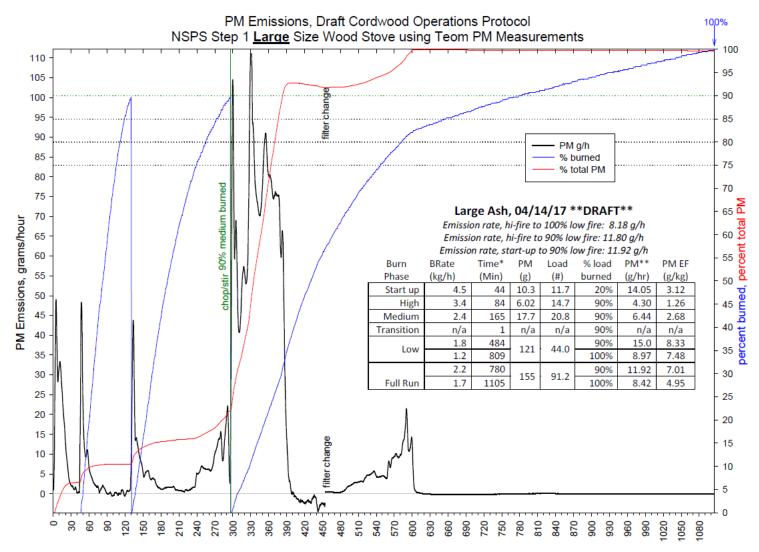


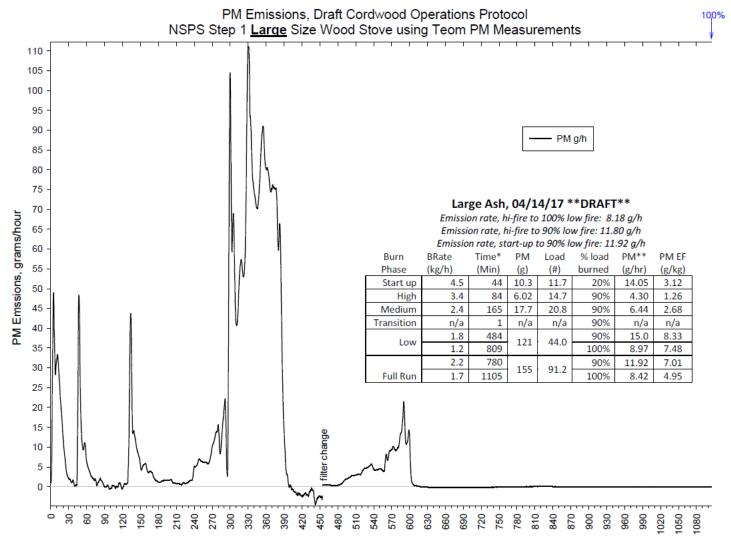
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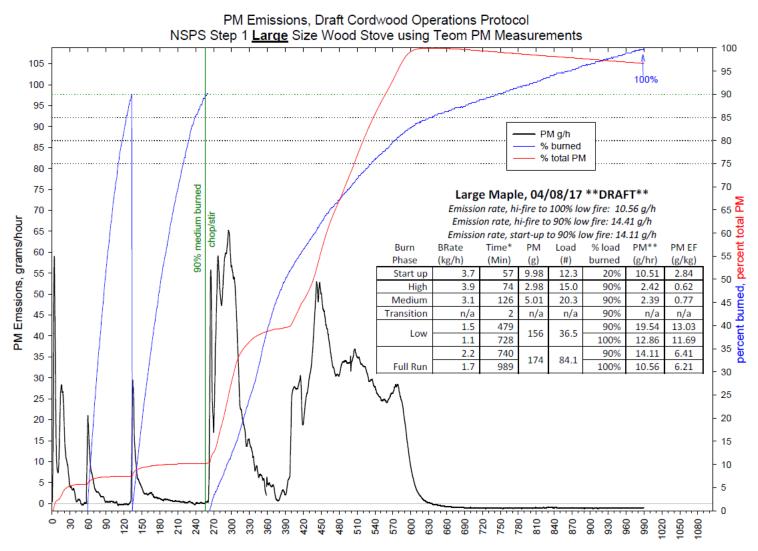
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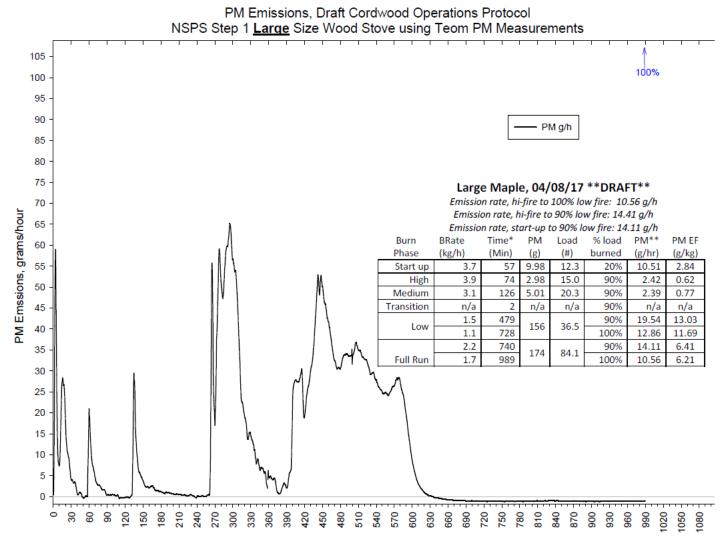


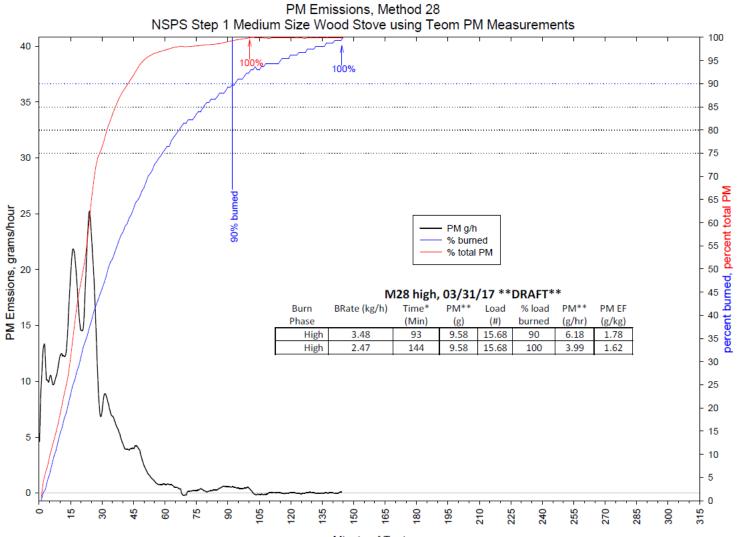


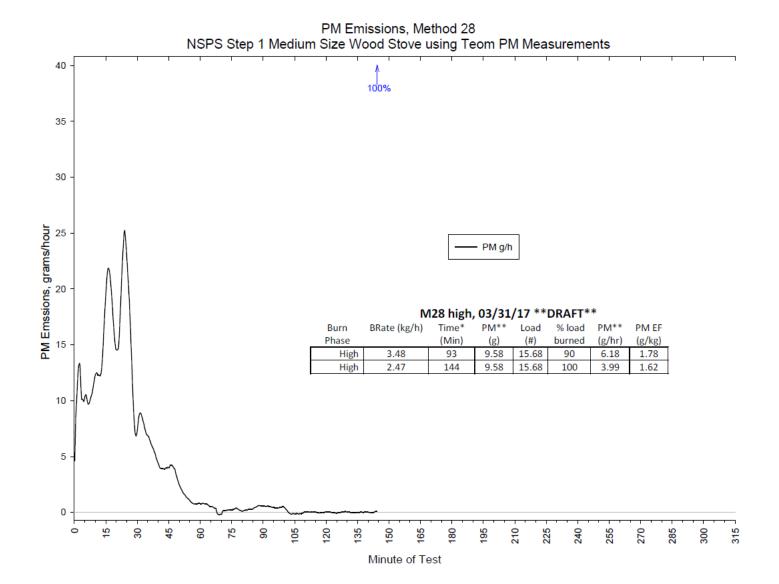


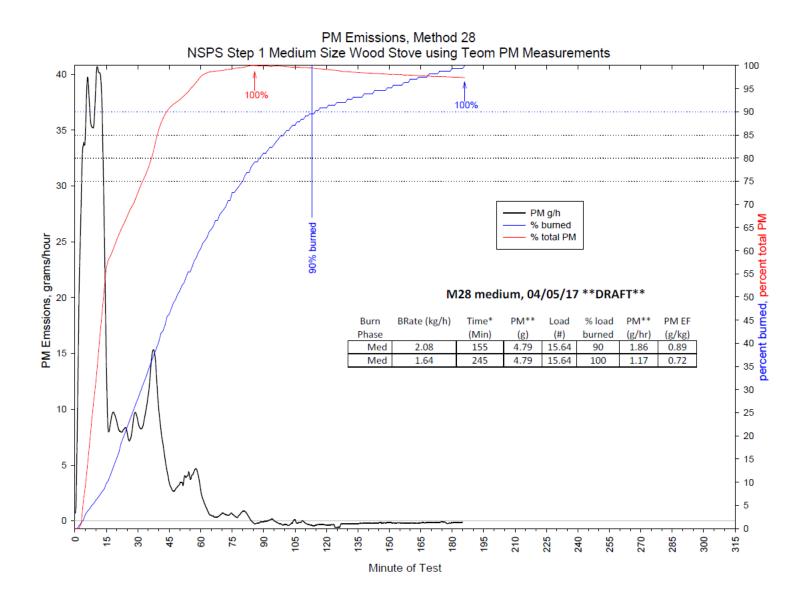


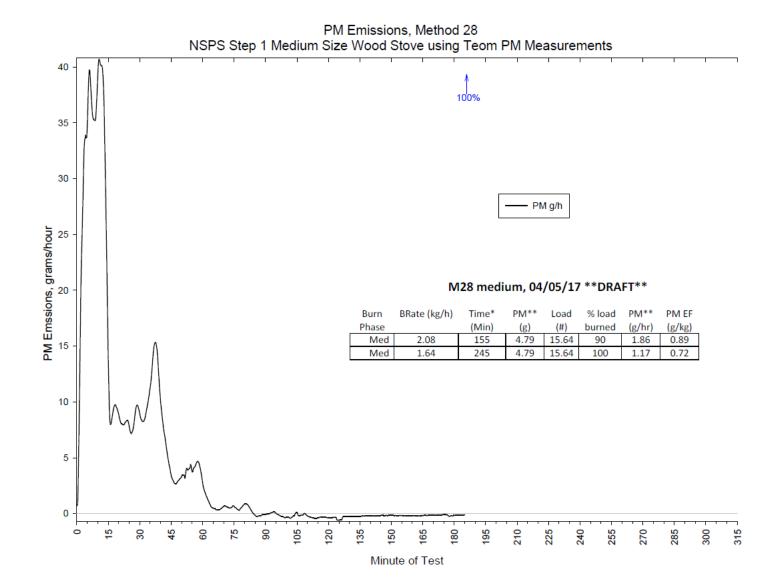


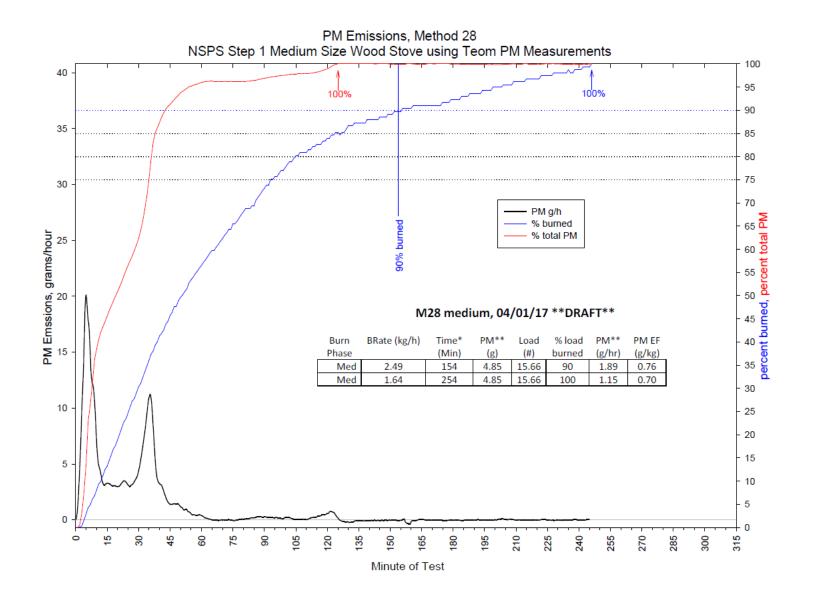


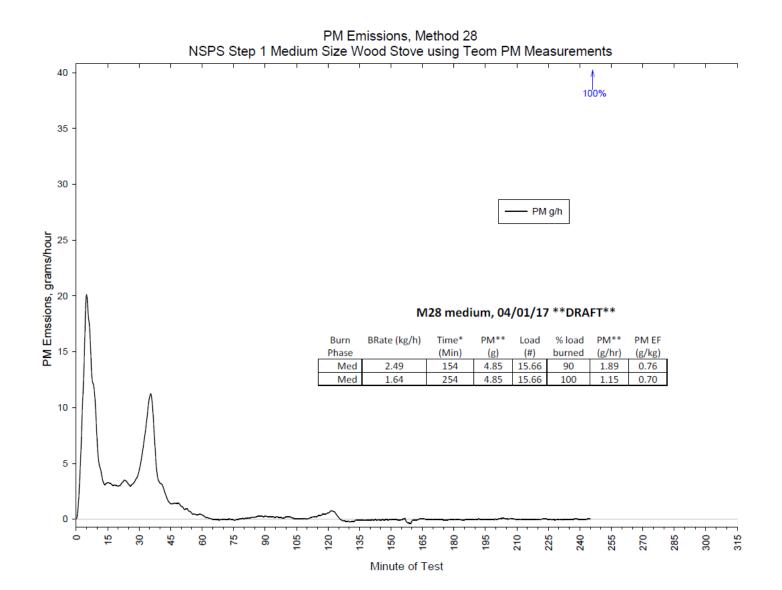


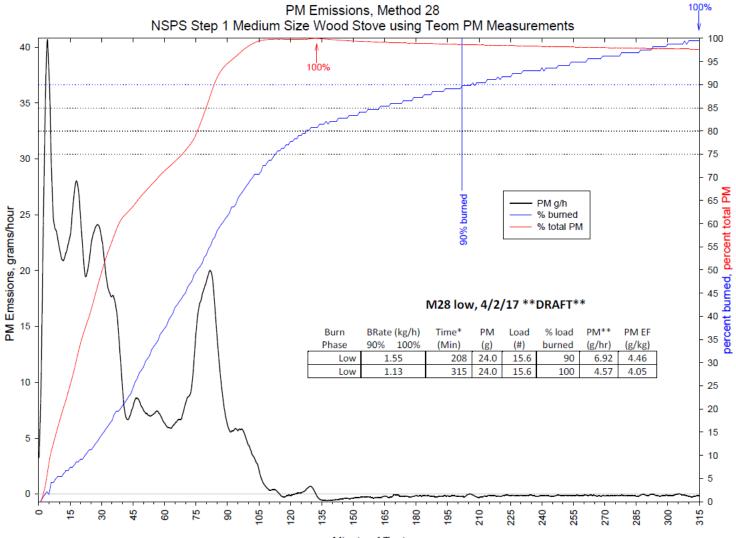


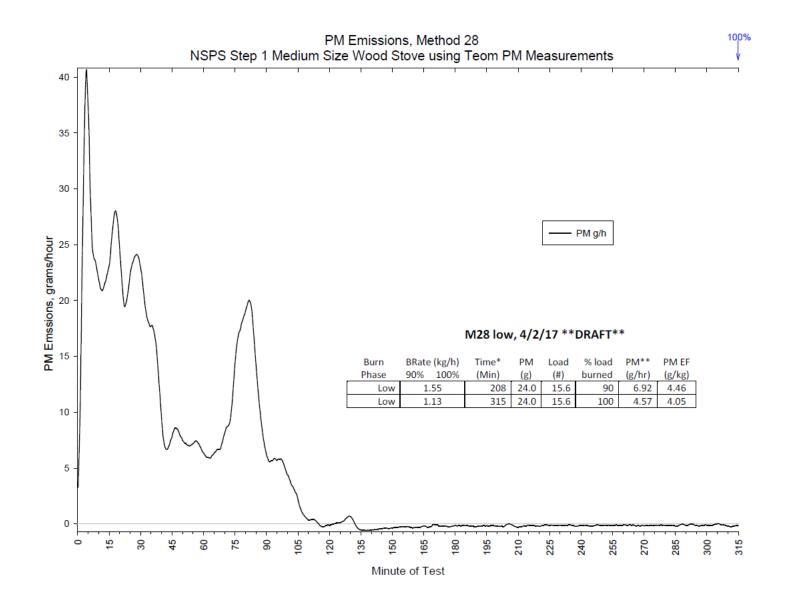


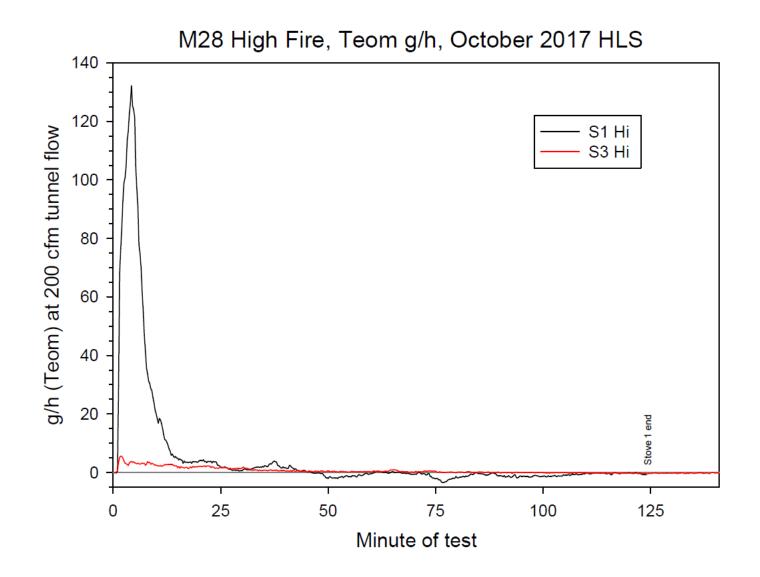


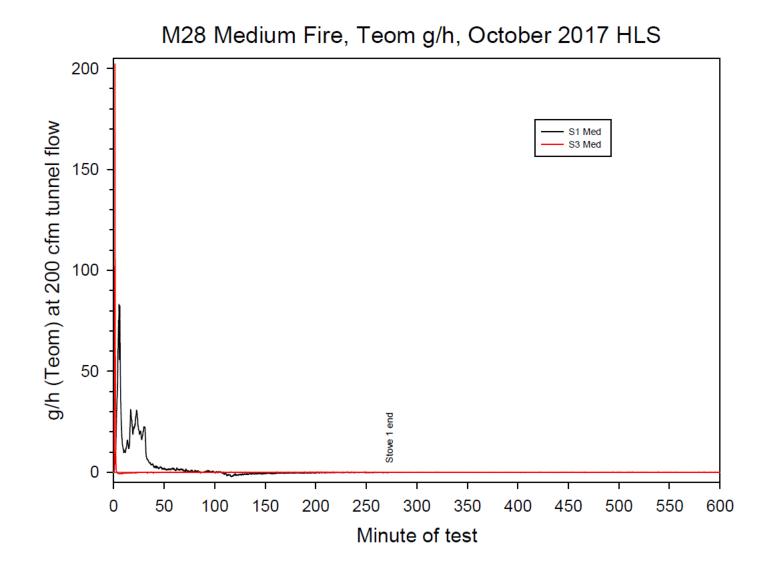


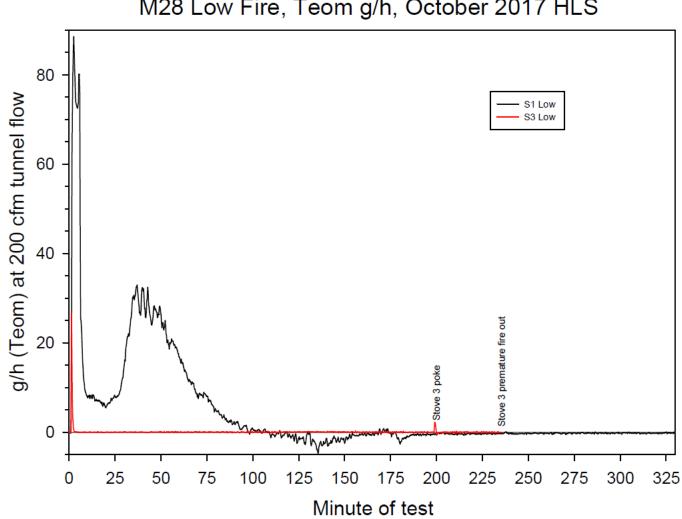












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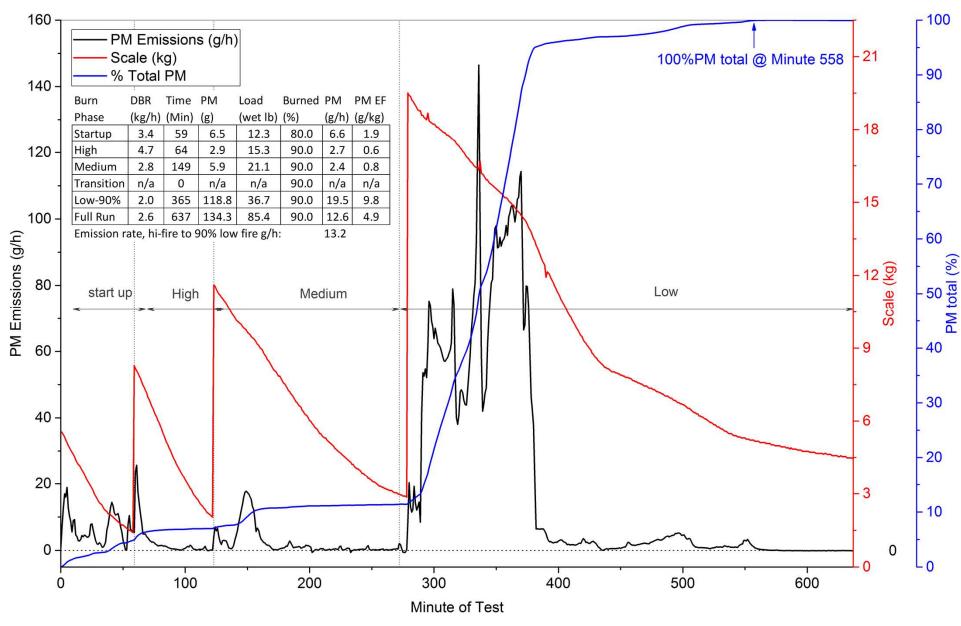
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IDC TESTING

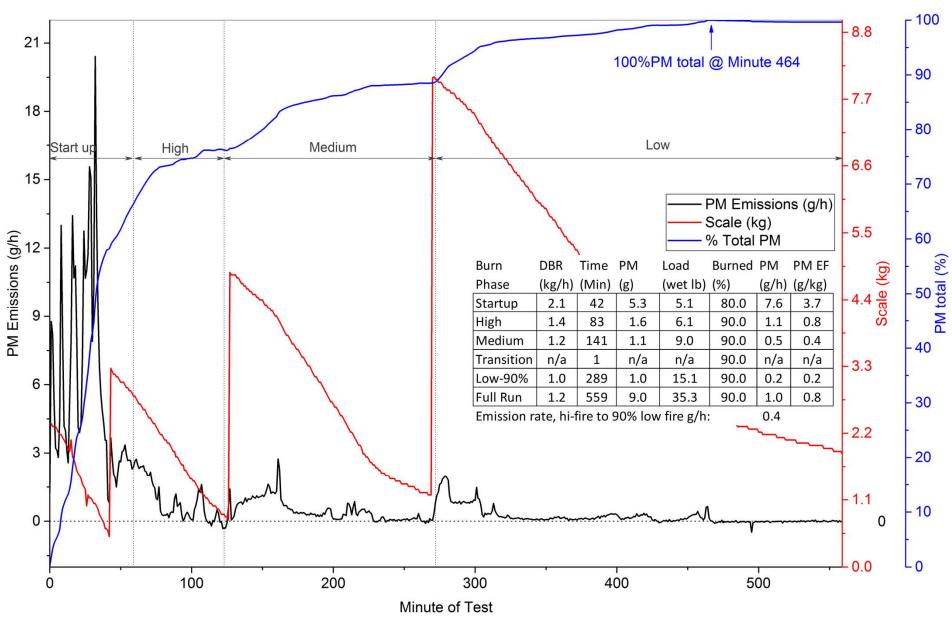


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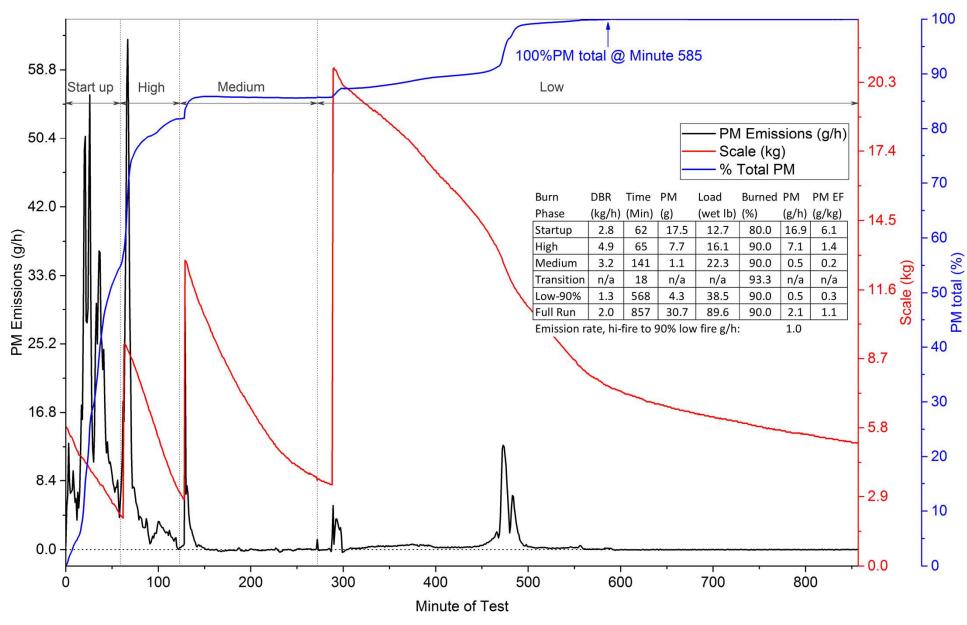


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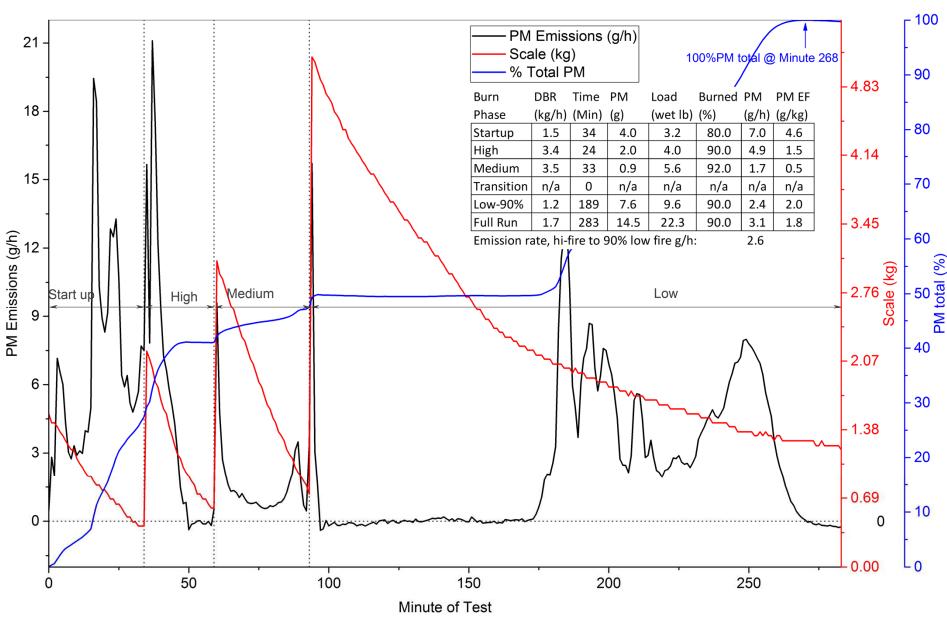






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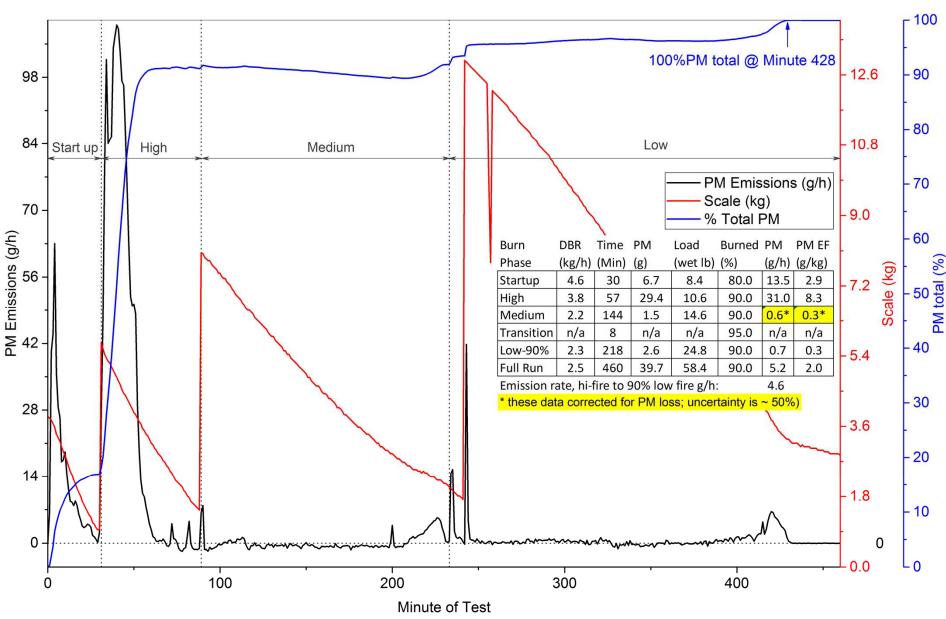




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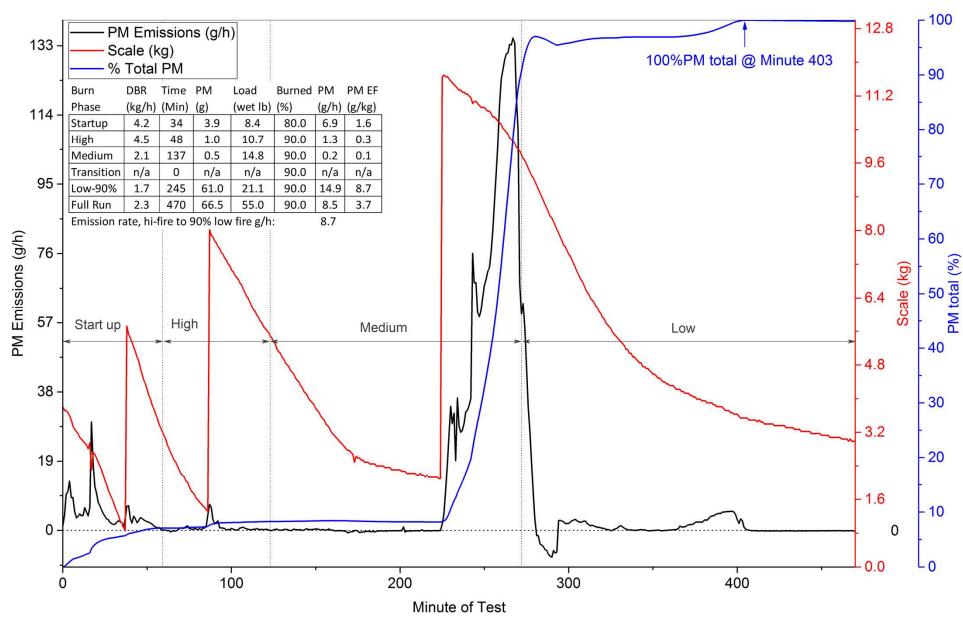


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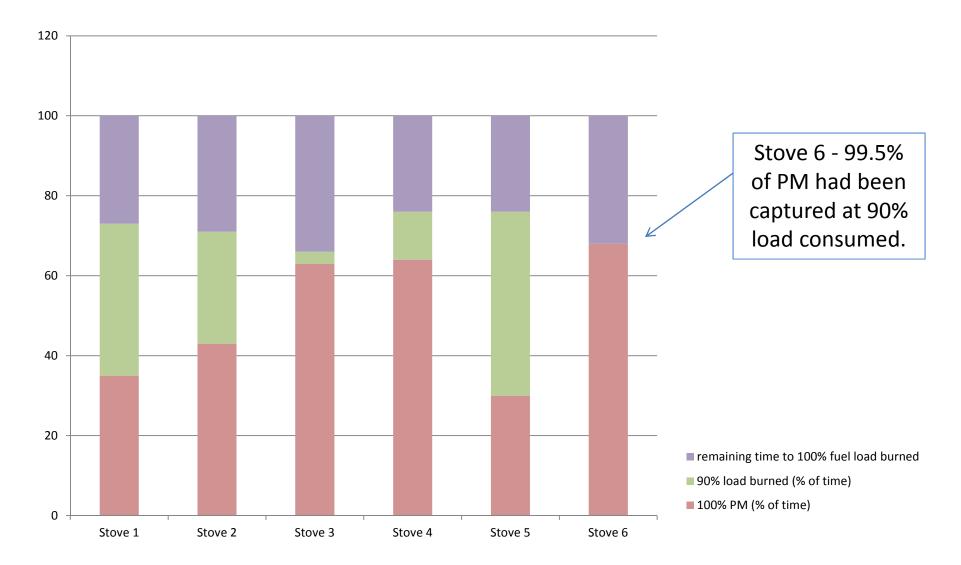


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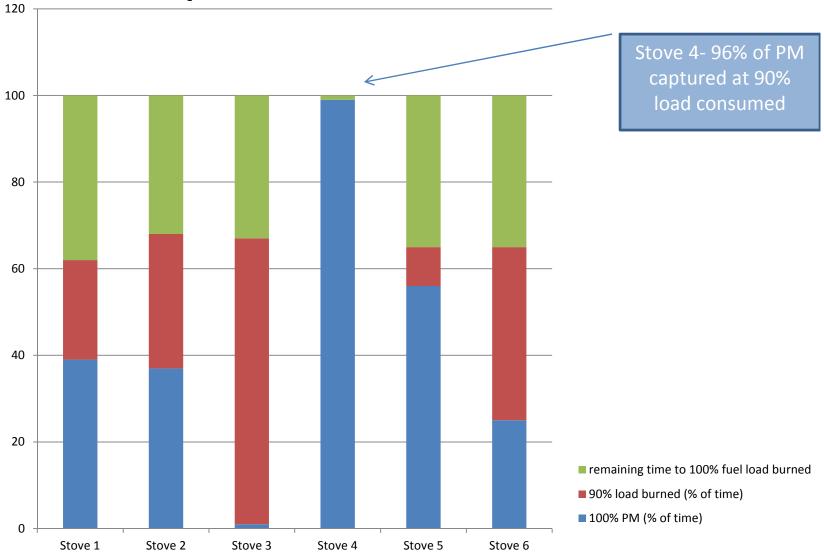
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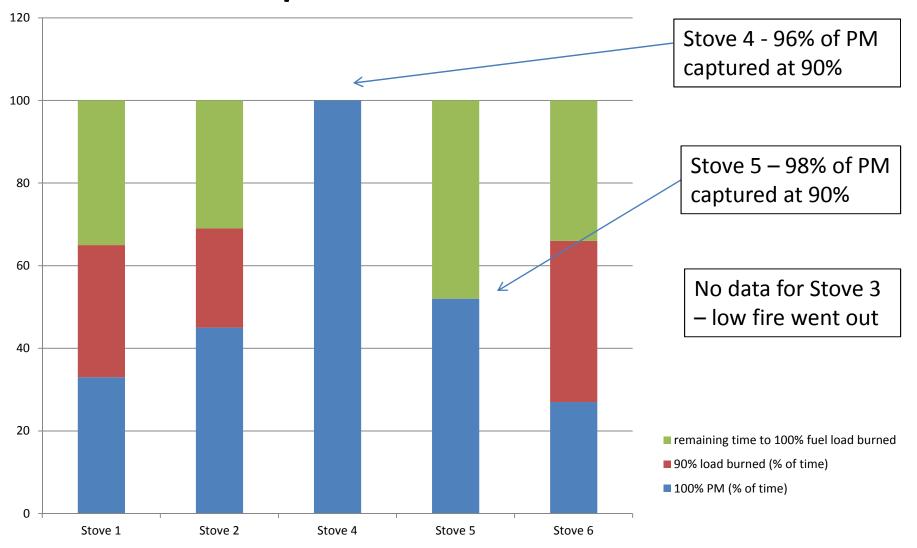
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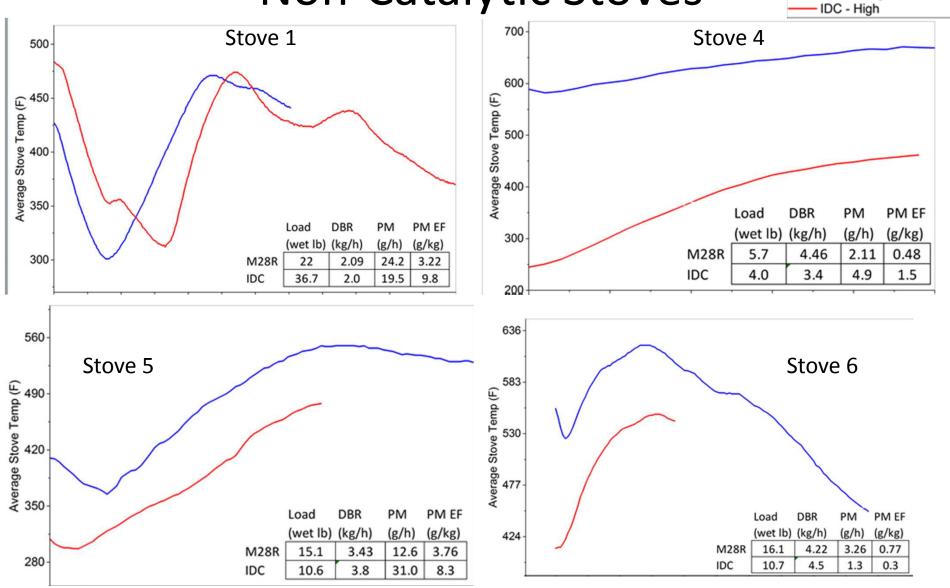
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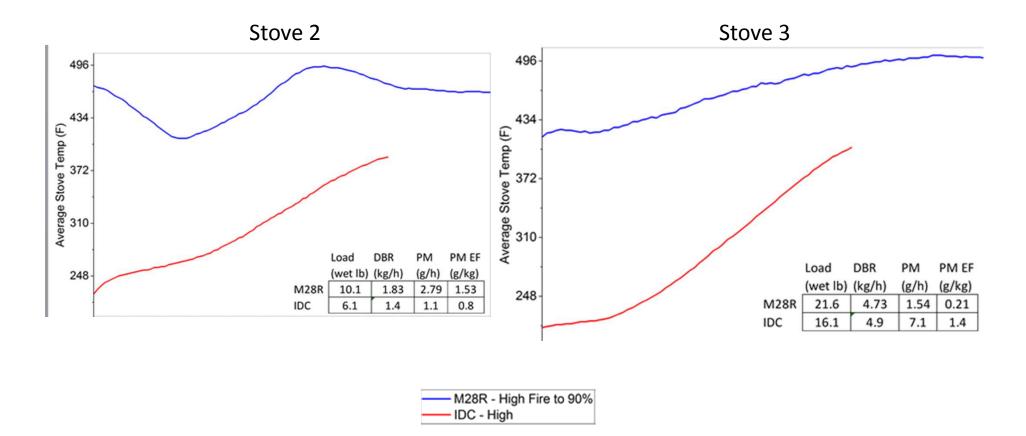
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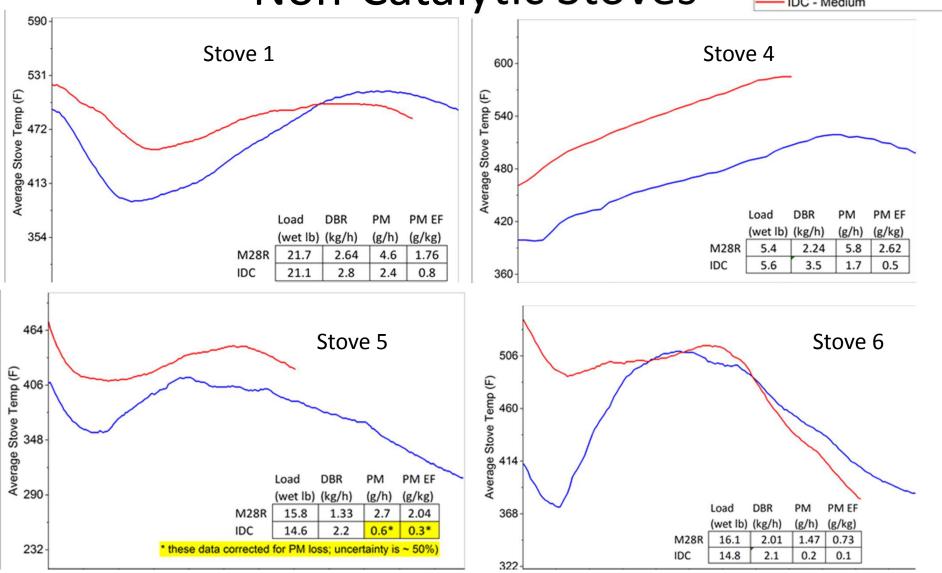
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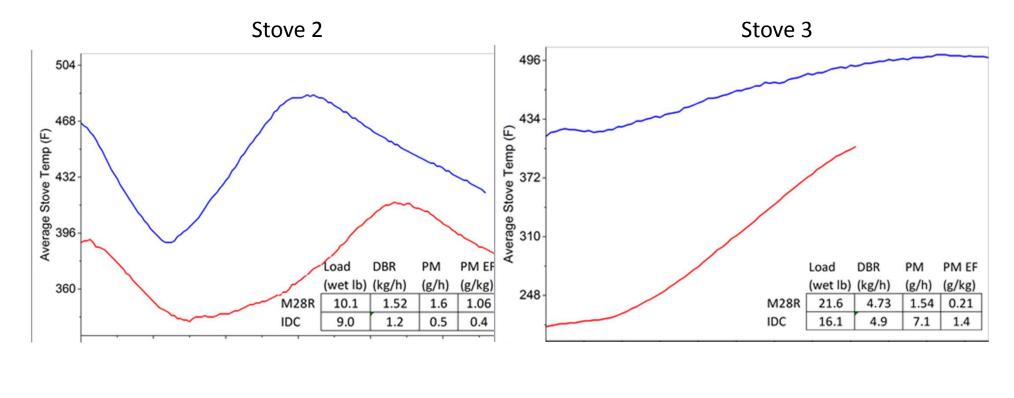
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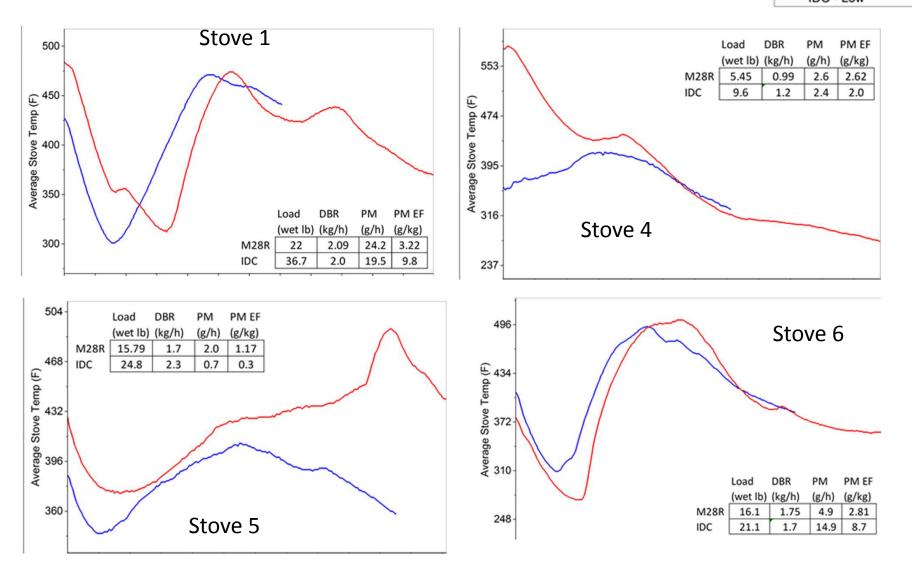


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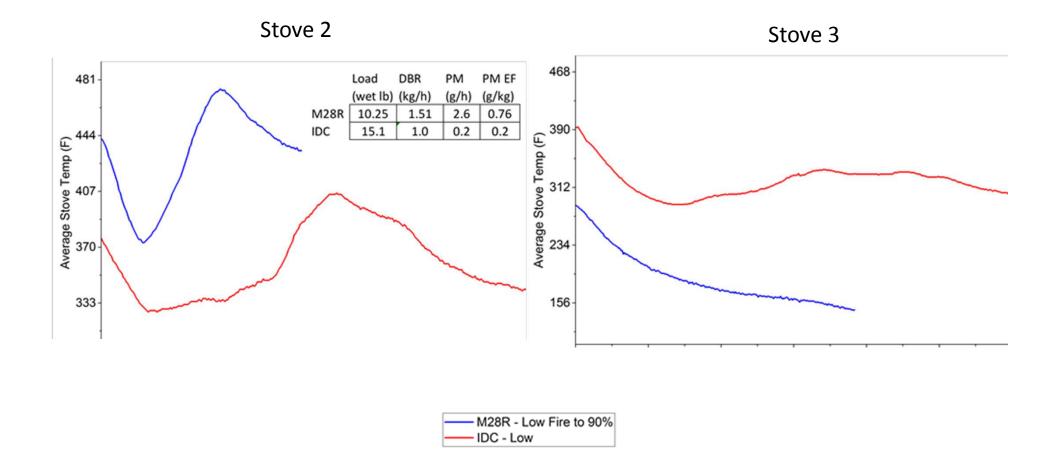


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IDC - Medium	

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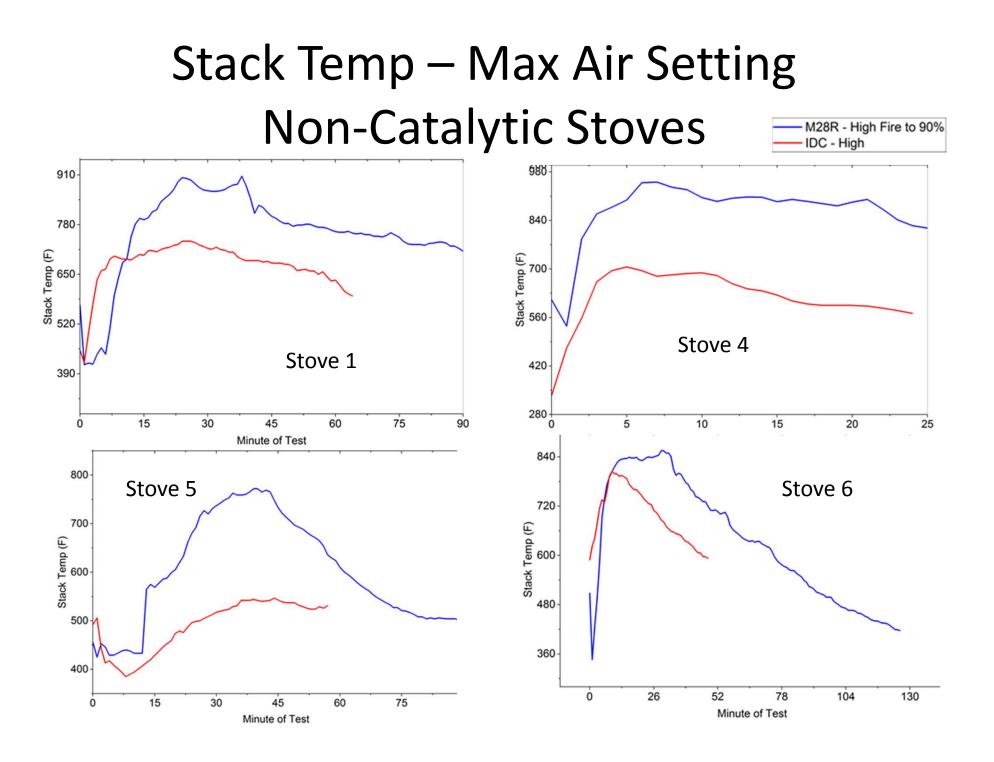


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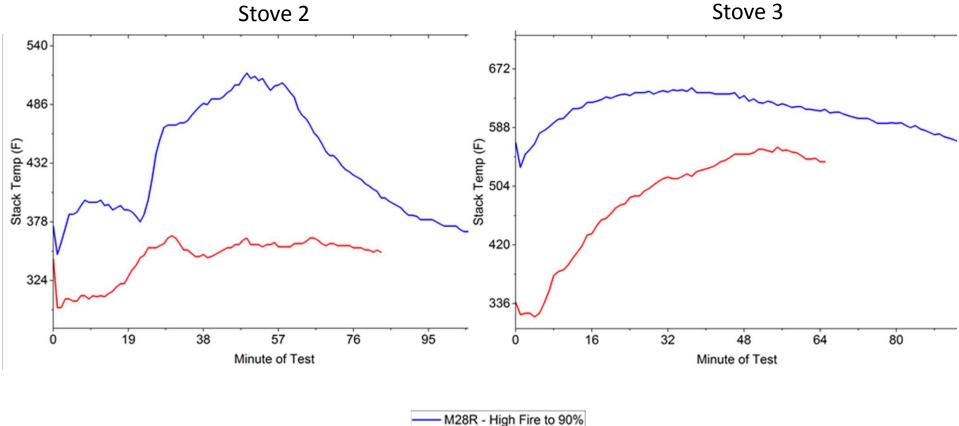


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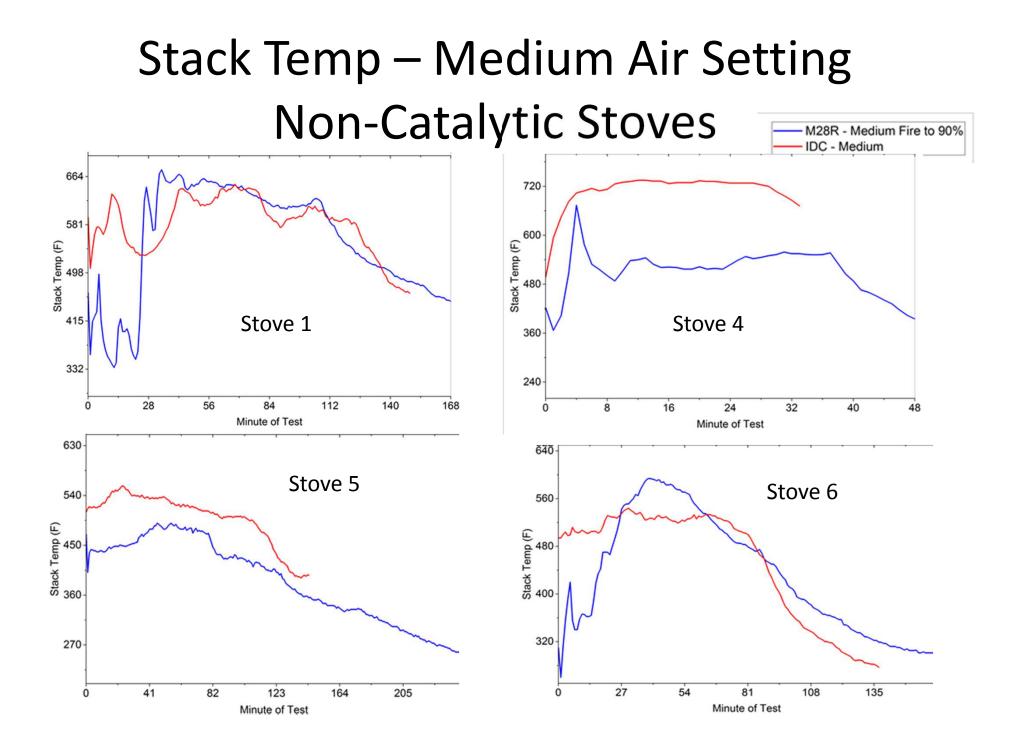
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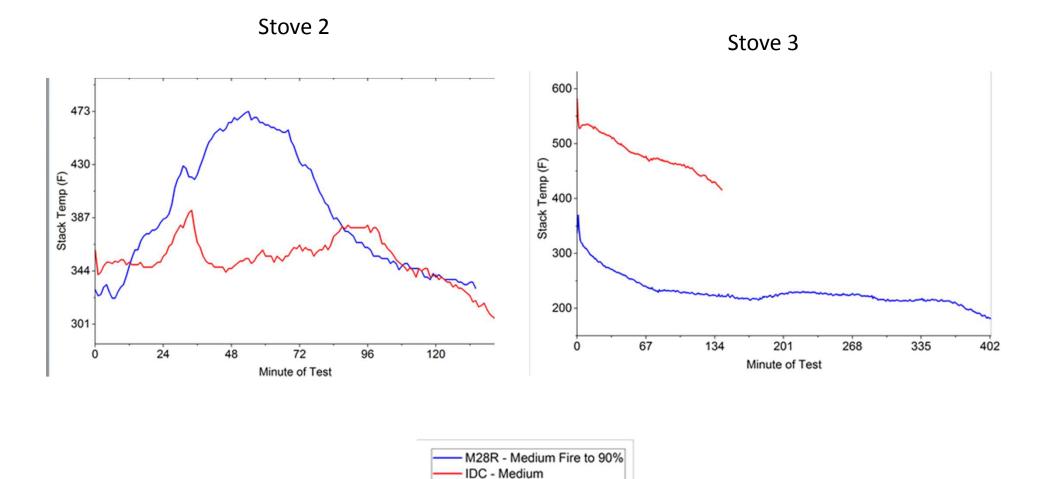
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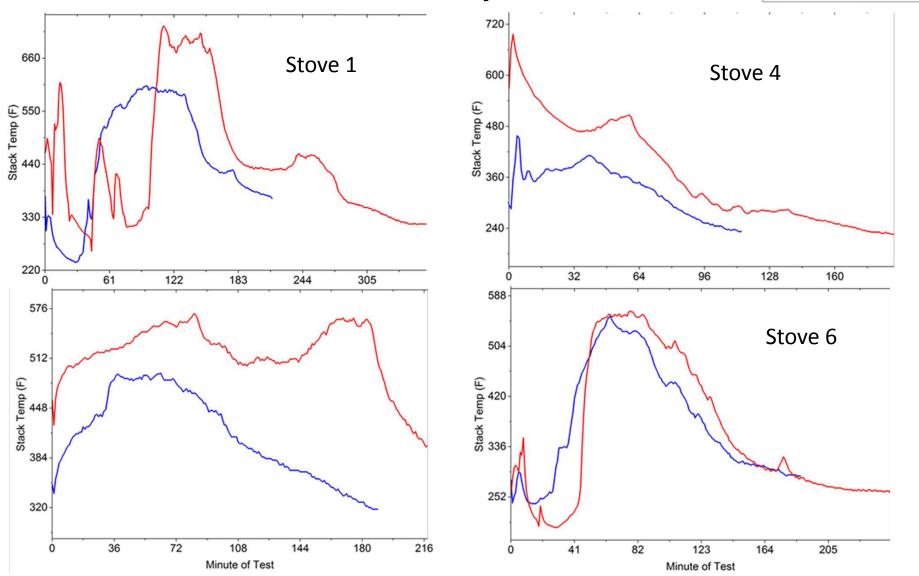
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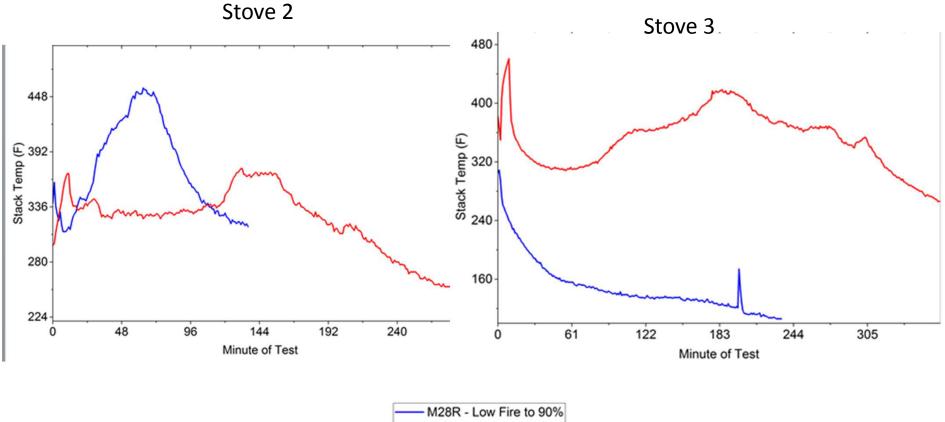
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----- IDC - Low

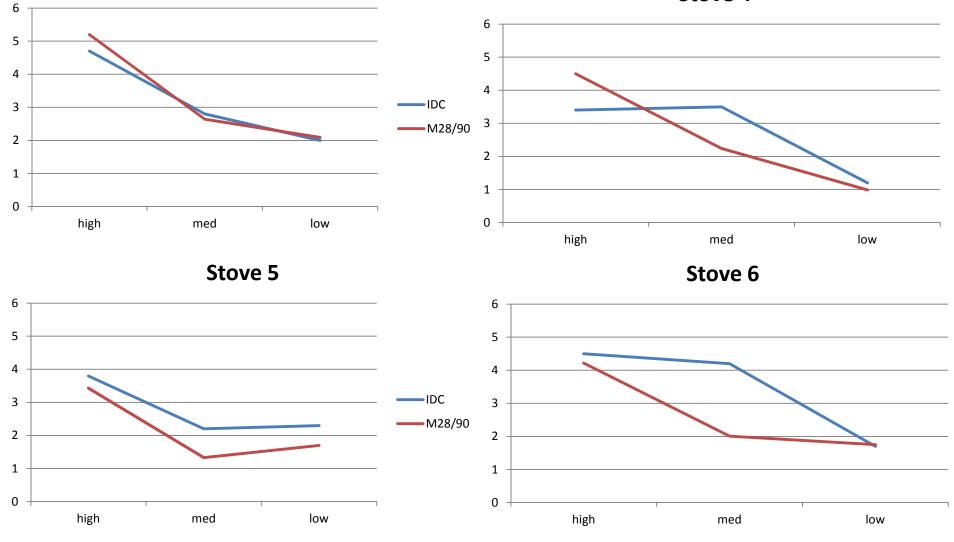
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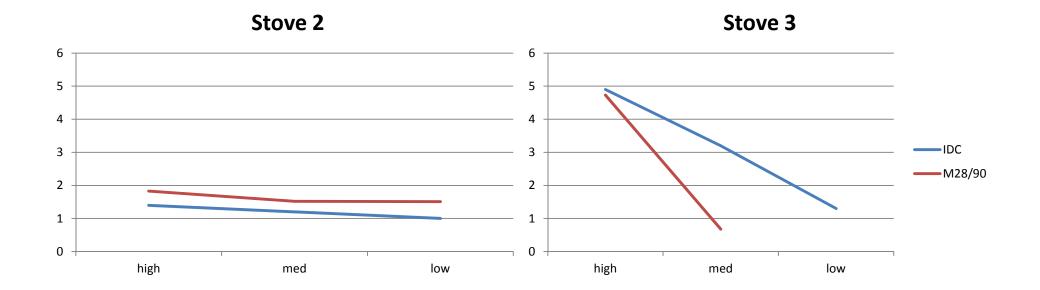
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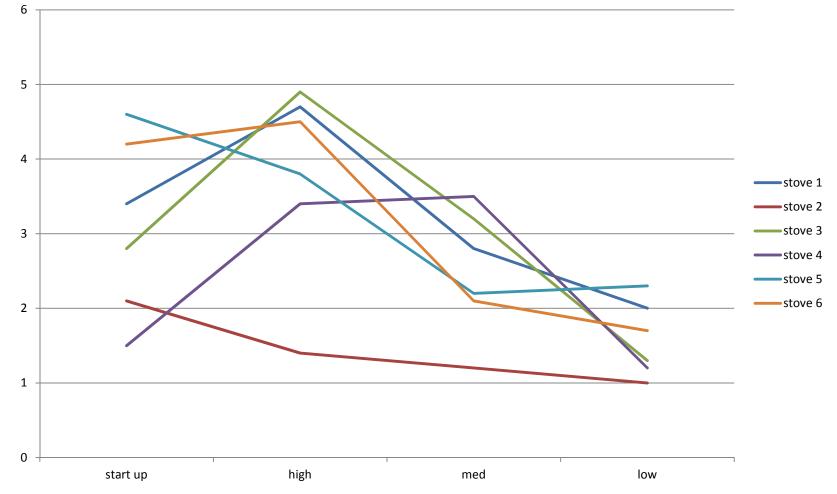




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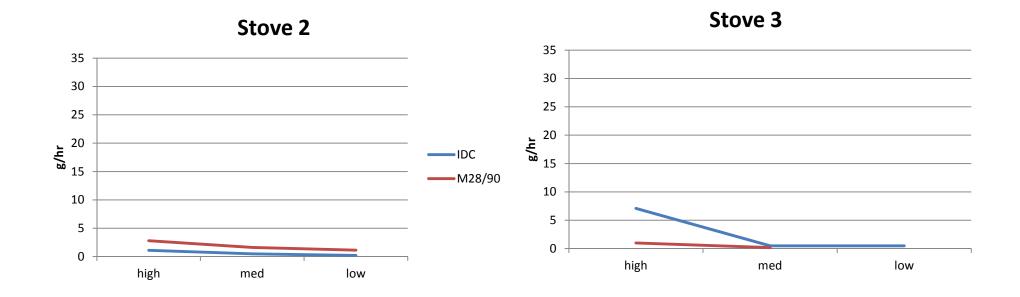
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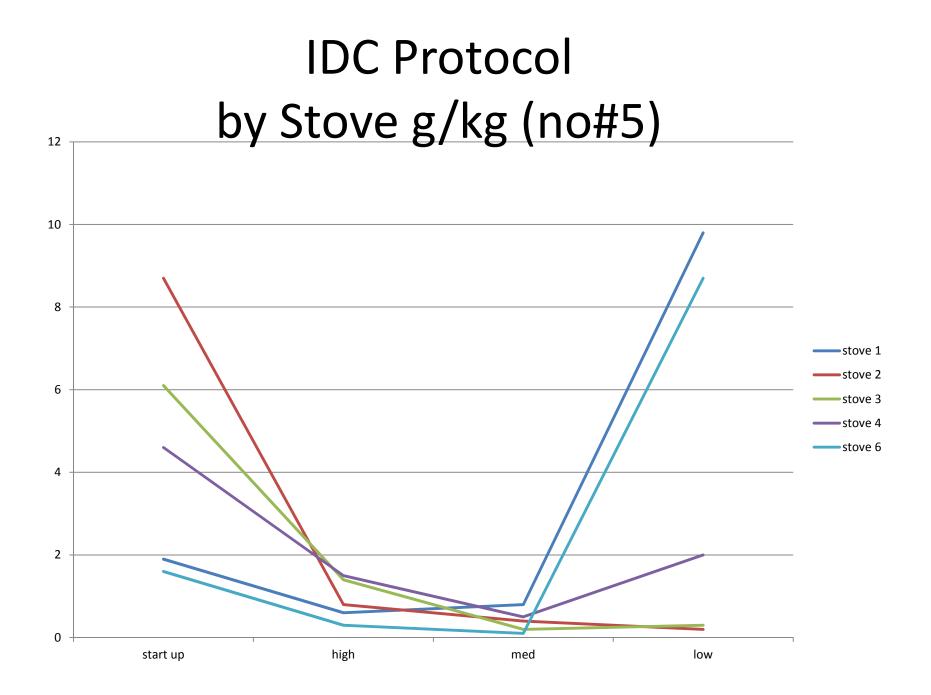
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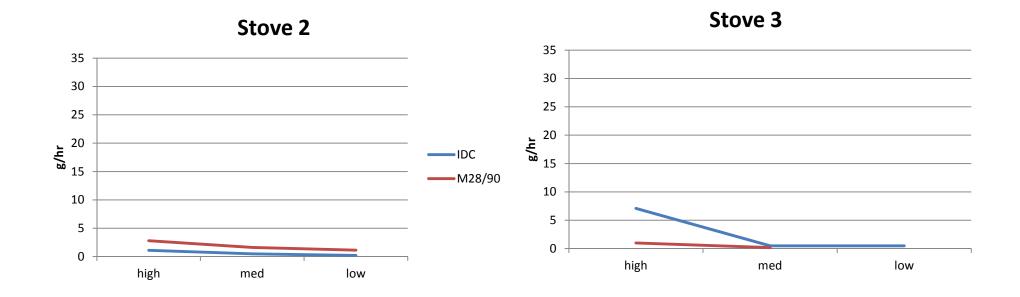
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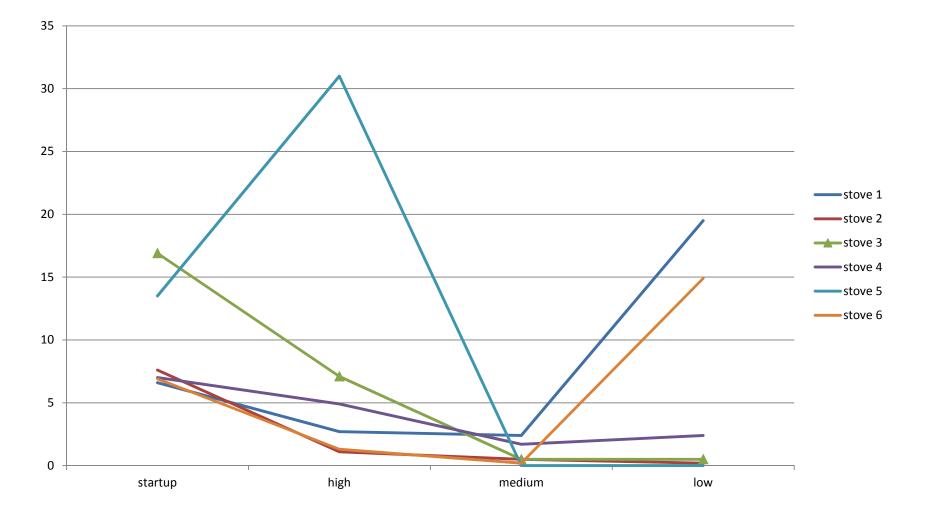
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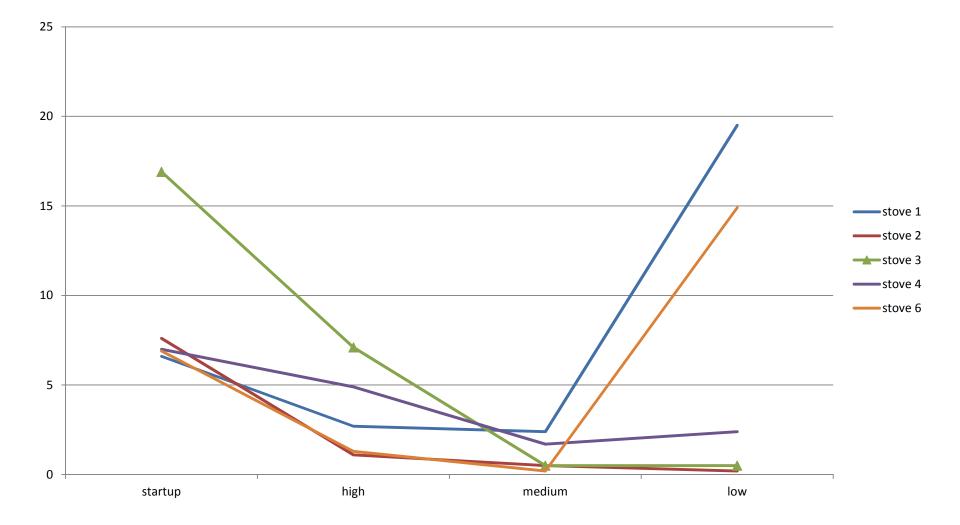
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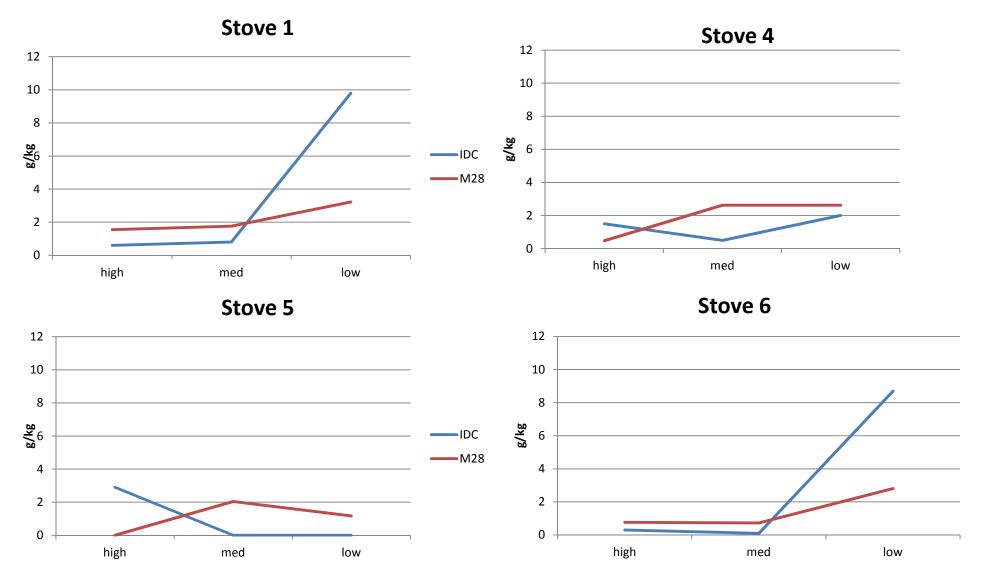
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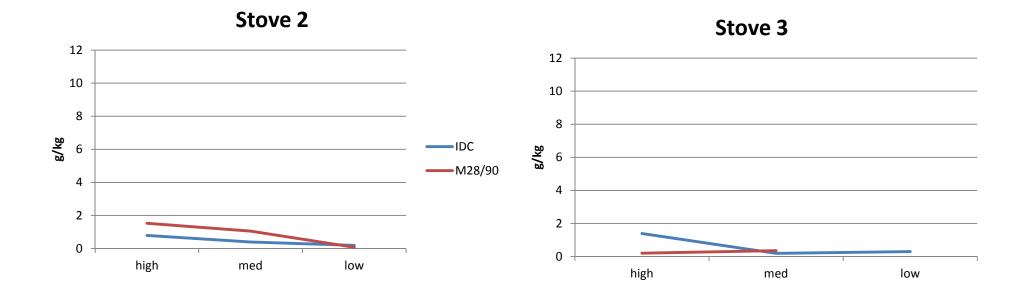
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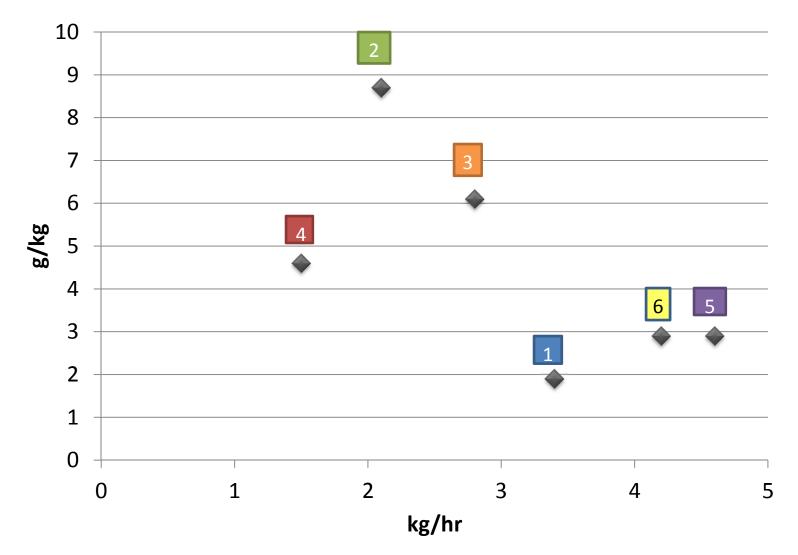
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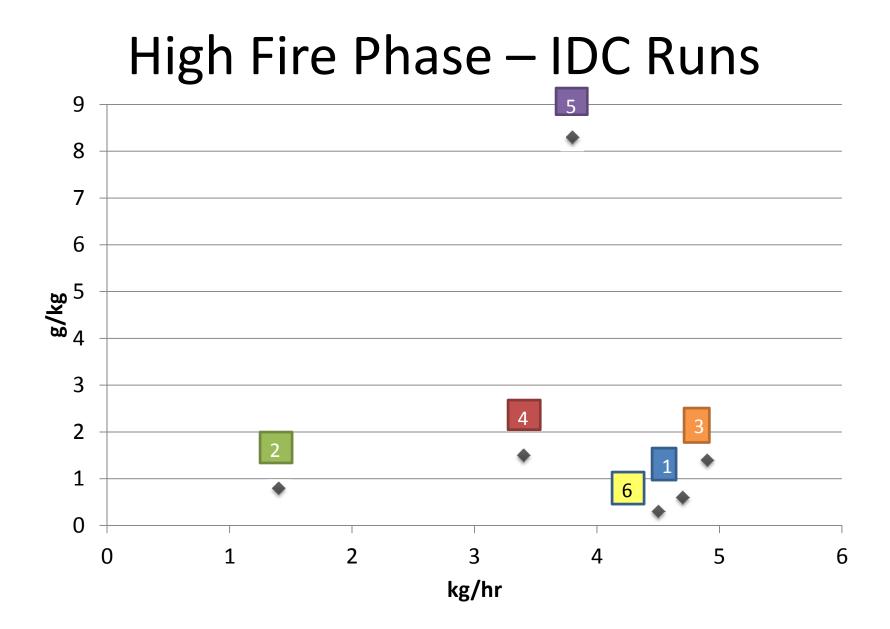


BURN RATE /EMISSION FACTOR ANALYSIS

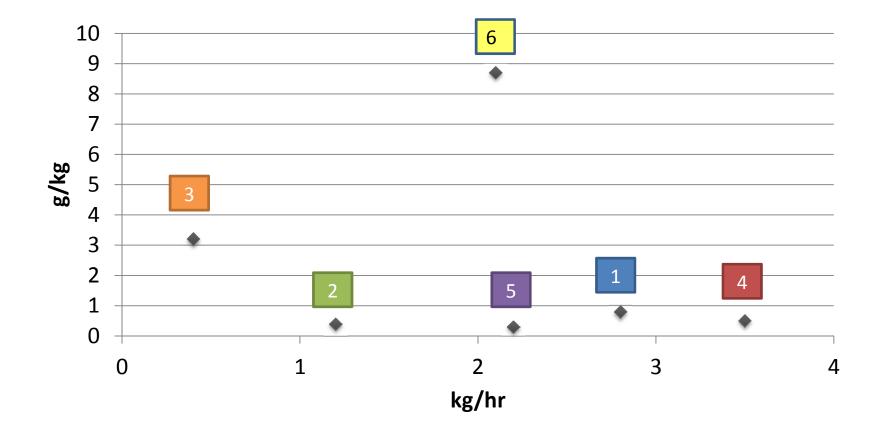
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Start-Up Phase – IDC Runs

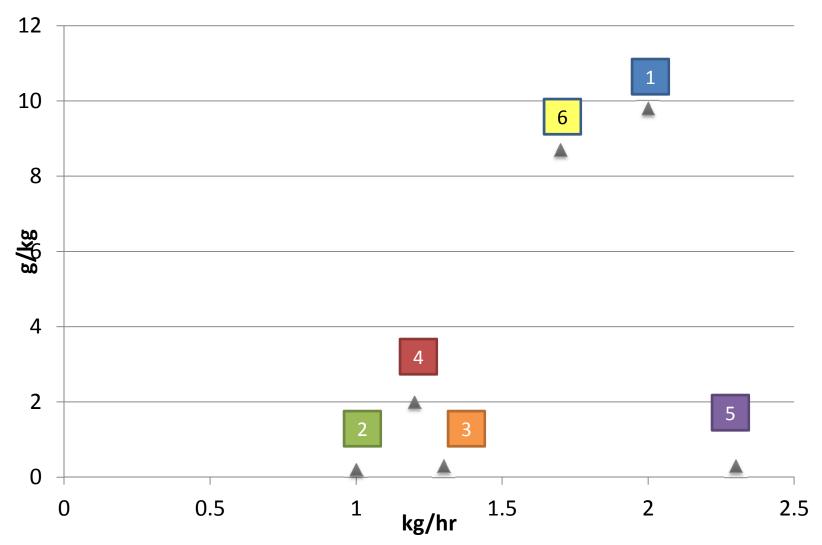




Medium Air Phase – IDC Runs



Low Air Phase – IDC Runs



START-UP ANALYSIS

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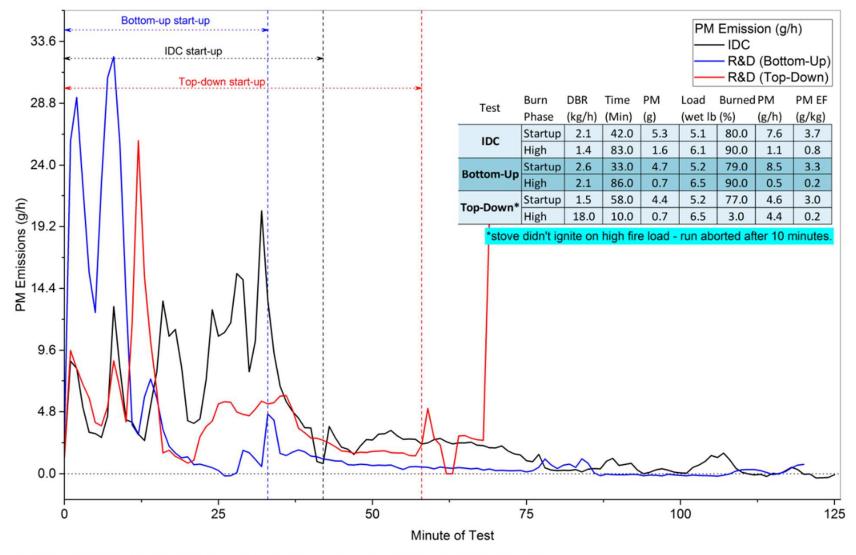
Bottom Up Start-up Load March 1, 2018



Stove 2 – Top Down start-up Load 2/27



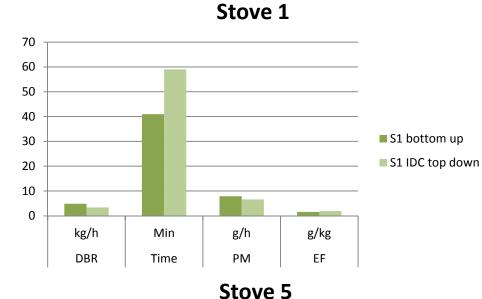


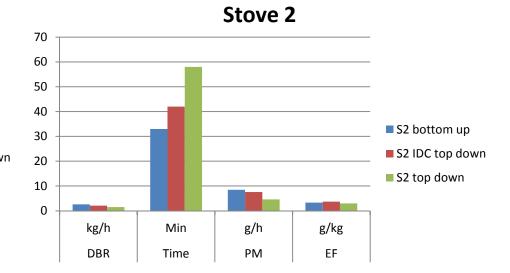


Stove 2: PM Emissions - IDC (1/24/18) vs Bottom-Up (2/27/18) vs Top-Down* (2/28/18)

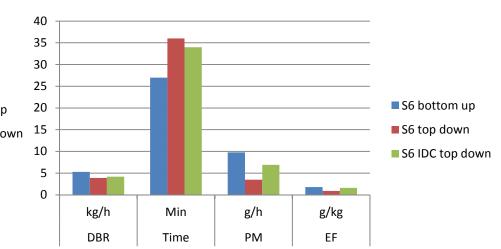
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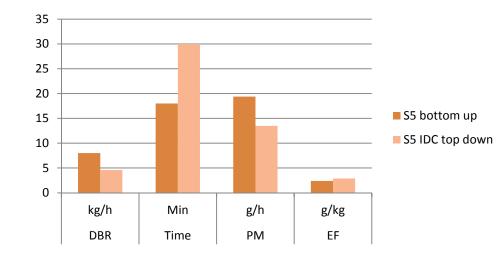
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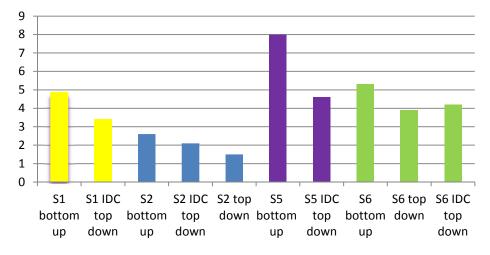
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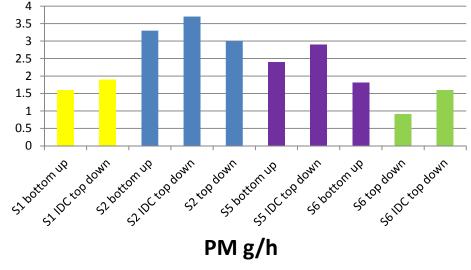


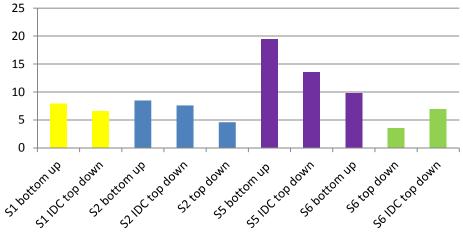
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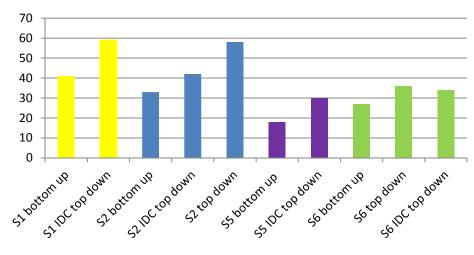


EF g/kg





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IMPACT OF INCREASING HIGH FIRE LOAD

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Changing High Fire Fuel Load

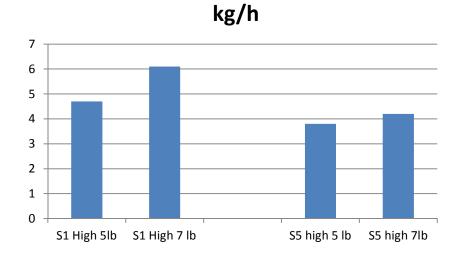
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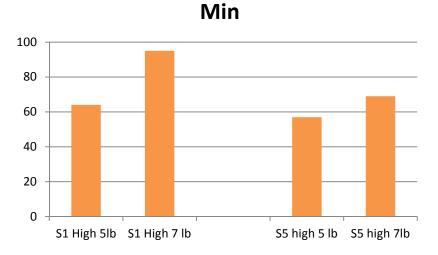


Start-up and HF load at 7lbs/ft³

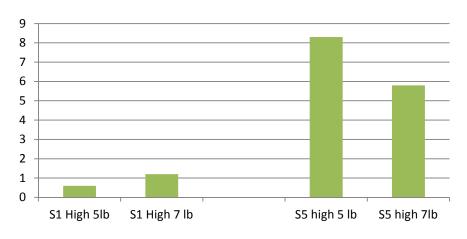


Impact of Increasing High Fire Load

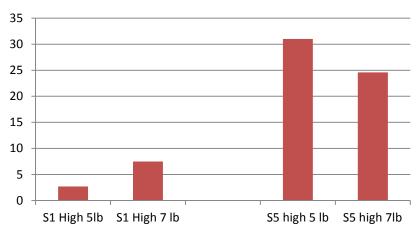


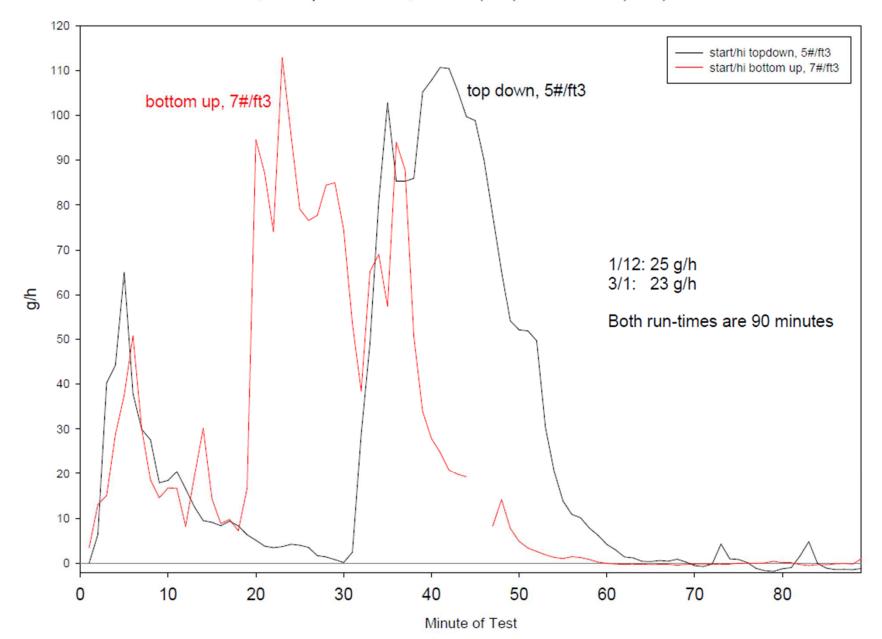


g/kg









Stove 5, Startup and Hi Fire, Jan. 12 (IDC) and March 2 (R&D)

Discussion/Next Steps

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Cold-Start Variable Testing

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NYSERDA - Cold Start Variable Testing

Plan and Objectives

- Perform replicate cold-start tests, changing only one variable per series and determine what variables effect the boiler's performance
 - Cold-to-cold test = no established coal bed in firebox and boiler water temperatures at a minimum 120°F and maximum 130°F at start of test
- > Determine whether the variable effects only start-up or is consistent throughout the entire burn

Constants

- Use of a non-catalytic down-draft two-stage combustion residential boiler with sight hole for observing secondary combustion
 - 50 lbs. fuel charge weight based on 5 ft³ firebox volume with additional 5 lbs. of kindling or 10% of fuel charge weight
 - ▶ 400 gallons external storage
- Red oak cordwood from same supplier
- ► Moisture content range between 18-21%
- ▶ Fuel charge parameters were determined using CSA B415
- Use of TEOMs in dilution tunnel for PM determination and burn profiling (real time emissions)





Cold - Start Variables

- 1. Test Fuel Configuration The placement of kindling and fuel in the firebox
- 2. Test Fuel Piece Size Reducing individual piece sizes (i.e. smaller weight & cross-sectional diameters)
- Increased Kindling Quantity Doubling the weight of kindling from 10% to 20% of the total test fuel charge
- 4. Startup Fuel The use of up to an additional 10% "Startup fuel" defined as fuel pieces greater in size (i.e. weight and cross-sectional diameter) than the kindling, but smaller than the test fuel charge.

1. Test Fuel Configuration

Objective

- Observe the effect of three different kindling load configurations on the performance of Advanced Cordwood Boiler A. These three configurations are, or once were, part of the operating instructions.
- Fuel charge load consisted of 6-7 fuel pieces of 6.7 to 11 lb. each and 10% (5lbs.) kindling of 1 to 2 in. diameter pieces.



New Manual (2016)



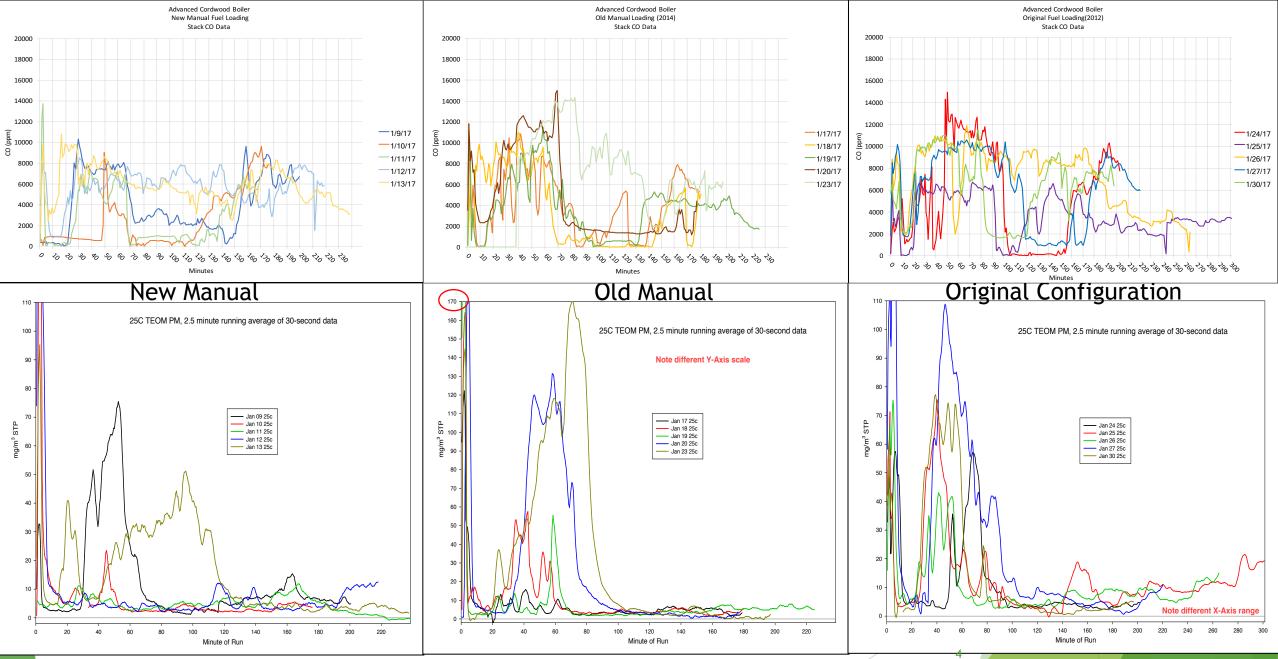
Old Manual (2014)











Conclusion - Overall, the results were too erratic to conclude if one configuration was significantly better than another. Realized that secondary combustion quality played larger factor in performance than fuel placement

2. Test Fuel Piece Size

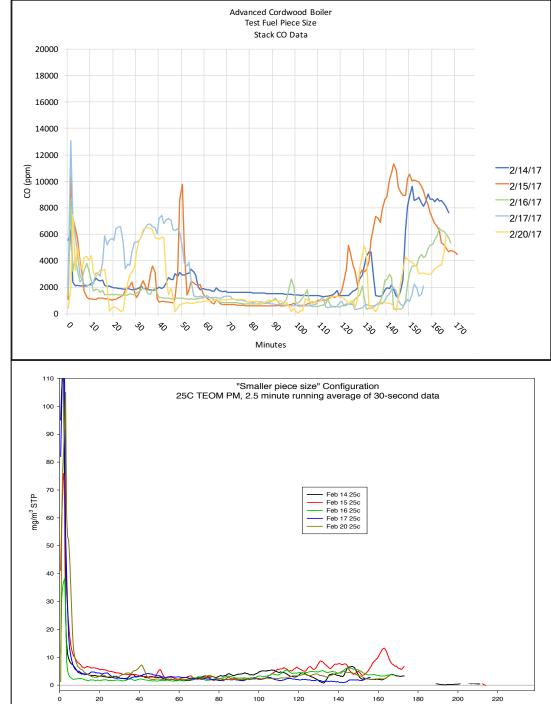
Objective

- Observe the effect of Advanced Cordwood boiler A's operation by reducing the cross-section diameter and individual piece weight requirements of the test fuel charge. (following similar parameters to firebox volume < 4ft³ instead of 5³)
- More pieces were used to get to desired fuel charge weight (8-10 pieces instead of 6-7 pieces)

Results and Conclusions

- By using smaller test fuel, but more of them, Advanced Cordwood Boiler A could maintain secondary combustion throughout the burn and thus better overall performance
- Smaller pieces ignite easier and gasify quicker than larger pieces
- Average PM was below 10 mg/m³ for all 5 burns

	Firebox volume, ft ³	Cross-sectipiece, in. Minimum	on of Maximum	Minimum weight of piece, lb.	Maximum weight of piece, lb.	80% piece weight range, lb.	Number of pieces
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3. Test Fuel Kindling Quantity

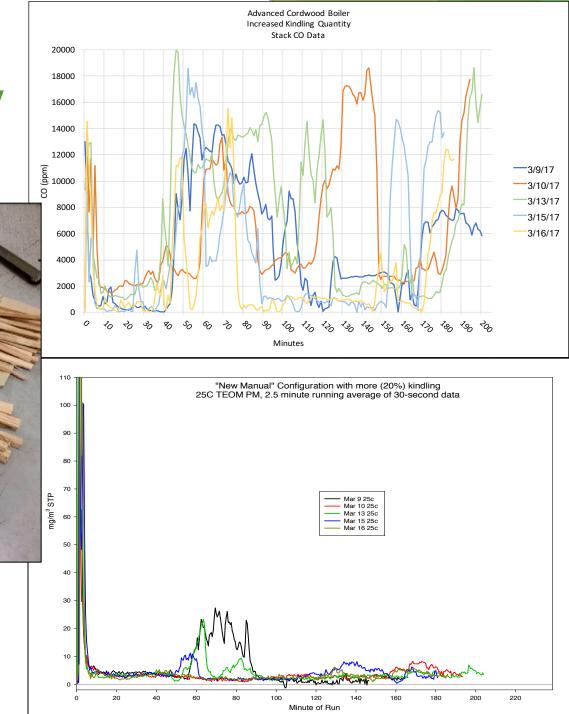
Objective

 Analyze the effect of boiler operation by increasing the kindling weight from 10% (~ 5lbs.) of test fuel charge weight to 20% (~10 lbs.) for 50 lb. fuel charge

Results

- System performed almost as well as Test Fuel Piece Size series for PM, not necessary CO - sometimes double the average of CO from Test Fuel Piece Size series
 - PM was below10 mg/m3 for majority of burns, other than the 30-40 minute high concentration of PM in the mid 20s on March 9th with peak of 27.5 mg/m³ (black)
- The quality of secondary combustion varied throughout the tests
 - Lower quality during periods of high CO concentrations





4. Startup Fuel

Objective

Observe the effect of adding 'startup fuel' to the test fuel charge load.

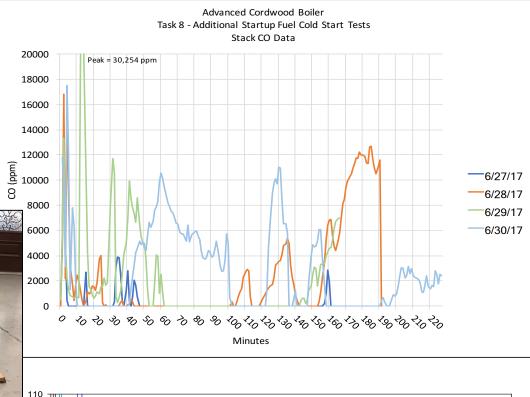
Startup Fuel

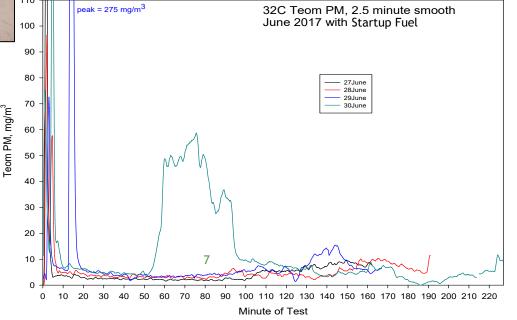
Consisted of 2-3 pieces at about 10% MC between 2.5 in. and 3.5 in. in cross-sectional diameter and together weighed ~5 lbs. (10%)

Results and Conclusions

- System performed consistently clean throughout the test series in both PM and CO emissions
- Hit some periods of poor secondary combustion, but system was able to clean itself up (60 minutes, June 30th)
- Smaller pieces helped light and gasify the larger fuel pieces falling from the top down in the primary combustion chamber

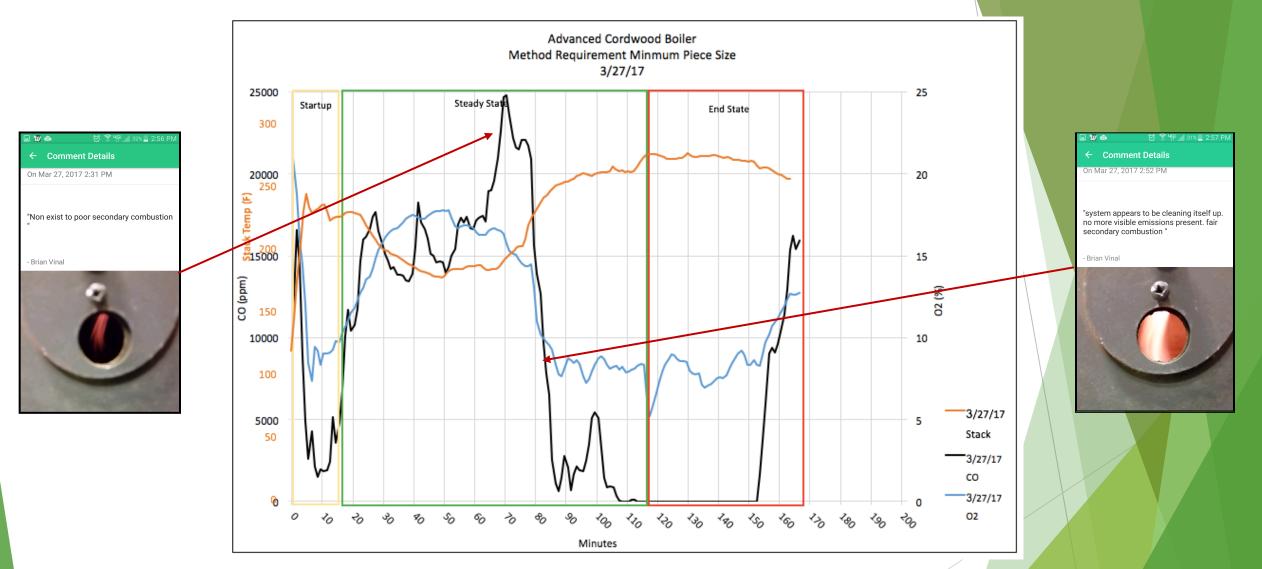
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Overall Testing Conclusions:

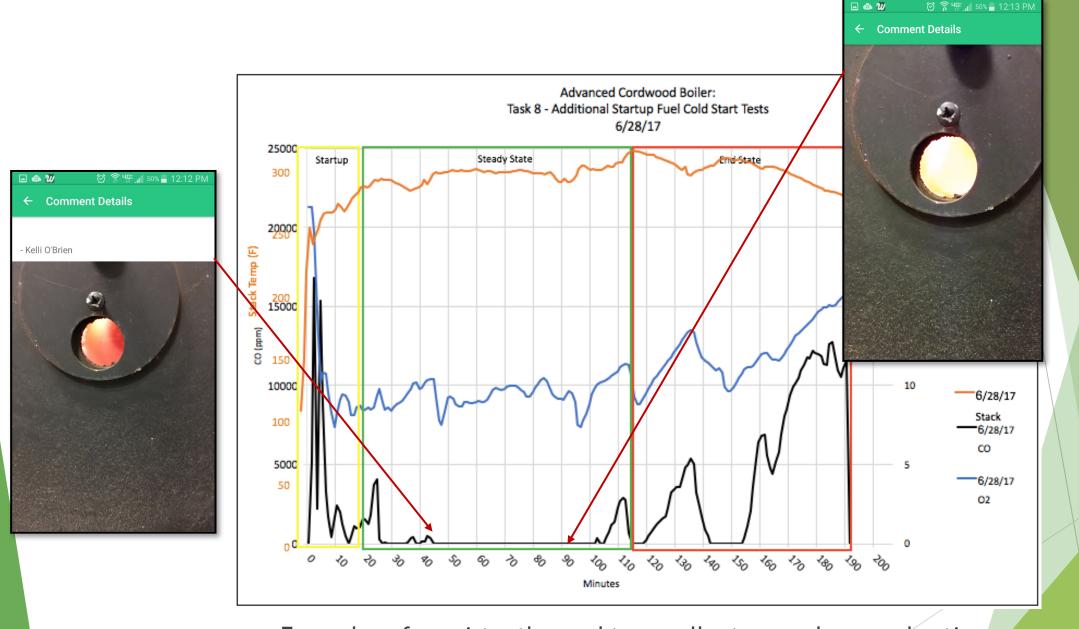
- 1. Individual fuel weights and the quantity of smaller fuel pieces had greater impact over the boiler's emissions and repeatability than the configuration of the fuel in the firebox
 - Fuel charges consisting of smaller fuel pieces have greater total surface area and are easier to ignite and gasify
 - Fuel charges consisting of larger pieces have less surface area and take longer to ignite and gasify
 - Falling down in firebox as smaller pieces are consumed and blocking the outlet to the secondary combustion causing high PM and CO emissions
- 2. System could burn clean with larger fuel pieces and 10% kindling alone, but was not always repeatable (Test Fuel Configuration Series)
- 3. All burns had a high peak of both CO and PM at the start of the burn regardless of the variable tested
- 4. The observation of secondary combustion gave us invaluable insight to the boiler performance and emissions.



Examples of correlation between quality of secondary combustion and combustion gas profile







Examples of consistently good to excellent secondary combustion throughout burn



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Questions?

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