

# Anomalous Heat Generation Experiments Using Metal Nanocomposites and Hydrogen Isotope Gas

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# 1 . Background

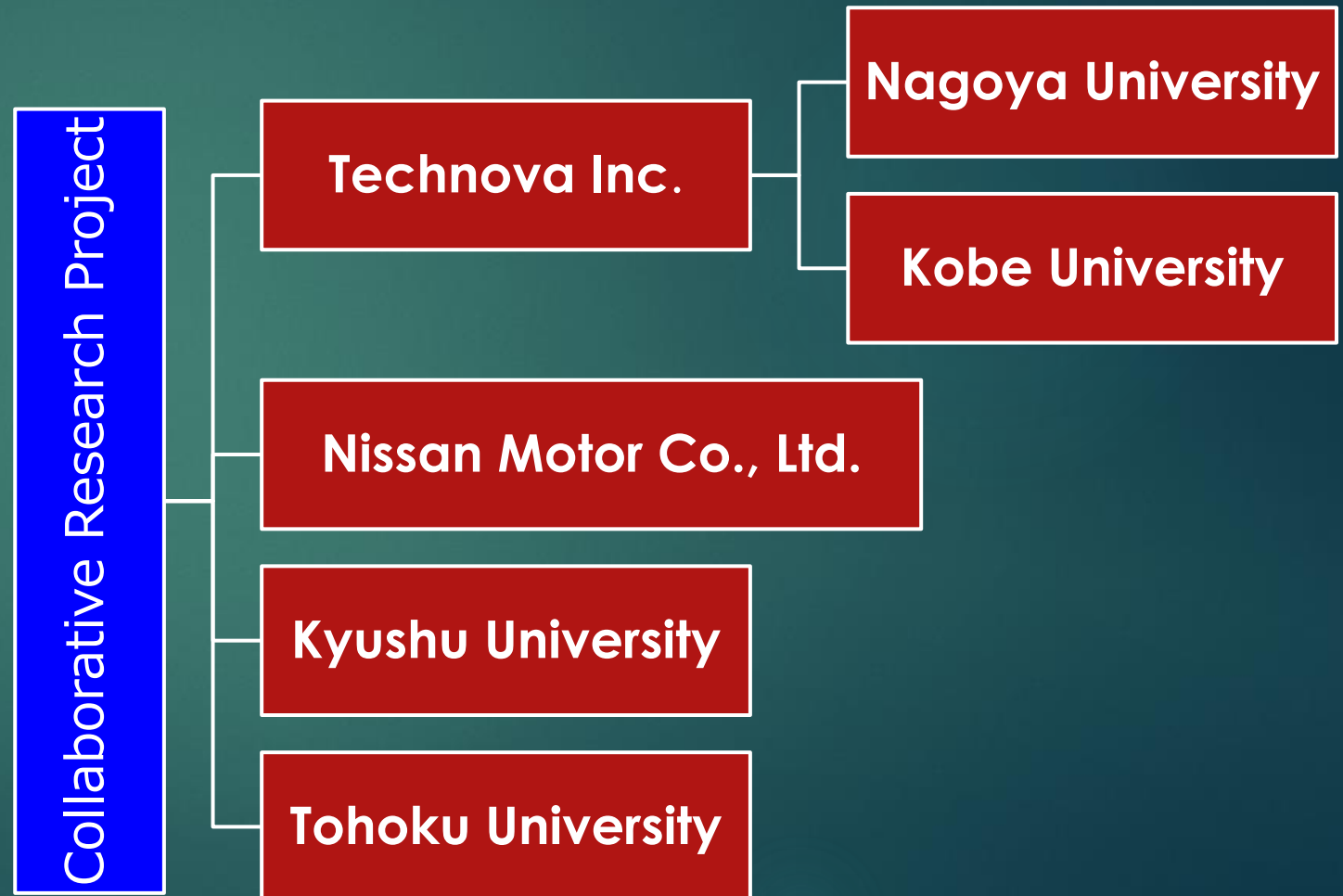
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## Objectives

To clarify the **existence of the anomalous heat generation** phenomenon

Setup of a new **national project** by obtaining guiding principles on how to control the anomalous heat generation phenomenon .

## Organization



# Summary of Experimental Results at Tohoku Univ.

samples	Gas	Temp.	Results
<b>PNZ4s</b> (PdNi <sub>7</sub> /ZrO <sub>2</sub> )	D	160-300°C	1) Excess Heat 4-5W, Integrated H > <b>15eV/D</b> (1.4MJ/mol-D)
<b>CNZ5s</b> (CuNi <sub>7</sub> /ZrO <sub>2</sub> )	H	160-250°C	1) Excess Heat 2-5W, Integrated H > <b>68eV/H</b> (6.5MJ/mol-H) 2) <b>Coincident increase events</b> of the pressure of the reaction chamber and gas temperature
<b>PSn1</b> (Pd/meso-Si)	D	200-300°C	<b>No Excess Heat at elevated temp.</b>
<b>CNS3s</b> (CuNi <sub>10</sub> /SiO <sub>2</sub> )	H(D)	150-300°C	1) In the case of H, Excess heat 2-4W, Integrated H > <b>110eV/H</b> (10.7MJ/mol-H) 2) No excess Heat in the case of D
<b>CNZ6s</b> (CuNi <sub>7</sub> /ZrO <sub>2</sub> )	H	150-350°C	<b>Coincident increase events</b> of the pressure of the reaction chamber and gas temperature were <b>replicated</b>

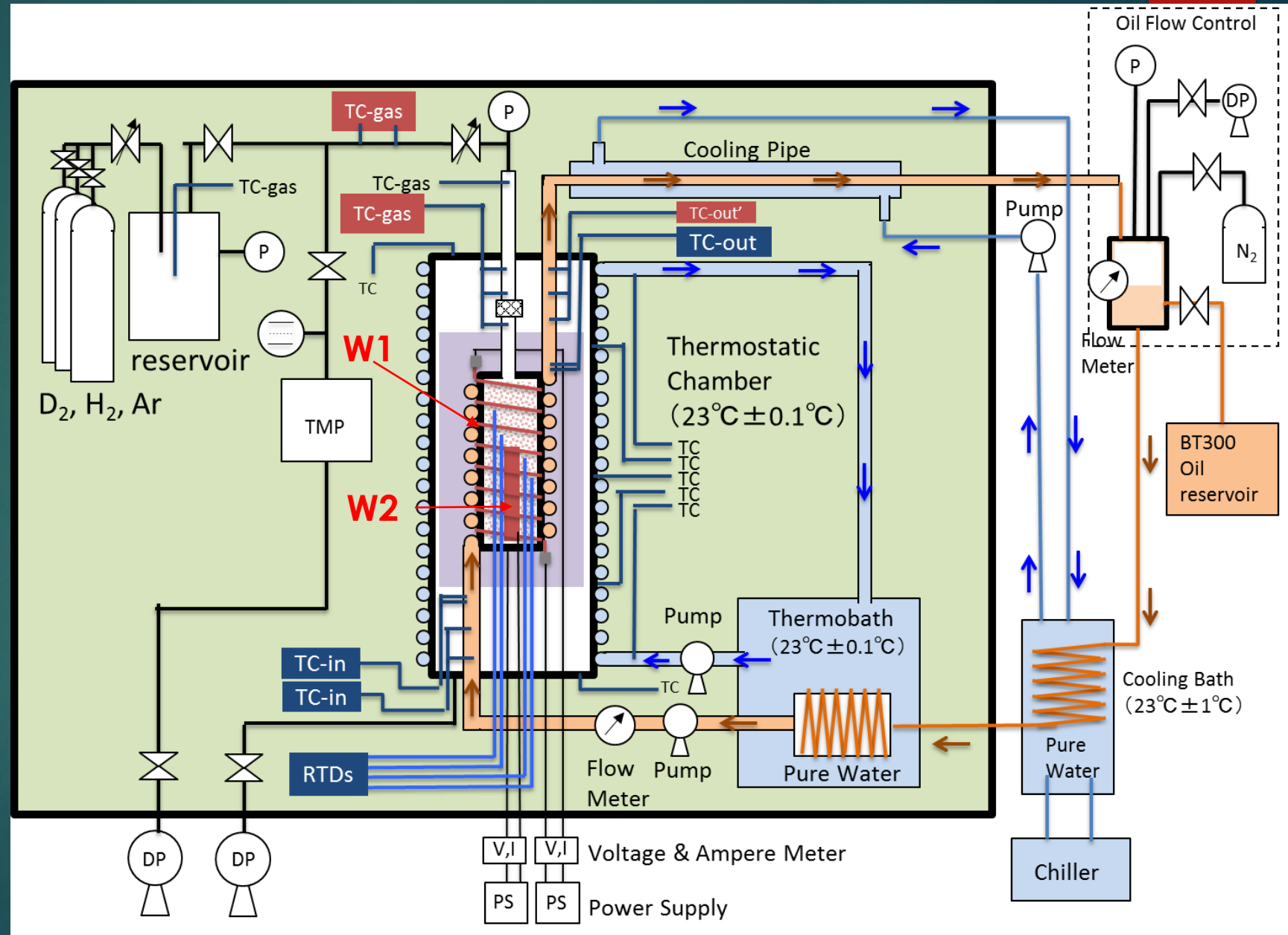
## 2. Experimental

# Experimental Setup

**Oil Flow-  
Calorimetry at  
High Temperature**

**A lot of  
Measurement  
Points**

**Resistant to Outer-  
Temperature  
Fluctuation**





# Appearance of Experimental Setup



Thermostatic chamber



Main experimental setup



# Sample Preparation ( $\text{ZrO}_2$ )

at a Sendai  
Material  
Company

Melt Spinning

Amorphous Mixture of Metal  
Elements prepared by Melt  
Spinning method

at Kobe  
Univ.  
or Nissan

Formation of  
Nano Particles  
by Oxidization

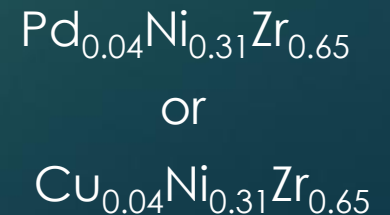
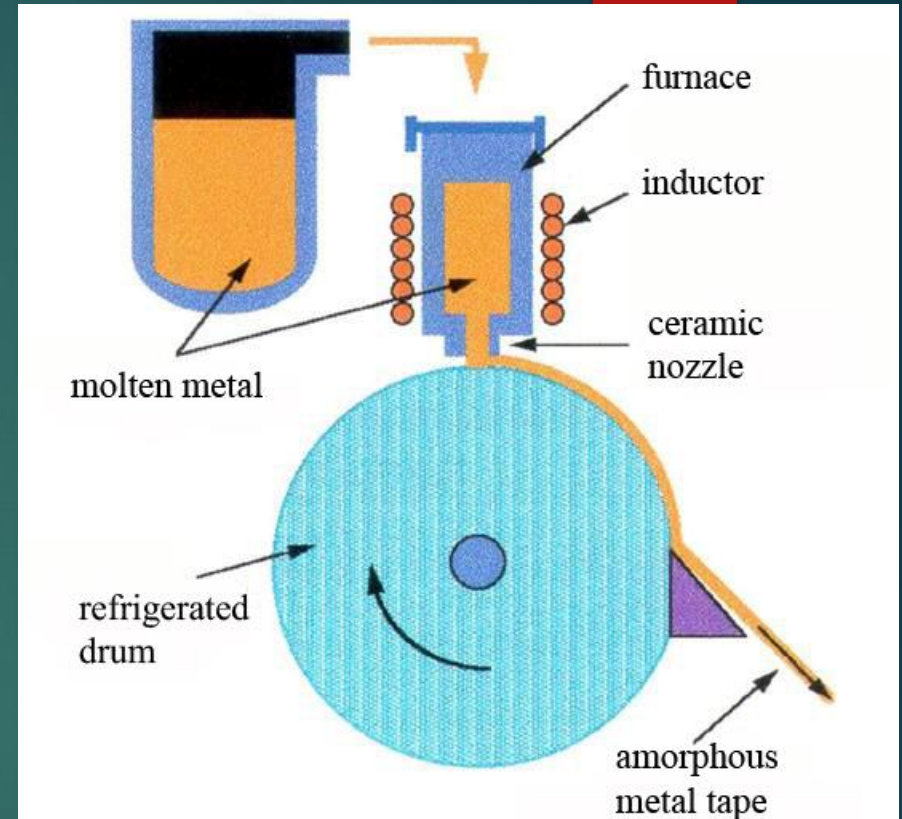
723K for 60 hr;  
Preferential oxidation of  
Zr to  $\text{ZrO}_2$

Experiment at  
Kobe Univ.  
PNZ4

Experiment at  
Tohoku Univ.  
PNZ4s

**Two samples subjected to  
the same process**

Schematic of Melt Spinning



# Excess Power Evaluation

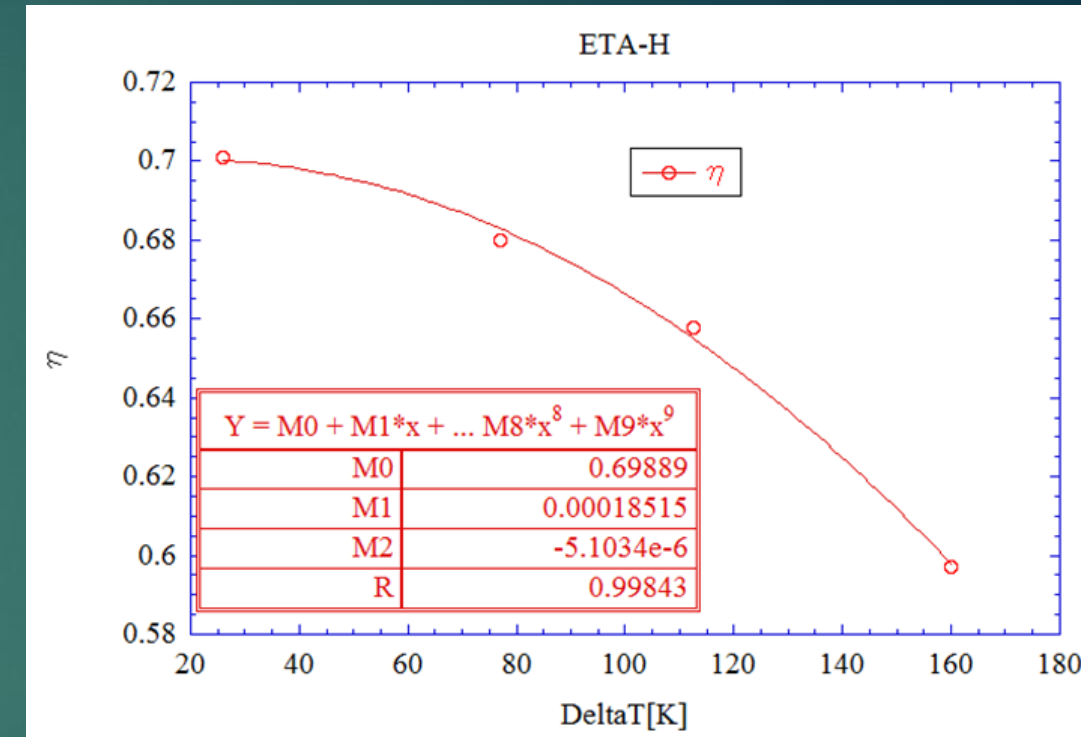
$$\eta Q = F_R \cdot \rho(T_{ave}) \cdot C(T_{ave}) \cdot (T_{out} - T_{in})$$

Flow rate    Density    Specific heat    Delta T

$$Q = W_1 + W_2 + H_{EX}$$

Outer    Inner  
Heater    Heater    Excess Heat

Input [W]	DeltaT[K]	Tin ave[C]	FL[ml/min]	Tave[C]	C[J/gK]	$\rho$ [g/cm3]	$\eta$
15.01578	26.068338	25.115218	14.398465	38.149387	1.629708	1.03267692	0.701
47.13032	76.938459	25.88207433	14.339737	64.35130383	1.718794	1.0145976	0.680
73.47776	112.65535	26.624729	14.428727	82.952404	1.782038	1.00176284	0.658
115.963	160.02194	27.04636267	14.145065	107.0573327	1.863995	0.98513044	0.597



$\eta$  (recovery rate) is estimated based on blank run data.  
Then,  $H_{EX}$  (Excess Heat) is calculated by the above equations.

# Error Estimation

## Error factors

- ① Fluctuation of Oil Flow
- ② Fluctuation of Temperature measurement
- ③ Fluctuation of power input

$$EXH = \dot{m}C\Delta T / \eta - W$$

$$\delta(EXH) \approx \left| \delta(\dot{m}) \right| \frac{C\Delta T}{\eta} + \left| \delta(\Delta T) \right| \frac{\dot{m}C}{\eta} + \left| \delta(W) \right|$$

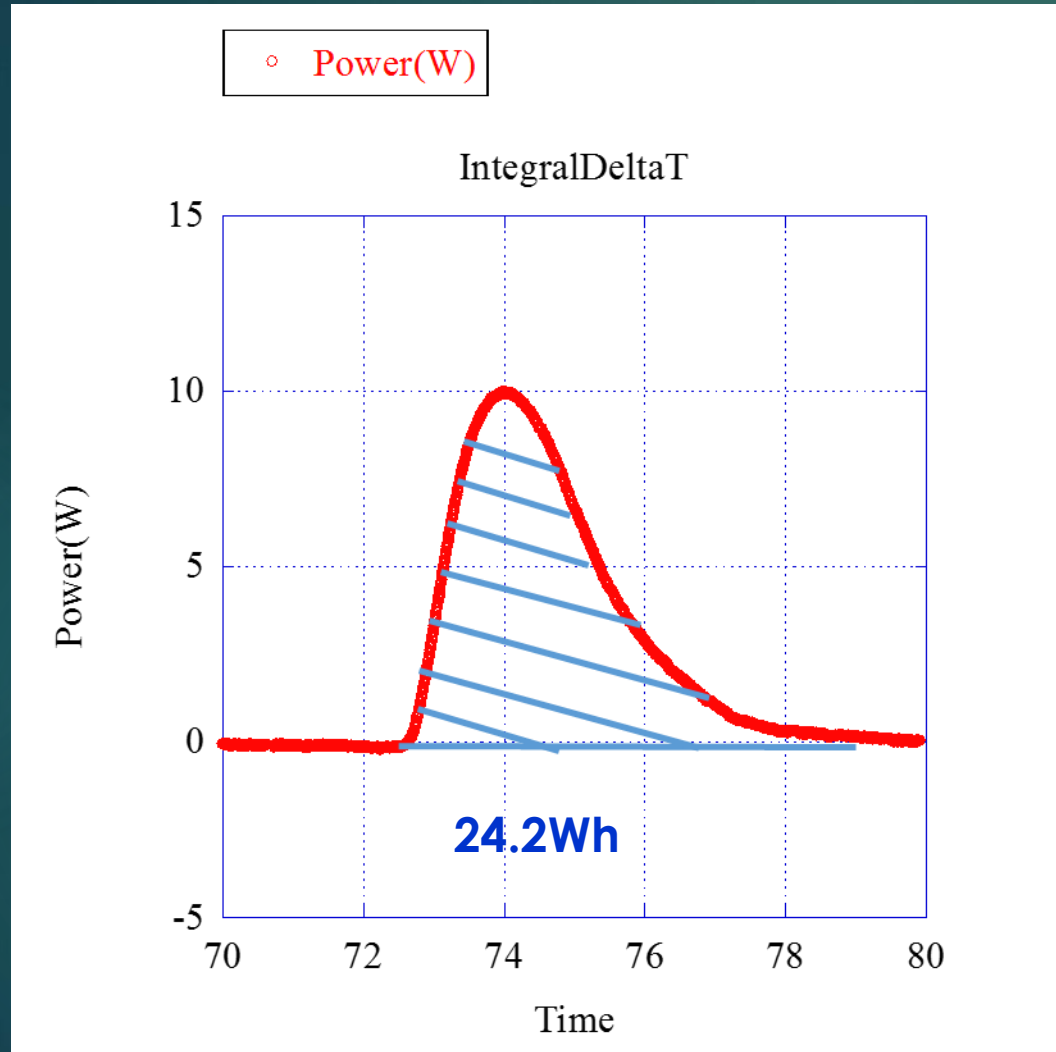
Input [W]	$\delta$ (W)	DeltaT [K]	$\delta$ (DeltaT)	C[J/gK]	$\rho$ [g/cm <sup>3</sup> ]	FL[ml/min]	$\delta$ (FL)	$\eta$	$\left  \delta(\dot{m}) \right  \frac{C\Delta T}{\eta}$	$\left  \delta(\Delta T) \right  \frac{\dot{m}C}{\eta}$	$\delta$ (EXH)
79.61	0.031	128.05	0.261	1.817645	0.994537	14.28	0.012	0.692	0.067	0.162	0.260
134.01	0.076	191.5	0.390	1.92143	0.973475	14.4	0.04	0.641	0.372	0.273	0.721



In the case of CNZ5s,  $\sigma = 0.3W$  for 80W Input ,  $\sigma = 0.75W$  for 134W Input.  
If we take  $3\sigma$  for error range, we get **0.9W** for 80W and **2.3W** for 134W.

### 3-1 PNZ4s ( $\text{Pd}_{0.04}\text{Ni}_{0.31}\text{Zr}_{0.65}$ ) with $\text{D}_2$ Gas

# Heat Release at Room Temp.



$$E = \int P dt = 24.22 * 3600 = 87.2[kJ]$$

PNZ4S;Tohoku

54.8kJ/D-mol

Absorbed D :1.59mol

0.57[eV/D]

agree

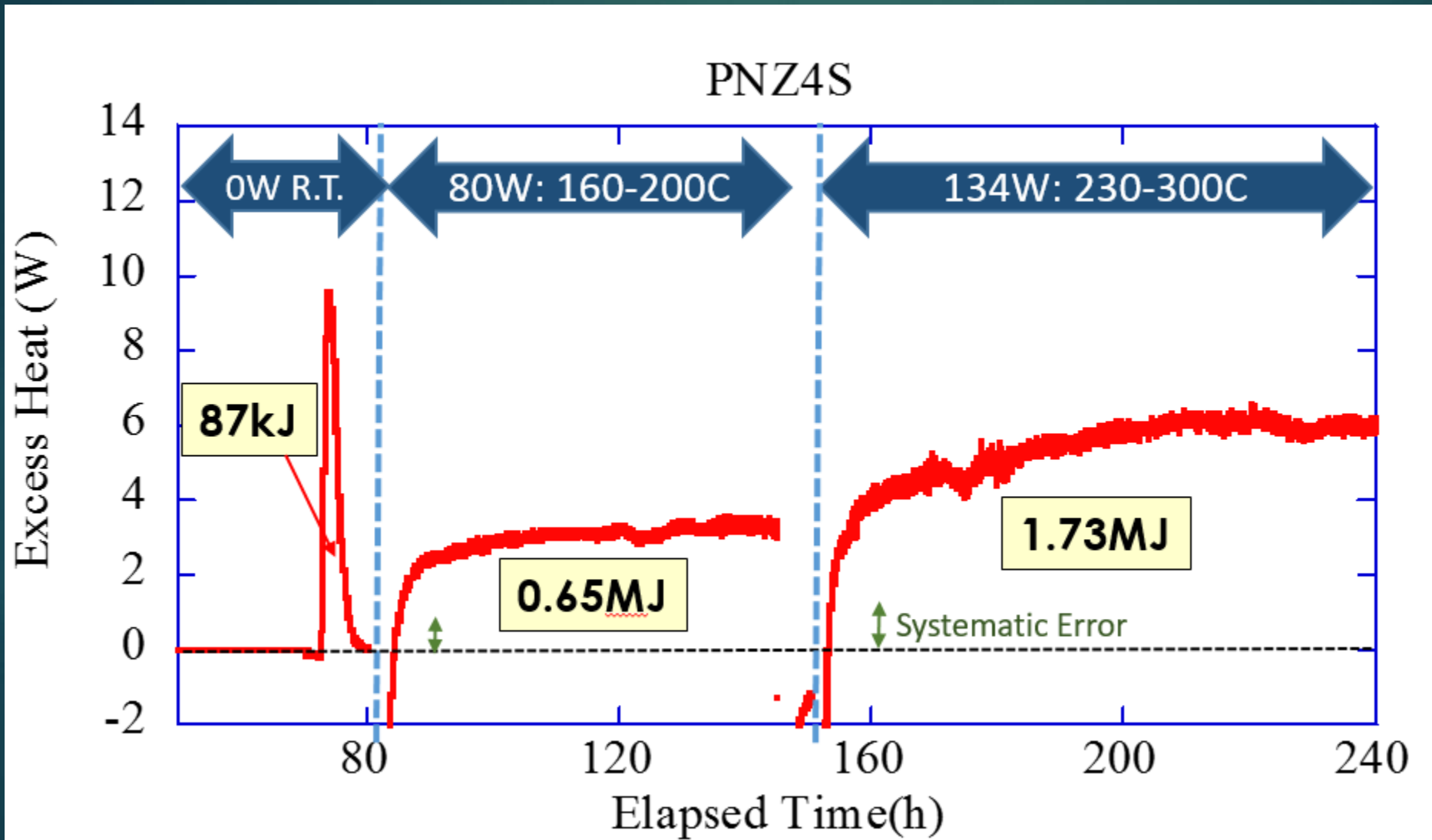


PNZ4; Kobe

54kJ/D-mol

0.56[eV/D]

# Excess Heat Generation: PNZ4s with D<sub>2</sub>



Integrated EXH  
2.47MJ

Absorbed D  
:1.73mol

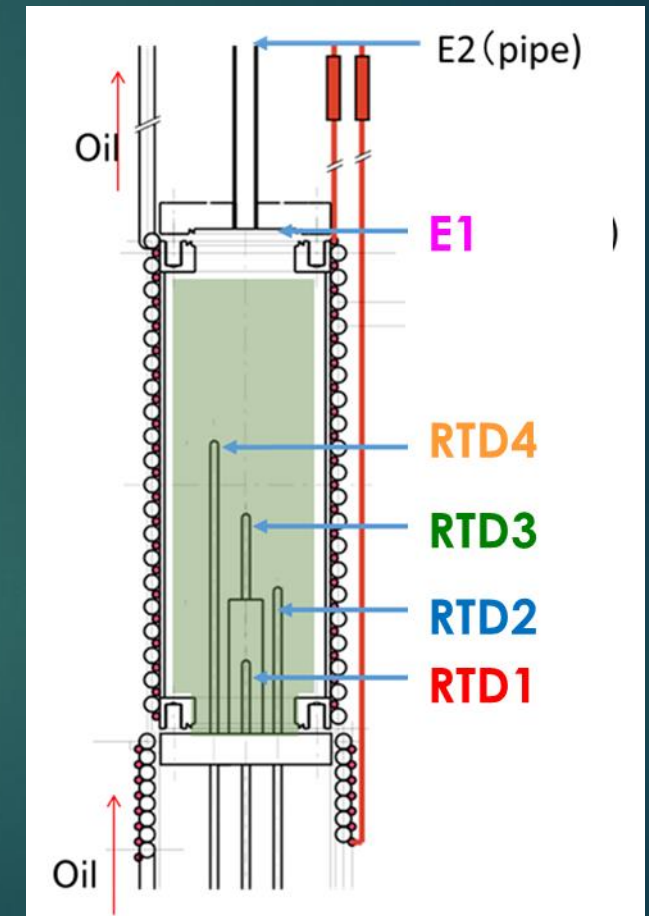
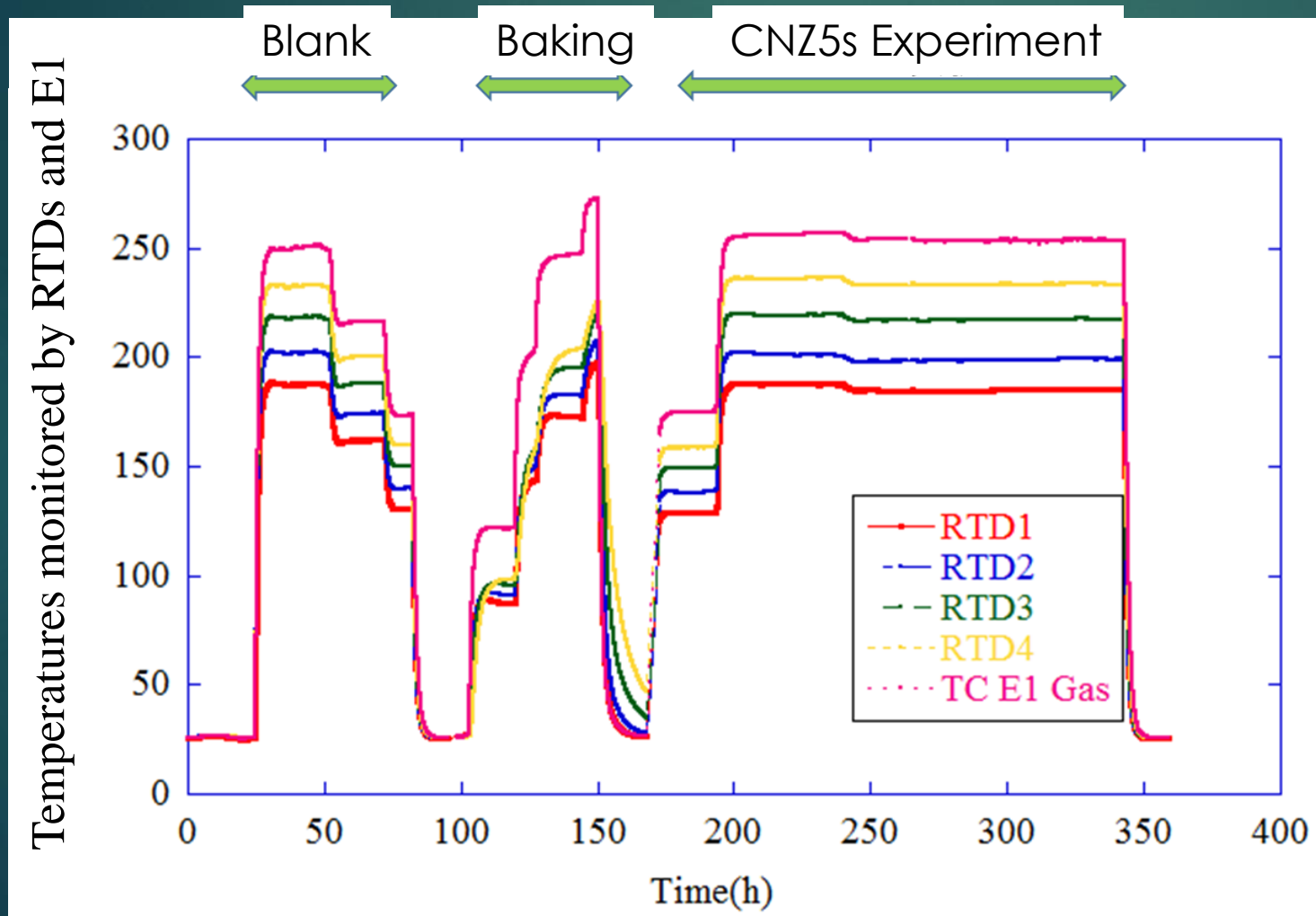
At Least  
1,430kJ/D-mol  
14.9eV/D

Cannot Explain  
by Chemical  
Reactions

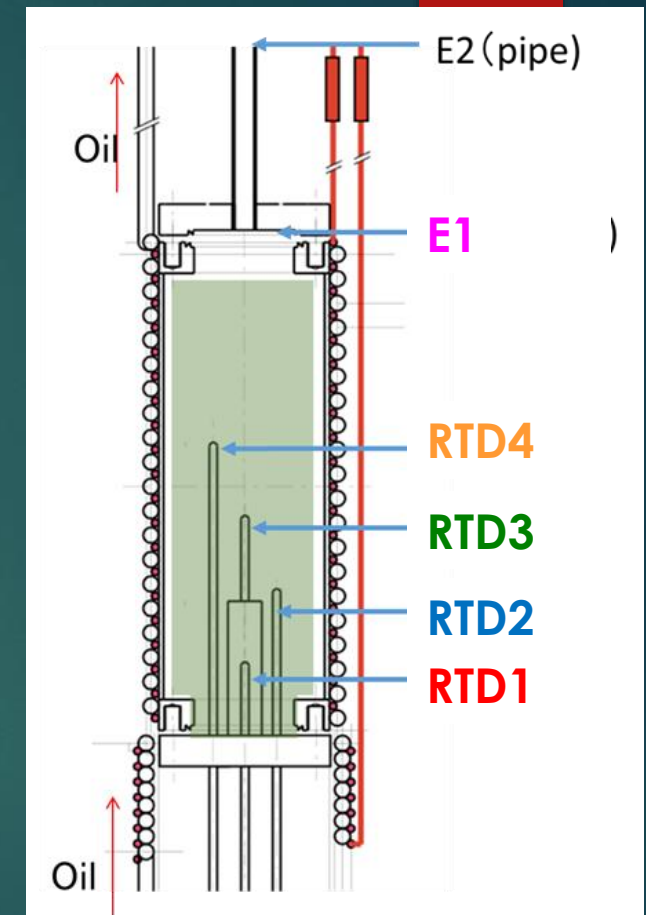
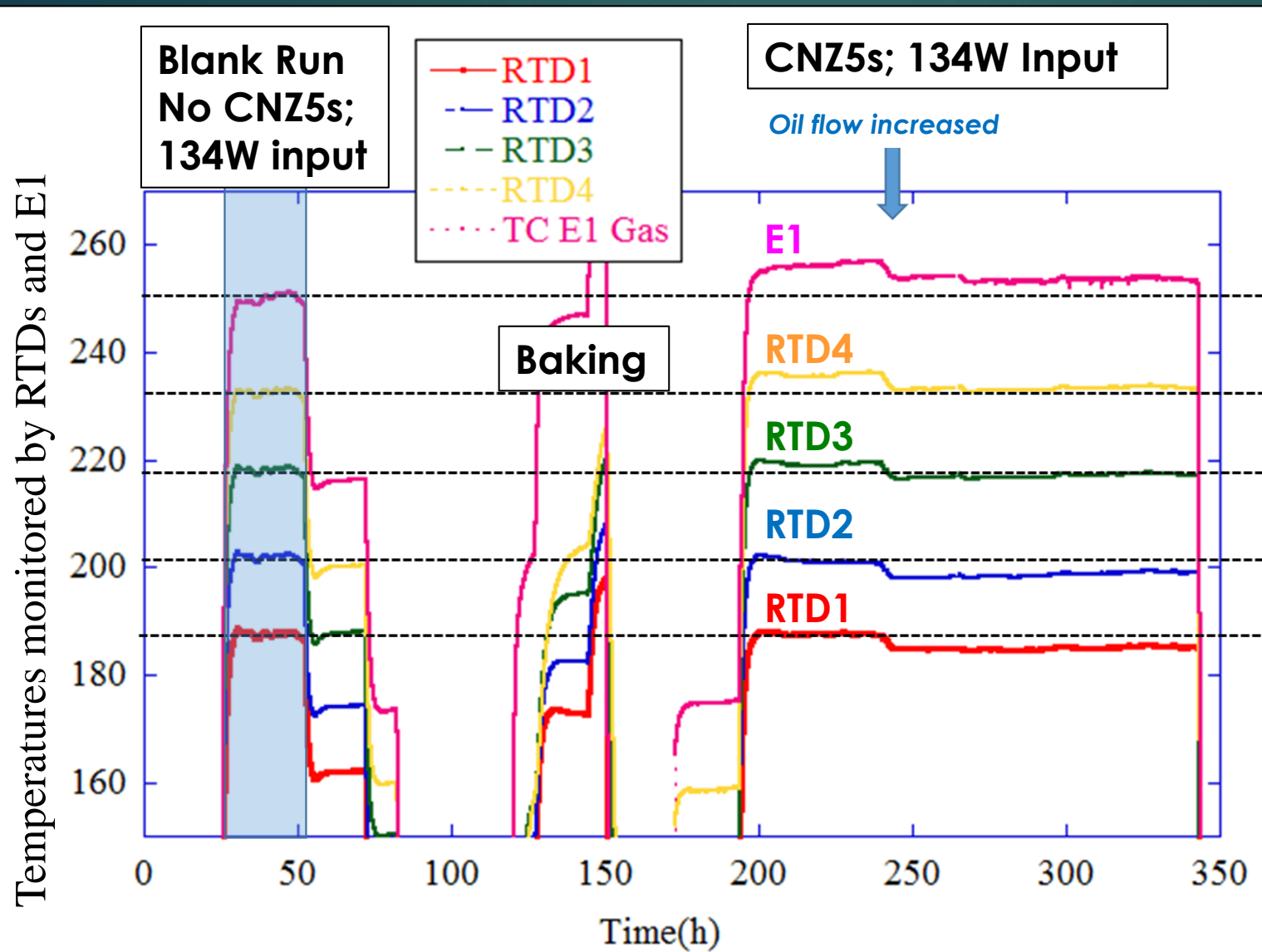


## 3-2 CNZ5s ( $\text{Cu}_{0.04}\text{Ni}_{0.31}\text{Zr}_{0.65}$ ) with $\text{H}_2$ Gas

# Overview of CNZ5s Experiment

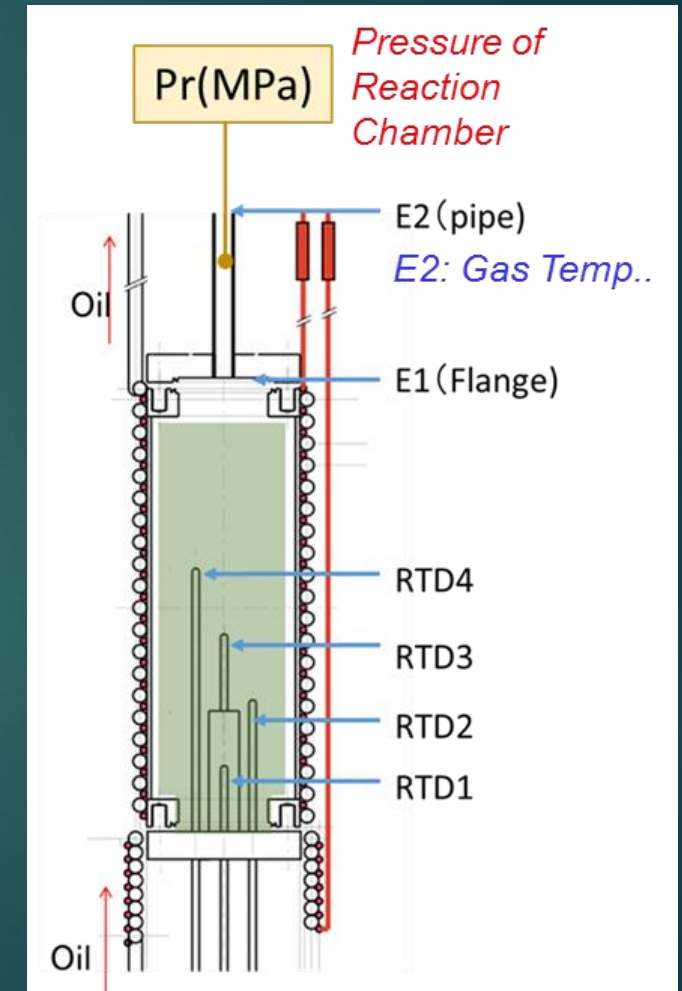
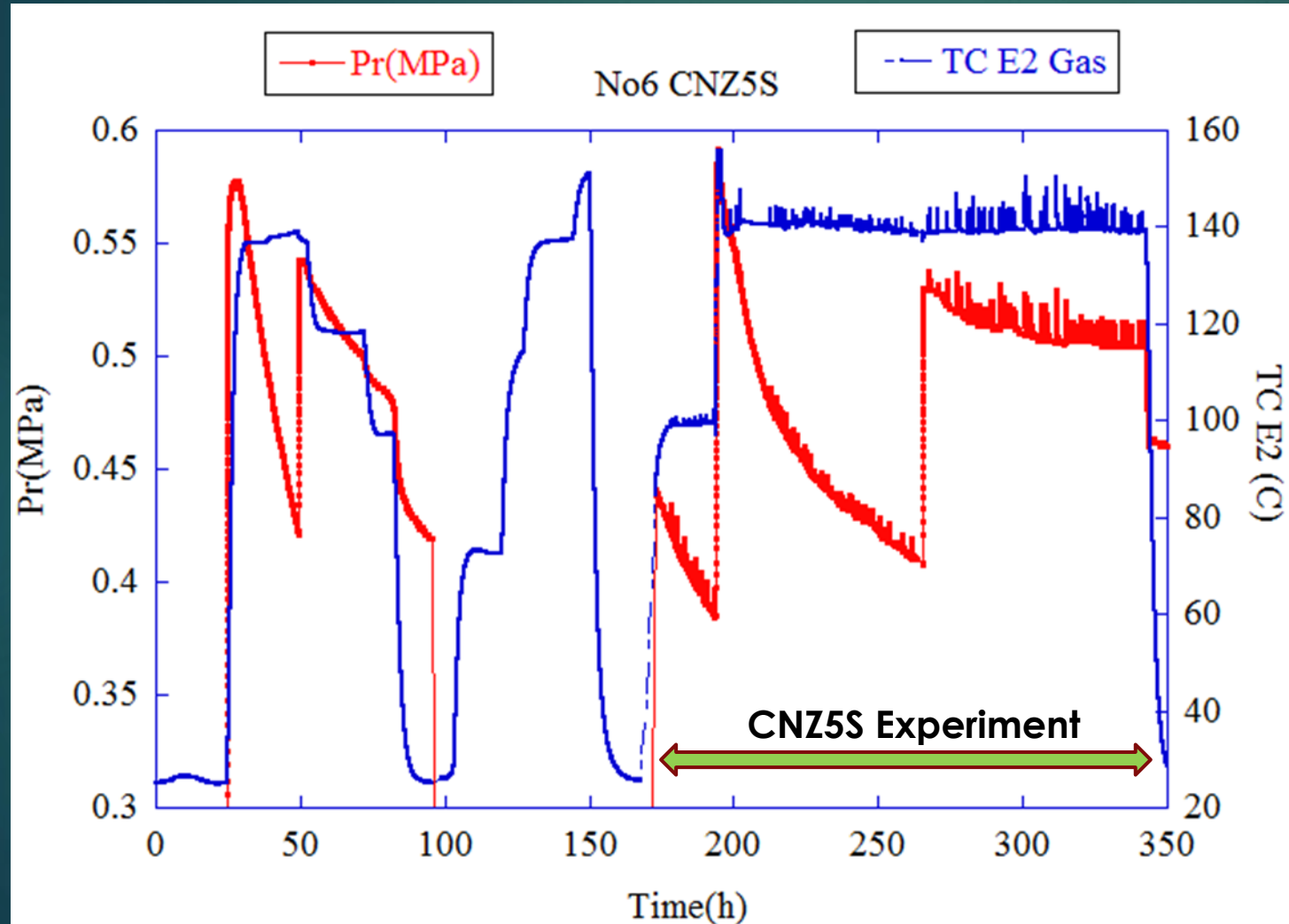


# Comparison between RTDs and E1

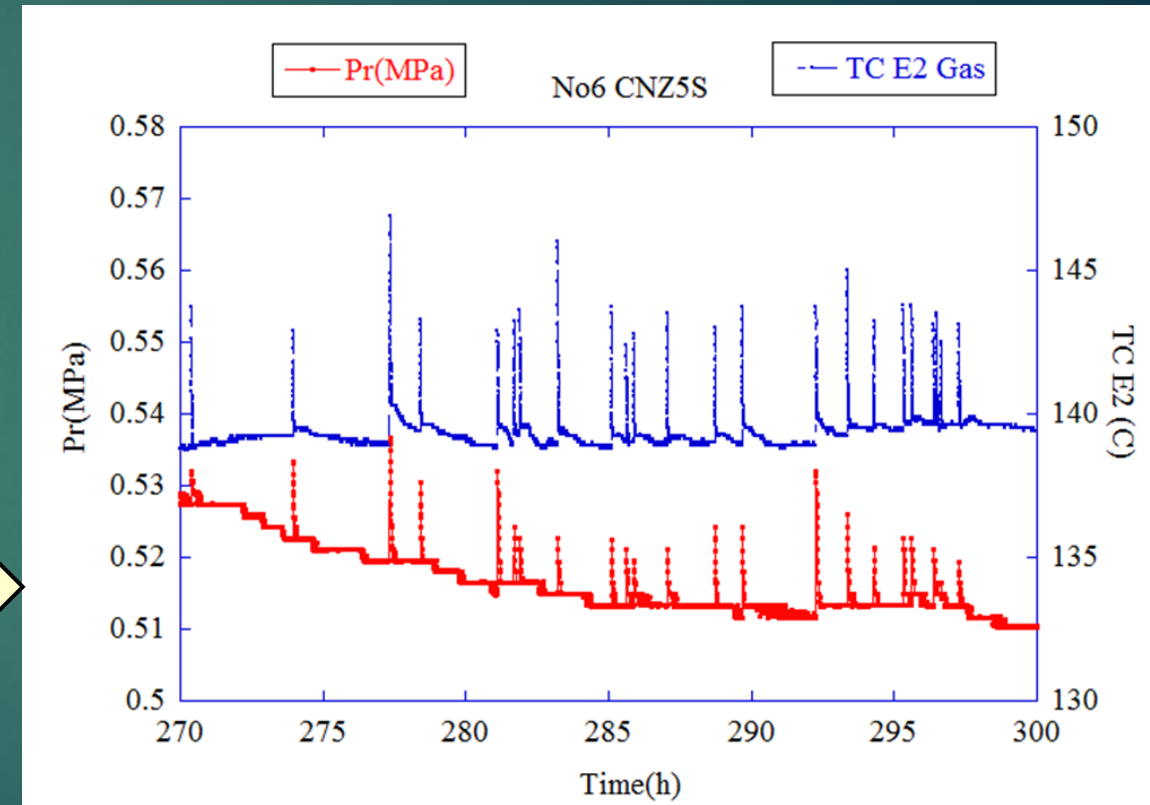
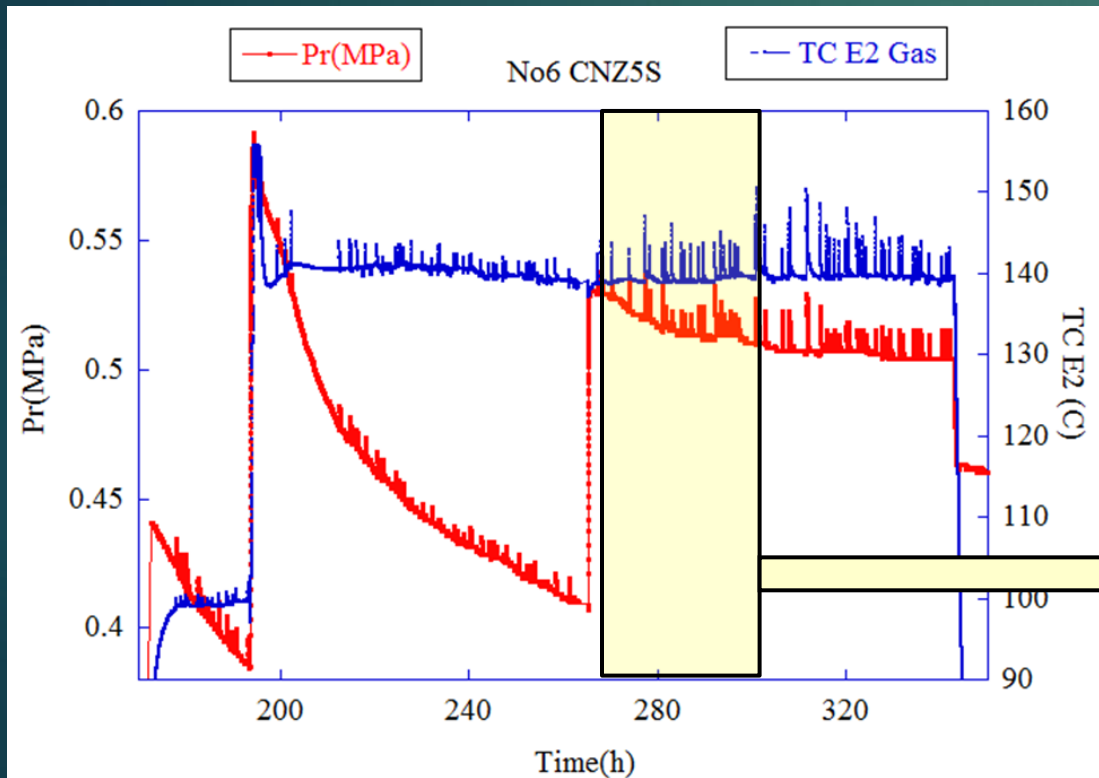


Temperatures of E1 and RTD4 are higher than those of Blank Run.

# Fluctuations of Pressure of Reaction Chamber(Pr) and E2 Gas Temp.(E2) during CNZ5s Experiment

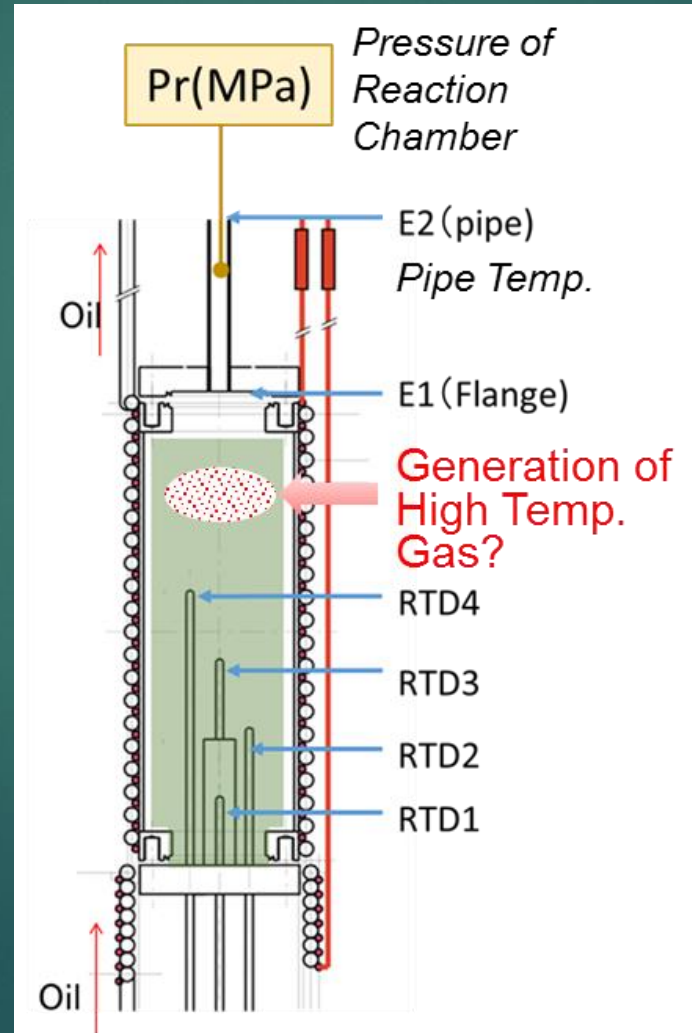
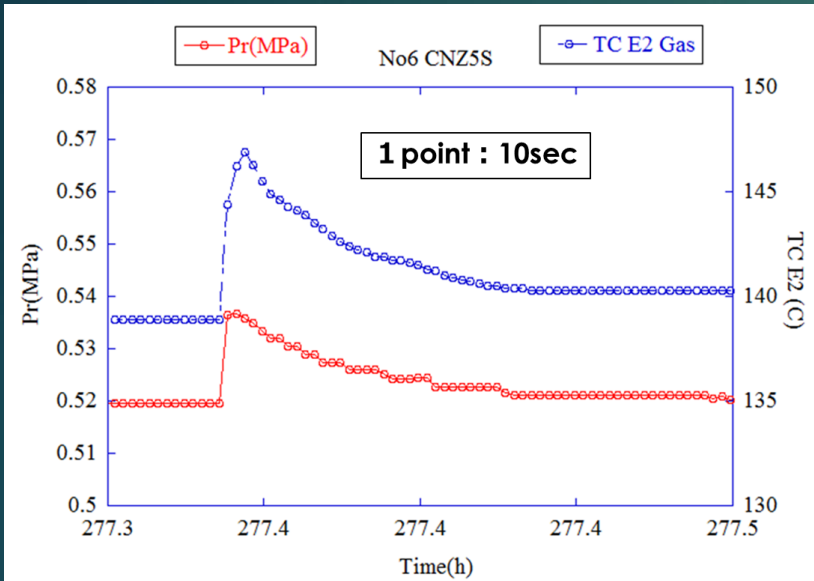


# Coincident Increase of Pressure of Reaction Chamber(Pr) and E2 Gas Temp.(E2)



Time Scale  
enlarged

# Coincident Increase of Pr and E2: Zooming Generation of High Temperature Gas?



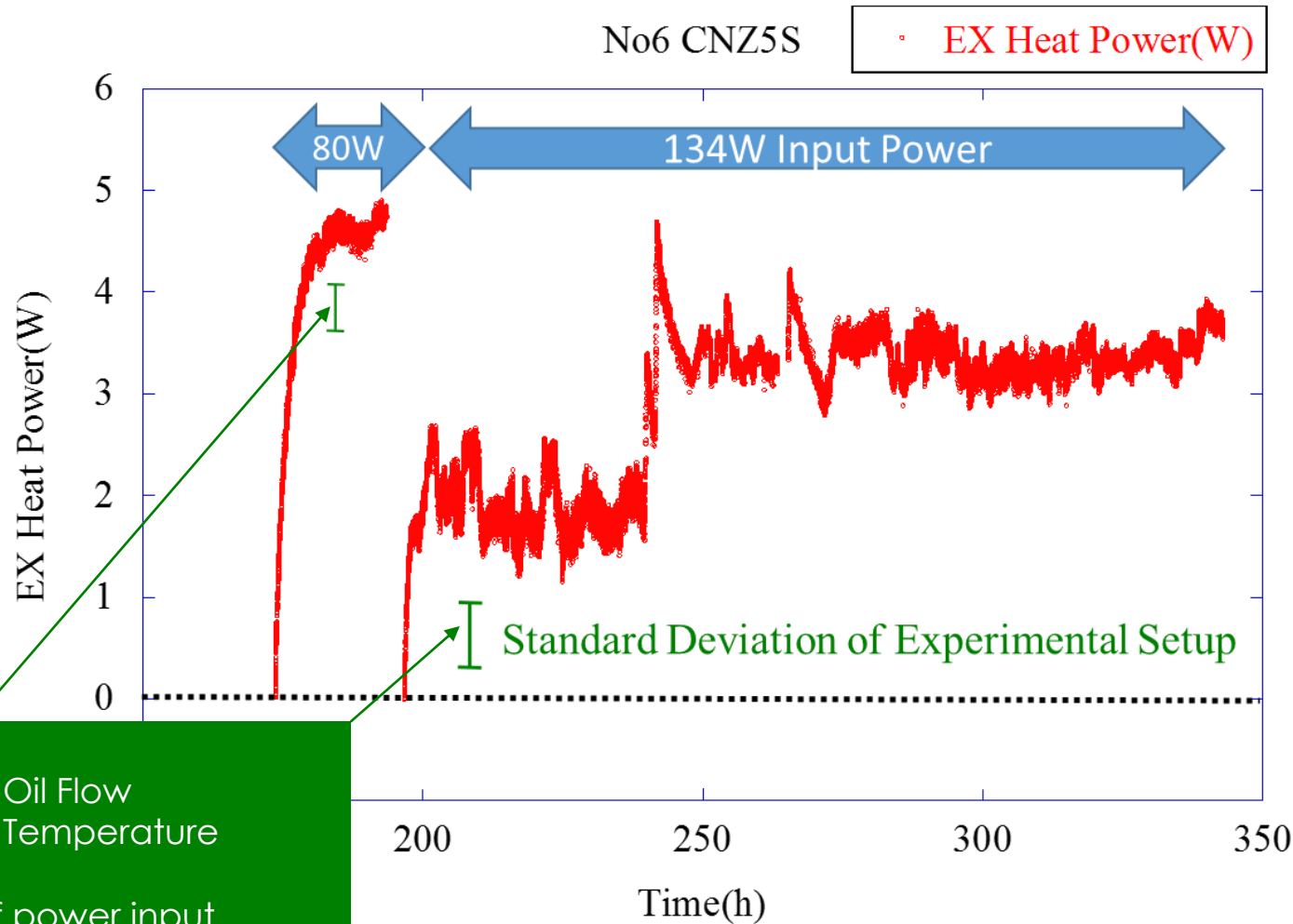
Generation of High Temperature Gas

Pressure Increase of Reaction Chamber

Temperature Increase of the pipe located at the top



# Excess Heat Generation; CNZ5S with H<sub>2</sub>



Error factors

- ① Fluctuation of Oil Flow
- ② Fluctuation of Temperature measurement
- ③ Fluctuation of power input

Int. Released Energy:  
1.8MJ

Absorbed Hydrogen:  
0.29mol

Released Energy per H  
: **6.5 MJ/mol-H**  
: **67.8eV/H**

**Not Explained  
by Known  
Chemical  
Reactions**

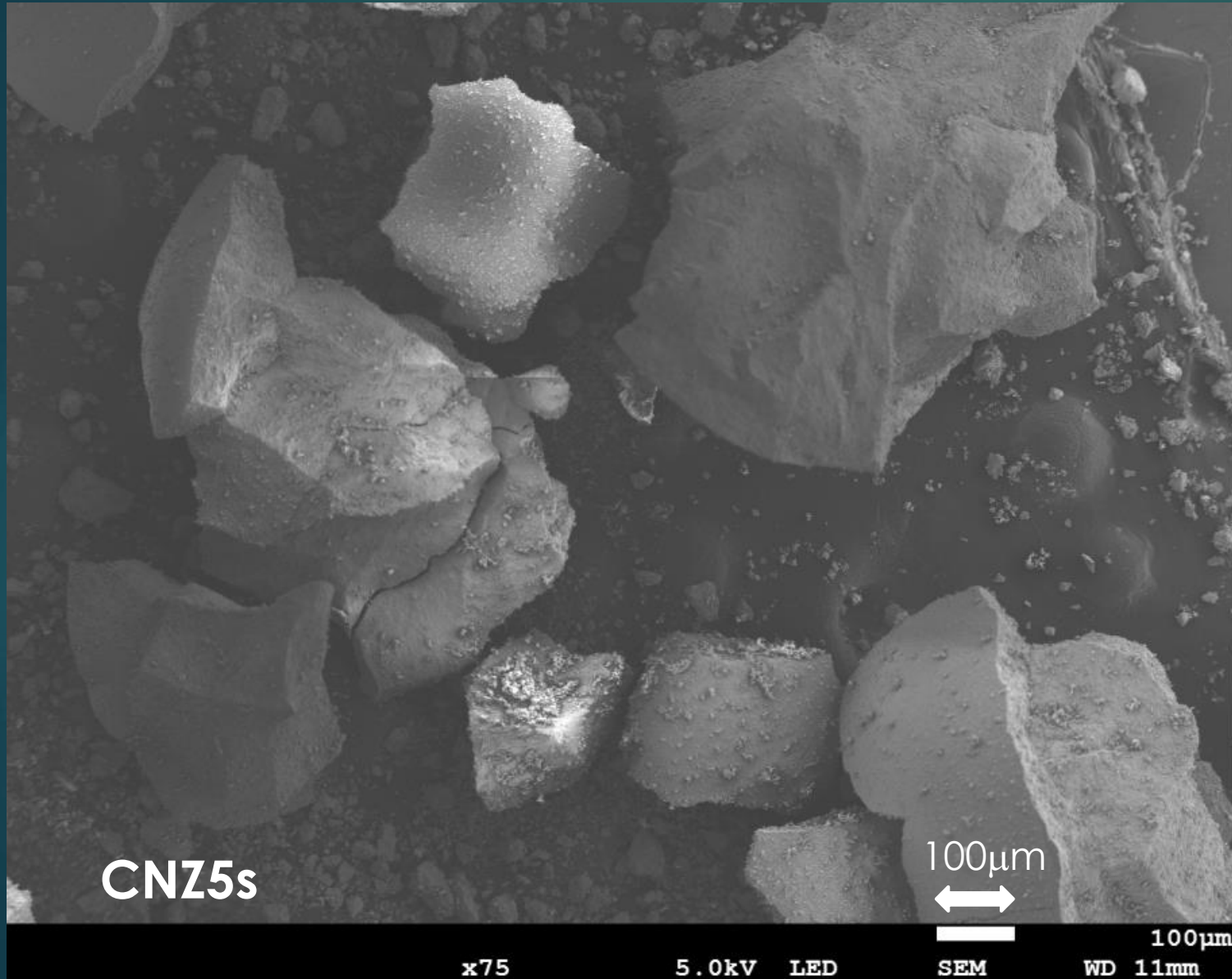
H absorption heat  
: **42kJ/mol-H** (NiZr<sub>2</sub>)

H combustion heat  
: **121kJ/mol-H**

*Reaction between  
Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> and Ni with H<sub>2</sub>*  
: **137kJ/mol-H**

*All NiO and Zr reaction*  
: **121kJ**

# Broken ZrO<sub>2</sub> beads after excess heat release



The metal nano-composite samples; 100g-200g

ZrO<sub>2</sub> beads (1mm $\phi$ ); 1,400g

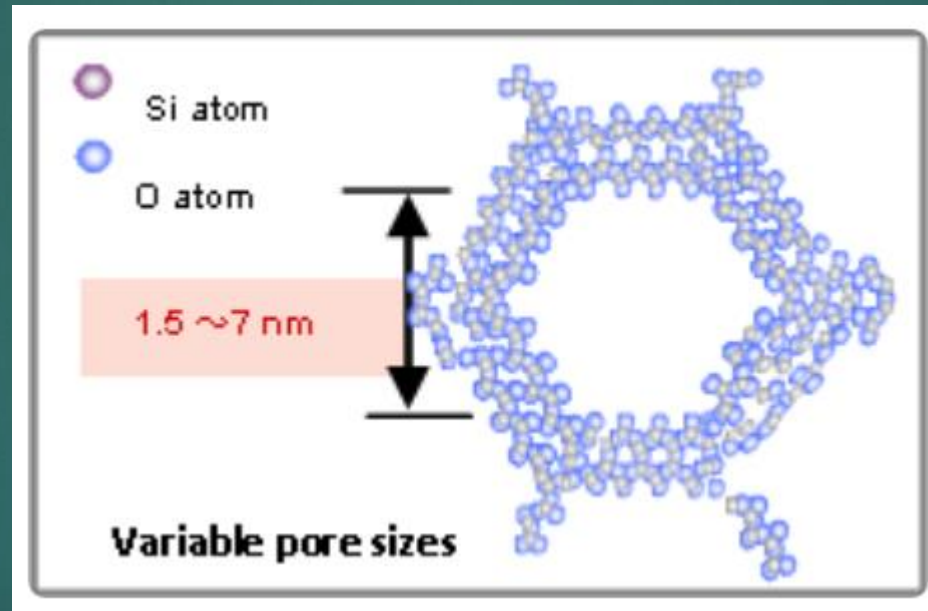
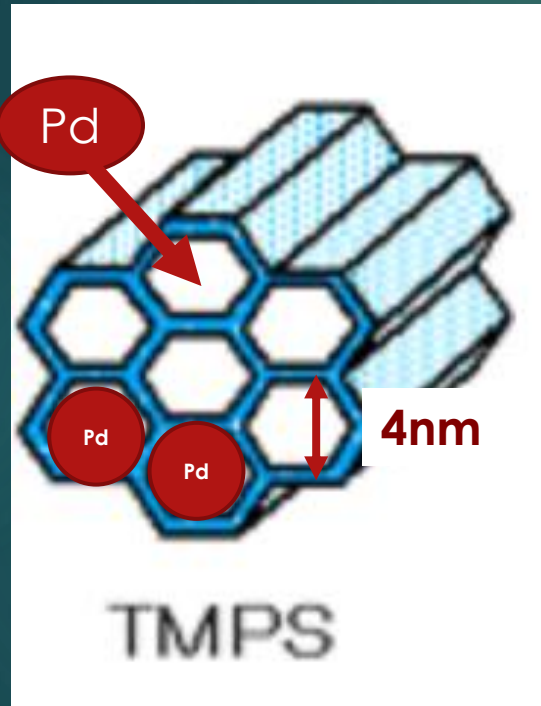
The sample was **sieved** out to separate from ZrO<sub>2</sub> beads (1mm $\phi$ ). But we found that some **broken parts of ZrO<sub>2</sub> beads** were mixed with the metal nano-composite sample.



Suggests that **very large local heat stress** was loaded on ZrO<sub>2</sub> beads.

### 3-3 PSn1;Pd/TMPS-4R with D<sub>2</sub> Gas

# Nano-Pd embedded in Mesoporous Silica with 4nm hole prepared by Nagoya Univ. (PSn1;Pd/TMPS-4R)



**PSn1; 112.4 g**

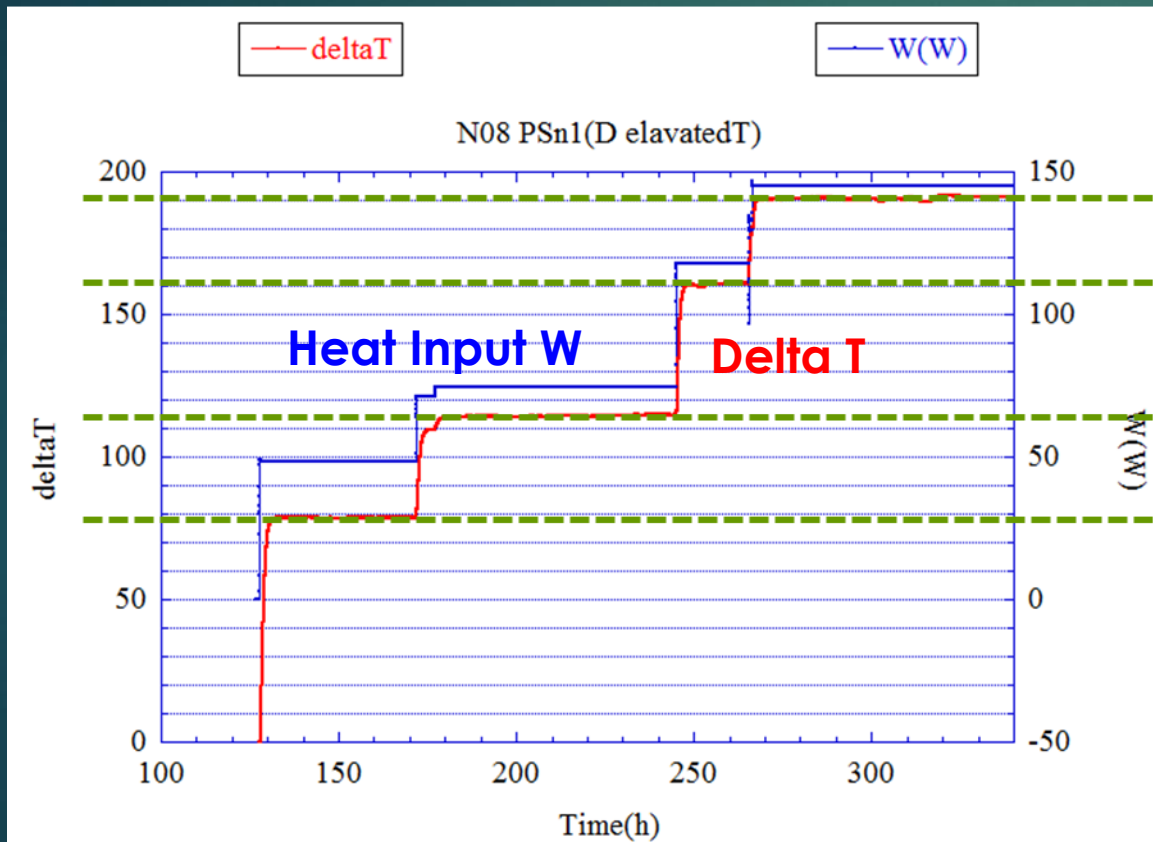
**-No filler-**

**Pd; 7.52 g**

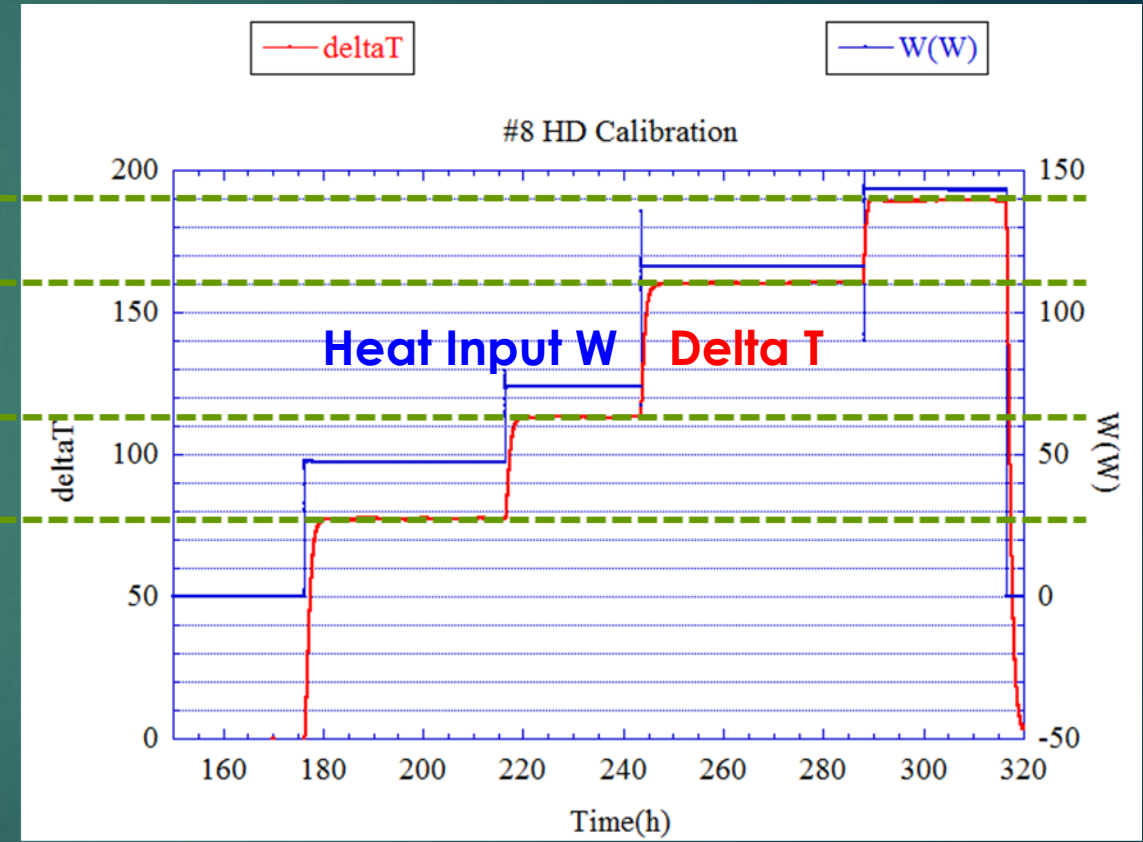
**PdO; 8.65 g**

# Excess Heat Evaluation ; No Excess Heat

Psn1; Elevated



Blank Run



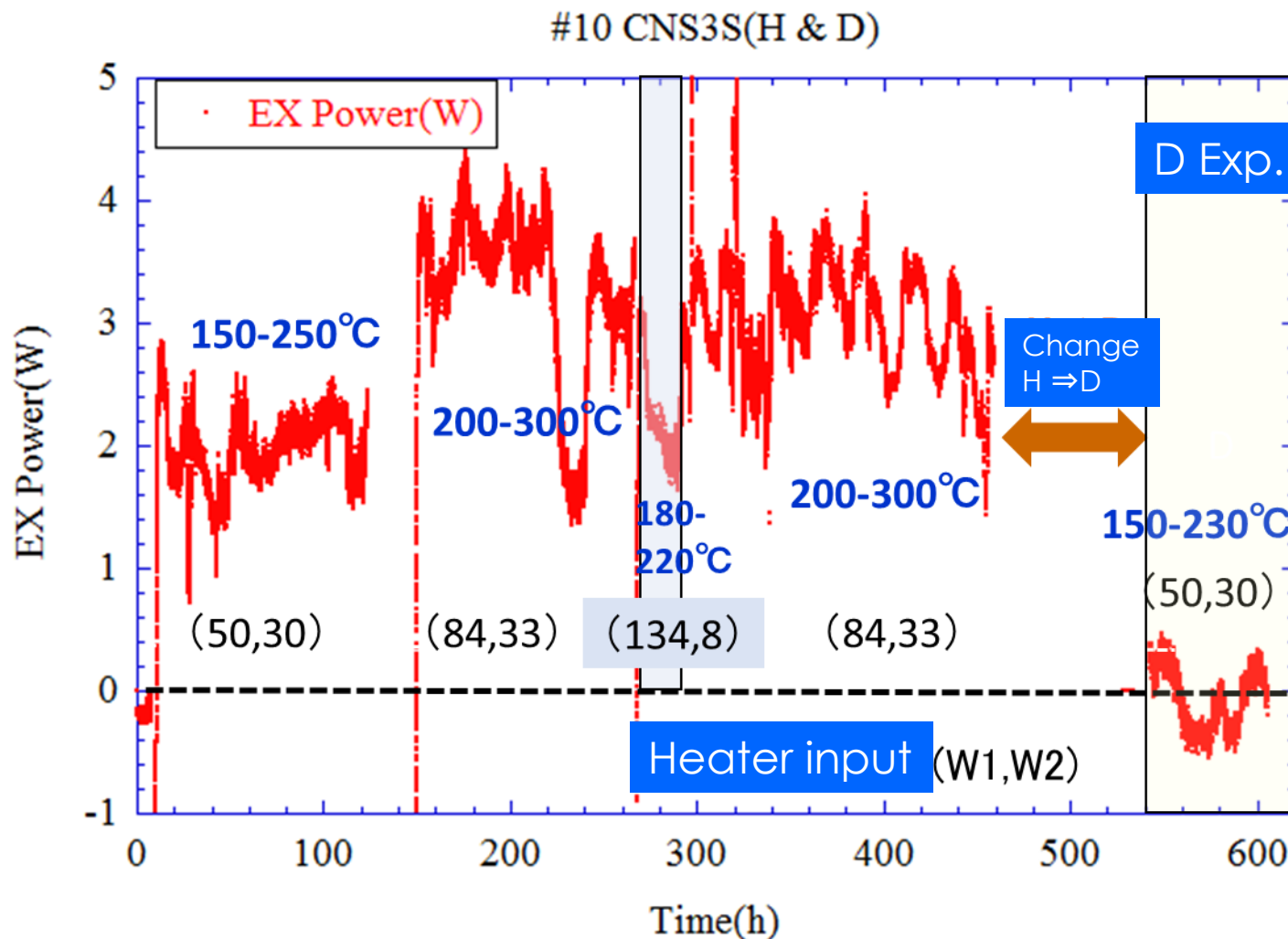
**No excess heat observation in the case of Pd only samples.**



**3-4 CNS3s**; with H<sub>2</sub>/D<sub>2</sub> Gas



# CNS3s ; Excess Heat at elevated temp.



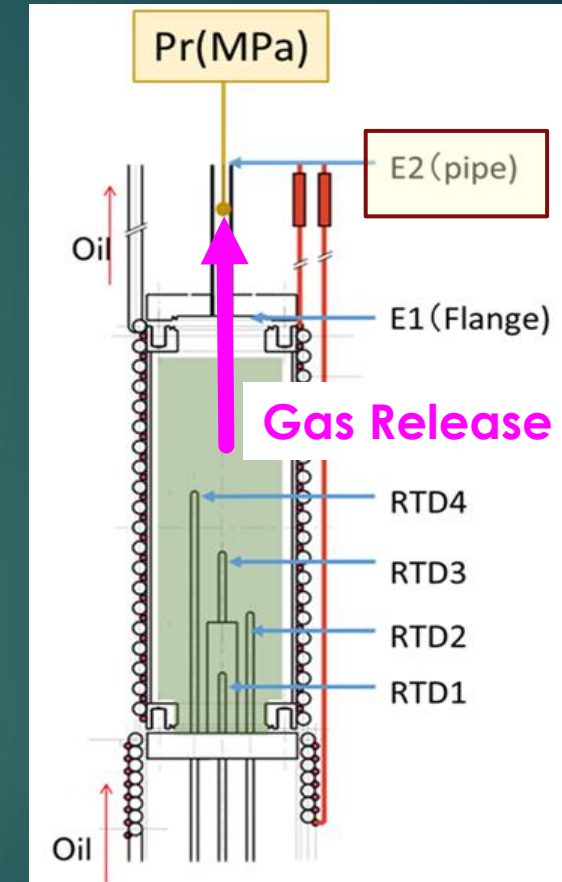
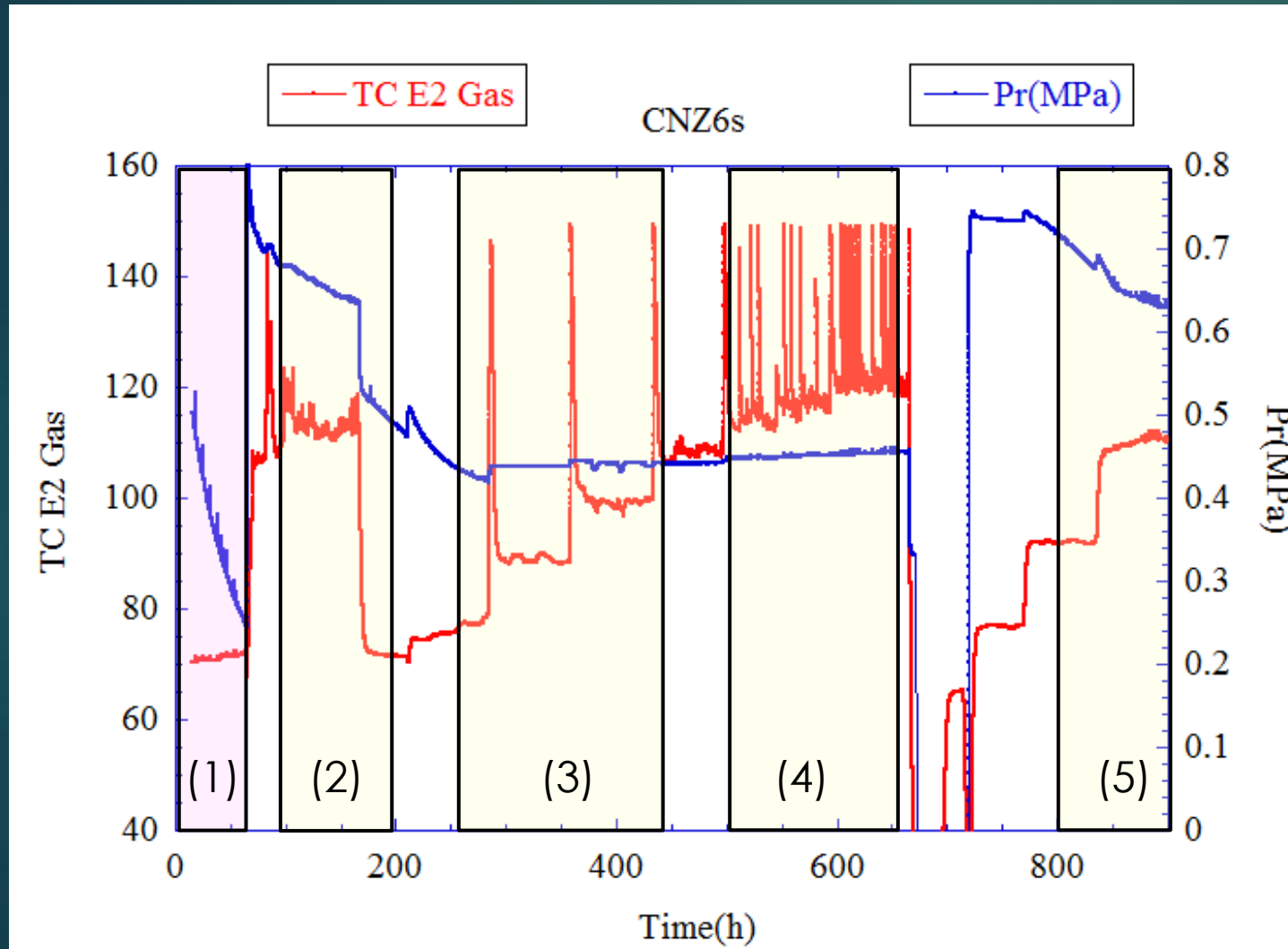
It seems that **higher temperature in the reaction chamber** is important factor for anomalous heat generation.

When we changed  $H_2$  to  $D_2$  gas, we observe **No excess heat**.

Generated Energy  
**10.7MJ/mol-H**  
**110eV/H**

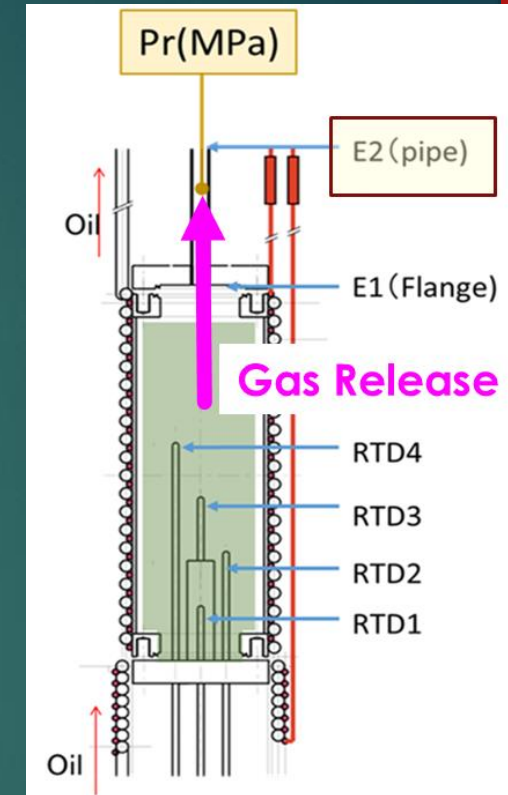
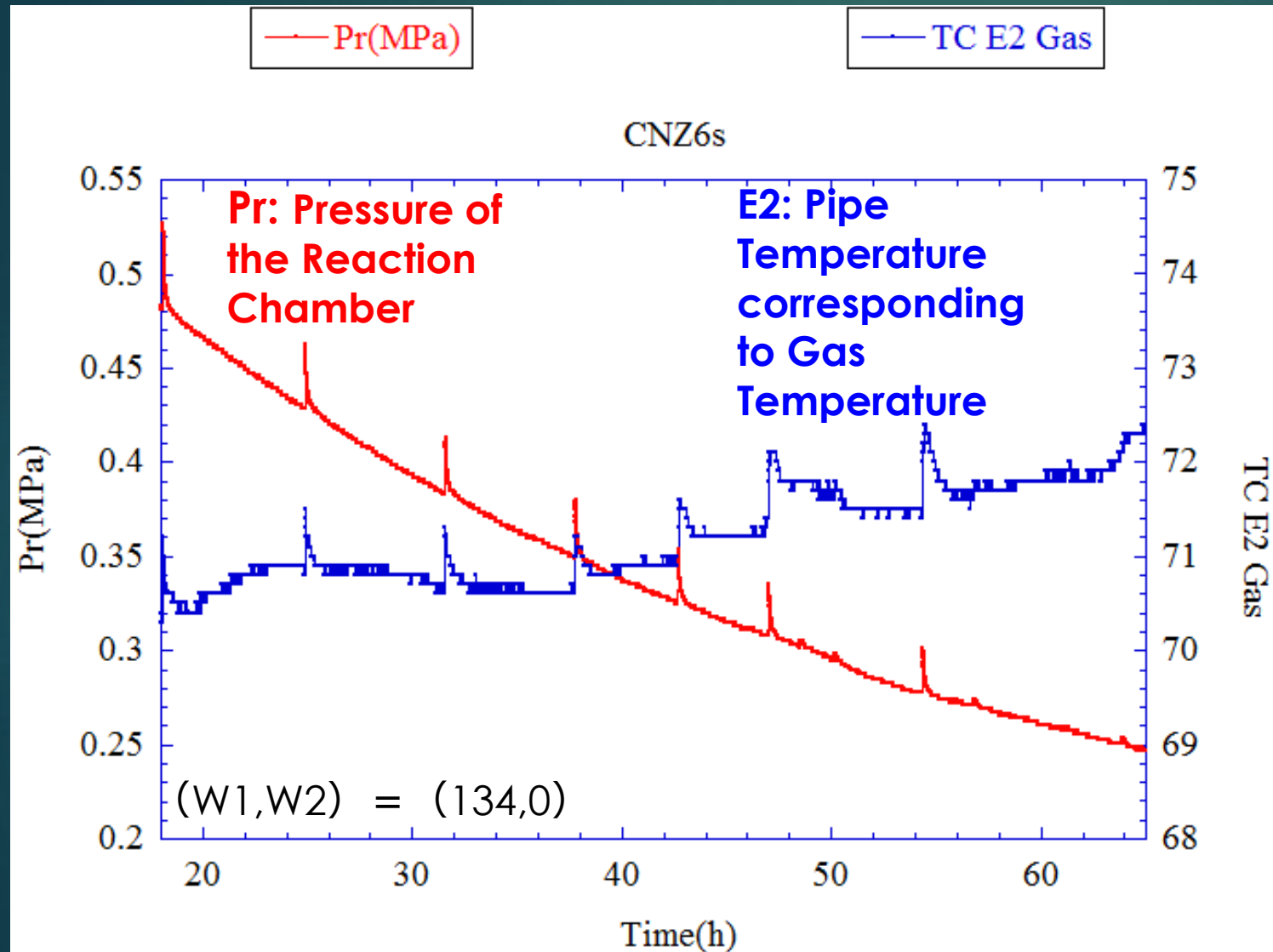
**3-5 CNZ6s**; with H<sub>2</sub>Gas

# Coincident increase events of E2 and Pr



Burst-like Coincident increase events similar to CNZ5s were observed.

# Replication of Coincidence Events at (1)



**Coincident increase events** of the pressure of reaction chamber and gas temperature were **replicated**

# Concluding Remarks

- ▶ **Anomalous excess heat generations** were observed for all the samples at elevated temperature (150°C-350°C), except for the **Pd nanoparticles** embedded in mesoporous SiO<sub>2</sub>.
- ▶ Integrated excess heat reached **more than several MJ/mol-H(D)** which could **NOT be explained by any known chemical process**.
- ▶ **Coincident burst-like increase events** of the pressure of reaction chamber and gas temperature, which suggested sudden energy releases in the reaction chamber, were observed many times for an experiment using the **Cu<sub>0.044</sub>Ni<sub>0.31</sub>Zr<sub>0.65</sub> (CNZ5s)** sample. These burst-like events were replicated during the experiment using the same composition sample; **Cu<sub>0.044</sub>Ni<sub>0.31</sub>Zr<sub>0.65</sub> (CNZ6s)**.
- ▶ **Qualitative reproducibility between Kobe and Tohoku** experiments was good.

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