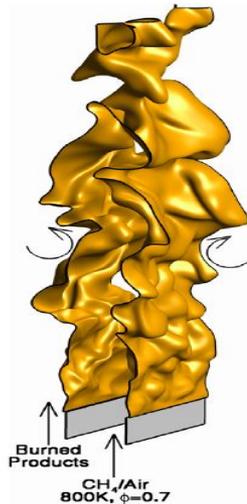


# Tuesday: KiloHertz PLIF, PIV measurements

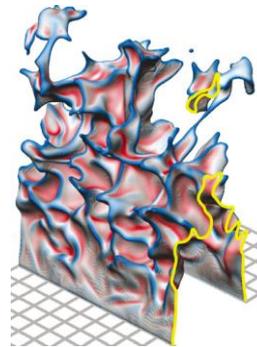
## Turbulent Combustion

Experiments and Fundamental Models

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R. Sankaran,  
E. Hawkes,  
Jackie Chen,  
T. Lu, C. K. Law  
premixed



Bell, Day,  
Driscoll  
“corrugated”  
premixed

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# Outline for the week

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Mon: **Physical concepts** faster mixing, faster propagation, optimize liftoff, flame surface density, reaction rate, PDF

Tues: **Kilohertz PLIF, PIV measurements of flame structure** - to assess models

Wed: **Non-Premixed and Premixed flames** - measurements, models  
gas turbine example

Thurs: **Partially premixed flames** - and some examples

Fri: **Future challenges:** Combustion Instabilities (Growl) , Extinction



# Outline for Tuesday

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1. **Canonical experiments**
2. **PLIF and KHz PLIF** - of reaction layer structure –  
Borghi regime diagram
3. **Kilohertz PIV movies of vorticity** - flame-eddy interactions
4. **Kilohertz PLIF** - movies of flame surface density to assess models of  
combustion instabilities, spectra, phase angles

# Canonical Non-premixed flames

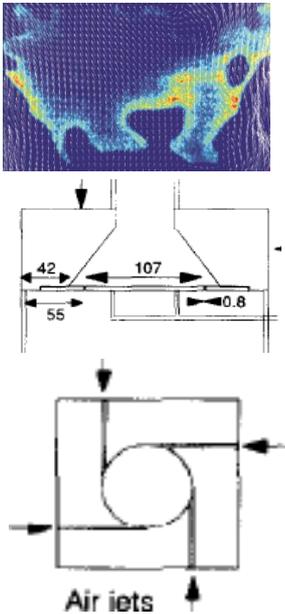
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1. Turbulent Jet flame (Sandia Flame D)
2. Jet in Co-Flow (Cabra burner)
3. Jet in Cross flow (JICF)
4. Gaseous Fuel Jet Surrounded by Swirling Air = Gas Turbine-Like
5. Spray flame – surrounded by swirling air = Gas Turbine-Like

# Canonical premixed turbulent flames

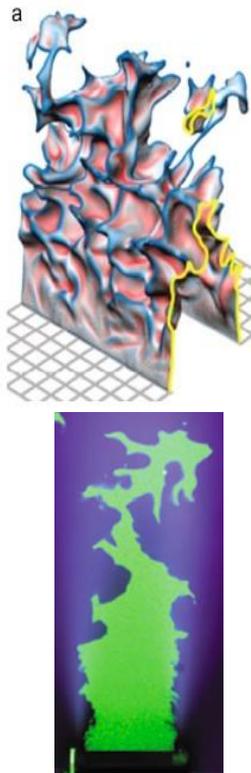
## Low swirl

RK Cheng  
PROCI 31  
3155



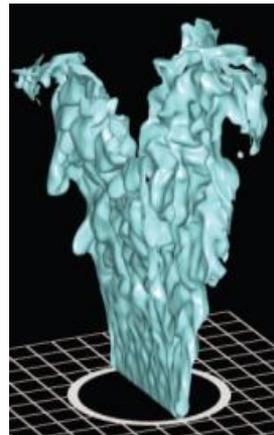
## Slot Bunsen

Driscoll, Bell  
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## V-Flame

Gulder  
Comb Flame  
162, 1422



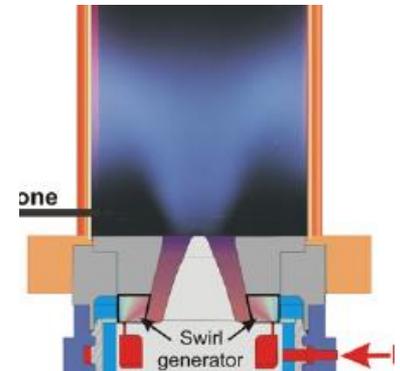
## Piloted jet flame

Dunn, Masri  
Flow Turb Comb  
85, 621



## Premixed Gas Turbine-like Swirl flame

Meier, DLR  
Precinsta burner  
Comb Flame  
150, 2

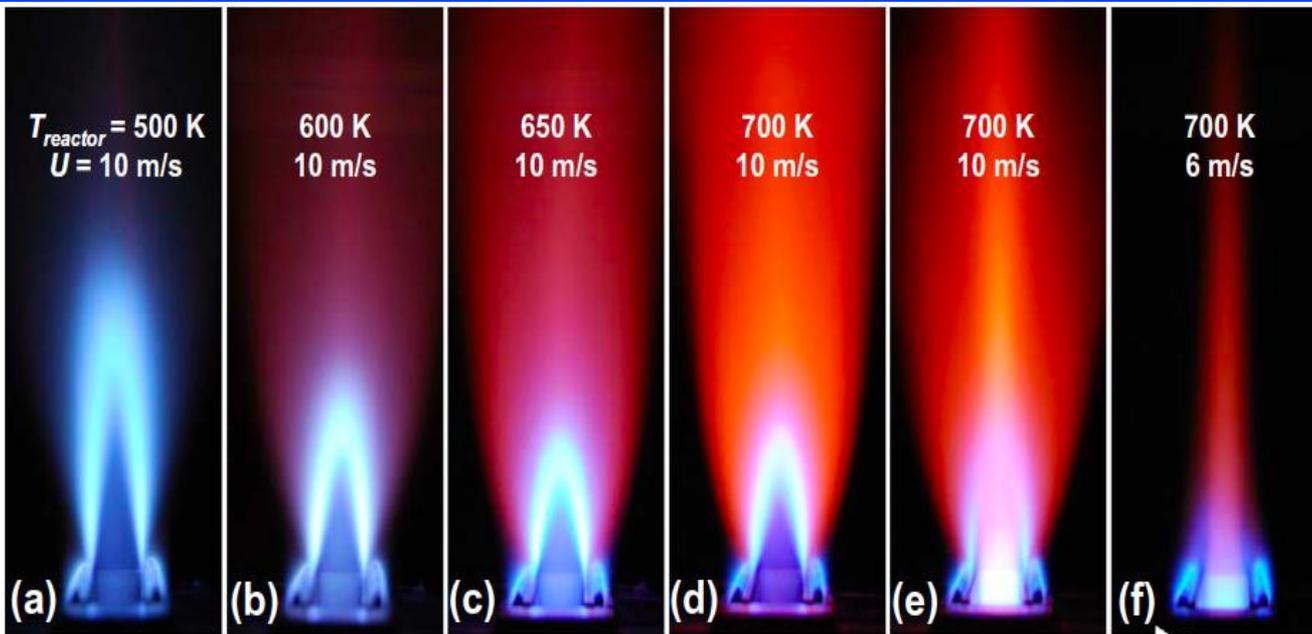


# “Canonical premixed flames” - have been modeled

	type	experiments			DNS	LES	
1	low swirl	Berkeley	Cheng Shepherd	PIV, OH		Strakey, Pitsch	ThckFlm, G-eqn
2	low swirl	Lund	Alden Dreizler	PIV, T		Bai, Fureby	G-eqn, PaSR
3	2-D Slot Bunsen	Michigan	Driscoll Steinberg	PIV, CH	Grcar, Day		
4	2-D Slot Bunsen	none	(highly preheated)	none	JH Chen		
5	V-flame	Berkeley	Cheng Shepherd	PIV, T	Grcar, Day	Duwig	flamelet
6	V-flame	Hannover	Dinkelacker	PIV, T	Swamin.		
7	Bluff Body	FOI/Volvo	Volvo/Fureby	OH		Fureby	PaSR
8	jet, shear	Sydney	Dunn Masri	Raman,q			
9	jet, shear	Lund	Alden	CH, OH		Bai, Fureby	G-eqn, PaSR
10	jet, shear	Aachen	YC Chen, Peters	LDV,Raman		Pitsch	G-eqn
11	high swirl, gas t.	Darmstadt	Dreizler	PIV, Raman		Janicka	G-eqn
12	high swirl, gas t.	Karlsruhe	Siemens, PPC	LDV		Poinsot	ThickFlm
13	high swirl, gas t.	GE LM6000	Mongia, PPC			Menon, Fureby	LEM, PaSR

# Ex.: Bunsen with Preheated reactants:

Yiguang Ju, SH Won, B Windom, B Jiang, Princeton U.

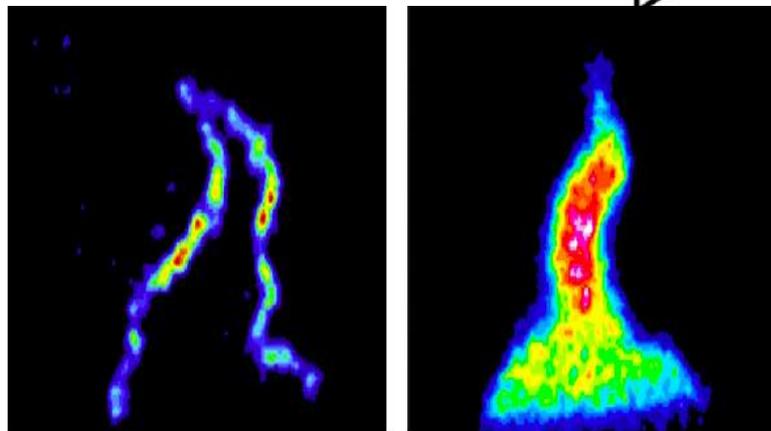


Increasing the ignition Damköhler number & fuel reactivity

four regimes:

chemically-frozen-flow,  
low-temperature-ignition,  
transitional, and  
high-temperature-ignition

CH<sub>2</sub>O PLIF



## Diagnostics: Laser sheet imaging - of flame structure

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**Mie** scattering – oil drops are in reactants but not products

**Rayleigh** scattering – temperature field = cold in reactants, hot in products

**PIV** – velocity field imaging – abrupt change at flame front

**OH PLIF** - uniform OH in products, no OH in reactants

**CH PLIF** - thin layer marks chemical reaction layer

**Formaldehyde PLIF** - marks preheat zone

**OH-Formaldehyde overlap** – thin layer that marks reaction layer

**Raman** scattering - primarily a point measurement, will work along a 2 mm line  
but not for imaging

**CARS** - primarily a point measurement will work along a 2 mm line,  
but not for imaging



# Mie and Rayleigh scattering

Mie – commercial kerosene oil drop atomizer adds 10 micron drops that evaporate at flame boundary, illuminate with any color laser sheet



Rayleigh - any color laser sheet, record with intensified camera light scattered from molecules

- must eliminate any dust or soot
- must eliminate any scattering off walls, windows

$$S_{Rayleigh} = [n_{N_2} \sigma_{N_2} + n_{fuel} \sigma_{fuel} + n_{O_2} \sigma_{O_2} + n_{CO_2} \sigma_{CO_2} + n_{H_2O} \sigma_{H_2O}] I_{laser} \text{ constant}$$

where S = signal, n is number density and  $\sigma$  is Rayleigh scattering cross section. If a fuel is chosen that has the same cross section as  $N_2$ , then, approximately, all cross sections are nearly equal so:

$$S_{Rayleigh} = n \sigma_{N_2} I_{laser} = \left[ \frac{p}{RT} \right] \sigma_{N_2} I_{laser}$$

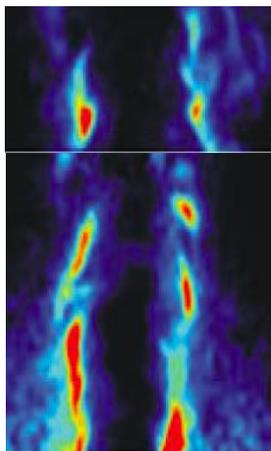
Rayleigh signal is a measure of gas temperature



# Challenge - two ways to image reaction zones

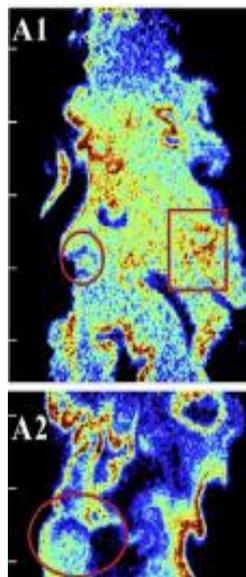
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OH and formal-  
dehyde overlap



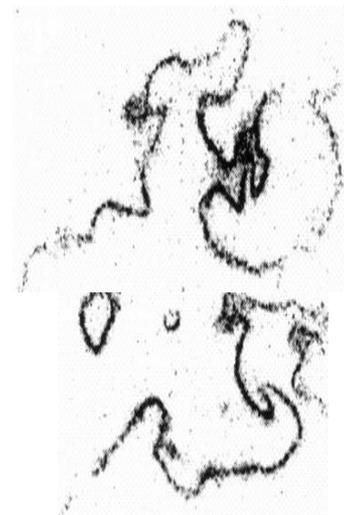
Dunn, Masri  
Bilger, Barlow  
Flow, Turb. 85  
(broken)

CH PLIF



Alden, Bai,  
Bo Zhou, Lund  
PROCI 35  
(distributed)

CH PLIF



Mastorakos, Meier,  
Gas Turbine  
Model Combustor  
(flamelet)

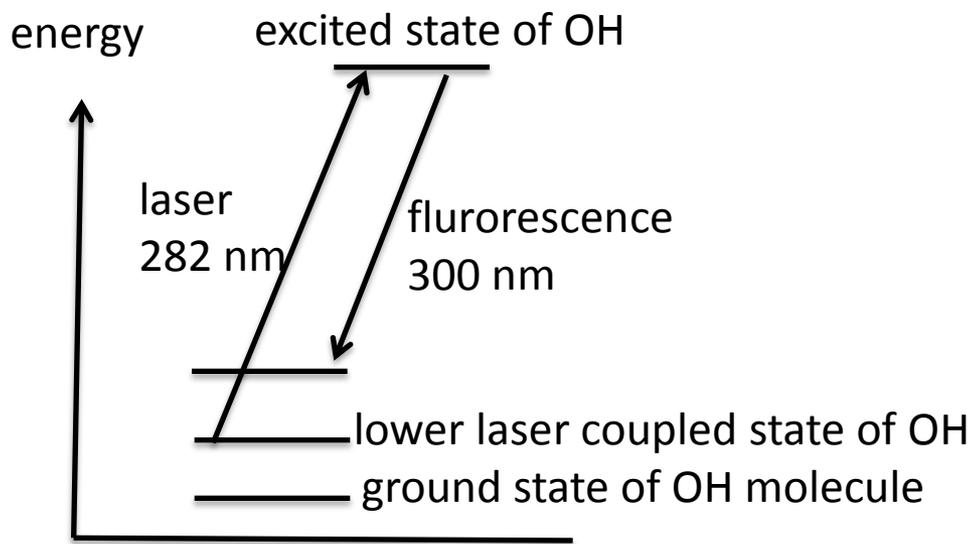
# PLIF = planar laser induced fluorescence

Fluorescence = (absorption of laser light) + (spontaneous emission of light at a longer wavelength than the laser light)

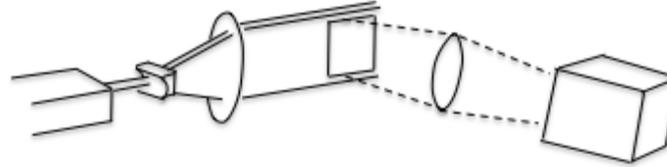
OH absorbs laser light at 282 nm (in UV), emits fluorescence at 300-400 nm

## Species that fluoresce

OH 282 nm  
CH 390 nm  
Formaldehyde 355 nm  
NO 226 nm  
NO<sub>2</sub> 430 nm  
Acetone 266 nm  
Gasoline 270 nm  
CO 230 nm  
Iodine 514 nm  
Ammonia 2000 nm  
O 113 nm



# PLIF = planar laser induced fluorescence



Rate of molecules Excited to excited State by absorption = Rate of molecules Lost from excited state by spontaneous emission + Rate of molecules lost from excited state by collisional quenching

$$I_{\nu} n_{OH} f B_{12} = n_{OH}^* A_{21} + n_{OH}^* Q \quad (1)$$

Define signal from OH as:

$$S_{OH} = n_{OH}^* A_{21} c_1 \quad (2)$$

Solve Eq. (1) for  $n_{OH}^*$  and plug into Eq. (2) to get:

$$S_{OH} = I_{\nu} [n_{OH} f] V B_{12} c_1 A_{21} (A_{21} + Q)^{-1}$$

Signal = laser intensity \* number density of OH molecules in lower laser coupled state  
 $f$  = Boltzmann fraction

$n_{OH}$  = number density OH  
 $B_{12}$  = absorption const.  
 $A_{21}$  = emission const.  
 $Q$  = quenching factor  
 $c_1$  = a constant  
 $I_{\nu}$  = laser intensity

# PLIF signal

Mole fraction of OH:  $X_{OH} = n_{OH} / n$   
 Laser volume  $V = \Delta x^2 \delta_{laser}$

total number density:  $n = p/(k T)$

$$S_{OH} = X_{OH} * \left[ \frac{p}{T} E_L \frac{(\Delta x)^2}{H} \right] \left[ \frac{f A_{21}}{Q + A_{21}} \right] \frac{const}{(FN)^2}$$

OH PLIF signal per camera pixel
OH mole fraction
laser energy per pulse
pixel size<sup>2</sup>/ height of field of view
lens f-number<sup>2</sup>

To maximize fluorescence signal  $S_{OH}$ , you can:

- bin the pixels and make pixel size  $\Delta x$  larger, but you lose spatial resolution
- reduce the height (H) of the field of view – more energy/volume of laser sheet
- use small FN lens = larger diameter lens, FN = lens focal length / diameter of lens
- increase laser energy per pulse  $E_L$
- increase gas pressure  $p$



# Some limitations to PLIF diagnostics

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The molecule of interest must absorb at a frequency of an available laser

(Water, CO<sub>2</sub>, O<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>, H<sub>2</sub> do not fluoresce, H and O are very difficult to fluoresce)

Molecule must emit fluorescence in visible or near UV or near IR where we have cameras

Fluorescence wavelength must be separated from fluorescence from other species

Difficult to get quantitative values of mole fraction – must measure quenching factor  $Q$

Flame or soot radiation may create excessive background noise, esp. at high pressure

Must have sufficiently large windows to collect sufficient emitted light

Window glass can fluoresce and cause background noise



## Good references on fluorescence diagnostics

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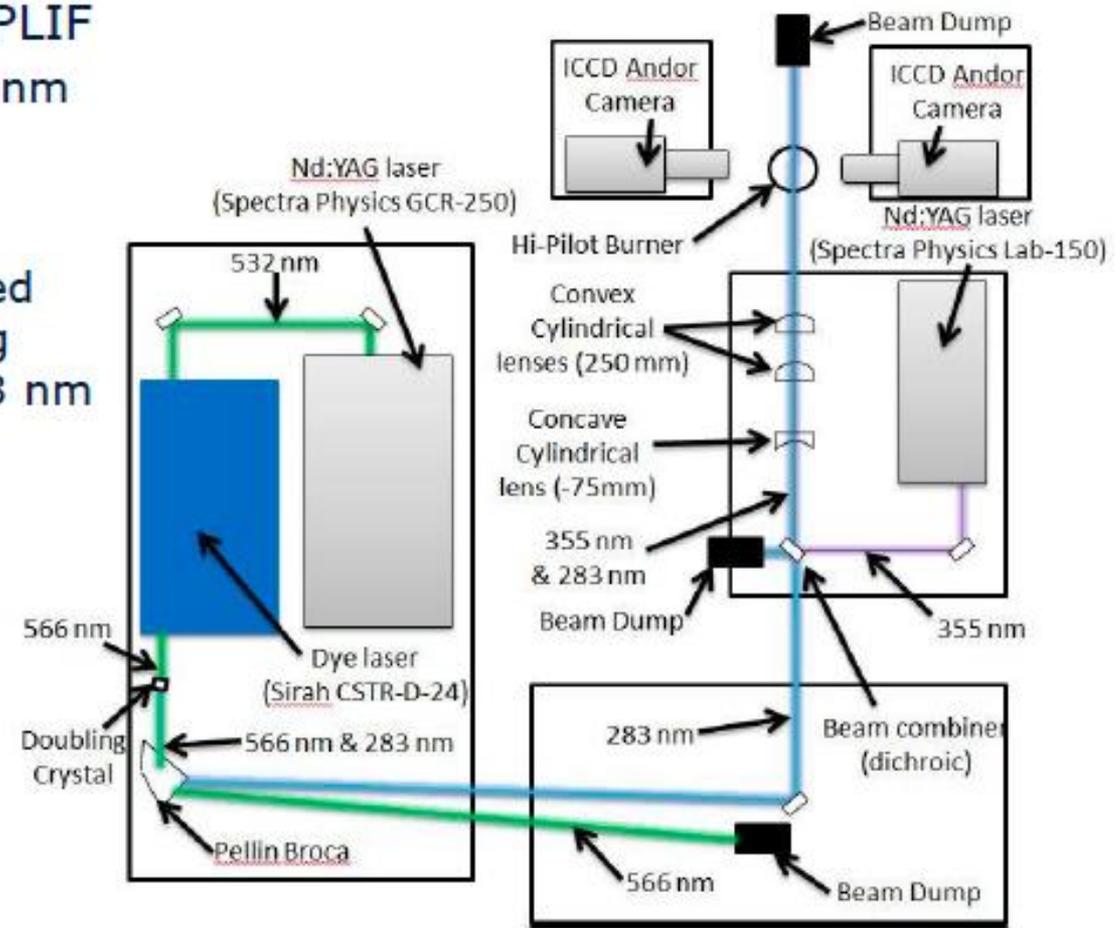
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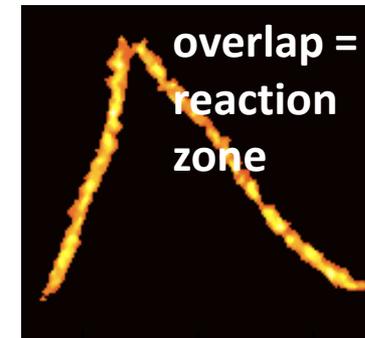
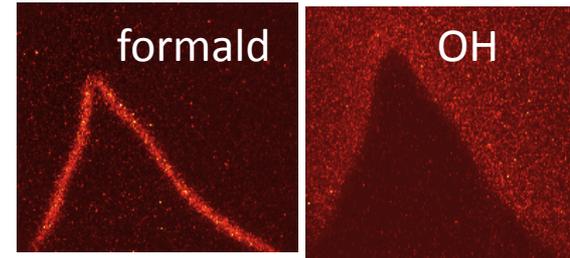
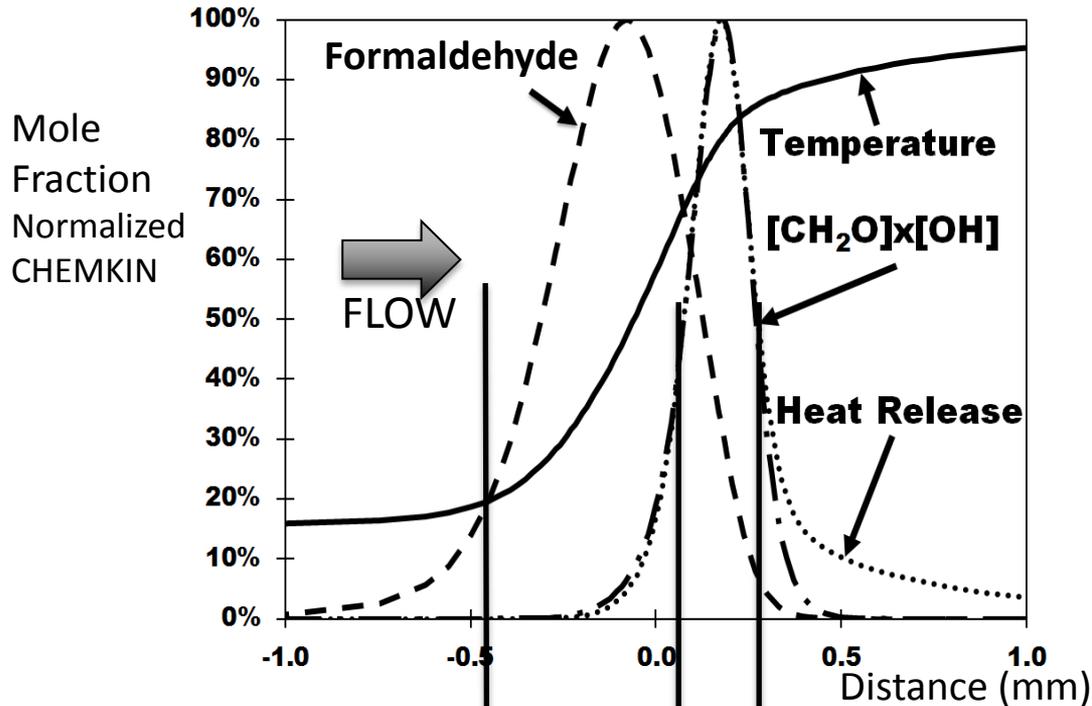


# OH, Formaldehyde and CH PLIF diagnostics

- Formaldehyde ( $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$ ) PLIF
  - Nd:YAG outputs 355 nm
- OH PLIF
  - Sirah dye laser pumped with 532 nm, doubling crystal produces  $\sim 283$  nm
- Andor intensified CCD cameras
  - 100 ns gate times
  - 200 ns delay
  - 27 x 36 mm and 13 x 20 mm FOV



# Reaction zone imaged with formaldehyde-OH overlap



Laminar bunsen flame

Formaldehyde marks the preheat zone

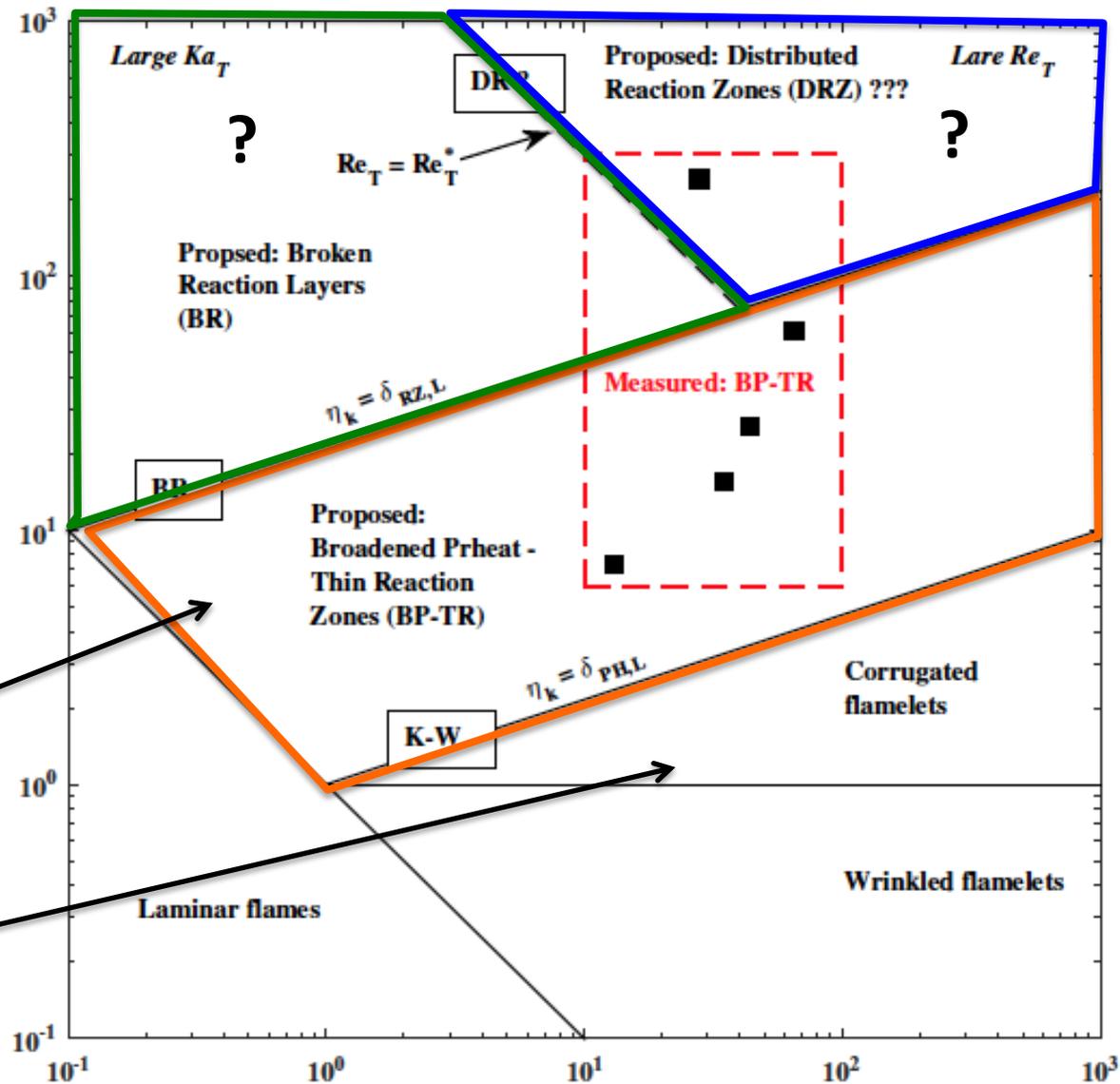
Overlap of formaldehyde- OH marks reaction zone

# Regimes of Premixed Turbulent Combustion (Borghi diagram)

Turbulence Level  $u'/S_L$

Damkohler's second concept

Damkohler's first concept



Integral scale, normalized by flame thickness



# Regime boundaries

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**Klimov-Williams boundary** is where  $\delta_{PH} = \eta_K$

= where Kolmogorov eddies of size ( $\eta_K$ ) fit inside the PREHEAT layer ( $\delta_{PH}$ ) of the flame

They predict: **“BP-TR” = Broadened preheat, thin reaction layers**

Define:  $Ka = \text{Karlovitz number (Peters)} = (\delta_{RZ} / \eta_K)^2$

so if  $Ka > 1$ , Kolmogorov eddies of size ( $\eta_K$ ) fit inside reaction zone ( $\delta_{RZ}$ ) of the flame

Peter's predicts  $Ka > 1$  causes **“broken reaction layers”**

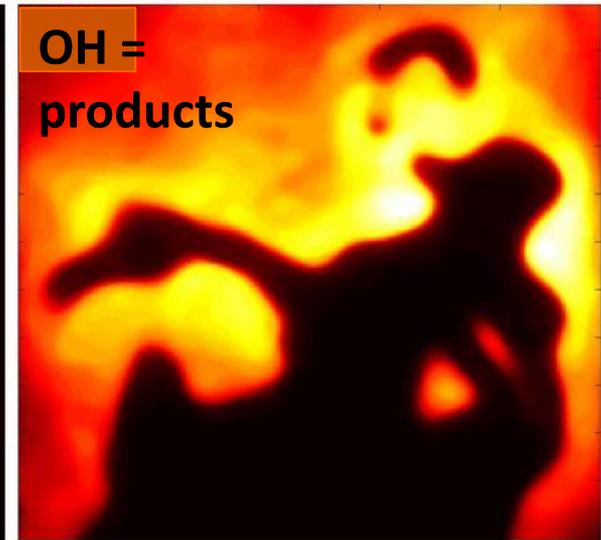
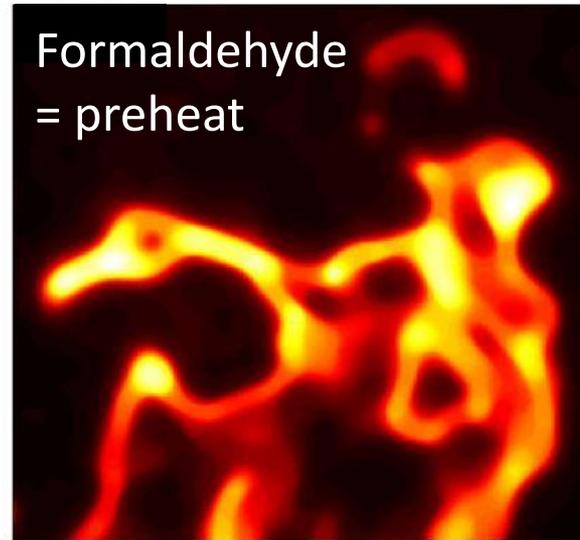
Are tiny Kolmogorov eddies strong enough to cause broken layers ? (NO)

**We need to know these boundaries because:**

they tell us conditions when the following models are valid or not: the FSD/ thin flamelet model, the TM = thickened flamelet model, DM = distributed reaction models



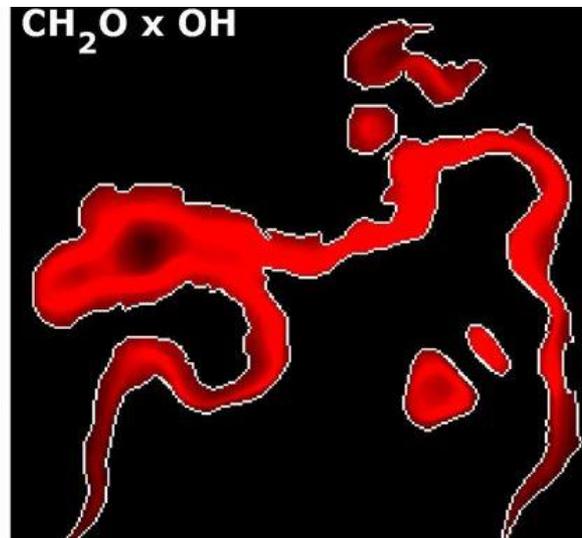
# Reaction layers, Method #1: formaldehyde - OH overlap



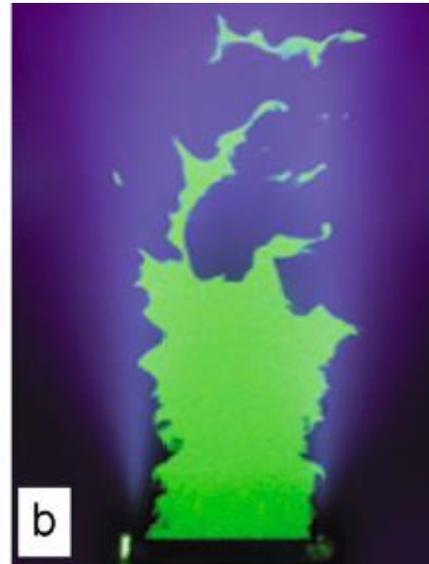
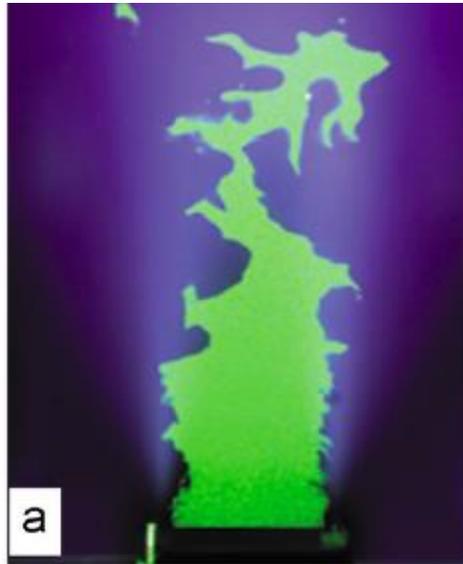
Overlap =  
reaction zone

distributed

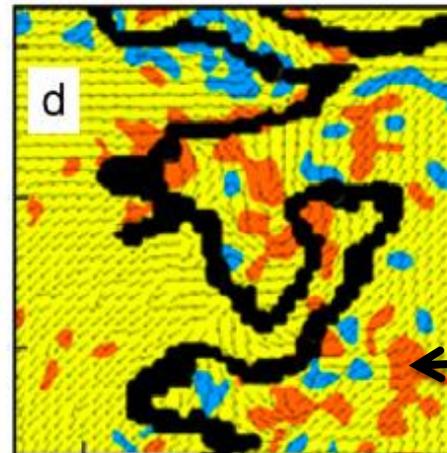
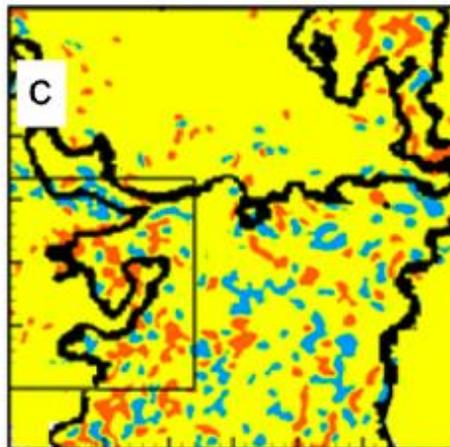
broadened  
flamelets



# Reaction layers, Method #2: CH PLIF



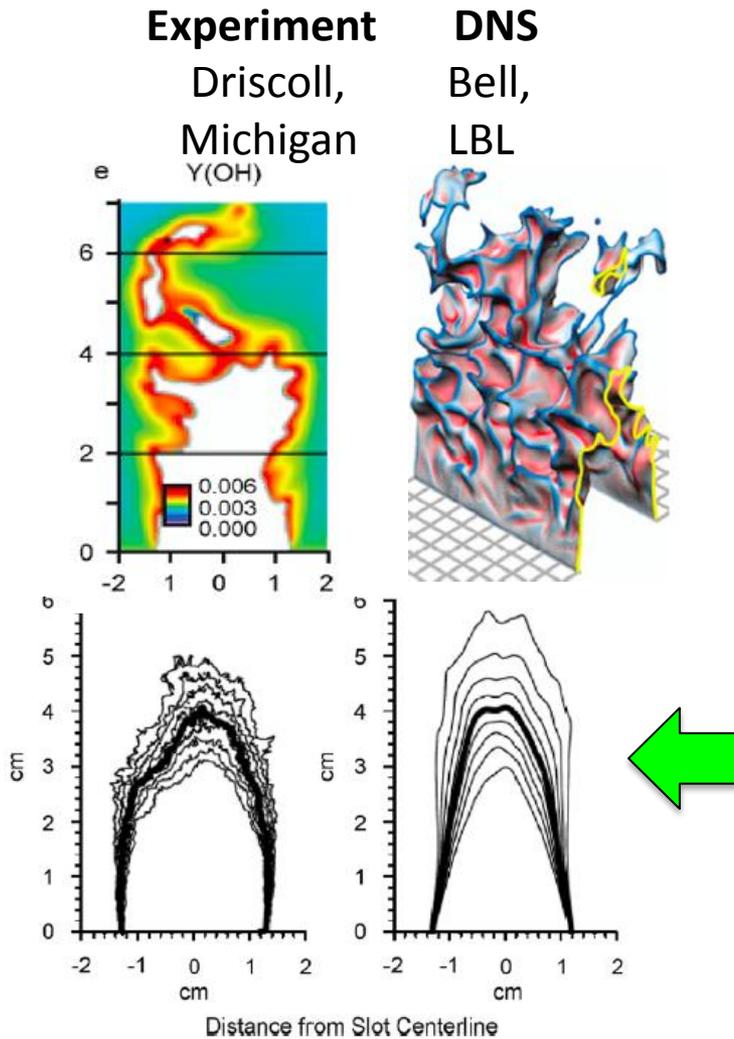
Simultaneous CH – PIV  
Carter and Driscoll  
Comb Flame



← Reaction Layer  
= CH PLIF

← Vorticity =  
eddies

# Assess DNS - of Bell (LBL) with experiment of Driscoll, Carter

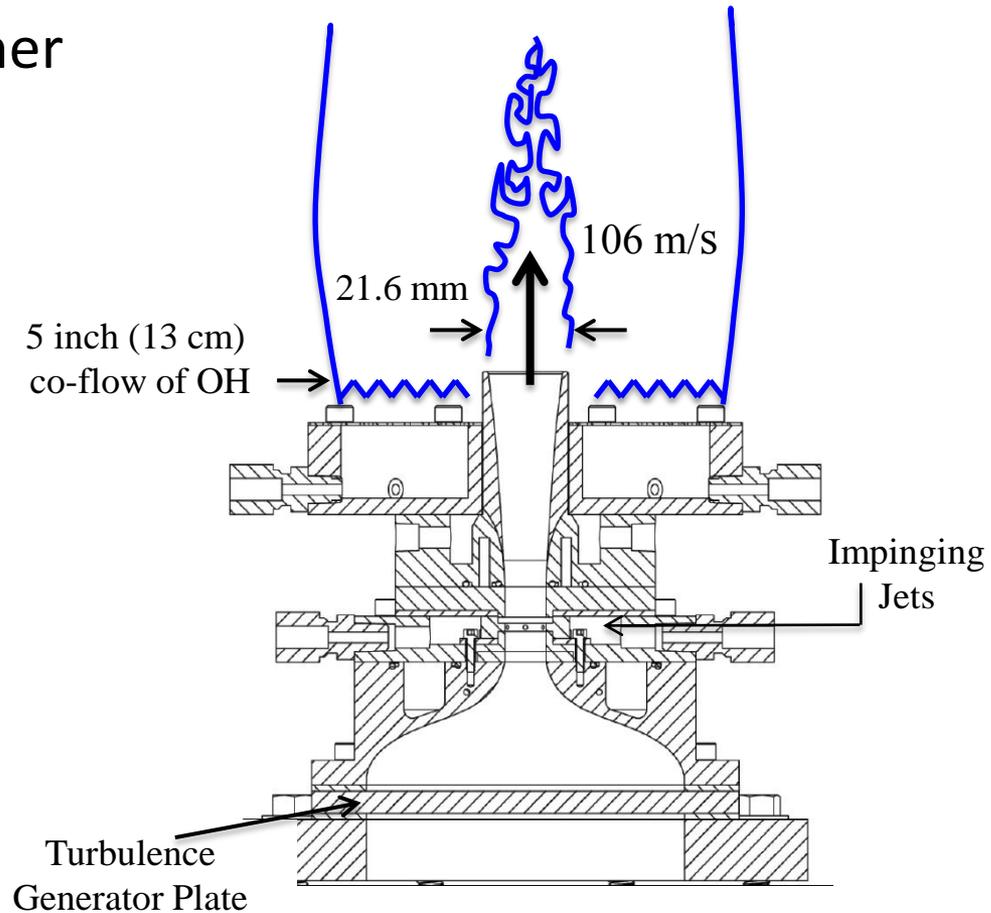


DNS of Bell predicts a height of slot bunsen flam, that agrees with the experiment of Driscoll and Carter, thus DNS yields the measured value of turbulent burning velocity

What happens as turbulence level is greatly increased ?  
Do reaction layers become broadened, broken, distributed ?

## Michigan Hi-Pilot Burner

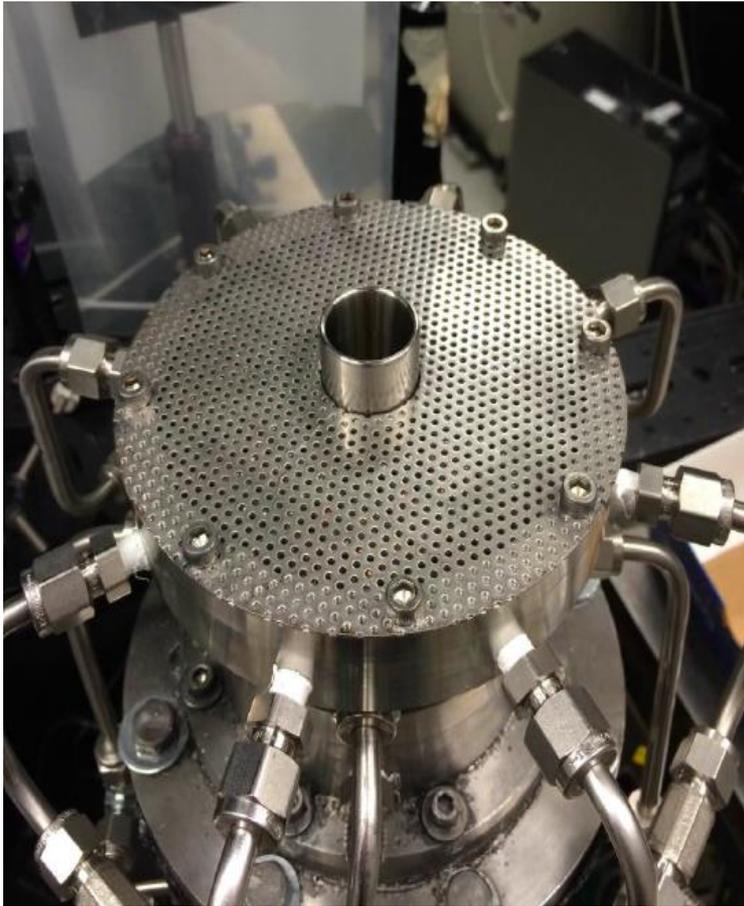
- $u'/S_L$  up to 243
- mean velocity to 78 m/s
- $Re_t$  up to 100,000
- (preheat up to 1000 K)
- Methane, Butane, JP-8 at  
ER = 0.75, 1.05



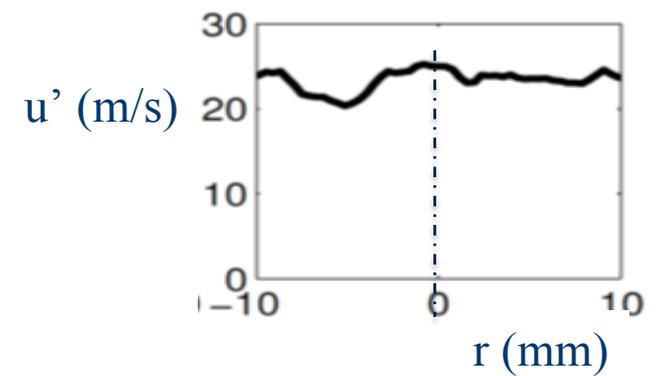
# Hot co-flow of combustion products –

prevents outside air from being entrained

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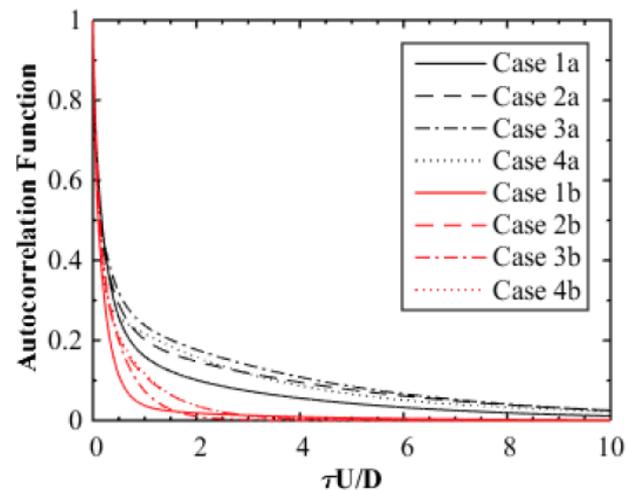


Turbulence is uniform  
across burner exit

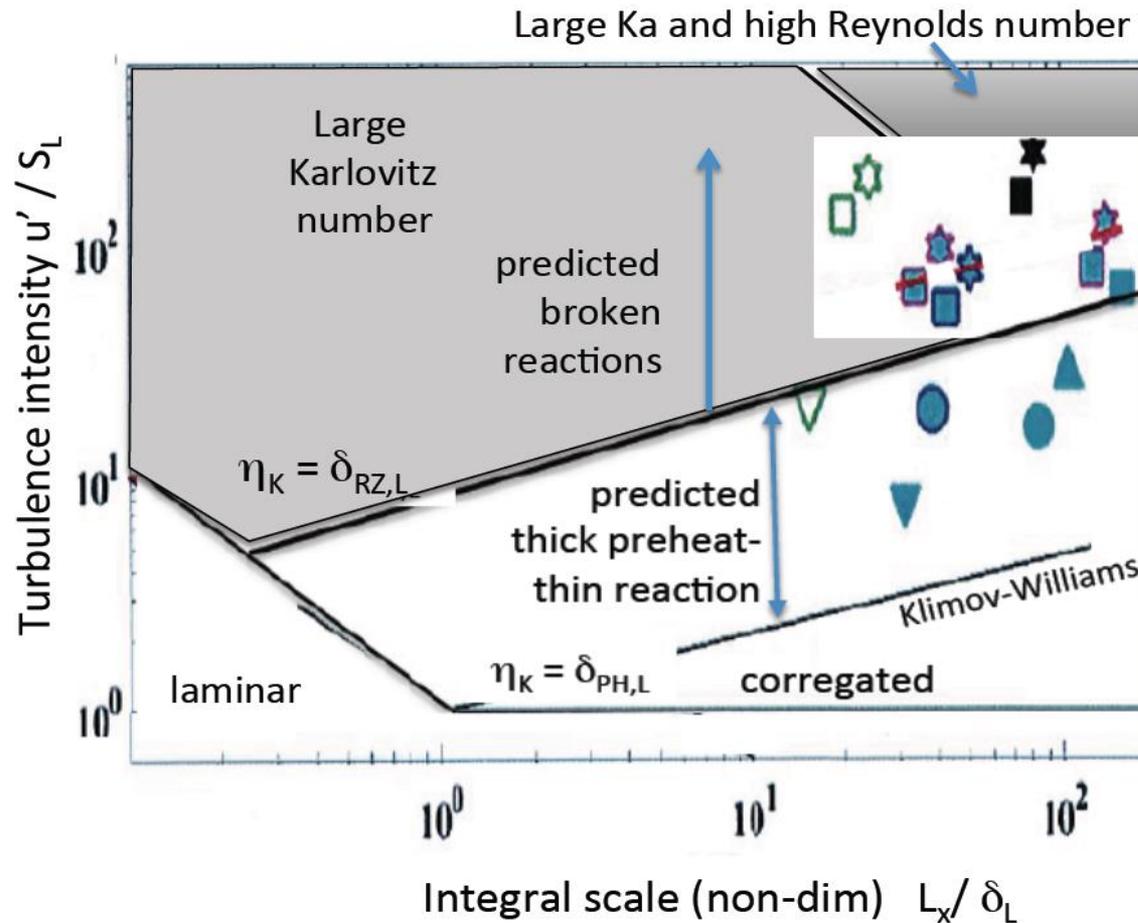


# Turbulence levels and integral scales are large

Case	$\phi$	$U_0$ (m/s)	$u'$ (m/s)	$\lambda_I$ (mm)	$Re_T$	$Da_T$	$Ka_T$	$u'/S_L$	$\lambda/\delta_{PH,L}$
2a	1.05	14	2.9	7.5	1,400	25.4	4.7	7.5	31
3a	1.05	32	6.0	20	7,900	33.1	8.5	15	84
4a	1.05	44	10	25	17,000	24.6	16.5	26	105
5a	1.05	64	24	37	58,000	15.1	50.4	62	154
6a	0.65	78	37	41	99,000	1.7	503	243	83



# Hi-Pilot Conditions on Borghi Plot



# Hi-Pilot Burner

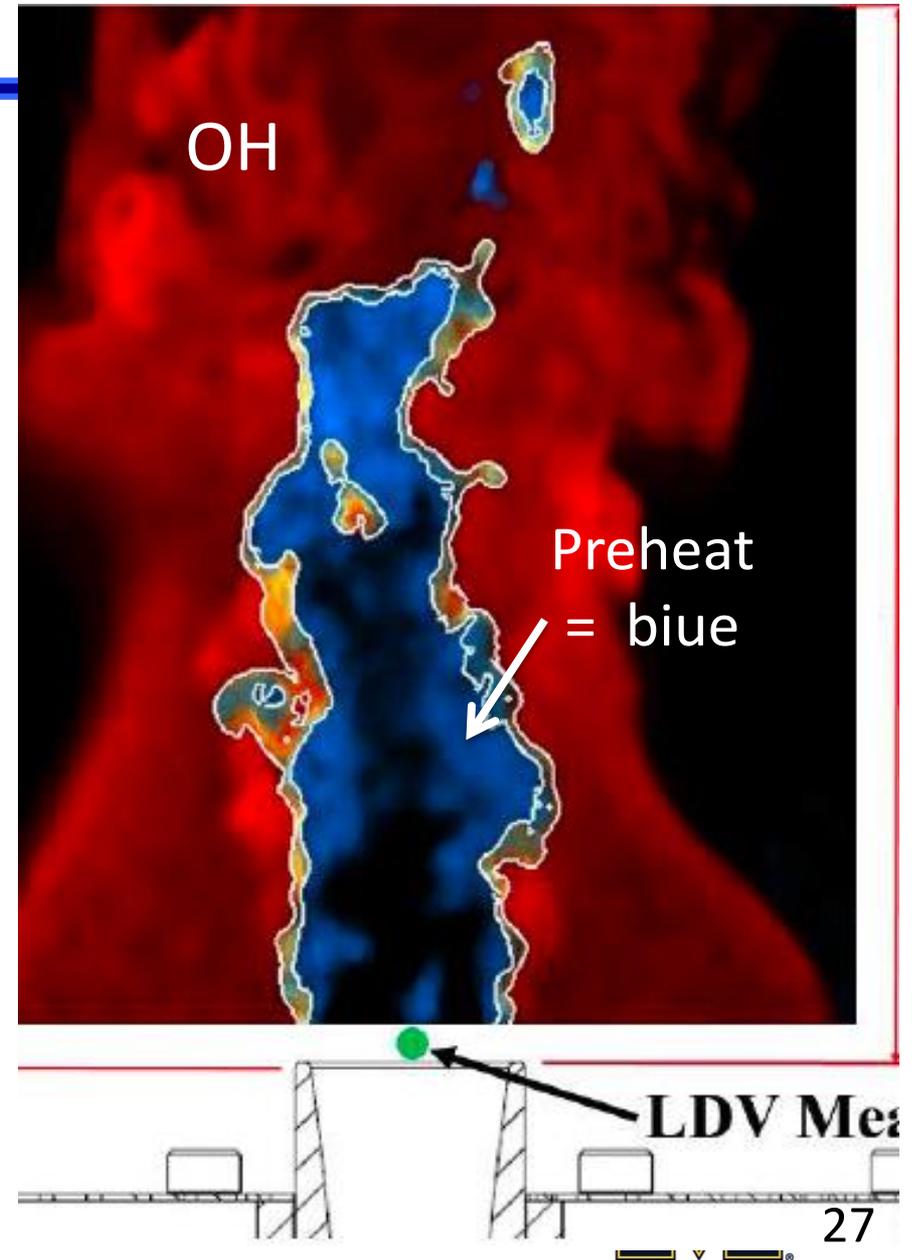
Thickness of Reaction zone

Thickness of Preheat zone

Fraction that is distributed

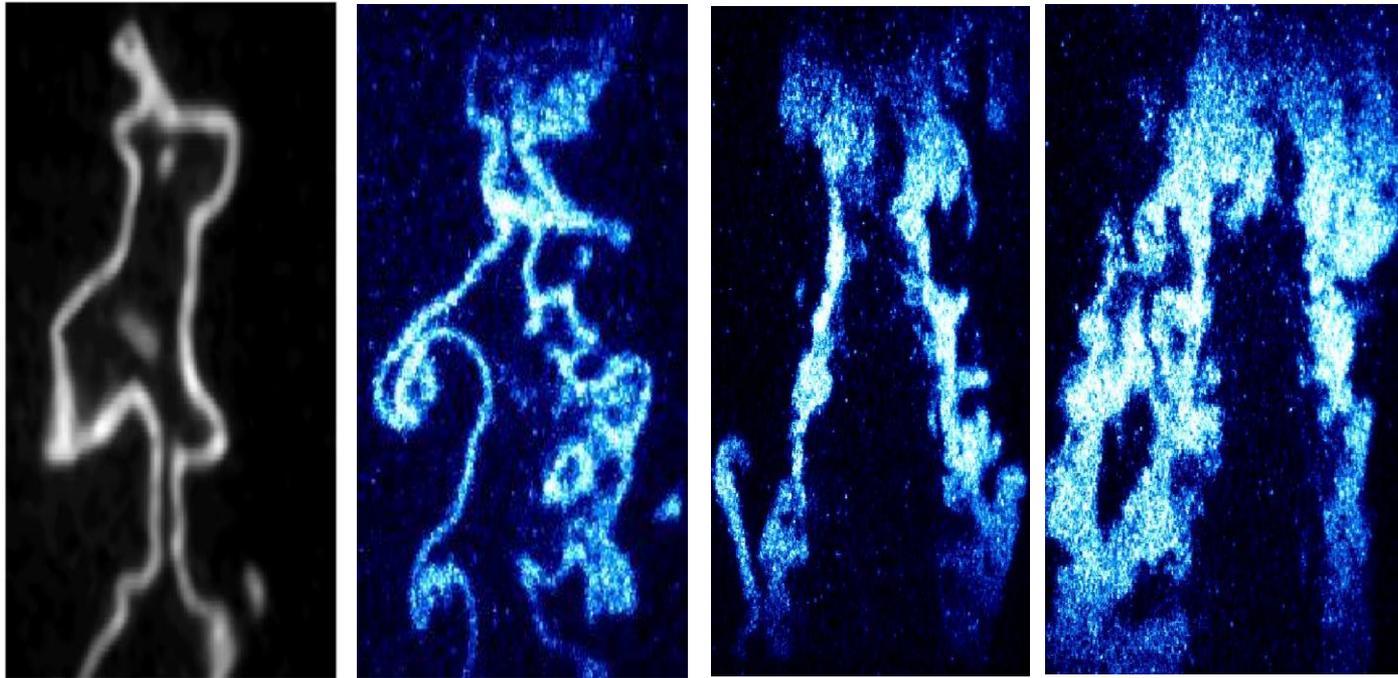
Fraction of local extinction

Boundaries of regimes



# Preheat zone – what does it look like ? formaldehyde

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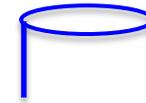
$u'/S_L = 3.0$



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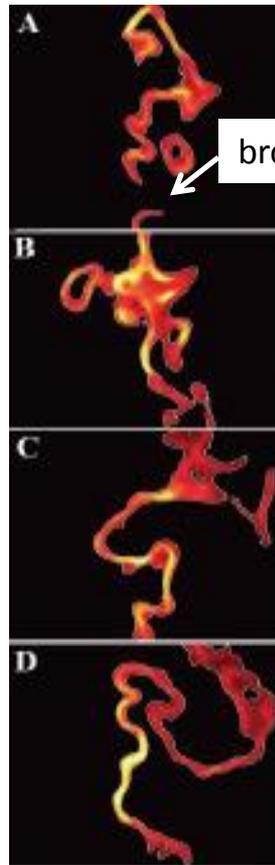
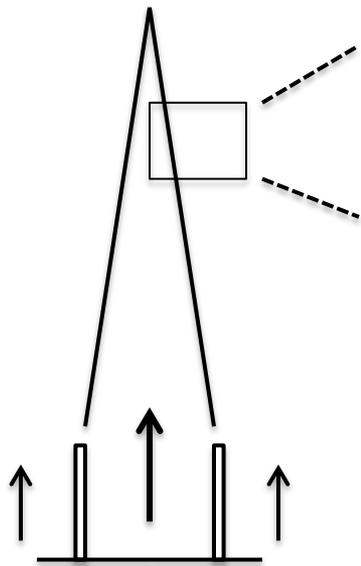


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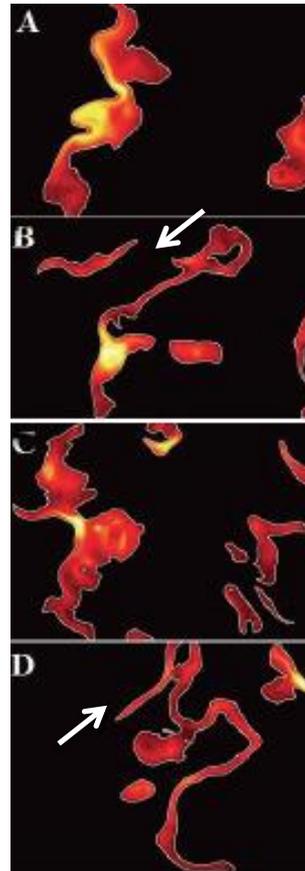


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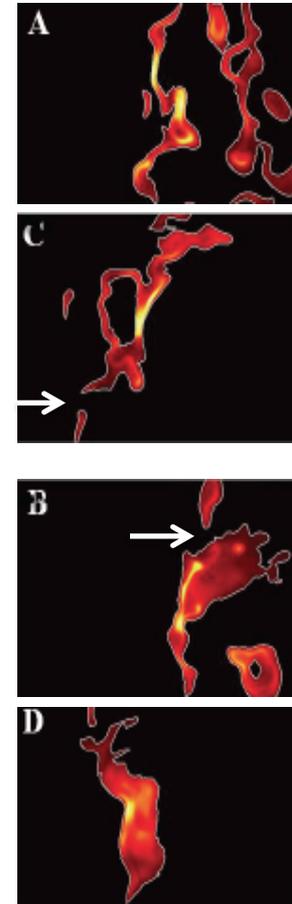
# Reaction Layers (from overlap method)



Case 2  
 $u'/S_L = 7.5$



Case 3  
 $u'/S_L = 15$

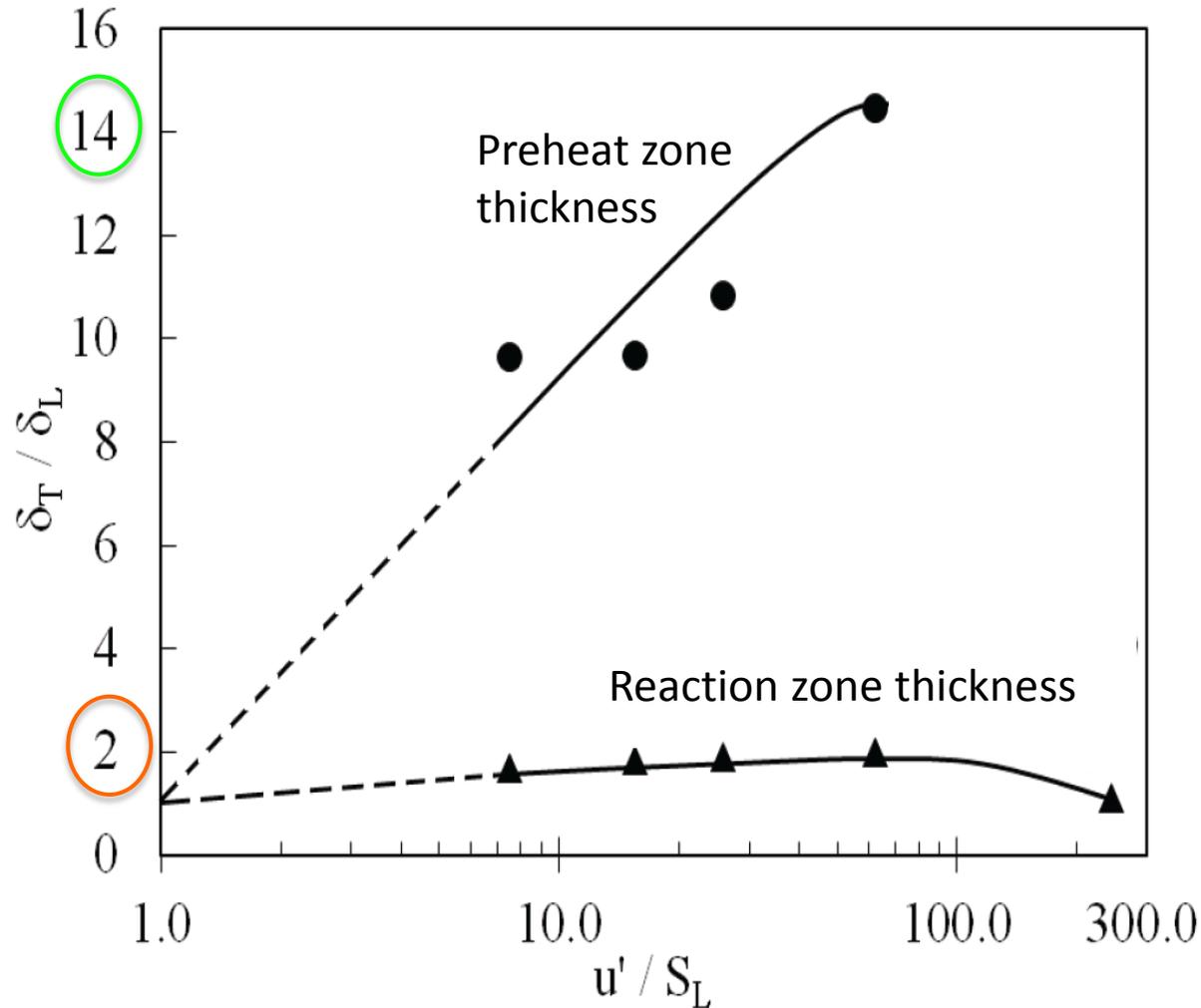


Case 4  
 $u'/S_L = 26$

no  
broadening

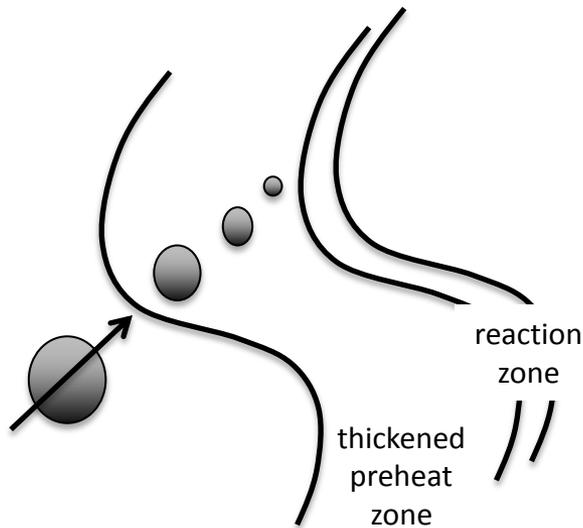
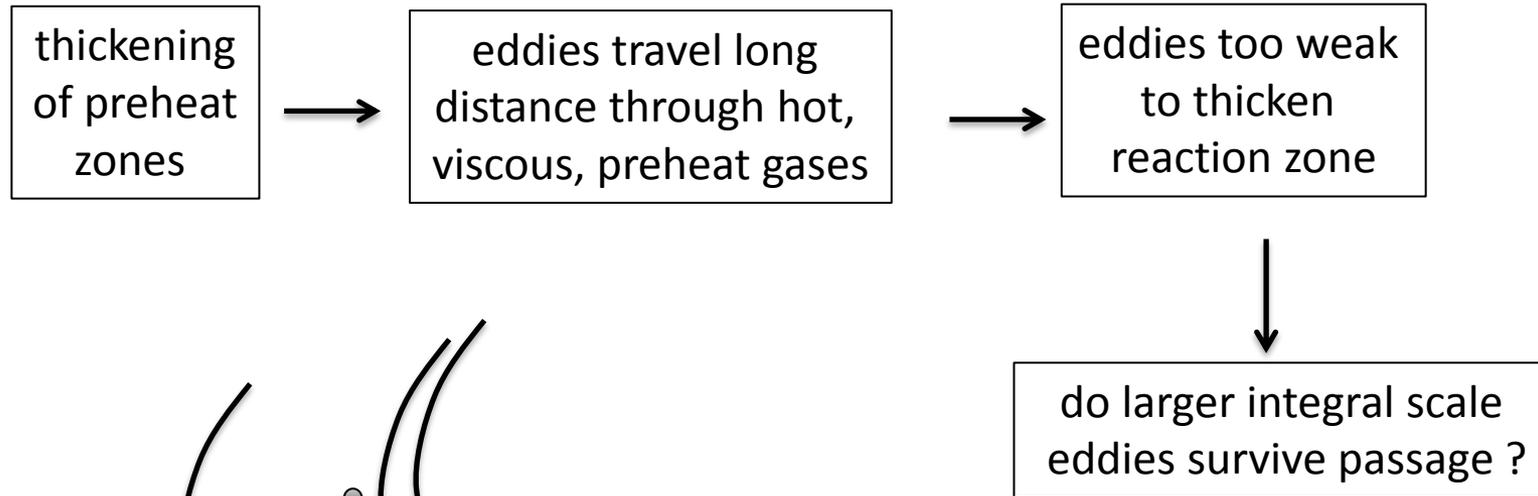
broadening

# Preheat Zone is Thickened - Reaction Zone is not

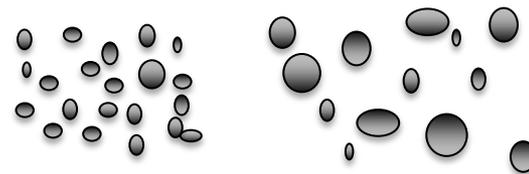


$$\delta_{PH,L} = 0.35 \text{ mm}$$
$$\delta_{RZ,L} = 0.18 \text{ mm}$$

# Preheat is 14 X broader, reaction zone only 2 X broader



Stretch Efficiency Function - Poinot

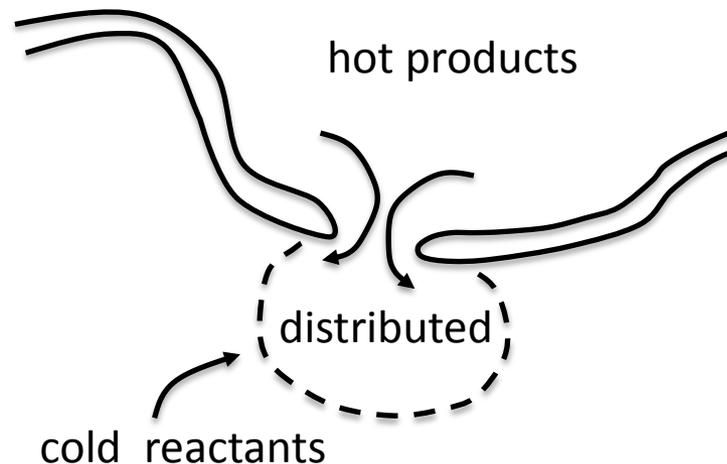


# Are “broken” and “distributed” regimes related ?

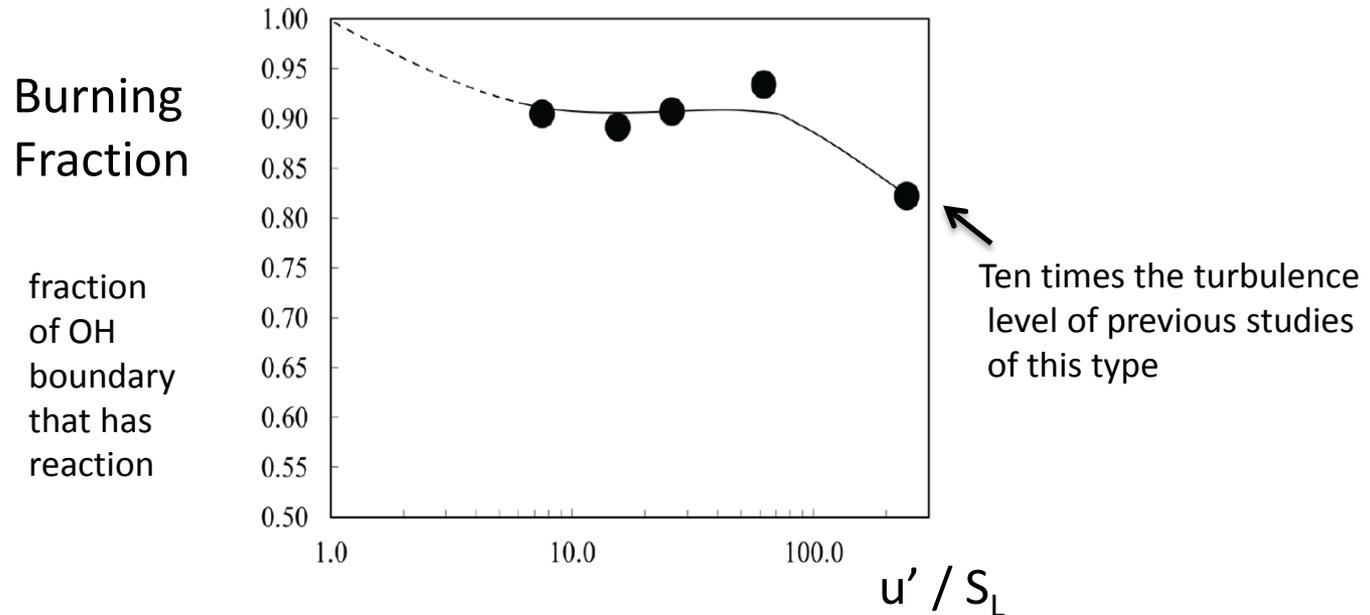
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broken - flamelets allows reactants to mix with products, promotes:

distributed - reactions ?



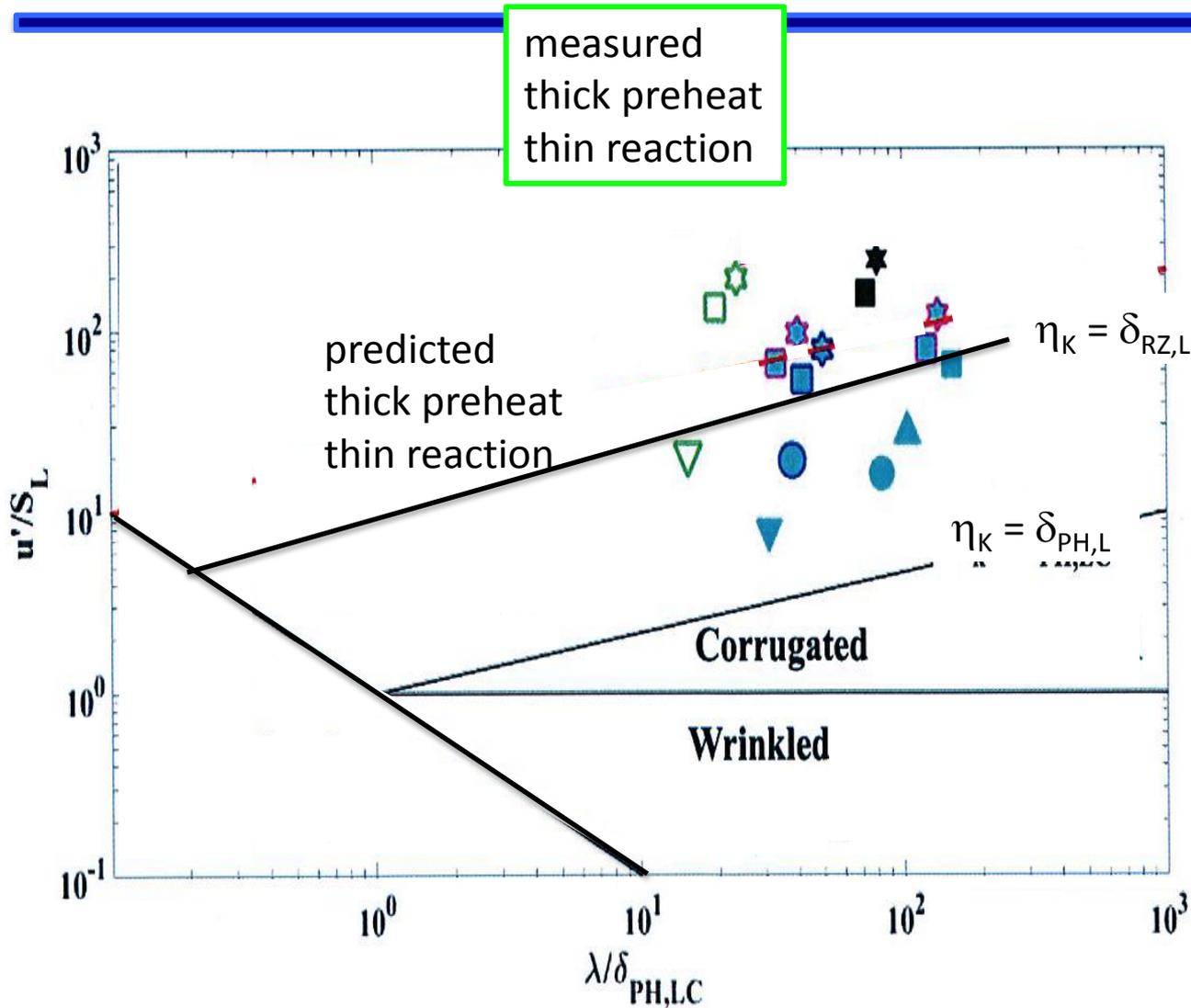
Burning fraction - always above 82% for homogeneous products



→ “broken regime” - is not possible if products are kept homogeneous and hot

“broken regime” IS possible if products are stratified (for this expt.)

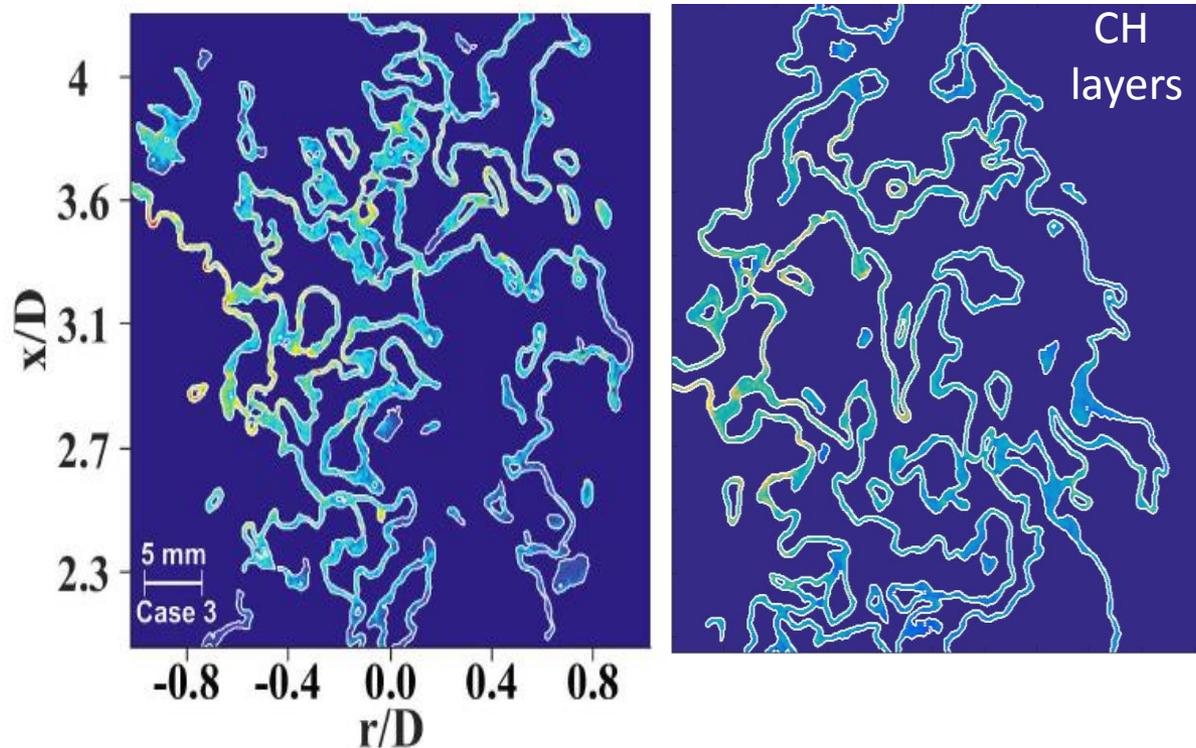
# Measured thick preheat/thin reaction zone is larger than predicted



predicted to be broken but are not broken

Peters boundary does not agree with our measurements

# Densely Packed Flamelets - Regime

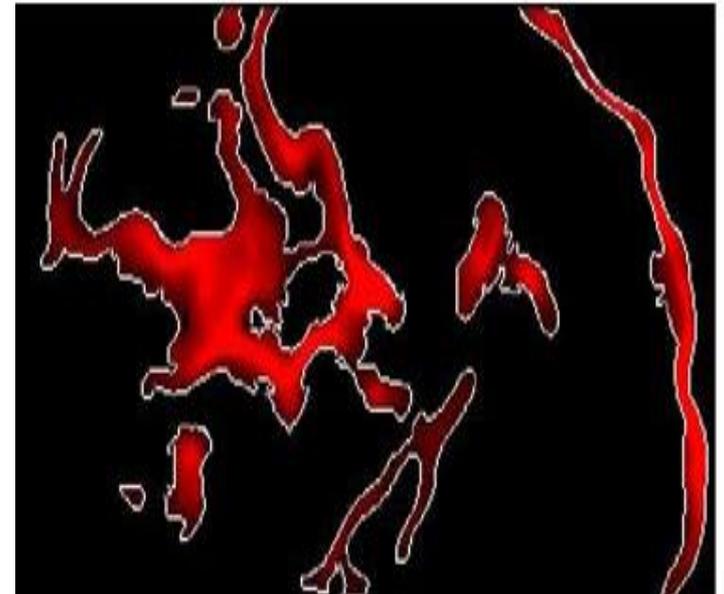
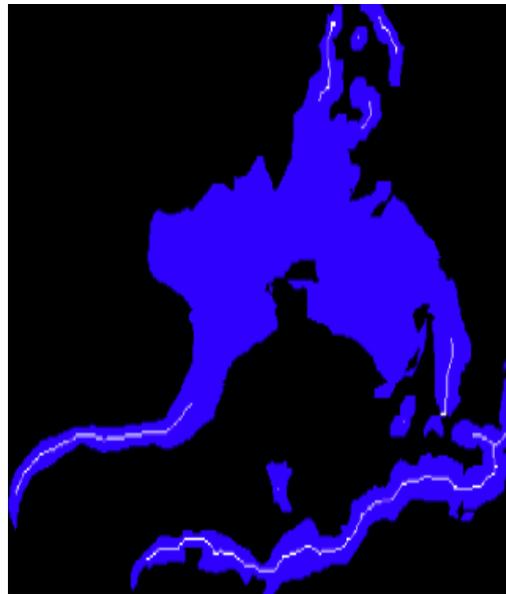
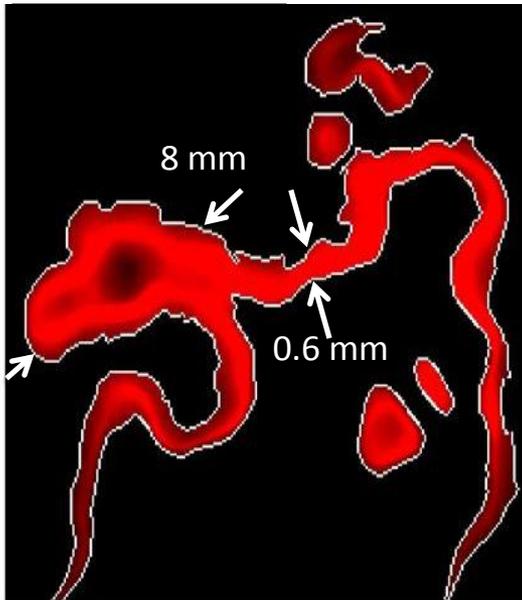


If flamelets are this densely-packed – can we model them as “distributed reactions” ?

# “Partially-distributed” regime

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10 % of OH boundary has distributed reactions for highest turbulence



see: “blobs of chicken in a noodle soup”

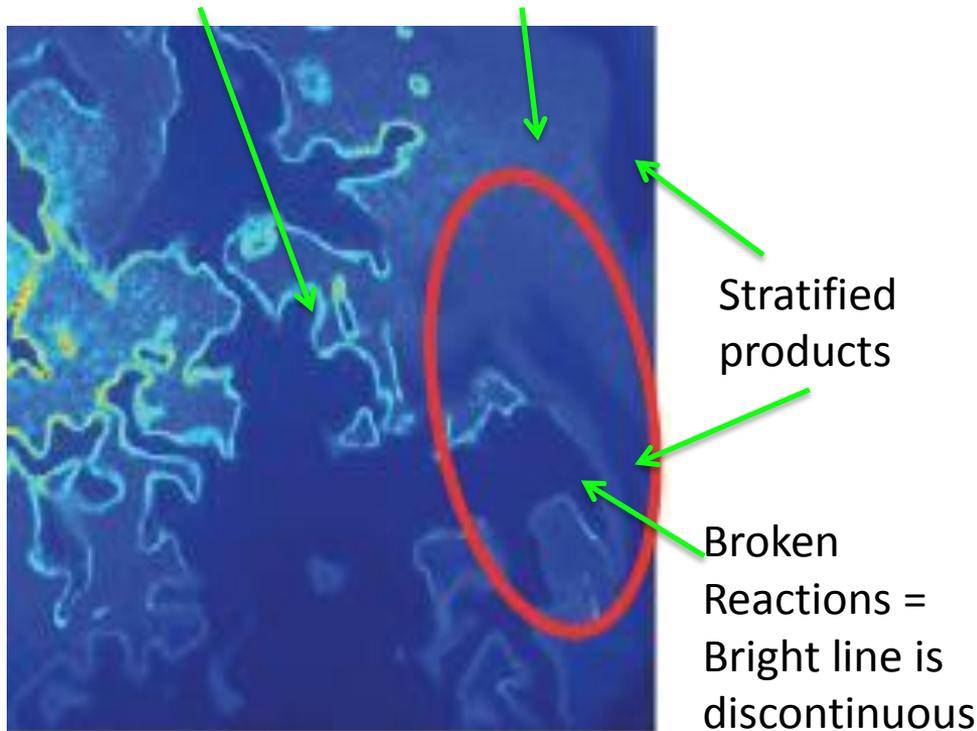
# How to achieve broken reactions ? - stratified products

simultaneous CH-OH PLIF (Carter, Driscoll, Skiba, Wabel):

CH reaction layer =  
thin bright blue line

OH products =  
broad light blue

Stratified  
products



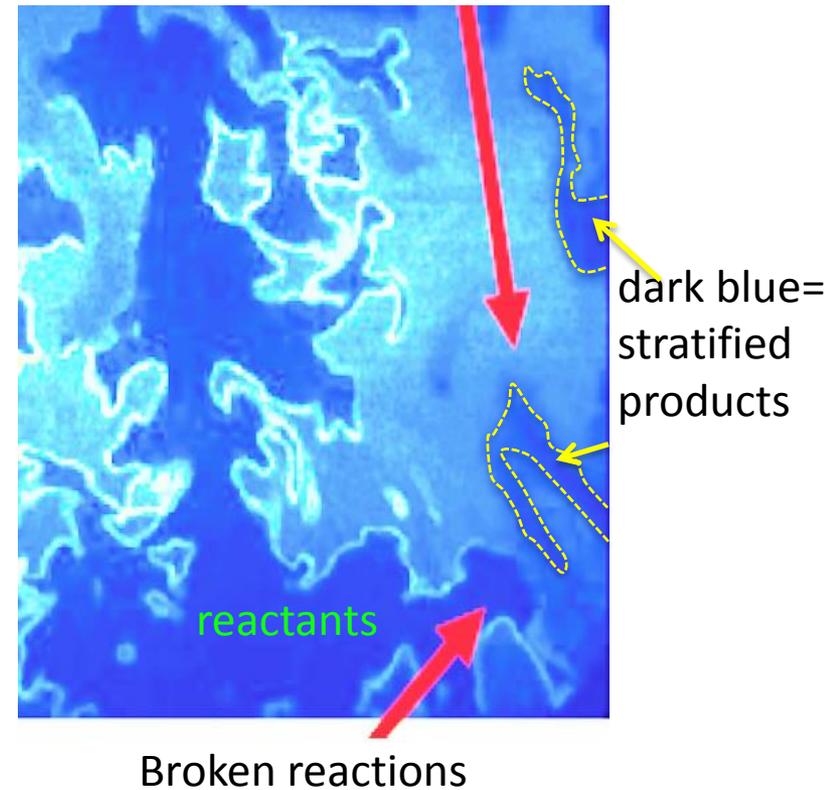
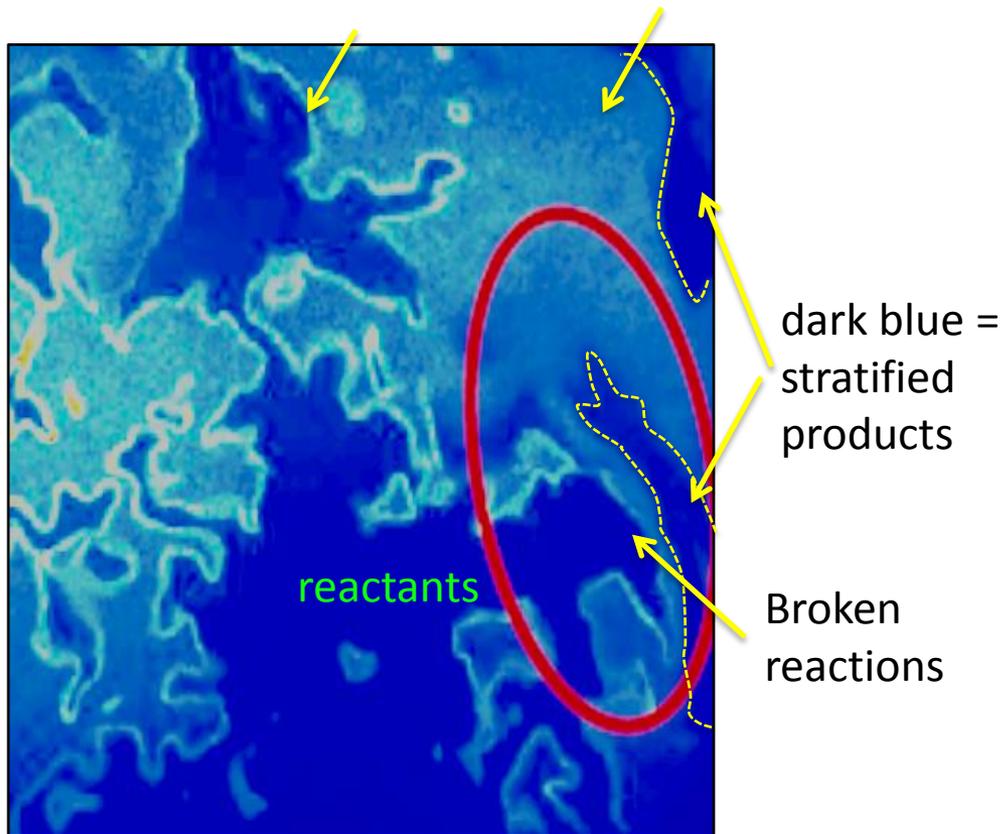
→ keep products hot to avoid broken reactions

# Stratified Products - lead to broken reactions

CH reaction layer =  
thin bright blue line

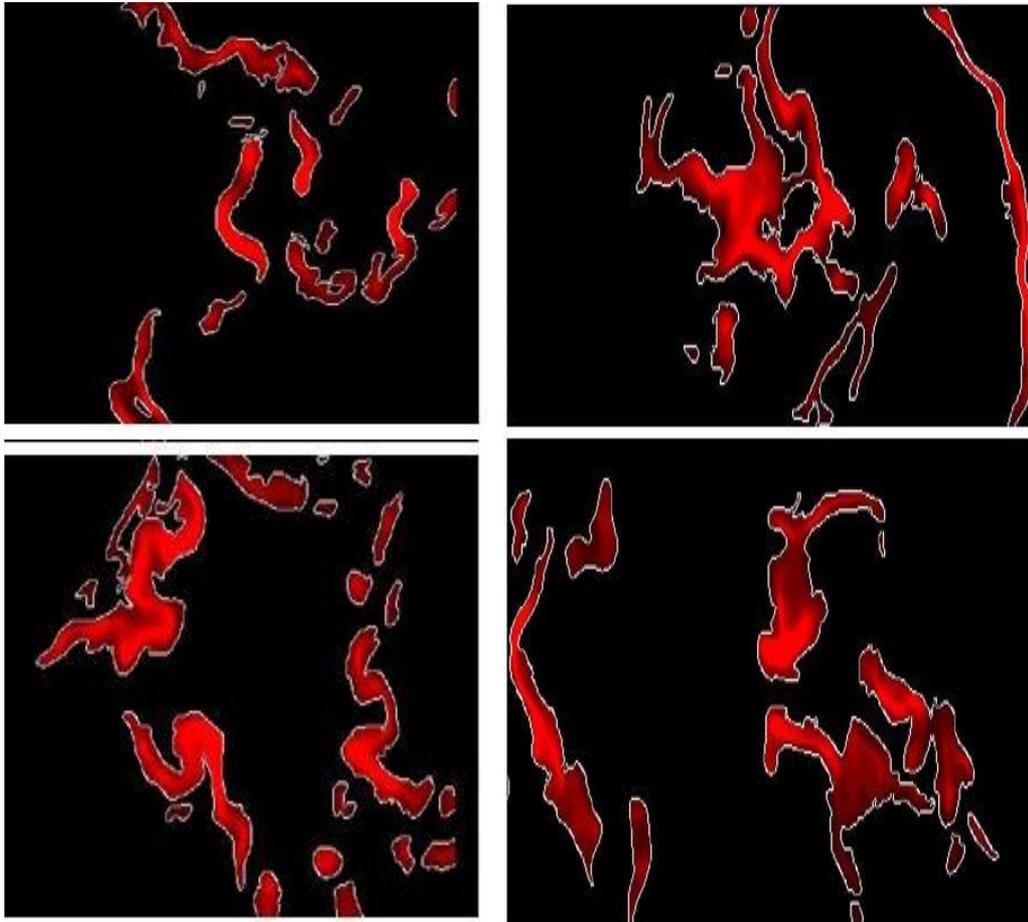
OH products =  
broad light blue

CH-OH method of Cam Carter



# Broken reaction layers

- with stratified products



# What happens at “extreme” levels of turbulence ?

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Wabel, Skiba, Driscoll, to PROCI 36

- As  $u'/SL$  is increased to “extreme” values of 240, preheat zone gets very thick = 16 times the laminar thickness
- The reaction layers do not become thick, and remain at 1-2 times their laminar thickness
- Extreme turbulence is predicted to cause “broken” reactions, but no broken reactions were seen, even when turbulence was 10 times the predicted limit  
As long as the product gas were kept hot – no stratification of products because of No outside air entrainment
- If some outside air was entrained to cause stratification of product, then some Broken reactions were observed
- Distributed reactions were not observed in the Bunsen flame, even for extreme Turbulence levels. Distributed requires preheating of reactants and internal Hot gas recirculation, such as in a gas turbine combustor



# Additional axes needed on the Borgi regime diagram

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$Da_2$  = residence time of eddies in flame ( $x/U$ ) / chemical time

Reactivity (Y. Ju) = Initial temperature of reactants / ignition temp.  
( $T_R / T_{ig}$ )

Degree of stratification = “DS” =  $[T'_{rms} / T]_{products}$

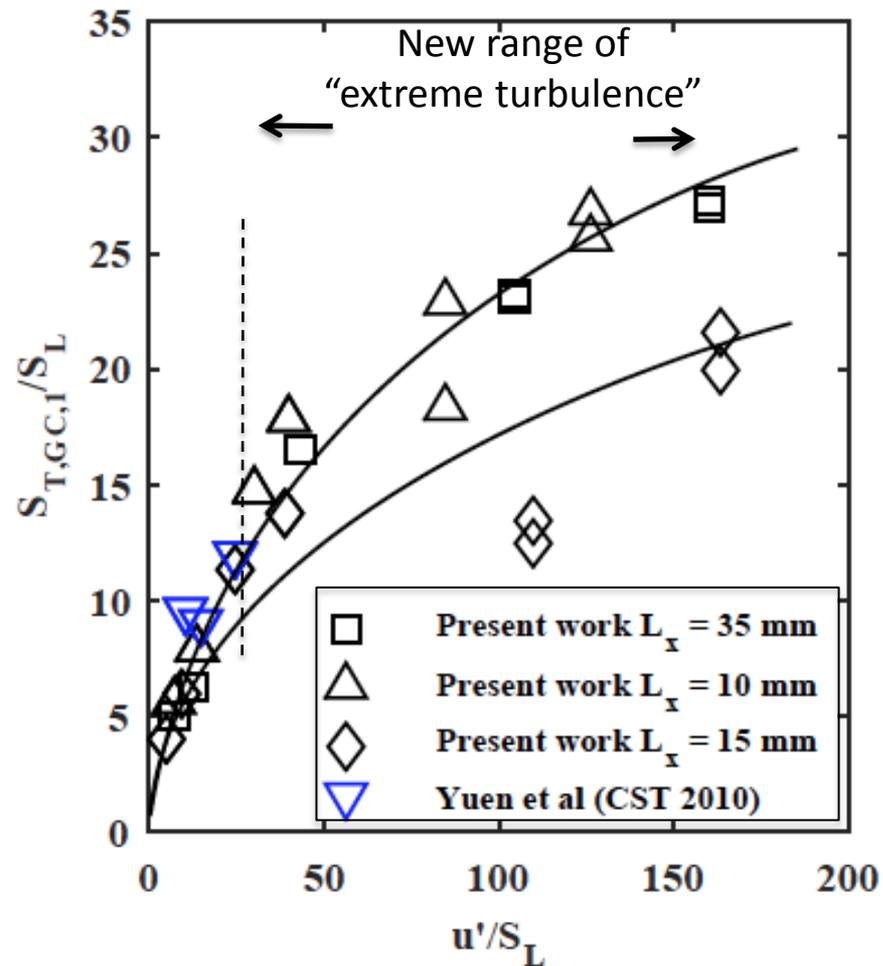
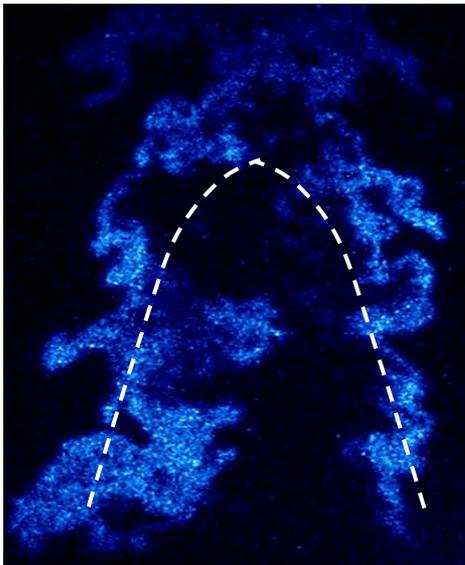
controls

“broken” regime boundary



# Turbulent Burning Velocity

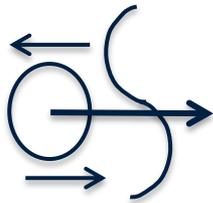
$$S_T = \frac{\dot{m}_R}{\rho_R A_T}$$



# Turbulent Burning Velocity – what happens at extremely large turbulence levels ?

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correlations are different for each “canonical geometry”



$$\frac{S_T}{S_L} = \frac{A_T}{A_L} = \left[ 1 + C_1 \left( \frac{u'}{S_L} \right)^2 \right]^{1/2} - \left[ C_2 \left( \frac{u'}{S_L} \right)^2 \right]$$

Schelkin theory                      Bending term

Bending term = due to ?      Eddies destroyed traversing preheat layer ?  
 Geometric effects  
 Strain causes local extinction ?

Function  $C_1$  and  $C_2 = ?$       Depend on integral scale ? Residence time  
 due to mean velocity ?

Extend Burning velocity curve to “extremely” high turbulence levels (10X)

# What do all these measurements mean ? Implications for models

Turbulent Burning Velocity  $S_T$  increases if  
 Thermal diffusivity  $\alpha_T$  increases, or  
 Reaction rate  $\dot{\omega}_P$  increases

$$\bar{\rho} S_T \frac{d\tilde{c}}{dx} = \bar{\rho} \alpha_T \frac{d^2 \tilde{c}}{dx^2} + \dot{\omega}_P$$

Diffusivity: model  $\alpha_T = \nu_T$  = related to resolved  
 scale velocity gradients (Smagorinsky)

$$C = \frac{T - T_R}{T_P - T_R}$$

How to model reaction rate  $\overline{\dot{\omega}_P}$ ? Depends on probability that flamelet is at a point

i)  $\overline{\dot{\omega}_P} = \rho_R S_L \Sigma$  + flame surface density ( $\Sigma$ ) transport eqn (Bray, F-TacLES, Fureby)

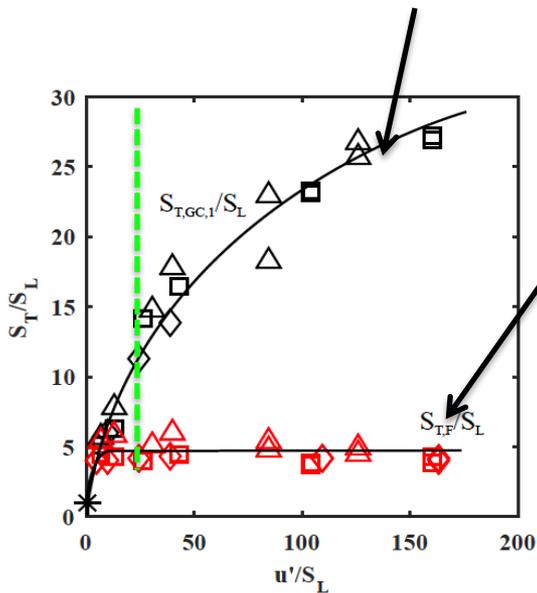
ii) Or Set + need PDF shape near  $c = 0.5$

$$\overline{\dot{\omega}_P}(\bar{c}, \overline{c'^2}) = \int_0^1 \dot{\omega}_P(c) P(c, \bar{c}, \overline{c'^2}) dc$$

FPV (Moin, Pitsch, Ihme)

# Implications for modeling

1. Provide modelers → measured PDF and flame surface density → to correctly model reaction rate, for methane and JP-8 at high Re
2. Provide modelers → measured Consumption Speed ( $S_{T,G}$ ) for “extreme” turbulence = mass flow rate of reactants / density reactants / area for methane, JP-8 at high Re  
Models also should compute correct flame brush thickness
3. Model should predict “bending” at high Re



Wabel, Skiba, Driscoll, Seoul Symp.

4. Model should predict Thin Flamelet Component (FC) of burning velocity

$$(S_{T,F}) = S_L (A_T/A_L) \quad \text{where}$$

$$A_T \approx \text{integral of flame surface density}$$

Model should explain why Flamelet Component curve is flat ?  
= flame cannot wrinkle  
any more, but propagates faster



## Implications for modeling , continued

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5. Model should account for “**Differential Broadening**” – Preheat layer is broadened by 16X but reaction layer broadened by only by 2X
6. Model should explain **Variation of turbulence** across flame brush
7. Model should predict that
  - **Stratified** flames become broken & distributed but
  - non-stratified flames do not
8. Model should explain why **Geometries** of Bunsen, spherical, gas turbine / swirl flames lead to → different turbulent burning velocities
9. Model should predict - measured effect of **Preheating** the reactants (Y. Ju)
10. Model should predict differences due to JP-8 **Pyrolysis layer**

# What global metrics MUST a model predict correctly ?

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before attempting to measure individual terms ?

Premixed turbulent flames:

**Global Consumption Speed vs  $u'$**  Model first must demonstrate it can predict measured height of a bunsen flame, angle of a V flame,  $dR/dt$  of spherical flame

**Flame Brush thickness** - as function of distance (Bunsen) or time (spherical)

**Carbon Monoxide Emission Index** - g CO / kg fuel

Non-premixed turbulent flames (jet, jet in coflow, jet in crossflow)

**Flame Length** (properly defined) as function of  $U_F$ ,  $U_A$ , etc.

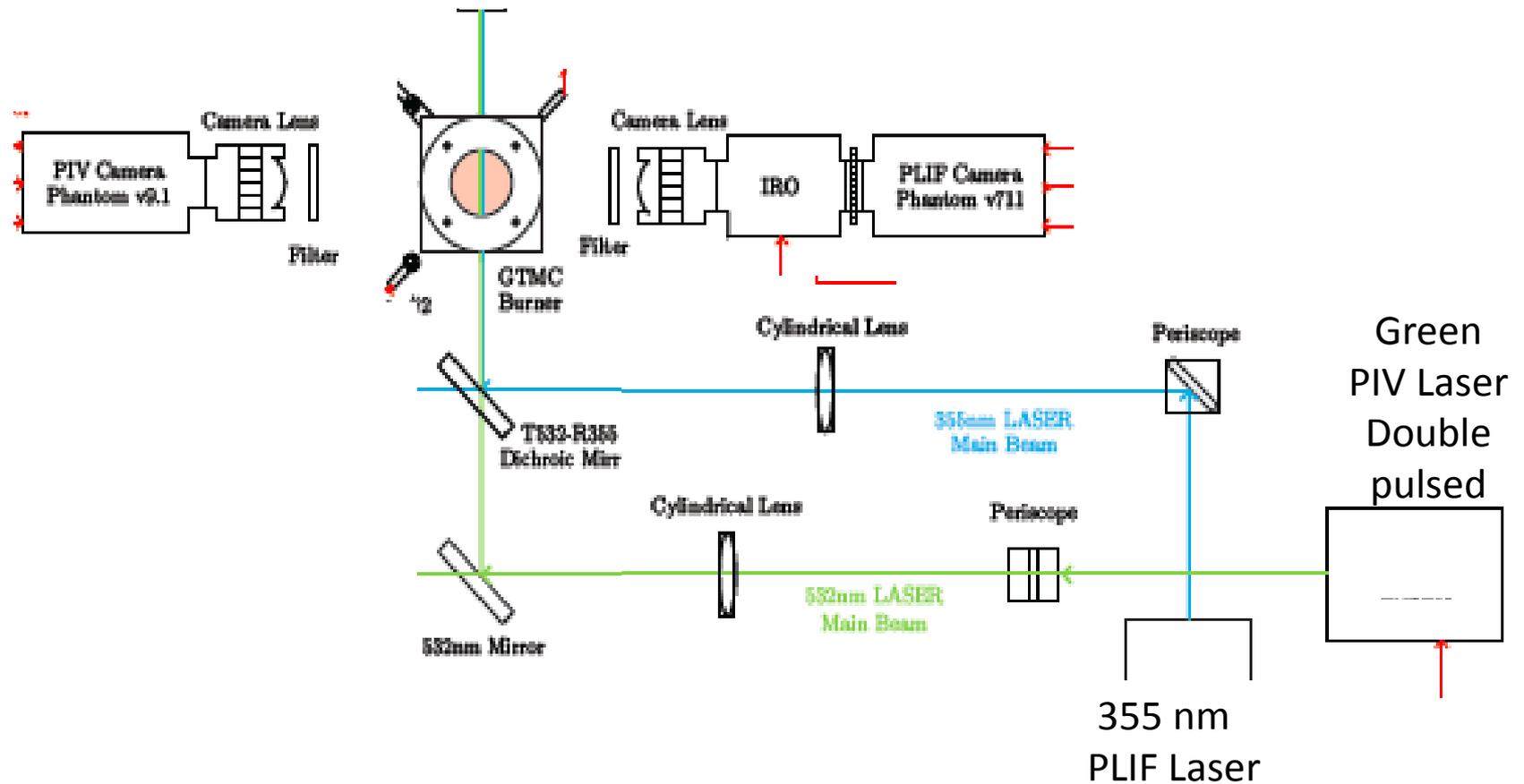
**Carbon Monoxide Emission Index** - g CO / kg fuel



# Kilohertz simultaneous PLIF and PIV

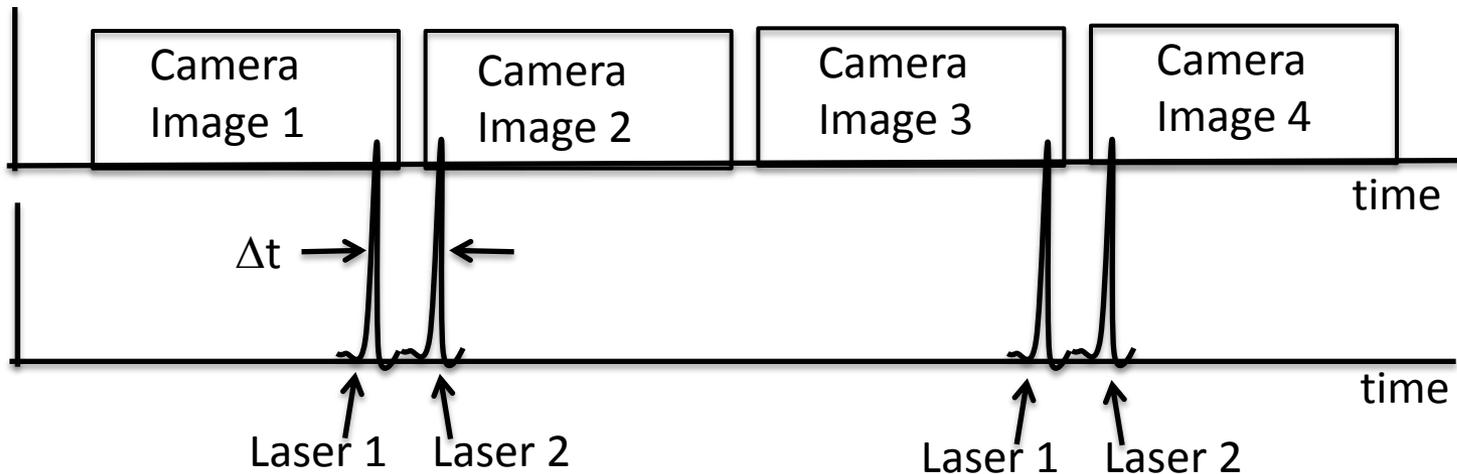
Quantronix kilohertz lasers - US made

Edgewave kilohertz lasers – German made



# “Frame straddling” - with kHz PIV

One PIV camera operating at 20,000 images/sec  
Two lasers – each operating at 10,000 pulses /sec



$\Delta t = \Delta x / U$     want  $\Delta x =$  distance particle moves = 1/3 interrogation box size

Interrogation box = one PIV velocity vector = 0.3 mm

so  $\Delta x = 0.1$  mm

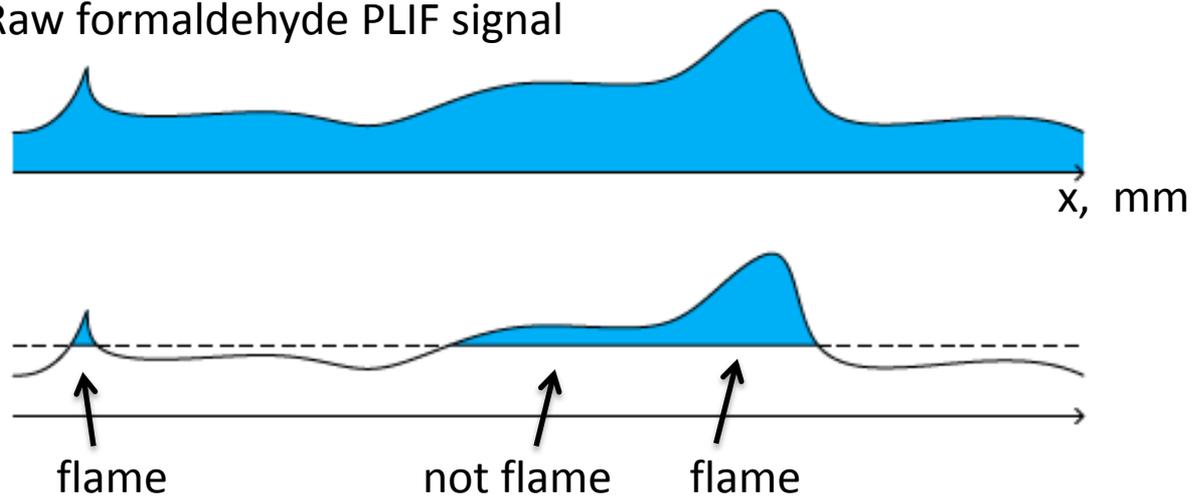
If  $U = 50$  m/s, then  $\Delta t = 2 \mu\text{s}$

camera must turn off, then turn on - in less than  $2 \mu\text{s}$

# Edge detection - to identify flame - from formaldehyde PLIF

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Raw formaldehyde PLIF signal



Flame is at the sharp edge of the formaldehyde PLIF signal

Perform: thresholding for background subtraction

Spatial smoothing to remove noise, Canny edge detection algorithm

Check that flame is nearly continuous

# CH Reaction layer

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Cam Carter (AFRL)  
Tonghun Lee UIUC  
Driscoll (UM)  
Not yet published

10 kilohertz

314.4 nm C-X band

Case 5,  $u'/S_L = 62$

Highly corrugated

Highly wrinkled

Merging



Excite CH at new wavelength 314 nm  
Cam Carter, Tonghun Lee Appl. Phys. B 116:515

**$c^2\Sigma^+ - X^2\Pi(0,0)$  Band**

Previously CH excited  $A^2\Delta - X^2\Pi(0,0)$  band at 431 nm  
and  $B^2\Sigma - X^2\Pi(0,0)$  at 390 nm

New method is best for kHz lasers: developed by Cam Carter, Tonghun Lee

**$c^2\Sigma^+ - X^2\Pi(0,0)$  Band** at 314 nm

10 kHz diode-pumped, Q-switched Nd:YAG laser  
(Edge-Wave Innoslab IS12II-E)

532-nm pumps a dye laser (Sirah CREDO with DCM dye)

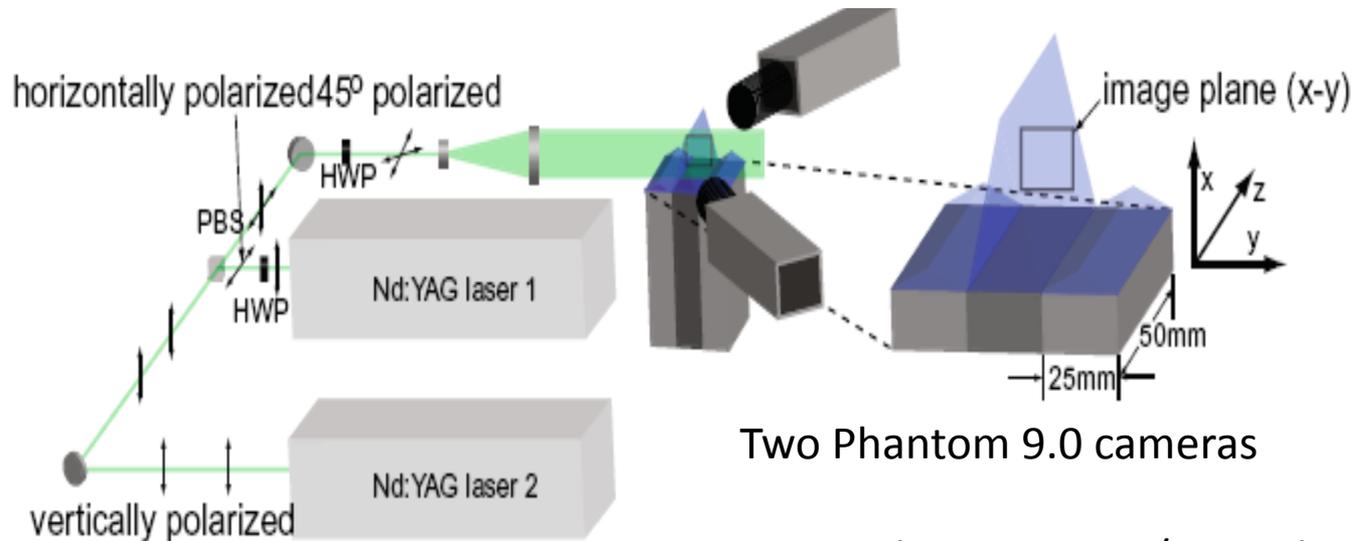
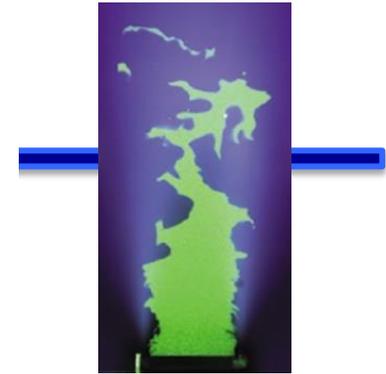
628 nm into a BBO frequency doubling crystal to 314 nm

Linewidth is  $0.1 \text{ cm}^{-1}$ , duration 7 ns, energy is 0.22 mJ at 10 kHz



# Steinberg, Driscoll Michigan 2-D Slot burner

measure stretch efficiency function for LES  
complete velocity, flame surface data base  
Cinema-stereo PIV



Two Clark OMB YAG lasers  
Pulsed at 1100 pulses/sec

“fully-turbulent”  $u' / S_L = 3.0$   
 $S_T / S_L = 2.5$

Two Phantom 9.0 cameras

1100 velocity images/second  
Scheimpflug stereo PIV optics

Small field of view 8 x 11 mm  
Spatial resolution = 140 microns  
Time resolution 0.9 ms



# Kilohertz PIV

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Steinberg, Driscoll  
Comb. Flame 156, 2285  
Michigan kHz PIV  
eddies passing through flame

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Sheet thickness = 200 microns  
spatial resolution = 200 microns  
temporal resolution = 4,000 Hz

## Lasers:

Quantronix Hawk: 4,000 Hz, 355 nm,  
for CH<sub>2</sub>O PLIF

Quantronix Hawk PIV laser: 4,000 Hz,  
for PIV

## Cameras:

Phantom v711 + LaVision high speed  
Intensifier

Phantom 9.1



# Observe eddy pairs –consistent with Damköhler, Schelkin

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Colors = Vorticity ( $\omega_z$ ) ;  $-700 \text{ s}^{-1}$  (blue)  
and  $700 \text{ s}^{-1}$  (red)

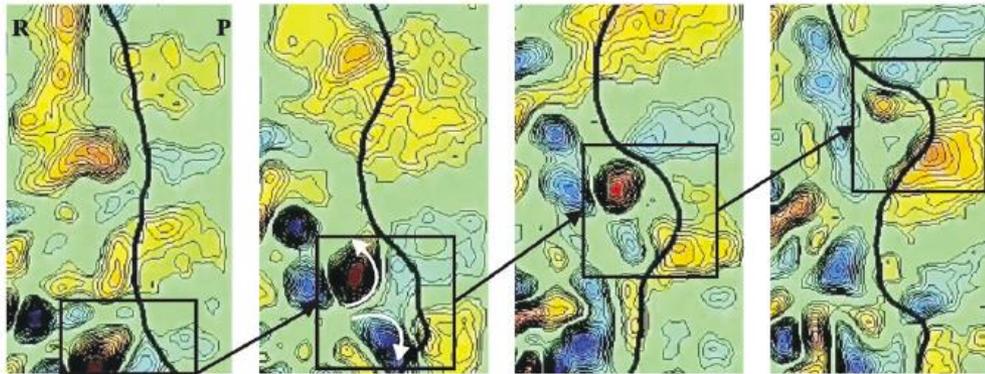
Field of view = 6 mm x 10.5 mm,  
 $\Delta t = 0.9 \text{ ms}$



- 1. Initial Vortex Pair**
- 2. Vortex Pair Disappears**
- 3. Wrinkle in Flame Appears**

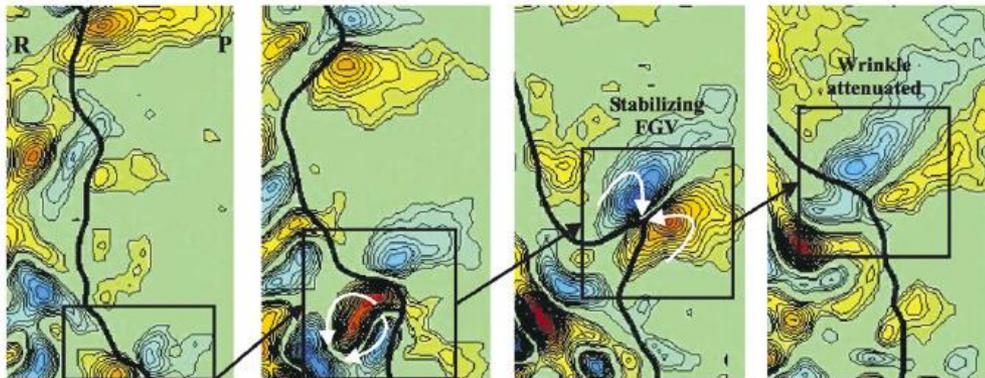
Reactants 

Products 



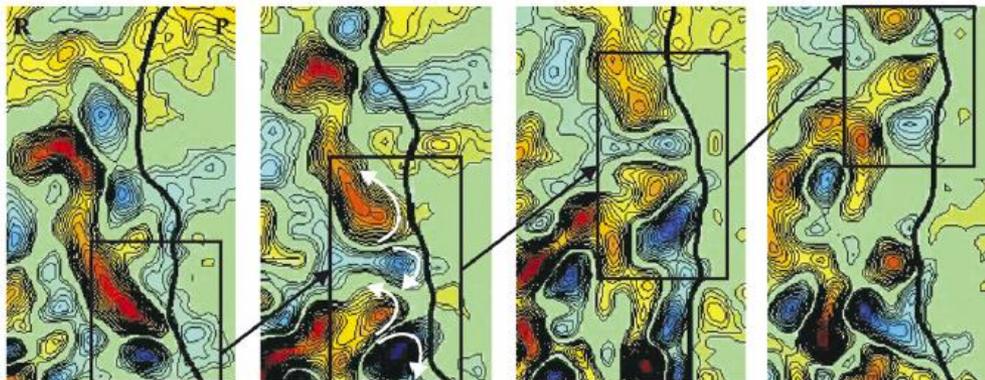
Wrinkle caused by single counter-rotating eddy pair

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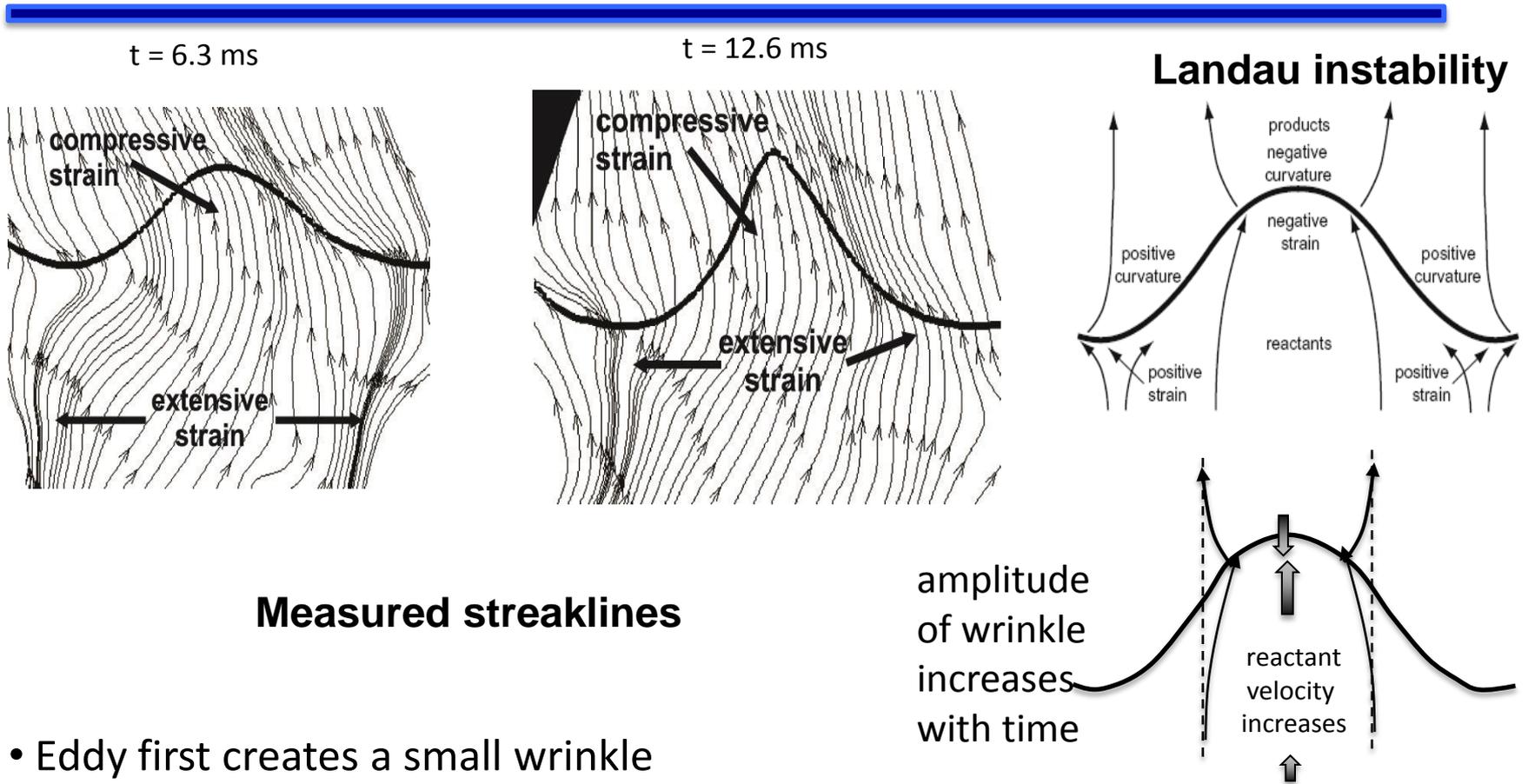


Flame generated vorticity observed

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# What do kHz diagnostics tell us ? Hydrodynamic Instability observed

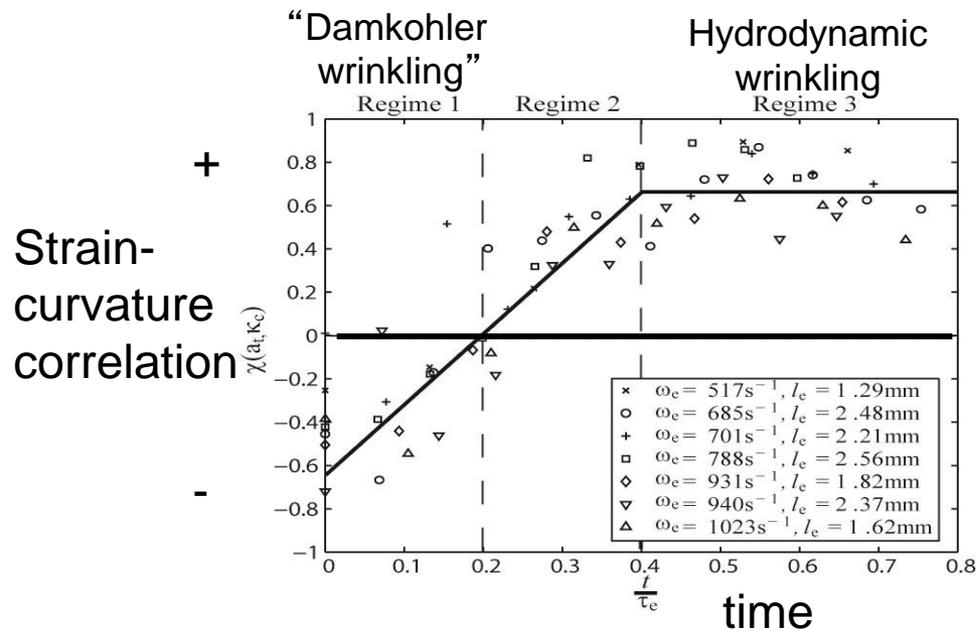


## Measured streaklines

- Eddy first creates a small wrinkle
- Measured diverging streaklines agree with theory
- Strain and curvature are positively correlated
- Wrinkle forms cusp due to hydrodynamic instability

# KHz diagnostics tell us - the Time History of the Eddy-Flame Interactions

- **Early times:** observe “Damkohler-like” wrinkling sometimes  
Strain & curvature are negatively correlated as predicted
- Later times: vortex is destroyed by flame passage
- **Later times:** observe Landau hydrodynamic instability  
causes additional wrinkling  
Then strain & curvature are positively correlated



# Goal: provide LES submodels with stretch rate efficiency function

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Flame surface density models use the following equation for

$\Sigma$  = subgrid flame surface density = flame area/volume

$$\frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial t} + \tilde{U} \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial x} + \tilde{V} \frac{\partial \Sigma}{\partial y} = v_T \frac{\partial^2 \Sigma}{\partial y^2} + \bar{K} \Sigma - \bar{M} - \bar{Q}$$

↑  
flame area increase per second  
(per unit volume)

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 $K$  = Subgrid stretch rate  
of flame area

$$= (1/A) dA/dt$$

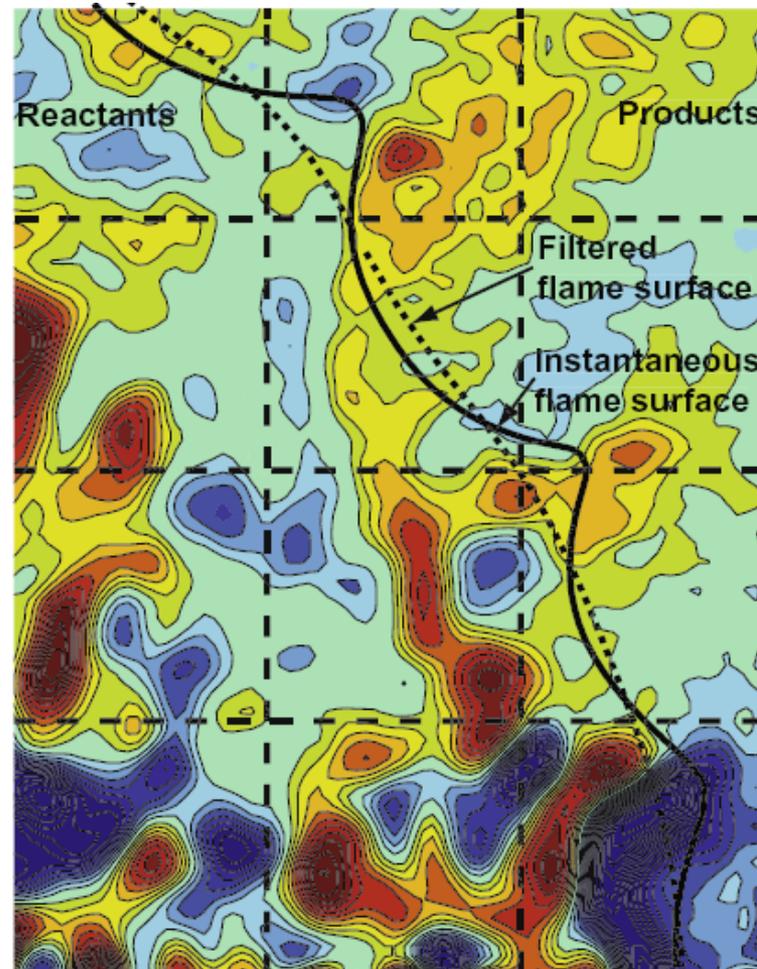
= area increase per second  
(per unit area)

$$K \Sigma = (1/A) (dA/dt) (\text{area/volume})$$



# Steinberg measured subgrid stretch rates

1. Break up the experimental field into “**cells**”
2. **Track eddy motions** in a Lagrangian manner
3. **Perform “filtering”** - both spatial and time averaging over each cell
4. **Correlate** the cell-averaged flame stretch rate with either the cell-averaged  $(u' / L)$  (Poinso) or the fluid strain rate  $S$



# How to measure $K$ = (subgrid) stretch rate on flame surface

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- Why ? To predict correct degree of wrinkling, flame area  
To predict local flame speed  
To predict local extinction, overall blowout

$$K = \frac{1}{A} \frac{dA}{dt} = -\hat{n} \cdot (\hat{n} \cdot \nabla) \vec{u} + \underbrace{\nabla \cdot \vec{u}}_0 + (\nabla \cdot \hat{n}) S_L$$

↑  
Stretch Rate of the  
Flame Surface Area  $A$

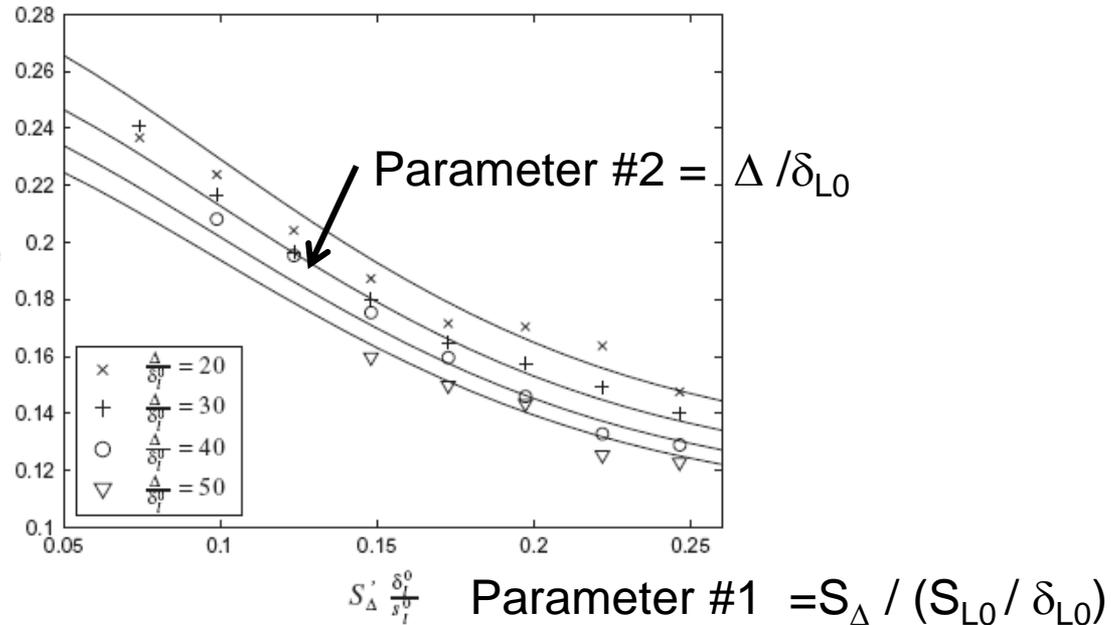
↗  
Strain Rate of Flame Surface

↘  
Curvature of Flame Surface



# Measurements relate subgrid stretch $K$ to the resolved-scale strain rate $S_{ij}$

Measured  
Stretch  
Efficiency  
function  
 $\Gamma_s$   
needed  
for LES



$S_{\Delta}$  = subgrid strain rate, related to resolved-scale velocity gradients

such as  $\frac{\partial \tilde{u}}{\partial x}$



# LES Closure - requires three steps

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Step 1. Compute subgrid fluid strain rate from energy dissipation balance

$$\frac{\nu}{2} (S'_{\Delta})^2 = \varepsilon = -\overline{u_i u_j} \widehat{S}_{ij}$$

Subgrid resolved

Step 2. Compute subgrid Reynolds stress using Smagorinsky:

$$-\overline{u_i u_j} = 2 C \Delta^2 \widehat{S}_{ij} |\widehat{S}_{ij}|$$

Step 3. Use our measurements to compute:

$$K = \text{fcn}(S'_{\Delta}, \Delta)$$

K = subgrid flame stretch rate  
(on the flame surface)

$S'_{\Delta}$  = subgrid fluid strain rate  
in reactants



# What does kHz PIV tell us ?

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1. **Stretch rate measurements** needed to model correct area, speeds
2. **Eddy-flame interaction measurements** are needed to assess physics of DNS and LES
3. **A method was developed** to make high-speed movies of eddy – flame interactions and to measure stretch rates
4. **“Damkohler wrinkling”** increases flame area at early times
5. **“Landau hydrodynamic instability”** increases area after eddy gone
6. **Subgrid stretch rate correlation with resolved strain rate** was measured to improve LES models



# “3-D” eddy-flame imaging

Lay the kilohertz laser sheet horizontal

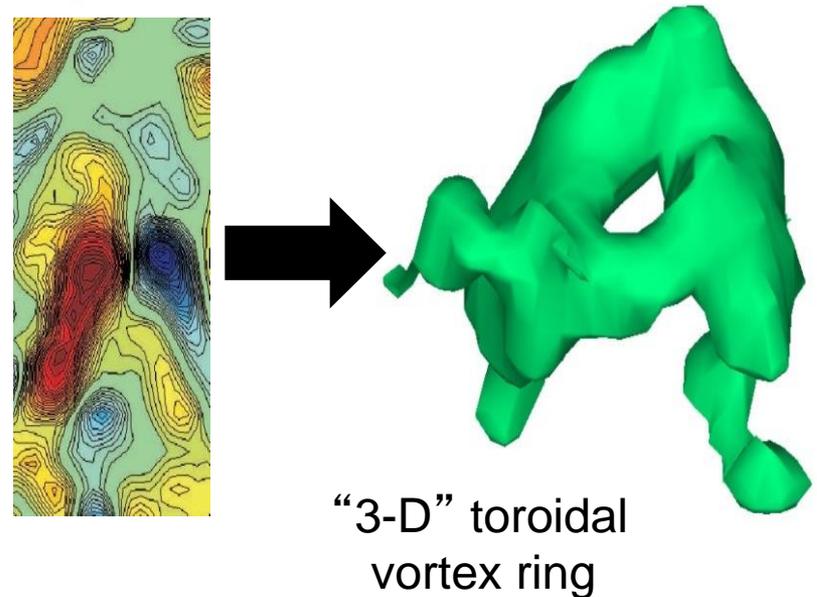
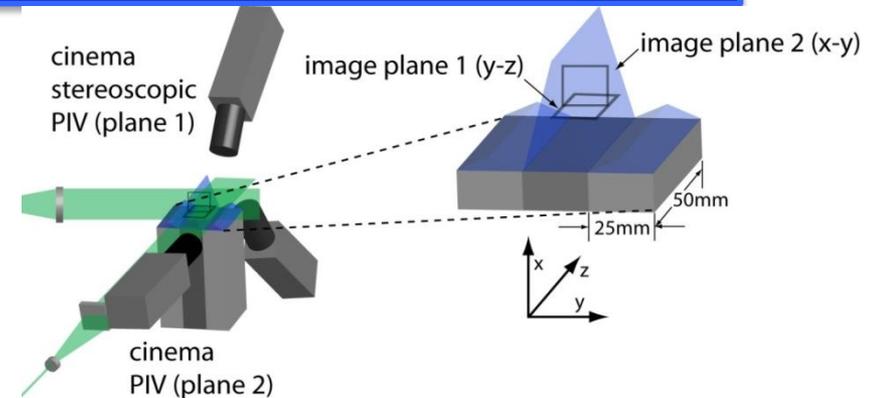
As eddies pass vertically upward through sheet:

Rapidly image eddies in the horizontal plane

Apply Taylor’s hypothesis

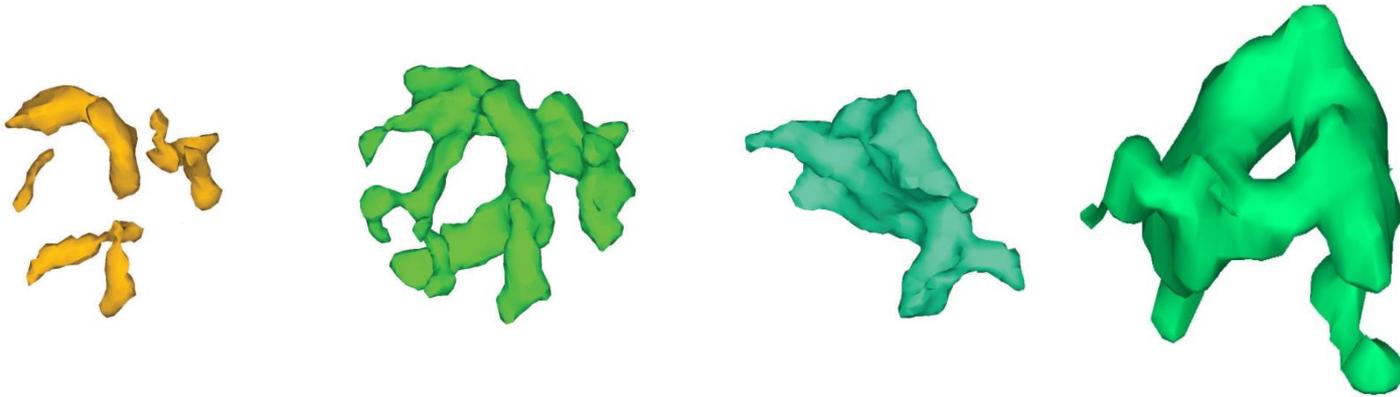
$$\frac{\partial}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{U} \frac{\partial}{\partial t}$$

Check Taylor’s hypothesis using one vertical sheet

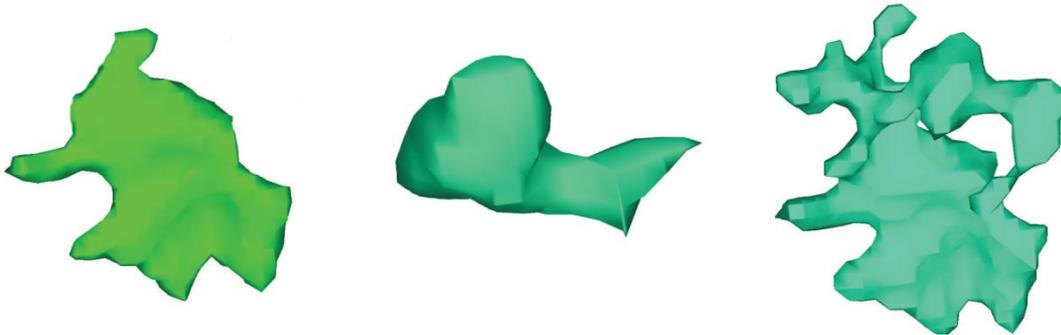


# KHz PIV images 3-D Vortical Structures = bundles of tubes

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Observe Strain-Rate Structures - Sheets and Blobs



# Kilo Hertz PIV movie of eddies entering a lifted flame base

Upatniek, Driscoll PROCI 29, p. 1867 (2002)

