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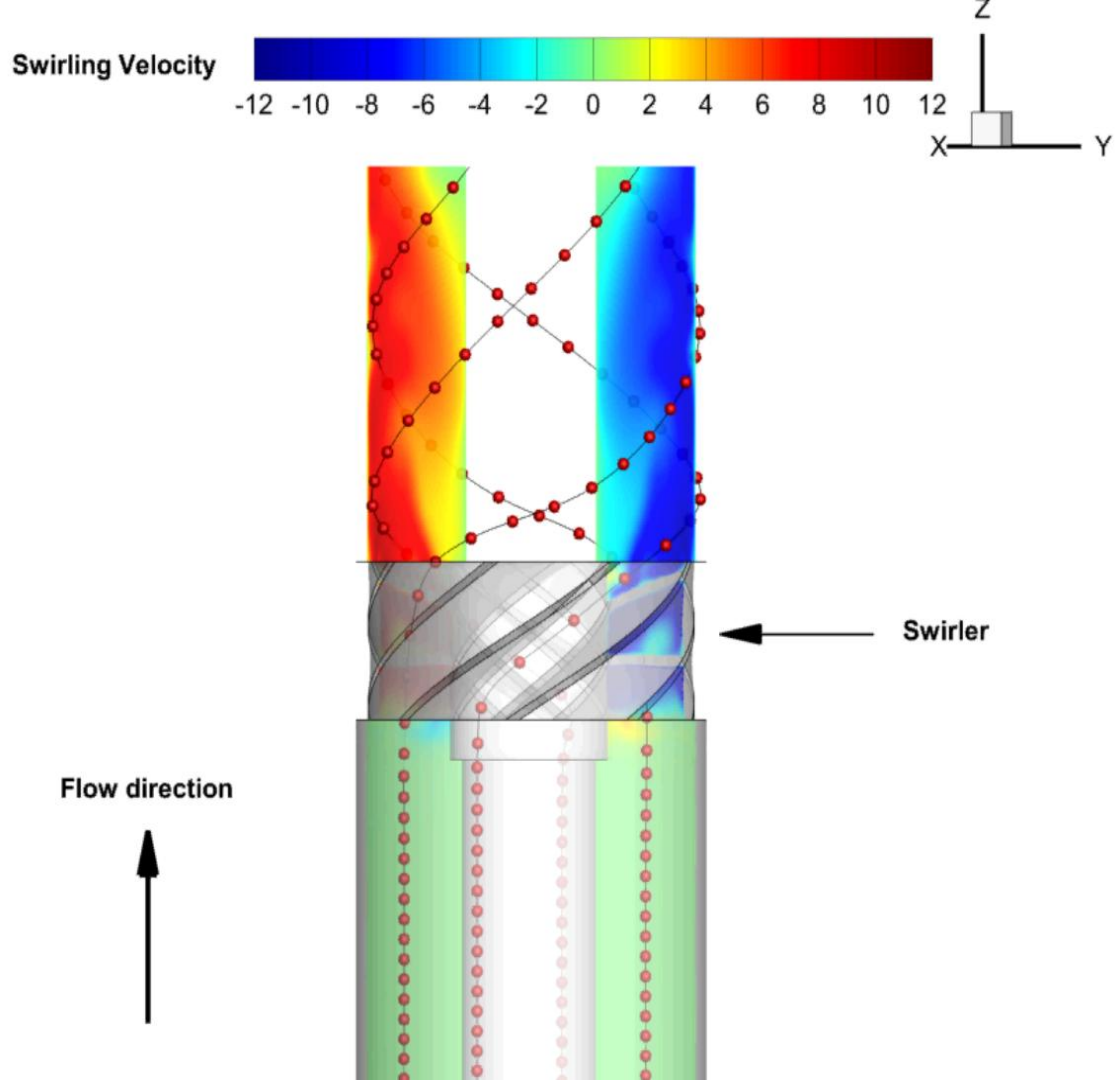
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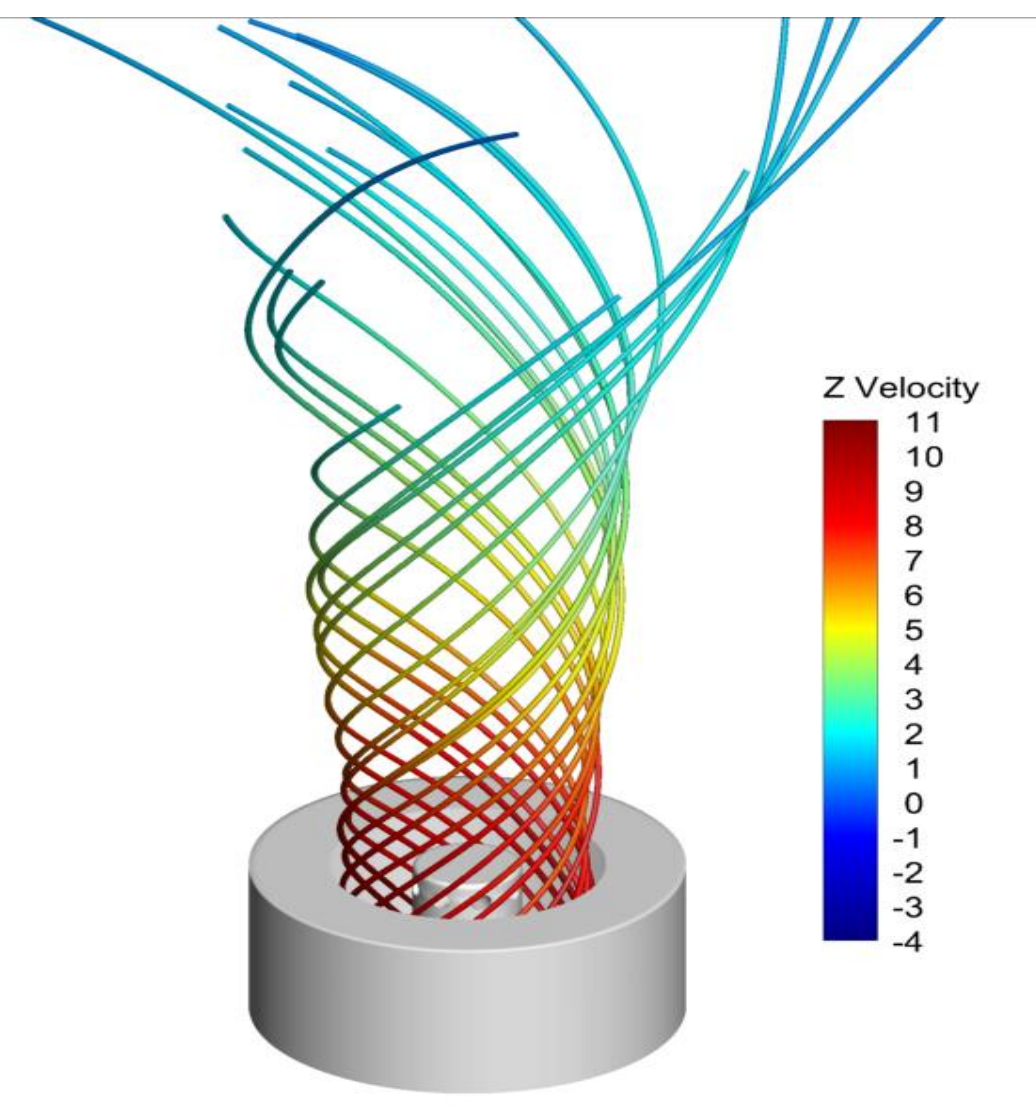
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## Context and objectives

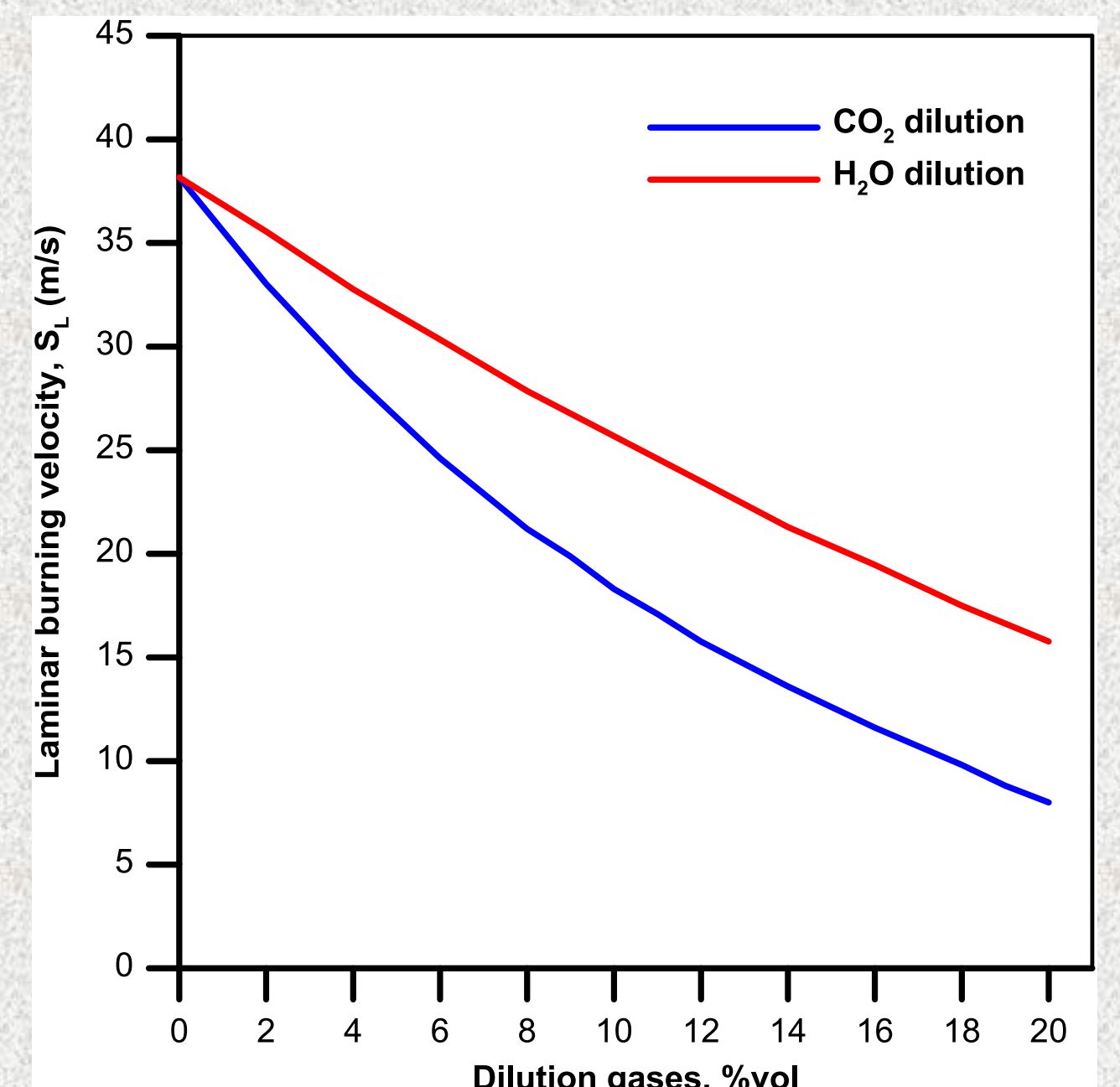
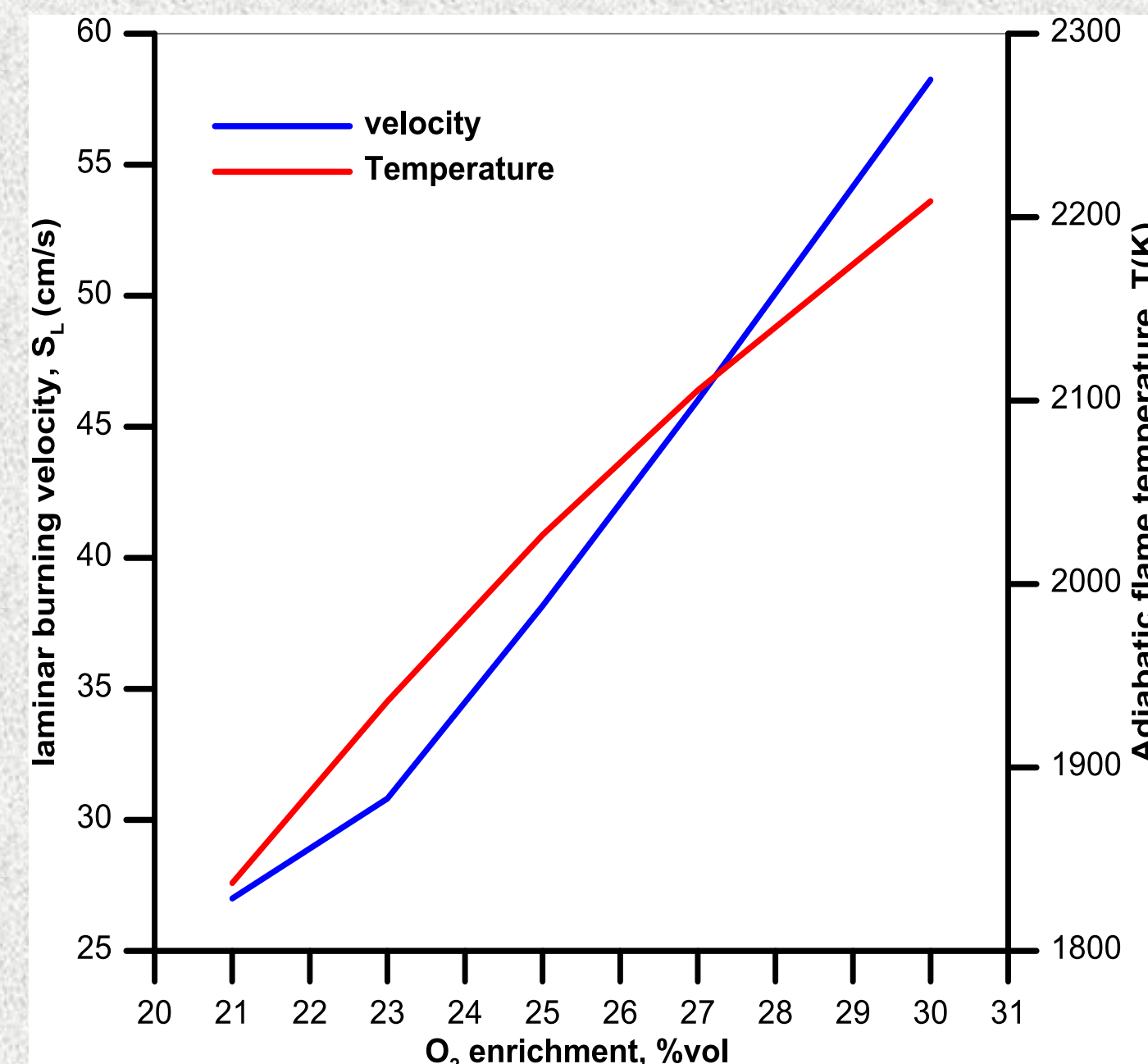
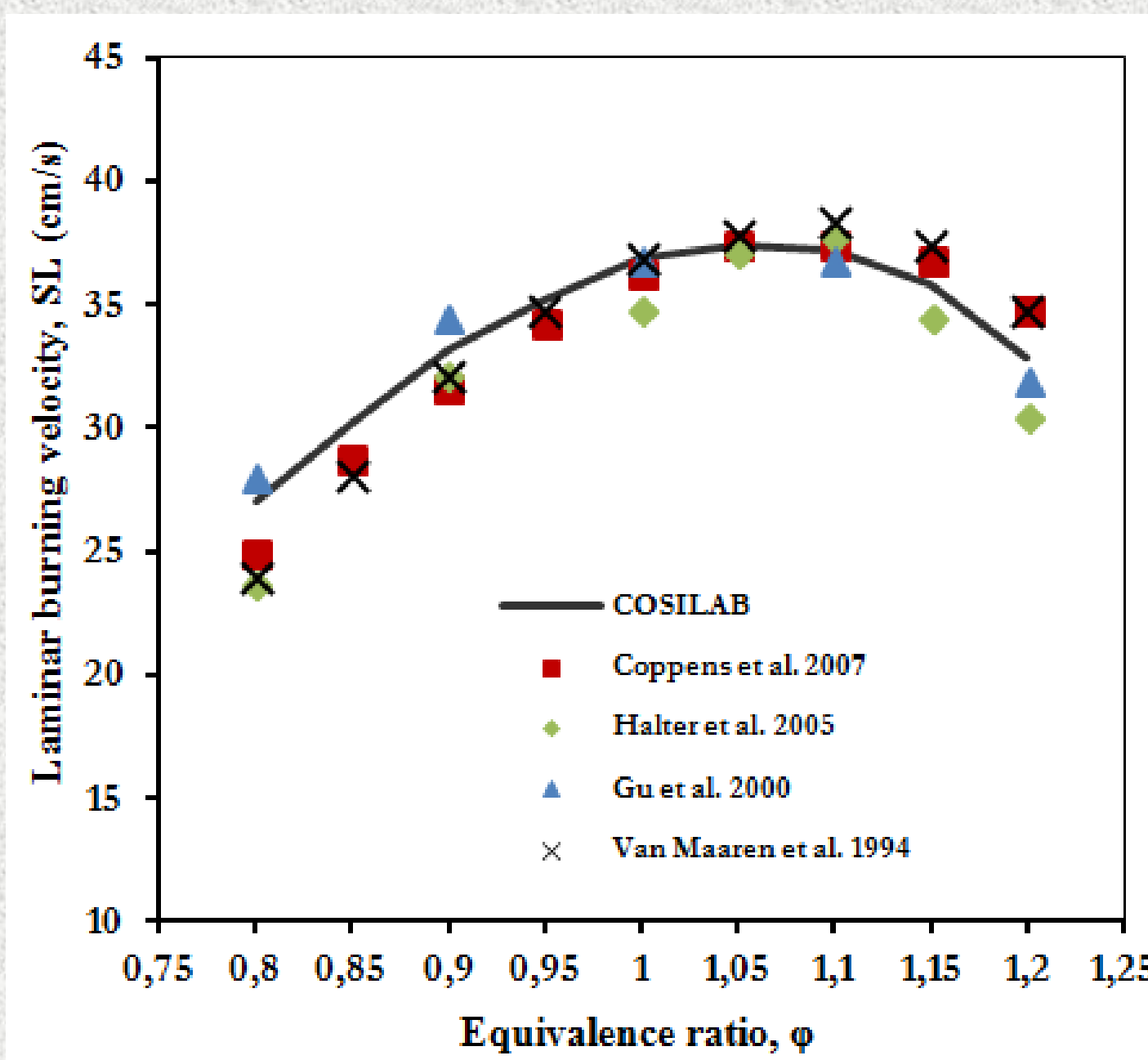
- **Study of non-premixed turbulent flames stabilized by a swirler**
  - Control of pollutant emissions / emissions standards
  - Improve performances of combustion plants
- **Investigations on flame characteristics**
  - Effects of oxygen enrichment
  - Effects of steam and CO<sub>2</sub> dilution
  - Effects of swirl intensity



## Numerical calculations

The numerical computations were conducted with **COSILAB** software

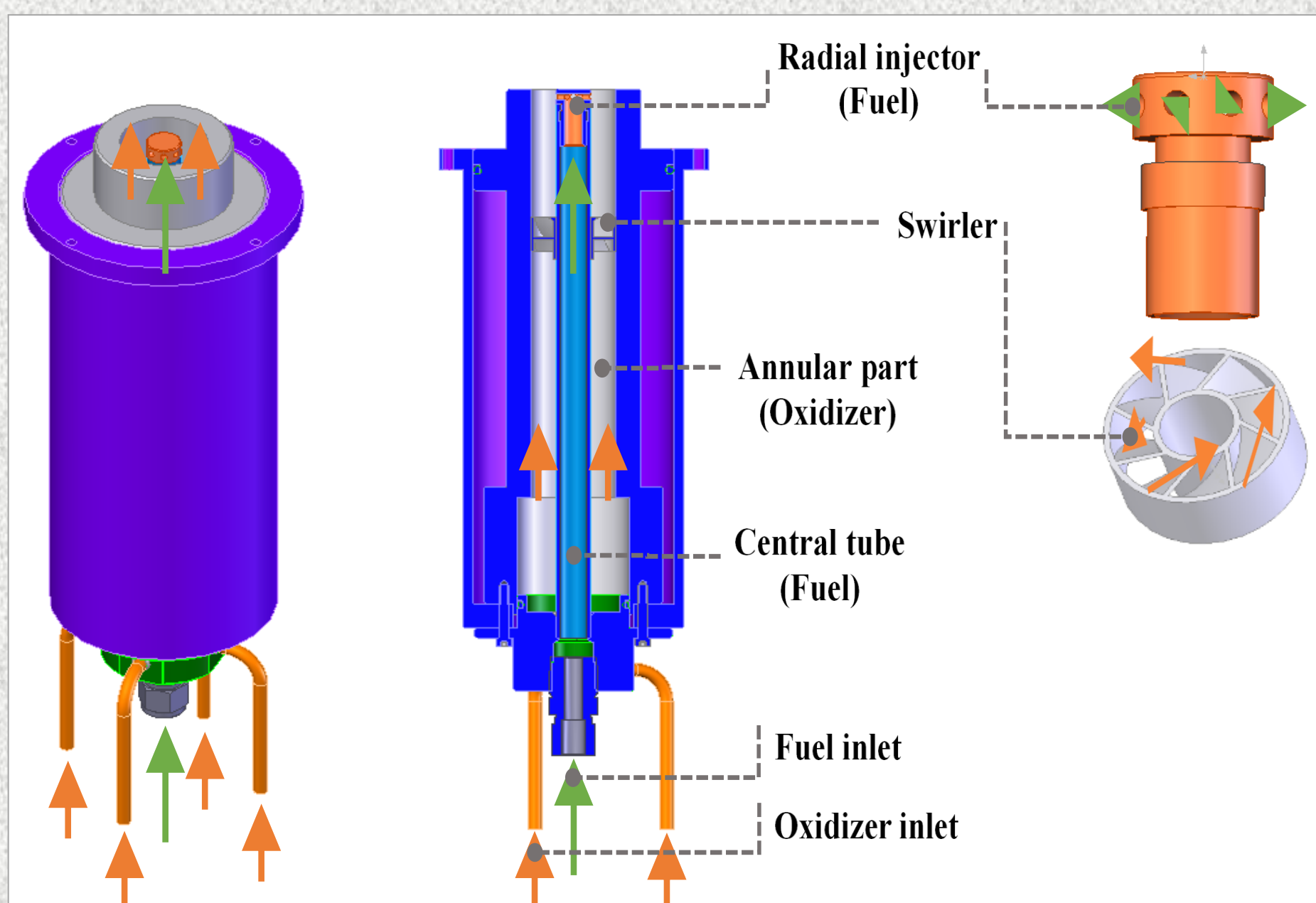
- Freely propagating methane-air flames.
- One-dimensional premixed flame.
- GRI-mech 3.0 mechanism.
- Atmospheric pressure and 300K.
- Equivalence ratio : from 0.8 to 1.2
- Oxygen enrichment : from 21% to 30%vol.
- Dilution : (0-20%vol) for both CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O.



- With O<sub>2</sub>: notable increase in flame temperature and laminar burnig velocity.
- With dilution: significant decrease in laminar burning velocity, the effect of CO<sub>2</sub> is greatest.

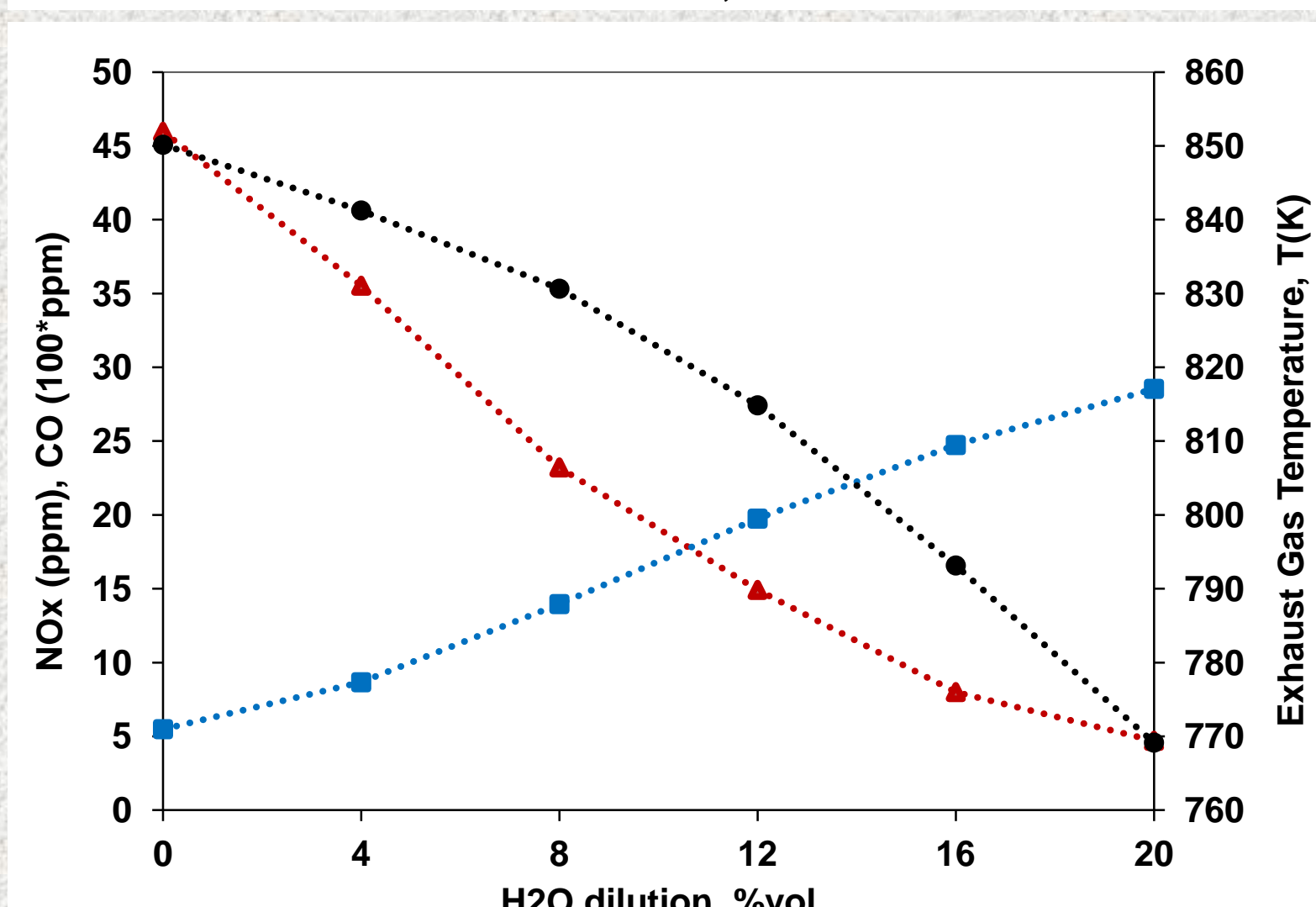
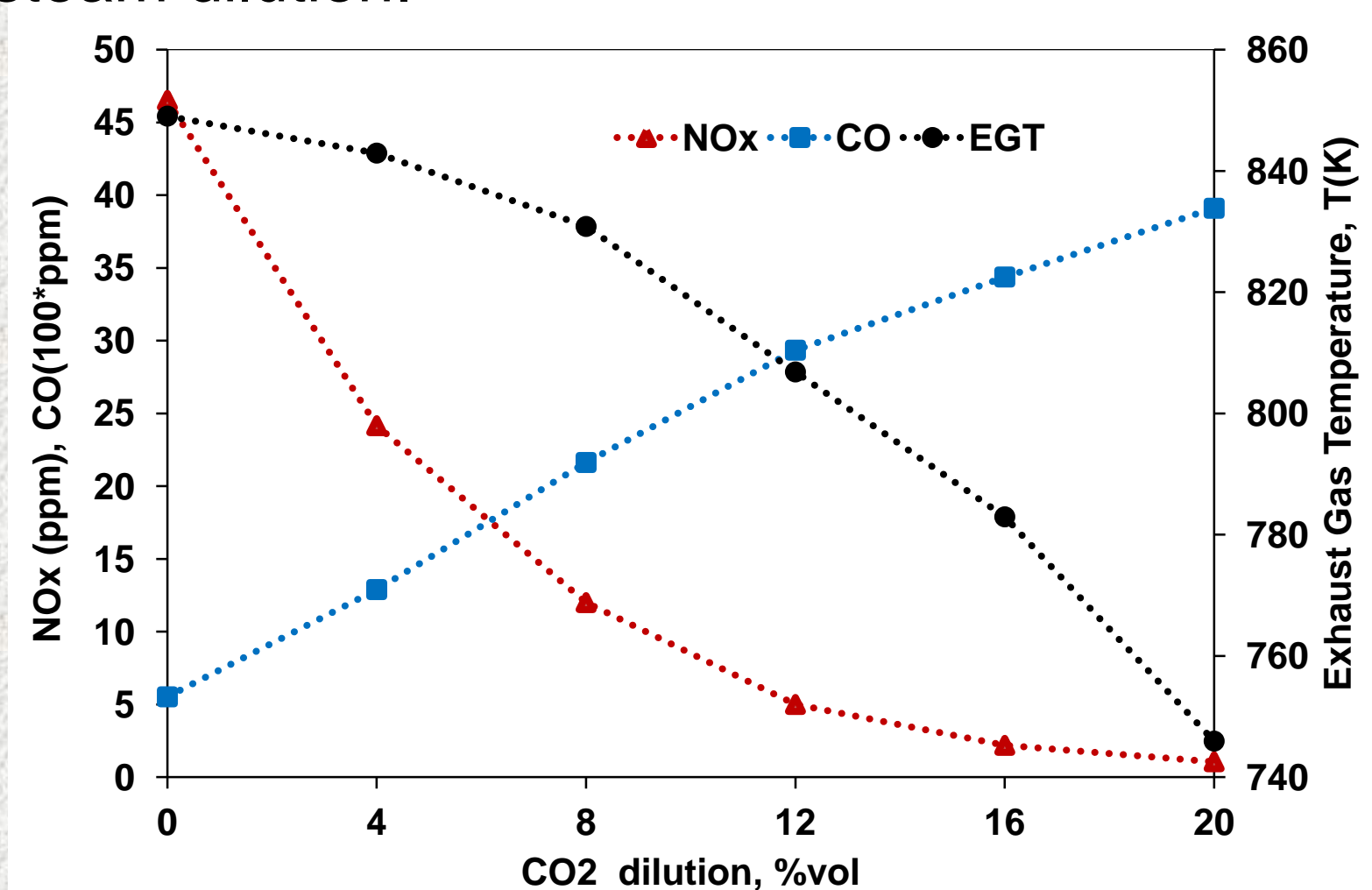
## Experimental study

### Coaxial swirl burner



NO<sub>x</sub> and CO emissions and exhaust gas temperature are reported as a function of H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub> dilution. Case: Sn = 0.8, φ = 0.8, and 25% oxygen enriched methane/air mixture at atmospheric pressure.

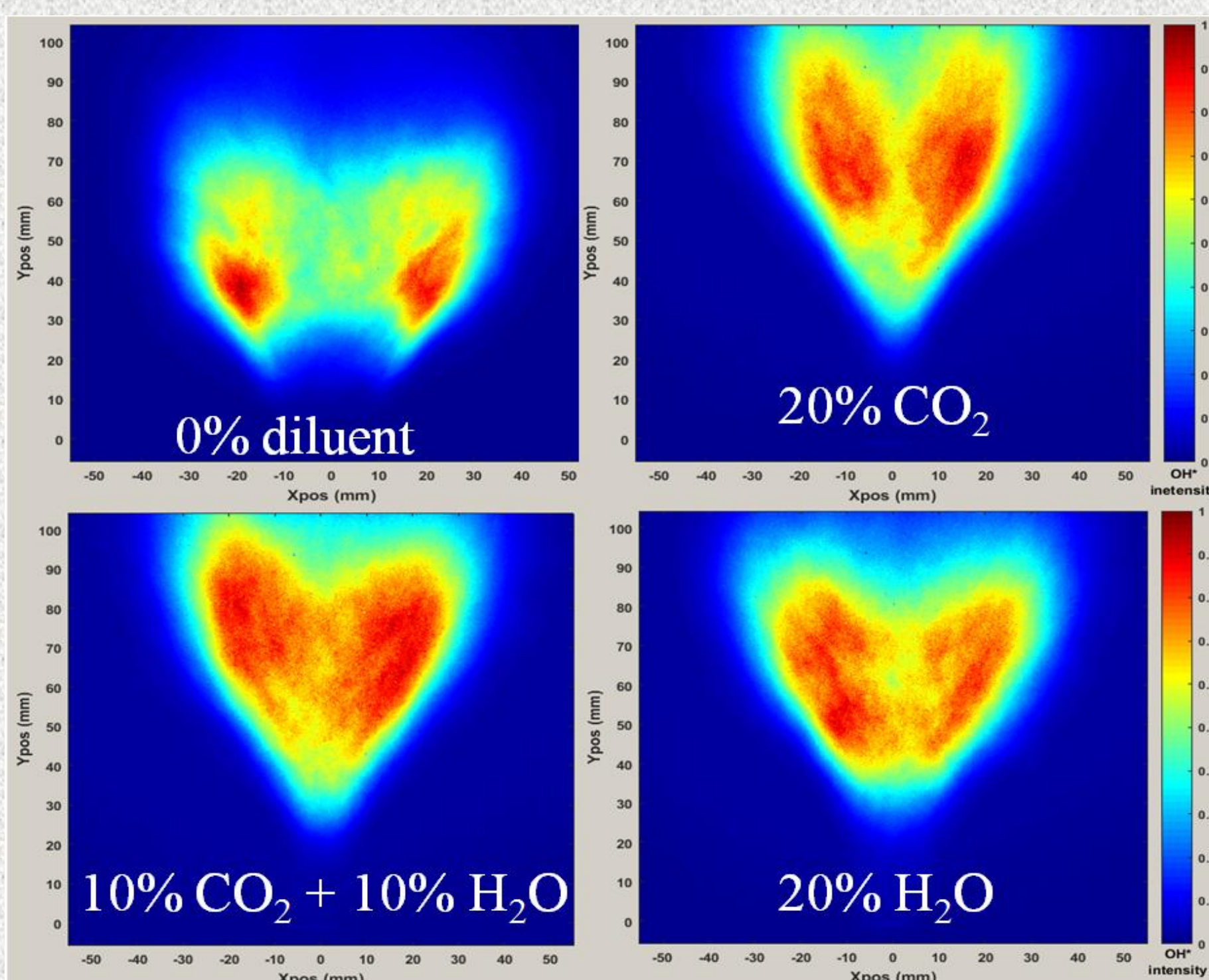
→ Effect of CO<sub>2</sub> dilution is stronger than that of steam dilution.



### OH\* chemiluminescence

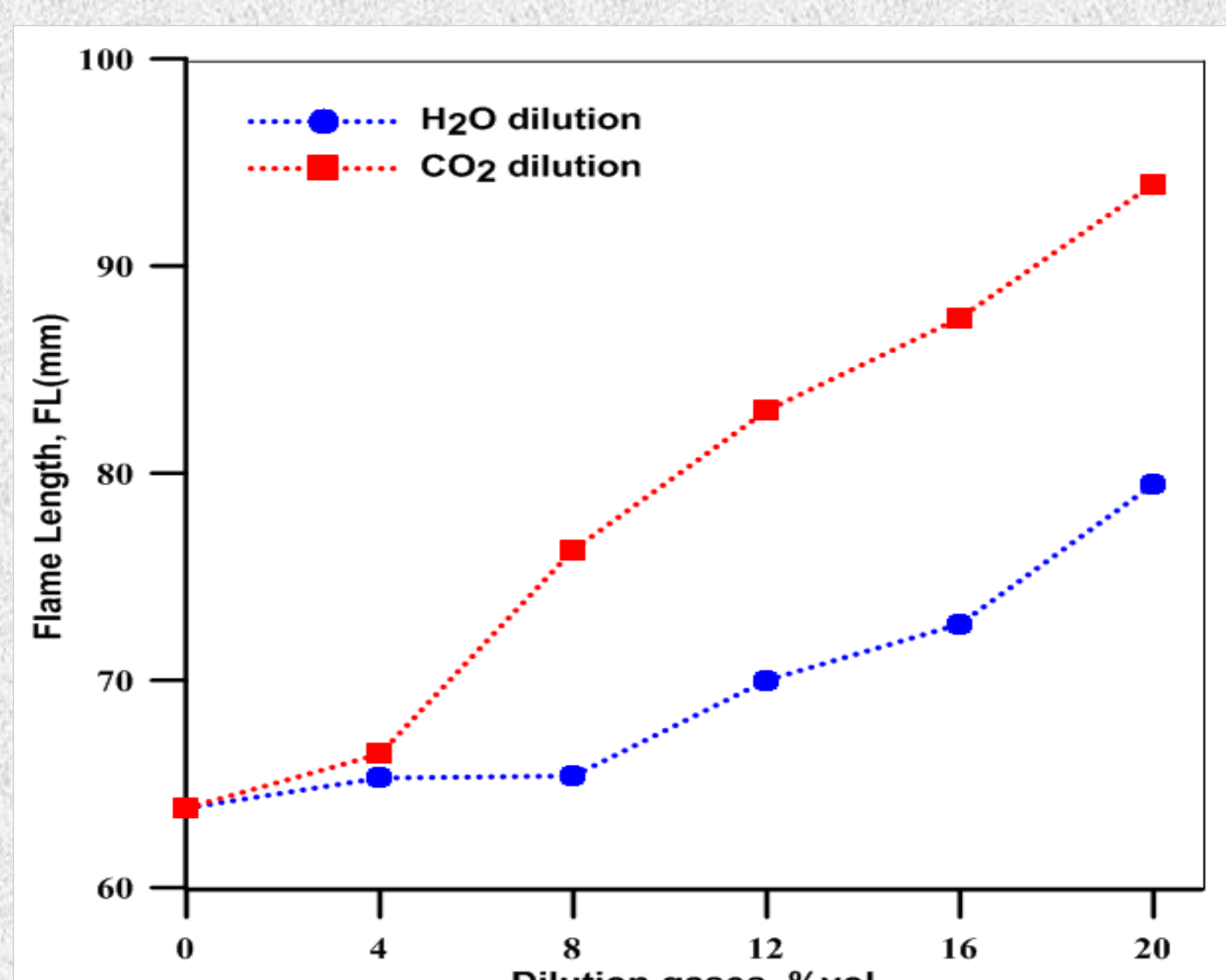
OH\* intensity distributions of methane/air swirling flames diluted by CO<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub>O and EGR, in the case of 21% O<sub>2</sub>, for Sn=0.8 and φ=0.8.

- The flame becomes taller and unsettled with dilution.
- CO<sub>2</sub> has greater effect on the flame lift-off heights.

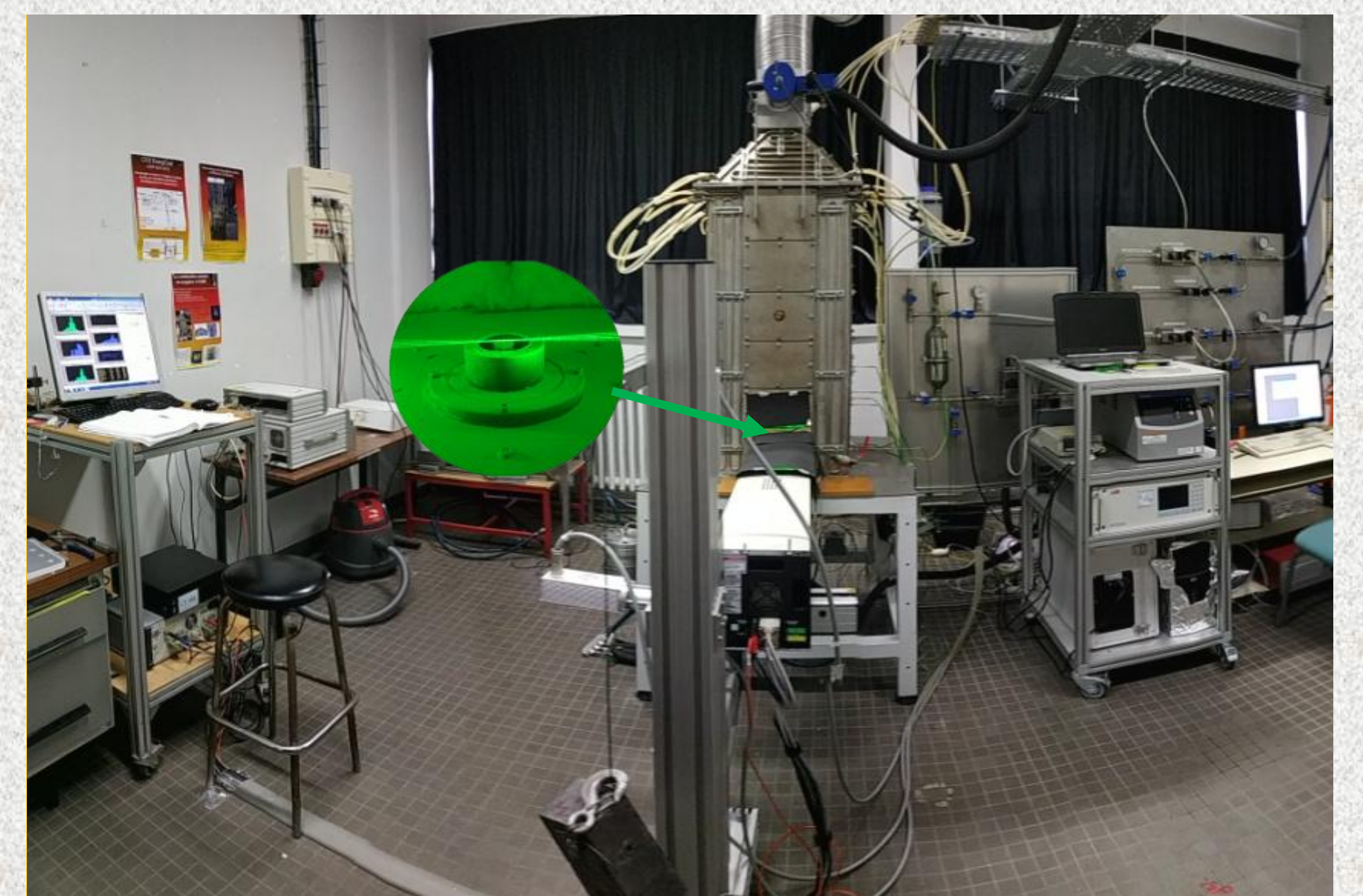


Flame lengths as a function of CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O diluted for 25% oxygen enriched methane/air mixture for Sn=1.4 and φ=0.8.

- EGR dilution increases lift-off heights about 60% compared to the case without dilution.
- The flame becomes much taller with CO<sub>2</sub> dilution.



### Laser Doppler Anemometry



Axial velocity and RMS profiles at z=30mm with & without CO<sub>2</sub> and water vapor dilution for Sn=1.4 and φ=0.8.

- With CO<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>O dilution, the maximum velocity is higher and the flow is narrower.
- Root Mean Squares are higher in the case of dilution.

