



**HIGHBIO2 2011-2013**  
**Biomass to Energy and Chemicals**

**Miten ymmärtää puubiomassan kaasutusta paremmin? - Hiilen kaasutusmallin kehittäminen**

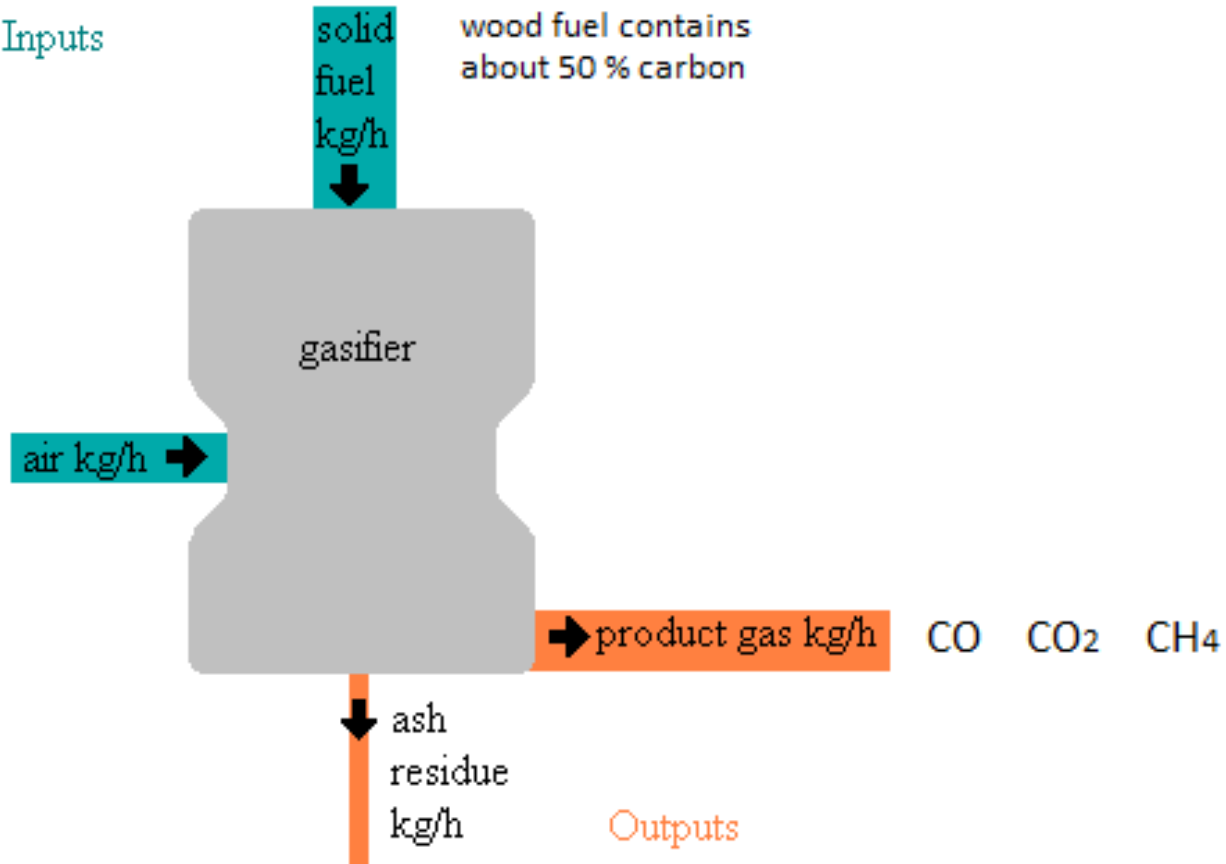
**How to Improve Understanding of Gasification of Woody Biomass? - Development of the Carbon Gasification Model**

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# Carbon balance

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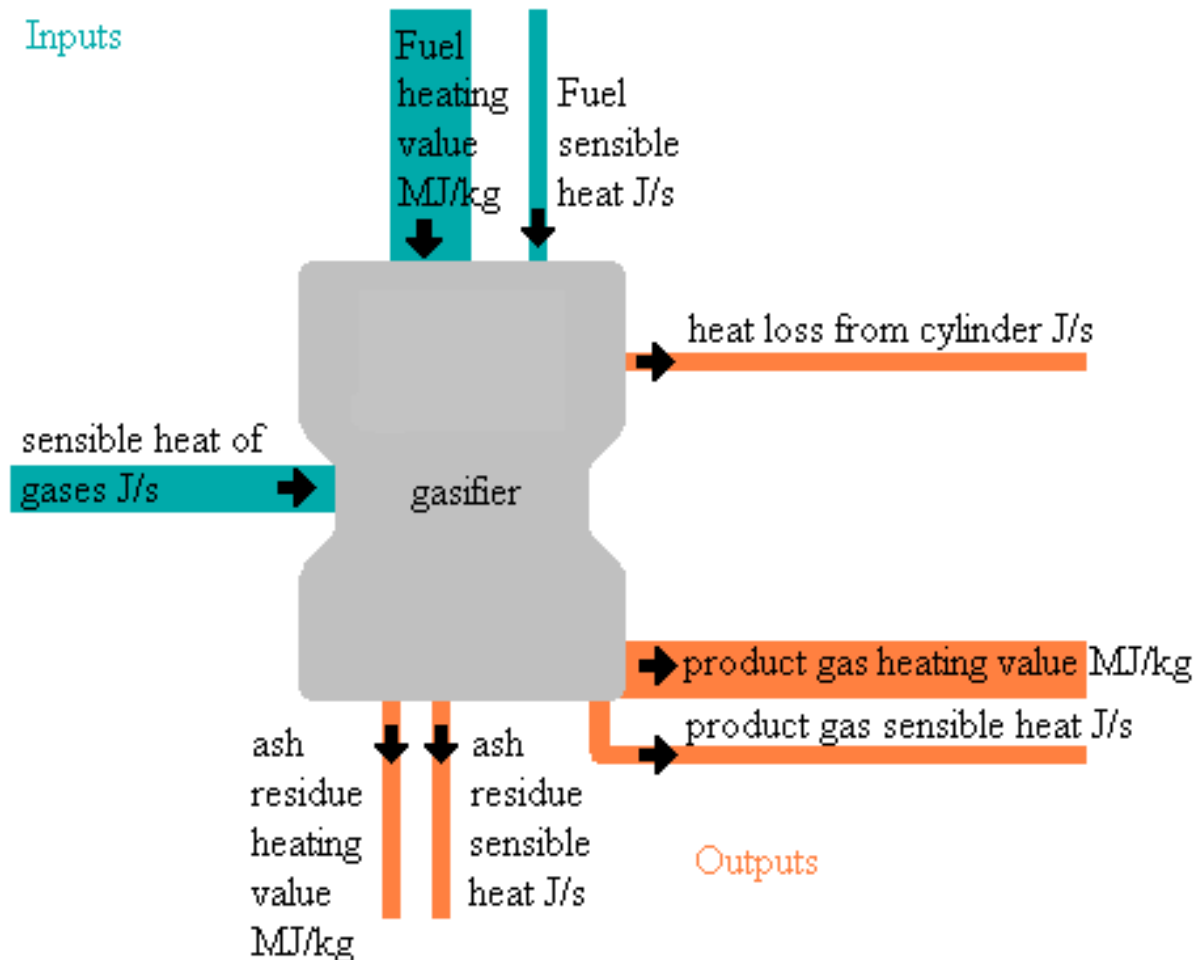
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# Energy balance

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## **WP1 Share of the project:**

### **Optimization of the gasification process**

Mathematical models for:

- Material balance
- Energy balance
- Efficiency and carbon conversion

-> create a common measurement and calculation method  
comparison to measurements

## **Modeling benefits**

- Easy to test many variables
- Understand phenomenon more deeply
  - optimization of gasification process
- Cost efficient
- Safe
- A working model can also be applied in design and simulation of a commercial process
  - Also operator training can become possible

Model needs to be validated with experimental results

## **Downdraft Gasifier Modeling**

- One-dimensional

### **Model**

- Focus on reduction zone of the gasifier
- Based on equations: material and energy conservation, reaction rate, pressure gradient of a fluid flowing through a bed etc.

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# Model results

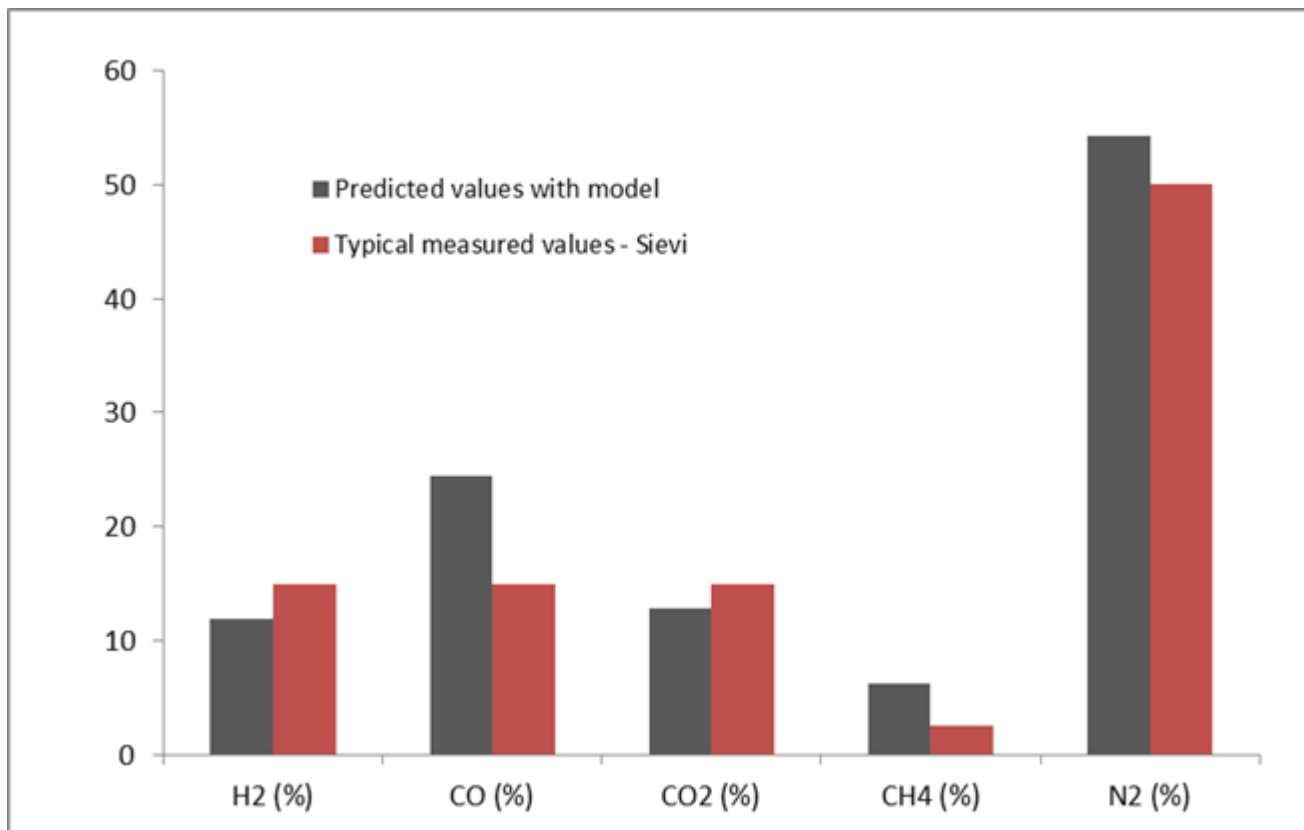
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Product gas composition - Model results compared with measurements made in Sievi pilot-gasifier

Case 1 is gasificators typical gas composition  
Case 2 and 3 are earlier measurements

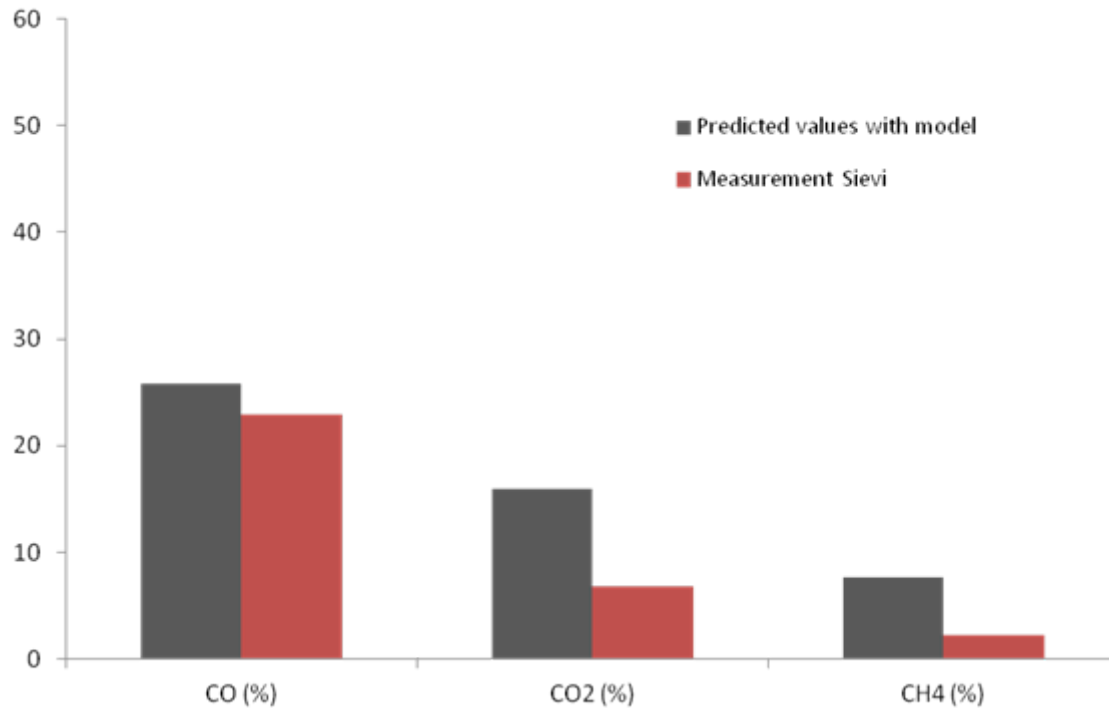
# Comparison

Model results compared with typical product gas composition



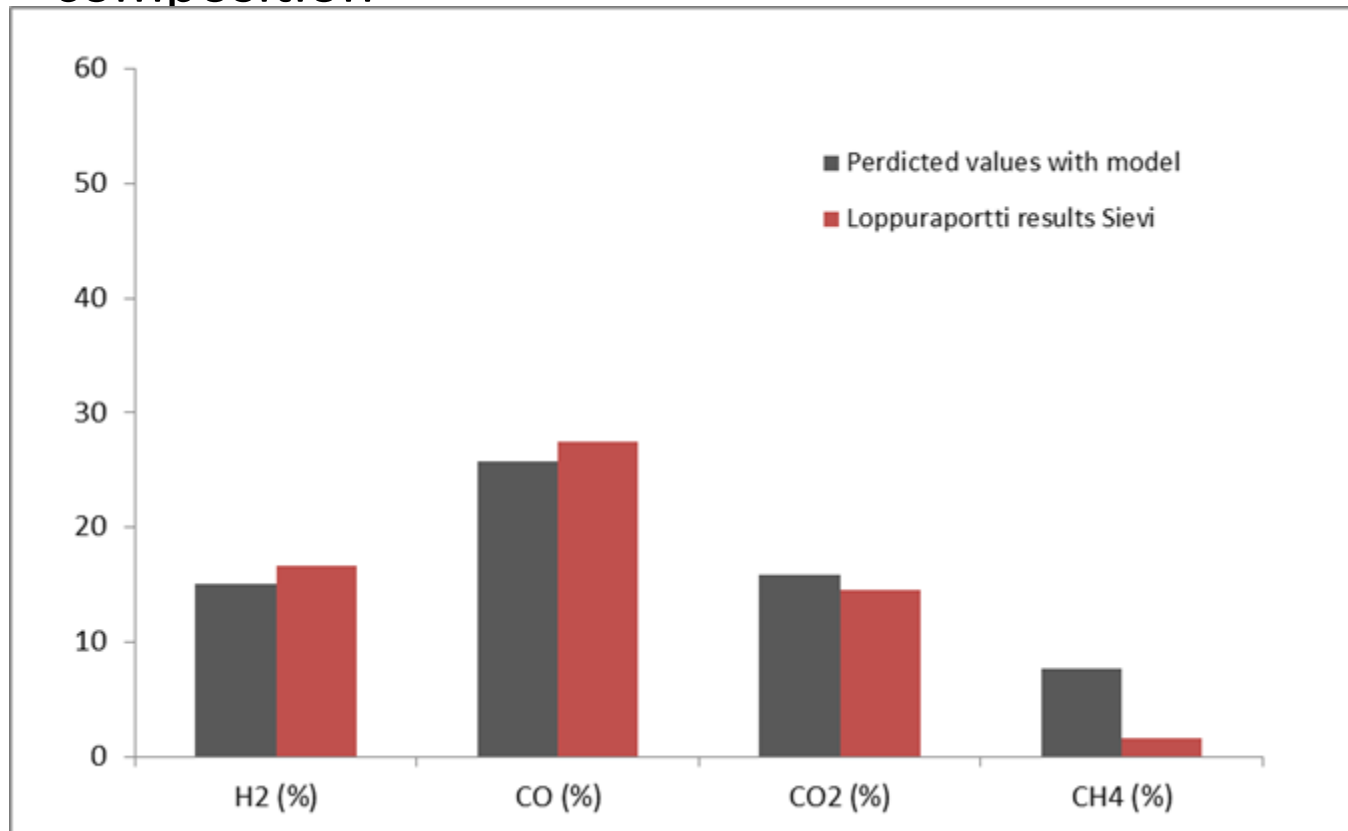
# Comparison

Model results compared with case 2 gas composition



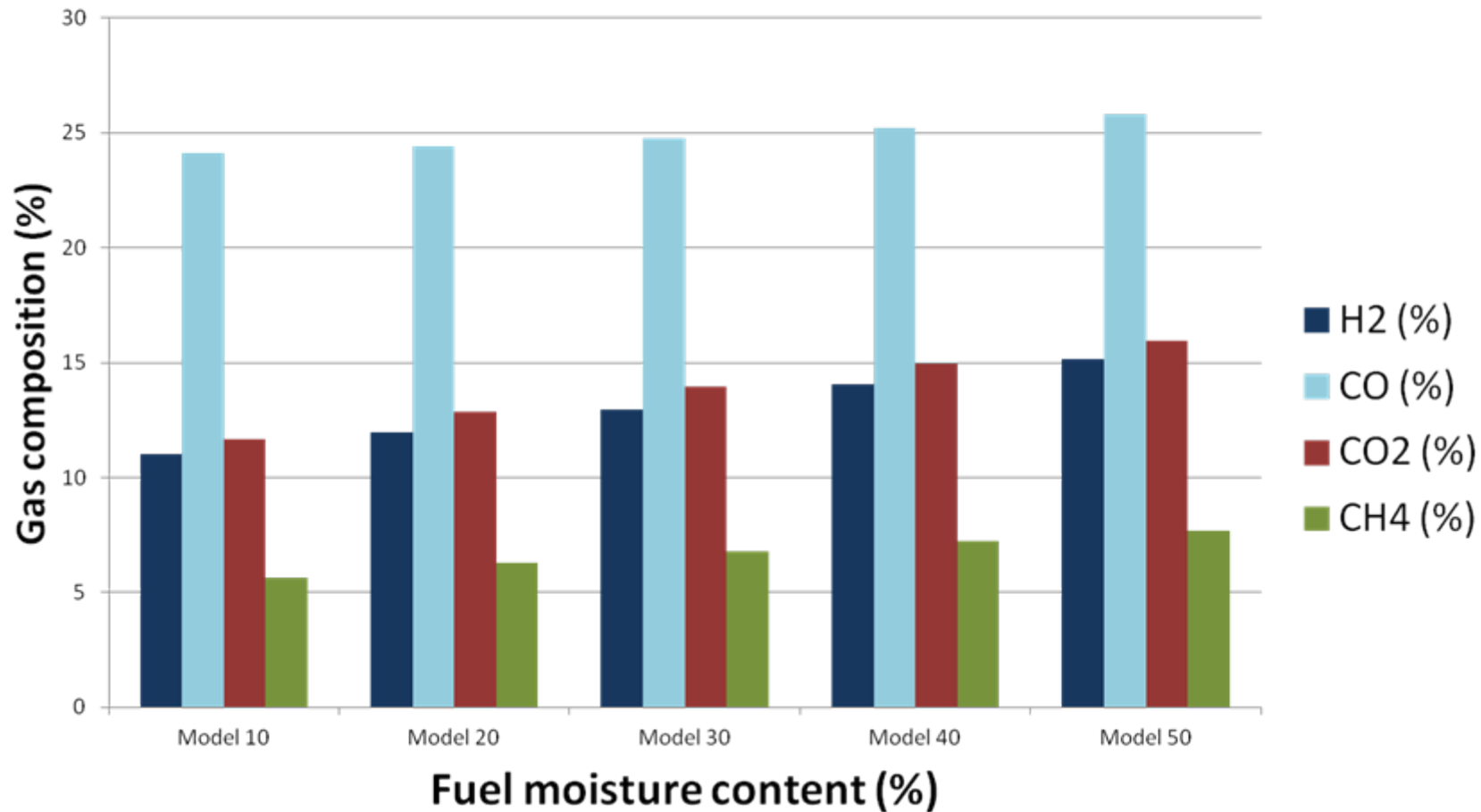
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Model results compared with case 3 product gas composition



# Fuel moisture

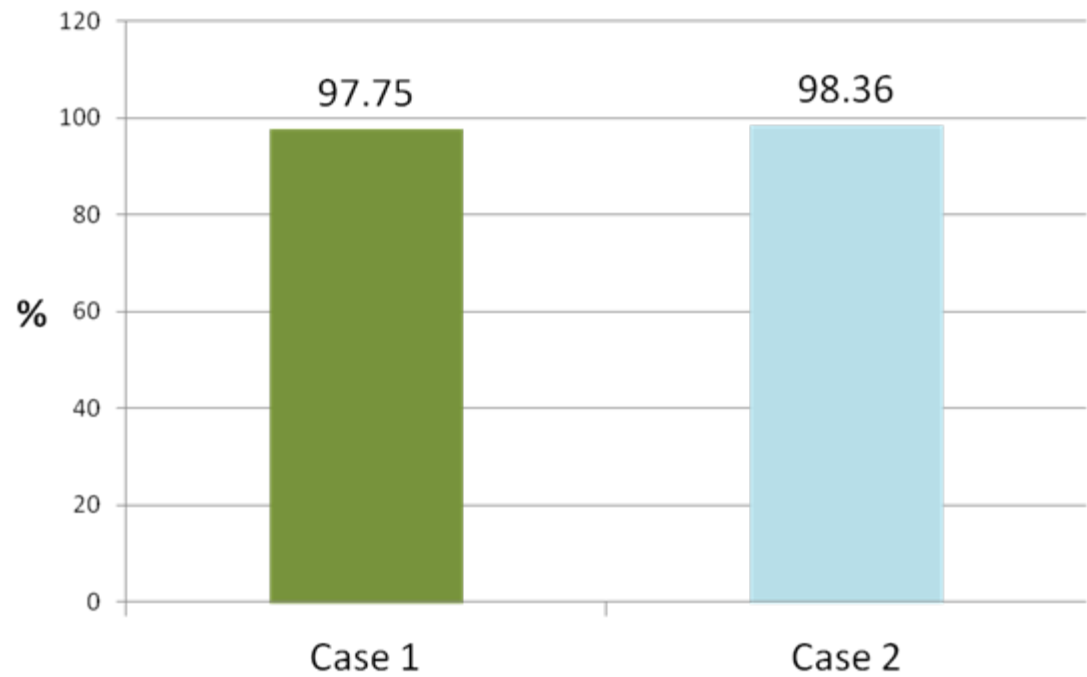
## Product gas composition change



# Carbon balance

Carbon balance of Centrias pilot-plant at Sievi

- Approximations: 30 % of air needed in combustion
- Output/Input relation calculation
- near 100 %



## **Further development**

Model improvement

- Less difference between experimental values and model results  
measurements from same experiment  
more measurements, less evaluated values

# Conclusions

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Material and energy balance are one way to analyze and optimize gasification.

Model predicted quite well product gas composition, but development continues in future.

Modeling is useful tool, because it's cost efficient and it increases understanding.



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