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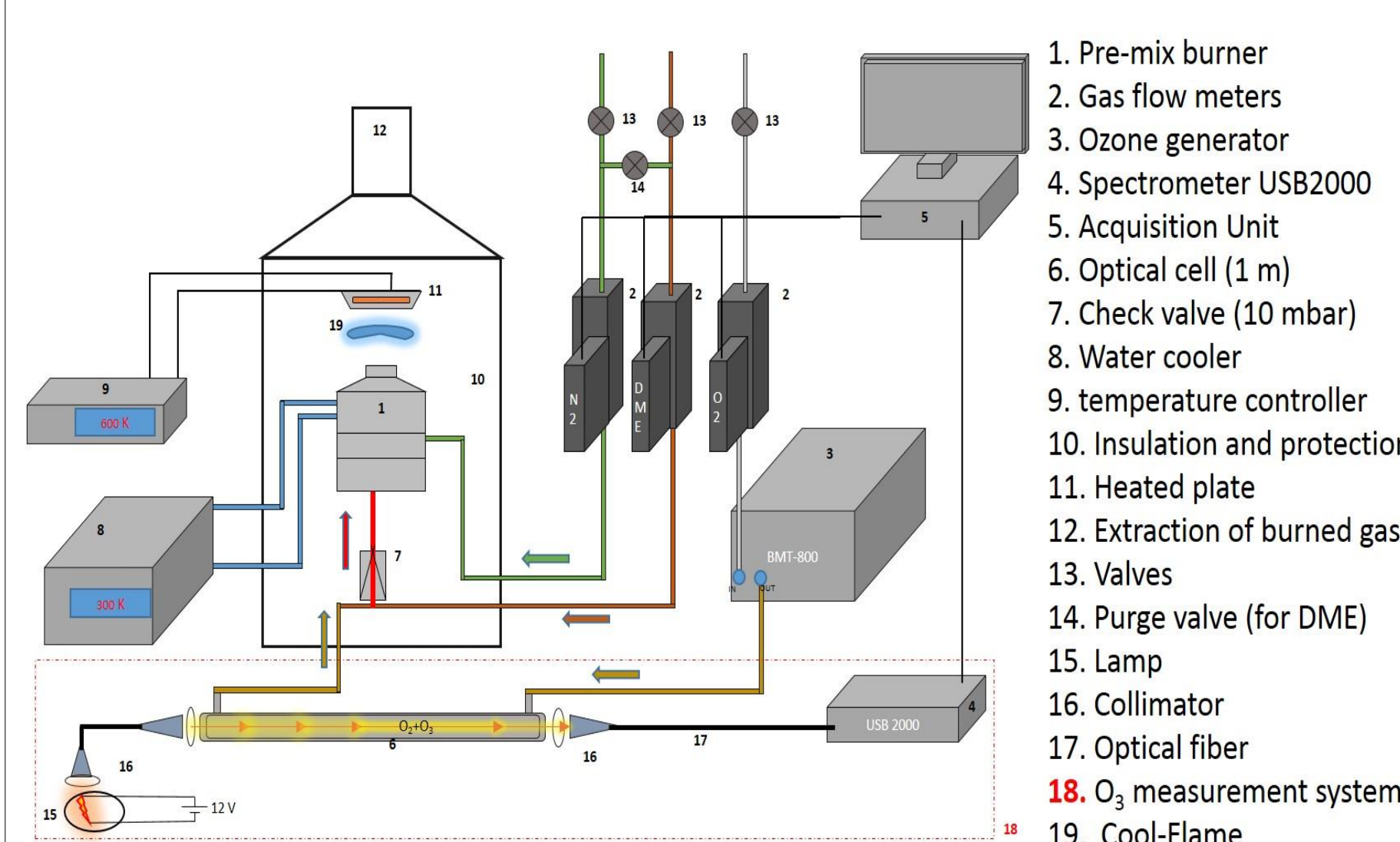
Introduction

Context: Need for research effort on the LTC kinetics to enable new low-emission engine concepts (SACI, PPCI, GCI...)

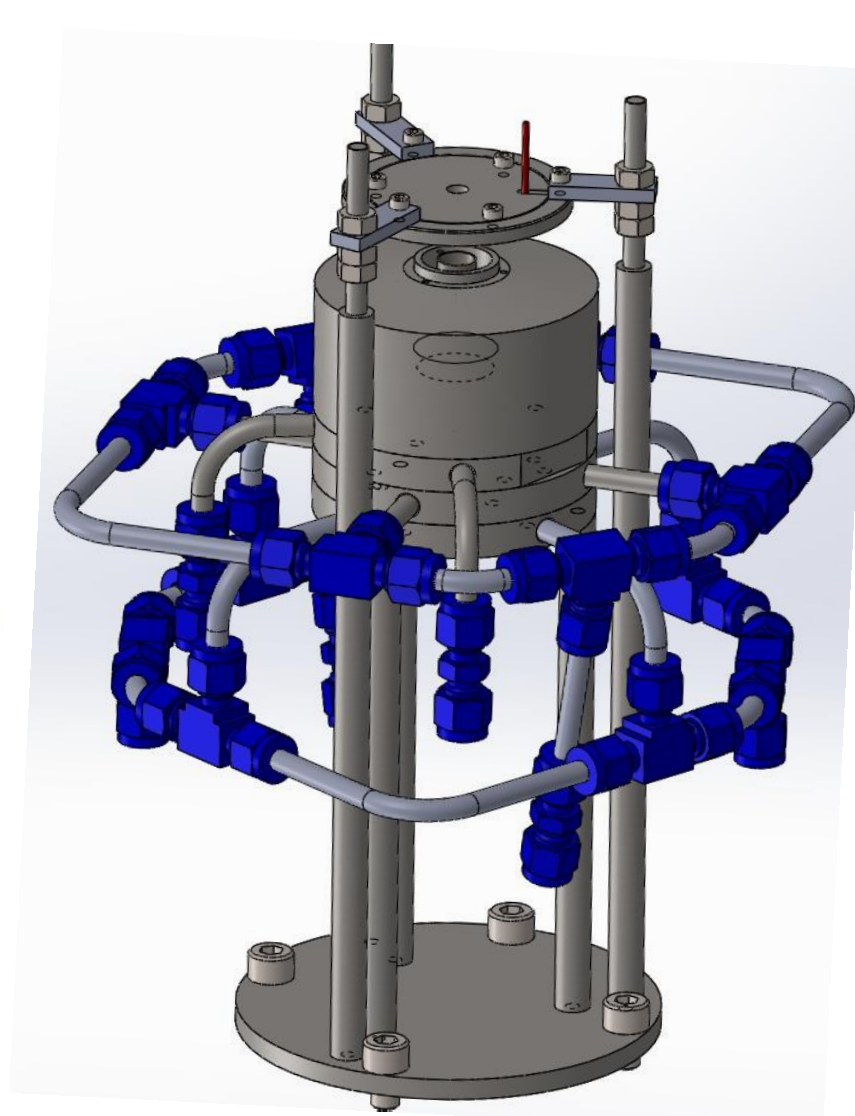
- Development of a new burner stabilized premixed cool flame setup,
- Burner characterization as a function of strain rate, equivalence ratio and ozone concentration,
- Development and validation of new kinetic models (the first tests are with : DME+ O₂ + 0 to 6,84 mol% O₃)

Experimental setup and procedure

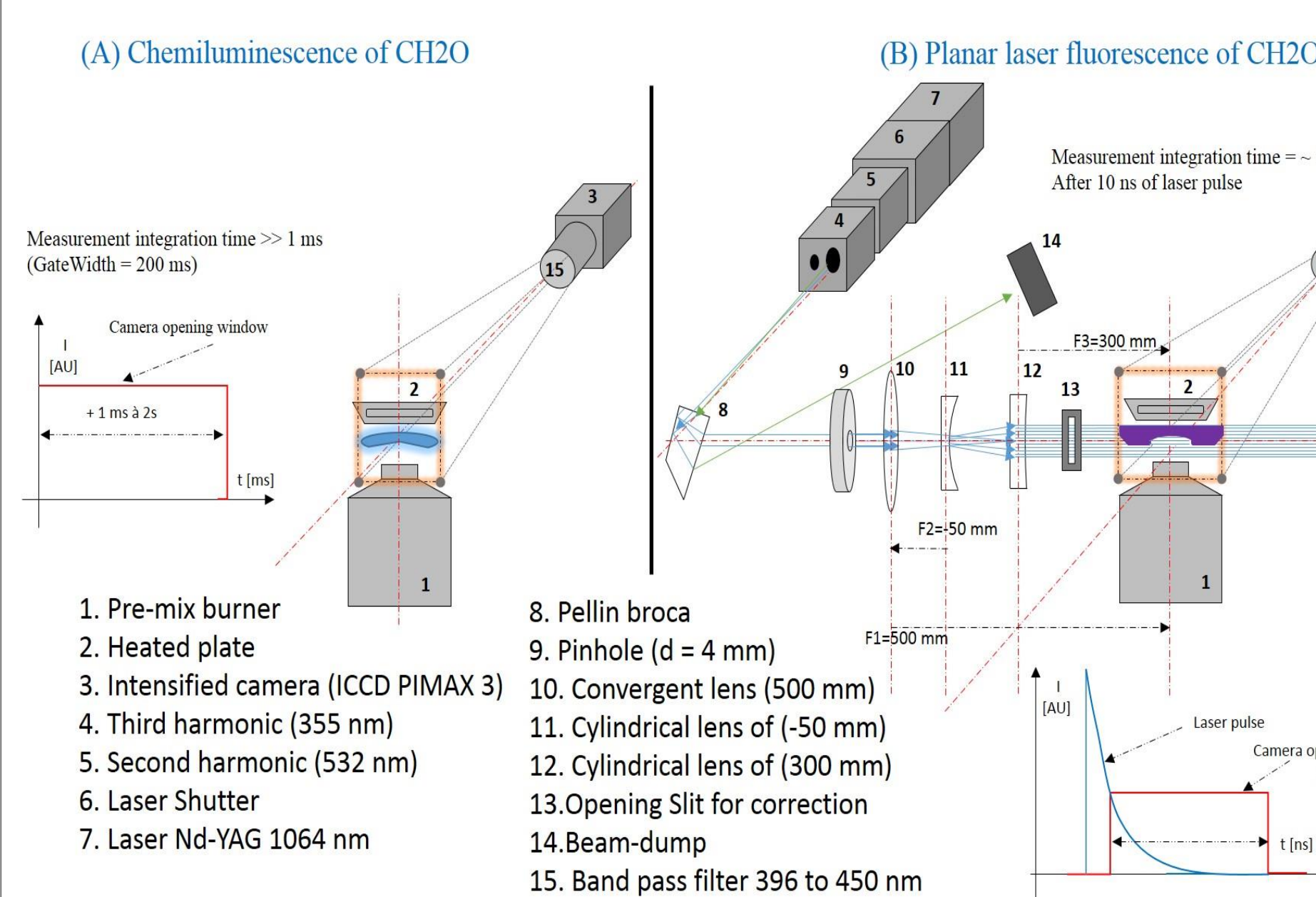
Stagnation plate stabilized cool flame experimental setup



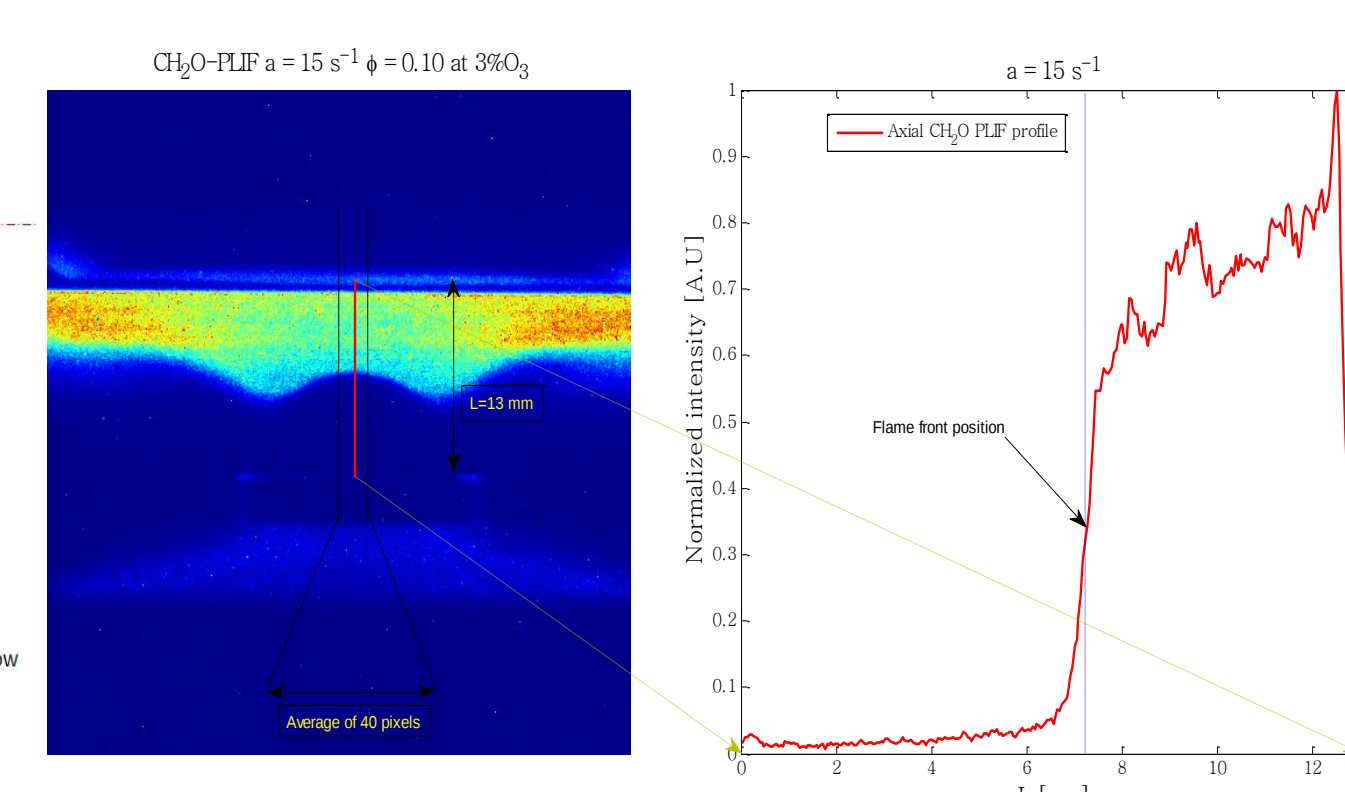
Stagnation plate burner



Diagnostic methods used



Principle of analyses of the CH₂O PLIF images: determination of the flame front position



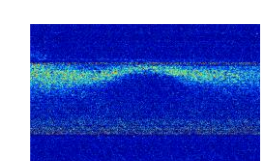
Ozone concentration:

$$c [g/m^3] = - \frac{10^6 M}{\sigma l N_a} \ln \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right) \quad (1)$$

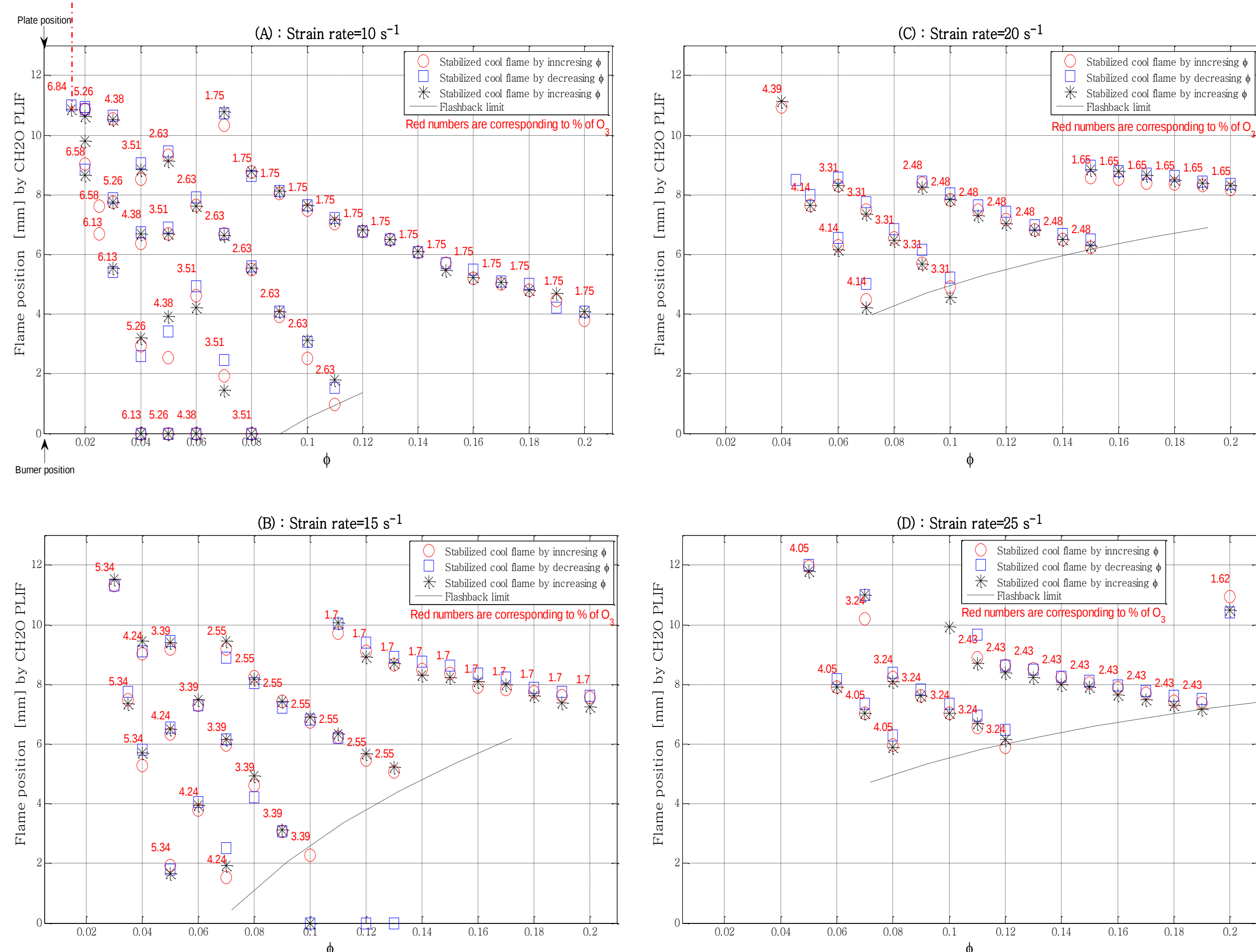
Strain rate:

$$\alpha [s^{-1}] = \frac{V}{L} \quad (2)$$

Results

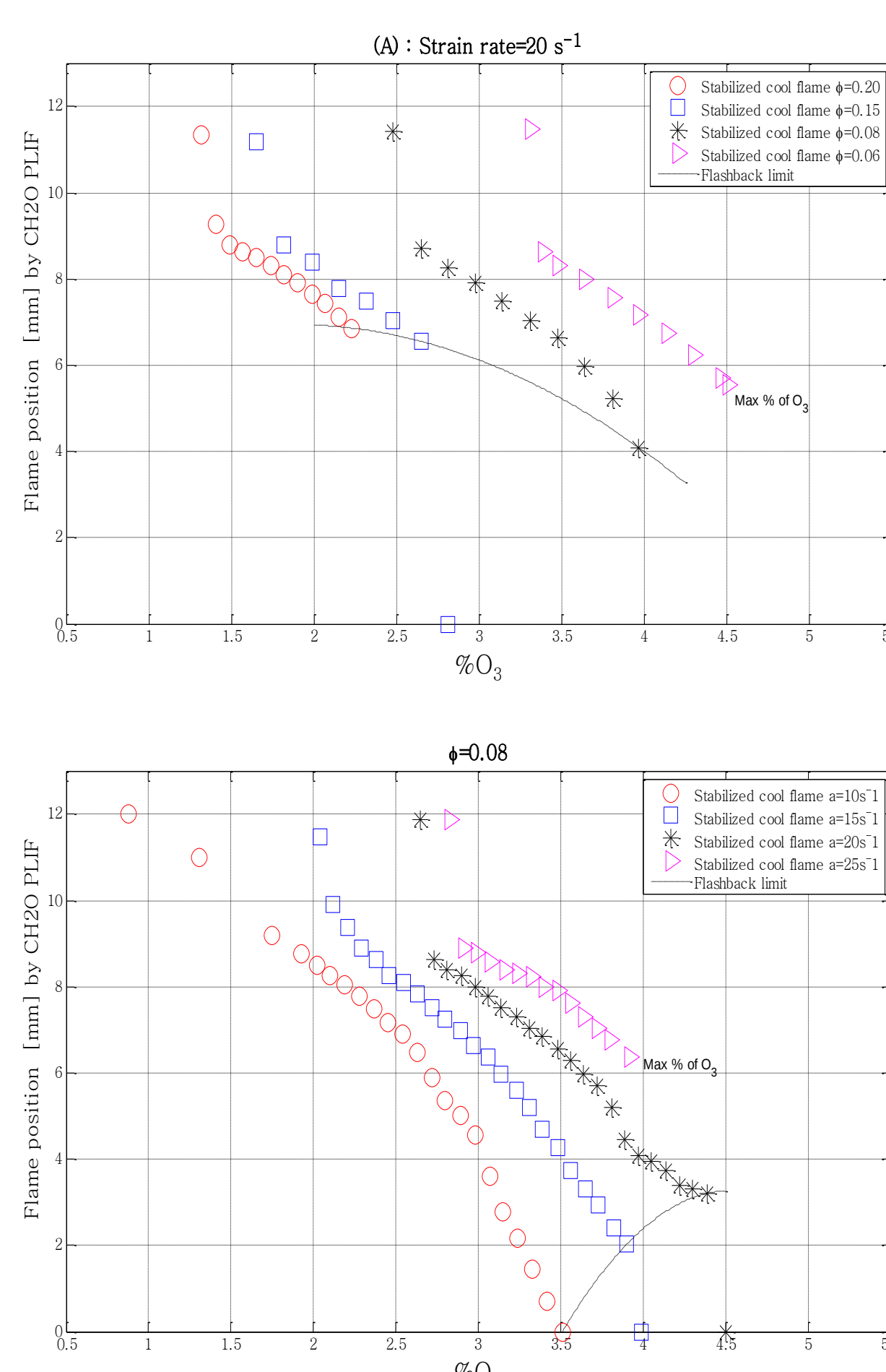


Effect of the equivalence ratio on the cool flame position



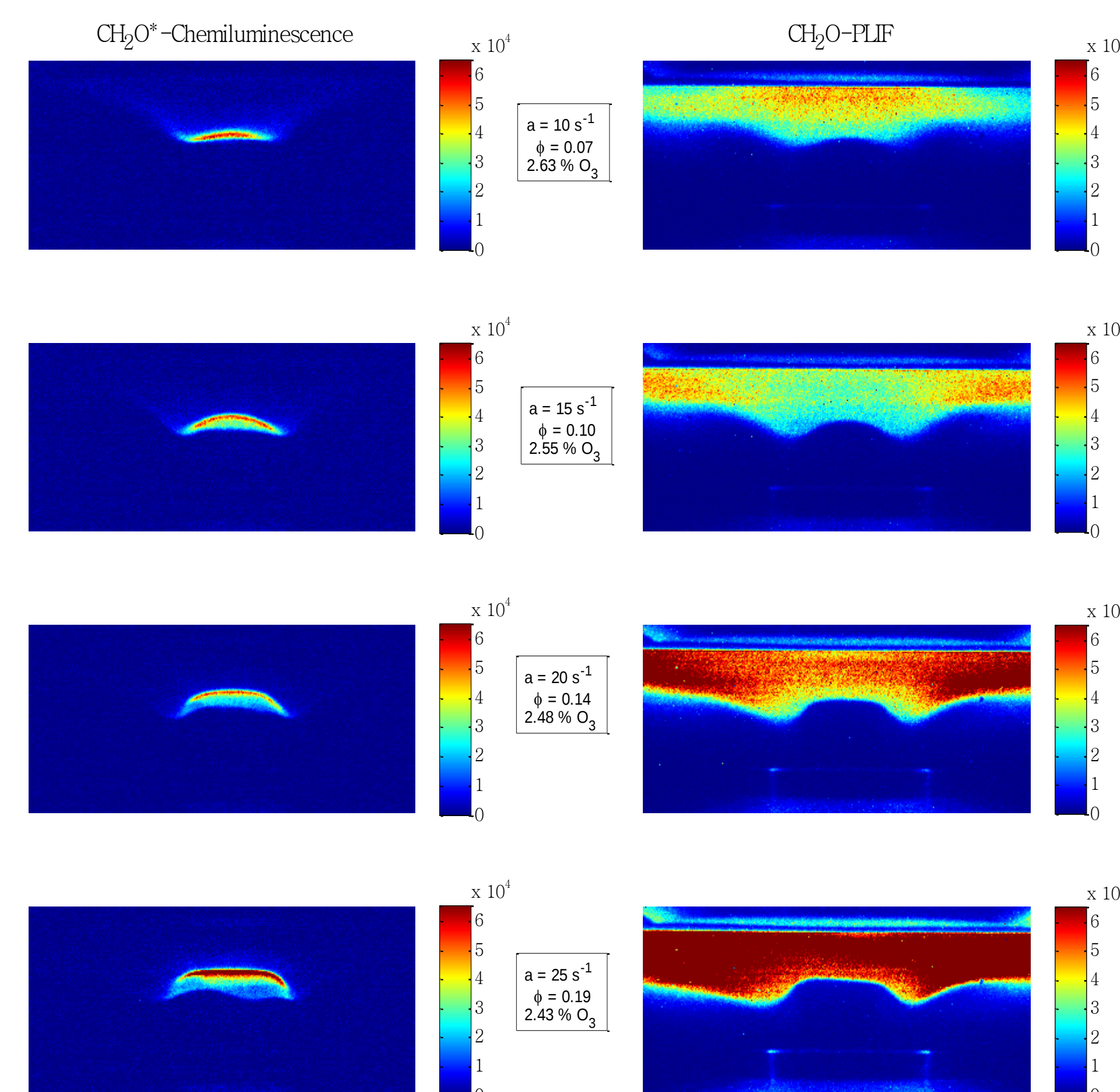
- Good reproducibility within a large range of operating conditions (α , ϕ and %O₃).
- Flame front position decreases as the equivalence ratio increases.
- Increase of the strain rate enables the occurrence of flashback, especially at the highest equivalence ratios ($\phi > 0.10$).
- Flashback domain tends to move towards the plate as the value of the strain rate increases

Effect of the ozone mole fraction



- As the equivalence ratio decreases, the necessary ozone for cool flame stabilization increases.
- As the strain rate increases, the necessary ozone for cool flame stabilization increases.

Chemiluminescence vs CH₂O-PLIF (Cool-Flame characteristics)



- Intensity of the CH₂O-PLIF and CH₂O* signals increases with the strain rate and equivalence ratio.
- The shape of the flame front is more flat as the strain rate increases.

Conclusions

- The novel stagnation plate burner designed for the study of LTC reactivity is now functional
- An experimental database of flame front positions has been constituted
- Good reproducibility of the results in large range of α , ϕ , and %O₃
- Ozone is strongly efficient in facilitating the LTC reactivity

Outlooks

Next step will be dedicated to the experimental study of the chemical aspects of the stabilized cool flames, by means of ex-situ (i.e., after sampling) methods. The current and future experimental data will be used as a validation target for kinetic models.

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