

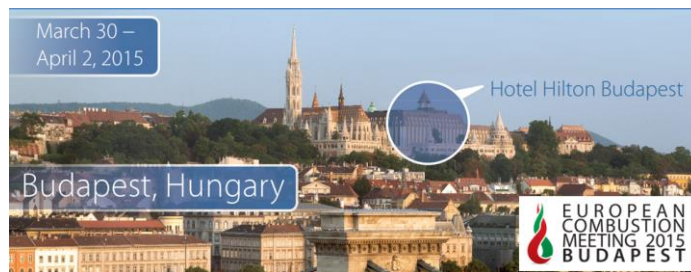
The temperature and pressure dependences of the laminar burning velocity: experiments and modeling

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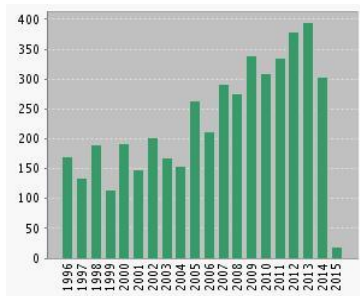
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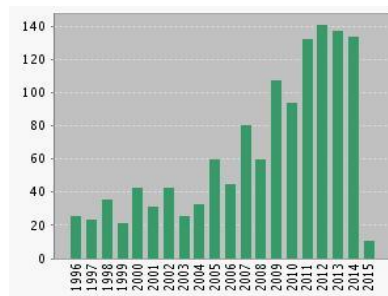
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Keywords WoSci



Burning velocity



Laminar flame speed



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Terminology

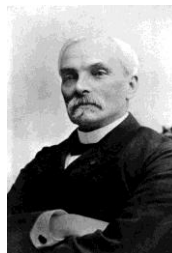
Burning velocity **or** Laminar flame speed ?

“la vitesse normale”



“fundamental flame speed” **or** “burning velocity”

NOT “laminar flame speed”



E.F. Mallard and H.L. Le Chatelier

“Sur la vitesse de propagation de la flamme”,
Ann. des Mines, Ser. 8, IV (1883)



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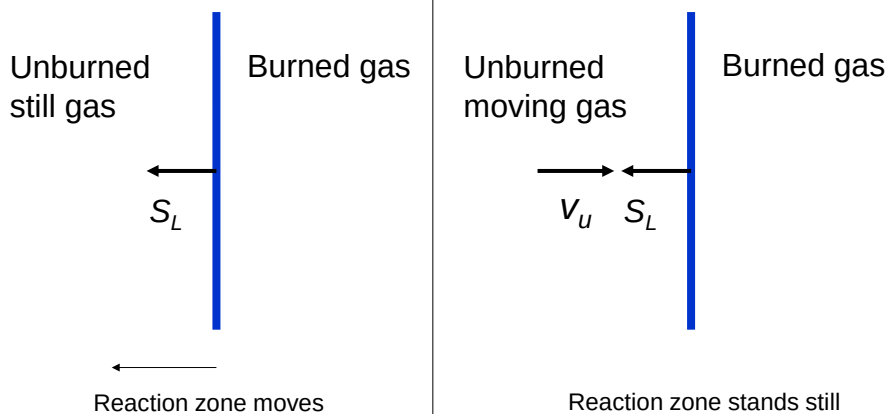
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The laminar burning velocity is, therefore, **not a measurable quantity**; it is derived from other observables using different assumptions or theoretical models.

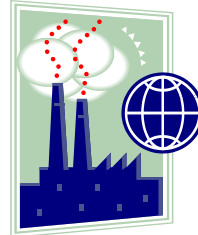


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Importance

In labs $P = 1 \text{ atm}$, $T = 25 \text{ C}$
 $= 298 \text{ K}$.

In general applications,
from domestic appliances to
engines and gas turbines,
pressure and initial
temperature of the mixture
are **often higher** than
standard ones.



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Focus of this lecture

Adiabatic burning velocity, S_L :

- Fundamental characteristic of the mixture, function of equivalence ratio, pressure, and initial temperature
- Invaluable for validation of kinetic models
- Major parameter in calibration of turbulent flame speeds
- Typical presentation in CFD and engineering models

$$S_L = S_{L,0} \left(\frac{T_u}{T_0} \right)^{\alpha_T} \left(\frac{p_u}{p_0} \right)^{\beta_p},$$

- Reliable data are available only for gaseous fuels and some reference liquid fuels, because stretch correction was not implemented until 80's of XX century



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Empirical correlations P $S_L = S_{L,0} \left(\frac{T_u}{T_0} \right)^{\alpha_T} \left(\frac{p_u}{p_0} \right)^{\beta_p}$

History: Mallard and Le Chatelier (1883), Jouguet (1913), Crussard (1914), Nusselt (1915), Daniell (1930).

Zeldovich and Frank-Kamenetsky (1938) showed that the mass burning rate

$$\dot{m} = \rho S_L$$

is proportional to the square root of the overall reaction rate W .

Since W is proportional to $P^n \exp(-E_a/RT)$, where n is the overall reaction order, the mass burning rate shows a power exponent dependence of $n/2$. The power exponent β is therefore

$$\beta = n/2 - 1,$$

0 for bimolecular reactions,

-0.5 for the first order reactions.



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Empirical correlations T

$$S_L = S_{L,0} \left(\frac{T_u}{T_0} \right)^{\alpha_T} \left(\frac{p_u}{p_0} \right)^{\beta_p}$$

Origin?

G.L. Dugger, D.D. Graab, Proc. Combust. Inst. 4 (1953) 302-310.

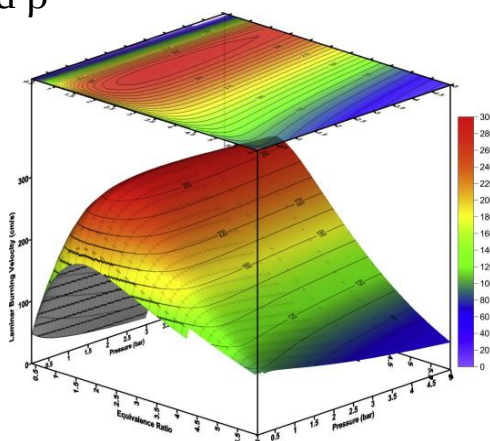
~~M. Metghalchi, J.C. Keck, Combust. Flame, 38 (1980) 143-154.~~



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Data consistency – role of α and β

Laminar burning velocity of hydrogen/air mixtures according to the pressure and the equivalence ratio calculated at $T_u = 303$ K with the mechanism of Keromnès et al.



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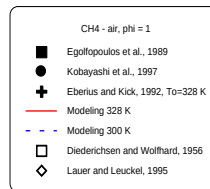
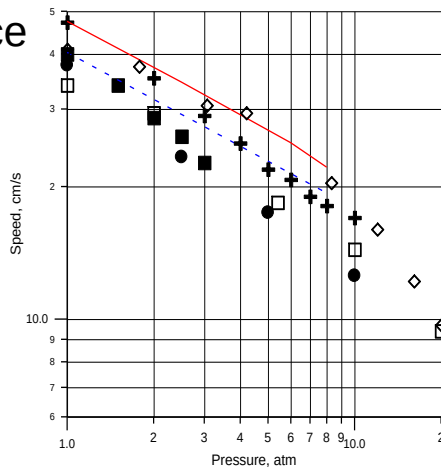
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Pressure dependence for CH4

$$S_L = S_{L,0} \left(\frac{T_u}{T_0} \right)^{\alpha_T} \left(\frac{p_u}{p_0} \right)^{\beta_p},$$

Adiabatic burning velocities of stoichiometric CH4 + air flames as a function of pressure.

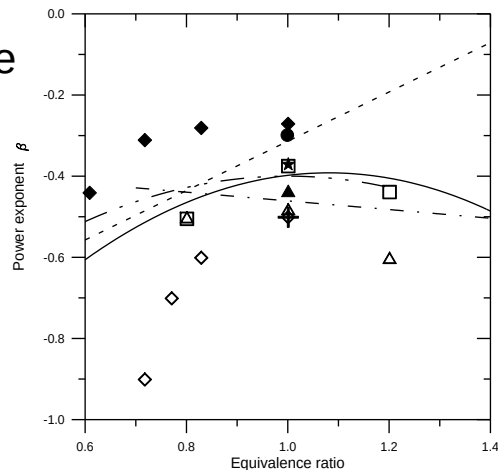
Lines: modeling.



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Pressure dependence for CH4

- Variation of the power exponent β with equivalence ratio at elevated pressures.
- Solid diamonds: [19],
- squares: [27],
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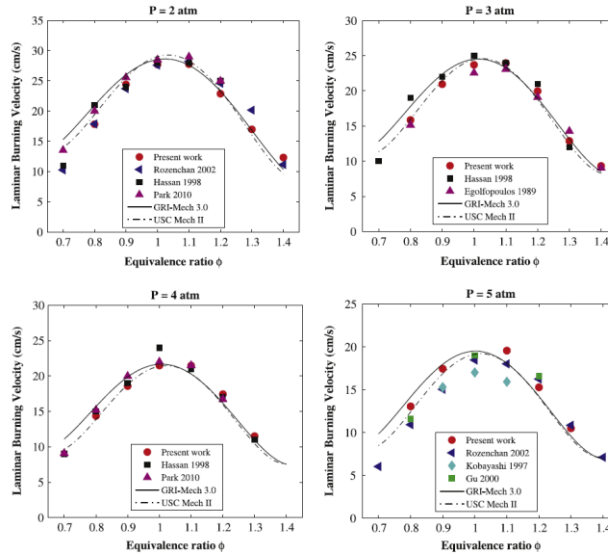
Pressure dependence for CH₄

Comparison of the burning velocities of methane + air flames from experimental (symbols) and simulation (lines) results for 2, 3, 4 and 5 atm as functions of equivalence ratio.

M. Goswami, S. Derks, K. Coumans, W.J. Slikker, M.H. de Andrade Oliveira, R.J.M. Bastiaans, C.C.M. Luijten, L.P.H. de Goeij, A.A. Konnov, *Combust. Flame* 160 (2013) 1627-1635.

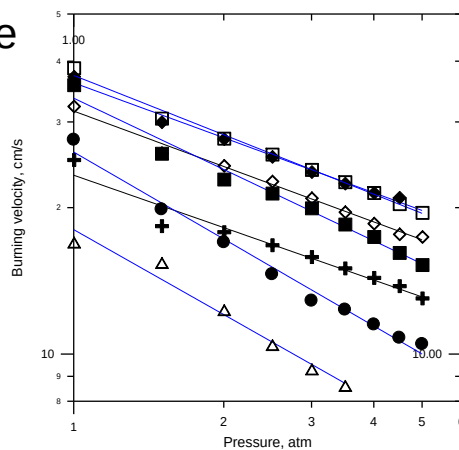


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Pressure dependence for CH₄

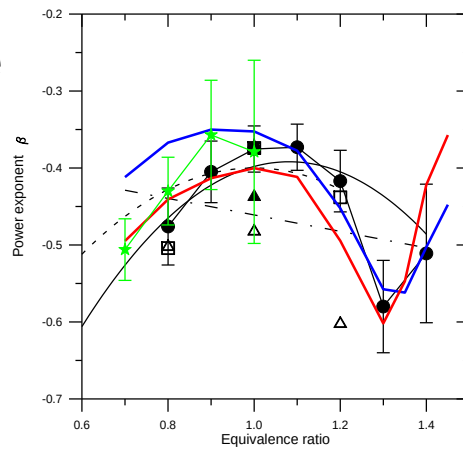
Laminar burning velocities of methane + air mixture at different equivalence ratios. Crosses: 0.8, open diamonds: 0.9, solid diamonds: 1.0, open squares: 1.1, solid squares: 1.2, circles: 1.3, triangles: 1.4.



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Pressure dependence for CH₄

Variation of the power exponent β_1 (Eq. (4)) with equivalence ratio at elevated pressures. Open squares: [36], open triangles: [42], solid triangle: [43], star: [44], solid line: [45], dash-dot line: [31], dashed line: [46], circles: [34], green stars: [41].
Red line: GRI-mech.,
blue line: USC Mech II.

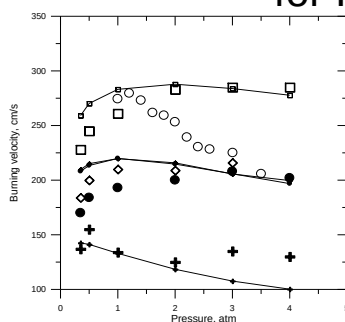


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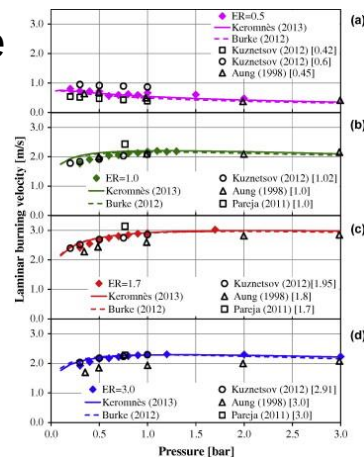
Unstretched laminar burning velocities for hydrogen + air flames at standard temperature as a function of initial pressure. Measurements: symbols; calculations: lines with corresponding small symbols. Equivalence ratios: crosses: 0.75; diamonds: 1.05; squares: 1.8; [56]; solid circles: 3 [56]; open circles: 3 [12].

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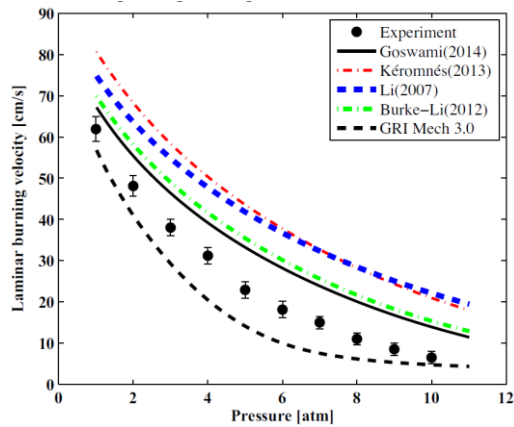
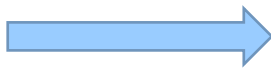


Laminar burning velocity of hydrogen/air mixtures according to the initial pressure at $T_u = 303$ K and (a) $\phi = 0.5$, (b) $\phi = 1.0$, (c) $\phi = 1.7$, and (d) $\phi = 3.0$.

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Pressure dependence for H₂

Problem in lean H₂
flames



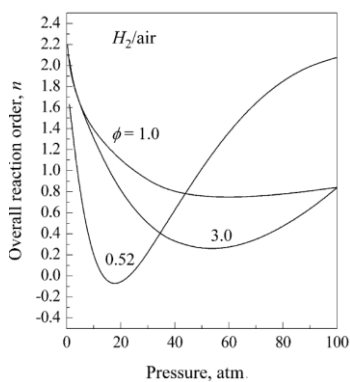
Laminar burning velocity of 85:15 % H₂ + N₂ with 1:7
O₂:He oxidizer at $\phi = 0.6$ and 298 K.

M. Goswami, J.G.H. van Griensven, R.J.M. Bastiaans, A.A. Konnov, L.P.H. de
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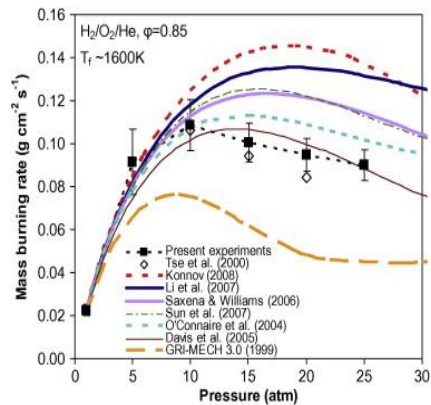
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Pressure dependence for H₂



Extracted overall reaction order
for H₂ + air flames.

C.K. Law, CST 178 (2006) 335.



Mass burning rate measurements for various pressures
for H₂/O₂/He flames of equivalence ratio 0.85 and flame
temperature of ~1600 K.

Michael P. Burke, Marcos Chaos, Frederick L. Dryer, Yiguang Ju
Combustion and Flame, Volume 157, 2010, 618 - 631



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$$m = \rho S_L \sim W^{3/2} \quad W \text{ is proportional to } P^n \exp(-E_a/RT),$$

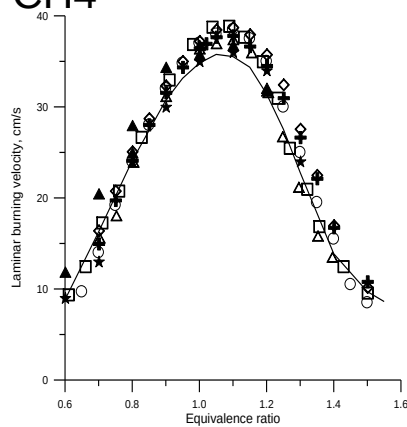
Intermediate conclusions (P)

- The power exponents β show large scattering both in experiments and in model predictions
- The power exponents β are sensitive to the rate constants implemented, yet the sensitivity spectra are different from those for the laminar burning velocity
- The pressure dependence is therefore and independent parameter for kinetic model validation
- The burning velocity of lean hydrogen flames is often far from the model predictions



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Temperature dependence for CH₄



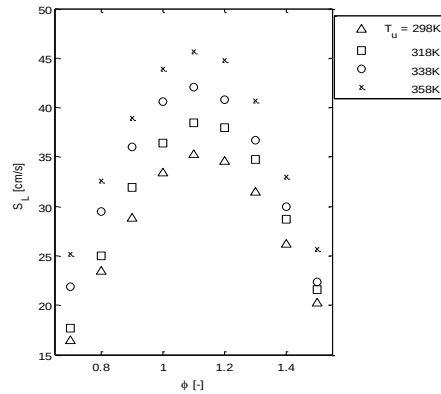
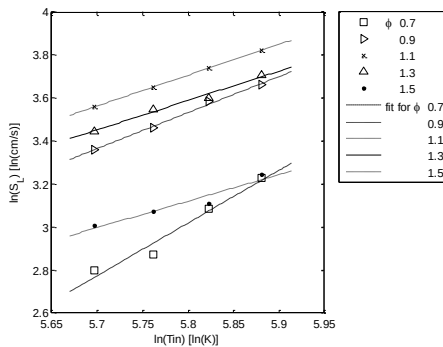
Adiabatic burning velocity in methane – air mixtures. Diamonds: present measurements in CH₄ - air mixtures; crosses: present measurements in CH₄ - O₂ - N₂ mixtures; squares: Vagelopoulos et al. (1994); open triangles: Vagelopoulos and Egolfopoulos (1998); circles: van Maaren et al. (1994b); stars: Hassan et al. (1998); solid triangles: Gu et al. (2000); solid line: modeling.



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Temperature dependence for CH4

- Temperature correlation



$$S_L = S_{L,0} \left(\frac{T_u}{T_0} \right)^{\alpha_T} \left(\frac{p_u}{p_0} \right)^{\beta_p},$$

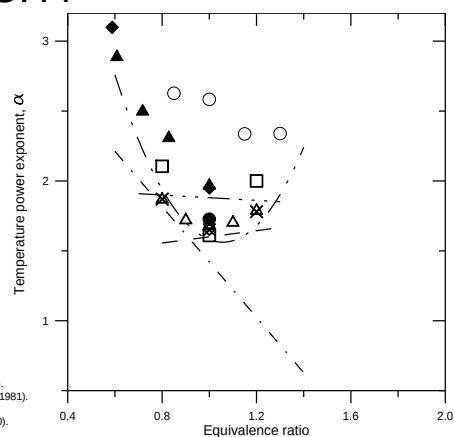


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Temperature dependence for CH4

Power exponent coefficient, α , for methane + air flames.

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solid circle: [30, 31], open squares: [23],
solid triangles: [3], open triangles: [6],
long-dash line: [27], dash-dot line: [35],
dash-double dot line: [24], dash-triple dot line: [29]



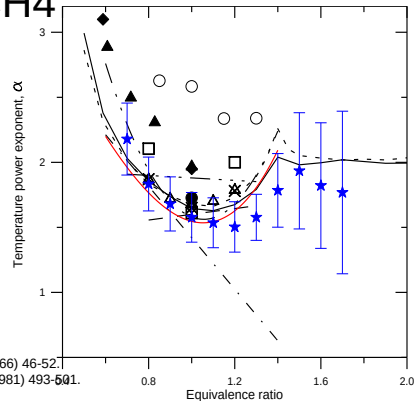
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Power exponent coefficient, α , for methane + air flames. Crosses: [74], open diamonds: [44], solid diamonds: [73], open circles: [29], solid circle: [75], open squares: [36], solid triangles: [17], open triangles: [18], long-dash line: [30], dash-dot line: [76], dash-double dot line: [45], dash-triple dot line: [77], red solid line: [78], blue stars: [41]. Solid line: modeling using the Konnov mech., short-dash line: modeling using the GRI-mech. 3.0.



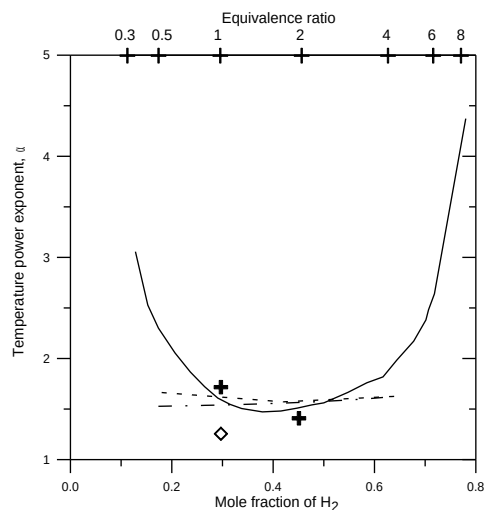
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Temperature dependence for H₂

Power exponent coefficient, α , for hydrogen + air flames.
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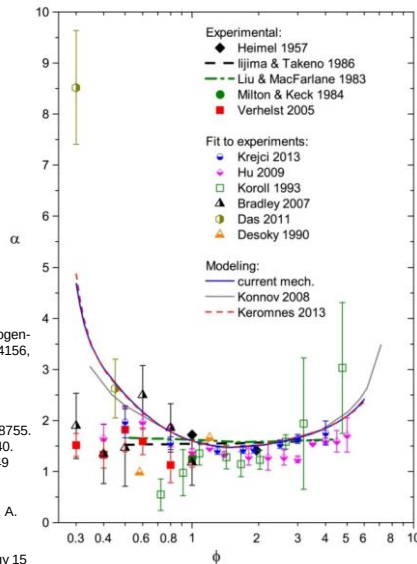
Temperature dependence for H2

Power exponent α for H_2 + air flames at standard conditions. Solid symbols and thick lines: experiments [16, 30, 80, 81, 89], open symbols: fit to experimental data [82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87], made by Alekseev et al. [88]; thin lines: modeling.

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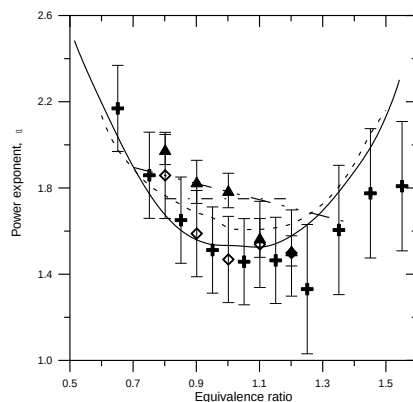


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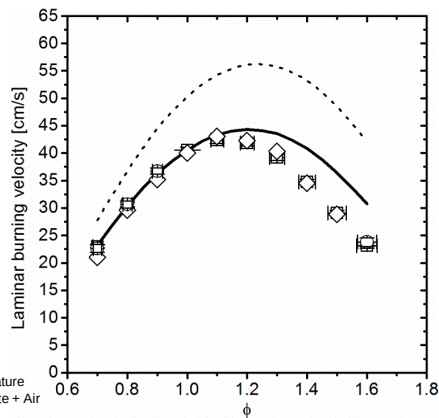
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Power exponent coefficient, α , for ethanol + air flames. Dash-dot line: [19]; dash-double dot line: [20]; solid triangles: [22]; diamonds and crosses: present work. Solid line and dashed line: modeling using the Konnov mechanism and that of Saxena and Williams [9], respectively.

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Temperature dependence - general

- Laminar burning velocities of MF+air as a function of ϕ at 338 K. Symbols: experimental data and lines: modelling. Squares and circles: Christensen et al. [91]; diamonds: Wang et al. [94] at 333 K.
- Solid line: model of Diévert et al. [93] and dotted line: model of Glaude et al. [92].



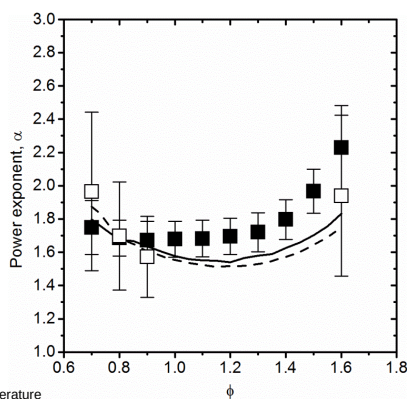
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Temperature dependence - general

Power exponent, α , as a function of ϕ . Symbols: experiments [91] and lines: modelling. Dashed line: model of Glaude et al. [92], solid line: model of Diévert et al. [93].



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Temperature dependence - sensitivity

$$Sens(SL, k) = \frac{\partial SL}{\partial k} \frac{k}{SL}$$

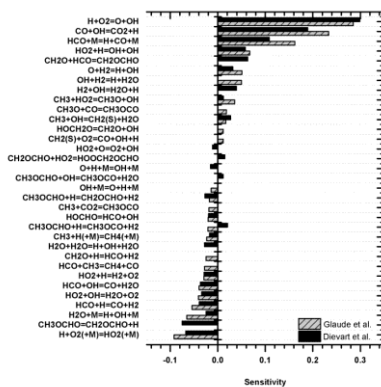
$$Sens(a, k) = \frac{\partial a}{\partial k} \frac{k}{a} \quad S_L = S_{L,0} \left(\frac{T_u}{T_0} \right)^{\alpha_T} \left(\frac{p_u}{p_0} \right)^{\beta_p},$$

$$Sens(a, k) = \frac{Sens(SL, k) - Sens(SL_0, k)}{\ln \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right) \alpha}$$

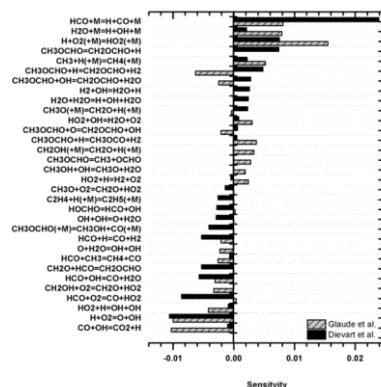


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Temperature dependence - sensitivity



Normalized sensitivity coefficients for the laminar burning velocity of MF+air flames at $\phi = 1.0$



Normalized sensitivity coefficients for the power exponent α of MF+air flames at $\phi = 1.0$.



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Data consistency – role of α and β

- Experimental power exponents α and β show large scattering => more experiments are needed
- Calculated power exponents β are sensitive to the rate constants implemented => useful for model validation
- Calculated power exponents α are not sensitive => useful for analysis of experimental data consistency



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Experimental uncertainties

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Review

Advances and challenges in laminar flame experiments and implications for combustion chemistry



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Outdated methods

Simple tube

Disadvantage: interaction with walls (E. Mallard, H.L. Le Chatelier, 1883).

Development: divergent channels

Bunsen burner, slot burner

Advantage: simple, disadvantage: curvature + stabilization

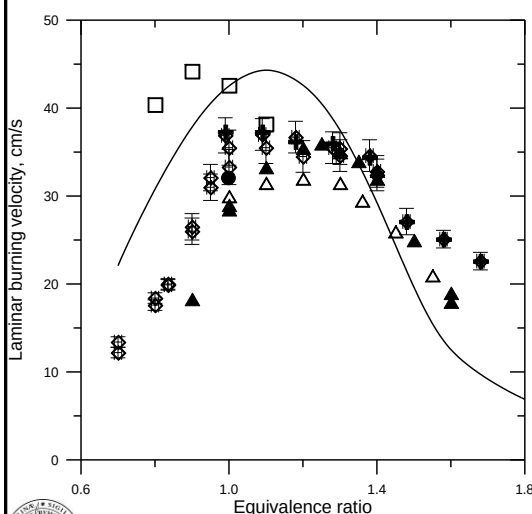
Soap bubble

Advantage: constant P, disadvantage: saturation by water



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Acetone nightmare



Squares: G.J. Gibbs, H.F. Calcote. J. Chem. Eng. Data. 3 (1959) 226–235.

open triangles: L.N. Khitrin "Physics of Combustion and Explosion", Israel Program for Scientific Translation, Jerusalem, 1962, p. 448.

solid circle: V.V. Molkov, V.P. Nekrasov. Comb. Explosion, Shock Waves, 17 (1981) 280-283.

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crosses: spark ignition;
diamonds: laser ignition;
line: modeling

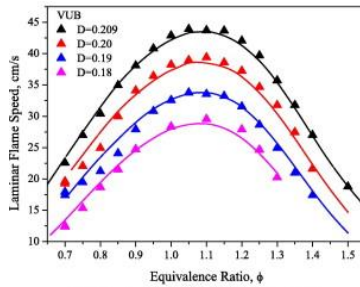
Burluka, A.A., Osman, H., Harker, M., Lawes, M., Sheppard, C.G.W., Konnov, A.A. *Fuel* 89: 2864-2872 (2010)

Laminar burning velocities of acetone + air mixtures at atmospheric pressure and room temperature (298 K).

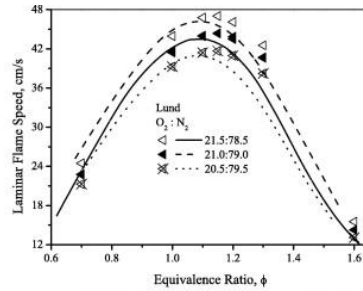


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What do we burn ?



(a) Effect of altering dilution levels $D = O_2/(O_2+N_2)$.



(b) Effect of altering "air" composition by $\pm 0.5\%$

MFC

$\Delta U = 0.5\%$ (reading) + 0.1% (full scale)

Buffering vessels !

Vibrations !

Calibration !

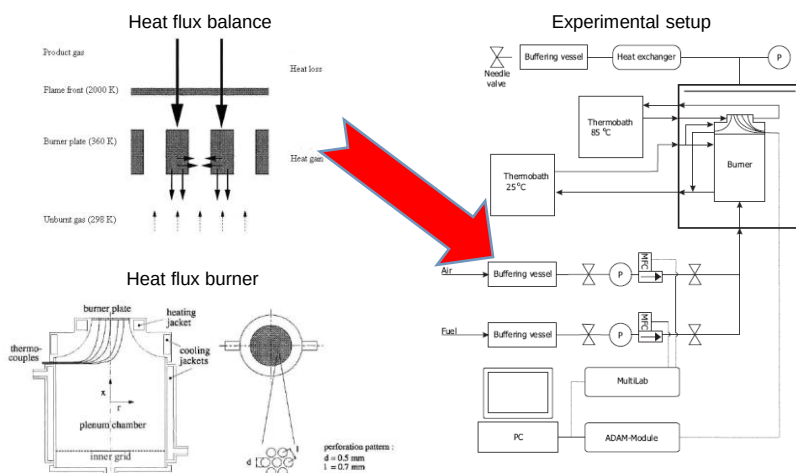
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Reuben Mc Donagh, Olivier Mathieu,
Irmis Osorio, Charles Keezee, Anibal
Moron...

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Buffering vessel

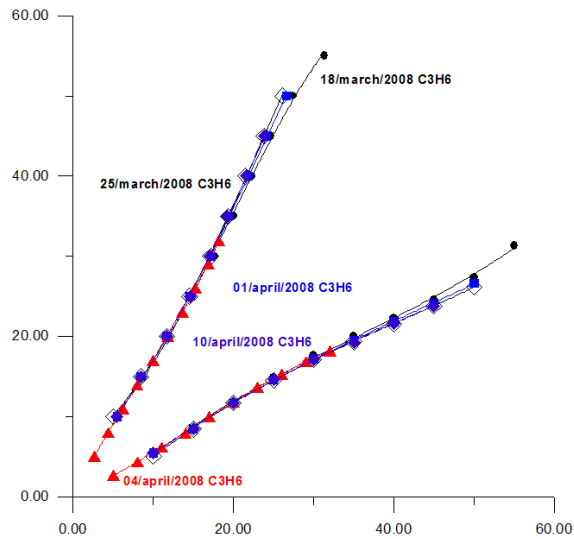


Remember to preheat MFCs !



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Calibration

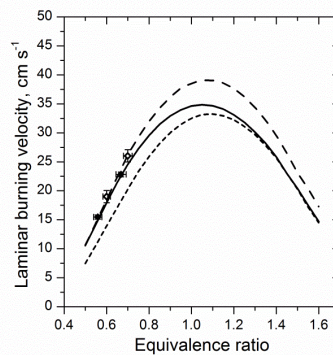
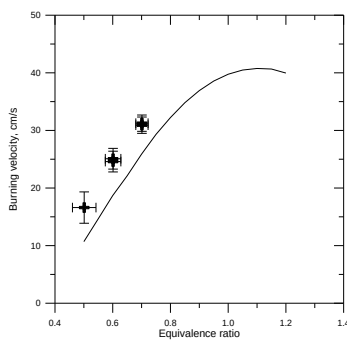


Calibration curves of the MFC for C3H6



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MFC calibration vs. fluidat



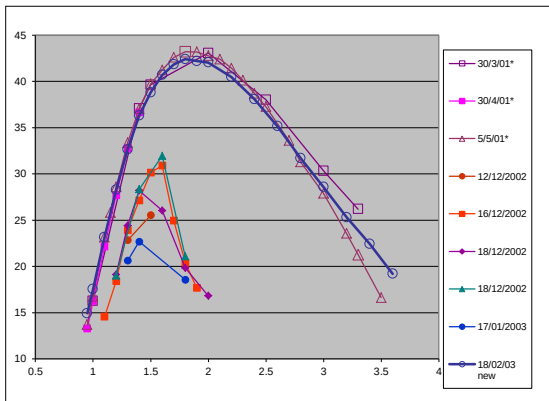
Laminar burning velocity vs. equivalence ratio for ethanol + O_2 + CO_2 at 298 K. Symbols: Open diamonds represent first set of experimental data, filled diamonds second set of experimental data. Lines represent modeling; solid line (-): Marinov's model, long dash line (- -): the San Diego model; short dash line (.-): the LDTV model.

Naucler, J.D., Christensen, M., Nilsson, E.J.K., Konnov, A.A. Oxy-fuel combustion of ethanol in premixed flames. *Energy and Fuels* 26: 4269-4276 (2012).



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What do we burn ?



Fuel: 50%CO+50%H₂
Oxidizer: 9% O₂ + 91% N₂



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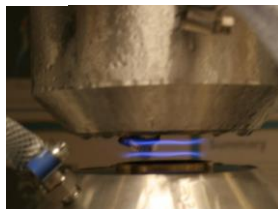
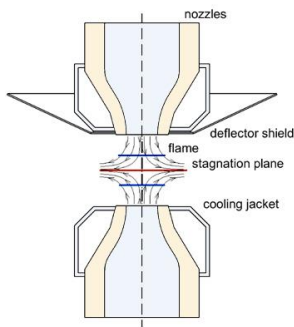
Konnov et al. CST 181 (2009) 117

Fe (CO)₅ !!!

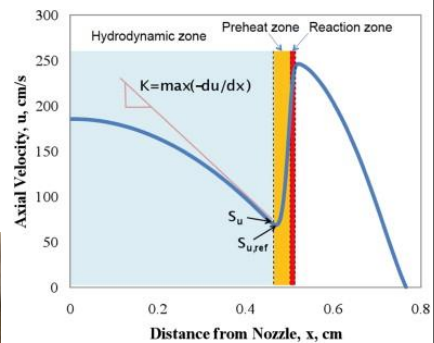
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Counterflow



Counterflow flames in Lund



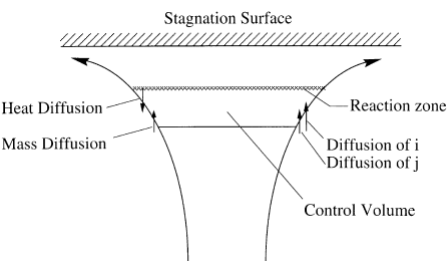
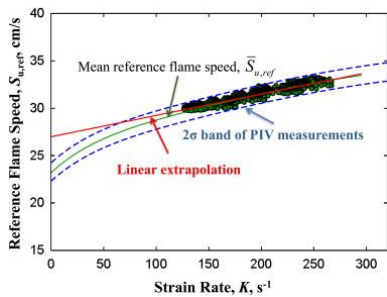
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Counterflow



Conceptual demonstration of the nonconservative nature of stretched flame response in the presence of equidiffusion.

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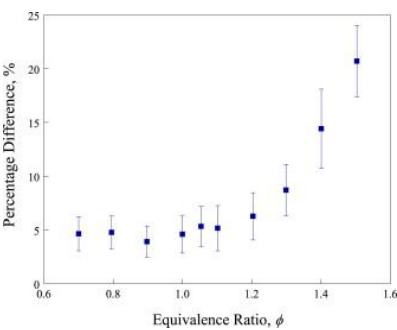
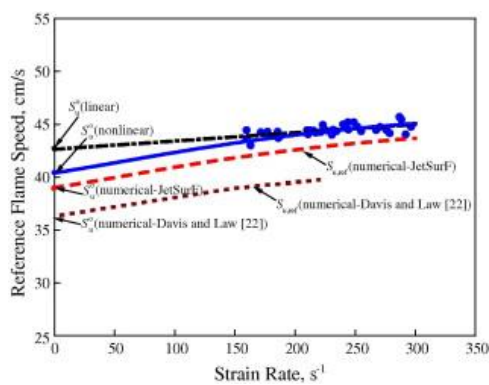
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Law C.K., Sung C.J. Prog. Energy Comb. Sci., 26 (2000) 459



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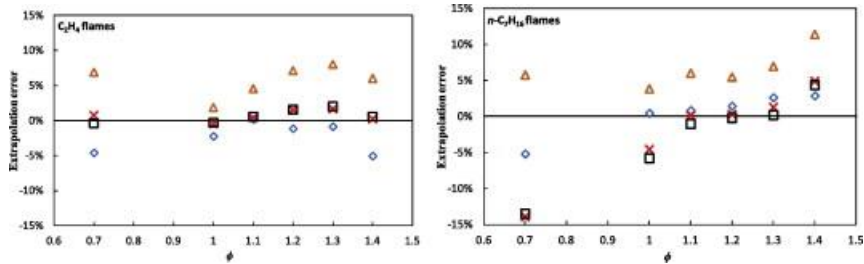
Percentage difference of SL obtained with linear and computationally-assisted extrapolation for C5 – C12 alkanes

Chunsheng Ji, Enoch Dames, Yang L. Wang, Hai Wang, Fokion N. Egolfopoulos

Combustion and Flame, Volume 157, 2010, 277 - 287



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Deviation of experiment-based extrapolated SL values from computed ones as function of equivalence ratio. Differences represented by symbols: (diamond) non-linear method for $S_{u,ref}$ from CFF's; (cross) linear method for S_u ; (square) non-linear method for S_u ; and (triangle) non-linear method for S_u from SEF's.

Jagannath Jayachandran, Alexandre Lefebvre, Runhua Zhao, Fabien Halter, Emilien Varea, Bruno Renou, Fokion N. Egolfopoulos

Proceedings of the Combustion Institute, Volume 35, 2015, 695 - 702

Clearly, in steady state experiments like those of CFF's the directly measured $S_{u,ref}$'s can be optimized so that the uncertainties are minimized. In carefully performed CFF experiments, the uncertainty based on 2σ , where σ is the standard deviation, can be as low as 5%.

However, the uncertainty of CFF experiments can be 10% or higher if issues related to the quality of the flow, reactant concentrations especially for $\phi > 1.0$ flames of liquid fuels, flow tracer seeding density, the implementation of particle image velocimetry (PIV) or laser Doppler velocimetry (LDV) to measure flow velocities, and interpretation of the raw data are not addressed carefully and rigorously.



Jagannath Jayachandran, Runhua Zhao, Fokion N. Egolfopoulos

Combustion and Flame, Volume 161, Issue 9, 2014, 2305 - 2316

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Counterflow 1D vs. 2D

Both cold and reactive cases investigated show that the 1D approach fails to give accurate predictions of the corresponding velocity fields. The observed discrepancies between the 1D and 2D results are traced back to the assumption of a constant-pressure-derivative term in the momentum equation of the 1D model.

Nicolas Bouvet, Dmitry Davidenko, Christian Chauveau, Laure Pillier, Youngbin Yoon

Combustion and Flame 161 (2014) 438–452

Based on a normalized error metric, and the diluted hydrogen versus air non-premixed flames considered, it was suggested that nozzle diameters greater than 12 mm will yield errors less than numerical uncertainties and certainly well below current experimental uncertainties.

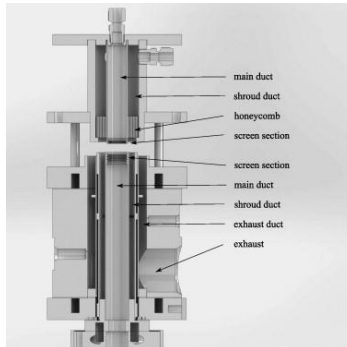
R. F. Johnson, A. C. VanDine, G. L. Esposito & H. K. Chelliah

CST 187 (2015) 37



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Counterflow



Schematic drawing of a counterflow apparatus employing screened ducts.



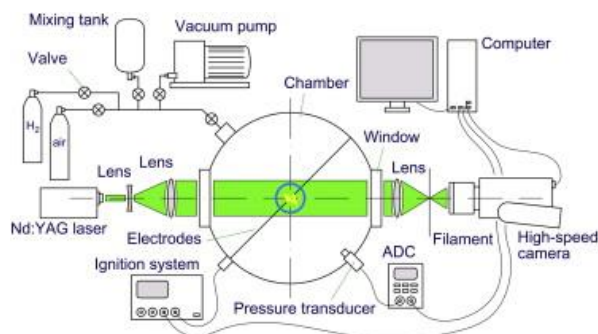
It is best to account for the radial gradient of the radial component of the velocity when contoured nozzles are employed, but plug-flow boundary conditions apply with good accuracy for screened ducts. The departures from plug-flow conditions in screened-duct devices generally are too small to be determined accurately enough to justify use of any other boundary condition at the screen exits. Accuracies are such that errors are less than 5% in well-designed screened-duct experiments.



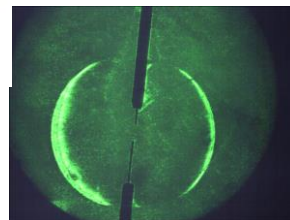
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Spherical flames



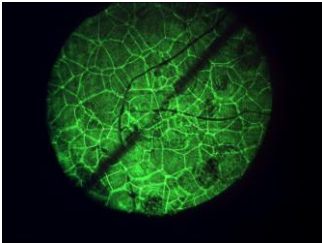
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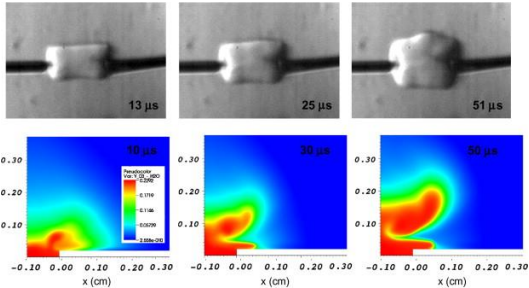
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Spherical flames

Cellularity



Electrodes



Buoyancy

Images from high-speed schlieren visualization and simulation of ignition with the thin cylindrical electrodes.

Sally P.M. Bane , Jack L. Ziegler , Joseph E. Shepherd

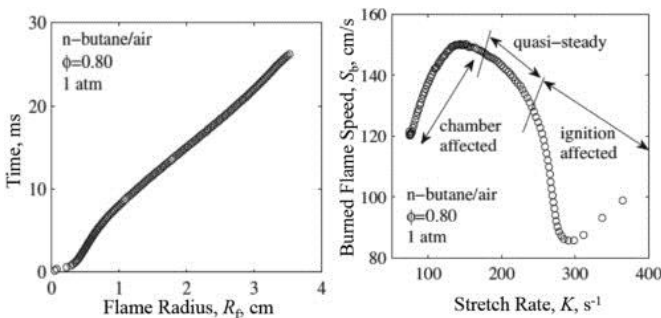
Investigation of the effect of electrode geometry on spark ignition

Combustion and Flame, Volume 162, 2015, 462 - 469



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Spherical flames



Variation of the flame radius with time (left) and burned flame speed with stretch for a lean n-C4H10/air mixture at p 1 atm and Tu 298 K.

F.N. Egolfopoulos, N. Hansen, Y. Ju, K. Kohse-Höinghaus, C.K. Law, F. Qi



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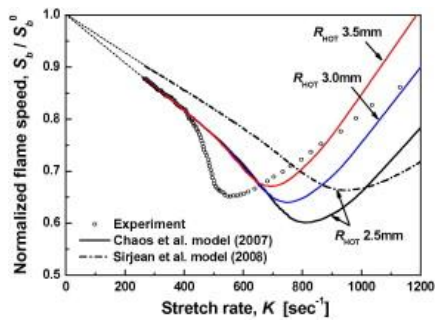
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Spherical flames

Critical radius

Models are different !

Cannot use
computationally-assisted
extrapolation as in CFF



Experimentally and numerically determined normalized flame speed as a function of stretch rate for *n*-C10H22/air at $\phi = 0.9$, $P = 1$ atm, and $T_u = 400$ K

Hwan Ho Kim , Sang Hee Won , Jeffrey Santner , Zheng Chen , Yiguang Ju

Measurements of the critical initiation radius and unsteady propagation of n-decane/air premixed flames

Proceedings of the Combustion Institute, Volume 34, 2013, 929 - 936

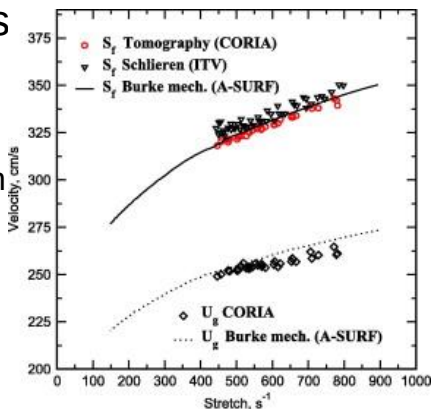


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Spherical flames

Confinement and front registration

Tomography (tracer evaporation)
or Schlieren



Comparison of stretched velocities obtained from experiments and simulation.

Emilien Varea , Joachim Beeckmann , Heinz Pitsch , Zheng Chen , Bruno Renou

Proceedings of the Combustion Institute, Volume 35, 2015, 711 - 719



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Spherical flames

Linear vs. non-linear

$$\frac{S_b}{S_b^0} = 1 - \frac{2L_b}{r} \cdot \frac{S_b}{S_b^0}$$

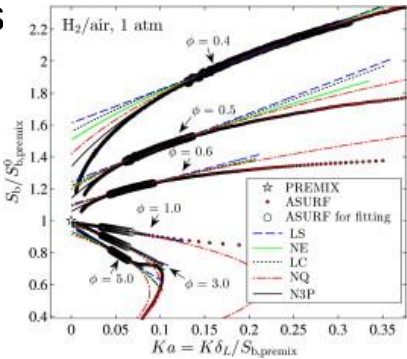
$$\frac{S_b}{S_b^0} = 1 - \frac{2L_b}{r}$$

$$\frac{S_b}{S_b^0} \ln \left(\frac{S_b}{S_b^0} \right) = - \frac{2L_b}{r}$$

While the uncertainty is minimized for stoichiometric H₂/air and *n*-heptane/air flames, the uncertainty can be as high as 60% for lean H₂/air mixtures, and 10% for lean and rich *n*-heptane/air mixtures.



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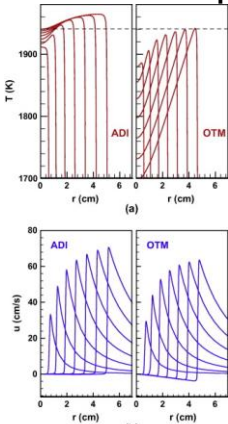


Comparison between results of various extrapolation models with numerical simulation for various equivalence ratios of H₂/air at 1 atm. Data used for fitting is for flame radius from 1 cm to 2 cm.

Fujia Wu, Wenkai Liang, Zheng Chen, Yiguang Ju, Chung K. Law

Proceedings of the Combustion Institute, Volume 35, 2015, 663 - 670

Spherical flames

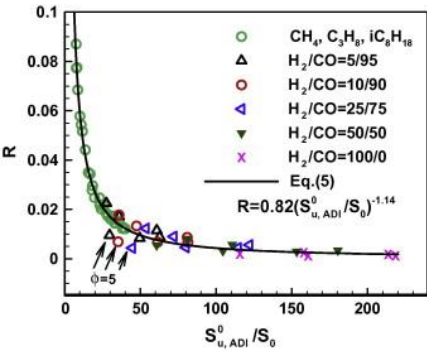


Distributions of (a) temperature and (b) flow speed for propagating spherical methane/air ($\phi = 1.4$) flames at $T_u = 298$ K and $P = 1$ atm.



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Hao Yu, Wang Han, Jeffrey Santner, Xiaolong Gou, Chae Hoon Sohn, Yiguang Ju, Zheng Chen
Combustion and Flame, Volume 161, Issue 11, 2014, 2815 - 2824



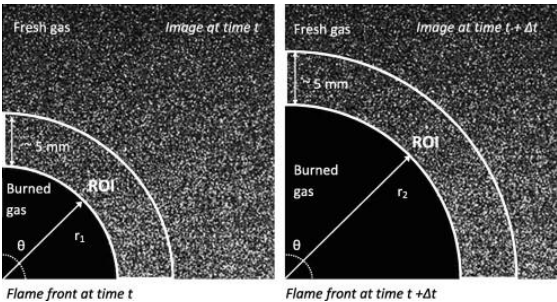
$$R = 1 - S_{rad}/S_{ad}$$

No reflection !

Spherical flames

Density ratio problem

$$u_n^0 \cong u_s^0 = \frac{\rho_b}{\rho_u} \cdot S^0$$
$$u_n^0 = \lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} (S - u_g).$$



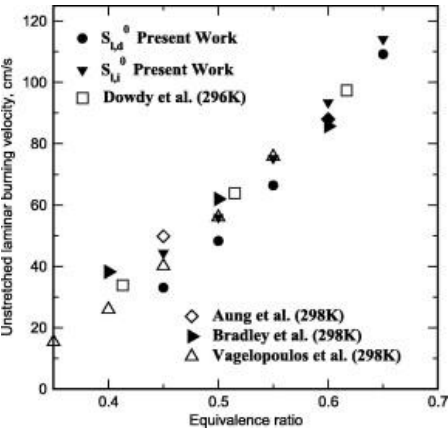
Localization (in polar coordinates) of the region of interest (ROI) for a tomographic image couple.



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Comparison with literature of unstrained indirect flame speeds (non-linearly extrapolated)



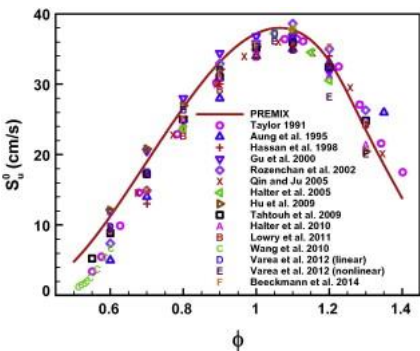
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Spherical flames

The present study shows that there are large discrepancies in S_u measured for CH_4 /air at NTP using the OPF method and that these data cannot be used to restrain the uncertainty of chemical models for methane.

However, this does not mean that the laminar flame speed data or the OPF method is useless: they are still useful for conditions at which the uncertainty of chemical model is larger than that of S_u measurements.



Zheng Chen

Laminar flame speed of CH_4 /air at NTP.

On the accuracy of laminar flame speeds measured from outwardly propagating spherical flames: Methane/air at normal temperature and pressure

Combustion and Flame, 2015

<http://dx.doi.org/10.1016/j.combustflame.2015.02.012>



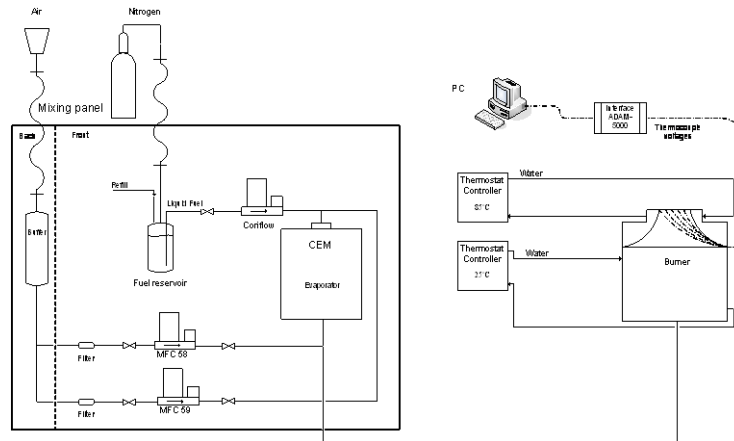
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Flat flames



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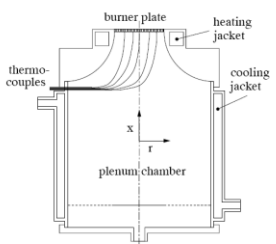
Experimental setup Overview



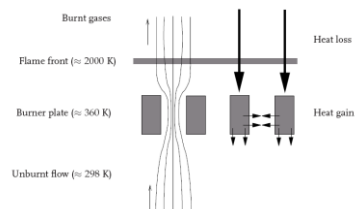
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Experimental setup Perforated plate burner

Schematic overview



Principle

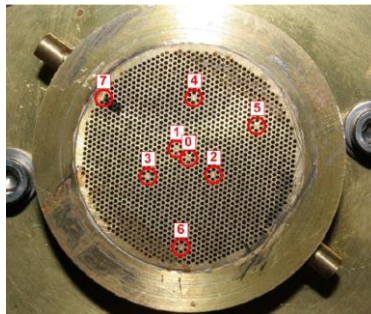


- **Perforated plate burner**
 - Flow uniformity
 - Water circuits
 - Thermocouples

Adiabatic state
heat loss = heat gain



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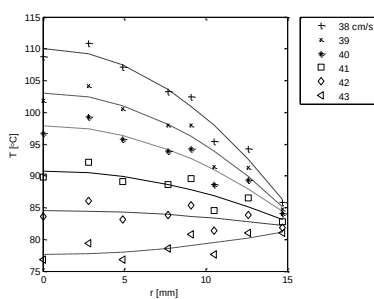
Top view of the perforated plate burner



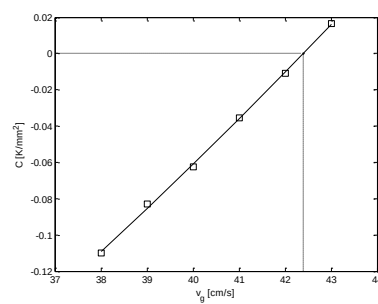
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Experimental setup Typical measurement

Ethanol / air flame; $\phi = 1.1$, $T_u = 298\text{K}$



Temperature profile



Parabolic coefficient

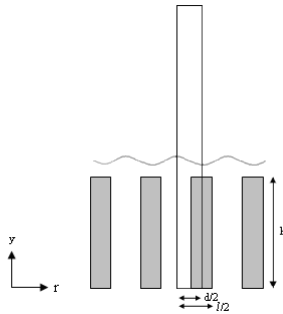
$$T = T_0 + Cr^2$$



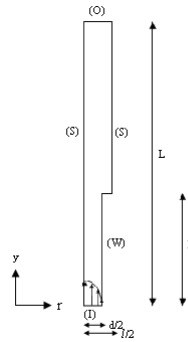
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Numerical modelling

Cross section burner plate



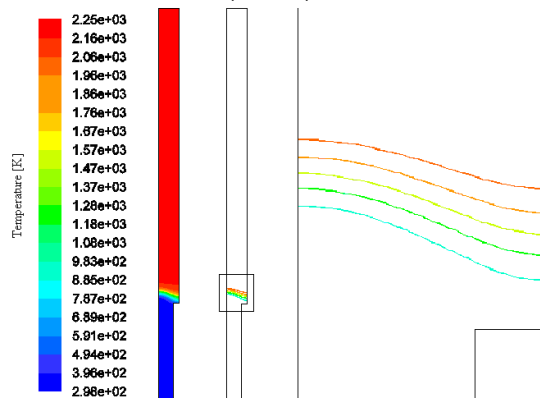
Calculation Domain



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Numerical modelling

Temperature profile



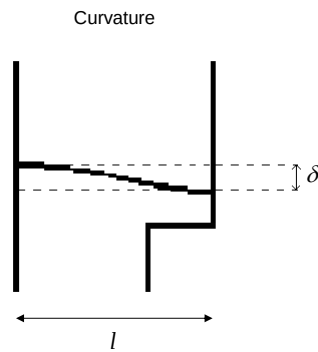
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Numerical modelling

- Flame front surface area increase $< 1\%$

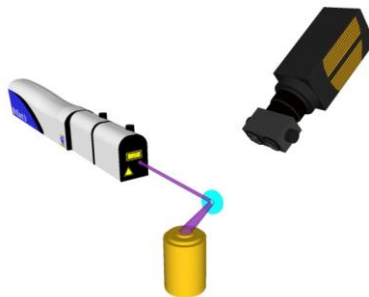
$$S_{increase} = \frac{\pi \sqrt{l^2 + \delta^2}}{\pi l^2} = 1 + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\delta}{l} \right)^2$$

- For 3 bar 0.5/0.7mm can be used
- Up to 10 bar 0.3/0.4mm can be used

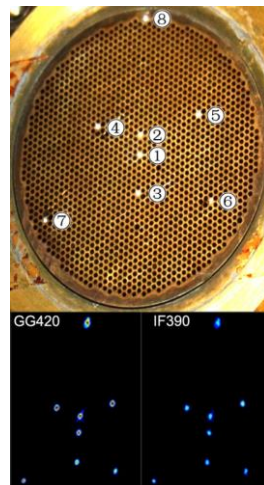


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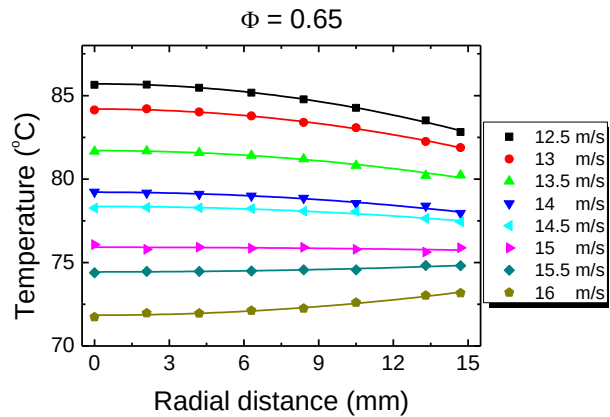
setup



Photograph of the perforated burner disc coated with eight thermographic phosphor dots on top of the installed thermocouples installed. Showing beneath are a typical twin laser-induced phosphorescence images collected through two different filters as marked in the corresponding images.



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Temperatures measured with thermographic phosphors at different radial distance on top of the burner disc (symbol) at different gas supply speeds and fitting curves (solid lines) for methane/air ($\Phi=0.65$) flame speed evaluation.



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Flat flames

Catalytic surface ?

Radiation ?

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Cellularity



Figure 3.11 Flat flame



Figure 3.12 Non-flat flame

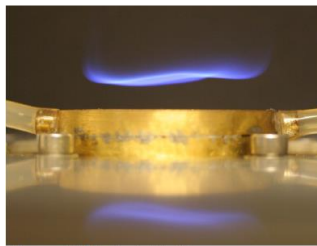


Figure 3.13 Unstable flame

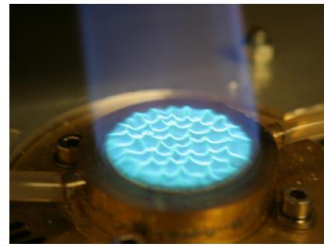


Figure 3.14 Cellular flame



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Take away

- The laminar burning velocity is not a measurable quantity
- Temperature and pressure dependence of SL in terms of α and β – useful for analysis of the data consistency
- Experimental power exponents α and β show large scattering => more experiments are needed
- Calculated power exponents β are sensitive to the rate constants implemented => useful for model validation
- Calculated power exponents α are not sensitive => useful for analysis of experimental data consistency
- Next few years – struggle for uncertainty



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