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• Conclusions

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**Needs | Large Scale Measurements**

- Boilers,
- Flames (oil, gas, bio-masses),
- Engines (ships, jets),
- Field campaigns (explosions)

**VIS image grade flame (waste)**

**IR image wood dust flame (video fuel mixing)**
Complexity

**Large Scale Measurements**

**Complexity:**
- get results first
- trustful system
- 1500C is not uncommon

**Expensive:**
- access possibilities
- man power
- time

Campaign at Blok 7 Fynsværket (Denmark)
Data analysis:
• on-line
• at home

Source of reference data:
• measurements in a cell with pre-mixed gases
• databases (IR/UV)

NO measurements in exhaust duct of a large ship engine
Example 1 | NH3: experiment (500C, 0.09cm-1) vs calculations (BYTe)

Can we use BYTe at 500C for practical apps?

- in general a good agreement
- some difficulties with strong line intensities
- some frequency shifts in line positions

More work to do at even higher T (>500C)

More details:
Emma J. Barton et al
“High-resolution absorption measurements of NH3 at high temperatures: 500 - 2100 cm-1”
(submitted to JQSRT)

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Application case 1 | In Situ measurements on Pyroneer (6MW) gasifier

NH3: Q: Why to do measurements? A: NH3 contributes to NOx formation

Gas extraction (150C):
20-06-2014 (17:00-19:30): NH3=(0.4 ± 0.02)%, H2O=(35 ± 0.6)%, CO2=(14 ± 0.45)%, CO=(10 ± 0.21)%
24-06-2014 (15:00-17:00): NH3=(0.42 ± 0.02)%, H2O=(36 ± 0.6)%, CO2=(13.5 ± 0.45)%, CO=(10.3 ± 0.21)%

In situ (547C):
24-06-2014 (20:00-21:00): NH3=(0.55 ± 0.05)%, H2O=(36 ± 1)%

Gas Extraction on 24-06-2014 b2: NH3=0.42%
Application case 2 | SO2/SO3/NH3 in a hot flue gas

SO2/SO3/NH3: Q: Why to do measurements?
A: NOx reduction at SCR/NSCR units, NH3 slip/costs, corrosion/fouling
Example 2 | **SO3: measurements at 25C and 400C**

- Simple to generate, but difficult to measure/quantify
- No databases (SO2/SO3) are available at T>100C

**Good news:**
- Excellent agreement with PNNL data at 25C
- No need to use high-resolution at high T
Example 2  |  SO2/SO3 cross sections (0.5cm-1)

PhD (Dan Underwood) with UCL:
- SO₂ and SO₃ line lists
- ready by the end 2015
- 2nd Power plant measurement campaign, fall 2015
Example 3/UV  

Phenol/Naphthalene UV absorption cross-sections temperature effects

- Not too many reference data available even at low T (about 23°C)
- An excellent agreement with published data at low T
- Significant changes in the fine structure of the cross-section spectra with T

Phenol abs cross-sections: from 23°C to 500°C

Naphthalene abs cross-sections: from 23°C to 500°C
Application case 3/UV | In Situ measurements on LT-CFB (100kW) gasifier

Phenol/Naphthalene: Q: Why to do measurements?
A: Phenol/Naphthalene – major trace gases from PAH’s in low temperature gasification

Few new challenges:
- Very strong UV light attenuation
- Very broad continuum-like abs structures
- Very small L for in situ measurements

DOAS approach: SO2 UV absorption as an example
Application case 3/UV | In Situ measurements on LT-CFB (100kW) gasifier

Comparison of the measurements

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In general
• You can find a lot inspirations for the work on the Earth
• Different research areas can have the same origin
• Scientists can make industry guys happy

In particular:
○ Excellent experimental tools are available for (VUV) UV-FIR optical measurements
○ Temperature range can be also negative (e.g. gases at low T)
○ New data/lines for NH3/SO2/SO3
○ New data for phenol/naphthalene
○ Try always In Situ and avoid any Ex Situ (extraction) measurements
Conclusions | Future

• Inspiration comes from industry (small, middle large, ...)
• Possible spin offs: innovation (patents)
• New gas components: CH₃Cl, KCl etc. (together with UCL)
• Combine several methods to obtain multi-parameters
• ...
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