

# Turbulent Combustion Modeling

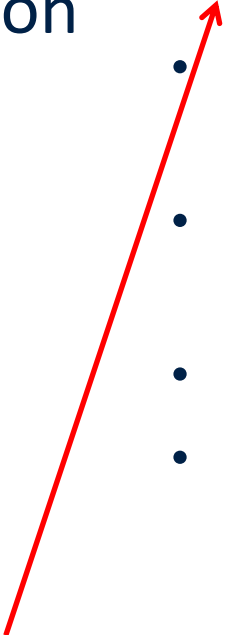
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# Moment Methods for Reactive Scalars

## Balance Equation for Reactive Scalars

- The term „reactive scalar“
  - Mass fraction  $Y_\alpha$  of all components  $\alpha = 1, \dots, N$
  - Temperature  $T$

$$\psi_i = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_N, T)^T$$

- Balance equation for  $\psi_i$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N + 1$

$$\rho \frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial t} + \rho u_j \frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho D_i \frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial x_j} \right) + \rho S_i$$

- $D_i$ : mass diffusivity, thermal diffusivity
- $S_i$ : mass/temperature source term

# Balance Equation for Reactive Scalars

- Neglecting the molecular transport (assumption:  $Re \uparrow$ )
- **Gradient transport assumption** for the turbulent transport

$$-\widetilde{u_j''\psi_i''} = D_t \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}_i}{\partial x_j}, \quad \text{mit} \quad D_t = \frac{\nu_t}{Sc_t}$$

→ Averaged transport equation

not closed

$$\bar{\rho} \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}_i}{\partial t} + \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_j \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}_i}{\partial x_j} = - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \bar{\rho} D_t \frac{\partial \tilde{\psi}_i}{\partial x_j} \right) + \boxed{\bar{\rho} \tilde{S}_i}$$

→ Simplest possible approach:

Express unclosed terms as **a function of mean values**

# Moment Methods for Reactive Scalars: Error Estimation

- Assumption: heat release expressed by

$$\omega_T = \rho S_T(T) = \rho B(T_b - T) \exp\left(-\frac{E}{\mathcal{R}T}\right)$$

- $B$ : includes frequency factor und heat of reaction
  - $T_b$ : adiabatic flame temperature
  - $E$ : activation energy
- Approach for modeling the chemical source term

$$\tilde{S}_T(T) = f(\tilde{T})$$

- Proven method → Decomposition into mean and fluctuation

$$T = \tilde{T} + T''$$

# Moment Methods for Reactive Scalars: Error Estimation

- Taylor expansion at  $T \approx \tilde{T}$  (for  $T = \tilde{T} + T''$ ,  $T'' \ll \tilde{T}$ ) of terms

$$\tilde{S}_T(T) = B(T_b - T) \exp\left(-\frac{E}{\mathcal{R}T}\right)$$

- Pre-exponential term

$$(T_b - T) \Big|_{T \approx \tilde{T}} \approx T_b - \tilde{T} - T''$$

- Exponential term

$$-\frac{E}{\mathcal{R}T} \Big|_{T \approx \tilde{T}} \approx -\frac{E}{\mathcal{R}} \left[ \frac{1}{\tilde{T}} - \frac{1}{\tilde{T}^2} (T - \tilde{T}) \right] \Big|_{\tilde{T} + T''} = -\frac{E}{\mathcal{R}\tilde{T}} + \frac{ET''}{\mathcal{R}\tilde{T}^2}$$

- Leads to

$$\tilde{S}_T(T) \Big|_{T \approx \tilde{T}} \approx B(T_b - \tilde{T} - T'') \exp\left(-\frac{E}{\mathcal{R}\tilde{T}}\right) \exp\left(\frac{ET''}{\mathcal{R}\tilde{T}^2}\right)$$

# Moment Methods for Reactive Scalars: Error Estimation

- As a function of Favre-mean at  $\tilde{T}$

$$\tilde{S}_T(\tilde{T}) = B(T_b - \tilde{T}) \exp\left(-\frac{E}{\mathcal{R}\tilde{T}}\right)$$

yields

$$\tilde{S}_T(T) = \tilde{S}_T(\tilde{T}) \left(1 - \frac{T''}{T_b - \tilde{T}}\right) \exp\left(\frac{ET''}{\mathcal{R}\tilde{T}^2}\right)$$

- Typical values in the reaction zone of a flame

$$\frac{E}{\mathcal{R}\tilde{T}} = \mathcal{O}(10) \quad \text{und} \quad 0,1 \leq \left|\frac{T''}{\tilde{T}}\right| \leq 0,3$$

- Error around a factor of 10!
- Moment method for reactive scalars inappropriate due to strong non-linear effect of the chemical source term

# Example: Non-Premixed Combustion in Isotropic Turbulence

- Favre averaged transport equation

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \tilde{Y}_\alpha}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_j \tilde{Y}_\alpha \right) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \bar{\rho} D_\alpha \frac{\partial \tilde{Y}_\alpha}{\partial x_j} \right) - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \bar{\rho} (\tilde{u}_j \tilde{Y}_\alpha - \tilde{u}_j \tilde{Y}_\alpha) \right) + \widetilde{\dot{m}}_\alpha'''$$

- Gradient transport model

$$(\tilde{u}_j \tilde{Y}_\alpha - \tilde{u}_j \tilde{Y}_\alpha) = -D_t \frac{\partial \tilde{Y}_\alpha}{\partial x_j}$$

- One step global reaction

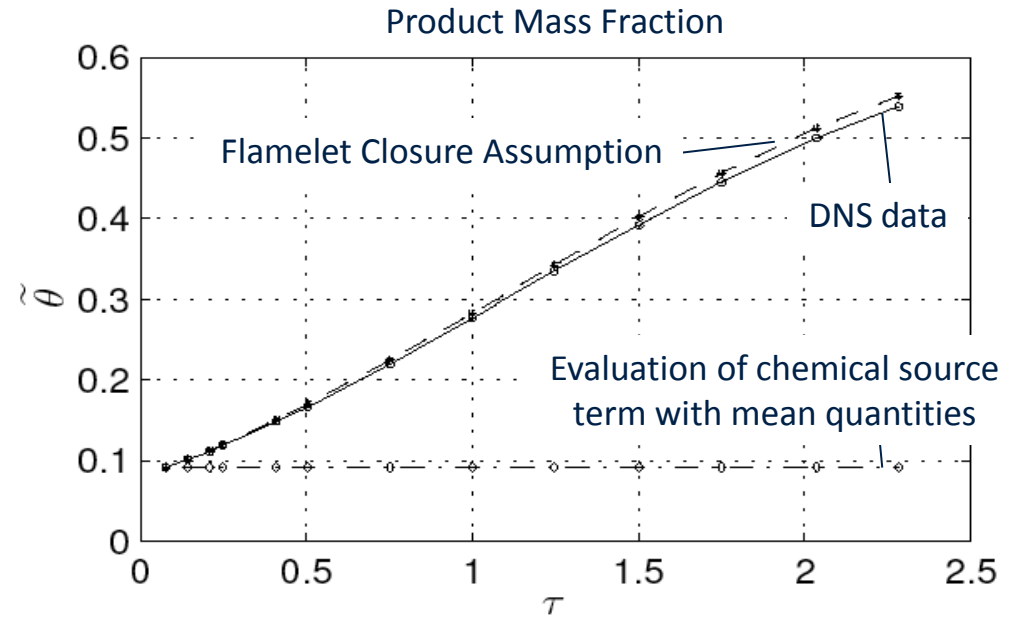
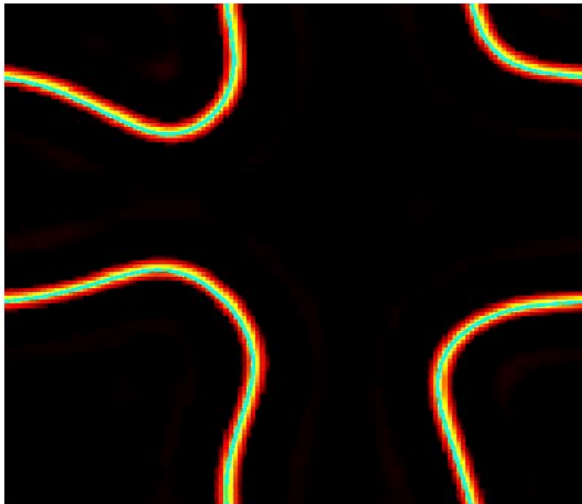
$$\widetilde{\dot{m}}_\alpha''' = M_\alpha \frac{\rho^2}{M_F M_O} Y_F Y_O A \exp\left(-\frac{E}{\mathcal{R}T}\right)$$

- Decaying isotropic turbulence

$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \tilde{Y}_\alpha}{\partial t} = \widetilde{\dot{m}}_\alpha'''$$



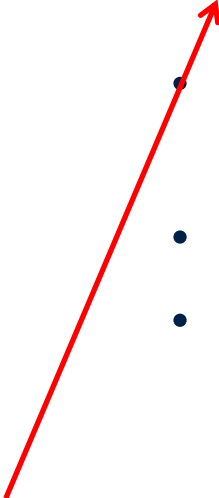
# Example: Non-Premixed Combustion in Isotropic Turbulence



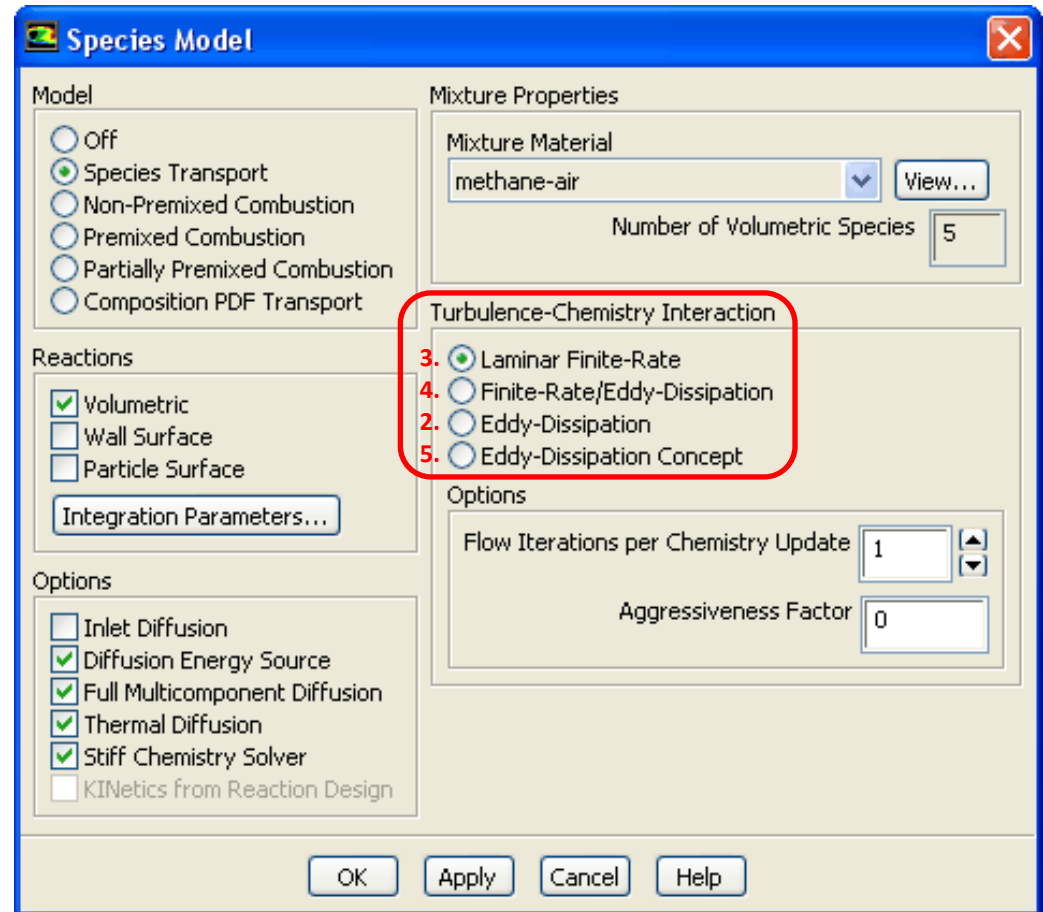
→ Closure by mean values does not work!

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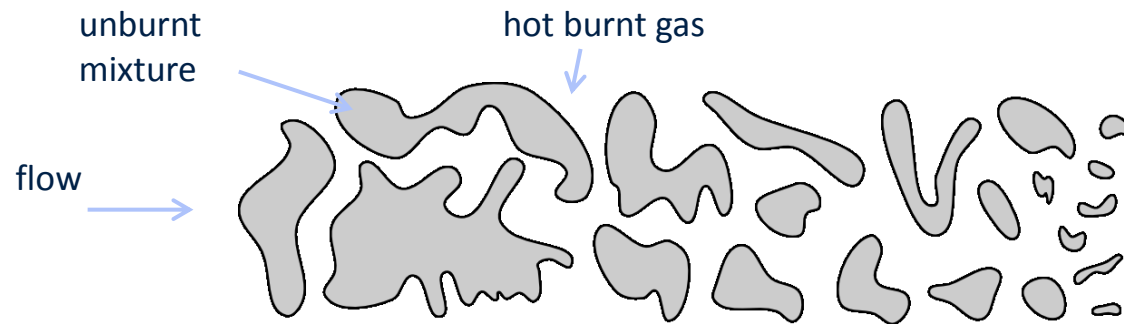
- Example: standard models in Fluent
- Very simple models, e.g. based on
  - very fast chemistry
  - no consideration of turbulence



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# 1. Eddy-Break-Up-Model

First approach for closing the chemical source term was made by Spalding (1971) in **premixed combustion**



- Assumption: **very fast chemistry** (after pre-heating)
- Combustion process
  - Breakup of eddies from the unburnt mixture → **smaller eddies**
  - Large surface area (with hot burnt gas)
  - Duration of this breakup determines the pace
- **Eddy-Break-Up-Model (EBU)**

# 1. Eddy-Break-Up-Modell

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- Averaged turbulent reaction rate for the products

$$\bar{\omega}_P = \rho C_{\text{EBU}} \frac{\varepsilon}{k} \left( \overline{Y_P''^2} \right)^{1/2}$$


- $\overline{Y_P''^2}$ : variance of mass fraction of the product
  - $C_{\text{EBU}}$ : Eddy-Break-Up constant
  - EBU-modell
    - turbulent mixing sufficiently describes the combustion process
    - chemical reaction rate is negligible
  - Problems with EGR, lean/rich combustion
- Further development by Magnussen & Hjertager (1977): Eddy-Dissipation-Model (EDM)...

## 2. Eddy-Dissipation-Model

- EDM: typical model for eddy breakup
  - Assumption: **very fast chemistry**
  - Turbulent **mixing time is the dominant** time scale

$$\tilde{S}_i \sim \tau^{-1} = \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}}{\tilde{k}}$$

- Chemical source term

$$\tilde{S}_i = A \nu'_i M_i \frac{\tilde{\epsilon}}{\tilde{k}} \min \left( \frac{\tilde{Y}_E}{\nu'_E M_E}, B \frac{\sum \tilde{Y}_P}{\sum \nu''_P M_P} \right)$$


- $Y_E, Y_P$ : mass fraction of reactant/product
- $A, B$ : Model parameter (determined by experiment)

## 2. Eddy-Dissipation-Model

Example: diffusion flame, one step reaction



- $Y_F > Y_{F,st}$ , therefore  $Y_O < Y_F \rightarrow Y_E = Y_O$

$$\tilde{S}_F = A \nu'_F M_F \frac{\tilde{\varepsilon}}{\tilde{k}} \frac{\tilde{Y}_O}{\nu'_O M_O} = A \frac{\tilde{\varepsilon}}{\tilde{k}} \tilde{Y}_{F,st}$$

- $Y_F < Y_{F,st} \rightarrow Y_E = Y_F$

$$\tilde{S}_F = A \nu'_F M_F \frac{\tilde{\varepsilon}}{\tilde{k}} \frac{\tilde{Y}_F}{\nu'_F M_F} = A \frac{\tilde{\varepsilon}}{\tilde{k}} \tilde{Y}_F$$

# Summary EDM

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- Controlled by mixing
- Very fast chemistry
- Application: turbulent premixed and nonpremixed combustion
- Connects turbulent mixing with chemical reaction
  - rich or lean?
  - full or partial conversion
- Advantage: simple and robust model
- Disadvantage
  - No effects of chemical non-equilibrium (formation of NO, local extinction)
  - Areas of finite-rate chemistry:
    - Fuel consumption is overestimated
    - Locally too high temperatures



### 3. Finite-Rate-Chemistry-Model (FRCM)

- Chemical conversion with **finite-rate**
- Capable of **reverse reactions**
- Chemical source term for species  $i$  in a reaction  $\alpha$

$$\tilde{S}_{i,\alpha} = \tilde{\Gamma} M_i (\nu''_{i,\alpha} - \nu'_{i,\alpha}) \left( k_{f,\alpha} \prod_i \left[ \frac{\bar{\rho} \tilde{Y}_i}{M_i} \right]^{\nu'_{i,\alpha}} - k_{b,\alpha} \prod_i \left[ \frac{\bar{\rho} \tilde{Y}_i}{M_i} \right]^{\nu''_{i,\alpha}} \right)$$

- $k_{f,\alpha}, k_{b,\alpha}$ : reaction rates (determined by Arrhenius kinetic expressions  $\rightarrow f(\tilde{T})$ )
- $\tilde{\Gamma}$  models the influence of third bodies

$$\tilde{\Gamma} = \sum \gamma_{i,\alpha} \frac{\bar{\rho} \tilde{Y}_i}{M_i}$$

- Linearization of the source term centered on the operating point  
 $\rightarrow$  Integration into equations for species, larger  $\Delta t$  realizable
- Typical approach for **detailed computation of homogeneous systems**

# Summary FRCM

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- Chemistry-controlled
- Appropriate for  $t_{\text{chemistry}} > t_{\text{mixng}}$  (laminar/laminar-turbulent)
- Application
  - Laminar-turbulent
  - Non-premixed
- Source term: Arrhenius ansatz
  - Mean values for temperature in Arrhenius expression
    - Effects of turbulent fluctuations are ignored
    - Temperature locally too low
- Consideration of non-equilibrium effects

## 4. Combination EDM/FRCM

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- Turbulent flow
  - Areas with **high turbulence** and intense mixing
  - **Laminar structures**
- Concept: **Combination of EDM and FRCM**
  - For each cell: computation of both reaction rates  $r_i^{\text{EDM}}$  and  $r_i^{\text{FRCM}}$
  - The smaller one is picked (determines the reaction rate)

$$r_i = \min(r_i^{\text{EDM}}, r_i^{\text{FRCM}})$$

→ Chooses **locally between chemistry- and mixing-controlled**

- Advantage: Meant for large range of applicability
- Disadvantage: no turbulence/chemistry interaction

## 5. Eddy-Dissipation-Concept (EDC)

- Extension of EDM → Considers detailed reaction kinetics
- Assumption: Reactions on small scales („\*“: fine scale)

$$\xi^* = C_\xi \left( \frac{\nu \tilde{\varepsilon}}{\tilde{k}^2} \right)^{1/4}$$

Fluent:  $C_\xi = 2,1377$

- Volume of small scales:  $\xi^{*3}$
- Reaction rates are determined by Arrhenius expression (cf. FRCM)
- Time scale of the reactions

$$\tau^* = C_\tau \left( \frac{\nu}{\tilde{\varepsilon}} \right)^{1/2}$$

Fluent:  $C_\tau = 0,4082$

## 5. Eddy-Dissipation-Concept (EDC)

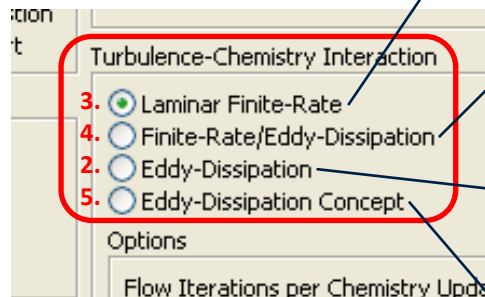
- Boundary/initial conditions for reactions (on small scales)
  - Assumption: pressure  $p = \text{const.}$
  - Initial condition: temperature and species concentration in a cell
  - Reactions on time scale  $\tau^*$
  - Numerical integration (e.g. ISAT-Algorithm)  $\rightarrow \widetilde{Y}_i^*$
- Model for source term

$$\widetilde{S}_i = \frac{\xi^{*2}}{\tau^*[1 - \xi^{*3}]} (\widetilde{Y}_i^* - \widetilde{Y}_i)$$

- Problem:
  - Requires a lot of processing power
  - Stiff differential equation

Mass fraction on small scales of species  $i$  after reaction time  $\tau^*$

# Summary: Simple Combustion Models



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Solely calculation by **Arrhenius equation**  
→ turbulence is not considered

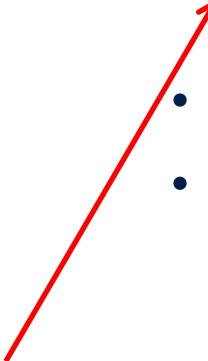
Calculation of Arrhenius reaction rate and mixing rate; selection of the smaller one  
→ **local choice: laminar/turbulent**

Solely calculation of **mixing rate**  
→ Chemical kinetic is not considered

Modeling of **turbulence/chemistry interaction**; detailed chemistry

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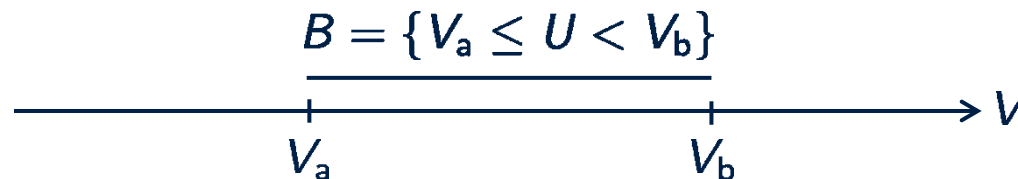


# Sample Space

- Probability of events in sample space
- Sample space: set of all possible events
  - Random variable  $U$
  - Sample space variable  $V$  (independent variable)
- Event A



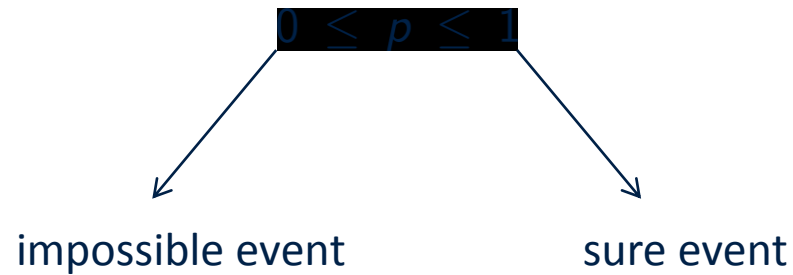
- Event B



- **Probability** of the event  $A = \{U < V_a\}$

$$p = P(A) = P\{U < V_a\}$$

- Probability  $p$

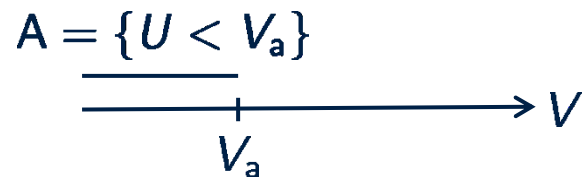


# Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

- Probability of any event can be determined from **cumulative distribution function** (CDF)

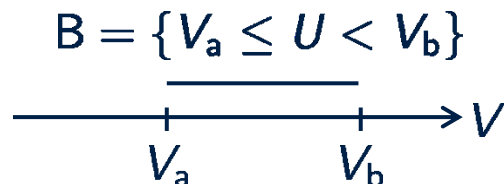
$$F(V) = P\{U < V\}$$

- Event A



$$P(A) = P\{U < V_a\} = F(V_a)$$

- Event B



$$\begin{aligned} P(B) &= P\{V_a \leq U < V_b\} \\ &= P\{U < V_b\} - P\{U < V_a\} \\ &= F(V_b) - F(V_a) \end{aligned}$$

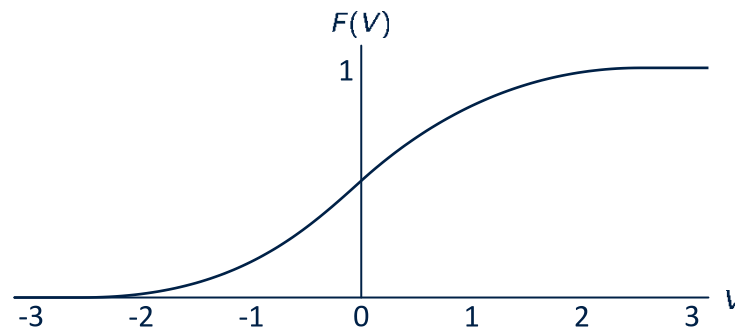
# Cumulative Distribution Function (CDF)

- Three basic properties of a CDF
  1. Occuring of event  $\{U < -\infty\}$  is impossible  $\rightarrow F(-\infty) = 0$
  2. Occuring of event  $\{U < +\infty\}$  is sure  $\rightarrow F(+\infty) = 1$
  3.  $F$  is a non-decreasing function

$$F(V_b) \geq F(V_a) \quad \text{für} \quad V_b > V_a$$

as

$$F(V_b) - F(V_a) = P\{V_a \leq U < V_b\} \geq 0$$



CDF of Gaussian distributed random variable

# Probability Density Function (PDF)

- Derivative of the CDF → **probability density function**

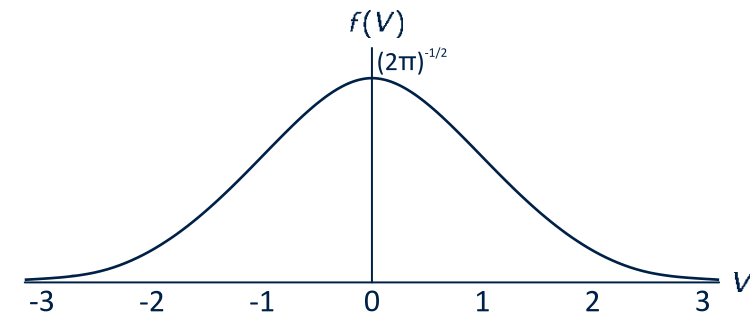
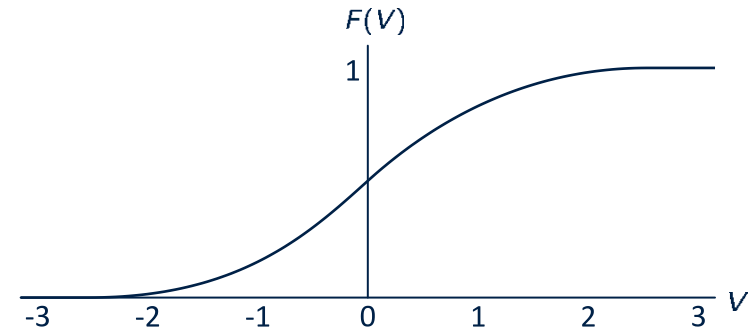
$$f(V) = \frac{dF(V)}{dV}$$

- Three basic properties of a PDF
  - CDF non-decreasing  
→ PDF  $f(V) \geq 0$
  - Satisfies the normalization condition

$$\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(V) dV = 1$$

- For infinite sample space variable

$$f(-\infty) = f(+\infty) = 0$$

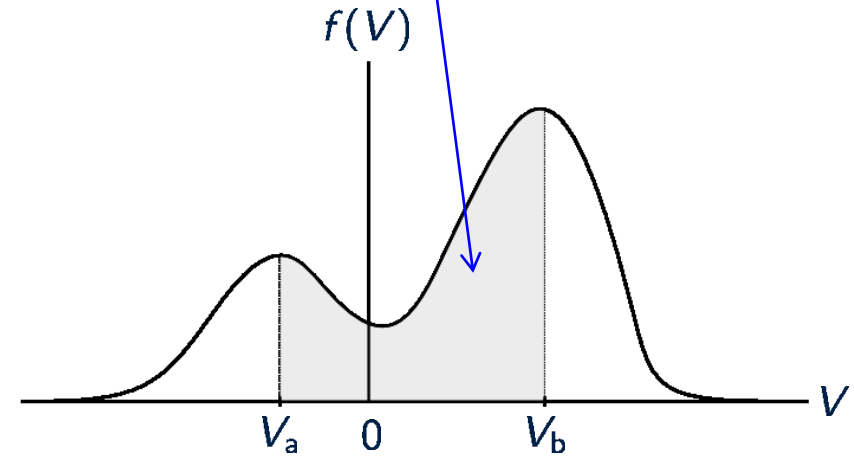
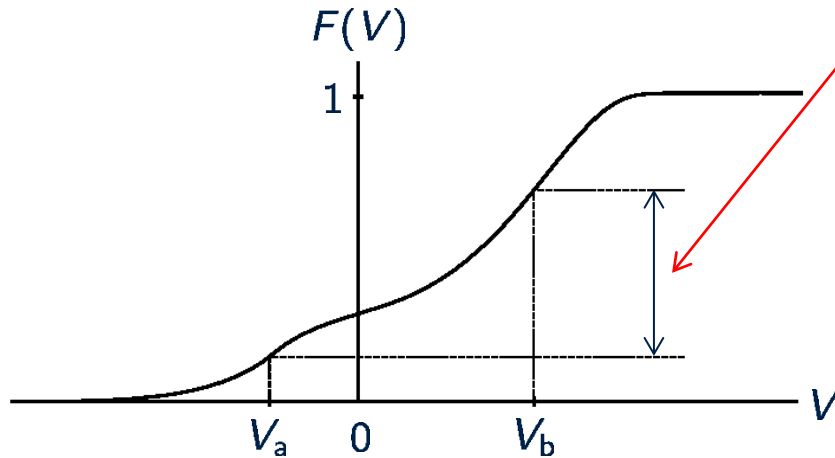


PDF of Gaussian distributed random variable

# Probability Density Function (PDF)

- Examining the particular interval  $V_a \leq U < V_b$

$$P\{V_a \leq U < V_b\} = F(V_b) - F(V_a) = \int_{V_a}^{V_b} f(V) dV$$



- Interval  $V_b - V_a \rightarrow 0$ :  $P\{V \leq U < V + dV\} = F(V + dV) - F(V) = f(V)dV$

# Example for CDF/PDF

## Uniform distribution

$$f(V) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{b-a}, & \text{for } a \leq V < b, \\ 0, & \text{for } V < a \text{ and } V \geq b. \end{cases}$$

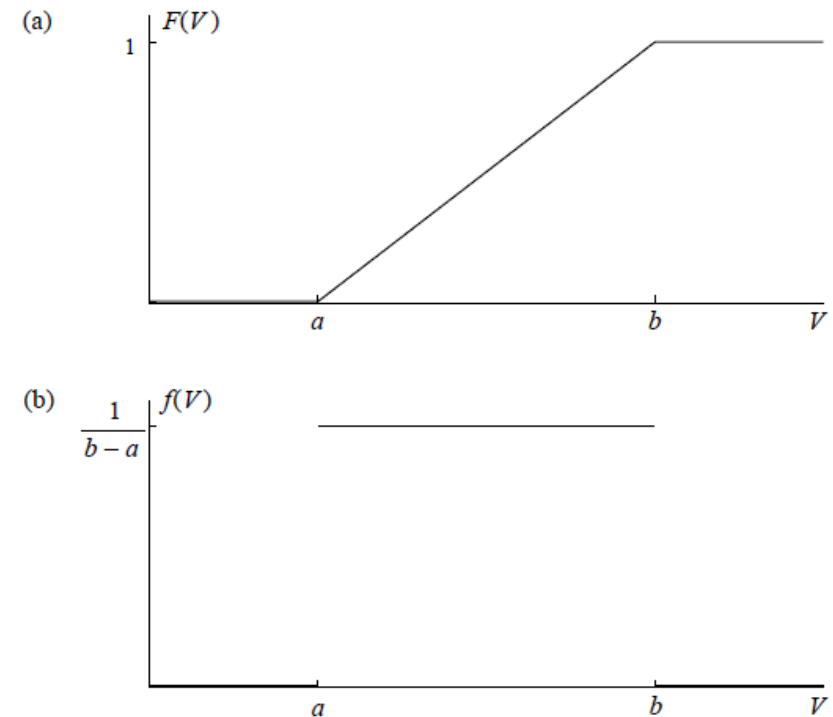


Figure 3.5: The CDF (a) and the PDF (b) of a uniform random variable (Eq. (3.39)).

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Pope, „Turbulent Flows“

# Example for CDF/PDF

## Exponential distribution

$$f(V) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\lambda} \exp(-V/\lambda), & \text{for } V \geq 0, \\ 0, & \text{for } V < 0. \end{cases}$$

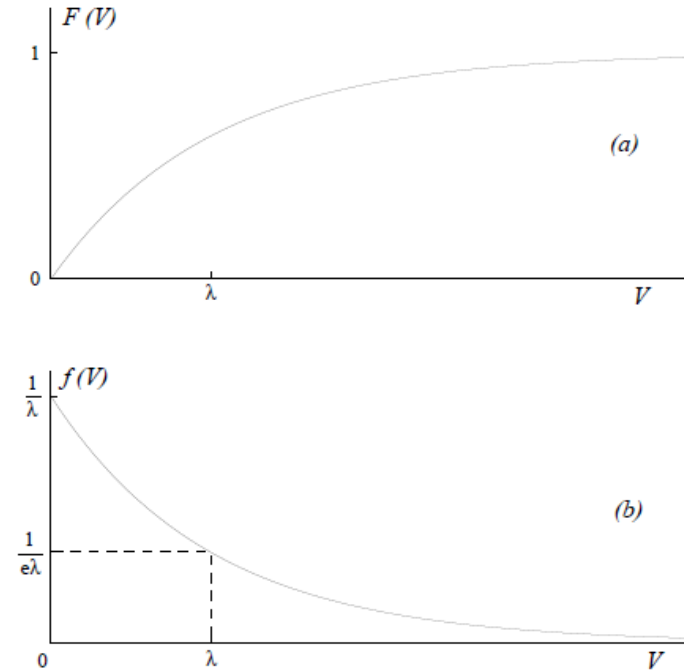


Figure 3.6: The CDF (a) and PDF (b) of an exponentially-distributed random variable (Eq. (3.40)).

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# Example for CDF/PDF

## Normal distribution

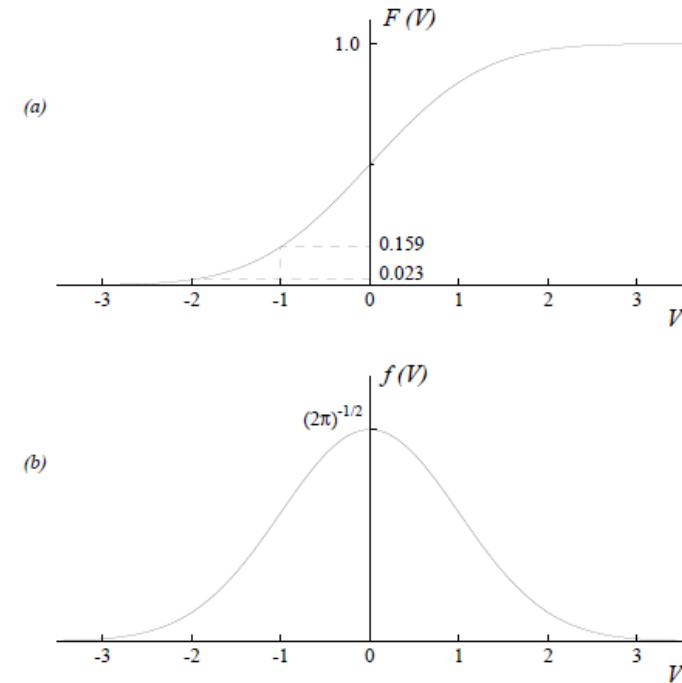


Figure 3.7: The CDF (a) and PDF (b) of a standardized Gaussian random variable.

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# Example for CDF/PDF

## Delta-function distribution

$$F(V) = P\{U < V\} = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } V \leq a, \\ p, & \text{for } a < V \leq b, \\ 1, & \text{for } V > b, \end{cases}$$

or

$$F(V) = pH(V - a) + (1 - p)H(V - b).$$

$$f(V) = p\delta(V - a) + (1 - p)\delta(V - b).$$

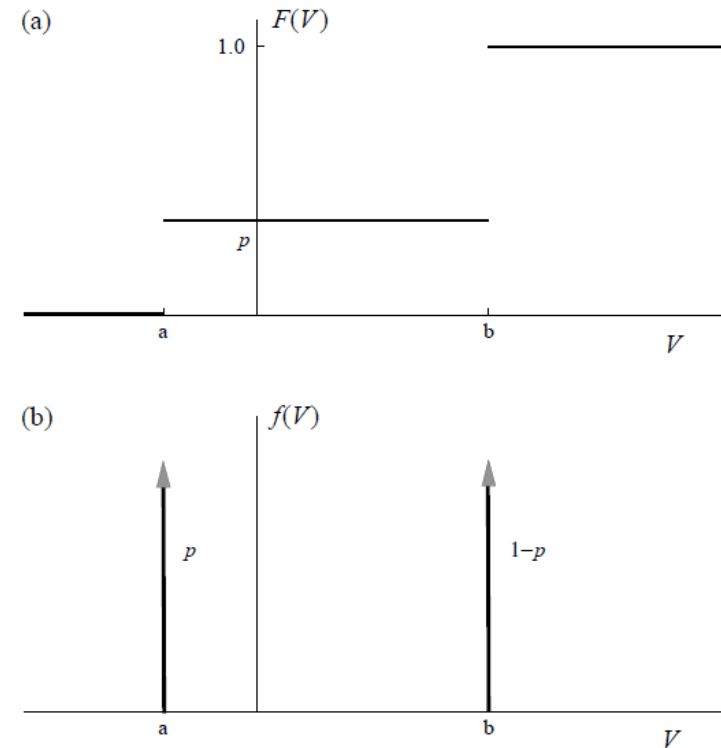


Figure 3.10: The CDF (a) and the PDF (b) of the discrete random variable  $U$ , Eq. (3.69).

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## Moments of a PDF

- PDF of  $U$  is known  $\rightarrow$   $n$ -th moment

$$\overline{U^n} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} V^n f(V) dV$$

- For any function of  $V$ , e.g.  $Q(V)$

$$\overline{Q(U)^n} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} Q(V)^n f(V) dV$$

- Example: first moment ( $n = 1$ ): mean of  $U$

$$\overline{U} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} V f(V) dV$$

# Central Moments

- $n$ -th central moment

$$\mu_n = \overline{(U - \bar{U})^n} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (V - \bar{U})^n f(V) dV$$

- Example: second central moment ( $n = 2$ ): variance of  $U$

$$\overline{U'^2} = \overline{(U - \bar{U})^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (V - \bar{U})^2 f(V) dV$$

# Joint Cumulative Density Function

- **Joint CDF** (jCDF) of random variables  $U_1, U_2$  (in general  $U_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$ )

$$F_{1,2}(V_1, V_2) = P\{U_1 < V_1, U_2 < V_2\}$$

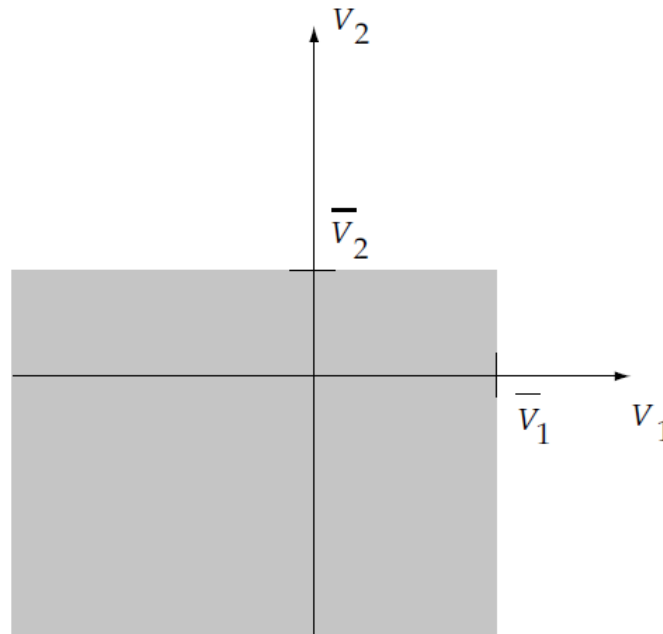


Figure 3.14: The  $V_1$ - $V_2$  sample space showing the region corresponding to the event  $\{U_1 < \bar{V}_1, U_2 < \bar{V}_2\}$ .

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# Joint Cumulative Density Function

- Basic properties of a jCDF
  - Non-decreasing function

$$F_{1,2}(V_1 + \delta V_1, V_2 + \delta V_2) \geq F_{1,2}(V_1, V_2) \quad \text{für } \delta V_1, \delta V_2 \geq 0$$

- Since  $\{U_1 < -\infty\}$  is impossible  $\rightarrow$

$$F_{1,2}(-\infty, V_2) = P\{U_1 < -\infty, U_2 < V_2\} = 0$$

- Since  $\{U_1 < +\infty\}$  is certain  $\rightarrow$

$$F_{1,2}(+\infty, V_2) = P\{U_1 < +\infty, U_2 < V_2\} = P\{U_2 < V_2\} = F_2(V_2)$$

equally

marginal CDF  $\rightarrow F_1(V_1) = F_{1,2}(V_1, \infty)$

# Joint Probability Density Function

- **Joint PDF (jPDF)**

$$f_{1,2}(V_1, V_2) = \frac{\partial^2 F_{1,2}(V_1, V_2)}{\partial V_1 \partial V_2}$$

- Fundamental property:

$$P\{V_{1a} \leq U_1 < V_{1b}, V_{2a} \leq U_2 < V_{2b}\} = \int_{V_{1a}}^{V_{1b}} \int_{V_{2a}}^{V_{2b}} f_{1,2}(V_1, V_2) dV_2 dV_1$$

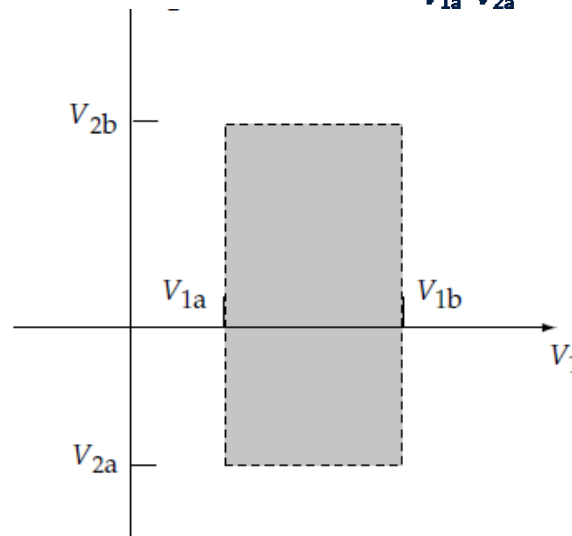


Figure 3.15: The  $V_1$ - $V_2$  sample space showing the region corresponding to the event  $\{V_{1a} \leq U_1 < V_{1b}, V_{2a} \leq U_2 < V_{2b}\}$ , see Eq. (3.87).

Source:  
Pope, „Turbulent Flows“

# Joint Probability Density Function

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- Basic properties of a jPDF
  - Non-negative:

$$f_{1,2}(V_1, V_2) \geq 0$$

- Satisfies the normalization condition

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{1,2}(V_1, V_2) dV_2 dV_1 = 1$$

- Marginal PDF

$$f_2(V_2) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{1,2}(V_1, V_2) dV_1$$



# Joint Statistics

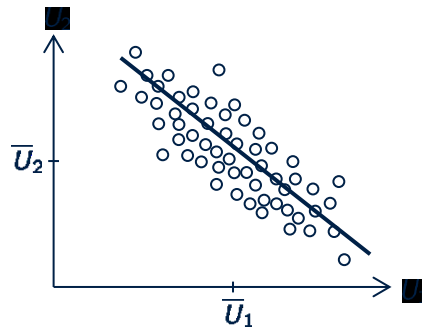
- For a function  $Q(U_1, U_2, \dots)$

$$\overline{Q(U_1, U_2, \dots)^n} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \dots Q(V_1, V_2, \dots)^n f_{1,2,\dots}(V_1, V_2, \dots) \dots dV_2 dV_1$$

From joint pdf of  $\mathbf{V}$ , all moments can be obtained for all functions of  $\mathbf{V}$

- Example:  $i = 1, 2; n = 1; Q = (U_1 - \bar{U}_1)(U_2 - \bar{U}_2)$ , covariance of  $U_1$  and  $U_2$

Scatterplot of two velocity-components  $U_1$  and  $U_2$



$$\overline{U_1' U_2'} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} (V_1 - \bar{U}_1)(V_2 - \bar{U}_2) f_{1,2}(V_1, V_2) dV_2 dV_1$$

- Covariance shows the correlation of two variables

# Conditional PDF

- PDF of  $U_2$  conditioned on  $U_1 = V_1$

$$f_{2|1}(V_2|U_1 = V_1) = f_{2|1}(V_2|V_1) = \frac{f_{1,2}(V_1, V_2)}{f_1(V_1)}$$

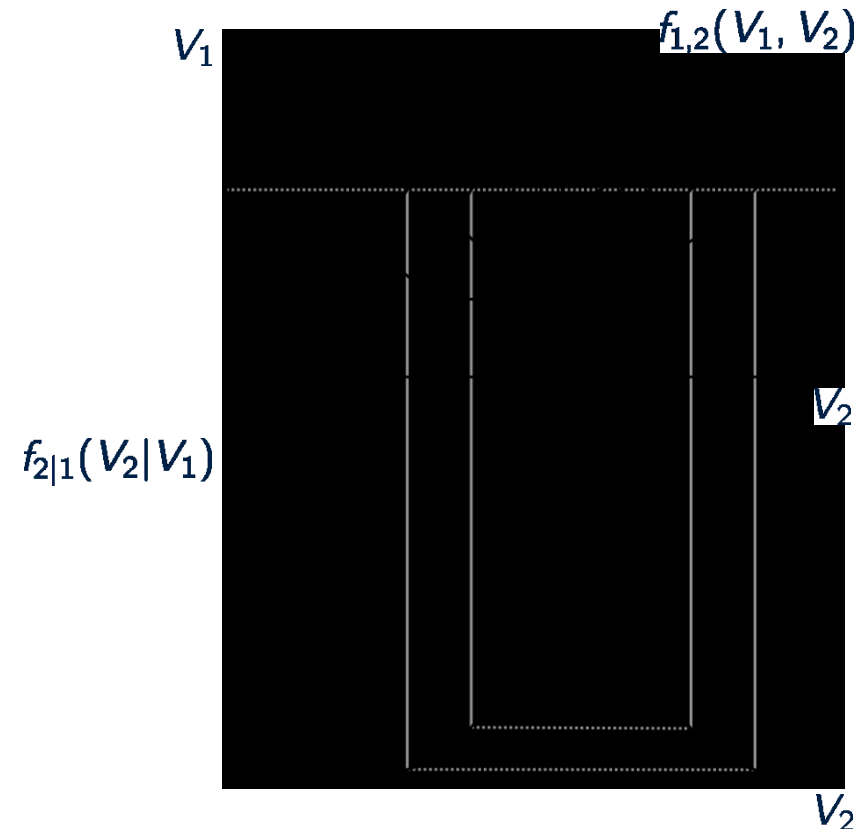
Bayes-Theorem

- jPDF  $f_{1,2}(V_1, V_2)$  scaled so that it satisfies the normalization condition

$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} f_{2|1}(V_2|V_1) dV_2 = 1$$

- Conditional mean of a function  $Q(U_1, U_2)$

$$\overline{Q(U_1, U_2)|U_1 = V_1} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Q(V_1, V_2) f_{2|1}(V_2|V_1) dV_2$$



# Statistical Independence

- If  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  are statistically independent, conditioning has no effect

$$f_{2|1}(V_2|V_1) = f_2(V_2)$$

- Bayes-Theorem

$$f_{2|1}(V_2|V_1) = \frac{f_{1,2}(V_1, V_2)}{f_1(V_1)} \Rightarrow f_1(V_1)f_{2|1}(V_2|V_1) = f_{1,2}(V_1, V_2)$$

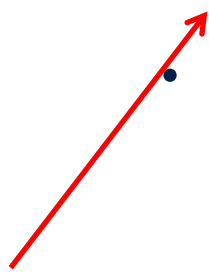
- Therefore:

$$f_{1,2}(V_1, V_2) = f_1(V_1)f_2(V_2)$$

- Independent variables  $\rightarrow$  uncorrelated
- In general the converse is not true

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# The PDF Transport Equation Model

- Models based on a pdf transport equation for velocity and reactive scalars are usually formulated for one-point statistics  
 → One-point/multi-variable joint statistics
- A transport equation for joint probability density function  $P(\mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\psi} ; \mathbf{x}, t)$  of velocity  $\mathbf{v}$  and all reactive scalars  $\boldsymbol{\psi}$  can be derived (cf. O'Brien, 1980; Pope, 1985, 2000)

$$\frac{\partial(\rho P)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} P) + (\rho \mathbf{g} - \nabla \bar{p}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} P + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_i} [\omega_i P] =$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot [\langle -\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} + \nabla p' | \mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\psi} \rangle P] - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_i} [\langle \nabla \cdot (\rho D \nabla \psi_i) | \mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\psi} \rangle P]$$

where  $\nabla_{\mathbf{v}}$  is gradient with respect to velocity components, angular brackets are conditional means, and the same symbol is used for random and sample space variables

# PDF Transport Equation: Formulation

- One-point/one-time joint velocity/scalar PDF transport equation

$$\frac{\partial(\rho P)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} P) + (\rho \mathbf{g} - \nabla \bar{p}) \cdot \nabla_v P + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_i} [\omega_i P] =$$

$$\nabla_v \cdot [\langle -\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} + \nabla p' | \mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\psi} \rangle P] - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_i} [\langle \nabla \cdot (\rho D \nabla \psi_i) | \mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\psi} \rangle P]$$

- First two terms on the l.h.s. are local change and convection in physical space
- Third term represents transport in velocity space by gravity and mean pressure
- Last term on l.h.s. contains chemical source terms
- All these terms are in closed form, since they are local in physical space
  - Pressure gradient does not present a closure problem, since pressure is calculated independently of pdf equation using mean velocity field
  - For chemically reacting flows, it is of particular interest that the chemical source terms can be treated exactly

# PDF Transport Equation: Closure Problem

- One-point/one-time joint velocity/scalar PDF transport equation

$$\frac{\partial(\rho P)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} P) + (\rho \mathbf{g} - \nabla \bar{p}) \cdot \nabla_{\mathbf{v}} P + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_i} [\omega_i P] =$$

$$\nabla_{\mathbf{v}} \cdot [\langle -\nabla \cdot \boldsymbol{\tau} + \nabla p' | \mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\psi} \rangle P] - \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{\partial}{\partial \psi_i} [\langle \nabla \cdot (\rho D \nabla \psi_i) | \mathbf{v}, \boldsymbol{\psi} \rangle P]$$

- First unclosed term** on r.h.s. describes **transport of PDF in velocity space** induced by viscous stresses and fluctuating pressure gradient
- Second term** represents **transport in reactive scalar space** by molecular fluxes



This term represents **molecular mixing** and is **unclosed**

## PDF Transport Equation: Fast chemistry

- For **fast chemistry**, mixing and reaction take place in thin layers where **molecular transport and the chemical source term balance** each other
  - Hence, closed **chemical source term** and unclosed **molecular mixing** term are **closely linked** to each other
  - Pope and Anand (1984) have illustrated this for the case of premixed turbulent combustion by comparing a standard pdf closure for the molecular mixing term with a formulation, where the molecular diffusion term was combined with the chemical source term to define a modified reaction rate
  - They call the former distributed combustion and the latter flamelet combustion and find **considerable differences in the Damköhler number dependence** of the turbulent burning velocity normalized with the turbulent intensity



## PDF Transport Equation: Application

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- PDF transport equation is scalar equation in **many dimensions**
  - Mesh-based techniques not attractive for high-dimensional equations
    - **Monte-Carlo simulation techniques** (cf. Pope, 1981, 1985)
- Monte-Carlo methods represent PDF by large number of so-called notional particles
  - Particles should be considered different realizations of turbulent reactive flow
  - Statistical error decreases with  $N^{1/2}$ 
    - Slow convergence
- Application mostly only for **joint scalar PDF** coupled with Eulerian RANS flow solver
  - Coupling between Lagrangian and Eulerian solver important
- Applications often in **steady RANS**
  - Large particle number achieved by time averaging

# PDF Transport Equation: Application in LES

- Density weighted **joined scalar filtered density function**  $F_L$  (FDF) defined using filter kernel  $G$

$$F_L(\boldsymbol{\psi}; \mathbf{x}, t) = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \rho(\mathbf{y}, t) \xi[\boldsymbol{\psi}, \boldsymbol{\phi}(\mathbf{y}, t)] G(\mathbf{y} - \mathbf{x}) d\mathbf{y}$$

- Note: FDF does not have the statistical properties as a PDF
- Challenges:
  - LES is unsteady
    - Large number of notional particles required in each cell at each point in time
  - Keep number of particles per cell uniform
  - Two-way conservative interpolation between particles and mesh
  - Large number of cells makes chemistry integration even more expensive
    - In situ adaptive tabulation
  - Eulerian/Lagrangian coupling needs to be achieved at all times

# Application TPDF Model in LES of Turbulent Jet Flames

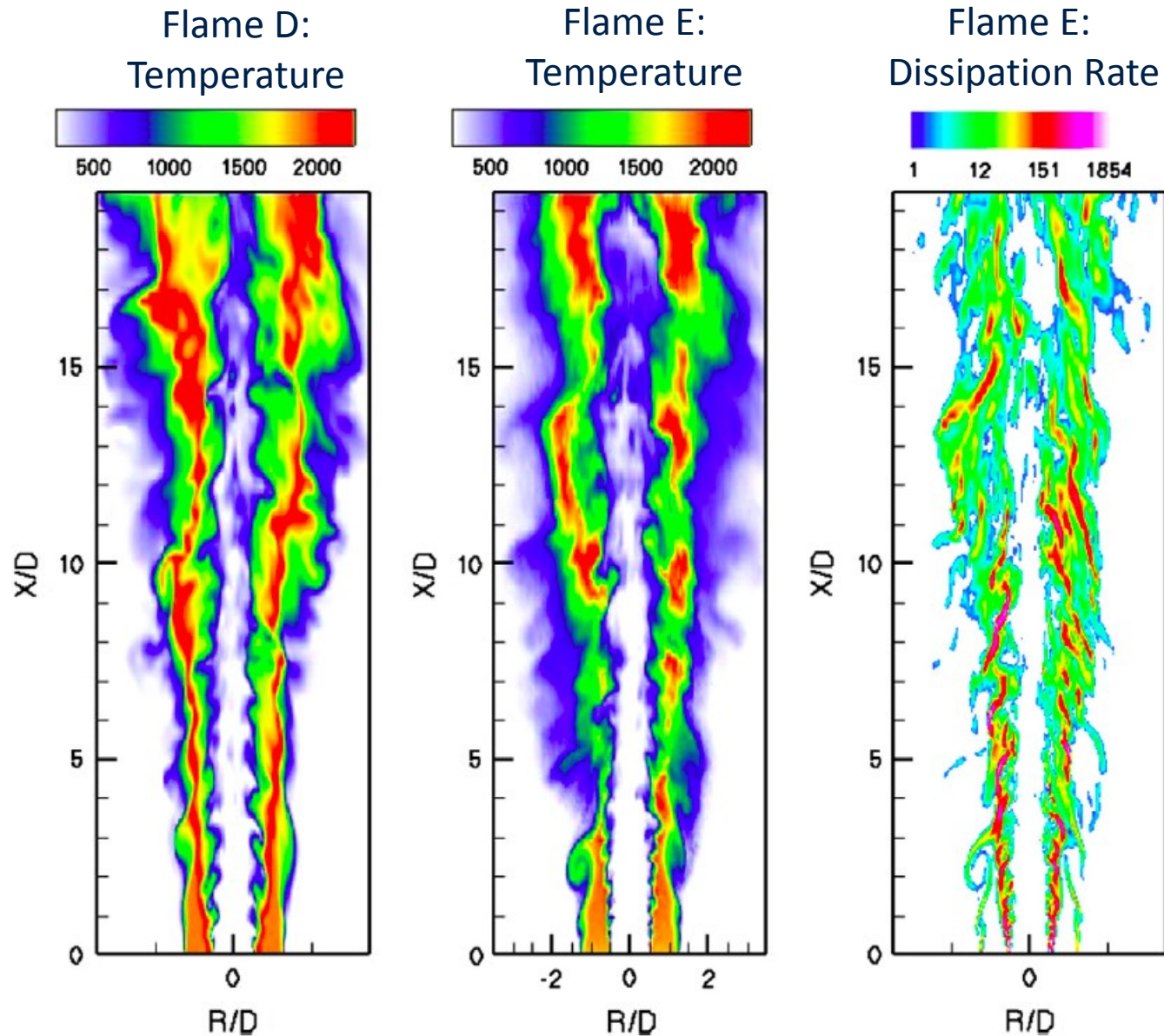
- LES/FDF of Sandia flames D and E (Raman & Pitsch, 2007)
  - Joint scalar pdf
  - Eulerian/Lagrangian coupling
    - Density computed through filtered enthalpy equation for improve numerical stability
  - Detailed chemical mechanism (19 species)
  - 30-50 particles per cell
  - Simple mixing model (Interaction by exchange with the mean, IEM)

$$d\psi = -\frac{1}{\tau_\phi} (\psi - \tilde{\phi}) dt + \mathbf{S}(\psi) dt$$

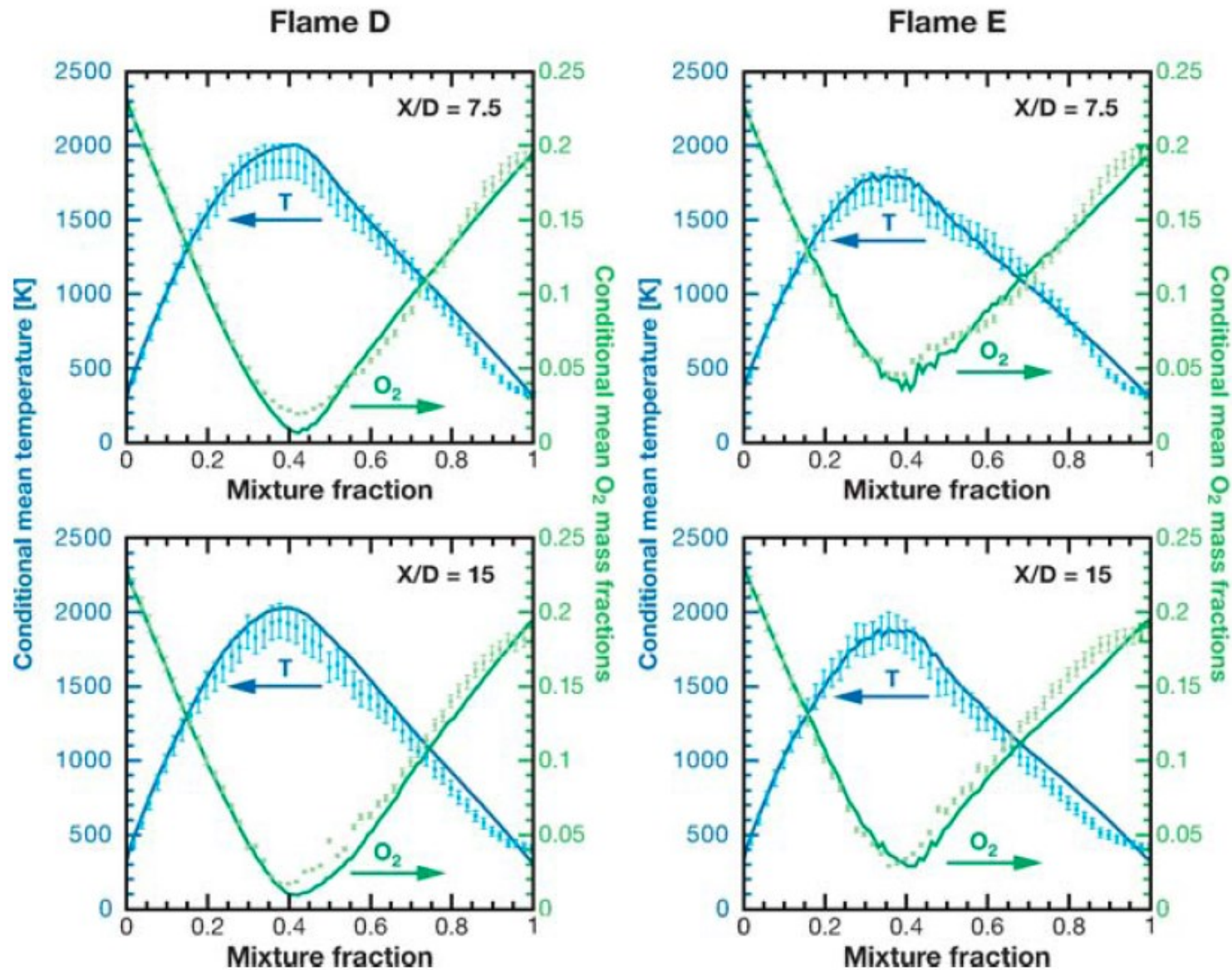
- Mixing time needs to be modeled → Usually  $\tau_\phi = t_t / C_\phi$  where  $C_\phi = \text{const}$
  - Here, new dynamic model for  $C_\phi$
- Modeled stochastic differential equation for particle-position

$$d\mathbf{x}^* = \left[ \tilde{\mathbf{u}} + \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \nabla \bar{\rho} (D + D_T) \right] dt + \sqrt{2(D + D_T)} d\mathbf{W},$$

<sup>1</sup> V. Raman and H. Pitsch, A consistent LES/filtered-density function formulation for the simulation of turbulent flames with detailed chemistry, Proc. Comb. Inst., 31, pp. 1711–1719, 2007.



# Application TPDF Model in LES of Turbulent Jet Flames



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# Bray-Moss-Libby-Model

- Flamelet concept for premixed turbulent combustion: Bray-Moss-Libby-Model (BML)
- Premixed combustion: progress variable  $c$ , e.g.

$$c = \frac{T - T_u}{T_b - T_u} \quad \text{or} \quad c = \frac{Y_P}{Y_{P,b}}$$

- Favre averaged transport equation (neglecting the molecular transport)

not closed

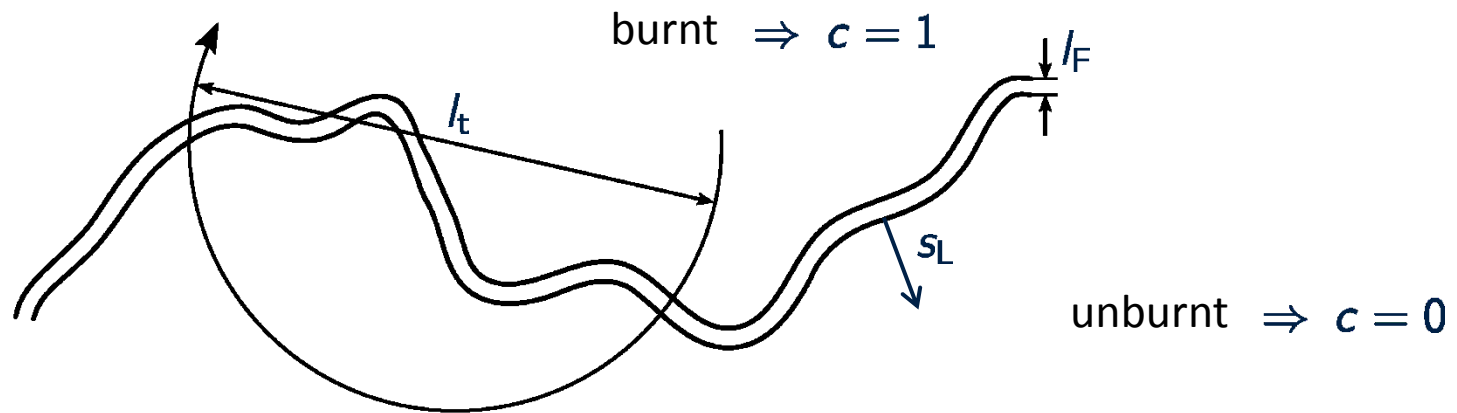
$$\bar{\rho} \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial t} + \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_i \frac{\partial \bar{c}}{\partial x_i} = \underbrace{- \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \bar{\rho} \widetilde{u_i'' c''} \right)}_{\text{turbulent transport}} + \underbrace{\bar{\omega}_c}_{\text{chemical source term}}$$

- Closure for turbulent transport and chemical source term by BML-Model



# Bray-Moss-Libby-Model

- Assumption: very fast chemistry, flame size  $l_F \ll \eta \ll l_t$



- Fuel conversion** only in the area of **thin flame front**  
 $\rightarrow$  in the flow field
  - Burnt mixture or
  - Unburnt mixture,
  - Intermediate states are very unlikely**

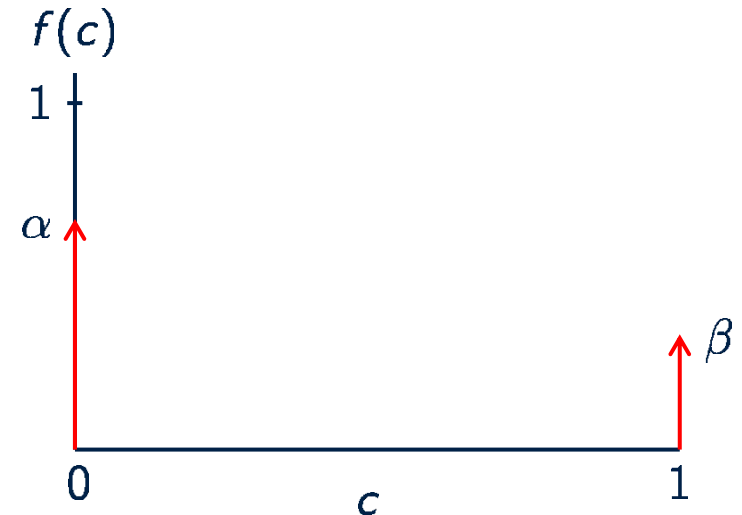


# Bray-Moss-Libby-Model

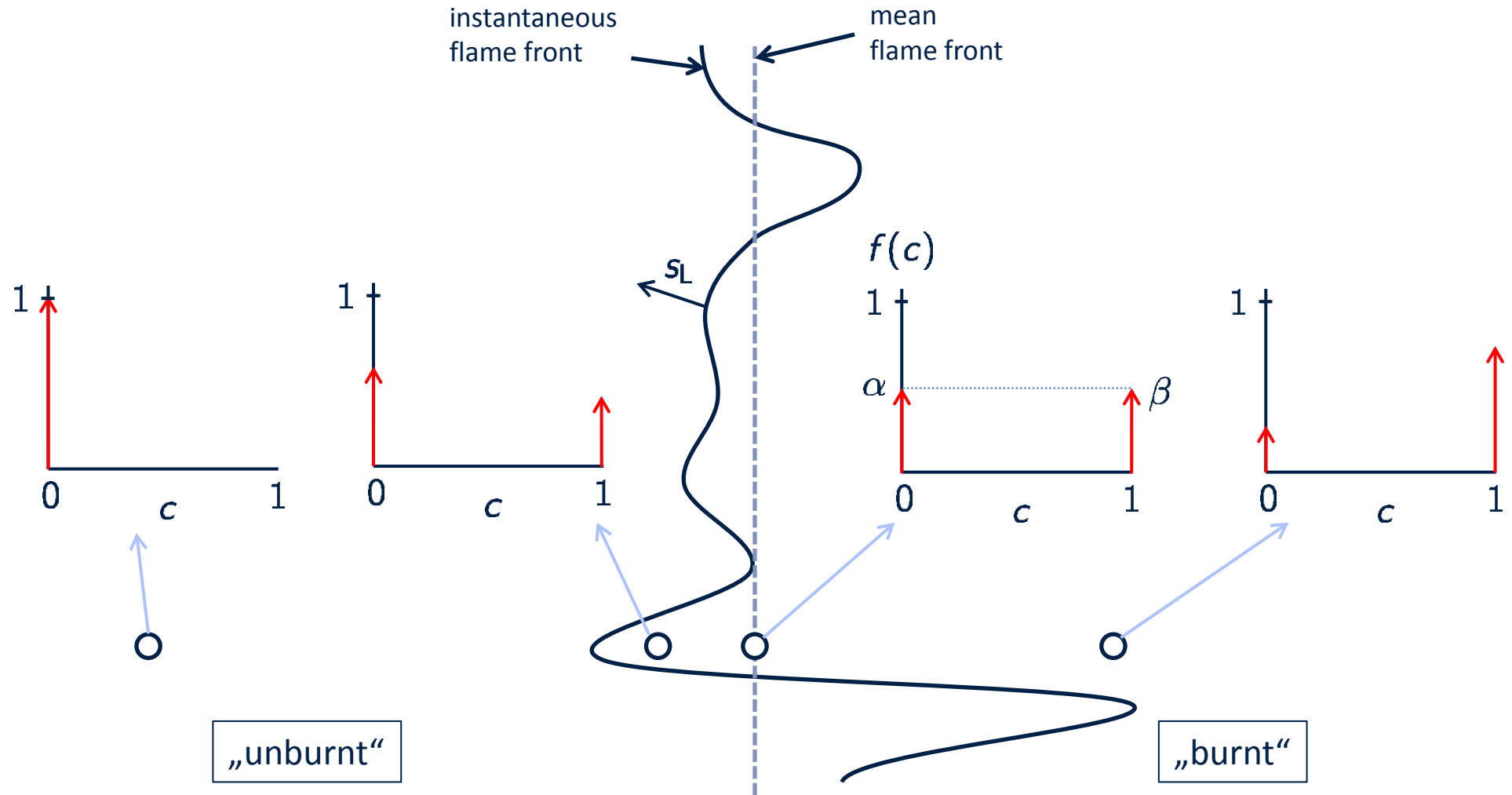
- Assumption: **progress variable** is expected **solely** to be  **$c = 0$**  (unburnt) or  **$c = 1$**  (burnt)
- Probability density function

$$f(c) = \alpha \delta(c) + \beta \delta(1 - c)$$

- $\alpha, \beta$ : probabilities, to encounter burnt or unburnt mixture in the flow field
- No intermediate states  $\rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 1$
- $\delta$ : Delta function



$$\delta(c - c_0) = \begin{cases} \infty & \text{für } c = c_0 \\ 0 & \text{sonst} \end{cases} \quad \text{und} \quad \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} g(c) \delta(c - c_0) dc = g(c_0)$$



# BML-closure of Turbulent Transport

- For a Favre average

$$\tilde{Q} = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \int_{c_{\min}}^{c_{\max}} \int_{u_{\min}}^{u_{\max}} \rho Q(u, c) f_{u,c}(u, c) du dc$$

- Therefore the unclosed correlation  $\widetilde{u''c''}$ 
  - joint PDF for  $u$  and  $c$

$$f_{u,c}(u, c) = f(c) f_{u|c}(u|c) \quad (\text{Bayes-Theorem})$$

- Introducing the BML approach for  $f(c)$  leads to

$$f_{u,c}(u, c) = \underbrace{\alpha \delta(c) f_{u|c}(u|c=0)}_{\text{conditional PDF}} + \underbrace{\beta \delta(1-c) f_{u|c}(u|c=1)}_{\text{delta function}}$$

# BML-closure of Turbulent Transport

- With

$$\tilde{Q} = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \int_{c_{\min}}^{c_{\max}} \int_{u_{\min}}^{u_{\max}} \rho Q(u, c) f_{u,c}(u, c) du dc$$

follows

$$\widetilde{u''c''} = \frac{\overline{\rho u''c''}}{\bar{\rho}} = \frac{\overline{\rho(u - \tilde{u})(c - \tilde{c})}}{\bar{\rho}} = \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \int_0^1 \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \rho(u - \tilde{u})(c - \tilde{c}) f_{u,c}(u, c) du dc = ..$$

$$\widetilde{u''c''} = \tilde{c}(1 - \tilde{c})(\bar{u}_b - \bar{u}_u)$$

# Bray-Moss-Libby-Model: „countergradient diffusion“

- Because of  $\rho u = \text{const.} \rightarrow$  through flame front:  $u \uparrow$  just as much as  $\rho \downarrow \rightarrow$

$$(\bar{u}_b - \bar{u}_u) > 0$$

- Because of  $c \geq 0 \rightarrow$

$$\widetilde{u''c''} = \tilde{c}(1 - \tilde{c})(\bar{u}_b - \bar{u}_u) \geq 0$$

- Within the flame zone

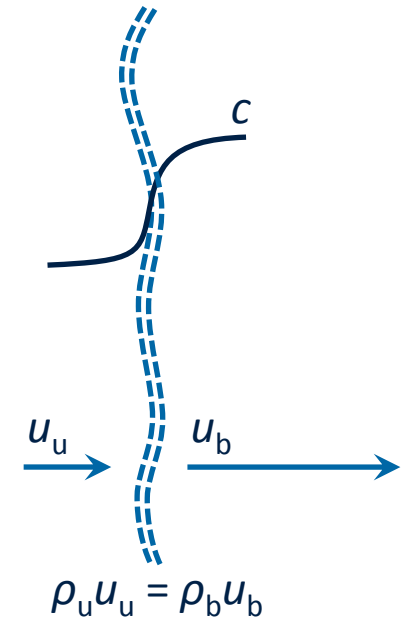
$$\frac{\partial \tilde{c}}{\partial x} \geq 0$$

- Gradient transport assumption would be

$$\widetilde{u''c''} = -D_t \frac{\partial \tilde{c}}{\partial x_i} \leq 0$$

- Conflict: „countergradient diffusion“

Flame front



# BML-closure of Chemical Source Term

- Closure by BML-model  $f(c)$  leads to  $\bar{\omega}_c = 0$
- Closure of the chemical source term, e.g. by flame-surface-density-model

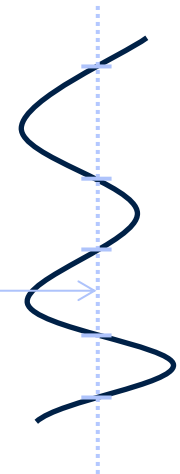
$$\bar{\omega}_c = \underbrace{\rho_u s_L^0 l_0}_{\text{local mass conversion per area}} \underbrace{\Sigma}_{\text{Flächen-Dichte (flame area per volume)}}$$

- $l_0$ : strain factor  $\rightarrow$  local increase of burning velocity by strain
- Flame-surface-density  $\Sigma$ 
  - e.g. algebraic model:

$$\Sigma \sim \frac{\bar{c}(1 - \bar{c})}{L_y}$$

- Or transport equation for  $\Sigma$

Flame crossing length



# BML-closure of Chemical Source Term

- Transport equation for  $\Sigma$

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i \Sigma}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} D_t \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial x_i} + C_1 \frac{\varepsilon}{k} \Sigma - C_2 s_L \frac{\Sigma^2}{1 - \bar{c}}$$


Diagram illustrating the transport equation for  $\Sigma$  with annotations:

- local change (points to  $\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t}$ )
- convective change (points to  $\frac{\partial \tilde{u}_i \Sigma}{\partial x_i}$ )
- turbulent transport (points to  $\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} D_t \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial x_i}$ )
- production due to stretching of the flame (points to  $C_1 \frac{\varepsilon}{k} \Sigma$ )
- flame-annihilation (points to  $-C_2 s_L \frac{\Sigma^2}{1 - \bar{c}}$ )

- No chemical time scale
  - Turbulent time ( $\tau = k/\varepsilon$ ) is the determining time scale
  - Limit of **infinitely fast chemistry**
  - By using transport equations
    - model for chemical source term independent of  $s_L$

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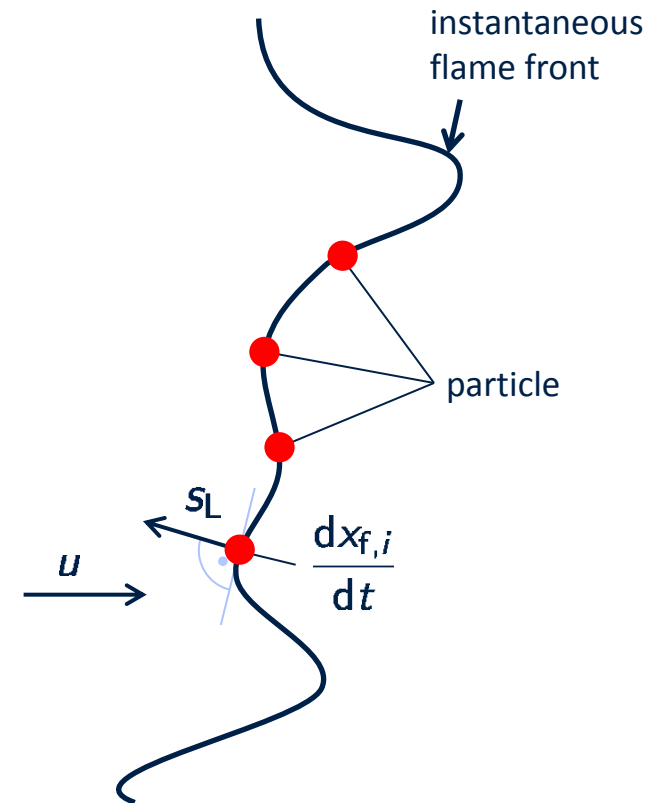


# Level-Set-Approach

- Kinematics of the flame front by examining the movement of single flame front-„particles“
- Movement influenced by
  - Local flow velocity  $u_i$ ,  $i = 1, 2, 3$
  - Burning velocity  $s_L$

$$\frac{dx_{f,i}}{dt} = u_i + s_L n_i$$

normal vector



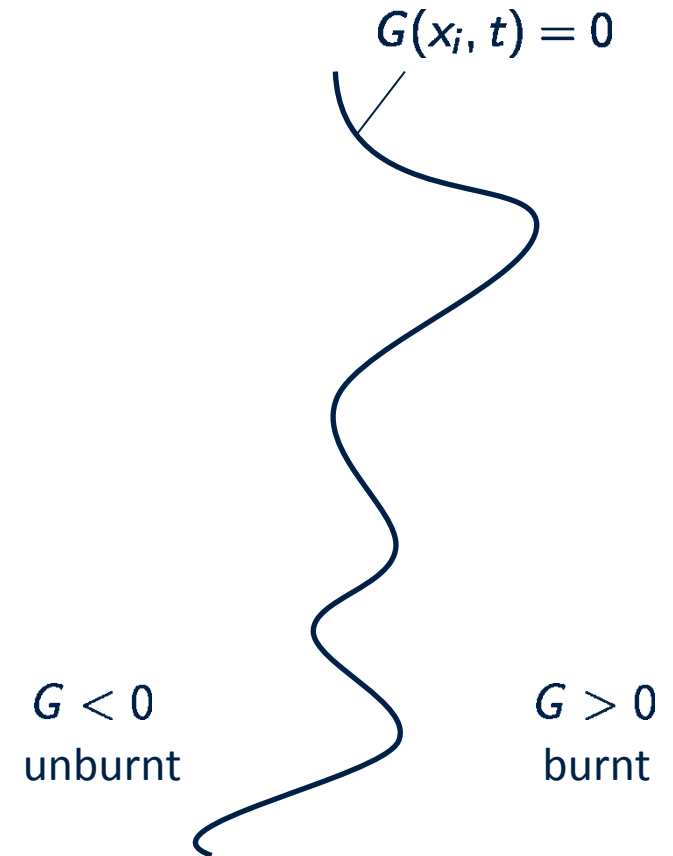
# G-Equation

- Instead of observing a lot of particles → examination of a **scalar field  $G$**
- **Iso-surface  $G_0$**  is defined as the **flame front**

$$G(x_i, t) = G_0 = 0$$

- **Substantial derivative** of  $G$  (on the flame front)

$$\frac{DG}{Dt} \equiv \frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + \frac{dx_{f,i}}{dt} \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} = 0$$



# G-Equation for Premixed Combustion

- Kinematics

$$\frac{dx_{f,i}}{dt} = u_i + s_L n_i$$

and

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + \frac{dx_{f,i}}{dt} \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} = 0$$

lead to

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} = s_L |\nabla G|$$

normal vector

$$n_i = -\frac{\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i}}{|\nabla G|}$$

$$|\nabla G| = \sqrt{\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i}}$$

$$G(x_i, t) = 0$$

$n$

$G < 0$   
unburnt

$G > 0$   
burnt

→ G-Equation for premixed combustion

# G-Equation in the Regime of Corrugated Flamelets

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} = s_L |\nabla G|$$

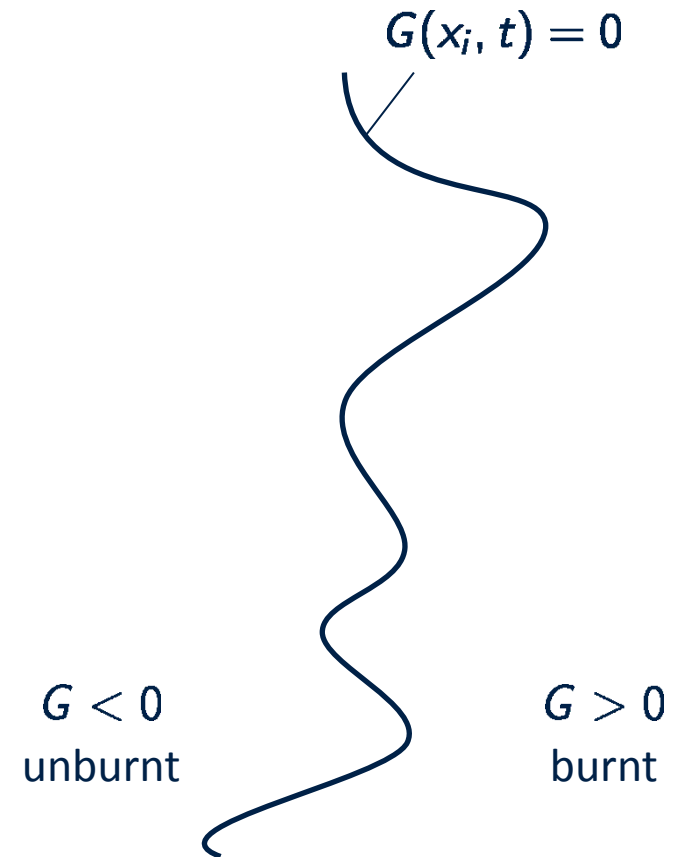
local  
change

convective  
change

progress of flame front  
by burning velocity

- No diffusive term
- Can be applied for
  - Thin flames
  - Well-defined burning velocity

→ Regime of **corrugated flamelets** ( $\eta \gg l_F \gg l_\delta$ )

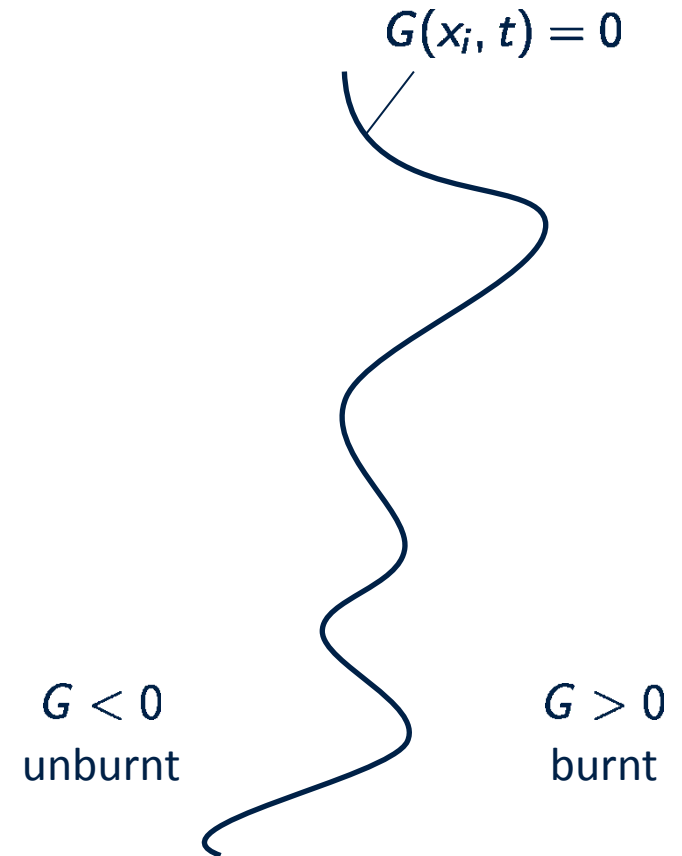


# G-Equation in the Regime of Corrugated Flamelets

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} = s_L |\nabla G|$$

- Kinematic equation  $\rightarrow \neq f(\rho)$
- Valid for flame position:  $G = G_0 (= 0)$ 
  - For solving the field equation, **G needs to be defined in the entire field**
  - Different possibilities to **define G**, e.g. signed distance function

$$|\nabla G| = 1$$

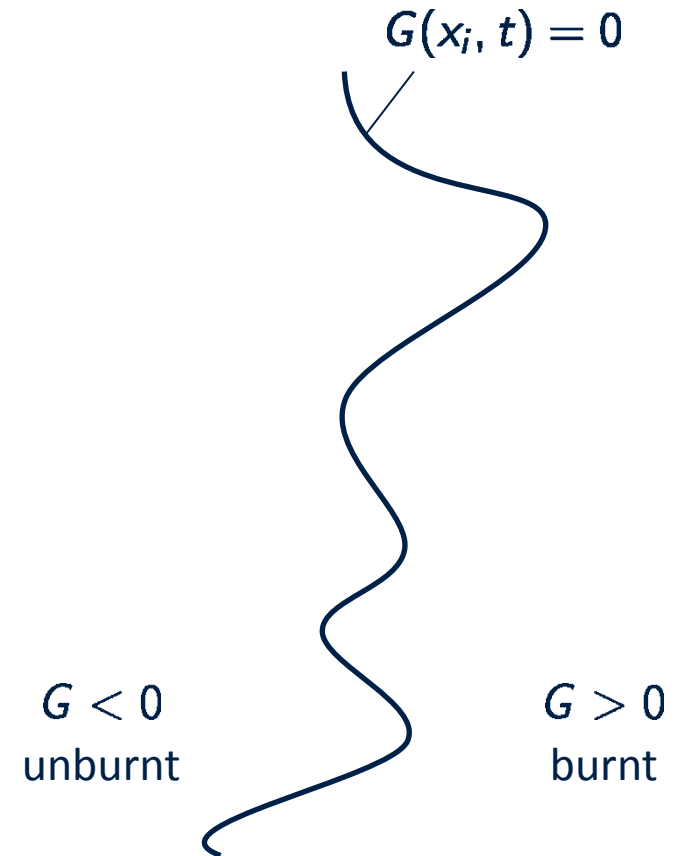


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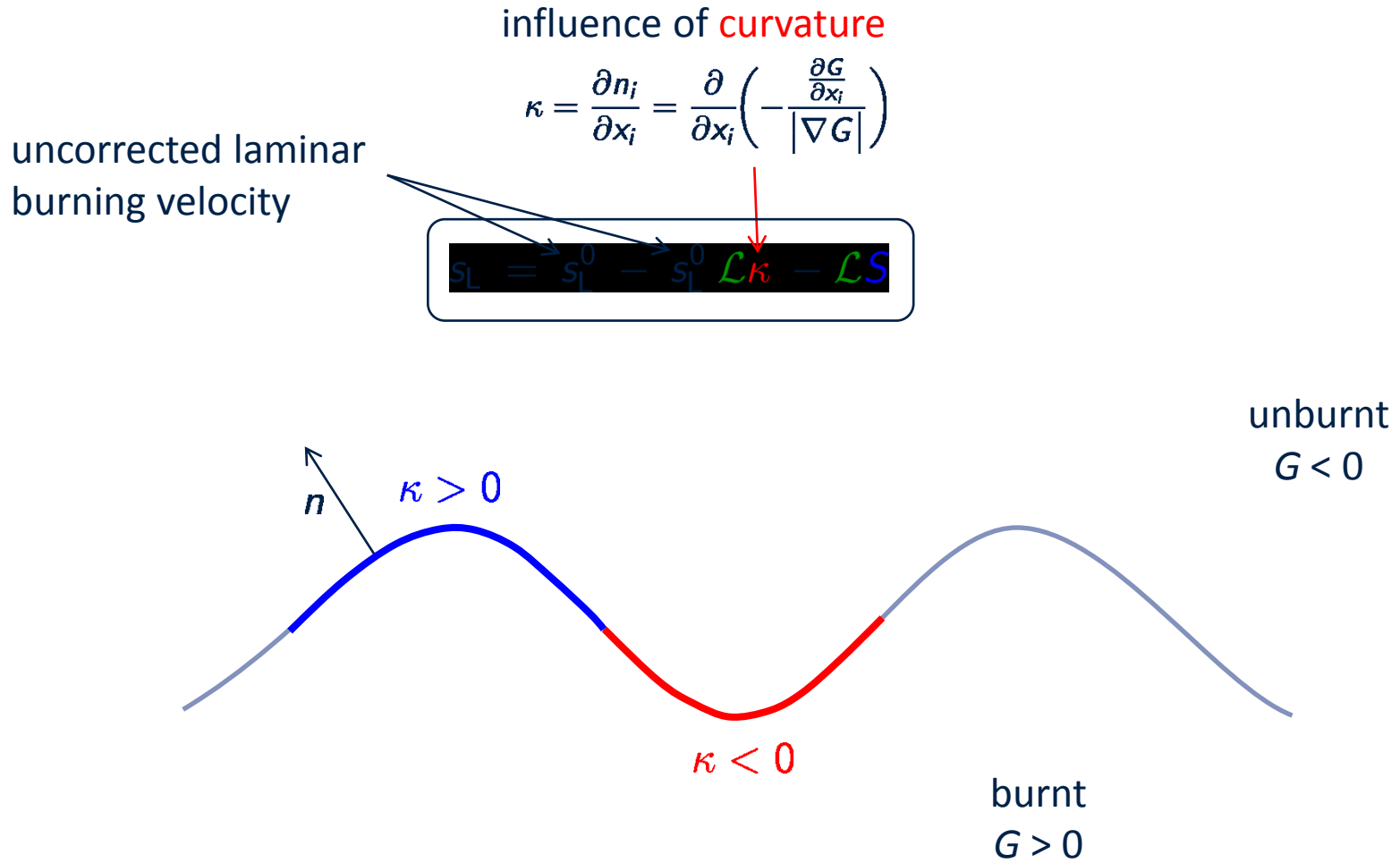
$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} = s_L |\nabla G|$$

- Influence of chemistry by  $s_L$
- $s_L$  not necessarily constant, influenced by
  - strain  $S$
  - curvature  $\kappa$
  - Lewis number effect
- **Modified laminar burning velocity**

$$s_L = s_L^0 - s_L^0 \mathcal{L} \kappa - \mathcal{L} S$$

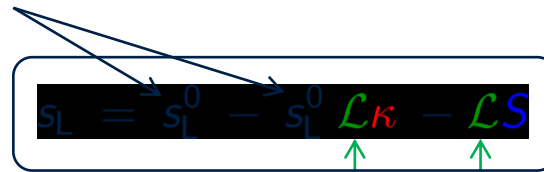


# Laminar Burning Velocity: Curvature



# Laminar Burning Velocity: Markstein Length

uncorrected laminar  
burning velocity

$$s_L = s_L^0 - s_L^0 \mathcal{L}_K - \mathcal{L}_S$$


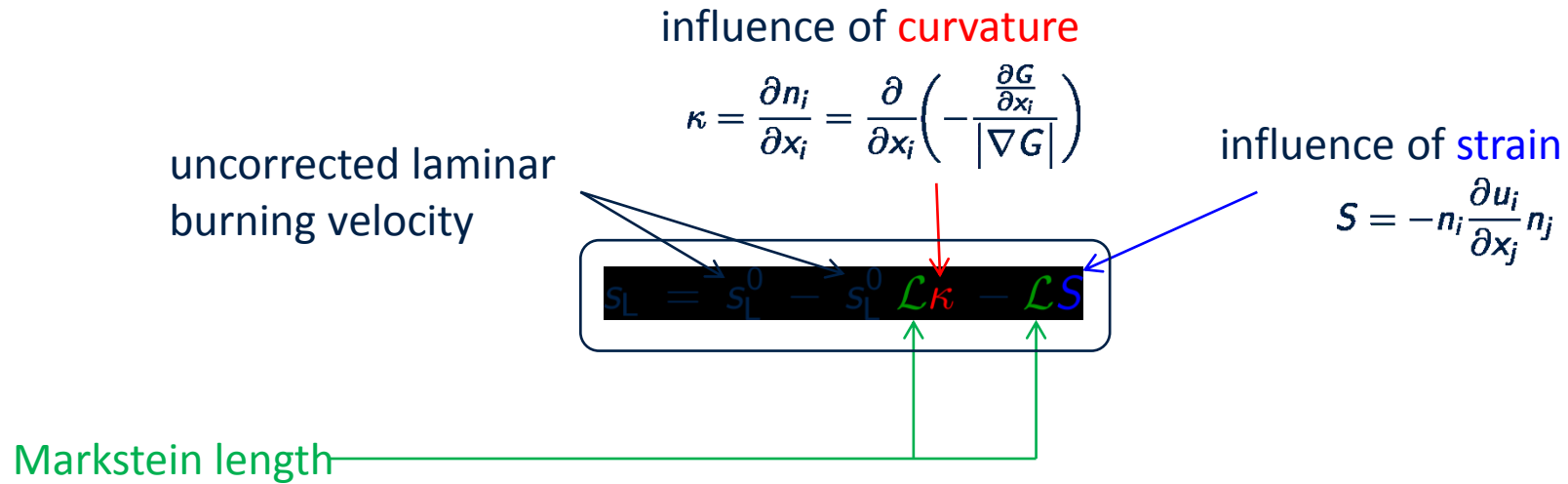
- Markstein length
  - Determined by experiment
  - Or by asymptotic analysis

$$\frac{\mathcal{L}_u}{l_F} = \frac{1}{\gamma} \ln \left( \frac{1}{1-\gamma} \right) + \frac{Ze (Le - 1) (1-\gamma)}{2\gamma} \int_0^{\gamma/(1-\gamma)} \frac{\ln(1+x_i)}{x_i} dx_i$$

density ratio  $\gamma$   
 Zeldovich number  $Ze = \frac{E}{RT_b} \frac{T_b - T_u}{T_b}$   
 Lewis number  $Le = \frac{\lambda}{\rho c_p D} = \frac{Sc}{Pr}$



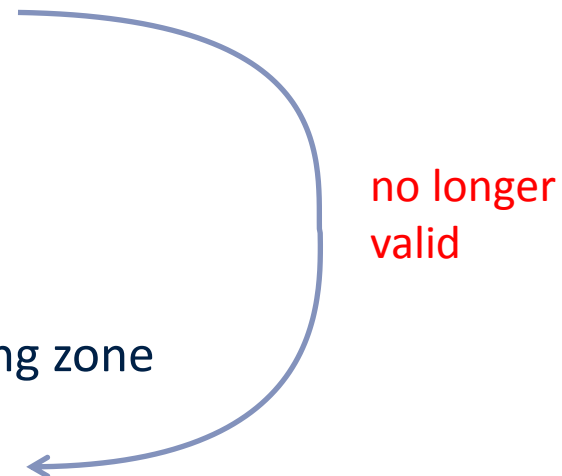
# Extended G-Equation



→ Extended G-Equation

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} = (s_L^0 - s_L^0 \mathcal{L} \kappa - \mathcal{L} S) |\nabla G|$$

# G-Equation: Corrugated Flamelets/Thin Reaction Zones

- Previous examinations limited to the regime of **corrugated flamelets**
    - Thin flame structures ( $\eta \gg l_F \gg l_\delta$ )
    - Laminar burning velocity well-defined
  - Regime of **thin reaction zones**
    - Small scale eddies penetrate the preheating zone
    - Transient flow
    - Burning velocity not well-defined
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→ Problem: **Level-Set-Approach** valid in the regime of thin reaction zones?

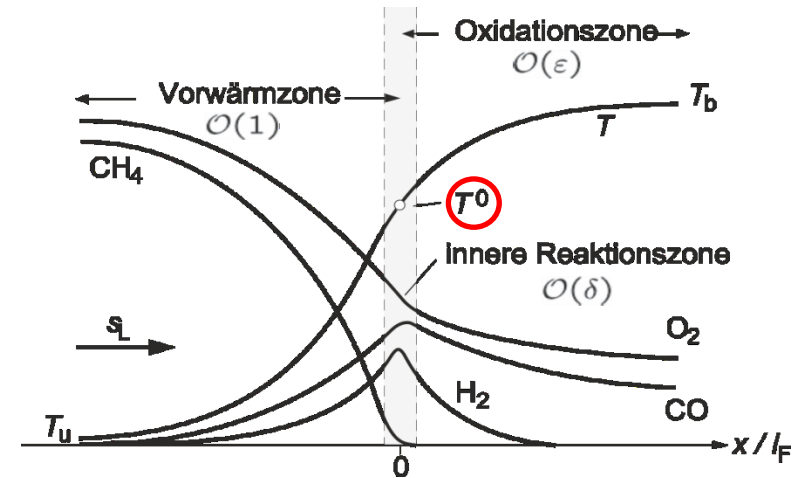
# G-Equation: Regime of Thin Reaction Zones

- Assumption: „ $G=0$ “ surface is represented by **inner reaction zone**
- Inner reaction zone
  - Thin compared to small scale eddies,  $l_\delta \ll \eta$
  - Described by  $T(x_i, t) = T^0$
- Temperature equation

$$\rho \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \rho u_i \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \rho D \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} \right) + \omega_T$$

- Iso temperature surface  $T(x_i, t) = T^0$

$$\left. \frac{DT}{Dt} \right|_{T=T^0} \equiv \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} \frac{dx_{f,i}}{dt} \Big|_{T=T^0} = 0$$



$$\left( \text{cf. } \frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} \frac{dx_{f,i}}{dt} = 0 \right)$$

# G-Equation: Regime of Thin Reaction Zones

- Equation of motion of the iso temperature surface  $T(x_i, t) = T^0$

$$\left. \frac{dx_{f,i}}{dt} \right|_{T=T^0} = u_{i,0} + n_i s_d \quad \leftarrow \left( \text{cf. } \frac{dx_{f,i}}{dt} = u_i + s_L n_i \right)$$

- With the displacement speed  $s_d$

$$s_d = \left[ \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \rho D \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} + \omega_T}{\rho |\nabla T|} \right]_{T=T_0}$$

- Normal vector

$$n_i = - \left. \frac{\frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i}}{|\nabla T|} \right|_{T=T^0} \quad \leftarrow \left( \text{cf. } n_i = - \frac{\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i}}{|\nabla G|} \right)$$

# G-Equation: Regime of Thin Reaction Zones

- With  $G_0 = T^0$

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} = \underbrace{\left[ \frac{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \rho D \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} + \omega_T}{\rho |\nabla T|} \right]_0}_{s_d} |\nabla G|$$

Diffusion term  $\rightarrow$  normal diffusion ( $\sim s_n$ ) and curvature term ( $\sim \kappa$ )

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \rho D \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} \right) = \underbrace{n_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho D n_i \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} \right)}_{\sim s_n} - \rho D |\nabla T| \underbrace{\frac{\partial n_i}{\partial x_i}}_{\kappa}$$

$\rightarrow$  G-equation for the regime of thin reaction zones

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} = \left( \underbrace{s_n + s_r}_{=s_{L,s}} - D\kappa \right) |\nabla G| \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad \boxed{\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + u_i \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} = s_{L,s} |\nabla G| - D\kappa |\nabla G|}$$

$s_r = \omega_T / (\rho |\nabla T|)$

# Common Level Set Equation for Both Regimes

- Normalize G-equation with Kolmogorov scales  $(\eta, \tau_\eta, u_\eta)$

$$t^* = t/\tau_\eta$$

$$x_i^* = x_i/\eta$$

$$u_i^* = u_i/u_\eta$$

$$\kappa^* = \eta\kappa$$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i^*} = \eta \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}$$

$$|\nabla^*| = \eta |\nabla|$$

leads to

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t^*} + u_i^* \nabla^* G = \frac{s_{L,s}}{u_\eta} |\nabla^* G| - \frac{D}{\nu} \kappa^* |\nabla^* G|$$

# Order of Magnitude Analysis

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t^*} + u_i^* \nabla^* G = \underbrace{\frac{s_{L,s}}{u_\eta}}_{O(Ka^{-1/2})} |\nabla^* G| - \underbrace{\frac{D}{\nu}}_{O(1)} \kappa^* |\nabla^* G|$$

- Non dimensional  $\rightarrow$   
 $\rightarrow$  Derivatives,  $u_i^*, \kappa^* \approx O(1)$
- Typical flame  
 $\rightarrow Sc = \nu/D \approx 1 \rightarrow D/\nu = O(1)$
- Parameter:  $s_L/u_\eta$ 
  - $Ka = u_\eta^2/s_L^2 \rightarrow s_L/u_\eta = Ka^{-1/2}$
  - $s_{L,s} \approx s_L$

# G-Equation for both Regimes

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t^*} + u_i^* \nabla^* G = \underbrace{\frac{s_{L,s}}{u_\eta}}_{O(Ka^{-1/2})} |\nabla^* G| - \underbrace{\frac{D}{\nu}}_{O(1)} \kappa^* |\nabla^* G|$$

- Thin reaction zones:  $Ka \gg 1$   
 → curvature term is dominant
- Corrugated flamelets:  $Ka \ll 1$   
 →  $s_L$  term is dominant
- Leading order equation in both regimes

$$\rho \frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + \rho u_i \frac{\partial G}{\partial x_i} = (\rho s_L^0) |\nabla G| - (\rho D) \kappa |\nabla G|$$

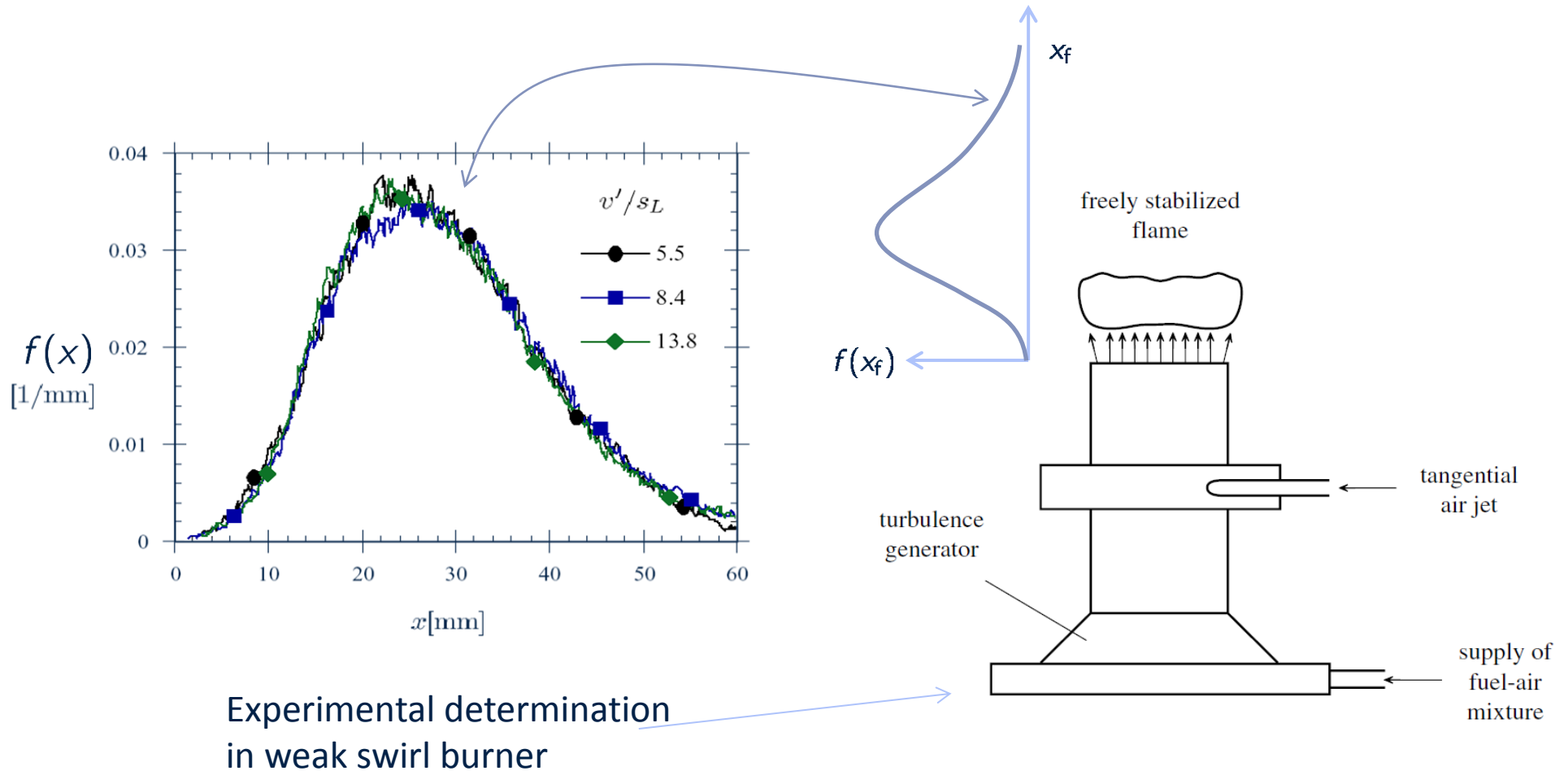
Assumption:  $\rho_u u_u = (\rho_u s_L^0) = \text{const.}$

const.



# Statistical Description of Turbulent Flame Front

- Probability density function of finding  $G(x_i, t) = G_0 = 0$



# Statistical Description of Turbulent Flame Front

- Consider steady one-dimensional premixed turbulent mean flame at position  $x_f$

$$x_f = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} x f(x) dx$$

- Define flame brush thickness  $l_f$  from  $f(x)$

$$l_f^2 = \overline{(x - \bar{x}_f)^2} = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} (x - x_f)^2 f(x) dx$$

- If  $G$  is distance function then

$$G' = -(x - x_f)$$

# Favre-Mean- and Variance-Equation

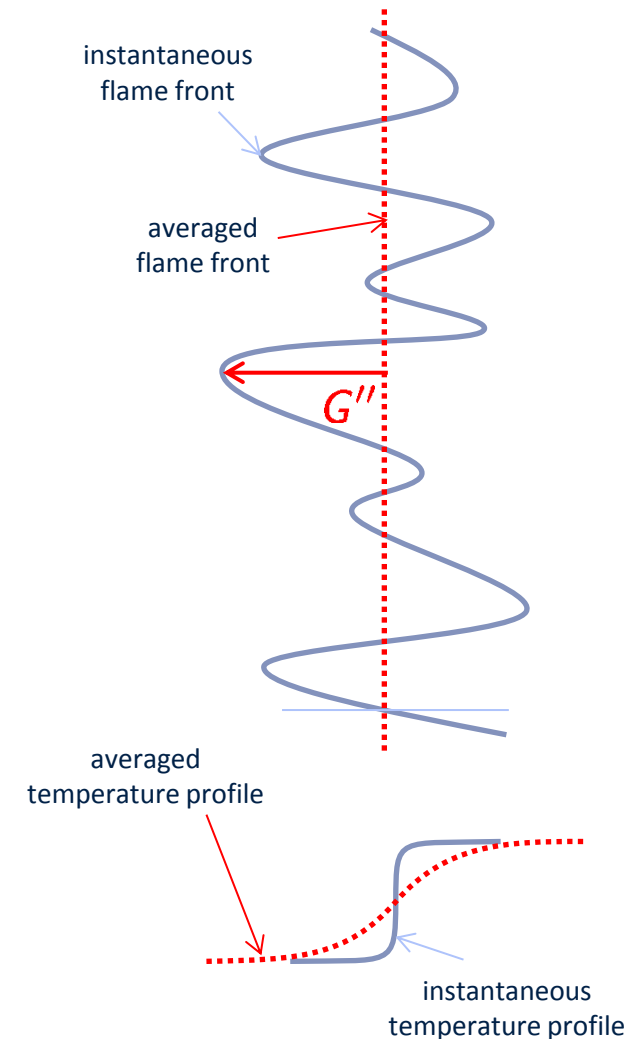
- Equation for **Favre-mean**

$$\bar{\rho} \frac{\partial \tilde{G}}{\partial t} + \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_i \frac{\partial \tilde{G}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_i'' \tilde{G}'' = (\rho s_L^0) \bar{\sigma} - (\rho D) \bar{\kappa} \bar{\sigma}$$

- Equation for **variance**

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{\rho} \frac{\partial \tilde{G}''^2}{\partial t} + \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_i \frac{\partial \tilde{G}''^2}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_i'' \tilde{G}''^2 = \\ - 2 \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_i'' \tilde{G}'' \frac{\partial \tilde{G}}{\partial x_i} - \bar{\rho} \tilde{\omega} - \bar{\rho} \tilde{\chi} - (\rho D) \bar{\kappa} \bar{\sigma} \end{aligned}$$

- $\sigma = |\nabla G|$  can be interpreted as the **area ratio of the flame  $A_T/A$**
- Variance describes the average size of the flame



# Modeling of the Variance Equation

- Sink terms in the variance equation

$$\bar{\rho} \frac{\partial \widetilde{G''^2}}{\partial t} + \bar{\rho} \widetilde{u_i} \frac{\partial \widetilde{G''^2}}{\partial x_i} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \bar{\rho} \widetilde{u_i'' G''^2} =$$

$$- 2 \bar{\rho} \widetilde{u_i'' G''} \frac{\partial \widetilde{G}}{\partial x_i} - \bar{\rho} \widetilde{\omega} - \bar{\rho} \widetilde{\chi} - (\rho D) \overline{\mathcal{K} \sigma}$$

- Kinematic restoration

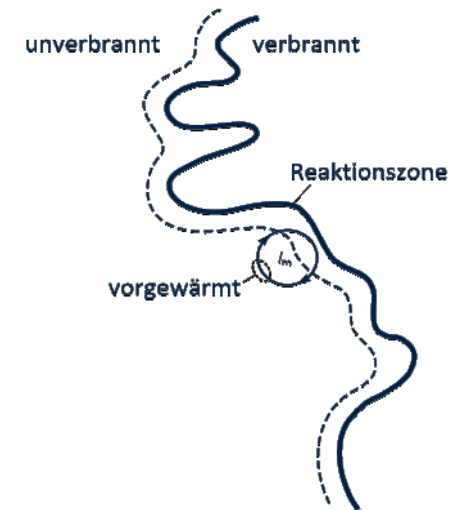
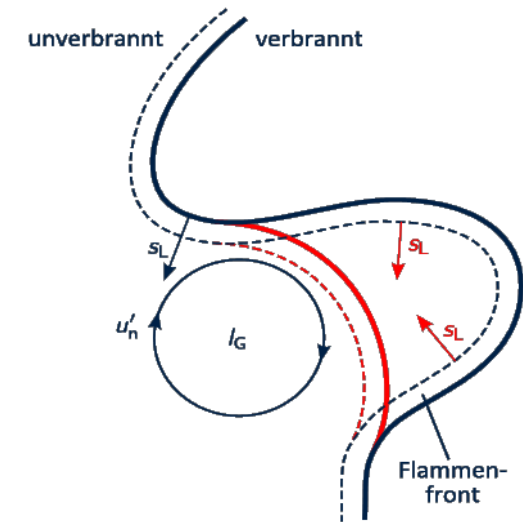
$$\widetilde{\omega} = -2(\rho s_L^0) \overline{G'' \sigma} / \bar{\rho}$$

- Scalar dissipation

$$\widetilde{\chi} = 2(\rho D) \left( \overline{\frac{\partial G''}{\partial x_i}} \right)^2 / \bar{\rho}$$

are modeled by

$$\widetilde{\omega} + \widetilde{\chi} = c_s \frac{\widetilde{\varepsilon}}{k} \widetilde{G''^2}$$



# G-Equation for Turbulent Flows

- Introducing **turbulent burning velocity**

$$(\bar{\rho} s_T^0) |\nabla \tilde{G}| = (\rho s_L^0) \bar{\sigma} \quad (\text{vgl. } s_T A = s_L A_T)$$

→ Equation for **Favre mean**

$$\bar{\rho} \frac{\partial \tilde{G}}{\partial t} + \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_i \frac{\partial \tilde{G}}{\partial x_i} = (\bar{\rho} s_T^0) |\nabla \tilde{G}| - \bar{\rho} D_t \tilde{\kappa} |\nabla \tilde{G}|$$

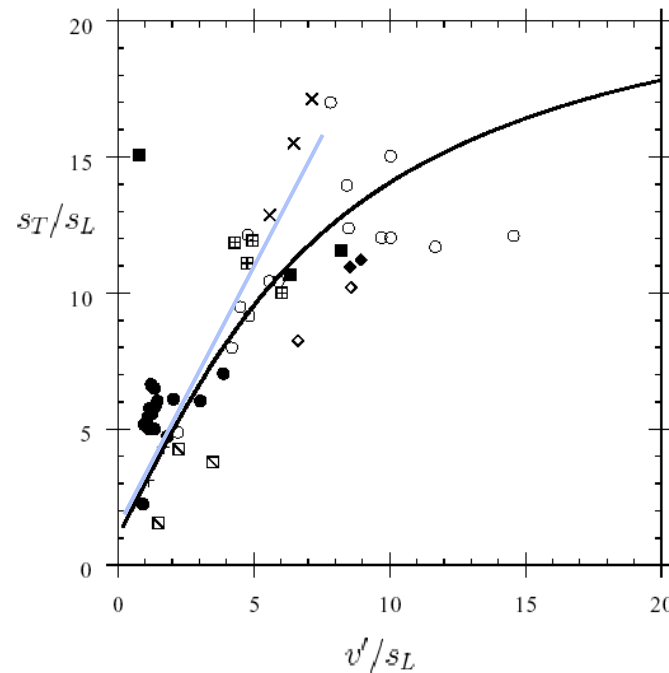
→ Equation for **variance**

$$\bar{\rho} \frac{\partial \widetilde{G''^2}}{\partial t} + \bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_i \frac{\partial \widetilde{G''^2}}{\partial x_i} = \nabla_{||} \cdot (\bar{\rho} D_t \nabla_{||} \widetilde{G''^2}) + 2 \bar{\rho} D_t \left( \frac{\partial \tilde{G}}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 - c_s \bar{\rho} \frac{\tilde{\varepsilon}}{\tilde{k}} \widetilde{G''^2}$$

# G-Equation for Turbulent Flows

- Modeling of turbulent burning velocity by Damköhler theory

$$\frac{s_T}{s_L} = 1 - \alpha \frac{l_t}{l_F} + \sqrt{\left(\alpha \frac{l_t}{l_F}\right)^2 + 4\alpha \frac{u' l_t}{s_L l_F}}$$



# G-Equation for Turbulent Flows

- Favre mean of  $G$

$$\tilde{G}(x) = G_0 + x - x_f$$

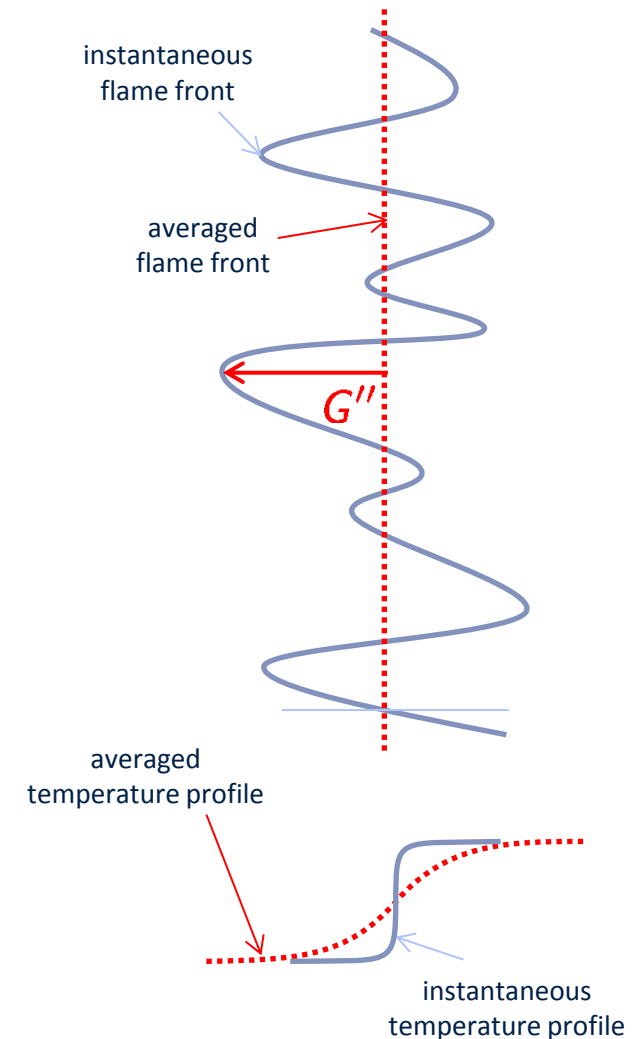
- Favre-PDF

$$\tilde{f}(G; x, t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\tilde{G}''^2|_0}} \exp\left(-\frac{(G - \tilde{G})^2}{2\tilde{G}''^2|_0}\right)$$

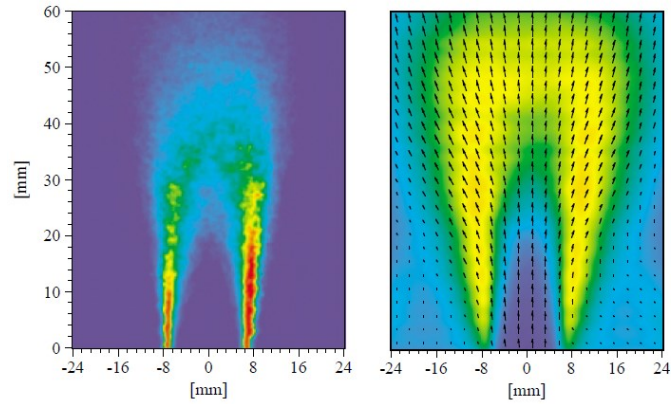
- Mean temperature (or other scalar)

$$\tilde{T} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(G) \tilde{f}(G) dG$$

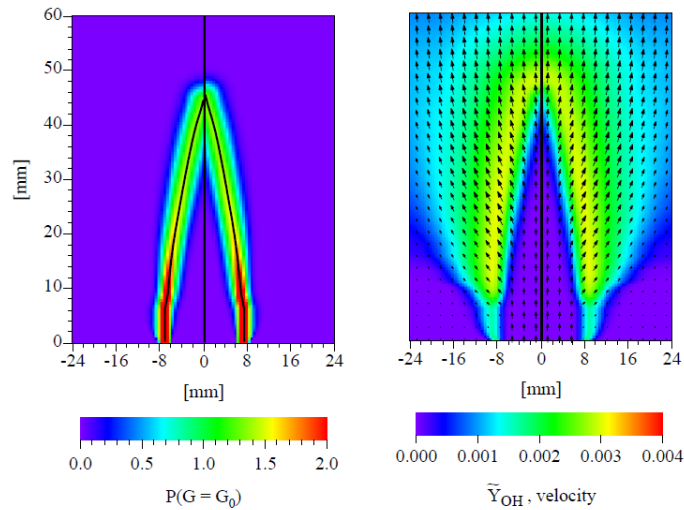
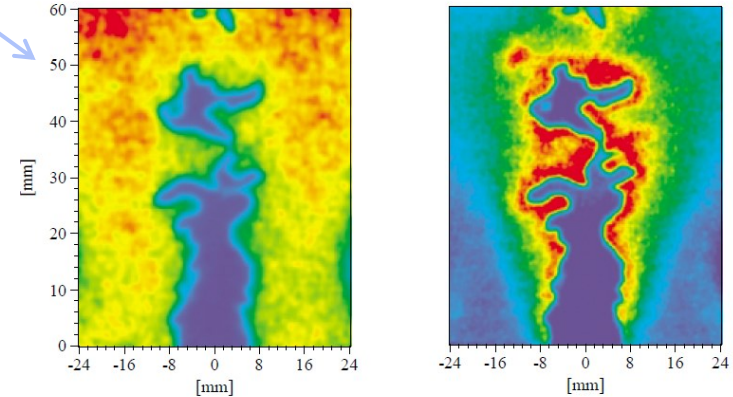
$T(G)=T(x)$  taken from laminar premixed flame without strain



# Example: Presumed Shape PDF Approach (RANS)



experiment



computed  
numerically



## G-Equation for LES

- Different averaging procedure<sup>1</sup>
- Start from progress variable  $C$  defined from temperature or reaction products
- Equation for Heaviside function centered at  $C = C_0$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t} [H(C - C_0)] + u_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} [H(C - C_0)] = \mathcal{D}_C \kappa |\nabla [H(C - C_0)]| + \delta(C - C_0) \frac{1}{\rho} \left[ n_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho \mathcal{D}_C |\nabla C|) + \rho \dot{\omega}_C \right]$$

- With  $\mathcal{G}(t, \mathbf{x}) = H(C(t, \mathbf{x}) - C_0)$

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\mathcal{G}) + u_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\mathcal{G}) = (\mathcal{D}_C \kappa)_{C_0} |\nabla \mathcal{G}| + s_{L,C_0} |\nabla \mathcal{G}|$$

where

$$s_{L,C_0} = \left[ \frac{1}{|\nabla C| \rho} \left( n_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\rho \mathcal{D}_C |\nabla C|) + \rho \dot{\omega}_C \right) \right]_{C=C_0}$$

<sup>1</sup> E. Knudsen and H. Pitsch, A dynamic model for the turbulent burning velocity for large eddy simulation of premixed combustion, Combust. Flame, 154 (4), pp. 740–760, 2008.

## G-Equation for LES

- Filtered Heaviside function

$$\overline{\mathcal{G}}(t, \mathbf{x}) = \int_V \mathcal{F}(\mathbf{r}) \mathcal{G}(t, \mathbf{x} + \mathbf{r}) d\mathbf{r}$$

- Modeled equation for filtered Heaviside function

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\overline{\mathcal{G}}) + \tilde{u}_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\overline{\mathcal{G}}) + \overline{\Gamma}_u = \frac{\rho_u}{\bar{\rho}} \left[ (\overline{\mathcal{D}_C \kappa})_{\overline{T},u} + s_{\overline{T},u} \right] |\nabla \overline{\mathcal{G}}|$$

describes evolution of filtered front, but cannot be adequately resolved in LES

- Introduce level set function describing filtered front evolution

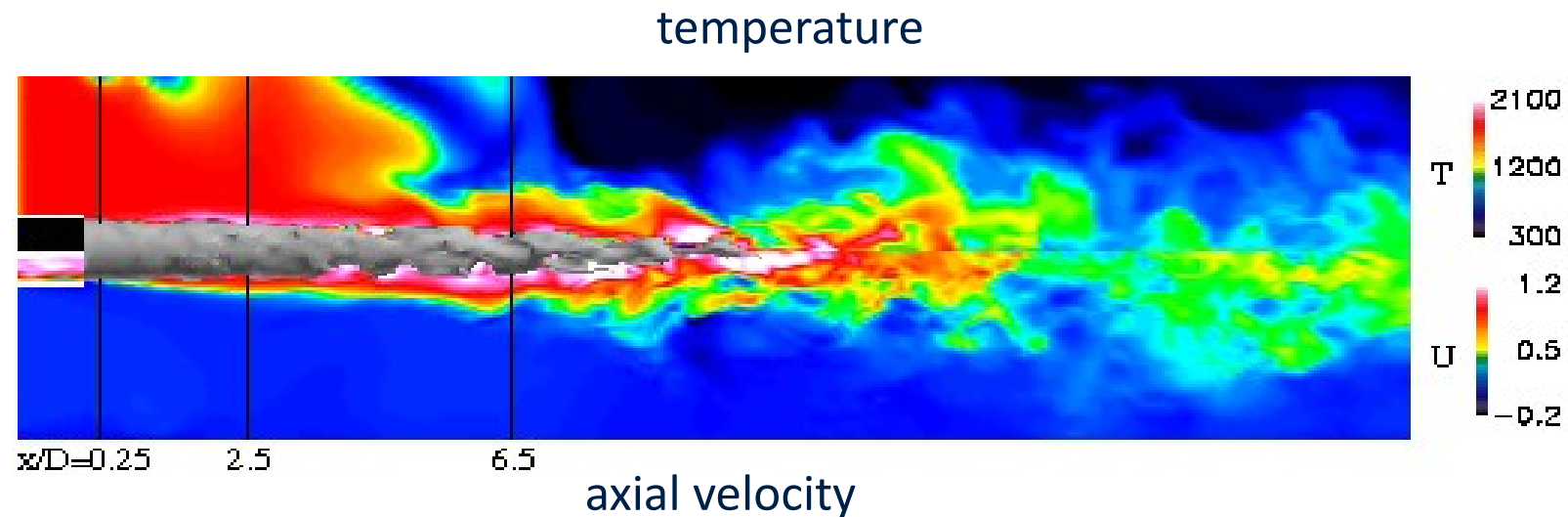
$$\hat{G}(\mathbf{x}, t) = G_0 \quad \forall \quad \overline{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{x}, t) = \mathcal{G}_0 \quad |\nabla \hat{G}(\mathbf{x}, t)| = 1 \quad \forall \quad \overline{\mathcal{G}}(\mathbf{x}, t)$$

gives level set equation for filtered flame front

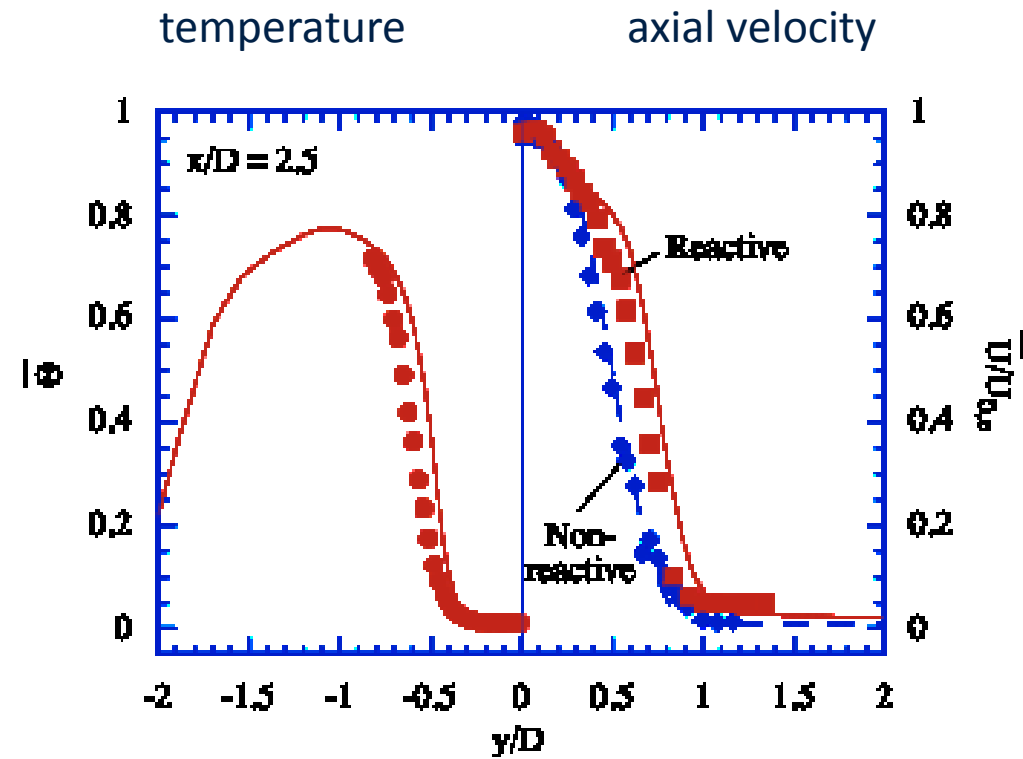
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\hat{G}) + \tilde{u}_j \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\hat{G}) = \frac{\rho_u}{\bar{\rho}} [\mathcal{D}_{t,u} \bar{\kappa} + s_{T,u}] |\nabla \hat{G}|$$

# Example: LES of a Premixed Turbulent Bunsen Flame

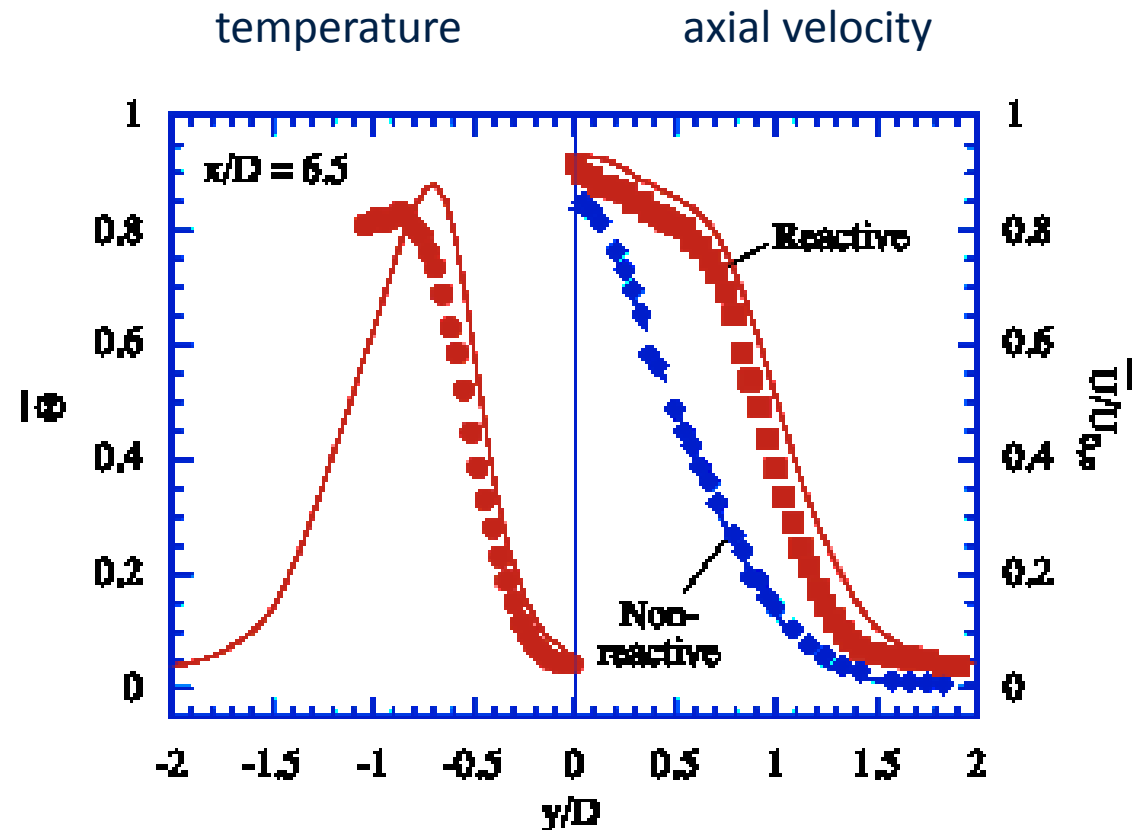
- Premixed methane/air flame
- $Re = 23486$
- Broad, low velocity pilot flame → heat losses to burner
- Dilution by air co-flow



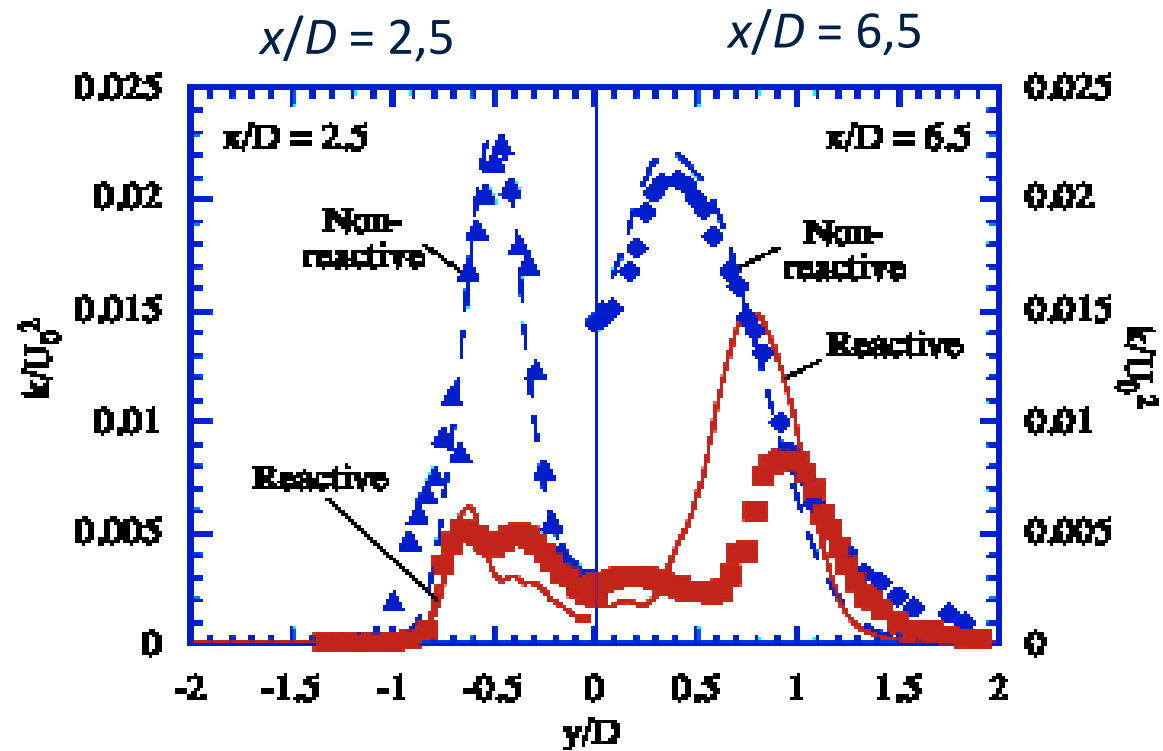
# Time-Averaged Temperature and Axial Velocity at position $x/D = 2.5$



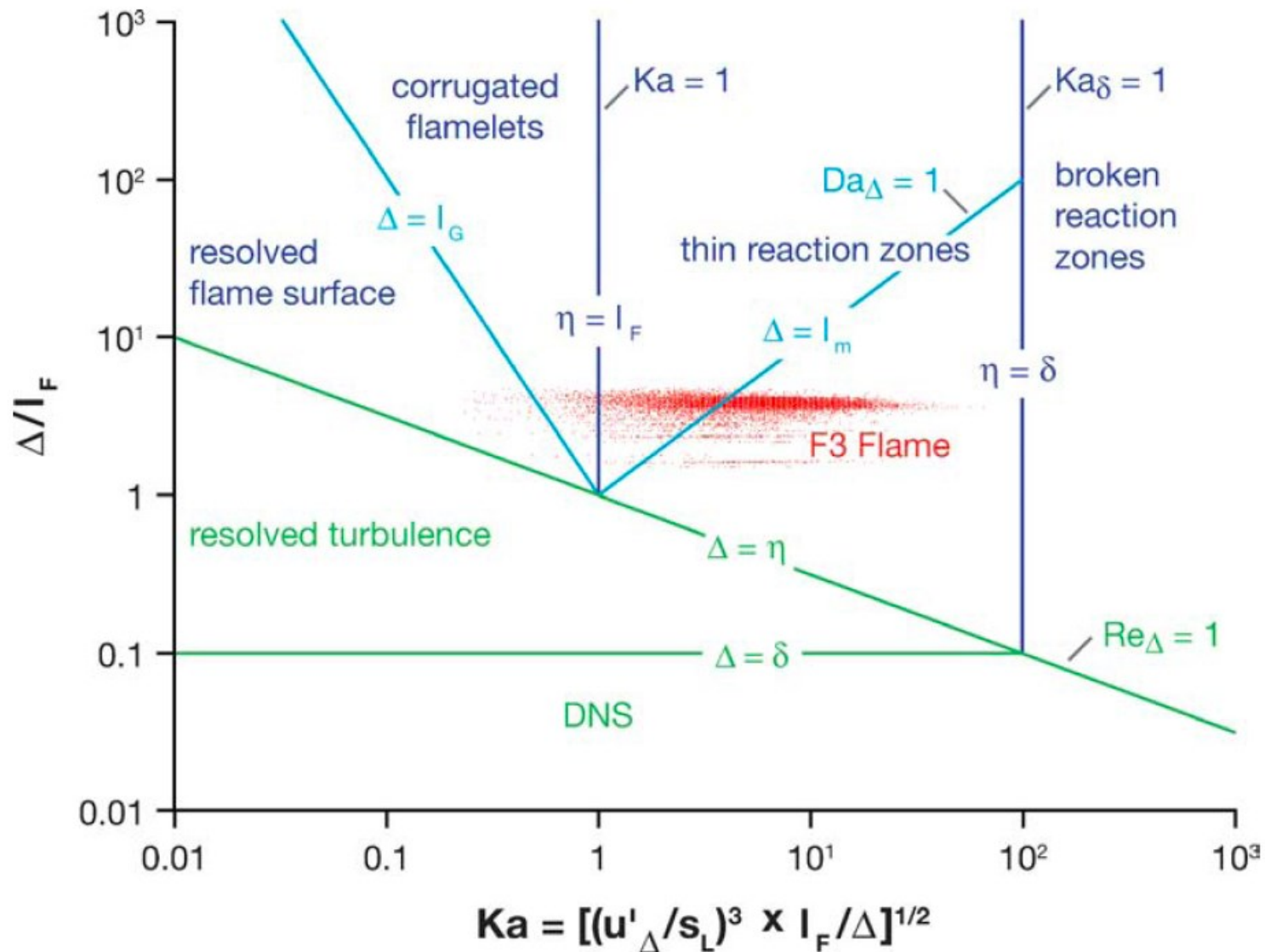
# Time-Averaged Temperature and Axial Velocity at position $x/D = 6.5$



# Turbulent Kinetic Energie at Position $x/D = 2.5$ and $6.5$

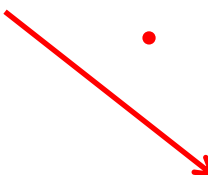


# LES Regime Diagram for Premixed Turbulent Combustion



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# Mixture Fraction Z

- Assume
  - One-step global reaction:  $\nu_F F + \nu_O O \rightarrow \nu_P P$
  - $Le_i = 1$

- Species transport and temperature equations

$$\rho \frac{\partial Y_i}{\partial t} + \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla Y_i = \nabla \cdot (\rho D \nabla Y_i) + W_i \nu_i w$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla T = \nabla \cdot (\rho D \nabla T) + \frac{Q}{c_p} w$$

- With

$$L(\phi) = \rho \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial t} + \rho \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla \phi - \nabla \cdot (\rho D \nabla \phi)$$

follows

$$L(Y_i) = W_i \nu_i w$$

$$L(T) = \frac{Q}{c_p} w$$

# Mixture Fraction Z

- Derive coupling function  $\beta$  by eliminating  $w$  such that

$$L(\beta) = 0$$

- With

$$\nu = \frac{W_O \nu_O}{W_F \nu_F}$$

and

$$L(\nu Y_F) = W_O \nu_O w$$

$$L(Y_O) = W_O \nu_O w$$

follows

$$\beta \equiv \nu Y_F - Y_O$$

- Normalization between 0 and 1 gives

$$Z \equiv \frac{\beta - \beta_2}{\beta_1 - \beta_2} = \frac{\nu Y_F - Y_O + Y_{O,2}}{\nu Y_{F,1} + Y_{O,2}}$$

# Transport Equation for Z

- Transport equation

$$\rho \frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} + \rho u_j \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho D \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_j} \right)$$

- Advantage:  $L(Z) = 0 \rightarrow$  No Chemical Source Term
- BC:  $Z = 0$  in Oxidator,  $Z = 1$  in Fuel

- If species and temperature function of mixture fraction, then

$$\tilde{T} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(Z) \tilde{f}(Z) dZ \quad \text{and} \quad \tilde{Y}_i = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Y_i(Z) \tilde{f}(Z) dZ$$


- Needed:
  - Local statistics of Z (expressed by PDF)
  - Species/temperature as function of Z:  $Y_i(Z)$  and  $T(Z)$

# Presumed PDF Approach

- Equation for the mean

$$\rho \frac{\partial \tilde{Z}}{\partial t} + \rho \tilde{u}_i \frac{\partial \tilde{Z}}{\partial x_i} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \bar{\rho} D_t \frac{\partial \tilde{Z}}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

and the variance of  $Z$

$$\underbrace{\bar{\rho} \frac{\partial \widetilde{Z''^2}}{\partial t}}_L + \underbrace{\bar{\rho} \tilde{u}_i \frac{\partial \widetilde{Z''^2}}{\partial x_i}}_C = - \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \bar{\rho} \widetilde{u_i'' Z''^2} \right)}_{\text{turb. DF}} + \underbrace{2\bar{\rho} \left( -\widetilde{u_i'' Z''} \right) \frac{\partial \tilde{Z}}{\partial x_i}}_P - \underbrace{\bar{\rho} \tilde{\chi}}_{\text{DS}}$$

$\begin{matrix} \nearrow -D_t \frac{\partial \widetilde{Z''^2}}{\partial x_i} & \nearrow D_t \frac{\partial \tilde{Z}}{\partial x_i} & \nearrow c_\chi \frac{\tilde{\varepsilon}}{\bar{k}} \widetilde{Z''^2} \end{matrix}$

are known and closed

# Presumed PDF Approach

- $\beta$ -function pdf for mixture fraction  $Z$

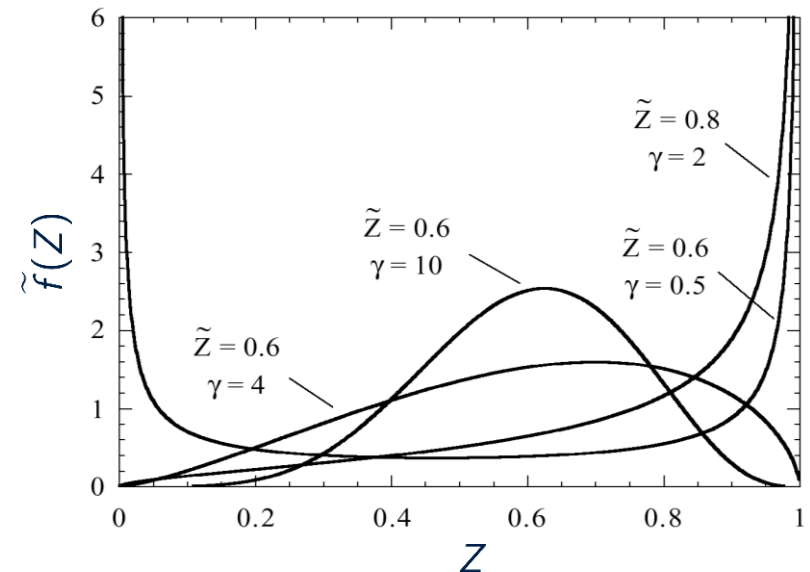
$$\tilde{f}(Z; x_i, t) = \frac{Z^{\alpha-1}(1-Z)^{\beta-1}\Gamma(\alpha+\beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha)\Gamma(\beta)}$$

- With

$$\alpha = \tilde{Z}\gamma, \quad \beta = (1 - \tilde{Z})\gamma \quad \text{and}$$

$$\gamma = \frac{\tilde{Z}(1 - \tilde{Z})}{\widetilde{Z'^2}} - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\tilde{T} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(Z) \tilde{f}(Z) dZ, \quad \tilde{Y}_i = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Y_i(Z) \tilde{f}(Z) dZ$$



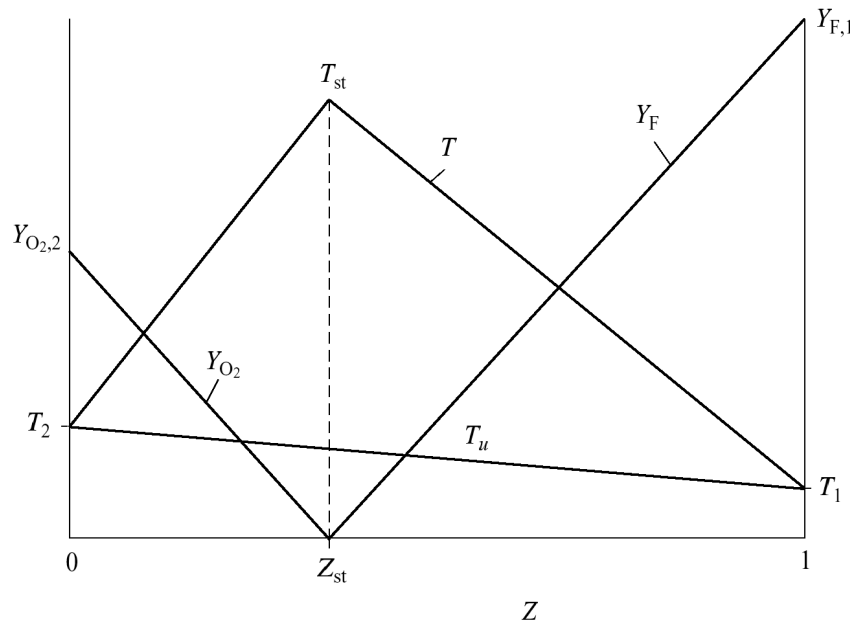
# Conserved Scalar Based Models for Non-Premixed Turbulent Combustion

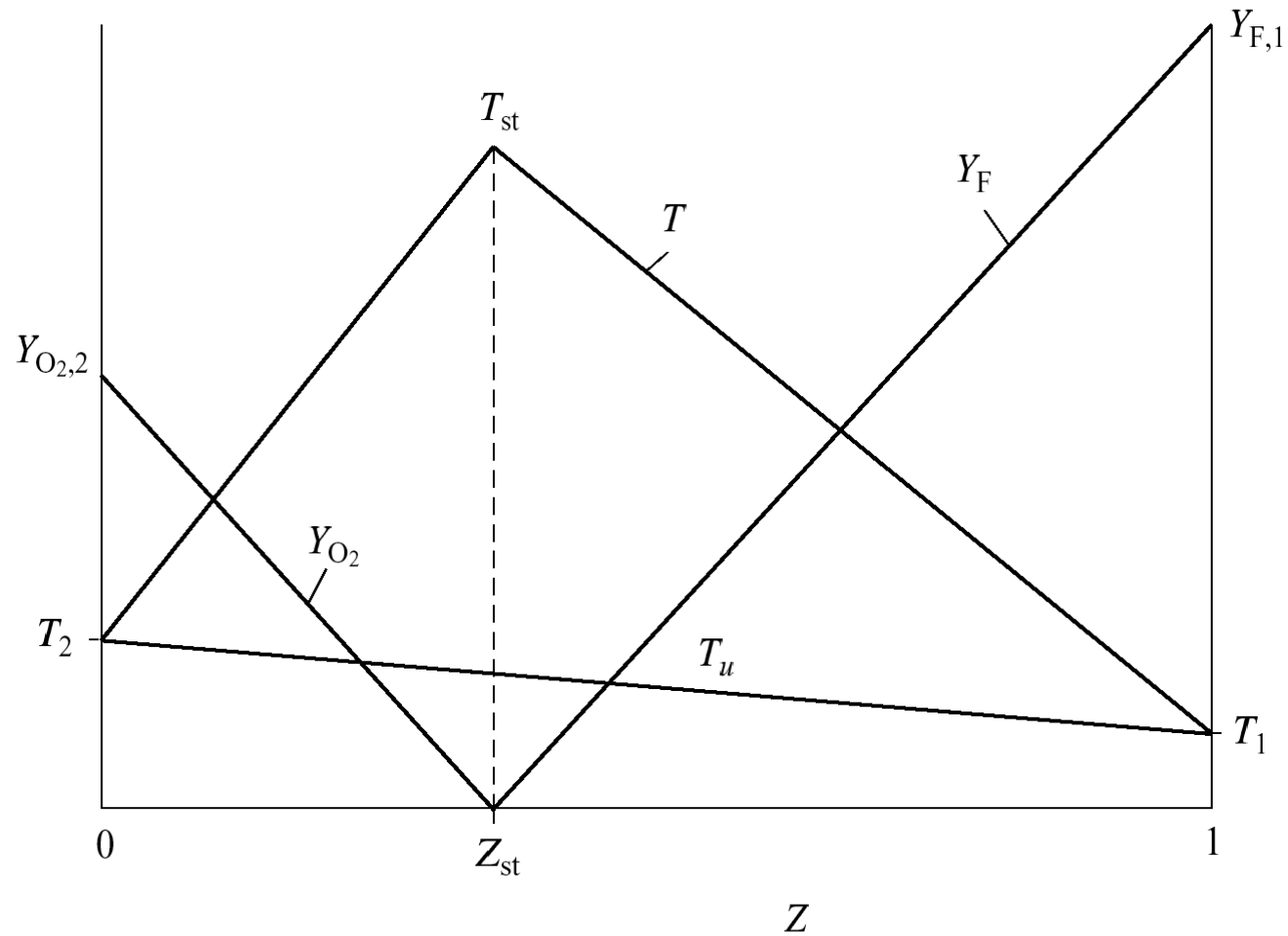
- Infinitely fast irreversible chemistry
  - Burke-Schumann solution
  - Solution =  $f(Z)$
- Infinitely fast reversible chemistry
  - Chemical equilibrium
  - Solution =  $f(Z)$
- Flamelet model for non-premixed combustion
  - Chemistry fast, but not infinitely fast
  - Solution =  $f(Z, \chi)$
- Conditional Moment Closure (CMC)
  - Similar to flamelet model
  - Solution =  $f(Z, \langle \chi | Z \rangle)$

$$\tilde{T} = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} T(Z) \tilde{f}(Z) dZ, \quad \tilde{Y}_i = \int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} Y_i(Z) \tilde{f}(Z) dZ$$

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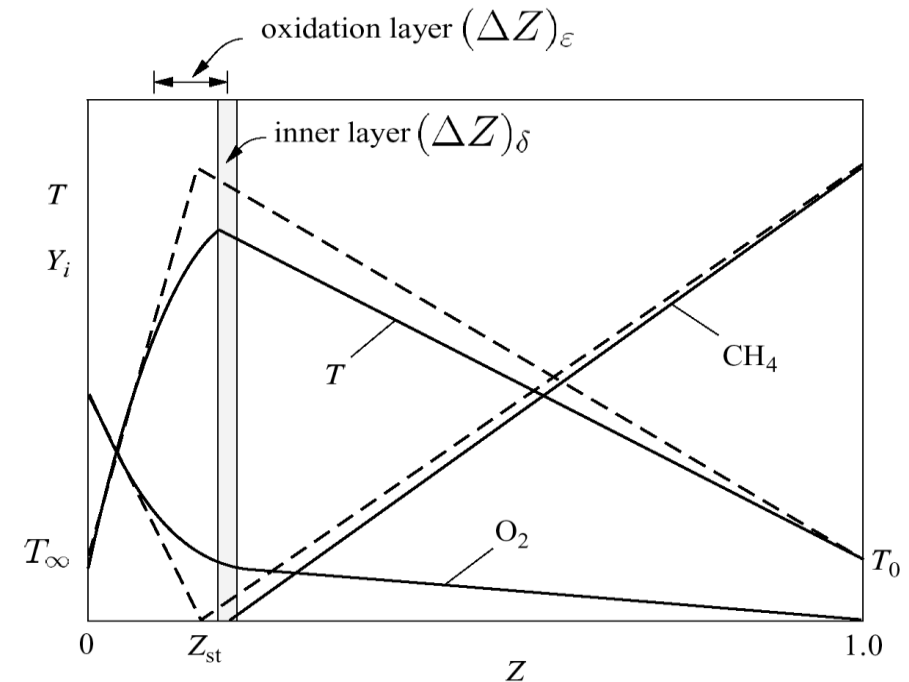


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- Basic idea: **Scale separation**
- Assume **fast, but not infinitely fast** chemistry:  $1 \ll Da \ll \infty$
- Reaction zone is **thin compared to small scales of turbulence** and hence retains **laminar structure**
- Transformation and asymptotic approximation leads to **flamelet equations**



# Flamelet Model for Non-Premixed Turbulent Combustion

- Balance equations for temperature, species and mixture fraction

$$\rho \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \rho u_i \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \rho D \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} \right) = - \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{h_{\alpha}}{c_p} \dot{m}_{\alpha}''' + \frac{\dot{q}_R'''}{c_p} + \frac{1}{c_p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t}$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial Y_{\alpha}}{\partial t} + \rho u_i \frac{\partial Y_{\alpha}}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \rho D \frac{\partial Y_{\alpha}}{\partial x_i} \right) = \dot{m}_{\alpha}'''$$

$$\rho \frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} + \rho u_i \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \rho D \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_i} \right) = 0$$

- With

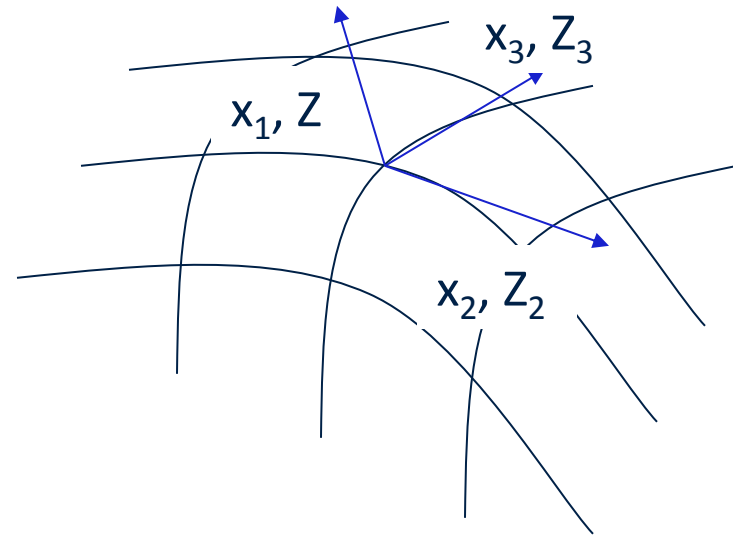
$$\mathcal{L} \equiv \rho \frac{\partial}{\partial t} + \rho u_i \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \rho D \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \right)$$

it follows

$$\mathcal{L}(T) = - \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{h_{\alpha}}{c_p} \dot{m}_{\alpha}''' + \frac{\dot{q}_R'''}{c_p} + \frac{1}{c_p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t}, \quad \mathcal{L}(Y_{\alpha}) = \dot{m}_{\alpha}''' \quad \text{and} \quad \mathcal{L}(Z) = 0$$

# Flamelet Equations

- Consider surface of stoichiometric mixture
- Reaction zone confined to thin layer around this surface
- Transformation to surface attached coordinate system
- $x_1, x_2, x_3, t \rightarrow Z(x_1, x_2, x_3, t), Z_2, Z_3, \tau$



# Transformation rules

- Transformation:  $x_1, x_2, x_3, t \rightarrow Z(x_1, x_2, x_3, t), Z_2, Z_3, \tau$  (where  $Z_2 = x_2, Z_3 = x_3, \tau = t$ )

$$\psi(x_1, x_2, x_3, t) \rightarrow \psi(Z(x_1, x_2, x_3, t), Z_2, Z_3, \tau)$$

- Example: Temperature  $T$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z_2} \frac{\partial Z_2}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z_3} \frac{\partial Z_3}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \tau} \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial t} \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial \tau} + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} \frac{\partial}{\partial Z}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z_2} \frac{\partial Z_2}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z_3} \frac{\partial Z_3}{\partial x_1} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \tau} \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial x_1} \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_1} = \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_1} \frac{\partial}{\partial Z}$$

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial x_2} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z} \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z_2} \frac{\partial Z_2}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z_3} \frac{\partial Z_3}{\partial x_2} + \frac{\partial T}{\partial \tau} \frac{\partial \tau}{\partial x_2} \rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} = \frac{\partial}{\partial Z_j} + \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial}{\partial Z}, \quad j = 2, 3$$

↖ Analogous for  $x_3$

# Flamelet Equations

- Temperature equation

$$\mathcal{L}(T) = - \sum_{\alpha=1}^n \frac{h_{\alpha}}{c_p} \dot{m}_{\alpha}''' + \frac{\dot{q}_R'''}{c_p} + \frac{1}{c_p} \frac{\partial p}{\partial t} = \dot{\omega}_T$$

→ Transformed temperature equation:

$$\rho \frac{\partial T}{\partial \tau} + \rho u_j \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z_j} - \rho D \left[ 2 \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Z \partial Z_j} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Z_j^2} \right] - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho D \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z_j} \right) - \rho D \left( \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Z^2} = \dot{\omega}_T, \quad j = 2, 3$$

# Flamelet Equations

$$\rho \frac{\partial T}{\partial \tau} + \rho u_j \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z_j} - \rho D \left[ 2 \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_j} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Z \partial Z_j} + \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Z_j^2} \right] - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \rho D \frac{\partial T}{\partial Z_j} \right) = \dot{\omega}_T, \quad j = 2, 3$$

Local change

Describes mixing

Source term

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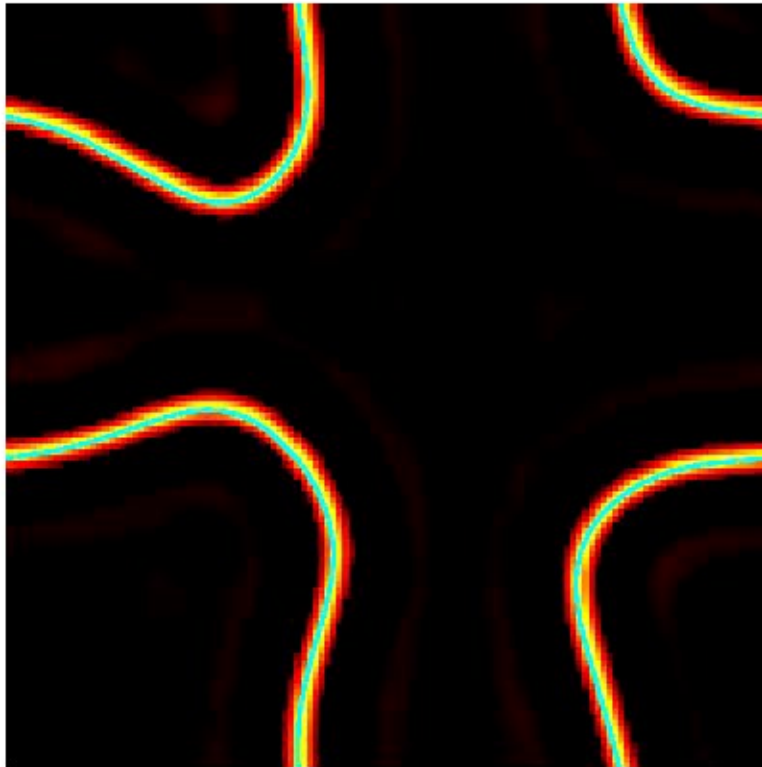
- If the flamelet is thin in the  $Z$  direction, an order-of-magnitude analysis similar to that for a boundary layer shows that

$$\left( \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Z^2}$$

is the dominating term of the spatial derivatives

- Equivalent to the assumption that temperature derivatives normal to the flame surface are much larger than those in tangential direction
- $\partial T / \partial \tau$  is important if very rapid changes, such as extinction, occur

- Example from DNS of Non-Premixed Combustion in Isotropic Turbulence



- Temperature (color)
- Stoichiometric mixture fraction (line)



# Flamelet Equations

- Same procedure for the mass fraction...
- Flamelet structure is to leading order described by the one-dimensional time-dependent equations

→

$$\begin{aligned}\rho \frac{\partial T}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\rho \chi_{st}}{2} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Z^2} &= \dot{\omega}_T \\ \rho \frac{\partial Y_\alpha}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\rho \chi_{st}}{2} \frac{\partial^2 Y_\alpha}{\partial Z^2} &= \dot{m}_\alpha'''\end{aligned}$$



$$\rho \frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial \tau} - \frac{\rho \chi_{st}}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_i}{\partial Z^2} = \dot{\omega}_{\psi_i}$$

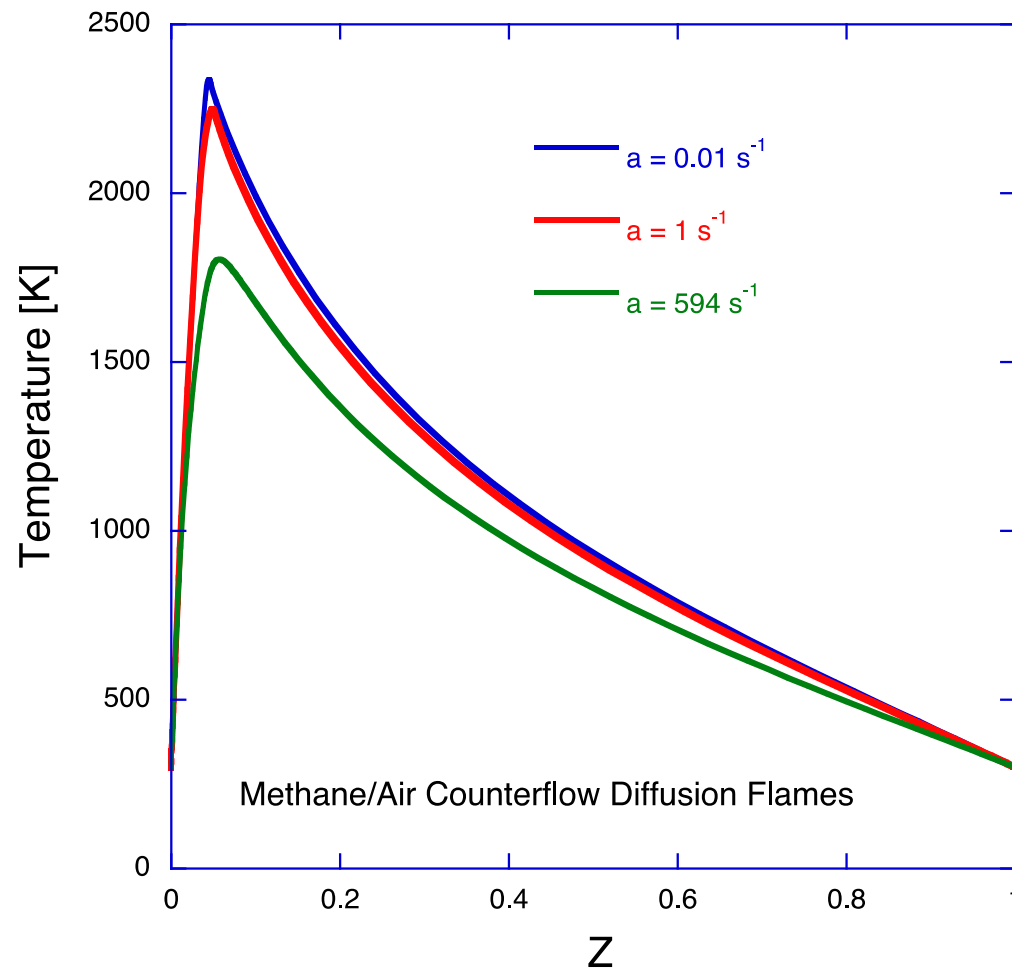
- Instantaneous **scalar dissipation rate** at stoichiometric conditions

$$\chi_{st} = 2D \left( \frac{\partial Z}{\partial x_i} \right)^2 \Big|_{st}$$

→  $[\chi_{st}] = 1/s$ : may be interpreted as the inverse of a characteristic diffusion time

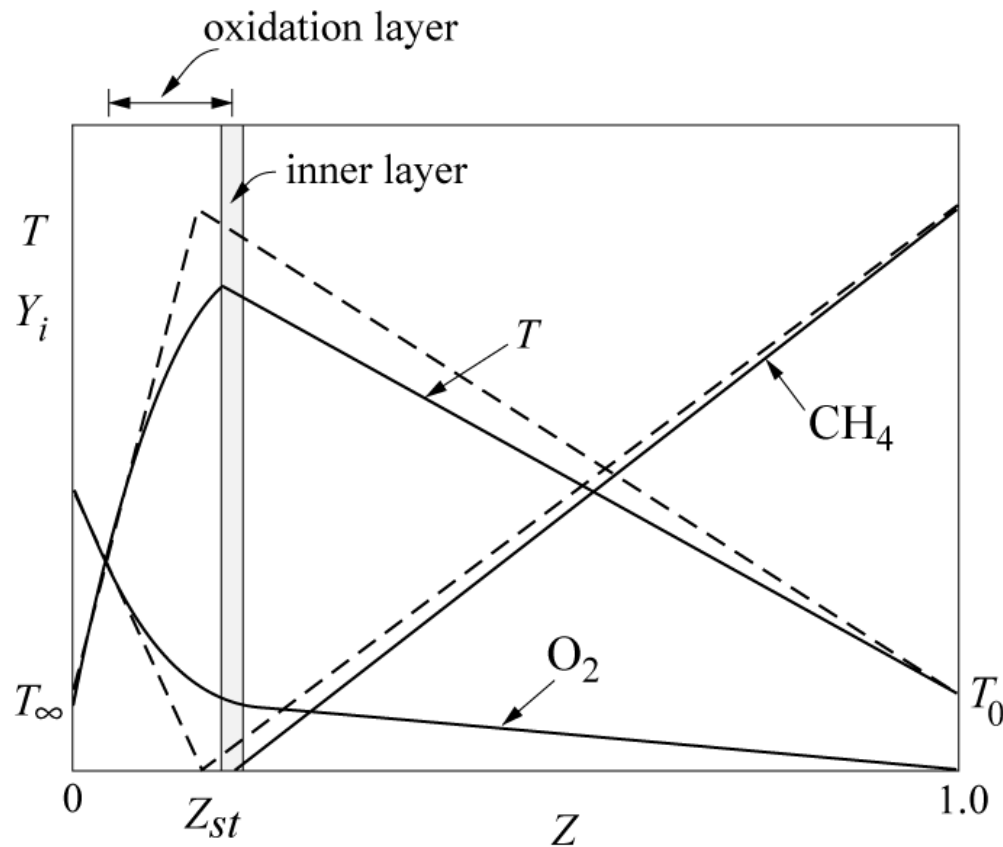
# Temperature profiles for methane-air flames

- Temperature profiles for methane-air flames



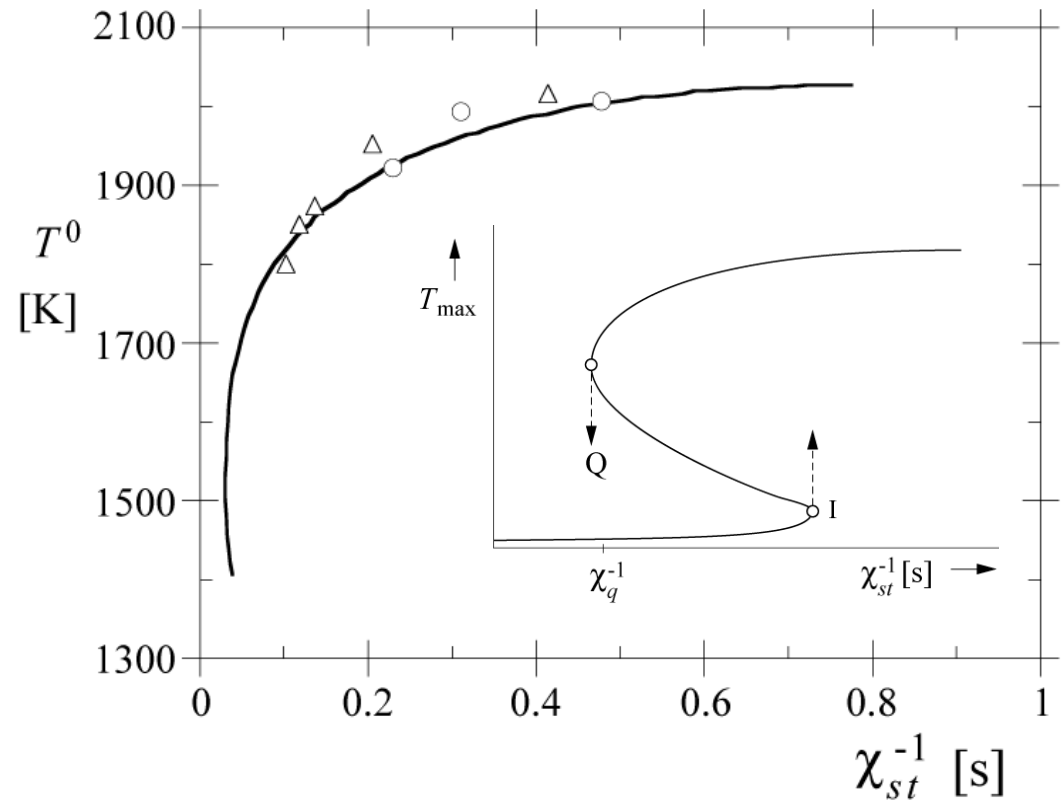
# Flamelet Equations

- Asymptotic analysis by Seshadri (1988)
  - Based on four-step model
  - Close correspondence between layers identified in premixed diffusion flames



# Flamelet Equations

- The calculations agree well with numerical and experimental data
- They also show the vertical slope of  $T^0$  versus  $\chi_{st}$  which corresponds to extinction



# Flamelet Equations

- Steady state flamelet equations provide  $\psi_i = f(Z, \chi_{st})$
- If joint pdf  $\tilde{P}(Z, \chi_{st})$  is known  
 → Favre mean of  $\psi_i$ :

$$\tilde{\psi}_i(x_j, t) = \int_0^1 \int_0^\infty \psi_i(Z, \chi_{st}) \tilde{P}(Z, \chi_{st}; x_j, t) d\chi_{st} dZ$$

- If the **unsteady term** in the flamelet equation must be retained, **joint statistics of  $Z$  and  $\chi_{st}$  become impractical**
- Then, in order to **reduce the dimension of the statistics**, it is useful to introduce **multiple flamelets**, each representing a different range of the  $\chi$ -distribution
- Such multiple flamelets are used in the **Eulerian Particle Flamelet Model (EPFM)** by Barths et al. (1998)
- Then the **scalar dissipation rate** can be formulated as **function of the mixture fraction**

# Flamelet Equations

- Modeling the conditional Favre mean scalar dissipation rate

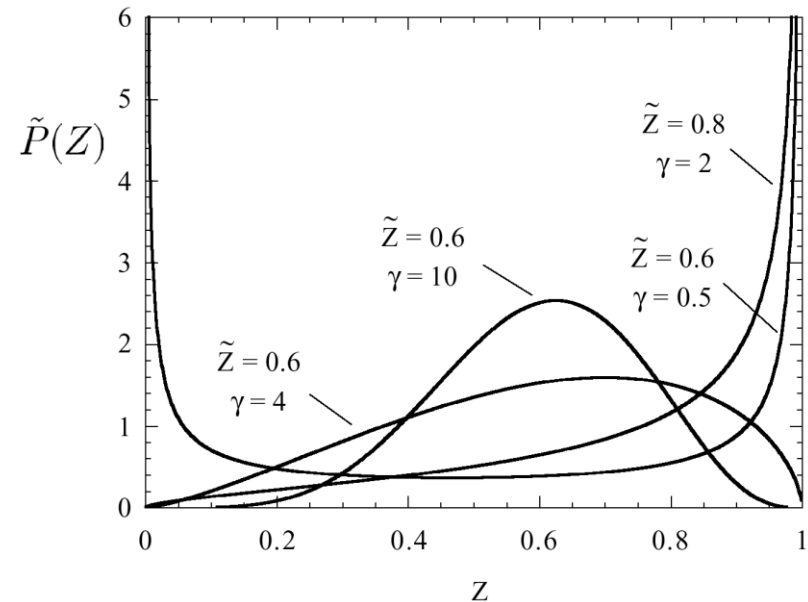
$$\tilde{\chi}_Z = \frac{\langle \rho \chi | Z \rangle}{\langle \rho | Z \rangle}$$

- Flamelet equations

$$\rho \frac{\partial \psi_i}{\partial t} - \frac{\rho}{Le_i} \frac{\chi_Z}{2} \frac{\partial^2 \psi_i}{\partial Z^2} = \dot{\omega}_{\psi_i} \rightarrow \psi_i(Z, \tilde{\chi}_Z, t)$$

- Favre mean

$$\tilde{\psi}_i(x_j, t) = \int_0^1 \psi_i(Z, \tilde{\chi}_Z, t) \tilde{P}(Z; x_j, t) dZ, \quad \text{with} \quad \tilde{P}(Z; x_j, t) = \frac{Z^{\alpha-1} (1-Z)^{\beta-1} \Gamma(\alpha + \beta)}{\Gamma(\alpha) \Gamma(\beta)}$$



# Flamelet Equations

- Model for **conditional scalar dissipation** rate  $\tilde{\chi}_Z$
- One relates the conditional scalar dissipation rate to that at a fixed value  $Z_{st}$  by

$$\tilde{\chi}_Z = \tilde{\chi}_{st} \frac{f(Z)}{f(Z_{st})}$$

– With

$$\tilde{\chi} = \int_0^1 \tilde{\chi}_Z \tilde{P}(Z) dZ = \tilde{\chi}_{st} \int_0^1 \frac{f(Z)}{f(Z_{st})} \tilde{P}(Z) dZ \rightarrow \tilde{\chi}_{st} = \frac{\tilde{\chi} f(Z_{st})}{\int_0^1 f(Z) \tilde{P}(Z) dZ}$$

$$\tilde{\chi} = c_\chi \frac{\tilde{\varepsilon}}{\tilde{k}} \widetilde{Z''^2}$$

# Representative-Interactive-Flamelet-Modell (RIF)

- Flamelet equations are unsteady
- RIF model solves unsteady flamelet equations coupled with CFD code<sup>1</sup>
- Describes ignition, combustion, and pollutant formation for non-premixed combustion  
→ Typical application for diesel engines

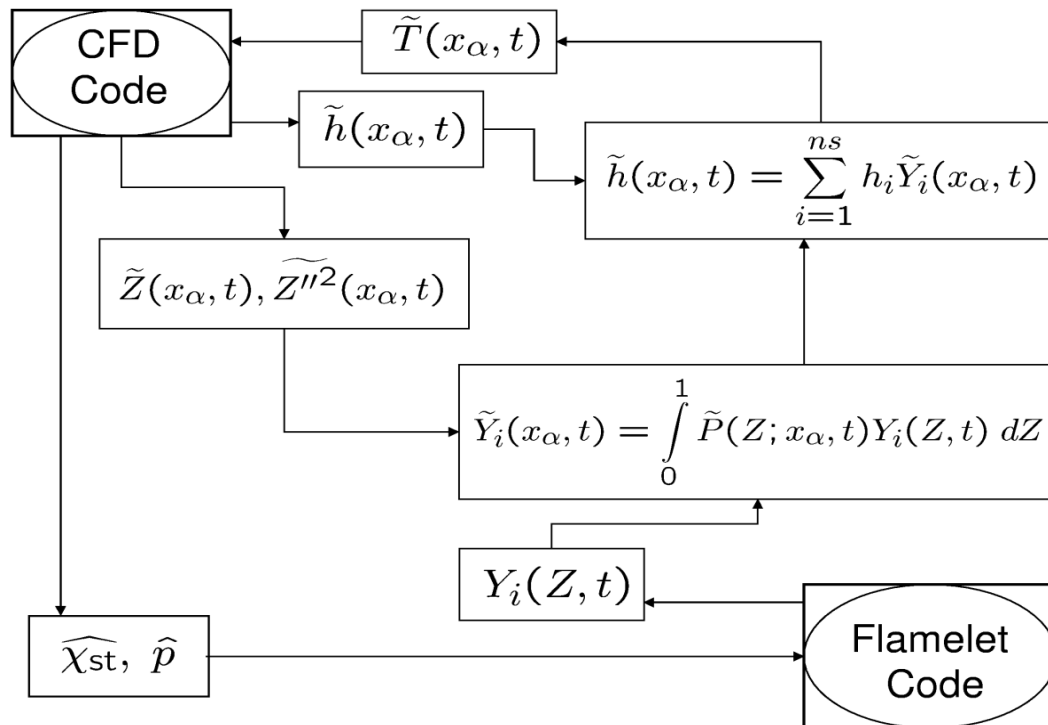


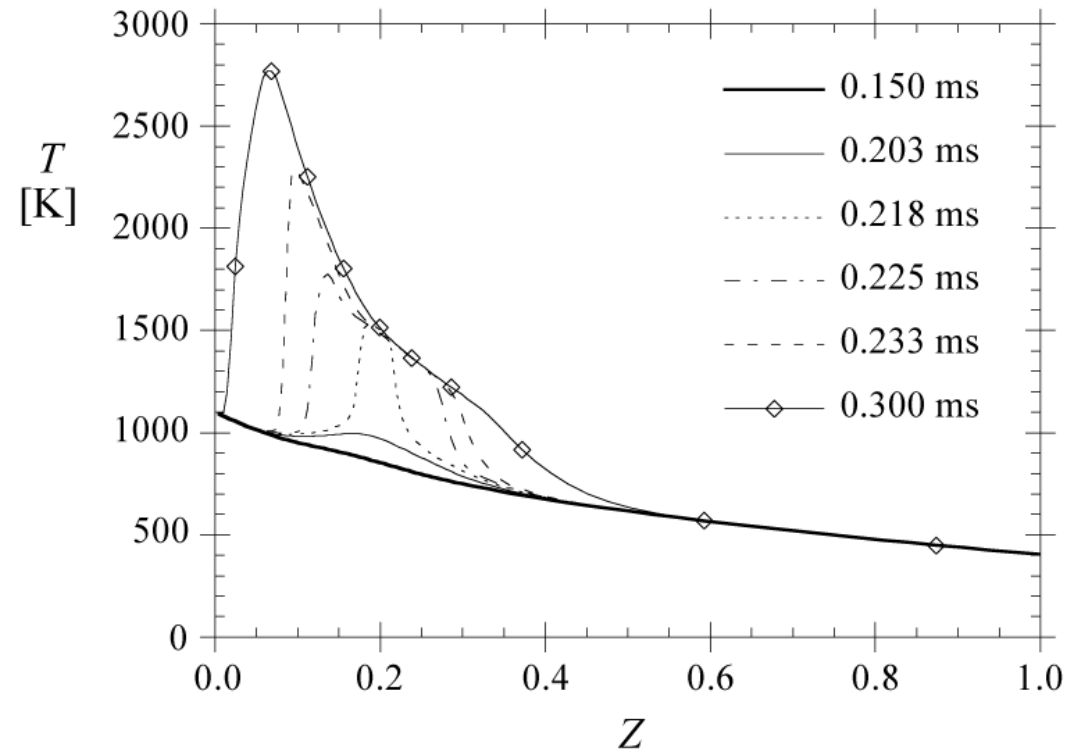
Illustration of coupling between RIF code and CFD code

<sup>1</sup> Barths, H., Pitsch, H., Peters, N., 3D Simulation of DI Diesel Combustion and Pollutant Formation Using a Two-Component Reference Fuel, Oil & Gas Science and Technology Rev. IFP 54, pp. 233-244, 1999.



# *n*-Heptane Air Ignition

- The initial air temperature is 1100 K and the initial fuel temperature is 400 K.



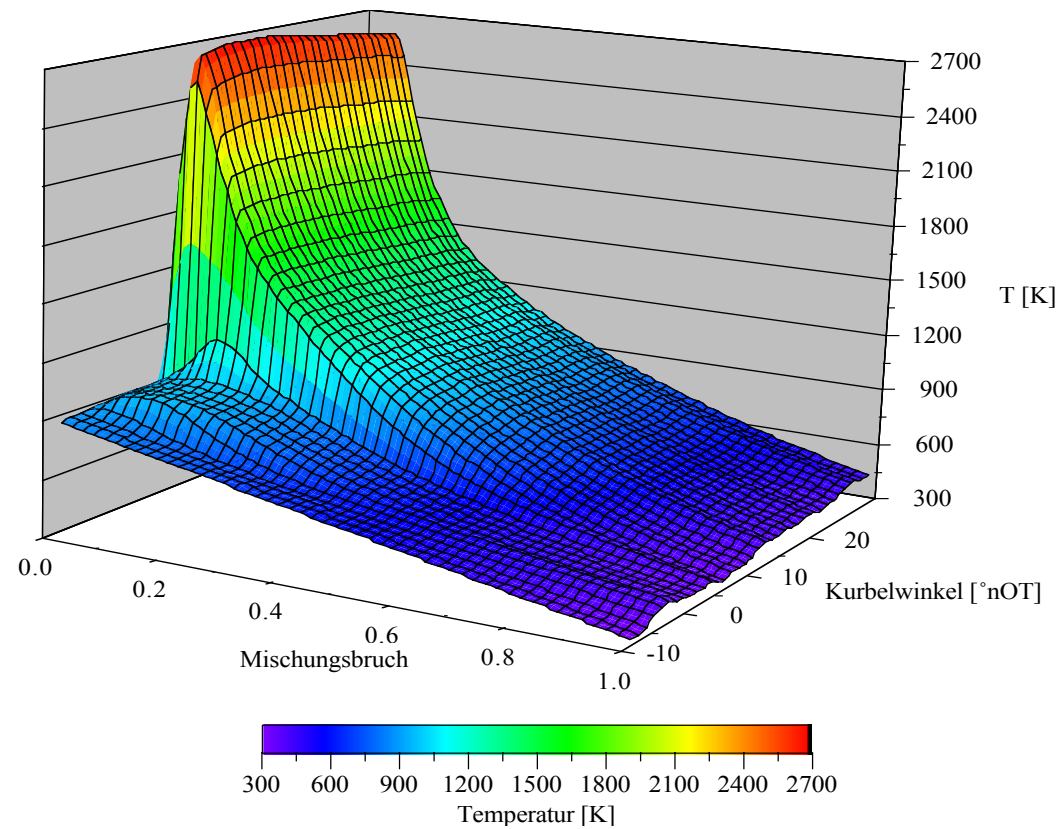
# Example: Diesel engine simulation

- VW 1,9 l DI-Diesel engine  
(Fuel: *n*-Heptan)
- Simulation:
  - KIVA-Code
  - RIF-Model
  - *n*-Heptan detailed chemistry
  - Soot and  $\text{No}_x$  as function of EGR

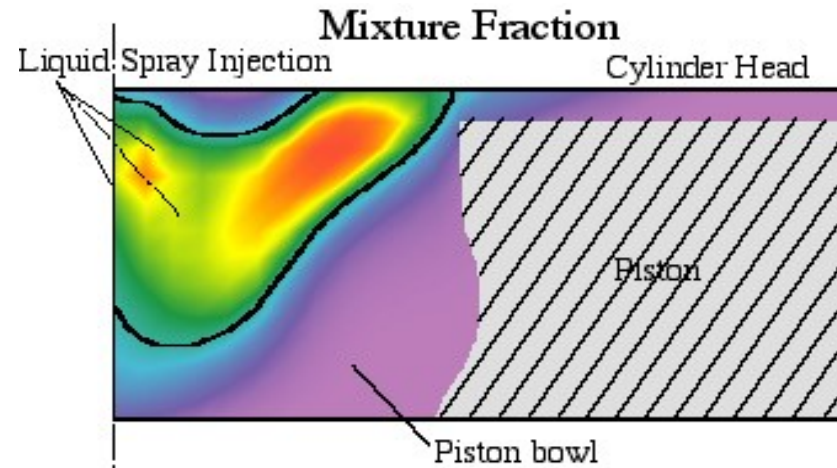
Model:	Volkswagen DI 1.9l
Piston Displacement:	1896 cm <sup>3</sup>
Bore:	79.5 mm
Stroke:	95.0 mm
Connecting Rod Length:	144.0 mm
Compression Ratio:	17.5:1
Nozzle:	5-Hole
Hole Diameter:	0.194 mm
Opening Pressure:	250 bar
Injection Angle:	150°
Operation Point:	2000 rpm
Fuel:	<i>n</i> -Heptane
Injected Fuel Mass:	8 mg

# Example: Diesel engine simulation

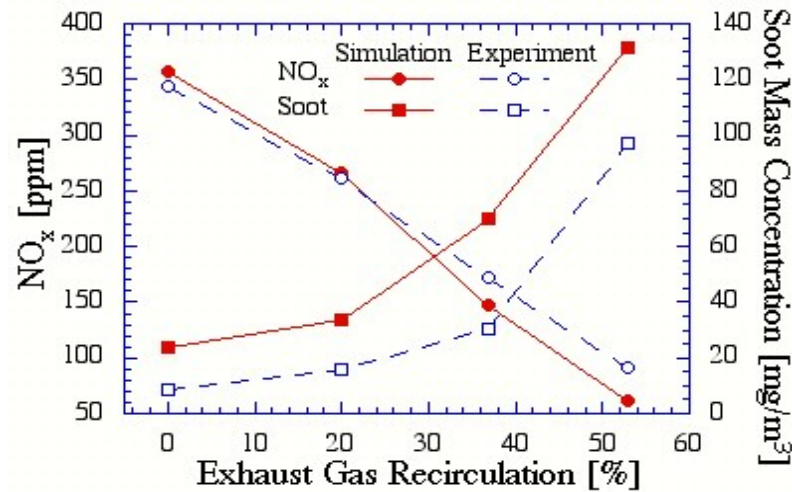
- RIF-Temperature



# Example: Diesel engine simulation



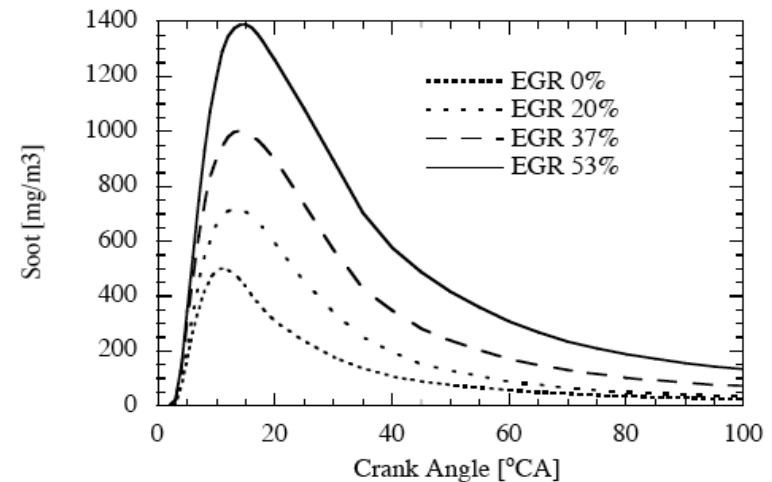
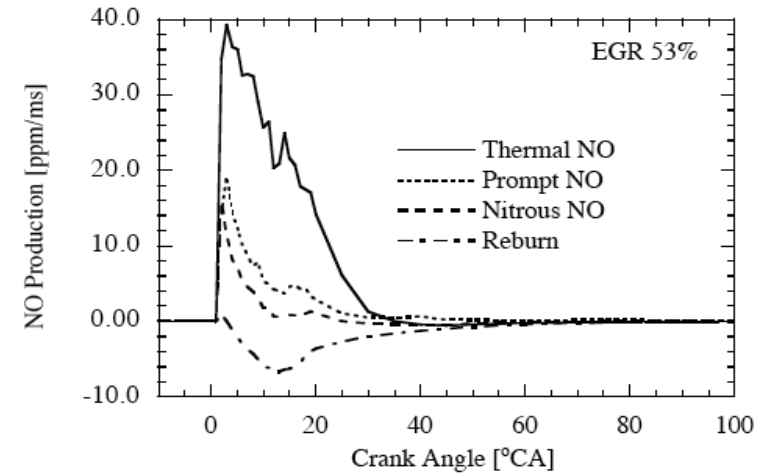
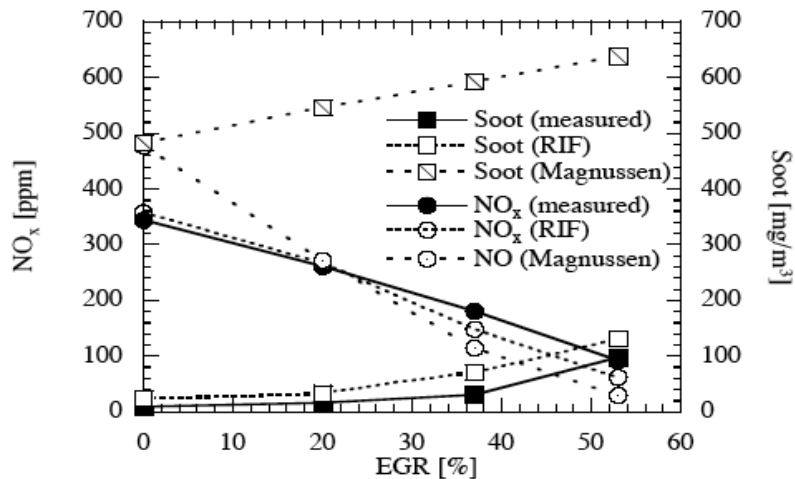
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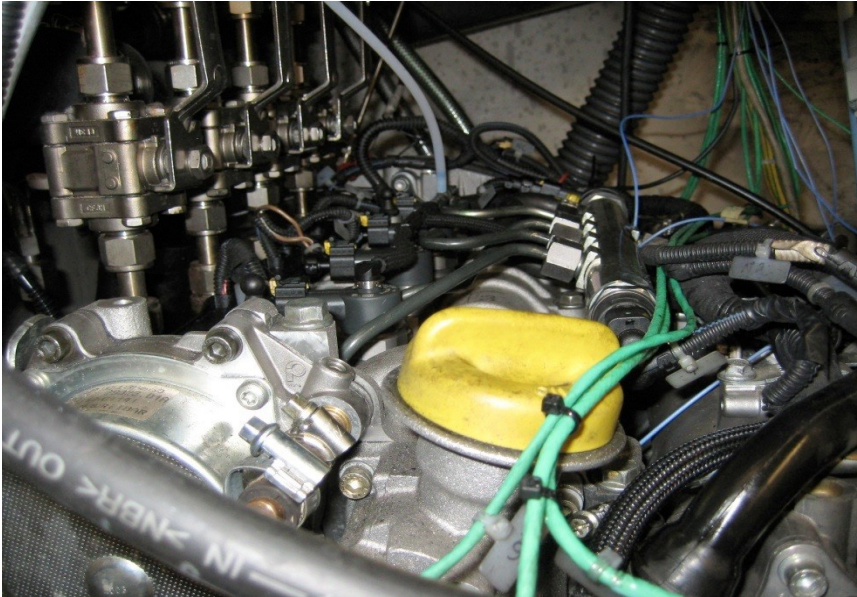
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# Example: Diesel engine simulation

- Comparison with Magnussen-/Hiroyasu-Model



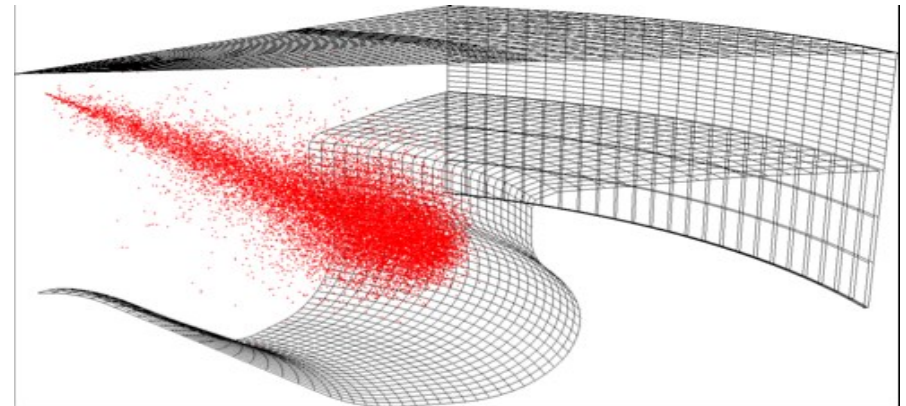
# Example: ITV Diesel Engine Test Bench



Engine type	4 cylinder diesel engine
Bore	82.0 mm
Stroke	90.4 mm
Displacement	1910 mm <sup>3</sup>
Pistons	Reentrant type
Compression ratio	17.5:1
Valves	16 V
Max. Power	110 kW (150 PS)
Swirl number	2.5
Injection system	Bosch Common-Rail (2nd generation), central injector position, 7 holes nozzle

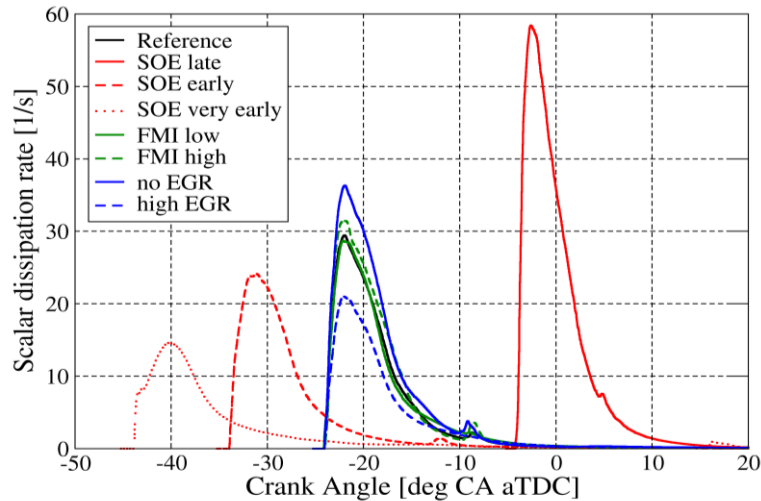
- The range of operation was extended for partially homogenized conditions (PCCI)
- High performance measurement equipment
- Rapid and dynamic measurement of EGR
- Fast sensors with cycle-to-cycle resolution for NO<sub>x</sub> and uHC
- Stationary measurement of soot, CO, CO<sub>2</sub>, ...

- Multidimensional CFD-RANS code AC-FLuX
- Computations performed for variations in
  - Start of energizing (SOE): 10, 20, 30, 40 and 50 deg CA bTDC
  - Fuel mass injected (FMI): 11, 12, 13.5 and 17.5 mm<sup>3</sup>/cycle
  - Exhaust gas recirculation (EGR): 0, 15, 26, 33 and 34 %
- Computations from IVC to EVO
- Sector grid of the combustion chamber (~ 50000 cells)
- Two different meshes for compression and combustion
- RIF combustion model initialized at start of injection

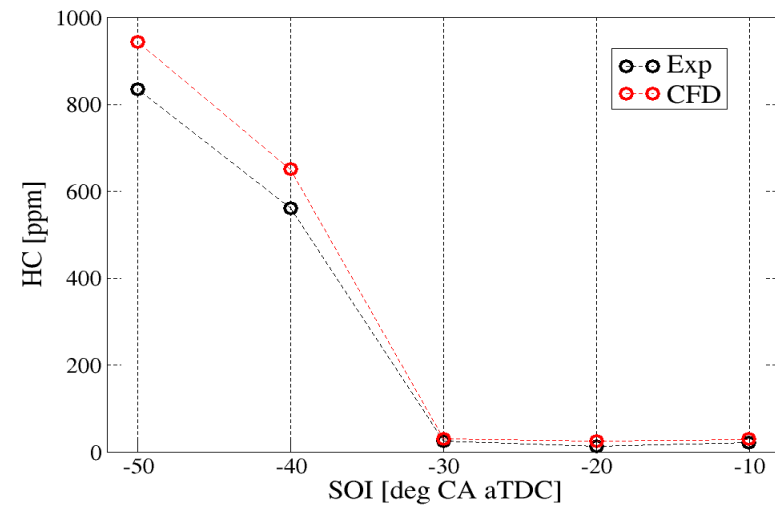
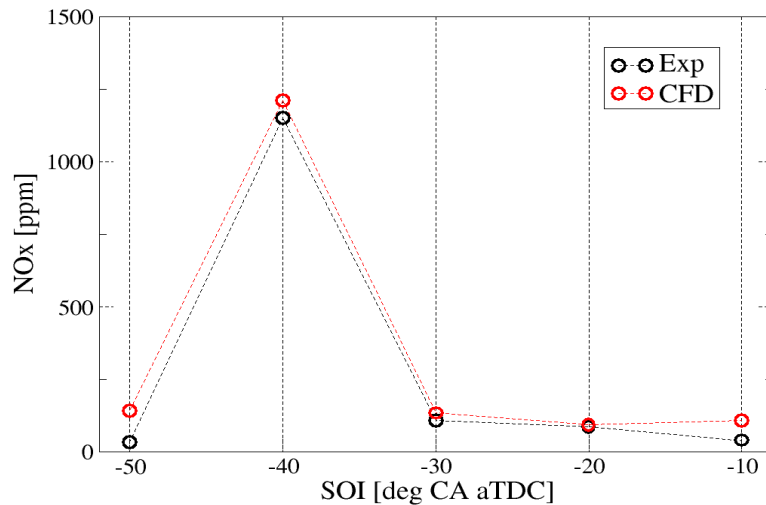




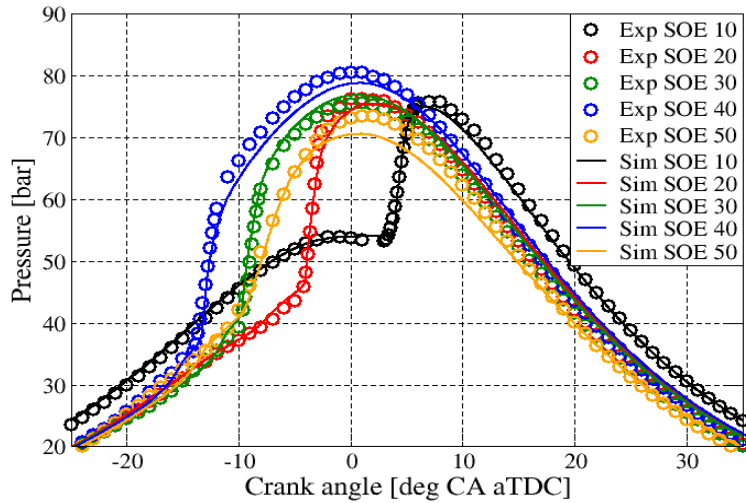
# Multi-Zone Model Results



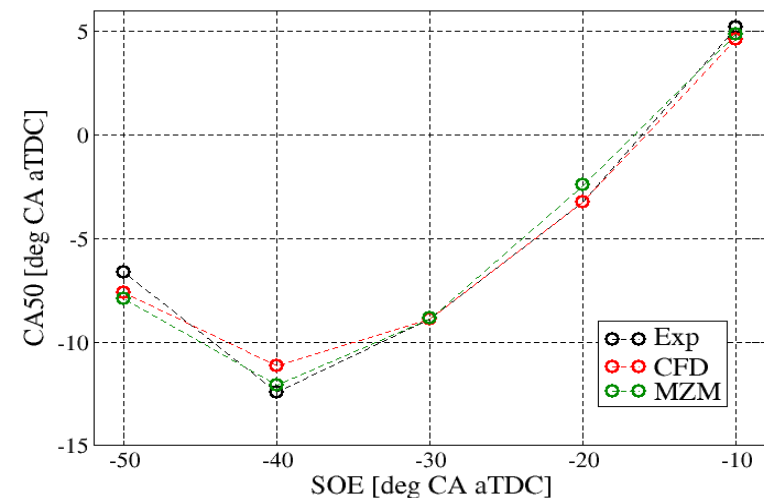
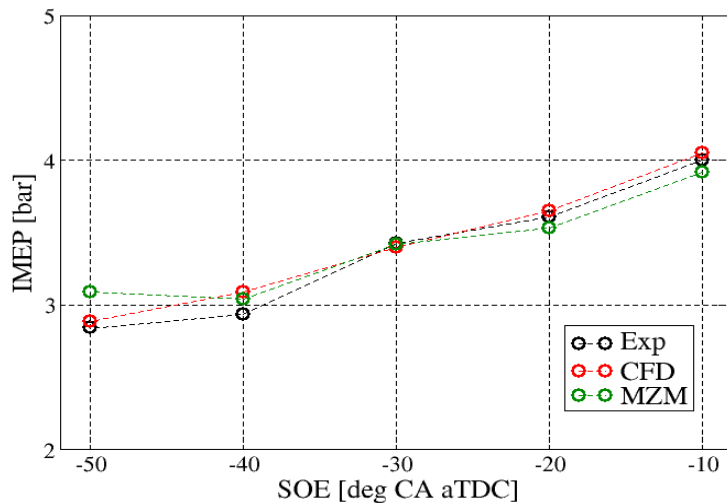
- Scalar dissipation rate:
- Strong influence of SOE on position and maximum
- FMI and EGR only affect the maximum value
- IMEP:
- Good qualitative agreement
- Noticeable deviation at SOE 50
- CA50:
- Even better agreement
- Only minor deviations observable

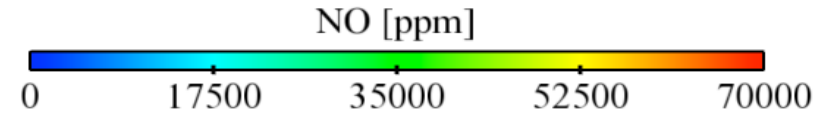
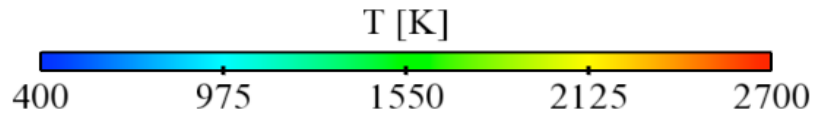




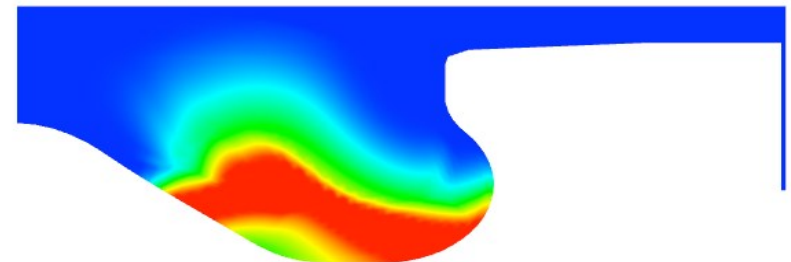
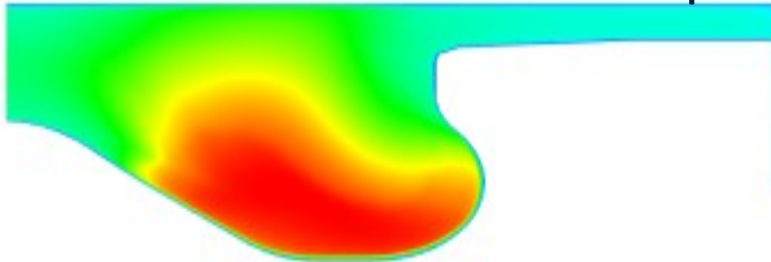


- Good agreement in terms of in-cylinder pressure
- Ignition delay
- Combustion
- Peak pressure
- Expansion
- Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and unburned hydrocarbons (HC):
- Simulation captures experimental trend
- Minor deviations for latest injection timing (NO<sub>x</sub>) and early injection timings (HC)

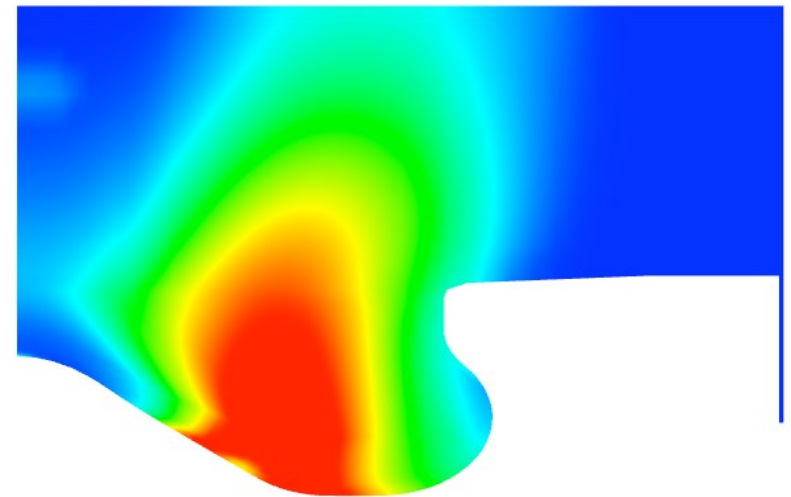
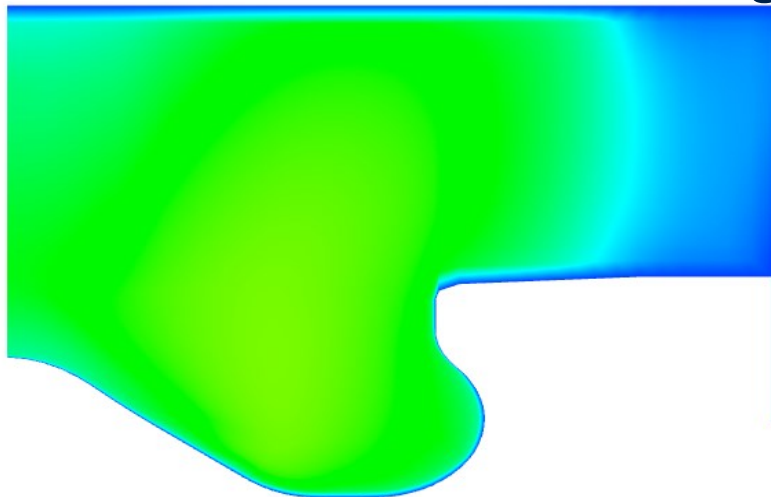


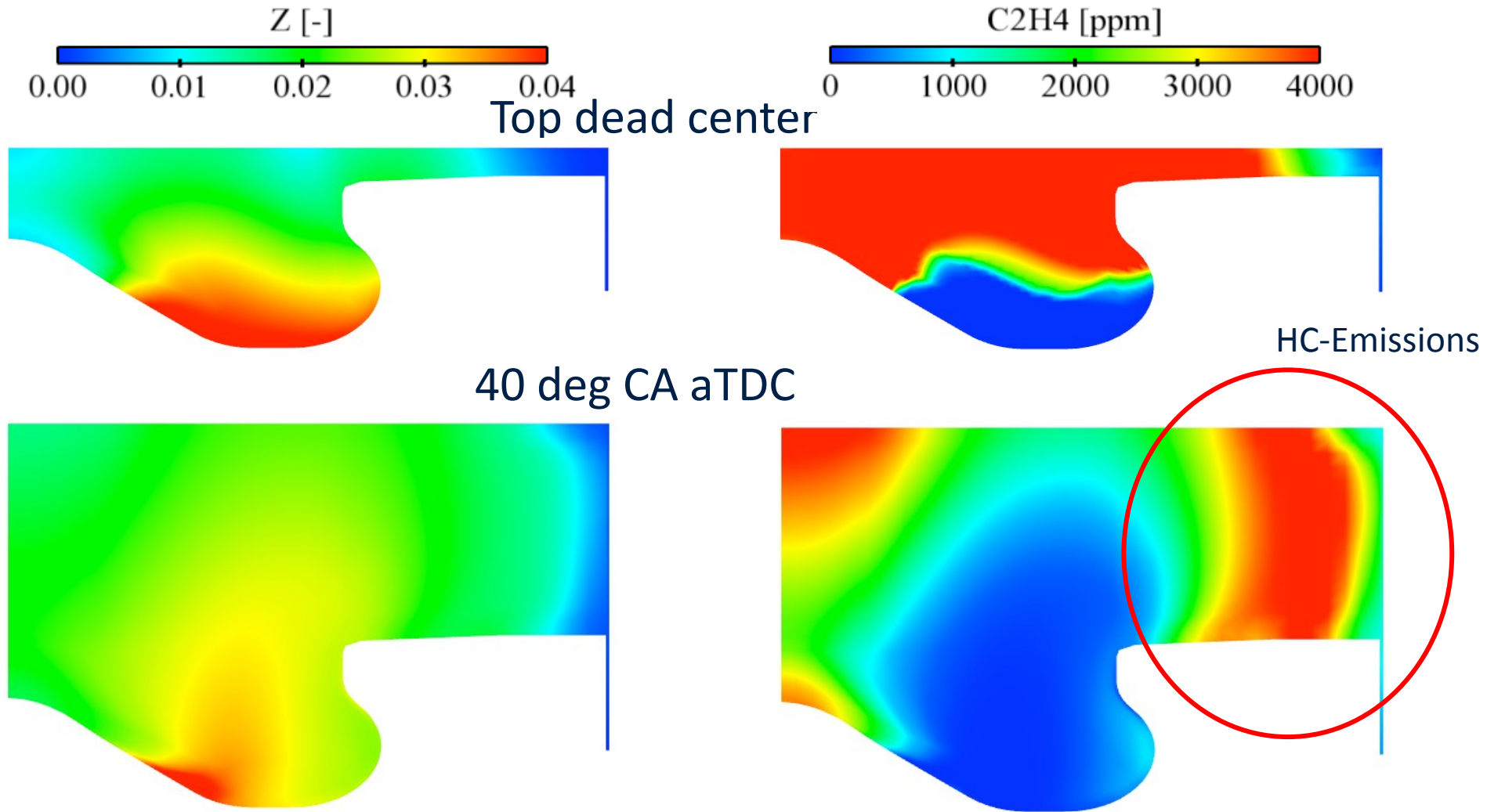


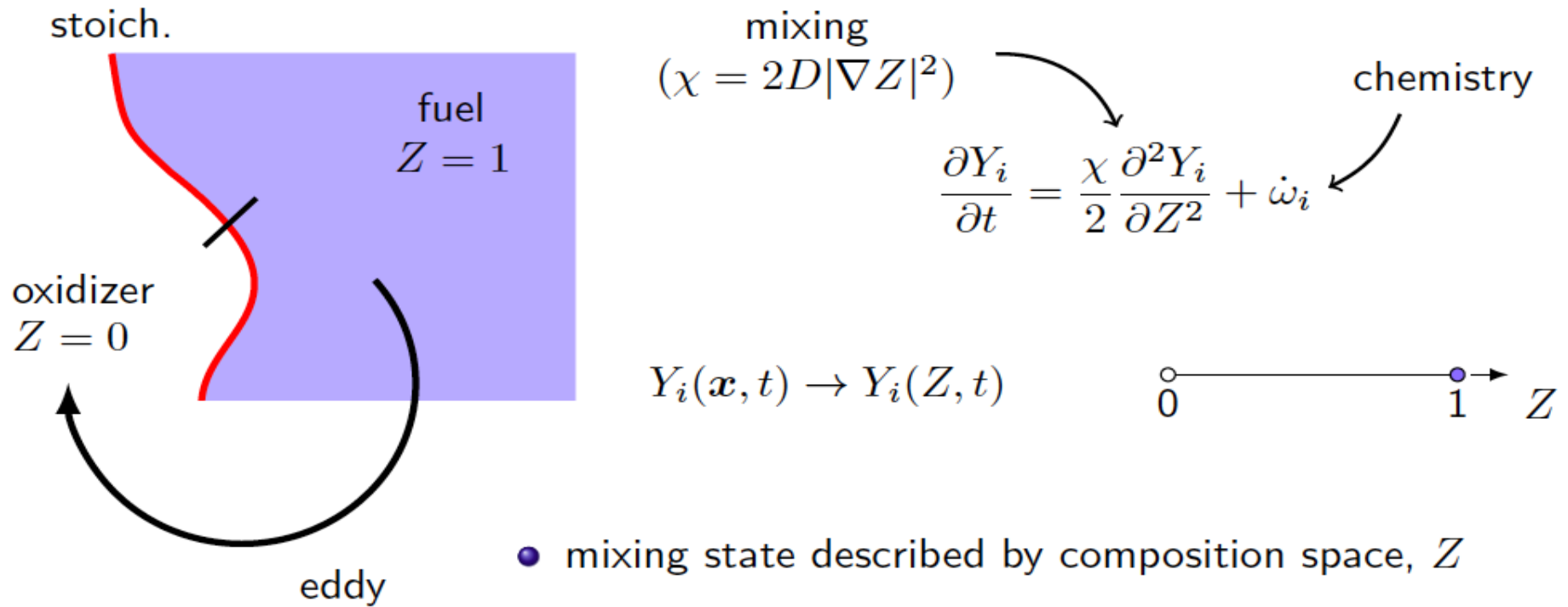
Top dead center



40 deg CA aTDC

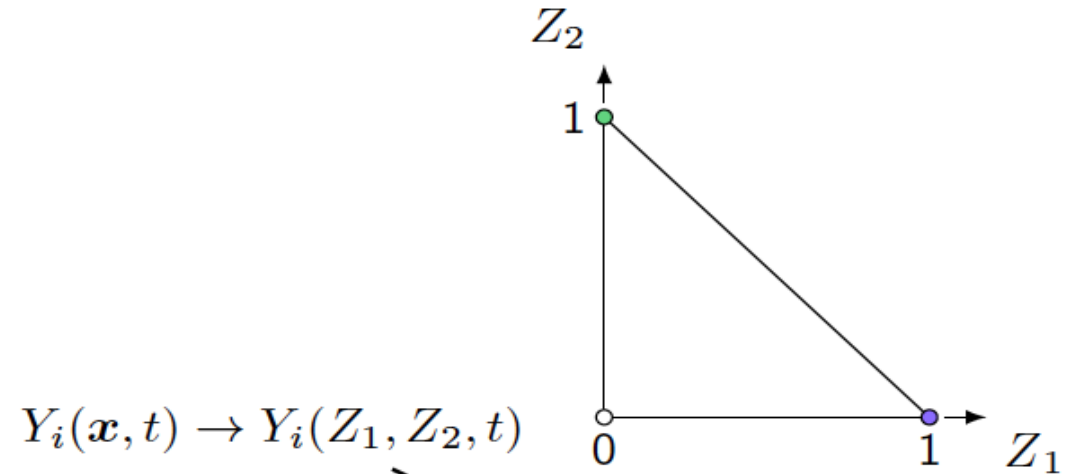
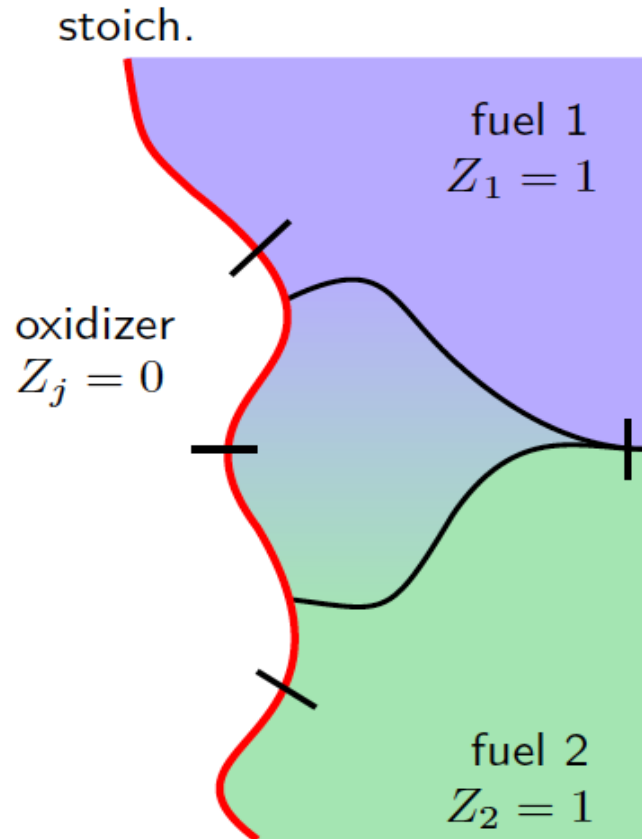




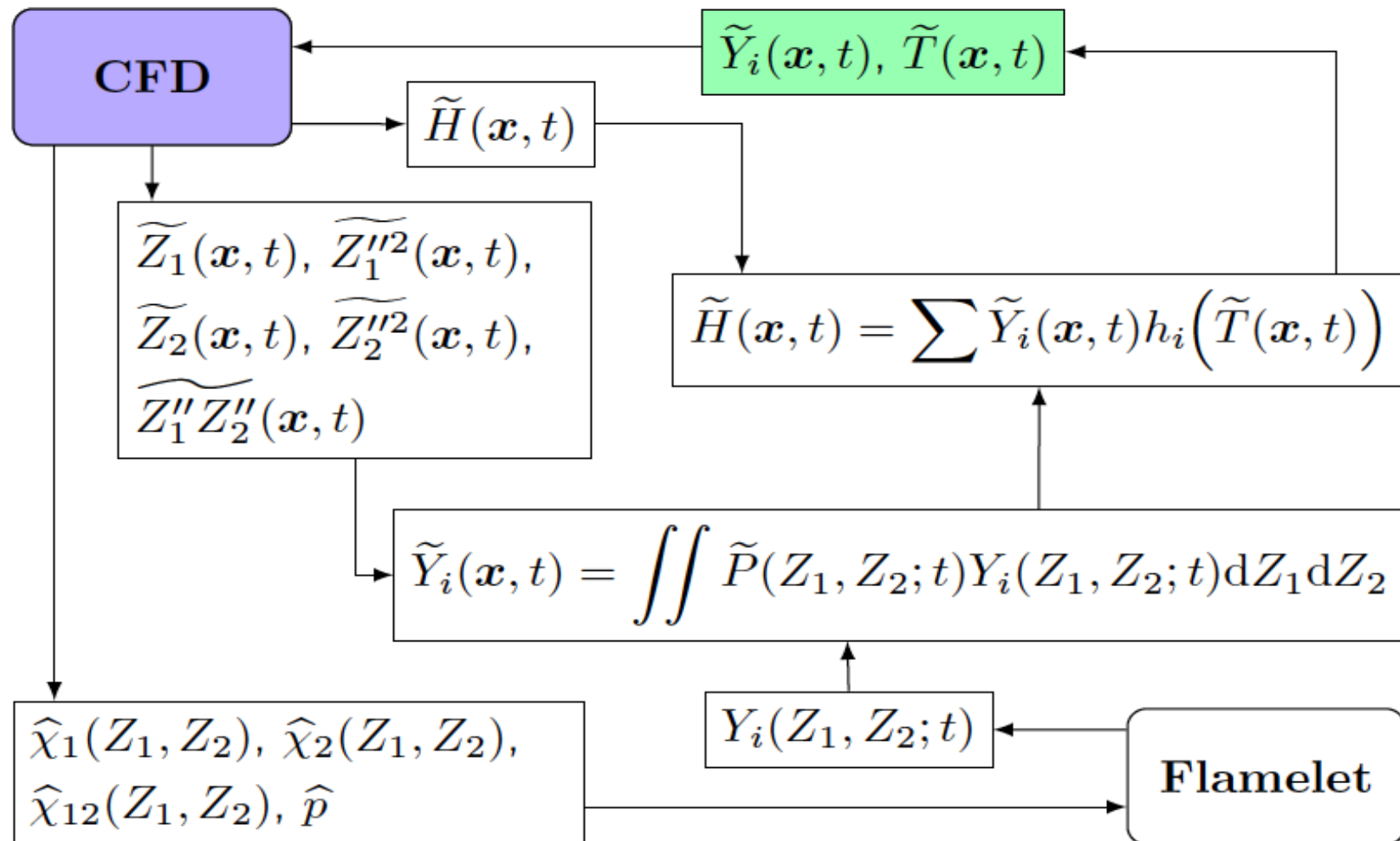


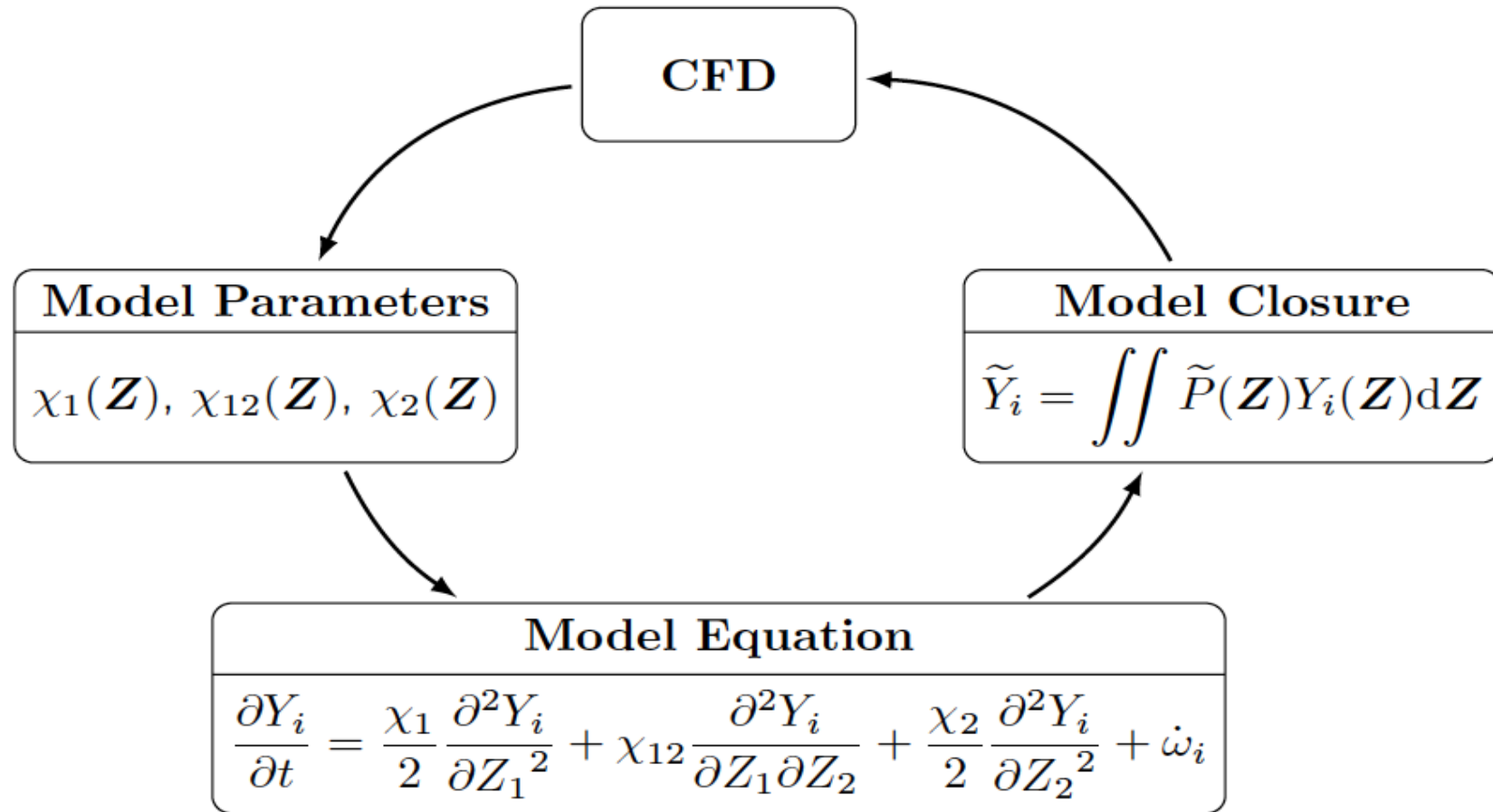
- mixing state described by composition space,  $Z$
- allows for detailed chemistry

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$$\frac{\partial Y_i}{\partial t} = \frac{\chi_1}{2} \frac{\partial^2 Y_i}{\partial Z_1^2} + \chi_{12} \frac{\partial^2 Y_i}{\partial Z_1 \partial Z_2} + \frac{\chi_2}{2} \frac{\partial^2 Y_i}{\partial Z_2^2} + \dot{\omega}_i$$





## Specifications

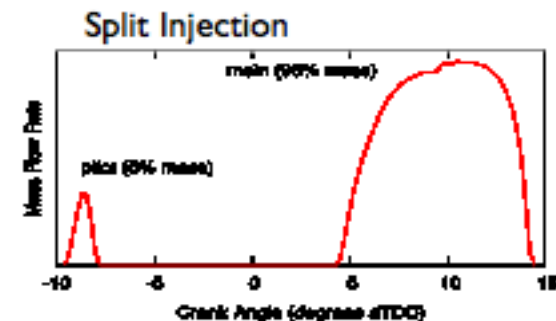
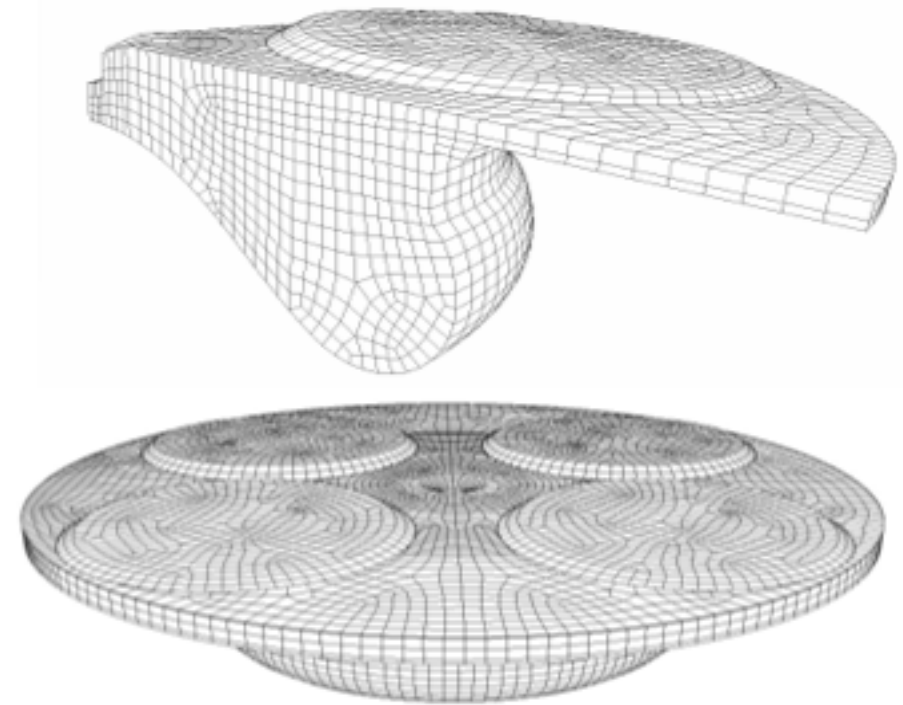
- **Bore:** 84.7 mm
- **Stroke:** 90 mm
- **Displacement:** 0.5 L
- **Compression Ratio:** 16

## Operating Conditions

- **Engine Speed:** 2000 RPM
- **IMEP:** 8 bar
- **Swirl Ratio:** 2
- **EGR:** 20-30%

**Bosch 7 hole Injector (CRI3.0/CRI3.2)**

- **Rail Pressure:** 1500 bar
- **Spray Angle:** 160 degrees





## Combustion Model

- Multi-dimensional flamelet model

## CFD

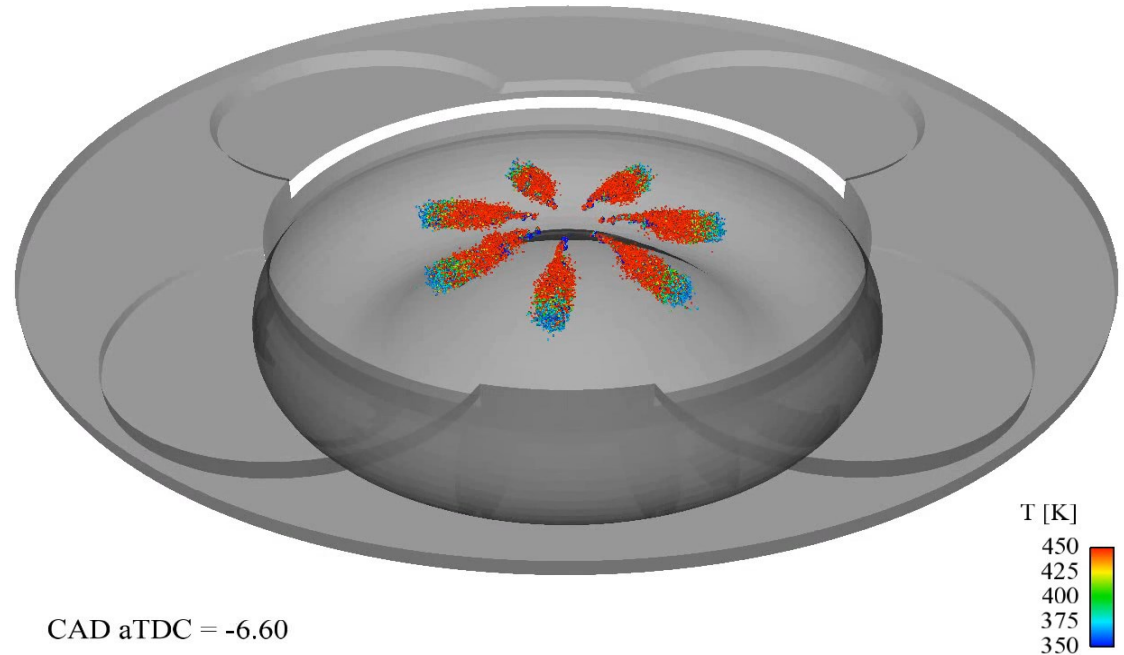
- Fluent Turbulent RANS
- k-epsilon realizable

## Spray Model

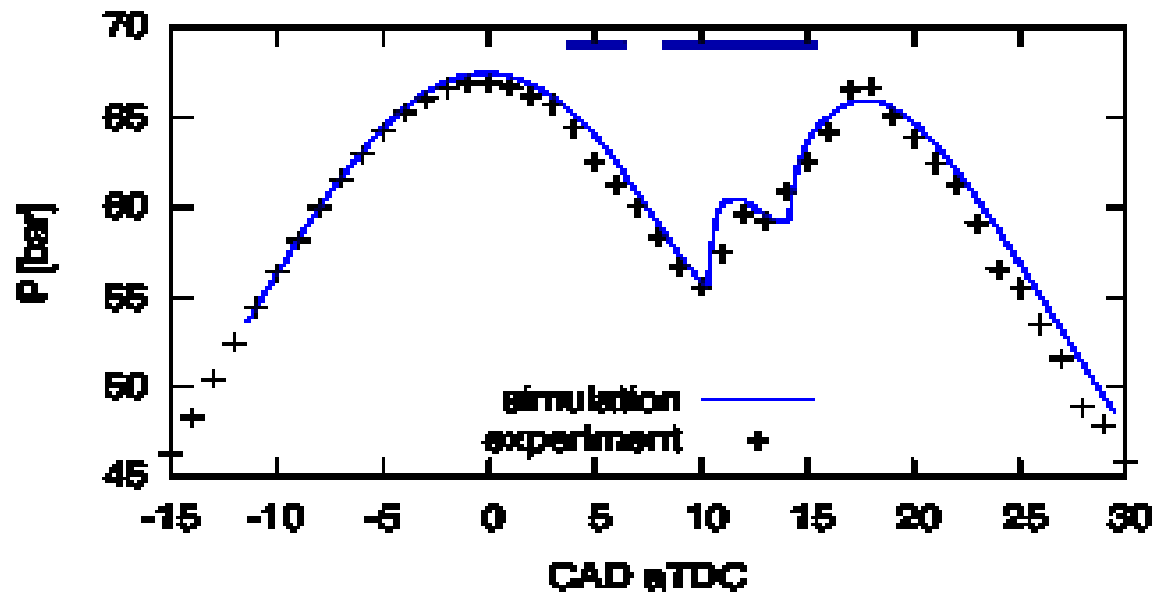
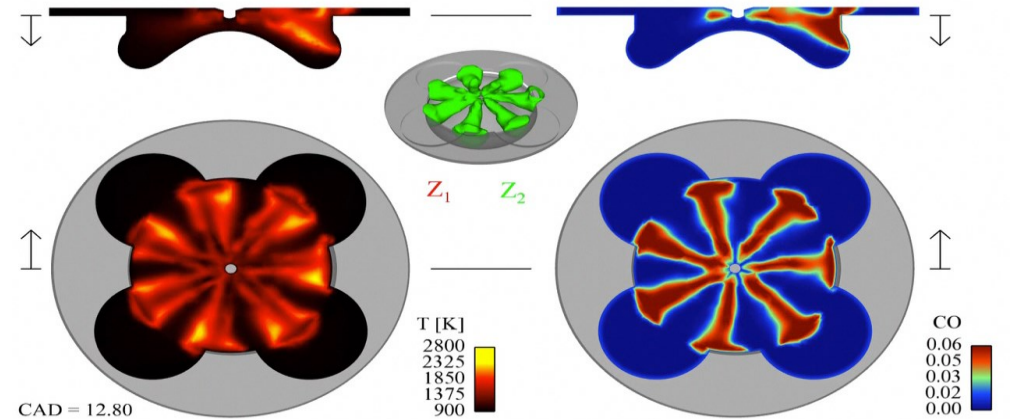
- Discrete phase
- WAVE breakup model

## Mechanism<sup>[1]</sup>

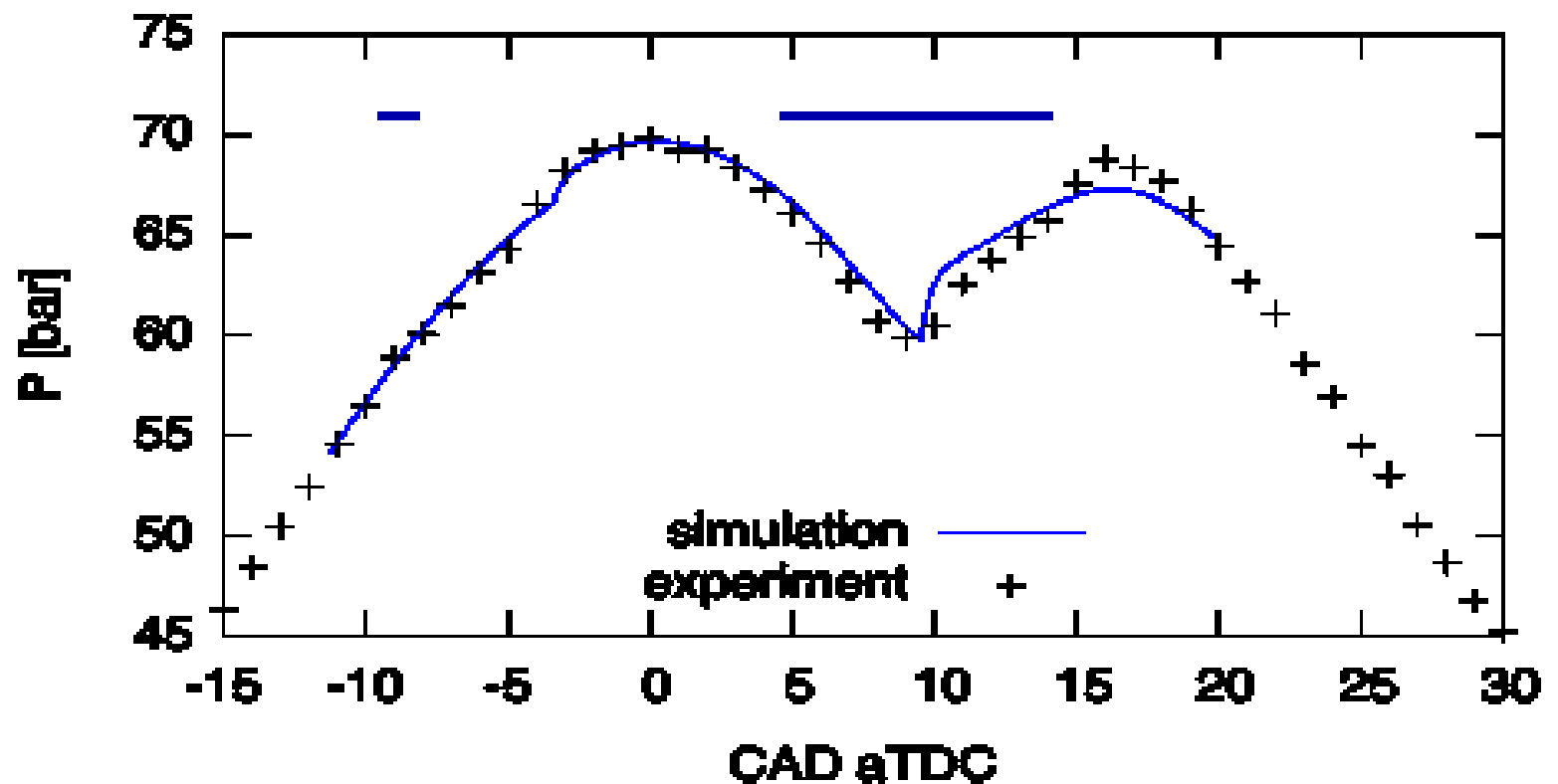
- n-heptane
- 36 species



- Close pilot injection:
- IMEP: 8 bar
- 28% EGR



- Classic pilot injection:
  - IMEP: 8 bar
  - 24% EGR



# Steady Laminar Flamelet Model

- Assumption that flame structure is in steady state

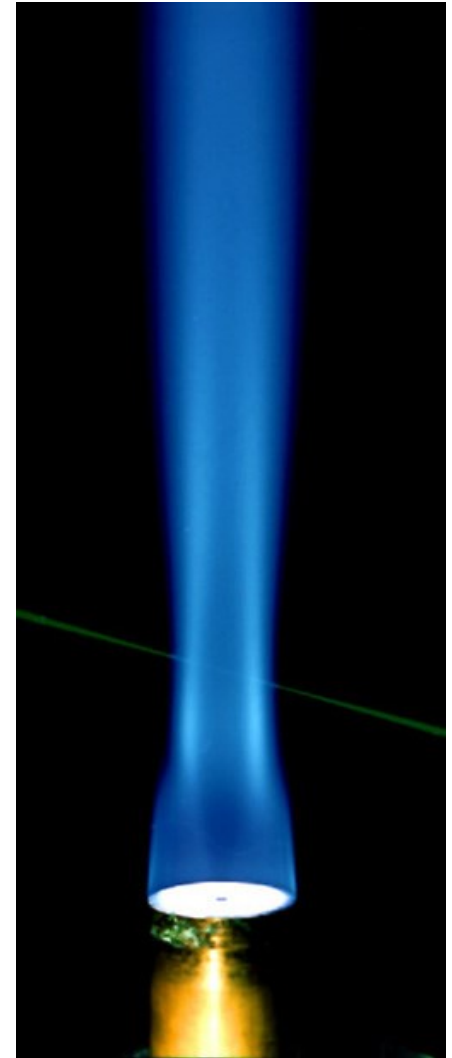
$$\cancel{\rho \frac{\partial T}{\partial \tau}} - \frac{\rho \chi_{st}}{2} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial Z^2} = \dot{\omega}_T$$

$$\cancel{\rho \frac{\partial Y_\alpha}{\partial \tau}} - \frac{\rho \chi_{st}}{2} \frac{\partial^2 Y_\alpha}{\partial Z^2} = \dot{m}_\alpha'''$$

- Assumption often good, except slow chemical and physical processes, such as
  - Pollutant formation
  - Radiation
  - Extinction/re-ignition
- Model formulation
  - Solve steady flamelet equations with varying  $\chi_{st}$
  - Tabulate in terms of  $\chi_{st}$  or progress variable  $C$ , e.g.  $C = Y_{CO_2} + Y_{H_2O} + Y_{CO} + Y_{H_2}$
  - Presumed PDF, typically beta function for  $Z$ , delta function for dissipation rate or reaction progress parameter

## Example: LES of a Bluff-Body Stabilized Flame

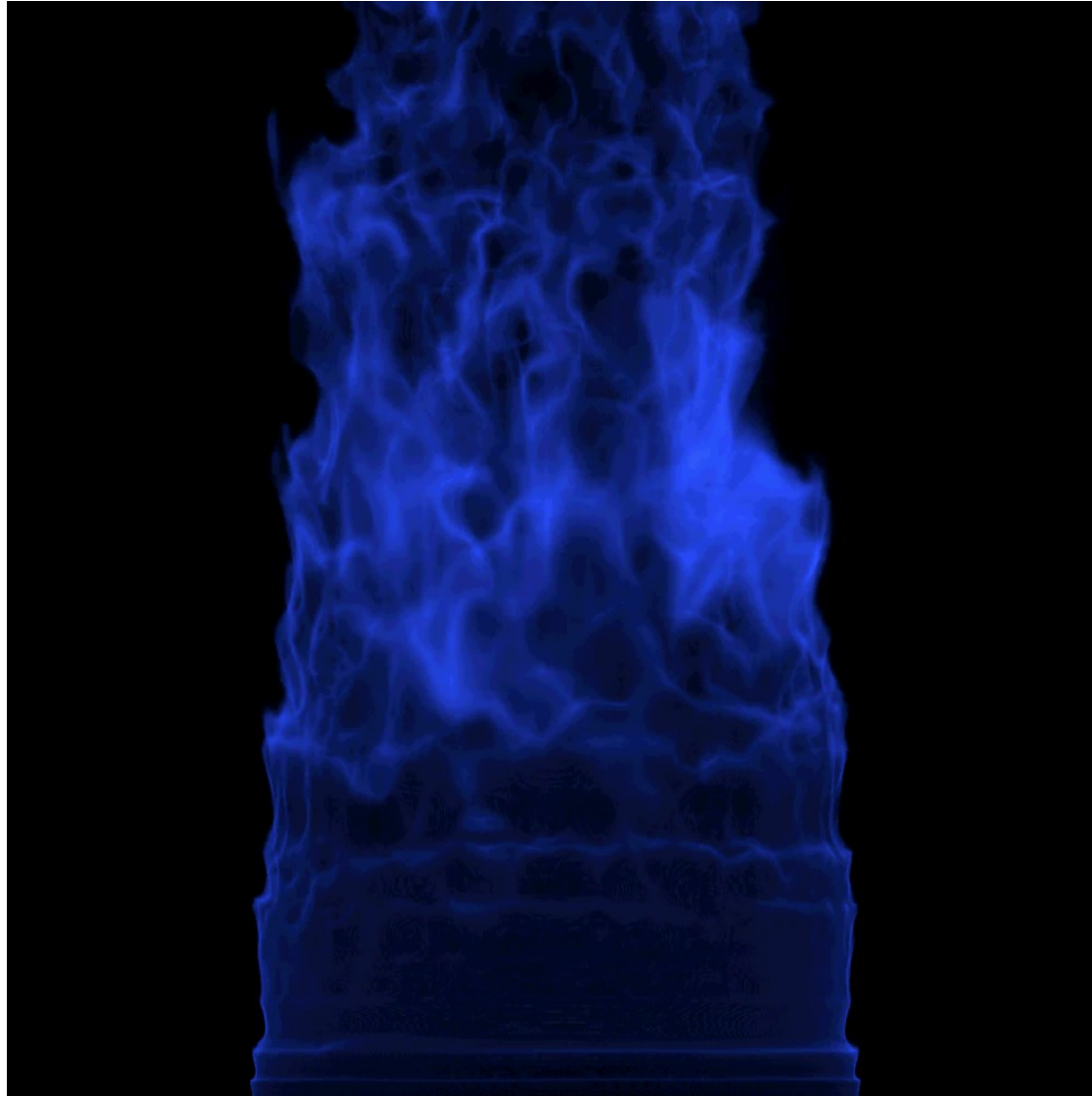
- Bluff-body stabilized methane/air flame
- Fuel issues through center of bluff body
- Flame stabilization by complex recirculating flow
- RANS models where unsuccessful in predicting experimental data
- Here, LES using simple steady flamelet model
- New recursive filter refinement method
- Accurate models for scalar variance and scalar dissipation rate



Exp. by Masri et al.

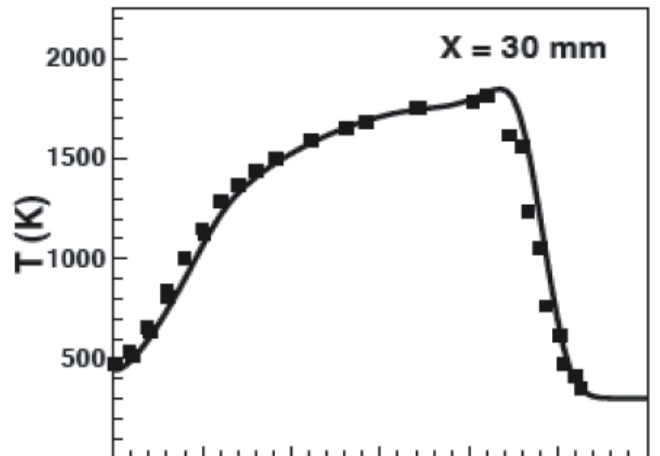
## Example: LES of a Bluff-Body Stabilized Flame

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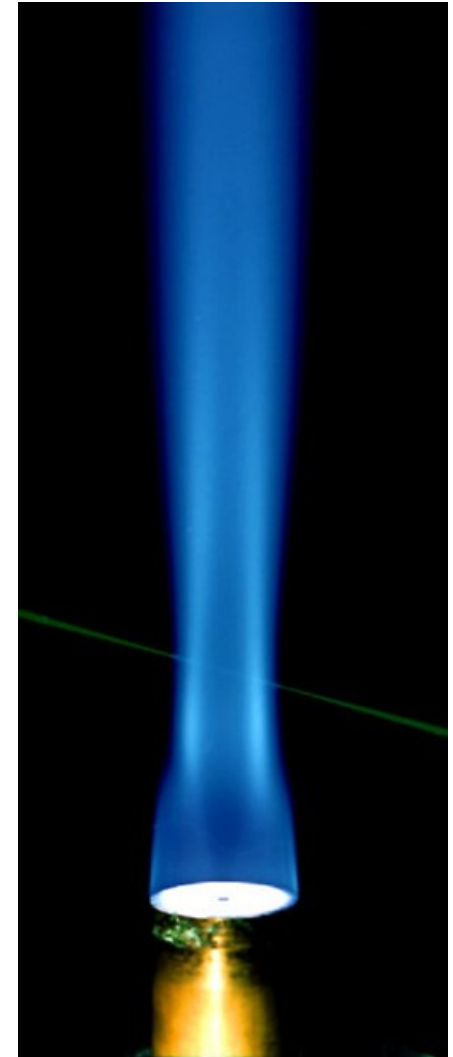
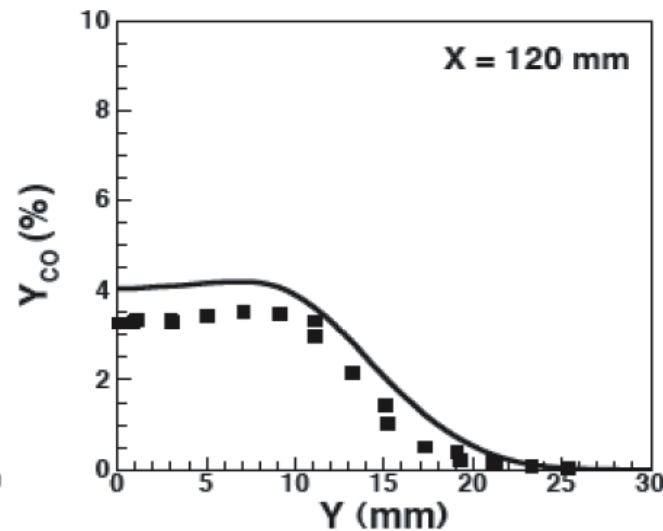
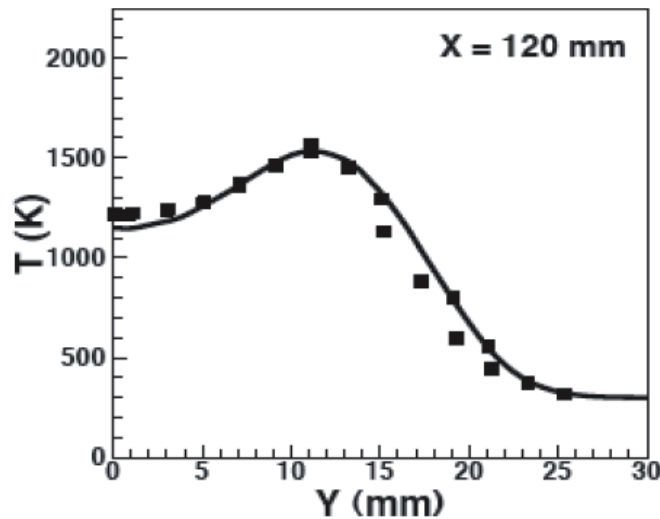
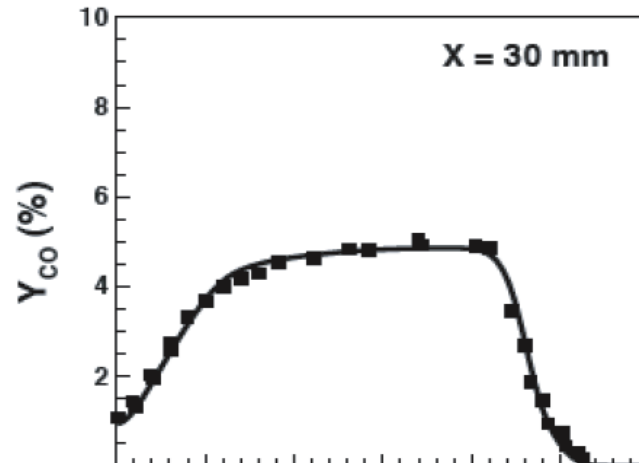


# Example: LES of a Bluff-Body Stabilized Flame

Temperature



CO Mass Fraction



# Flamelet Model Application to Sandia Jet Flames

Flamelet model application to jet flame with extinction and reignition

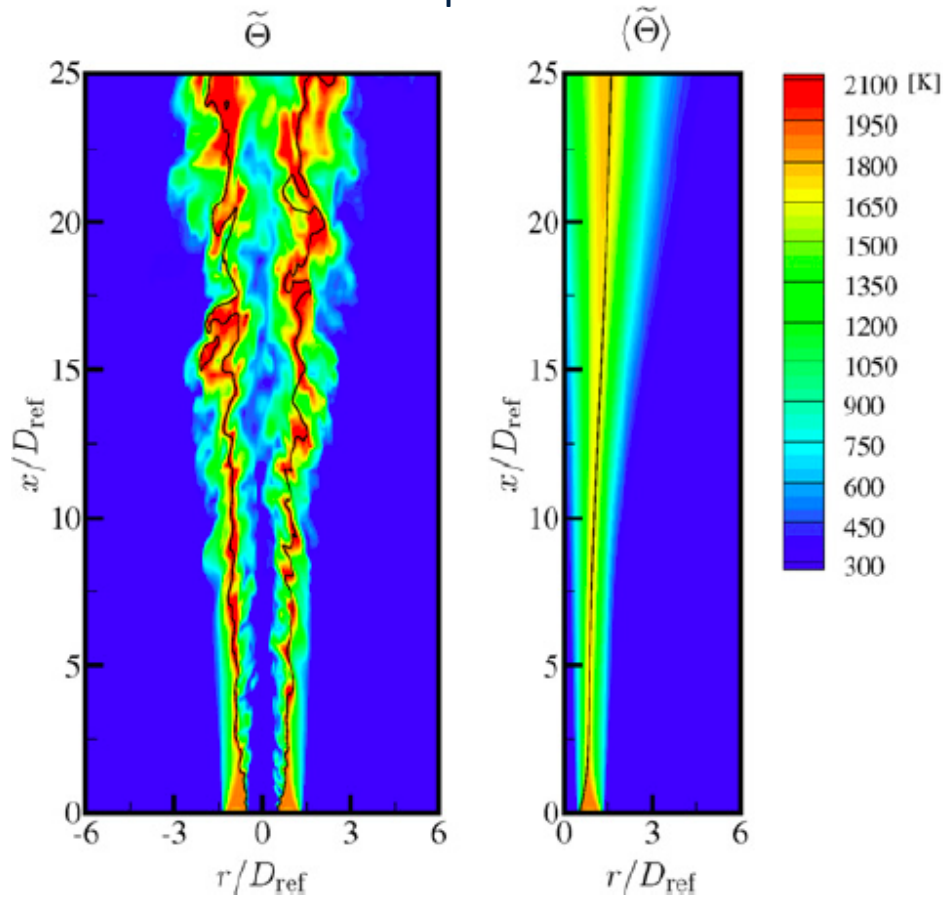
- Flamelet/progress variable model (Ihme & Pitsch, 2008)
- Definition of reaction progress parameter
  - Based on progress variable  $C$
  - Defined to be independent of  $Z$
- Joint pdf of  $Z$  and  $\lambda$ 
  - $Z$  and  $\lambda$  independent
  - Beta function for  $Z$
  - Statistically most likely distribution for  $\lambda$



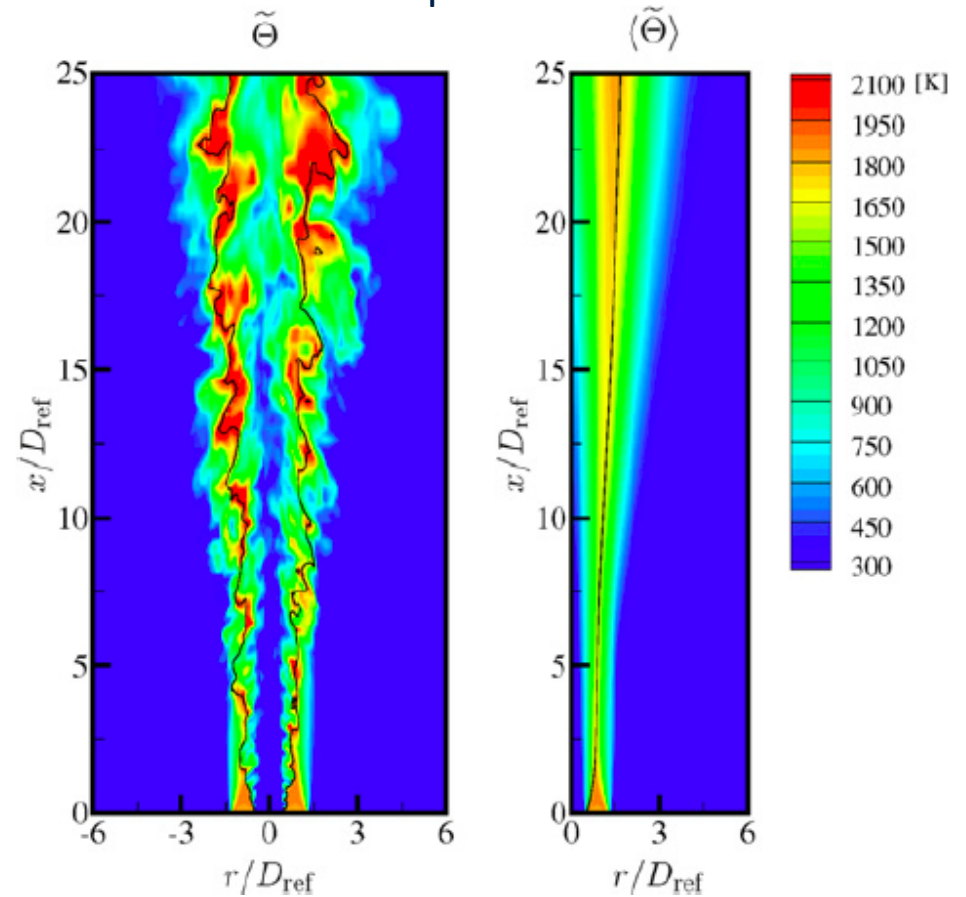
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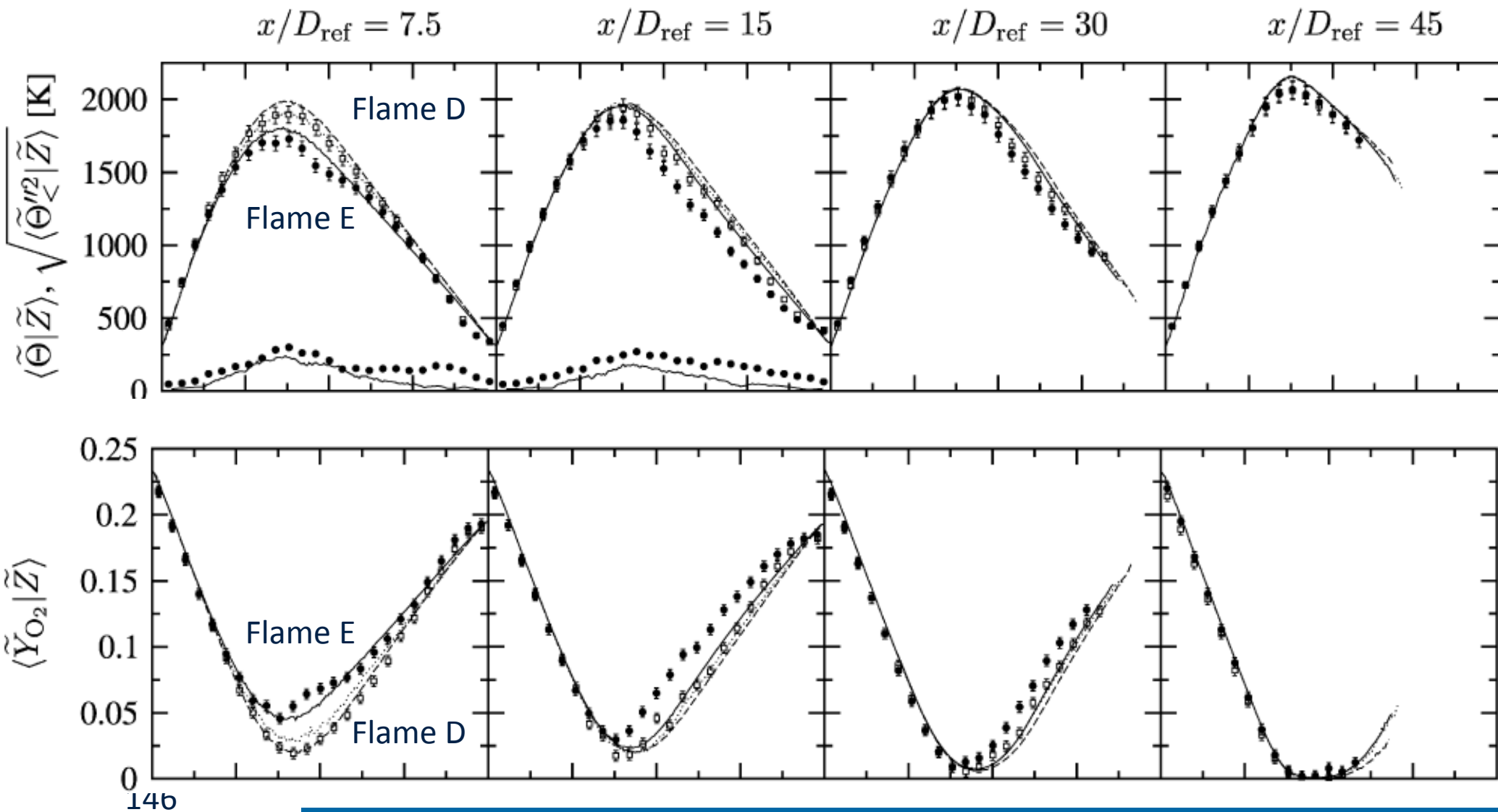
Flame D:  
Temperature



Flame E:  
Temperature



# Flamelet Model Application to Sandia Jet Flames



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