

EXPERIMENTAL MEASUREMENTS AND SIMULATION OF AN ECRIS CALCIUM OVEN

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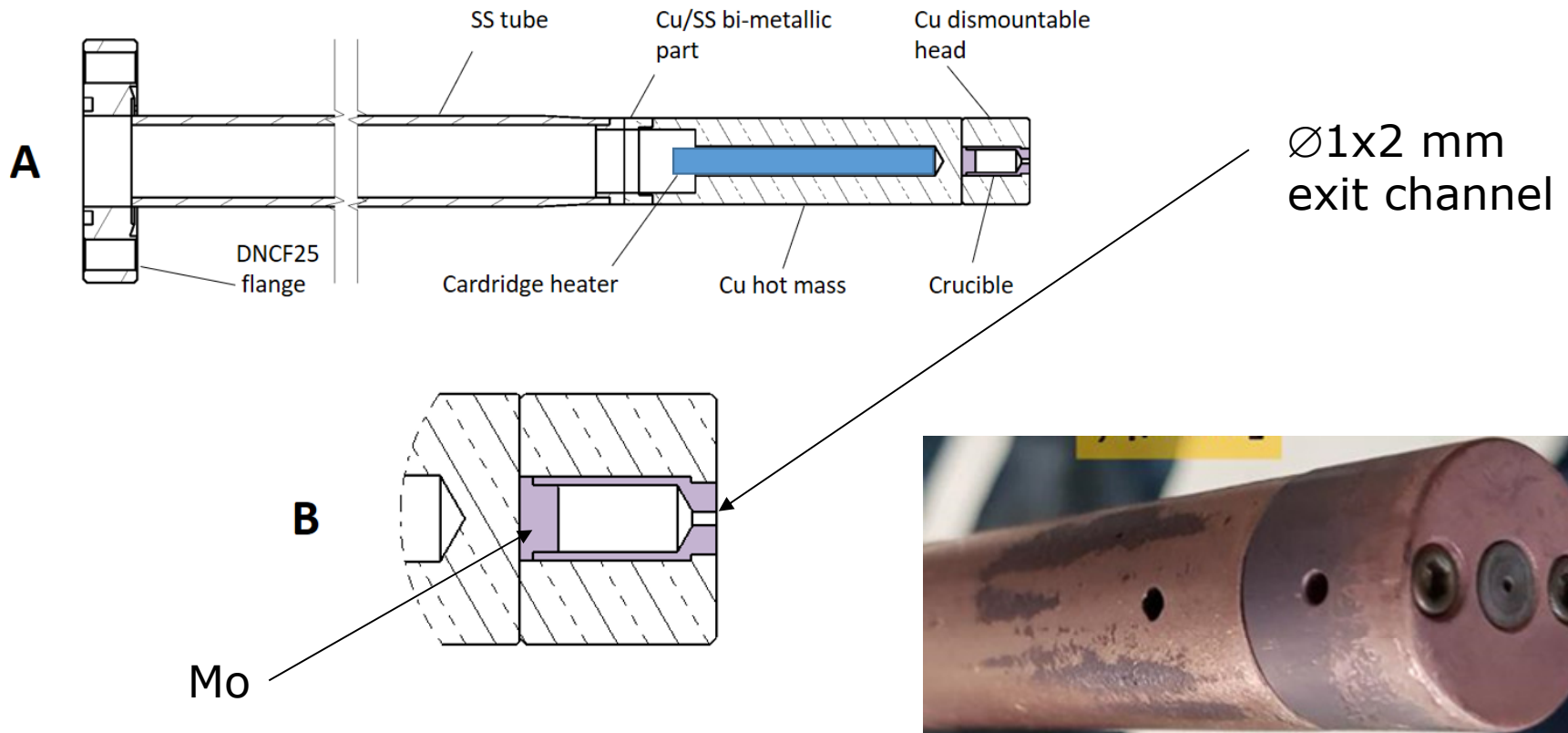
Motivation

- In ECRIS, atom to ion oven efficiency ranges from a few % to 20%, sometimes up to $\sim 70\%$ with wall recycling
- ^{48}Ca is $> 200\text{k€}/\text{g}$: it is worth trying to optimize the atom to ion conversion efficiency
- How atoms are spatially distributed outward an oven? Can this distribution be optimized?
- Can simulation reproduce experimental measurements?

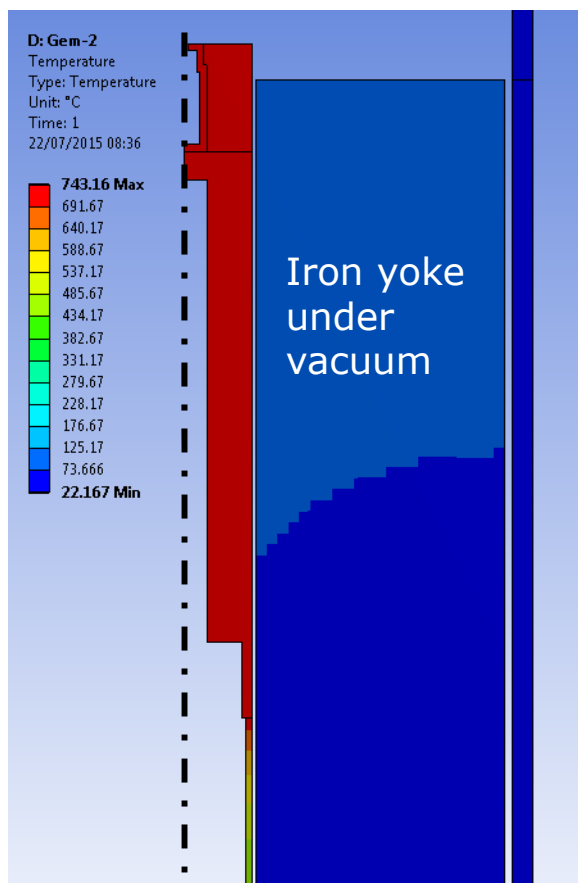
Calcium oven

➤ Derived from LBL design

- Massive oven, suitable for operation with high power RF heating
- 200W ~ 650°C



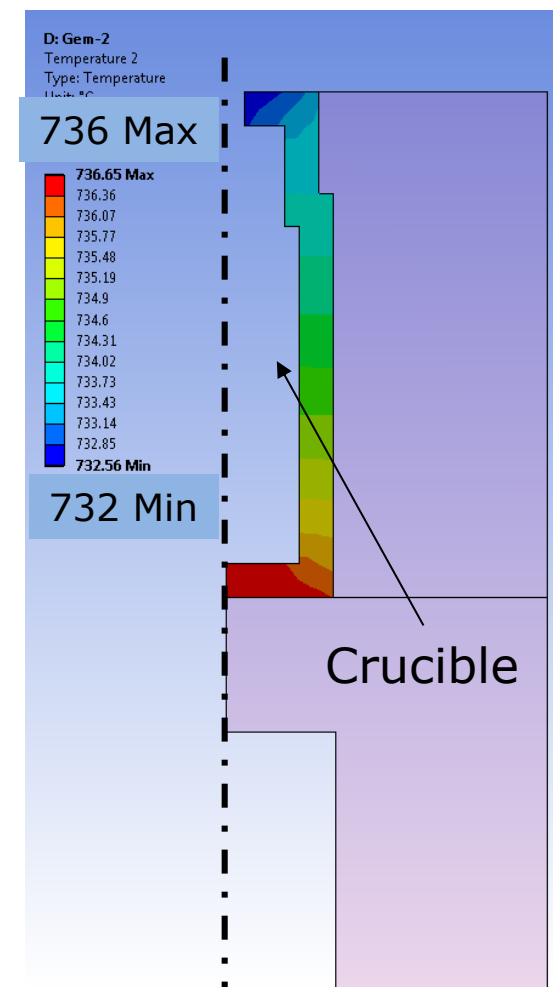
Oven thermal simulation



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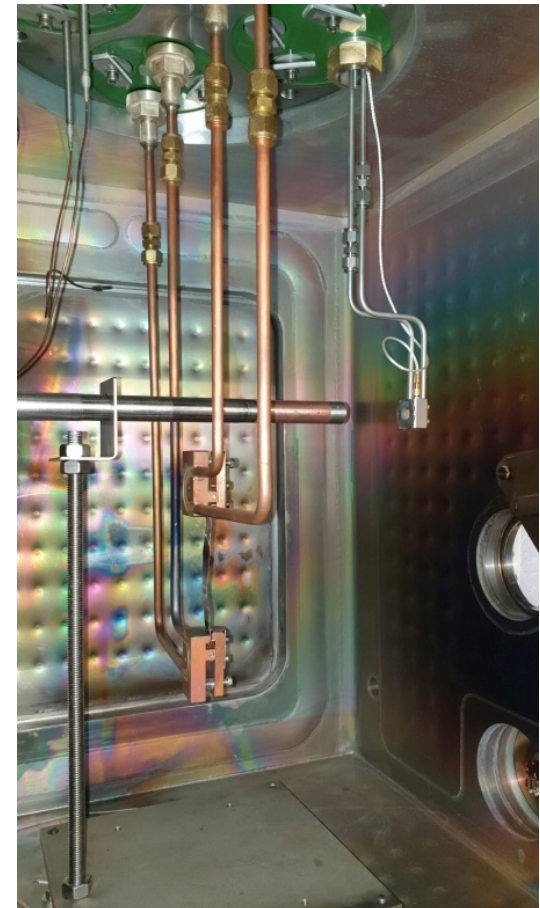
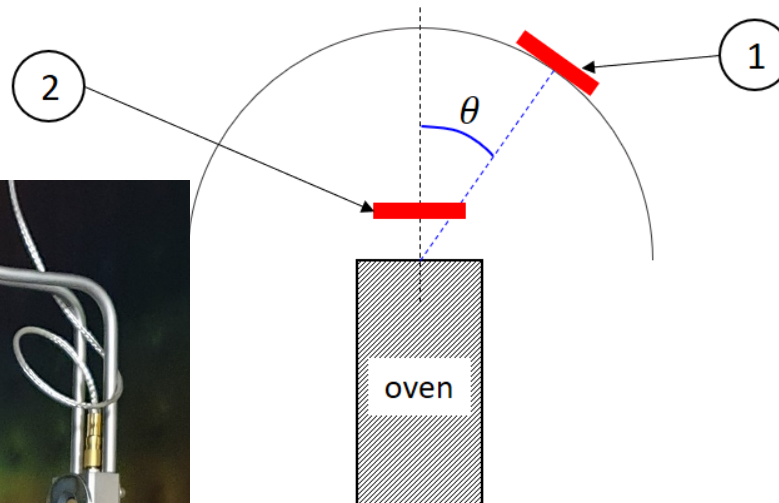
Application to PHOENIXV3 ECRIS

- Oven is ~isothermal
- Water cooled iron Yoke
<80 °C



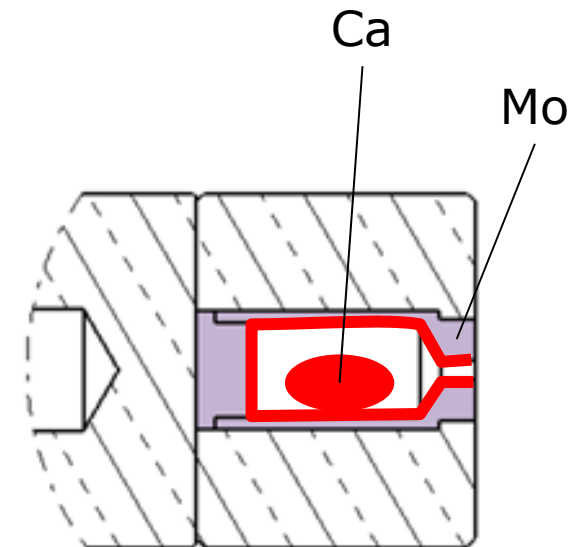
Experimental setup

- AUDA6 Neyco quartz microbalance @3 MHz
- Heater cartridge thermocouple to monitor the temperature
- Atom flux measurement vs angle (1) and vs Temperature (2)
 - Active balance diameter : 8.1 mm
 - Distance 1 : 60 mm
 - Distance 2 : 10 mm
 - $P_0 \sim 10^{-7}$ mbar

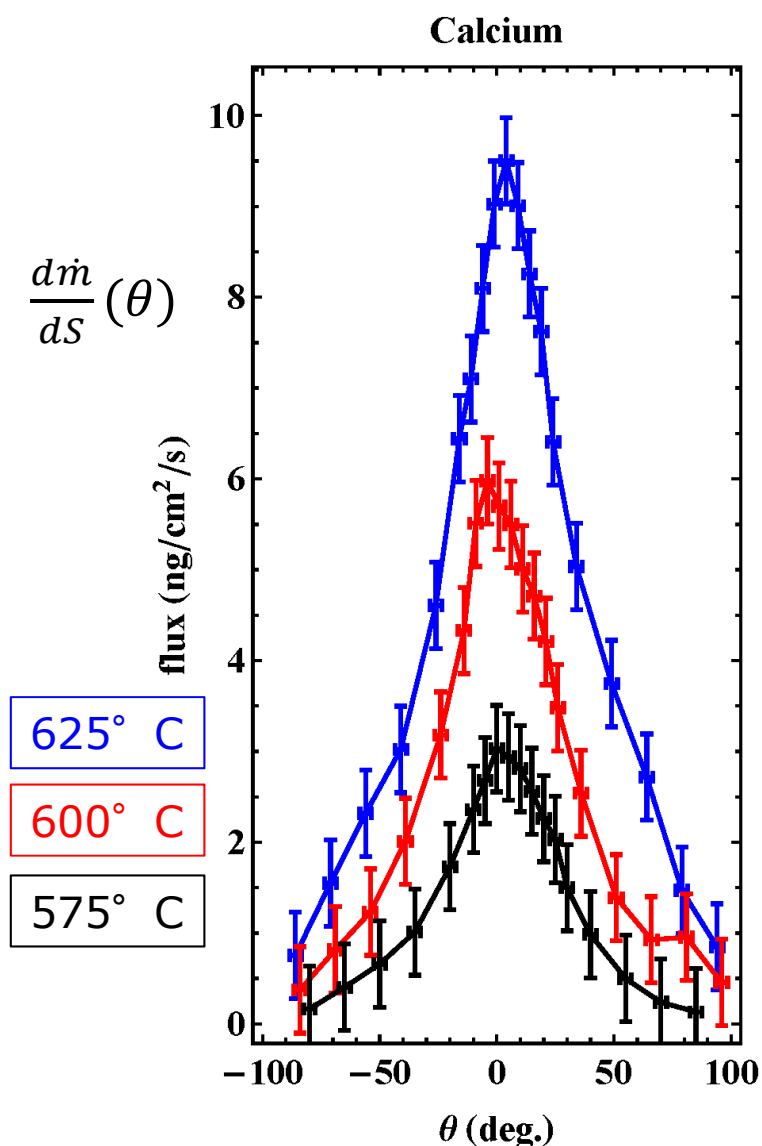


Oven Chemistry

- Sticking time (Frenkel) : $\tau = \tau_0 e^{\frac{H}{kT}}$
- Small aperture => Pressure builds up to the saturating vapor pressure:
 - (Antoine's law) $\log_{10} P = A - \frac{B}{T}$
- Evaporation mass flow (Hertz-Knudsen) :
 - $\dot{M} = P \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\pi kT}} S$
- Ca evaporation in a Mo crucible
 - Mo-Ca enthalpy >> Ca-Ca enthalpy
 - Build up of a strongly bound layer of Ca on Mo
 - Next Ca re-evaporates on fresh Ca layer
- Ca surface of evaporation includes the crucible's
 - Calcium sample surface : $s_{Ca} \approx 0.8 \pm 0.2 \text{ cm}^2$
 - Crucible surface $s_c = 2.8 \text{ cm}^2$
 - Mass flow Hysteresis in operation



Experimental results (1)



Calcium diff. flux vs angle of detection

- Time of integration : 180s
- Range of measurement > 575°C
- No signal below this temperature

~900 K

~875 K

~850 K

$r=60$ mm

Experimental results (2)

Absolute Calcium flux vs temperature

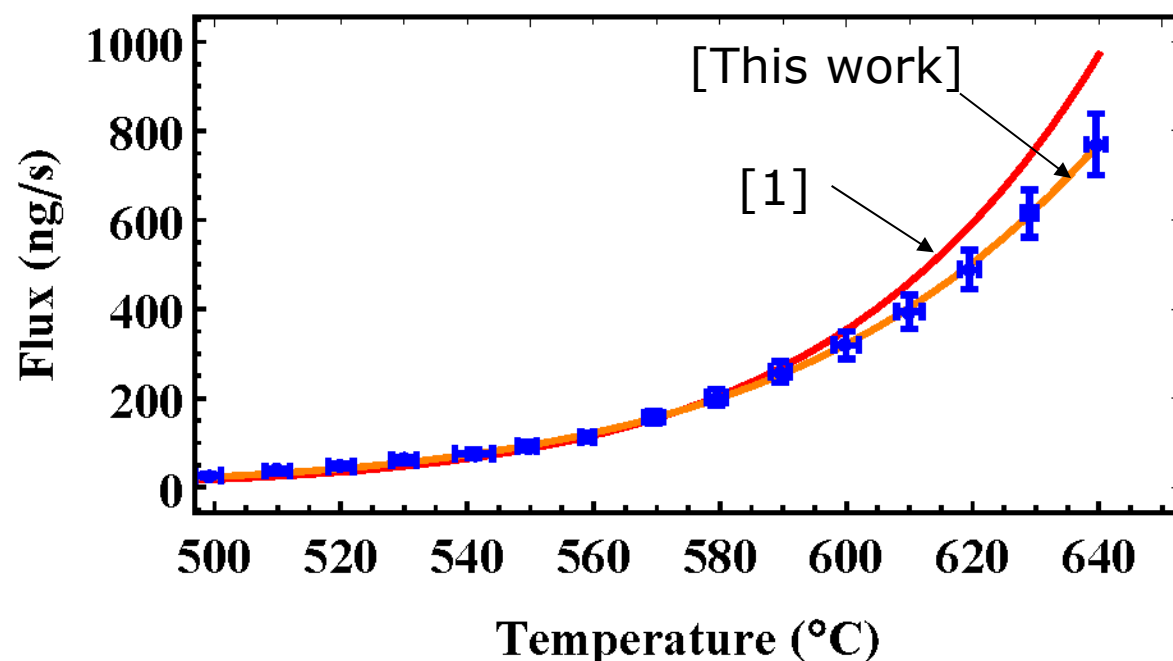
- $\frac{d\dot{m}}{d\omega}(\theta)$ Data from pos. (1) used to calculate the total flux in pos. (2) :
- $\dot{M} = 2\pi r^2 \int \frac{d\dot{m}}{d\omega}(\theta) \cdot d\Omega$
- Compared to :
Hertz Knudsen eq. + Antoine's law
- Good fit, provided:
 $s = s_{Ca} + s_c$

$$\log_{10} P = A - \frac{B}{T}$$

$$\dot{M} = P \sqrt{\frac{m}{2\pi kT}} s$$

Antoine's coeff. For Ca

	A	B
[1]	10.34	$8,94 \times 10^3$
This work	8.98	$7,79 \times 10^3$

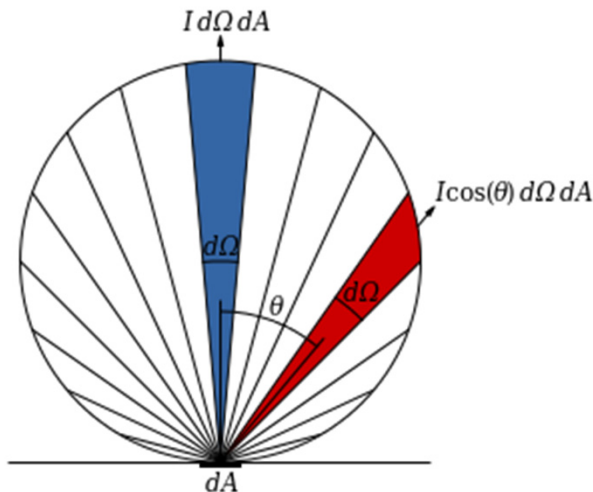


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Simulation

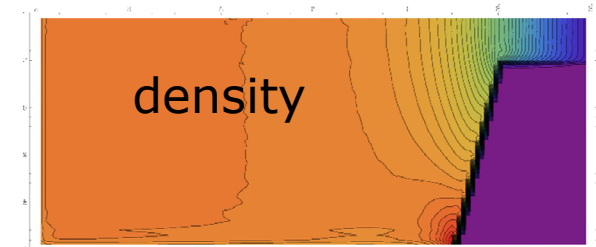
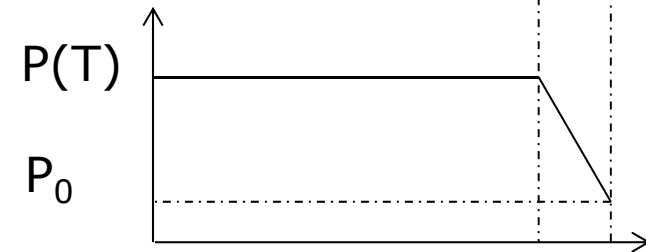
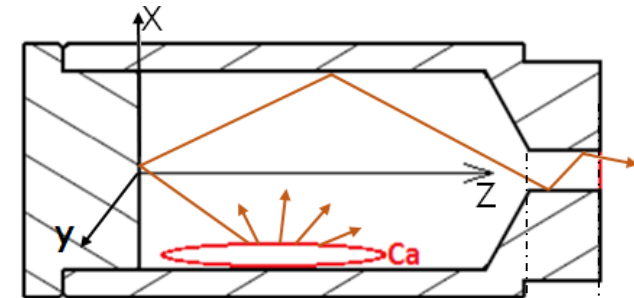
3D Monte Carlo code

- Oven Temperature as a parameter
- Atoms generated at the bottom of the crucible
- Lambert's cosine law emission from surface
- Volume collision considered
 - density profile imposed in the crucible
 - output density profile cross checked a posteriori => validated
- Mean thermal atom velocity considered



Collision MFP:

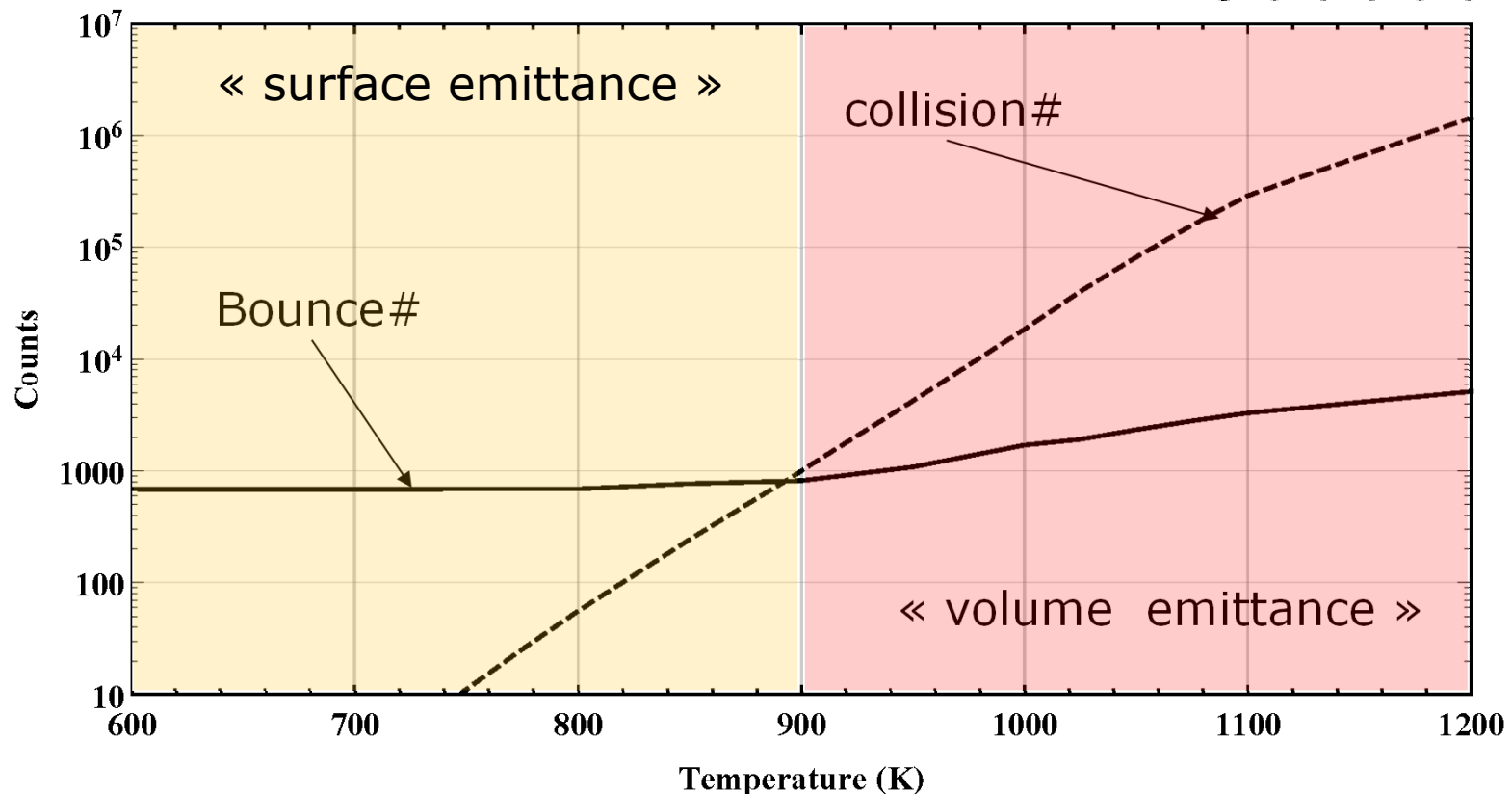
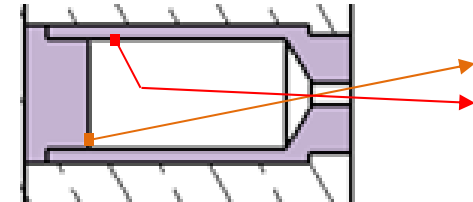
$$\lambda = \frac{kT}{\sqrt{2}\pi P d_{atom}^2}$$



Calcium gaz regime

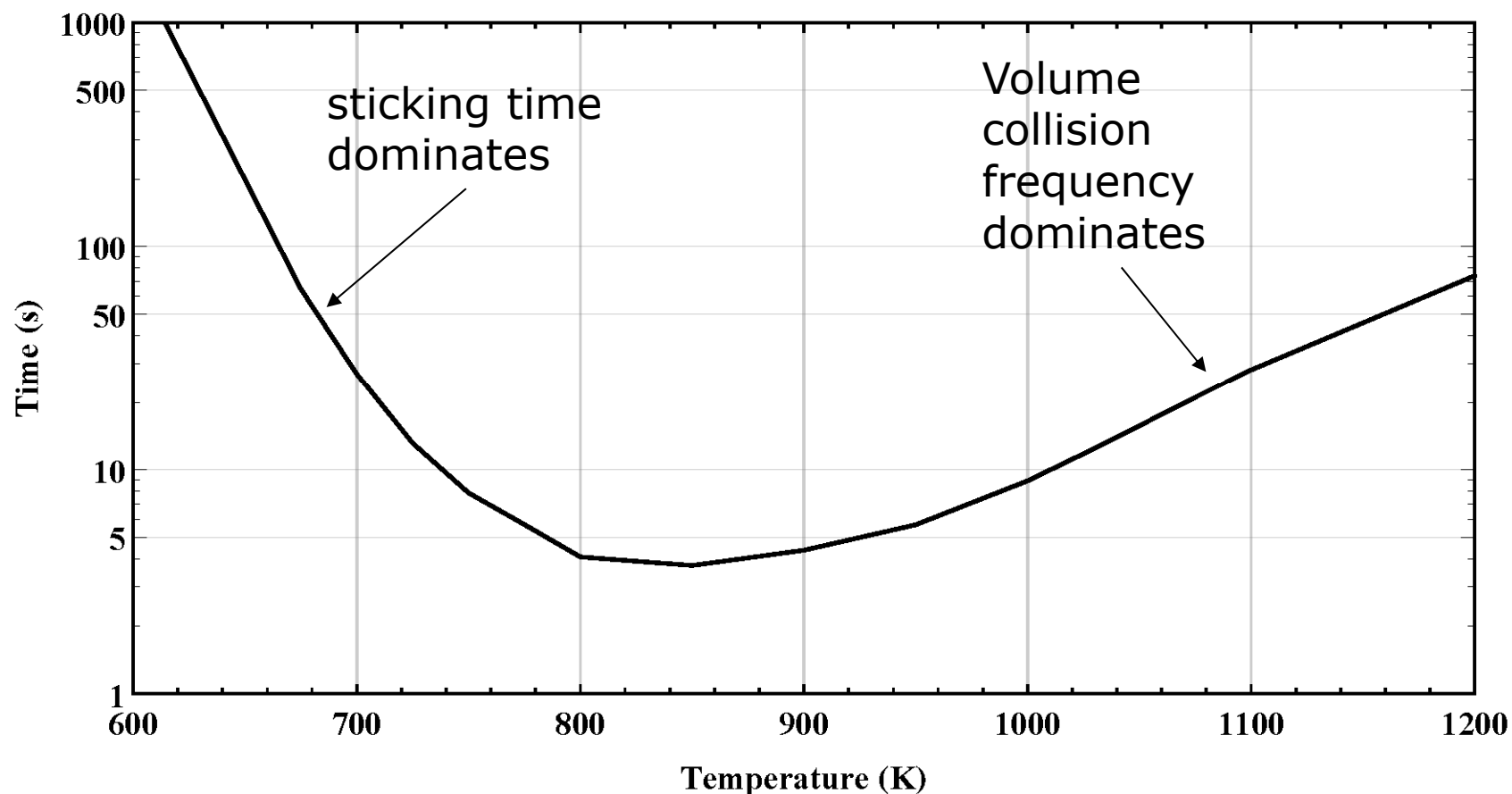
➤ Ca gaz is non collisional up to 900K (625° C)

- $T < 900\text{K}$: atoms extracted directly coming from walls
- $T > 1000\text{K}$: atoms coming from the volume
- $T \sim 900\text{K}-1000\text{K}$: transition



Atom extraction time

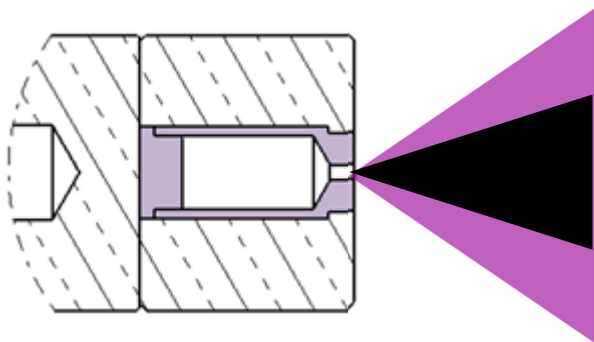
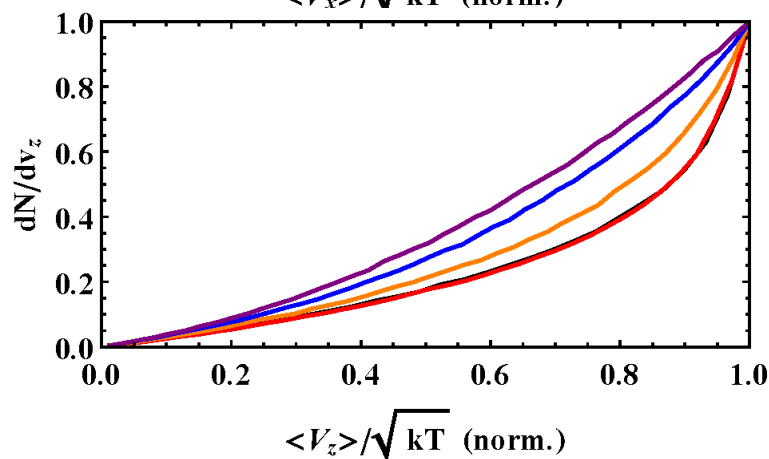
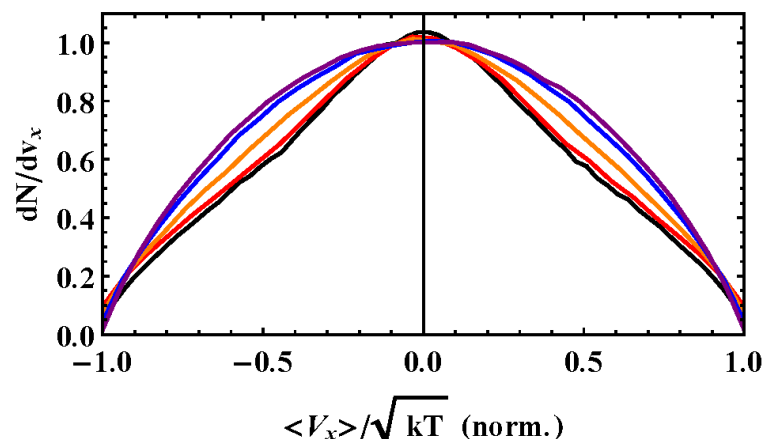
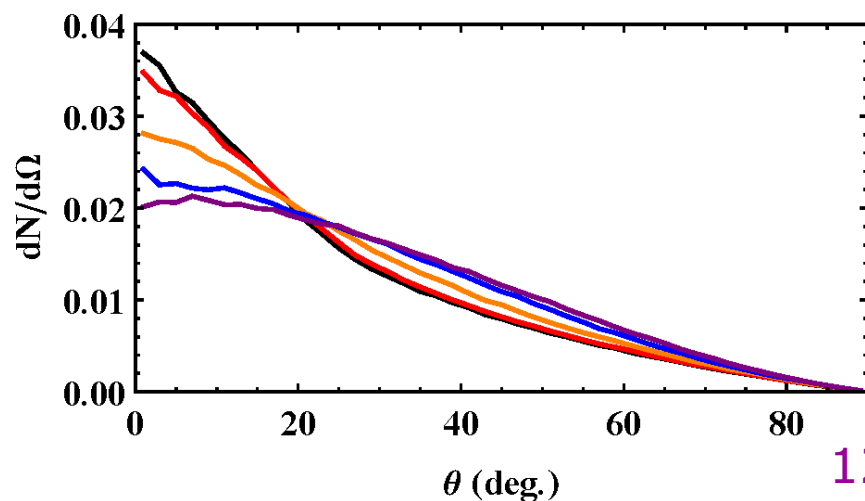
- A balance between sticking time and collision frequency



Simulation results

➤ Atom Emittance depends on the temperature

- The exit channel drives the emittance up to $T \sim 900$ K
- Volume collision spreads the beam above 900K

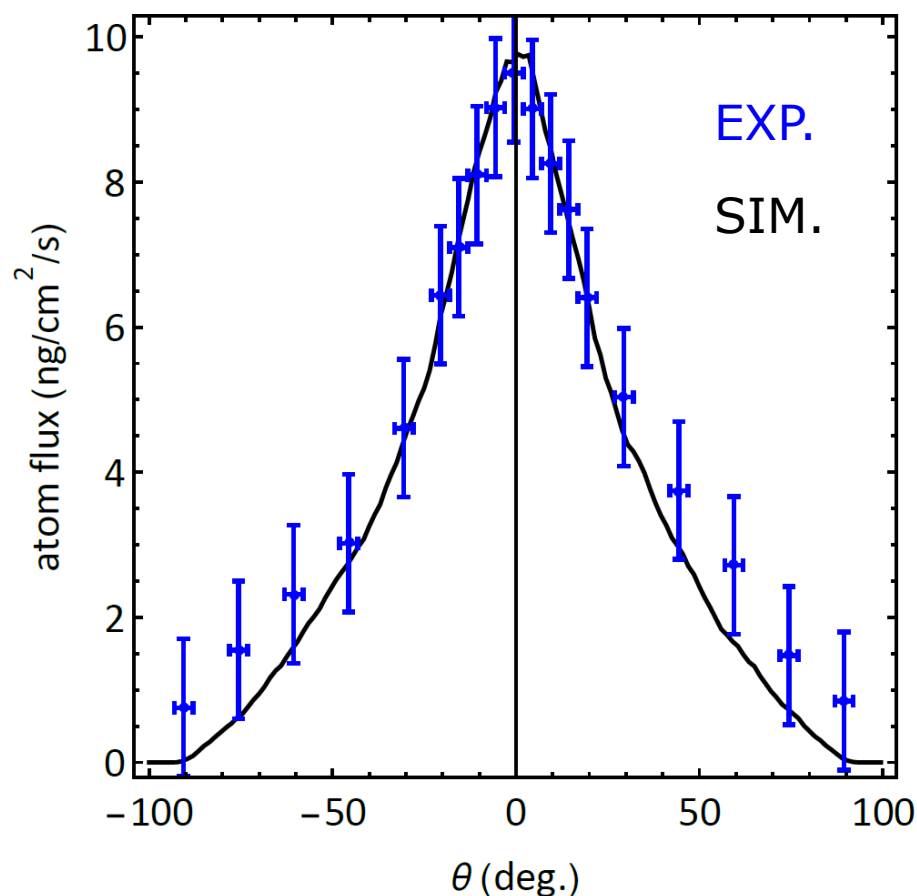


1200K
1100K
1000K
900K
800K

Simulation vs Experiment

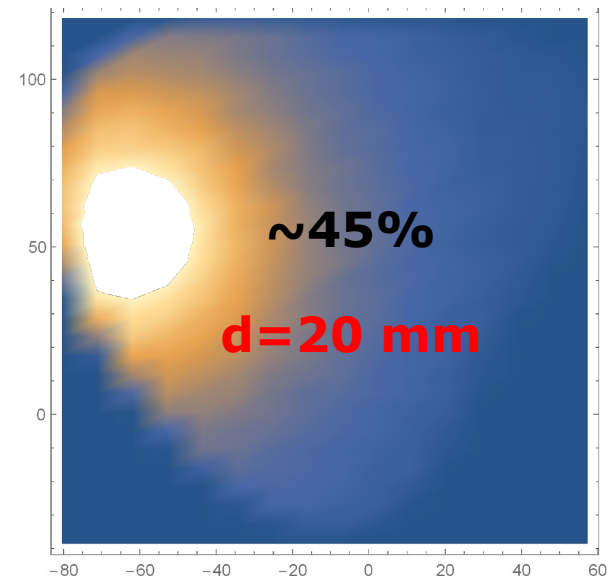
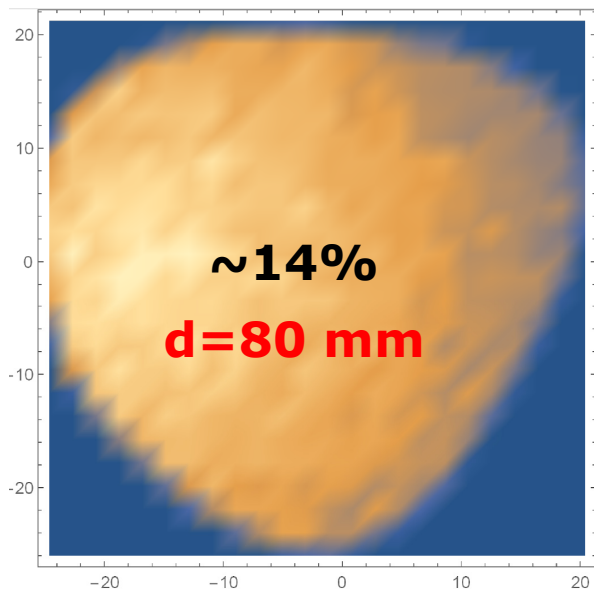
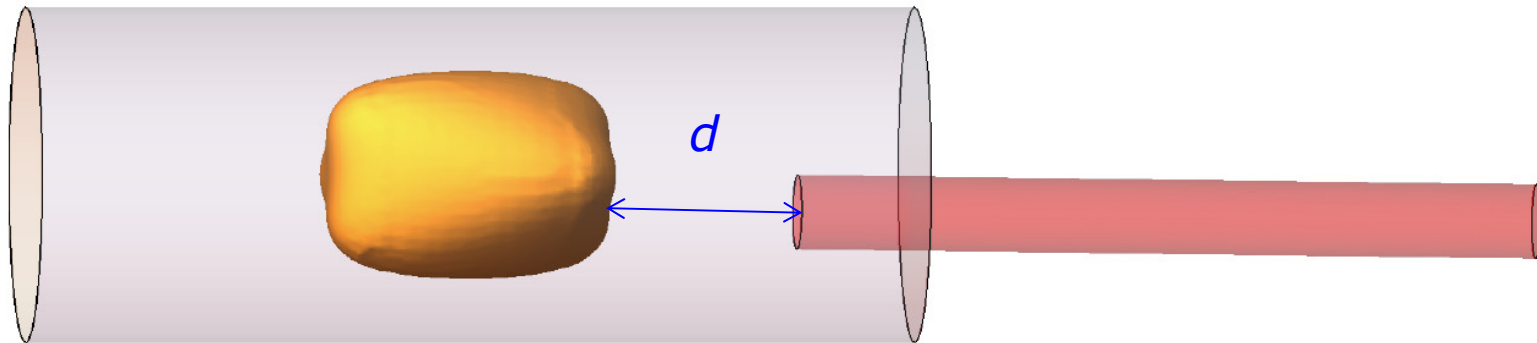
➤ Quite good agreement

- Underestimation of large angle flux by simulation
- But result compatible with uncertainties



Atom to ion conversion yield in ECRIS

- Simulated with PHOENIX V3 ECRIS
 - Oven Temperature $T \sim 425^\circ\text{C}$ (700K)



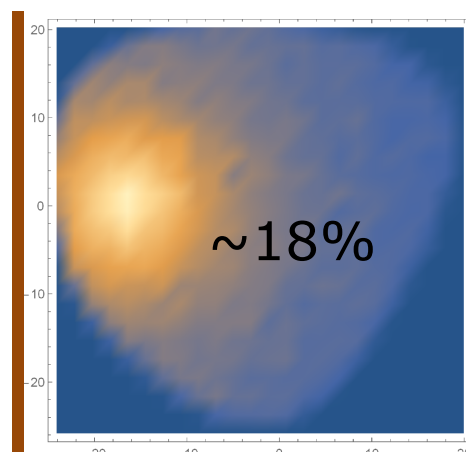
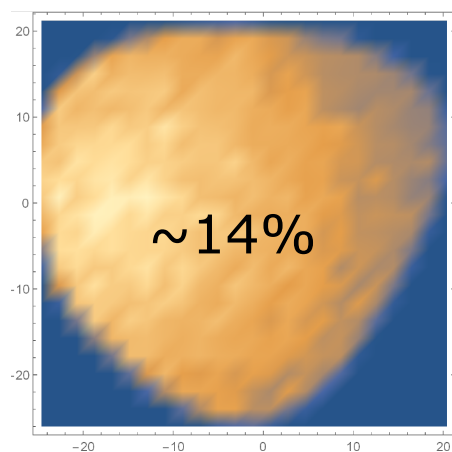
Effect of the exit channel geometry

- Yield enhancement with the nozzle geometry is secondary with respect to the oven distance to the ECR zone

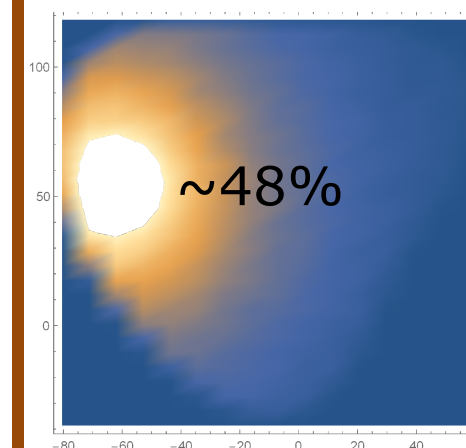
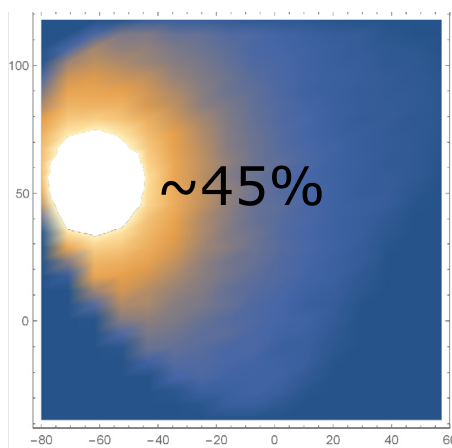
$\varnothing=1$ L=2 mm

$\varnothing=0.5$ L=5 mm

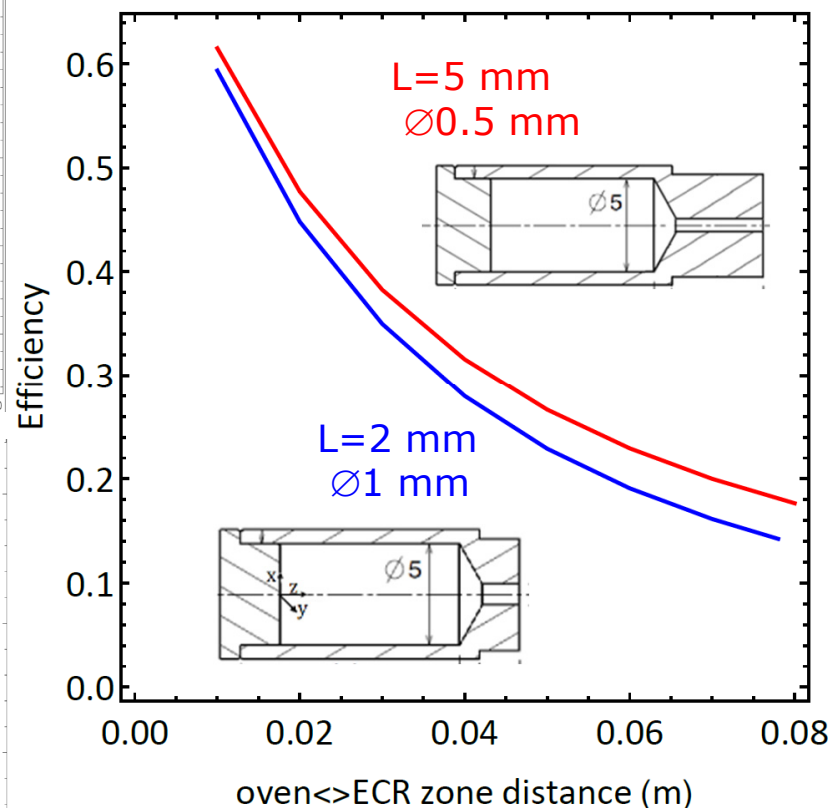
d=80 mm



d=20 mm



Atome capture Efficiency



Conclusion

- Calcium oven behaviour is well understood
 - A Ca layer covers the Mo walls
 - the surface of evaporation includes the crucible surface
- Absolute Ca mass flow gave new measurements of Antoine's law equation parameters
- Simulation reproduces fairly well the differential mass flow measurements
- Atom to ion conversion strongly depends on the distance to the ECR zone. It ranges between 14% and 45%
- Exit channel geometry does not change significantly the atom to ion yield
 - Provided the oven aims at the ECR zone
 - To be cross checked experimentally

The webinar saved ~40.000 kg of CO₂, which is great for our kids!

