

# R&D for Safety Codes and Standards: Hydrogen Behavior

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# Overview

## Timeline

- Project start date: Oct. 2003
- Project end date: Sept. 2015
- Percent complete: 80%

## Budget

- Total project funding (to date)
  - DOE share: \$15.4M (\$13.6M)\*
- FY11 Funding: \$1.3M (\$1.2M\*)
- Planned Funding in FY12: \$0.8M (\$0.7M\*)

(\*R&D core, no IEA contracts)

## Barriers (2012 MYRD&D)

- F. Enabling national and international markets requires consistent RCS
- G. Insufficient technical data to revise standards
- L. Usage and Access Restrictions – parking structures, tunnels and other usage areas

## Partners

*Industry:* Air Products, Lincoln Composites, HIPOC, FCHEA, CTFCA, SRI

*Govt:* NREL, CSTT, NIST, PNNL

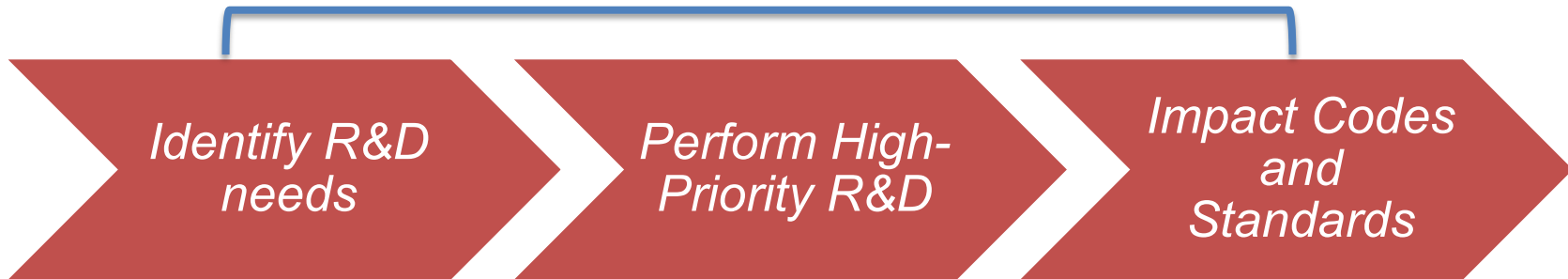
*SDO/CDO:* NFPA, ICC, ISO, CSA, SAE, ASME

*International:* IEA, Longitude 122 West, HYPER, HySAFE, IPHE, I2CNER



# Coordinate critical stakeholders and research to remove technology deployment barriers

Partnerships with industry, labs, academia



*Harmonize Internationally*  
Regulations, Codes and Standards (RCS, GTR)  
International Standards (eg. ISO)  
International Agreements (IEA, IPHE)

- Metrics for Success
  - Number of codes, standards, regulations impacted
  - Degree of harmonization



Risk conventionally defined as: **Frequency × Consequences**

A more detailed definition relates **harm probability** to **accident occurrence** as:

$$Risk \propto \sum_{i,j,k} P(\text{Release}_i) P(\text{Ignition}_j | \text{Release}_i) P(\text{Hazard}_k | \text{Ignition}_j \cap \text{Release}_i) P(\text{Harm} | \text{Hazard}_k)^\dagger$$

- Large potential permutations that strongly depend on release scenarios
- Assignment solely from incident statistics is prohibitive

Terms currently approximated through the use of lookup tables, e.g.,

### Hydrogen Ignition Probabilities

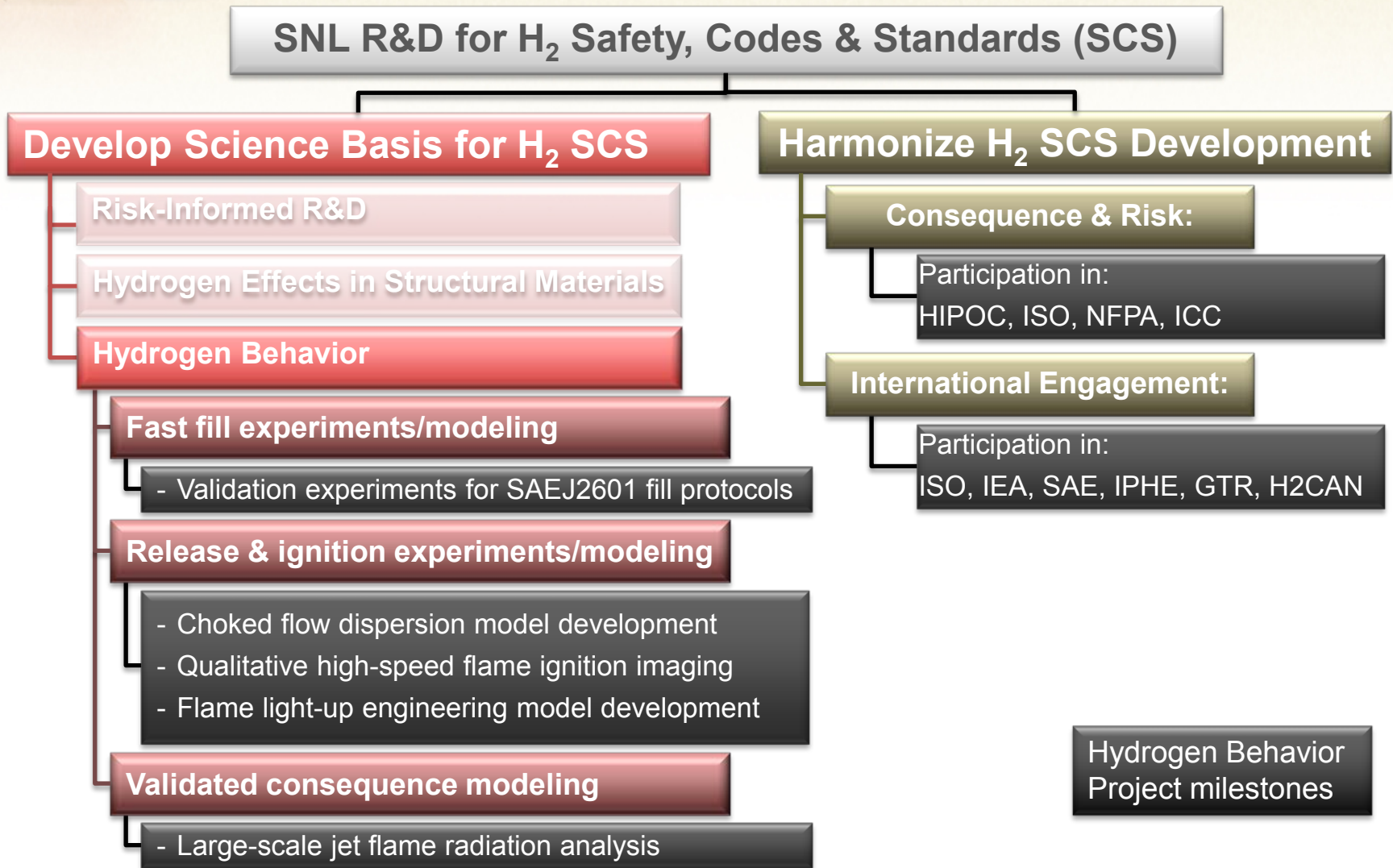
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Hydrogen Release Rate [kg/s]	Immediate Ignition Probability	Delayed Ignition Probability	Hydrogen Release Rate [kg/s]	Immediate Ignition Probability
<0.125	0.008	0.004	0.01-0.1	0.001
0.125-6.25	0.053	0.027	0.01-0.1	0.001+0.001 when P>100 bar
>6.25	0.23	0.12	1-10	0.01+0.01 when P>100 bar
			>10	0.1+0.01 or 0.02

### However:

- Other factors control ignition probability (e.g., flow velocity, ignition mechanisms, mixing)
- Ignition does not have uniform hazard criteria
- No insight into risk reduction strategies possible

**Deterministic modeling enhances probability quantification & provides physical insight for focused risk reduction strategies.**

<sup>†</sup>  $P(A|B \cap C)$  is the conditional probability that event A occurs for given events B and C.



**Standards advocacy ensures transfer of science-based H<sub>2</sub> SCS knowledge to code development committees.**





# Fast Fill Modeling

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CFD Modeling

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Lincoln Composites and Zhejiang University, PRC



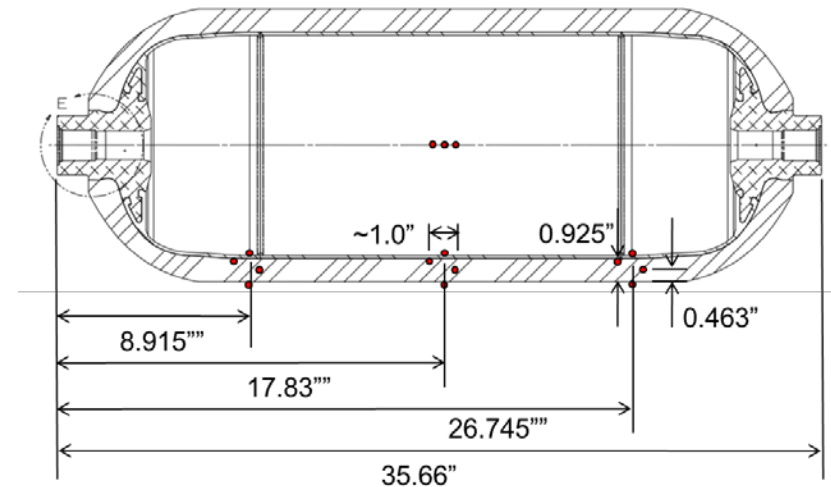


# Experimental Approach

**We seek to develop validation databases through H<sub>2</sub> fast-fill experiments at specified and relevant pressure ramp rates with measurements of:**

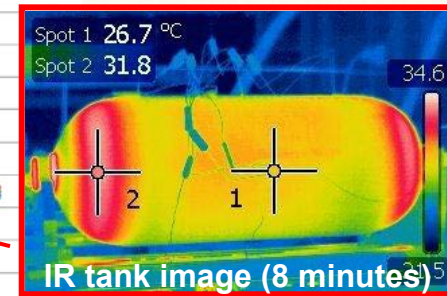
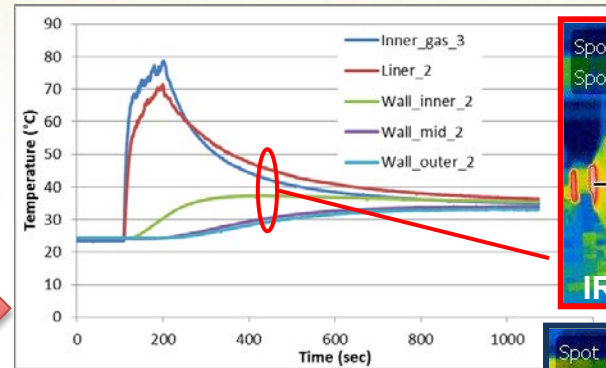
- Transient gas tank pressure and mass-averaged tank temperature
- Total hydrogen gas enthalpy and mass flow rate entering the tank
- Final uniform tank temperature/pressure after the fill

- Tank and gas temperatures measured at discrete locations
  - 4 tank wall measurements, each at 4 depths
  - 5 gas temperature measurements
- Inlet & closed end pressure measurement
- Infrared tank exterior temperature imaging

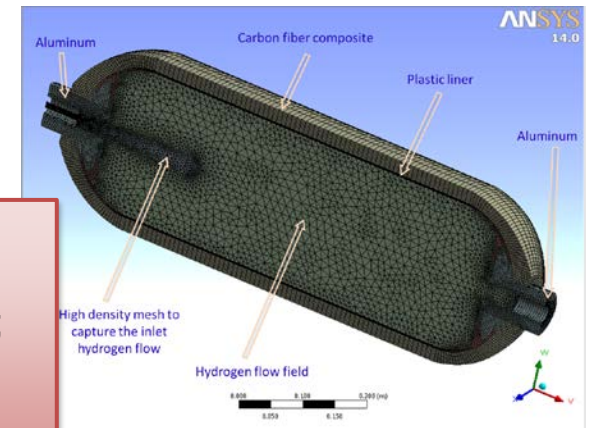
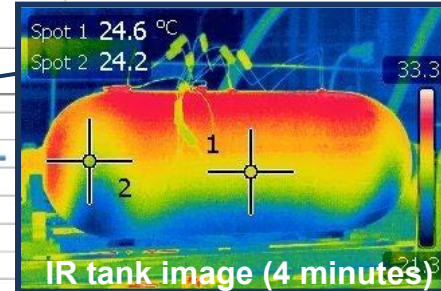
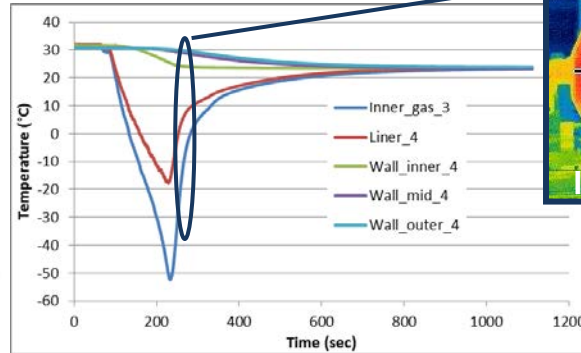


✓ Initial fill and release data collected for model validation

Test #	Initial pressure (psi)	Final pressure (psi)	Fill time (sec)
1	20	1500	60
2	20	1500	90
3	20	1500	150
4	20	1500	300
5	20	1000	90
<b>6</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2000</b>	<b>90</b>
7	145	2000	90
8	290	2000	90
9	725	2000	90



Test #	Initial pressure (psi)	Final pressure (psi)	Release rate (g/sec)
1	1300	20	1.5
2	1300	20	0.75
3	1300	20	1.0
<b>4</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1.9</b>
5	1700	20	0.4
6	1700	20	1.5
7	1700	20	0.75



## Model Results:

- ✓ Model completed, currently in validation
- ✓ *Goal:* results available for SAE Interface Group (J2601) discussion; Sept 2012
- ✓ *Goal:* Comparison with other research and industrial datasets in support of 2015 vehicle deployment



# Broad Approach to Risk Reduction

Risk, as defined in the objectives, is quantified by coupling validated physical modeling with stochastic scenario frequencies.

**FY12 Research Activities**

Stochastic scenario frequencies:  
incident data, environmental/human factors, system design/mitigation

**Dispersion**

- Permeation
- Buoyant creeping flow
- **Turbulent jet**
- Volumetric rupture

**Ignition**

- Ignition mechanism
- **Mixture ignitability**
- Ignition delay/location
- **Sustained light-up**

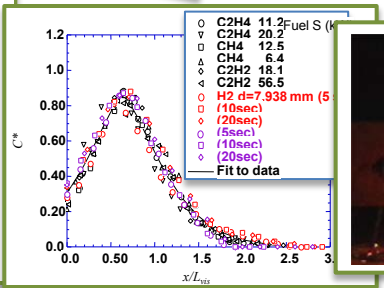
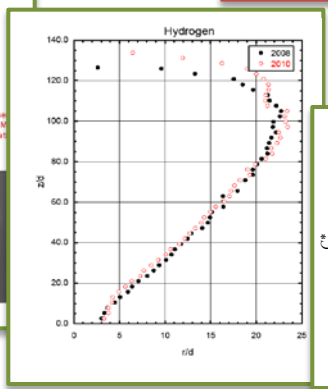
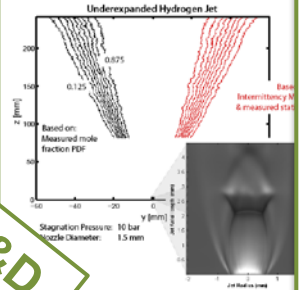
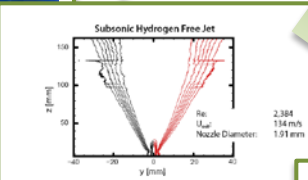
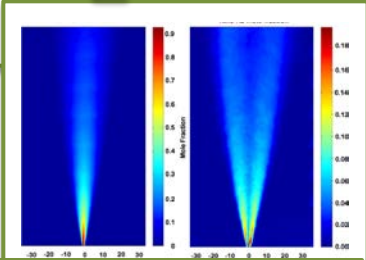
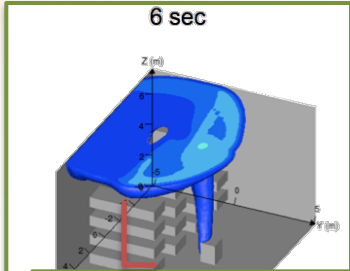
**Hazard**

- **Flame radiation**
- Overpressure (deflagration/detonation)
- O<sub>2</sub> dilution/depletion

**Harm**

- Burns
- Lung damage
- Shrapnel wounds
- Building collapse

**Risk**



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# Fundamental Hydrogen Release Behavior

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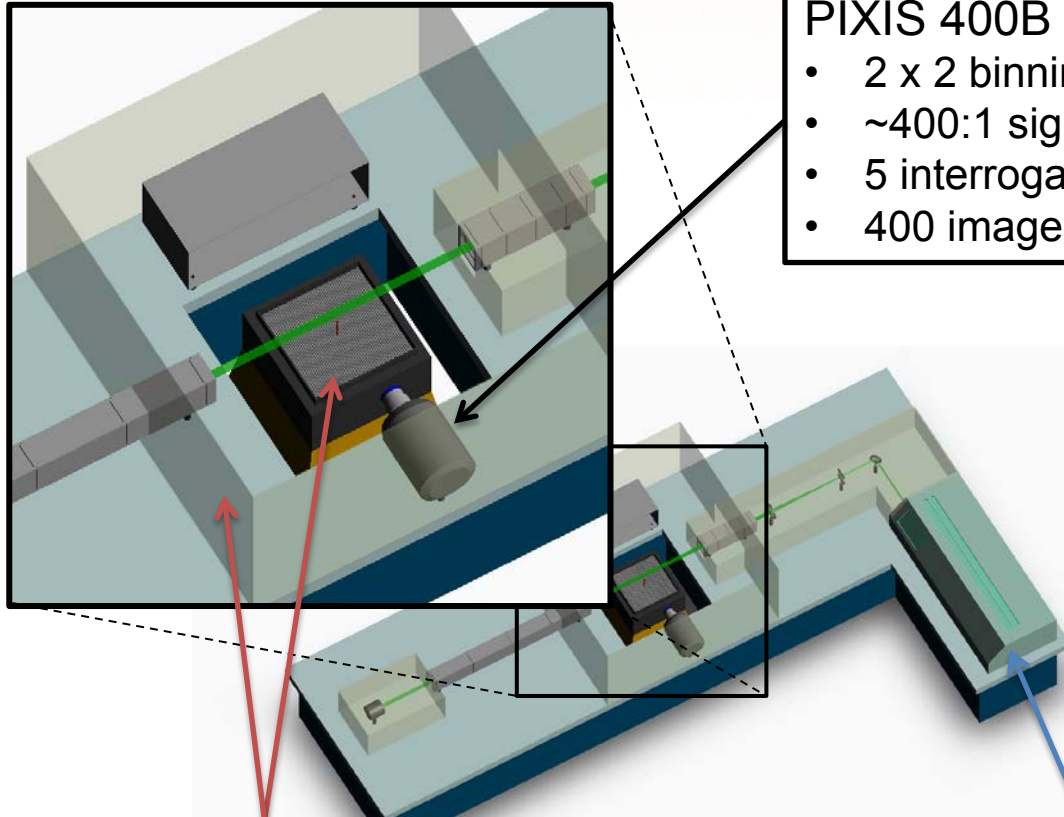
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Scalar field of a momentum driven, turbulent H<sub>2</sub> jet was examined via high-resolution Planar Rayleigh Scatter Imaging (PLRS).



PIXIS 400B low noise CCD Camera

- 2 x 2 binning for 3.94 pix/mm resolution
- ~400:1 signal-to-noise
- 5 interrogation regions (37 x 125 mm<sup>2</sup>)
- 400 images per interrogation region

$$\begin{aligned} r_0 &= 0.95 \text{ mm} \\ L_{\text{pipe}} &= 250 \text{ mm} \\ Q &= 100 \text{ lit/min} \\ Fr_{\text{den}} &= 1170 \end{aligned}$$

Air co-flow & barriers to minimize impact of room currents

High power injection seeded ND: Yag laser (1 J/pulse, 532 nm)

Additional diagnostics include Particle Image velocimetry (PIV), Laser Doppler Velocimetry (LDV) and OH Laser Induced Fluorescence (LIF).

# Accomplishment:

# Detailed Concentration Statistics Acquired

Radial statistics collapse when plotted against normalized radial coordinates.

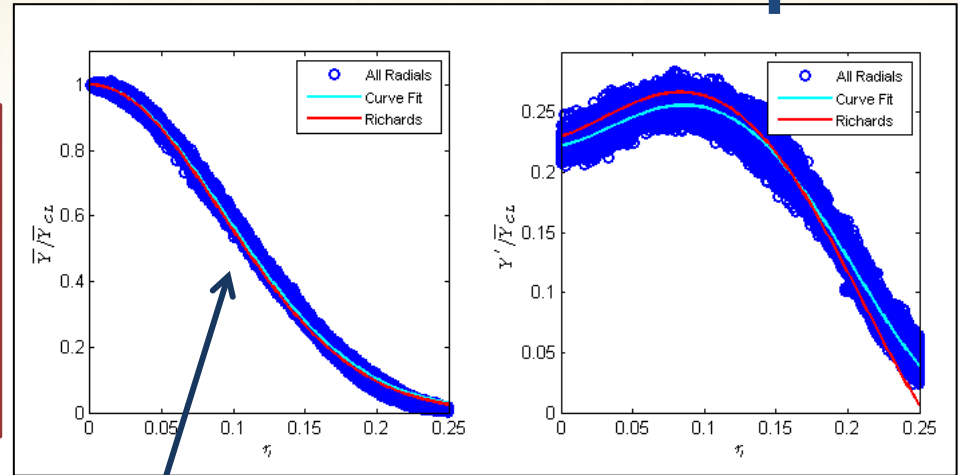
$$\bar{Y} = f(\bar{Y}_{CL}, \eta); Y' = g(\bar{Y}_{CL}, \eta)$$

Where,

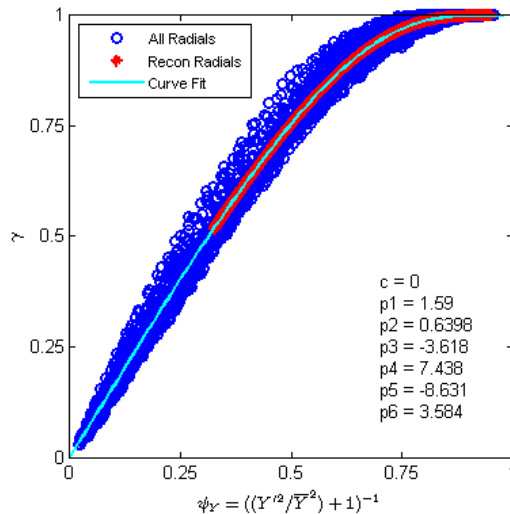
$$\eta = \frac{r^*}{(r - z_{0j})}; \text{ normalized radial coordinate}$$

$z_{0j}$ : momentum virtual origin

**Richards and Pitts, 1993**



- ✓ Collapsed statistics slightly deviate from traditional models, which impact ignitability predictions embedded in QRA models



Non-linear correlation observed between intermittency and the ratio of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> statistical moments.

- Contradicts linear relationship often assumed in CFD modeling approaches
- Results impact PDF distribution prediction

- ✓ A more suitable intermittency correlating parameter is based the ratio of conditioned and non-conditioned mean statistics
- ✓ Intermittency likewise influences ignitability predictions in QRA models

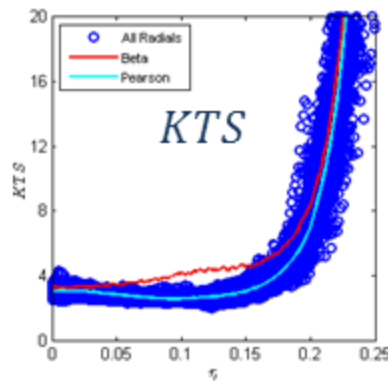
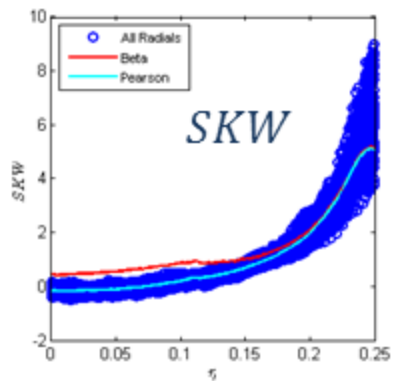
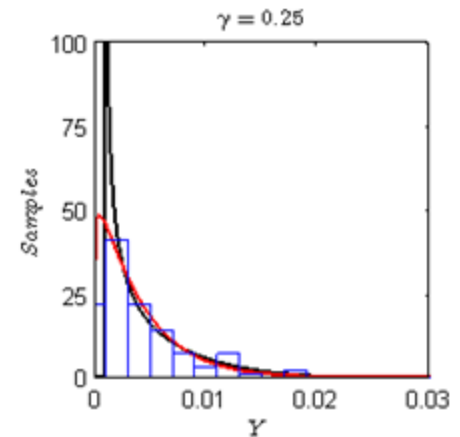
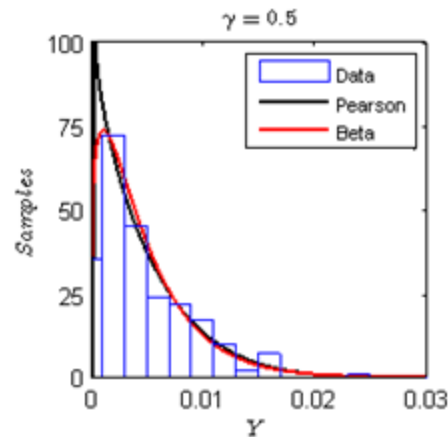
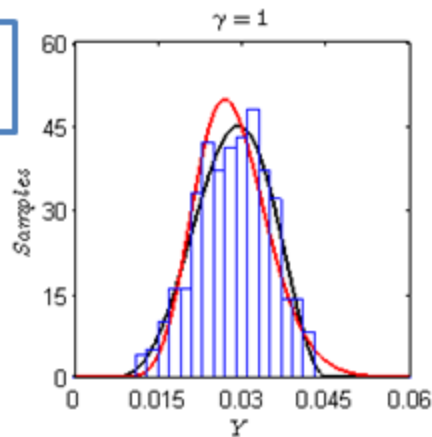




- Mixture ignitability is a function of the mass fraction distribution (PDF) and jet intermittency.
- PDF is commonly reconstructed from Beta function distributions.

$$P_C(Y_{H_2}) = \frac{Y_{H_2}^{\alpha-1} (1-Y_{H_2})^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha,\beta)}, \text{ where } \bar{Y} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}, \text{ and } \overline{Y'Y'} = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$$

Conditioned probability that neglects  $\gamma = 0$  values



- Skewness & Kurtosis are measures of the goodness of measured to modeled PDFs
- Beta fit often worse than a Gaussian fit

- Created benchmark data to evaluate optimum distribution functions, that are used to model mixture ignitability





# High-Source Pressure Hydrogen Release Behavior

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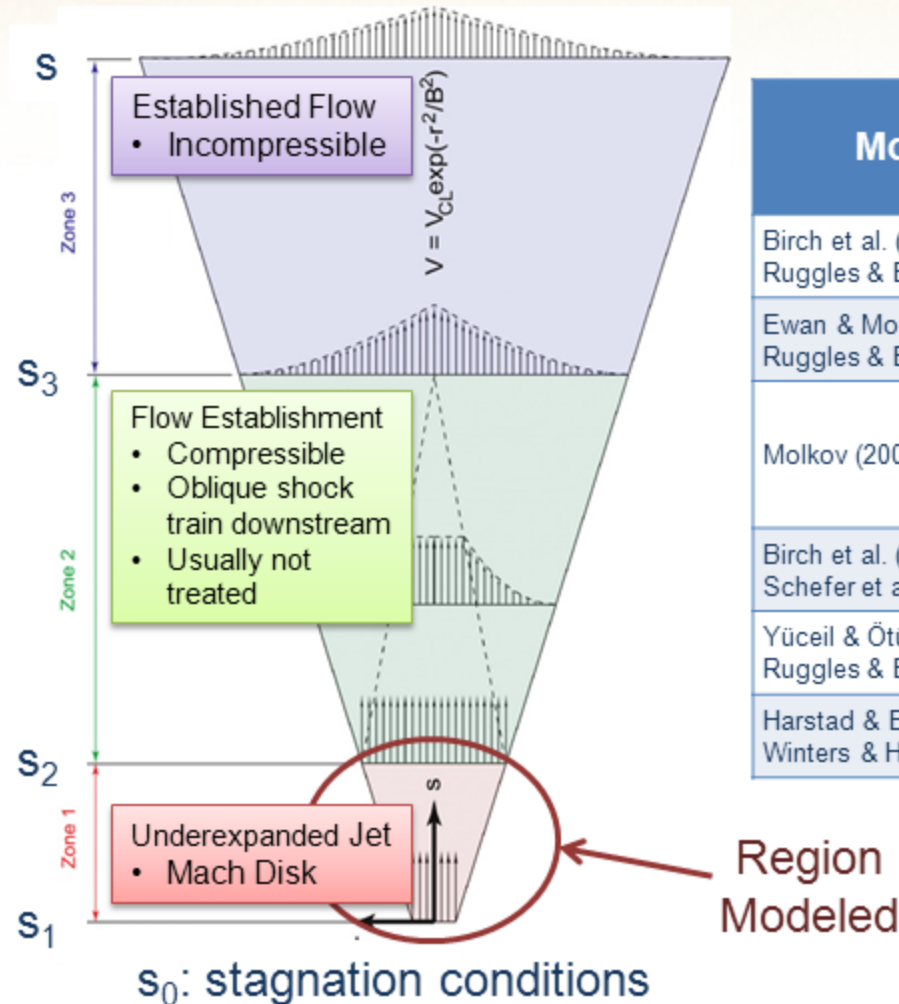
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Joint Research Centre (NL)



# Choked Flow Releases

- Notional nozzle models represent complex underexpanded jet shock structure with an equivalent jet exit diameter.



## Notional Nozzle Models

Model	Conservation Equations				Critical Assumptions
	Mass	Momentum	Energy	Entropy	
Birch et al. (1984) Ruggles & Ekoto (2012) <sup>†</sup>	X		X		$T_2 = T_0$ $V_2 = \text{sonic}$
Ewan & Moodie (1986) Ruggles & Ekoto (2012) <sup>†</sup>	X		X		$T_2 = T_1$ $V_2 = \text{sonic}$
Molkov (2008)	X		X		$V_2 = \text{sonic}$ $S_1$ (Abel Noble) $S_2$ (Ideal gas) $T_2 \approx T_1$
Birch et al. (1987) Schefer et al. (2007) <sup>†</sup>	X	X	X		$T_2 = T_0$ $V_2$ supersonic
Yüceil & Ötügen (2002) Ruggles & Ekoto (2012) <sup>†</sup>	X	X	X		$V_2$ supersonic
Harstad & Bellan (2006) Winters & Houf (2008) <sup>†</sup>	X	X	X	X	All fluid passes through Mach disk

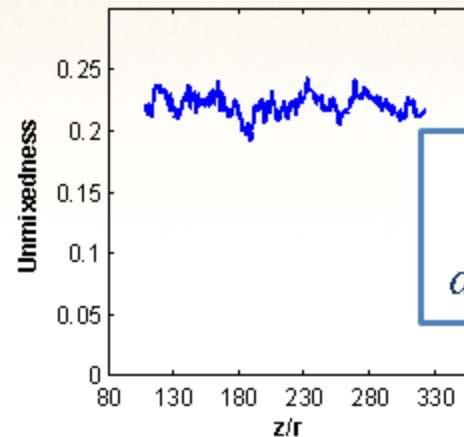
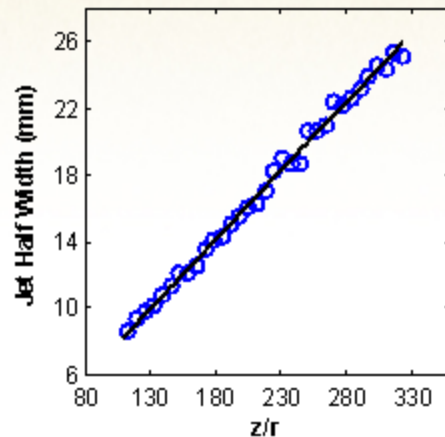
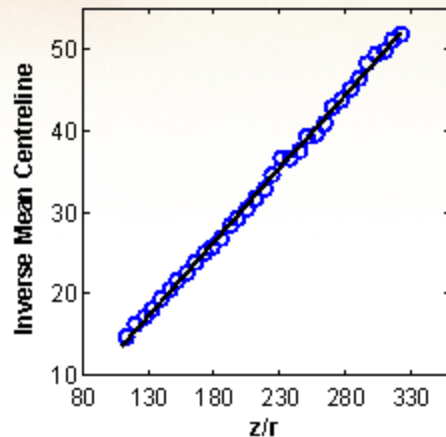
<sup>†</sup> Original model updated with Abel-Noble hydrogen equation of state:  

$$p = Z\rho R H_2 T; Z = (1 - b\rho)^{-1}$$

Validation datasets are still needed



# Notional Nozzle Concept Validated

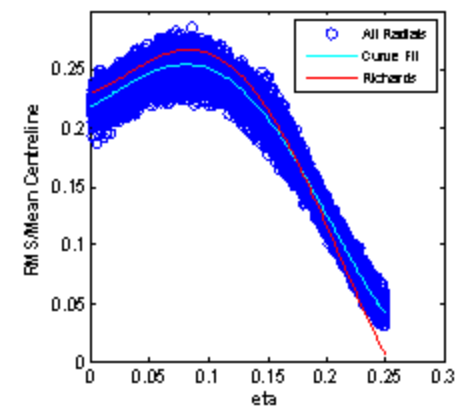
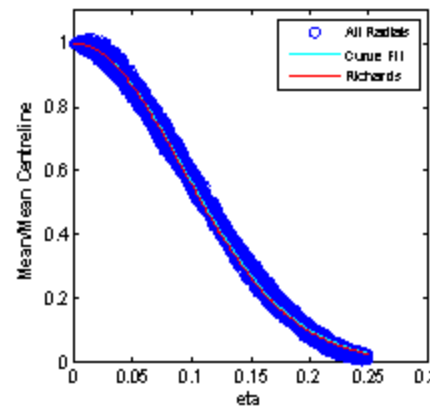


$$\frac{p_0}{p} = 10;$$

$$d_{jet} = 1.5 \text{ mm}$$

Constant centerline decay, jet spreading, and unmixedness observed.

Mass weighted effective diameter ( $d^* \equiv d_{eff} \sqrt{\rho_{eff} / \rho_{air}}$ ) fit to the data so that mass fraction decay rates matched incompressible values.



Radial statistics collapsed when measured  $d^*$  was used to normalize radial coordinates.

- ✓ Acquired benchmark  $d^*$  values for validation of current notional nozzle models and facilitate development future model
- ✓ Notional Nozzle models are integral to dispersion predictions from QRA models that inform NFPA 2 code development





# Sustained Light-Up Probability

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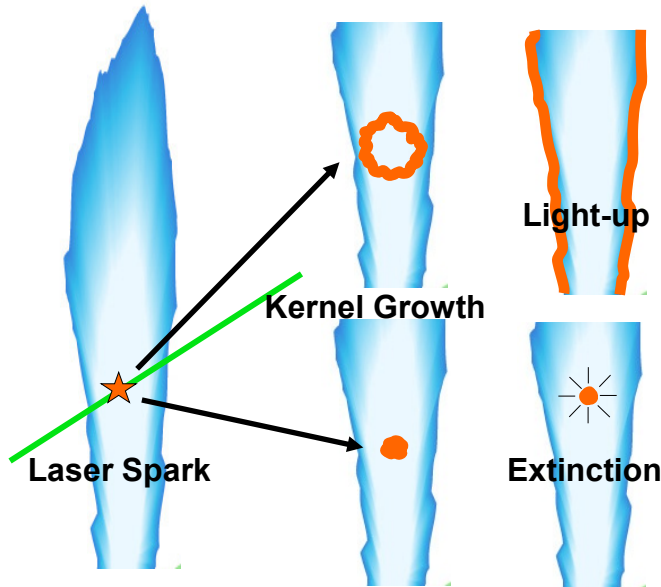
# Accomplishment:

- ✓ Determined flame light-up boundaries from localized ignition sources e.g., ESD ignition

# Improved Mixture Measurement

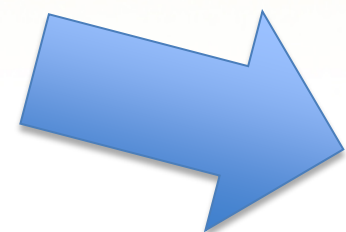
**Flame light-up:** Mixture ignitability is a necessary but insufficient criterion

Two possible pathways from ignition kernel development:

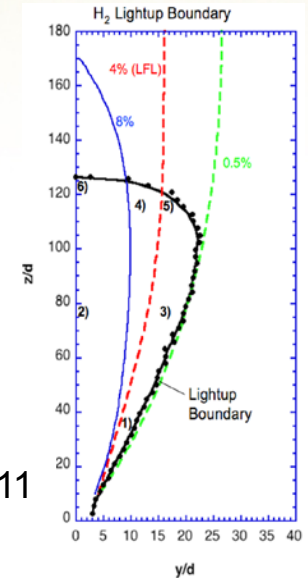


## Test Case:

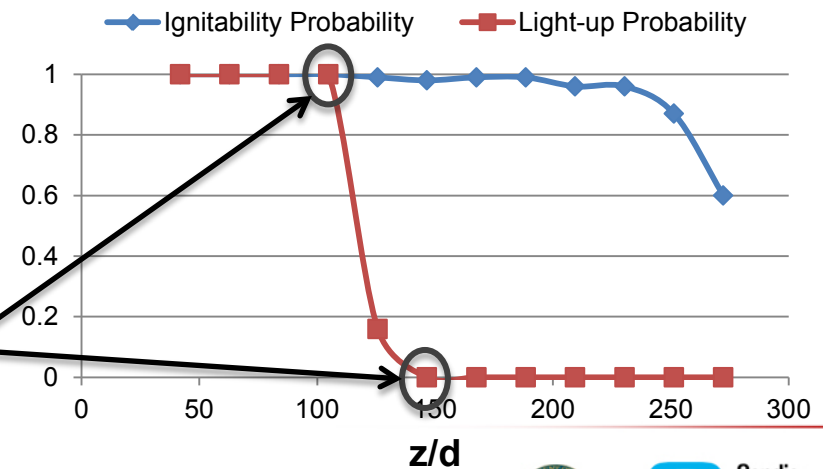
1.91 mm tube (unchoked)  
100 lit/min flow rate



Schefer et al., 2011



High-speed visualization



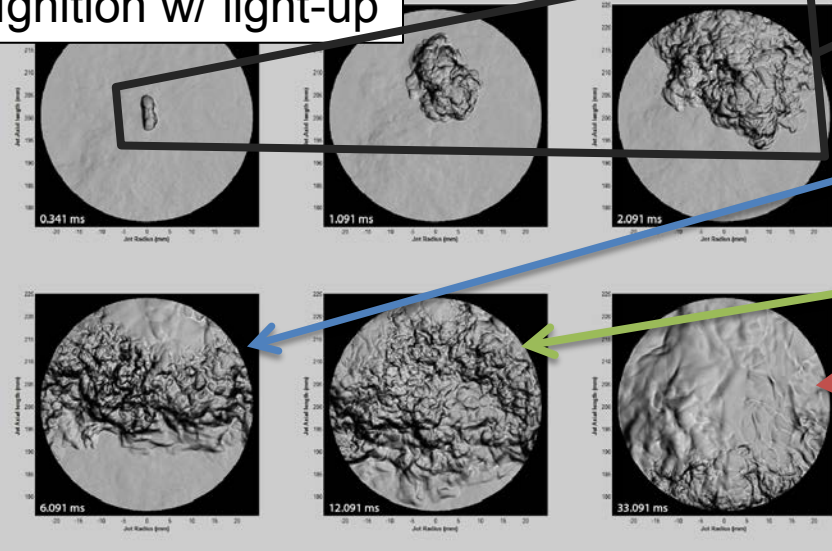


# Accomplishment:

- ✓ High-speed flame ignition imaging elucidates sustained light-up mechanisms.

# Flame Light-Up Imaging

Ignition w/ light-up



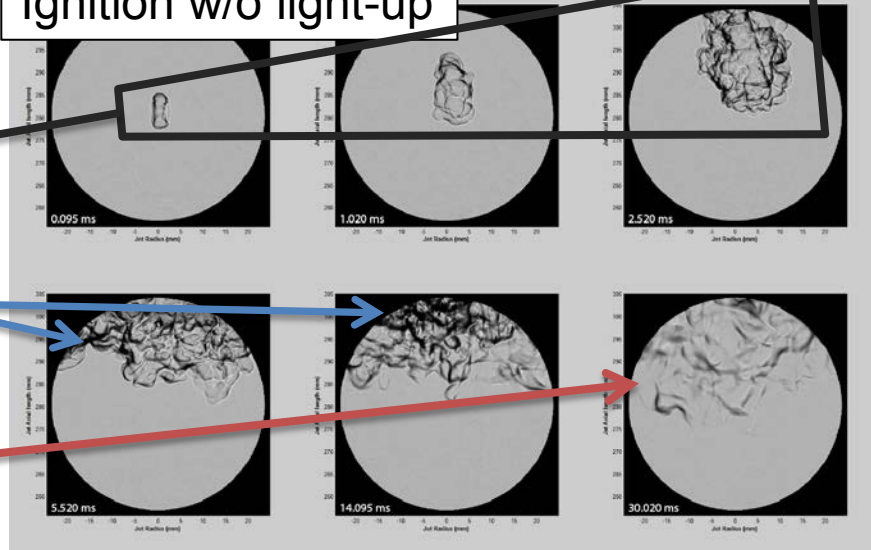
Rapid volumetric ignition kernel growth

Kernel forms into turbulent flame front

Flame front broadens

Front **overcomes** flow convection

Ignition w/o light-up



Slower kernel growth

Thinner, less turbulent flame front

Front **overcome** by convection

- ✓ Imaging observations indicate sustained flame light-up correlates with 1D flame front propagation speeds.





# Flame Radiation

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H<sub>2</sub> Flame radiation significantly lower than corresponding HC flames.

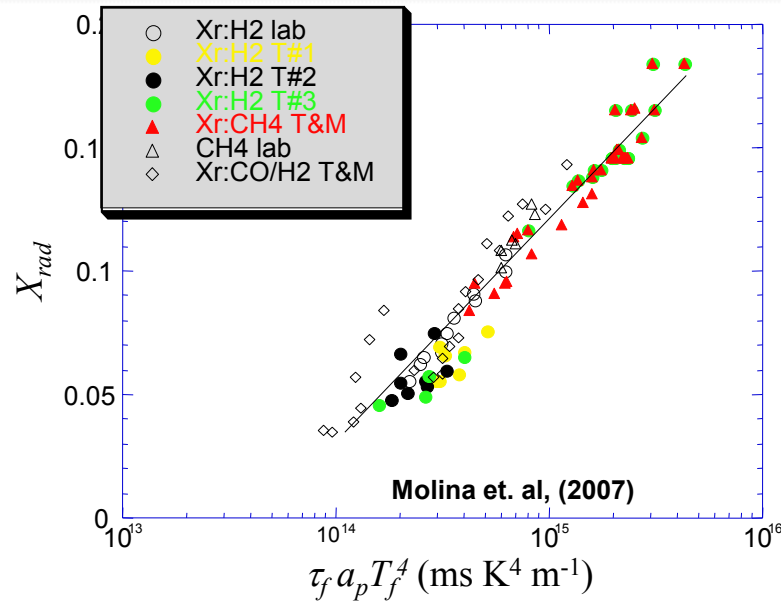
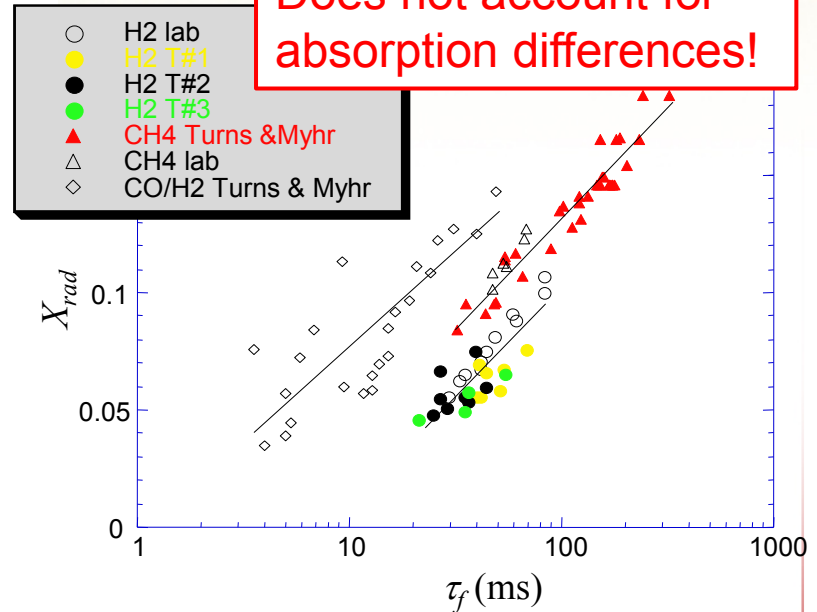
$$X_{rad} = \frac{S_{rad}}{\dot{m}_{fuel} \Delta H_c}$$

$$\tau_f = \frac{\rho_f W_f^2 L_f \gamma_s}{\dot{m}_{fuel}}$$

$X_{rad}$  = radiant fraction  
 $S_{rad}$  = surface emissive power  
 $\dot{m}_{fuel}$  = fuel mass flow rate  
 $\Delta H_c$  = heat of combustion  
 $\tau_f$  = flame residence time  
 $\rho_f$  = flame density  
 $W_f L_f$  = flame width/length  
 $\gamma_s$  = stoichiometric mixture fraction

Turns & Myhr, (1991)

Does not account for absorption differences!



Universal correlation developed for small & mid-sized flames, regardless of fuel gas type, where:

$$S_{rad} \propto a_p T_f^4 \tau_f$$

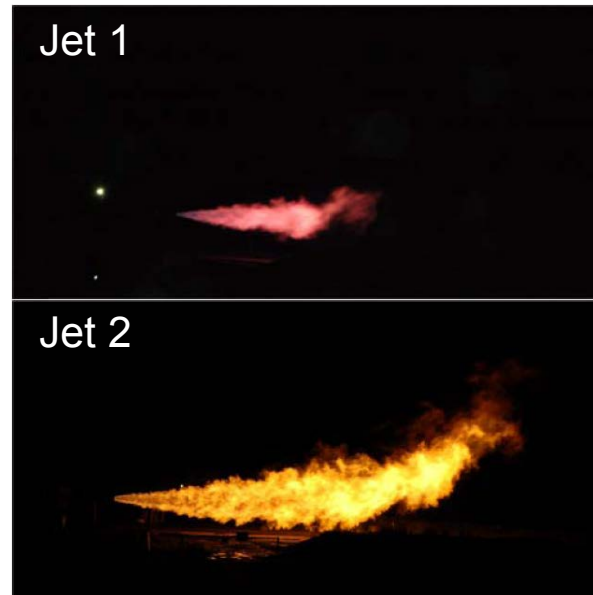
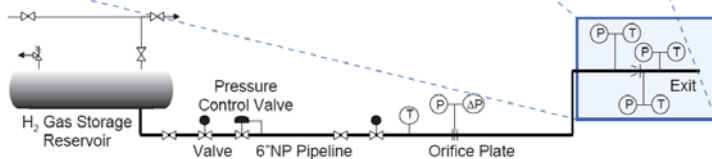
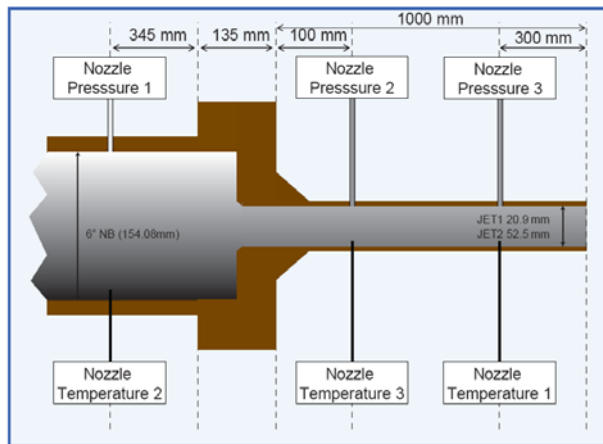
$a_p$  = plank-mean absorption  
 $T_f$  = adiabatic flame temperature

**Does developed correlation hold for larger scale hydrogen jet flames?**

- ✓ Worked with industrial partner to apply SNL flame radiation models to understand large-scale flame radiation behavior

Jet	$d_j$ [mm]	[kg/s]	$L_f$ [m]	$p_0$ [barg]	$T_0$ [K]	RH [%]	$T_{amb}$ [K]	$p_{amb}$ [mbar]	$U_{wind}$ [m/s]	$[\circ]$
1	20.9	1.0	17.4	59.8	308.7	94.3	280	1022	2.84	68.5
2	52.5	7.4	48.5	62.1	287.8	94.5	280	1011	0.83	34.0

Measurements performed by Advantica (2008)



Measured heat fluxes ~40% higher than predicted values

# International and Industry R&D Collaborations

General release, ignition, and light-up phenomena for non-buoyant H<sub>2</sub> leaks

**Pierre Benard & Boris Chernyavsky, Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières, Canada**

- Detailed Large Eddy Simulations (LES) used to elucidate fundamental release behavior and relevant ignition and light-up mechanisms. (IEA, IPHE, ISO and NFPA)

Characterization of near-nozzle shockwave behavior and compressible shear layer growth from compressed H<sub>2</sub> releases

**Sergey Kudriakov & Alexey Velikorodny, Commissariat à l'Énergie Atomique (CEA), France**

- Detailed LES to model the interplay between complex shockwave and flow phenomena (e.g., Görtler vortices in the barrel shock) from high source pressure releases. (IEA, IPHE, ISO and NFPA)

Reduced order modeling of complex H<sub>2</sub> release phenomena

**Daniele Baraldi, Joint Research Centre (JRC), Netherlands**

- Reduced order simulations (i.e., 2-equation Reynolds Averaged Navier-Stokes turbulence modeling) of compressed H<sub>2</sub> leaks that rely on validated notional nozzle models for jet-exit boundary conditions. (IEA, IPHE, ISO, NFPA and Industry Hazard Analysis)

Large-scale flame radiation measurements and modeling

**Jimmy Li & Leonard Creitz, Air Products and Chemicals Inc., Allentown PA**

- Evaluation and improvement of current radiative heat flux predictive methodologies for large-scale hydrogen jet flames. (ISO, NFPA and Industry Hazard Analysis)

Multidimensional modeling of Type IV fast-fill

**Jianjun Ye, Institute of Process Equipment, Zhejiang University, P. R. China**

- Multidimensional modeling of SNL fast fill experiments to validate fill model protocol development (GTR, ISO TC 197, SAE J2601, and CSA HGV 4.3).





# H2CAN/Sandia collaboration on Hydrogen Safety

- Sandia hosted hydrogen safety workshop - April 11-12
- Workshop Goal: Coordinate hydrogen safety efforts between H2 CAN and US Programs
- Strong alignment of efforts identified at ICHS hosted by Sandia in Sept 2011
- Further reinforced by IEA Task 31 meeting in Jan 2012
  - Identified several near-term risk and behavior collaborative topics
  - Research roadmap presented during IEA Task 31 meeting – April 2012



# Future Work

- FY12

- Acquire fundamental turbulent diffusivity measurements for **unreacting** flow fields to support flame light up model development
- Work with NFPA 2 to finalize indoor refueling requirements
- Enhance current notional nozzle model approaches using acquired data as validation benchmark
- Help incorporate mitigation credit table into NFPA, ISO codes
- With collaborators, validate burst pressure ratio performance test
- With collaborators, analyze large-scale jet flame data
- Participate in IPHE round robin fast-fill test and model validation activities

- FY13

- Acquire fundamental turbulent diffusivity measurements for **reacting** flow fields for light-up model development
- Develop fundamental light-up model framework based on turbulent flamelet concepts
- Update radiative heat flux model for large-scale jet flames
- Develop characteristic heat flux predictive model for pipeline ruptures



# Summary

- Sandia R&D program develops the scientific basis for national and international codes and standards development
  - Enables deployment of hydrogen systems and infrastructure
- Fast-fill hydrogen fueling of Type IV tanks were experimentally examined in support of SAEJ2601, GTR and other RCS.
- Characteristics of predictive choked flow dispersion models were examined against Sandia generated validation datasets.
  - Deficiencies identified & updated models are under development
- Qualitative high-speed ignition imaging elucidated potential sustained flame light-up mechanisms.
  - Light-up boundaries for choked flow releases were experimentally mapped
  - Flamelet models can be used to predict light-up boundaries—experimental apparatus needed to measure relevant flow and combustion variables was constructed
- Measured radiative heat fluxes from large-scale H<sub>2</sub> flames were compared against model predictions.
  - Deficiencies identified and model improvements are ongoing
- Engaged international & industry collaborators to address complex R&D and RCS issues

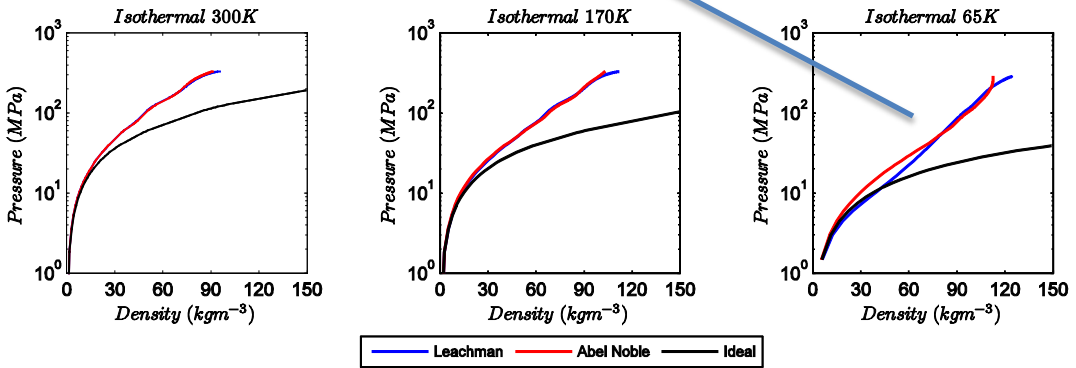
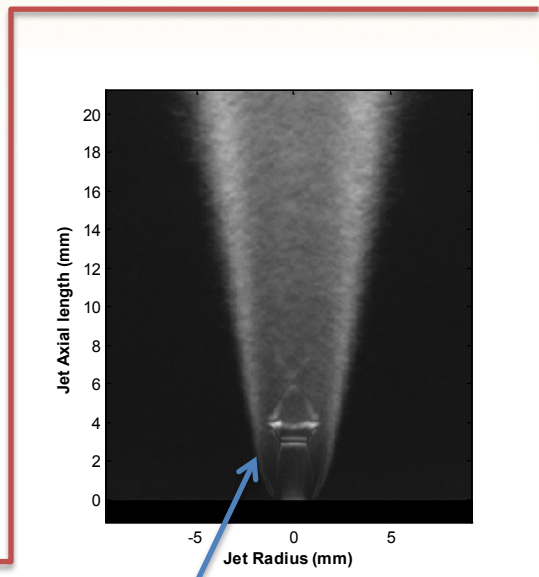
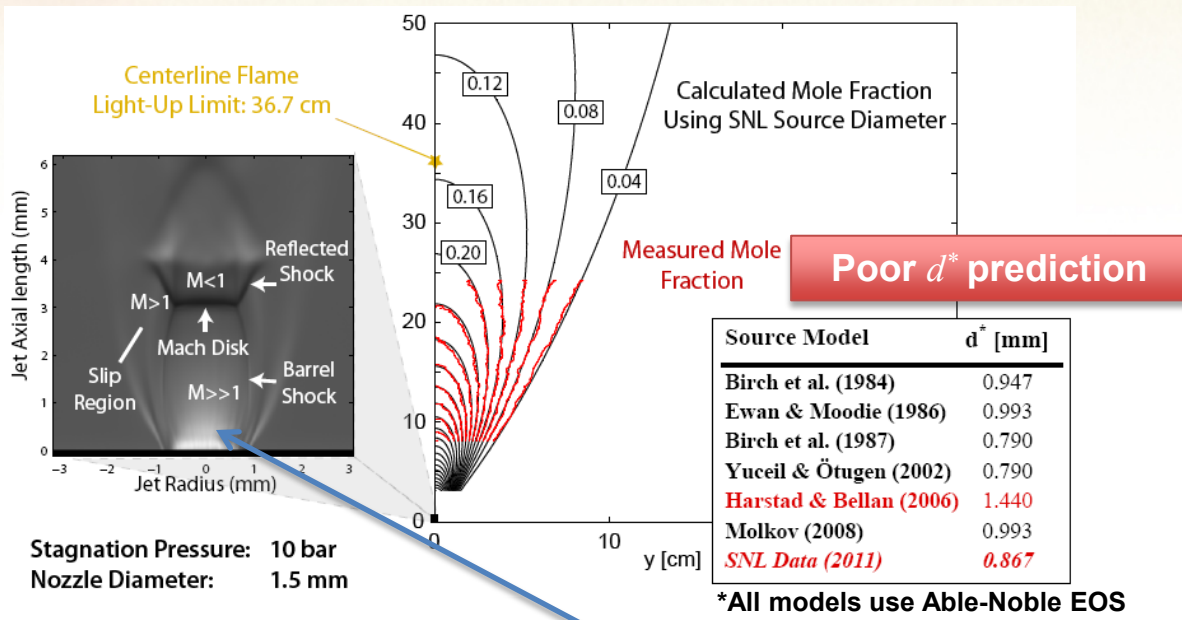




# Technical Back-Up Slides



# Excellent agreement observed between computed & measured mole fraction statistics if measured $d^*$ was used.



**Abel-Noble EOS**

- Works well at ambient  $T$
- Cryogenic states poorly predicted (present in barrel shock;  $T < 70 \text{ K}$ )

What is the best way to incorporate these refinements?  
Is something else missing?





# Fundamental Hydrogen Release Behavior

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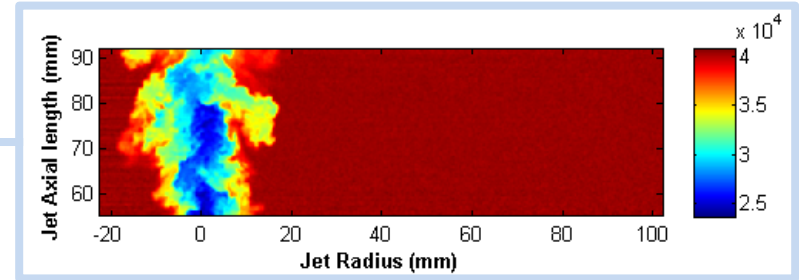
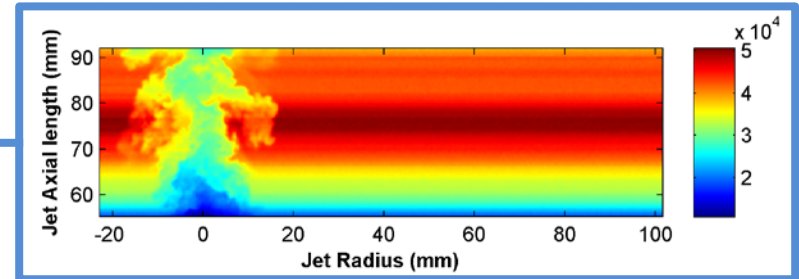
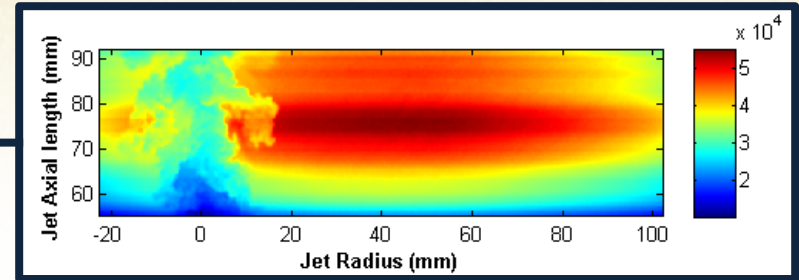
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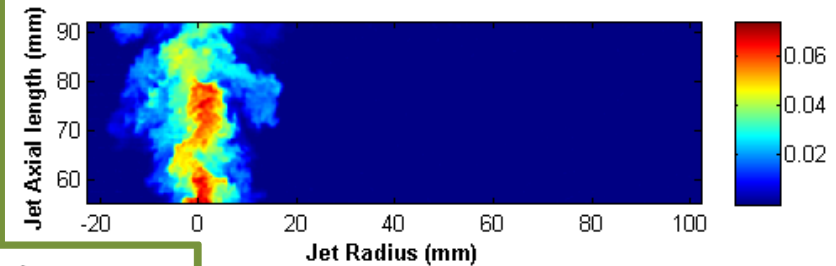
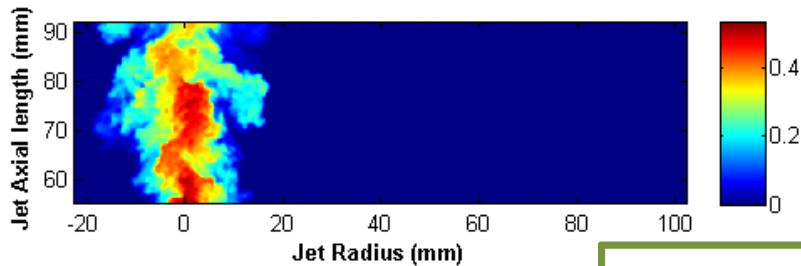
# Raw signal intensity corrections used to create a quantitative concentration image

- $R$ : Raw image
- $E_B$ : Electronic bias
- $B_G$ : Background luminosity
- $p_F$ : Laser power fluctuation
- $O_R$ : Camera/lens optical response
- $S_B$ : Background scatter
- $S_t$ : Laser sheet profile variation
- $I$ : Corrected intensity

$$R = p_F \cdot O_R \cdot (I \cdot S_t + S_B) + E_B + B_G$$



Mole Fraction ( $\chi_{H2}$ )  $\propto I$



Mass Fraction ( $Y_{H2}$ )  $\propto \chi_{H2}$

## Incompressible free-jets:

$$\frac{1}{\bar{Y}_{CL}} = K_c \frac{z - z_{0Y}}{r^*} \Rightarrow r^* = K_c \frac{z - z_{0Y}}{\bar{Y}_{CL}}$$

Where;

$\bar{Y}_{CL}$ : centerline mass fraction

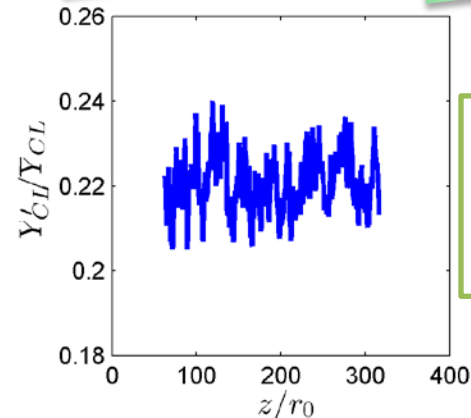
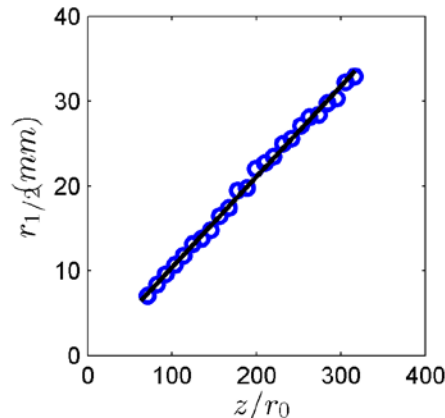
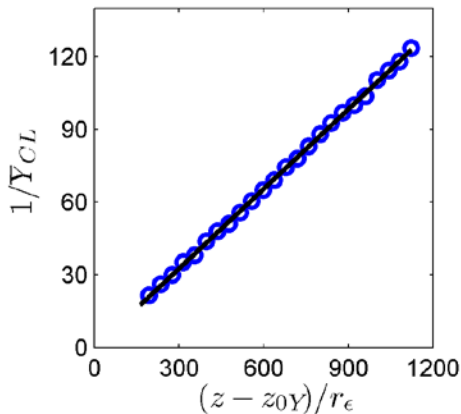
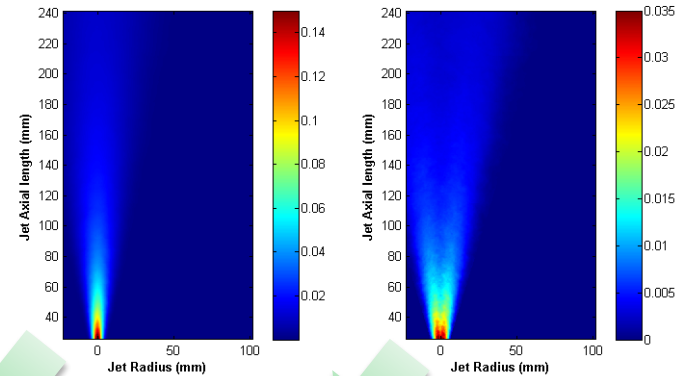
$r^* \equiv r_0 \sqrt{\frac{\rho_{jet}}{\rho_{air}}}$ : mass weighted effective radius

$K_c$ : centerline decay rate constant

$z$ : axial coordinate

$z_{0Y}$ : mass fraction virtual origin

## Seamless reconstruction of mass fraction statistics from stitched together interrogation regions



$r_0 = 0.95 \text{ mm}$   
 $L_{pipe} = 250 \text{ mm}$   
 $Q = 100 \text{ lit/min}$   
 $Fr_{den} = 1170$

- Constant centerline decay ( $= 0.105$ ) and jet spreading rates ( $0.113$ )
- Constant unmixedness ( $\equiv Y'_{CL}/\bar{Y}_{CL} = 0.22$ )

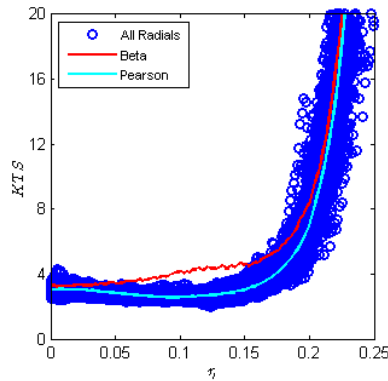
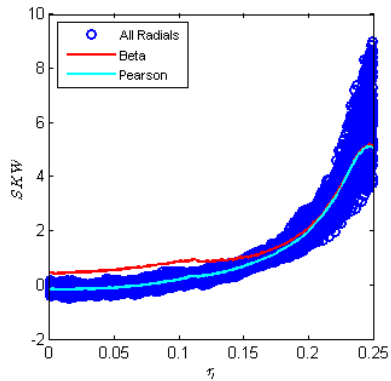
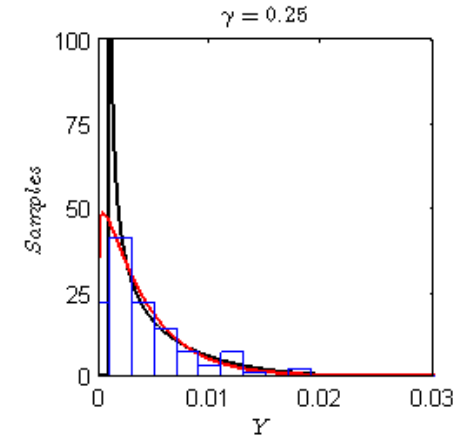
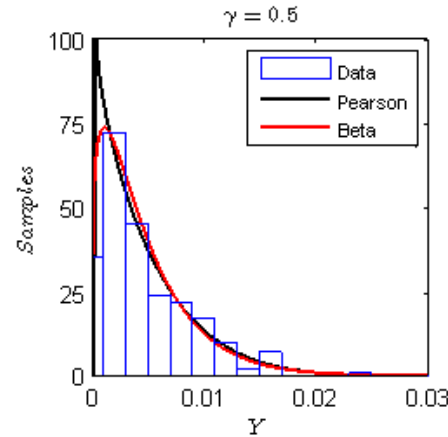
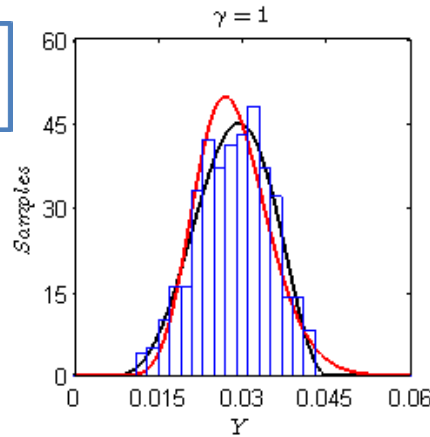
Centerline constants agree very well with literature reported values.



# Measured PDFs were compared to Beta function distribution produced from measured 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> order statistical moments.

$$P_C(Y_{H2}) = \frac{Y_{H2}^{\alpha-1}(1-Y_{H2})^{\beta-1}}{B(\alpha,\beta)}, \text{ where } \bar{Y} = \frac{\alpha}{\alpha+\beta}, \text{ and } \overline{Y'Y'} = \frac{\alpha\beta}{(\alpha+\beta)^2(\alpha+\beta+1)}$$

Conditioned probability that neglects  $\gamma = 0$  values



Skewness & Kurtosis values for  $\eta < 0.15$ , deviate from measured values.

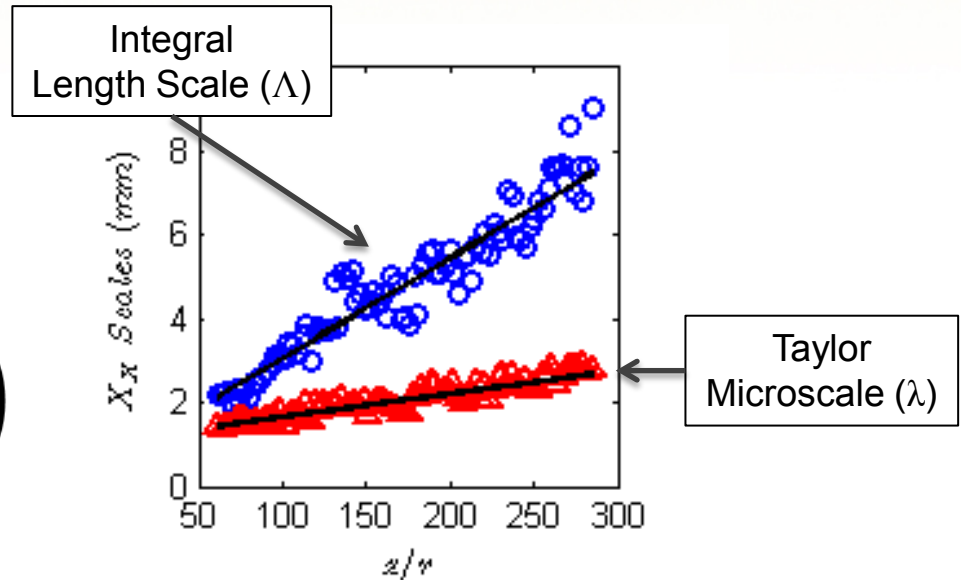
- Beta fit often worse than a Gaussian fit

What is a more suitable distribution function?  
Is a 3<sup>rd</sup> PDF needed to account for a superlayer?

Along w/ conventional statistics (**mean/rms, PDFs, intermittency**),  
2D high res. imaging enables **turbulent length scale** measurements.

$$\Lambda = \int_0^{\infty} \frac{\overline{Y_{H_2}(x)'Y_{H_2}(x+dx)'}}{\overline{Y_{H_2}'Y_{H_2}'}} dx$$

$$\frac{1}{\lambda^2} = -\frac{1}{2} \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \left( \frac{\overline{Y_{H_2}(x)'Y_{H_2}(x+dx)'}}{\overline{Y_{H_2}'Y_{H_2}'}} \right)$$



Are non-reacting flow integral length-scales suitable for turbulent flame speed determination in light-up models?

Can energy density spectra be reproduced from the integral length scale, or is an integral time scale needed instead?



New diagnostic capability that **enables direct turbulent diffusion measurements** was designed & constructed in FY12.

Along with molecular diffusion,  $D$ , turbulent diffusion,  $D_{turb}$ , controls mixing.

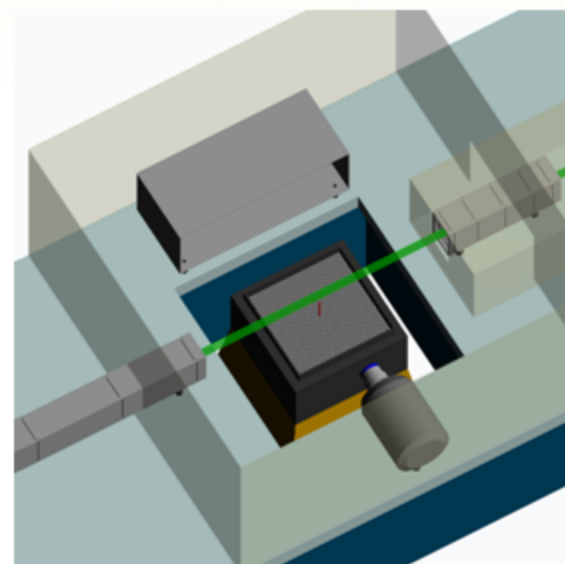
For unreacting  $H_2$ /air mixtures mixture density is:

$$\rho = Y_{H_2}\rho_{H_2} + (1 - Y_{H_2})\rho_{air}$$

and,

$$D_{turb} \equiv \frac{1}{\nabla \bar{Y}_{H_2}} \cdot \left[ \overline{\mathbf{u}'Y_{H_2}'} + \frac{\bar{\mathbf{u}}}{\bar{\rho}} \overline{\rho'Y_{H_2}'} + \frac{\bar{Y}_{H_2}}{\bar{\rho}} \overline{\rho'\mathbf{u}'} + \frac{1}{\bar{\rho}} \overline{\mathbf{u}'\rho'Y_{H_2}'} \right]$$

Direct measurements possible only through coupled velocity and concentration statistics



$\mathbf{u}$ : Particle Image Velocimetry  
 $Y_{H_2}$ : Acetone laser fluorescence  
- *PIV seed particles interfere w/ Rayleigh scatter*

**System construction complete; 1<sup>st</sup> measurements in Q4FY12.**

How will these measurements compare to detailed LES?





# Sustained Light-Up Probability

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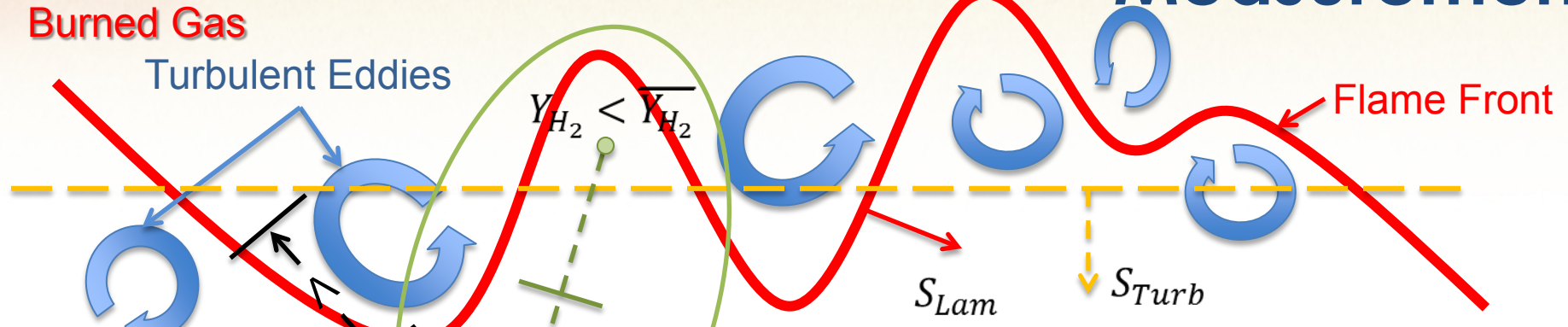
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# Accomplishment:

Flamelet models can be used to predict these turbulent flame front propagation speeds

# Improve Mixture Measurement



Unburned Gas

H<sub>2</sub> preferentially diffuses toward reaction front (differential diffusion)  
- Increased flame front distortion  
Driscoll, 2007

$$S_{Turb} = f(\Sigma, u', \Lambda, S_{Lam}, \alpha_{H_2}, D_{H_2}, D_{diff}, D_{turb}, q, c)$$

- $\Sigma$ : flame surface density
- $u'$ : fluctuating turbulent velocity
- $\Lambda$ : integral length scale
- $S_{Lam}$ : laminar flame speed
- $\alpha_{H_2}$ : thermal diffusivity
- $D_{H_2}$ : molecular diffusivity
- $D_{diff}$ : differential diffusion
- $D_{turb}$ : turbulent diffusivity
- $q$ : heat release
- $c$ : reaction progress variable



# Fast Fill Modeling

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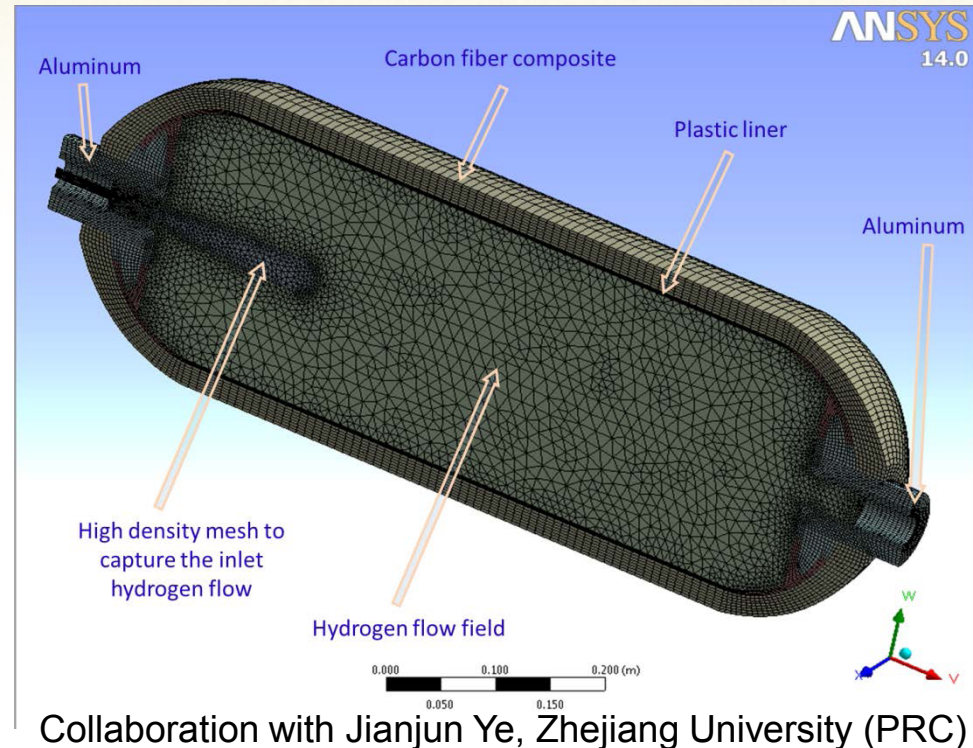
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# Tank CFD model under development to compare against validation datasets.

- Ansys Fluent V14.0
- 3D to capture buoyancy effects
- Structured grid for the tank
- Unstructured flow grid
- NIST real gas state modeling
- Coupled fluid dynamics & heat transfer



## Future Work

- Broaden test matrix to include different tank geometries & types
- Upgrade test facility to accommodate 70 MPa fast filling experiments
- Create generalized from validation data as a comparative standard for developing refueling protocols