

# **CFD simulation of chloride-containing flue dust in waste incinerators by coupling ChemApp and CFX**

## **Comparison of calculation and measurements**

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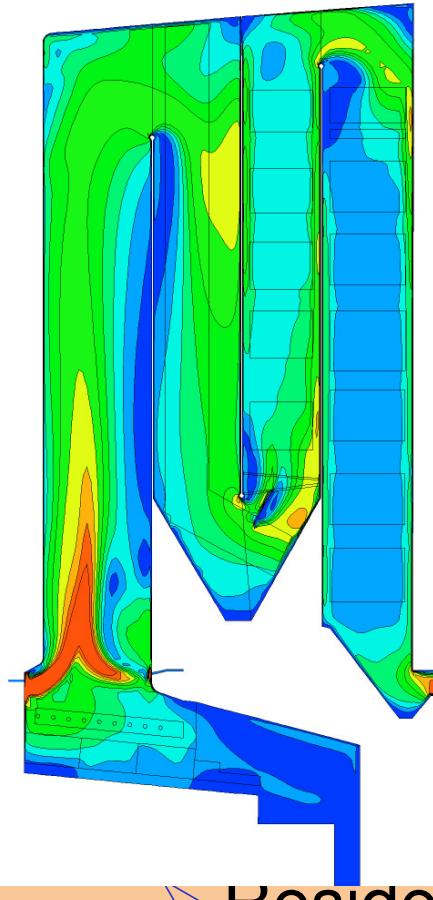
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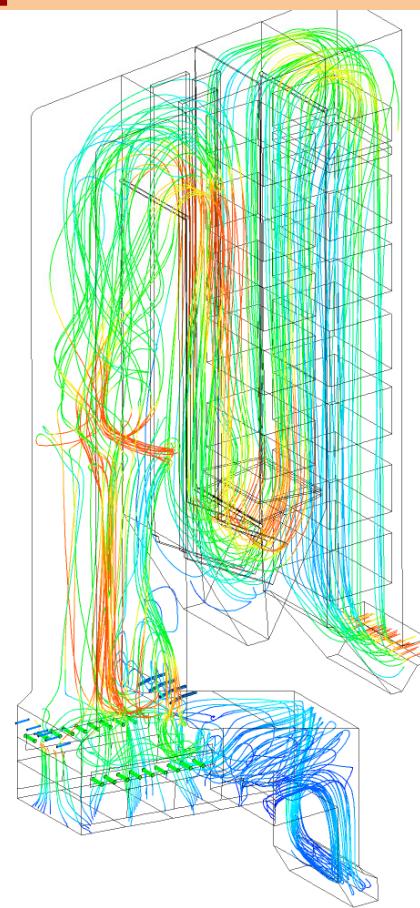
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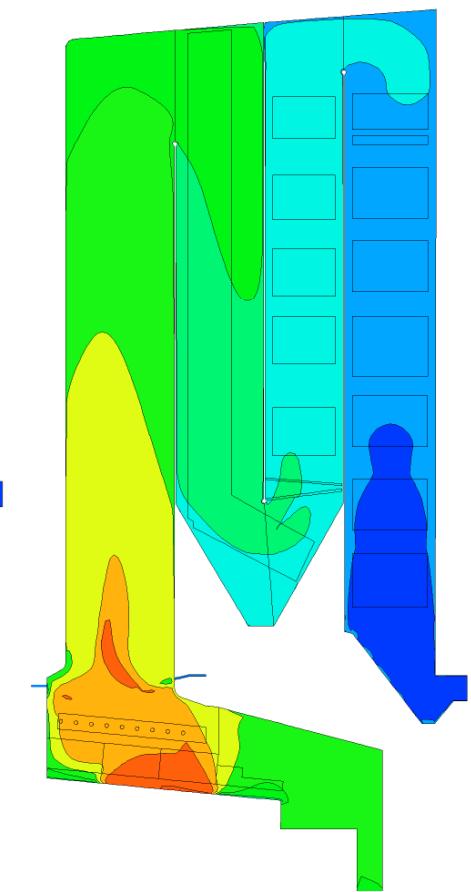
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## Fluid Dynamics )



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# Introduction

## Combustion

- Combustion models
  - e.g. LUAT-Essen, LEAT-Bochum, Umsicht-Oberhausen, GKS/Cutec Schweinfurt)
- Majority-species
  - $C_xH_y$ , CO,  $CO_2$ ,  $H_2O$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $N_2$ ,  $O_2$ ,  $SO_2$ , HCl

# Introduction

## Corrosion

- Minority-species
  - Alkali- / alkalineearth- / heavy metals
- Variety of possible compounds
- Limited knowledge of „Product forming models“
- Lacking of material data
- Complicate validation

# Methods

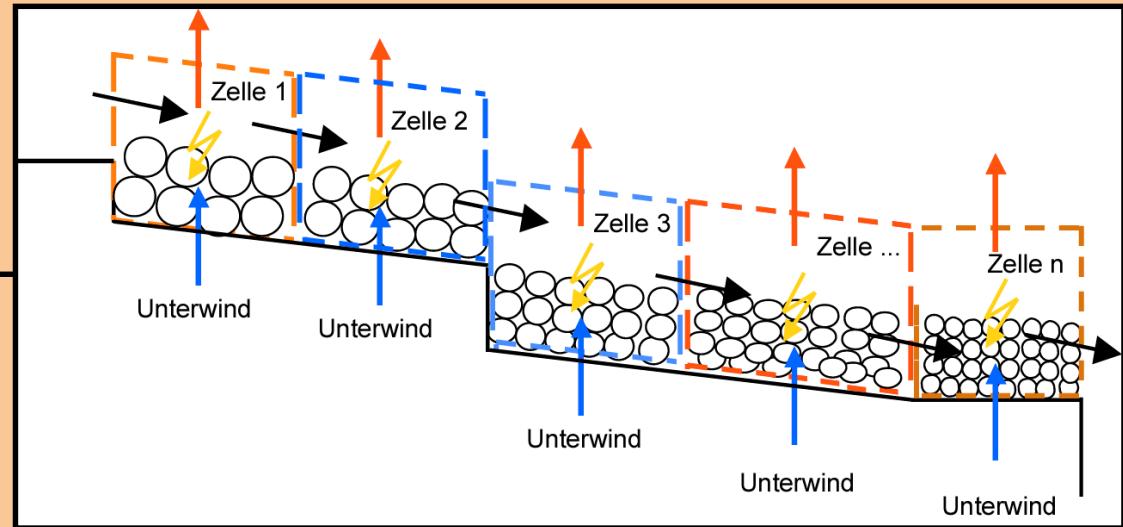
## Ansys-CFX

- One of the 3 great CFD-Codes
- Robust solver
- Good performance (parallel , multigrid-solver)
- Good models for radiation and combustion
- Comprehensive wall-functions

# Methods

## CFD-Simulation

- Grate model
- Species
- Combustion
- Heat exchange
- Further sources / sinks
  - Secondary air, SNCR ...



# Methods

## Validation

- Continuous validation with implemented plants



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# **CFD-Studies of waste incinerations**

- Brüssel
- Gamsen
- Horgen
- Ningbo
- Lippendorf
- Schweinfurt
- Würzburg
- Kirklees
- Isle of Man
- Neapel/Calabrien
- Palermo/Casteltermini
- Moerdijk
- Halmstadt
- Södertälje
- Joenkoeping
- ...

# Methods

## FactSage / ChemApp

- Unification of FACT-Win and ChemSage in 2001
- One of the largest databases for chemical thermodynamics in the world

# Methods

## ChemApp

- Libraries for integration into own programs
- Communication over standardised interfaces
- High calculation speed

# Methods

## Coupling ChemApp to CFX

- Additional transported species / elements
  - Al, Br, Ca, Cl, Cr, Cu, Fe, K, Mg, Mn, Na, Ni, P, Pb, S, Si, Ti, V, Zn
- Implementation of 300 additional variables
  - For storing the results of ChemApp-calculation

# Methods

## Wall treatment

- Radiation and convection
  - Complete wall structure with fouling, refractory, piping
- No usable mechanism for aerosol-deposition
  - Not implemented
- Depositon in the boiler < 2% of total aerosol
  - Acceptable failure

# Methods

## Calculation time

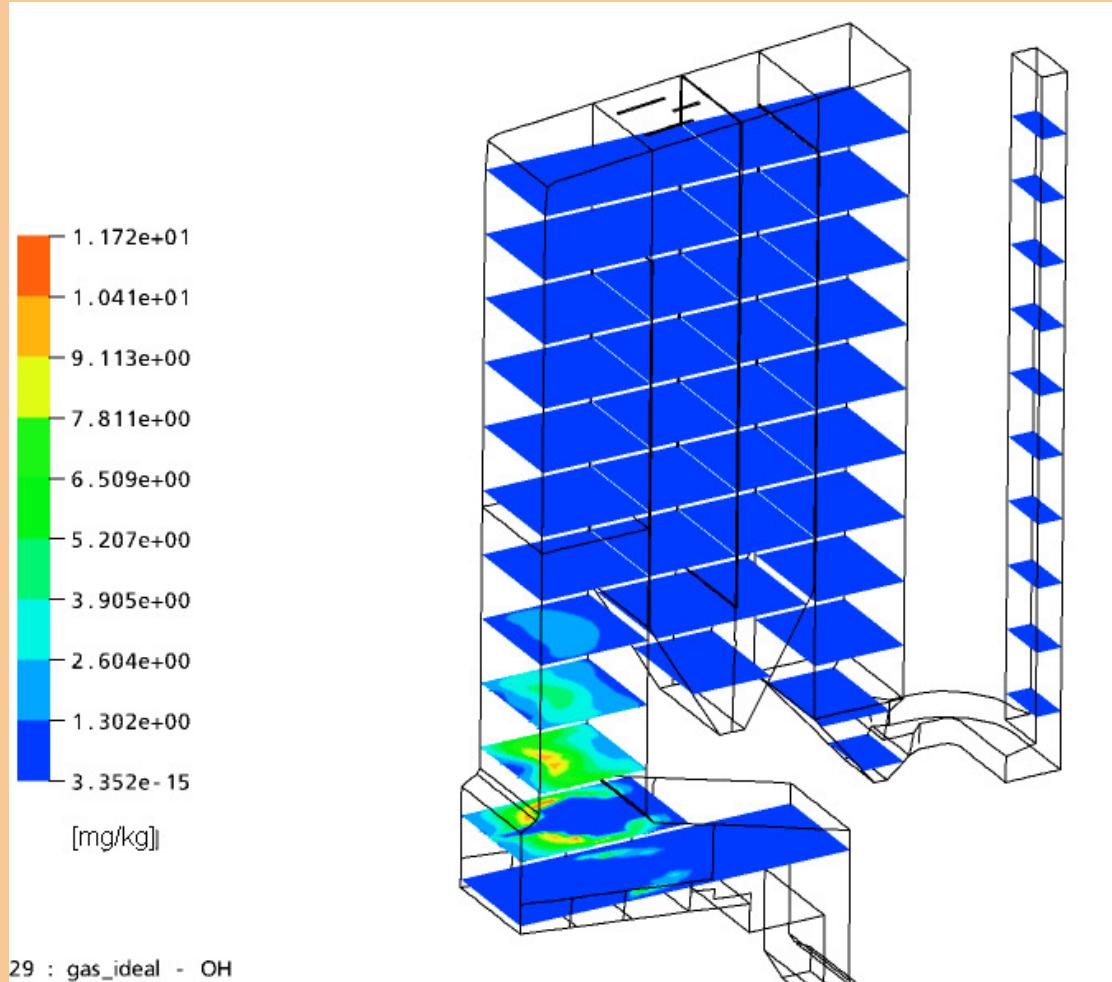
- Net size ca, 1.000.000 cells
- 1 equilibrium calculation ca. 3 -10 s
  - Separate coupled nets for CFD and ChemApp calculation
- Total computation time 4 - 5 days

# Methods

## Relevant Species

- 1473 possible species
- Reducing for meaningful species
  - Massfraction
  - Temperature range
  - Not meaningfull (e.g. hydride)
  - Not probable (e.g. intermetallic)

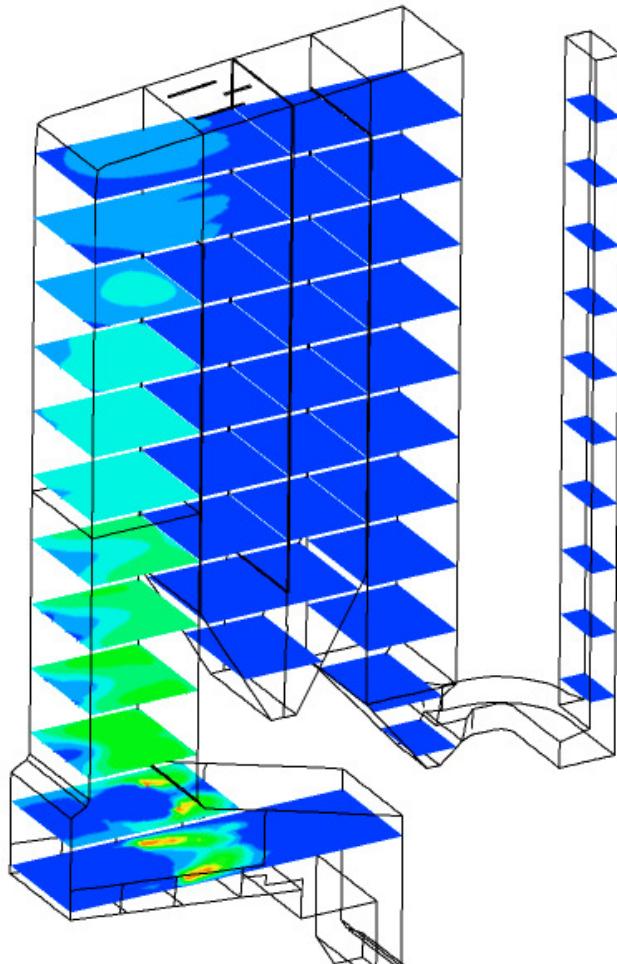
# Results



## OH-Radicals

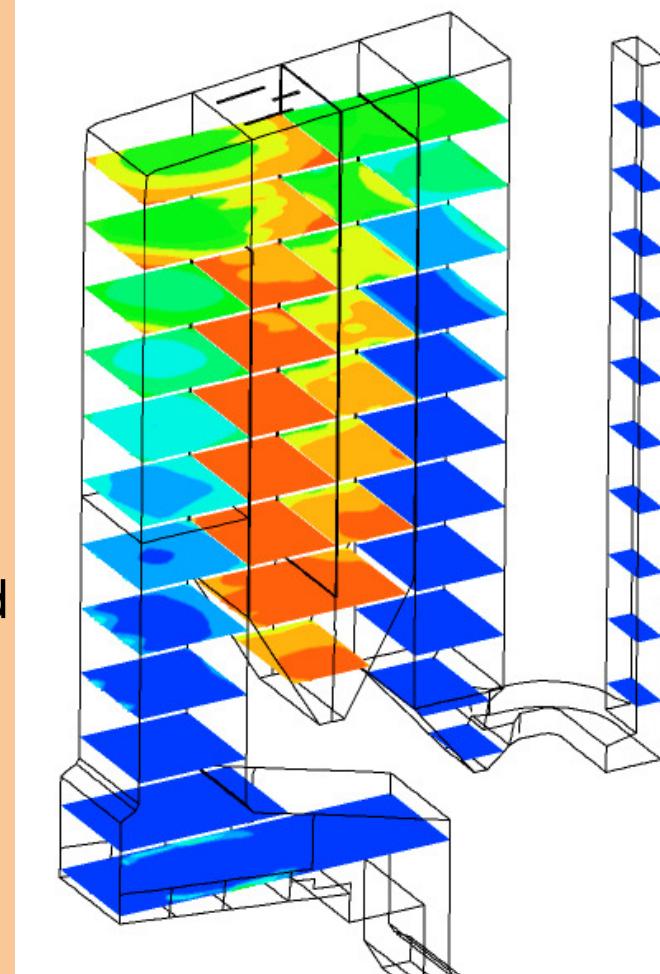
- Important reaction partner for combustion
- Stable at high temperature

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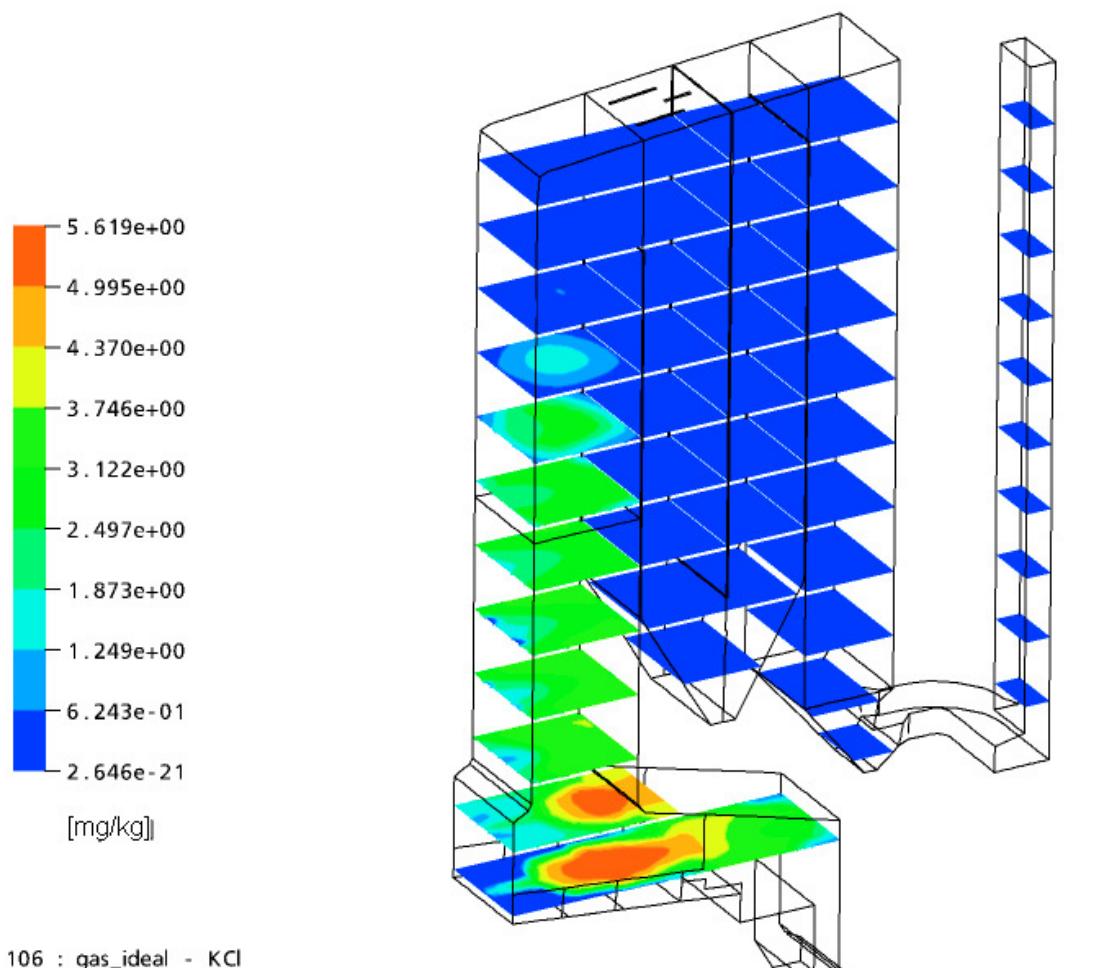


$\text{SO}_2 - \text{SO}_3$

- Transition from  $\text{SO}_2$  to  $\text{SO}_3$  with falling temperature
- Later sulfuric acid and Sulfate



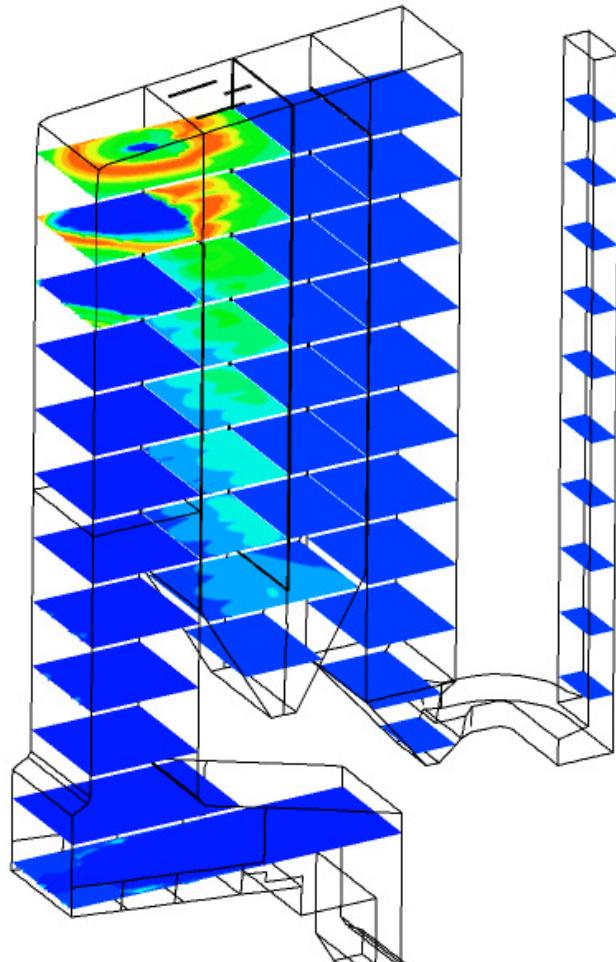
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KCl

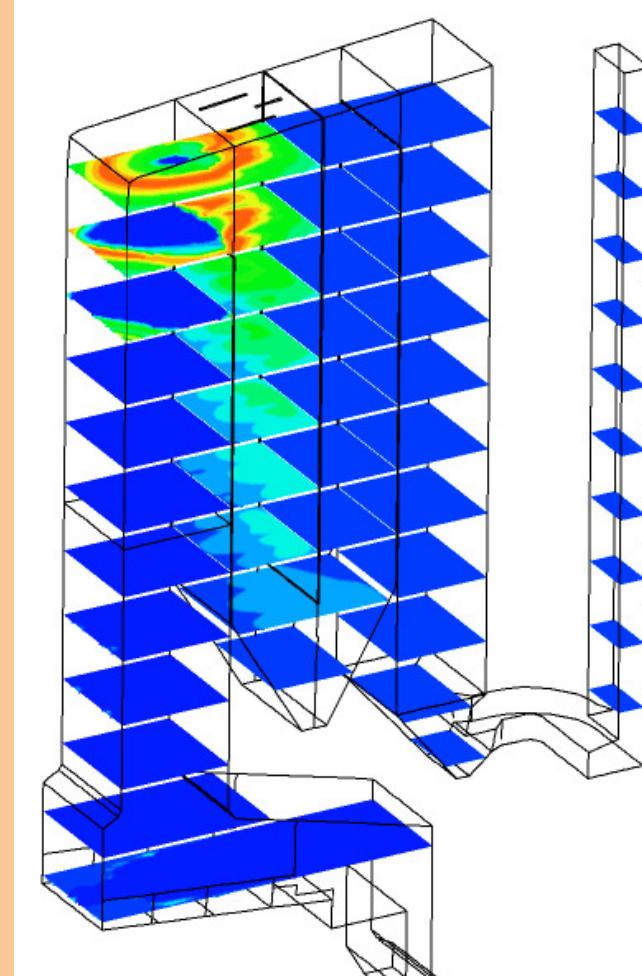
- Stable up to middle of 1. pass

# Results



Liquid  
 $\text{KCl} - \text{K}_2\text{SO}_4$

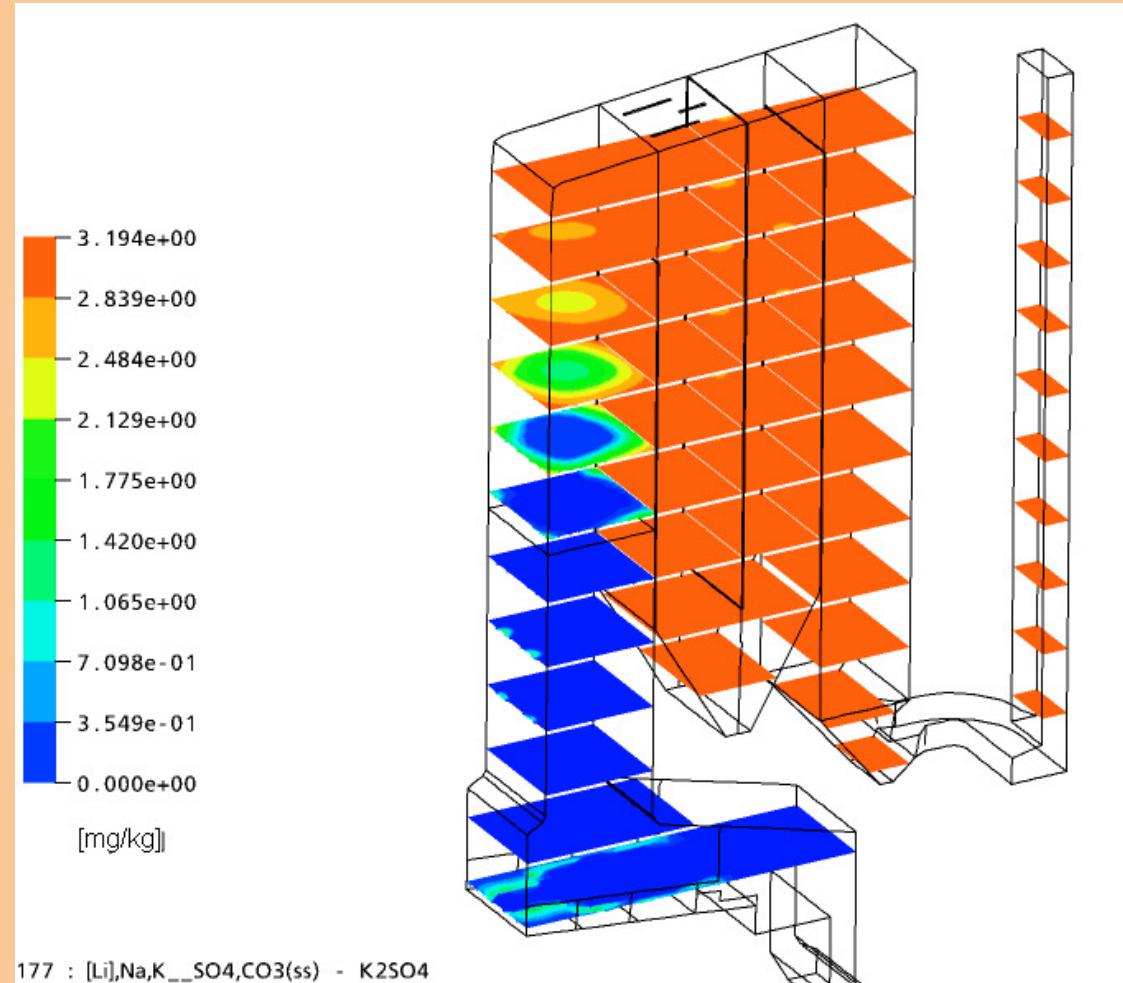
- Little amount at transition  
1. / 2. pass



# Results

## Solid $K_2SO_4$

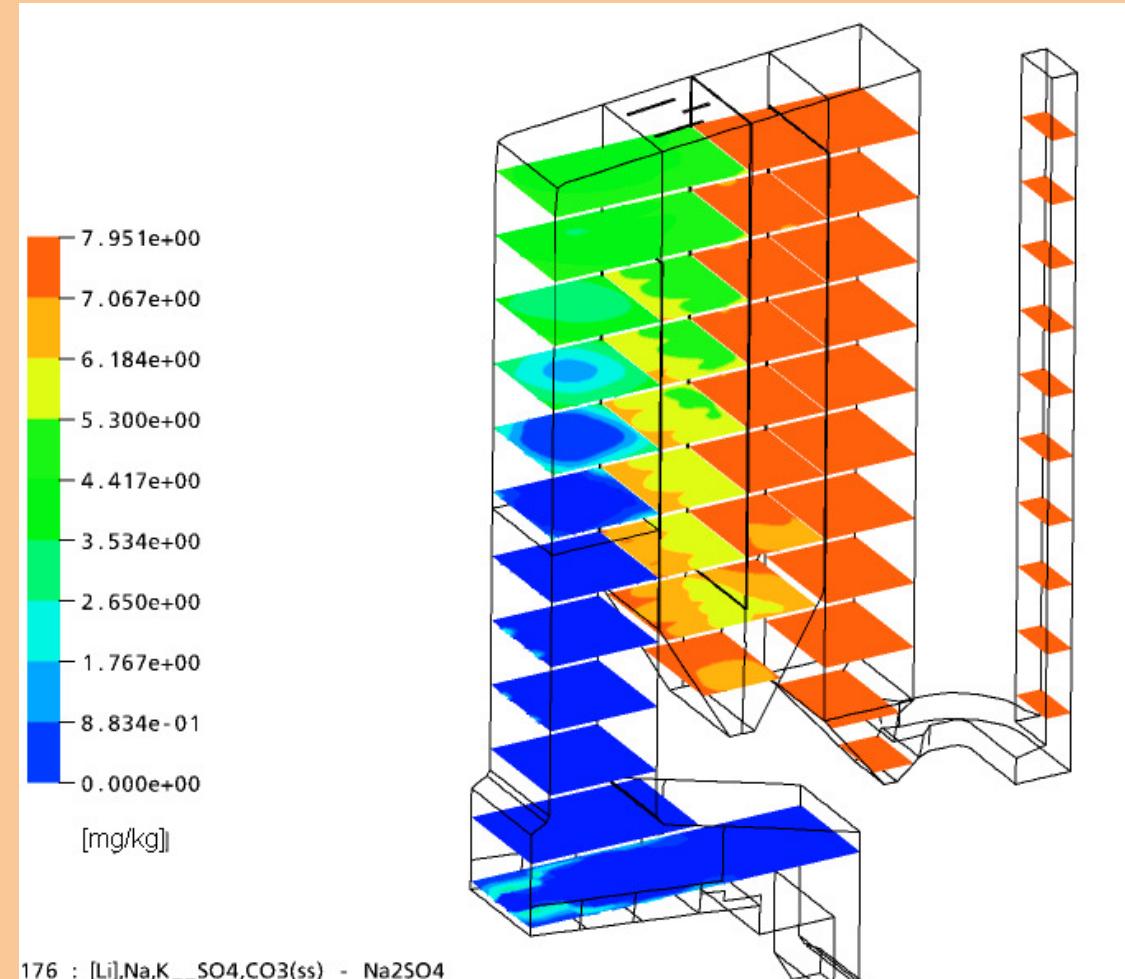
- As mixed phase
- From 2. pass to end



# Results

## Solid $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4$

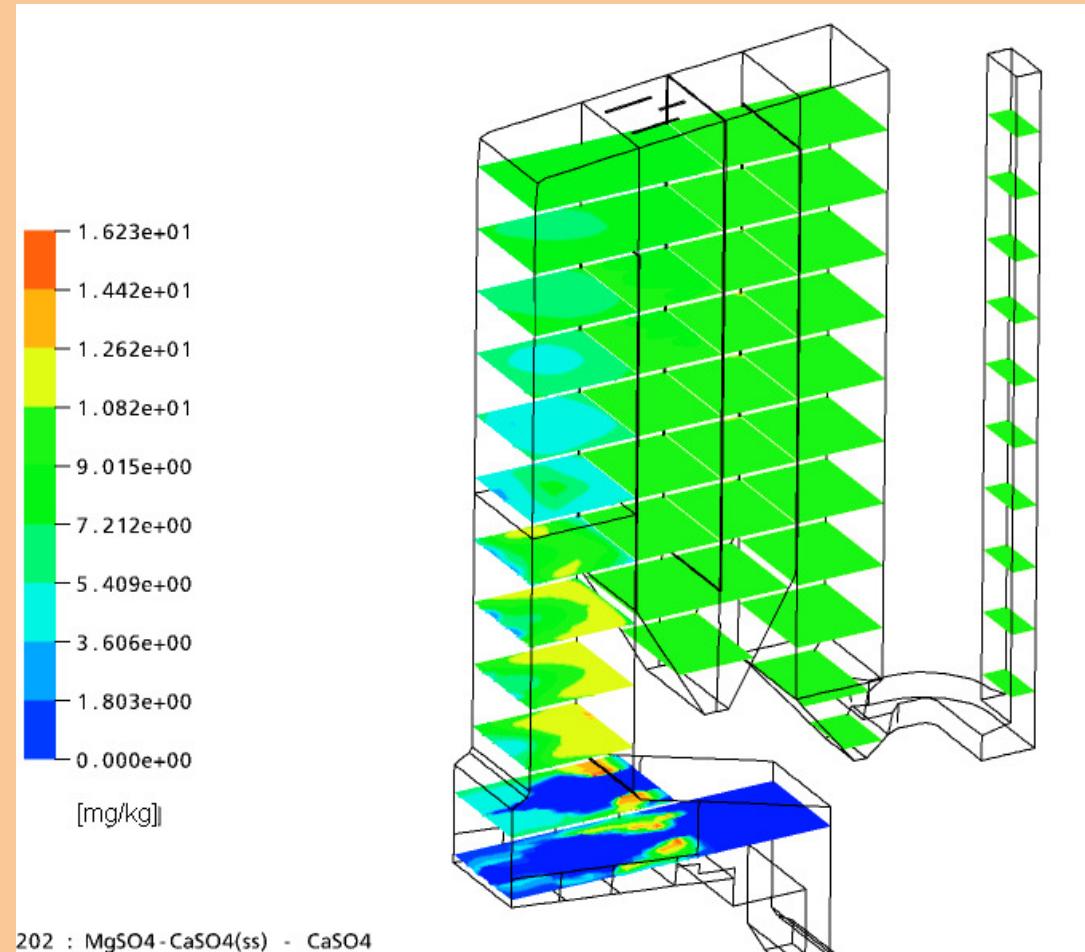
- As mixed phase
- From 2. pass to end



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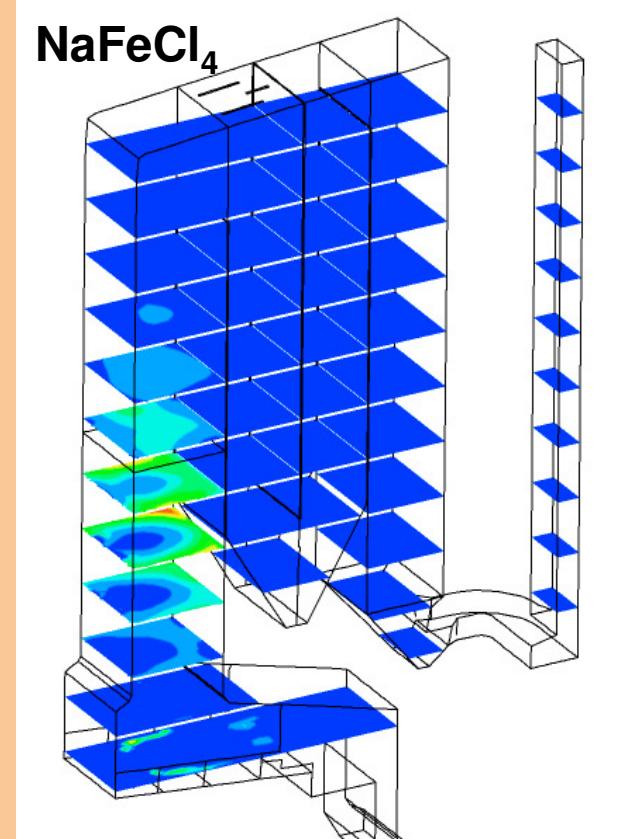
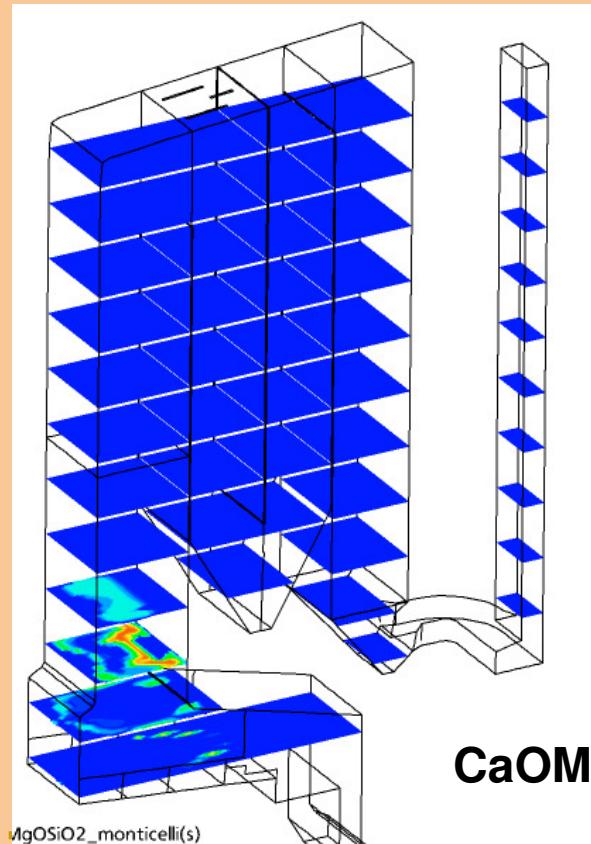
## Solid $\text{CaSO}_4$

- As mixed phase

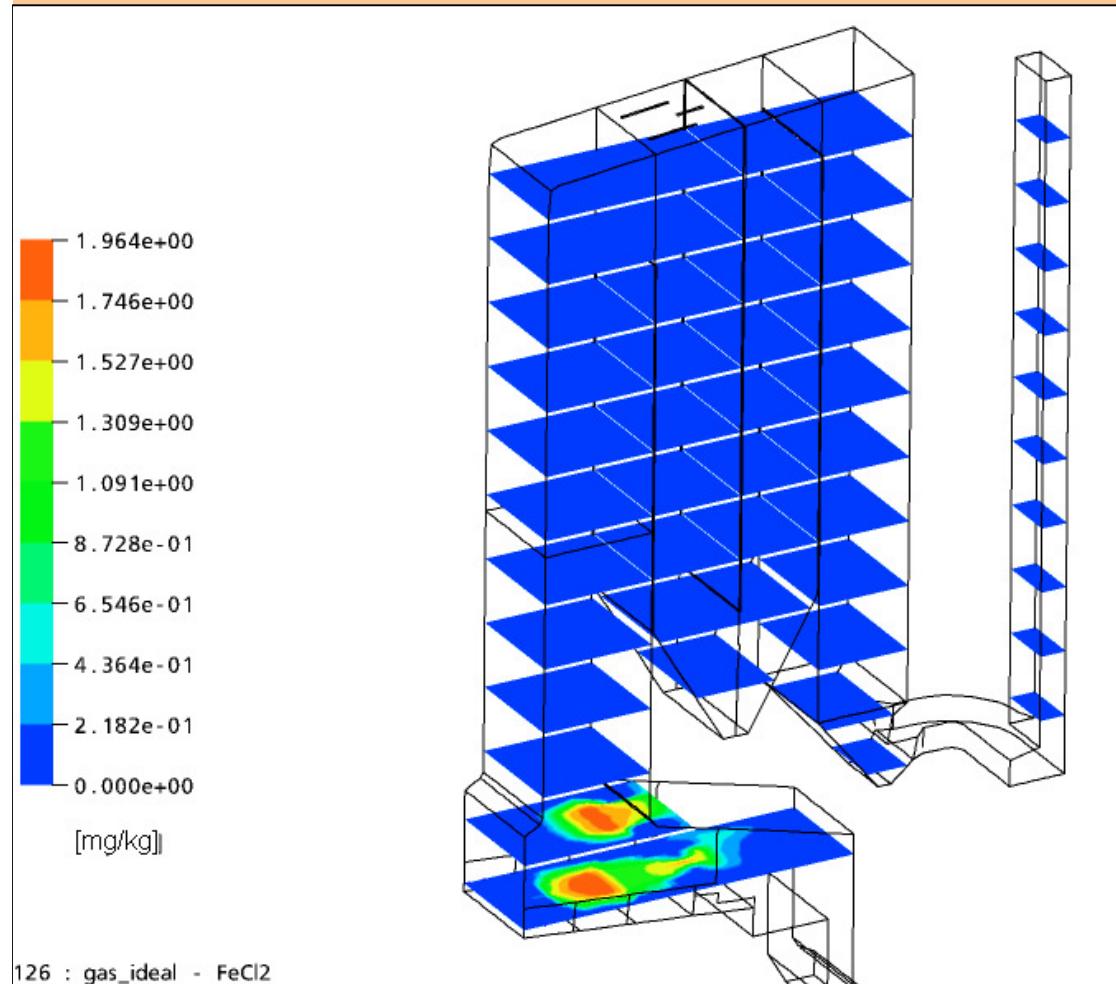


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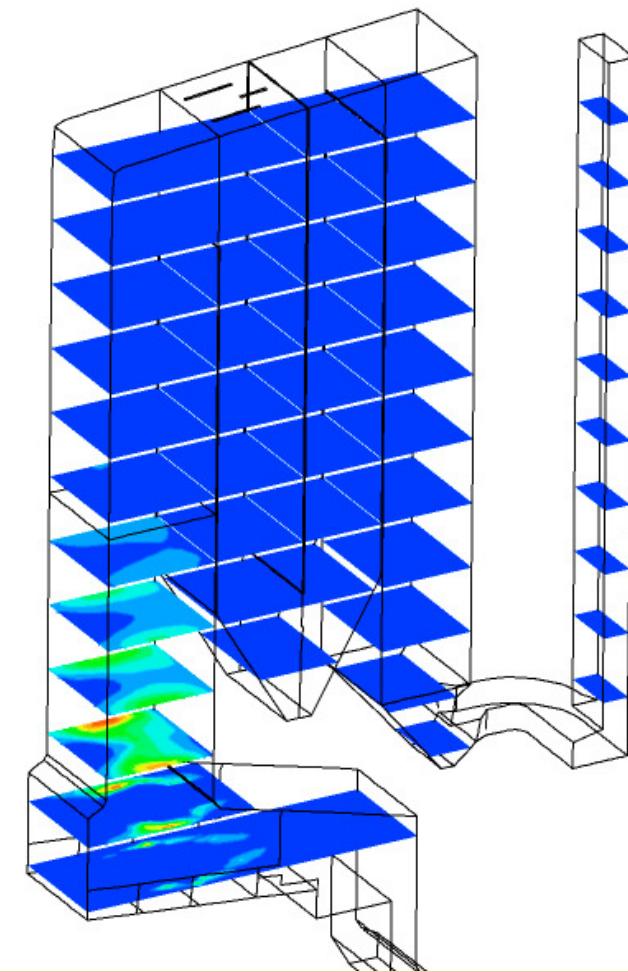
There are various compounds in the combustion chamber



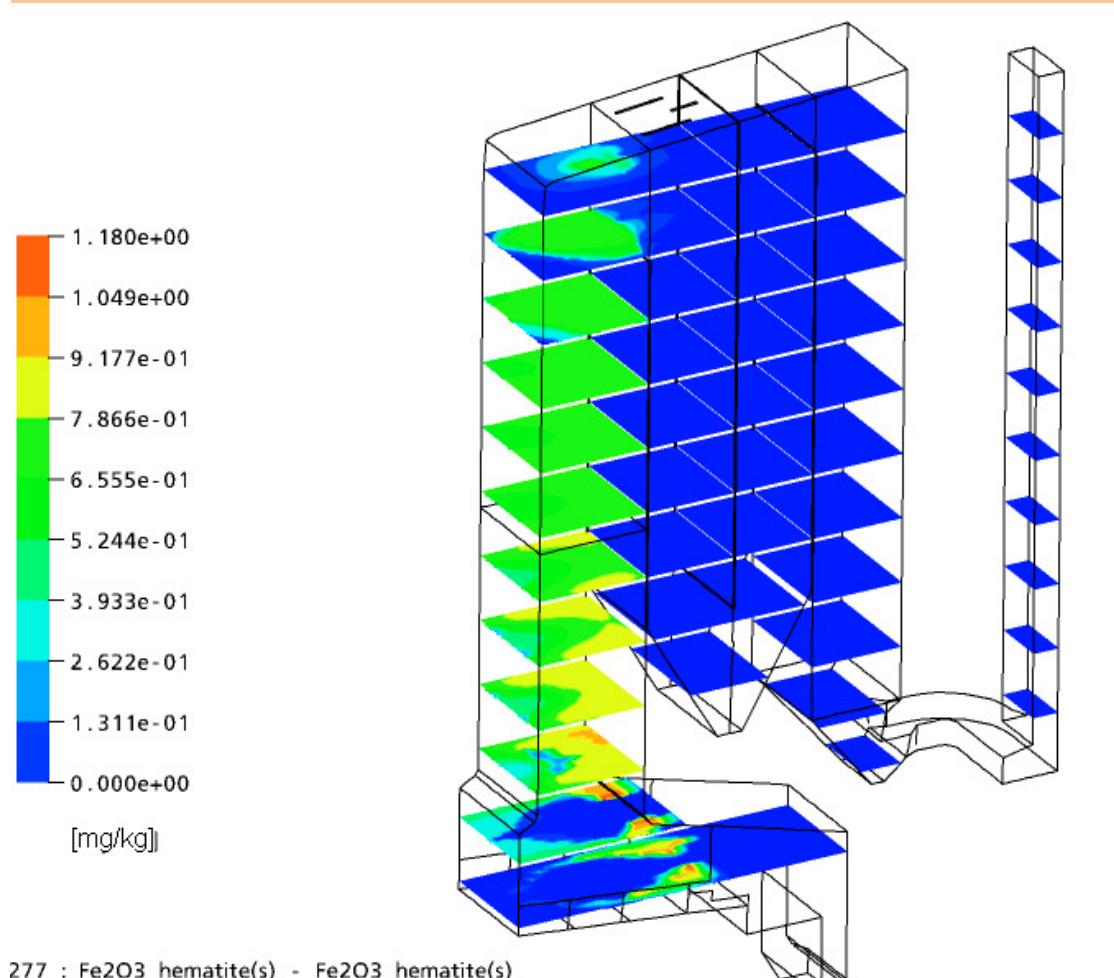
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127 : gas\_ideal - FeCl<sub>3</sub>



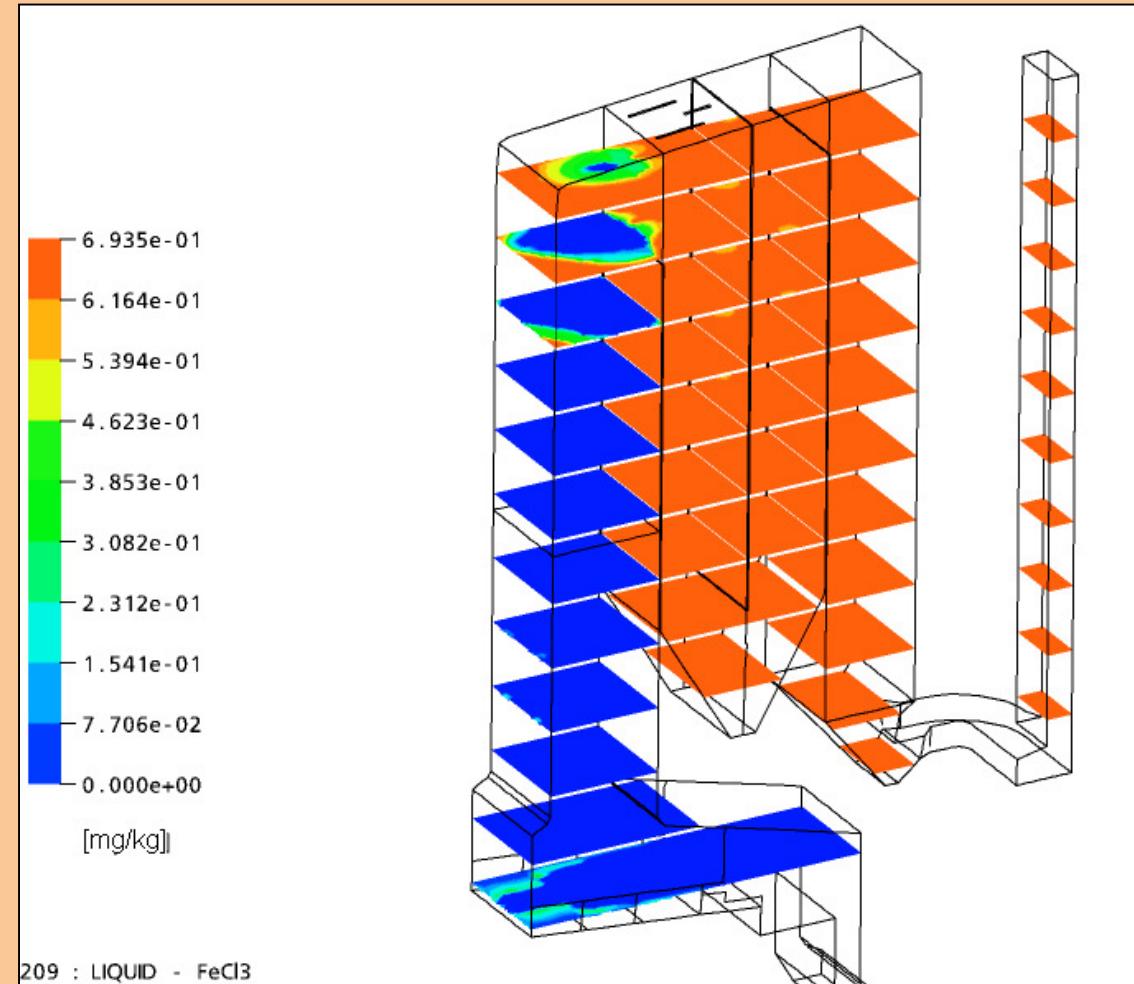
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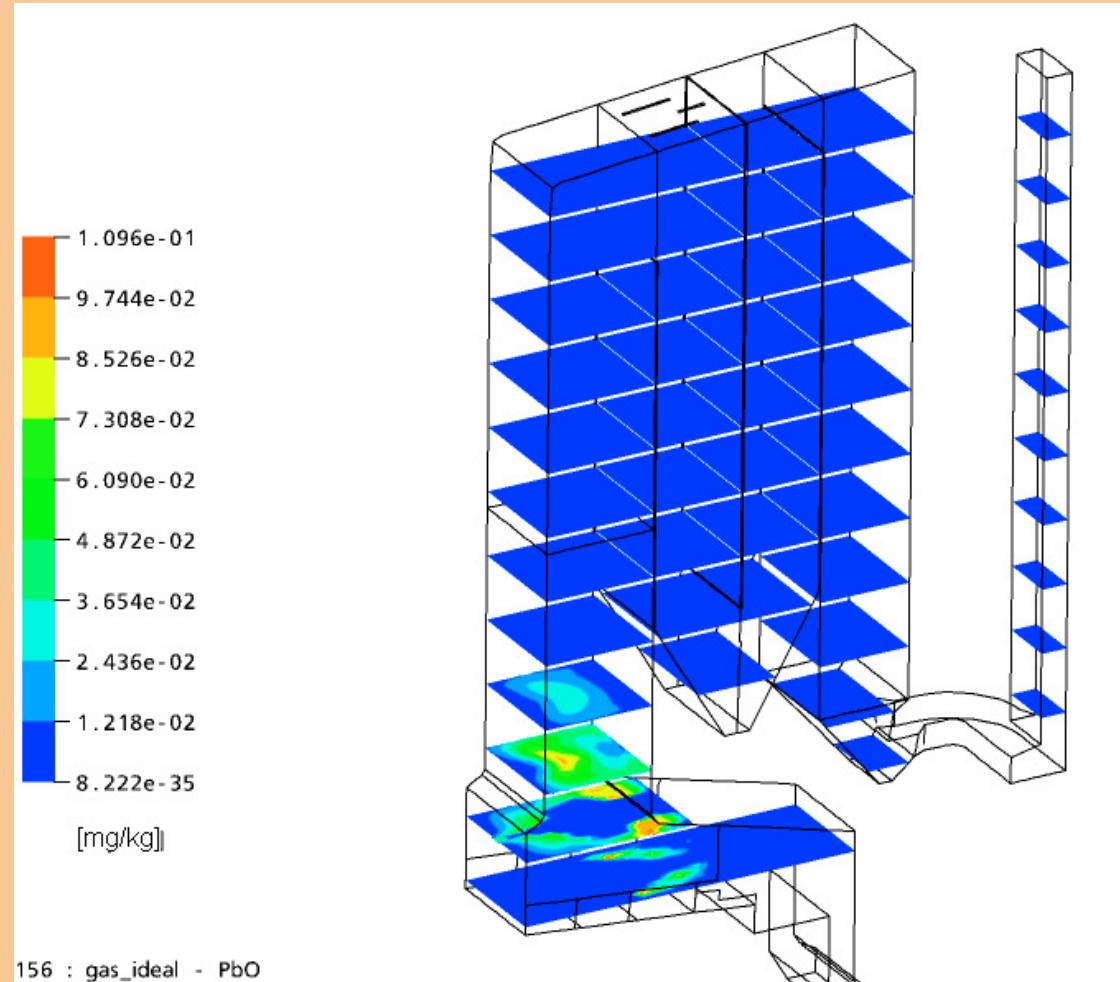
- Main component of ferrous species in 1. pass

# Results

Ferrous mixed phase in rest of the boiler



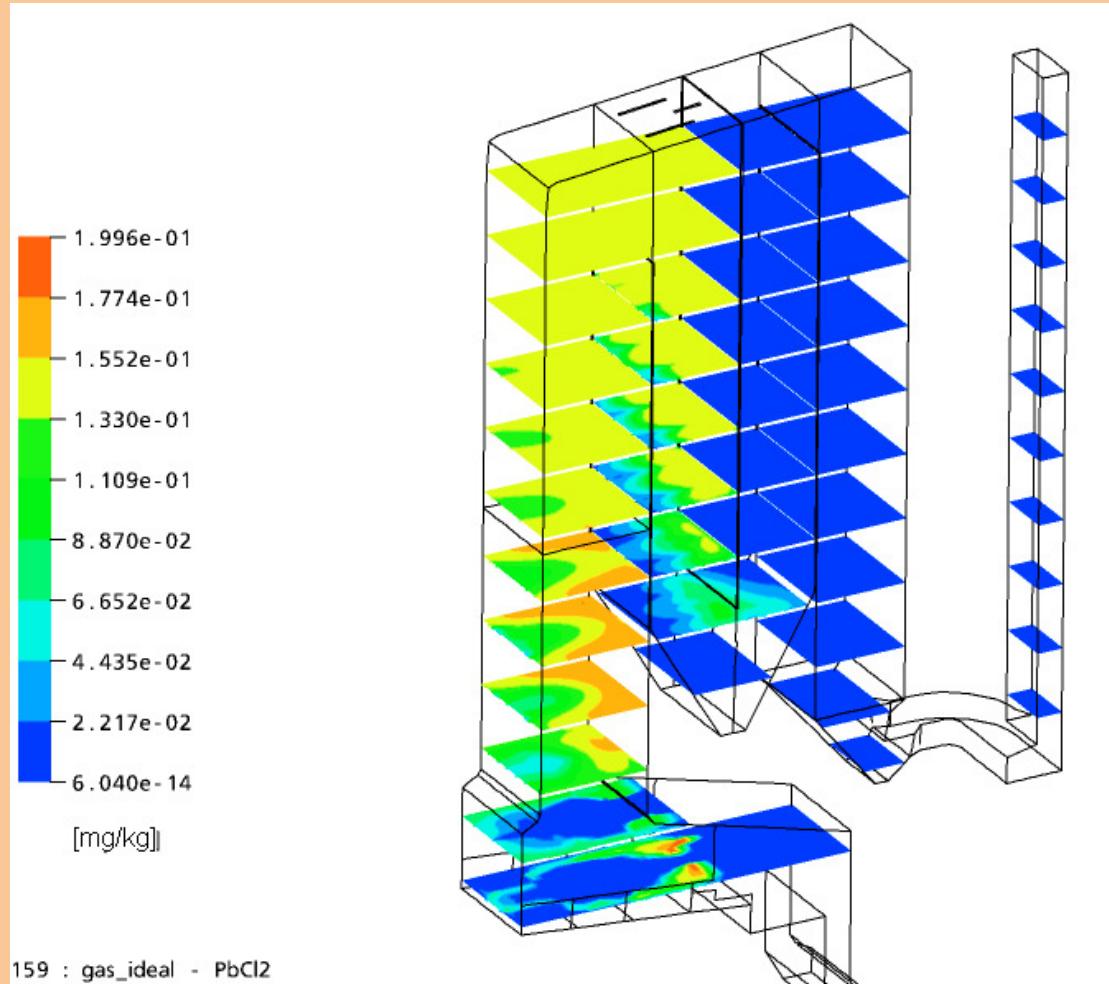
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PbO

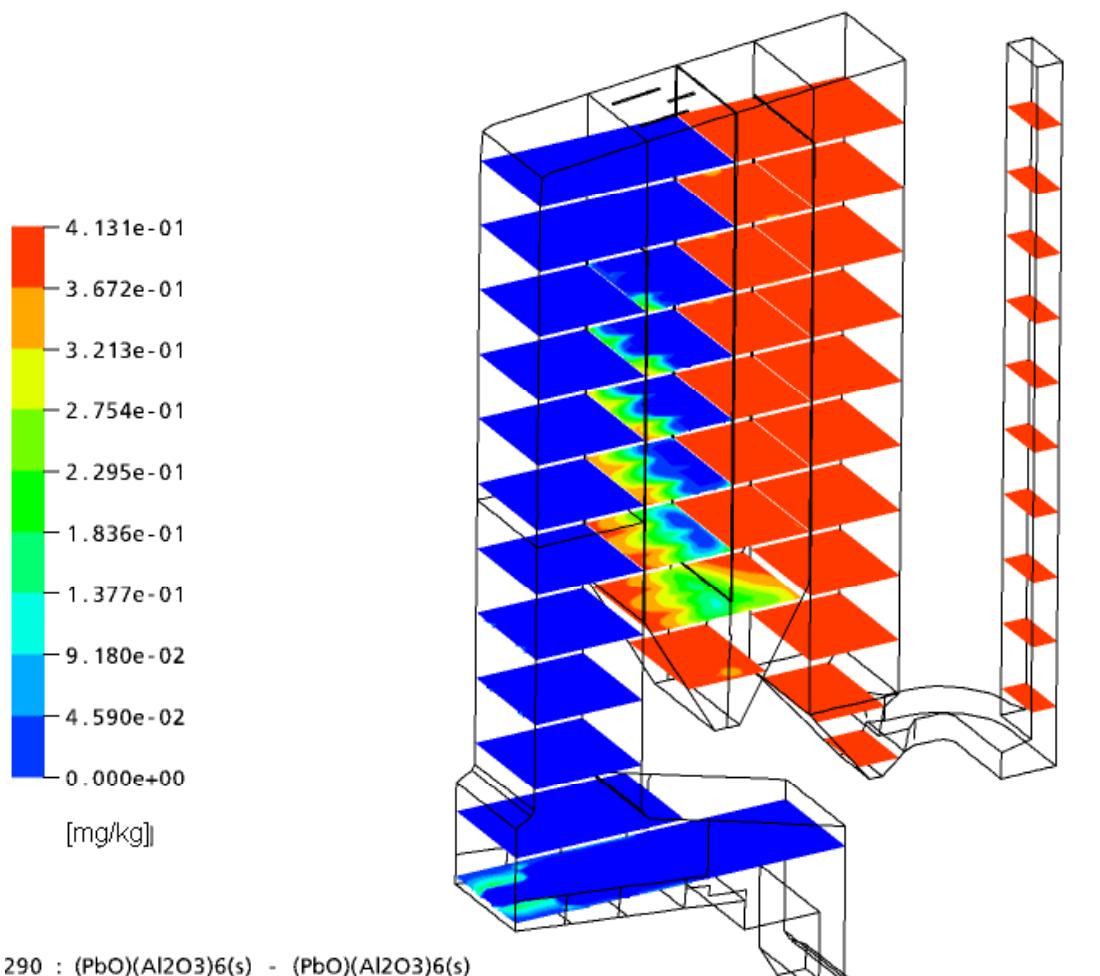
➤ Combustion  
chamber

# Results



$\text{PbCl}_2$   
➤ 1. - 2. pass

# Results



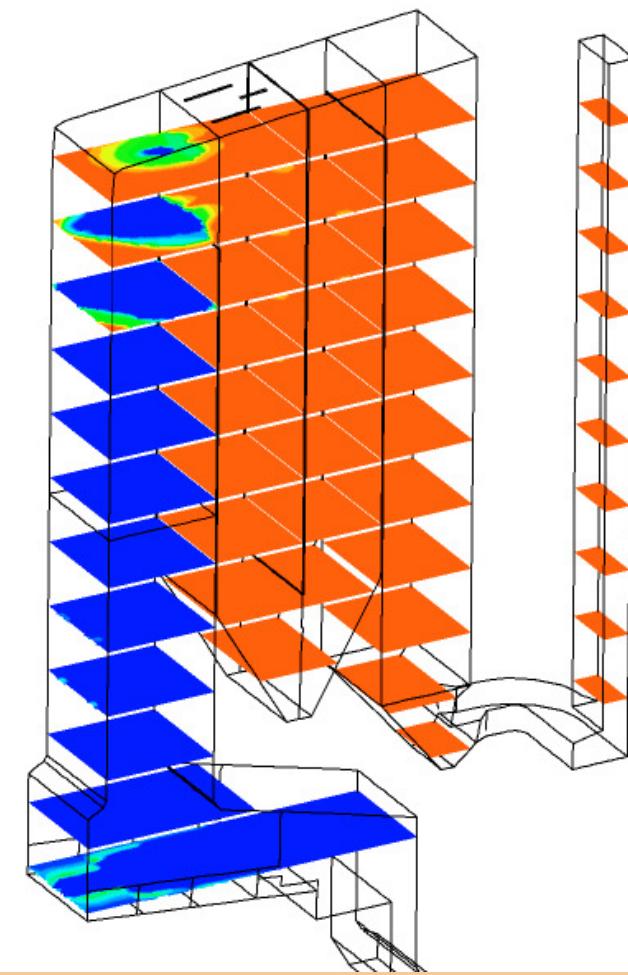
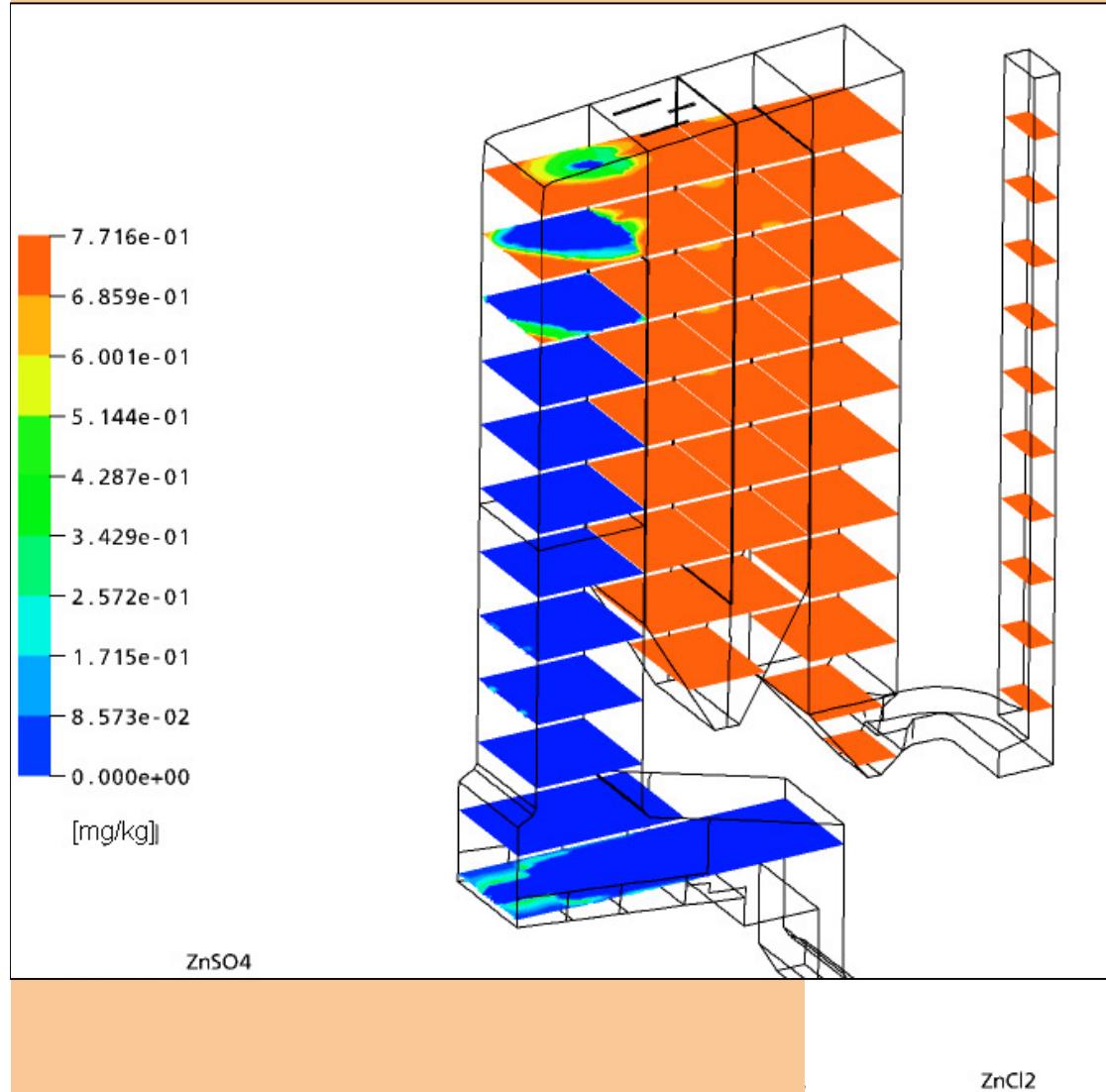
Lead-Aluminium  
mixed phase

➤ Up to boiler end

# Results

- Zinc and lead
  - Important factor for corrosion
    - Low melting eutektika
  - In the front area stable as aluminat
  - In the back area sulfatic and chloridic mixing phases

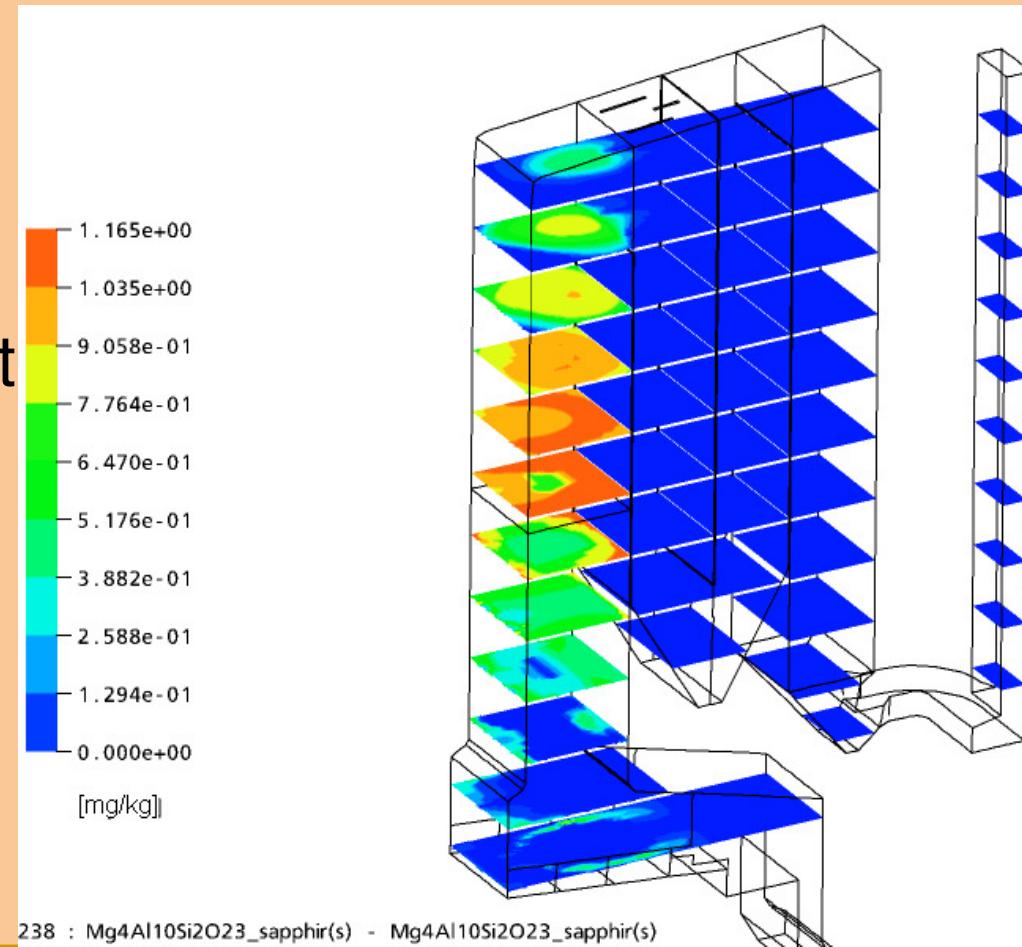
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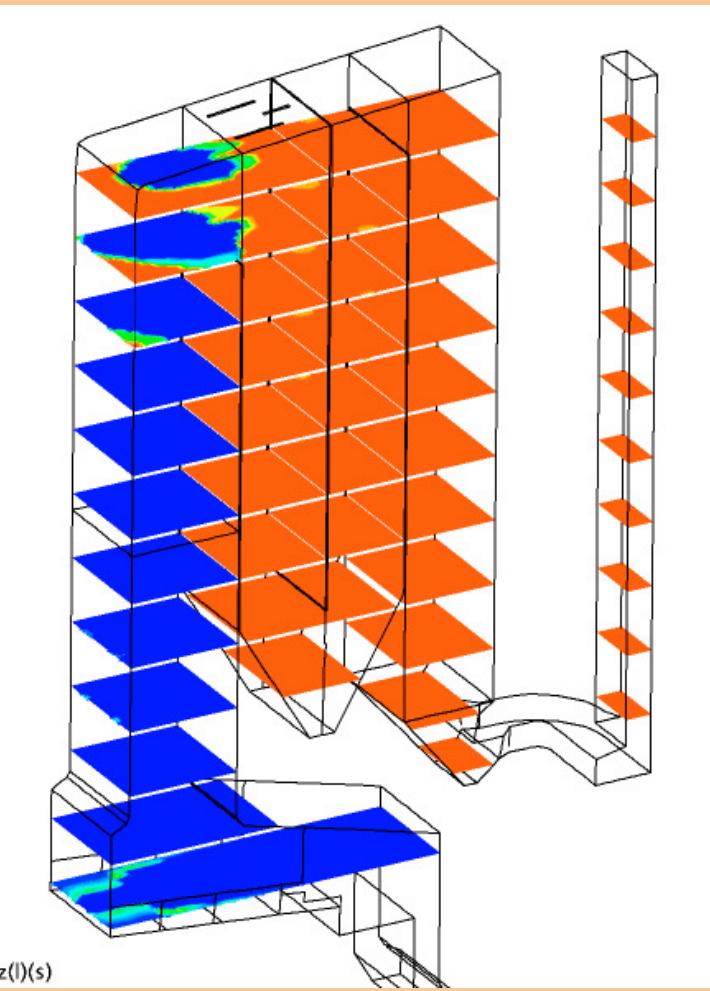
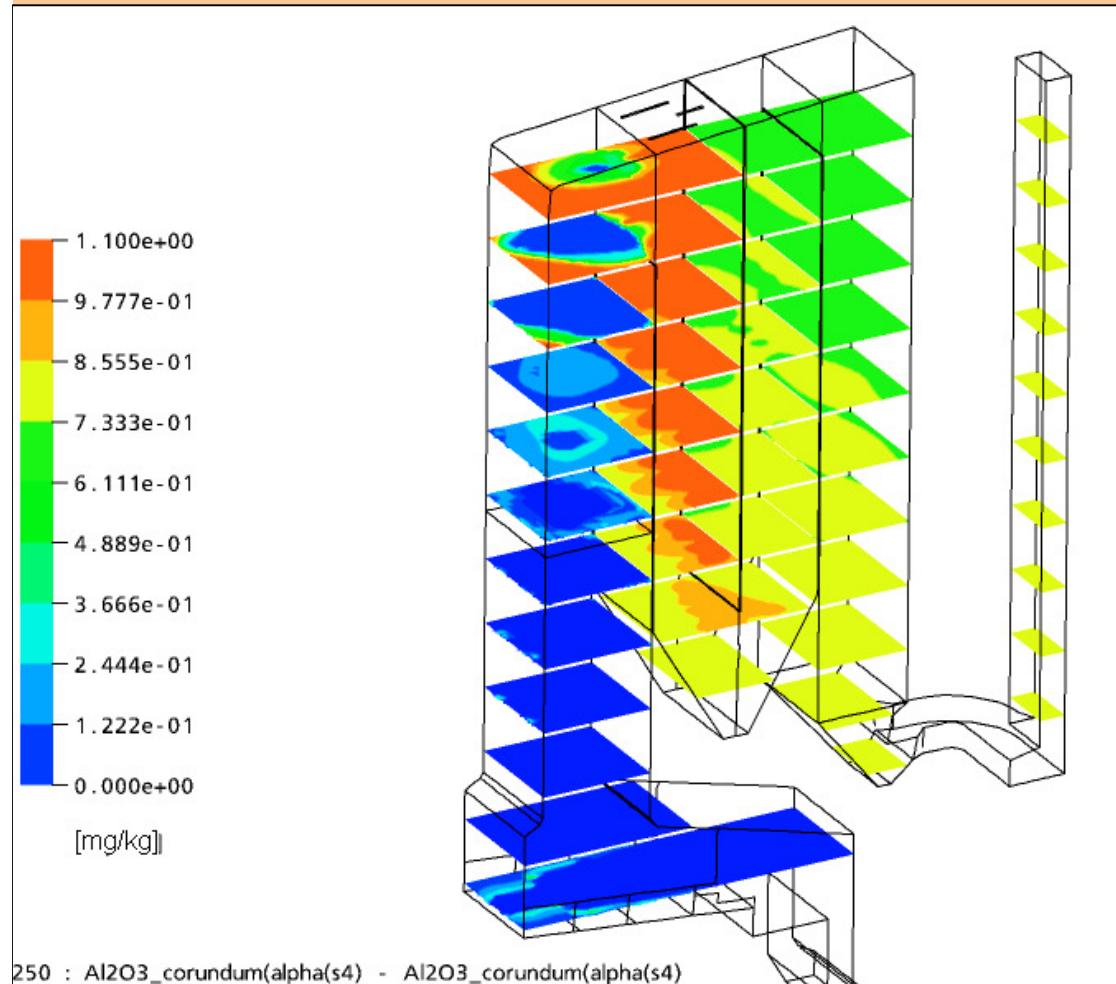
# Results

## ➤ Alumina und Aluminium Silicate

- Delimited stability
- Stable final product
  - Aluminumoxide
  - Siliciumdioxide



# Results

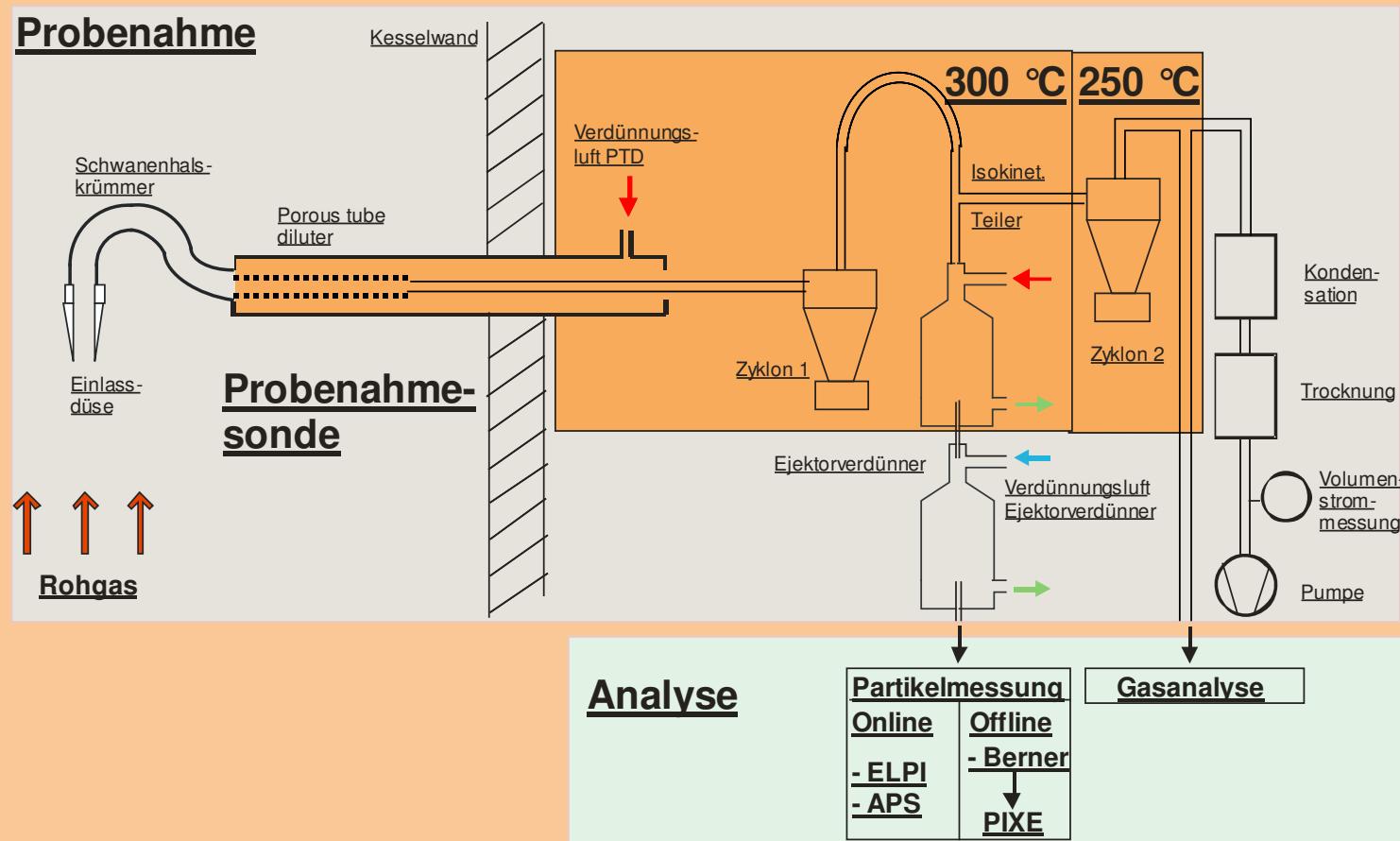


# Results

- Boundary Conditions
  - The total content of species will react no deposition
- Plausible results for many species
- A lot of surprises
  - Complex states in the combustion chamber cannot be reproduced by „simple“ calculations without CFD

# Results of Measurements

## ➤ Particle and Gas sampling



# Results of Measurements

- Particle-Analysis
  - Impactor-samples with PIXE
    - Element distribution
  - Dust / Aerosol samples
    - Transmissionsröntgendiffraktogramm
      - Mineral phases

# Results of Measurements

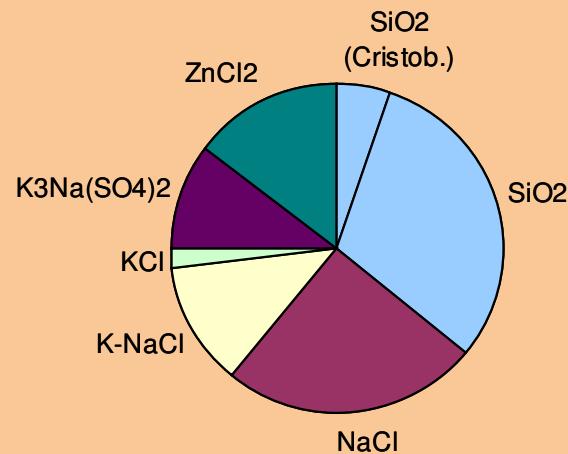
	Z2_ 0,25-1 µm 0,1%	Z2_ 5-20 µm	Z3_ 5-20 µm
P		0,3%	0,3%
S	5,8%	4,2%	4,9%
Zn	3,3%	3,9%	3,7%
Pb	0,8%	1,8%	2,2%
Si	1,8%	6,8%	4,8%
Fe	0,3%	1,5%	1,6%
Mg	0,1%	0,5%	0,4%
Ca	0,8%	5,1%	3,3%
Al	0,4%	0,6%	0,6%
Na	14,3%	11,2%	11,2%
K	22,6%	15,4%	13,9%
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Br	n.b.	0,4%	0,3%

# Results of Measurements

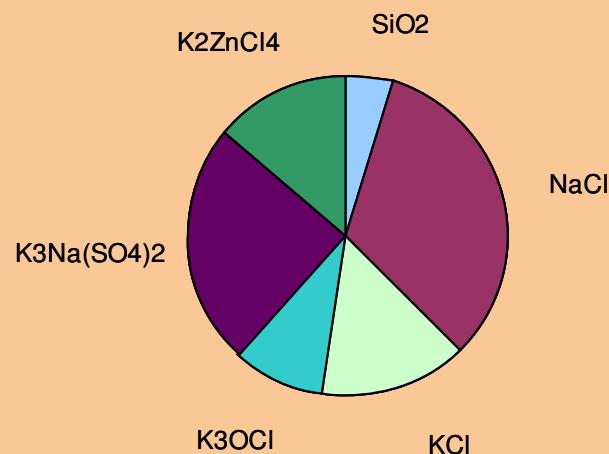
## Fractions of identifiable phases

Röntgendiffraktometrie

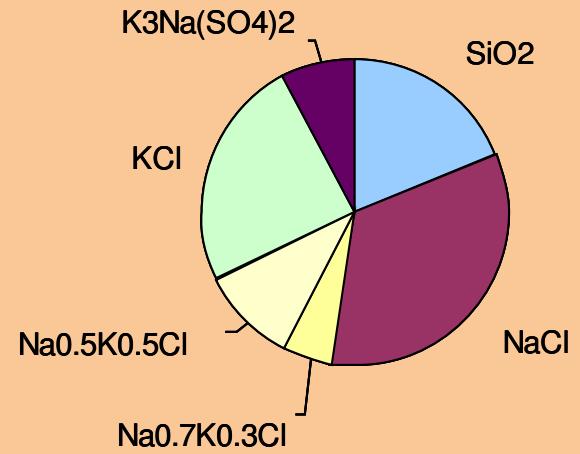
Z2 0,25 - 1 µm



Z2 5 – 20 µm

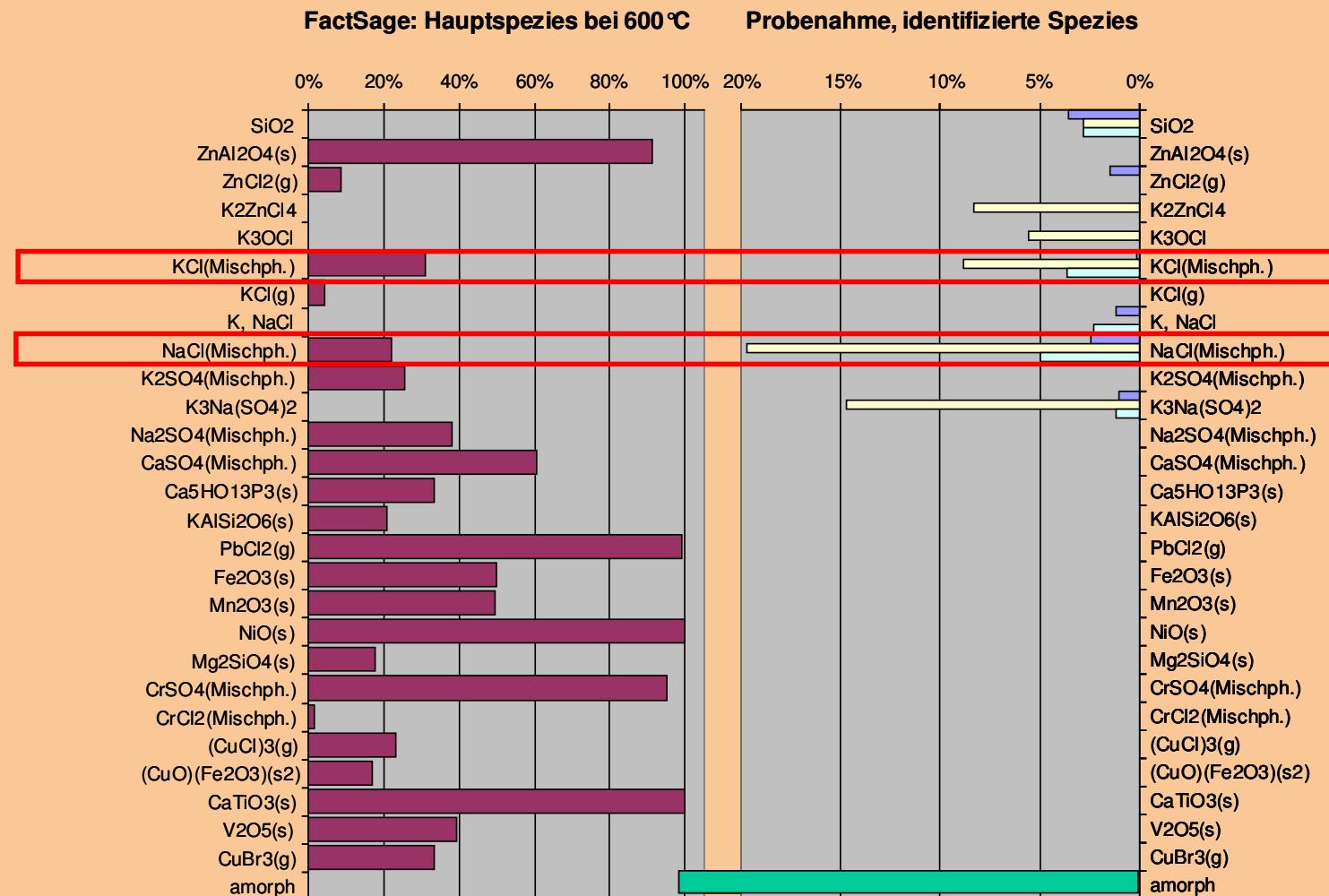


Z3 5 – 20 µm

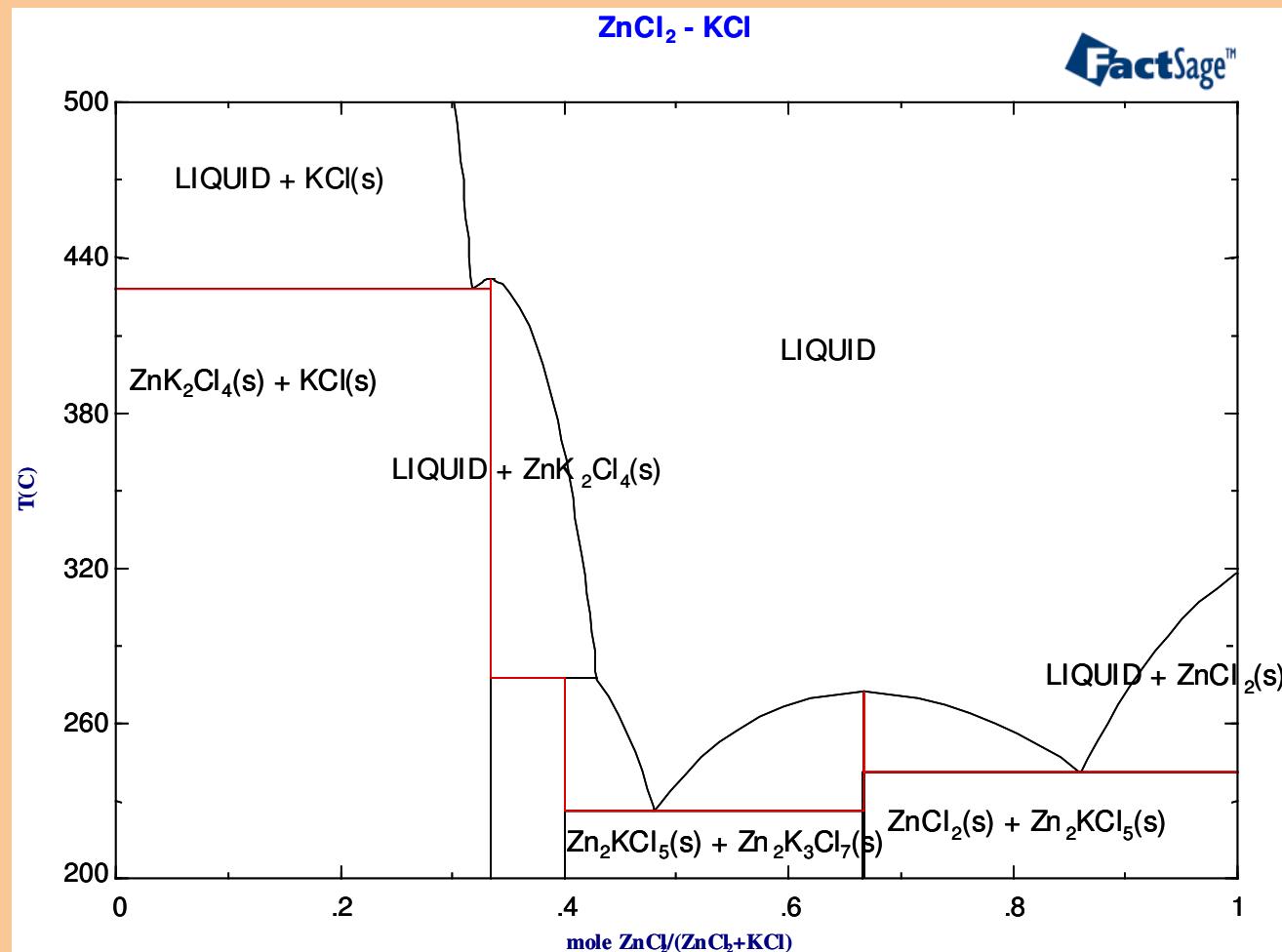


High SiO<sub>2</sub>-fraction -> great part of salts is not well crystallised

# Comparison of Results



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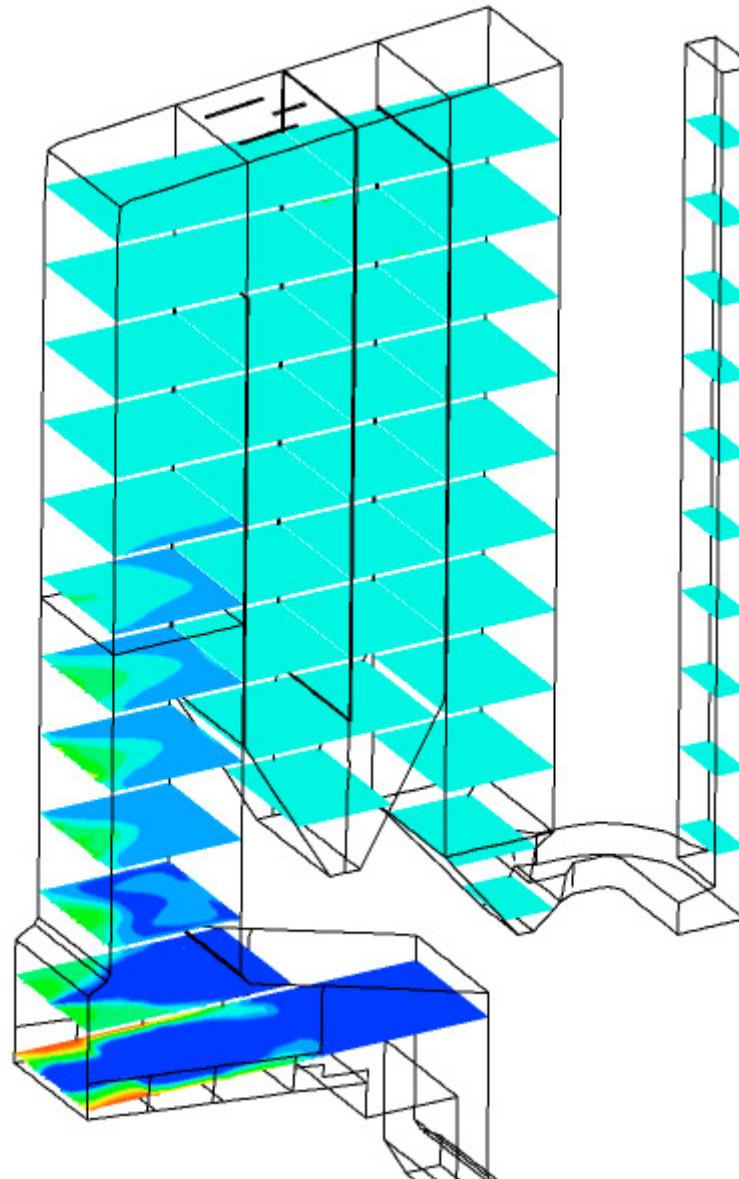


# Summary

- Coupling of ChemApp and CFX
  - Fluid-mechanical view of minority compounds
- Reduced Variety of Species
- Results are plausible
  - Conclusions for stability ranges
- Validation of Relevance with Measuring-Results

# Summary

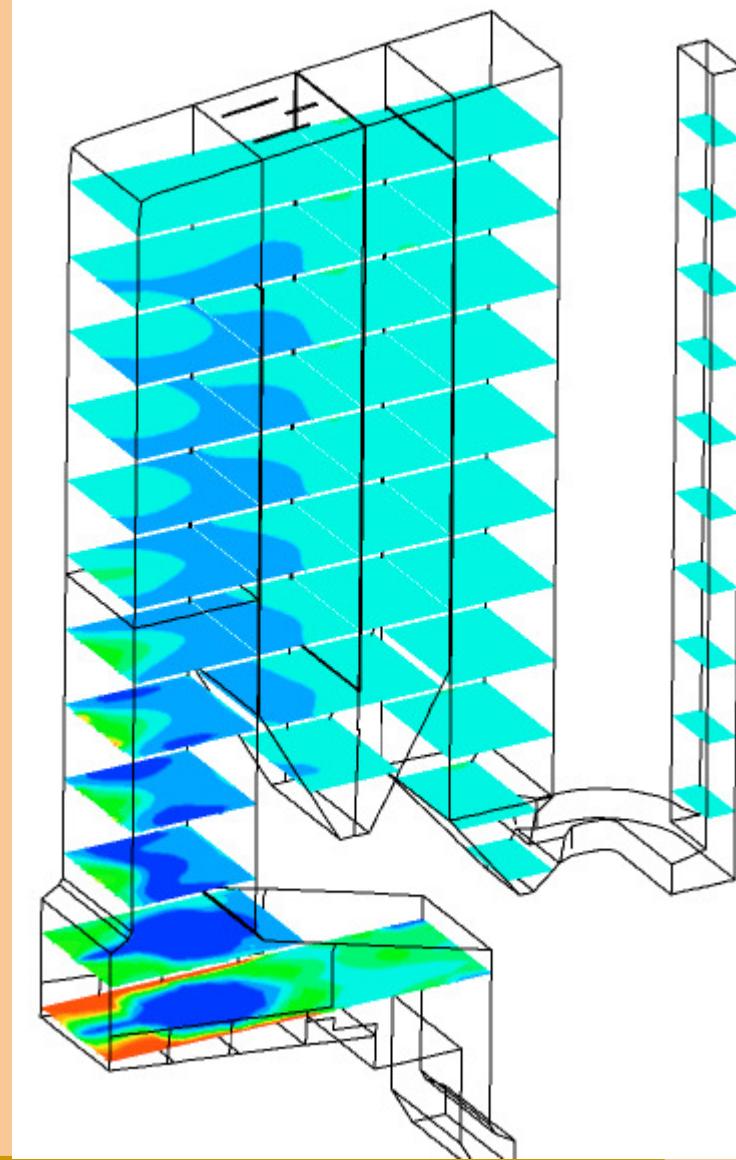
- SO<sub>2</sub>/SO<sub>3</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> shows the expected deviation
- Cristal phases show slight correlation
  - Inhibited achievement of equilibrium in the gas phases
  - Interesting for the aerosol deposit on walls and tubes

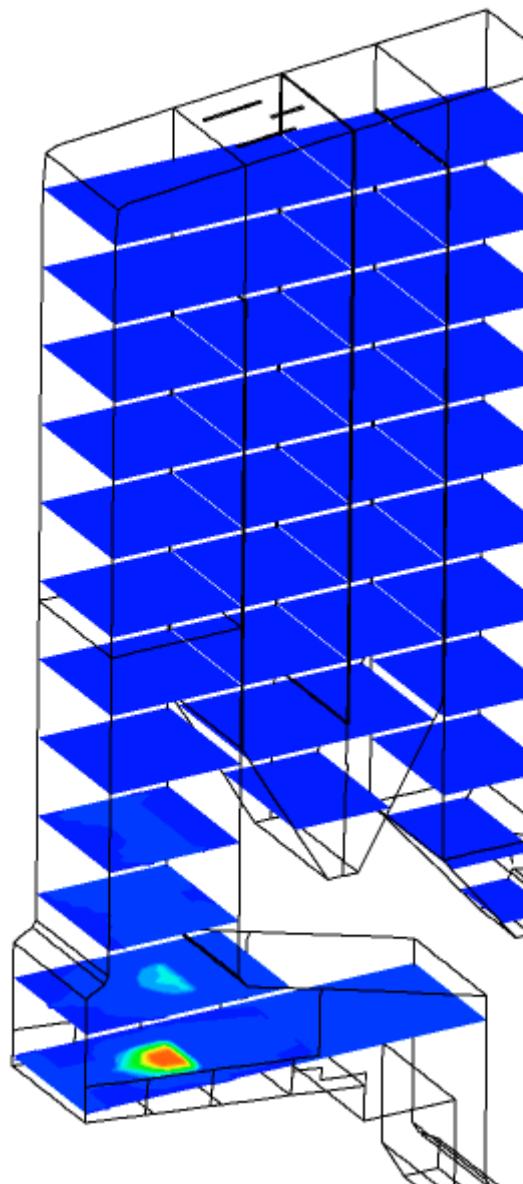


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CFX →

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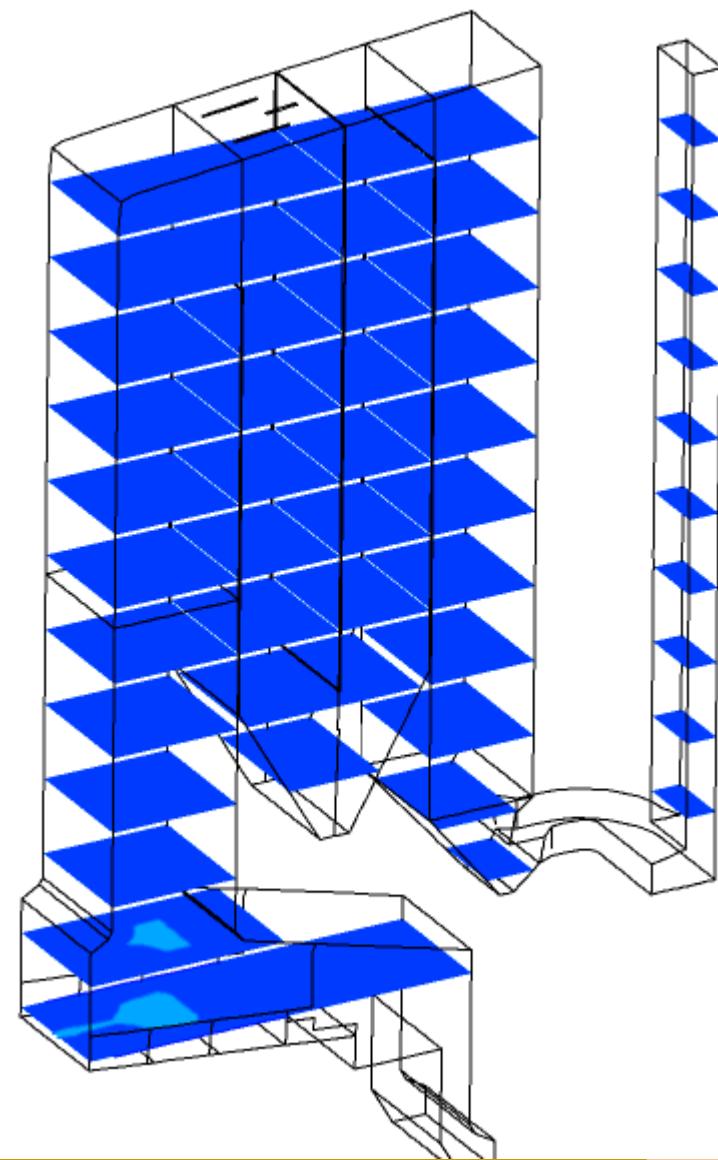


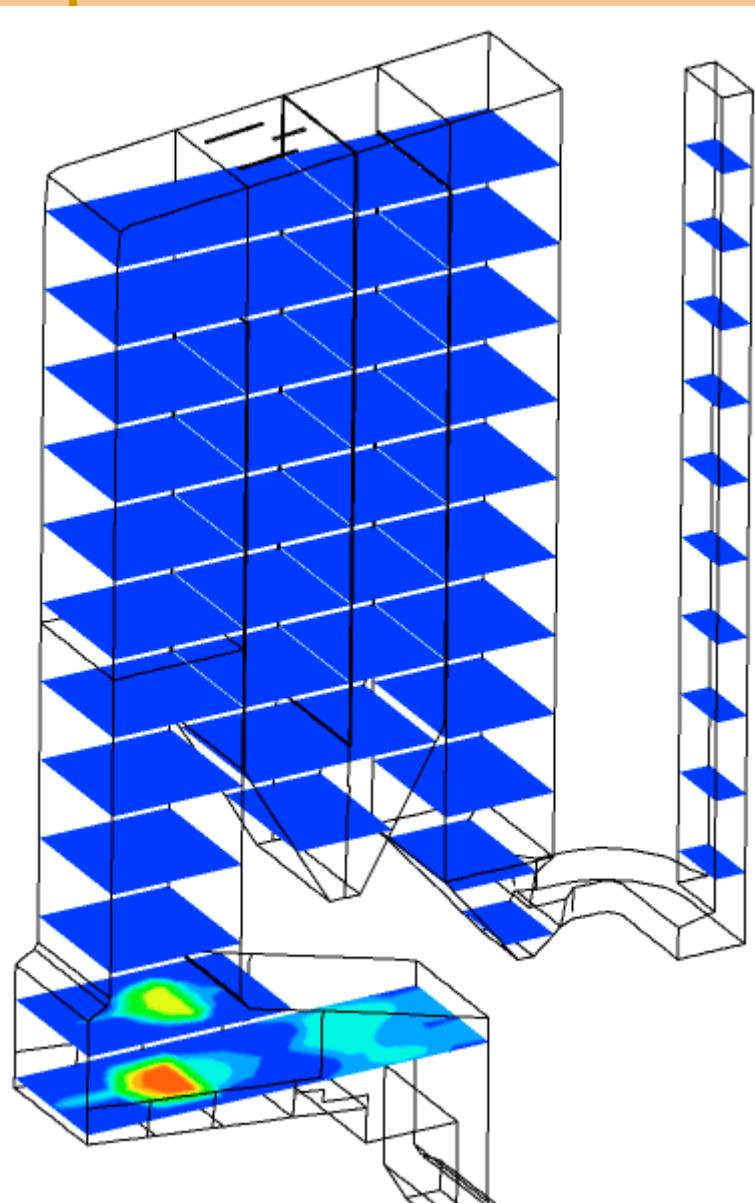


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CFX →

Organic

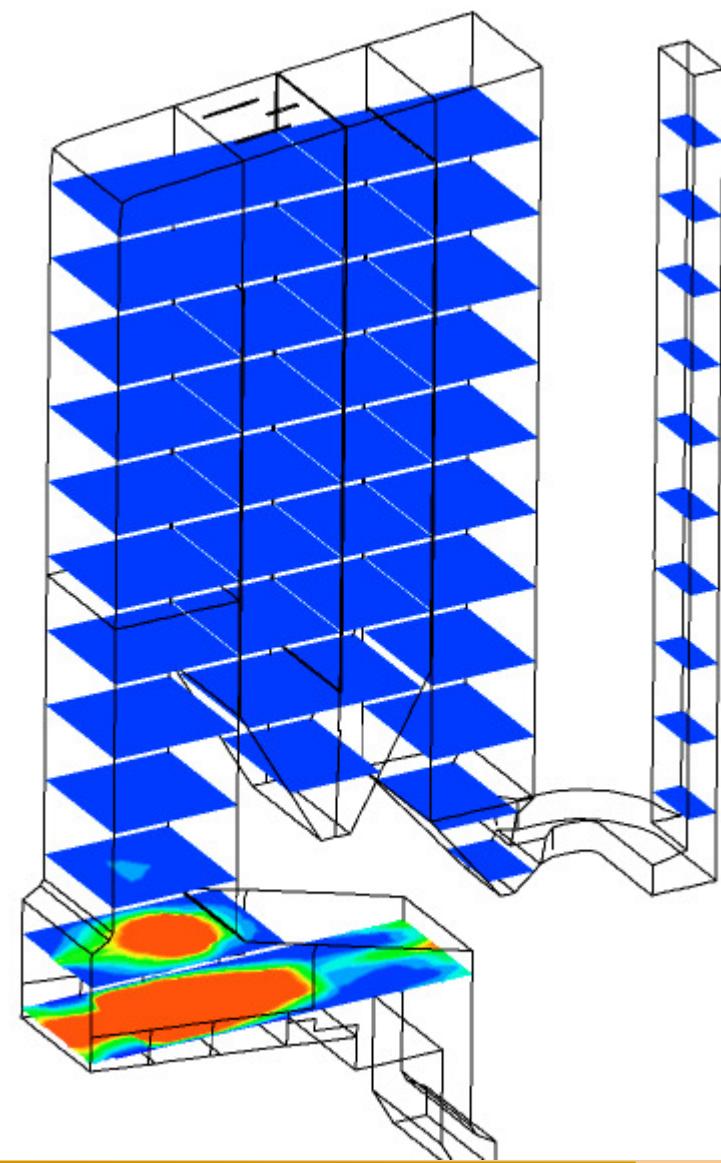


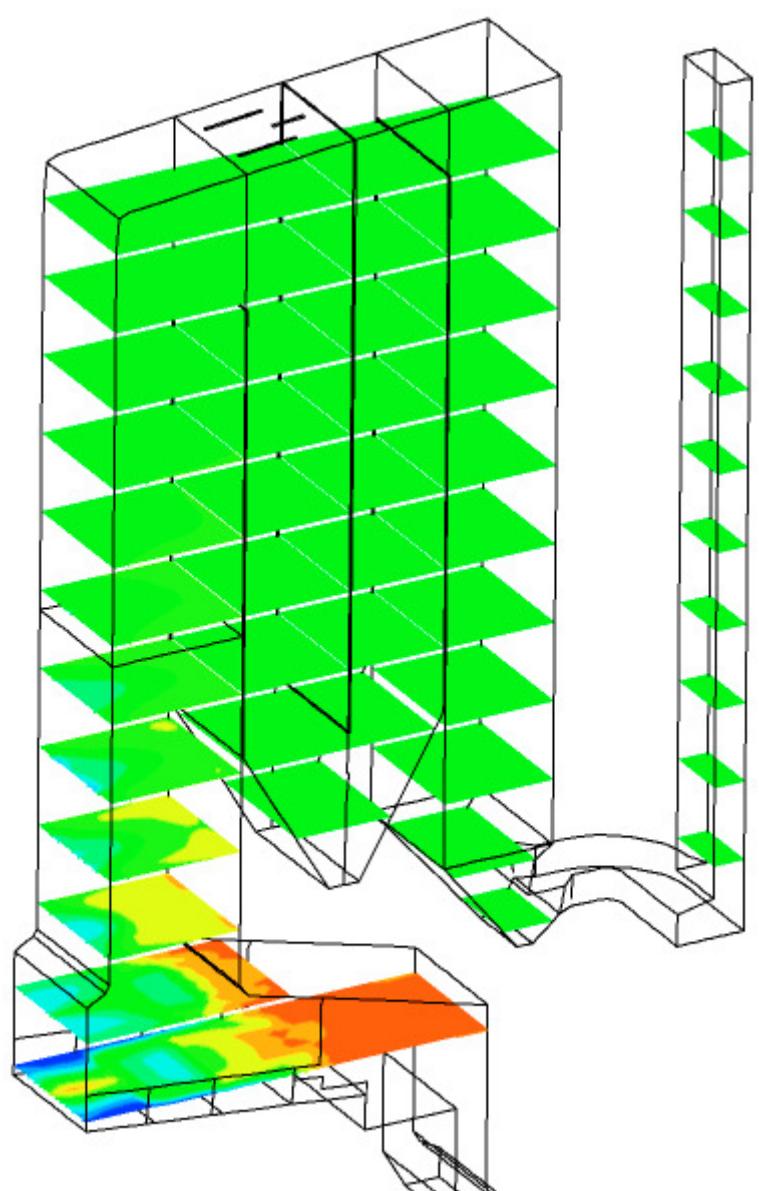


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CFX →

CO





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CFX →

$\text{CO}_2$

