

Performance of Hematite Oxygen Carrier for Hydrocarbon Conversion

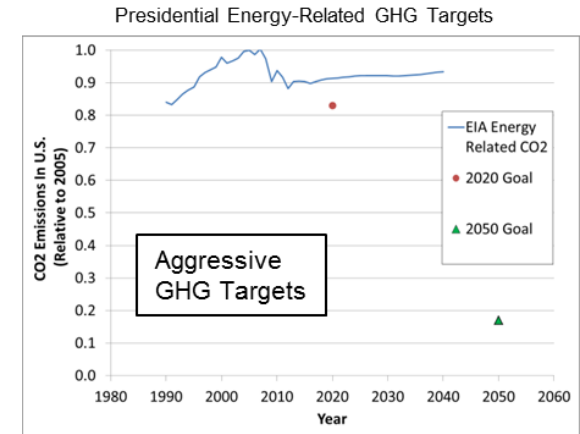
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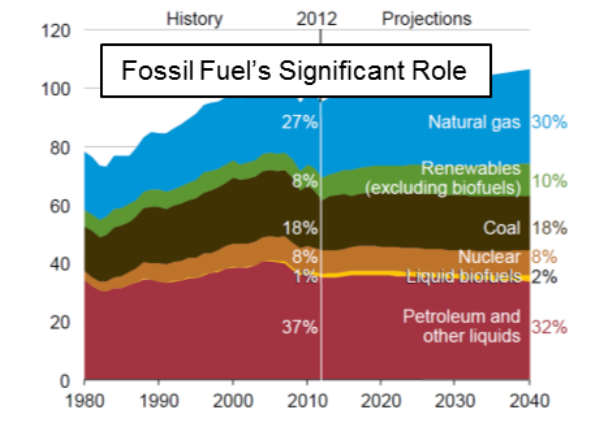
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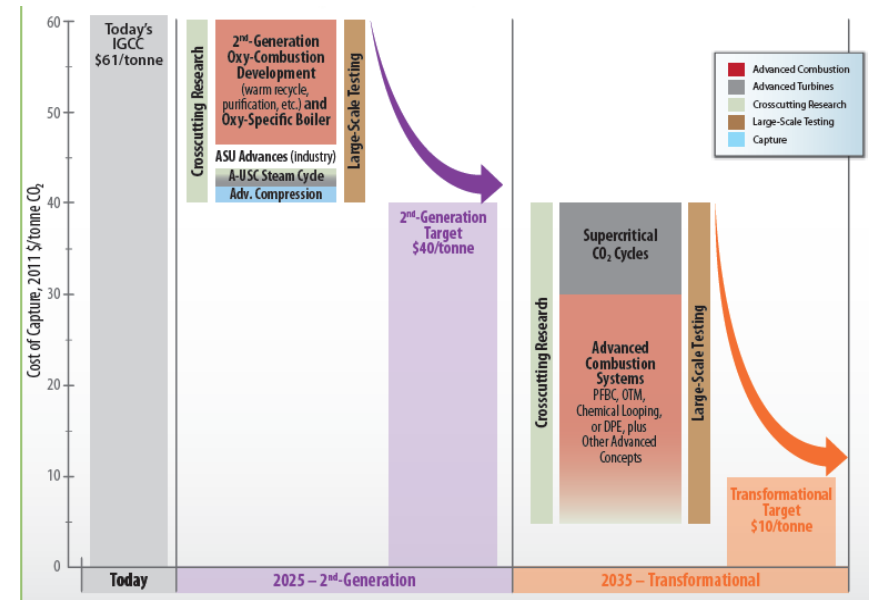
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Advanced Combustion NETL R&IC Focus



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Advanced Combustion: CLC

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Objectives

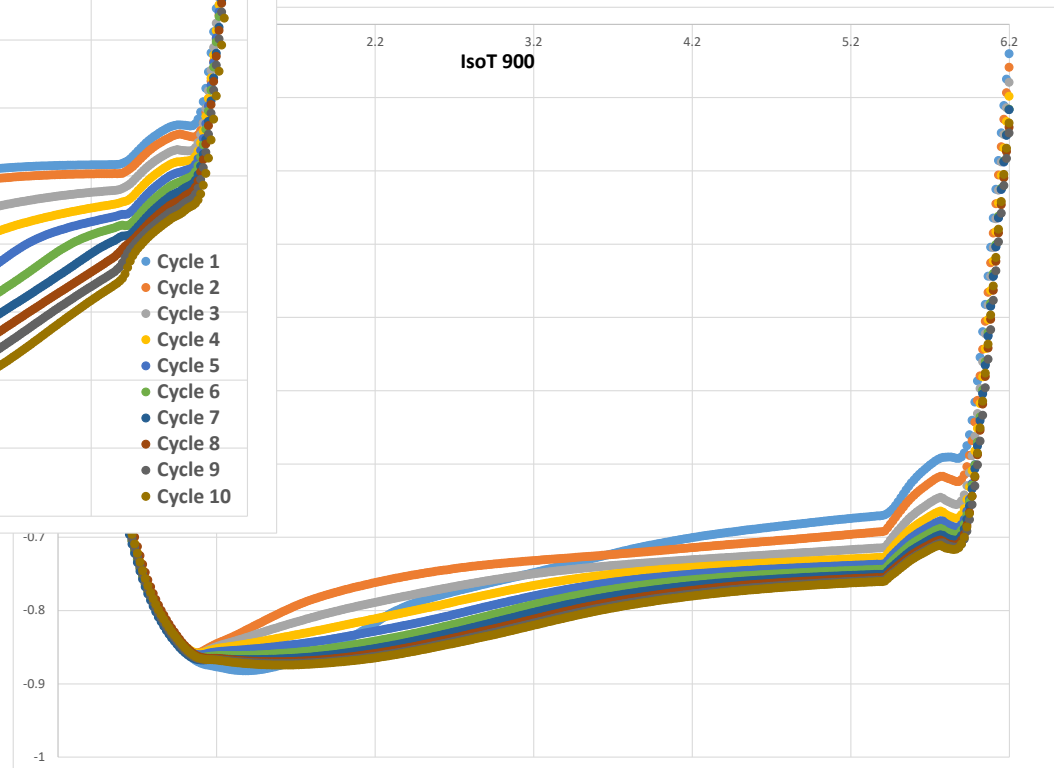
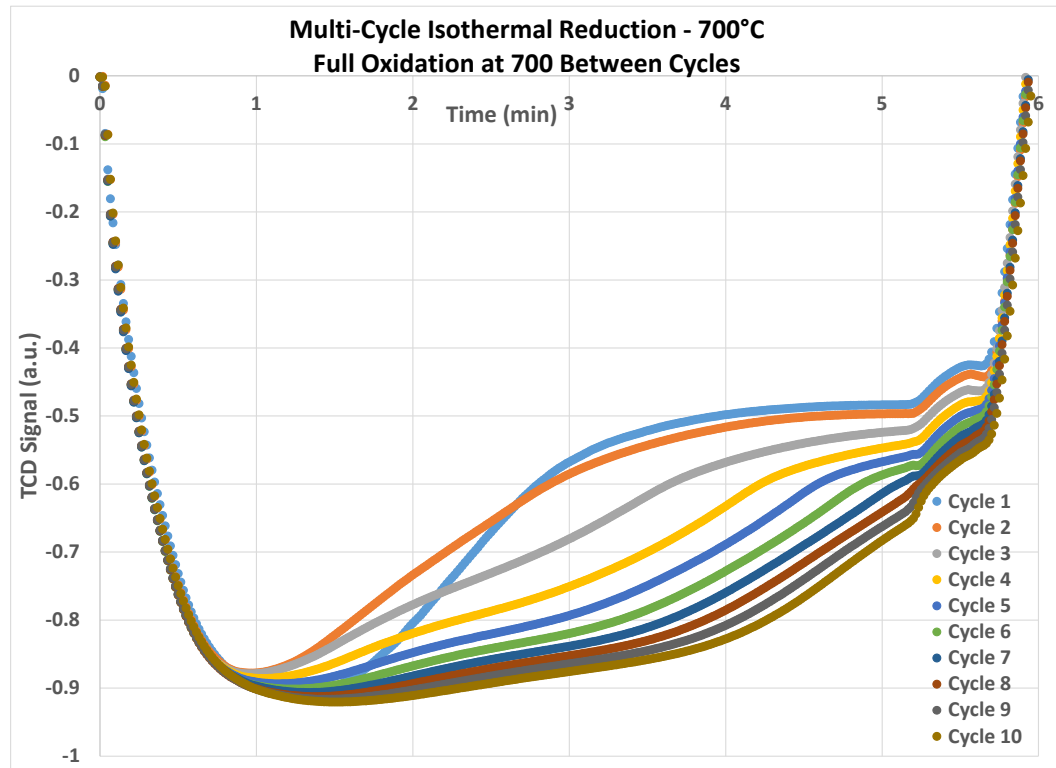
- Produce a data set to develop a kinetic model for incorporation into a CFD model; used to design and optimize complete CLC system
- Examine effect of several reaction parameters on oxygen carrier (OC) performance to determine most significant
- Observe how performance of OC changes over time and property changes that may account for them
- Identify and propose additional experiments for completing kinetic model

Experimental

- Multicycle Isothermal Reaction/Oxidation (Micromeritics 2950HP)
 - 10% H₂ (Ar bal.) / Air
 - 10% CH₄ (Ar bal.) / Air
- Operating Conditions
 - Mass Canadian Hematite = 0.2 g
 - Gas flow rate = 30 sccm
 - T = 700, 800, 900°C
 - Cycle time = 5 min
 - 10 cycles per run
- SEM/EDS – Fresh and Spent (900°C)

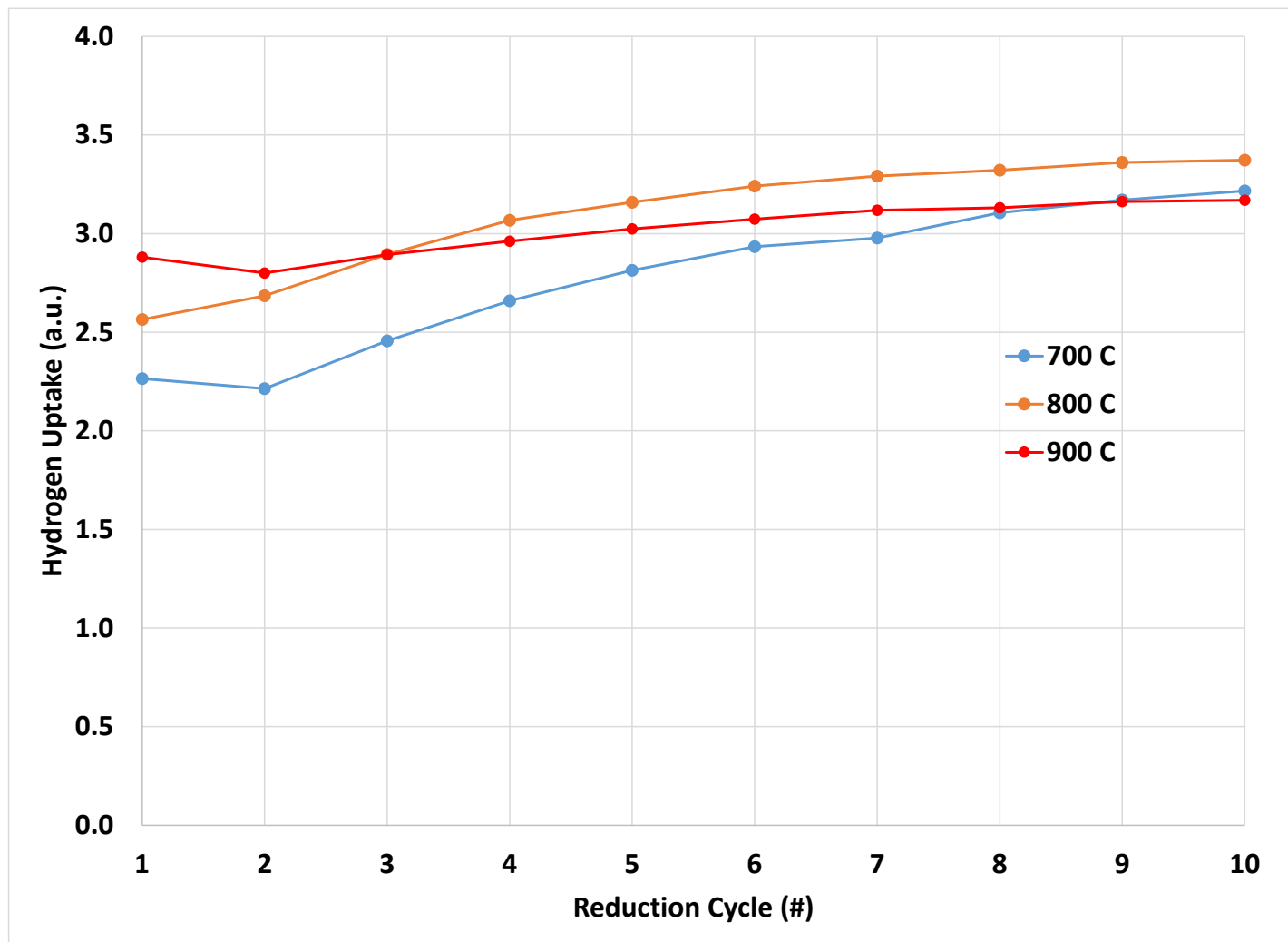
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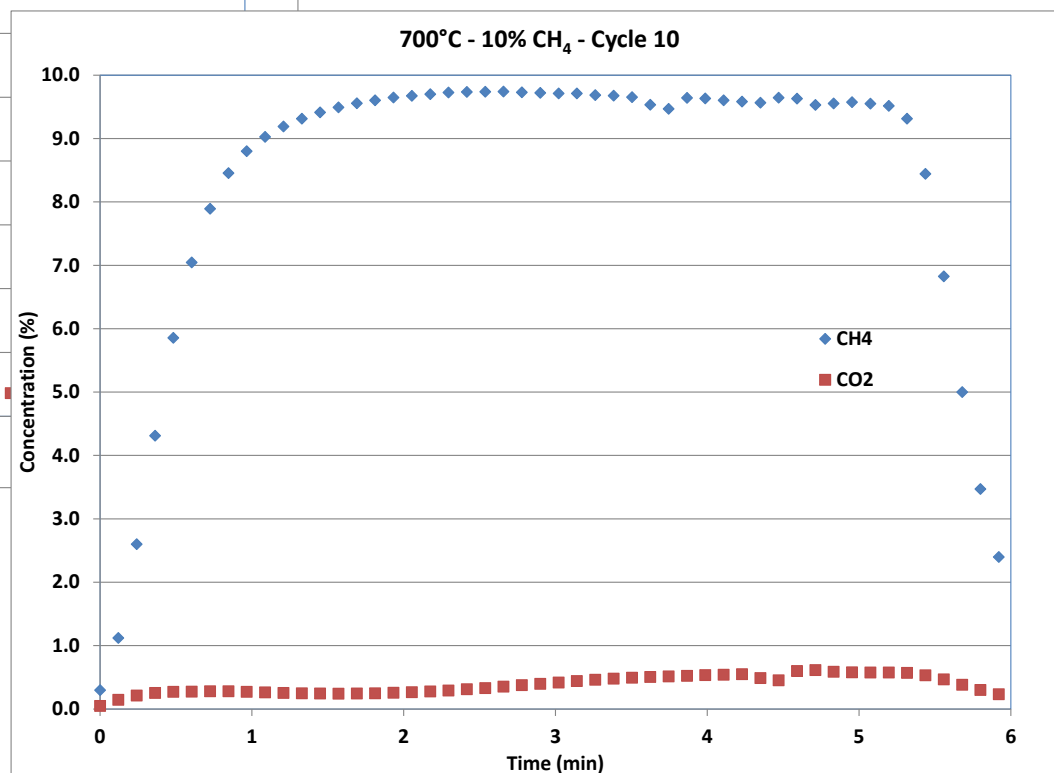
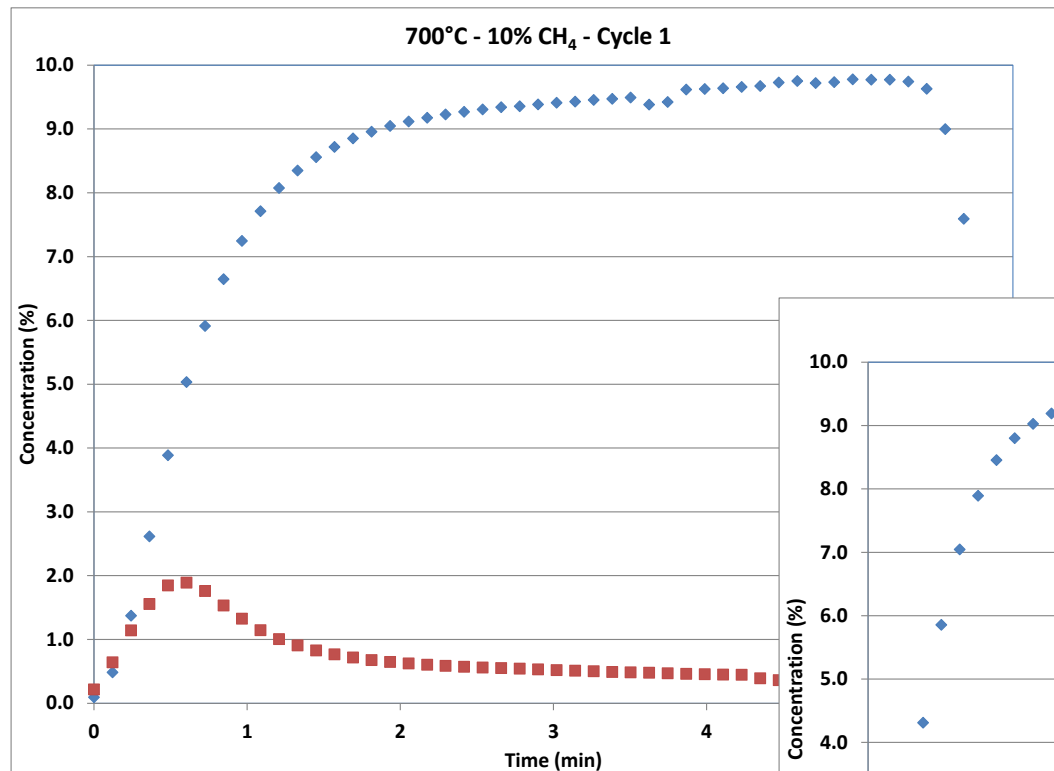
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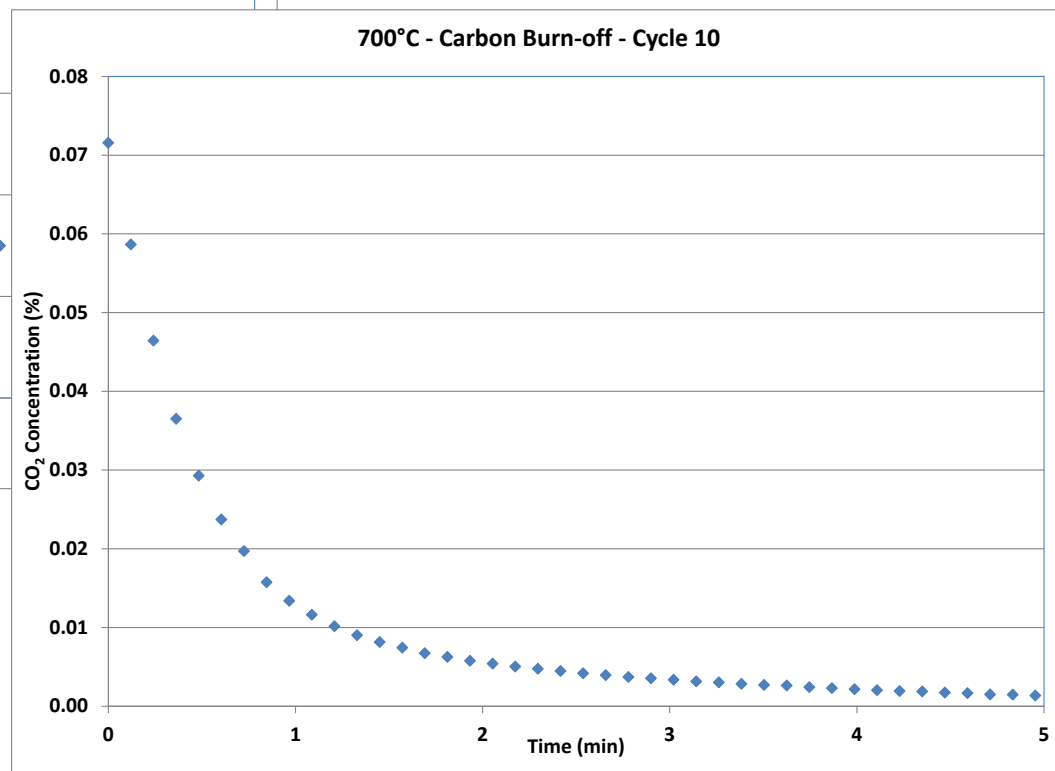
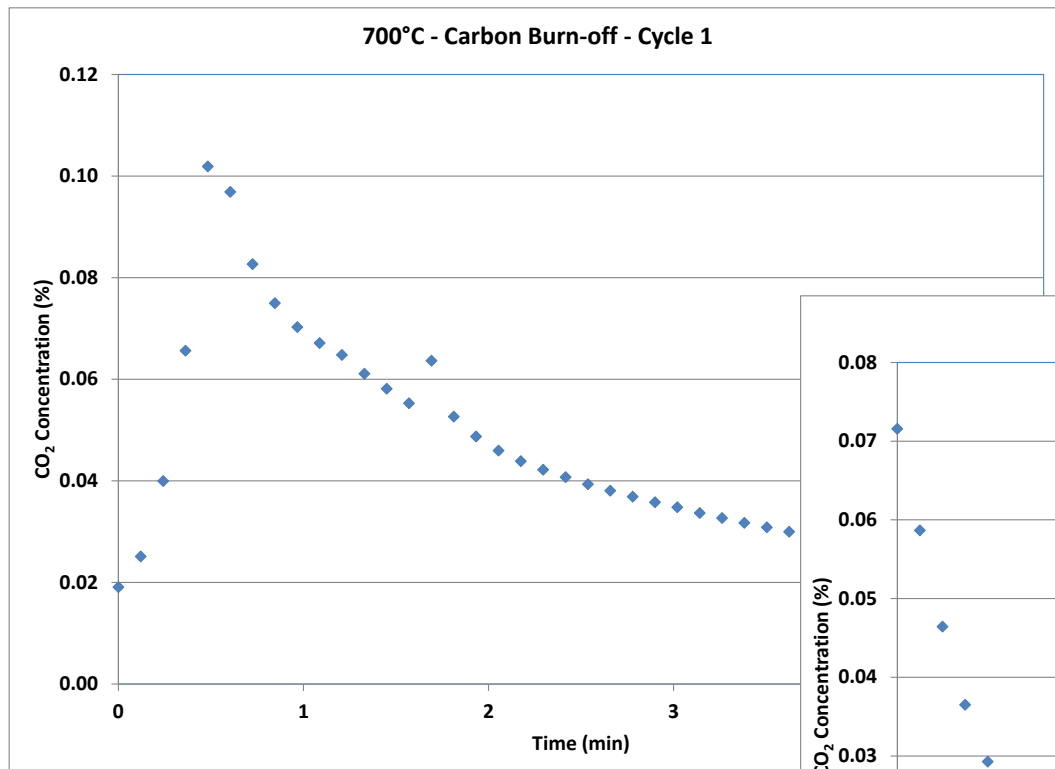
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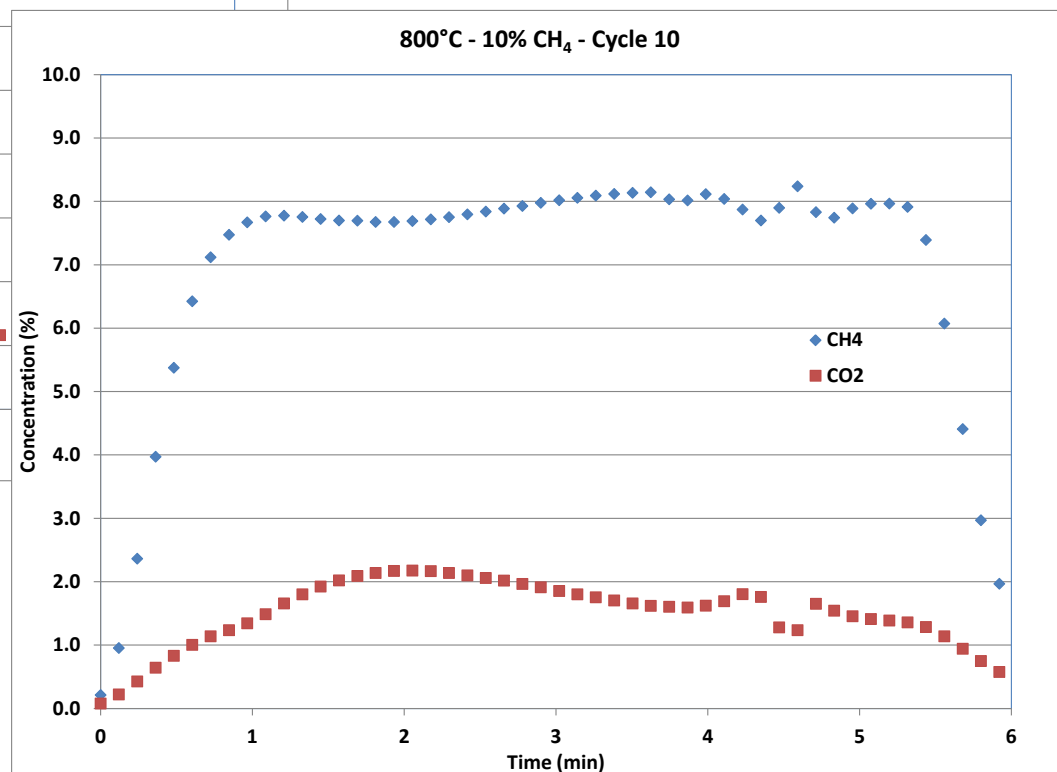
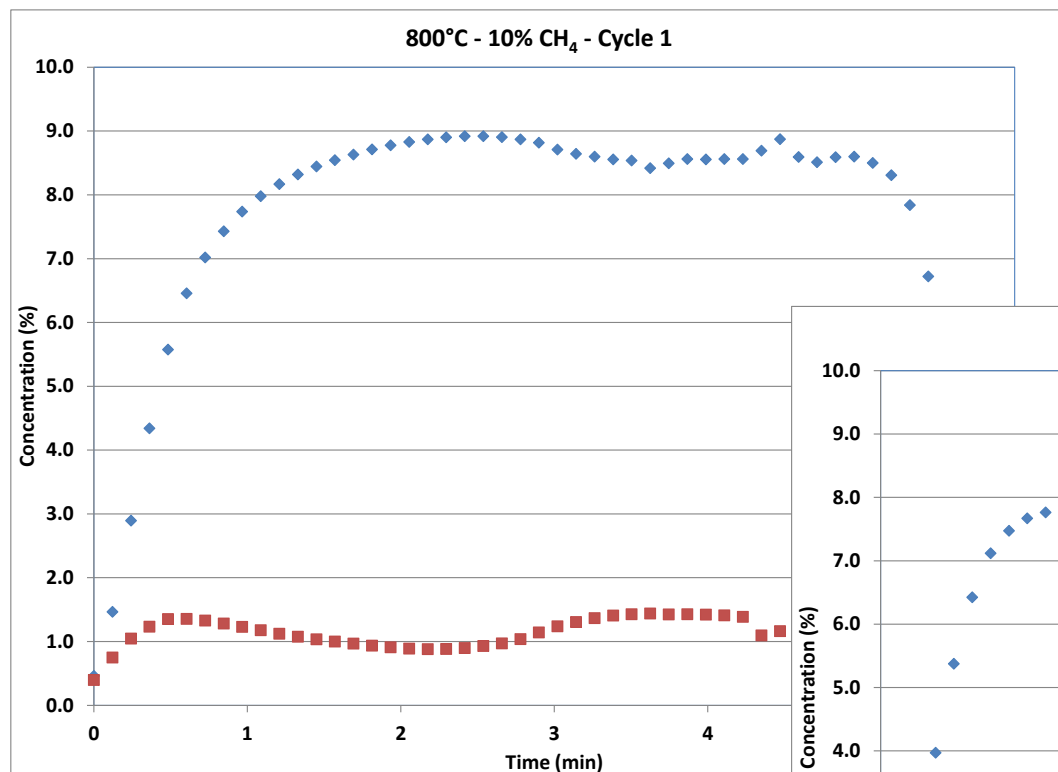
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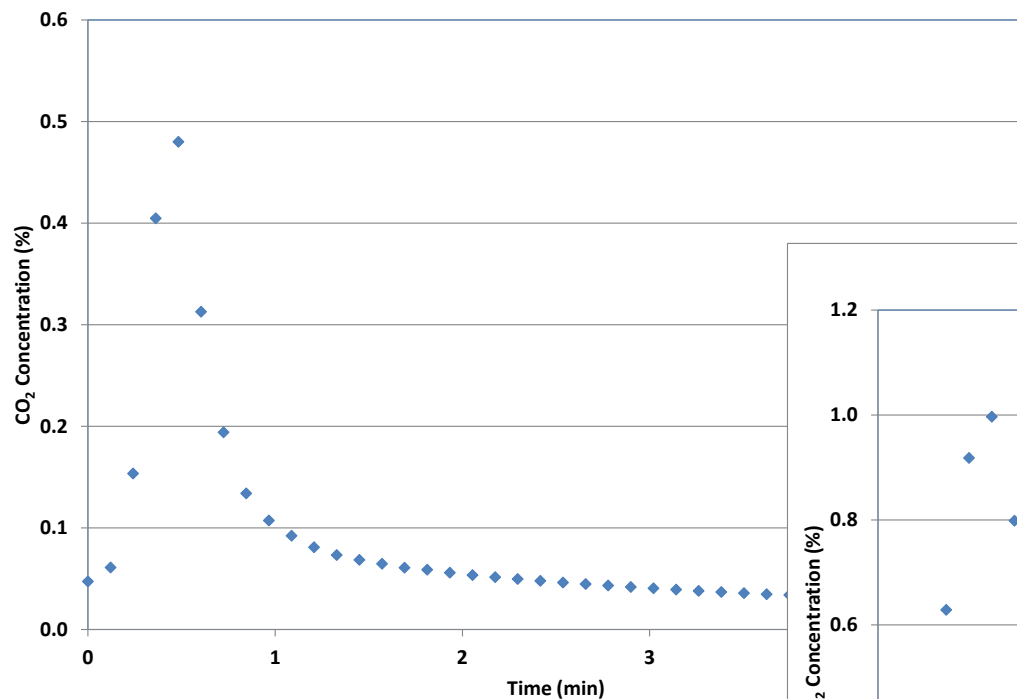
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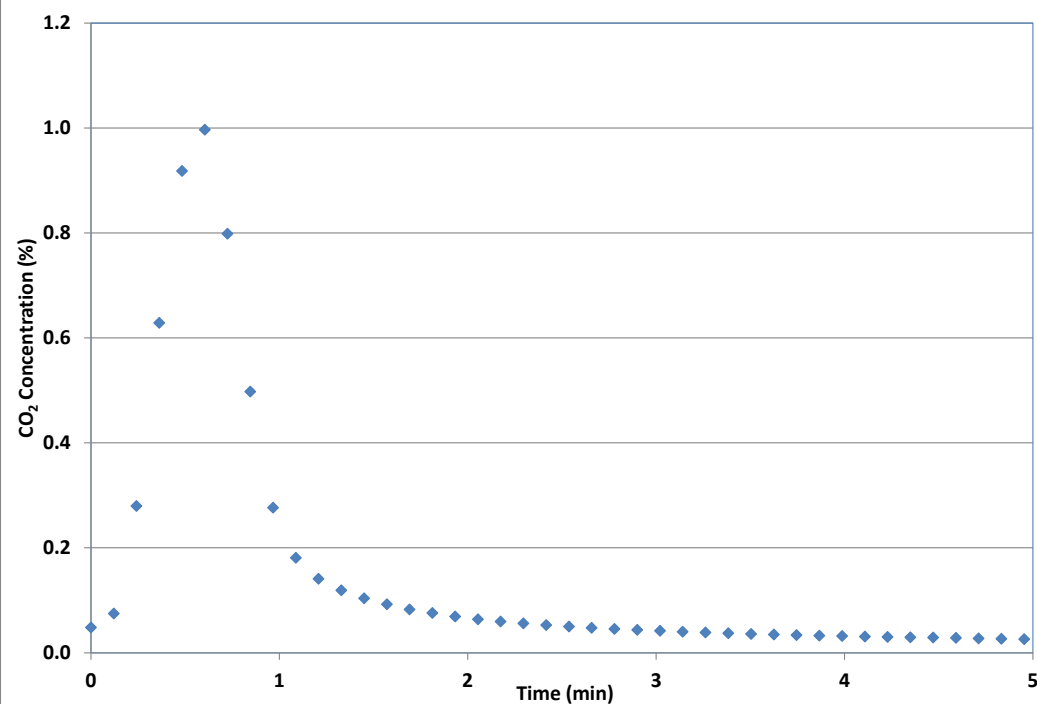
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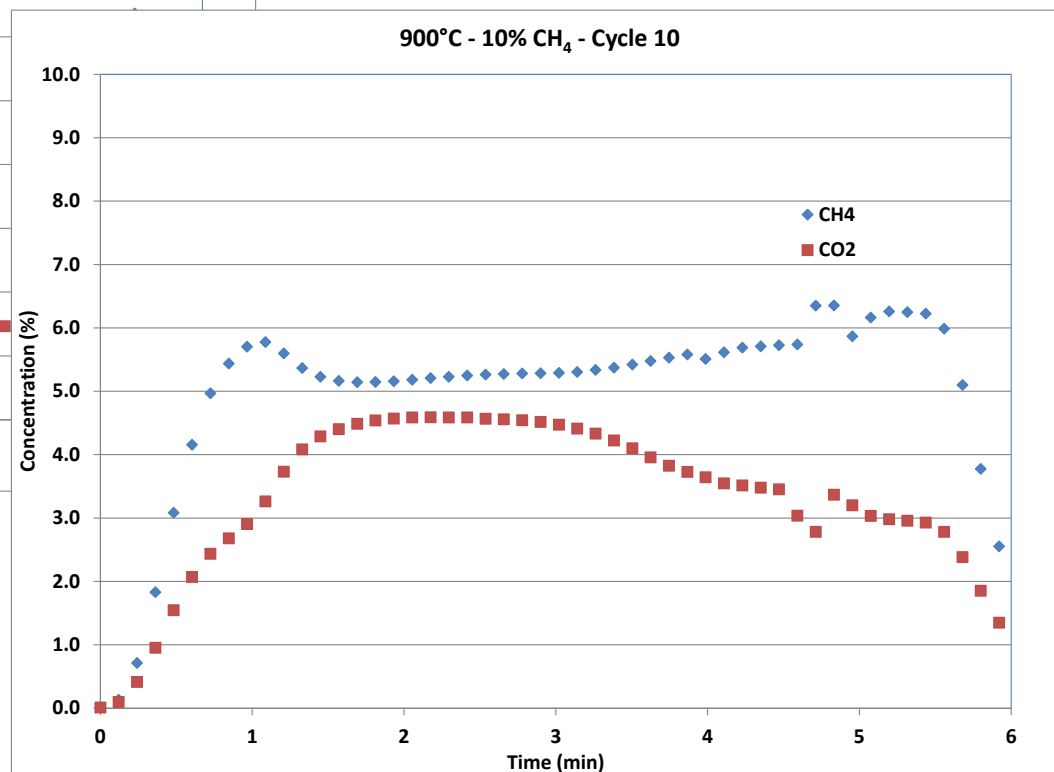
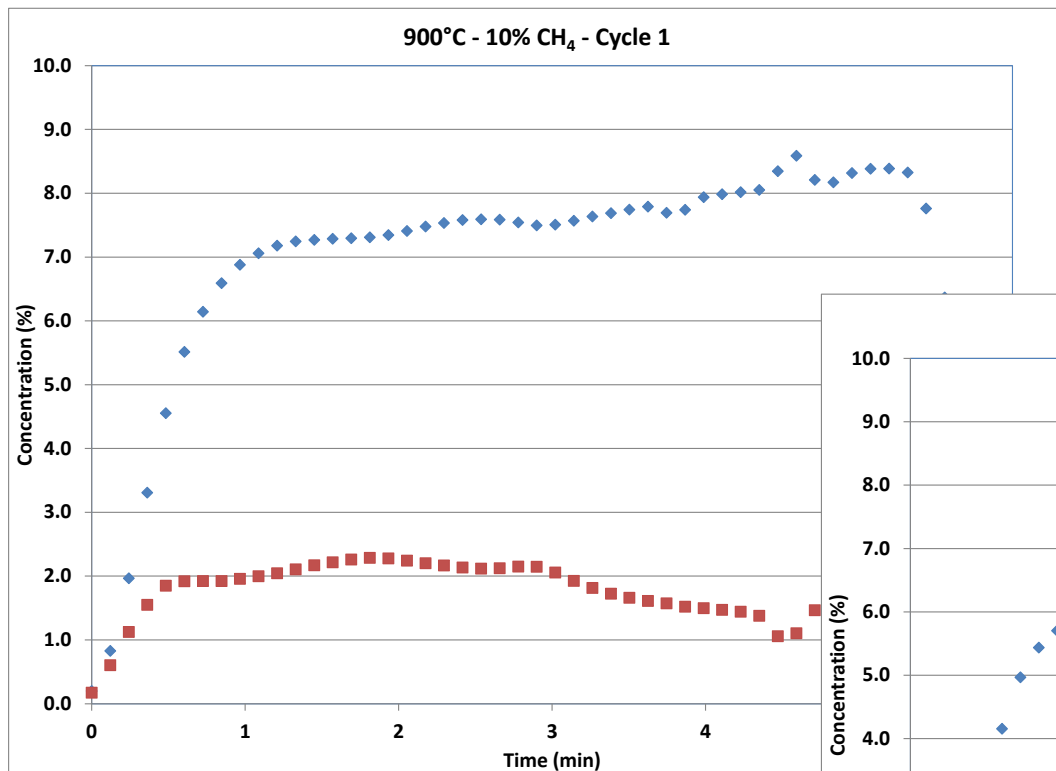


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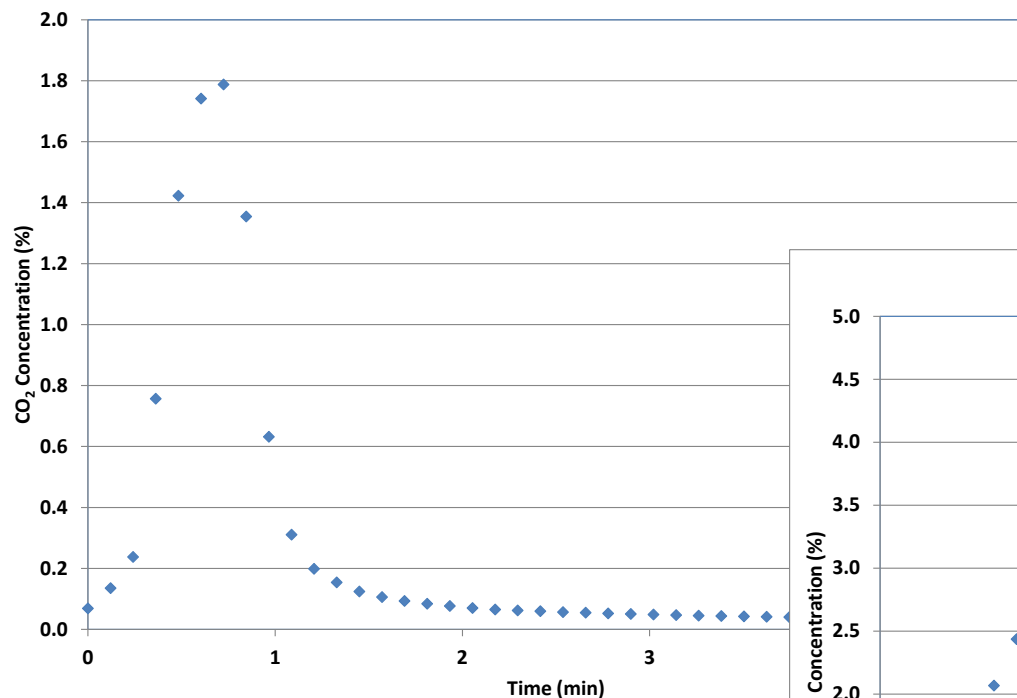
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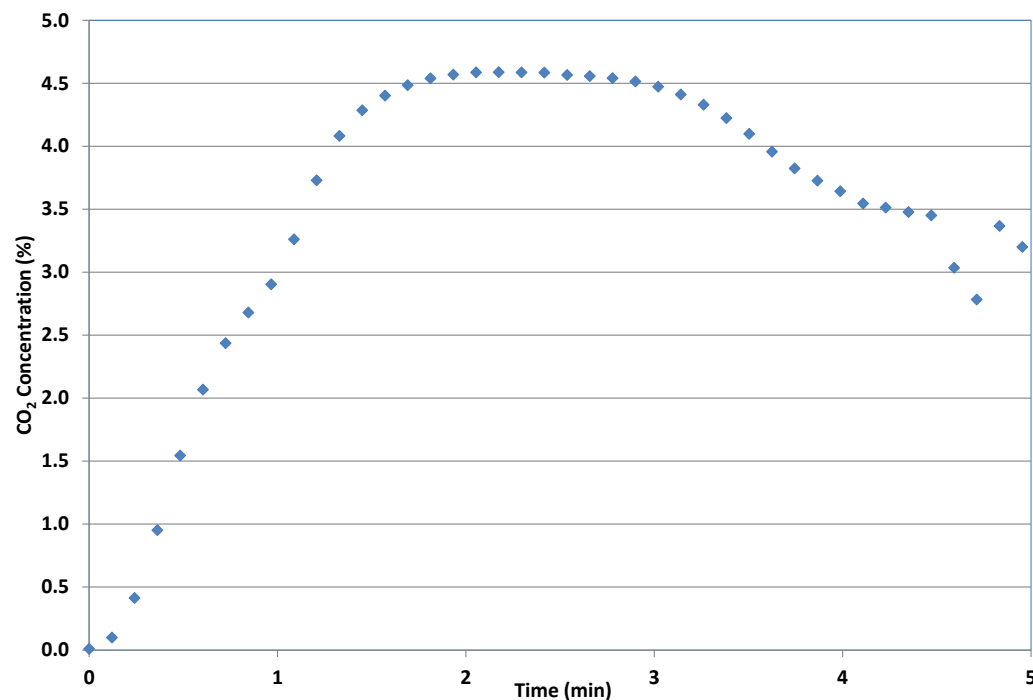
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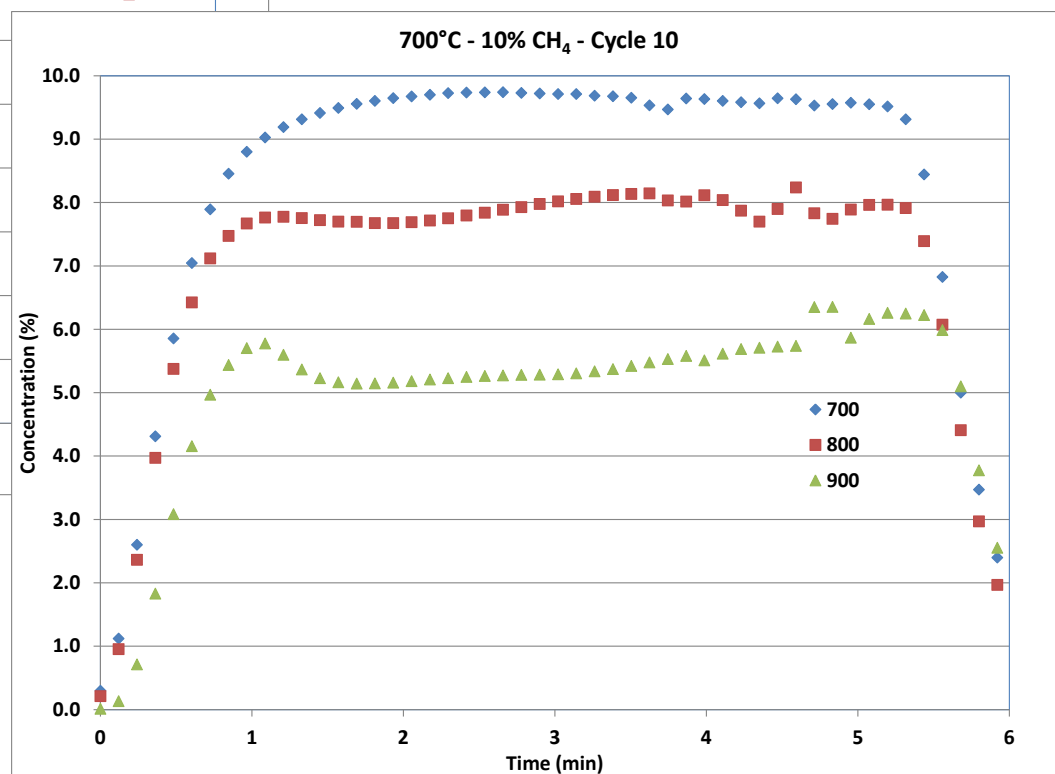
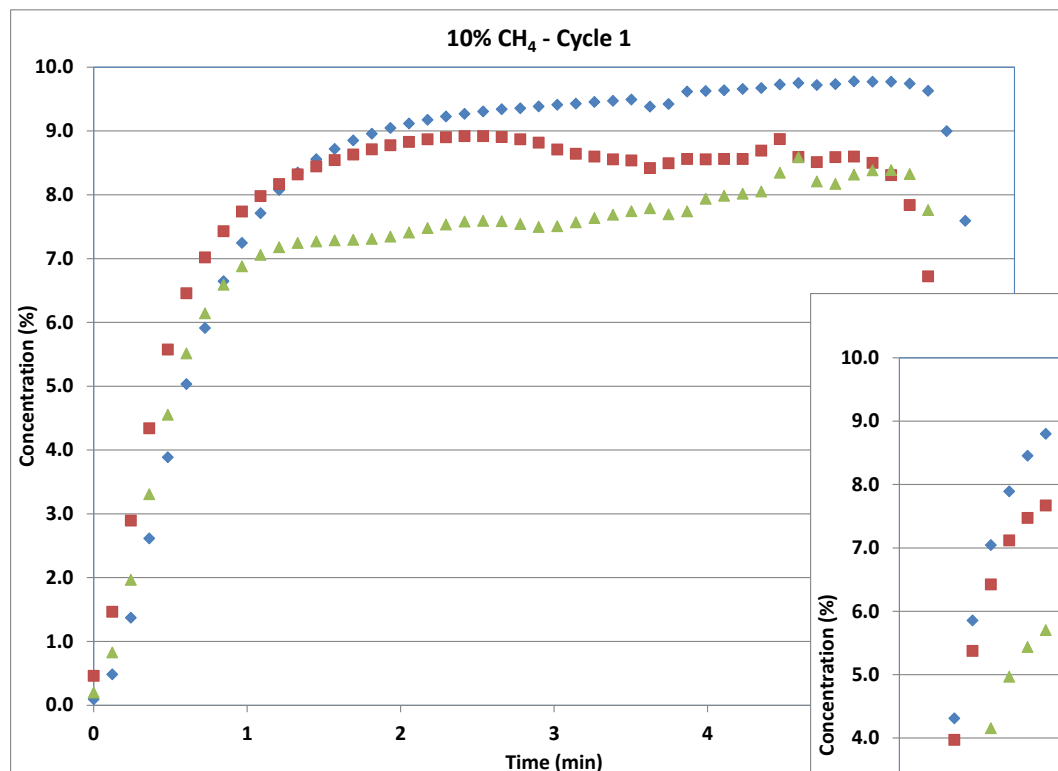


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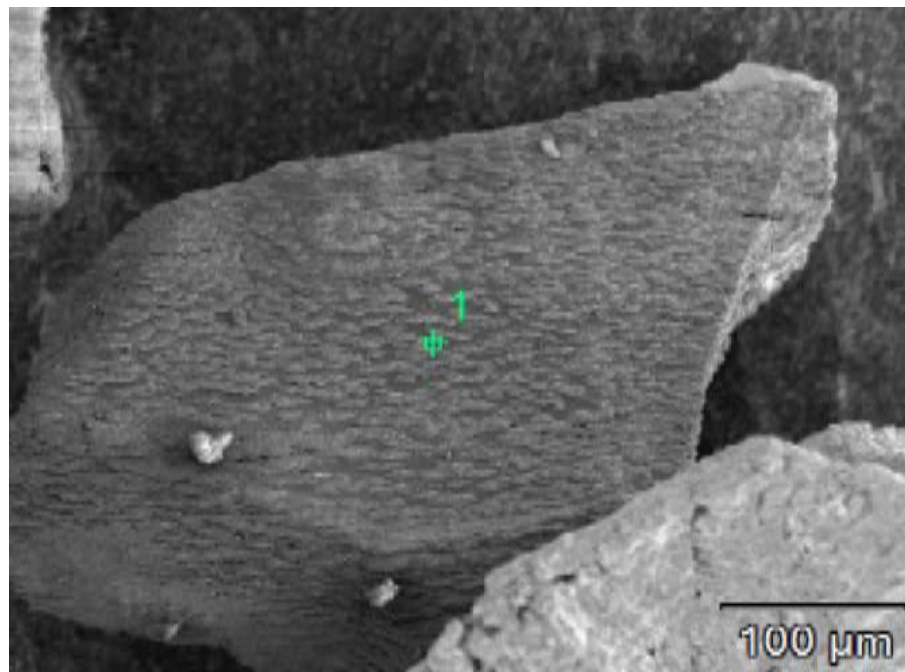
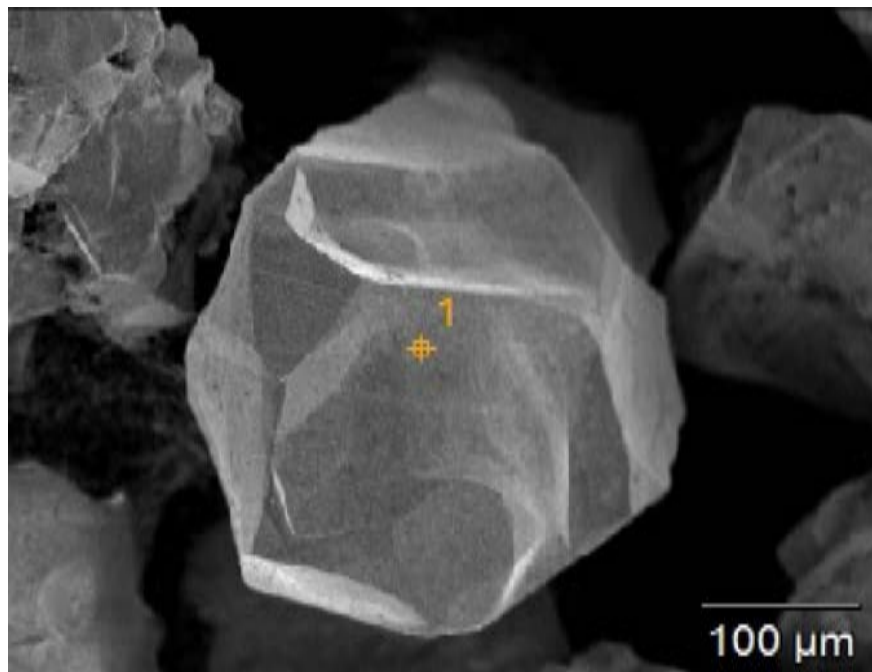
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SEM/EDS Characterization

Fresh vs. Spent Hematite (900°C)



Fresh #	Fe (wt%)	Spent #	Fe (wt%)
1	68.9	1	73.9
2	62.3	2	63.2
3	60.3	3	70.8
Average	63.8	Average	69.3

Summary

- Kinetic data set was generated for Canadian hematite OC from a series of multicycle fuel reaction/carrier oxidation experiments for use in CFD models
- OC reduction in hydrogen, followed by air oxidation, showed changes in reducibility over 10 cycles and with temperature
 - Increase in reduction only leveled off for 900°C within 10 cycles
- OC reaction with methane, followed by oxidation, showed an increase in conversion with temperature and number of cycles
 - Carbon accumulation observed for 900°C; incomplete burn-off with 5 min oxidation
- Surface concentration of Fe increased during the 10 cycle methane reaction experiments at 900°C
- Further variables to test: oxidation T and time, effect of product gases
- Deactivation kinetics still to be measured for model; must consider mechanical attrition
- Expand to fluidized bed and solid fuel experiments

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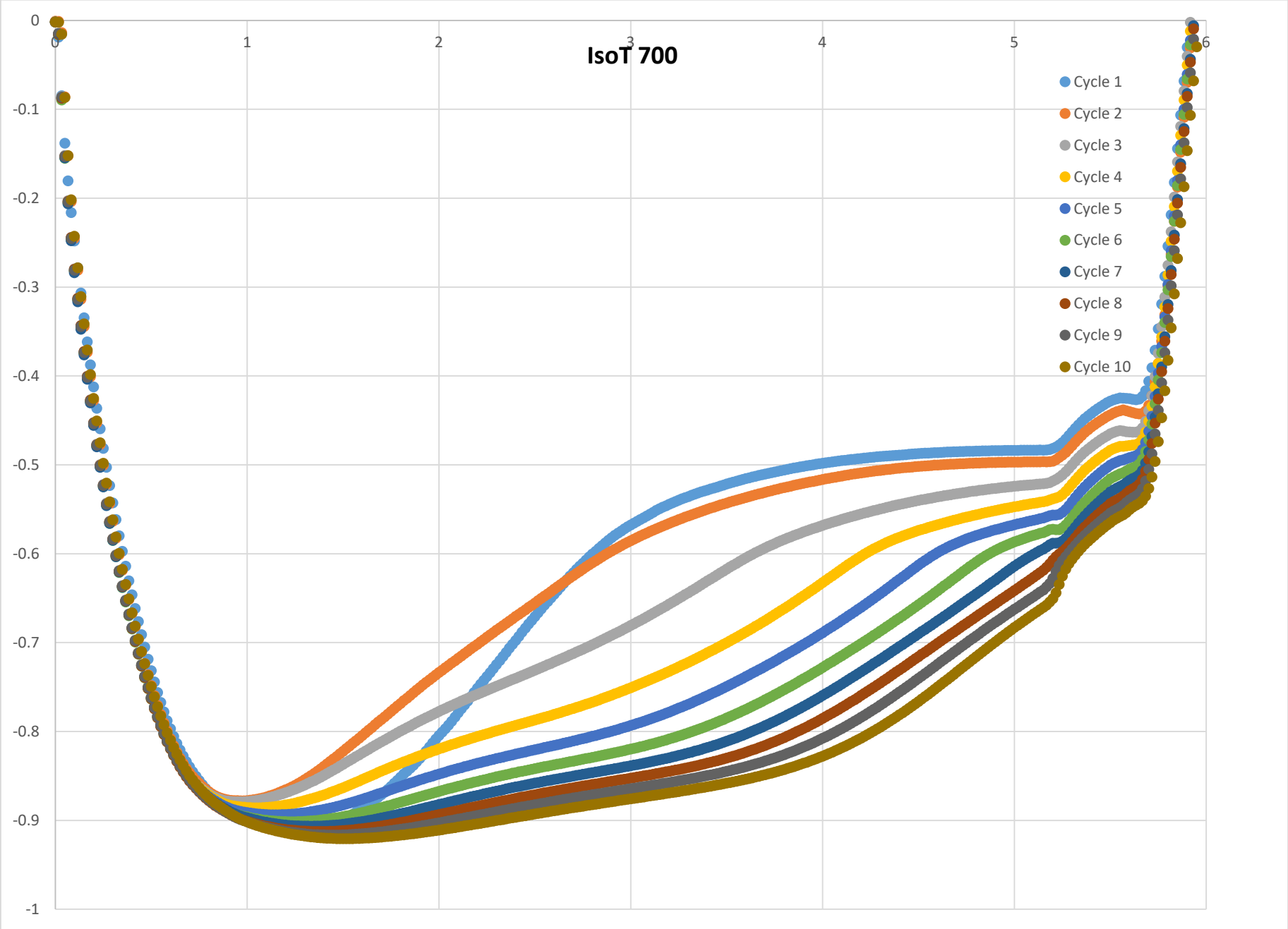
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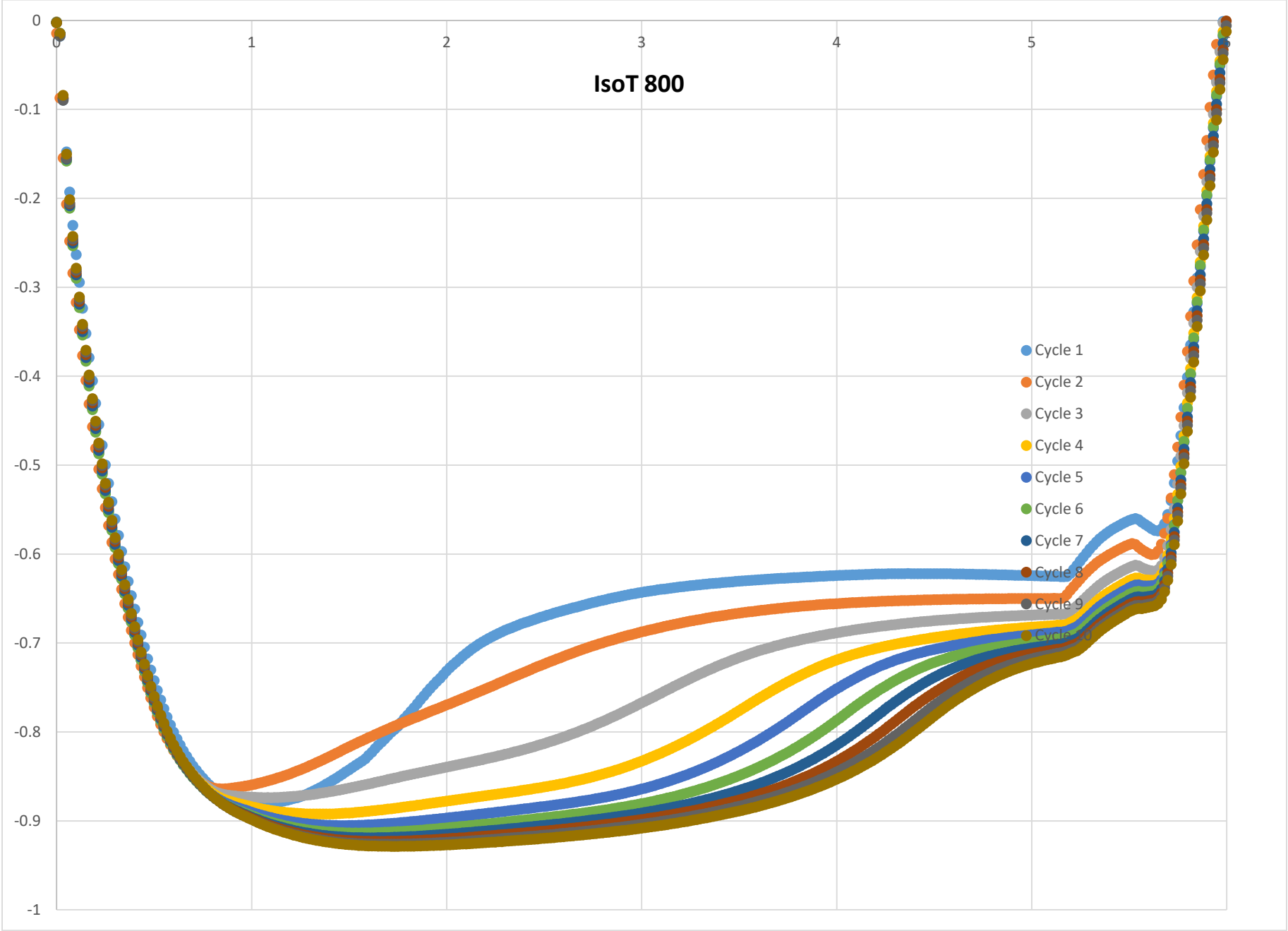
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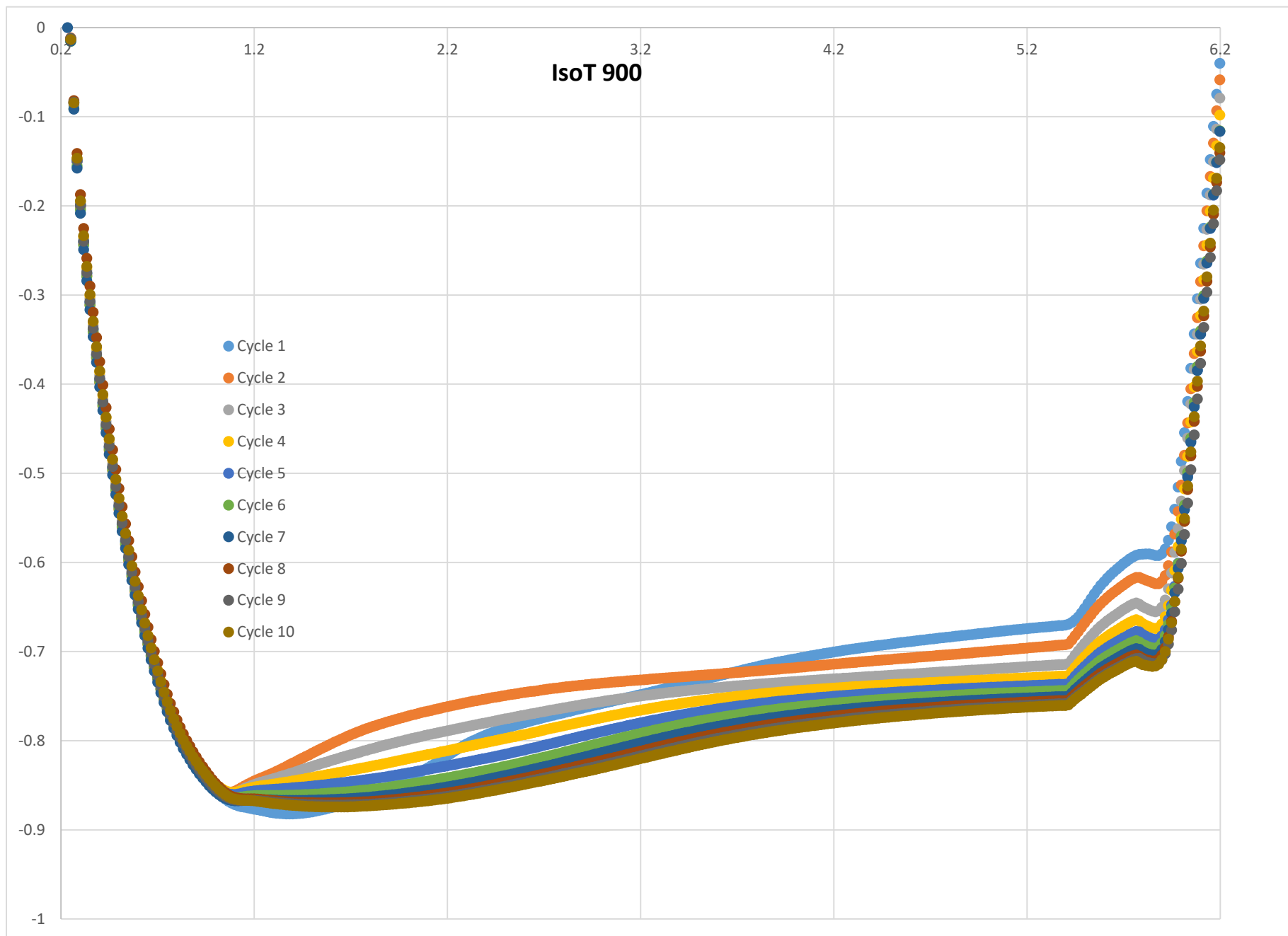
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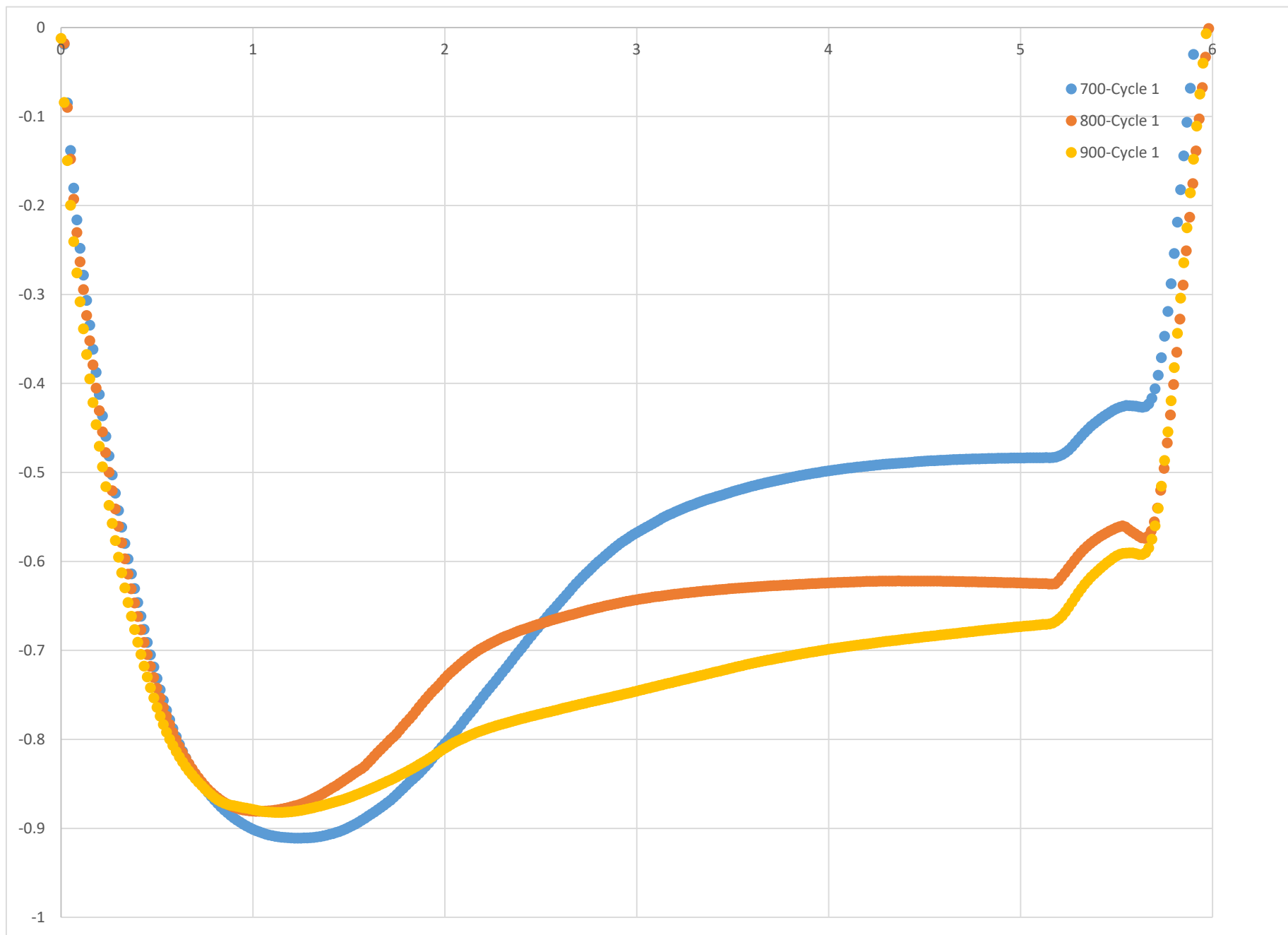
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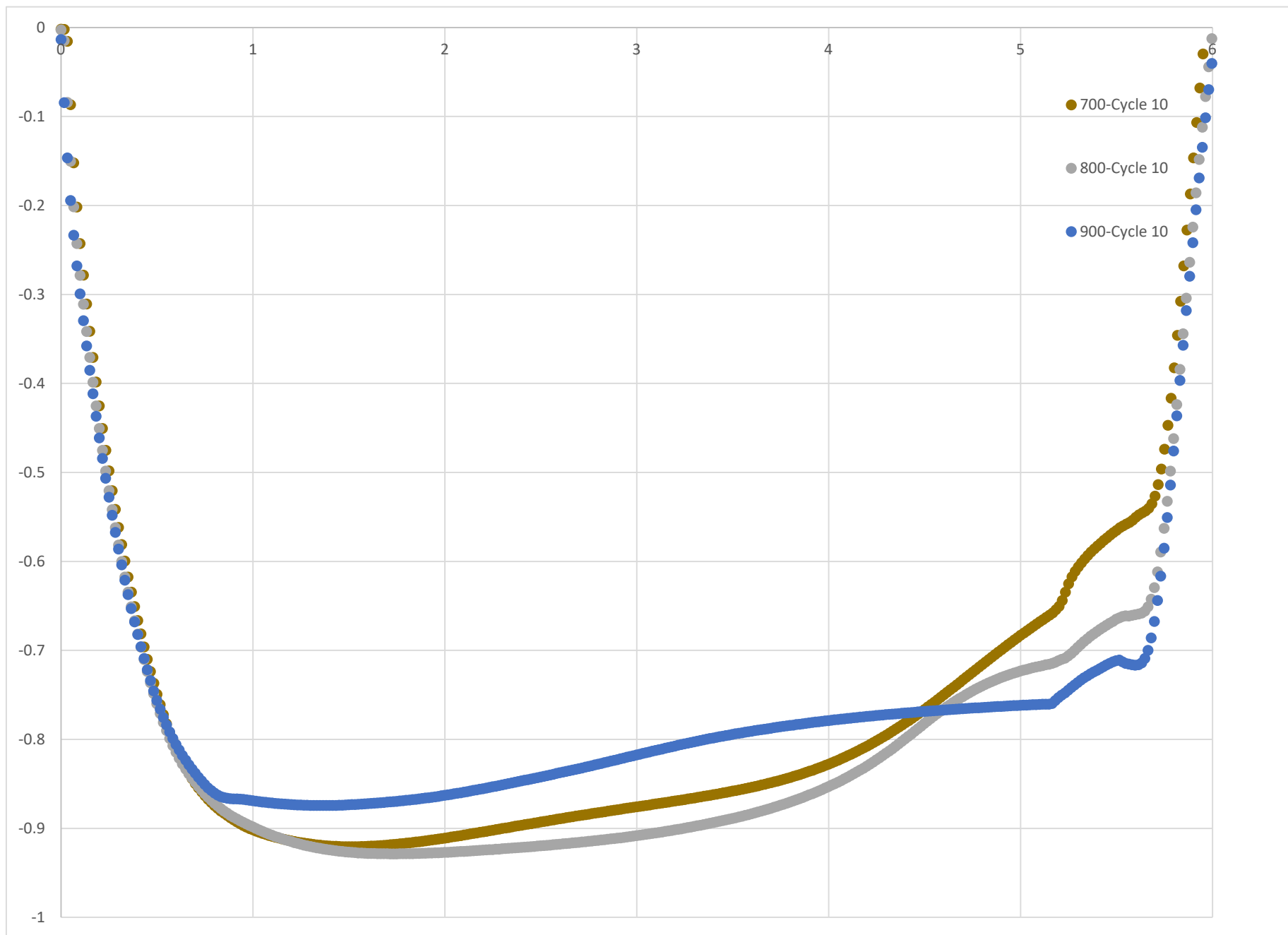




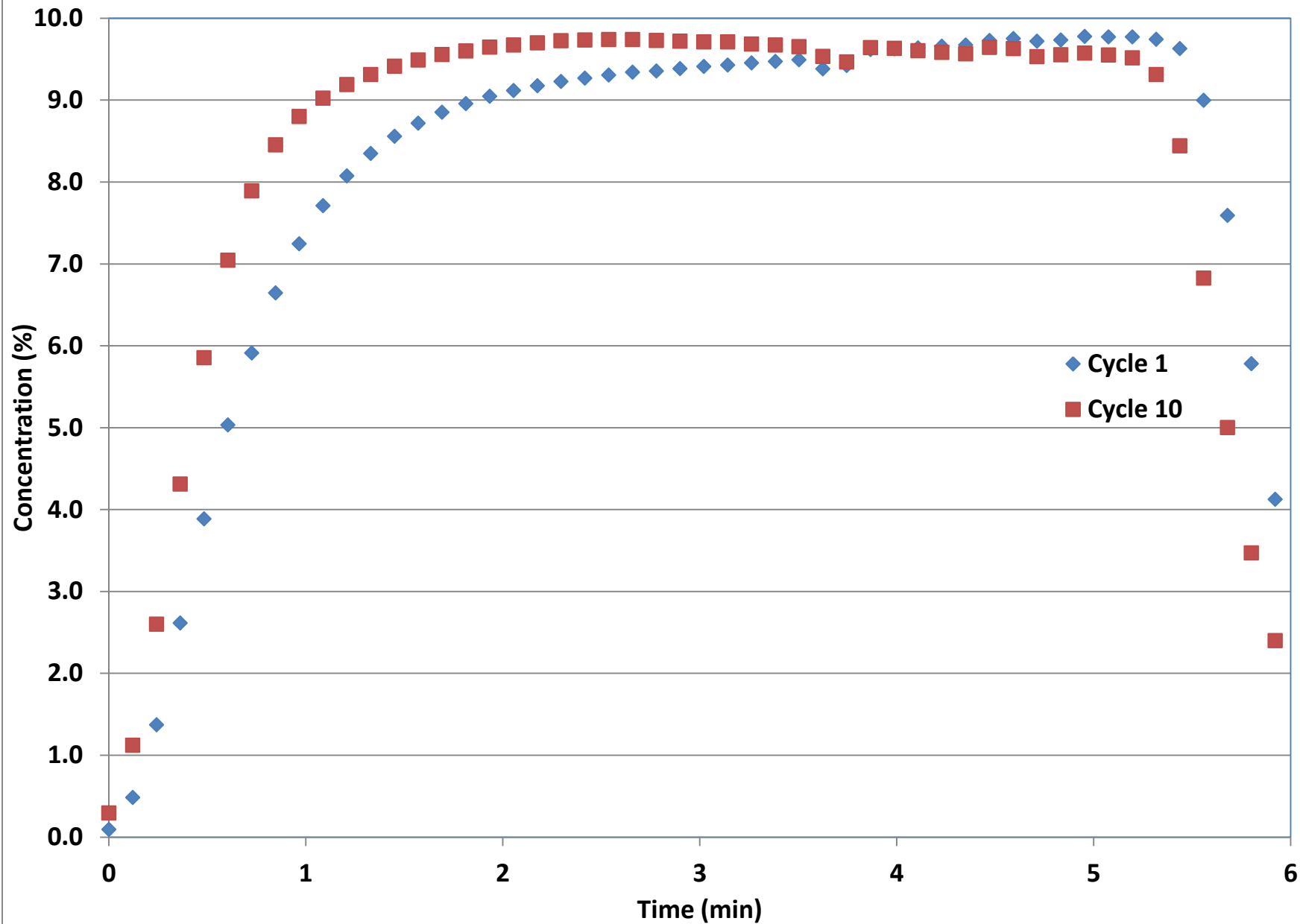




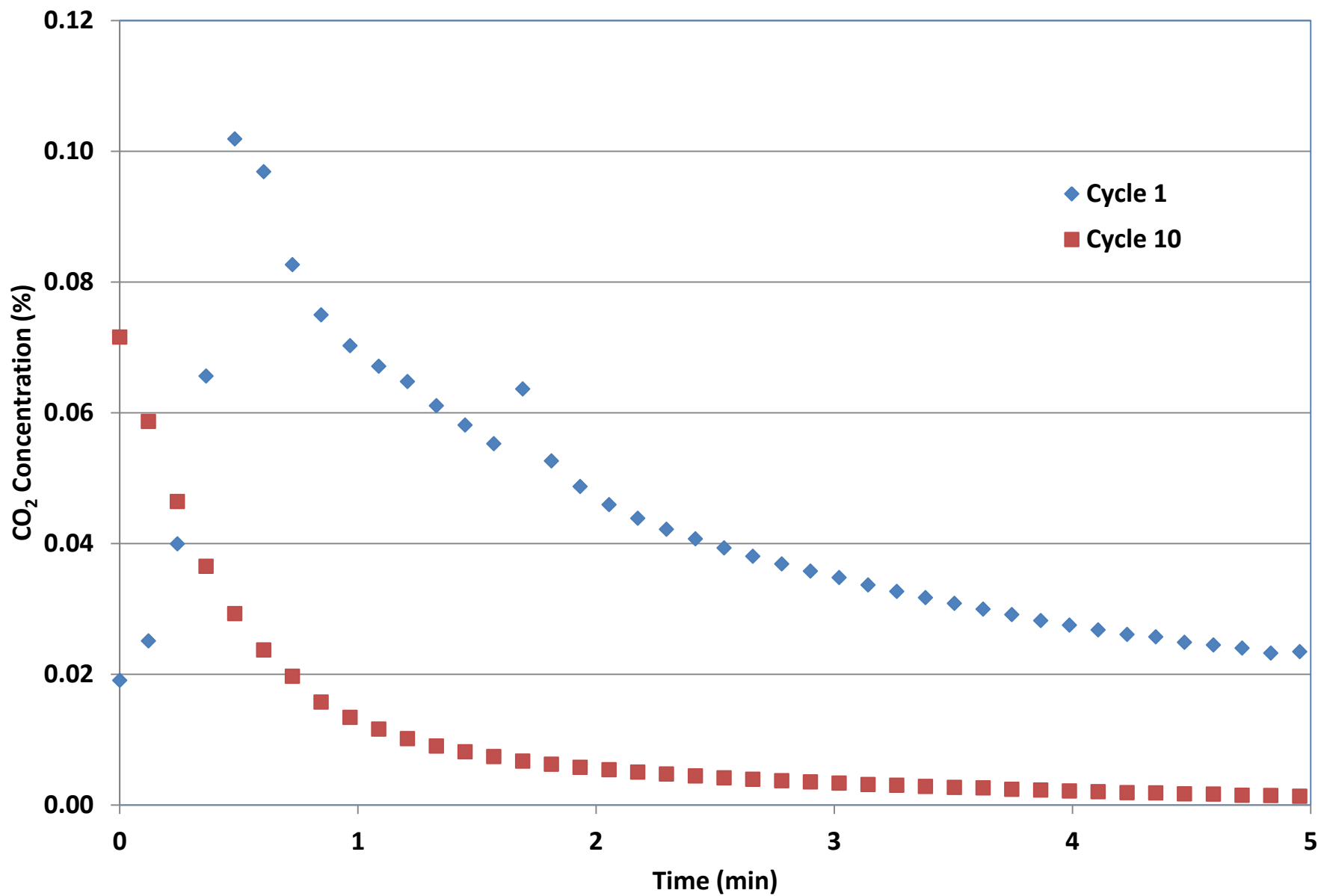




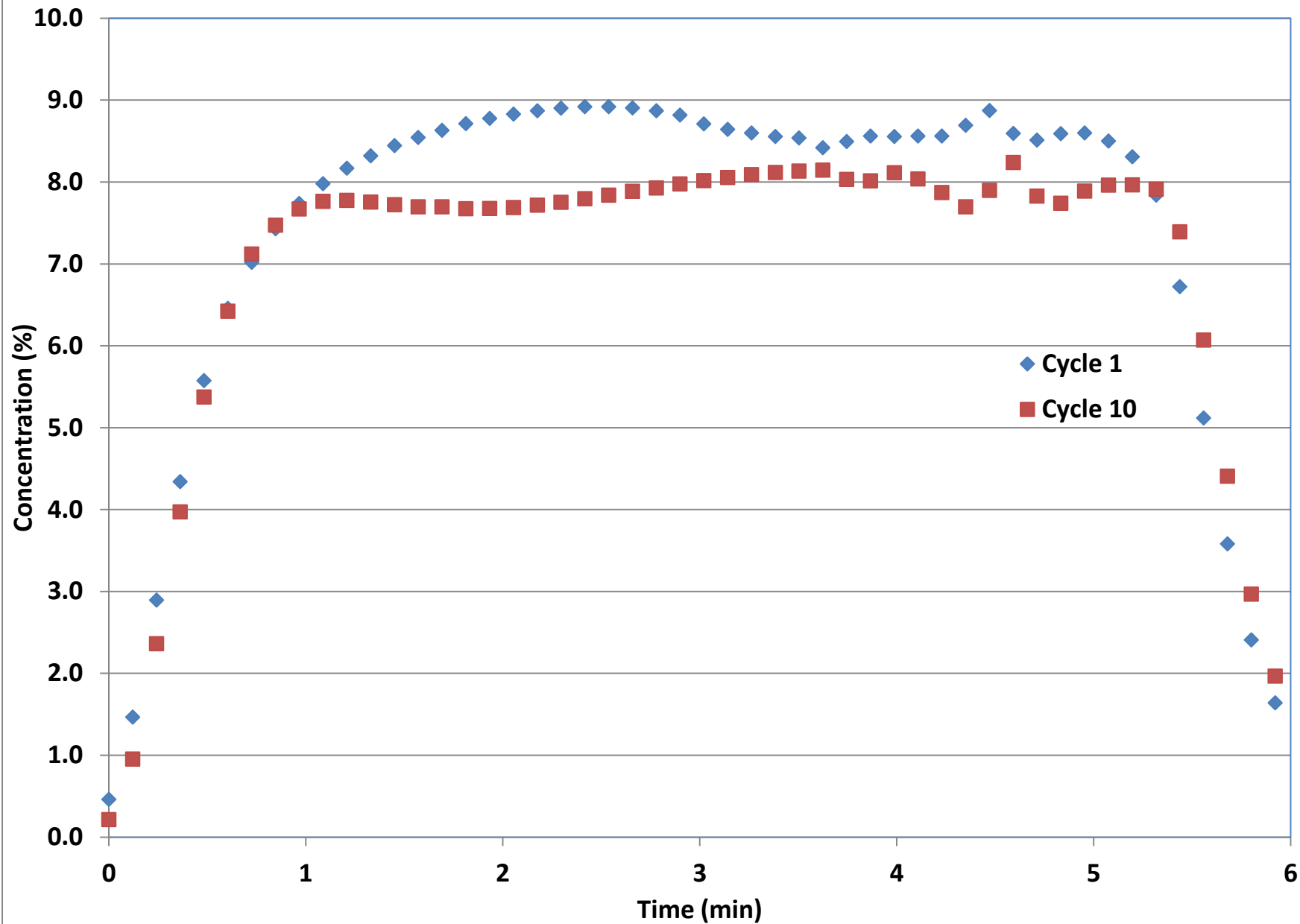
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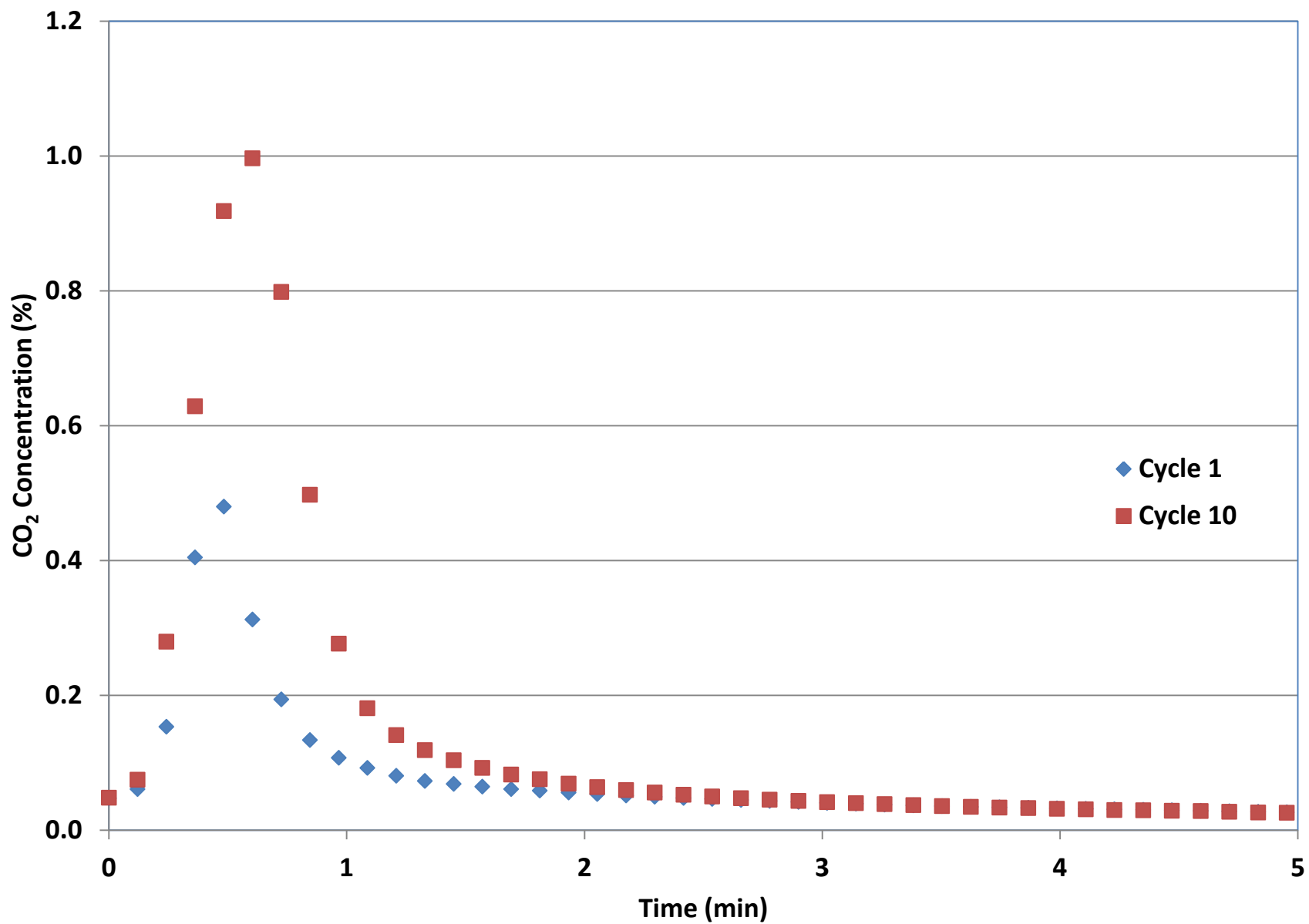
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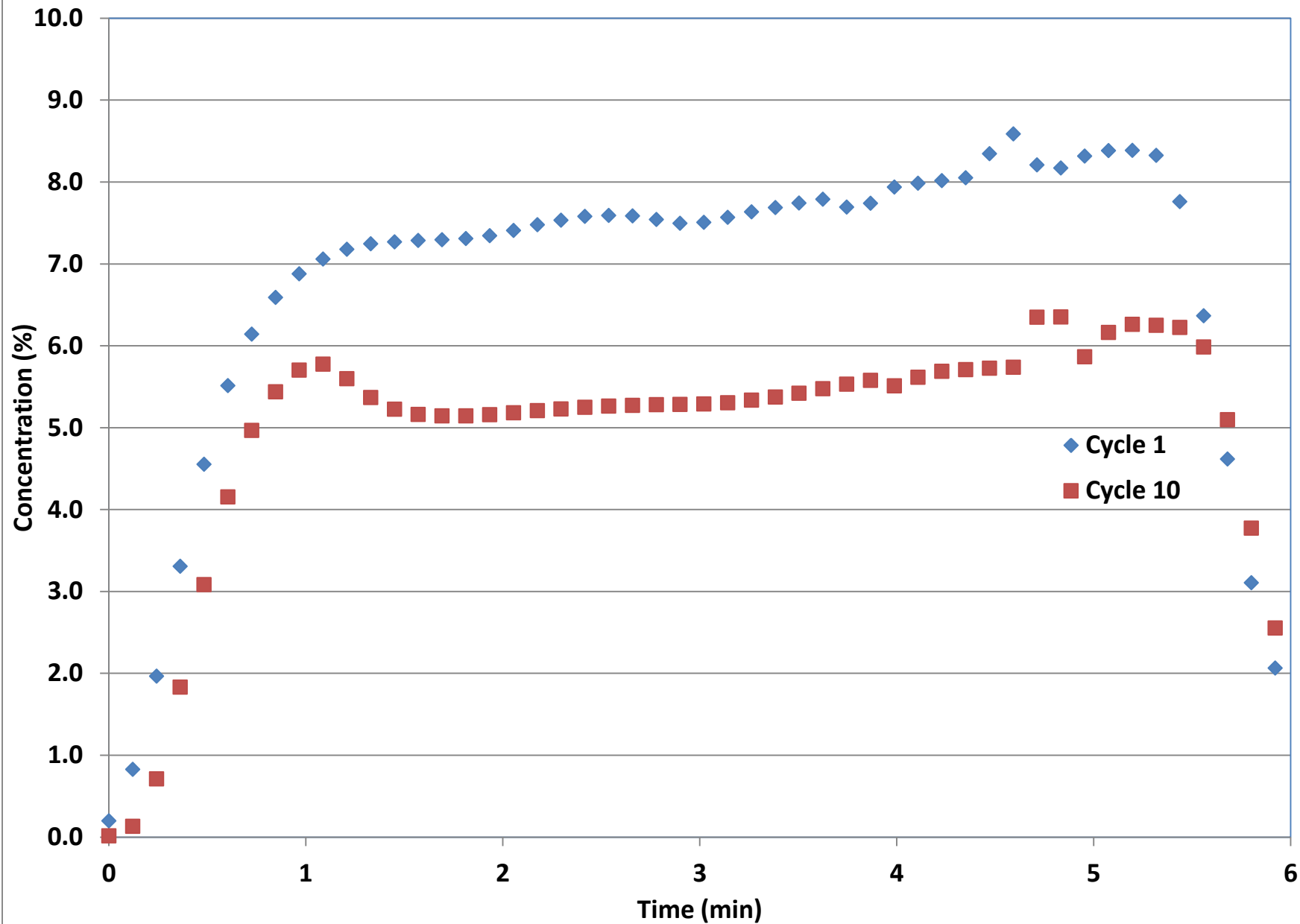
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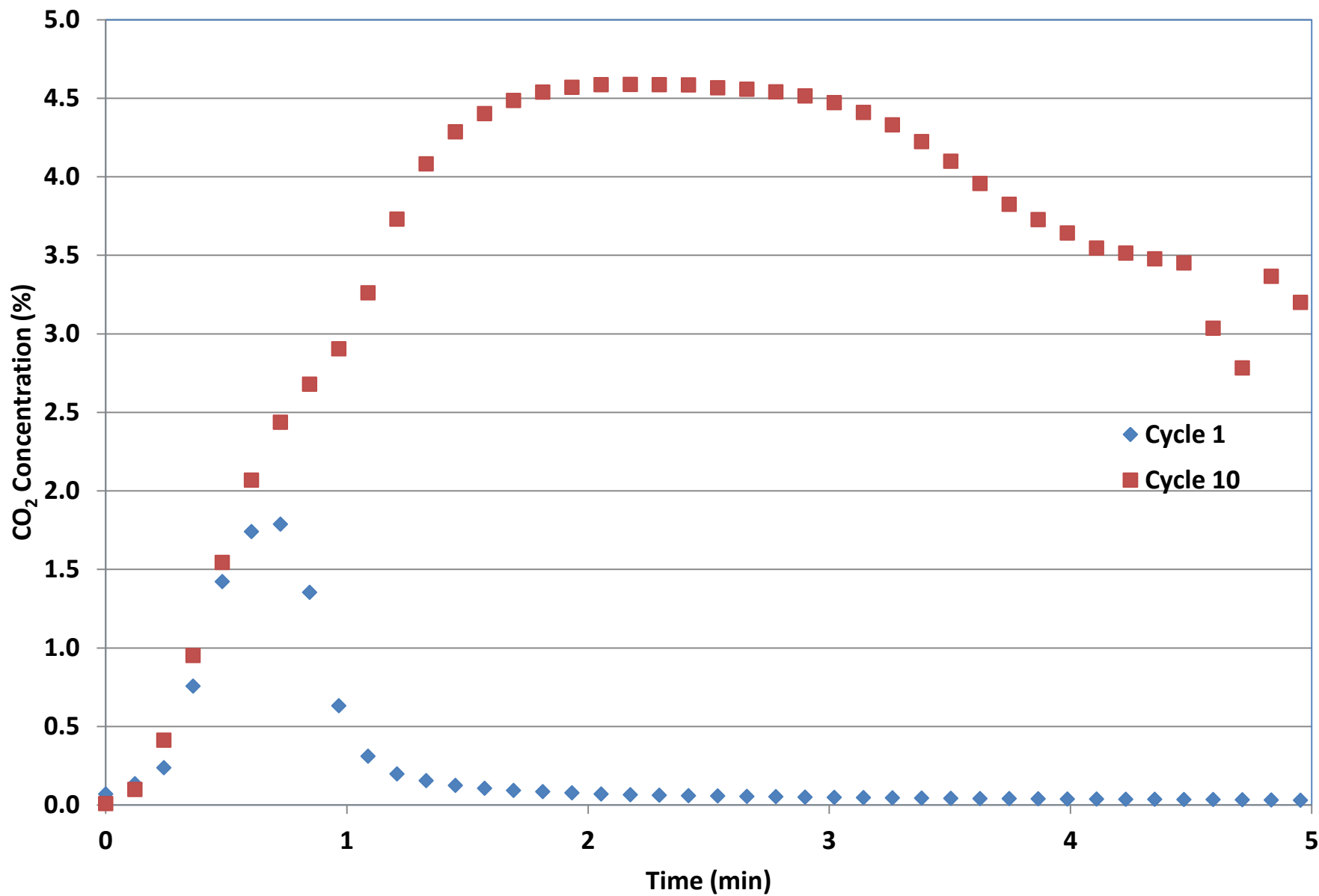
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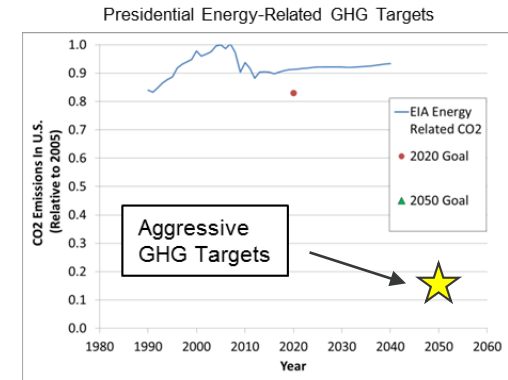
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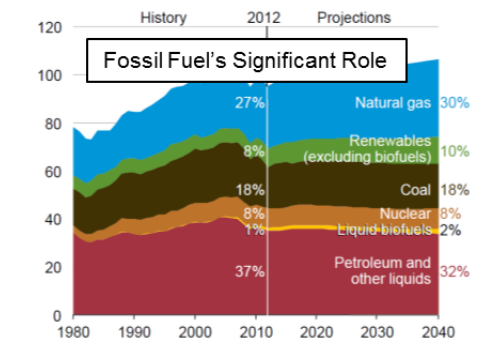
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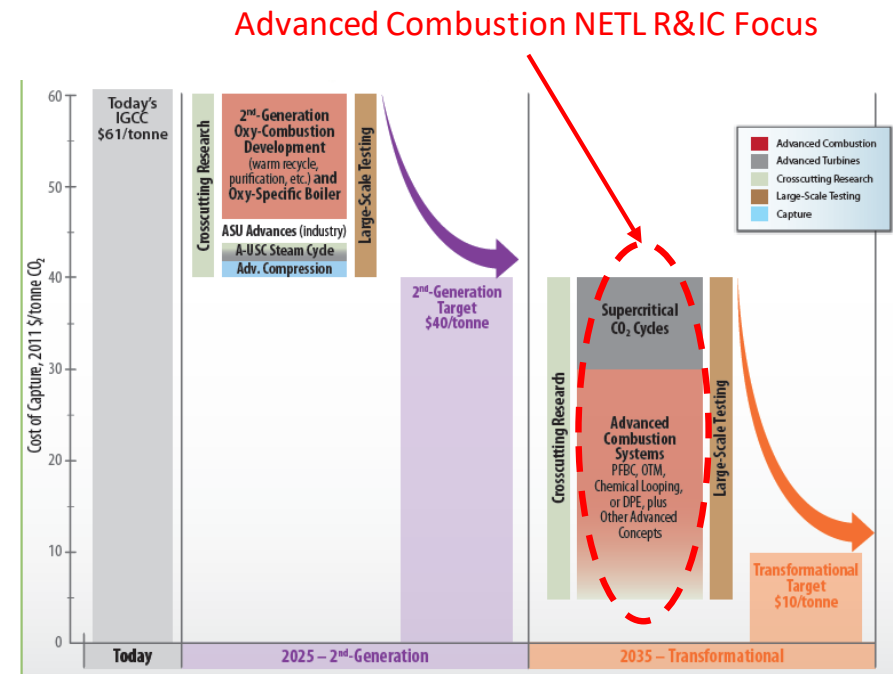


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