

## **Lecture 2**

# **Turbulent Combustion Modeling Linear Eddy Mixing Model for LES**

## Regimes of Turbulent Combustion

- Perfect “mixing” requires a separate premixer
- All combustion devices incorporate mixing devices
  - Swirl is used to enhance mixing in most devices
- “Premixed” systems
  - Mixture entering the combustor is not perfectly mixed
  - Equivalence ratio variation: partially premixing
  - Lean mixture can occur *locally as well as globally*
- “Non-Premixed” liquid fueled systems
  - Mixing occurs after liquid vaporization
    - Many stages of mixedness
  - Spatial and temporal variation in mixing is very likely
- Can we develop a SINGLE formulation for ALL flows?

## Strategy of Modeling

- Scale Separation implicit or explicit in ALL turbulent closure models (Peters, pg 4)
  - Scales of turbulence and combustion are separated in the inertial range
  - Mixing process in the inertial range independent of chemistry and simplify modeling considerable
  - Kolmogorov scaling laws are not modified by molecular mixing and heat release at the (even) smaller scales.
  - This seems reasonable is this true at very high Re?
- Without Scale Separation - any approach currently available?
  - Linear-Eddy Model in LES
- Why is that so important?
  - Simplified models can be “verified” (Peters, pg 6)

**Classification of Turbulent Combustion Models in  
Terms of Chemistry and Mixing  
(Modified from Peters, pg 64)**

	<b>Premixed Combustion</b>	<b>Nonpremixed Combustion</b>
<b>Infinitely Fast Chemistry</b>	<b>Bray-Moss-Libby Coherent Flame</b>	<b>Conserved Scalar Equilibrium Model</b>
<b>Finite-rate w/o Molecular mixing</b>	<b>PDF Transport</b>	<b>PDF Transport</b>
<b>Finite-rate with filtered or modeled reaction rate</b>	<b>Flamelet Model G-equation, G-Z, ATF EBU, FSD, PaSR...</b>	<b>Flamelet Model Z, ATF, CMC, PaSr...</b>
<b>Finite-rate with Molecular mixing</b>	<b>Linear-Eddy Model</b>	<b>Linear-Eddy Model</b>



# LES Subgrid Combustion Modeling

$$\begin{cases} \partial_t(\bar{\rho}) + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho}\tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = 0 \\ \partial_t(\bar{\rho}\tilde{\mathbf{v}}) + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho}\tilde{\mathbf{v}} \otimes \tilde{\mathbf{v}}) = -\nabla\bar{p} + \nabla \cdot (2\mu\tilde{\mathbf{D}}_D - \mathbf{B}) + \bar{\rho}\tilde{\mathbf{f}} \\ \partial_t(\bar{\rho}\tilde{E}) + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho}\tilde{\mathbf{v}}\tilde{E}) = \nabla \cdot (-\bar{p}\tilde{\mathbf{v}} + \tilde{\mathbf{S}}\tilde{\mathbf{v}} + \bar{\mathbf{h}} - \mathbf{b}_E) + \bar{\rho}\tilde{\sigma} \\ \partial_t(\bar{\rho}\tilde{Y}_i) + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho}\tilde{\mathbf{v}}\tilde{Y}_i) = \nabla \cdot (D_i\nabla\tilde{Y}_i - \mathbf{b}_i) + \boxed{M_i P_{ij} \bar{\dot{w}}_j} \end{cases}$$

EVM, MM or ILES  
Barlow thermal radiation model

How do we represent the filtered reaction rates?

## Flamelet Model

Assume a thin flame

$$\tilde{Y}_i = \hat{Y}_i(\tilde{c}, \tilde{z})$$

$$D_t(\bar{\rho}\tilde{z}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{b}_z$$

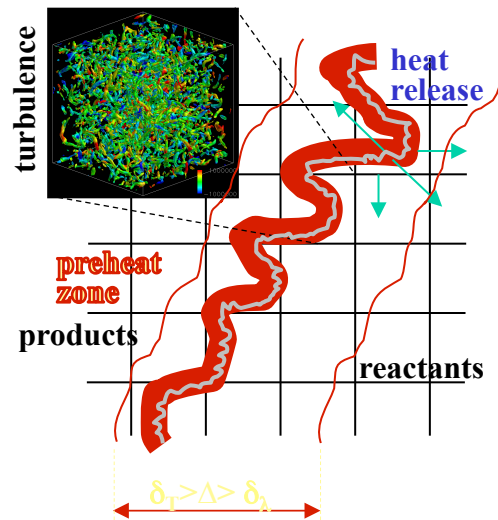
$$D_t(\bar{\rho}\tilde{c}) = \nabla \cdot \mathbf{b}_c - \rho_u S_u \Xi |\nabla\tilde{c}|$$

Model  $\Xi$  and obtain

$S_u$  from a library  $\hat{S}_u$

FW models of the form

$$\Xi = 1 + f(\text{Re}, Da, Ka)$$



## Finite Rate Models

Assume that  $\delta_T \geq \Delta$ .

Model  $\bar{\dot{w}}_j(\bar{Y})$  using  $\dot{w}_j(\tilde{Y})$  such that

$$\bar{\dot{w}}_j(\bar{Y}) = \kappa() \dot{w}_j(\tilde{Y})$$

with  $\kappa$  estimated using different hypothesis'

- EDC, PaSR
- TFM
- T/P PDF

EVM: Eddy viscosity model, MM: Mixed Model, ILES: Implicit LES

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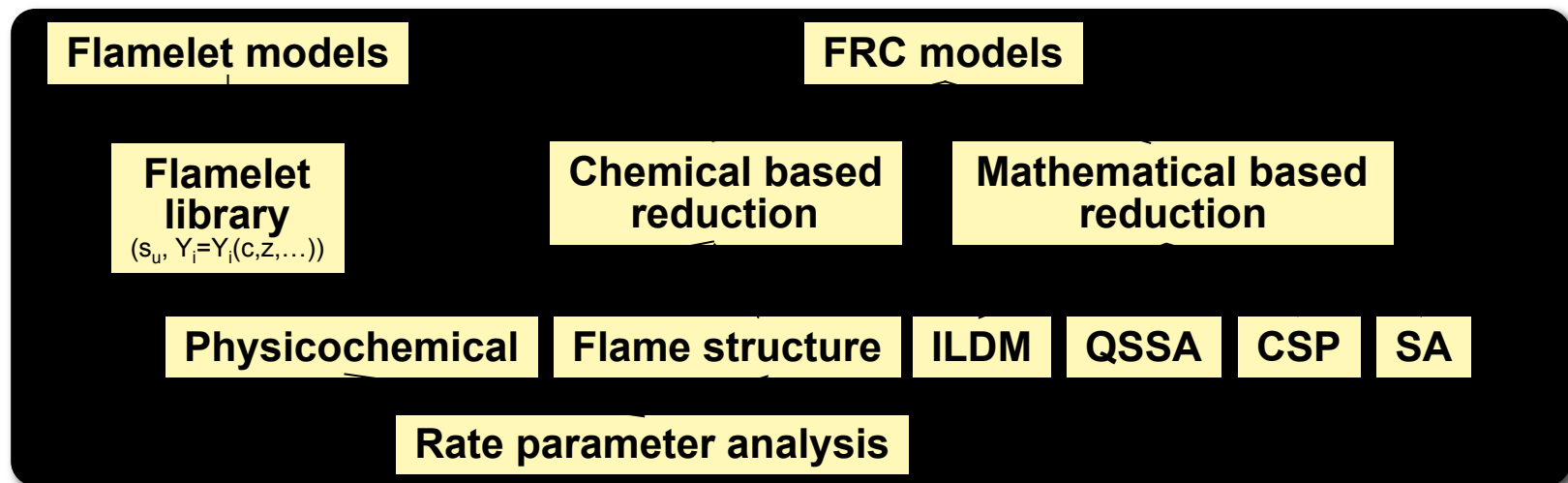
## Reduced Chemical Kinetics

Detailed chemical kinetics too expensive to include in multi-dimensional unsteady CFD. Also produces too much information.

Two fundamental problems encountered in formulated reduced chemical kinetics multi-dimensional unsteady CFD:

- Formulation of reduced reaction mechanism (<15 species <20 reactions)
- Estimation of accurate rate parameters for the reduced mechanism

Different ways to address these coupled issues based on physical or mathematical considerations



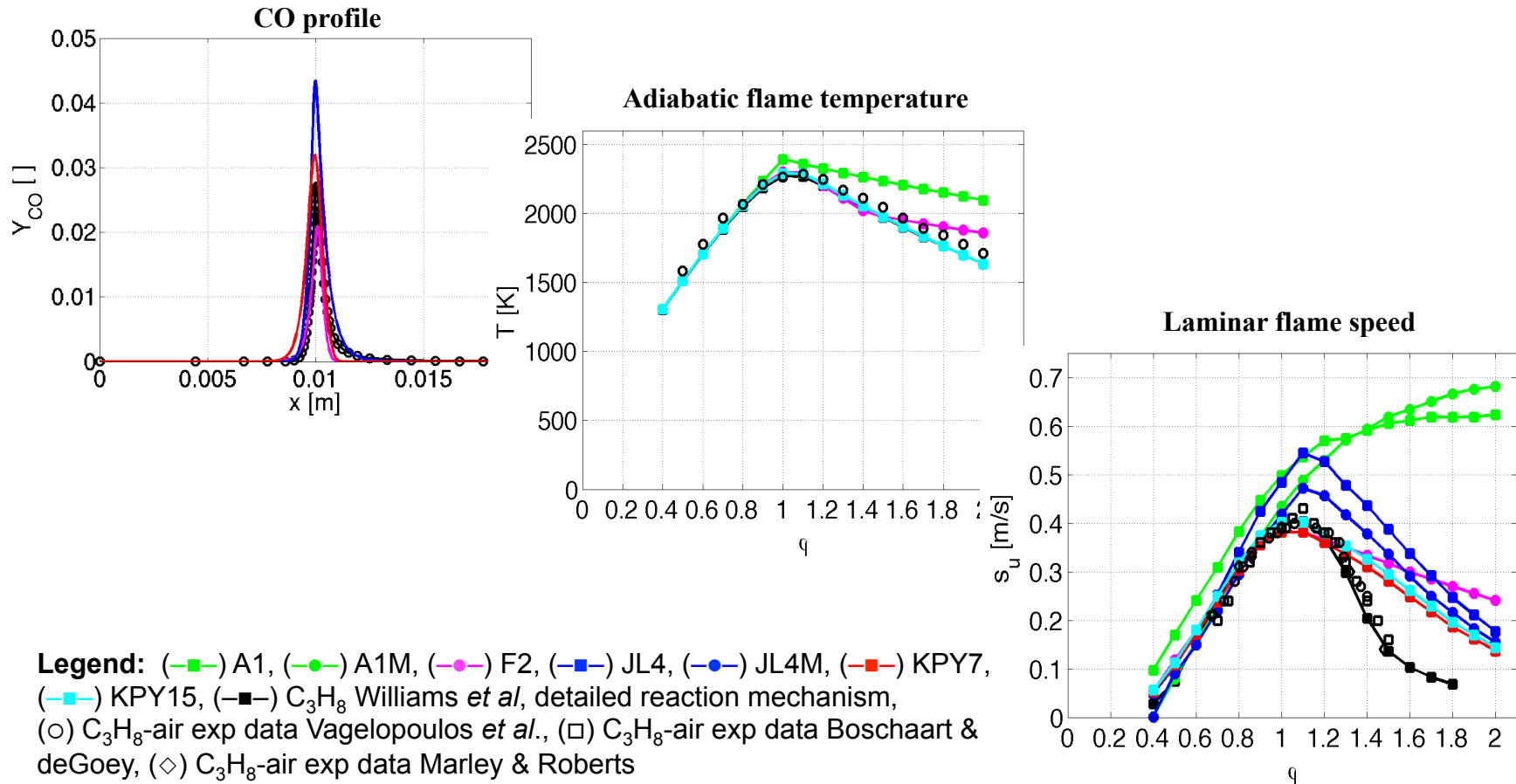
## Reduced Chemical Kinetics cont' d

Overview of different approaches to reduce the chemical kinetics in CFD

Method	Advantages	Disadvantages
<b>Physicochemical and Flame structure</b>	Intuitive, easy to apply and to implement accepted by nearly all CFD codes, efficient, includes a range of complexity.	Rate parameter estimations difficult, simple (1-step mechanisms) result in poor T predictions.
<b>Intrinsic Low Dimensional Manifolds (ILDM)</b>	Can be automated, CFD only requires the solution of 2 to 3 additional transport equations.	Requires massive amounts of data storage, generation of ILDM is a very slow process, difficult to get higher dimensionality.
<b>Quasi Steady-State Assumptions (QSSA)</b>	Matches detailed mechanisms well, good theoretical basis, can be automated.	Expensive, complicated to perform, non-standard implementation requiring sub-iterations to solve for steady-state species, rates not in Arrhenius form, requires advanced coding and numerics.
<b>Sensitivity Analysis (SA)</b>	No specialized implementation, can be quite accurate for conditions of interest.	Only valid close to conditions for which it was generated, typically 20 or more species required, expensive to generate.
<b>Computational Singular Perturbation (CSP)</b>	Number of steps in resulting mechanism can be specified, fairly accurate, can be used for all types of flames.	Non-standard implementation requiring sub-iterations to solve for steady-state species, rates not in Arrhenius form, requires advanced coding and numerics.
<b>Laminar flamelet</b>	Chemistry parameterized by $c$ and/or $z$ as well as $s_u = s_u(z, \dots)$ , computationally cheap, detailed chemistry can be included by means of a flamelet library.	Generation of laminar flamelet library, different models for premixed and diffusion flames, cannot deal with partially premixed flames, chemistry parameterized by $s_u$ , lacks reaction-diffusion coupling effects.

# LES Reduced Combustion Chemistry cont'd

Comparison of different detailed and reduced reaction mechanisms and experimental adiabatic temperature and flame speed data for C<sub>3</sub>H<sub>8</sub>-air combustion.



Fureby C. et al; 2012, Submitted to Comb. Inst.

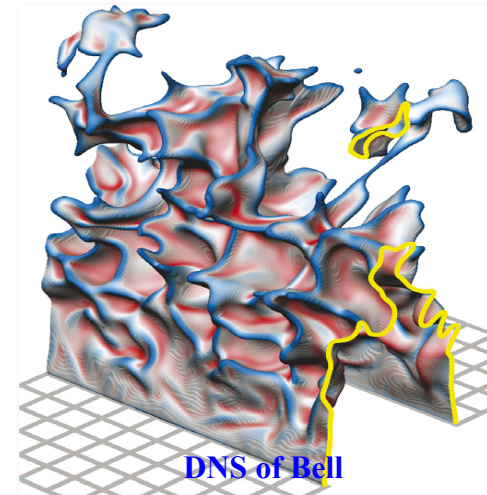
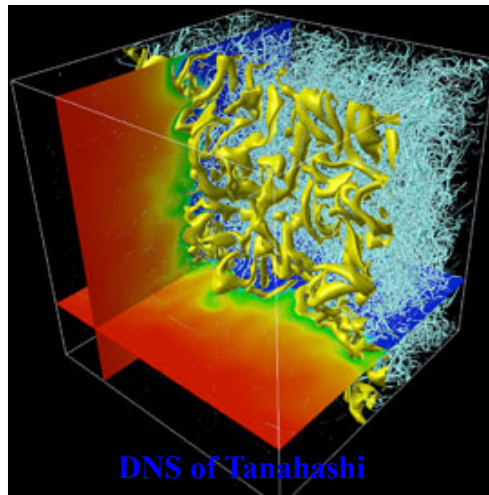
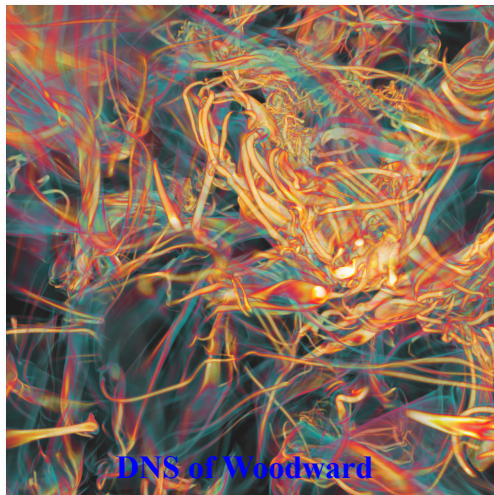
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## Turbulence Chemistry Interactions

Although most of the energy lies within the resolved scales all of the chemistry occurs on much smaller scales – mixing, chemical kinetics, exothermicity, volumetric expansion, ...

Analysis of experiments (Batchelor & Townsend, Kuo & Corrsin, ...) and DNS (Woodward *et al*, Tanahashi *et al*, Chen *et al*) suggests that:

- non-uniform spatial distribution of fine structures
- folded vortex sheets, ribbons and tubes
- exothermicity occurs in-between fine structures



## Turbulence Chemistry Interactions cont'd

Given an arbitrary multi-step reaction of the form

$$\sum_{i=1}^N (P'_{ij} \mathcal{S}_i) \Leftrightarrow \sum_{i=1}^N (P''_{ij} \mathcal{S}_i), \quad P_{ij} = P''_{ij} - P'_{ij}$$

we may examine the influence of the subgrid fluctuations by inserting  $\rho = \bar{\rho} + \rho'$ ,  $T = \tilde{T} + T''$  and  $Y_i = Y_i + Y_i''$  into the rate expression to obtain

$$\bar{\dot{w}}_i = M_i P_{ij} \overline{\left[ \Omega_f \tilde{\rho}^{m_f} \hat{A}_{f,j} T^{n_{f,j}} e^{-T_{a,f,j}/\tilde{T}} \prod_{k=1}^N \tilde{Y}_k^{\hat{P}_{kj}} - \Omega_b \bar{\rho}^{m_b} \hat{A}_{b,j} T^{n_{b,j}} e^{-T_{a,b,j}/\tilde{T}} \prod_{k=1}^N \tilde{Y}_k^{\hat{P}_{kj}''} \right]}$$

$$\Omega_f = \left[ 1 + \frac{m_f}{\bar{\rho}} \rho' + \left( \frac{m_f^2}{2\bar{\rho}^2} - \frac{m_f}{2\bar{\rho}^2} \right) \rho'^2 + \dots \right] \prod_{k=1}^N \left[ 1 + \frac{\hat{P}_{kj}}{\tilde{Y}_k} Y'_k + \left( \frac{\hat{P}_{kj}^2}{2\tilde{Y}_k^2} - \frac{\hat{P}_{kj}}{2\tilde{Y}_k} \right) Y_k'^2 + \dots \right] \times$$

$$\left[ 1 + \frac{T_a}{\tilde{T}^2} T' - \left( \frac{T_a}{T^3} - \frac{T_a^2}{2\tilde{T}^4} \right) T'^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$\Omega_b = \left[ 1 + \frac{m_b}{\bar{\rho}} \rho' + \left( \frac{m_b^2}{2\bar{\rho}^2} - \frac{m_b}{2\bar{\rho}^2} \right) \rho'^2 + \dots \right] \prod_{k=1}^N \left[ 1 + \frac{\hat{P}_{kj}''}{\tilde{Y}_k} Y'_k + \left( \frac{\hat{P}_{kj}''^2}{2\tilde{Y}_k^2} - \frac{\hat{P}_{kj}''}{2\tilde{Y}_k} \right) Y_k'^2 + \dots \right] \times$$

$$\left[ 1 + \frac{T_a}{\tilde{T}^2} T' - \left( \frac{T_a}{T^3} - \frac{T_a^2}{2\tilde{T}^4} \right) T'^2 + \dots \right]$$

where the  $\Omega$ -terms represent the subgrid correlations to be modeled

- terms not necessarily convergent
- no closed expression
- large influence of the sgs T terms

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## Examples: Combustion Modeling Approaches

### **G-Eq. and/or Flamelet based LES**

Flamelet model in which  $Z$  is solved for conventionally, whereas  $G$  is solved for by means of a level-set method.  $S_u$  is obtained through a library-look up and  $\Xi=f(Re, Da, Ka)$

### **PaSR LES**

Finite rate chemistry model in which  $\kappa$  is modeled as the ratio  $\kappa=\tau_m/(\tau_c+\tau_m)$ , in which  $\tau_c$  and  $\tau_m$  are estimated as  $\tau_c=\delta_u/S_u$  and  $\tau_m=\Delta/k^{1/2}$ .

### **Thickened Flame Model LES**

Thicken the flame by  $F=\Delta/\delta_u$  and account for the subgrid flame wrinkling through  $\Xi=f(Re, Da, Ka)$

$$\partial_t(\bar{\rho}\tilde{Y}_i) + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho}\tilde{\mathbf{v}}\tilde{Y}_i) = \nabla \cdot (EFD_i\nabla\tilde{Y}_i - \mathbf{b}_i) + M_i P_{ij} E\tilde{\omega}_j / F$$

### **EDC LES**

Multi-scale method in which subgrid balance equations are first solved for  $Y_i^*$  (flame region) and  $Y_i^0$  (surrounding) from which

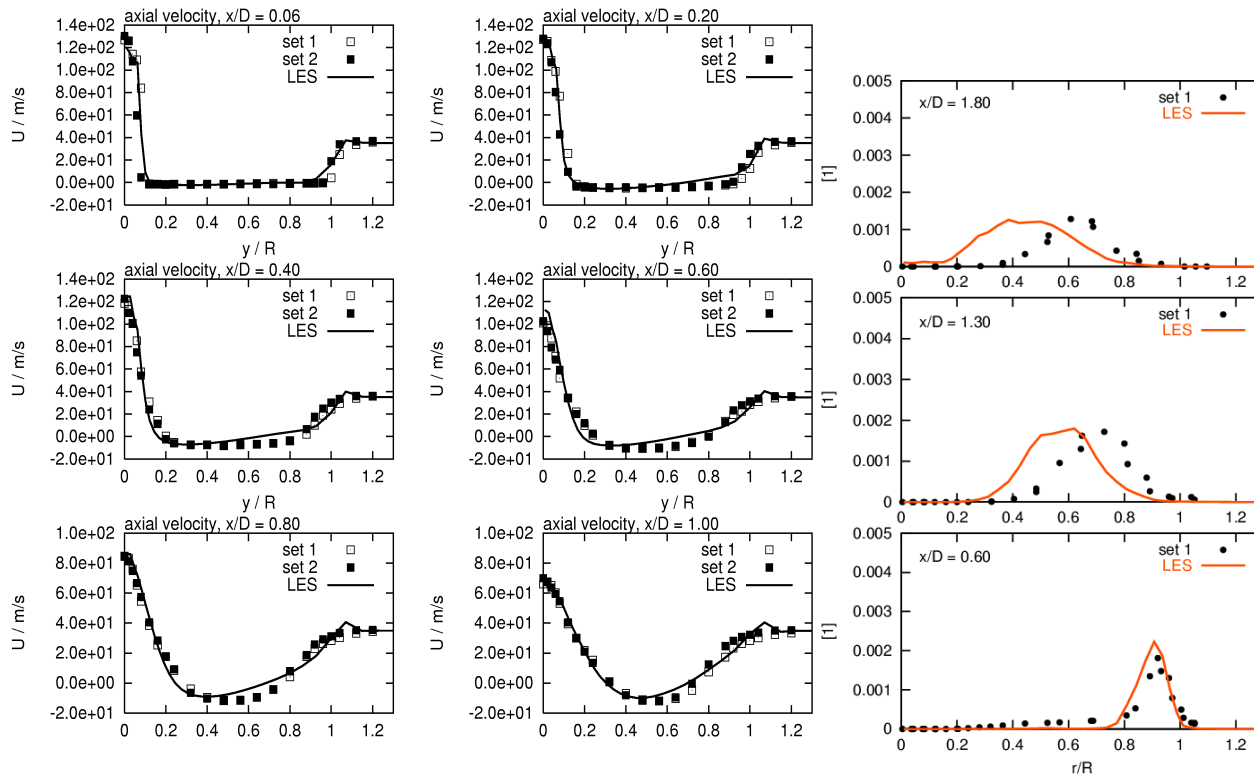
$$\overline{\dot{\omega}_i} = \gamma^* \dot{\omega}_i(\bar{\rho}, Y_i^*, T^*) + (1 - \gamma^*) \dot{\omega}_i(\bar{\rho}, Y_i^0, T^0)$$

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## Steady LES-Flamelet-Model - Bluff-Body Flame

### Velocity-profiles at axial positions



*Kempf et al. (2003, 2004)*

*(Exp. Masri et al. (1998))*

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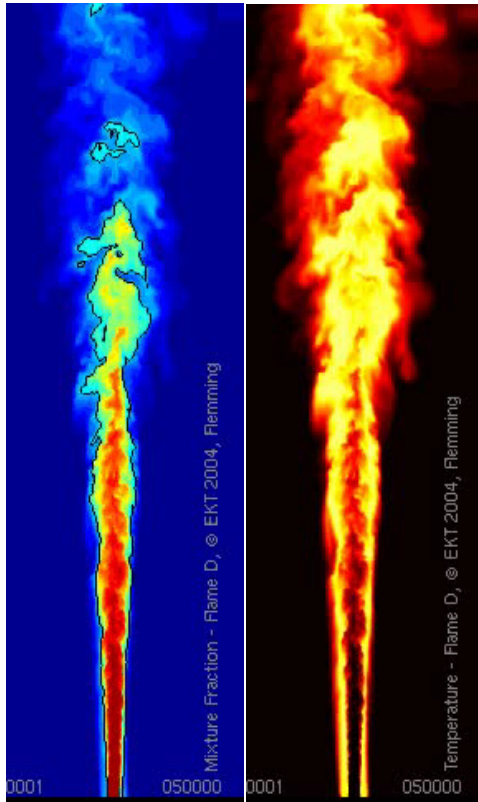
**OH Profiles**

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## Steady LES-Flamelet-Model D-Flame

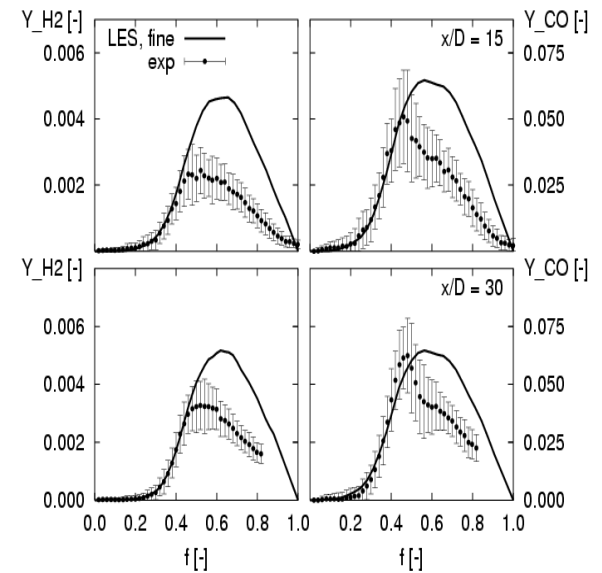
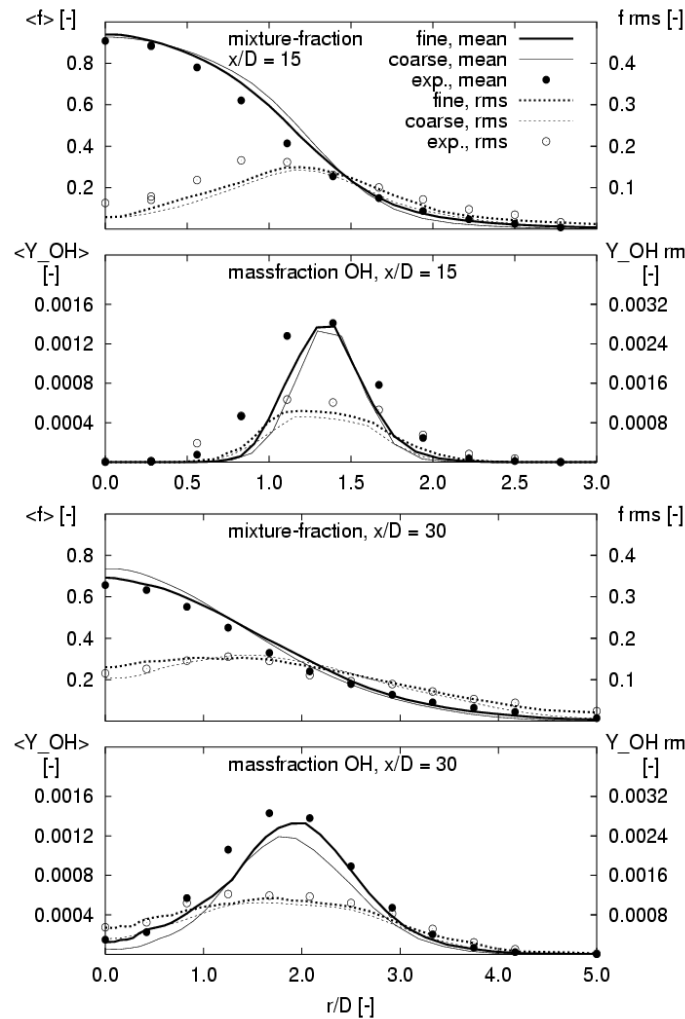
Mixture fraction  $T$



*Kempf et. al. (2004)*

*(Exp. Barlow et. al. (1998))*

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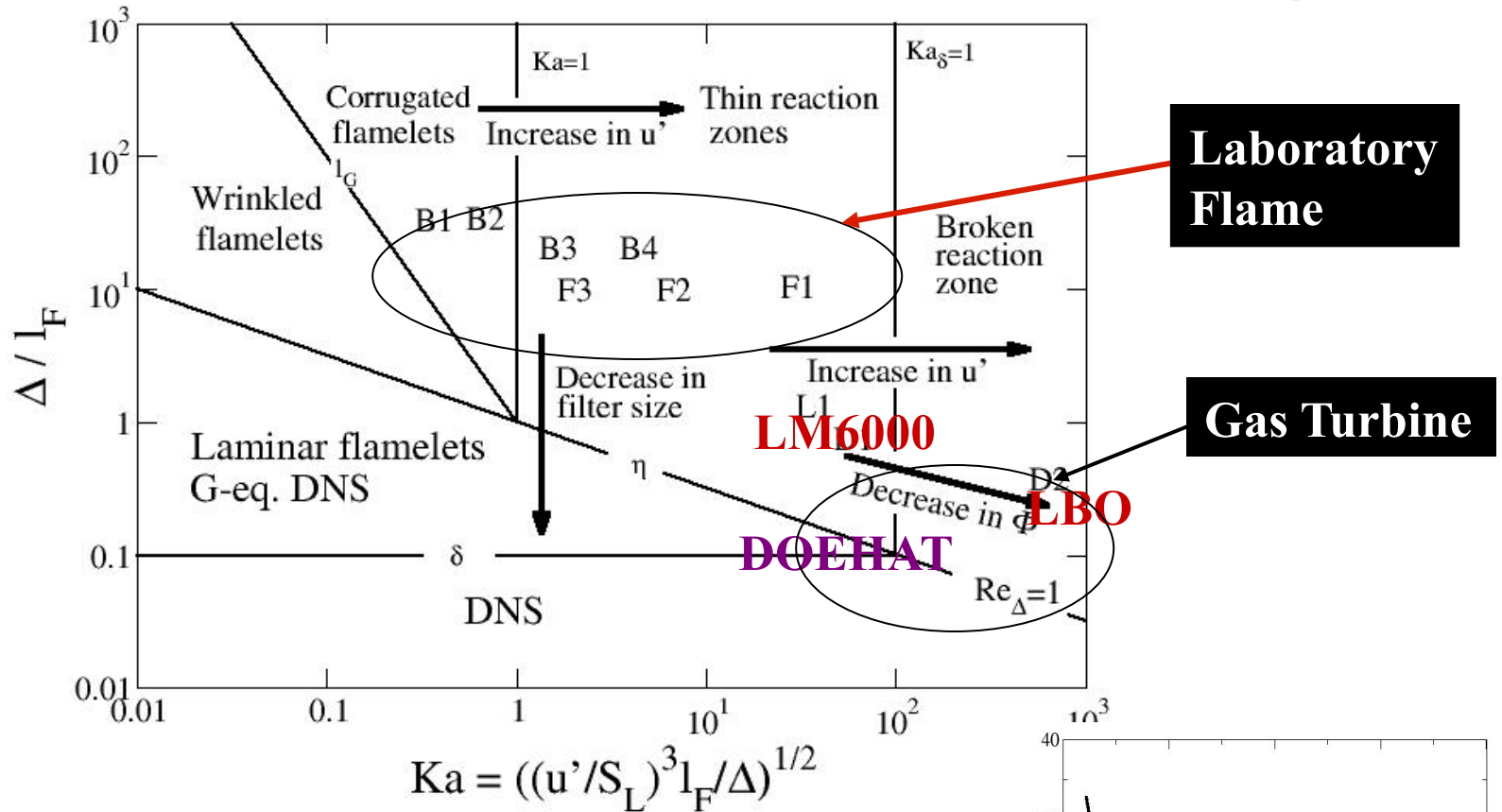
**Stable Species, T: OK**

**Minor Species: So-So**

**Extinction/Reignition:  
need more work!!**

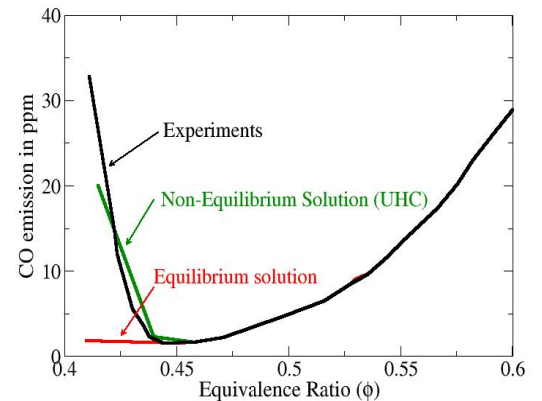
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# Combustion Regimes (Pitsch, 2002)



- *TRZ-BRZ regimes relevance for lean systems*
- *LBO most likely to occur in Broken Reaction Zone Regime*
- *LES from Flamelet to TRZ to BRZ without model changes*

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## Models for Premixed Combustion

- Subgrid BML-(Bray-Moss-Libby)-model
- Artificially thickened flame front model (Poinsot)
- Level set (G-equation: Kerstein, Williams, Peters, Pitsch)
  - Including partially premixed (G-Z) approach
- Linear-Eddy Mixing (LEM) Model (Kerstein)

## **Artificially Thickened Flames**

- Thicken the flame to resolve it on the LES grid (Poinsot 2001, Colin et al., 2000), Vervisch et al. (1996)
- Species equations solved on the LES grid
  - Diffusion coefficient and reaction rate modified to achieve same flame speed and propagation
  - SGS wrinkling included using efficiency function
  - Easy to implement and efficient
  - Applied to complex combustors (shown later)
  - Reduced kinetics
  - Dynamically thickened flame for non-premixed flames

## Processes in Turbulent Combustion

- Large-scale convection of scalars by coherent structures and mean flow controlled by geometry of the problem
  - Scalar interface is stretched/wrinkled but not molecularly mixed by these processes
- Small-scale processes
  - Turbulent mixing by smaller eddies (till Kolmogorov)
  - Molecular diffusion (including differential diffusion)
  - Reaction kinetics and heat release
- Small-to-large scale coupling
  - Volumetric expansion due to heat release
  - Modification of the velocity field by heat release
- *LEMLES resolves these processes independently and concurrently*

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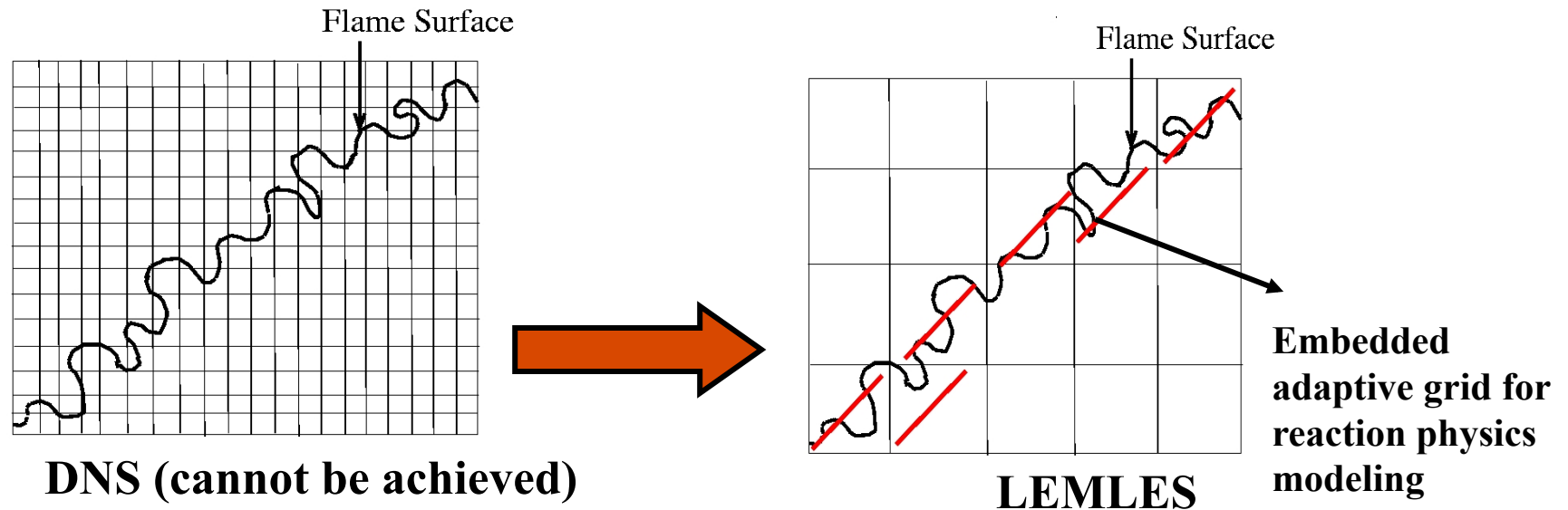
## What is LEMLES?

- A multi-scale approach to solve the scalar conservation equations in any solver
  - Can be used in 2D or 3D
  - Can be used for RANS, URANS or LES
- It is a time-dependant method that employs a grid-within-grid strategy
  - Scalar field evolves at the small-scales where mixing, diffusion, kinetics and volumetric expansion all occur

## **Linear-Eddy Mixing (LEM) in LES**

- LEM proposed by A. Kerstein (1989, 1990) is modified and used as a SGS reaction-diffusion “simulation” model
  - Model resides inside every LES cell
- Reaction kinetics closed exactly (as in FDF methods)
- Molecular diffusion is also closed
  - Ability to predict Schmidt number effects
- Parallel implementation is needed for efficiency
- Costly when compared to ATF, G-eqn or flamelet methods
  - Cost similar to FDF methods
- However, application to all types of combustion possible
  - No ad hoc parameters to adjust

## Grid-Within-Grid Approach in LEMLES

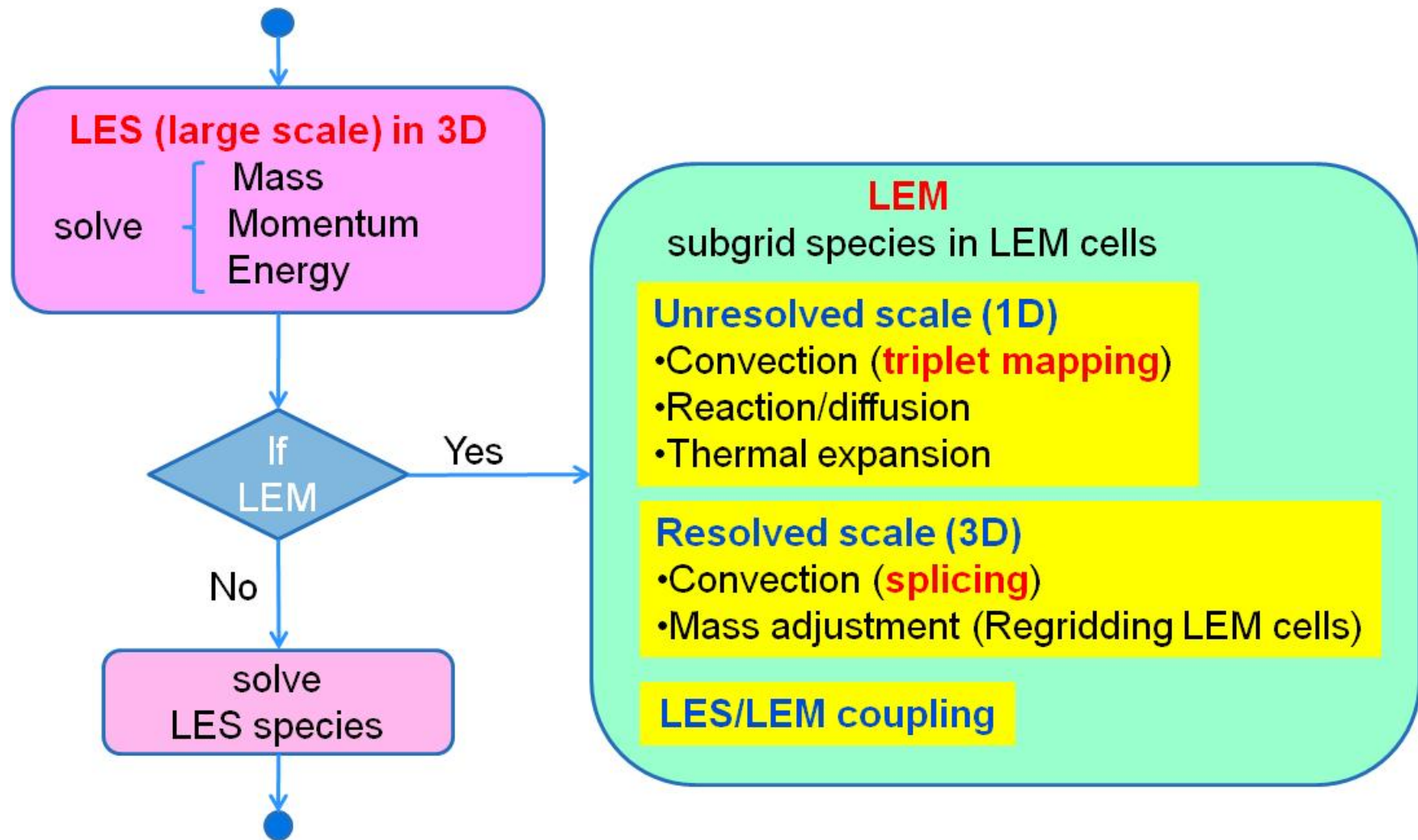


- *Captures physics within complex geometries*
- *Grid resolution is reasonable compared to DNS*
- *Modeling approach has no “adjustable” parameters*
- *Single formulation validated for many real problems & systems*
  - *Premixed, Non-Premixed and Spray Flames*
  - *Gas Turbines, Afterburners, Rockets, Scramjets*
  - *Detonations, Explosions and Fires*

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## Linear Eddy Model in LES (LEMLES)



## **LEMLES Modules**

- LES-to-LEM inputs
  - Grid resolution, Reynolds No., mass flux balance
- Internal LEM processes in each LES cell
  - Turbulent stirring, molecular diffusion and reactions
  - Volumetric expansion
  - Also Stand-Alone LEM (code provided)
- LEM transport across each LES cell
  - Scalar convection to maintain mass conservation
- LEM-to-LES coupling
  - Filtered scalar fields from each LES cell used in the energy conservation and equation of state

## **Subgrid LEM Processes**

- Reaction-Diffusion processes
  - Similar to a stand-alone Chemkin but more general
- Subgrid turbulent stirring by eddies smaller than grid
  - Stochastic process using a mapping model
- Volumetric expansion of subgrid field due to heat release
- Computational issues for LEMLES for load balancing
  - Fixed LEM cells per LES volume
  - Re-gridding to maintain load balancing
  - Can be relaxed with some dynamic load balancing

## Species Equation: Two Step Decomposition

- Resolved Species Equation**

$$\frac{\partial(\rho Y_k)}{\partial t} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial(\rho u_i Y_k)}{\partial x_i}}_{\text{(Resolved+Unresolved) scale convection}} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \rho D_k \frac{\partial Y_k}{\partial x_i} \right)}_{\text{Molecular diffusion}} = \underbrace{\dot{\omega}_k}_{\text{Chemical source term}} + \underbrace{\dot{S}_k}_{\text{Spray source term}}$$

- Two scale procedure is used:**  $u_i = (\tilde{u}_i + u'_{sgs})_R + u'_{UR}$

- Unresolved Scale**

$$\frac{(\rho Y_k)^* - (\rho Y_k)^n}{\Delta t_{LES}} = - \underbrace{\frac{\partial(\rho^n u'_{iUR} Y_k^n)}{\partial x_i}}_{\text{Convection}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left( \rho^n D_k \frac{\partial Y_k^n}{\partial x_i} \right)}_{\text{Molecular diffusion}} + \underbrace{\dot{\omega}_k^n}_{\text{Chemical source}} + \underbrace{\dot{S}_k^n}_{\text{Spray source}}$$

- Resolved Scale**

$$\frac{(\rho Y_k)^{n+1} - (\rho Y_k)^*}{\Delta t_{LES}} = \underbrace{- \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} \left[ \rho^* (\tilde{u}_i^* + u'_{sgs})_R Y_k^* \right]}_{\text{Convection}}$$

## Energy Equation

- Resolved Energy Equation [Poinsot & Veynante, Pg. 20]

$$\rho C_p \frac{DT}{Dt} = \frac{DF}{Dt} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left( \kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_k} \right) - \left( \rho \sum_{k=1}^N C_{p,k} Y_k V_{k,i} \right) \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i} + \tau_{ij} \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \omega_T' + \dot{Q}_{spray}$$

- With low Mach No. approx and const pressure combustion [Poinsot & Veynante, Pg. 22]

$$\rho C_p \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \underbrace{-\rho C_p u_i \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i}}_{\text{resolved + unresolved convection}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left( \kappa \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_k} \right)}_{\text{heat conduction}} - \underbrace{\left( \rho \sum_{k=1}^N C_{p,k} Y_k V_{k,i} \right) \frac{\partial T}{\partial x_i}}_{\text{diffusional enthalpy flux}} + \underbrace{\omega_T'}_{\text{chem rxn}} + \underbrace{\dot{Q}_s}_{\text{spray source}}$$

## Energy Equation: Two Step Decomposition

- As before, a two-scale approach is used:

$$u_i = \left( \tilde{u}_i + u'_{sgs} \right)_R + u'_{iUR}$$

– **Small scale processes:**

$$\rho^n C_p \frac{T^* - T^n}{\Delta t} = -\rho^n u'_{i,UR} \frac{\partial T^n}{\partial x_k} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_k} \left( \kappa \frac{\partial T^n}{\partial x_k} \right) - \left( \rho^n \sum_{k=1}^N C_{p,k} (Y_k^n V_{k,i} + V_{i,c}^n) \right) \frac{\partial T^n}{\partial x_i} + \omega'_T + \dot{Q}_s^n$$

– **Large scale transport:**

$$\rho C_p \frac{T^{n+1} - T^*}{\Delta t} = -\rho^* C_p (\tilde{u}_i^* + u'_{sgs,*})_R \frac{\partial T^*}{\partial x_i}$$

$$V_{i,c}^n = \sum_{k=1}^N D_k \frac{W_k}{W} \frac{\partial X_k}{\partial x_i}$$

## LEM : Reaction Diffusion Equation

- 1-D domain resolve Kolmogorov scale

$$Y_k^* - Y_k^n = \frac{1}{\rho^n} \int_t^{t+\Delta t_{LES}} \left[ \underbrace{F_k^{stir}}_{\substack{\text{turbulent} \\ \text{convection} \\ \text{(stirring)}}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left( \rho^* D_k \frac{\partial Y_k^*}{\partial s} \right)}_{\substack{\text{molecular} \\ \text{diffusion}}} + \underbrace{\dot{\omega}_k^*}_{\substack{\text{chemical} \\ \text{reaction}}} + \underbrace{\dot{S}_k^*}_{\substack{\text{spray} \\ \text{source}}} \right] dt'$$

- Direction  $S$  is along the direction of the max. scalar gradient
- Time integ. ( $dt'$ ) corresponds to  $t_{stir}$ ,  $t_{diff}$ ,  $t_{chem}$ , respectively
  - Spray source is evaluated once at  $\Delta t_{LES}$  but can be called from within LEM solver to treat vaporization and spray mixing at the droplet timescales

## LEM: Energy Equation

- 1-D domain: resolve Kolmogorov scale

$$T^* - T^n = \frac{1}{\rho^n C_p} \int_t^{t+\Delta t_{LES}} \left[ \underbrace{F_{T\,stir}}_{\substack{\text{turbulent} \\ \text{convection} \\ \text{(stirring)}}} + \underbrace{\kappa \frac{\partial T^n}{\partial s} - \frac{\partial T^n}{\partial s} \left( \rho^n \sum_{k=1}^N C_{p,k} (V_k^n Y_k^n + V_c^n) \right)}_{\text{molecular diffusion}} + \underbrace{\dot{\omega}_T^n}_{\text{chemical reaction}} + \underbrace{\dot{Q}^n}_{\text{spray source}} \right] dt'$$

### Turbulent Transport

- Stochastic stirring
- Model (*Triplet Maps*)

### Molecular Diffusion:

- Exact closure
- Mixture Averaged or
- Multi-Component

### Reaction

- Exact closure
- Direct integration
- ISAT
- ILDM
- ANN

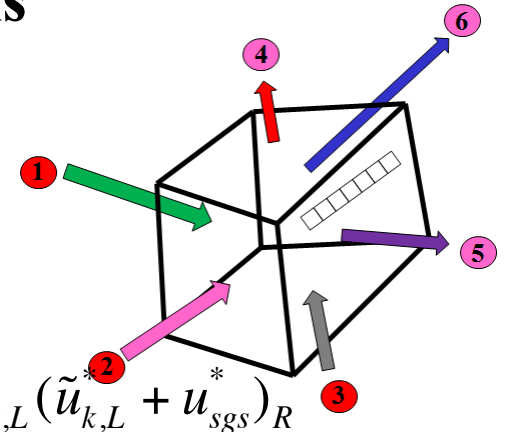


## LEM: Large Scale Transport

- 3D transport of scalar fields between LES cells

$$Y_k : \sum_{M=1}^{NLEM} (\rho_M^{n+1} Y_{k,M}^{n+1} - \rho_M^* Y_{k,M}^*) = \frac{\Delta t_{LES}}{\Delta V_{LEM}} \sum_{L=1}^{Nface} \bar{\rho}^* A_{k,L} (\tilde{u}_{k,L}^* + u_{sgs}^*)_R$$

$$T : \sum_{M=1}^{NLEM} (\rho_M^{n+1} C_{p,M}^{n+1} T_M^{n+1} - \rho_M^* C_{p,M}^* T_M^*) = \frac{\Delta t_{LES}}{\Delta V_{LEM}} \sum_{L=1}^{Nface} \bar{\rho}^* \bar{C}_{p,L}^* \tilde{T}_L^* A_{k,L} (\tilde{u}_{k,L}^* + u_{sgs}^*)_R$$



- Implemented via a Lagrangian algorithm called splicing
- Resolved diffusion velocity is neglected in scalar convection
  - Cannot simulate Laminar flames using LEMLES
    - Note: Stand-alone LEM simulates Laminar flames
    - LEMLES valid and more accurate for high Re flows

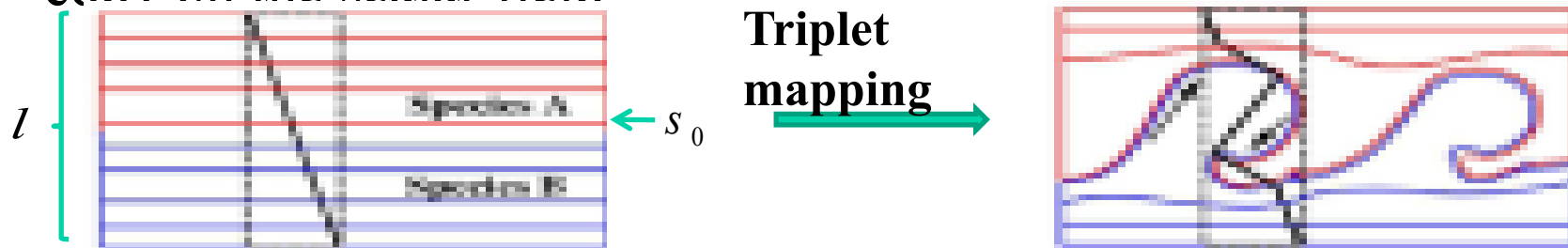
## Small Scale Transport: Stirring

$$Y_k^* - Y_k^n = \frac{1}{\rho^n} \int_t^{t+\Delta t_{LES}} \left[ \underbrace{F_k^{stir}}_{\substack{\text{turbulent} \\ \text{convection} \\ \text{(stirring)}}} + \underbrace{\frac{\partial}{\partial s} \left( \rho^* D_k \frac{\partial Y_k^*}{\partial s} \right)}_{\substack{\text{molecular} \\ \text{diffusion}}} + \underbrace{\dot{\omega}_k^*}_{\substack{\text{chemical} \\ \text{reaction}}} + \underbrace{\dot{S}_k^*}_{\substack{\text{spray} \\ \text{source}}} \right] dt'$$

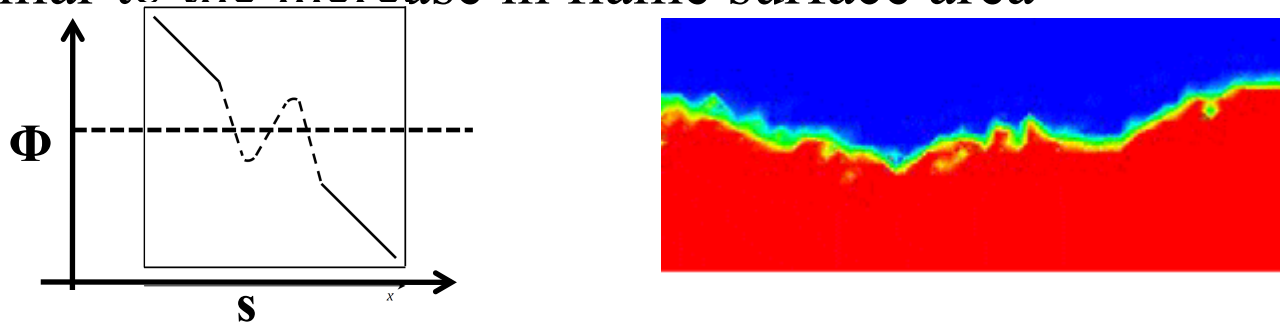
- Stirring is a
  - subgrid advection model for scalars via subgrid eddies
- Stirring is required because ...
  - LES does not model down to dissipation scales  $\eta$
  - As,  $\Delta > \eta$ , ( $Re_{sub} > 1$ ) subgrid scalar transport still exists
  - Provides the effect of eddy-flame interaction

## Triplet Mapping (Kerstein, 1989)

- Increases scalar gradients akin to the compressive action of an eddy on the scalar field



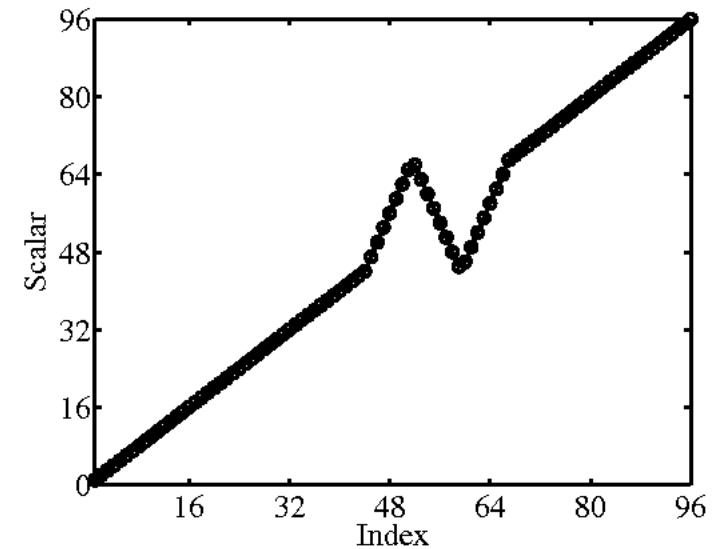
- Increases the number of crossings of a scalar value – this is similar to the increase in flame surface area



- The growth of flame surface area with the applied strain is captured quantitatively as in experimental observations

## Triplet Mapping (Contd.)

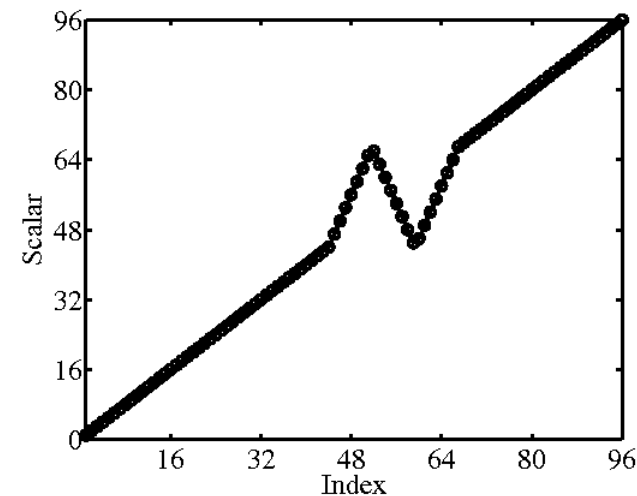
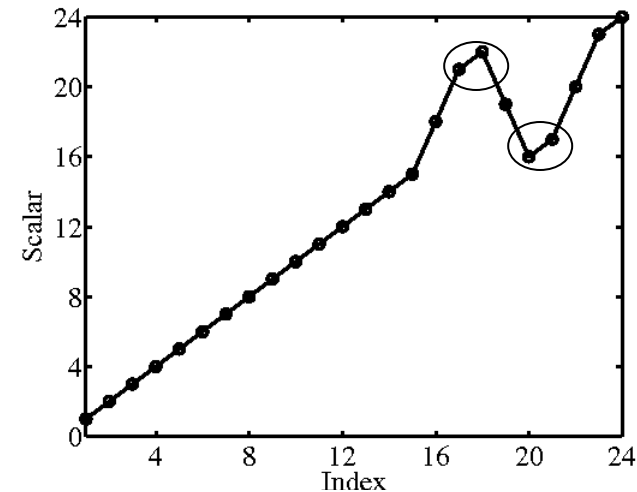
- Mapping procedure:
  - Three copies of stirred segment are made and the middle sub-segment is inverted
  - Triplet mapping offers the maximum compressive strain
  - Stirring by eddies  $\{\eta < \ell \leq \Delta\}$  recovers turbulent diffusivity stochastically



$$D_T = \frac{2}{27} \lambda \int_{\eta}^{\bar{\Delta}} l^3 f(l) dl$$

## Mapping Implementation

- **Scalar re-arrangement**
  - Strictly not original Triplet mapping procedure
  - Conserves actual scalar values of the original field
    - No art. Diffusion via interp./averaging
  - Converges to a true triplet map for large LEM resolution



## Mapping Implementation

- Eddy size,  $\eta < \ell \leq L$ , chosen from a PDF:

$$f(l) = \frac{5}{3} \frac{l^{-8/3}}{\eta^{-5/3} - L^{-5/3}} \quad \eta = NL \text{Re}^{-3/4}$$

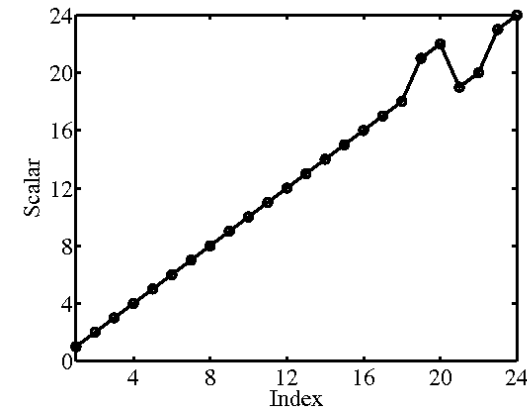
- PDF obeys inertial range scaling laws for turbulent flows
- Eddy subset depends on subgrid resolution  $\sim O(N_{\text{LEM}}/3)$
- Eddy frequency is chosen from

$$\lambda = \frac{54}{5} \frac{\nu \text{Re} C_\lambda}{L^3} \left( \frac{(L/\eta)^{5/3} - 1}{1 - (\eta/L)^{4/3}} \right)$$

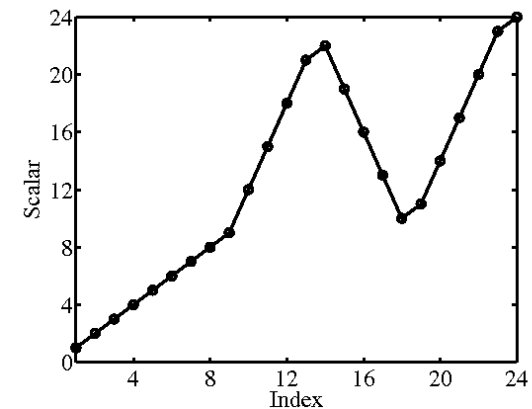
- Time scale for stirring is  $\Delta t_{\text{stir}} = 1/(\lambda L)$
- Eddy location is randomized within a subset of permissible locations such that the chosen eddy can be accommodated

## Mapping Implementation

- Algorithmically, an eddy size must be of size 6 or more
  - Requires LEM grid-size,  $N_{\text{LEM}}$  a multiple of 3
- Physically eddy size must be above dissipation scales
  - $\Delta_{\text{LEM}} = \min(\eta, \eta_B)/6$  where is  $\eta_B$  the Batchelor scale, the dissipation scale for scalars,  $\eta_B = \eta/\text{Sc}^{0.5}$
- Boundaries are not stirred
  - $N_{\text{LEM}}$  must be greater than 9



Smallest computational eddy



A relatively larger eddy

## Mapping Implementation

- Number of eddies in a resolution are finite
  - Smallest stirring eddy is of size 6
    - Size 6 eddies have triplet segments of length 2 (st. line)
    - Size 3 eddies have triplet segments that are points (zero-length segments), hence *do not perturb the profile!*
  - Boundaries cannot be stirred
  - Stirring eddy sizes are 6, 9, 12, 15 ...  $N_{\text{LEM}}$
  - For  $N_{\text{LEM}} = 12$ , eddy sizes are 6, 9, 12
- Physically, smaller the LEM grid-spacing..
  - Closer it is to dissipation scales
  - Smaller the number of stirring eddies

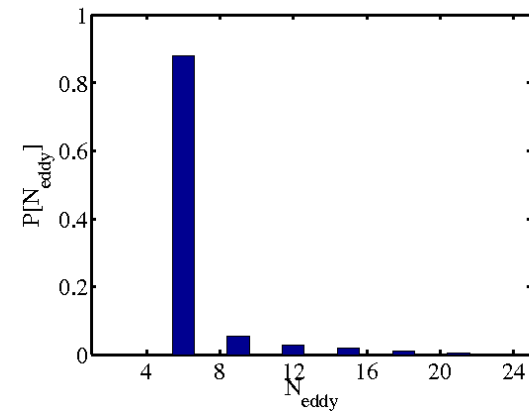
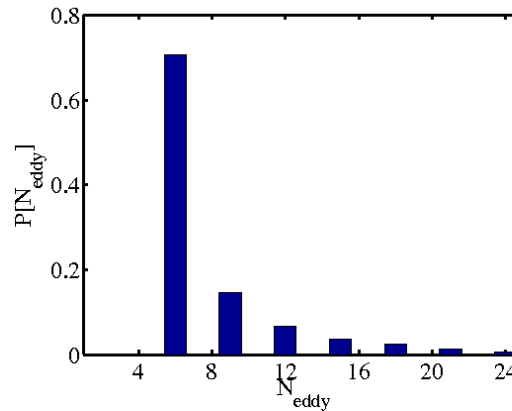
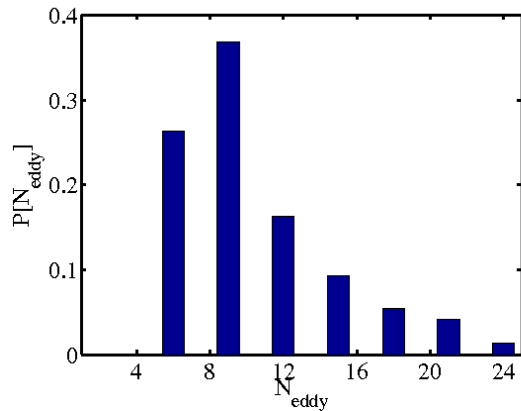
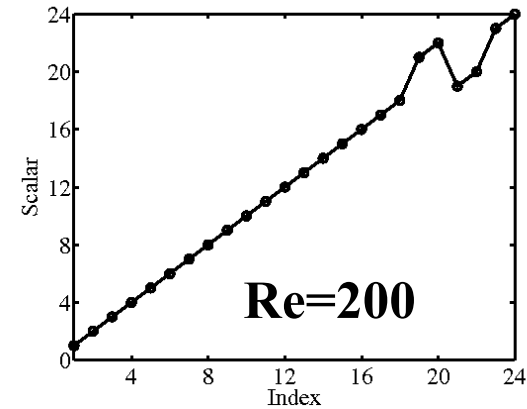
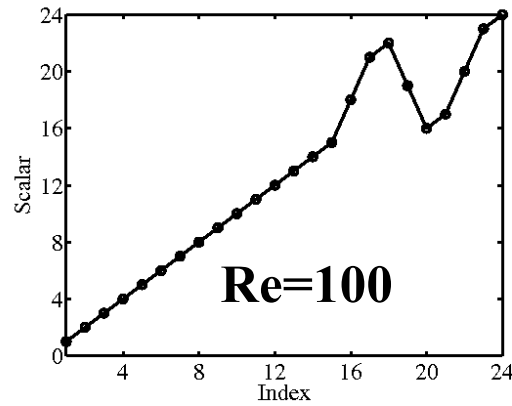
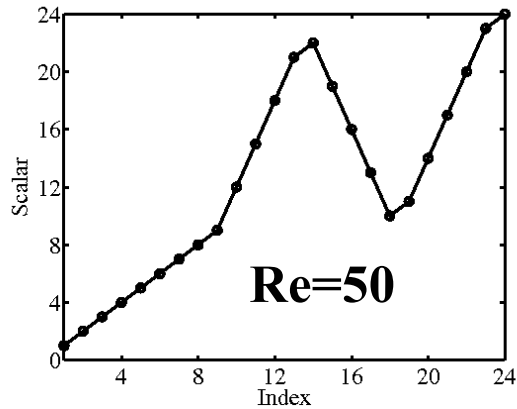


## Triplet Mapping Code: Stirring.F

- Performs single stirring over of an unperturbed profile
- Specify in the code:
  - ISGS: LEM Resolution
  - RSCALE: LES grid size
  - RET: Subgrid Re
  - Initial profile in subroutine STIR
- Outputs:
  - stir.dat: prints the stirred field corresponding to the most probable eddy
  - prob.dat: PDF of eddies
- The next two plots were generated using this code

```
PROGRAM STIRRRR
IMPLICIT NONE
REAL (KIND=8) :: RSCALE,RET,DS,PROB(200),PMAX(1)
INTEGER :: ISGS,I,J,NITER,NEDDY
ISGS=24;RSCALE=0.2D-3;DS=RSCALE/DBLE(ISGS)
NITER=10000
PROB=0.0D0
DO I=1,NITER
RET=20.0D0
CALL STIR(RSCALE,RET,DS,ISGS,PROB,NEDDY)
PMAX=MAXLOC(PROB)*3
PRINT*,PMAX
IF(I.GT.NITER/2 .AND. PMAX(1)==NEDDY) THEN
OPEN(12,FILE='prob_020.dat',FORM='FORMATTED')
DO J=1,ISGS/3
WRITE(12,*)J,PROB(J)/DBLE(I)
ENDDO
CLOSE(12)
STOP
ENDIF
ENDDO
STOP
END
```

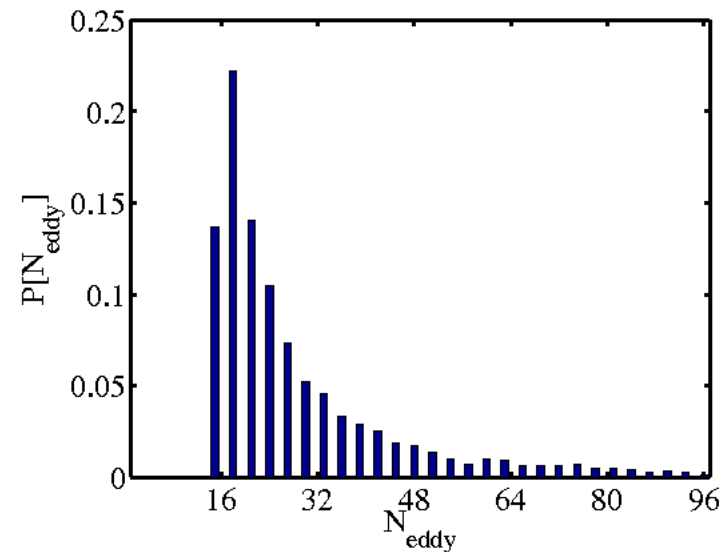
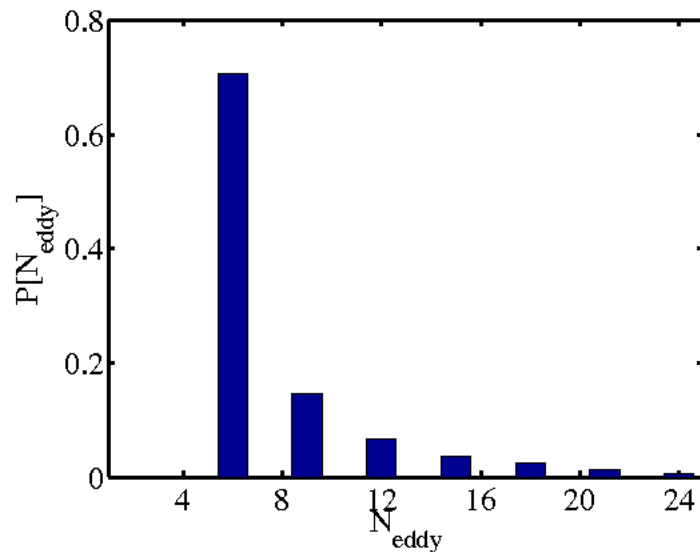
## Subgrid Re v/s Eddy Size



- $\Delta=0.2\text{mm}$ ,  $N_{LEM}=24$
- Most probable eddy is plotted on top followed by PDF of eddies based on size is plotted below

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## Effects of Subgrid Resolution



- $Re_{sub}=100$ ,  $N_{LEM}=24$  Vs.  $N_{LEM}=96$
- Most probable eddy= $6(\Delta/24)$  Vs.  $18(\Delta/96)$
- A better representation of eddy cascade with better resolution

## Stirring Frequency

- Stirring frequency

$$\lambda = \frac{54 \nu \text{Re}_\Delta}{4 C_\lambda \Delta^3} \frac{\left[ \left( \frac{\Delta}{\eta} \right)^{5/3} - 1 \right]}{1 - (\eta/\Delta)^{4/3}}$$

$$T_{STIR} = 1/\lambda\Delta \quad \eta = N_\eta \frac{\Delta}{\text{Re}_\Delta^{3/4}}$$

$\Delta$  = local LES filter width (RSCALE)

$\eta$  = Kolmogorov scale (ETA)

$$\text{Re}_\Delta = u'\Delta/\nu; u' = \sqrt{2k^{sgs}/3} (REL)$$

$C_\lambda = 0.067, N_\eta = 11$ , constants (STSFAC,ETAFAC)

(fixed from scaling analysis)

```

REL=RET
ETA = RSCALE * (REL**(-R3D4))
IF (REL .NE. 1.0D0) THEN
  RLAM = R54B5 * RNUS * REL * ((RSCALE / ETA)**R5D3
    - R1) / (R1 - (ETA / RSCALE)**R4D3) * RSCALE3
  TSTIR = STSFAC / ( RLAM * RSCALE)
  ETA = ETAFAC * ETA
  RESOL = ETA * RDXLEM

  TDELS = TSTIR
  NTSMX = INT(DTLES / TDELS) + 1
  TDELS = DTLES / DBLE(NTSMX)

ELSE

  TSTIR = 1.0D3
  TDELS = TSTIR
  RESOL = ETA * RDXLEM

ENDIF          ! ENDFOR REL = 1
    
```

## Stirring Frequency (Contd.)

- Number of stirrings per iteration
  - $NTSMX = TSTIR / \Delta t_{LES}$
  - No stirring if  $Re_{\Delta} \leq 1$

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  TDELS = TSTIR
  RESOL = ETA * RDXLEM

ENDIF          ! ENDF FOR REL = 1
```

## Triplet Mapping: Size Selection

- **RSCALE** =  $\Delta$
- **FAC1** =  $\Delta^{-5/3}$
- **FAC2** =  $\eta^{-5/3}$

$$f(l) = \frac{5}{3} \frac{l^{-8/3}}{\eta^{-5/3} - \Delta^{-5/3}}$$

$$CDF(l) = \int_{\eta}^l f(l) dl = \frac{l^{-5/3} - \eta^{-5/3}}{\Delta^{-5/3} - \eta^{-5/3}}$$

- **EVENT** =  $l$ , **RAND** =  $CDF(l) = [0..1]$

$$l = [\eta^{-5/3} + RAND * (\Delta^{-5/3} - \eta^{-5/3})]^{-3/5}$$

```
FAC1 = RSCALE**(-R5D3)
FAC2 = ETA**(-R5D3)

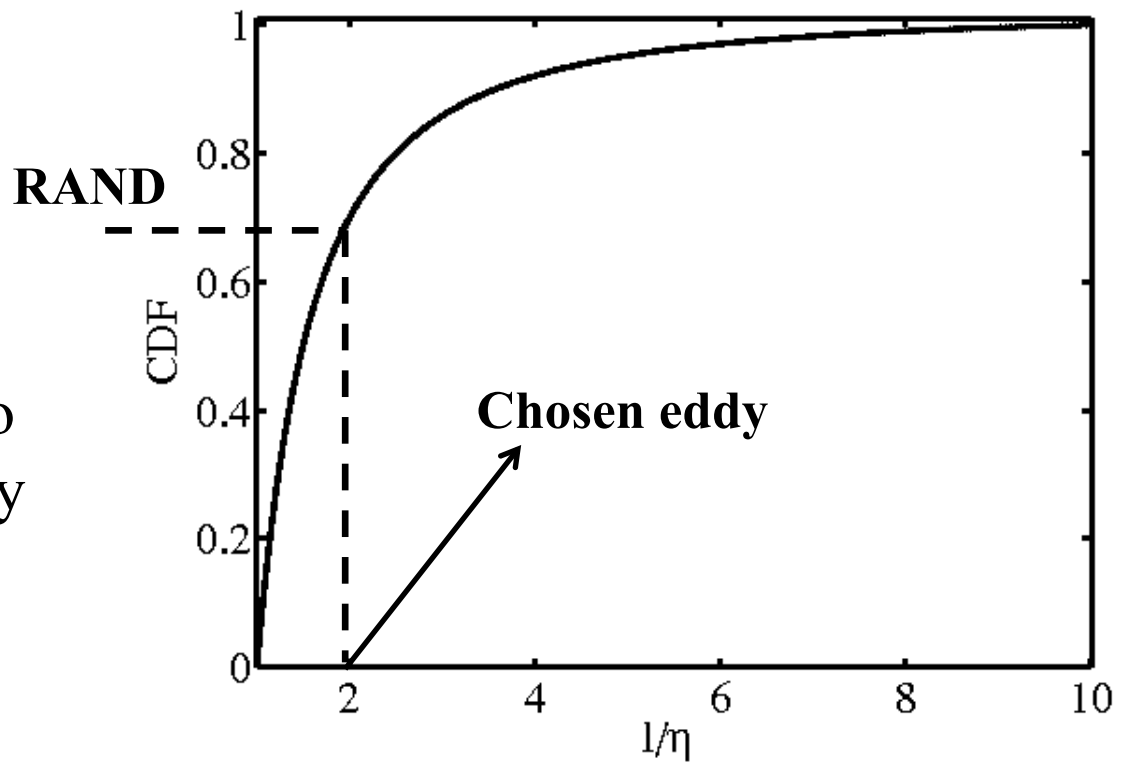
CALL RANDOM_NUMBER(RAND)
EVENT = (RAND * (FAC1 - FAC2) + FAC2)**(-R3D5)

! We need EVENT to at least cover 6 LEM cells.
! So, multiply it by 6.1 to ensure later integer division
! still gives 6
IF(EVENT.LT.(6.1D0*DXLEM)) EVENT = 6.1D0*DXLEM

EDDY = EVENT / RSCALE
EDDY = EDDY * FSGS
! These two lines scale NEDDY to an integer multiple of 3
NEDDY = NINT(EDDY / 3.0D0 )
NEDDY = 3 * NEDDY
! This caps NEDDY to be no larger than ISGS
NEDDY = MIN(NEDDY, ISGS)
! This rounds NEDDY down to the nearest multiple of 3
NEDDY = NEDDY-MOD(NEDDY, 3)
```

## Eddy Selection Algorithm

- RAND decides y-axis location on the CDF to determine stirring eddy



## Triplet Mapping: Size Selection

- $FSGS = NLEM$
- $EDDY = EVENT / DXLEM$ 
  - Number of LEM Cells
- $NEDDY =$  closest Integer to  $EDDY$  divisible by 3

```
FAC1 = RSCALE**(-R5D3)
FAC2 = ETA**(-R5D3)

CALL RANDOM_NUMBER(RAND)
EVENT = (RAND * (FAC1 - FAC2) + FAC2)**(-R3D5)

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## Triplet Mapping: Size Selection

- Location of Eddy is randomized with the constraint that it fits in the LEM domain
- Size of Eddy = NEDDY
- LEM domain size = ISGS (NLEM)
- Randomization for start position over ISGS-NEDDY

```
C -----  
C   FIND THE STIRRING LOCATION  
C -----  
  
CALL RANDOM_NUMBER(RAND)  
LOC  = 1 + NINT(FLOAT(ISGS - NEDDY) * RAND)  
! If NEDDY=ISGS, we need to at least start at 1  
! hence the ISGS-NEDDY+1  
LOC  = MIN(LOC, ISGS - NEDDY + 1)
```

## Triplet Mapping: Rearrangement

- GDUM2 = Original Scalar Field
- GDUMM = Work Array
- NEDDY = Eddy Size
- LOC = Eddy location
- ISGS = LEM resolution, NLEM
- NSP3 = NSPECI+3 ( $Y_k$ ,  $\rho$ , T, Vol)

$$\hat{Y}_k(s, t_0) = \begin{cases} Y_k(3s - 2s_0, t_0) & s_0 \leq s \leq s_0 + l/3 \\ Y_k(-3s + 4s_0 + 2l, t_0) & s_0 + l/3 \leq s \leq s_0 + 2l/3 \\ Y_k(3s - 2s_0 - 2l, t_0) & s_0 + 2l/3 \leq s \leq s_0 + l \\ Y_k(s, t_0) & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$l$  : size of mapping event       $s_0$  : location of mapping event

```

C -----
C   TRIPLET MAPPING
C -----
GDUMM(1:ISGS,1:NSP3) = GDUM2(1:ISGS,1:NSP3)

IL = NEDDY-1
! Define end points for each segment
IL1 = NEDDY/3
IL2 = 2*NEDDY/3

DO IS = 1, IL1
GDUMM(IS+LOC-1,1:NSP3) = GDUM2(3*IS-3+LOC, 1:NSP3)
END DO

DO IS = IL1+1, IL2
GDUMM(IS+LOC-1,1:NSP3) = GDUM2(-3*IS+3+2*IL+LOC,
1:NSP3)
END DO

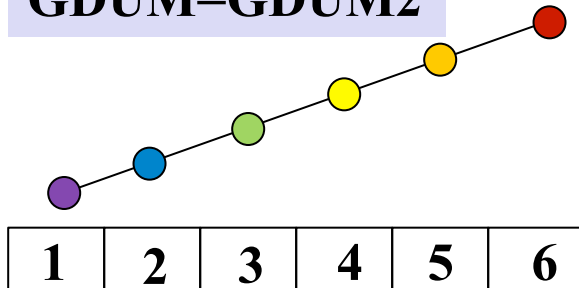
DO IS = IL2+1, NEDDY
GDUMM(IS+LOC-1, 1:NSP3) = GDUM2(3*IS-3-2*IL+LOC,
1:NSP3)
END DO

! Loop unrolled to allow vectorization
GDUM2(1:ISGS,1:NSP3) = GDUMM(1:ISGS,1:NSP3)
GDUMM = 0.0D0
    
```

## Triplet Mapping: Rearrangement

- ISGS = 6, Assume NEDDY = 6
  - In fact this is the only eddy for an LEM domain of size 6
- Set the bounds
  - IL = 5, IL1 = 2, IL2 = 4

**GDUM=GDUM2**



```
GDUMM(1:ISGS,1:NSP3) = GDUM2(1:ISGS,1:NSP3)
IL = NEDDY-1
! Define end points for each segment
IL1 = NEDDY/3
IL2 = 2*NEDDY/3

DO IS = 1, IL1
  GDUMM(IS+LOC-1,1:NSP3) = GDUM2(3*IS-3+LOC, 1:NSP3)
END DO

DO IS = IL1+1, IL2
  GDUMM(IS+LOC-1,1:NSP3) = GDUM2(-3*IS+3+2*IL+LOC,
  1:NSP3)
END DO

DO IS = IL2+1, NEDDY
  GDUMM(IS+LOC-1, 1:NSP3) = GDUM2(3*IS-3-2*IL+LOC,
  1:NSP3)
END DO

! Loop unrolled to allow vectorization
GDUM2(1:ISGS,1:NSP3) = GDUMM(1:ISGS,1:NSP3)
GDUMM = 0,0D0
```

# Triplet Mapping: Rearrangement

- **LOC = 1**
- **@1 = @1, @2 = @4**
- **@3 = @5, @4 = @2**
- **@5 = @3, @6 = @6**

```
GDUMM(1:ISGS,1:NSP3) = GDUM2(1:ISGS,1:NSP3)
IL = NEDDY-1
! Define end points for each segment
IL1 = NEDDY/3
IL2 = 2*NEDDY/3

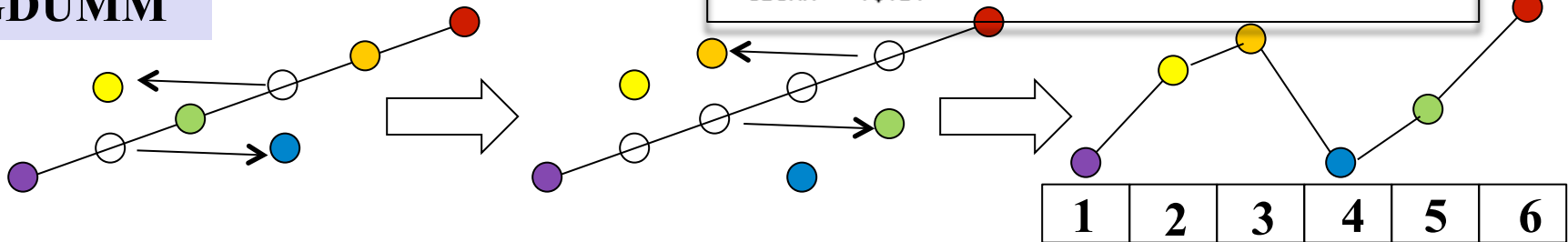
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GDUMM(IS+LOC-1,1:NSP3) = GDUM2(3*IS-3+LOC, 1:NSP3)
END DO

DO IS = IL1+1, IL2
GDUMM(IS+LOC-1,1:NSP3) = GDUM2(-3*IS+3+2*IL+LOC,
1:NSP3)
END DO

DO IS = IL2+1, NEDDY
GDUMM(IS+LOC-1, 1:NSP3) = GDUM2(3*IS-3-2*IL+LOC,
1:NSP3)
END DO

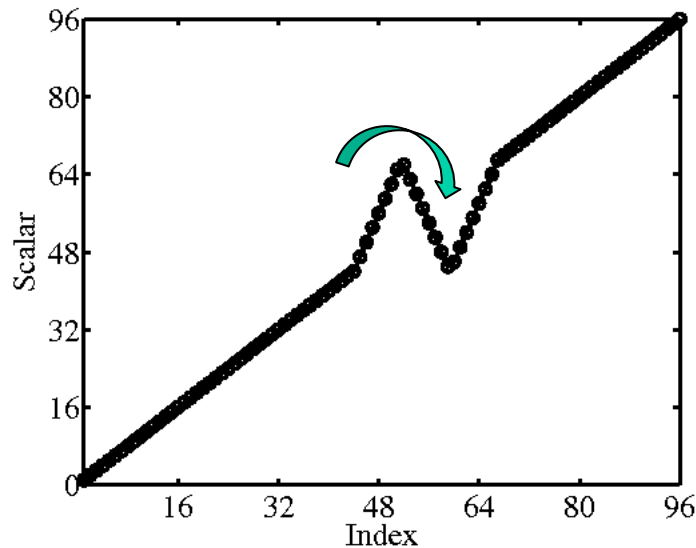
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**GDUMM**

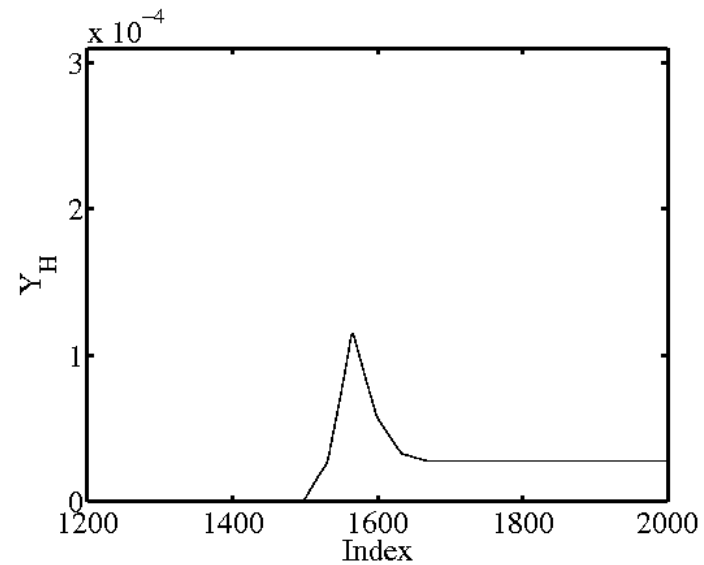


## Triplet Mapping Example

- **Stirring in a freely propagating premixed flame**

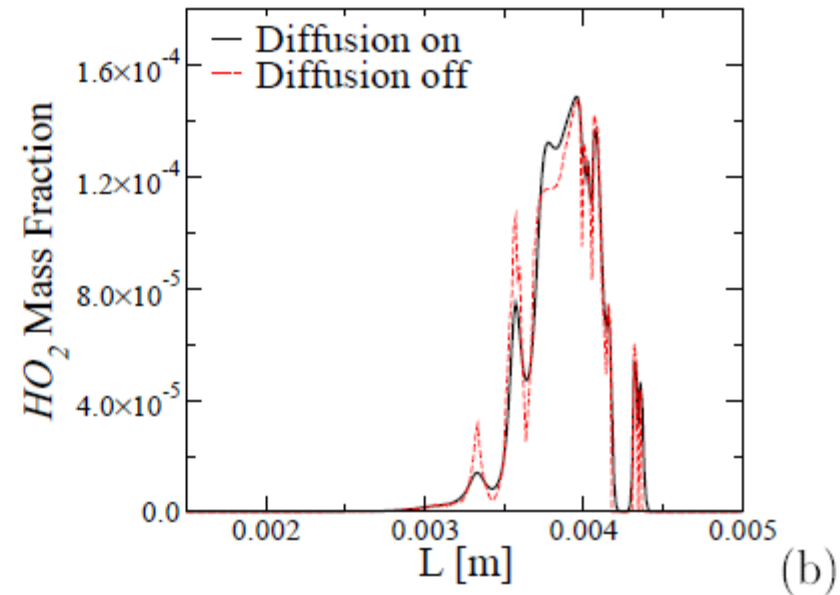
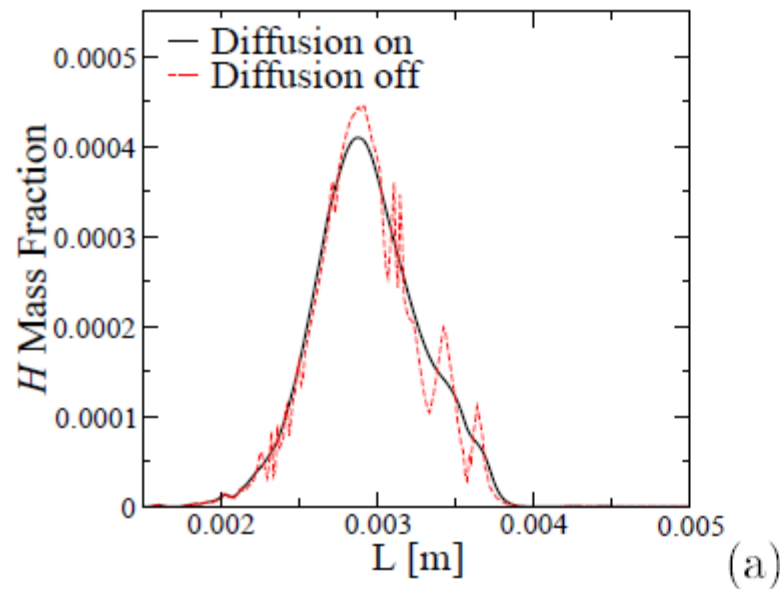


**Schematic**



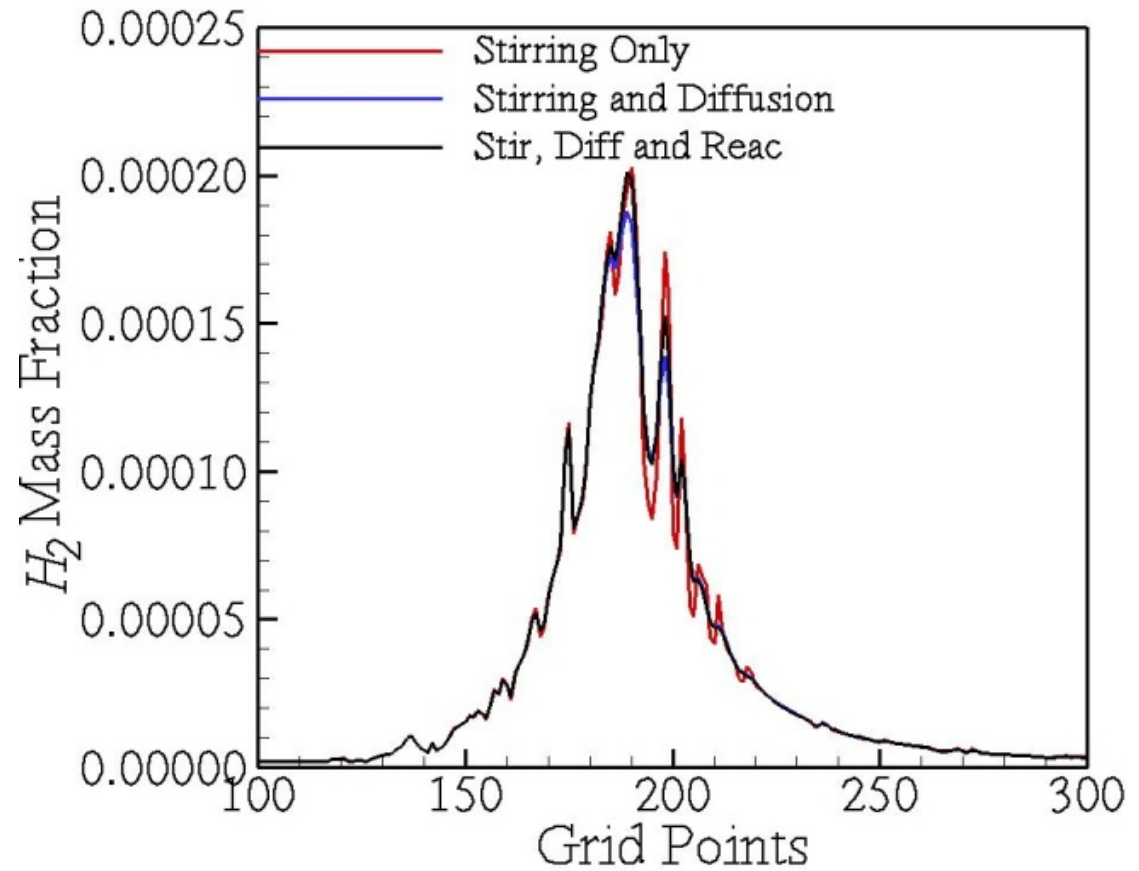
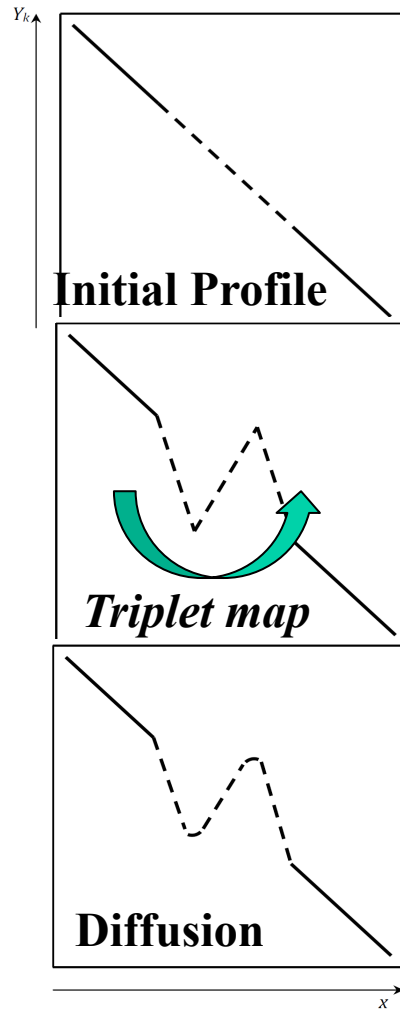
**$Y_H$  in Freely propagating  
premixed turbulent  $CH_4$ /Air  
flame**

## Comments (Contd.)



- Competition between stirring and diffusion
  - Highly diffusive H shows smoother profile Vs. HO<sub>2</sub>

# Interaction between Stirring, Diffusion and Reactions



## **Some Comments on Triplet Mapping**

- Requires a uniform grid at this time
  - Resolution requirements stringent for thin flames
- Necessitates re-gridding of cells due to volumetric expansion or merger of cells from splicing
  - Leads to numerical diffusion of subgrid field
    - Higher resolution can reduce this numerical effect
- Local re-gridding and variable LEM resolution stirring being develop to address all these issues
- Instantaneous rearrangement of scalar field
  - In reality eddy acts over a finite turn-over time



## Large Scale Transport: Splicing

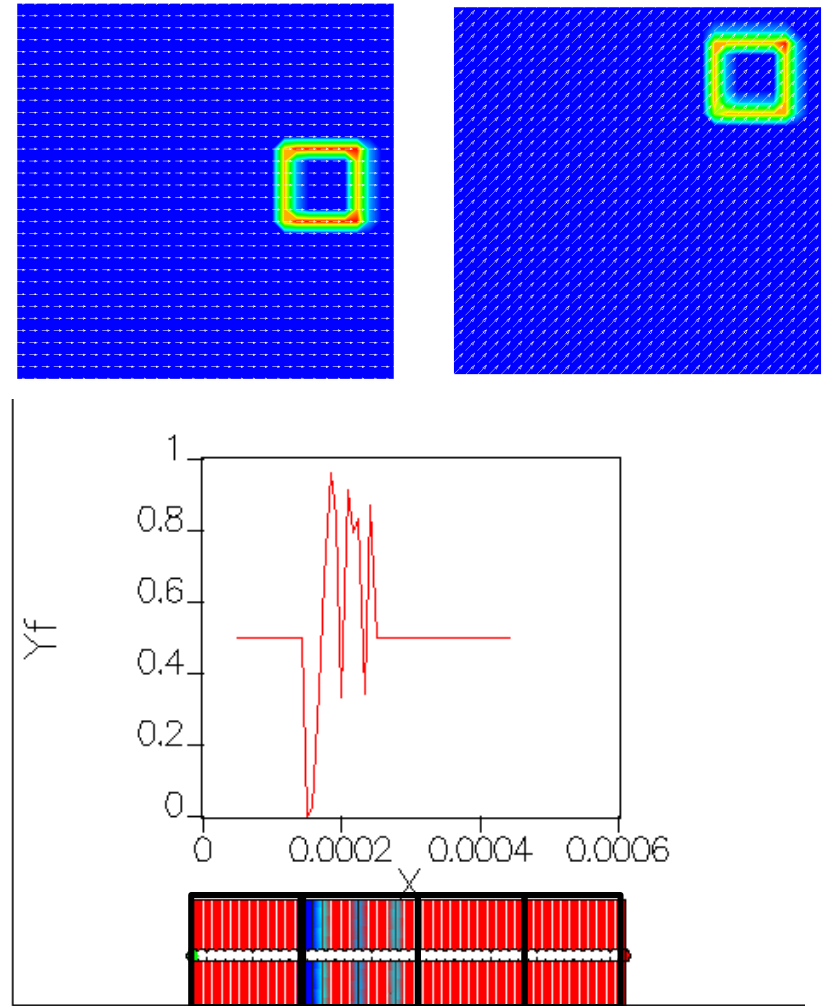
$$Y_k : \sum_{M=1}^{NLEM} (\rho_M^{n+1} Y_{k,M}^{n+1} - \rho_M^* Y_{k,M}^*) = \frac{\Delta t_{LES}}{\Delta V_{LEM}} \sum_{L=1}^{Nface} \bar{\rho}^* A_{k,L} (\tilde{u}_{k,L}^* + u_{sgs}^*)_R$$

$$T : \sum_{M=1}^{NLEM} (\rho_M^{n+1} C_{p,M}^{n+1} T_M^{n+1} - \rho_M^* C_{p,M}^* T_M^*) = \frac{\Delta t_{LES}}{\Delta V_{LEM}} \sum_{L=1}^{Nface} \bar{\rho}^* \bar{C}_{p,L}^* \tilde{T}_L^* A_{k,L} (\tilde{u}_{k,L}^* + u_{sgs}^*)_R$$

- Splicing facilitates large-scale 3D transport in LEMLES
  - Lagrangian convection of scalar gradient via LES fluxes
- Not integral part of LEM but facilitates LEMLES
- Scalars (Y, T,  $\rho$ , Vol) within LEM cell advected *en-masse*

## Splicing Demonstration

- Splicing facilitates large-scale scalar transport
  - Convection of a Box
- Splicing maintains small-scale features during transport
  - 4 LES / 12 LEM cells
    - Rand number profile
    - Per. BC
    - Unif. flowfield
    - Stir/Diff/Rxn OFF!

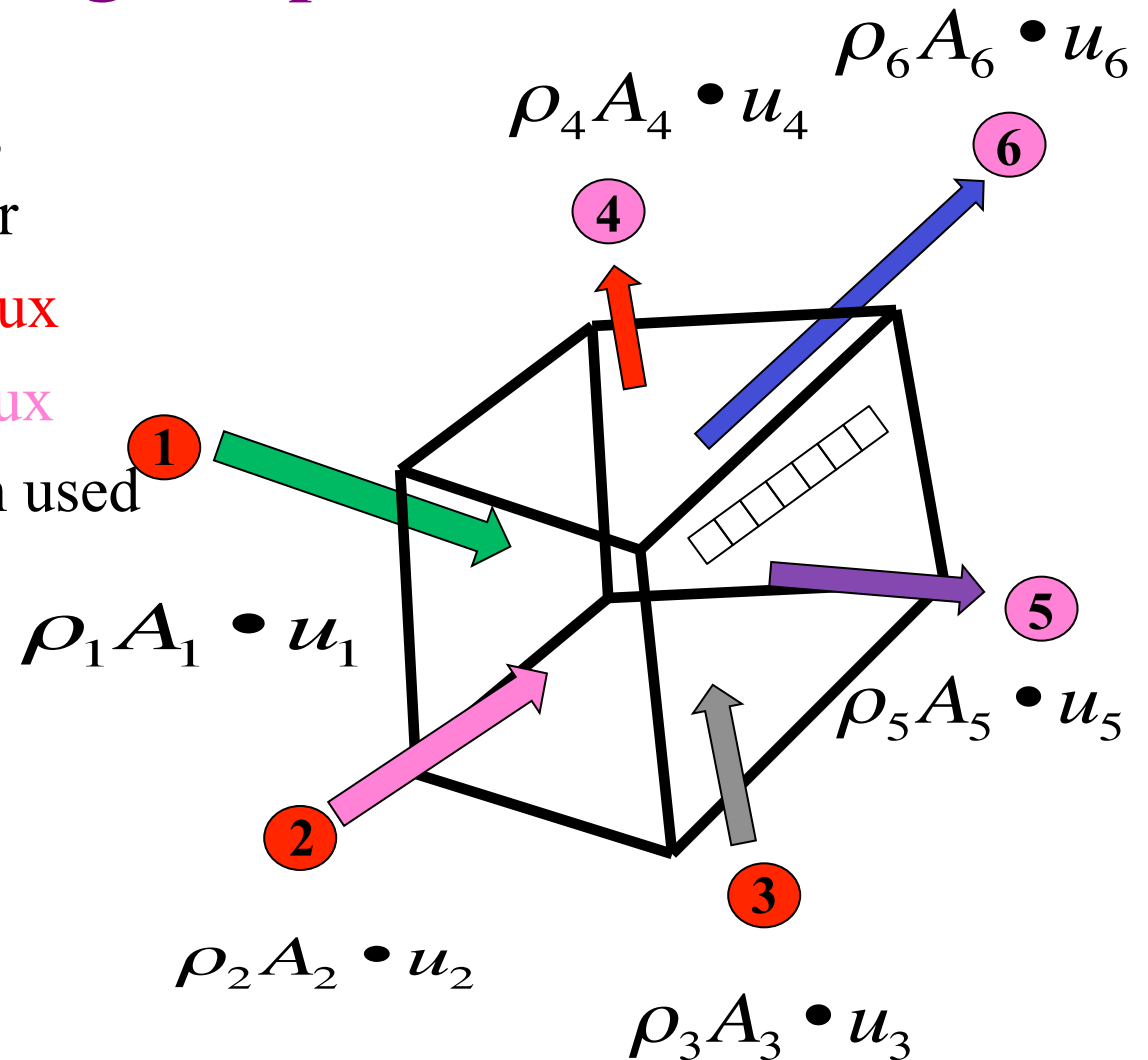


## **3D-Splicing Algorithm**

- Step 1: Determine LES mass flux acting on each face
- Step 2: Rearrange Fluxes in order
  - Largest Influx first, Largest negative flux (outflux) last
- Step 3: Count x-ferable mass from abutting LES cells
  - Divide LEM cells to fractional values if required
- Step 4: Xfer mass from/to adjoining cells w.r.t. Flux order
  - Contiguous segments preserve scalar grad information
- Step 5: Interpolate the new subgrid field to a uniform grid
  - This is required due to triplet mapping

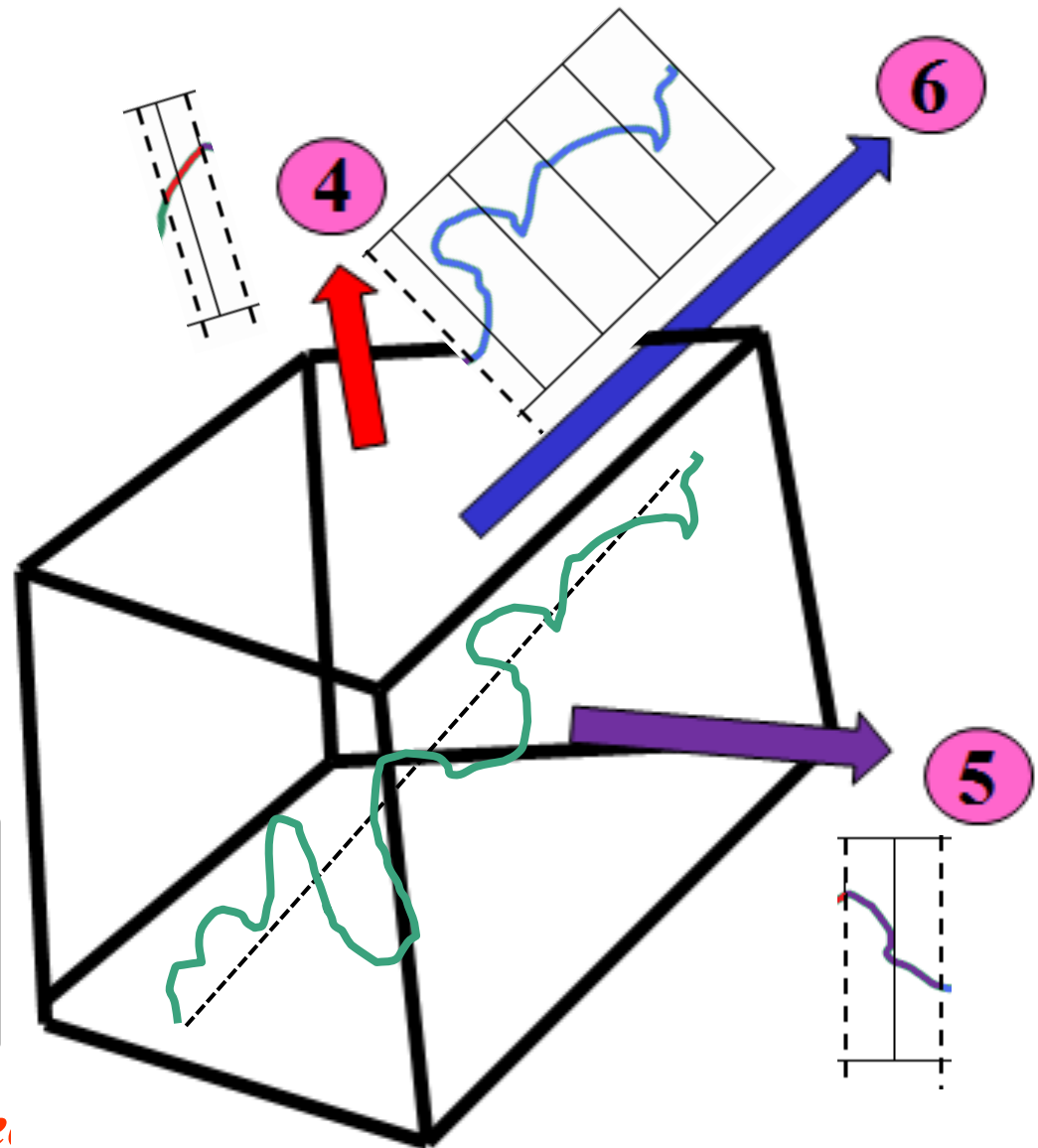
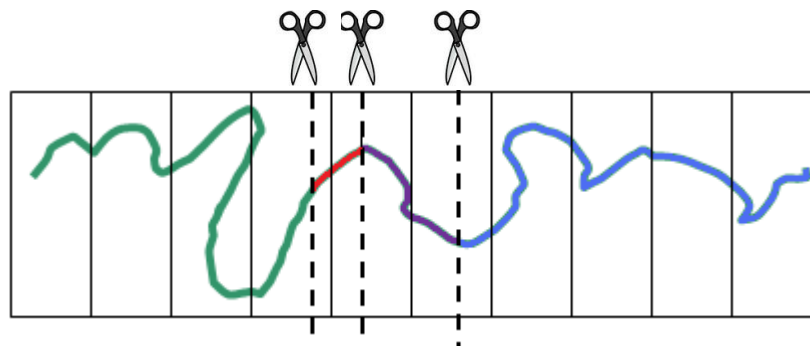
## Splicing: Step 1 & 2

- Identify and arrange LES fluxes in decreasing order
- **Red Circle : Incoming Flux**
- **Pink Circle: Outgoing Flux**
- 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> order interpolation used to compute face fluxes



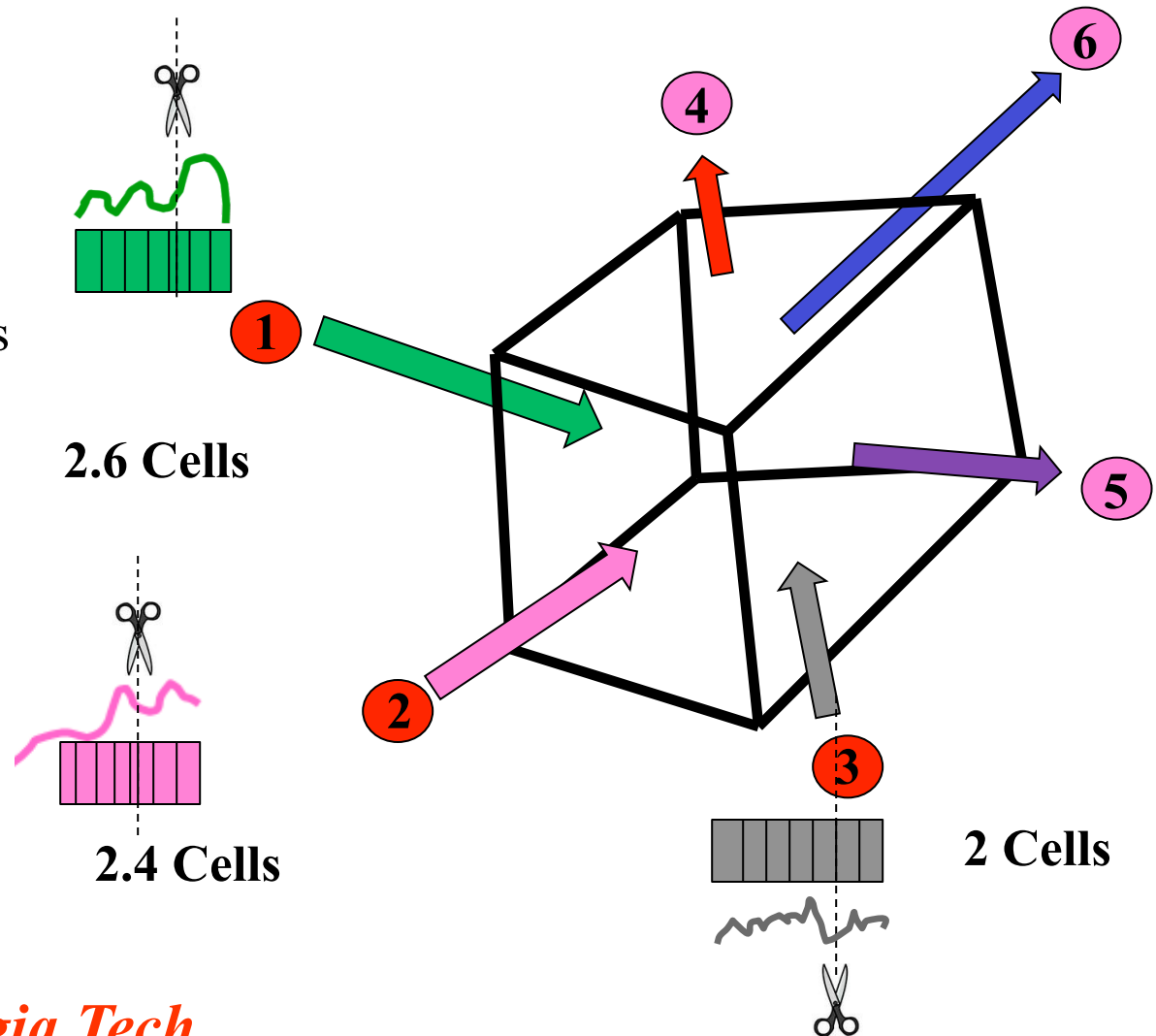
## Step 3a: Outgoing Scalar Segments

- Clip the scalar field inside the LES cell to match to neighbors' *mass flux*
- Start Clipping from the right end (outflux) sequentially
- Note that scalar gradients are preserved while clipping/transport



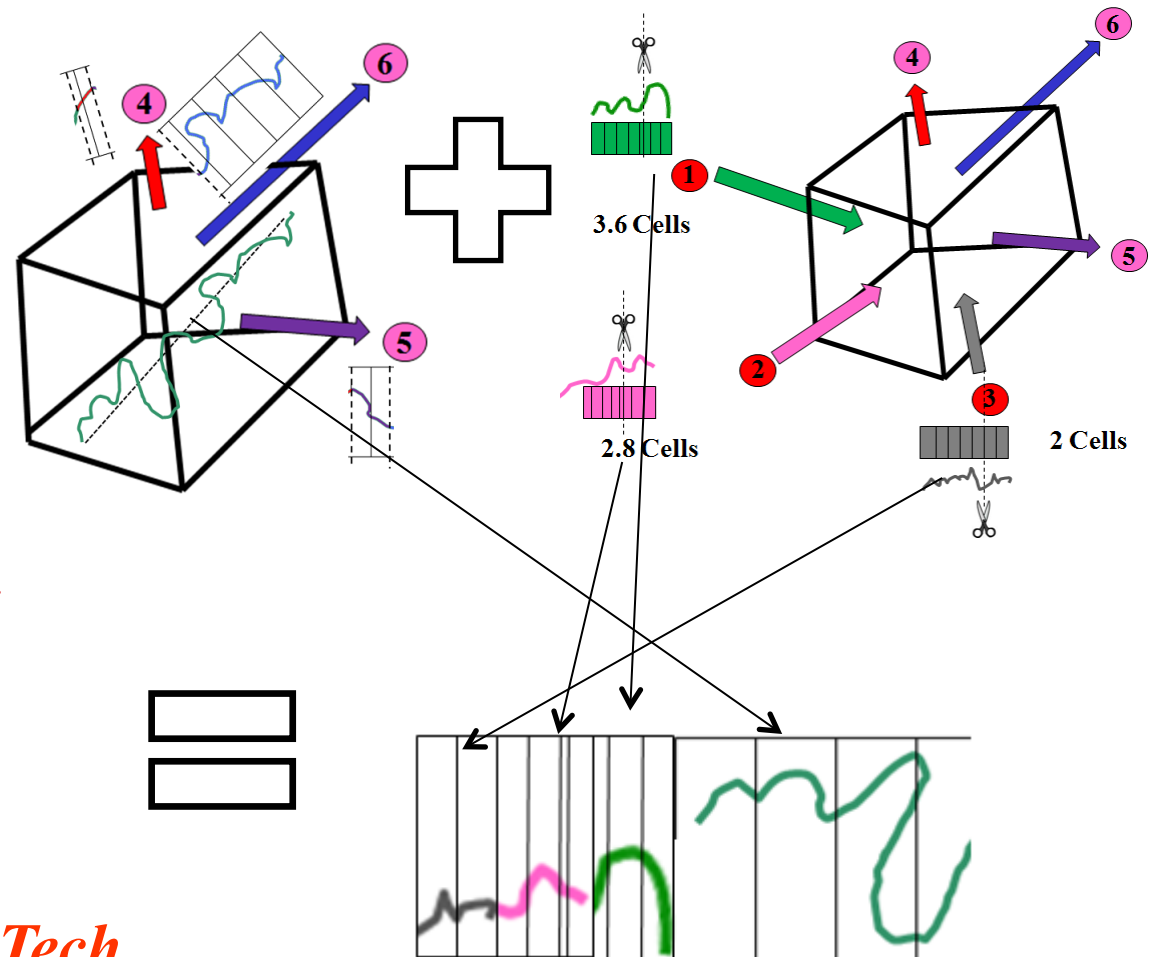
## Step 3b: Incoming Scalar Segments

- Transferred mass may be fractional, so Scalar segments have to be “clipped”
- Note that the clipping is performed from the ends of Neighboring LEM fields,
  - **First In - First Out Logic (FIFO)**



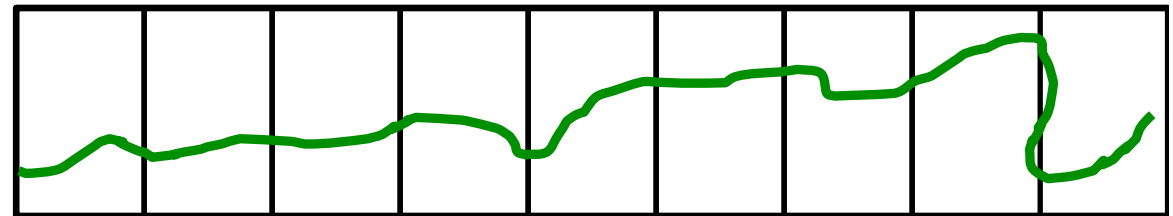
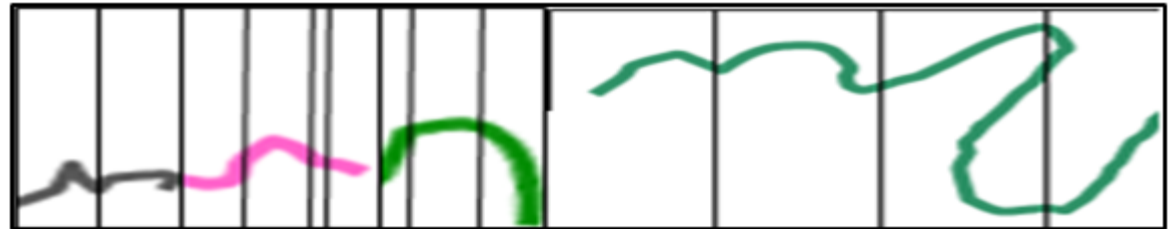
## Step 4: Transfer mass (FIFO)

- Putting together the spliced masses based on FIFO logic
  - Outgoing masses moved out (not shown)
  - Remainder mass is shifted towards end
  - Incoming masses arranged in order of the magnitudes
- Non-uniform volumes!



## Step 5: Re-gridding

- Performed to keep NLEM as constant and the volumes to be equal
  - NLEM=9 in this example
- Keep total volume constant in the new uniform grid
- Interpolate to get final scalar dist.



$$\sum_{i=1}^{NLEM^*} Vol_i = NLEM \times Vol$$



## Splicing code : “splicing\_demo.F”

- XLEN, YLEN, ZLEN [m]
- Dimensions: IMAX, JMAX, KMAX
  - Can simulate in 1D, 2D and 3D
- Time step: Convection time step
  - Should not violate mass conservation

$$\Delta t \oint_s \rho u ds \leq \rho V$$

- ITER : Total number of iterations
- IFREQ : output file printing frequency

### input.data

```
=====
XLEN YLEN ZLEN
5.D-3 5.D-3 1.D-4
=====
IMAX JMAX KMAX
51 51 2
=====
TIMESTEP, ITER IFREQ
1.D-5 200 10
=====
NSPECI
2
=====
U V W THETA
8.D0 8.D00 0.D0 60.D0
=====
# of SUBGRID CELLS
10
=====
INITIAL PROFILE: 2: 2D-BOX, 1: 2D-CIRCLE, 3: 1D-LINE
2
=====
INTEGER SPLICING
1
```

## Splicing code : “splicing\_demo.F”

- NSPECI: Number of species
  - 2 is sufficient for splicing demos
- U, V, W : Cartesian velocities
  - Choose values such that are consistent with TIMESTEP
- SUBGRID CELLS: LEM resolution
  - Since this is a convection demo, NLEM need not be a multiple of 3 (no triplet mapping) and only needs to be an integer greater than 1

### input.data

```
=====
XLEN YLEN ZLEN
5,D-3 5,D-3 1,D-4
=====
IMAX JMAX KMAX
51 51 2
=====
TIMESTEP, ITER IFREQ
1,D-5 200 10
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8,D0 8,0D0 0,D0 60,D0
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# of SUBGRID CELLS
10
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INITIAL PROFILE: 2: 2D-BOX, 1: 2D-CIRCLE, 3: 1D-LINE
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INTEGER SPLICING
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```

## Splicing code : “splicing\_demo.F”

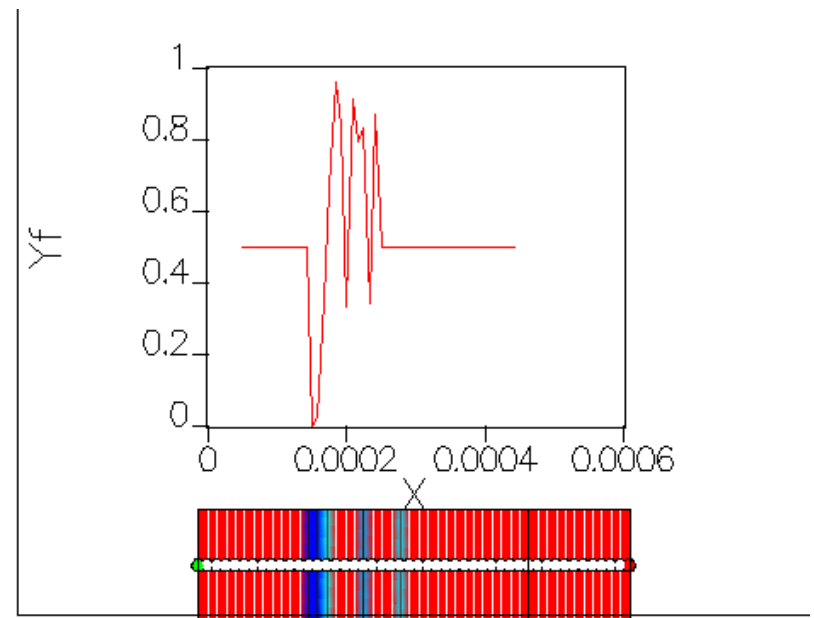
- **INITIAL PROFILE: Initial scalar distribution**
  - **1: BOX (2D), 2: Circle (2D), 3: random noise profile (1D)**
  - **User can define fields in Subroutine, USER\_PROFILE() inside the code**
- **INTEGER SPLICING:**
  - **1: Perfect splicing (no regridding)**
  - **0: Realistic splicing (regridding and numerical diffusion)**

### input.data

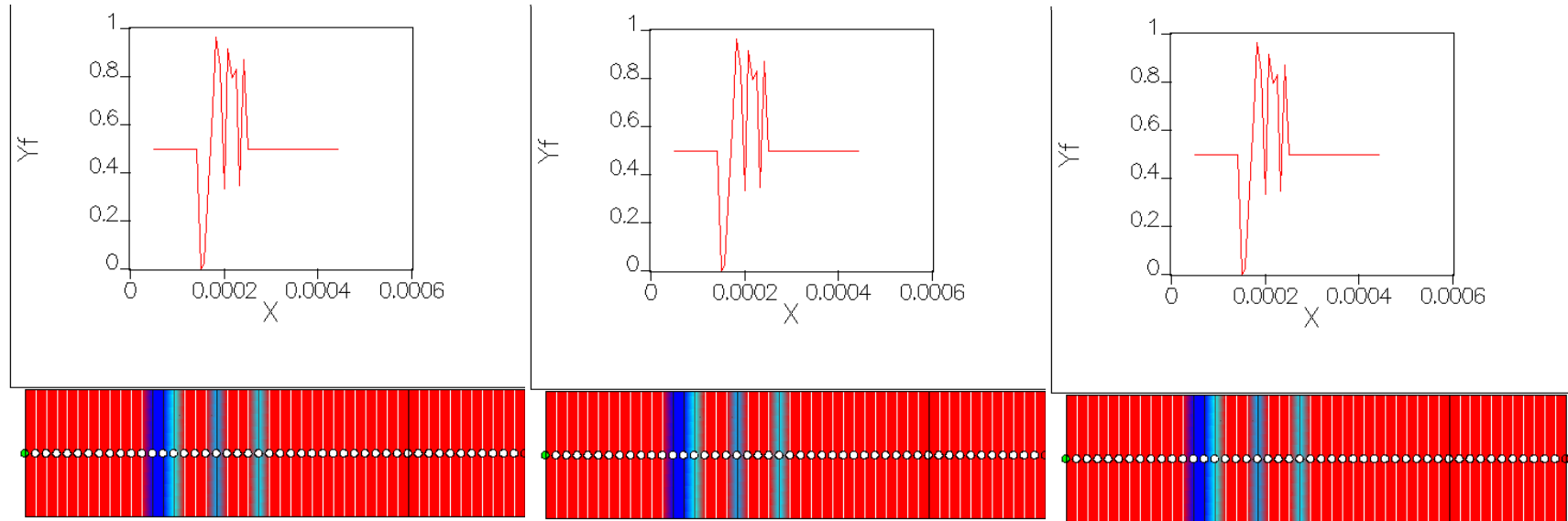
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=====
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=====
NSPECI
2
=====
U V W THETA
8,D0 8,0D0 0,D0 60,D0
=====
# of SUBGRID CELLS
10
=====
INITIAL PROFILE: 2; 2D-BOX, 1; 2D-CIRCLE, 3; 1D-LINE
2
=====
INTEGER SPLICING
1
=====
```

## Perfect Splicing: 1D

- **Re-gridding induces numerical diffusion due to interpolation**
- **In a perfect scenario, the fluxes on the LES volume would be perfectly matched with mass equivalent to integral number of LEM volumes**
  - **No splitting of LEM cell**
  - **No numerical diffusion**



## Errors Related to Splicing



**11.9 Spliced out**

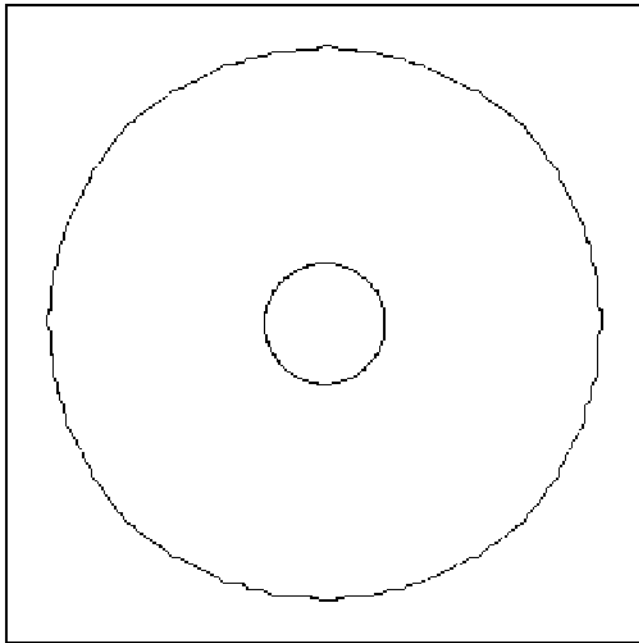
**6.2 Spliced out**

**0.1 Spliced out**

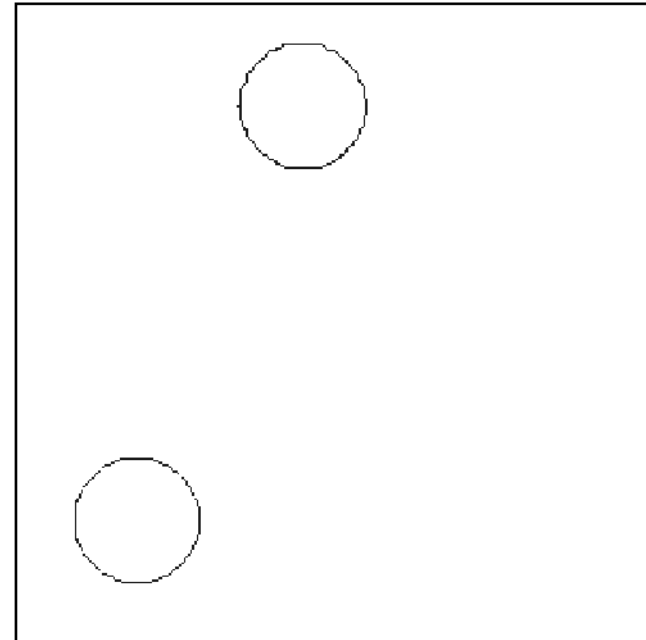
- Larger number of spliced cells reduces the error growth rate
- Larger number of spliced cells preserve scalar segments longer as they actually transport gradients as opposed to points related to fractional cell splicing
- Note: typical flame is quasi-stationary not propagating like this

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## **Lagrangian Splicing Technique**



**Propagation of a Burning Front**



**Propagation of a Circular Front**

## LEM-LES Coupling

- **Filtered Species:**

$$\tilde{Y}_k = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{NLEM} \rho_i \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{NLEM} \rho_i Y_i^k \quad \tilde{Q}_k = \bar{\rho} \tilde{Y}_k$$

– Feeds back into the LES energy and EOS equations

- **Filtered Temperature:**

$$\tilde{T}_{LEM} = \left( \sum_{i=1}^{NLEM} \rho_i C_{p,i} \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{NLEM} \rho_i C_{p,i} T_i$$

– Error in energy equation approximation

$$err(\tilde{T}_{LEM}) = (\tilde{T}_{LEM} - \tilde{T}) / \tilde{T}$$

## Temperature Coupling

- Constrain LEM temperatures according to:

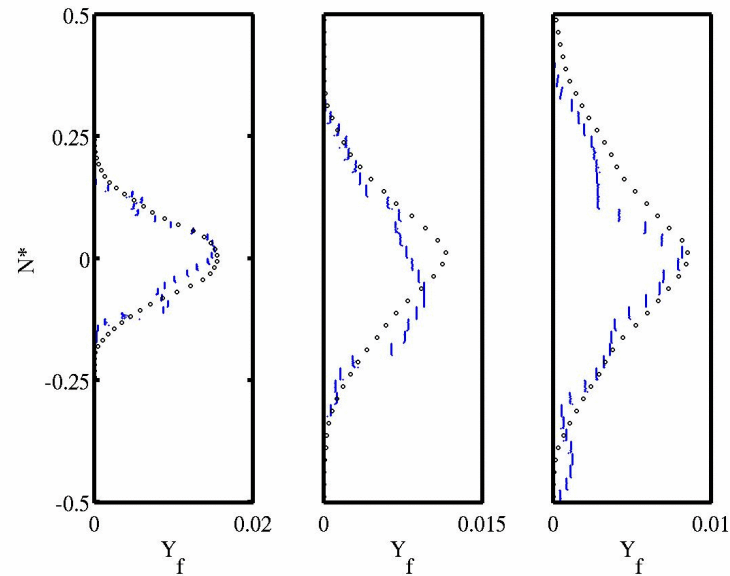
$$T_{i,rescaled} = T_i \times \tilde{T} / \left[ \left( \sum_{i=1}^{NLEM} \rho_i C_{p,i} \right)^{-1} \sum_{i=1}^{NLEM} \rho_i C_{p,i} T_i \right]$$

– So that  $\tilde{T}_{LEM,rescaled} = \tilde{T}$

- Needs to be applied with care after making sure LES itself is predicting right temperatures (LES grid resolution)
- While forcing equality of LEM and LES filtered temperatures, the procedure can scale the internal temperature gradients

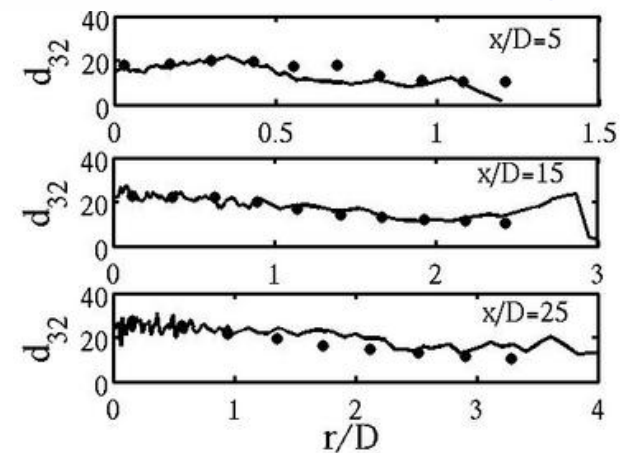
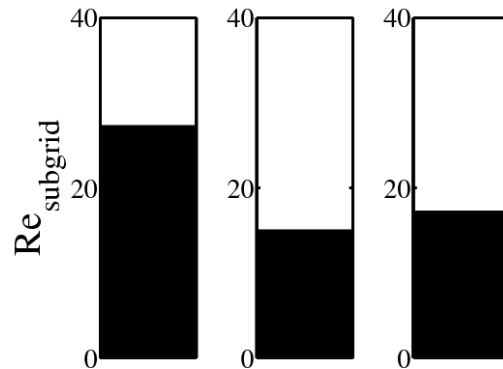
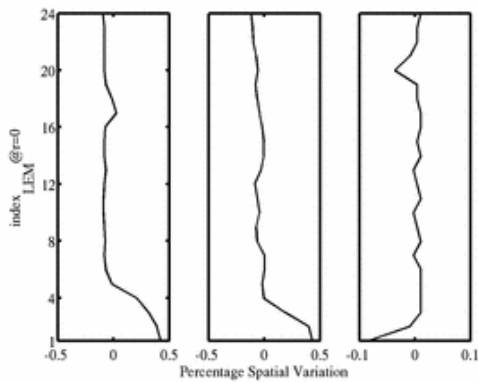
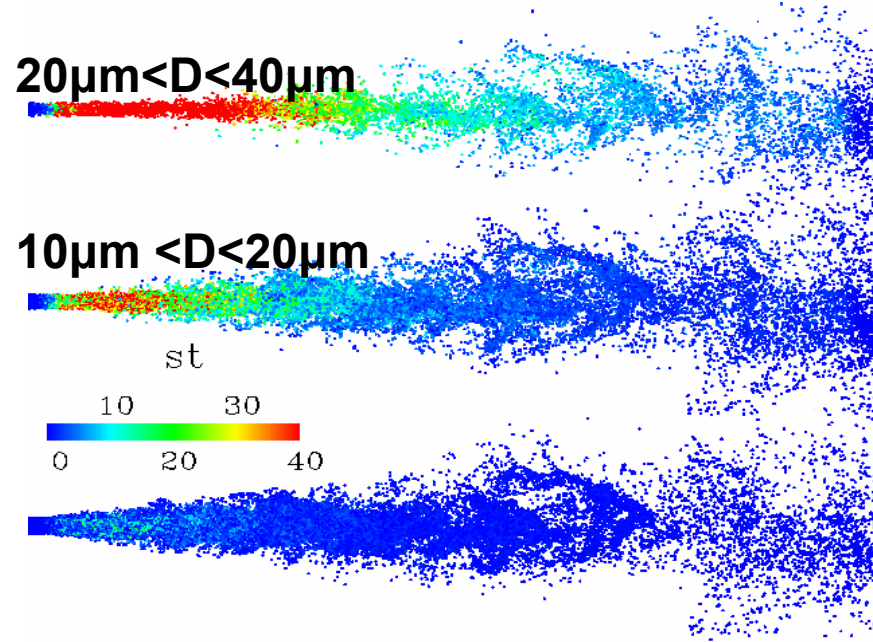
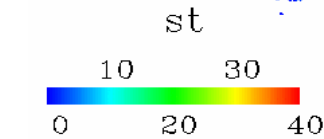


# LEMLES of Vapor & Droplet Distribution\*



$20\mu\text{m} < D < 40\mu\text{m}$

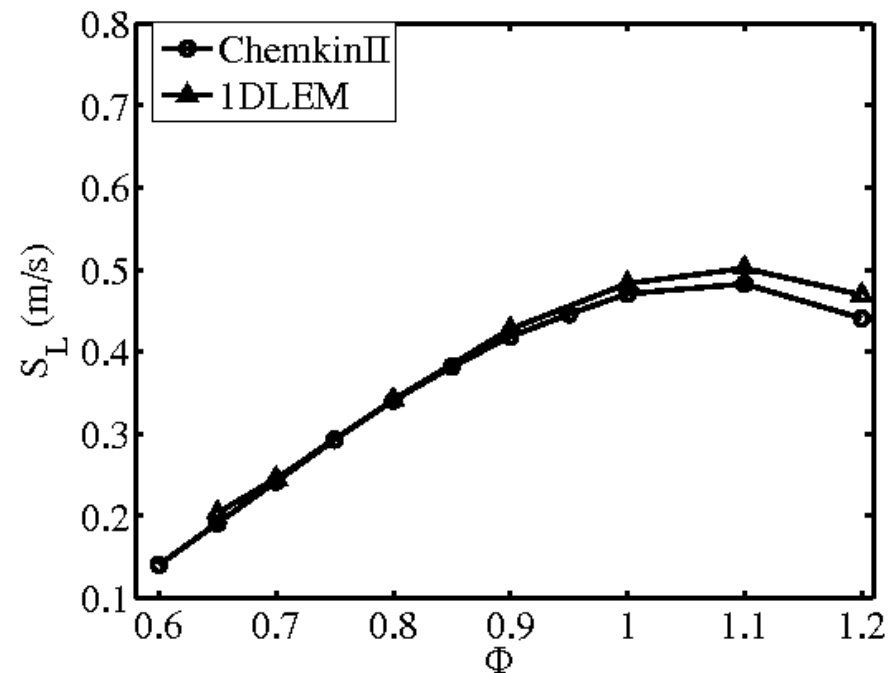
$10\mu\text{m} < D < 20\mu\text{m}$



\* Acetone spray Chen et al., 2006; Srinivasan et al. (DLES, 2010)

## Laminar Flames using Standalone LEM

- Freely propagating premixed laminar CH<sub>4</sub>/Air flame
  - 4 step CH<sub>4</sub>/Air mechanism (Peters, 1991)
- $S_L$  predictions compared with CHEMKIN and Peters' data
  - Stirring is disabled
  - 300K, 1 atm
  - Mix. ave. transport prop.
  - $L=1\text{cm}$ ,  $N_{LEM}=500$



## Standalone LEM

- **Timing Studies for a turbulent premixed flame for  $Re_t=42.5$**

	Time/Step for Mech 1	Time/Step for Mech 2
Stirring Only	$3.30 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.20 \times 10^{-3}$
Diffusion Only (Le #)	$2.24 \times 10^{-2}$	$4.62 \times 10^{-3}$
Diffusion Only (M.A.)	$3.60 \times 10^{-2}$	$6.90 \times 10^{-3}$
Reaction Only	$5.98 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.80 \times 10^{-3}$

- Le# = Mixture averaged diffusivity with constant Lewis number
- M.A. = Mixture averaged diffusivity with multi-component mixture
- Mech 1 = 16 species, 12 steps; Mech 2: 5 species, 1 step
- Kinetics evaluation is the majority of the cost
- Nearly 96% cost is for kinetics for Mech 1
- Constant Le number approach is slightly faster

## Standalone LEM: Timing Studies

For  $Re_t=42.5$

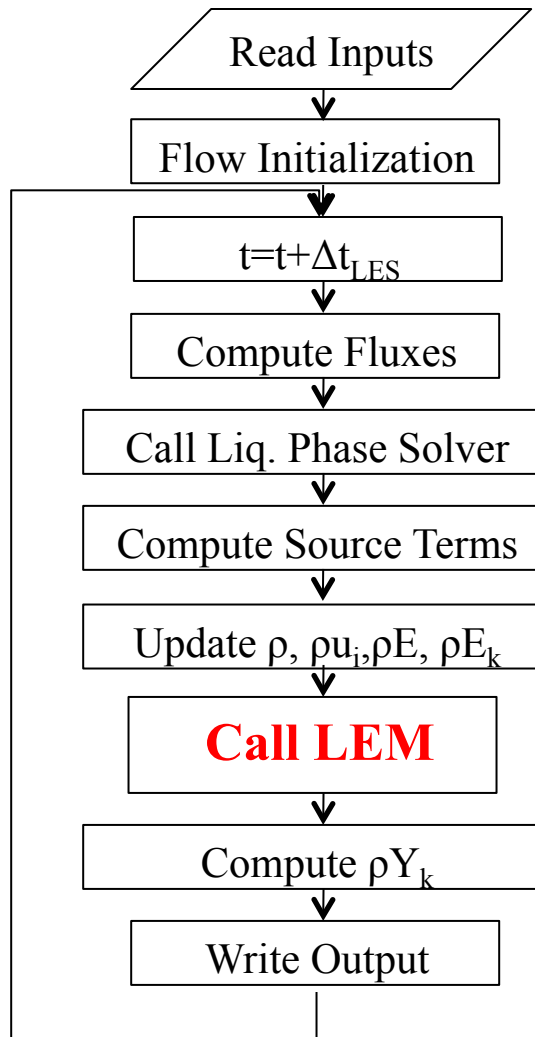
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Reaction Only	$5.98 \times 10^{-1}$	$9.80 \times 10^{-3}$

For  $Re_t=175$

	Time/Step for Mech 1	Time/Step for Mech 2
Stirring Only	$9.80 \times 10^{-3}$	$3.80 \times 10^{-3}$
Diffusion Only (Le #)	$9.68 \times 10^{-2}$	$1.99 \times 10^{-2}$
Diffusion Only (M.A.)	$1.59 \times 10^{-1}$	$2.94 \times 10^{-2}$
Reaction Only	$1.88 \times 10^0$	$2.83 \times 10^{-2}$

- As turbulent Reynolds number increases the number of grid points increases since  $\eta$  is decreasing
- Reaction rate calculations are even more time consuming
- LEM cost can be decreased by faster kinetics evaluation – ISAT, ANN

## LEMLES Flowchart

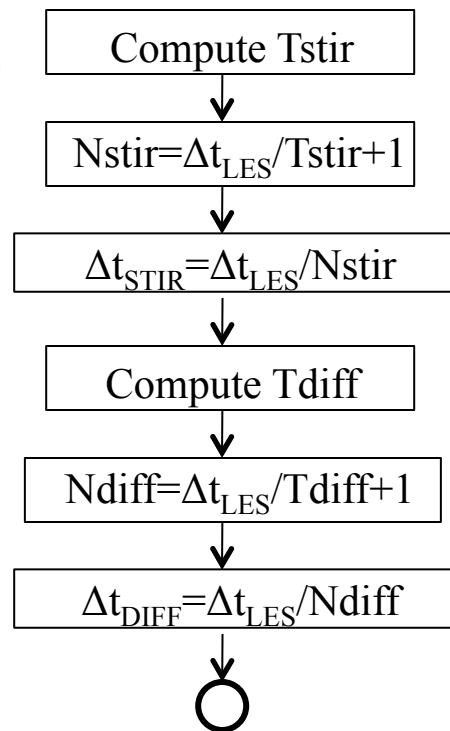


- **Inputs: flow conditions, boundary conditions, thermal and transport property databases**
- **Explicit time-stepping**
- **Fluxes : viscous and inviscid components**
- **Liquid phase solver called as in LES**
- **No chemistry source terms, only those from liq. phase and ksgs (Prod and Diss)**
- **No update of species at this stage**
- **Call LEM solver (Energy and Species)**
- **Couple LEMLES via species and LES ρ**
- **Write output files for storage**
- **Repeat**

## LEM Flowchart: Time Stepping

```
RSCALE = EDDYSIZE
RLAM = R54B5 * RNUS * REL * (1D0/RSCALE**3D0) *
> ((REL)**(5D0/4D0) - R1)/
> (R1 - (REL)**(-1D0))
TSTIR = STSCFAC / ( RLAM * RSCALE)
CALL RANDOM_NUMBER(RAND)
RFAC = INT(10D0*RAND)
IF (RFAC.EQ.0) RFAC = 1
RAND = DBLE(RFAC/10D0)
ETA = ETA *ETAFAC
SMAX = INT(DELTA_T/TSTIR) + 1
TNEXTS = DELTA_T/DBLE(SMAX)

TDELG = COOKG * DXLEM * DXLEM / DIFCOF
SMAX = INT(DELTA_T/TDELG) + 1
TNEXTG = DELTA_T/DBLE(SMAX)
TDELG = TNEXTG
```



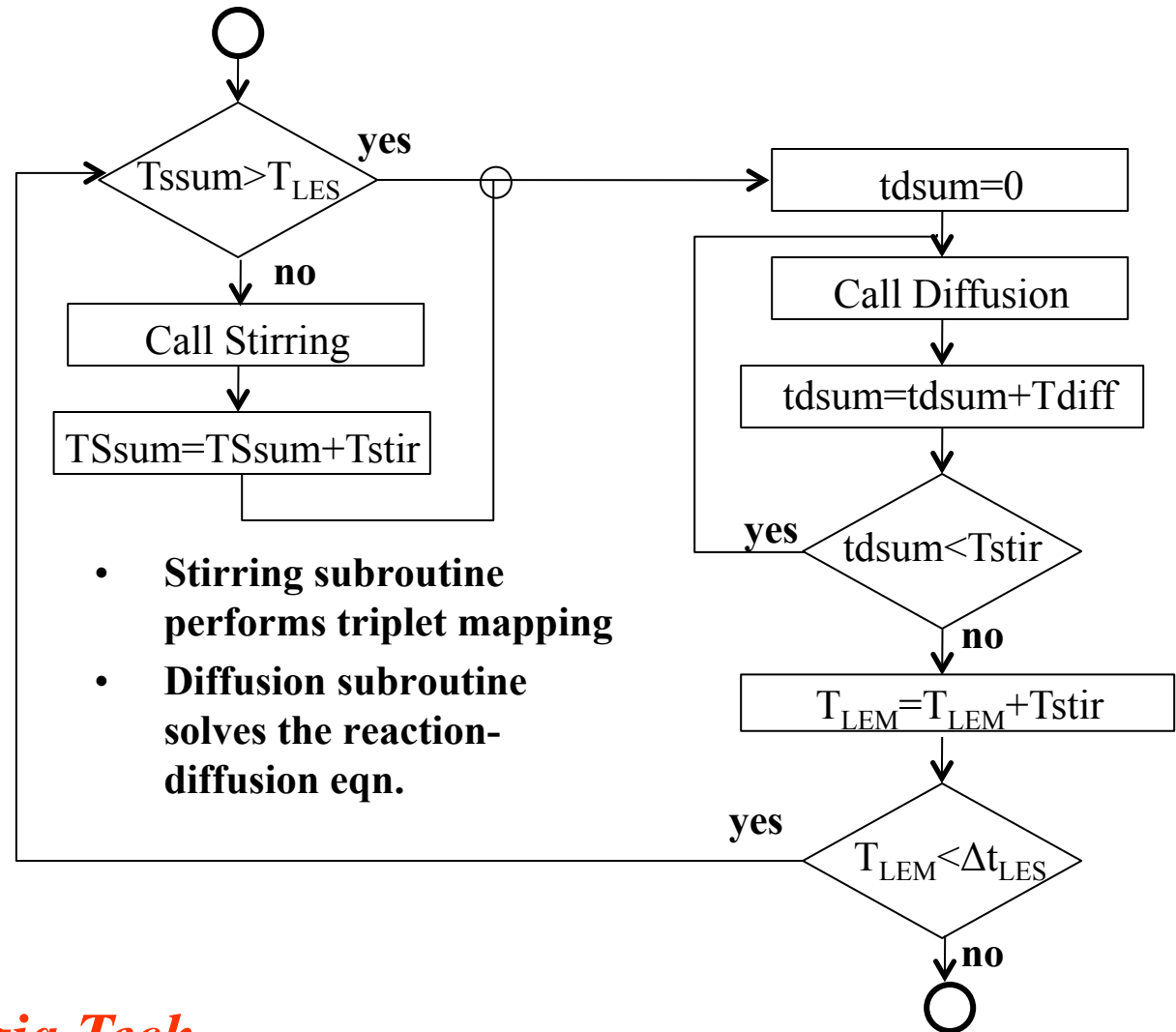
- All processes in LEM resolved at their respective time scales
- DIFCOF = Max. Diff. coeff. in LEM domain
- COOKG=1/4
- Integer number of diffusion and stirring steps per LES time step

# LEM Flowchart: Time Stepping

```

LEMTIME = 0.0
DO WHILE (LEMTIME.LT.DELTA_T)
  RET = 0.0
  IF (INIT.EQ.1) THEN
    IF (DELTA_T*JJ.GT.TSTR) THEN
      CALL STIR()
      TSTR = TSTR + TSTIR
    END IF
  END IF
  DFT = 0.0
  DO WHILE (DFT.LT.TNEXTS)
    CALL DIFFUSE(1)
    DFT = DFT + TNEXTG
  END DO
  LEMTIME = LEMTIME + TNEXTS

```



- **Stirring subroutine performs triplet mapping**
- **Diffusion subroutine solves the reaction-diffusion eqn.**

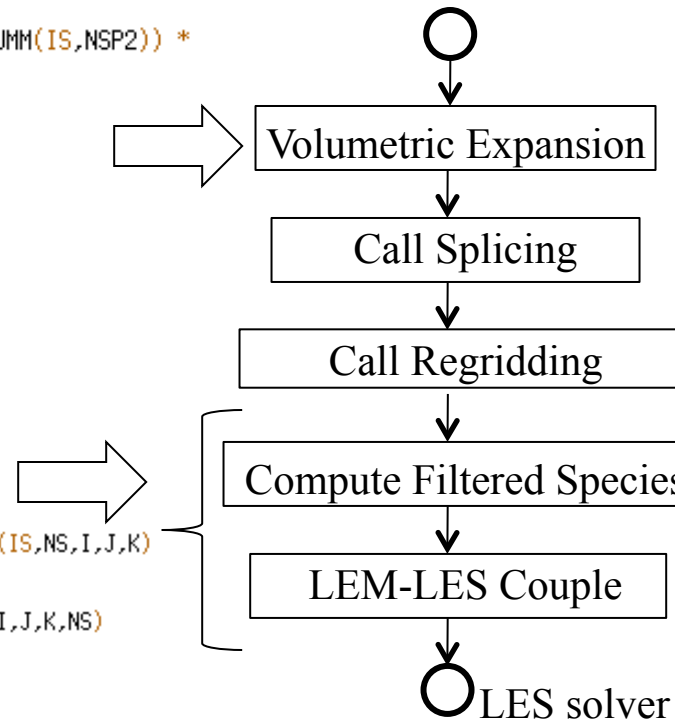
# LEM Flowchart: Vol. Exp. and LEMLES

$$Vol^{n+1} = Vol^n \times \frac{\rho^n}{\rho^{n+1}}$$

```
DO IS = 1, ISGS
  GSGS(IS,NSP3,I,J,K) =
    (GSGS(IS,NSP2,I,J,K)/GDUMM(IS,NSP2)) *
    GSGS(IS,NSP3,I,J,K)
END DO
```

$$\bar{\rho} \tilde{Y}_k = \bar{\rho} \frac{\sum_{i=1}^{ISGS} \rho_i Y_k}{\sum_{i=1}^{ISGS} \rho_i}$$

```
DO K = K1,K2
  DO J = J1,J2
    DO I = I1,I2
      SUMRO = RZERO
      DO IS = 1,ISGS
        SUMRO = SUMRO + GSGS(IS,NSP2,I,J,K)
      ENDDO
      DO NS = 1,NSPLEM
        SUMY = RZERO
        DO IS = 1,ISGS
          SUMY = SUMY + GSGS(IS,NSP2,I,J,K)*GSGS(IS,NS,I,J,K)
        ENDDO
        CONC(I,J,K,NS) = SUMY/SUMRO
        Q(I,J,K,INCHE+NS,M) = Q(I,J,K,1,M)*CONC(I,J,K,NS)
      ENDDO
    ENDDO
  ENDDO
ENDDO
```

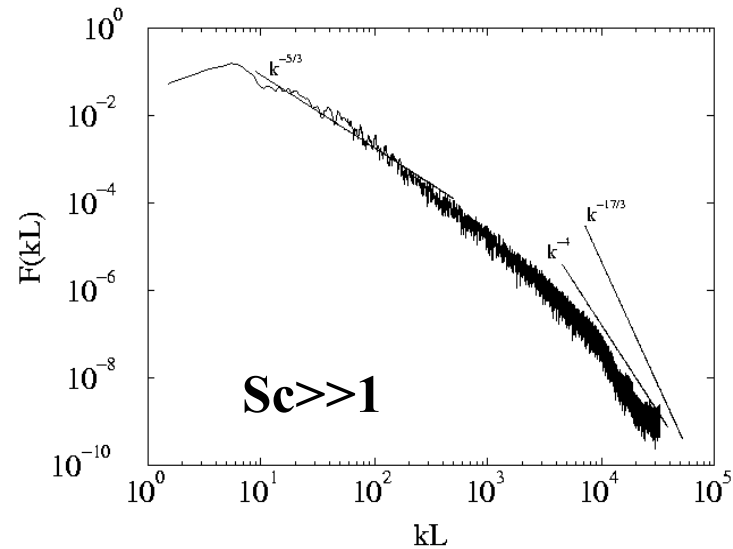
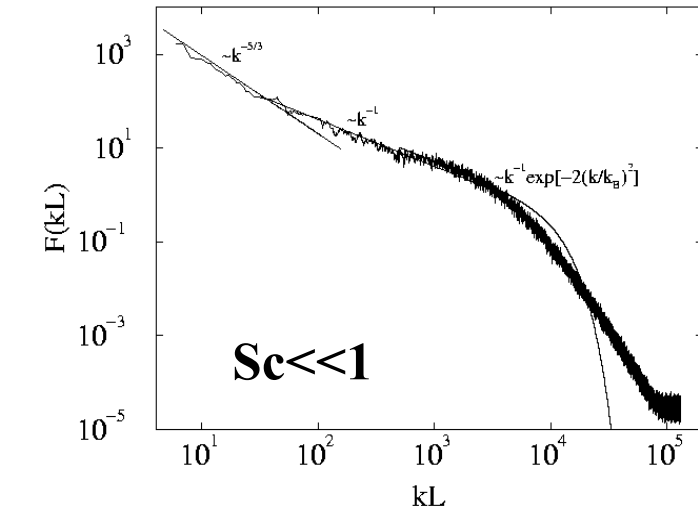
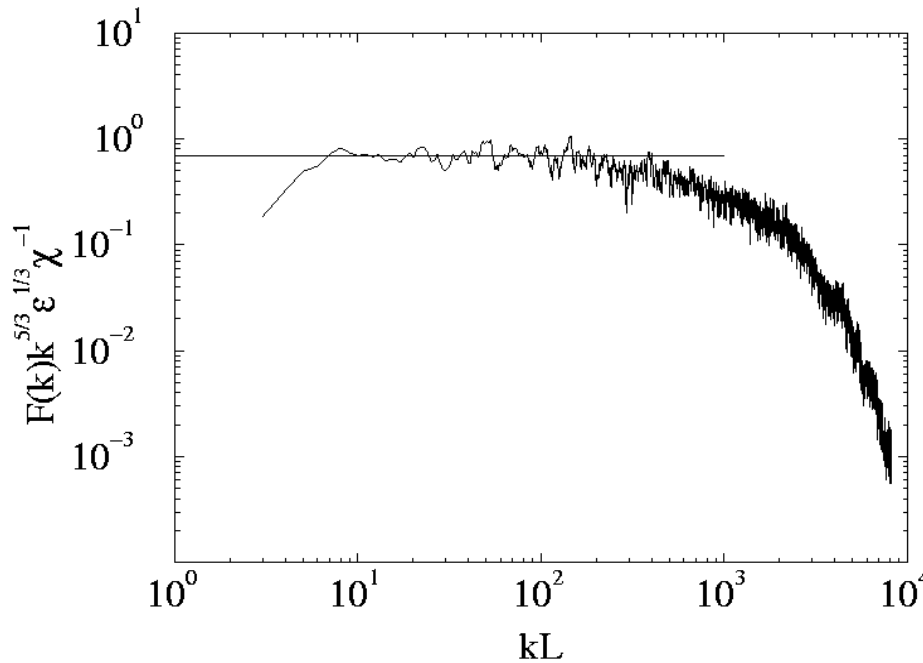


- Splicing is not performed for the standalone LEM code
- ISGS=LEM resolution ( $N_{LEM}$ )
- GSGS=subgrid species field, CONC=filtered species field (mass fraction)
- Index NS::1 to NSPECI=Species, NSP2=Subgrid Density, NSP3=Subgrid Volume

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# Scalar Spectrum and Schmidt Number Effect



Prediction of  $\chi$  (scalar dissipation) :

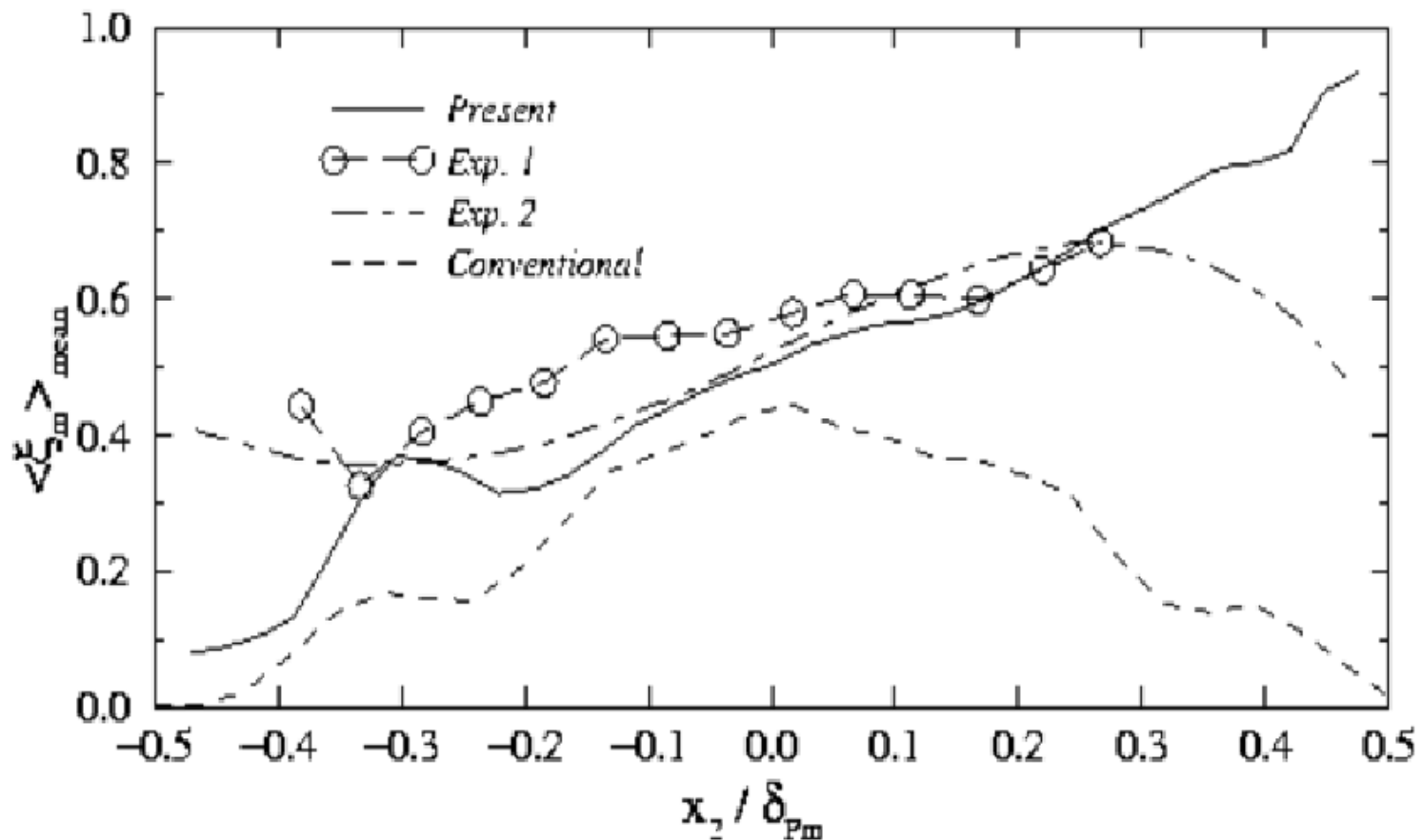
Mydlarski & Warhaft :  $4.96s^{-1}$   
 LEM :  $4.82s^{-1}$

Prediction of  $\beta$  (Obukhov - Corrsin constant) :

Sreenivasan (Phys. Fluids 1996, 8) :  $0.33-0.6$   
 Mydlarski & Warhaft (JFM 1998, vol.358):  $0.45-0.55$   
 LEM :  $0.44$

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## Mean Mixed Fluid Profile in Shear Layer (Menon and Calhoun, Symp. 96)



## Flip Experiments: Filtered Product (Mungal and Dimotakis)

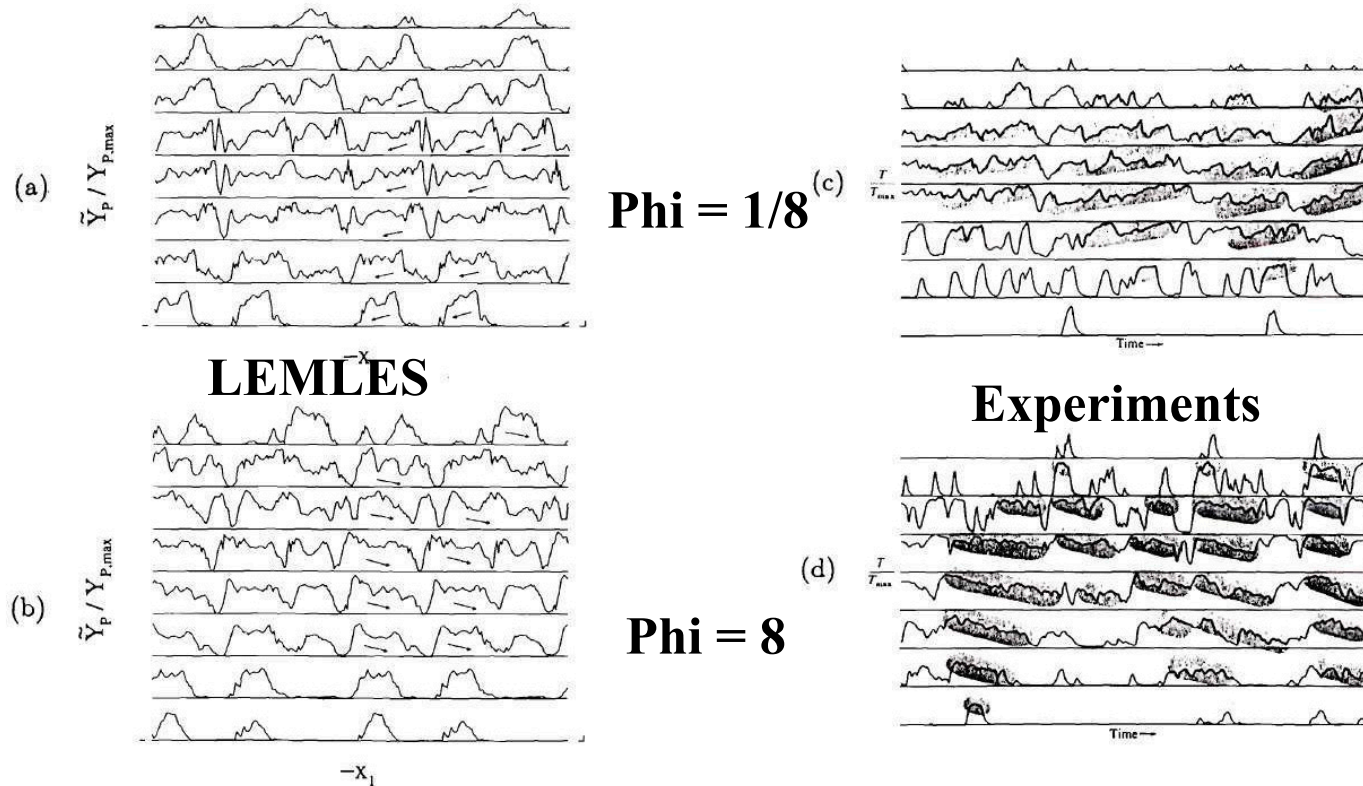
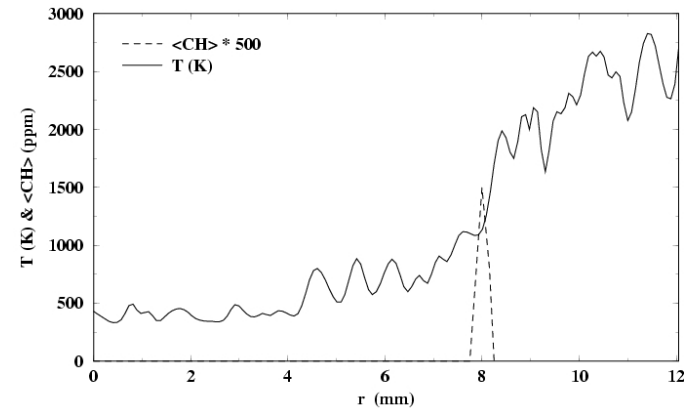
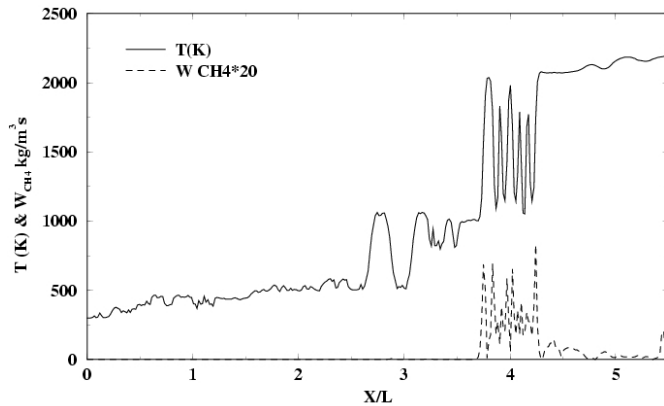
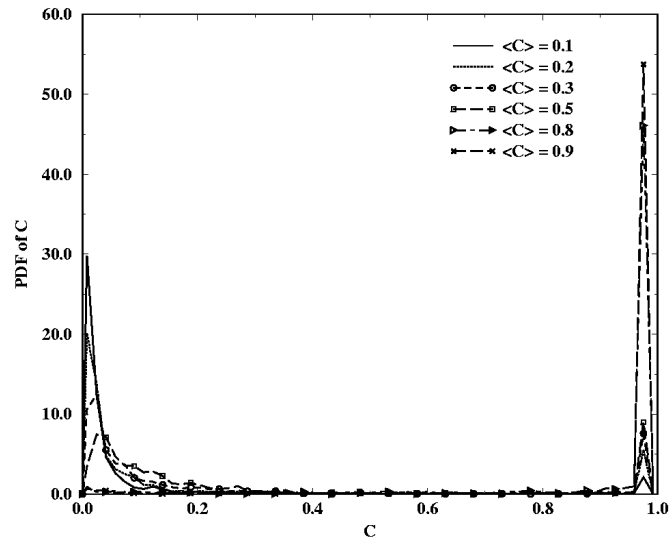


Figure 6.11. Trace plot of product in the layer. (a) and (b) are predicted filtered product for  $\phi = 1/8$  and 8, respectively, measured at the same stations as in Figure 6.10. (c) and (d) are experimental temperature traces from Mungal and Dimotakis[169] (reproduced with permission) for  $\phi = 1/8$  and 8, respectively, measured at  $x_2/\delta_{pm} = -.44, -.31, -.18, -.06, +.08, +.20, +.33$  and  $+.46$ .

# Prediction of Premixed Flames

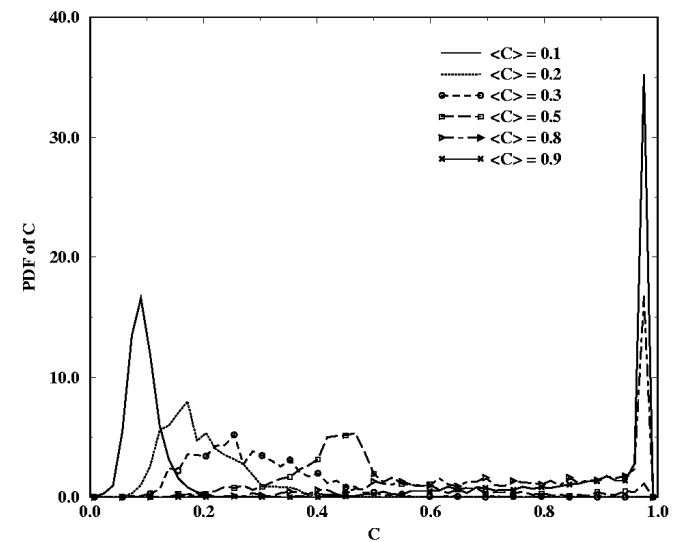


Flame F1 – Numerical



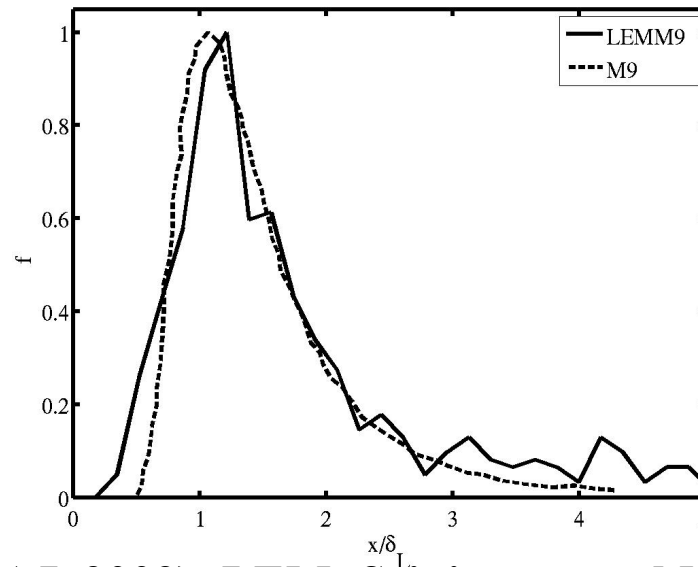
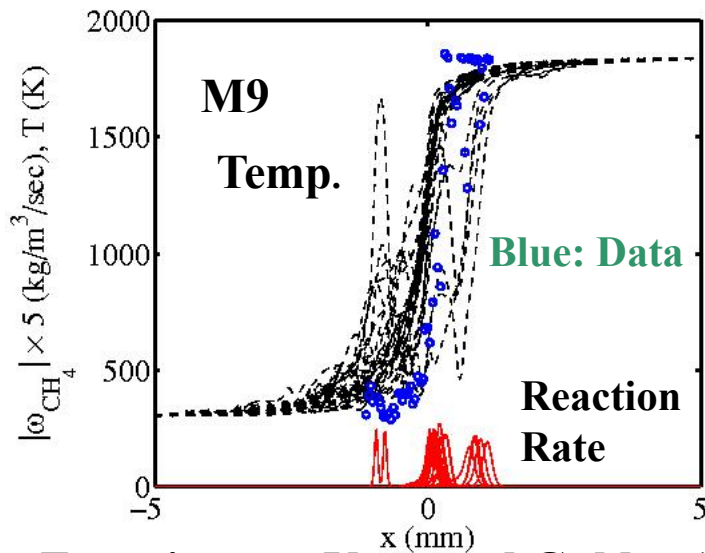
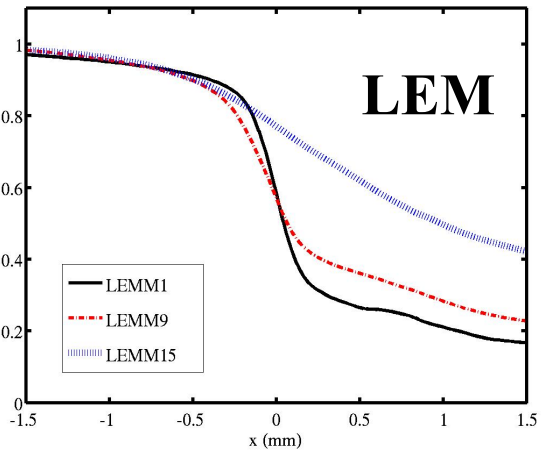
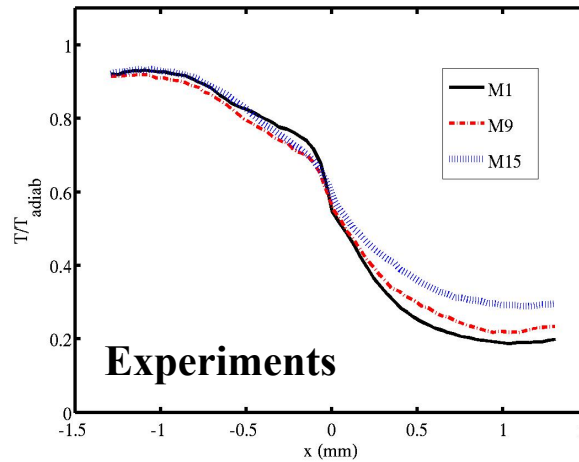
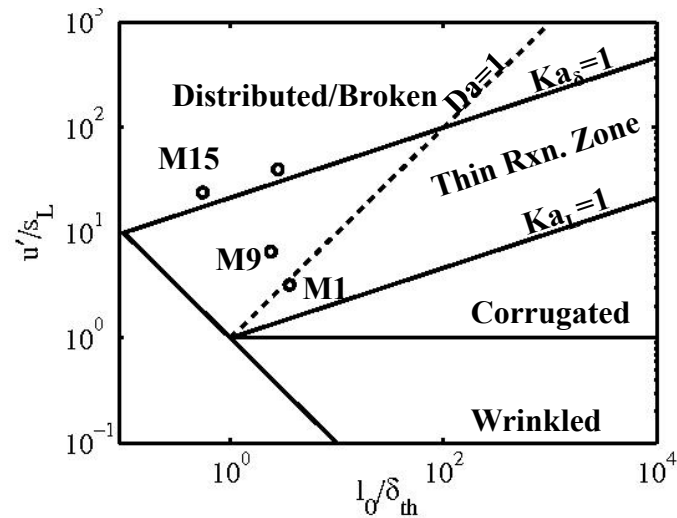
PDF of Flame B1 (Flamelet)

Flame F1 - Experimental



PDF of Flame F1 (TRZ)

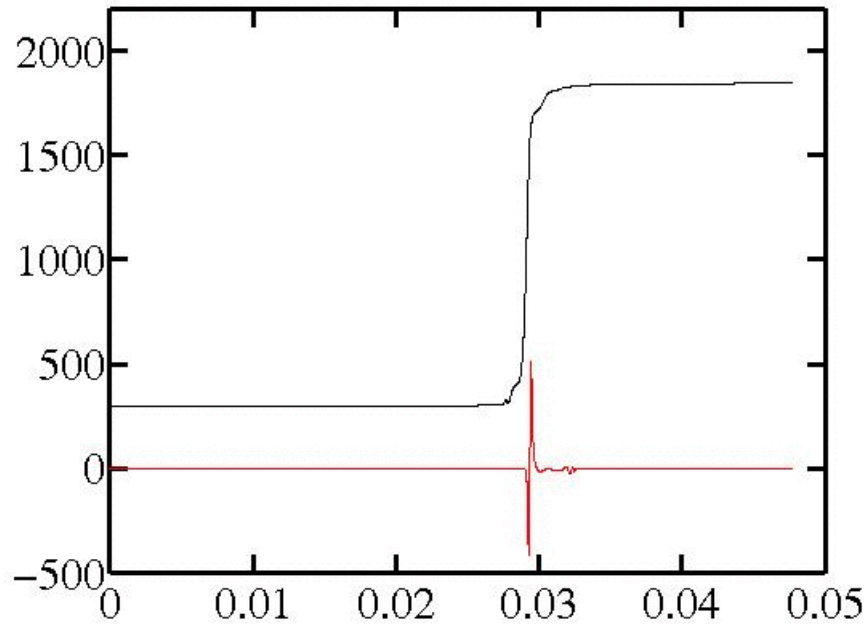
# Predicting Flames in TRZ and BRZ Regimes



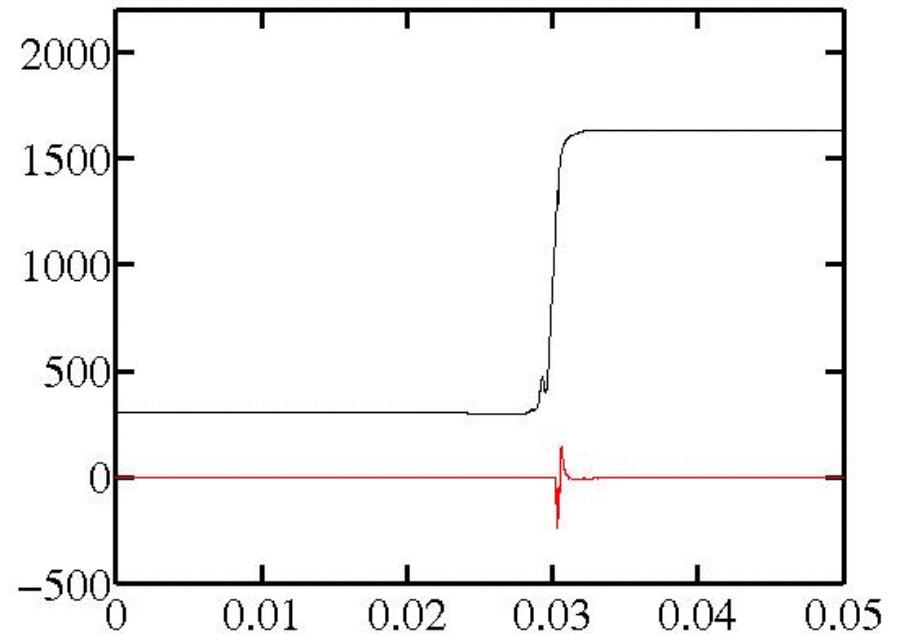
**Histogram:  
Reaction  
Zone  
Thickness**

Experiments: Yuen and Gulder (AIAAJ, 2009); LEM: Srinivasan and Menon, 2011  
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## Flame Structure in LEM



**M9**

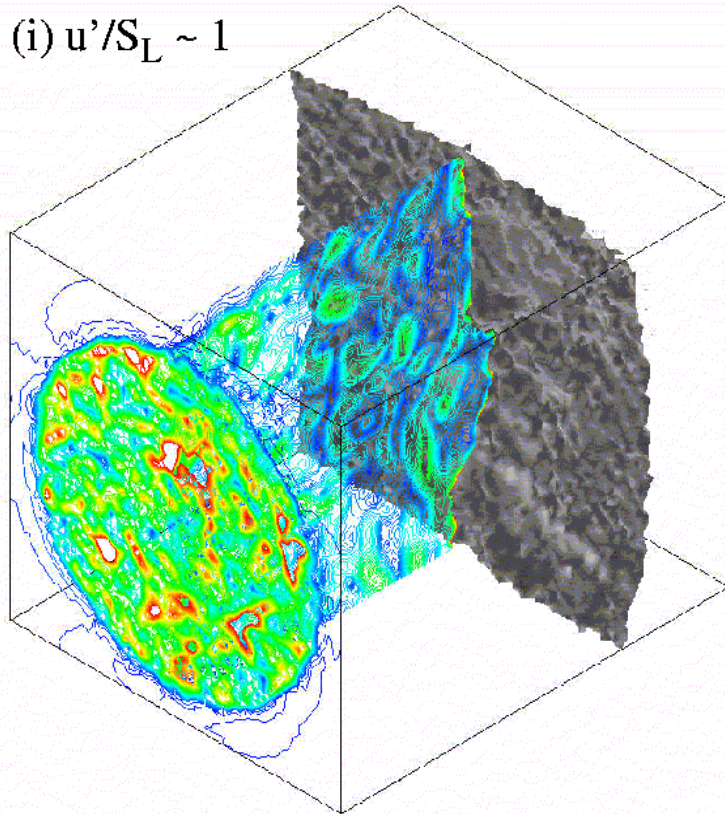


**M15**

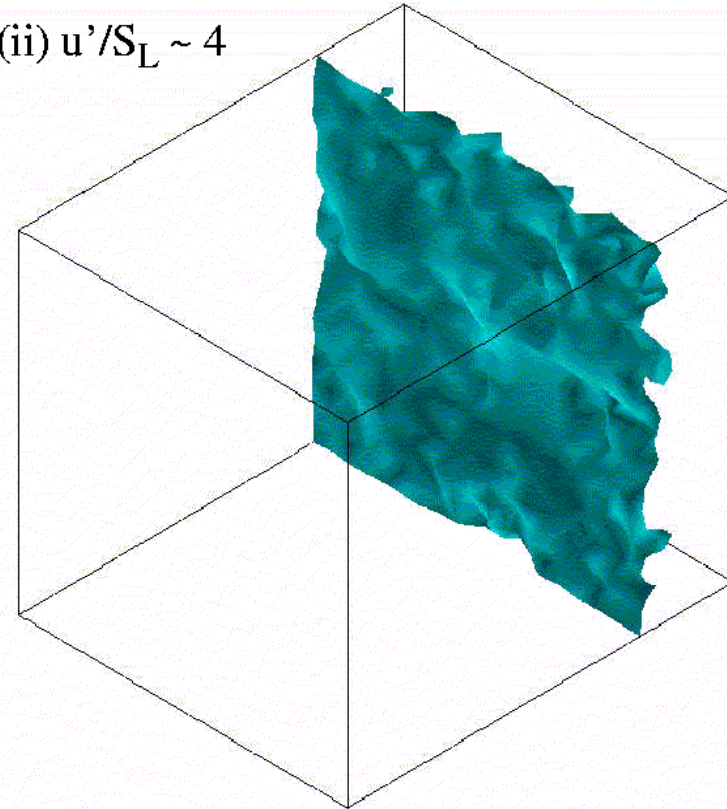


**Flame/flow structure**

(i)  $u'/S_L \sim 1$



(ii)  $u'/S_L \sim 4$



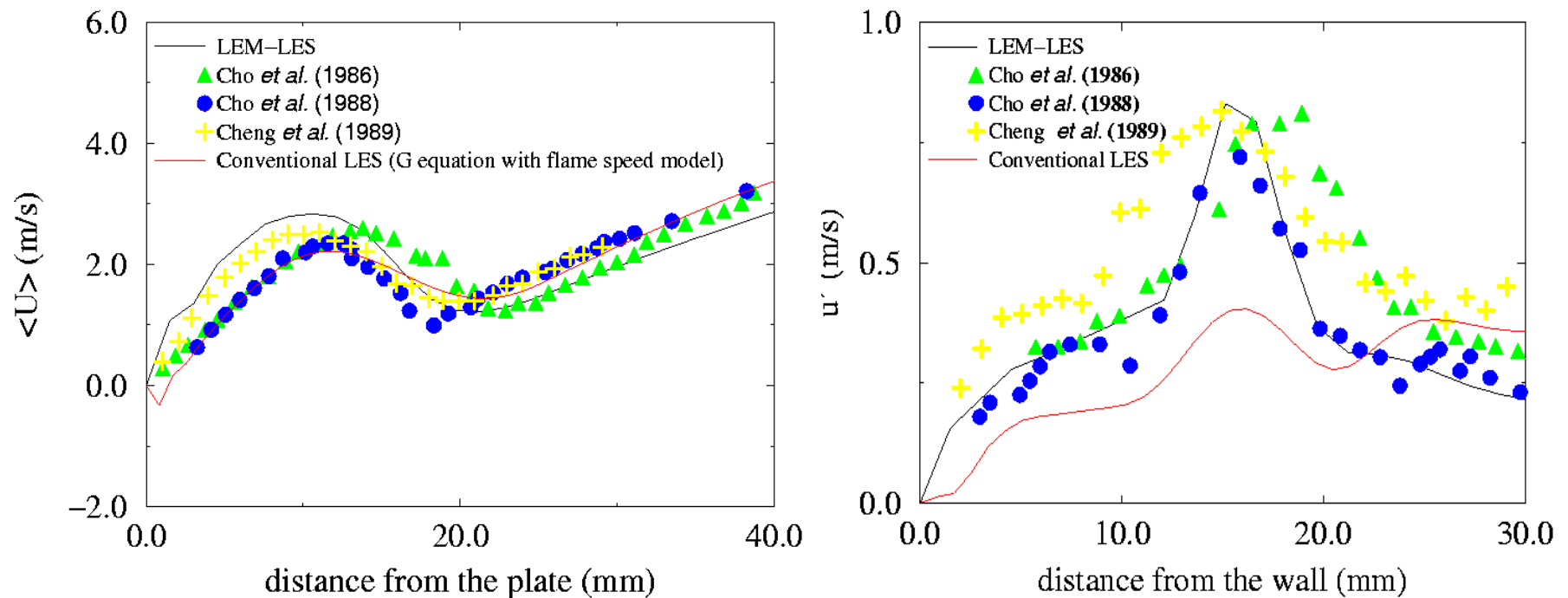
Shown in figure (i) are the vorticity contours on the inflow plane and one of the axial planes.  
Flame is visualized as an isosurface of the progress variable

**LES resolution 67 x 59 x 59 for the region shown. LEM resolution : 100**

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Chakravarthy and Menon, CST (2002) FTC (2003)

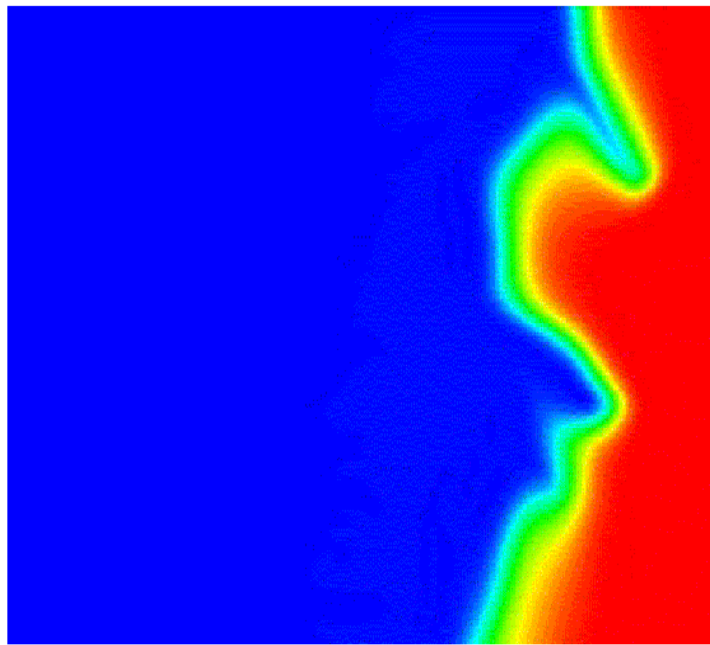
## Effect of Flame Wrinkling on Mean and RMS



- Both GLEM-LES and LES-GEQN predict mean flow
- GLEM-LES show better agreement with RMS
- Flamelet regime flame structure captured in GLEM-LES

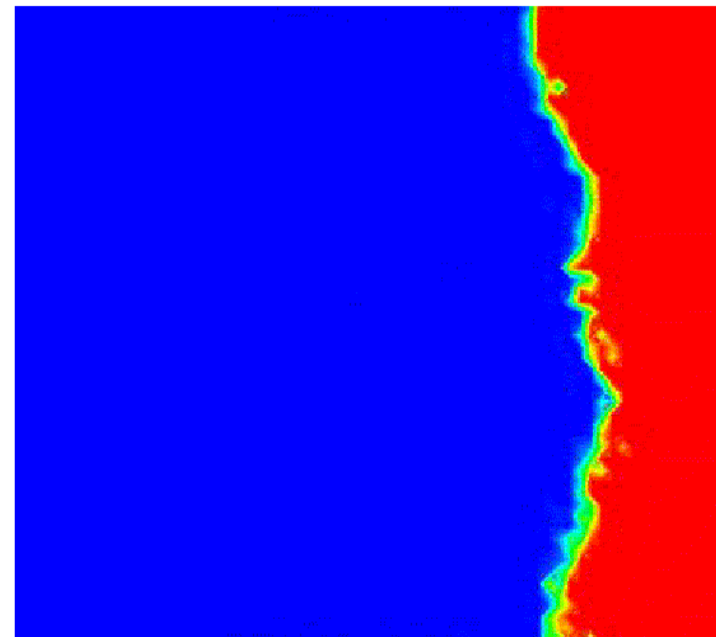
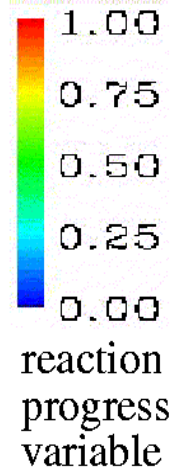


## Resolution of the flame structure



Conventional (FD/FV) scheme  
using a flamespeed models

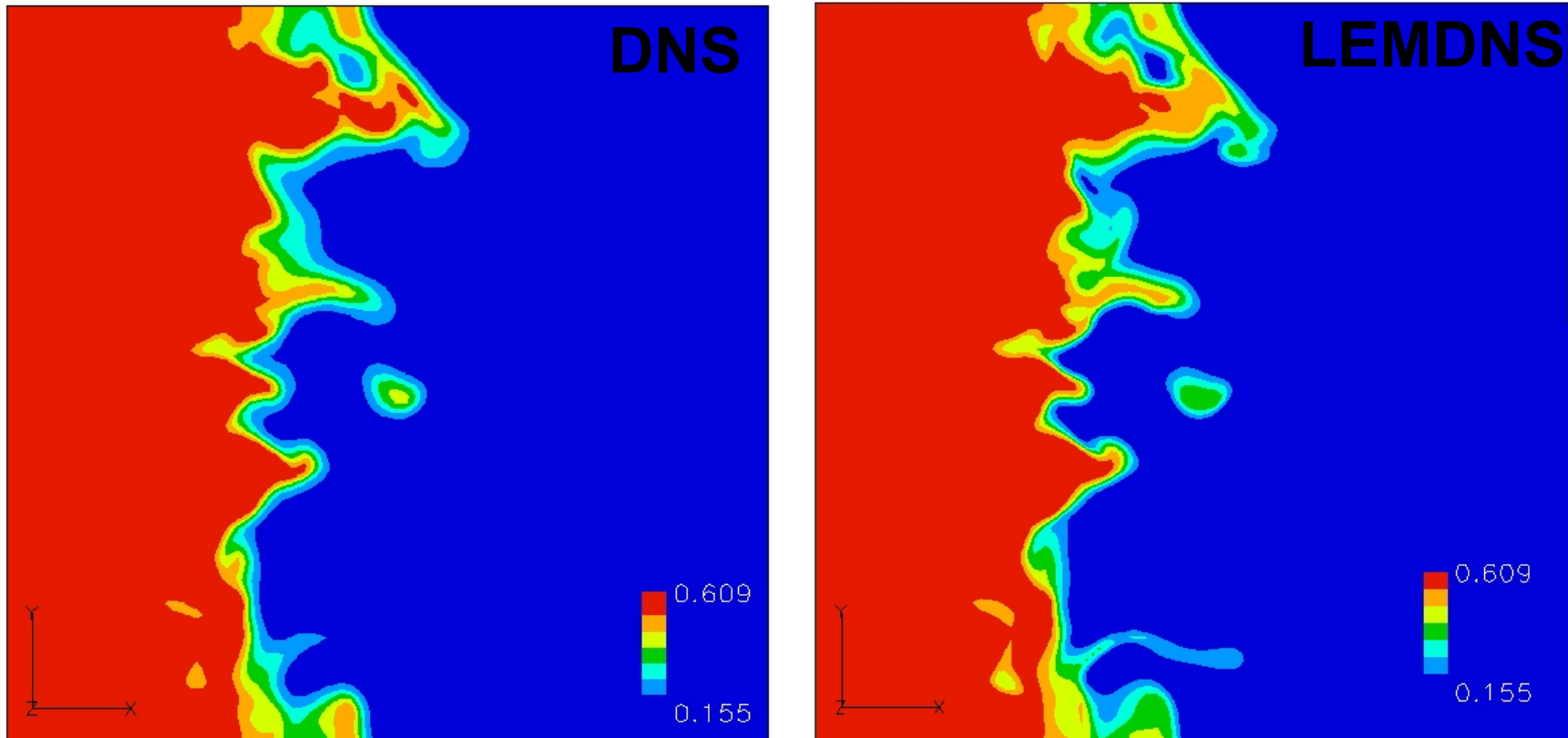
- \* *Flame is captured over several LES cells in conventional approaches.*
- \* Flow acceleration is gradual.  
Low velocity intermittency.



LEM-LES

- \* *Flame is tracked as a thin front in LEM-LES*
- \* No fluid dynamic eddy can exist with the thickness of the flame.
- \* Flamelet type burning.

## Contours of Density Stream-Wise (X)



- DNS - Scalar field tracked with Eulerian formulation
- LEMDNS - Scalar field tracked with Lagrangian formulation

*Sankaran and Menon, Symp 2004*

*Suresh Menon, Georgia Tech*

## Test Case

**DNS of Extinction and Re-Ignition in a  $CO/H_2$  Plane Jet Flame** (Hawkes, E.R., et al., 2007 and 2009)

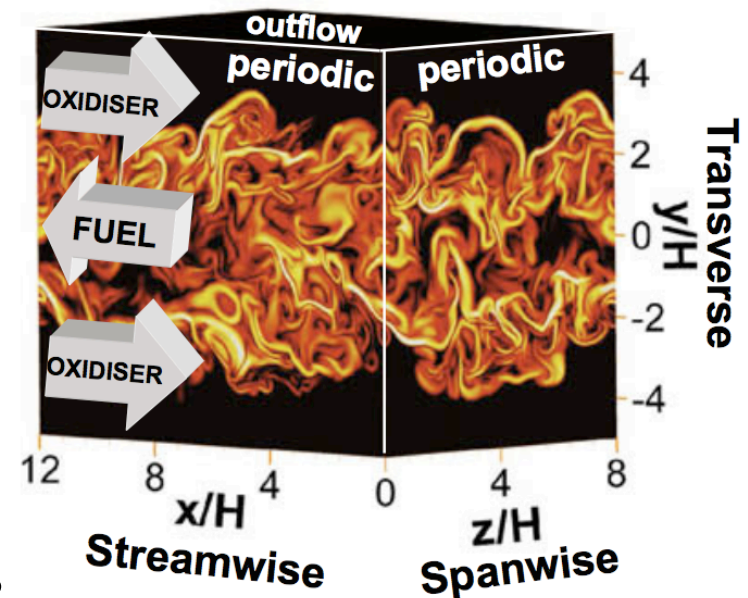
$Re_{jet} = 4478$

Fuel: 50 %  $CO$ , 10 %  $H_2$ , 40 %  $N_2$

350 M grid points, reduced kinetics with 11 species and 21 reactions

Case-M1:  $96 \times 112 \times 64 = 700K$  grid points

Case-M2  $192 \times 224 \times 128 = 5.5M$  grid points



	LEMLES	LANN-LEMLES	TANN-LES
Subgrid Turbulence	LDKM	LDKM	LDKM
Subgrid Combustion	LEM	LEM	TANN
Subgrid Chemistry	DI	LANN	—

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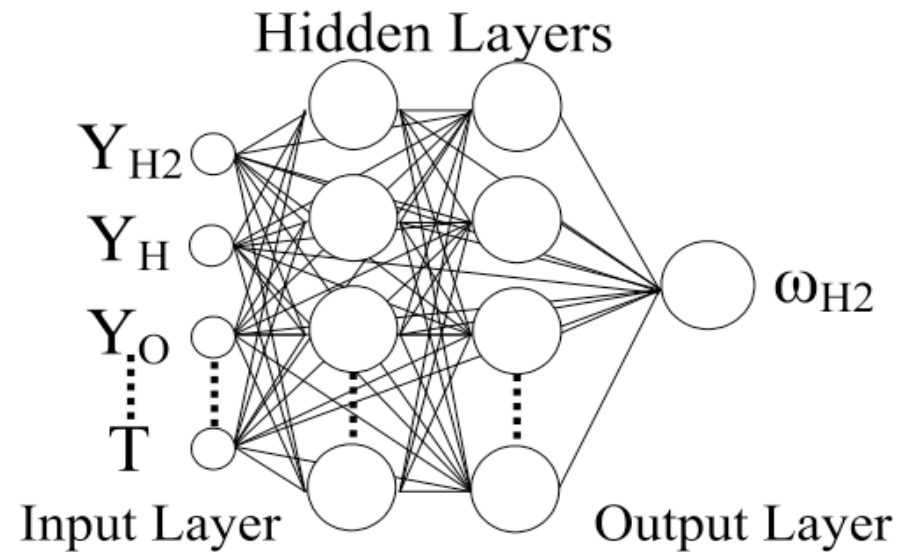
## **Turbulence-Chemistry Closure for Fast LES**

- LEMLES is very accurate but is computational costly
- New approach to obtain filtered reactions rates using tabulated subgrid evolution of reactive scalars
- Include effect of turbulence on reaction-diffusion
- Off-line LEM simulations to generate the data base
  - Train ANN on the composition and turbulence
  - Employ TANN in the actual LES
- Look up based on *local composition, Re, time-step and scalar dissipation or gradient*
- Eliminate all stiffness of kinetics and LEM cost
- Cost is same as non-reacting scalar transport modeling

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## TANN for LES (or RANS)

- Optimal ANN strategy still under development
- All data used for training
- Training on composition and turbulent space not the actual geometry

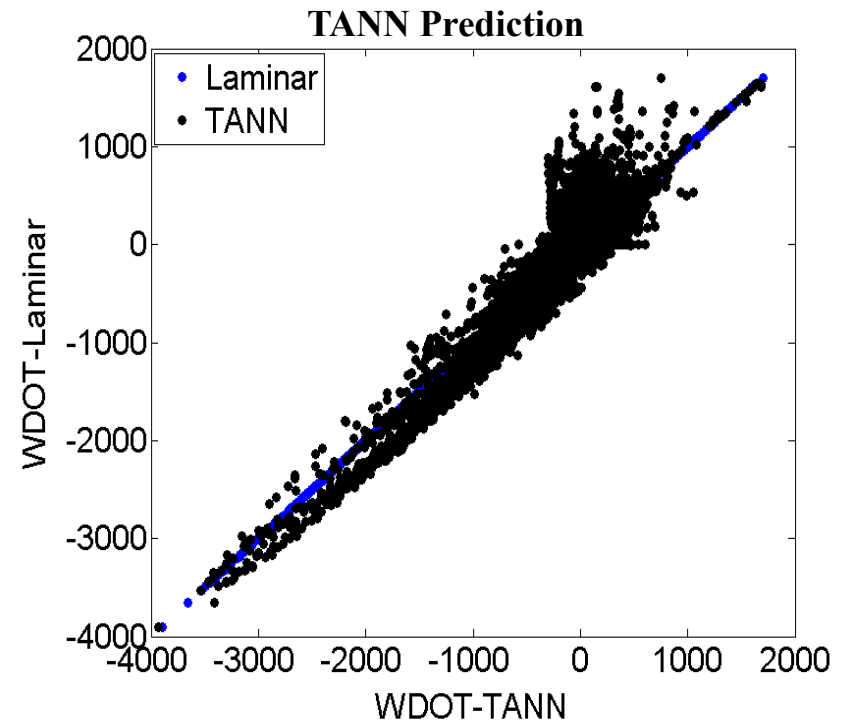
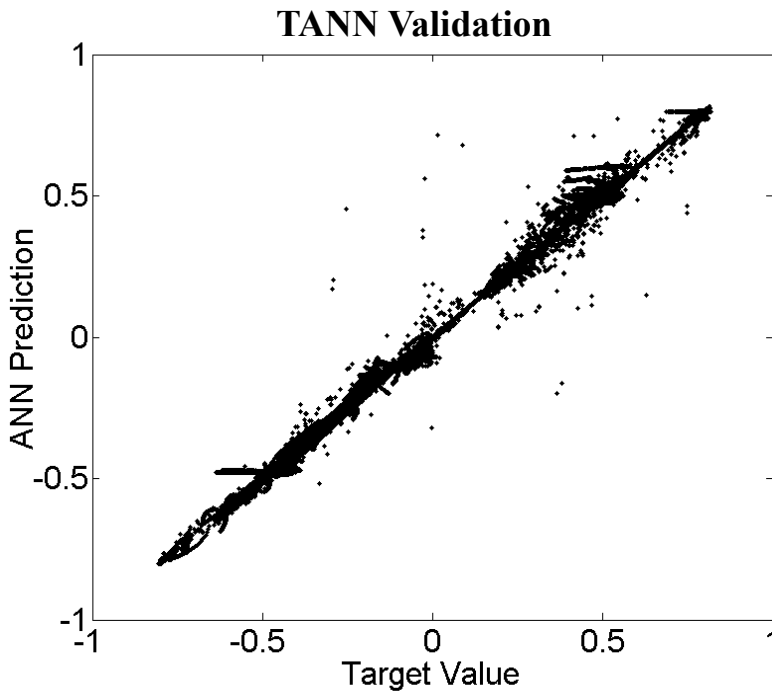


$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \tilde{Y}_k}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} \left( \bar{\rho} \tilde{Y}_k \tilde{u}_i - \bar{\rho} \tilde{Y}_k \tilde{V}_{i,k} + \phi_{i,k}^{sgs} + \theta_{i,k}^{sgs} \right) + \tilde{\omega}_k$$

$$\tilde{\omega}_k = TANN(\tilde{Y}_1, \tilde{Y}_2, \dots, \tilde{Y}_{N_s}, \tilde{T}, Re_\Delta, \partial \tilde{Y}_k / \partial x_i)$$

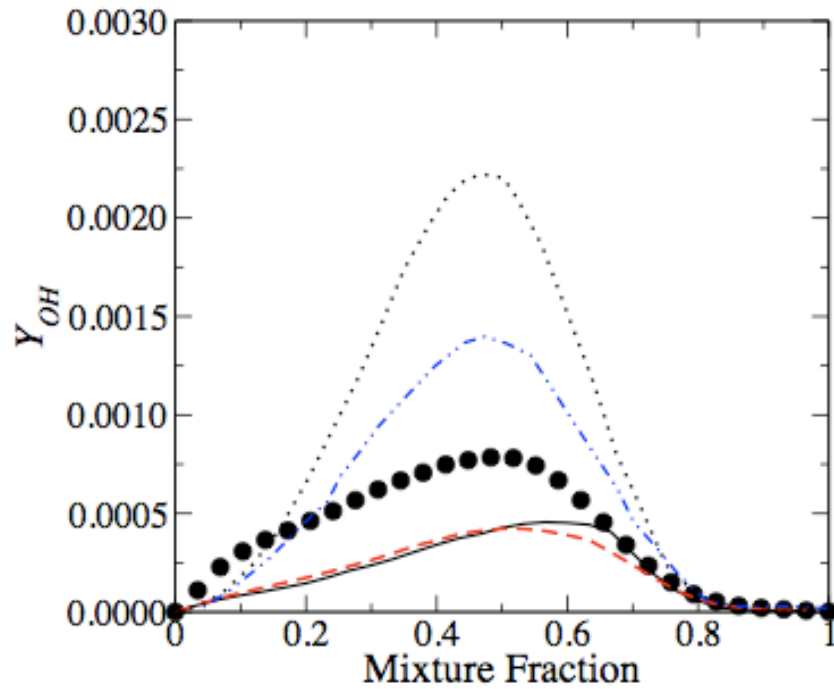
\* Sen and Menon (Symp. 32, 2009, Combustion and Flame 157, 2010a, 2010b)  
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## TANN Training and Validation



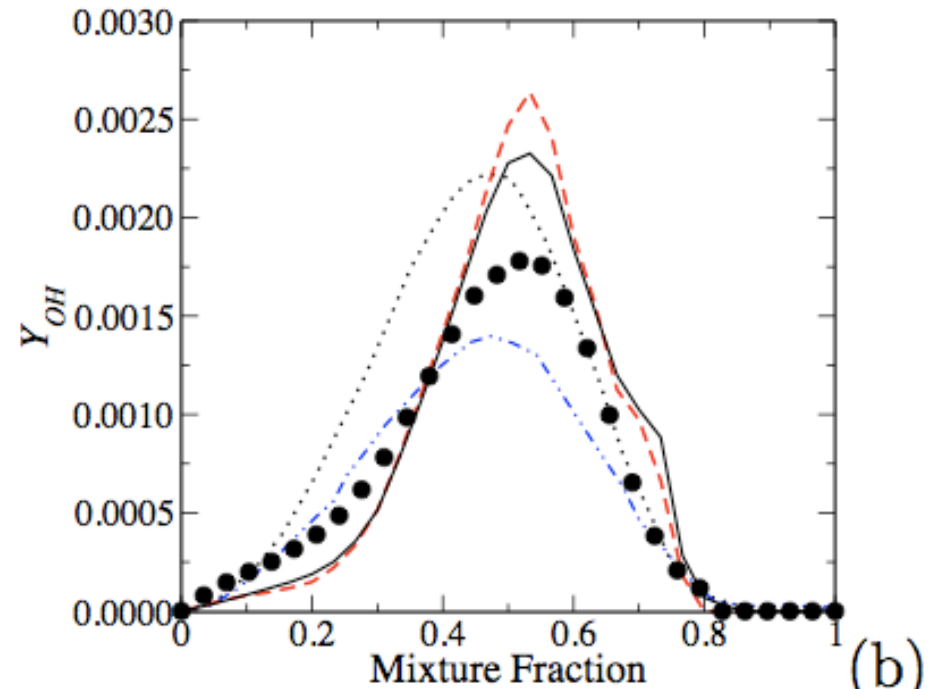
**Same Composition but  
different Turbulent states**

## OH Statistics by LANN-LEMLES\*



(a)

$t_j=20$



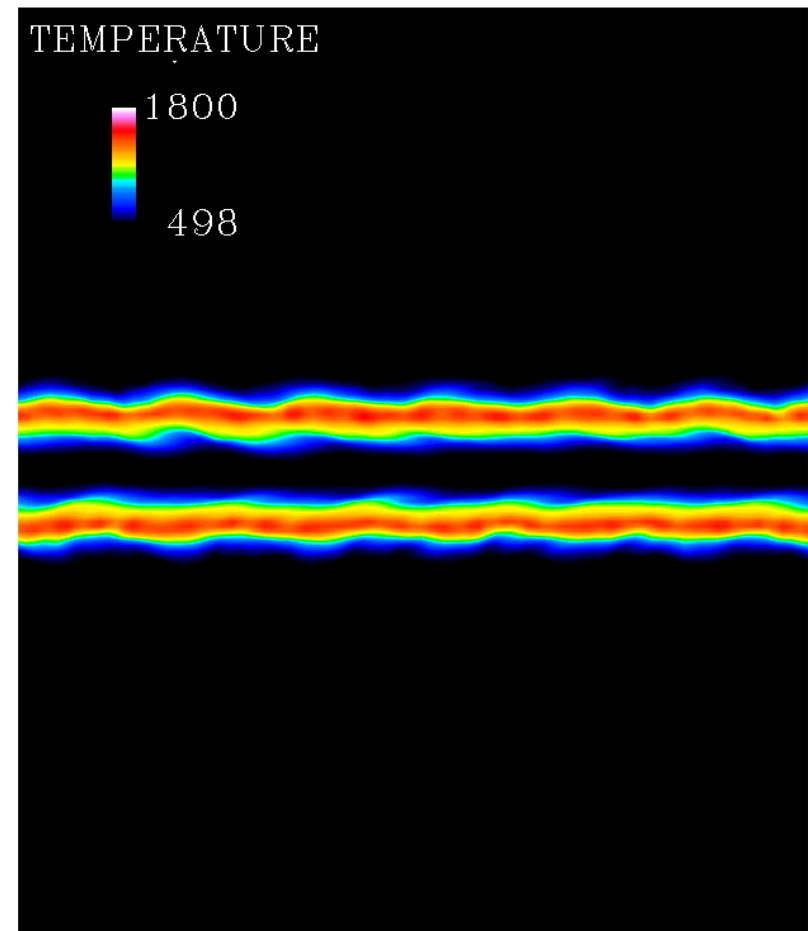
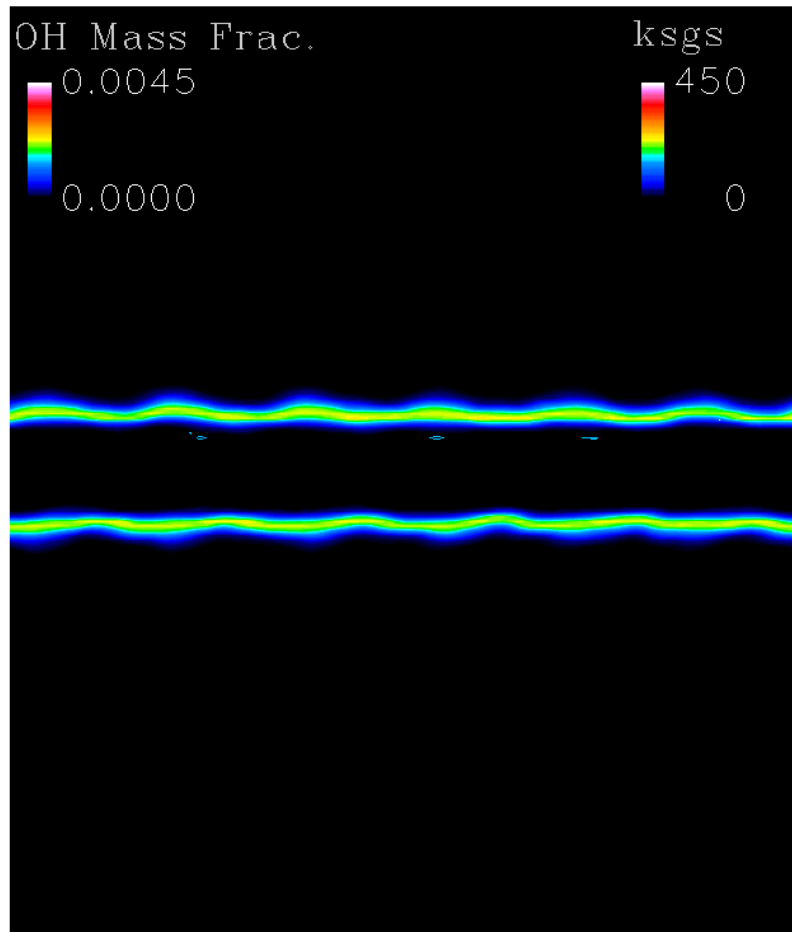
(b)

$t_j=40$

- DNS data (•), Initial data (. . .), Laminar flamelet at extinction (- .. - ..), Case M-1 (- - -), Case M-2 (—)
- The LANN-LEMLES (Case M-1 and M-2) predict extinction and re-ignition with reasonable accuracy

\*Sen, Hawkes and Menon, Comb. Flame, Vol. 157, 2010  
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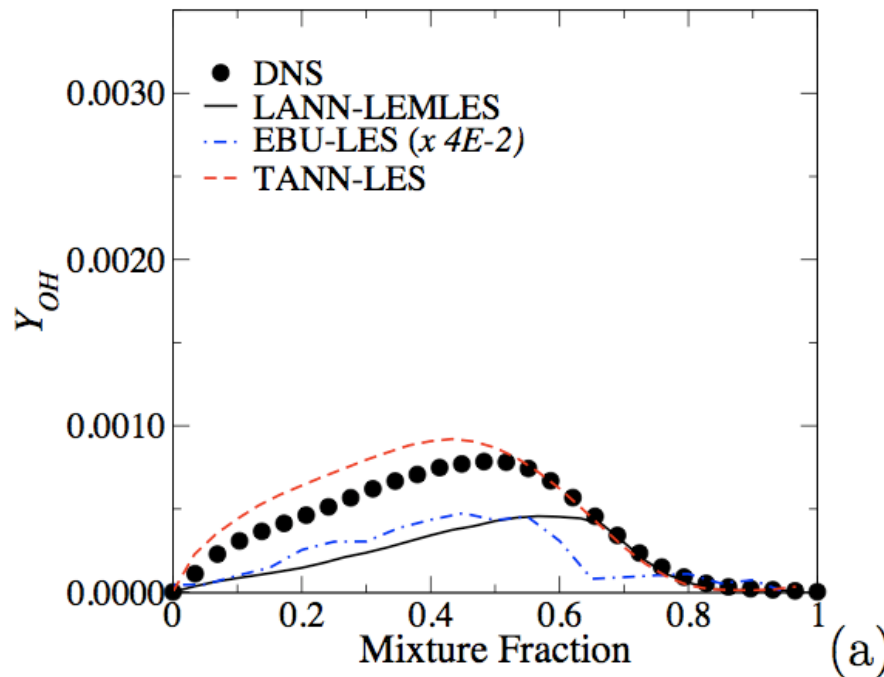
# *OH Mass Fraction, $K_{sgs}$ and Temperature* LANN LES



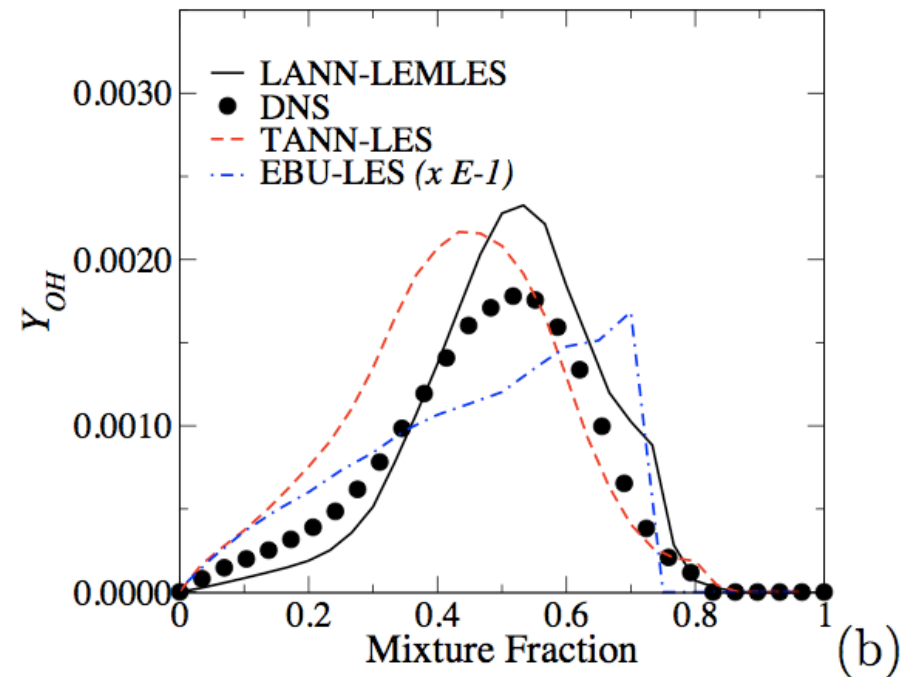
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## OH Statistics by TANN-LES



$t_j=20$



$t_j=40$

- At extinction TANN-LES seem better than LANN-LEMLES
  - may be due to the approach for scalar closure
- At re-ignition the peak is shifted by TANN-LES
- EBU: worst result with no extinction & re-ignition behavior

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## Computational Time and Memory Savings

	Species Equation	Time/(step×cell)	Speed-Up
EBU-LES	LES level	$0.36 \times 10^{-2}$	19.7
TANN-LES	LES level	$0.39 \times 10^{-2}$	18.3
LANN-LEMLES	LEM level (12 cells/LES)	$1.29 \times 10^{-2}$	5.5
DI-LEMLES	LEM level (12 cells/LES)	$7.10 \times 10^{-2}$	1.0

- LANN table size: 2GB; Memory requirement in LES: 0.13 MB
- TANN table size: 380 MB; Memory requirement in LES: 0.14 MB
- TANN-LES cost is same as EBU-LES
- Speedup more significant for stiffer kinetics: 12-species, 16-species

	Species Equation	Time/(step×cell)	Speed-Up
TANN-LES	LES level	$7.78 \times 10^{-5}$	134.9
LANN-LEMLES	LEM level (LES/12)	$2.14 \times 10^{-4}$	49.2
DSTE-LEMLES	LEM level (LES/12)	$8.79 \times 10^{-3}$	7.8
DI-LEMLES	LEM level (LES/12)	$1.05 \times 10^{-2}$	1.0

## The Baseline LES@GT Solver with LEMLES

- **Single comprehensive approach validated for**
  - **Non-premixed scalar mixing and combustion, and soot formation**
    - *JPP (1993), Comb. Symp. (1996, 2006), CST (1998), Phy. Fl (2001), Turbo Expo (2007), Comb. Flame (2008, 2010)*
  - **Premixed combustion: Flamelet, Thin-reaction and Broken-reaction zone regimes (DOE-HAT, LM6000, DLE), soot formation**
    - *CST (1999, 2000, 2001), Flow Turb. Comb (2001), J. Sup. Comp (2001), Comb. Symp. (2002, 2004), J. Turb. (2003), JPP (2005), Prog. CFD (2005), AIAA-06-0152, Comb. Symp, (2006, 2008), Comb. Flame (2007, 2008, 2010)*
  - **Spray Combustion (GE-TARS, DACRS, CFM56, NASA-LDI, JSF)**
    - *ASME-GT-225 (1998), ASME J (2003), Comb. Symp. (2002), J. Turb (2002), AIAA-04-3381, AIAAJ (2006), Comb. Symp. (2006), ASME (2006), CF (2008)*
  - **Supersonic Mixing/Combustion, Detonations, Plasma, Rockets**
    - *Comb. Symp. (2004), AIAA-03-7035, AIAA-04-3826, AIAA-04-4132, AIAA-05-3967, ICDERS (2005), AIAA-06-2891, AIAA-06-2894, AIAA (2007, 2008), Comp. & Fluids (2008\*), Comb Symp. (2008), Phys. Plasma (2008), AIAA (2011)*