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Staged, Gas Turbine Combustion System for Enhanced Operational Flexibility

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MOTIVATION: operational flexibility

- **Load-Flex**

Renewable energy sources (solar, wind) lead to unpredictable fluctuations in the grid to be balanced

- **Fuel-Flex**

Renewable fuel sources (biogas, syngas, etc.) require flexible engines

- **Goals**

Rapid power turndown 1:5 ($\text{CO} < 20 \text{ ppm}$)

Operation up to 20 % C_2 and 20 % H_2

Pressure drop < 5 %

Flame temperature up to 1800 K ($\text{NO}_x < 10 \text{ ppm}$)

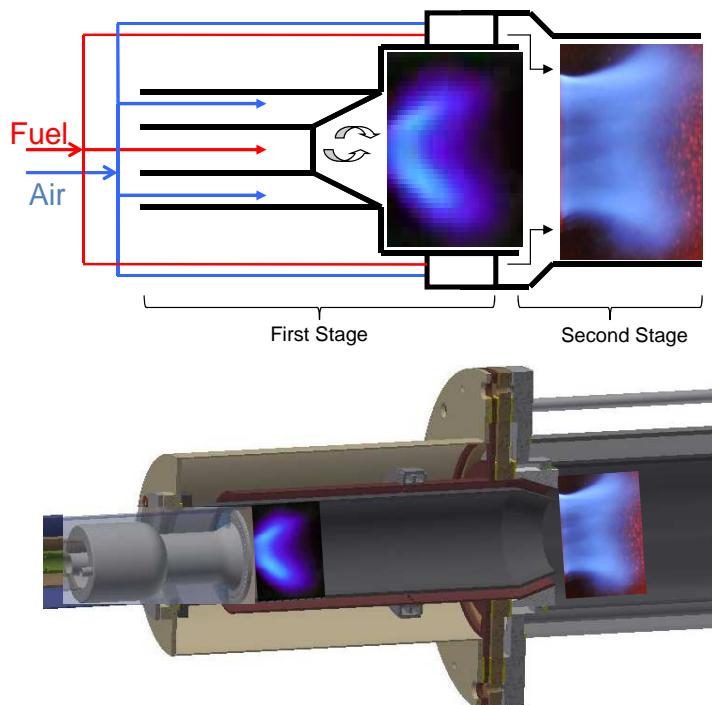
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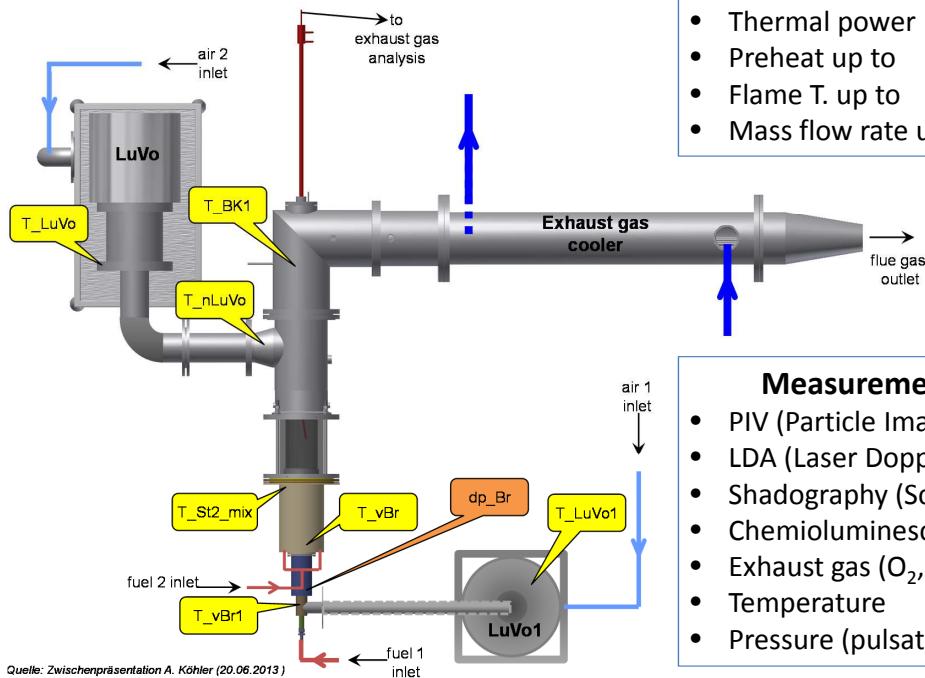
Setup: staged combustor



Advantages of staging

- second stage with wide operational range
- heat release volumetrically distributed
- part load emissions improved
- steady (rapid) turndown

Setup: test-rig



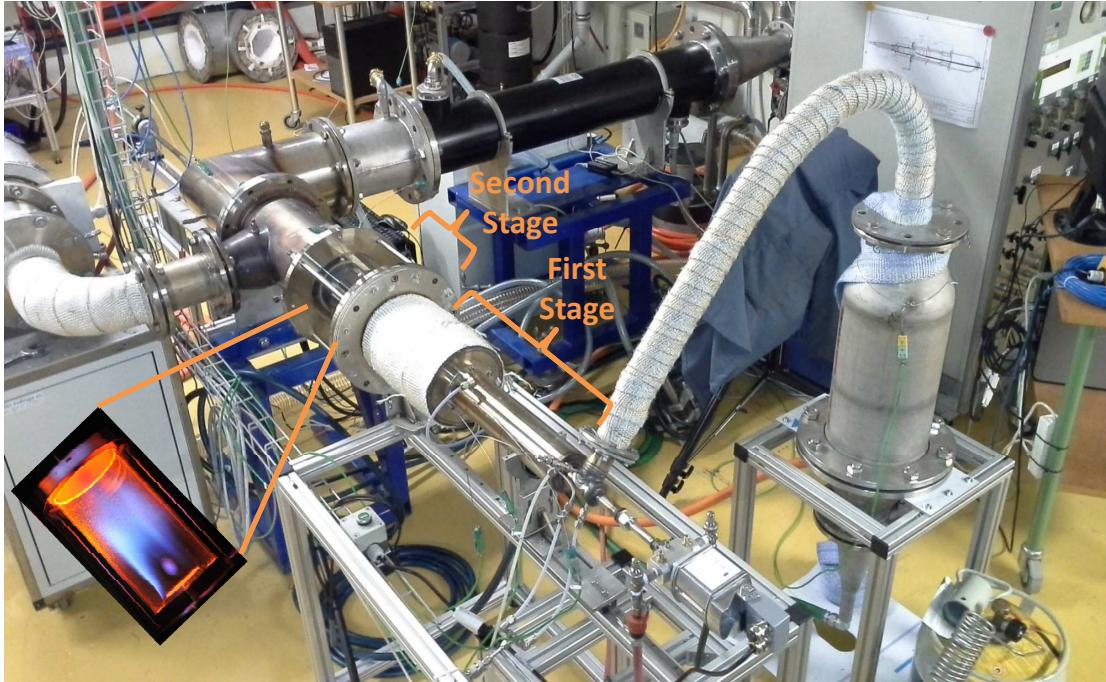
COBRA Combustion Facility

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| • Thermal power | 200 kW |
| • Preheat up to | 750 K |
| • Flame T. up to | 1850 K |
| • Mass flow rate up to | 150 g/s |

Measurement techniques

- PIV (Particle Image Velocimetry)
- LDA (Laser Doppler Anemometry)
- Shadography (Schlieren)
- Chemiluminescence (OH^* , CH^*)
- Exhaust gas (O_2 , CO_2 , NO_x , CO , UHC)
- Temperature
- Pressure (pulsation)

Setup: test-rig



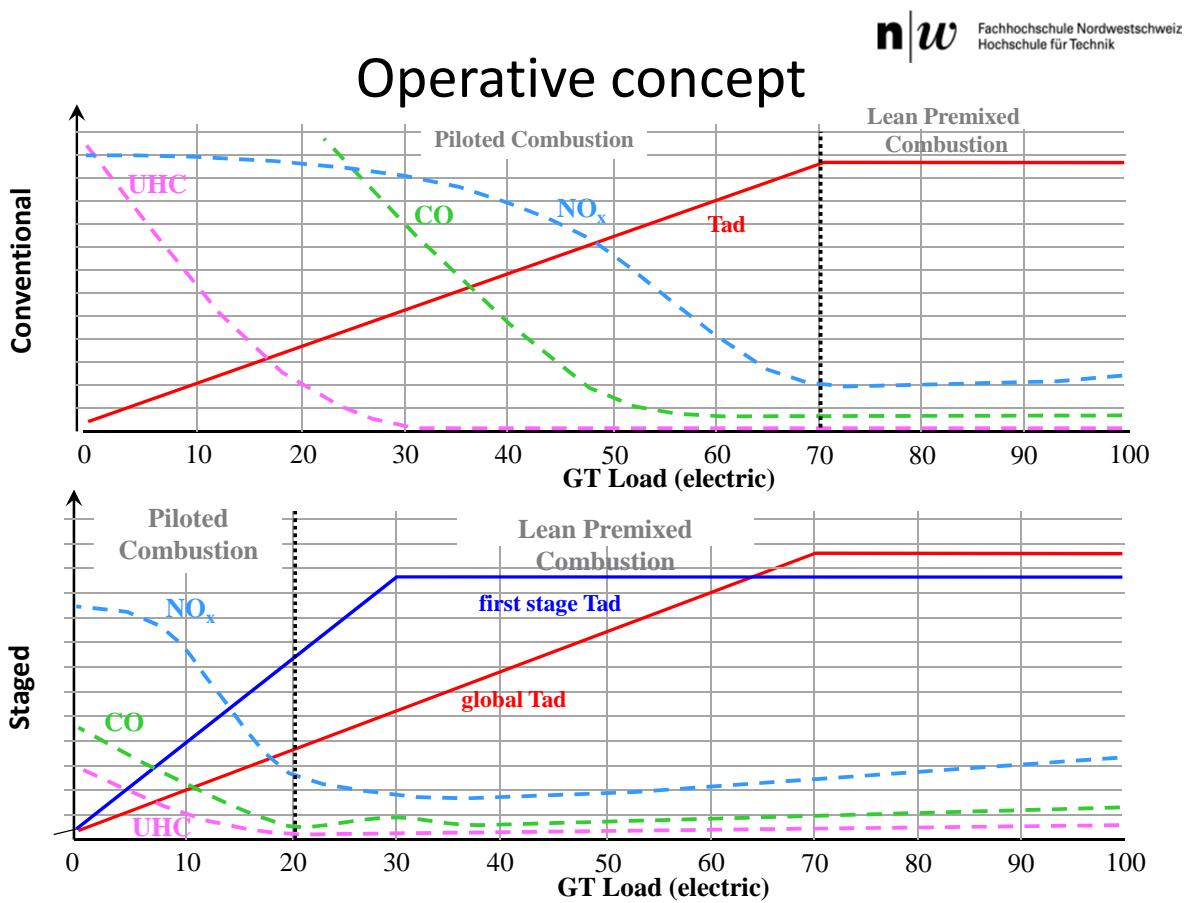
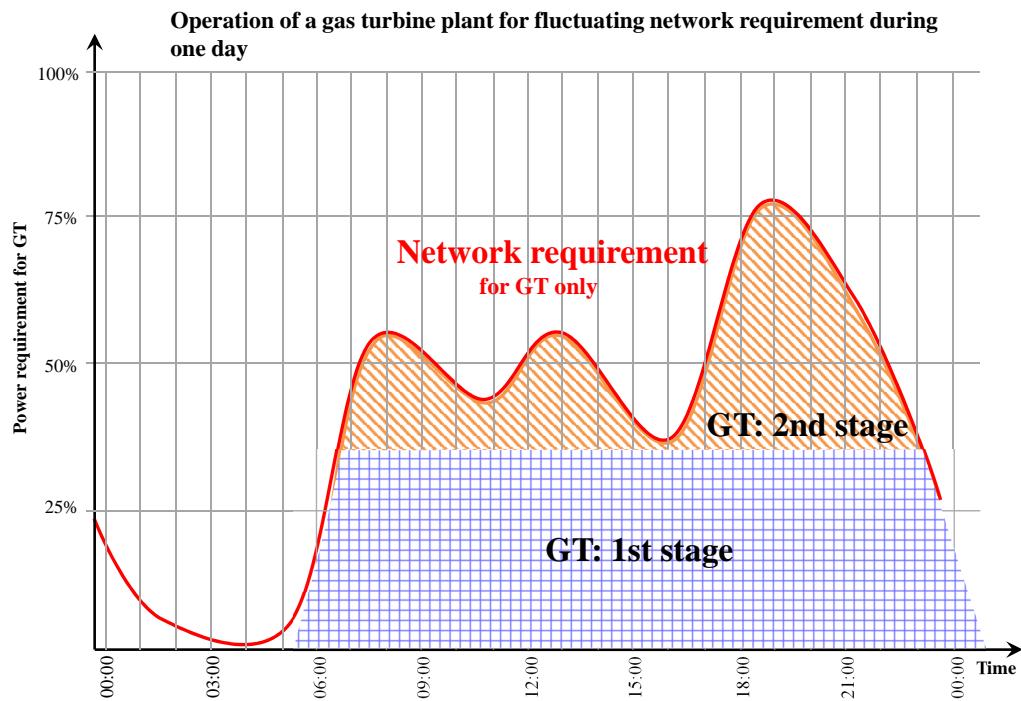
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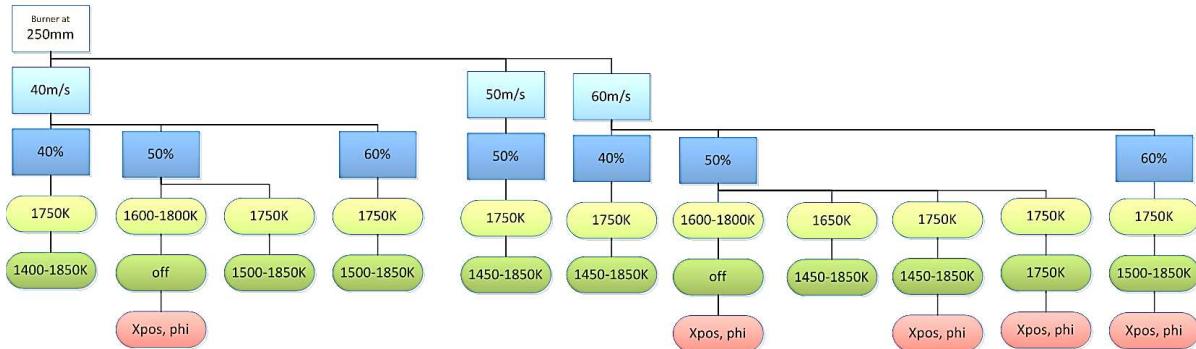
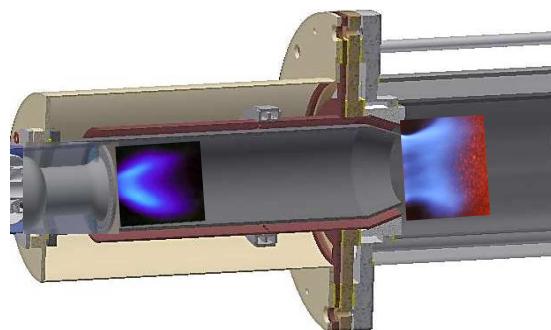
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Operative concept



Test matrix

Burner position	0-250	mm
Inlet temperature	725	K
Flame temperature I	1600-1800	K
Flame temperature II	1450-1850	K
Inlet velocity (I Stage)	40-60	m/s
Split (I/II Stage)	40/60	%



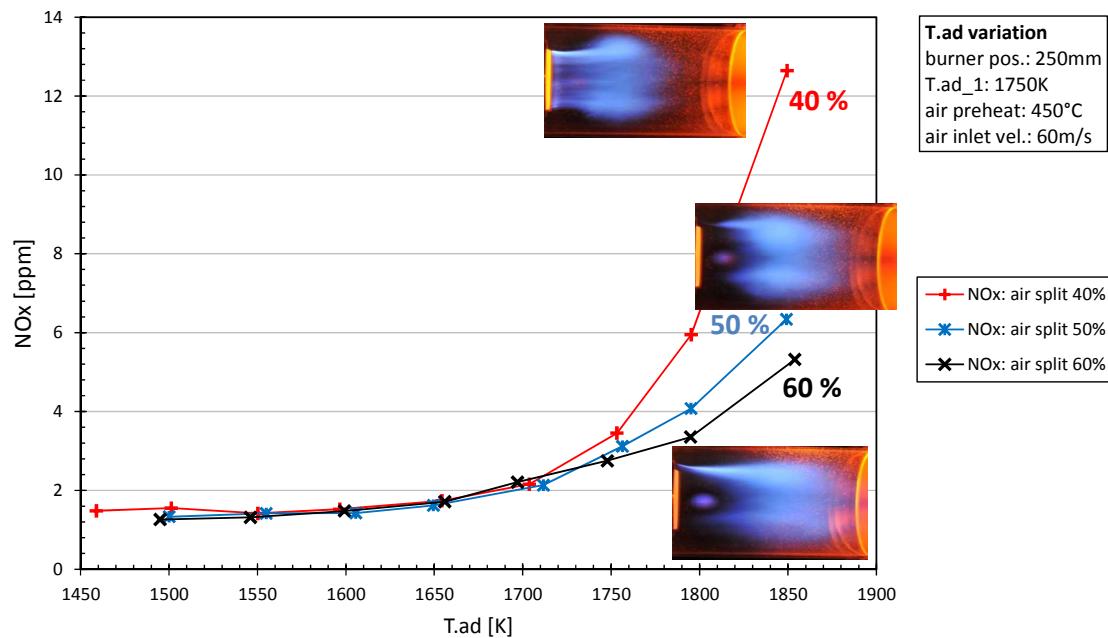
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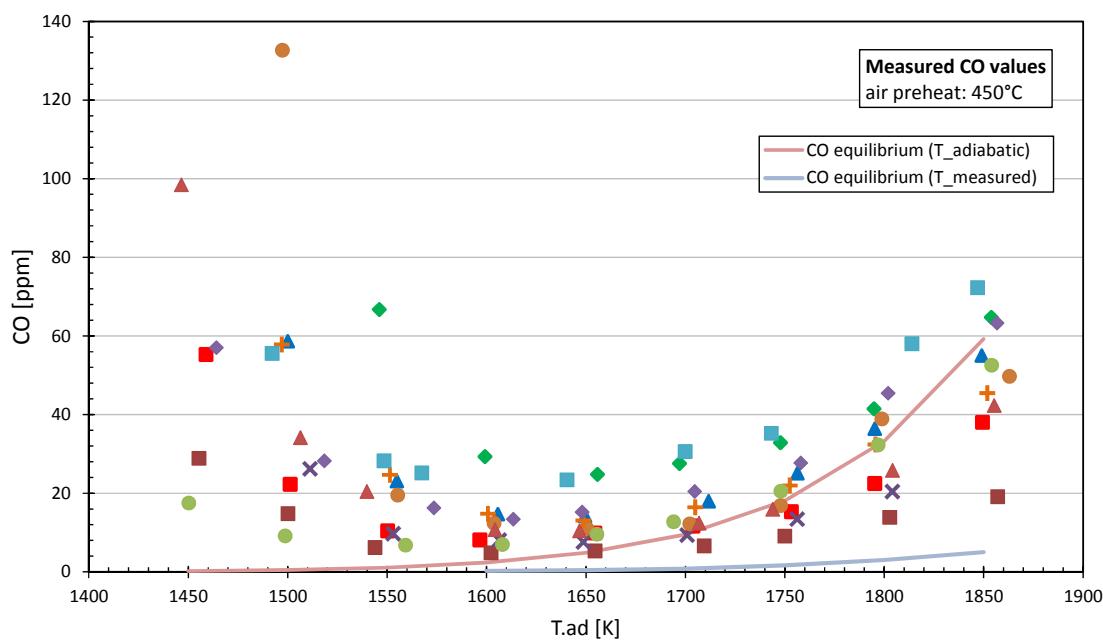


Results: NO_x emission



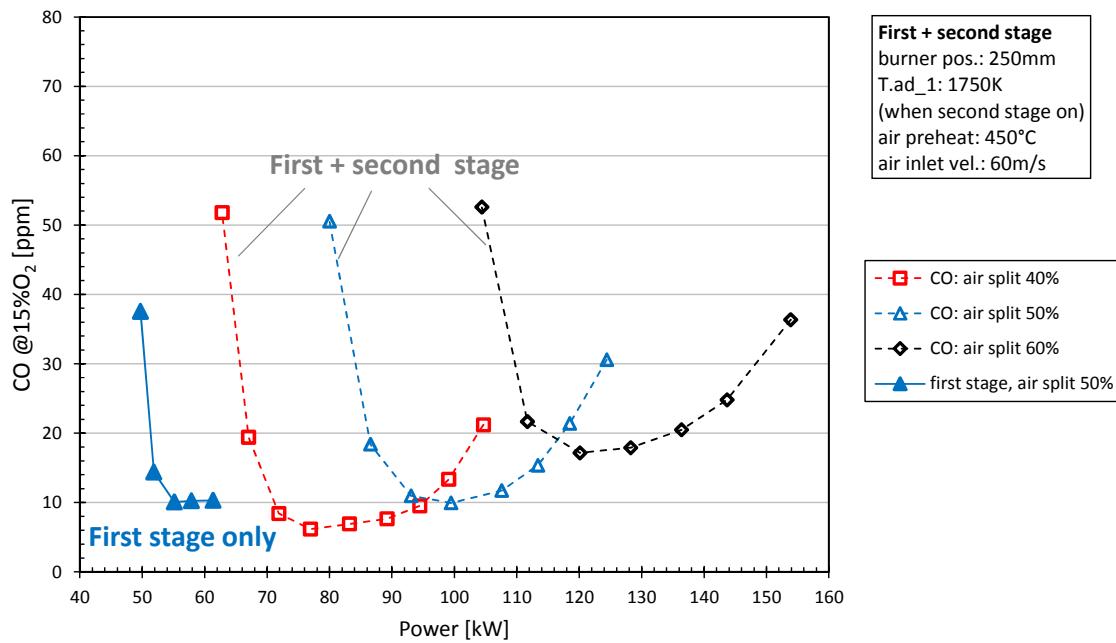
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Results: CO emission



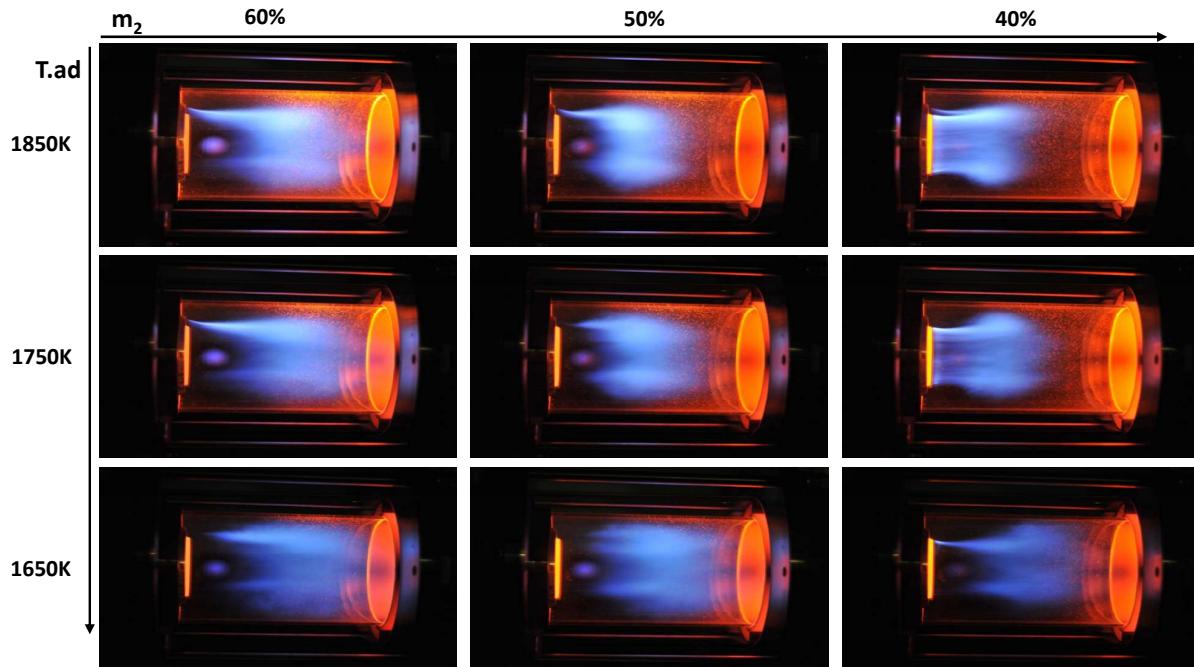
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Results: Operation



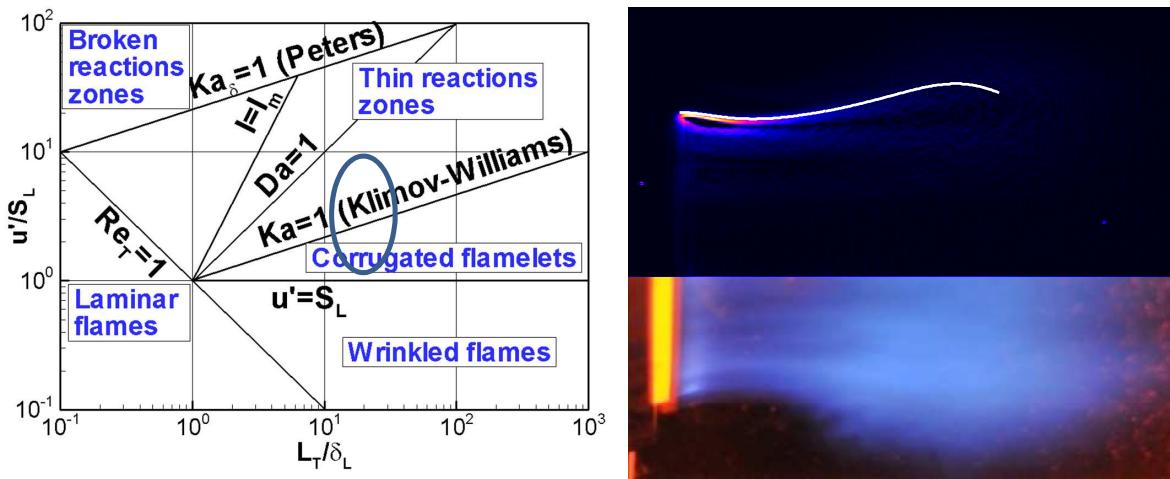
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Results: Optical measurements



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Results: Flame front



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• Conclusions

- Load-Flex demonstrated
- Emissions targets are fulfilled (@ GT relevant conditions)
- The project is running on schedule and the implementation partner (Alstom) is satisfied
- Bachelor thesis Anna Köhler

• Outlook

- Fuel-Flex: C₂+, H₂, CO₂, N₂
- II Stage optimization

