



In-Furnace Measurements of species and temperature during the **Mild Combustion** of a **COG/BFG Blend** on a **30 kW** chamber

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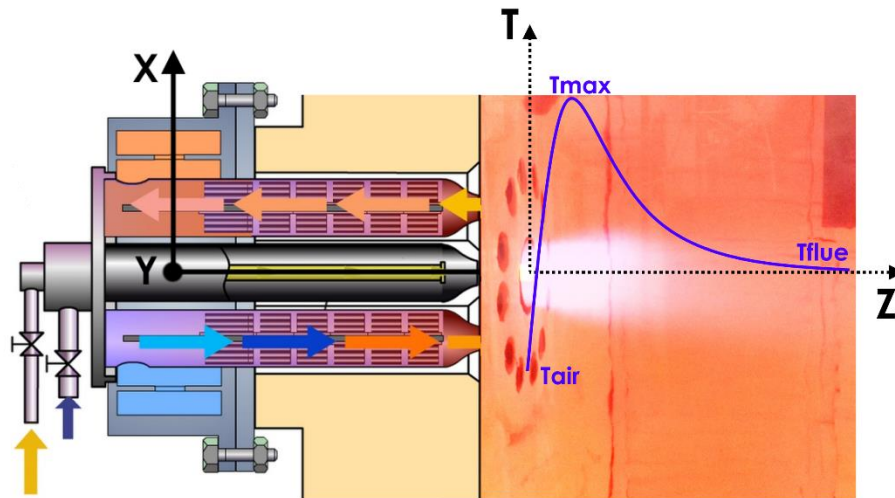
Thermal engineering and combustion unit

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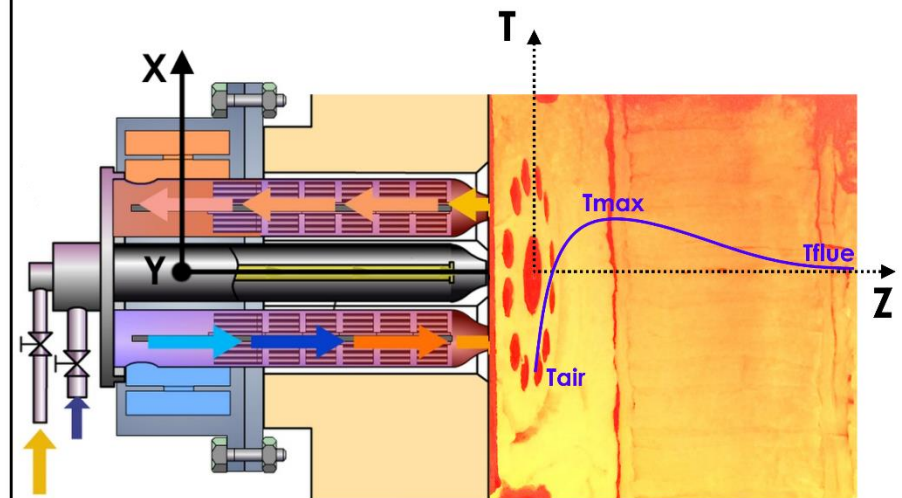
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Classic VS MILD

Flame mode



MILD mode



UMONS's 200 kW semi-industrial furnace + Regemat 350 burner

How

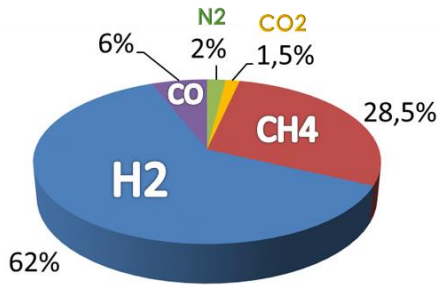
- High recirculation rates
- High T to get Auto-Ignition

Why

- Low CO & NOx emissions
- No more problems of flame front stabilization

Ref: CH4

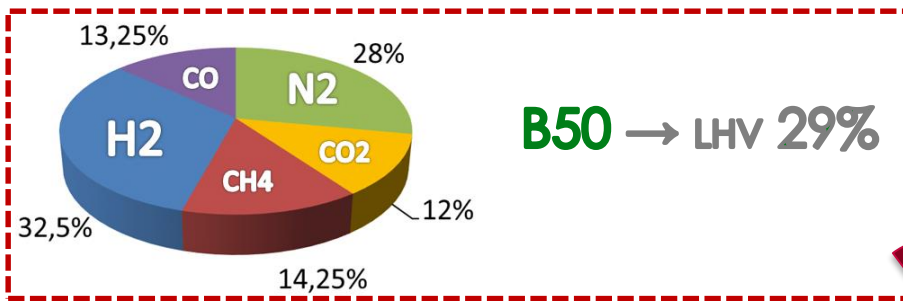
The Tested Fuels



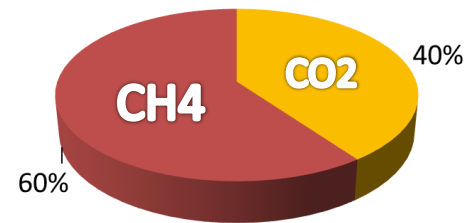
COG → LHV 49%

Investigated effects

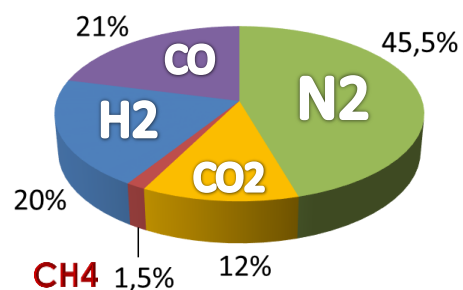
- Air Preheating
- Increase of the load on COG & B50 at low Tair
- CO2 dilution on CH4
- Ø variation for fuel injectors
- Fuel variation



B50 → LHV 29%

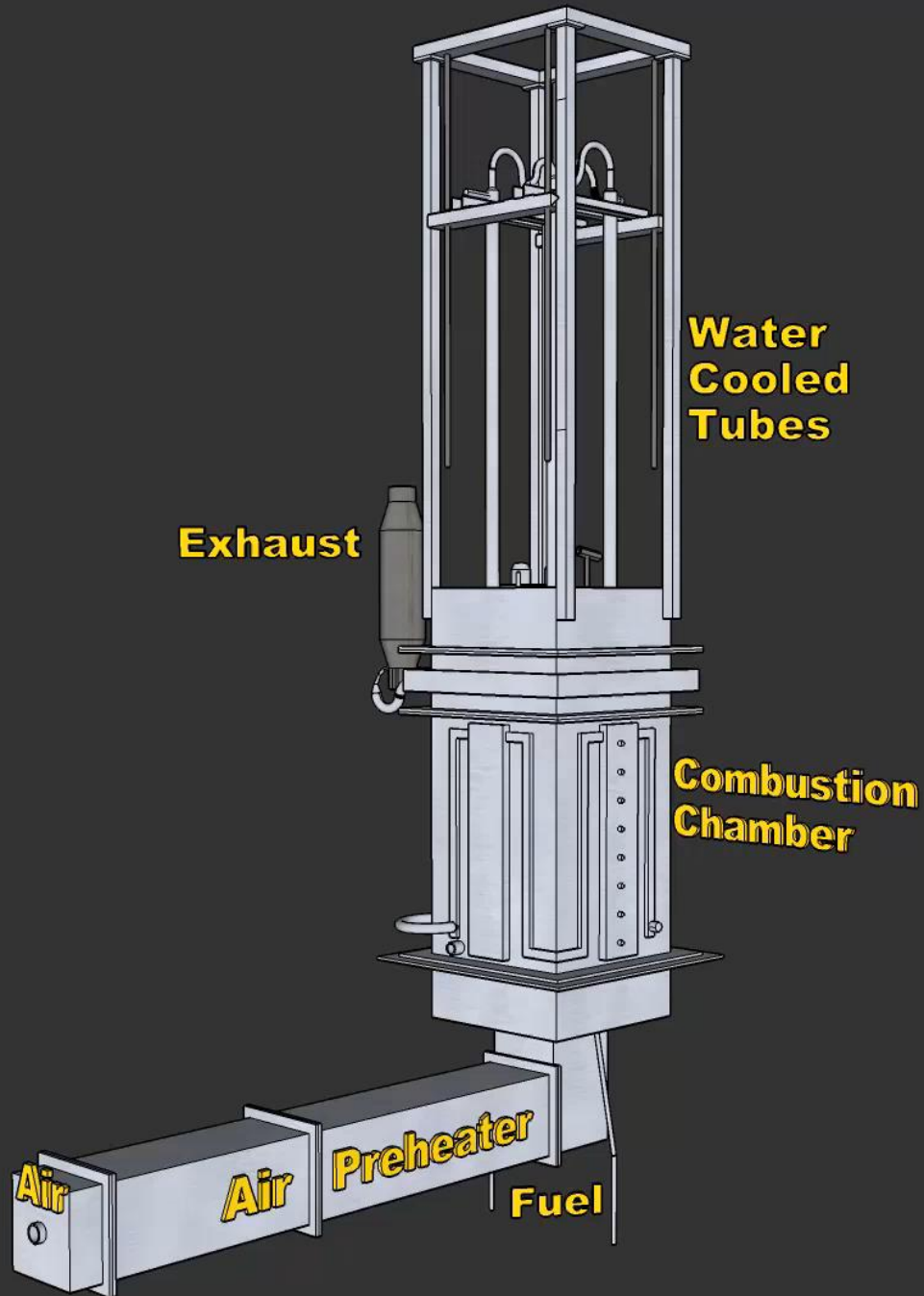


Biogas → LHV 60%

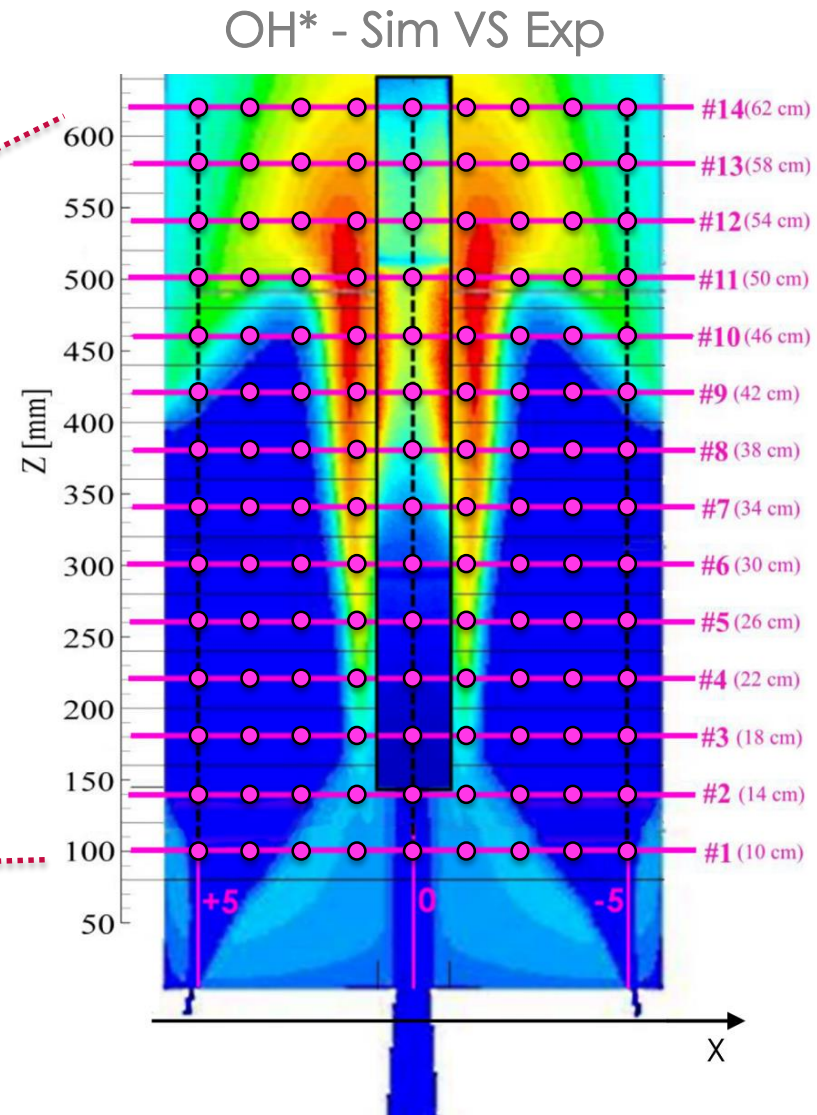
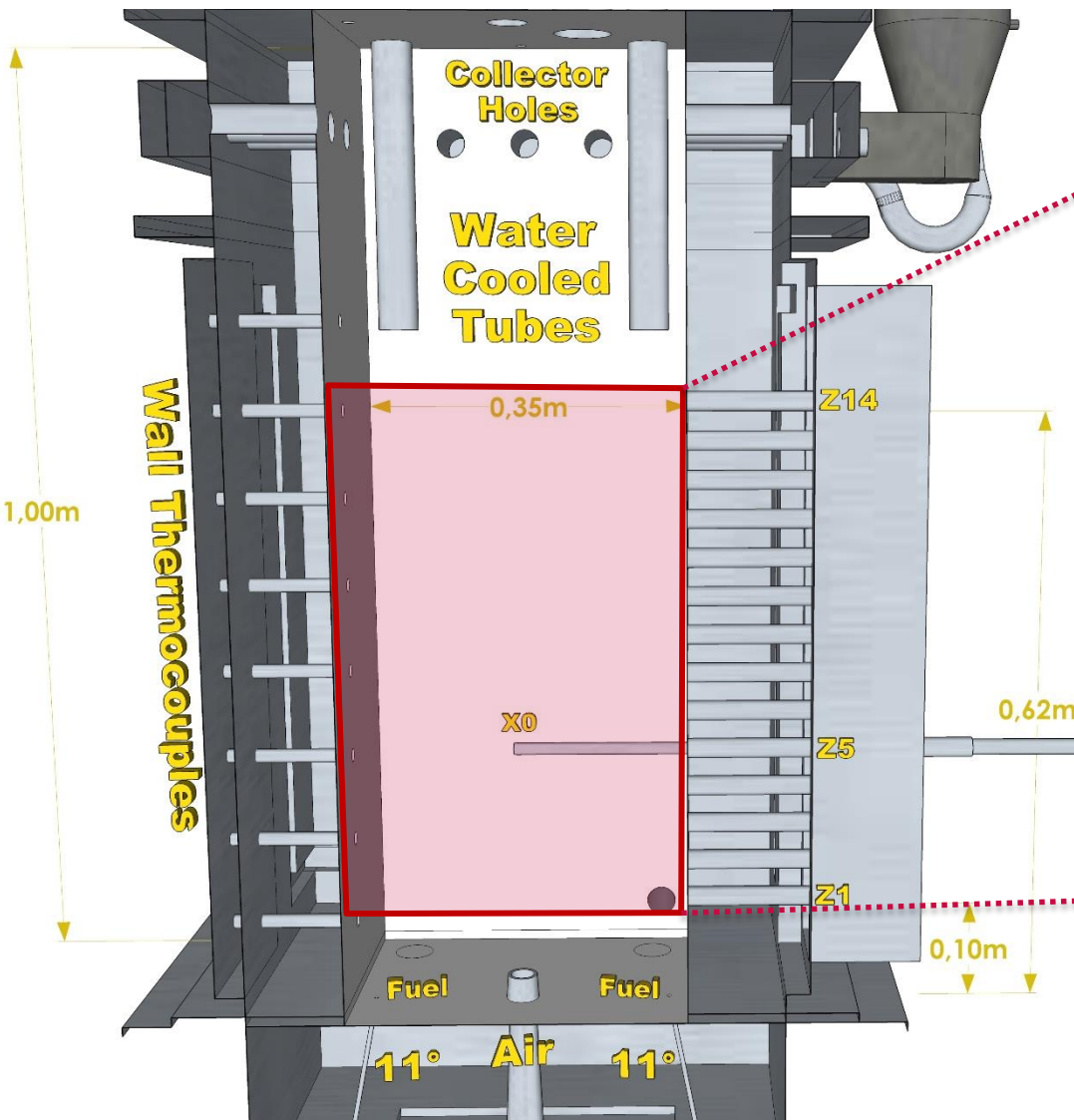


Syngas → LHV 15%

In-furnace measurements of gas concentrations & T for the B50 Mild Combustion



In-Furnace measurements: Map



Test Campaign 2015



8 Days Tests

- Fuel: **B50** - In-Furnace measures
- P_{comb} : **30 kW**
- \varnothing fuel injectors: **4,5 mm**
- Excess Air: **15%**
- Optical access: **closed**
- Water cooled tubes:
35 cm
- Air preheating:
800°C

Main Lab Works

Classical System

New myGC



New GA & circuit

In-Furnace measurements: before tests



- Fixing CO, H₂ & NG leakages
 - Insulation glue problem
 - Water condensation at chimney
 - Pipelines modification
 - Best suction system for the pyroprobe
 - p_{Head} on Venturi's tube for pyrometers
 - myGC configuration tests
 - Latencies study
 - Optimization of the procedures
- Problems
- Optimizations

In-Furnace measurements: timing



1. Start the test
2. 1h 30min to get Air at 800°C
3. Start NG → 1h 30min of MILD combustion
4. Switch to B50 → 1h to get stable state
5. Start sampling → 7 min each measure
+ switching to the next level

1h 30min for a complete profile

In-Furnace measurements: the job



Gas Sampling Probe



Pyrometer Probe

In-Furnace measurements: the job



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In-Furnace measurements: the job



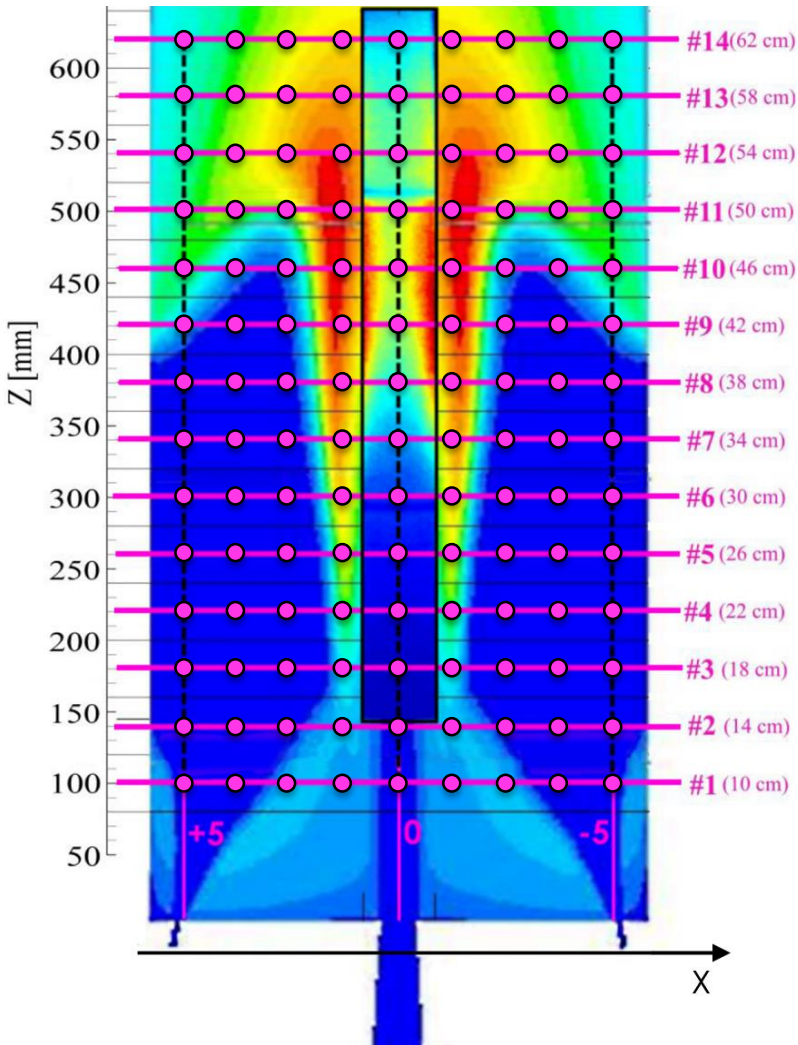
Gas Sampling Probe



Pyrometer Probe

In-Furnace measurements: the results

OH* - Sim VS Exp



154 mapped points (11x14)

Classical System

- T
- O₂ - CO₂(x2) - CO(x2) - CH₄ - NO

New myGC (x2)

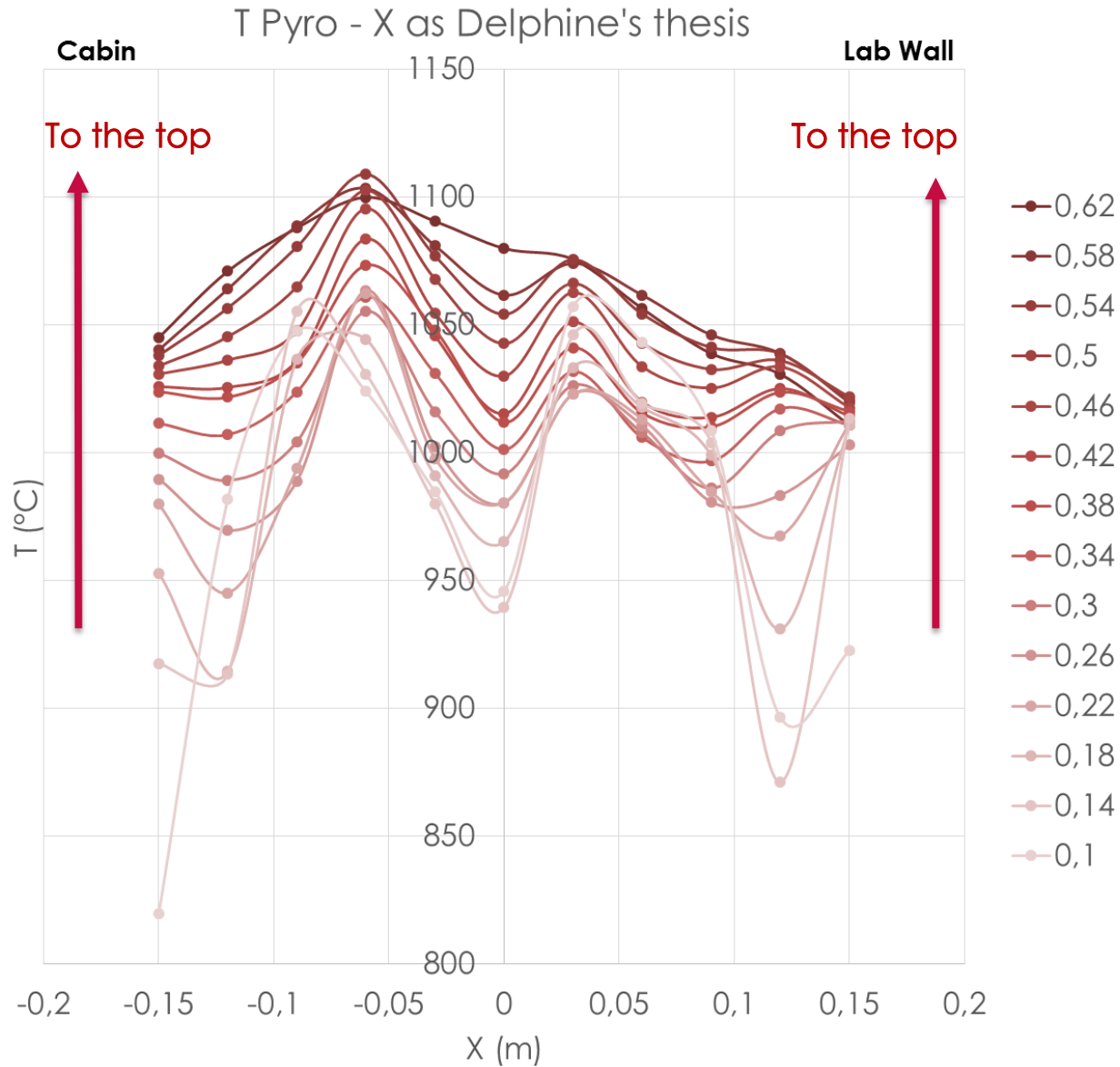
- H₂ - O₂ - CO - CH₄

...& 60 flue gases measures at exhaust



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Samples!

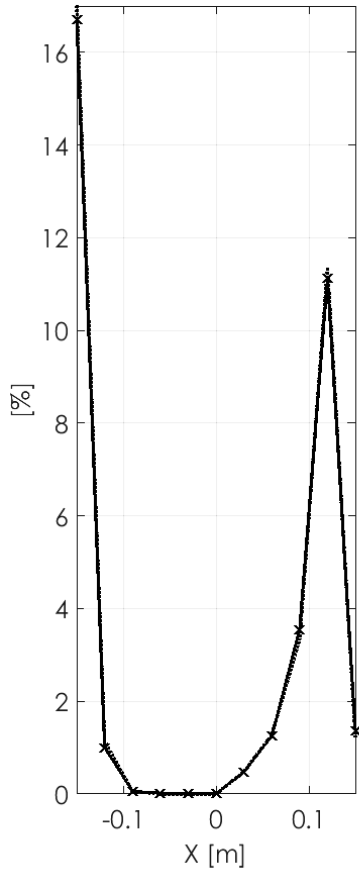
In-Furnace measurements: T_{flue}



Labview
Data

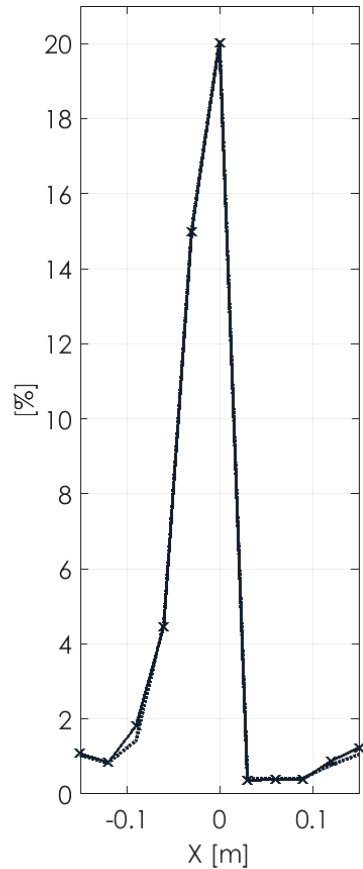
In-Furnace measurements: myGC profiles

← Cabin Lab Wall →
H2 at Z= 0.1 m



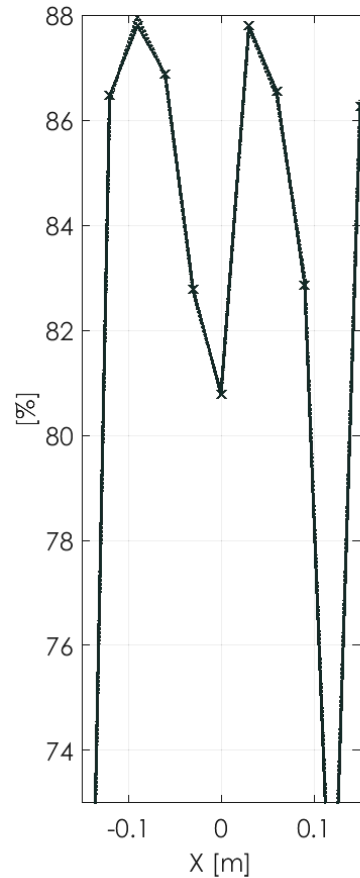
H2

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O2 at Z= 0.1 m



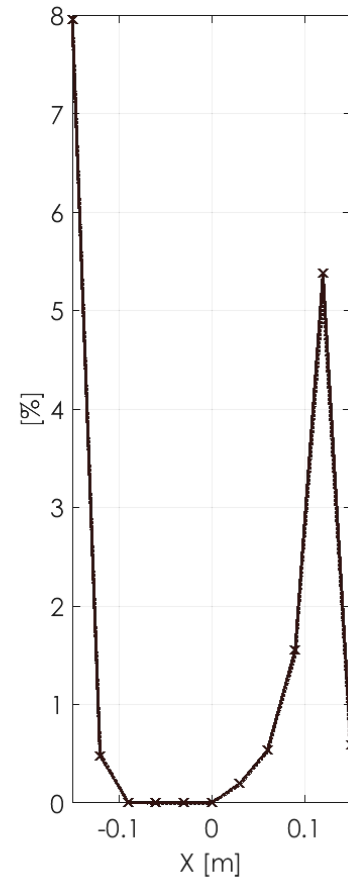
O2

← Cabin Lab Wall →
N2 at Z= 0.1 m



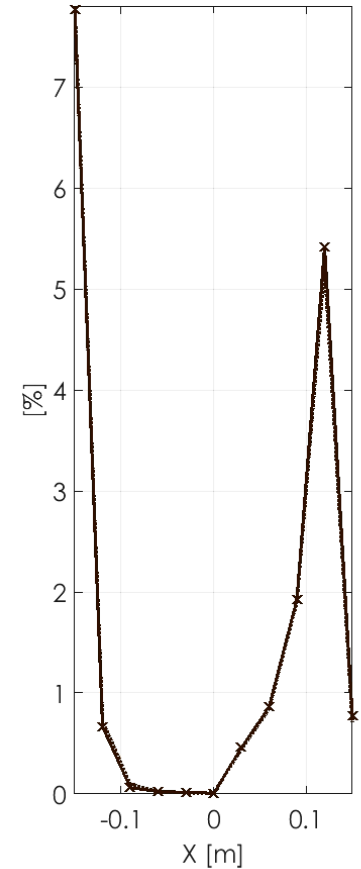
N2

← Cabin Lab Wall →
CH4 at Z= 0.1 m



CH4

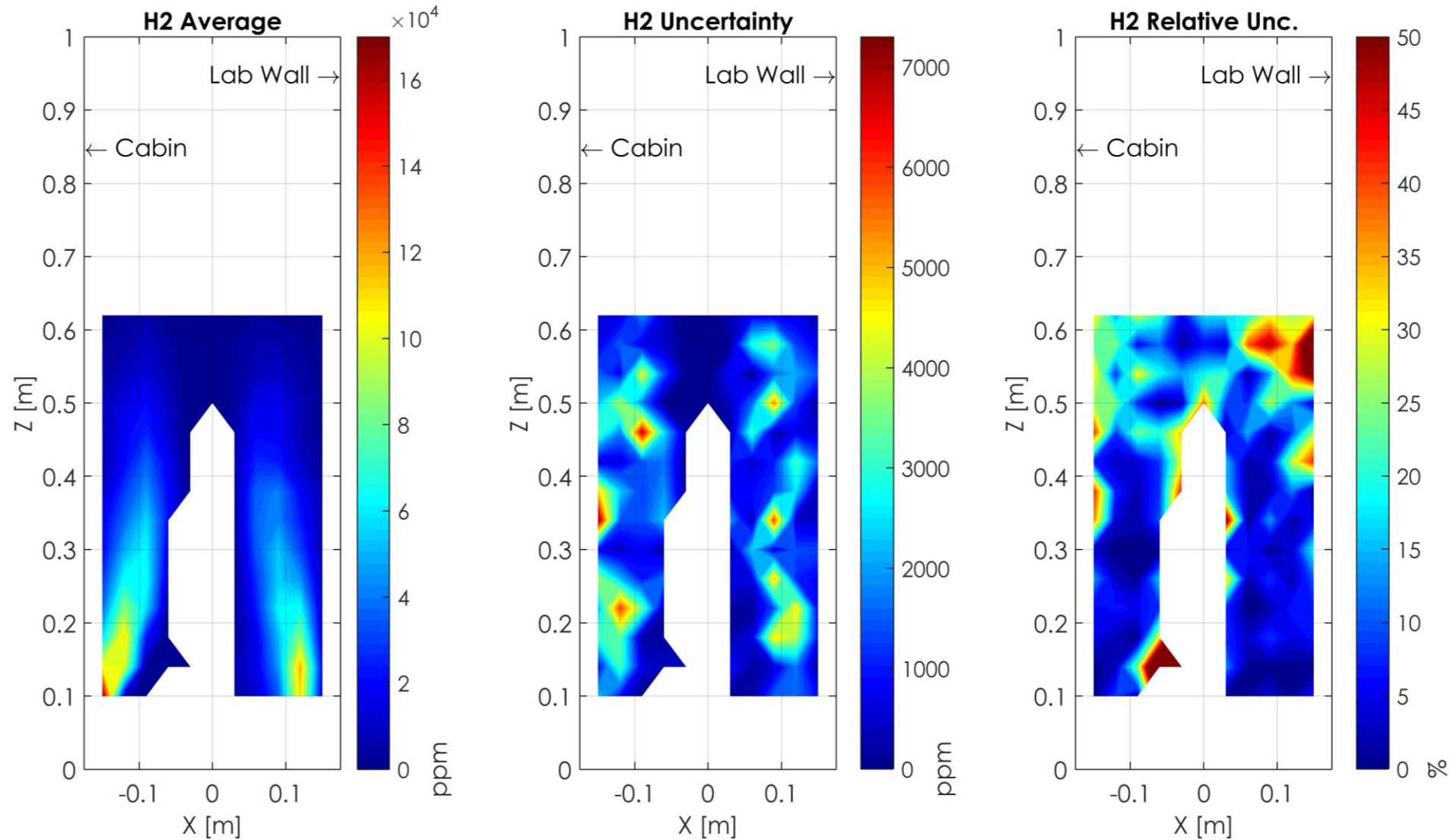
← Cabin Lab Wall →
CO at Z= 0.1 m



CO

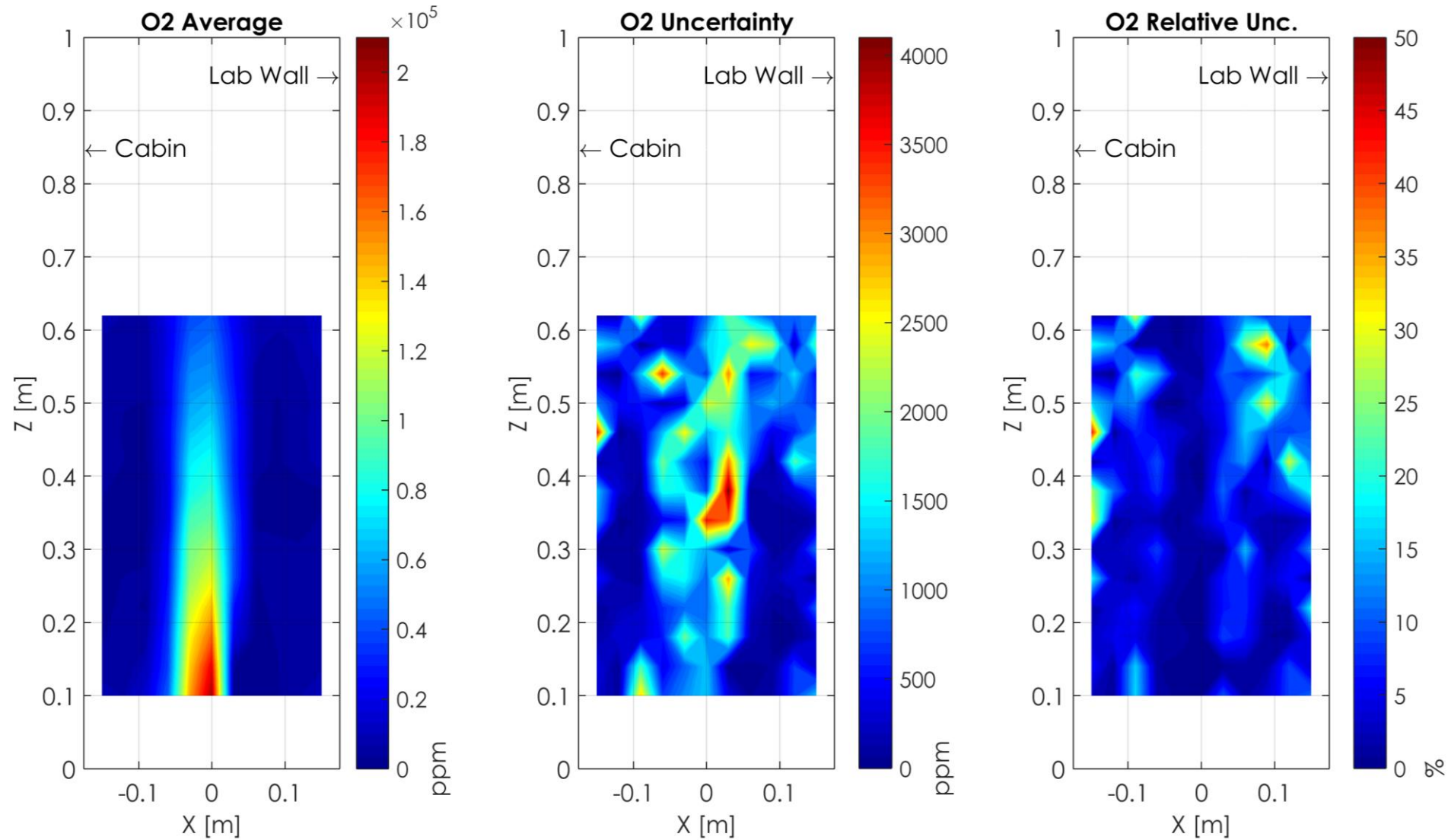
In-Furnace measurements: H2

myGC data



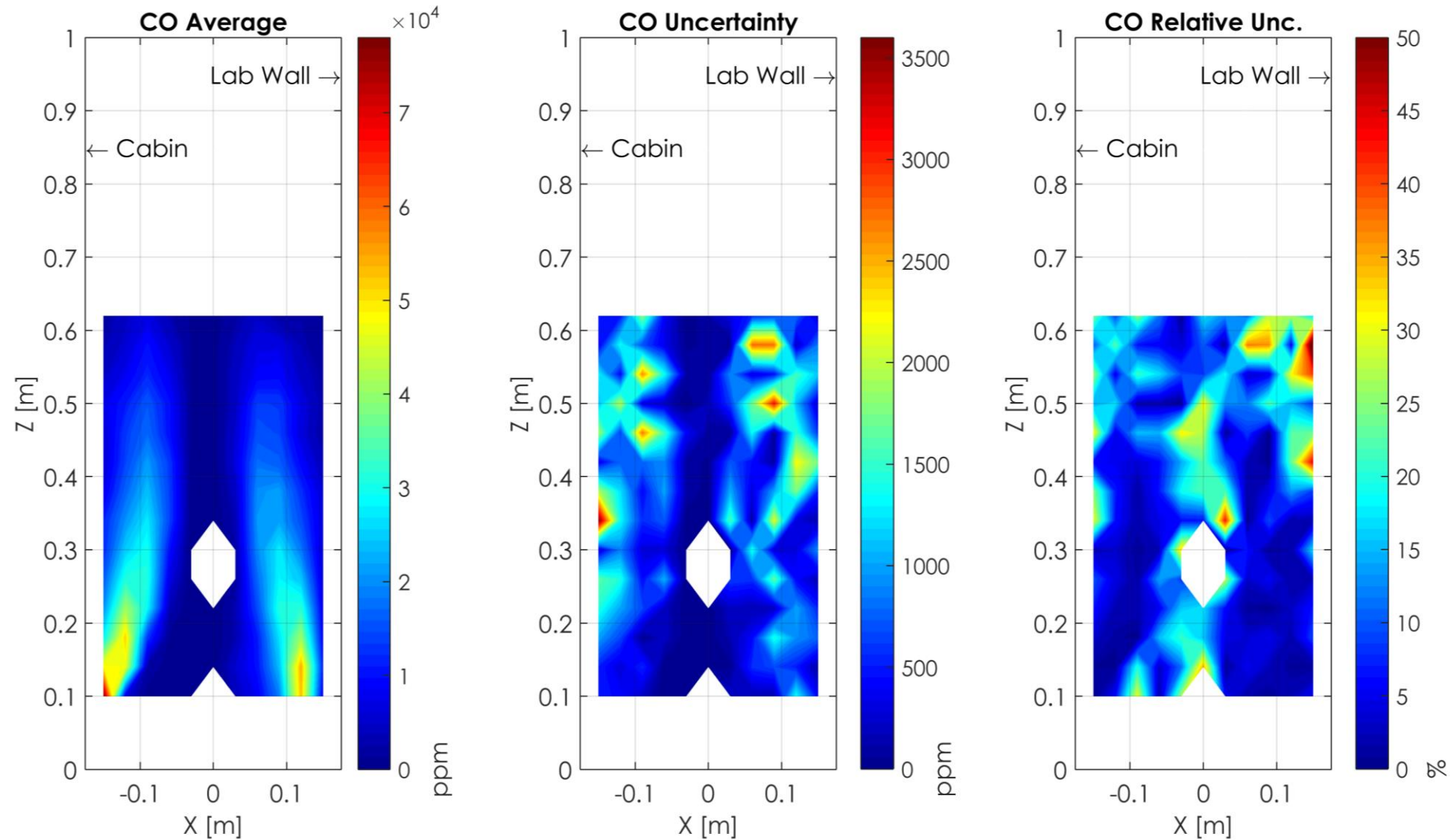
In-Furnace measurements: O₂

myGC data

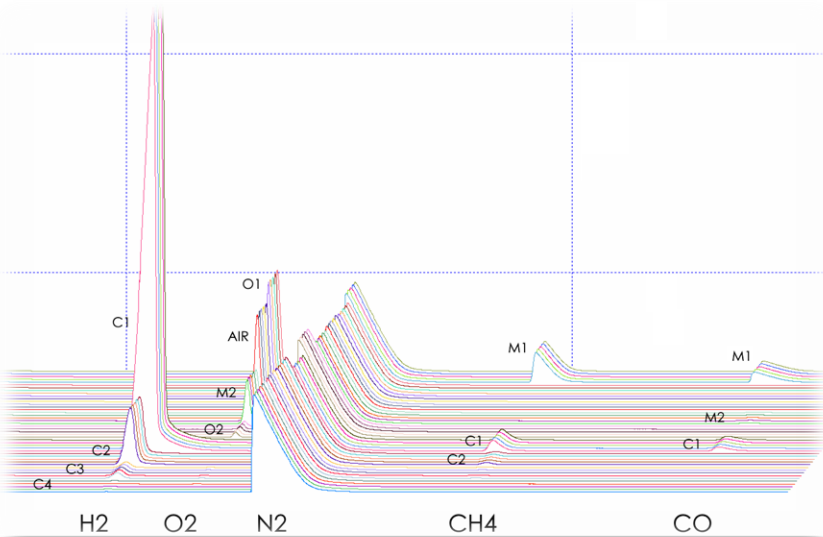


In-Furnace measurements: CO

myGC data



Behind the Uncertainties



Modified Least Square approach

$$A = \beta_1 + \beta_2 x + e - \beta_2 \omega$$

2 error sources:

$e \rightarrow$ myGC

$\omega \rightarrow$ gas bottle



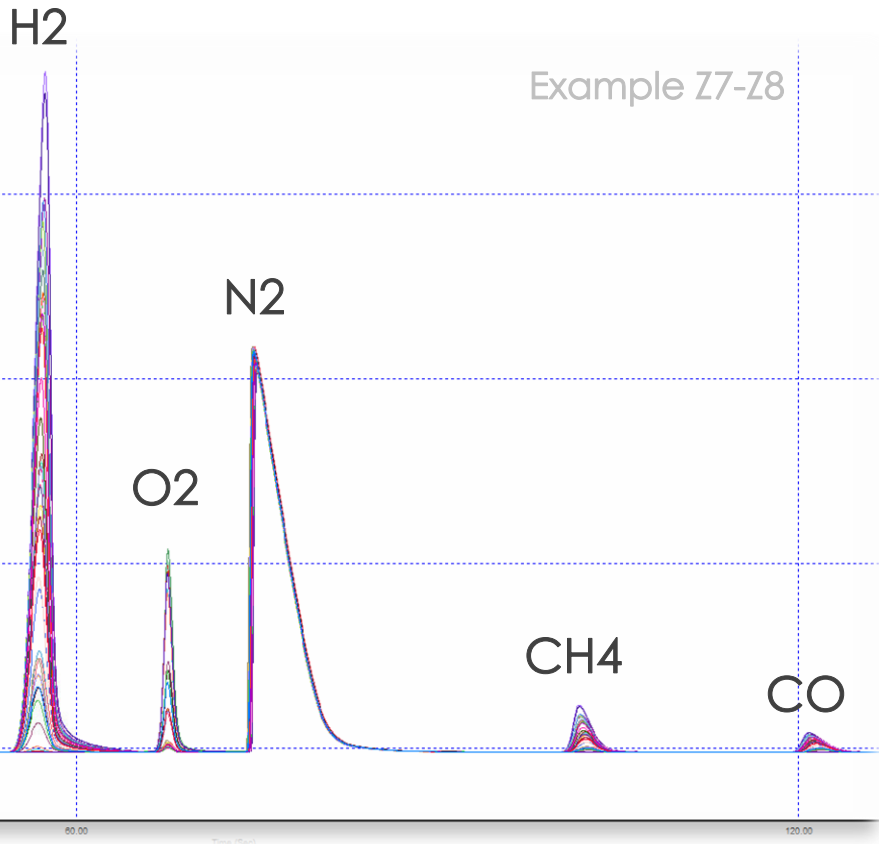
$$\text{var}(b_2) = \frac{\text{var}(e)}{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2} + b_2^2 \sum_{i=1}^N w_i^2 \text{var}(\omega_i)$$

$$\text{var}(b_1) = \text{var}(e) \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N x_i^2}{N \sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2} + b_2^2 \frac{\text{var}(\omega)}{N} + b_2^2 \bar{x}^2 \sum_{i=1}^N w_i^2 \text{var}(\omega_i) - \frac{2\bar{x}}{N} b_2^2 \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \text{var}(\omega_i)$$

$$\text{cov}(b_1, b_2) = -\frac{\text{var}(e)\bar{x}}{\sum_{i=1}^N (x_i - \bar{x})^2} - b_2^2 \bar{x}^2 \sum_{i=1}^N w_i^2 \text{var}(\omega_i) + \frac{b_2^2}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \text{var}(\omega_i)$$

Behind the Uncertainties

Example Z7-Z8



$$x = \frac{A - b_1}{b_2}$$





Once the 3rd error source (σ_A) is estimated...

The error propagation

$$\sigma_x^2 = \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial b_1}\right)^2 \text{var}(b_1) + \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial b_2}\right)^2 \text{var}(b_2) + \left(\frac{\partial x}{\partial A}\right)^2 \sigma_A^2 + 2 \frac{\partial x}{\partial b_1} \frac{\partial x}{\partial b_2} \text{cov}(b_1, b_2)$$

Conclusions & Work in progress



- Good coherence of the data
 - Next  - Matching the data from different GA
 - Finalize & extend uncertainty model
- There are asymmetries  understanding of sources
- Long & short sampling  understanding of fluctuations related to the fluid dynamics
- Additional data
 - Next  - effect of probe insertion in the chamber
 - changes of power balances during the days



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