

# A short insight into the measurement of a wood gasifier installation in Switzerland



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# Introduction

- What do we do?
  - Some pictures
- Where do we do that?
- Measuring wood gasifier installation
  - Calculations for dust emissions
  - Carbon monoxid and nitrogen oxides
  - Results and consequences
- Questions?



# What do we do?

- We are responsible for the execution of the Federal Act on the Protection of the Environment (EPA).
- And there especially for the Ordinance on Air Pollution Control (OPAC) in the Canton Bern.



# What do we do?

- We call up . . . .
- We measure . . . .
- We evaluate measurement reports of . . . .
- We carry out negotiations on deadlines for retrofitting . . . .
- We issue the necessary limitations until the retrofit of . . . .
- . . . many kinds of stationary installations, such as:

# Wood- / Oil- or Gas-fired Inst. (1200)



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# Galvanising Installations (9)



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# Municipal Waste Incinerator (4)

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### Waste receiving and storage

- 1 Tipping hall
- 2 Waste pit
- 3 Waste pit ventilation
- 4 Waste crane

### Combustion and boiler

- 5 Feed hopper
- 6 Ram feeder
- 7 Hitachi Zosen Inova grate
- 8 Ram bottom ash extractor
- 9 Bottom ash handling
- 10 Primary air intake
- 11 Primary air fan
- 12 Primary air distribution
- 13 Secondary air fan
- 14 Flue gas recirculation fan
- 15 Four-pass boiler
- 16 Boiler drum

### Flue gas treatment

- 17 Electrostatic precipitator
- 18 SCR DeNOx and catalyzer
- 19 Economiser
- 20 Gas/gas heat exchanger
- 21 Quench
- 22 Wet scrubber
- 23 Fabric filter
- 24 Induced draft fan
- 25 Silencer
- 26 Emissions measurement
- 27 Stack

### Residue handling and treatment

- 28 Ash conveying system
- 29 Residue silo

# Crematorium (15)



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# Coffee-Roasting Installations (15)



# Other Installations (300)



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## Where do we do that?



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# Measurement of a Wood Gasifier



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- Limit values of stationary internal combustion engines (OPAC, appendix 2, number 81) which uses biogas from agriculture
- dust (solids) → 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
(before 01.01.2016: 50 mg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) → 250 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
(before 01.01.2016: 400 mg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- carbon monoxide (CO) → 650 mg/m<sup>3</sup>  
(before 01.01.2016: 650 mg/m<sup>3</sup>)

# Measurement of a Wood Gasifier (dust)

- First of all, we calculated the pumping speed:

$$v * \left( \frac{d}{2} \right)^2 * \frac{10^6 \text{ mm}^2}{\text{m}^2} * \pi * \left( \frac{(b+p) * (273 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} + T_O) * \left( 1 - \left( \frac{f_{Ch}}{f_{Ch(max.)}} - \frac{f_n}{f_{n(max.)}} \right) \right)}{p * (273 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} + T_{Ch}) * (273 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})} \right) = \dot{V}_p \text{ [l/min.]}$$

- That means, we measured:
  - E.-velocity, and ambient pressure
  - ambient temp., am. humidity, am. pressure
  - pressure (ch.), temp. (ch.) and the humidity (ch.)
  - we've chosen the diameter of the tube (10mm)

# Measurement of a Wood Gasifier (dust)

- $$\frac{v * \left(\frac{d}{2}\right)^2 * \frac{10^6 \text{ mm}^2}{\text{m}^2} * \pi}{1000 \frac{\text{l}}{\text{m}^3} * 60 \frac{\text{s}}{\text{min}}} * \left( \frac{(b+p) * (273 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} + T_O) * \left(1 - \left(\frac{f_{Ch}}{f_{Ch(max.)}} - \frac{f_n}{f_{n(max.)}}\right)\right)}{p * (273 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} + T_{Ch}) * (273 \text{ }^\circ\text{C})} \right) = \dot{V}_p \text{ [l/min.]}$$
- $v = 10 \text{ m/s}$
- $d = 10 \text{ mm}$
- $b = 939 \text{ mbar}$
- $p = -2 \text{ mbar}$
- $T_O = 24 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} / f_n = 5 \text{ g/m}^3 / f_{n(max.)} = 24 \text{ g/m}^3$
- $T_{CH} = 86 \text{ }^\circ\text{C} / f_{Ch} = 153 \text{ g/m}^3 / f_{Ch(max.)} = 286 \text{ g/m}^3$

# Measurement of a Wood Gasifier (dust)

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \frac{10m}{s} * \left(\frac{10mm}{2}\right)^2 * \frac{10^6 mm^2}{m^2} * \pi \\
 & \frac{1000 \frac{l}{m^3} * 60 \frac{s}{min}}{1000 \frac{l}{m^3} * 60 \frac{s}{min}} * \\
 & \left( \frac{(939mbar + (-2mbar)) * (273^\circ C + 24^\circ C) * \left(1 - \left(\frac{153g}{m^3} - \frac{5g}{m^3}\right)\right)}{939mbar * (273^\circ C + 86^\circ C) * (273^\circ C)} \right) = \frac{26.7l}{min}
 \end{aligned}$$

- The performance of the pump is between 17l/min. up to 40 l/min.
- → Tube-Diameter is ok, isokinetic sampling is warranted.

# Measurement of a Wood Gasifier (dust)



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← 27 l/min.

- temperature m. d.
- pressure m. d.
- gas meter
- condenser
- bottle calibration gas (O<sub>2</sub>, NO, CO)
- pump

# Measurement of a Wood Gasifier (dust)



# Measurement of a Wood Gasifier ( $\text{NO}_x$ )

- To measure nitrogen oxides ( $\text{NO}$  and  $\text{NO}_2$ ), the air sample is passed through a converter to convert nitrogen dioxide into nitrogen monoxide.
- Because nitrogen dioxide is water-soluble, we need a heated pipe to prevent water condensation and thus too low  $\text{NO}_2$ -Values.
- The measurement principle used is chemiluminescence.

# Measurement of a Wood Gasifier (NO<sub>x</sub>)



# Measurement of a Wood Gasifier (CO)

- A nondispersive infrared sensor (or NDIR sensor) is a simple spectroscopic sensor often used as a gas detector.
- We use it to detect CO.



# Measurement of a Wood Gasifier (CO and NO<sub>x</sub>)



- Datalogger
- NO-Analyser
- CO-Analyser
- Gas Diluter
- Pump

# Measurement of a Wood Gasifier (CO and NO<sub>x</sub>)

- 3 times 30 minutes each installation.



# Results

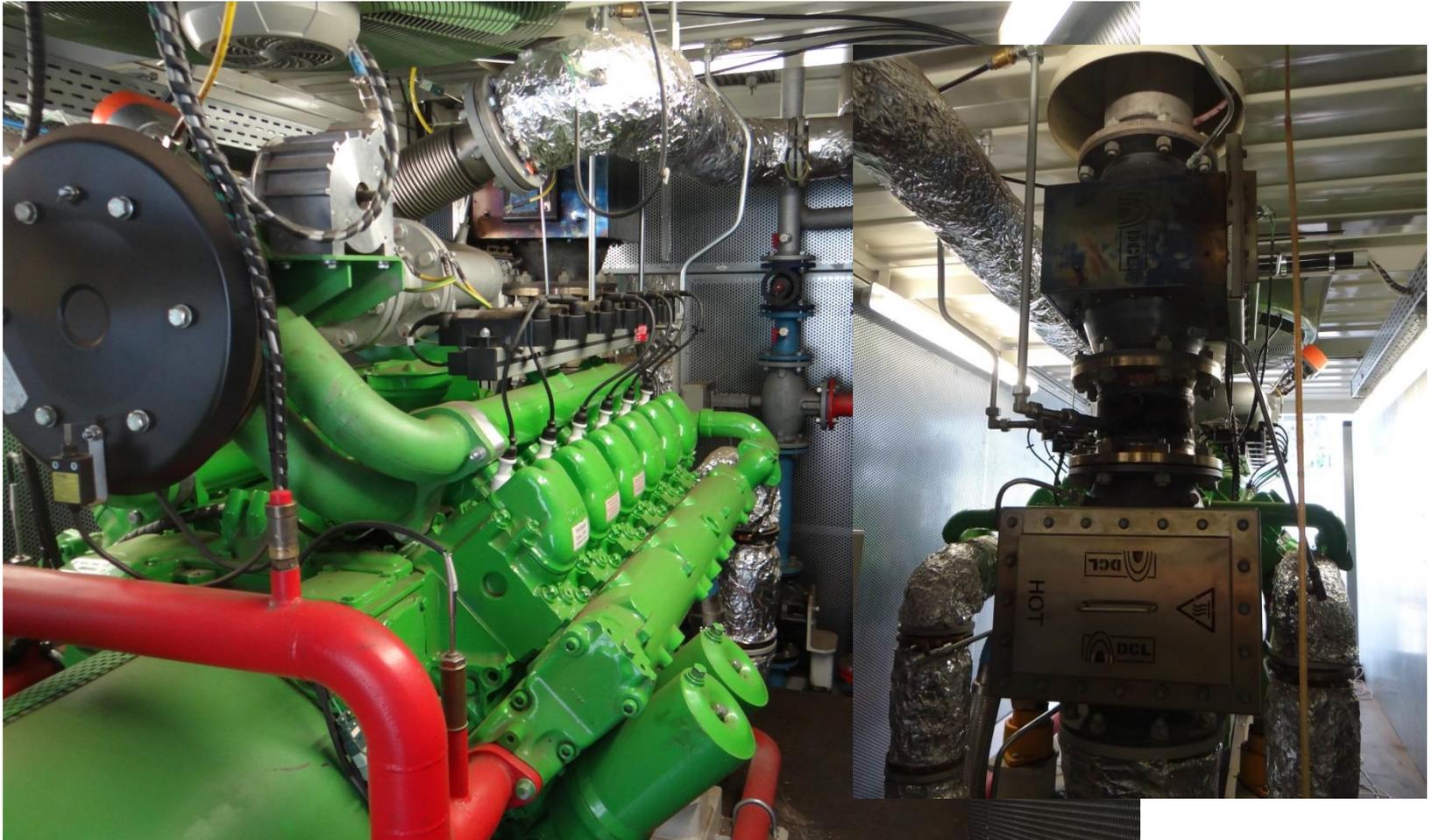
- CGA 1-3
  - Dust (solid): 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> [l.v: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>]
  - CO: 375 mg/m<sup>3</sup> [l.v: 650 mg/m<sup>3</sup>]
  - NO<sub>x</sub>: 335 mg/m<sup>3</sup> [l.v: 250 mg/m<sup>3</sup>]
- CGA 1-4
  - Dust (solid): 5 mg/m<sup>3</sup> [l.v: 10 mg/m<sup>3</sup>]
  - CO : 11 mg/m<sup>3</sup> [l.v: 650 mg/m<sup>3</sup>]
  - NO<sub>x</sub> : 447 mg/m<sup>3</sup> [l.v: 250 mg/m<sup>3</sup>]

# Consequences

- Adjustment of both installations by the manufacturer.
- Another round of measurements by the end of fall.



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# Thank you very much for your attention!

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