

Experimental analysis of hydrogen combustion @IMFT



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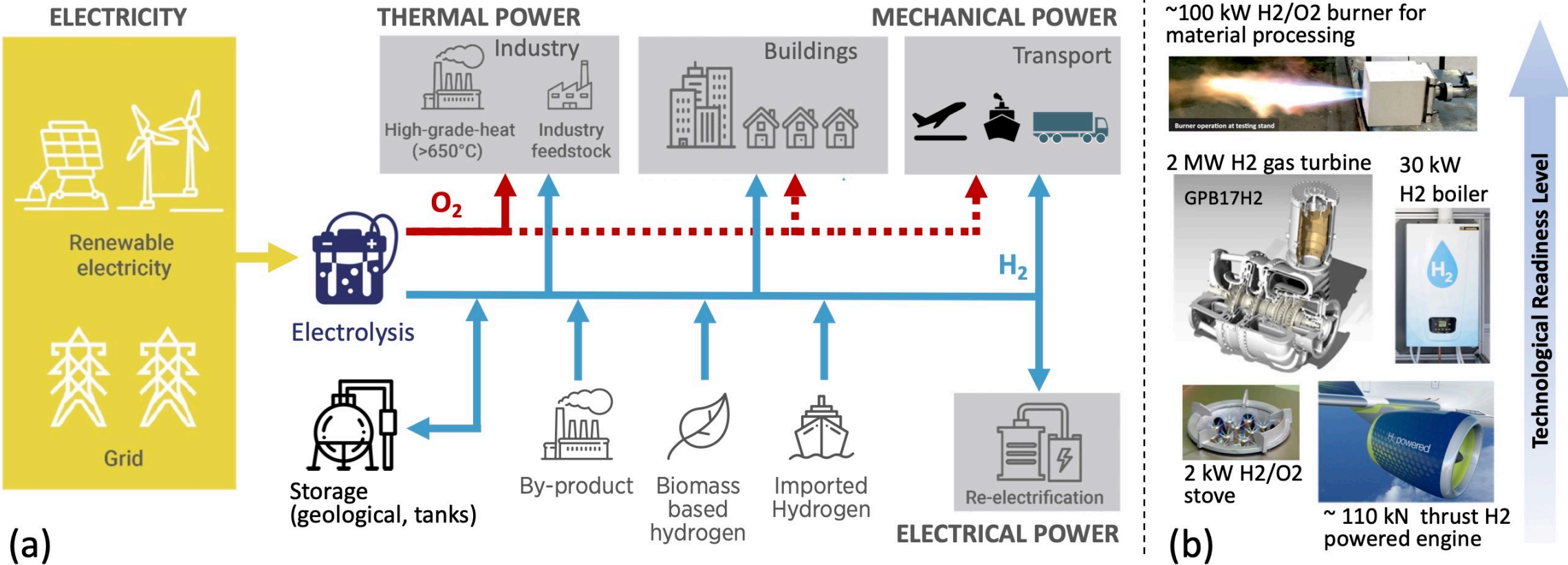


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Low carbon hydrogen production and its final use



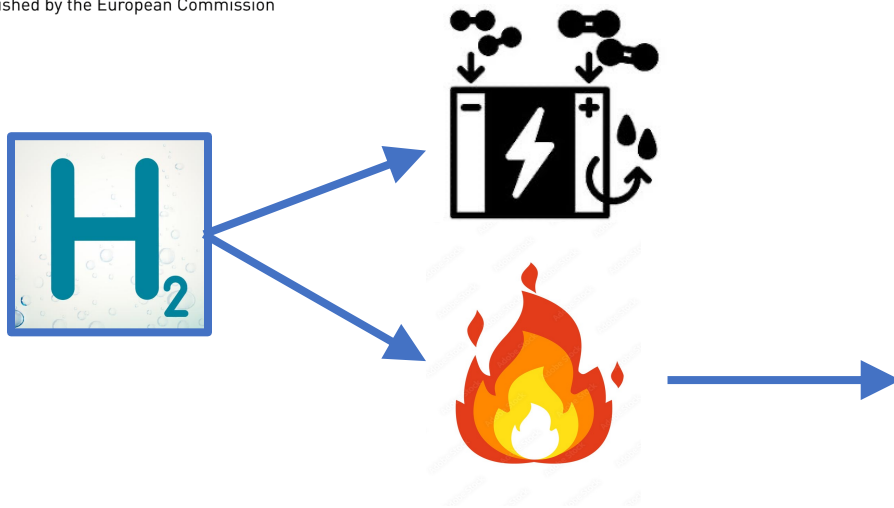
A widespread of low carbon H_2 is only possible with abundant and cheap electricity

Select-H₂

Develop numerical tools and validate to design safe and reliable H₂ power units

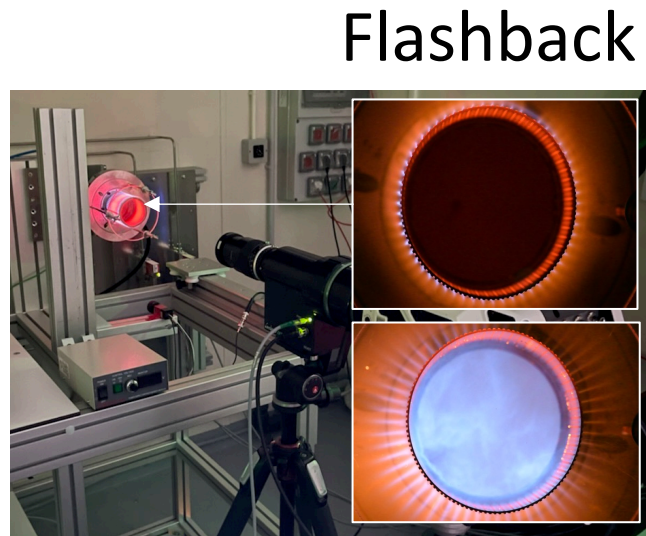
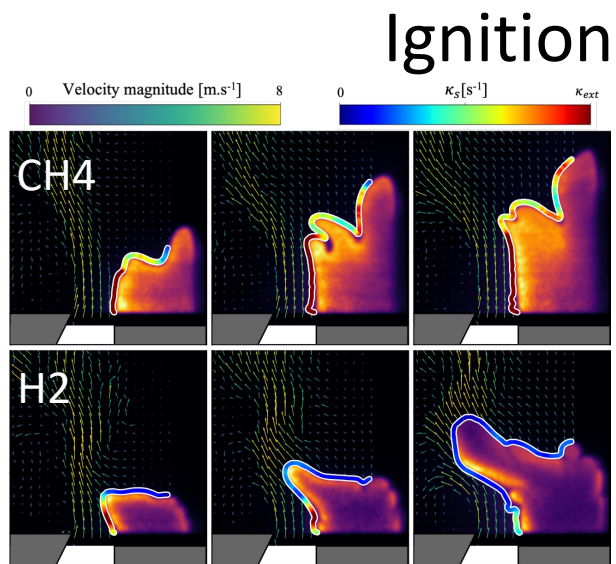


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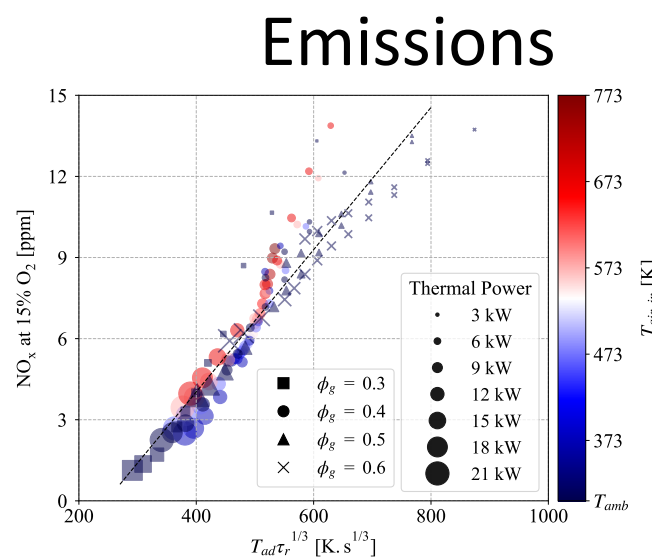
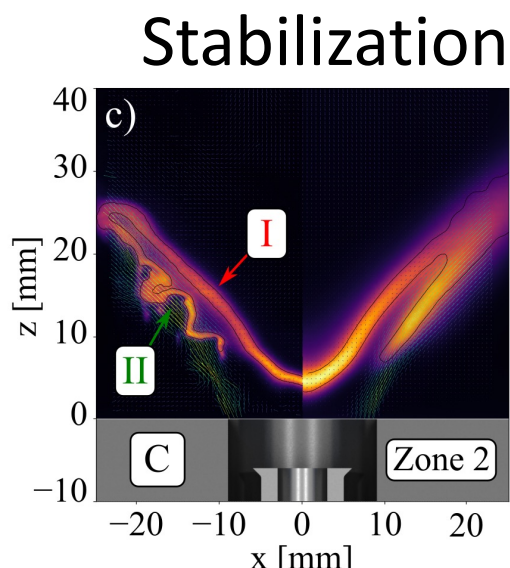
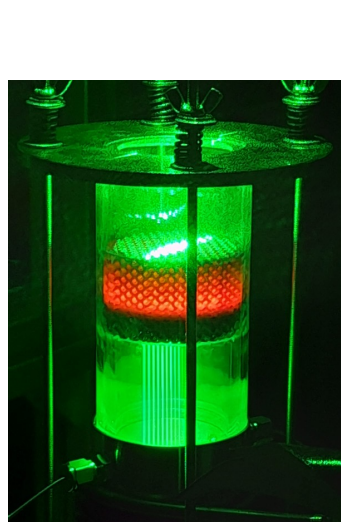
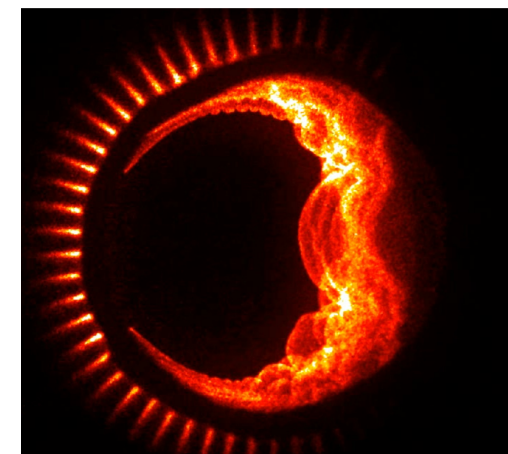


These technologies cannot be designed without **new fundamental science for H₂ combustion**

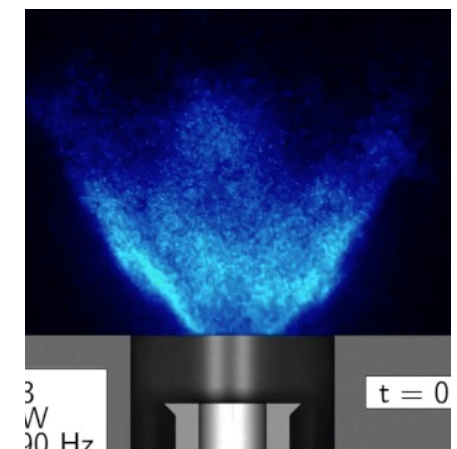
H2 combustion issues studied @ IMFT



Thermodiffusive effects



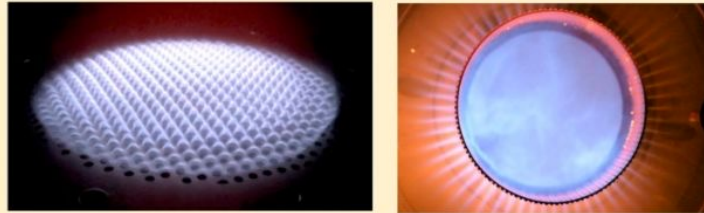
Thermoacoustics



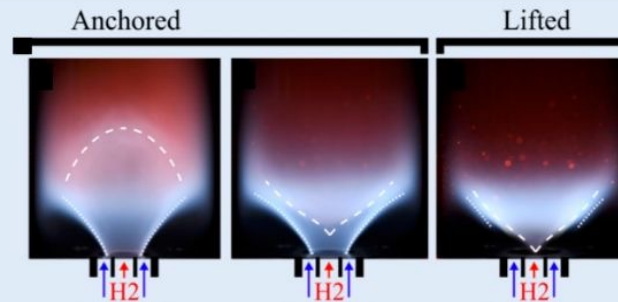
Hydrogen combustion lab

6 test benches adapted to optical diagnostics and acoustic characterization

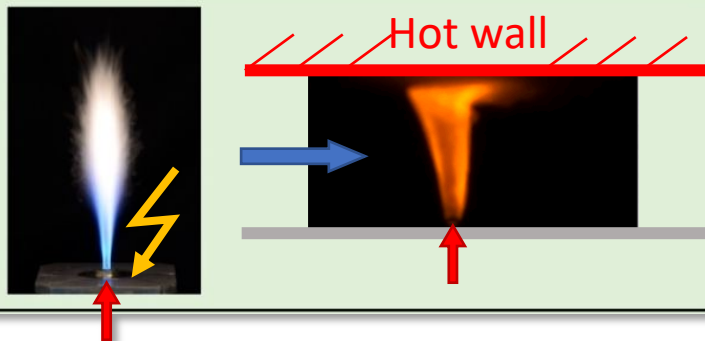
WP1: Low power premixed laminar hydrogen flames



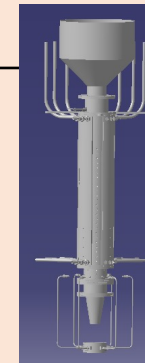
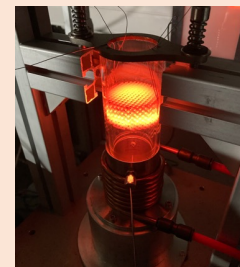
WP2: High power turbulent partially premixed hydrogen flames



WP3 : Jet flames from small gaseous hydrogen leaks



WP4 : Submerged combustion and fluidized bed



IMFT test rigs are designed and instrumented for CFD

Upstream boundary conditions

- Hotwire: mean, rms, time resolved
- Pressure drop
- Acoustic impedance
- Acoustic modulations

Flow field analysis: up to 10 cm x 10 cm

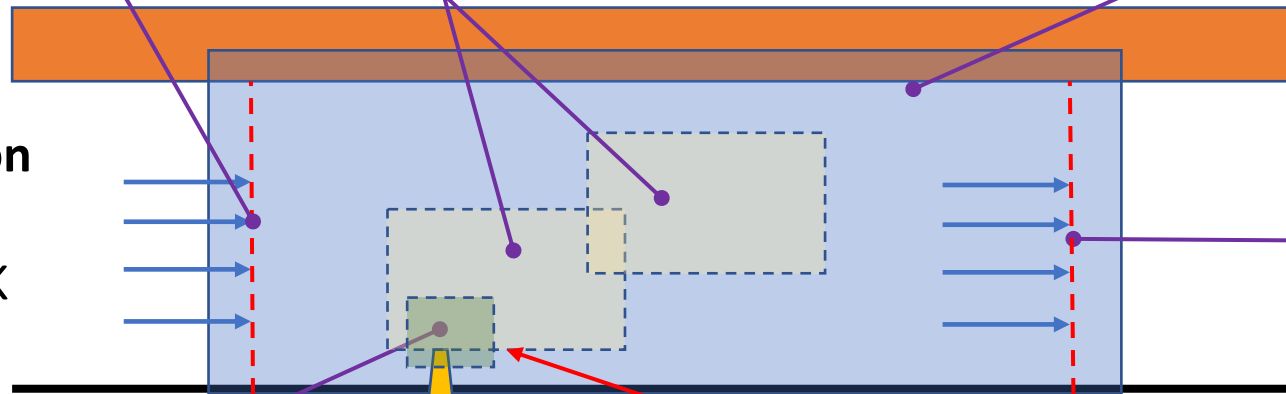
- 2D stereoscopic PIV: mean, rms, phase synchro.
- OH-PLIF : flame front, burnt gases
- CH* OH* : line of sight (high speed)

Walls:

- Temperatures: pyrometers, thermocouples, IR camera, LIP
- Heat flux

Air/N2 injection

~1 bar
 $T_u = 300 - 700 \text{ K}$
 $250 \text{ nm}^3/\text{h}$



Downstream boundary conditions

- Velocity: PIV
- Temperature: radiative corrected thermocouples
- Species concentrations: O₂, CO₂, CO, CH₄, H₂, NO, NO₂
- Acoustic impedance
- Acoustic modulations

Zoomed diagnostics:

Down to 2 mm x 2 mm

- Hot wire, PIV: u , u_{rms}
- PIV – OH-PLIF: flow, flame
- Raman scattering (mixing)
- Schlieren

Fuel injection conditions

CH₄, C₃H₈, H₂
 $P_i = 1 - 5 \text{ bar}$, $T_i = 300 - 700 \text{ K}$
80 kW

Ignition

- Spark
- Laser

1. Operability of multi perforated laminar premixed burners

Domestic boiler burners

Aniello et al. IJHE (2022) 47:33067

Nominal operation with Natural Gas

$$1.15 \leq \lambda \leq 1.55$$

$$0.65 \leq \phi \leq 0.85$$

Turndown ratio : 3 kW – 30 kW

$$P = 3 \text{ kW}$$

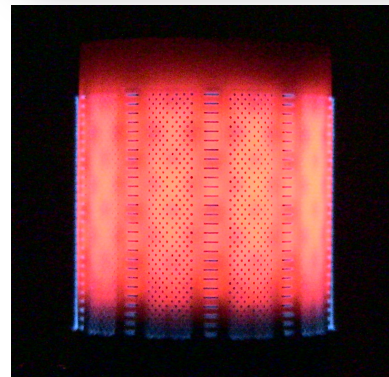
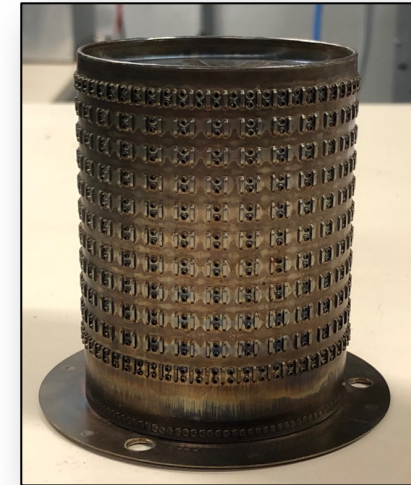
$$\phi = 0.6$$

$$\mathcal{P}_{H_2} = 0.4$$

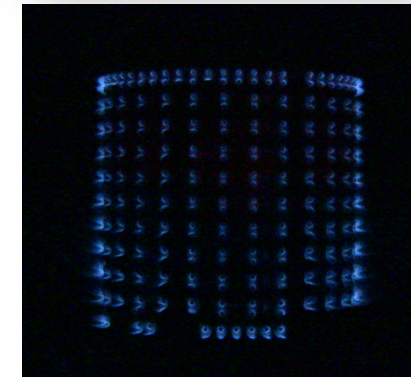
Burner 1



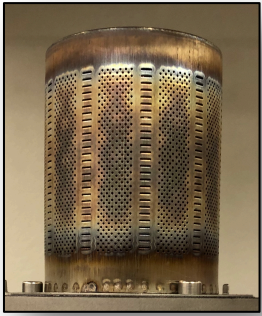
Burner 2



Radiant mode



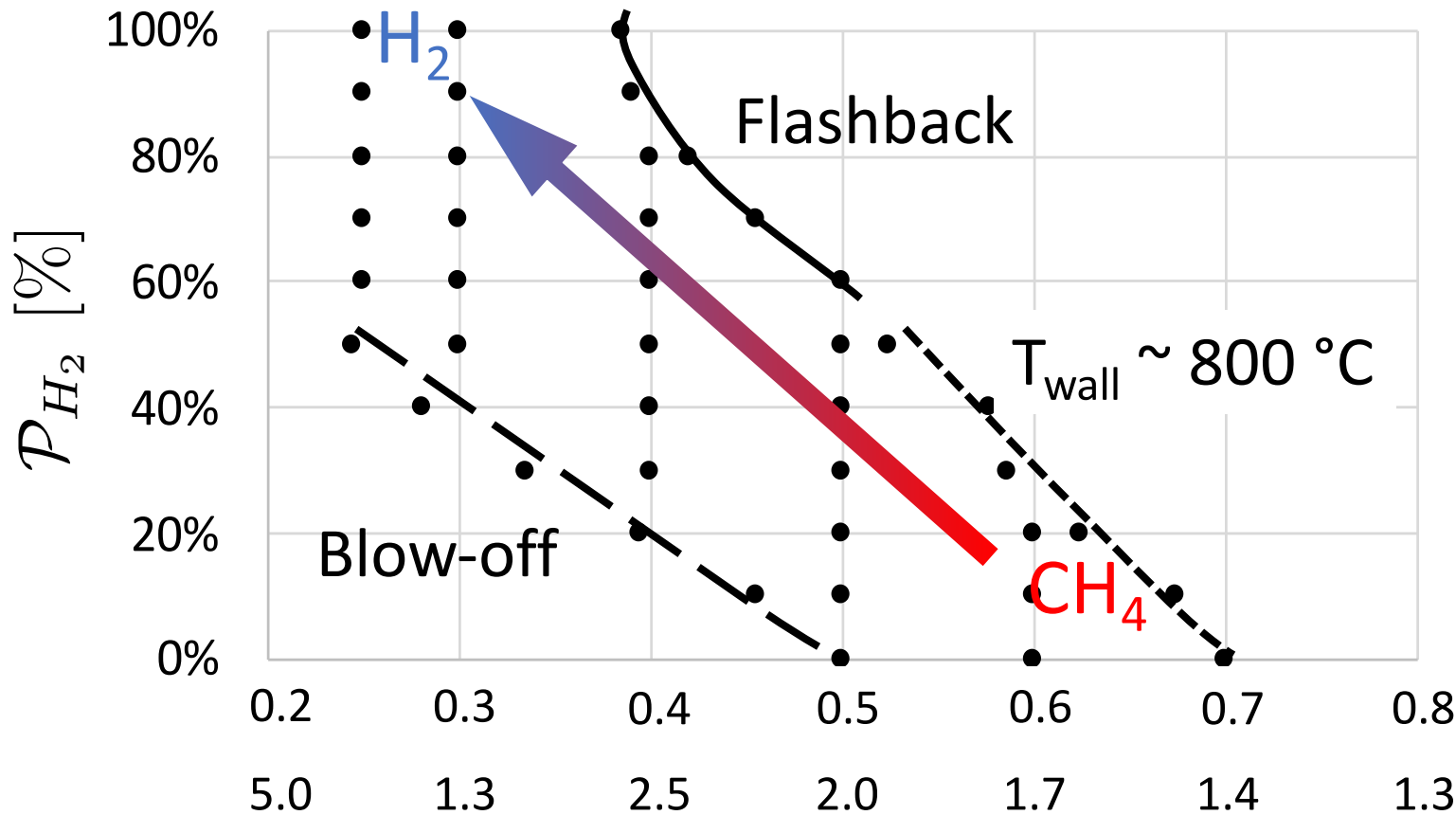
Adiabatic mode



Burner 1 operating map

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Fixed thermal power $P = 3$ kW



Air excess ratio needs to be increased with H_2 content in the fuel (higher pressure drop)

Hydrogen injection increases flashback propensity at low power

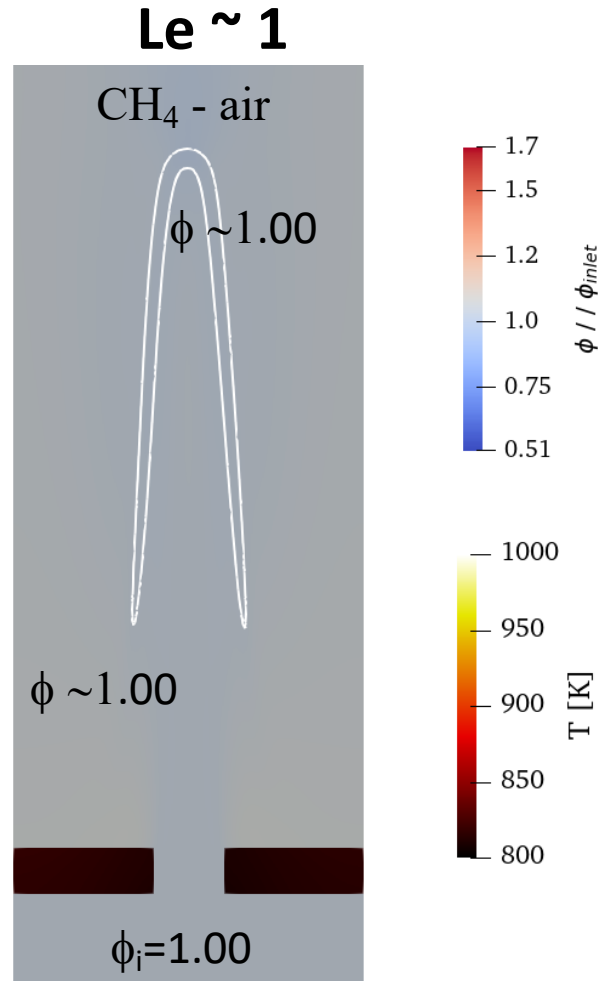
ϕ

λ

Demixing induced by preferential diffusion

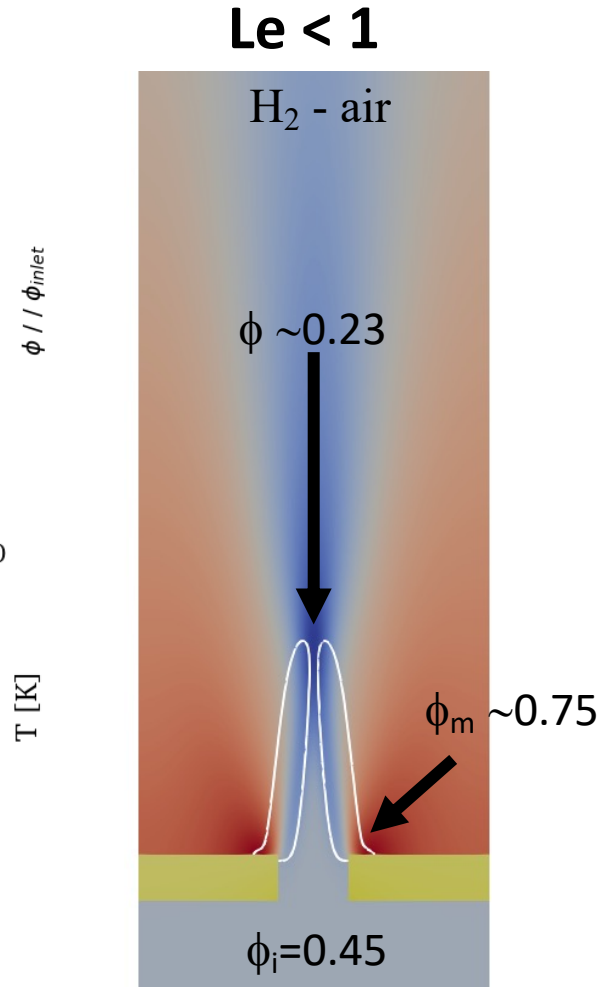
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CH₄/air mixture

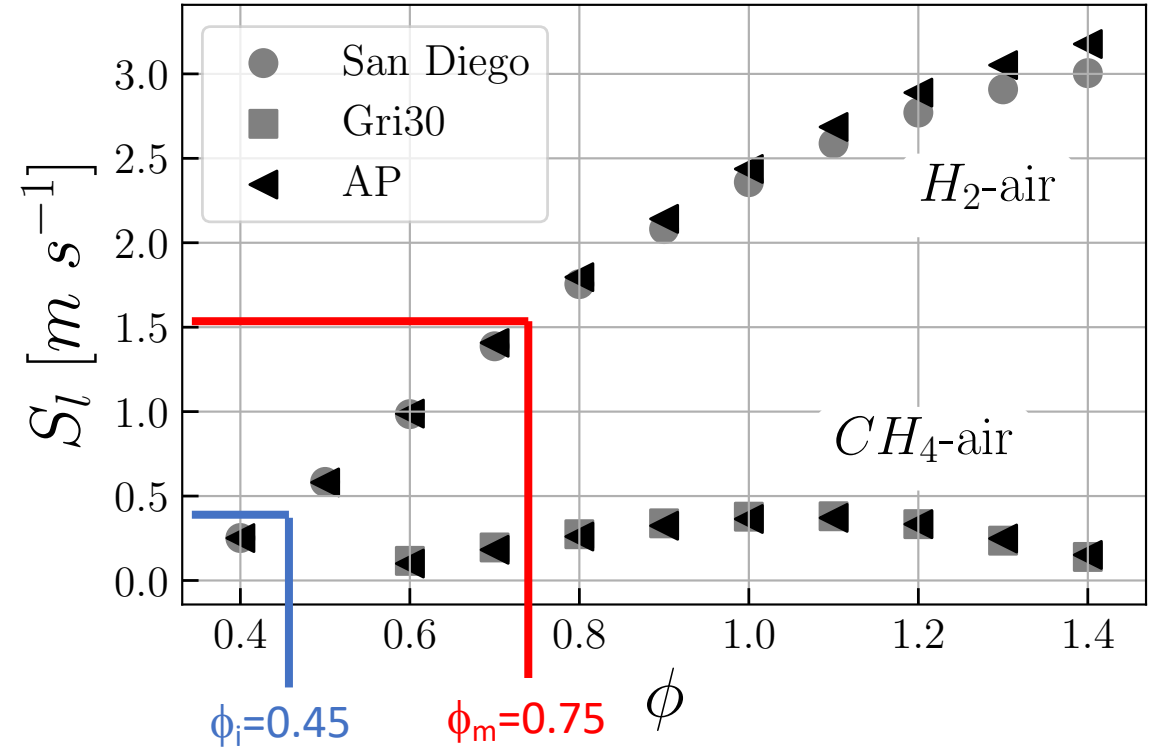


$\phi_i = 1.00, S_L = 0.36$ m/s

Lean H₂/air mixture

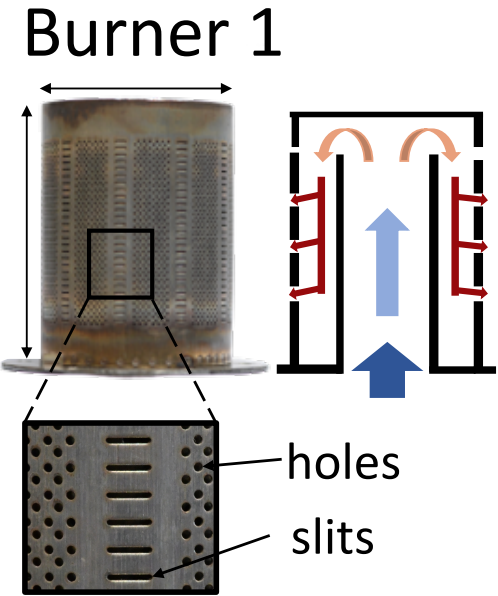


$\phi_i = 0.45, S_L = 0.40$ m/s

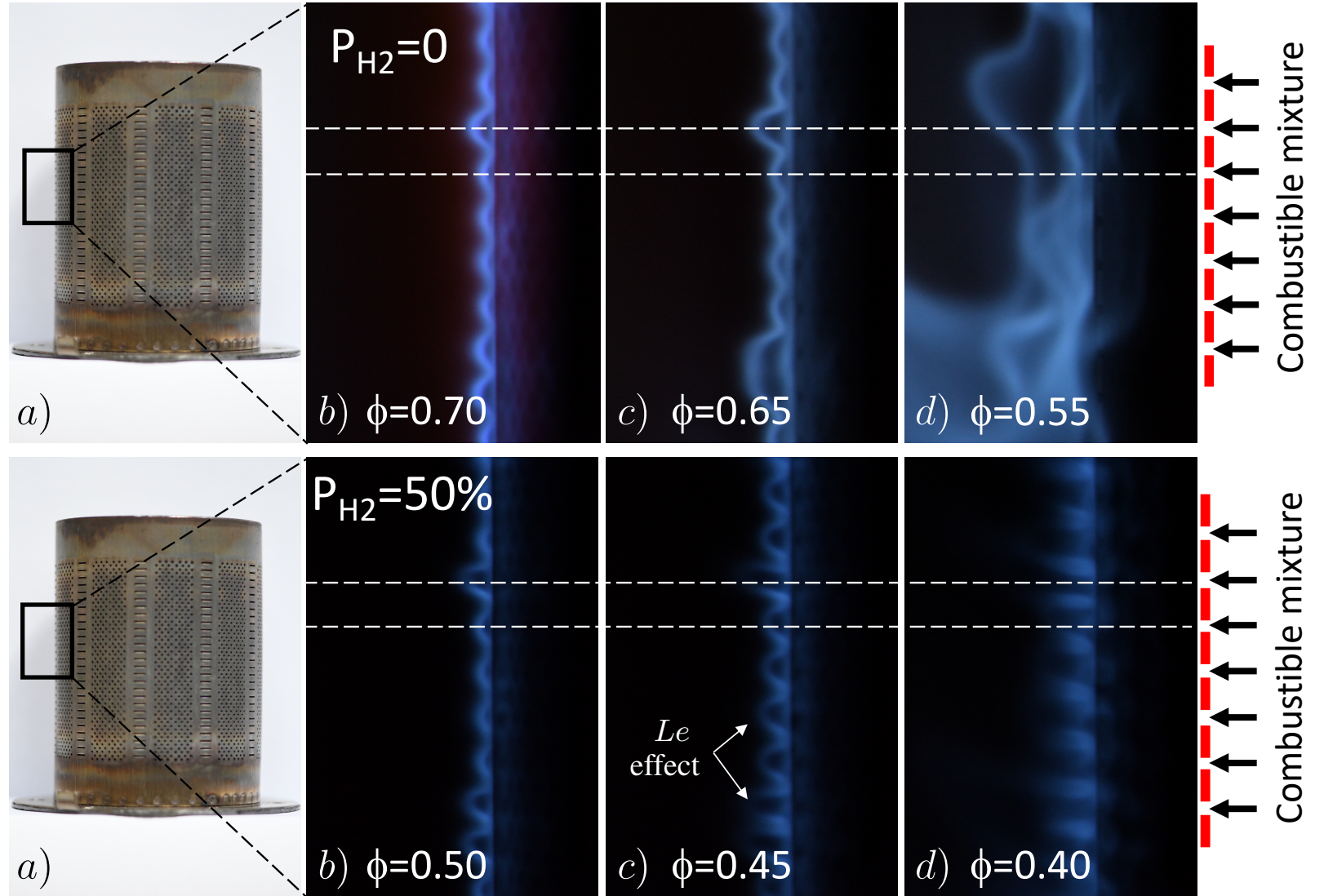


For lean H₂/air mixtures $Le < 1$, ϕ increases in the wake of the injection hole

Delayed blow off



*Lean H₂/air
premixed flames
stabilize in the
wake of bluff
bodies*

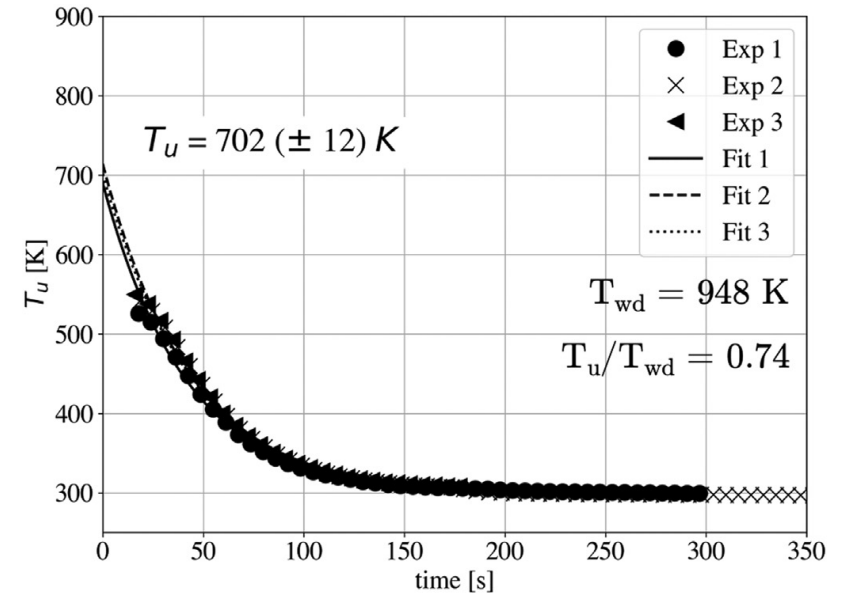
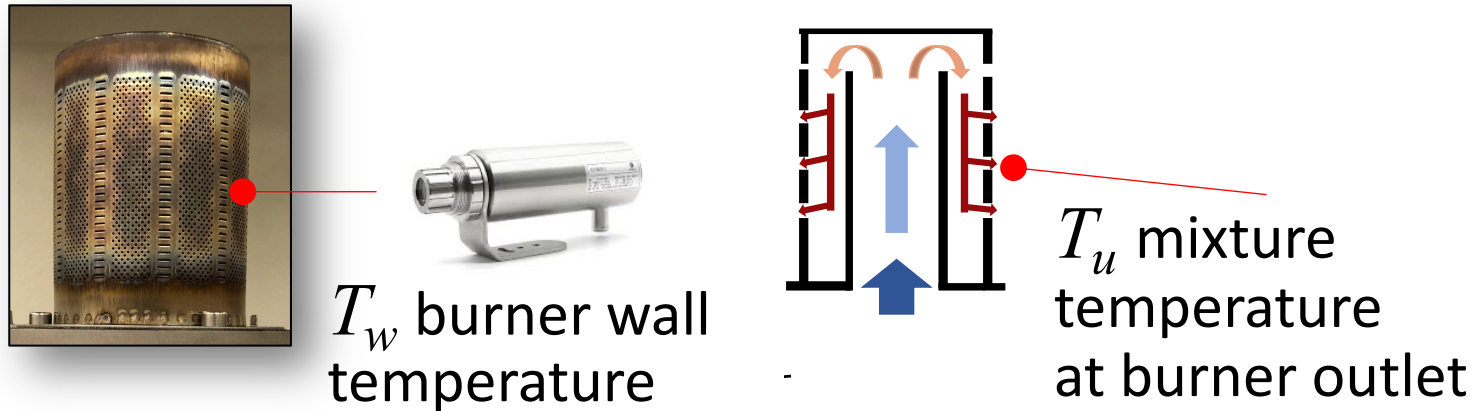


Blow off is not an issue for H₂/air flames

Analysis of flashback

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Impact of wall temperature



(a) $\phi = 0.65$, $PH_2 = 60\%$

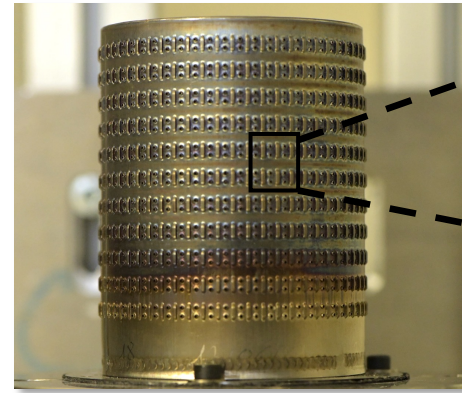
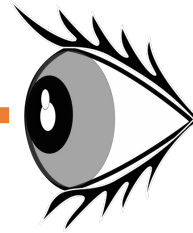
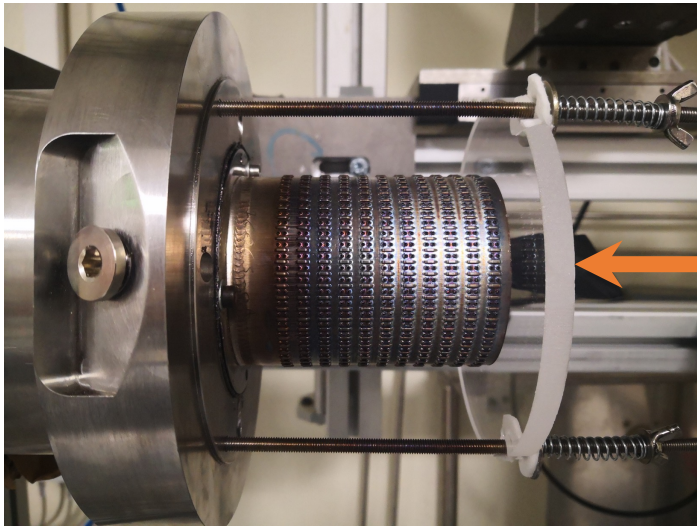
Bulk velocity U_b and burning velocity S_L at flashback limit

Description	$\phi_g ; P_{H_2}$	T_u (K)	T_w (K)	$(U_b/S_L)_{T_u}$
Stable*	1.0 ; 0%	771 ± 4	1100 ± 3.3	1.1
Stable	0.8 ; 0%	692 ± 6	1060 ± 3.2	1.9
Flashback	0.6 ; 45%	594 ± 5	973 ± 2.9	1.8
Flashback	0.5 ; 62%	521 ± 11	863 ± 2.6	2.8
Flashback	0.45 ; 76%	499 ± 11	820 ± 2.5	3.3

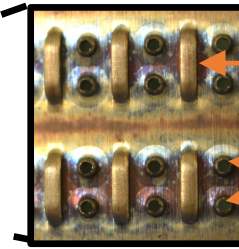
No systematic relationship between U_b/S_L and flashback limit

Flashback dynamics

Burner 2 with optical access from the top



Pers et al. IJHE (2023) 48:10235

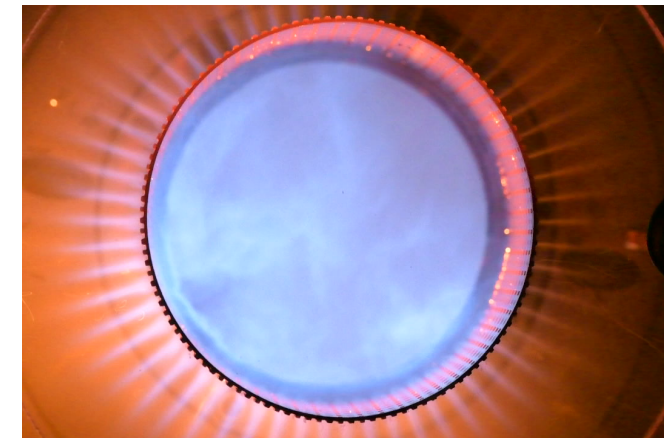
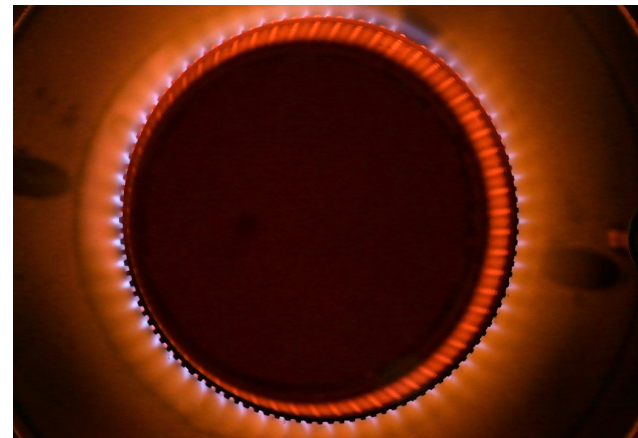


hollow slot

holes

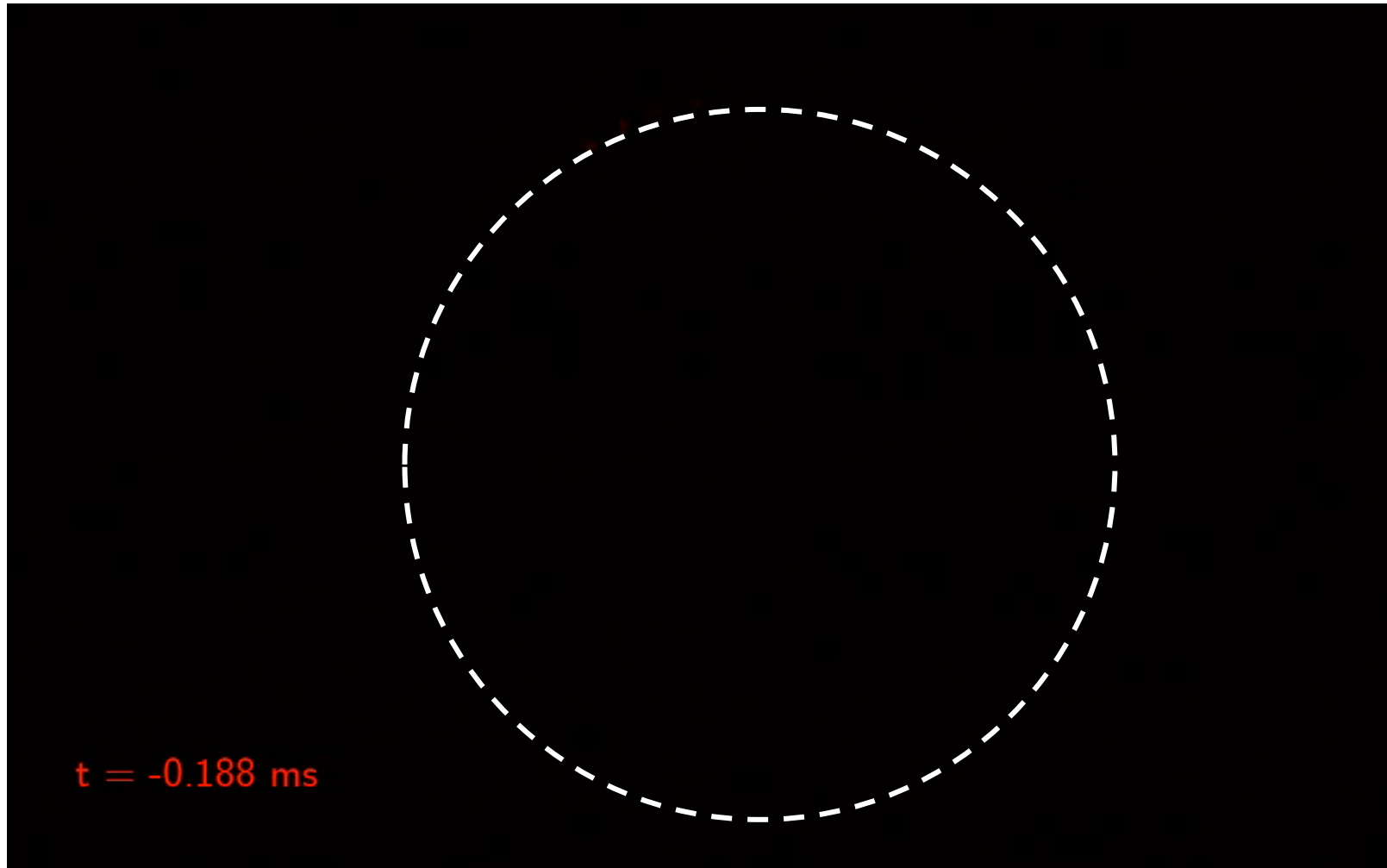
Before flashback

After flashback



High speed OH* emission during flashback, $\phi=0.75$, $X_{H_2}=0.95$, $T_w=1050$ K
16 kHz

[Pers et al. IJHE \(2023\) 48:10235](#)

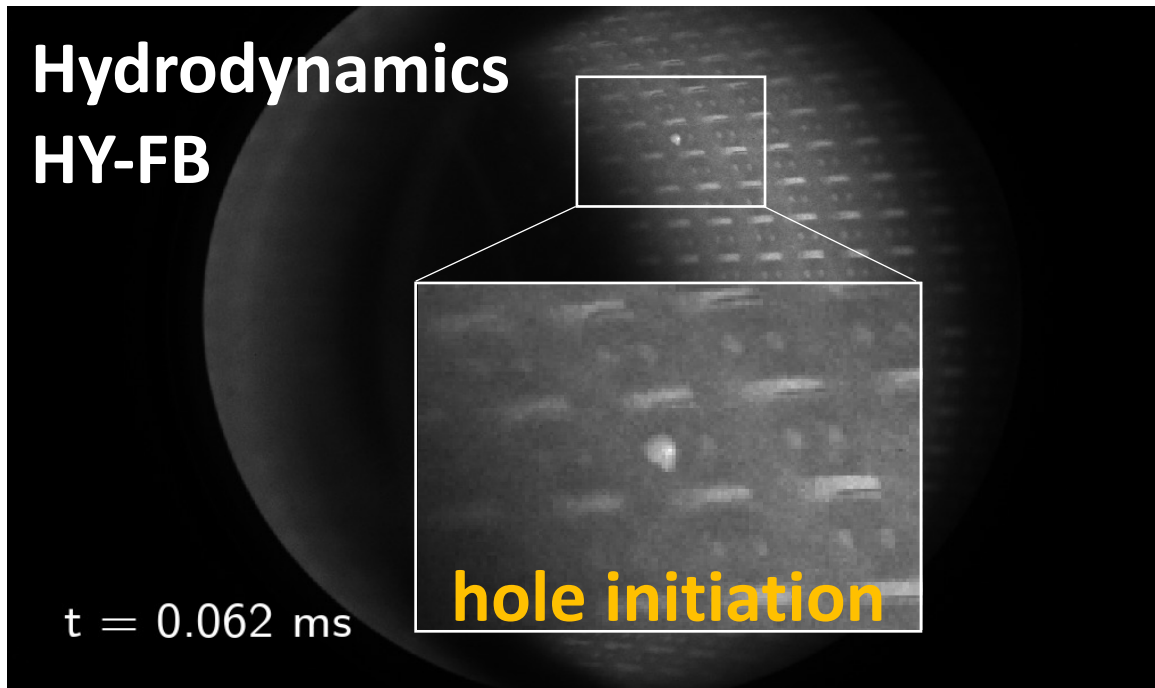


- (1) Hemispherical expansion
- (2) Flame acceleration with flame fingers along hot walls
- (3) Flame propagation in the bulk with thermo-diffusive instabilities

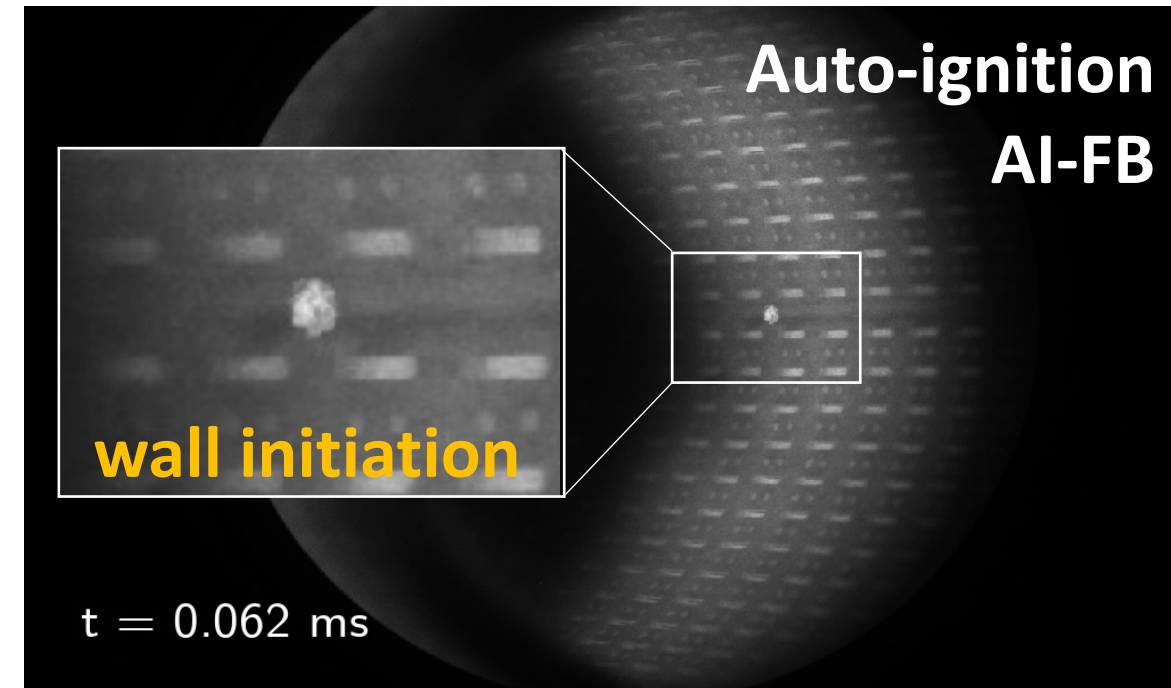
Flashback mechanisms

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$\phi = 0.60$, PH2 = 100%, 3 kW



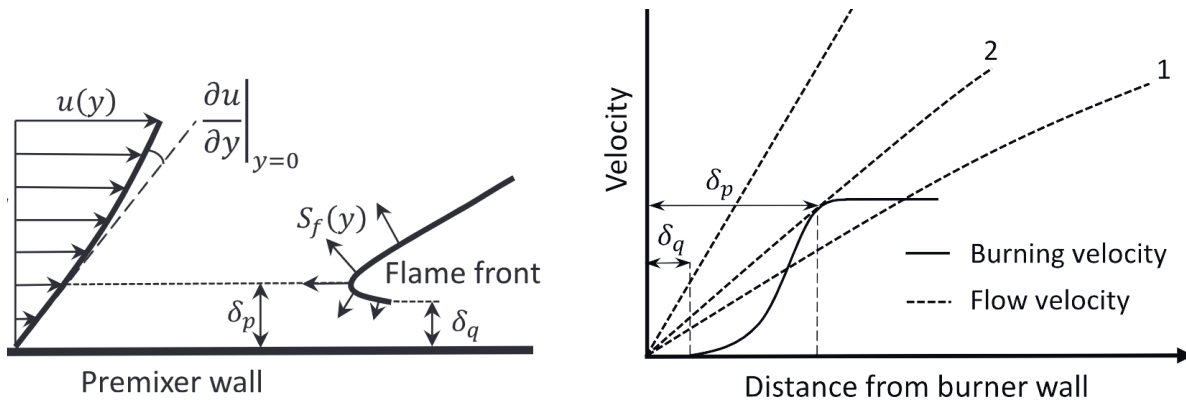
$\phi = 0.78$, PH2 = 65%, 3 kW



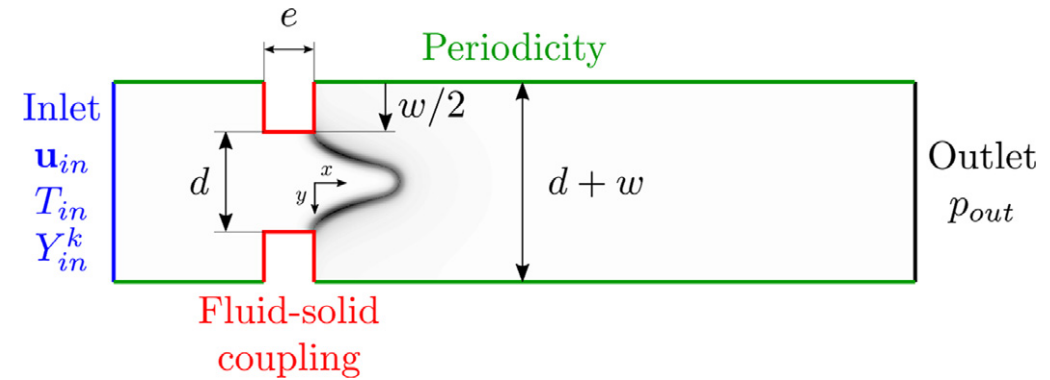
Flashback can be initiated from a hole or from a hot solid surface

FB-HY: Hydrodynamic flashback

Flashback theory for laminar flames



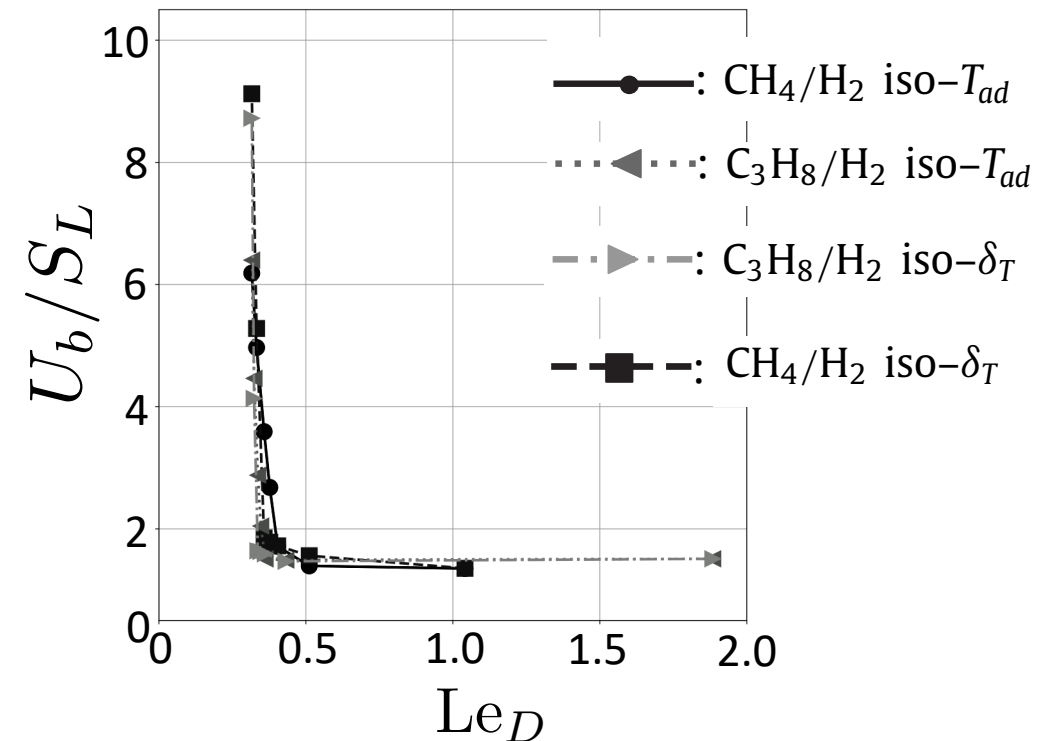
Flores-Montoya et al. CNF (2023) 258:113058



U_b bulk velocity at which flashback takes place in a slit of width d

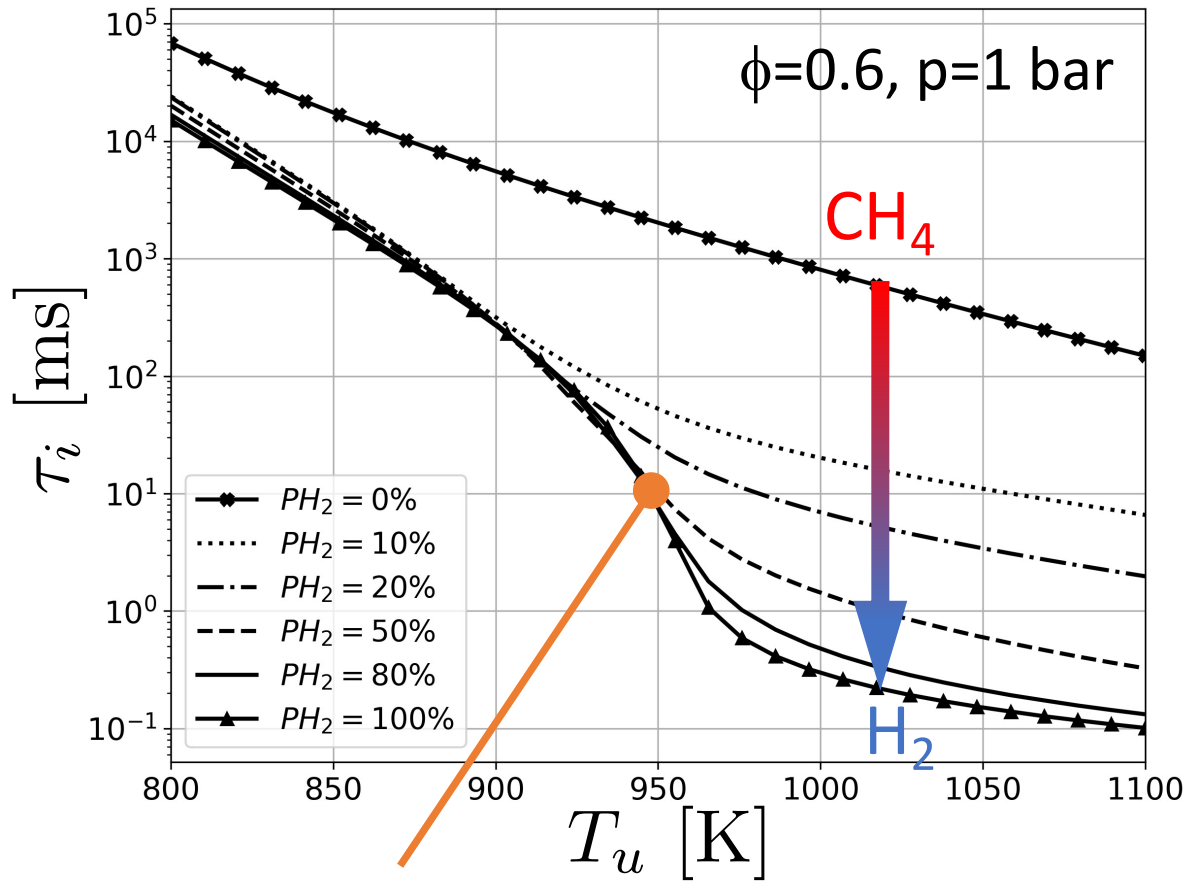
$$\frac{U_b}{S_L} \propto \frac{d}{\delta_T} \text{ is a constant}$$

that depends on mixture Lewis number Le_D

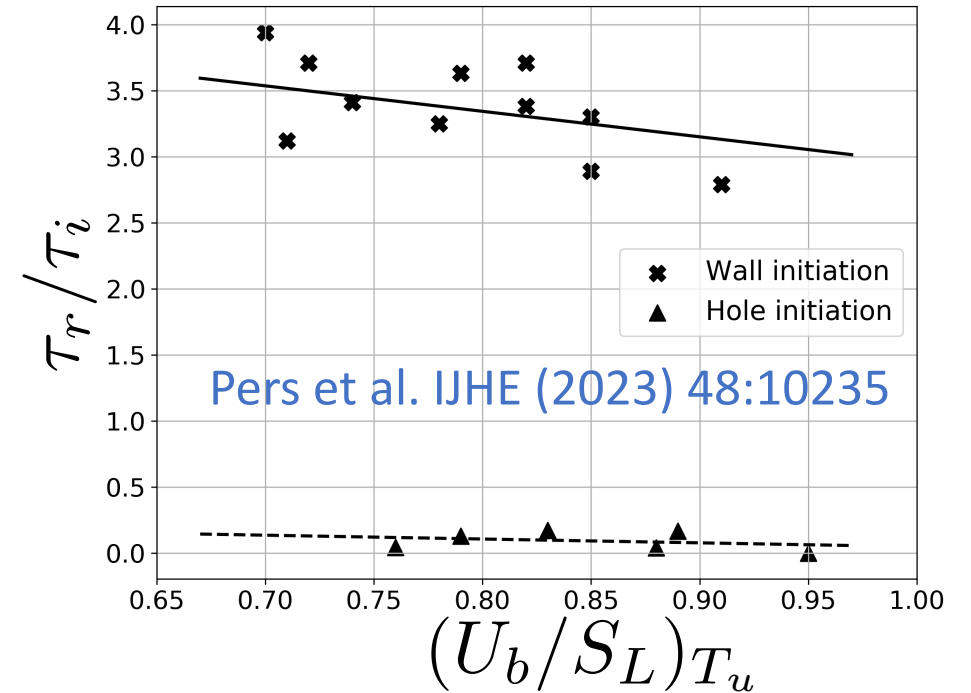


FB-AI: Flashback induced by auto-ignition

Auto-ignition delay time



Auto-ignition takes place when residence time is larger than auto-ignition time



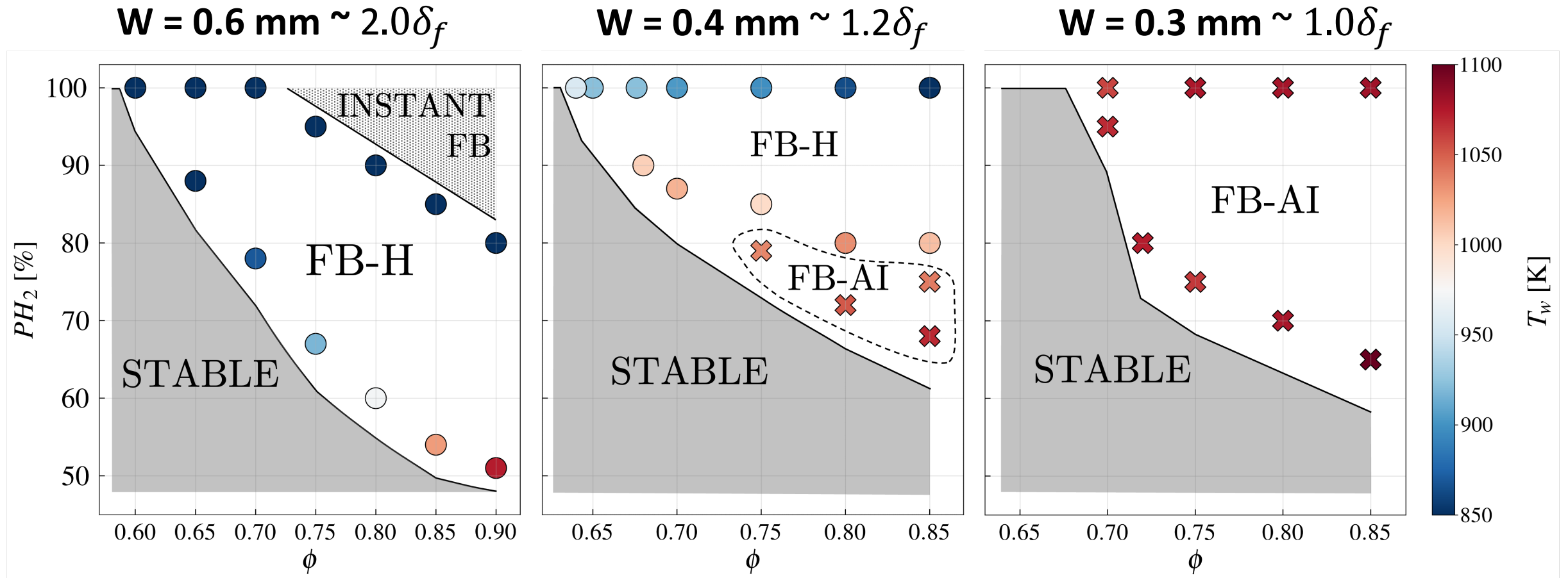
Crossover temperature T_c

Sanchez & Williams PECS (2014)

Above T_c , chain branching explosion leads to a sudden drop of ignition delay

Impact of hole size

Pers et al. CNF (2024) in revision

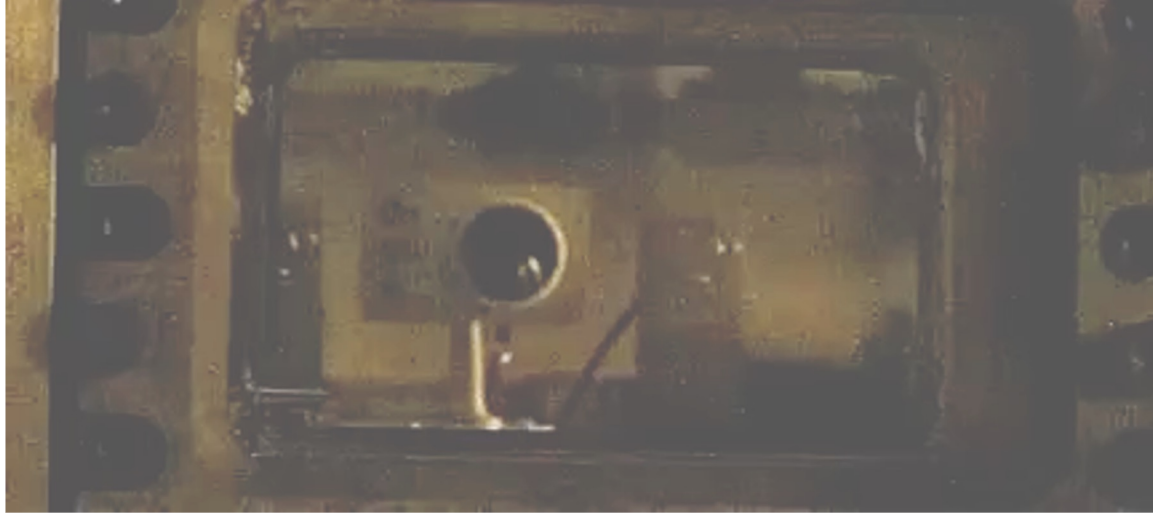


Reducing the hole size does not reduce flashback propensity

2. Jet flames ignition dynamics

Ignition is a critical issue in many combustors

Courtesy of C. Mirat EM2C



Good ignition

- Systematic ignition of flammable mixture
- Smooth transition of flame kernel to burner stabilized flame with the desired shape
- Limited pressure overshoot

Chamber pressure evolution

$$V \frac{dp}{dt} = (\gamma - 1) \dot{Q} - c^2 \dot{m}_{out}$$

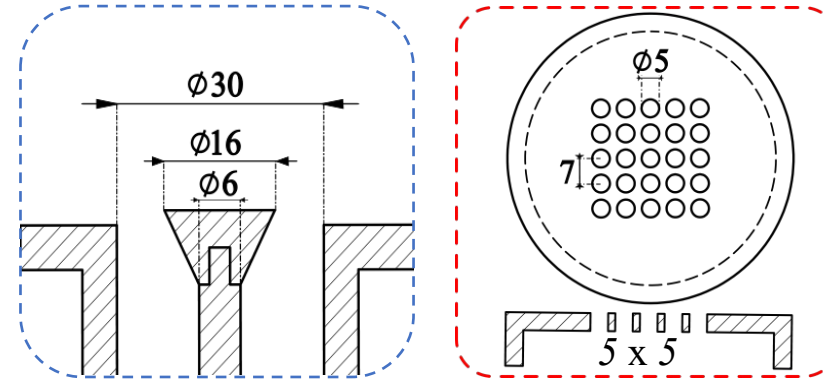
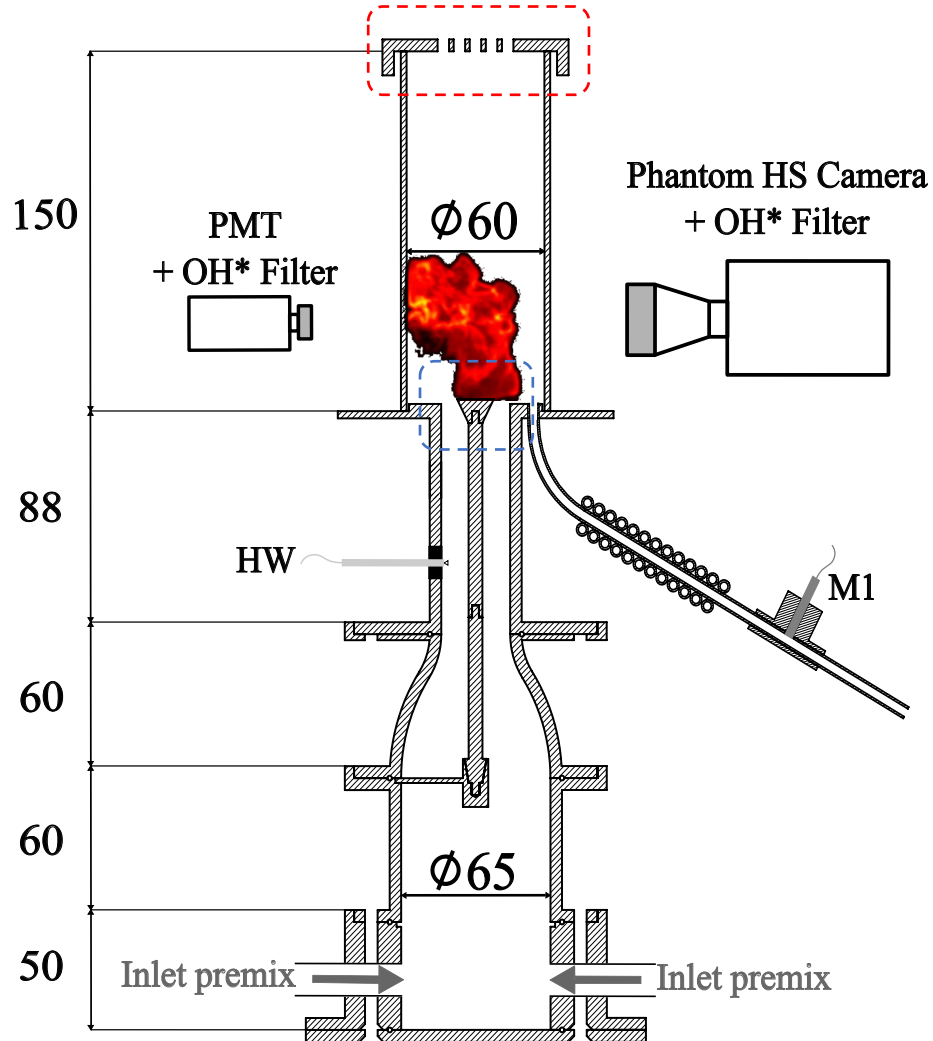
Chamber volume [m³]

Heat Release Rate [W]

Mass flow rate leaving the chamber [kg/s]

Ignition dynamics of CH₄/H₂/air mixtures

Premixed non-swirling jet burner



The chamber back pressure can be increased with perforated plates at the combustor exhaust

[Yahou et al. \(2024\) JEGTP, 146:011023](#)

Impact of ignition sequence:

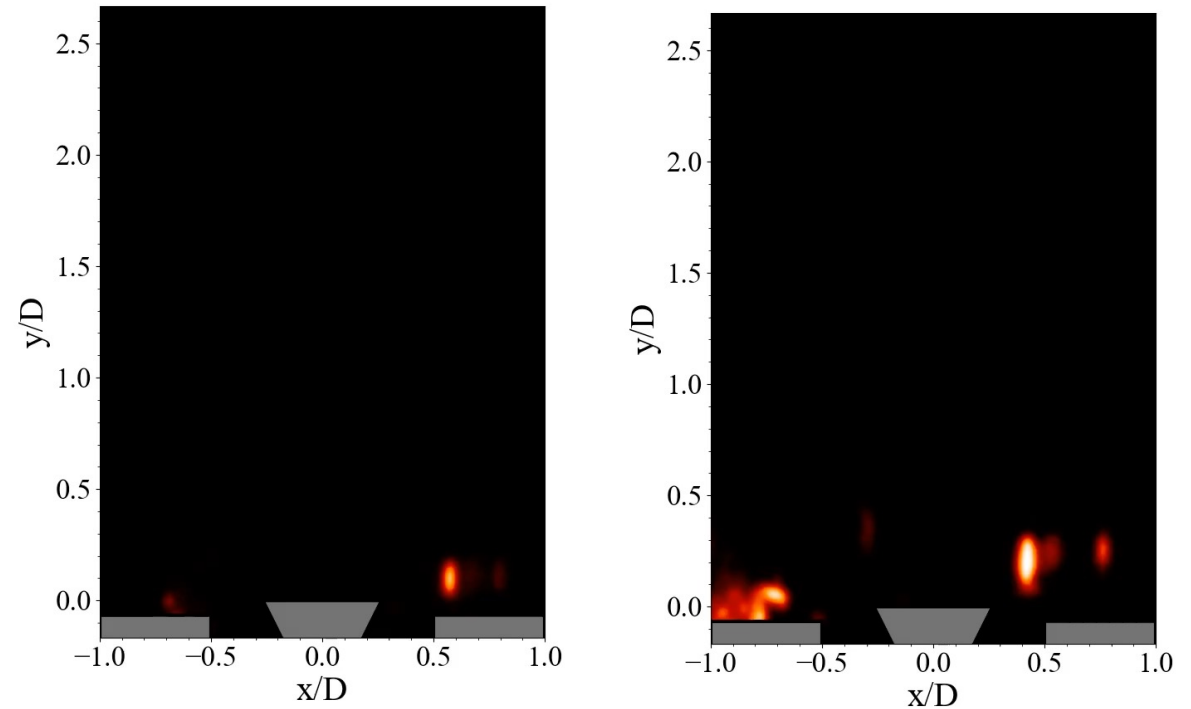
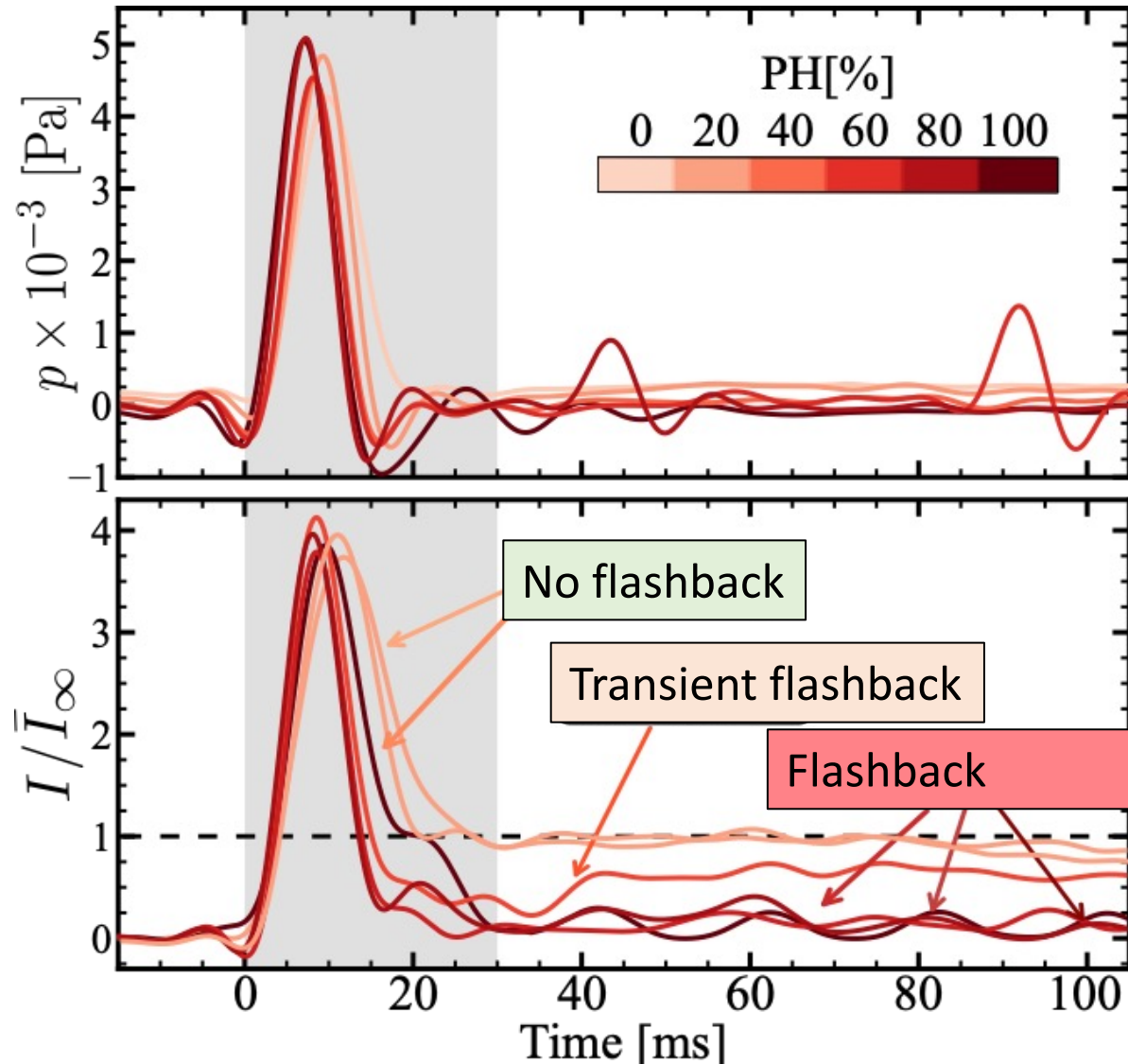
- Fuel first/spark after
- Spark first/fuel after
- Variation of pre-fueling time

With H₂, transient flashback can occur over a broad part of the operability domain

Pressure overshoot

Yahou et al. (2023) PCI, 39:4641

$U_b = 5 \text{ m/s}$, $S_L = 0.25 \text{ m/s}$, $U_b/S_L = 20$



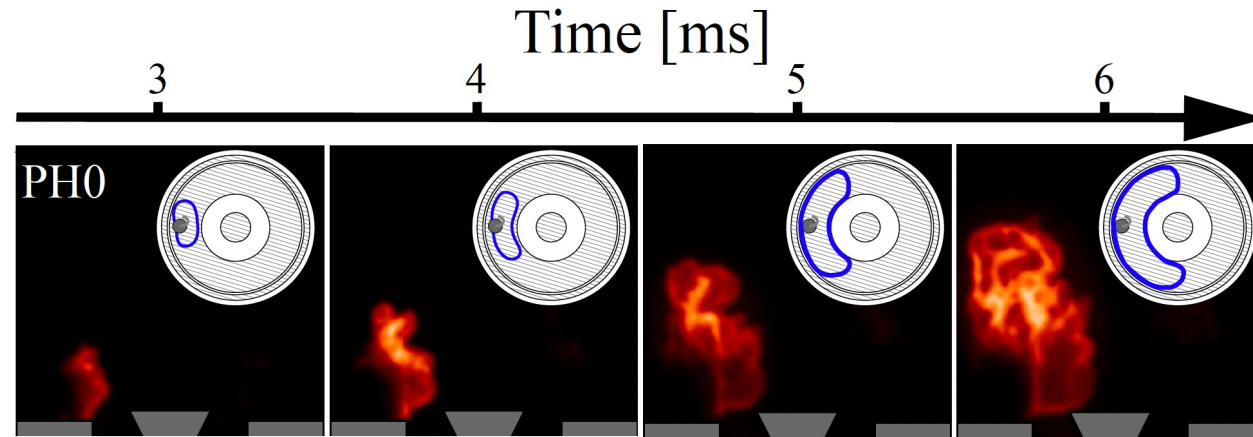
PH0 (CH4/air)
No flashback

PH100 (H2/air)
Flashback

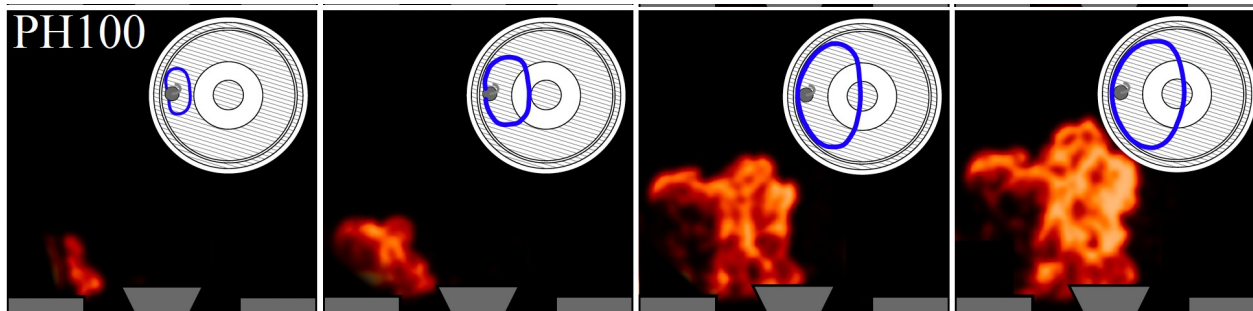
For the same pressure overshoot, H2 flames have a higher propensity to flashback

Flame displacement speed

Yahou et al. (2024) CNF, in revision
5 kHz PIV / OH-PLIF

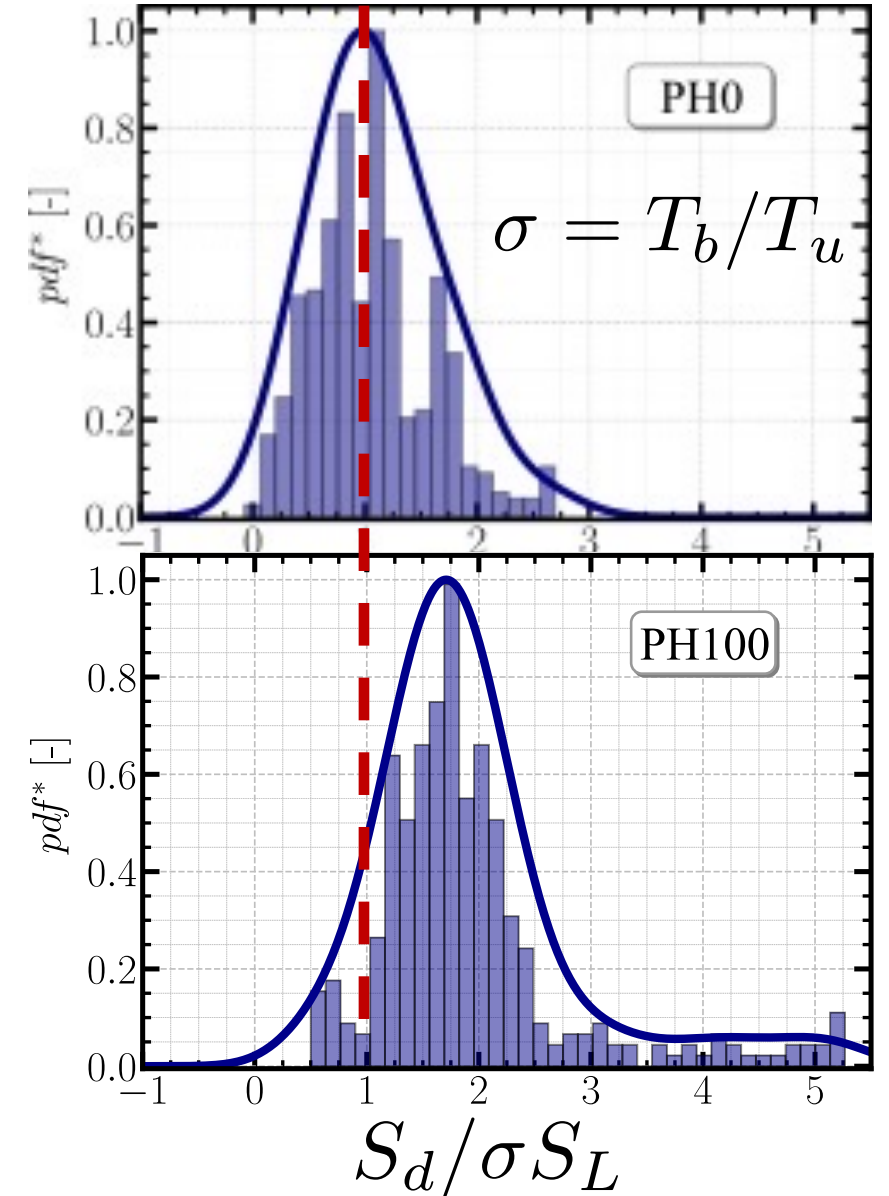


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H2 flames have higher resistance to strain rate
Thermodiffusive effects increase H2 flame speed

Yahou et al. (2024) Submitted *Int. Symp. Comb.*, 2024



3. Partially premixed model gas turbine burner

Aerojet gas turbine MICROMIX concept

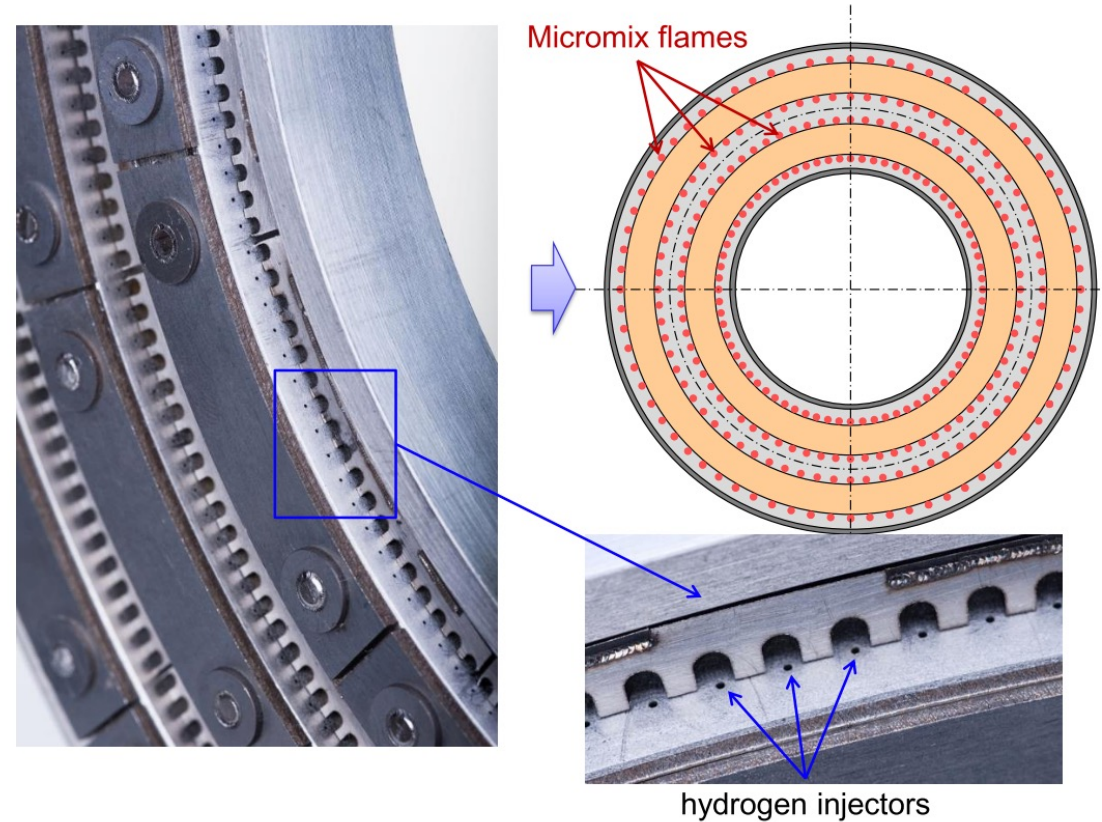


Conventional chamber

Micromix chamber

Disruptive technology with a deep modification of combustion chamber architecture

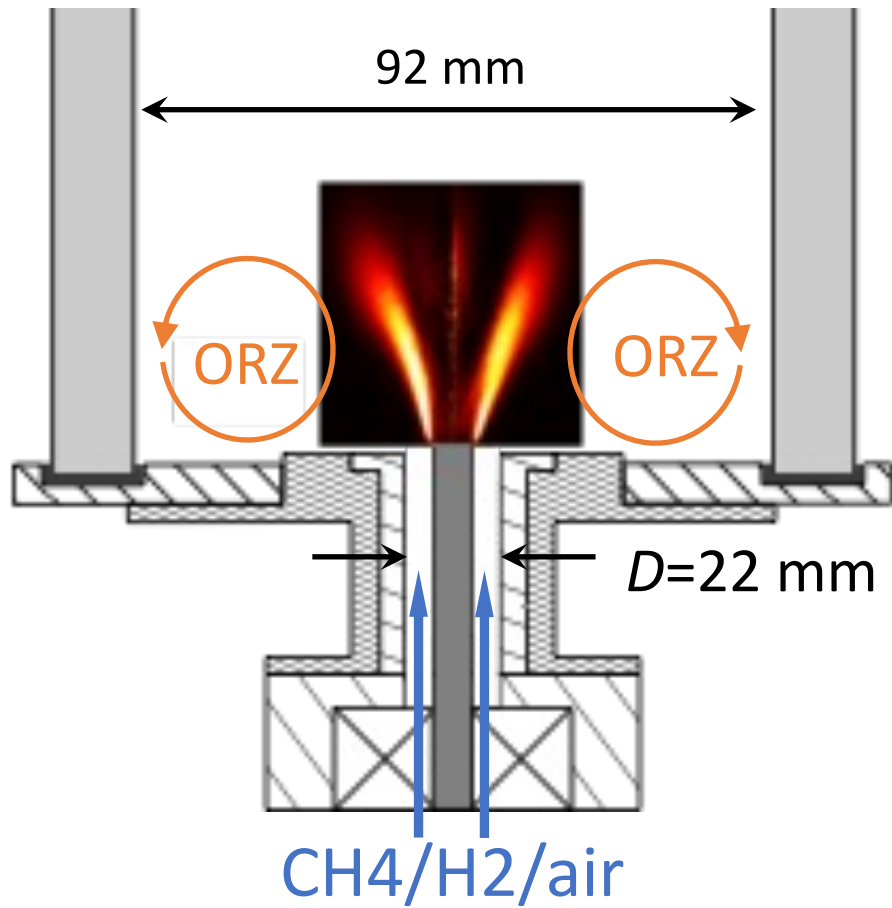
MICROMIX injectors : many small hydrogen jets in air cross-flow



Structure of lean premixed CH₄/H₂ swirled flame

PIV and OH-PLIF measurements

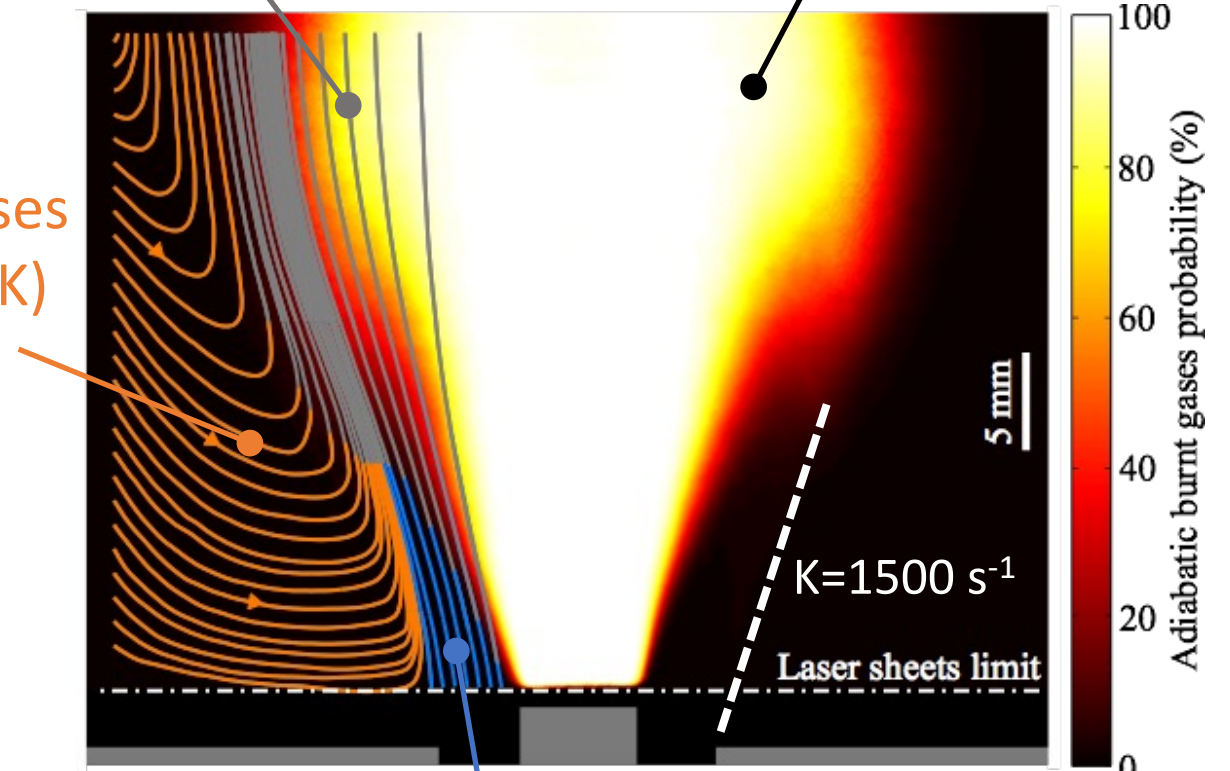
$\phi=0.79$, $P=4$ kW, $X_{H_2}=0.55$, $u_b=14$ m/s



Cooled burnt gases ($T < 1600$ K)

Hot burnt gas ($T > 1600$ K)

Probability of presence hot burnt gas



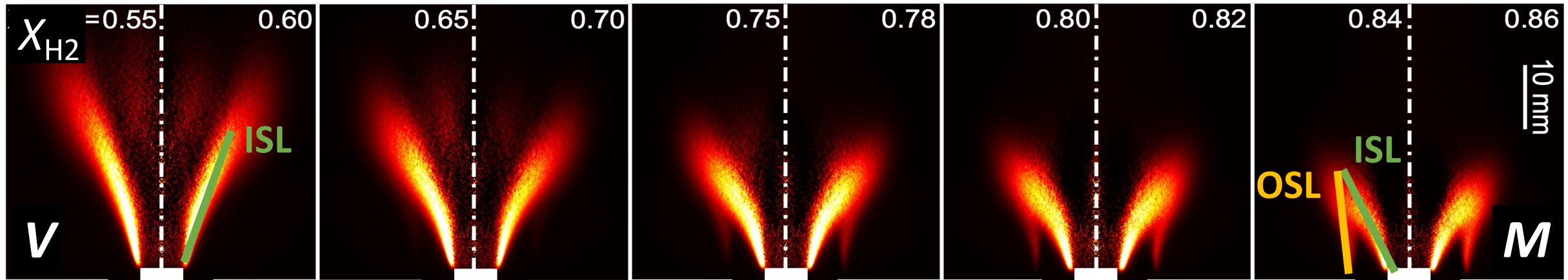
CH₄/air

Effect of H2 add. on premixed flame stabilization

Guiberti et al. (2015) PCI, 35:1385

Mercier et al. (2016) CNF, 171:42

$\phi=0.79$, $P=4$ kW, OH* chemiluminescence + Abel inversion

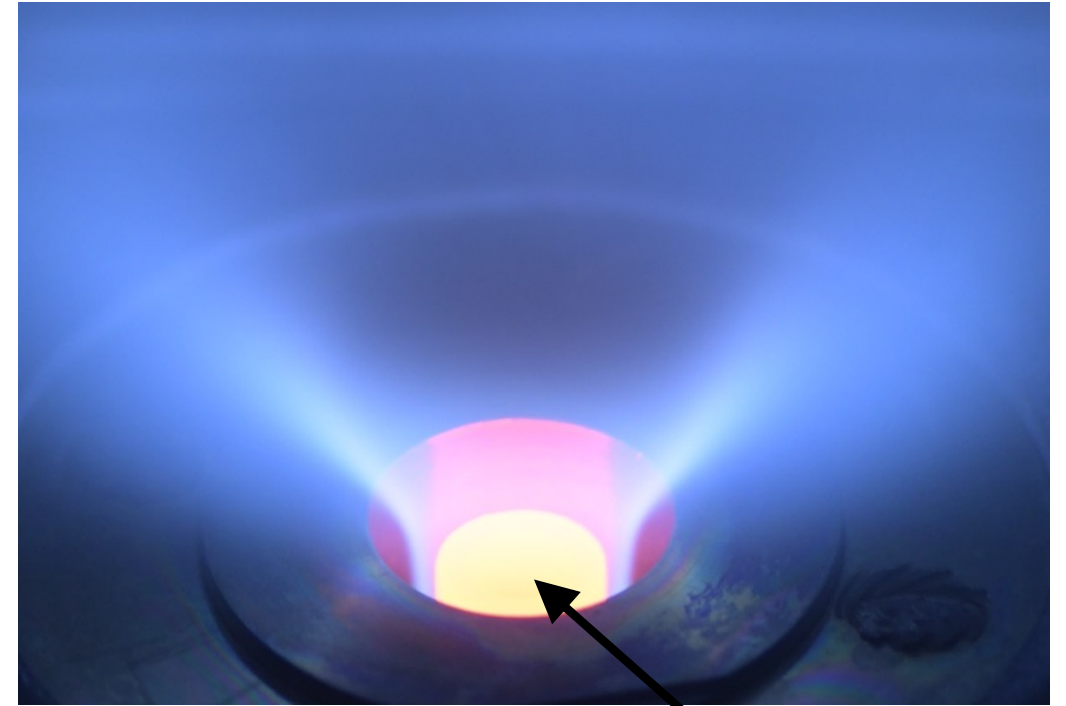
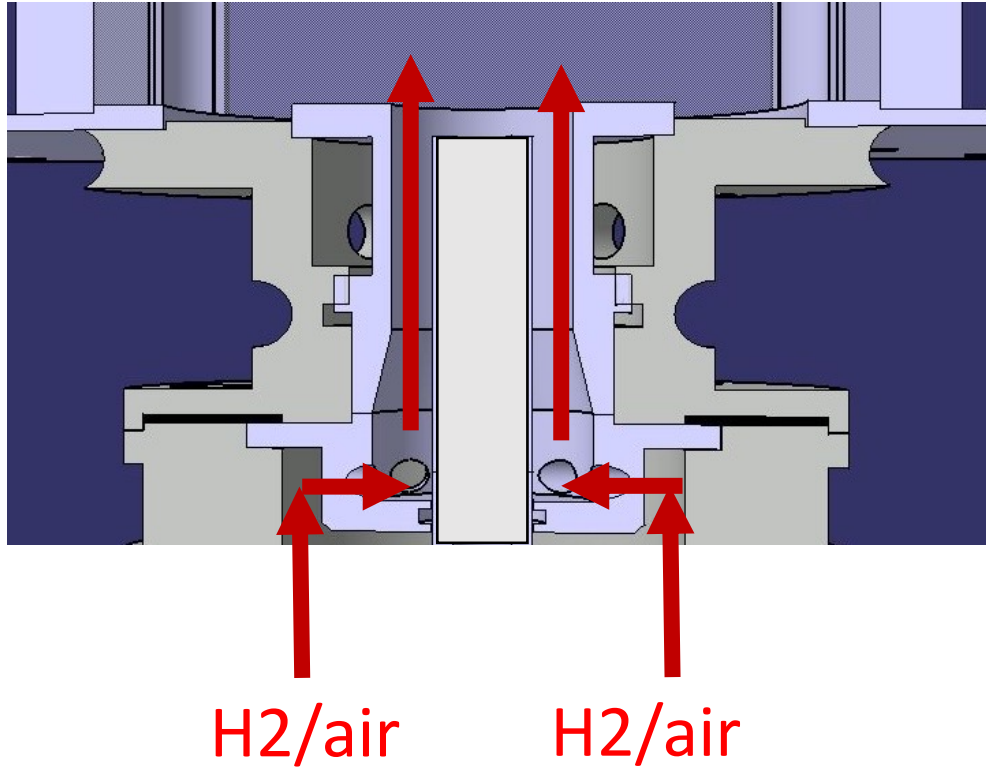


As the H2 content increases, elongated V-flames transit to compact M-flames with an additional reaction layer stabilized in the OSL

Hydrogen enriched premixed flames are more compact and more resistant to aerodynamic strain and enthalpy losses leading to increased thermal stress on the burner

Fully premixed H₂-air swirled burner

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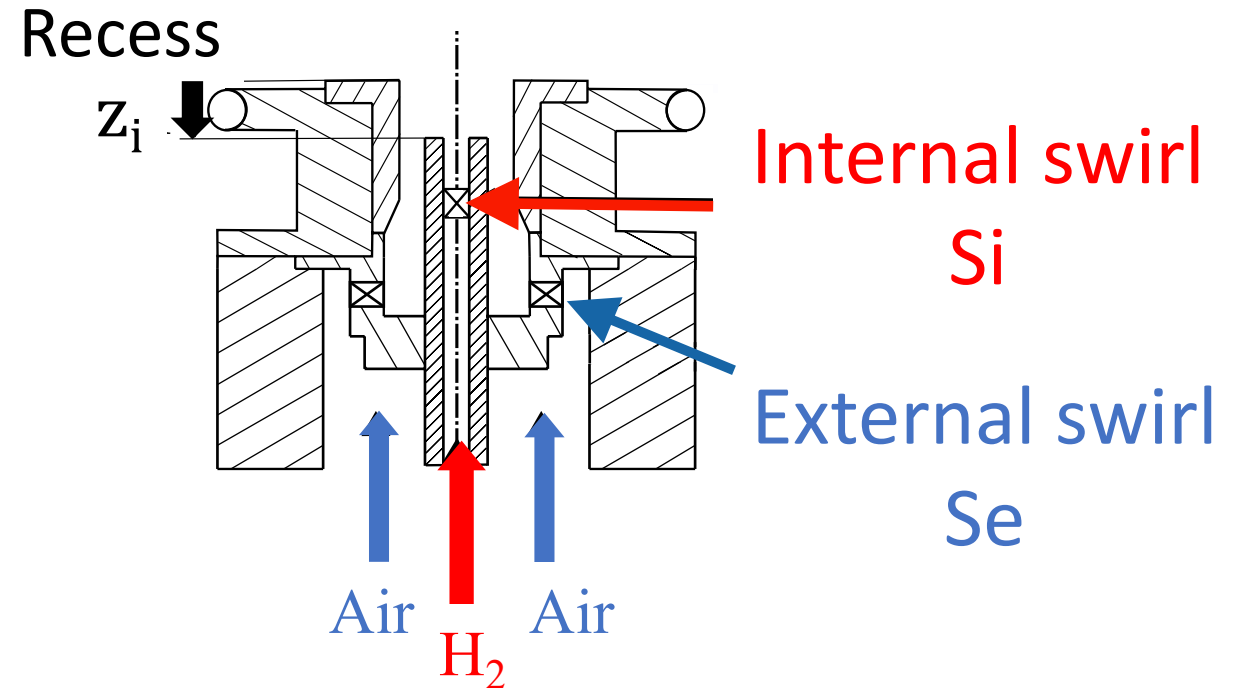
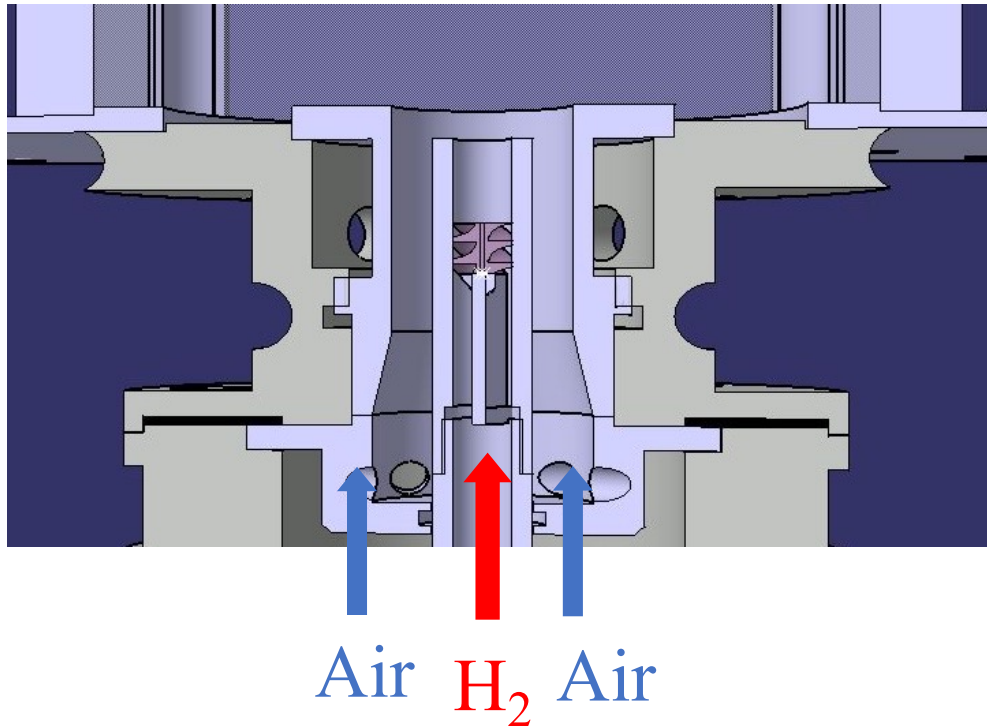


$T \sim 800/900^{\circ}\text{C}$

Turbulent lean premixed H₂-air swirled flames are extremely sensitive to flashback

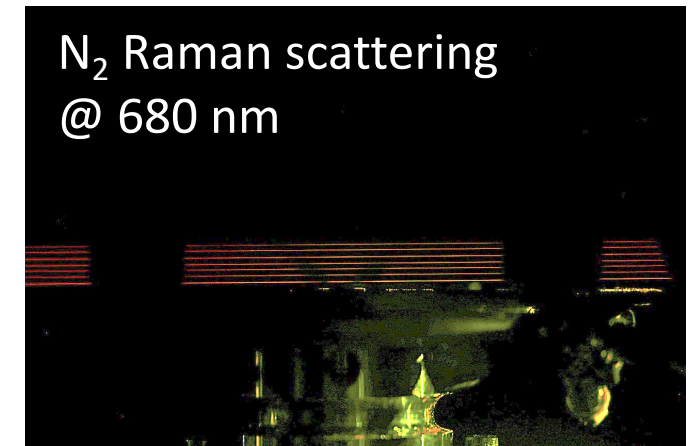
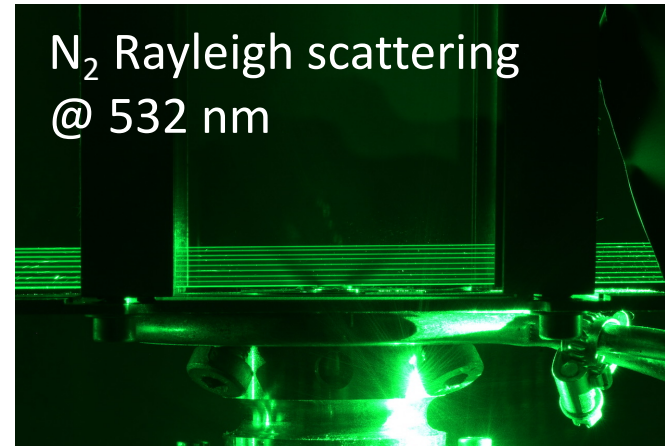
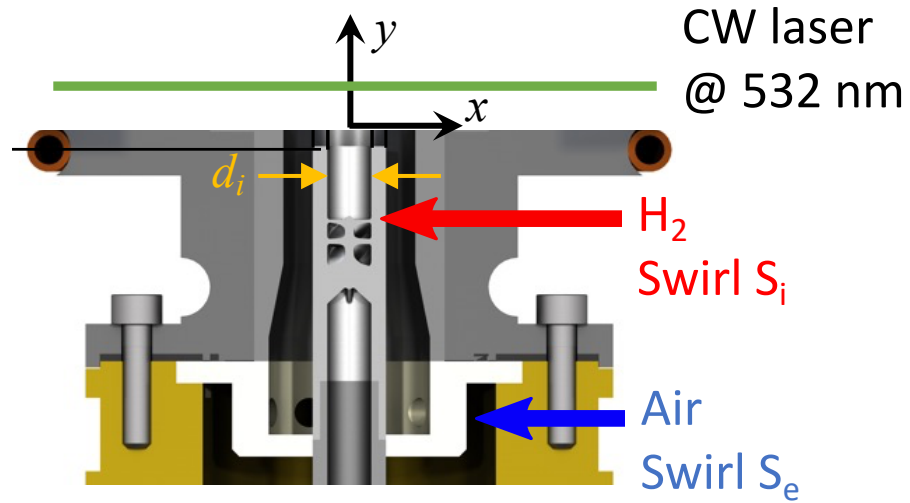
HYLON : Hydrogen Dual Swirl Low NOx burner

- Late hydrogen injection Eliminate the flashback risk
- Swirled hydrogen injection Improve mixing to reduce NOx emissions

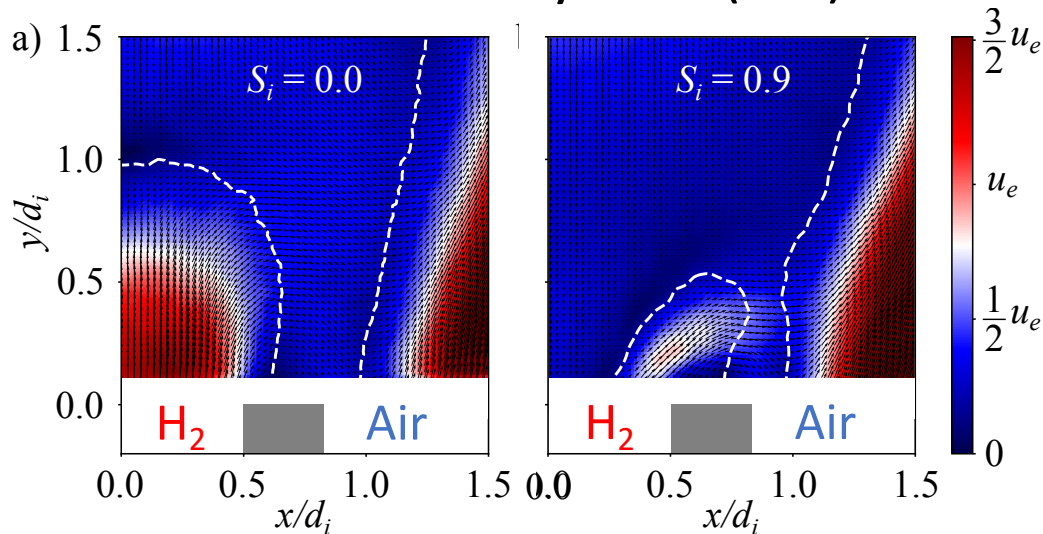


Impact of S_i on H₂/air mixing rate

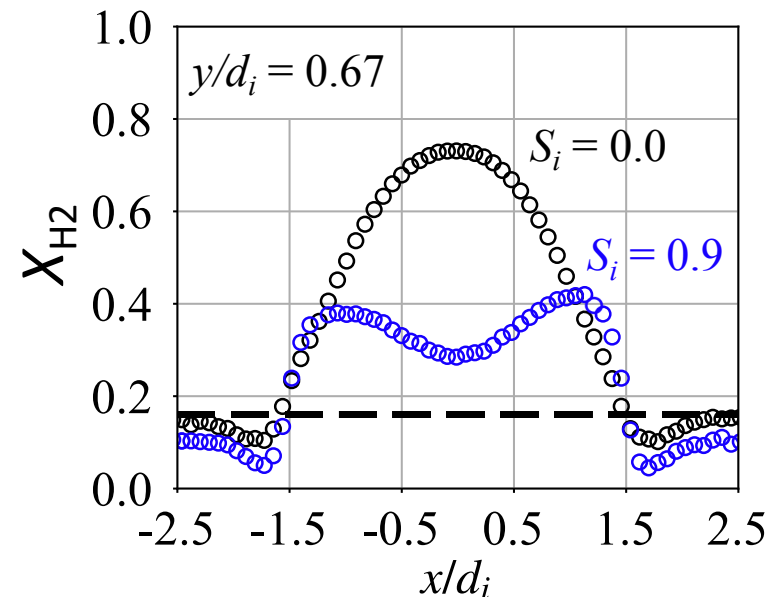
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Cold flow velocity field (PIV)



H₂ molar fraction



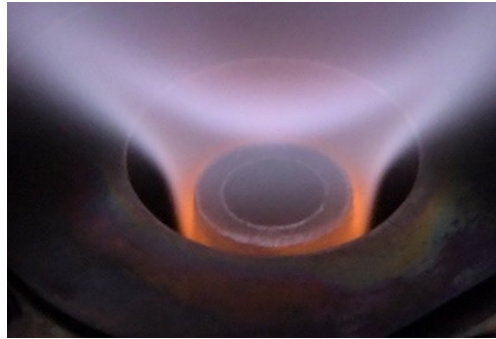
Swirling hydrogen improves the mixing rate at the burner outlet

Well mixed limit

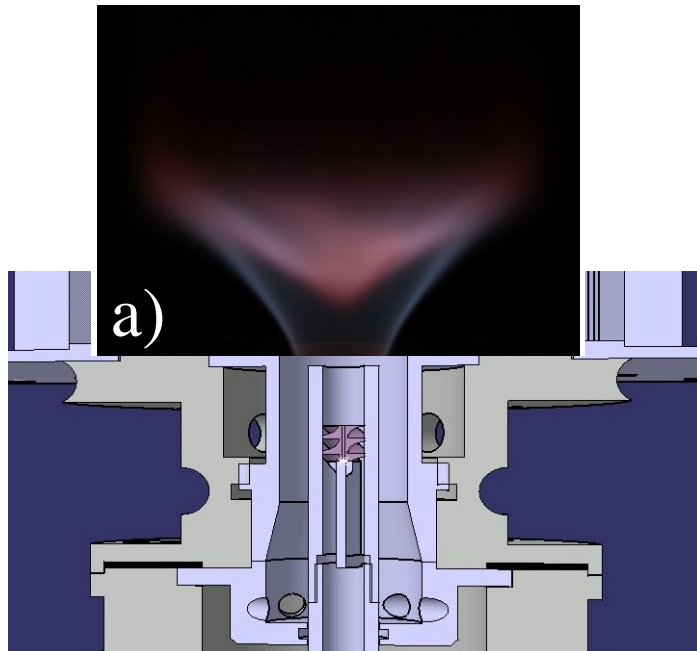
Two stabilization regimes

Marragou et al. (2022) IJHE 47: 19275

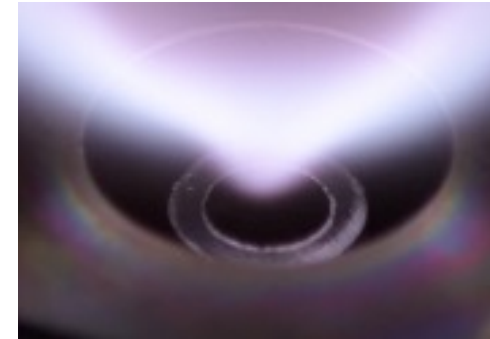
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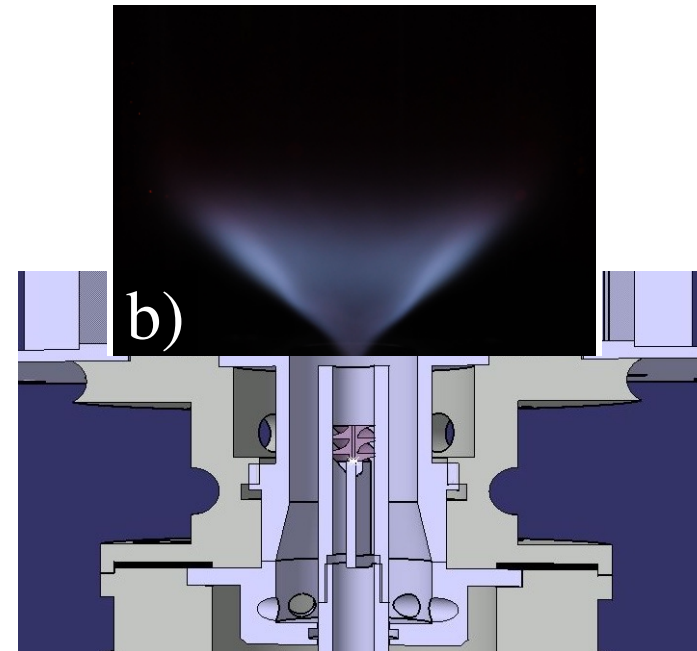
$T \sim 600/700^{\circ}\text{C}$



Lifted

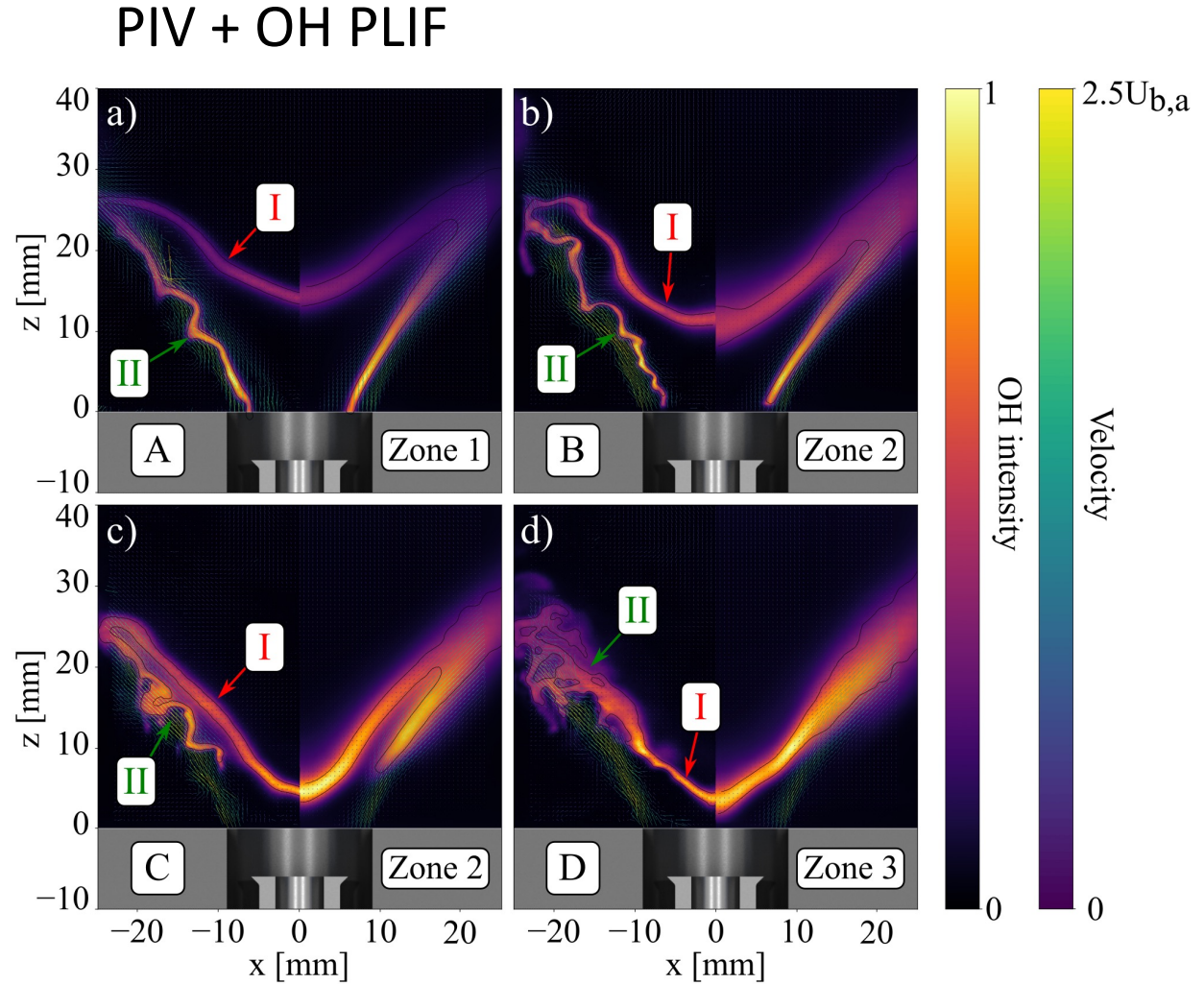
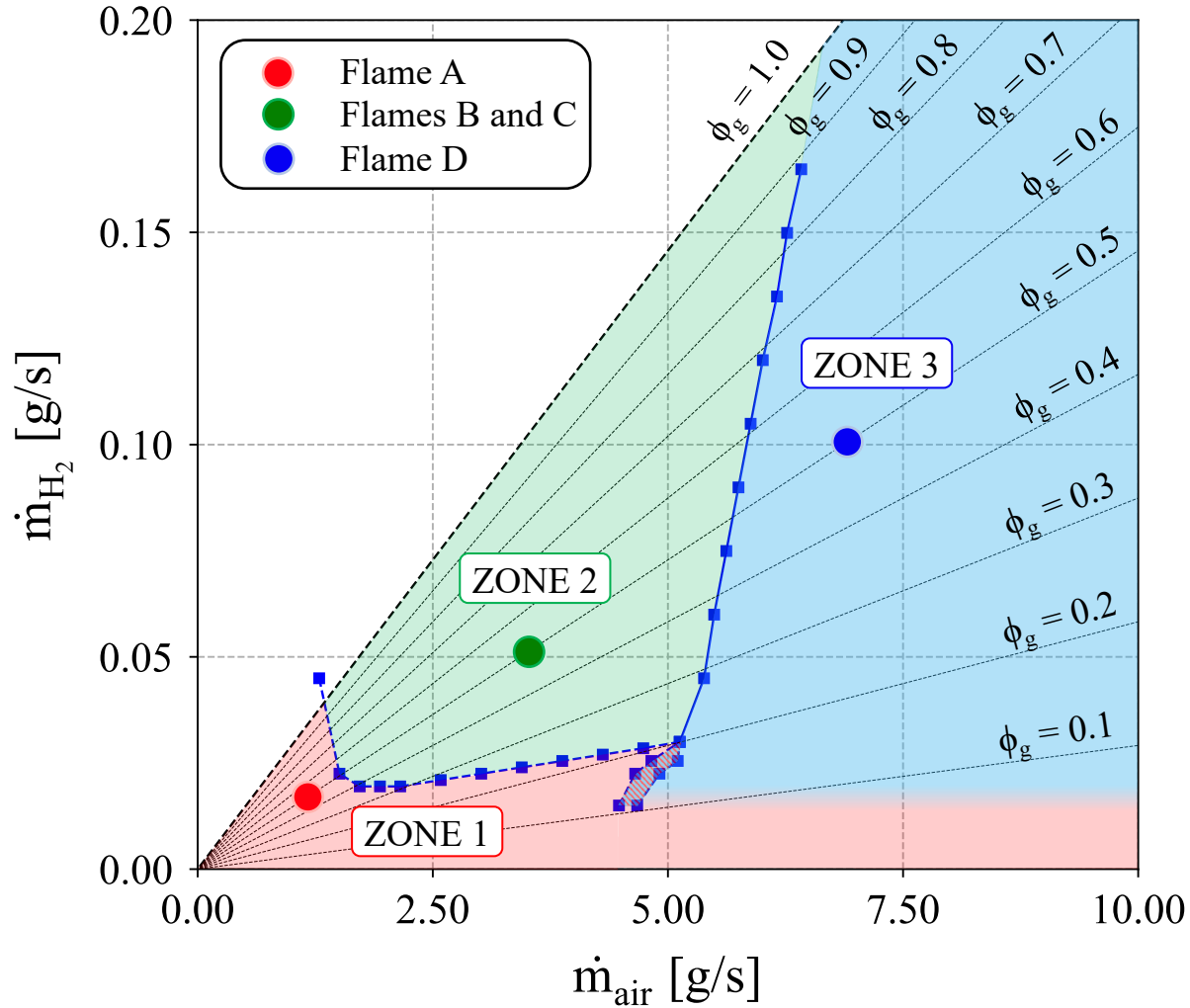


$T \sim 200/300^{\circ}\text{C}$

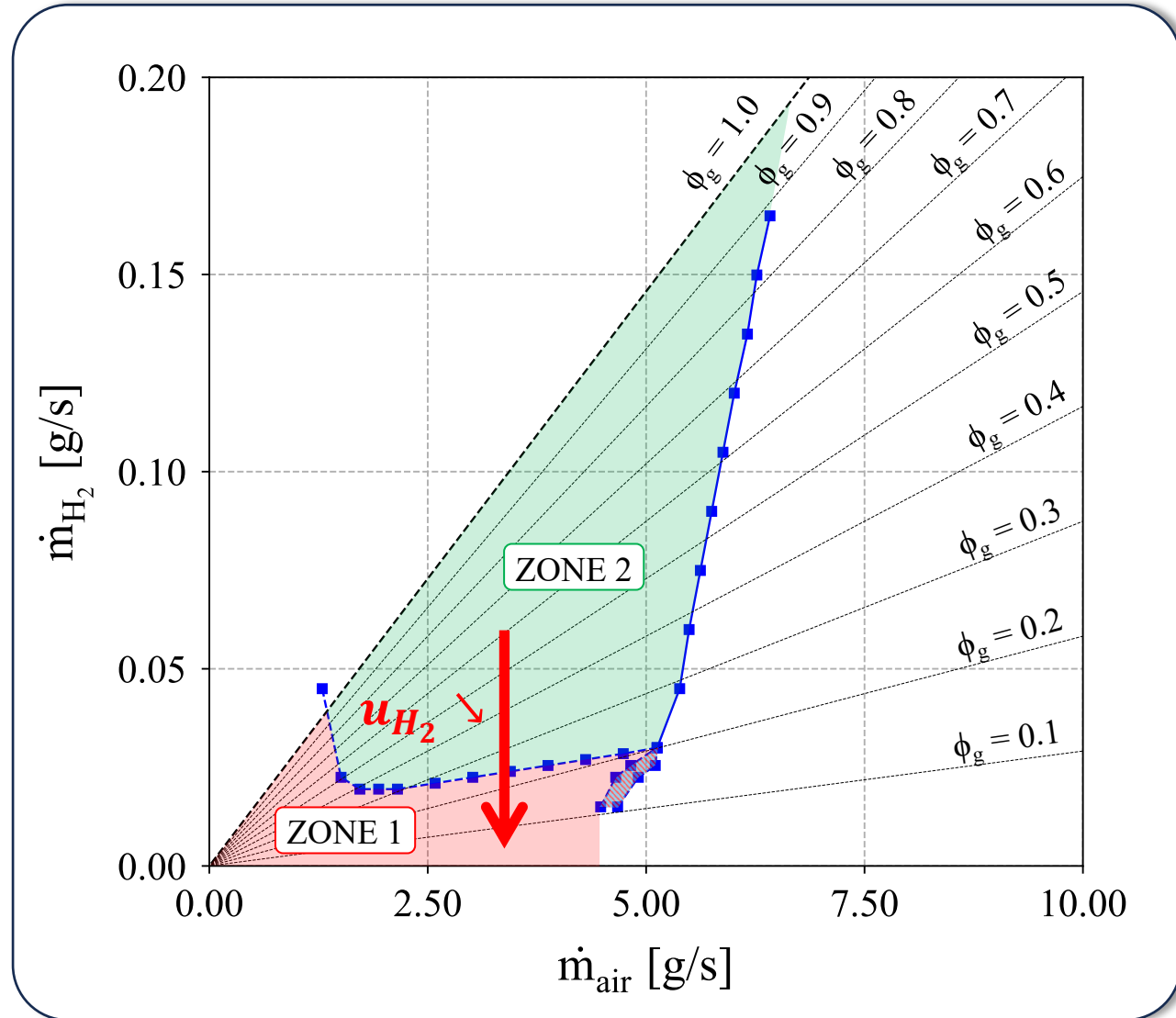


Stabilization chart @ p=1 bar, T=300 K

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Analysis of flame re-anchoring



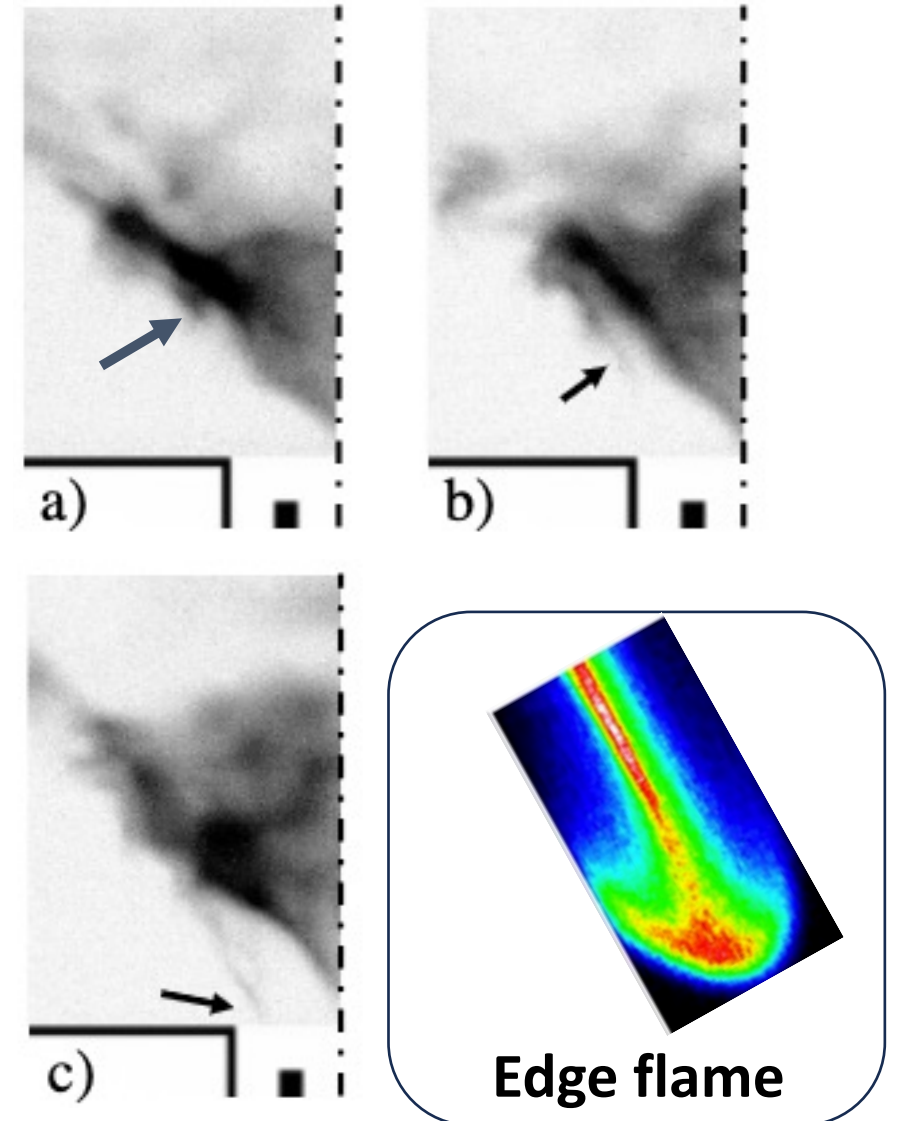
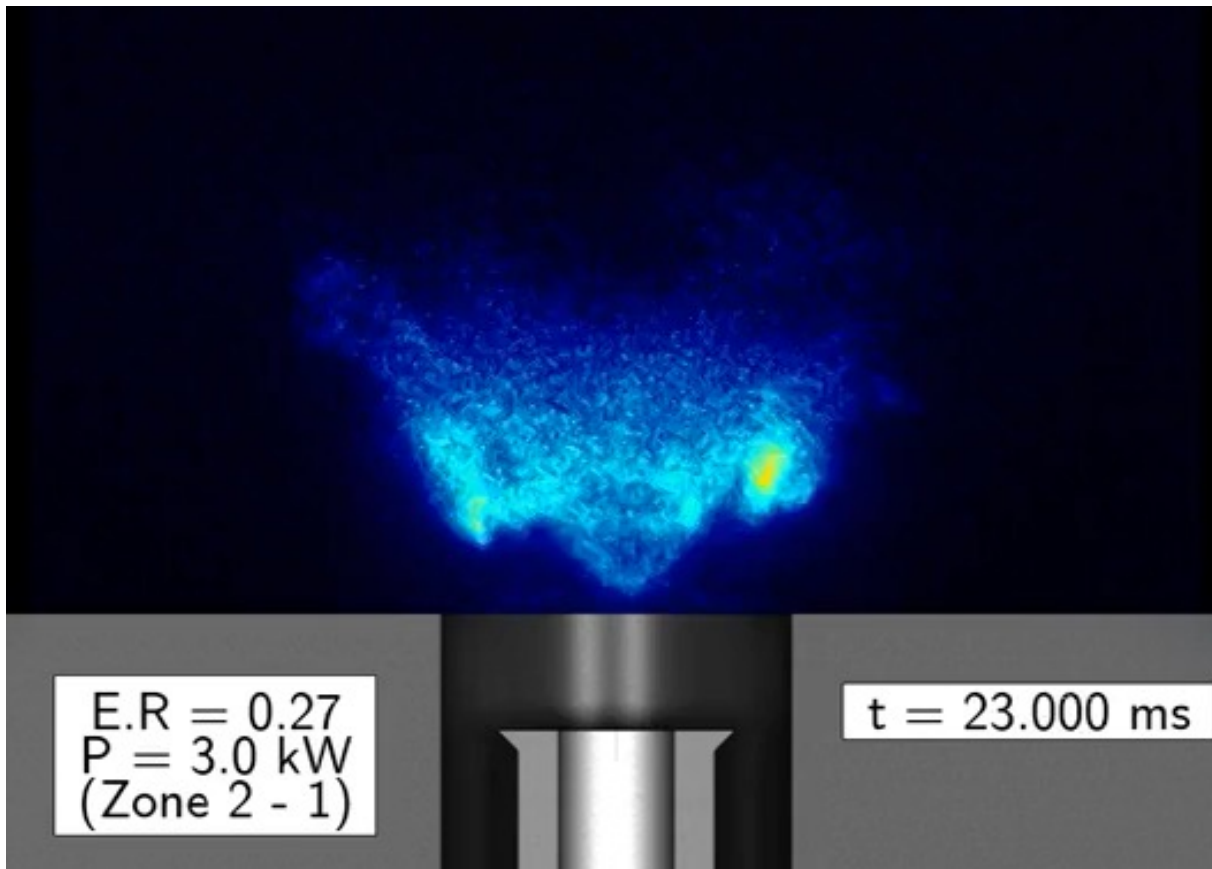
Reduction of the hydrogen injection velocity U_i



High speed image of flame re-anchoring

Aniello et al. (2023) CNF, 249:112585

Line of sight OH* visualization (16 kHz)



TFUP : Triple Flame Upstream Propagation zone

TFUP zone: $u_t < S_d$

Marragou et al. PCI (2023) 255:112908

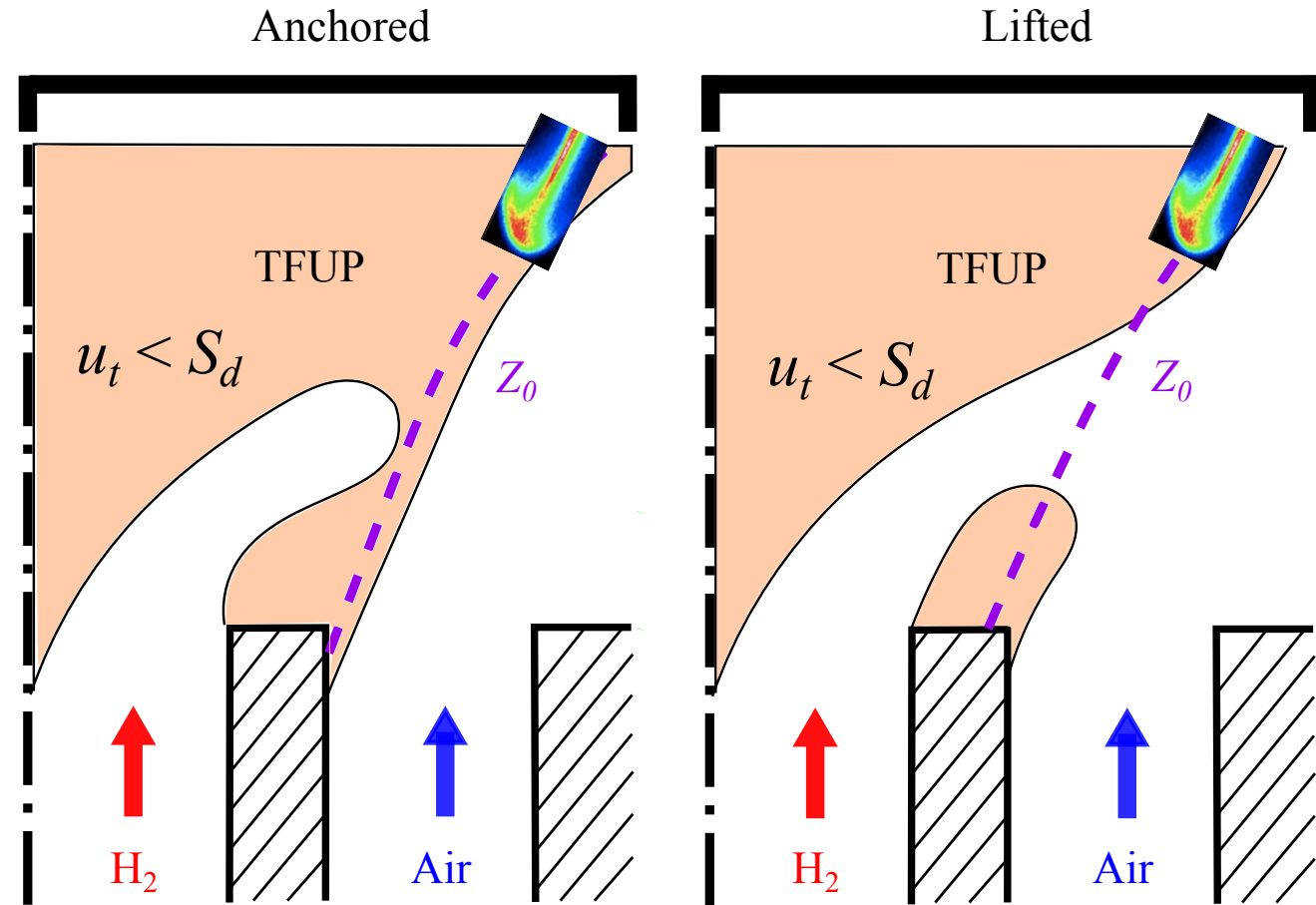
Triple flame displacement speed

$$S_d = S_L^0 (\rho_u / \rho_b)^{1/2}$$

Flame stabilization deduced from

- cold flow PIV: u_t
- cold flow Raman scattering: Z_0

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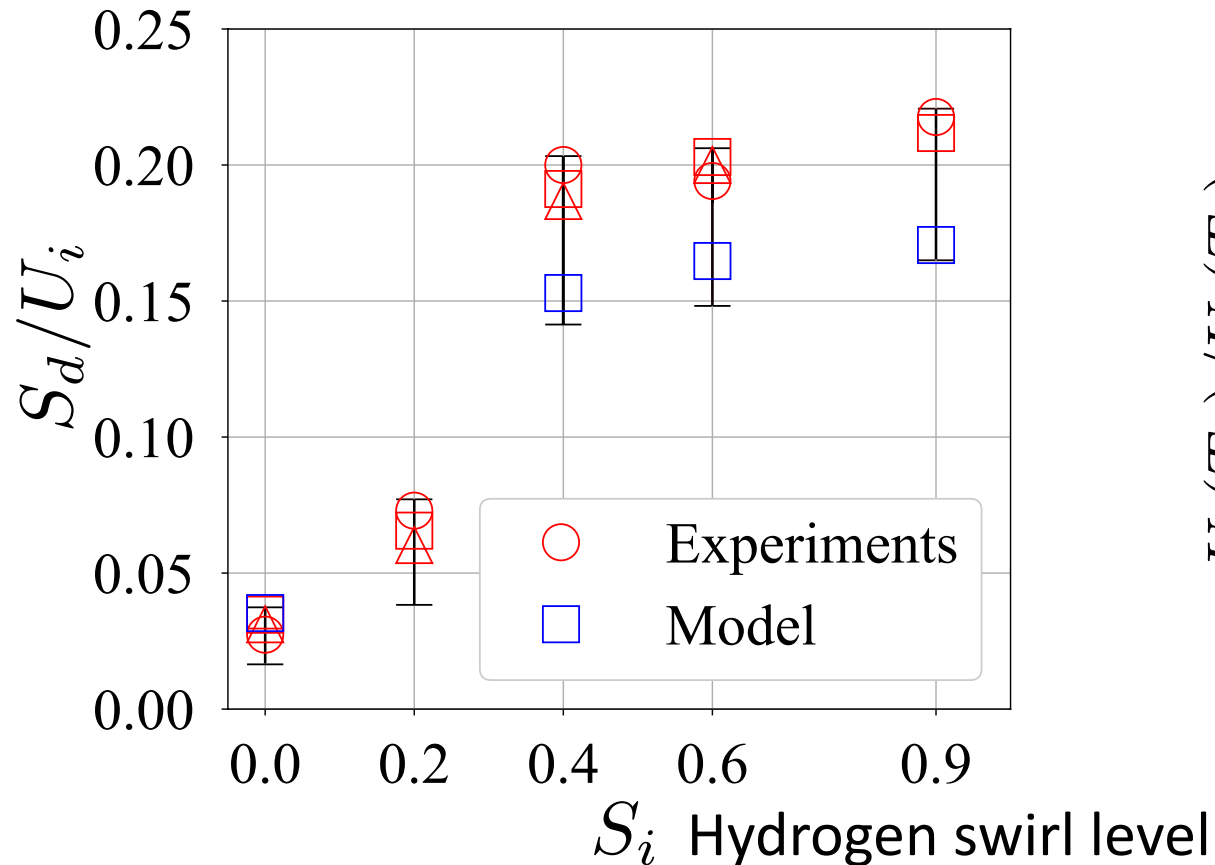


Flame re-anchoring prediction

U_i : hydrogen velocity at which transition to anchored flame takes place

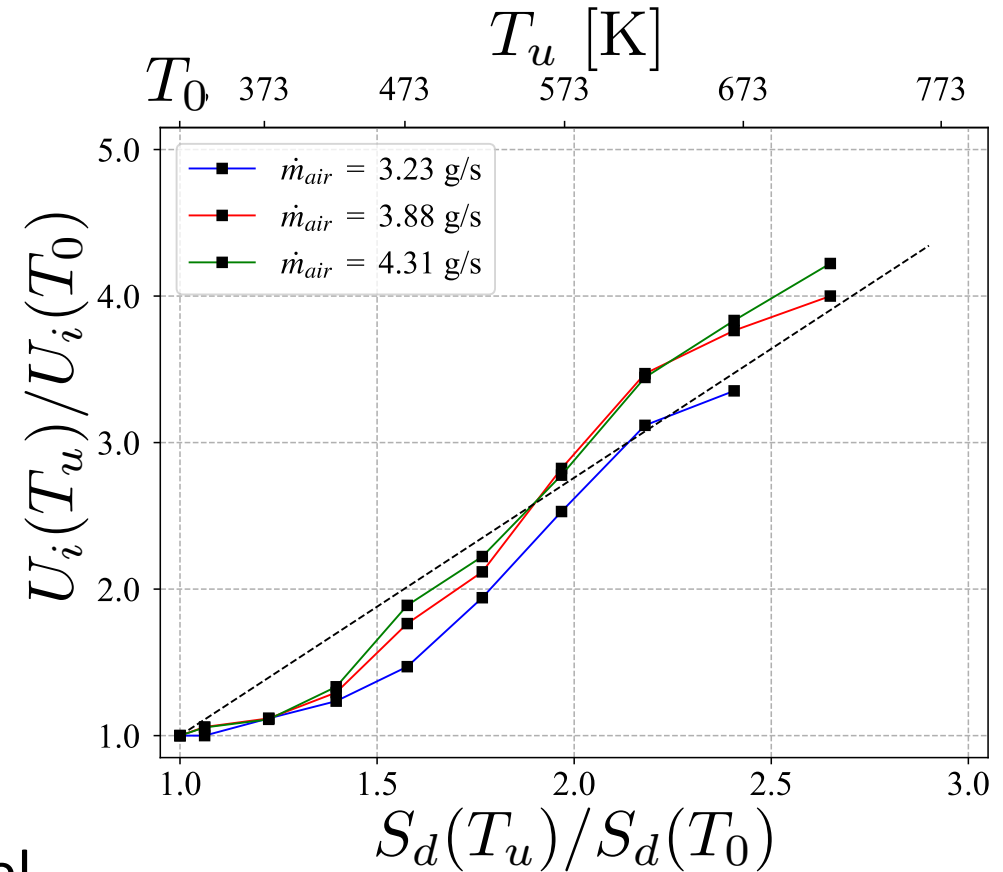
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Impact of swirl, $p=1$ atm, $T_0=300$ K



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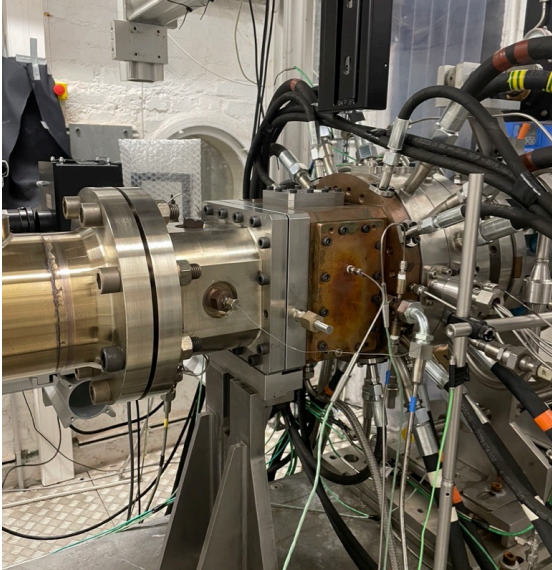
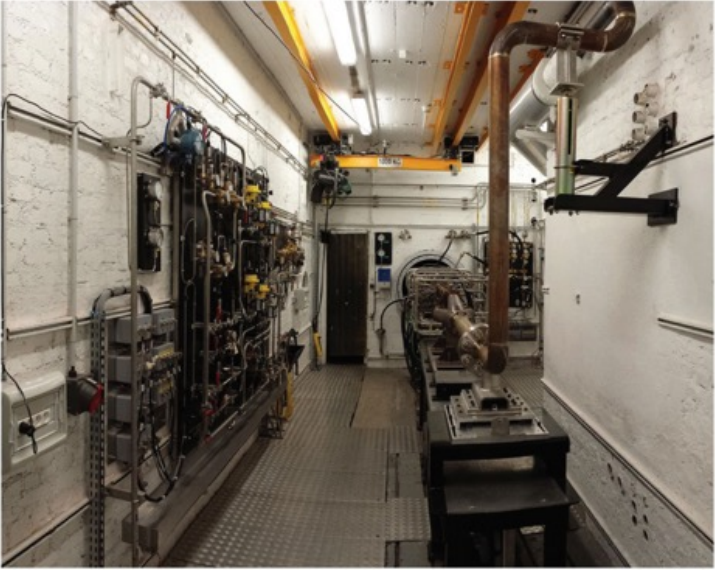
Impact of air preheating, $p=1$ atm, $S_i=0.6$



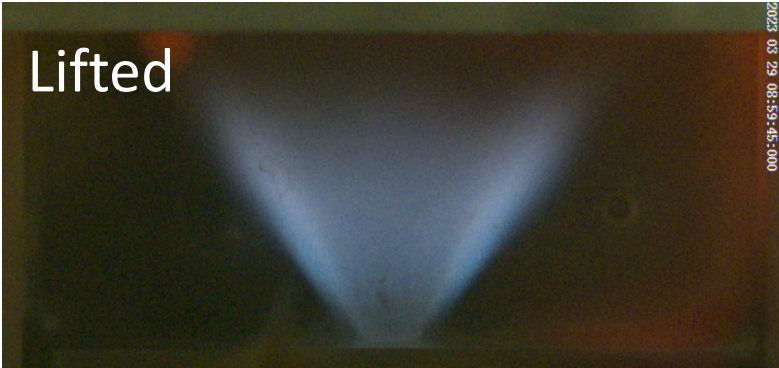
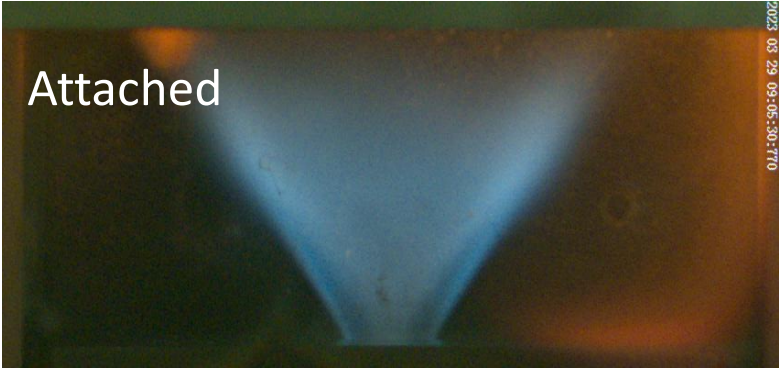
High pressure test @ ONERA



High pressure ONERA Palaiseau Micado test rig

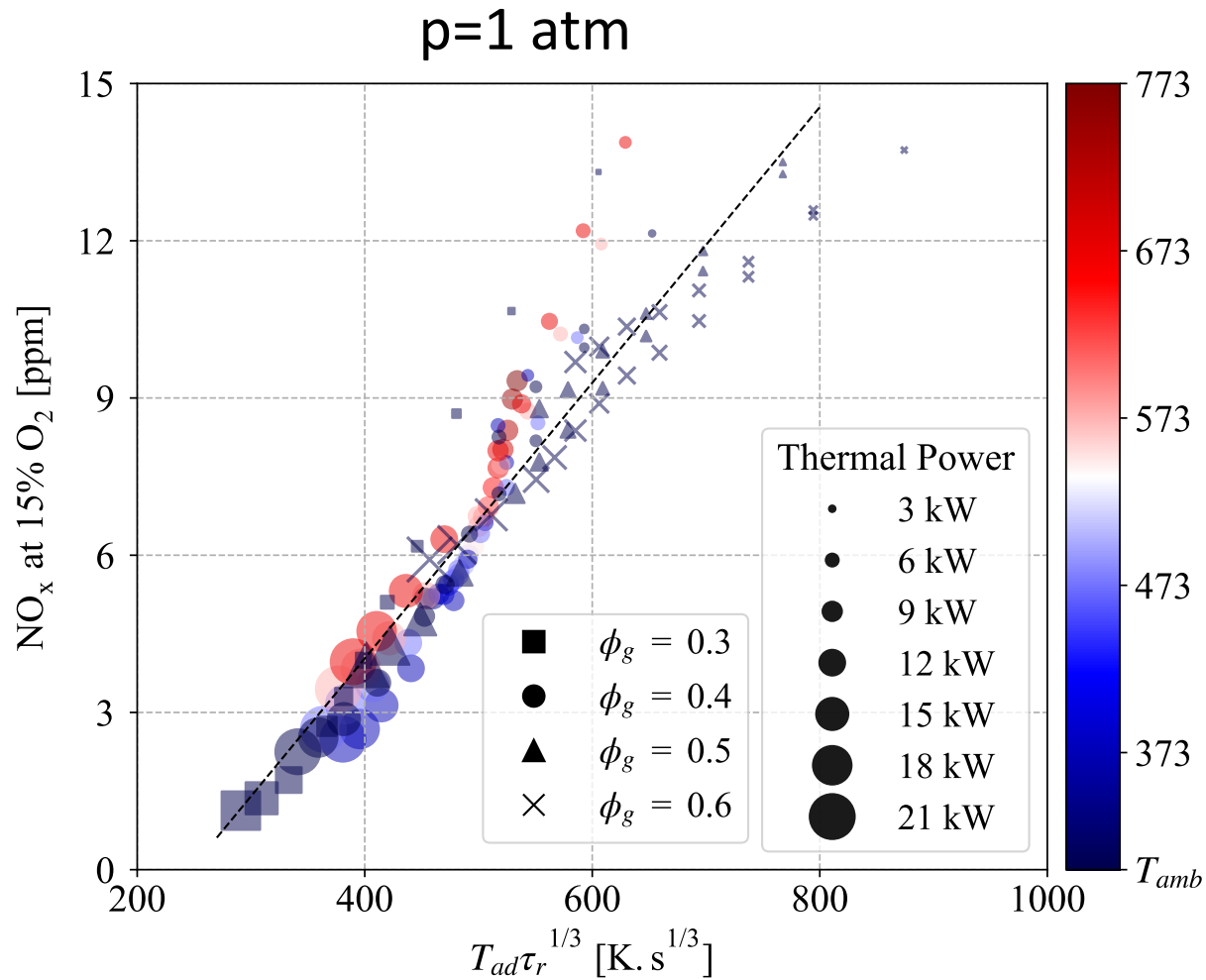


Test at engine relevant thermodynamic conditions

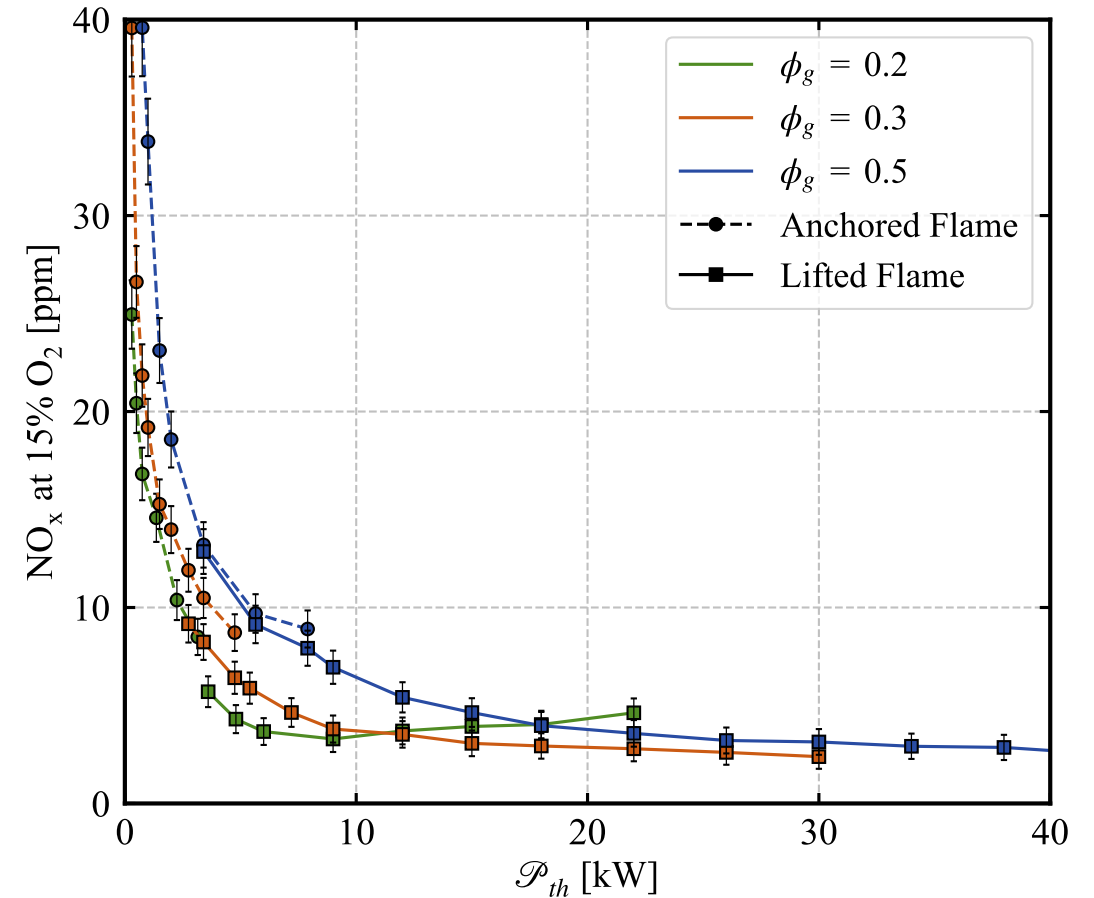


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NOx emissions



NOx scale with adiabatic flame temperature and residence time

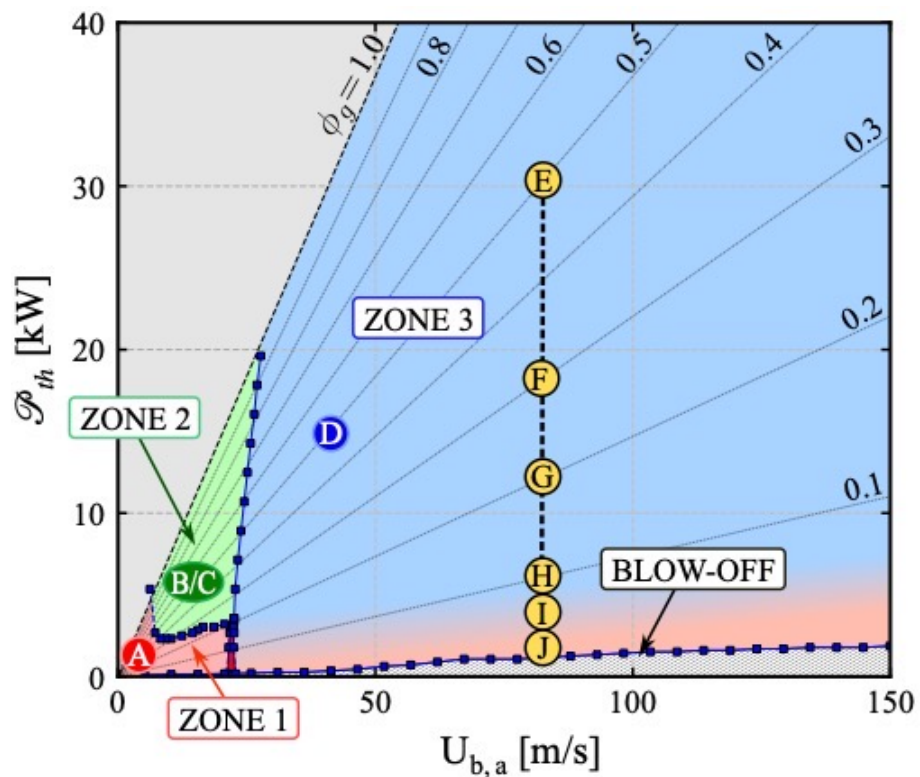


At high power, NOx are independent of thermal power

Blow off

Magnes et al. ASME Turbo Expo, June 2024, London

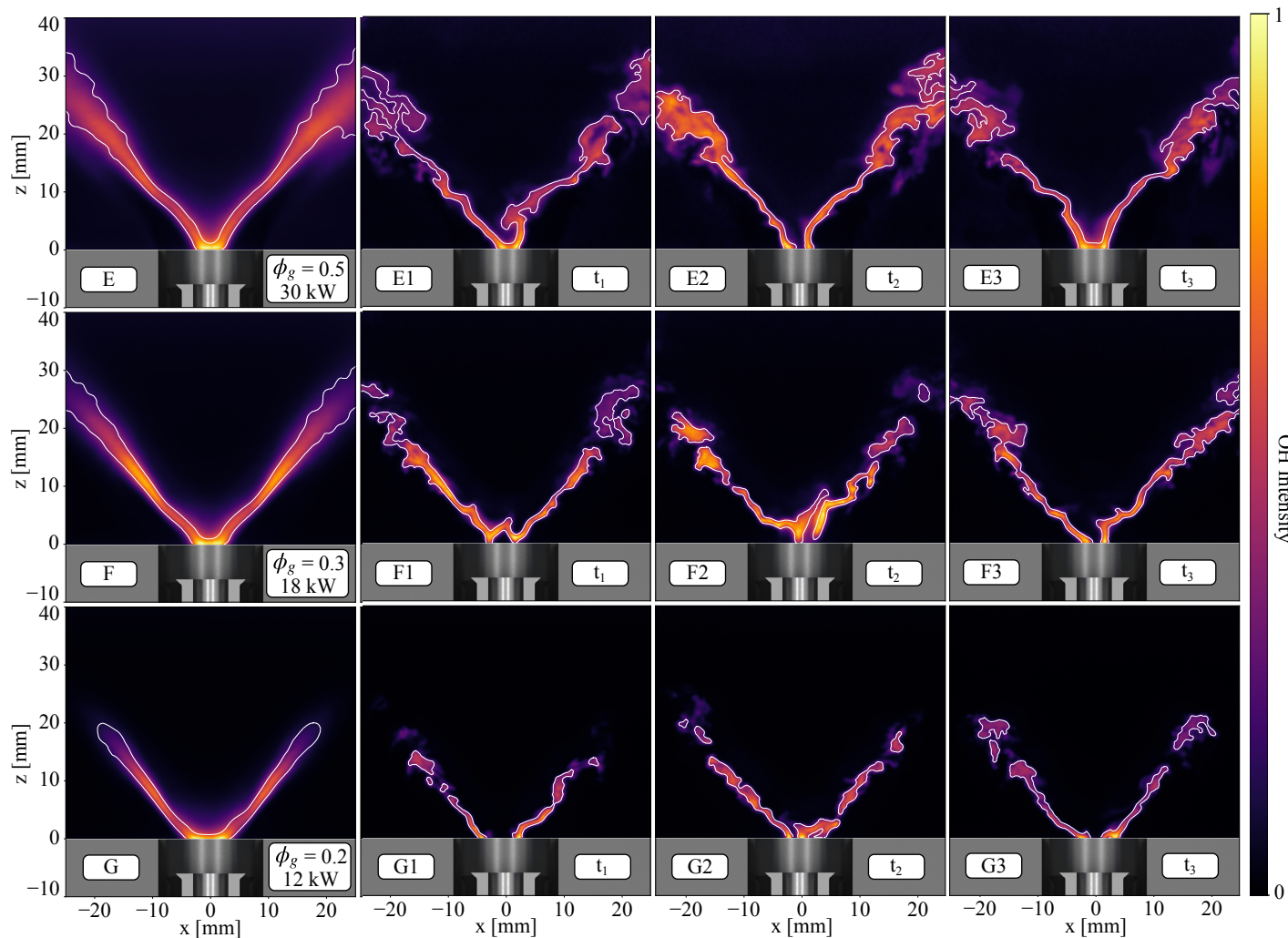
$p=1$ atm, $T_0=300$ K



Flame front fragmentation at the tip (local extinctions) at very lean operating conditions

Mean OH-PLIF

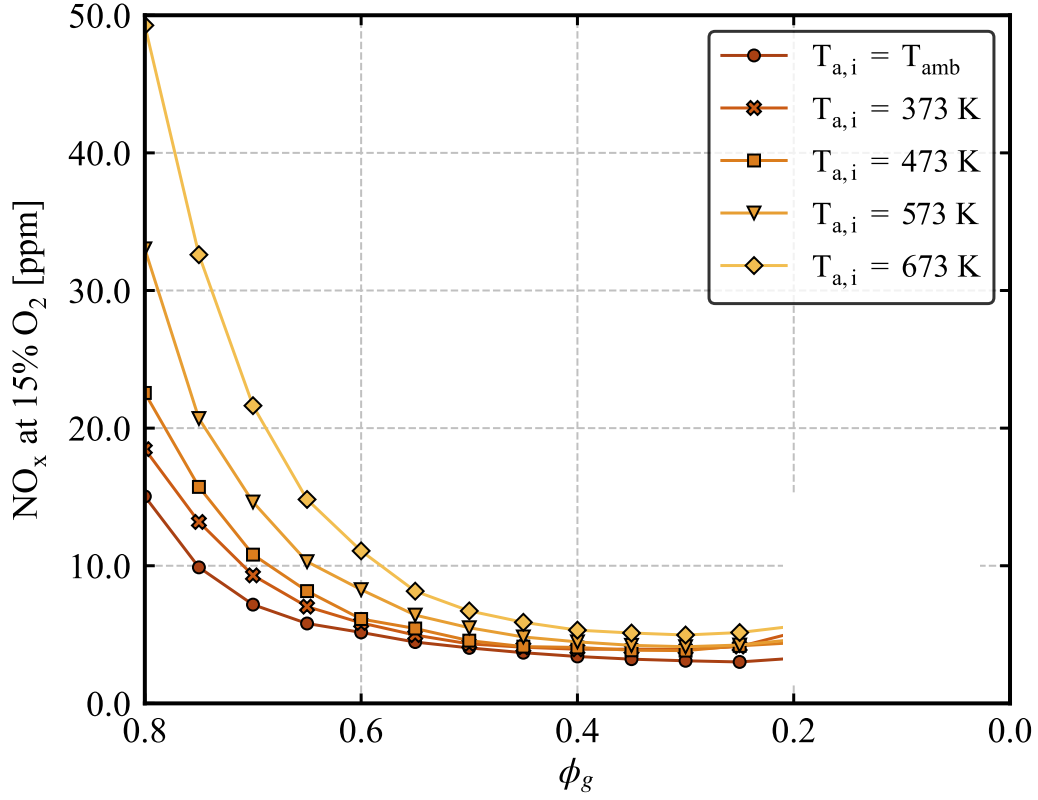
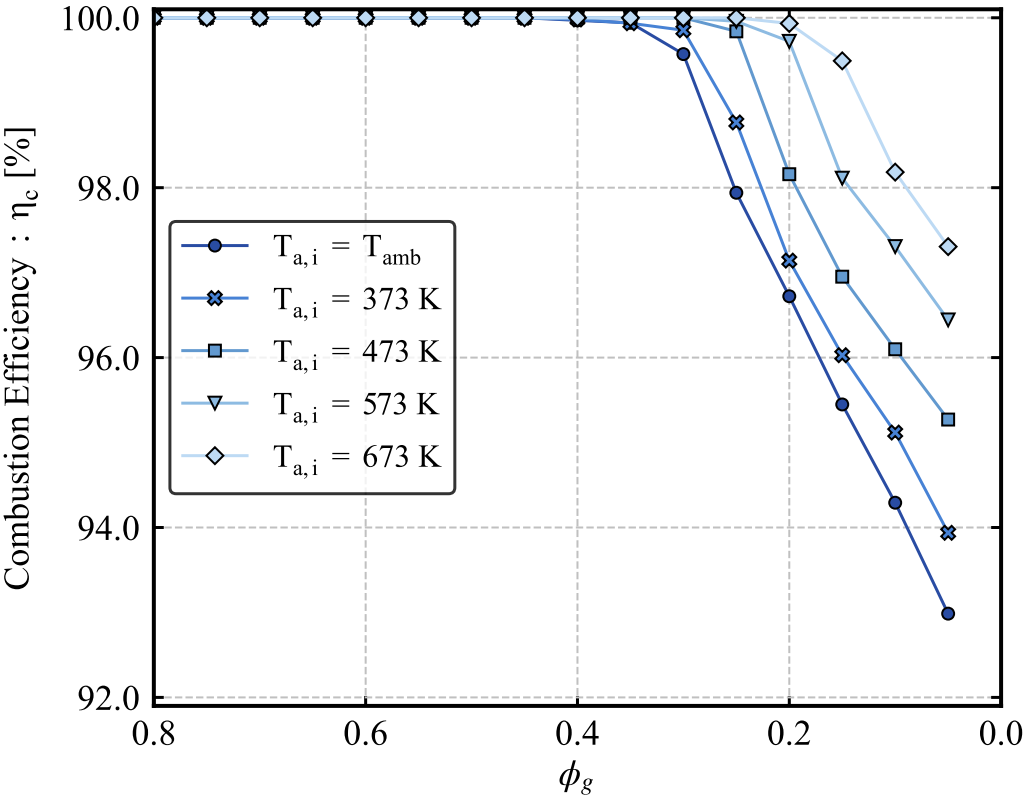
Instantaneous OH-PLIF snapshots



Interplay between unburnt and NOx emissions

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$p=1 \text{ atm}, u_e = 40 \text{ m/s}$



Compromise between NOx and unburnt emissions. Combustion efficiency increases with preheat temperature.

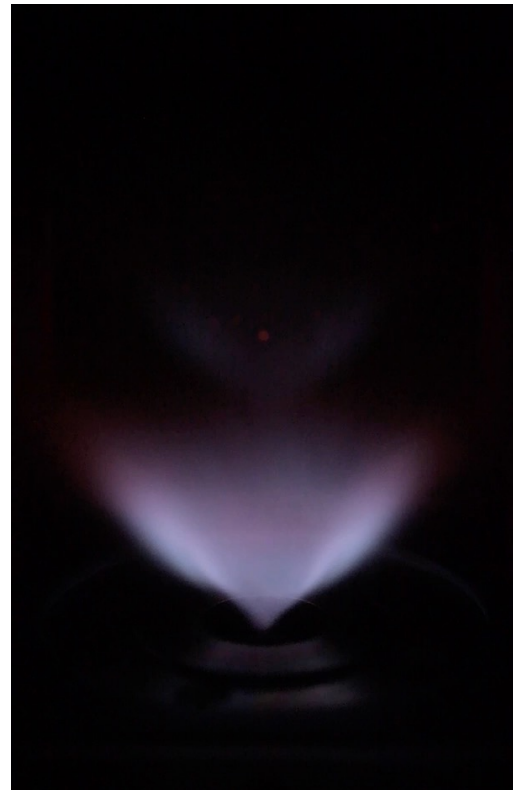
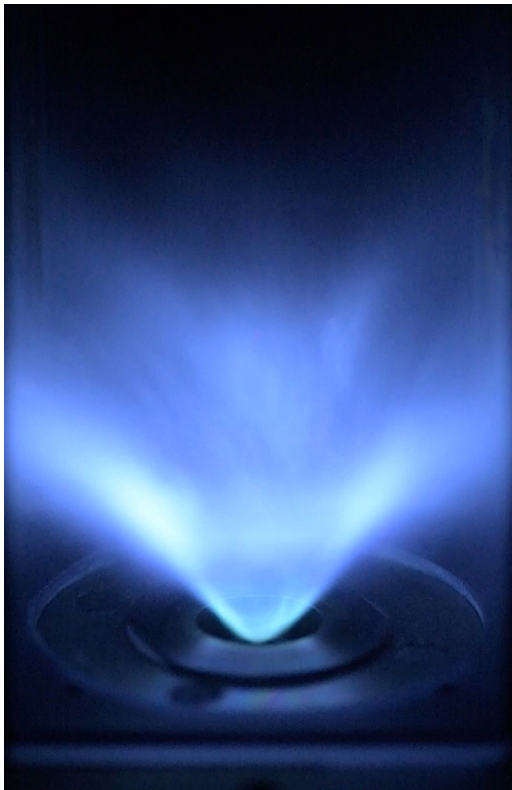
Combustion noise

Marragou, Paniez

$P = 7.5 \text{ kW}$, $Re_D = 25000$, $\phi \sim 0.5$ HYLON DFDS version

PH20 (H₂+CH₄/air)

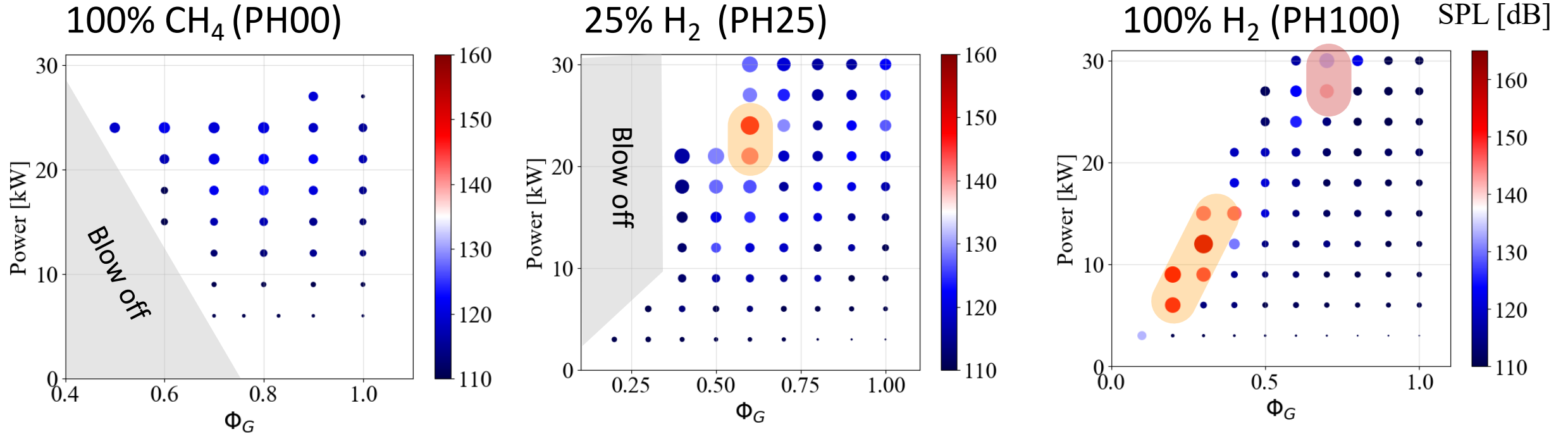
PH100 (H₂+air)



***Combustion roar noise
peaks at higher frequencies
with hydrogen***

Thermo-acoustic stability

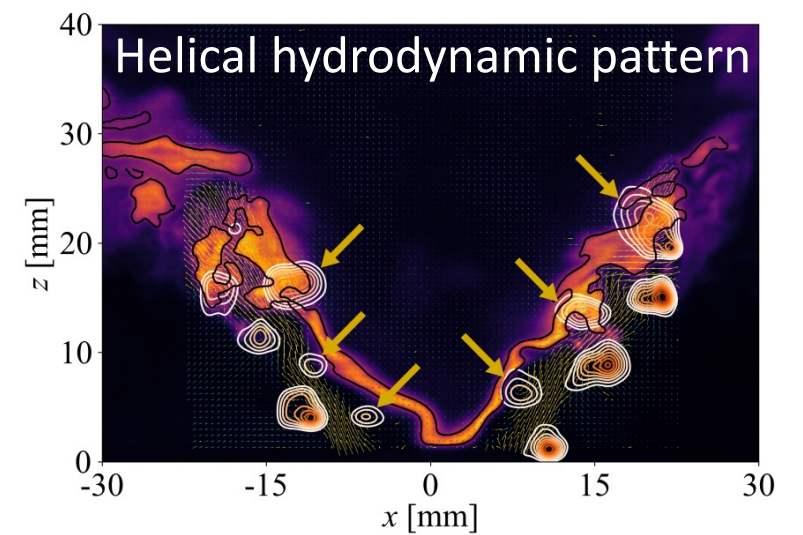
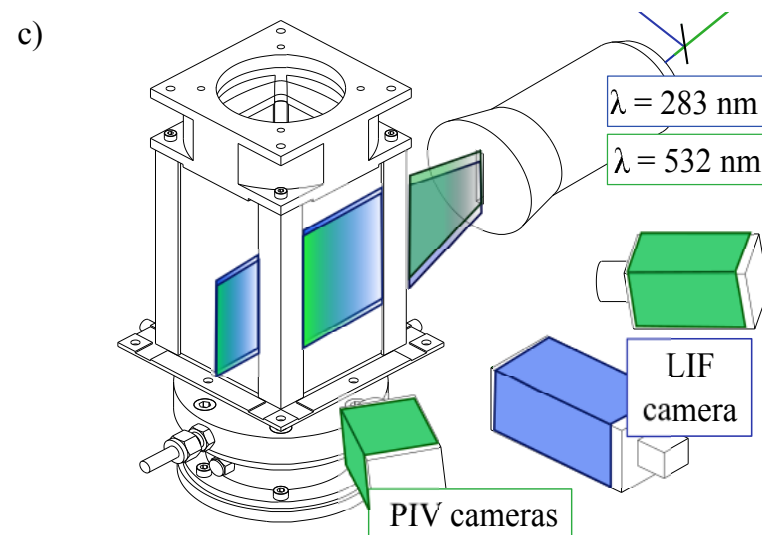
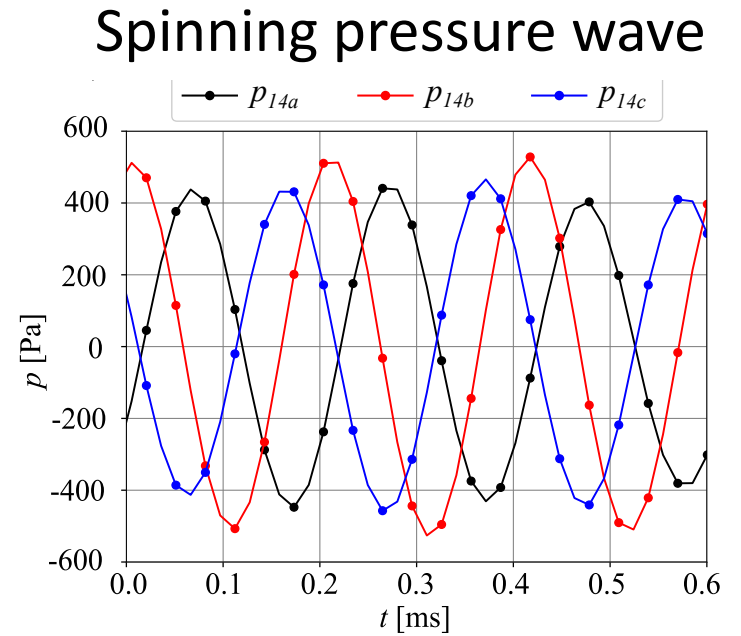
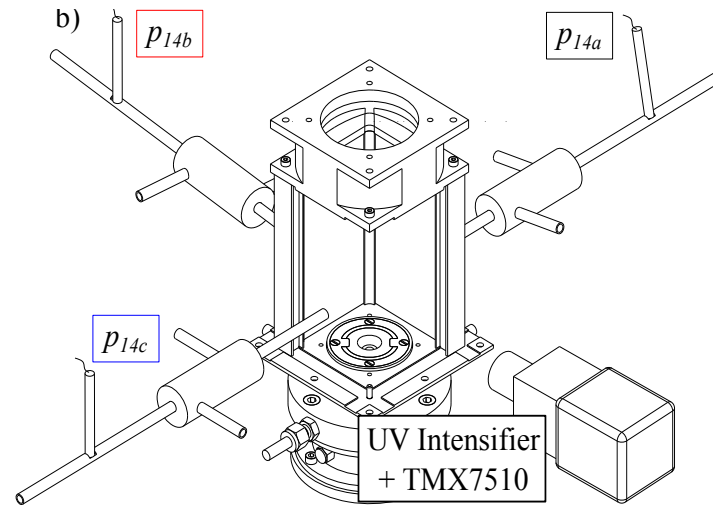
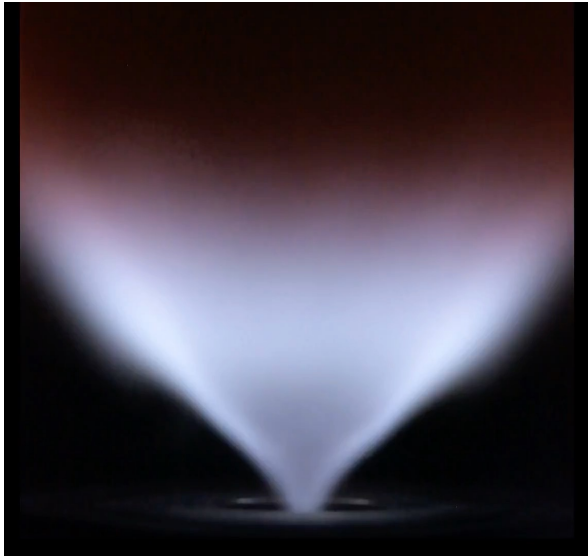
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Higher H₂ content results in (1) broader conditions experiencing TAI
(2) emergence of high frequency TAI

High frequency instabilities

Paniez et al. Submitted *Int. Symp. Comb.*, 2024



Conclusion

Efforts to characterize hydrogen flames at IMFT will be pursued with its partners



Thermoacoustics



Ignition, combustion noise, hydrogen gaseous leaks, flame wall interactions

High pressure



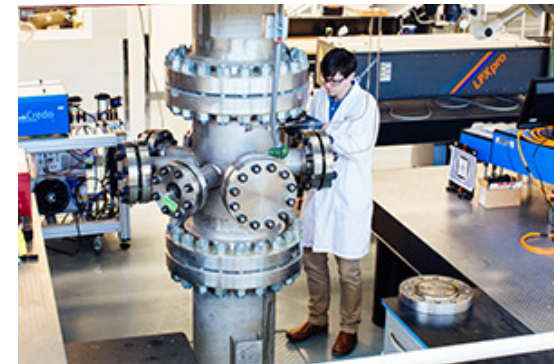
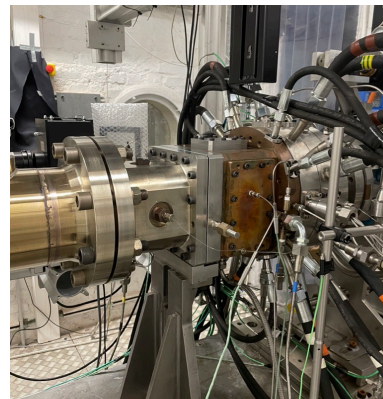
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$P < 5$ bar (2024)



*High pressure
Micado test rig*



$P < 10$ bar
<100 kW

Francazal and HYROPE

Francazal H2 techno campus 2025

200 m² combustion lab

6 new slots for experiments

2 high pressure test facilities



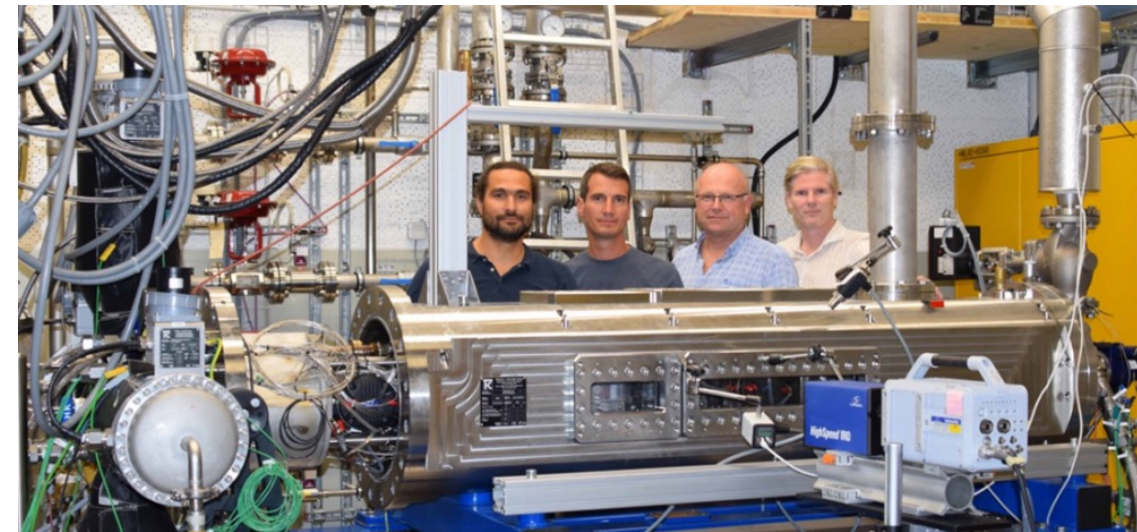
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P < 10 bar (2026)



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But many issues need to be addressed

- Ignition is more violent with hydrogen
- Higher autoignition risk due to lower ignition delay
- Turbulent combustion
- Thermally stable flames
- Hydrogen fueled flames are more receptive to incoming flow disturbances
- H2 kinetics needs to be improved to predict pollutant concentrations (NO, NO₂, N₂O)
- Near wall H2 chemistry is not well known
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H2 combustion raises many exciting challenges for the combustion community

Take away message

Urgent need of experiments for model and CFD validations

- Fundamental properties of H₂/air flames
- Canonical laminar and turbulent configurations with detailed data
- Engine relevant thermodynamic conditions : T=1000 K, p=30 bar



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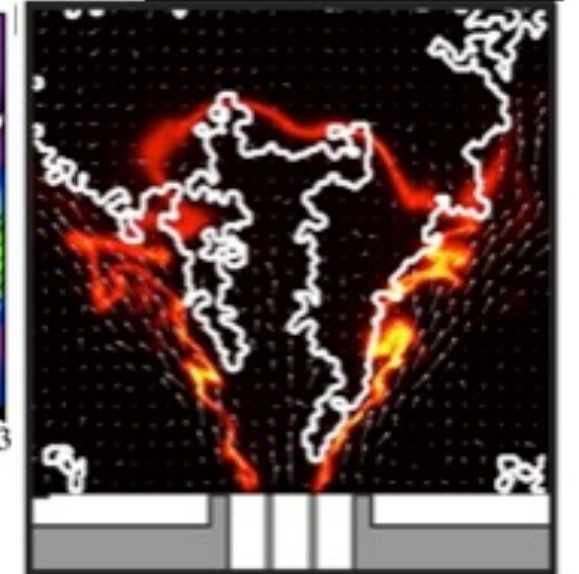
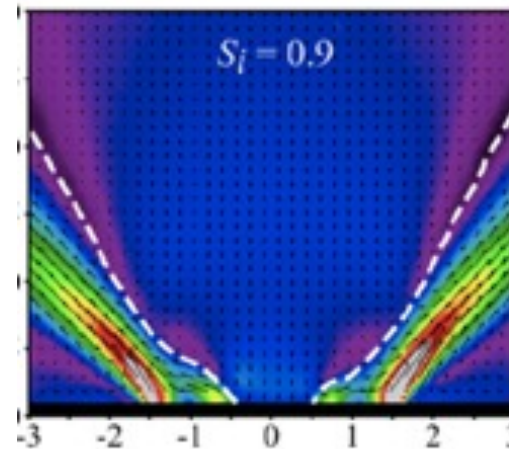
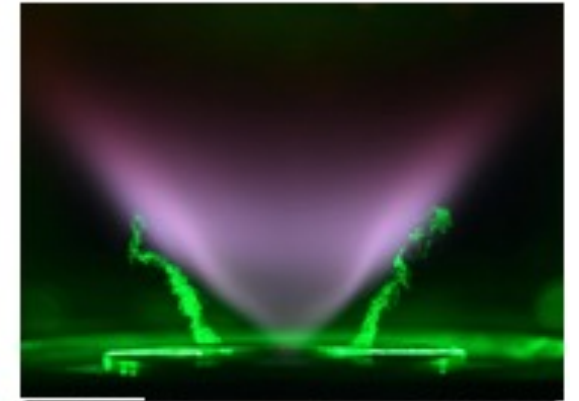
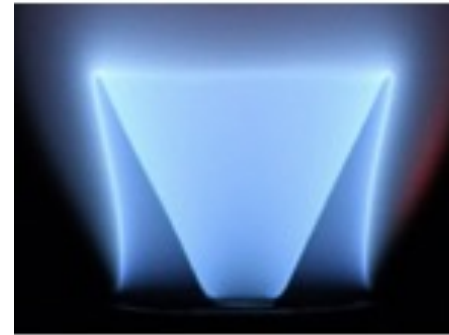
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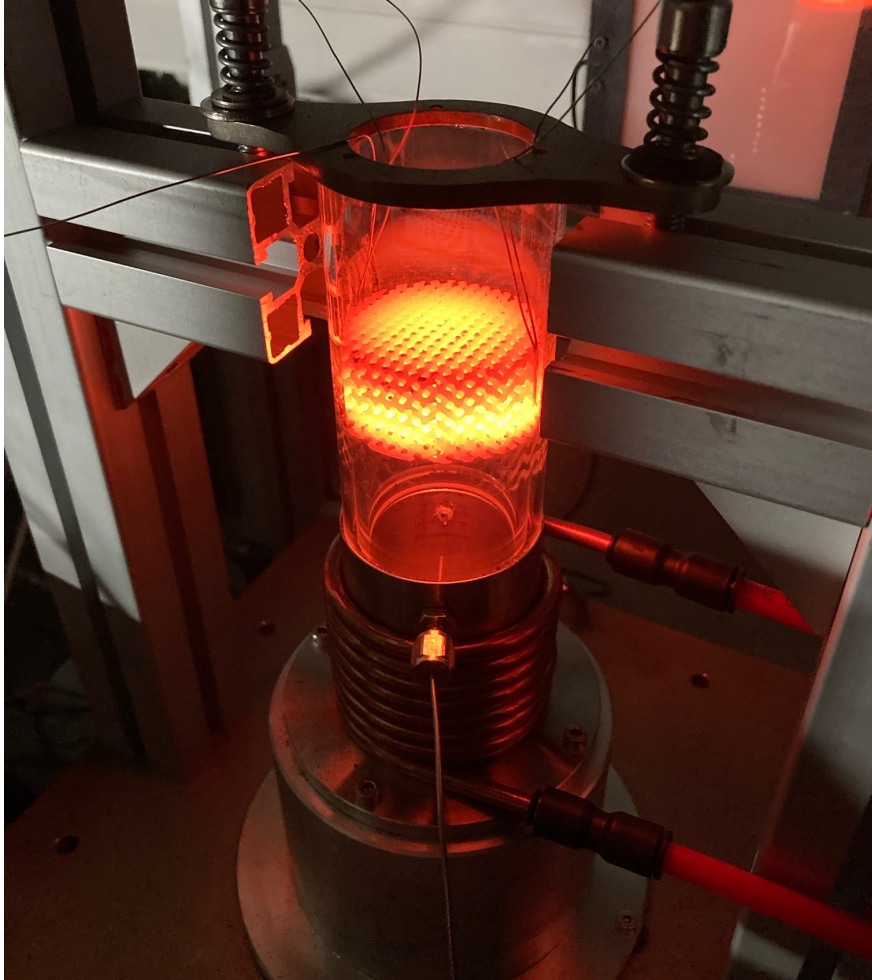
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H2 combustion in porous media

Poster

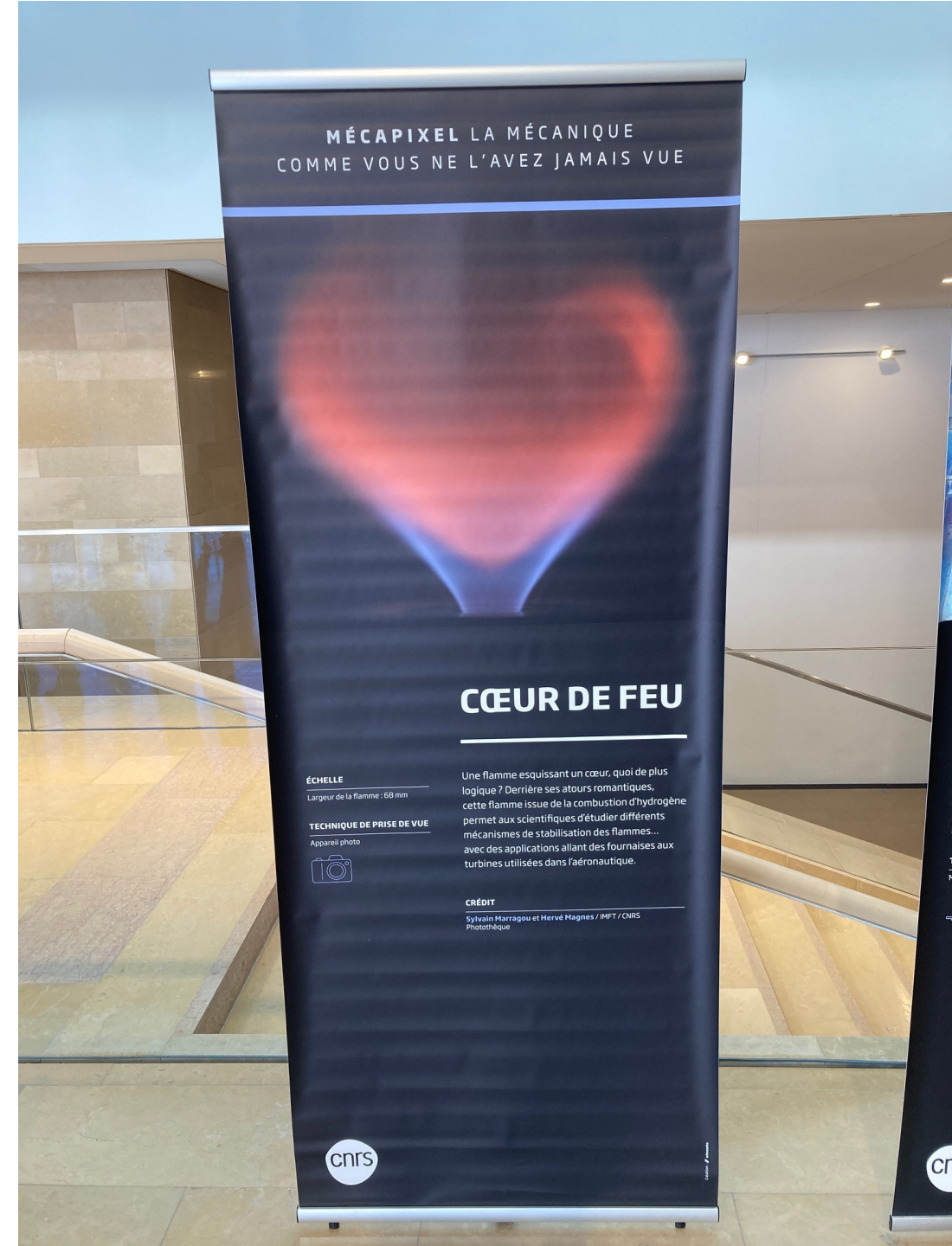
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Poster of the HYLON flame

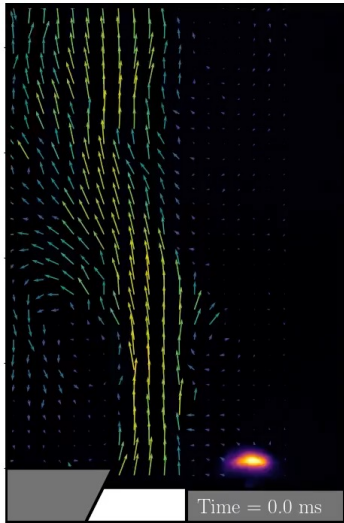


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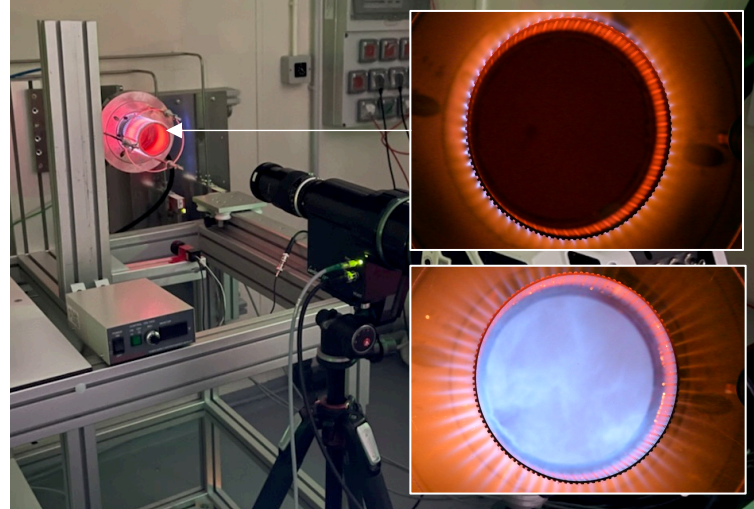


H2 combustion dynamics issues we are not able to predict

Violent ignition



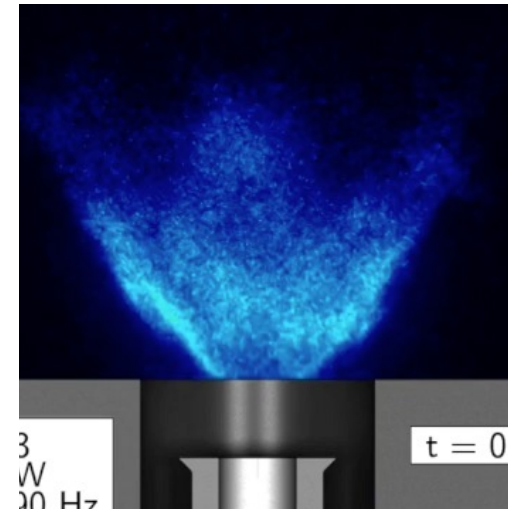
Flashback



Noise



Combustion instabilities



Burners powered by natural gas

two examples

Domestic boilers

$p=1 \text{ atm}$

$T= 20^\circ\text{C}$, ambient air

Air excess ratio

$$1.15 \leq \lambda \leq 1.55$$

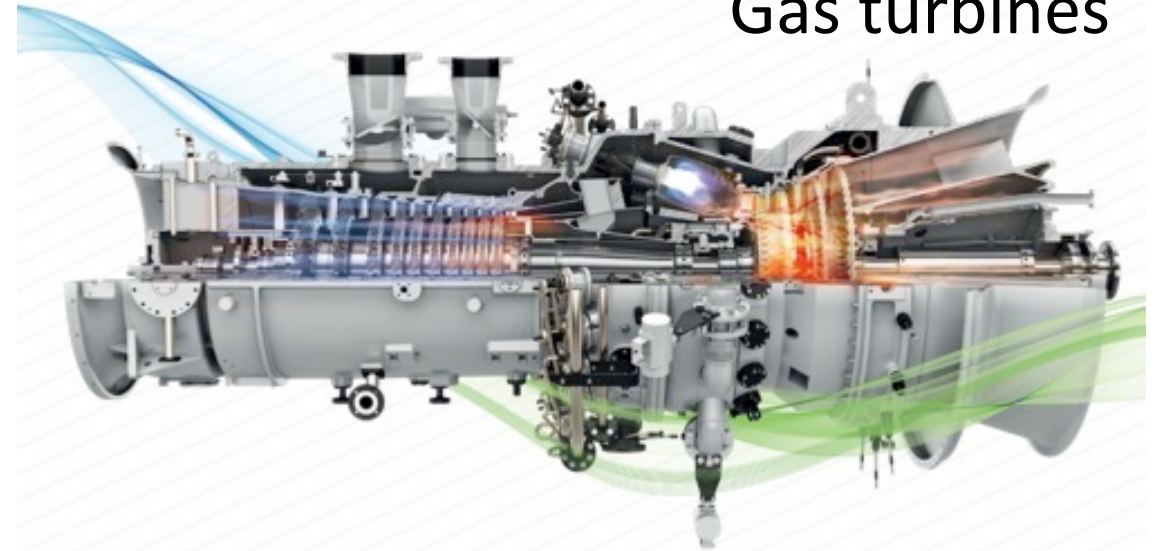
$$0.65 \leq \phi \leq 0.85$$

Laminar flames stabilized on perforates

New boilers are ready for 20% H_2



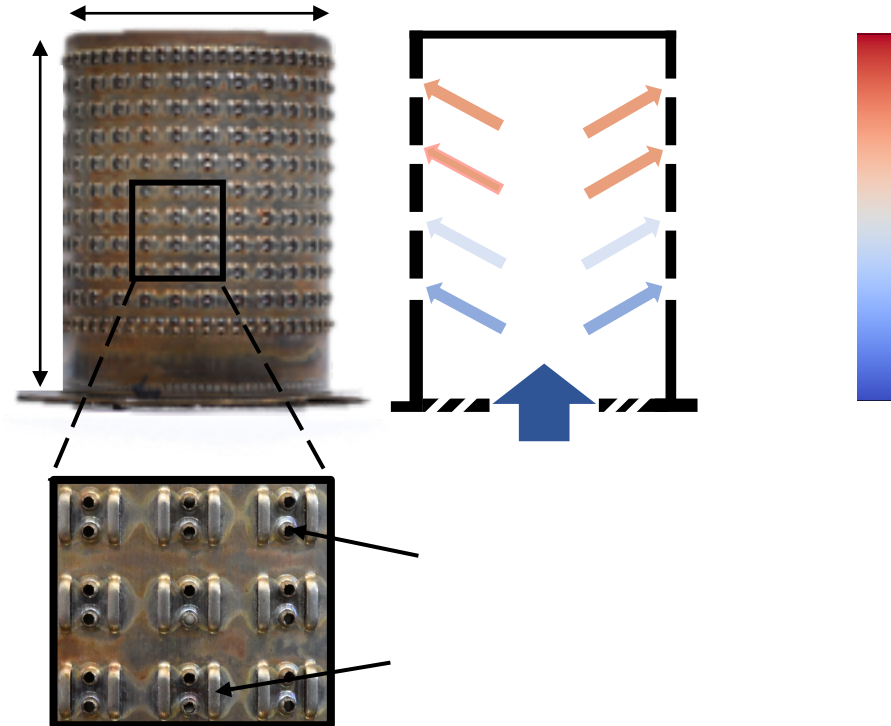
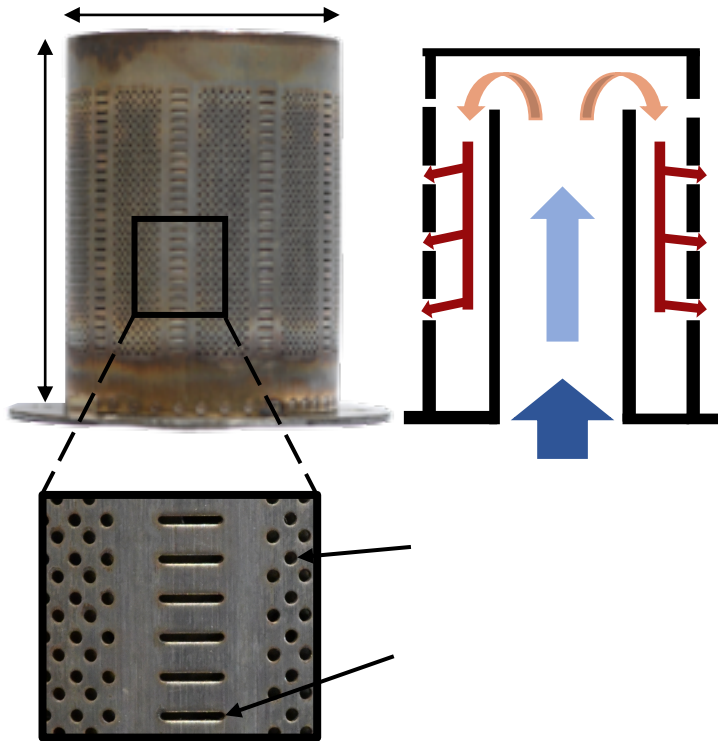
Gas turbines



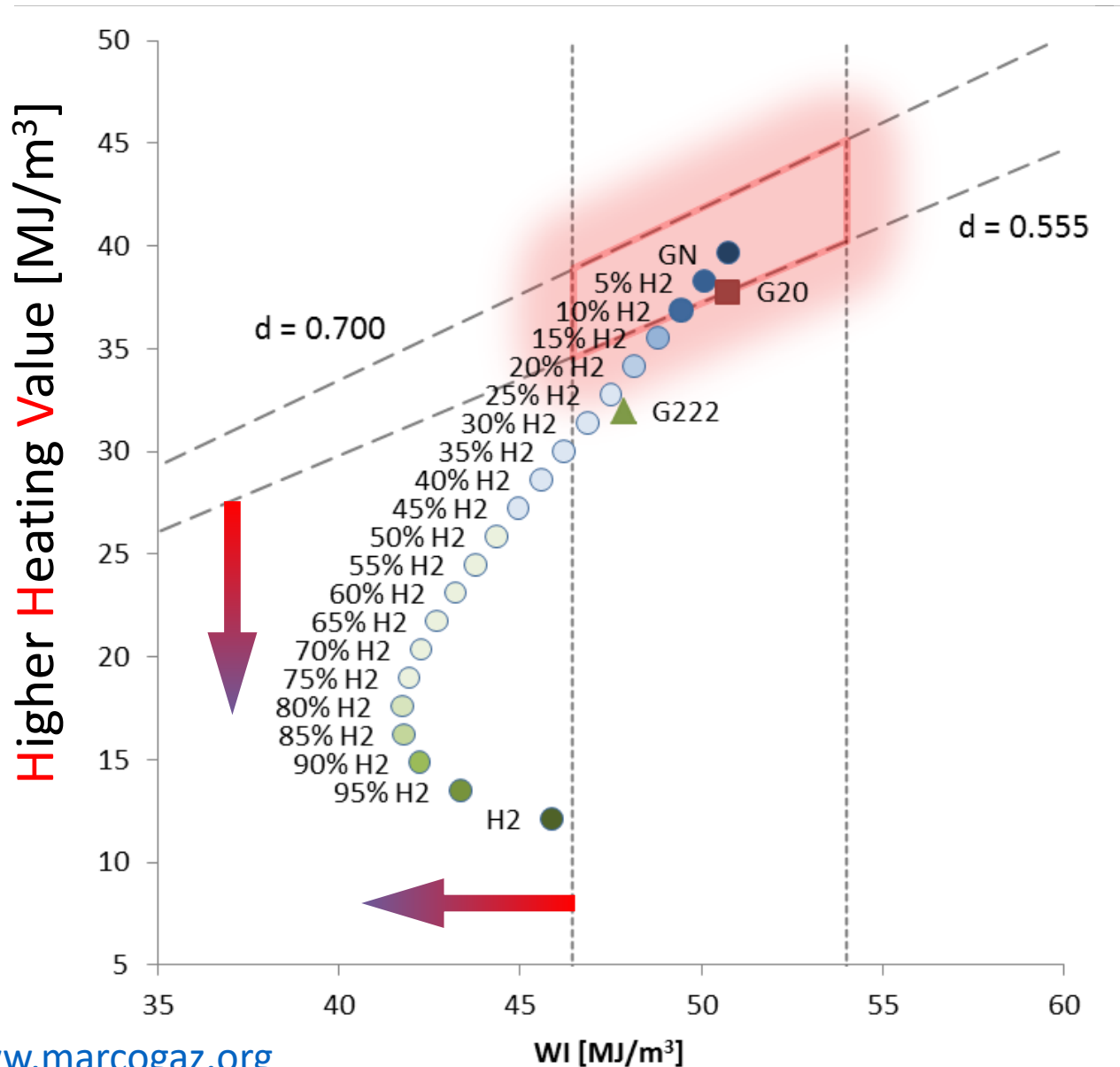
$p= 20\text{-}40 \text{ bar}$, $T=700\text{-}900 \text{ K}$, swirling flames
Some turbines already handle 50-70% H_2 in the fuel blend

Systems powered by natural gas are challenged by H_2 injection

Domestic boiler burners



Impact of hydrogen in natural gas network



Wobbe Index [MJ/m³]

$$WI = \frac{HHV}{\sqrt{d}}$$

$$d = \frac{\rho_g}{\rho_a}$$

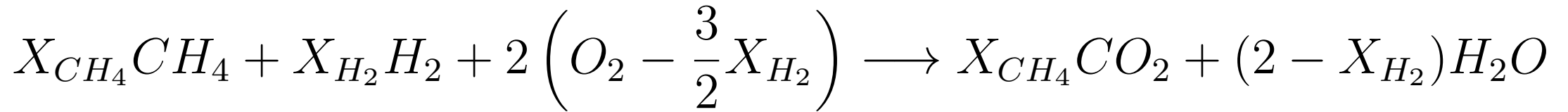
Relative gas density with respect to air @ 15°C and 1 atm

Hydrogen reduces Wobbe index and calorific value of natural gas when mixed with it

CH₄/H₂ fuel blends

$$X_{H_2} = \frac{n_{H_2}}{n_{CH_4} + n_{H_2}} \quad \text{H}_2 \text{ volume fraction in the fuel mixture}$$

Stoichiometric combustion



X_{H_2}	0	0.20	0.50	0.80	1.00
Y_{H_2}	0	0.03	0.11	0.33	1.00
\mathcal{P}_{H_2}	0	0.07	0.23	0.54	1.00
EF [-]	1.00	0.93	0.77	0.46	0

Fraction of power originating from H₂ combustion

$$\mathcal{P}_{H_2} = \frac{Y_{H_2}Q_{H_2}}{Y_{CH_4}Q_{CH_4} + Y_{H_2}Q_{H_2}}$$

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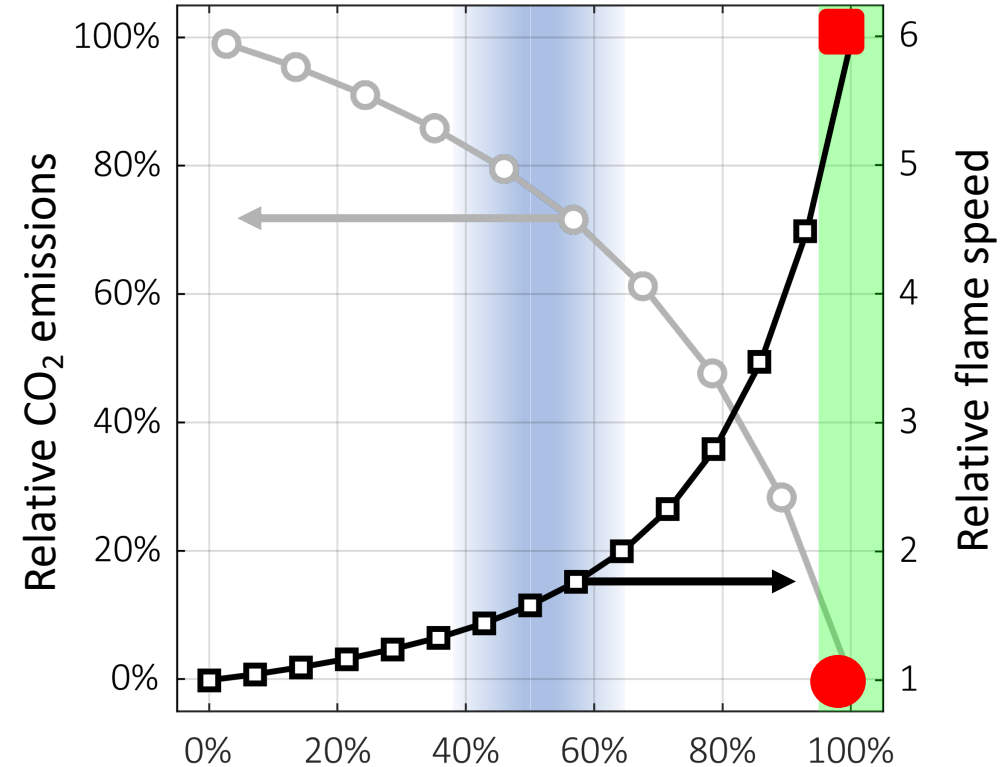
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We are here → We need to go there

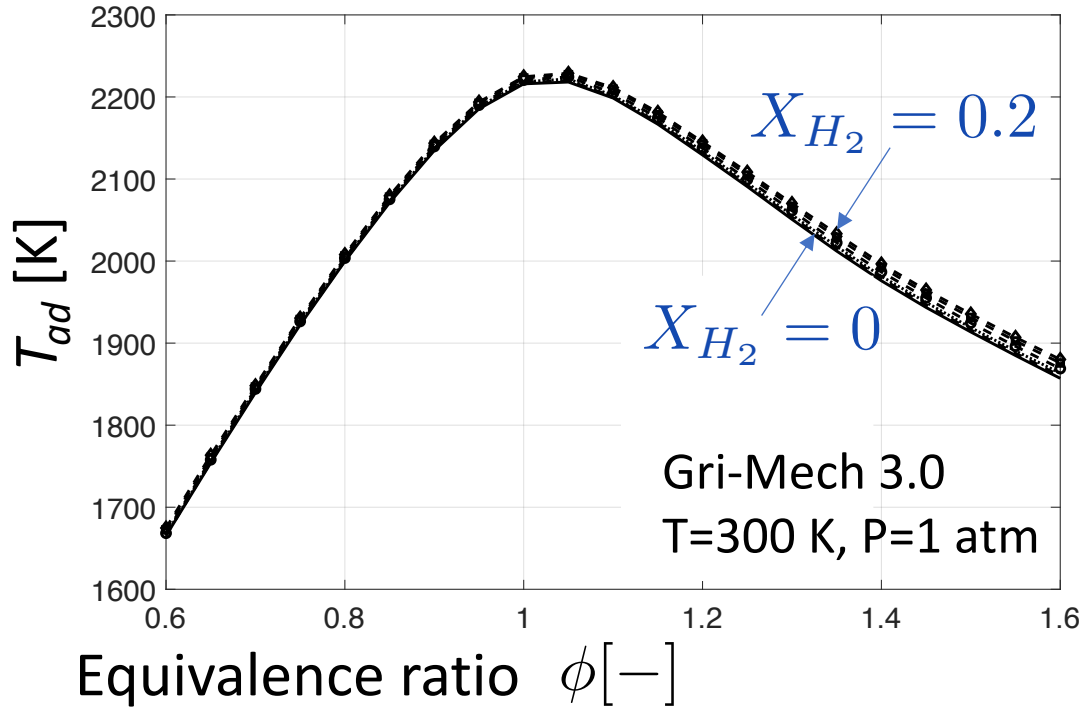


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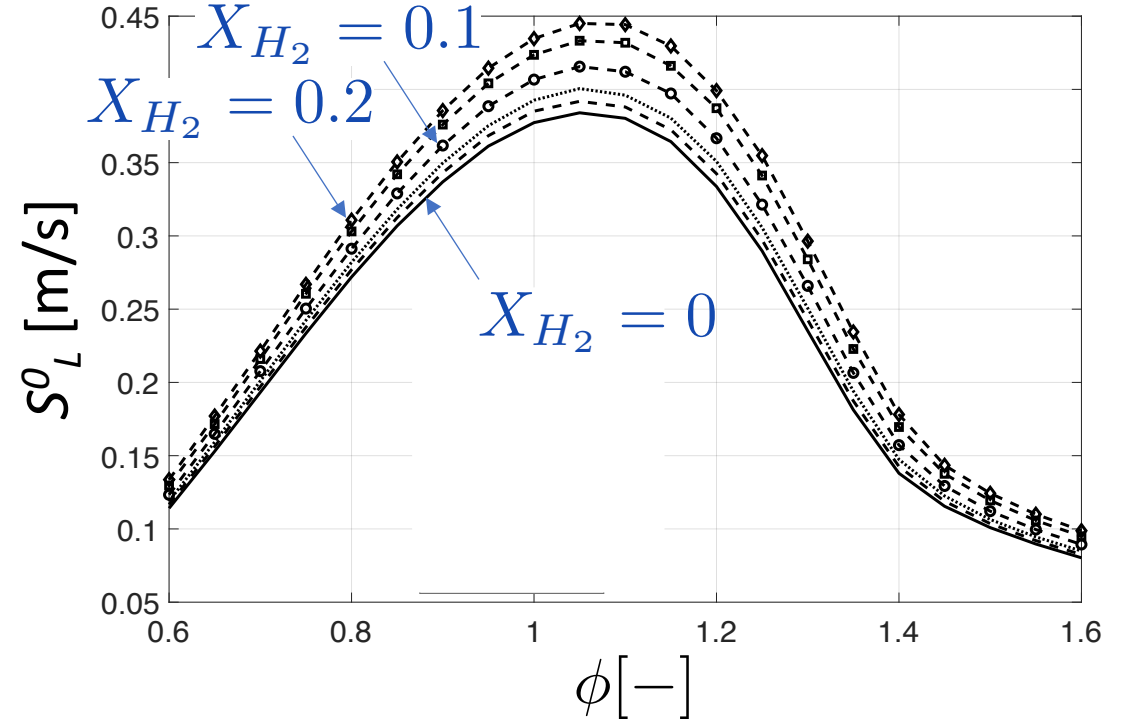
CH₄/H₂-air mixture properties

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Adiabatic flame temperature



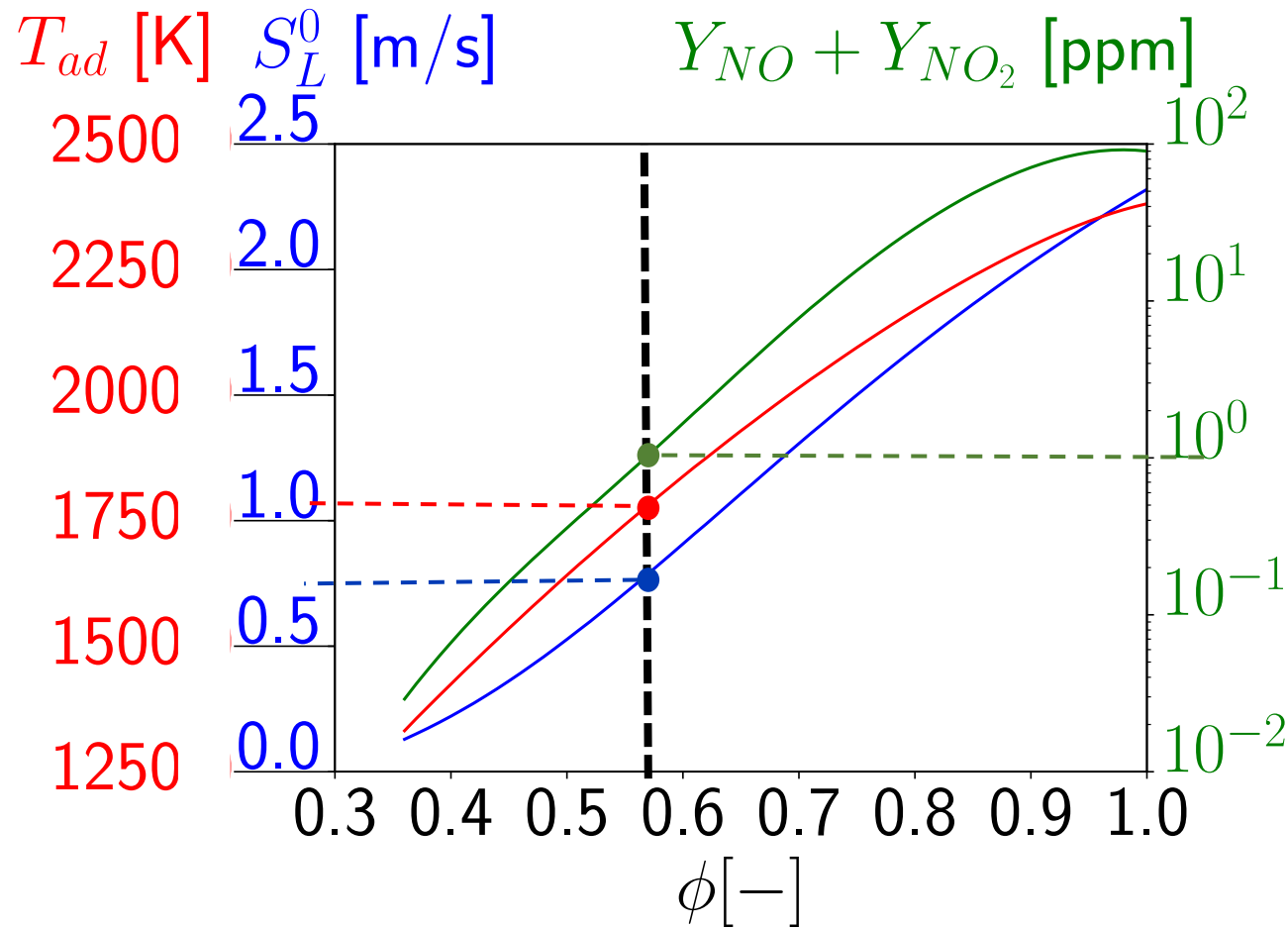
Laminar burning velocity



For lean combustible mixtures ($\phi < 0.8$), hydrogen injection does not alter T_{ad} for $X_{H_2} < 0.2$, but drastically increases S_L^0 for $X_{H_2} > 0.1$

H2/air mixtures properties

Adiabatic flame simulations, UCSD chemistry, $p=1$ atm, $T=300$ K



Thermodynamic equilibrium

To limit NOx emissions, increase of air excess ratio:

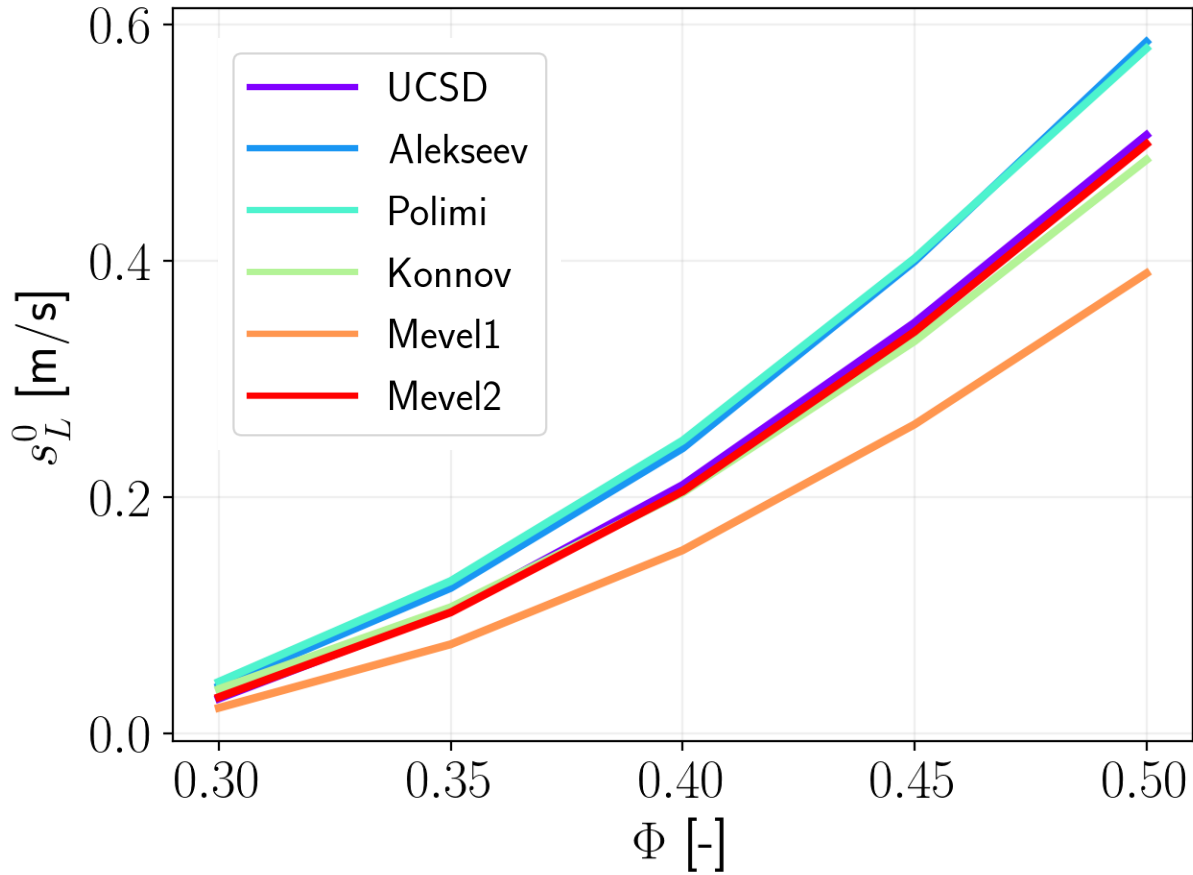
$$\lambda > 1.65 \quad T_{ad} < 1800 \text{ K}$$
$$\phi < 0.6$$

Flame still burns 2 times faster than NG/air flames

$$\phi = 0.5 \quad S_L = 50 \text{ cm/s}$$

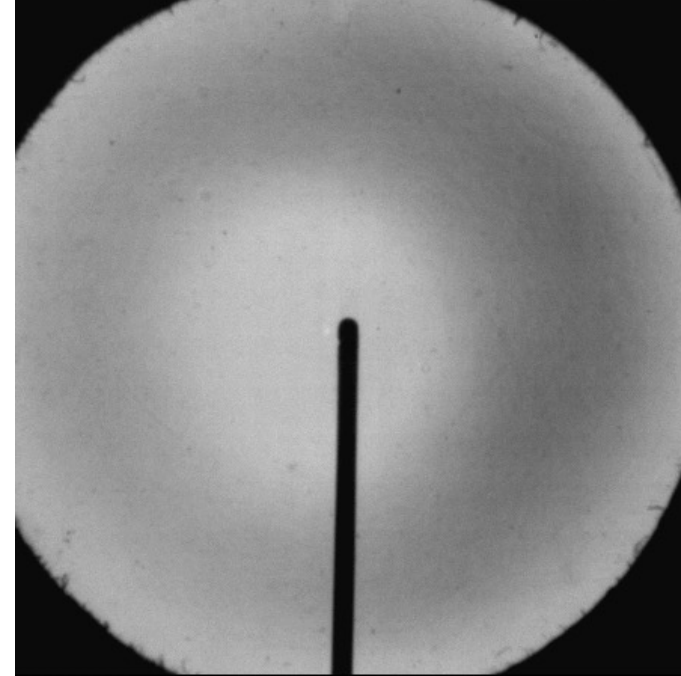
Flame speed of H2/air mixtures

H2/air - T=300 K, p=1 atm



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Beeckmann et al, PCI (2017) 36:1531
Constant volume bomb experiments

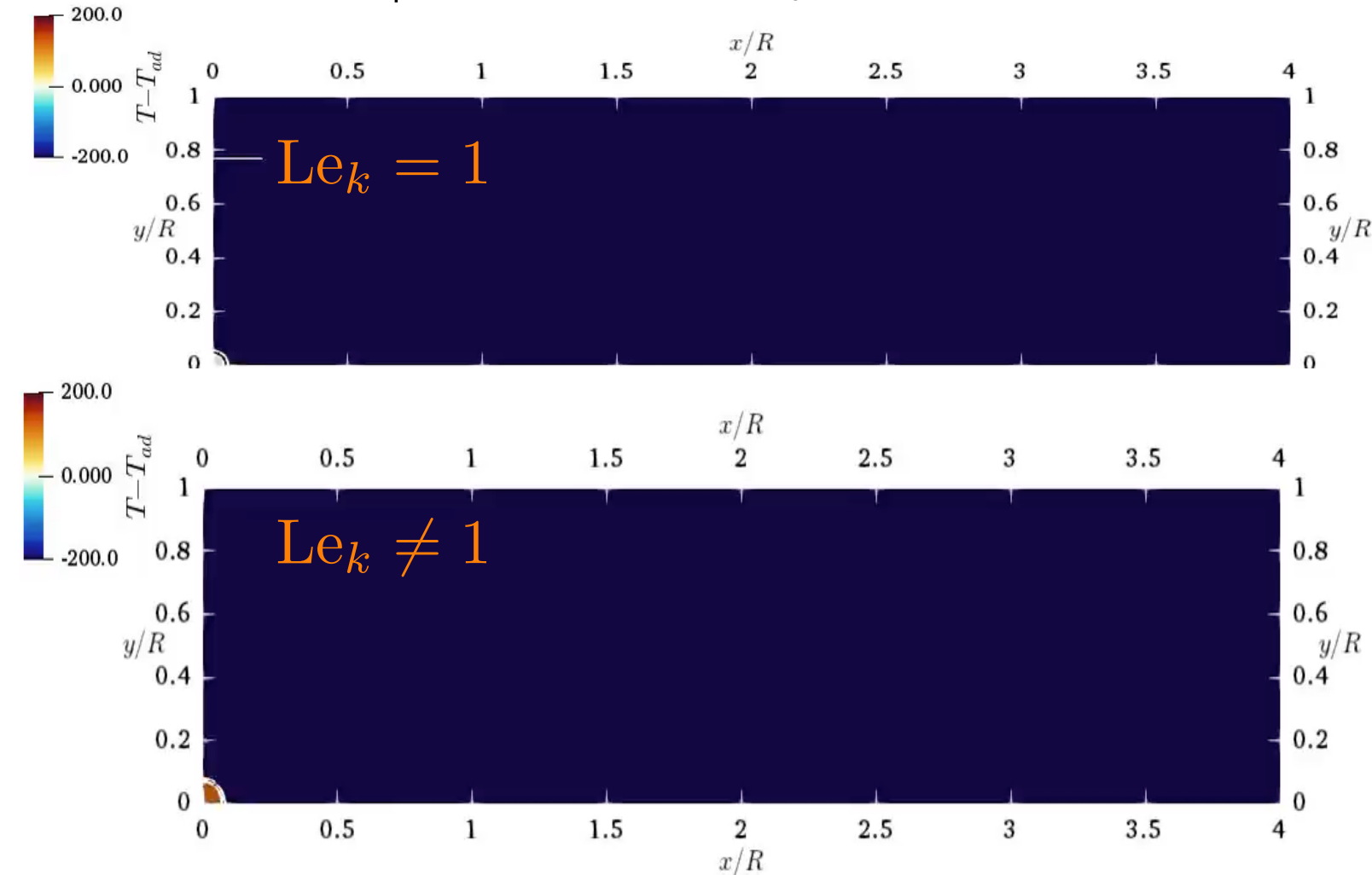


Wide disparity of laminar burning velocity for lean H2/air flames

Thermo-diffusive instabilities of lean H2/air flames

Hok et al. ICDERS 2022

H2/air - $\phi = 0.36$, $T=300$ K, $p=1$ atm



The displacement speed of lean hydrogen premixed flames is strongly altered by non equidiffusive transport properties

Berger et al. CNF (2022) 240:111935

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NOx formation pathways et emissions

Capurso et al. CNF 2023: 112581

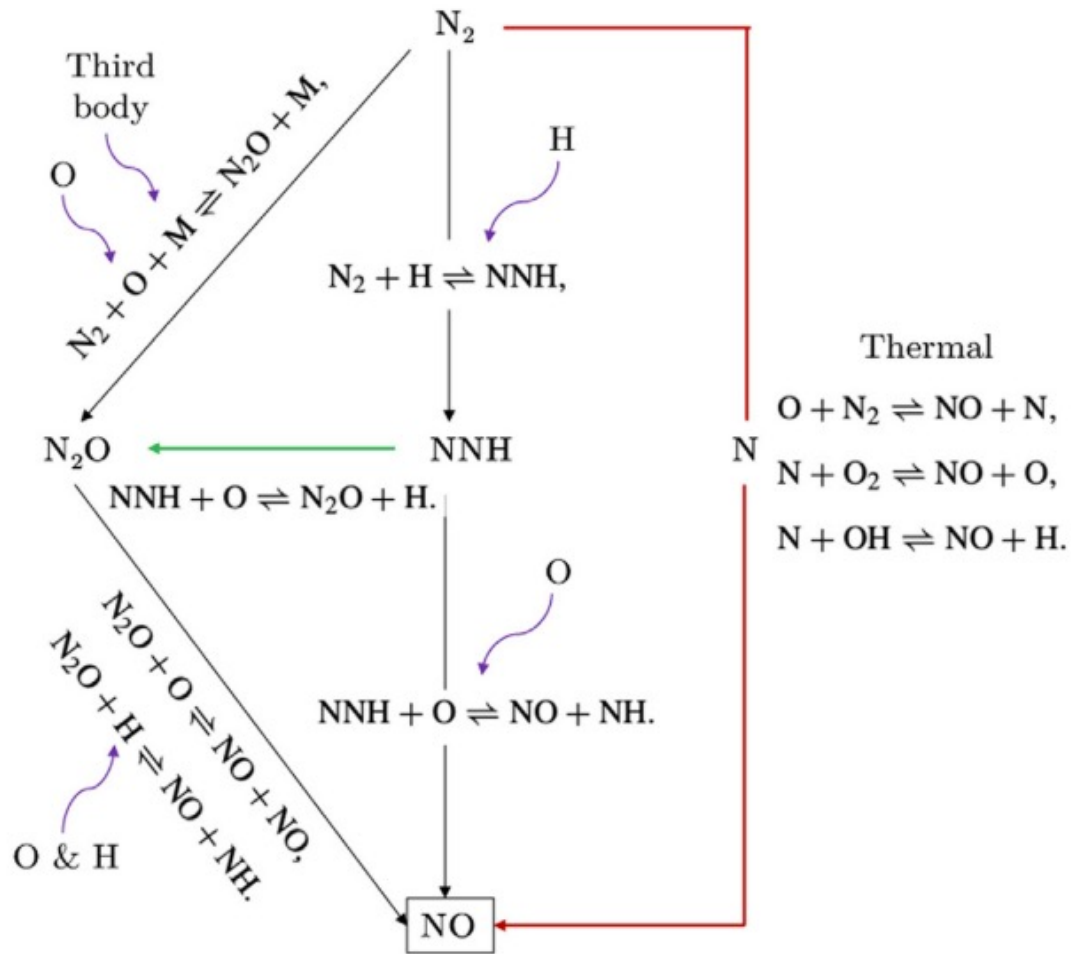
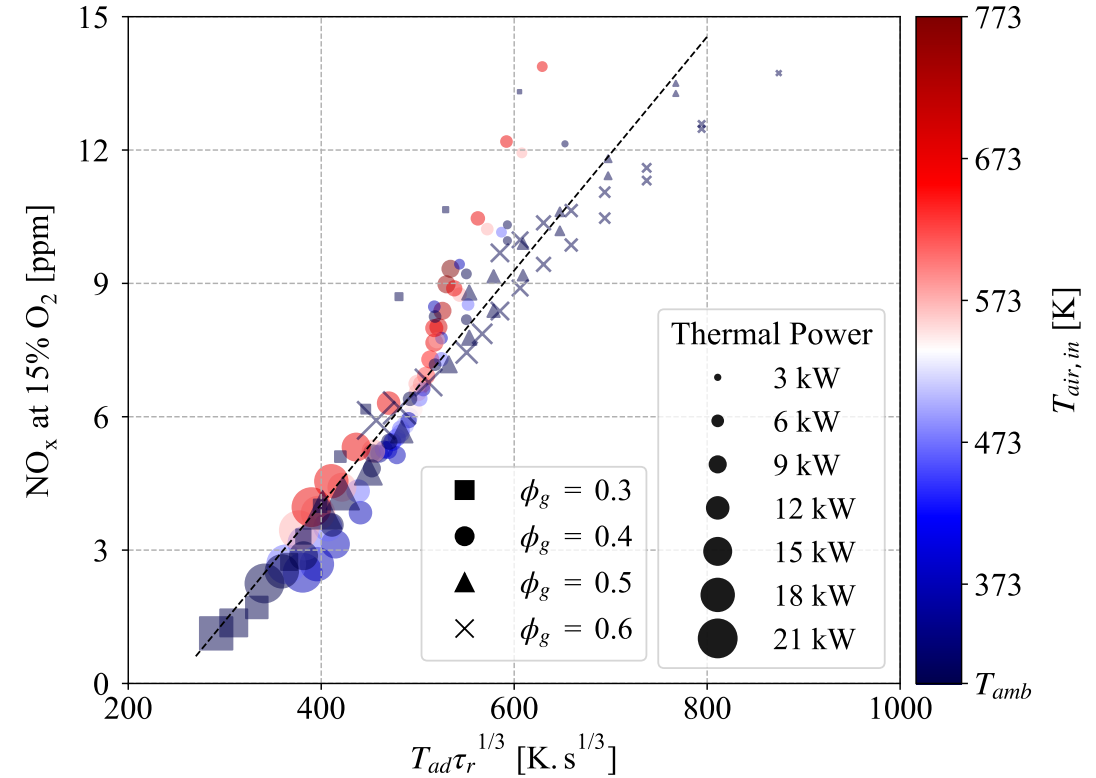


Fig. 17. Schematic representation of the pathways, reactions and molecules involved in the NO formation for H_2 /air combustion.

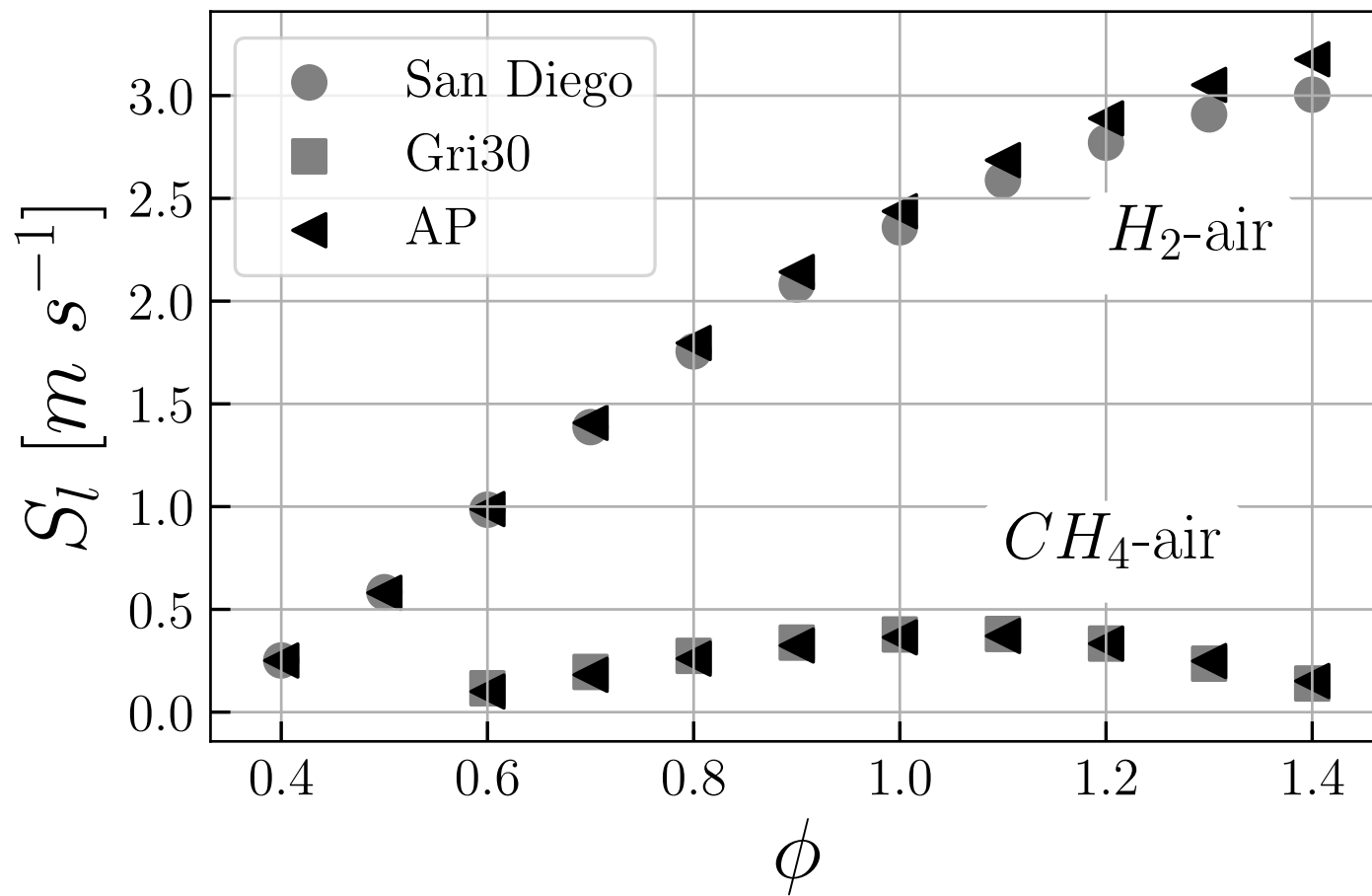
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NOx emissions remain under control, but why?

Laminar flame speed

Scheme validation for mixture used in DNS



Targeted mixtures

Table 1: Characteristics of the flammable mixtures

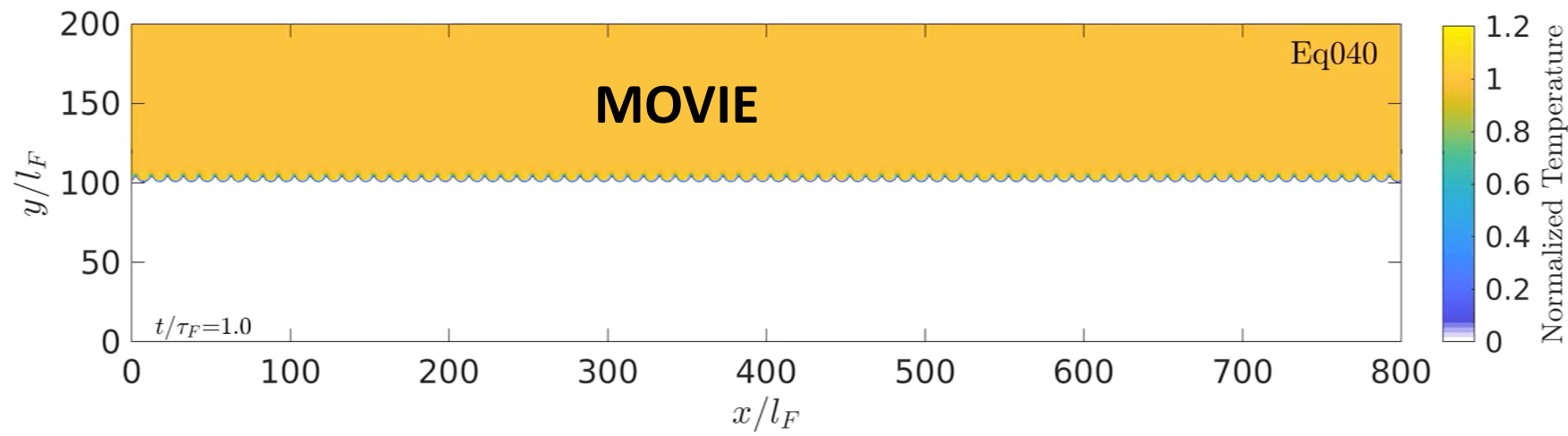
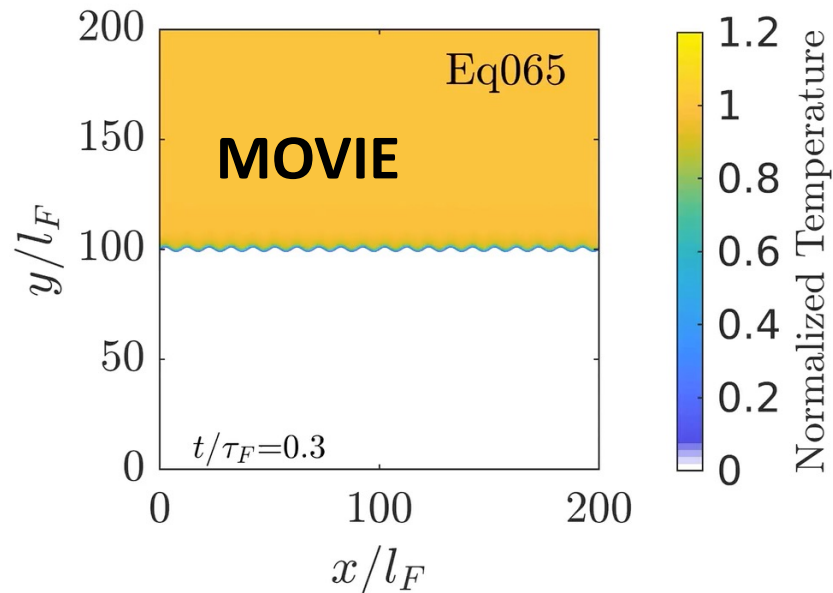
Fuel	ϕ	δ_{th}	S_l	T_{ad}
-	-	mm	cm/s	K
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H_2	0.45	0.4467	40.09	1529

Thermodiffusive instabilities in turbulent H2 flames

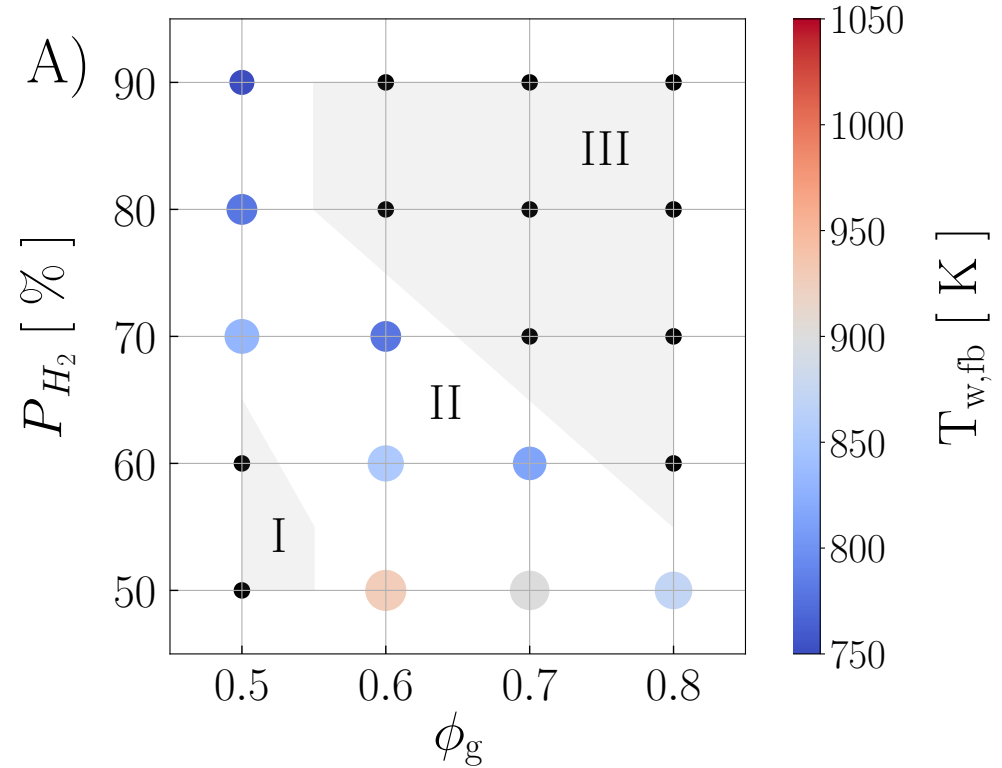
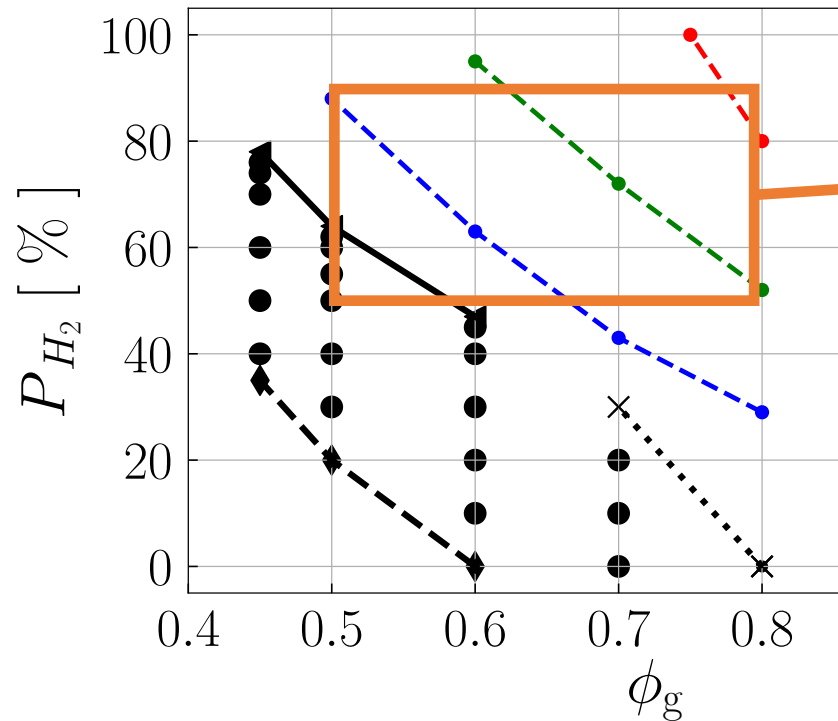
Berger et al. (2022) CNF: 111935 & 111936

DNS, $T_u=298$ K, $p=1$ atm

The consumption speed of lean hydrogen premixed flames is strongly altered by thermodiffusive instabilities



Flashback during thermal transient

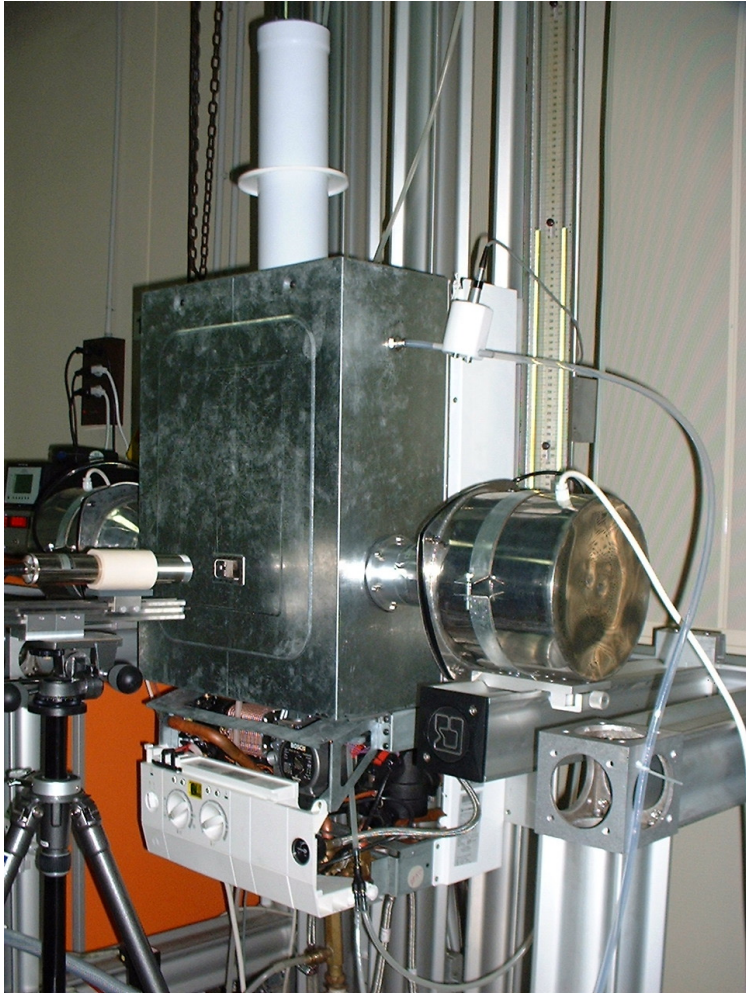


Regime III: Flashback takes place immediately after ignition, $T_{w,fb}=T_a$

Regime II: stable combustion for $T_w < T_{w,fb}$. Flashback takes place when $T_w = T_{w,fb}$

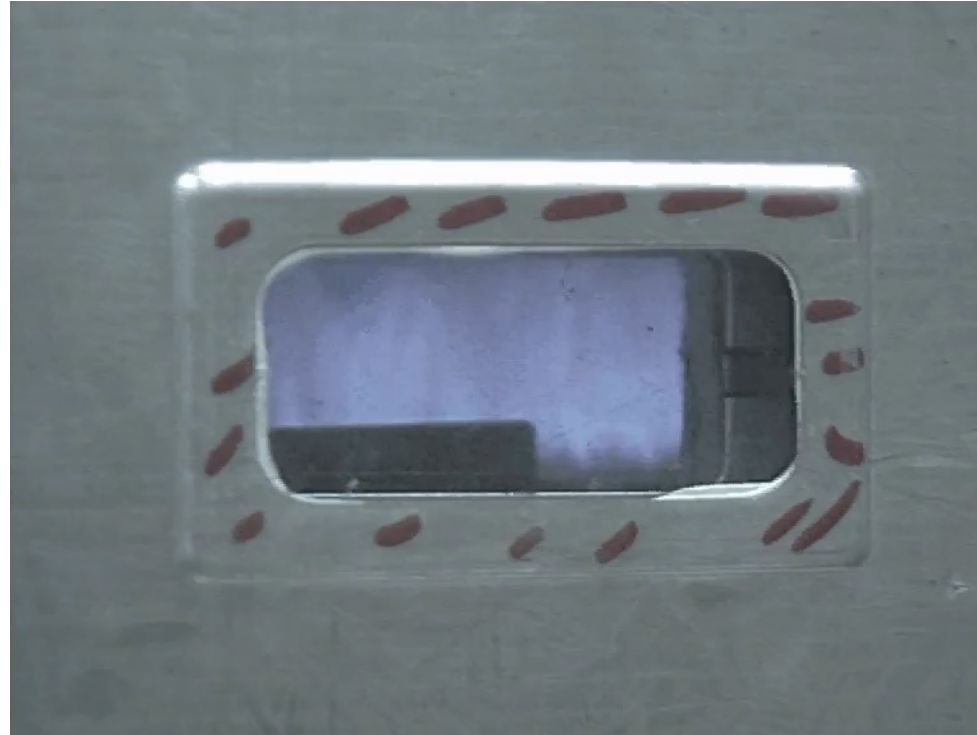
Regime I: combustion remains stable. The burner temperature T_w naturally evolves towards thermal equilibrium.

Thermoacoustic instabilities



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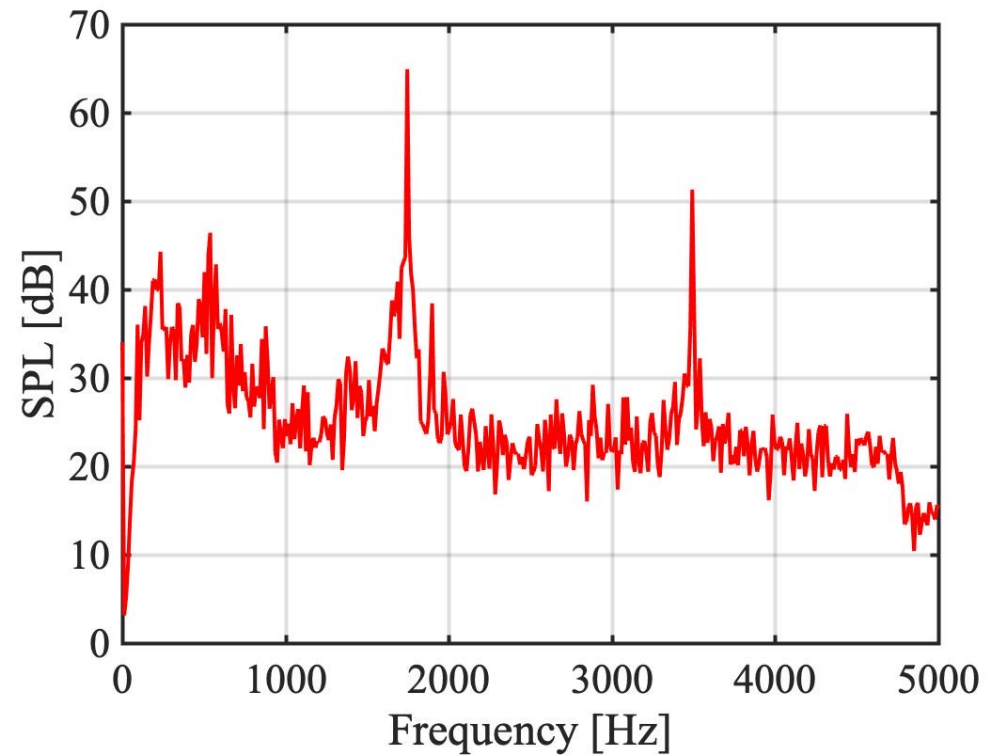
Natural gas fueled domestic boiler



Boiler supplied with natural gas and equipped with an induction mixer. The metal enclosure “breathes” with flames that expand and contract periodically at very low frequency 10-20 Hz

Thermoacoustic instabilities

H2 fueled domestic boiler

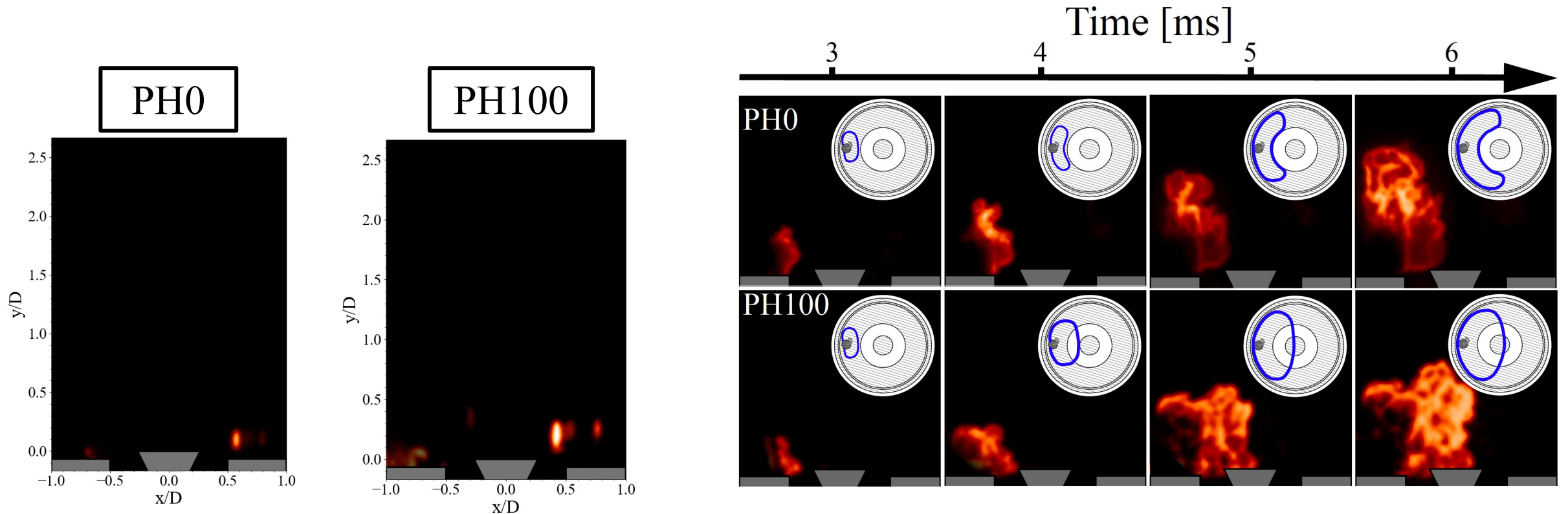


Strong tonal noise emission at high at $f=1.8$ kHz!

Ignition dynamics

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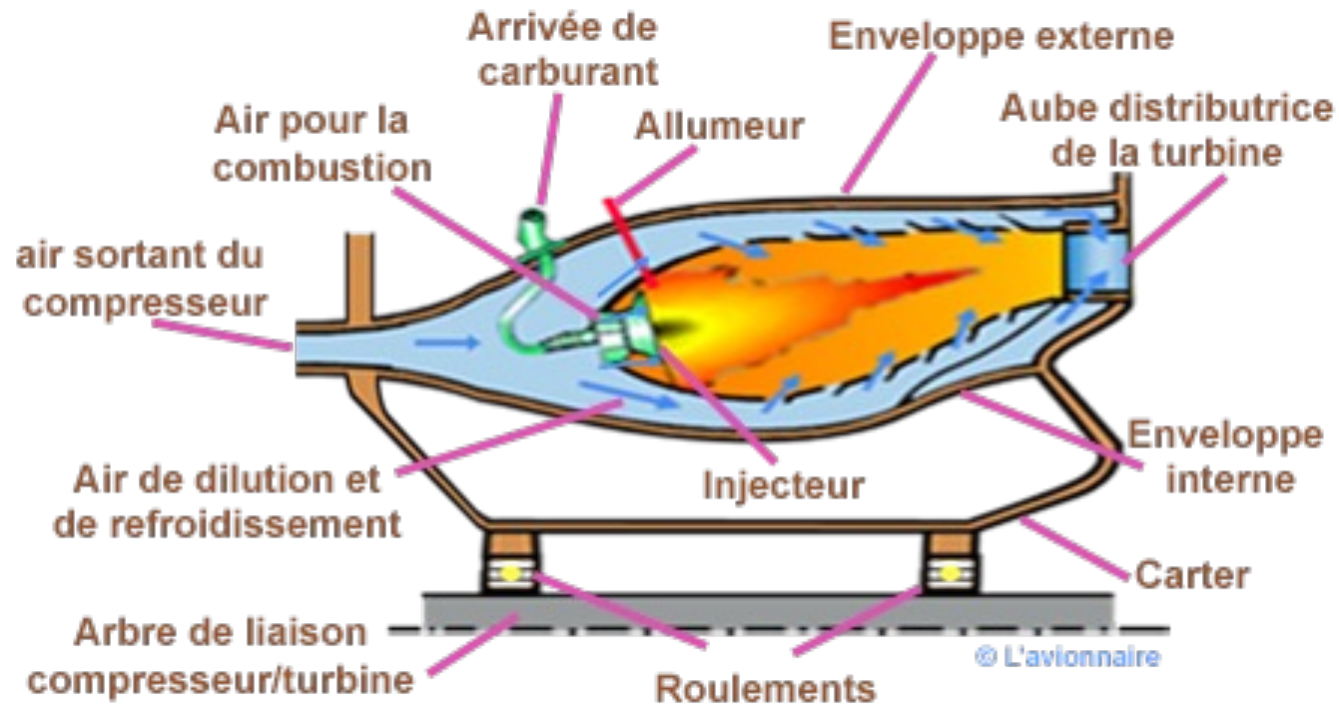
Fully premixed non-swirling jet burner $U_b = 5 \text{ m/s}$, $S_L = 0.25 \text{ m/s}$, $U_b/S_L = 20$



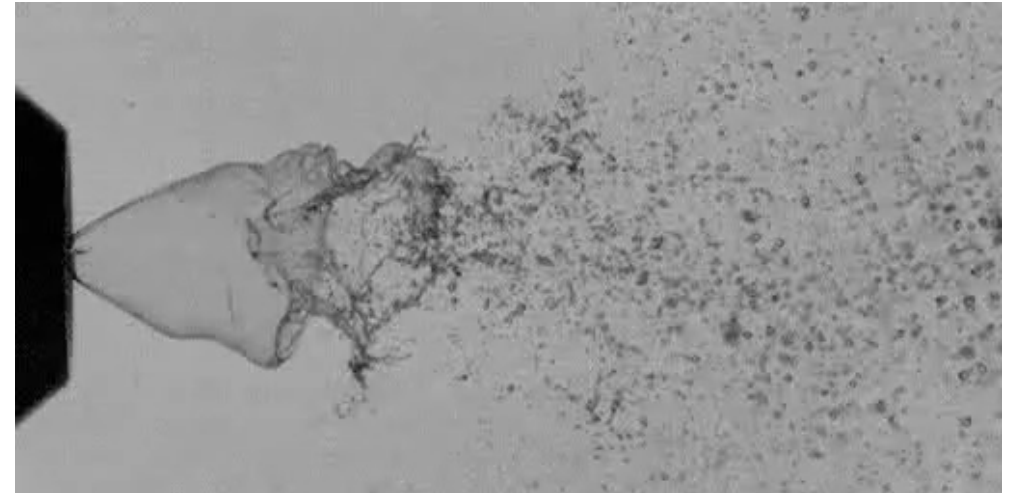
Hydrogen powered systems have violent ignition dynamics possibly leading to a temporary reversal flow (flashback)

Aerojet engine gas turbine

..... are powered by kerosene



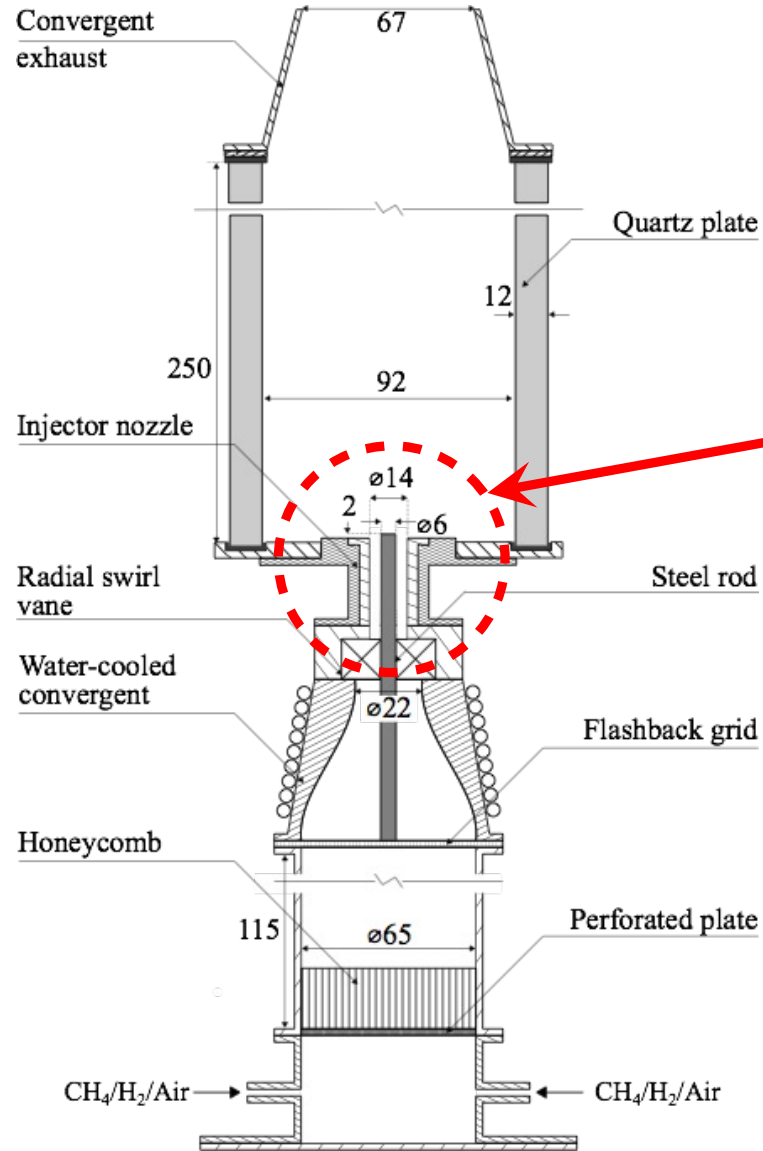
Hollow cone fuel spray injector



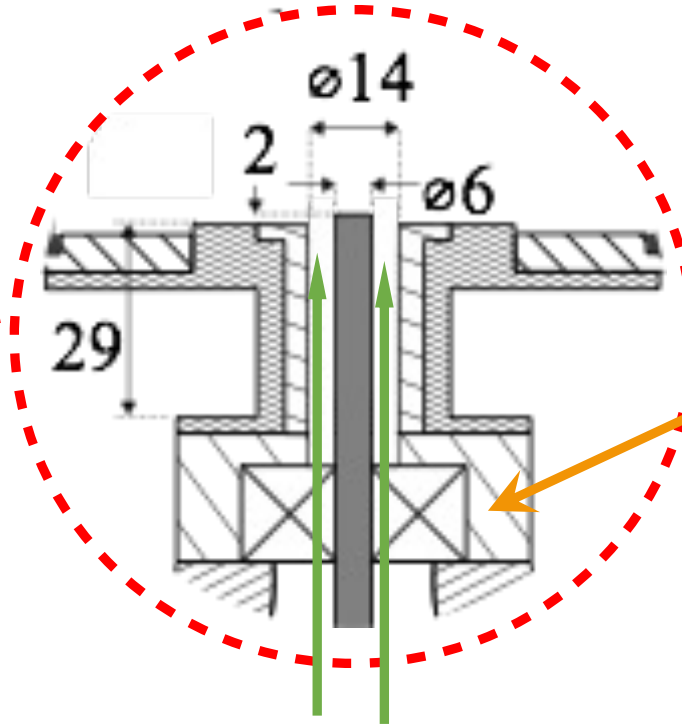
2×10^5 frames/s T. Morinière PhD IMFT

How to switch to hydrogen?

Premixed swirled CH₄/H₂-air flames

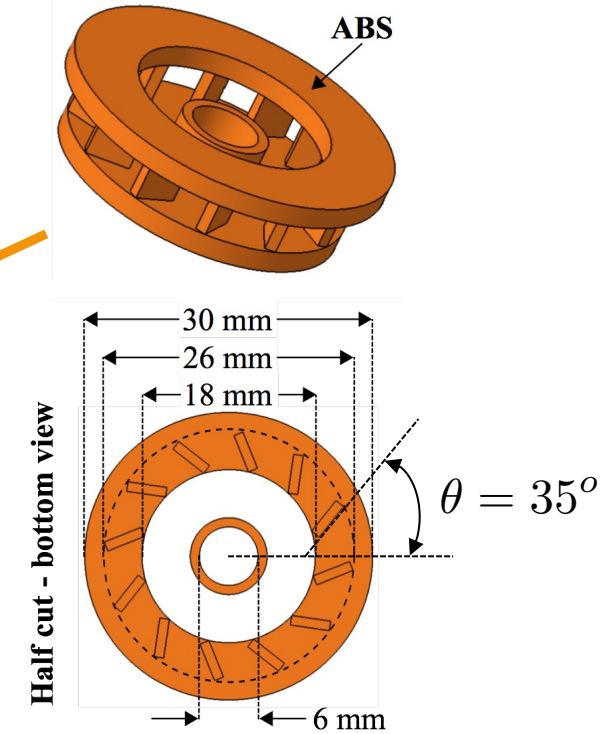


Swirled injector



CH₄/H₂/air
mixture

Radial swirl vane



Swirl number : $S=0.4$

Guiberti et al. (2015) PCI, 35:1385
Mercier et al. (2016) CNF, 171:42

Flame stabilization

P=10 kW

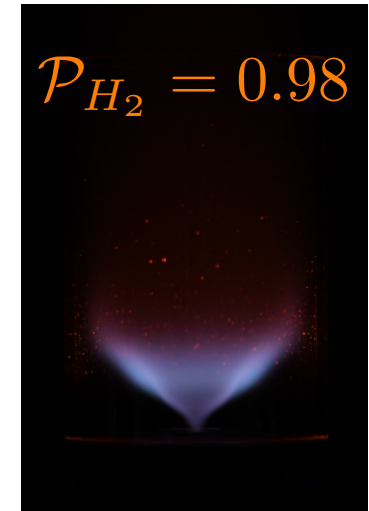
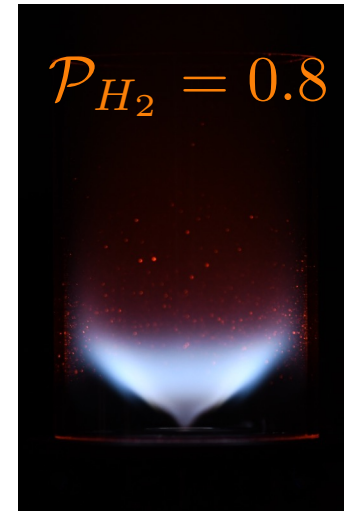
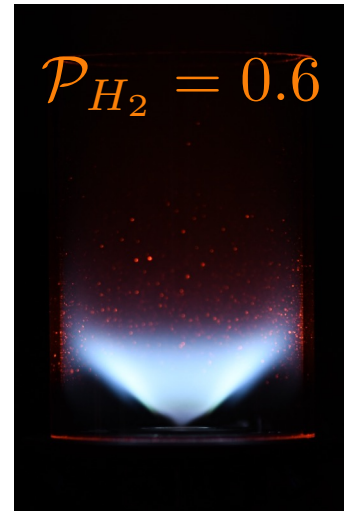
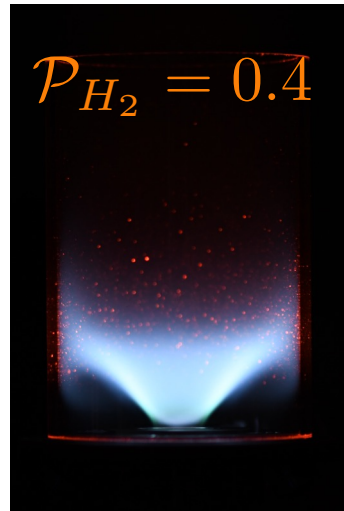
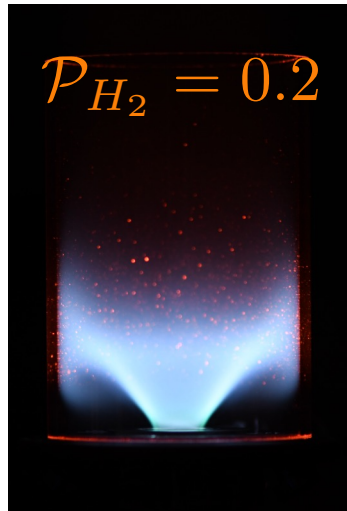
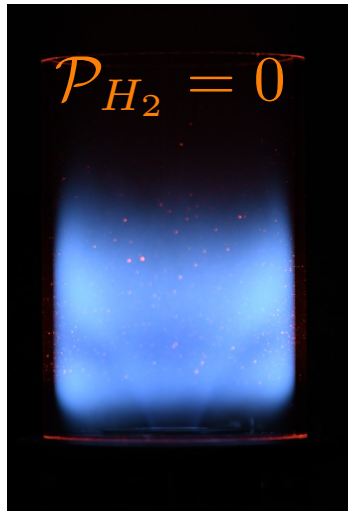
$S_i=0.9$

$S_e=0.7$

$$J = \frac{\rho_e u_e^2}{\rho_i u_i^2}$$

← CH₄/Air mixture (ϕ_e)

← H₂



$\phi = 0.70$
 $\phi_e = 0.70$
 $J = \text{inf}$
 $u_e = 26 \text{ m/s}$
 $u_i = 0 \text{ m/s}$

$\phi = 0.67$
 $\phi_e = 0.56$
 $J = 172$
 $u_e = 26 \text{ m/s}$
 $u_i = 7 \text{ m/s}$

$\phi = 0.65$
 $\phi_e = 0.42$
 $J = 42$
 $u_e = 25 \text{ m/s}$
 $u_i = 15 \text{ m/s}$

$\phi = 0.62$
 $\phi_e = 0.28$
 $J = 18$
 $u_e = 25 \text{ m/s}$
 $u_i = 22 \text{ m/s}$

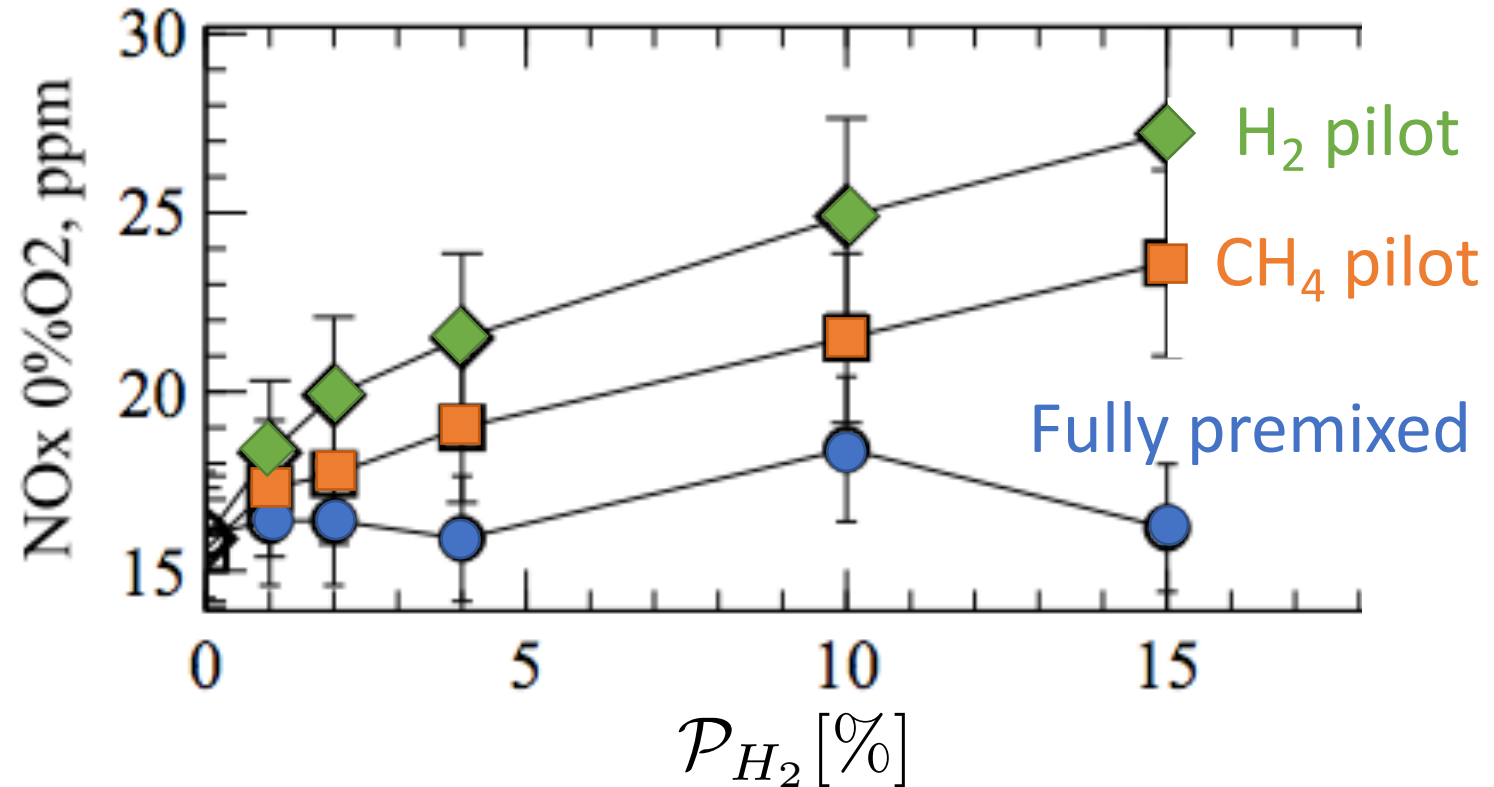
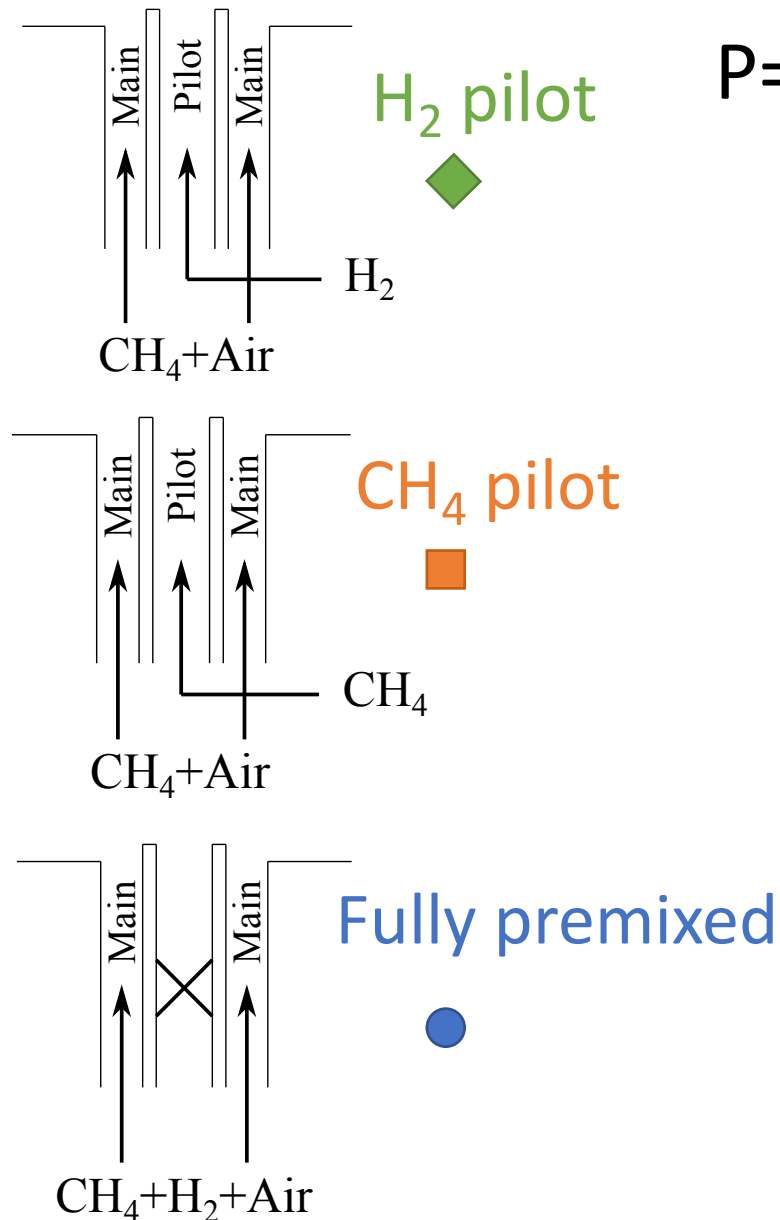
$\phi = 0.60$
 $\phi_e = 0.14$
 $J = 10$
 $u_e = 24 \text{ m/s}$
 $u_i = 30 \text{ m/s}$

$\phi = 0.58$
 $\phi_e \sim 0.01$
 $J = 7$
 $u_e = 24 \text{ m/s}$
 $u_i = 36 \text{ m/s}$

Effect of pilot jet injection on NOx emissions

Oztarlik (2020) CNF 214

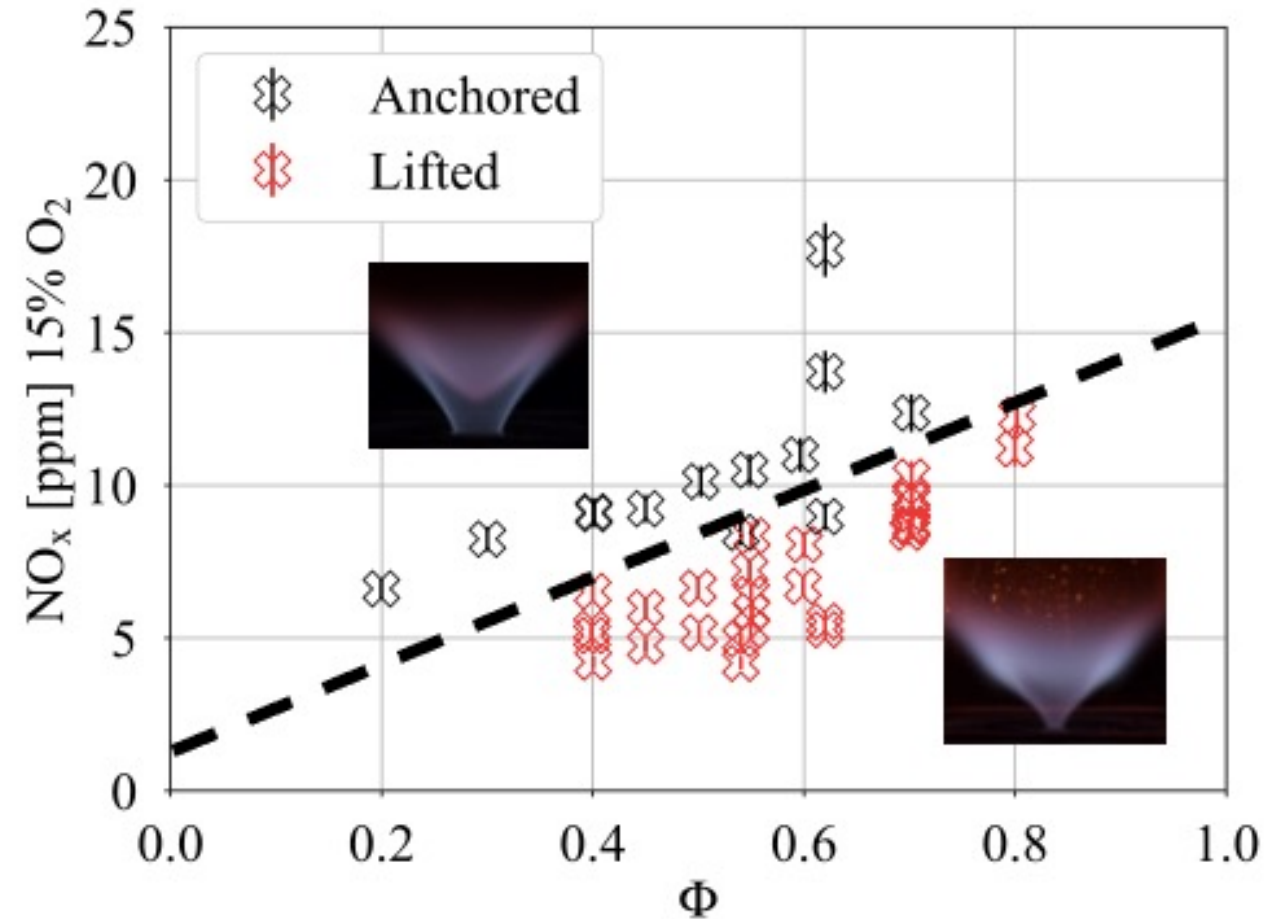
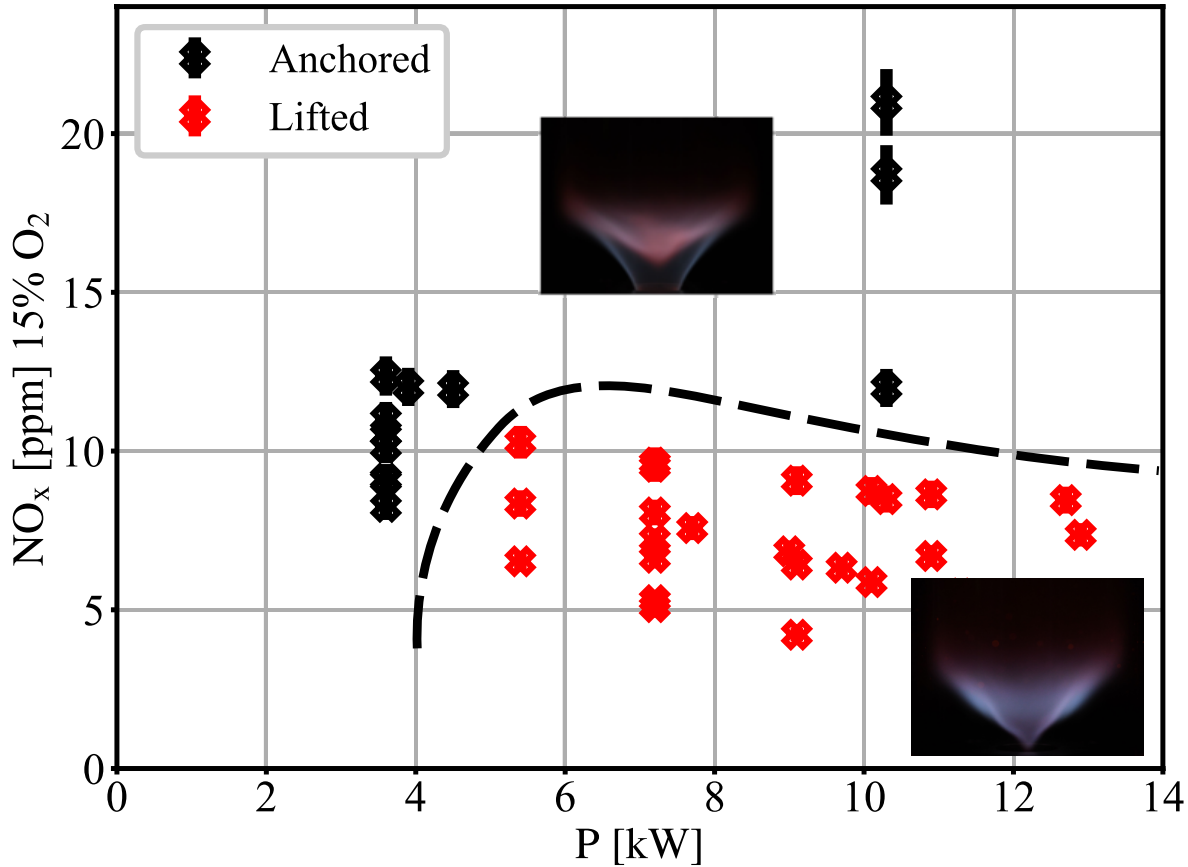
$P = 4 \text{ kW}$, $\phi = 0.8$ @ $P_{H_2} = 0$, $S_i = 0$, $S_e = 0.55$



NOx emission abatement can only be achieved with a better mixing

HYLON : NO_x emissions

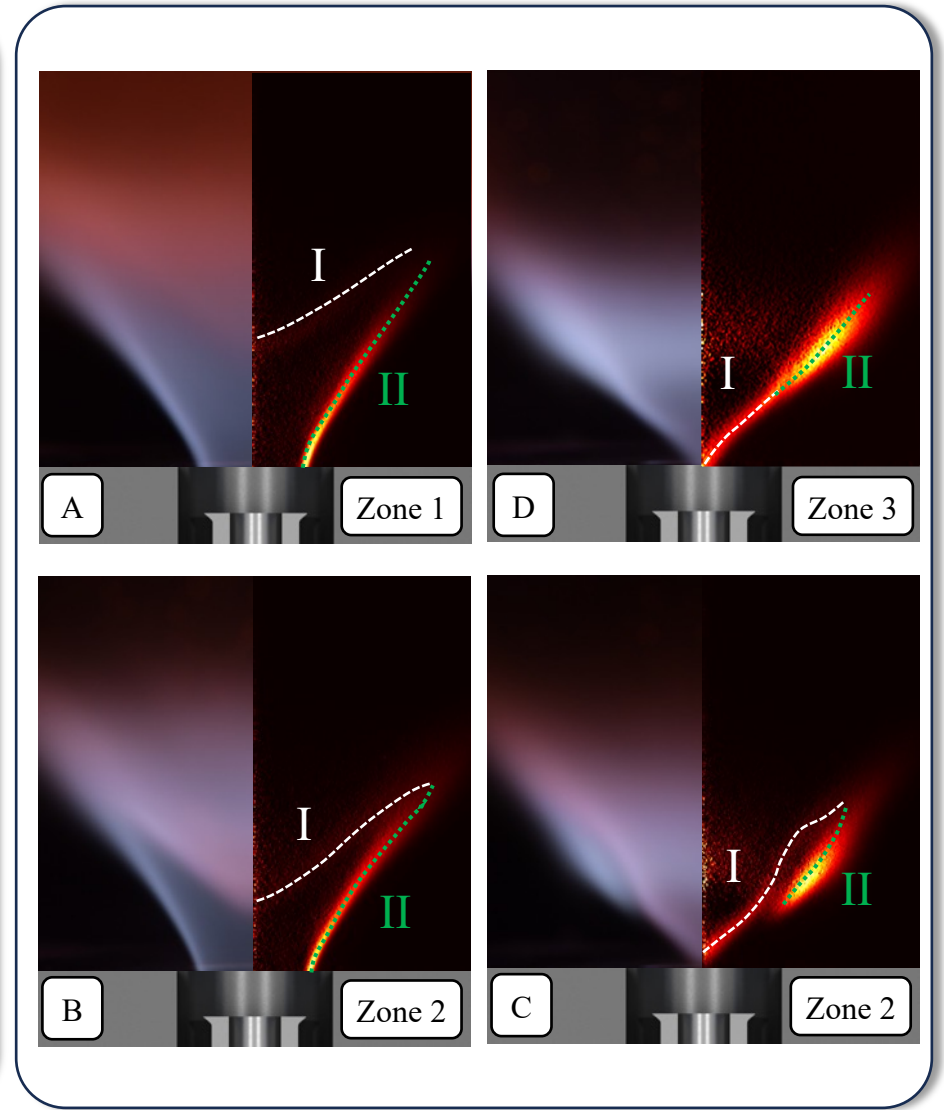
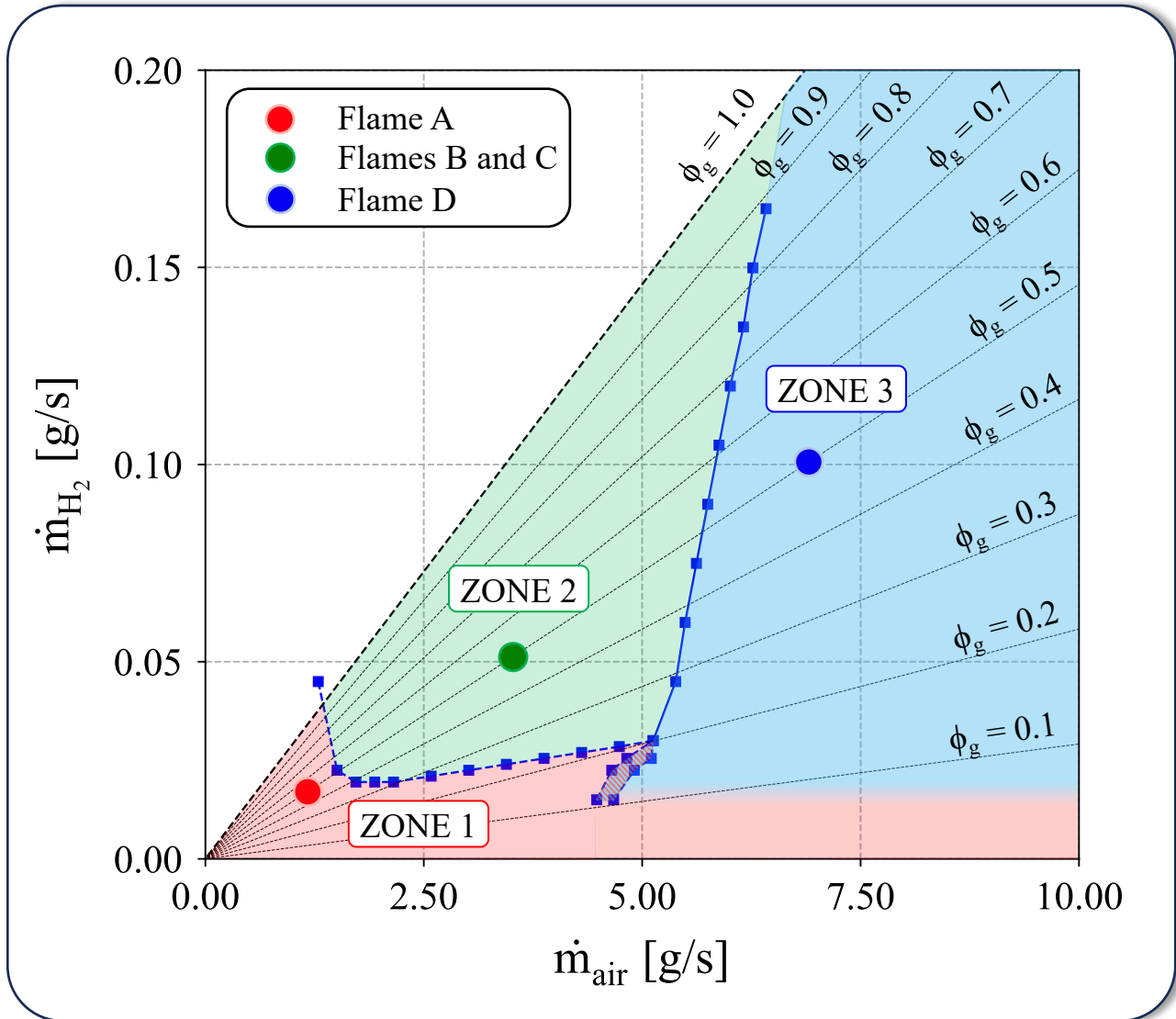
Marragou et al. (2022) IJHE 47: 19275--19288



Lifted flames lead to reduced NO_x emissions

Stabilization chart @ p=1 bar, T=300 K

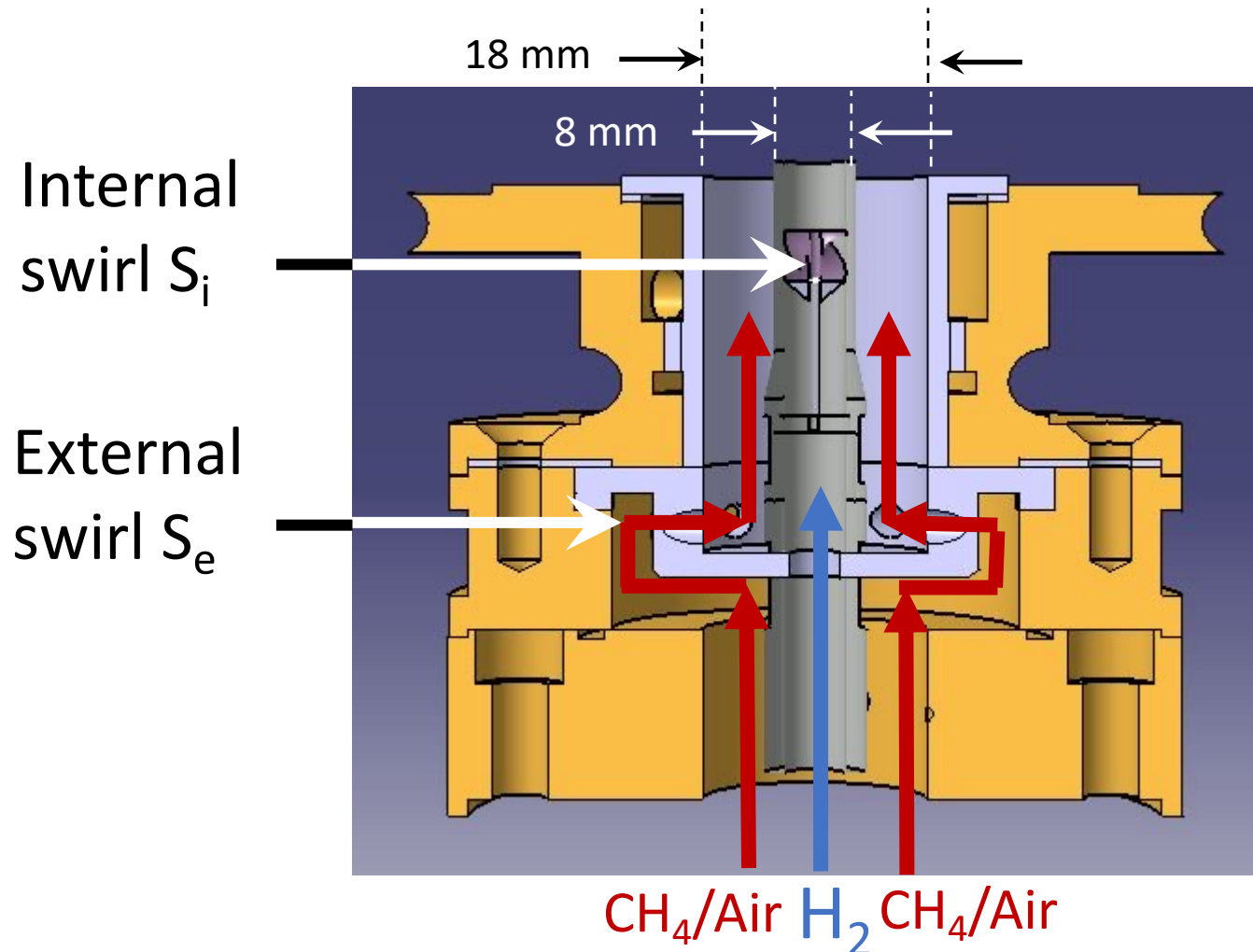
Magnes et al. GT2023-103192



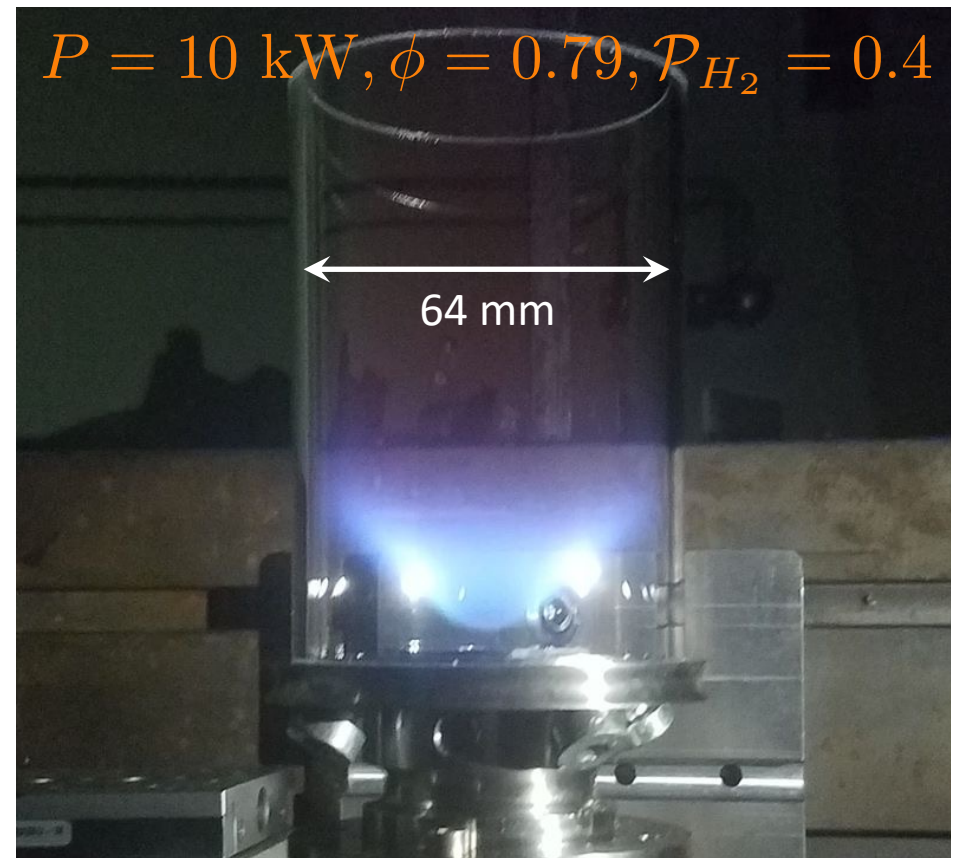
Dual fuel dual swirl non-premixed injector

Swirling the fuel yields compact and lifted flames

Degenève et al. (2019) JEGTP 141:121018



Aerodynamically stabilized flame



S. Marragou's iphone picture