

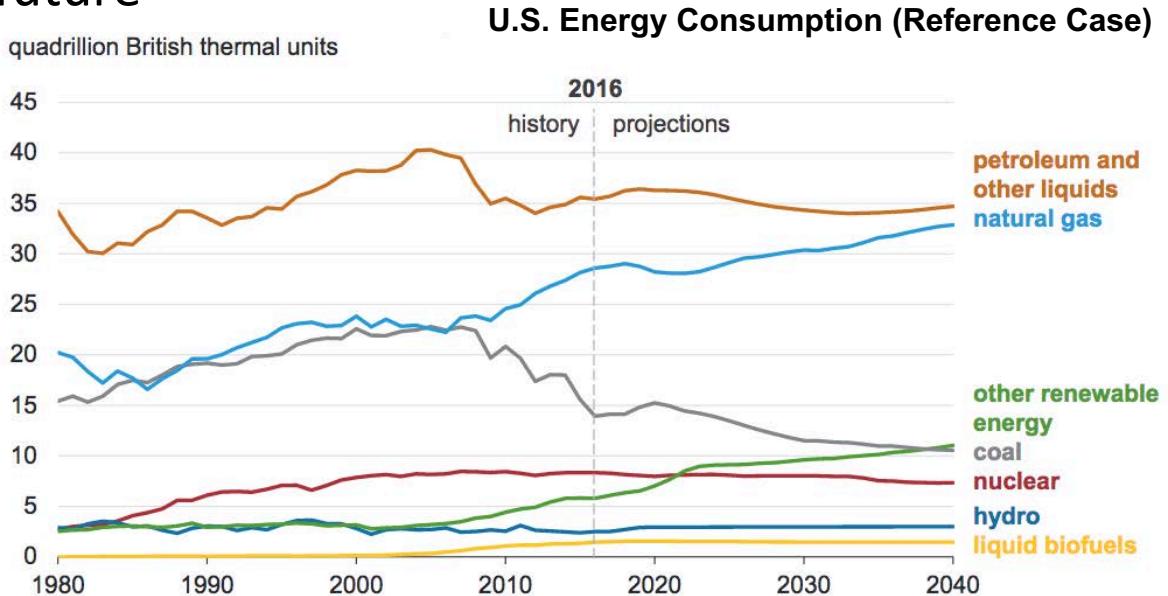
Recent Developments in Laser Imaging Diagnostics for Studying Turbulence-Flame Interactions

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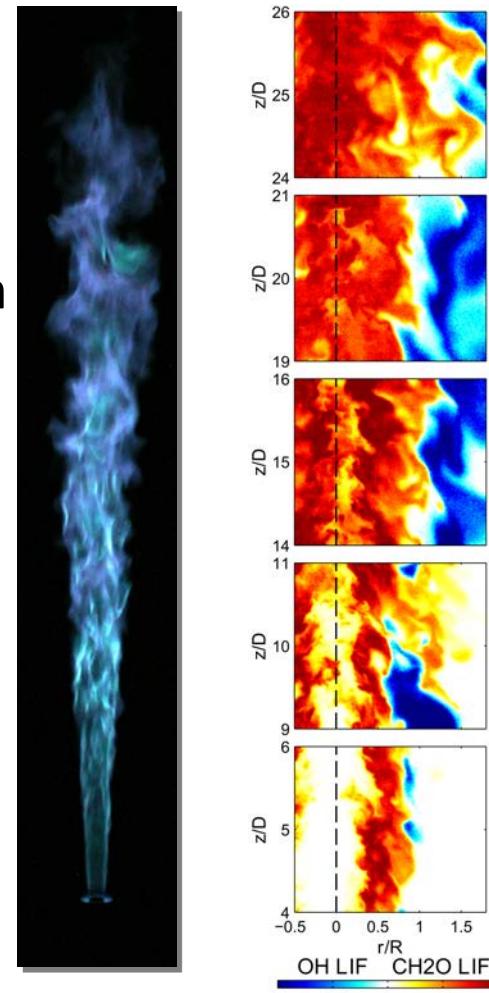
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Motivation

- Fundamental understanding of interactions between turbulence and combustion chemistry
- Multi-dimensional, time-dependent, nonlinear problem
- Advancement of combustion theory and modeling
- Demand for hydrocarbon combustion for foreseeable future

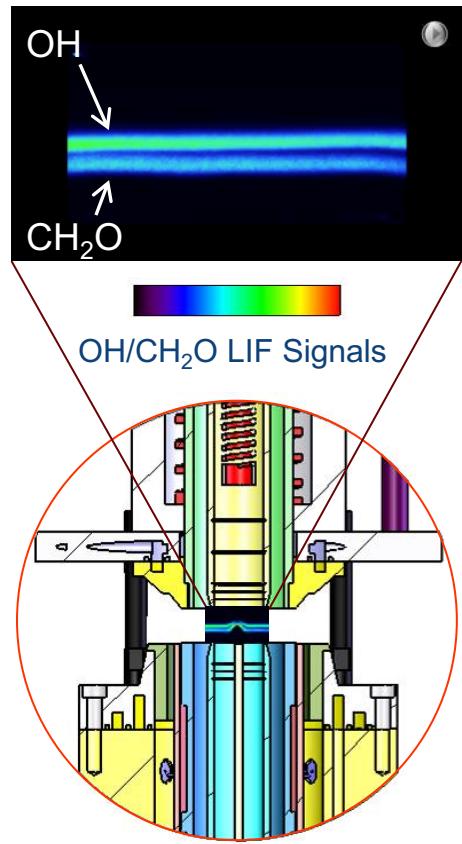


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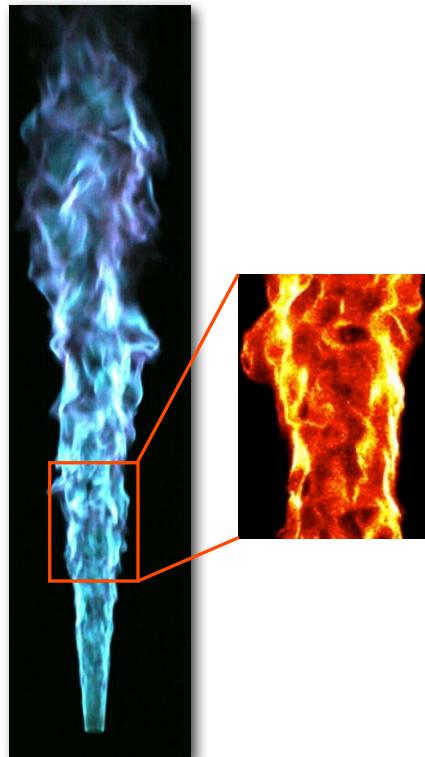


Approaches to Studying Flow-Flame Interactions

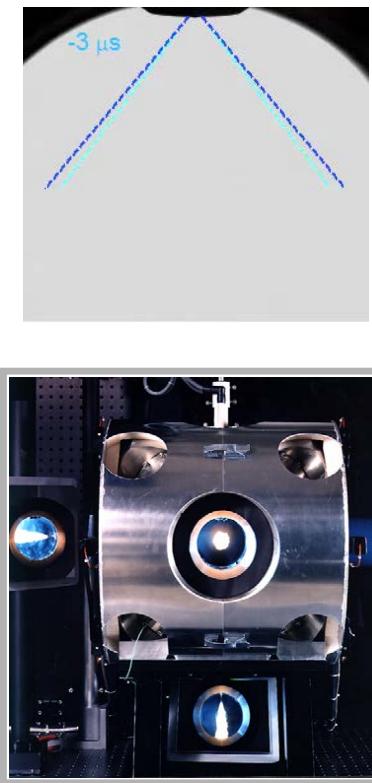
Isolated Repeatable Transient Flow-Flame Interactions



Turbulent Flows in Canonical Geometries

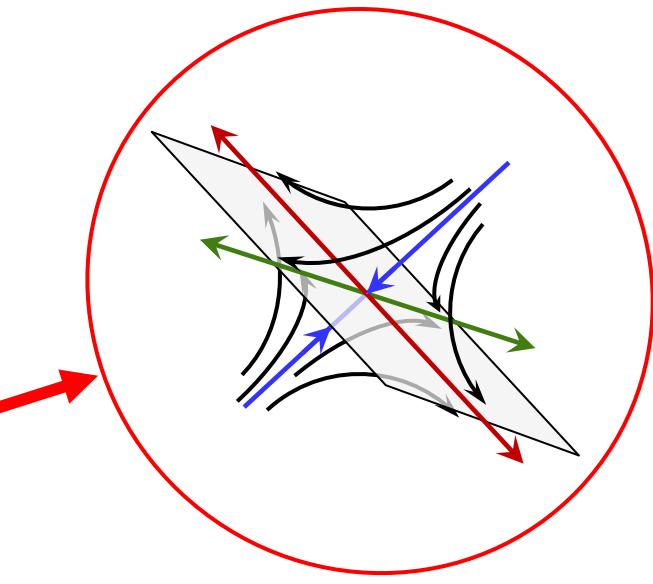
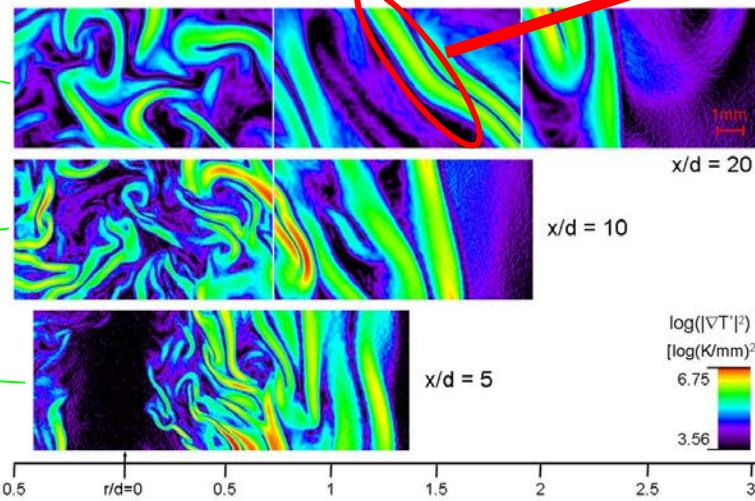
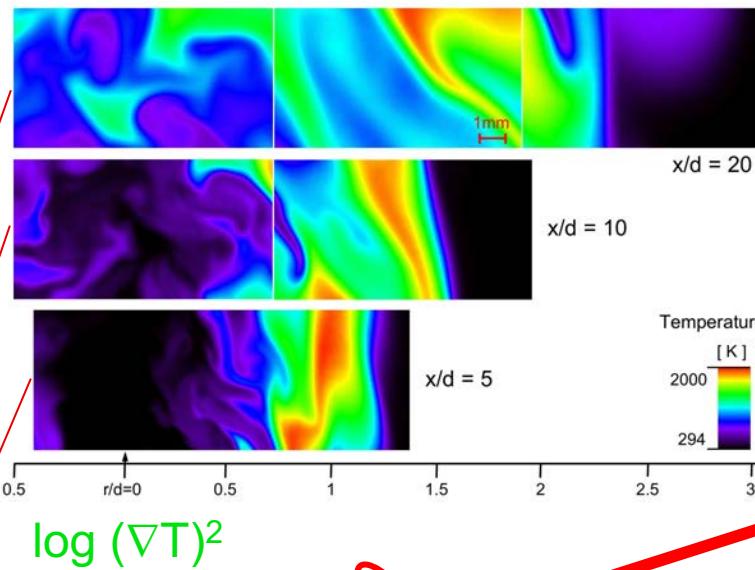


Challenging Environments



Structure of Turbulence Impacts Rates of Molecular Mixing

Temperature



Feedback between
turbulence and combustion

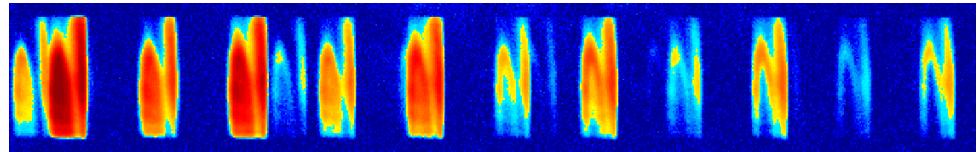
Requires measurements of
fluid dynamics and
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Themes in Laser Imaging Diagnostics for Understanding Turbulence-Flame Interactions

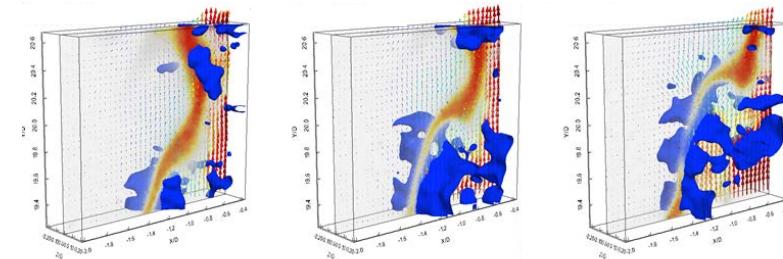
- Advances in dimensionality of diagnostics
 - Dynamics & structure of turbulence-chemistry interactions
 - ▶ velocity/species/temperature: 3D and 4D (spatio-temporal) measurements
 - Thermochemical state
 - ▶ temperature/species: single-point → 1D → 2D measurements
- Expanding capabilities in challenging environments
 - Approaches for treating interferences, imaging artifacts
 - Tailoring diagnostics to problem of interest
- Opportunities for coupling experiments and simulations
 - Approaches for statistical comparisons of multi-dimensional, multi-parameter datasets
 - Development and optimization of experimental and simulation methods

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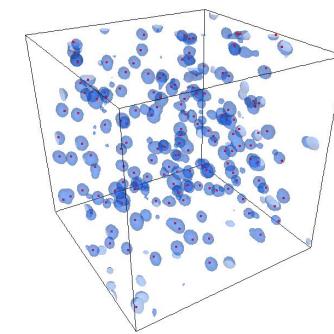
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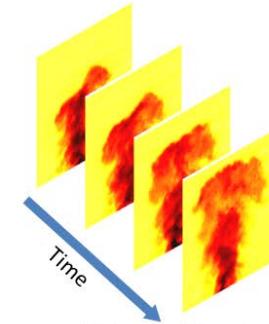
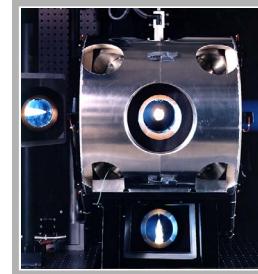
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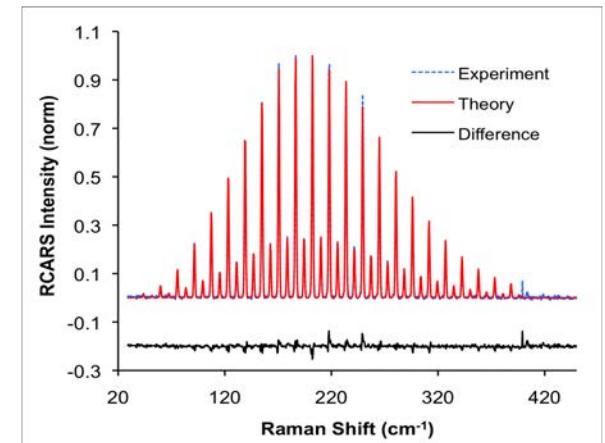
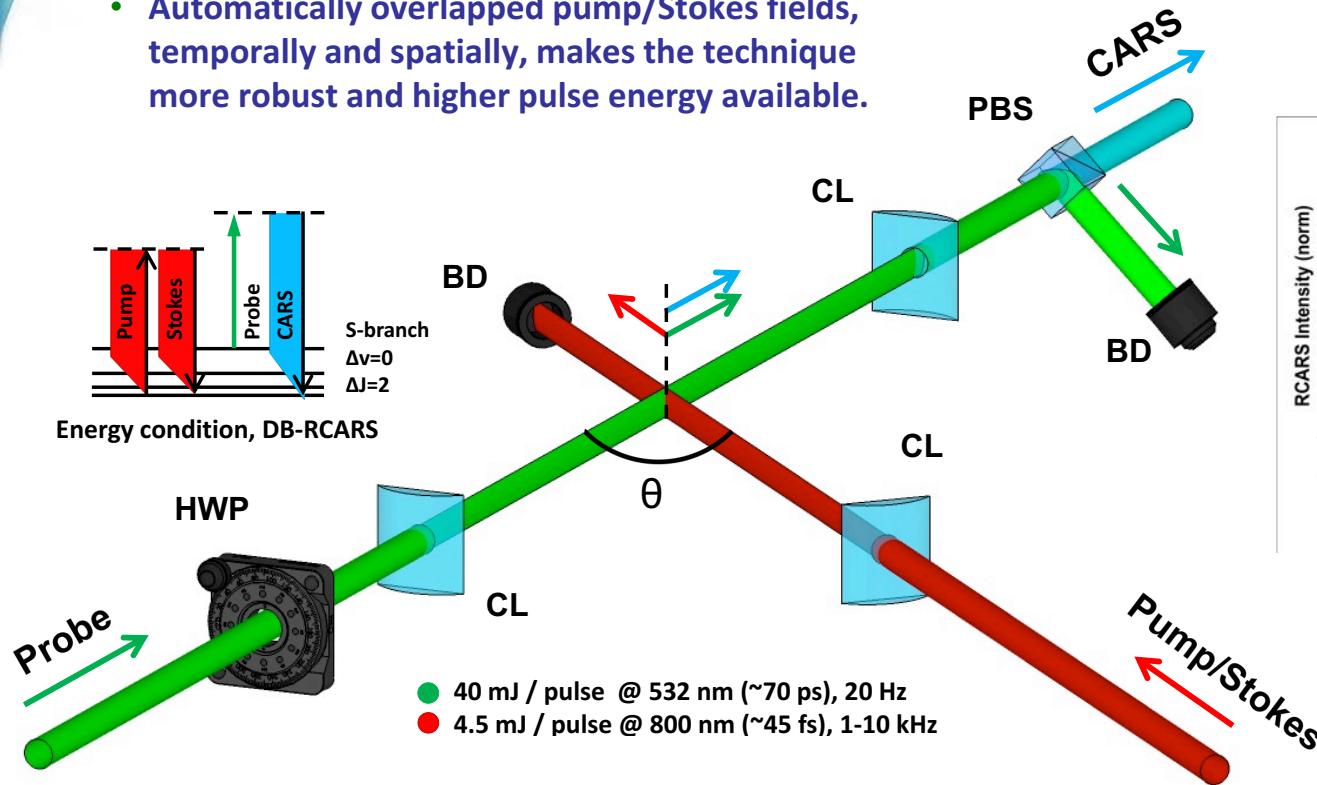


Dynamics of Transient Flows in Challenging Environments



Two-Beam Phase Matching Scheme for hybrid fs/ps CARS Enables 1-D and 2-D Measurements

- Automatically overlapped pump/Stokes fields, temporally and spatially, makes the technique more robust and higher pulse energy available.

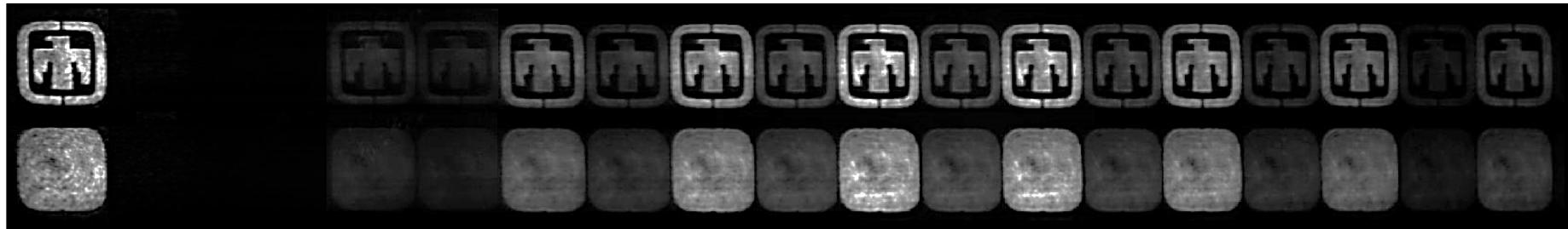


Rotational CARS spectrum of N_2 at 1800 K

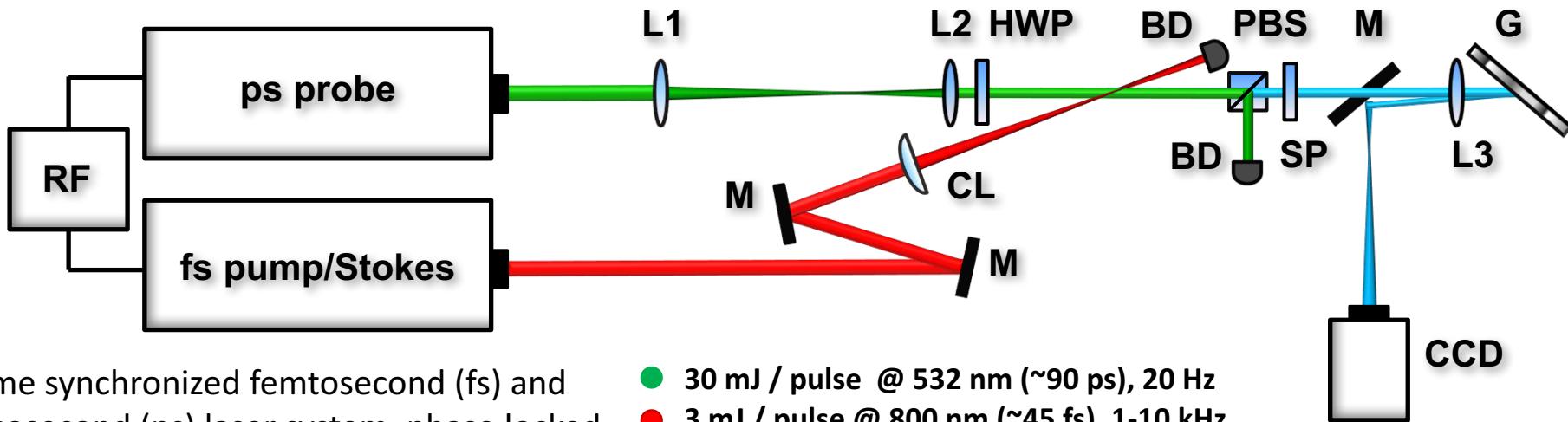
Courtesy of Chris Kliewer

Spectrally Resolved Detection of 2-D CARS

Rotational quantum number $J = 4 \quad 5 \quad 6 \quad 7 \quad 8 \quad 9 \quad 10 \quad 11 \quad 12 \quad 13 \quad 14 \quad 15 \quad 16$



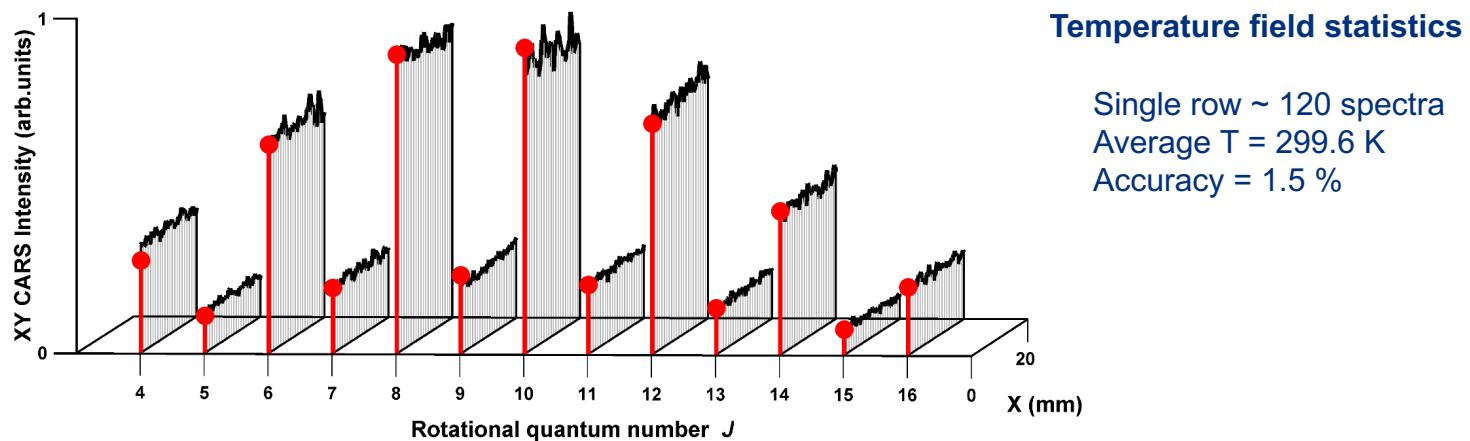
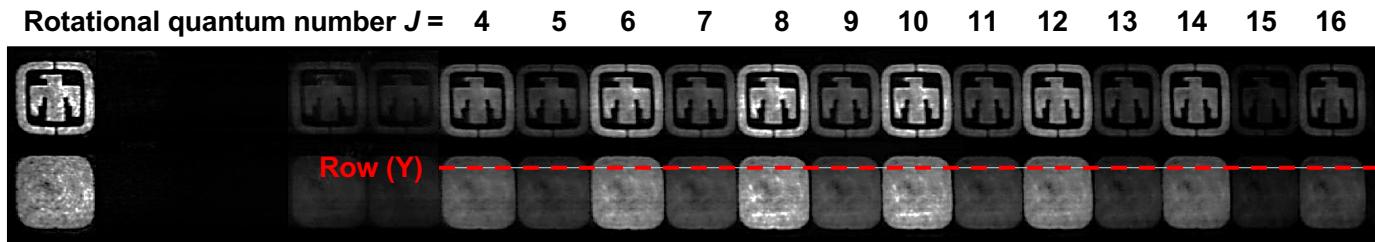
120 X 125 pixels = 15000 spatially correlated spectra in a single laser shot.



Time synchronized femtosecond (fs) and picosecond (ps) laser system, phase locked to an external 100 MHz RF source.

- 30 mJ / pulse @ 532 nm (~90 ps), 20 Hz
- 3 mJ / pulse @ 800 nm (~45 fs), 1-10 kHz

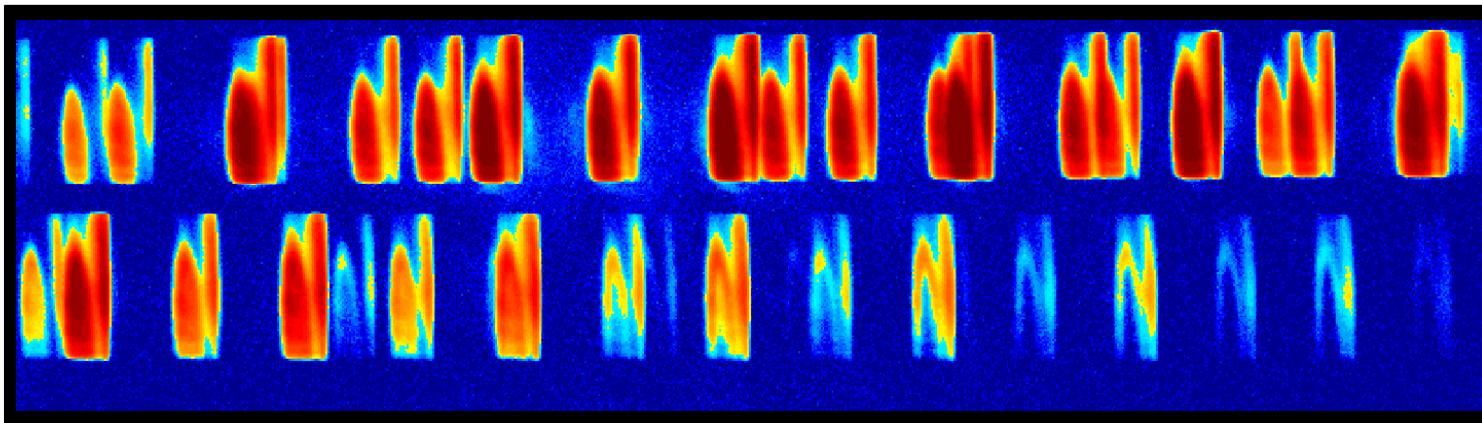
Simultaneous Planar Imaging and Multiplexed Spectroscopy in a Single-Shot



- Pixel-to-pixel extraction of spectra
- Insensitive to irregularities in probe & excitation pulses spatial profiles.

Enables Highly Accurate 2D Imaging Measurements of Temperature and Species

- Detecting 25 N₂ and 14 O₂ S-branch transitions with small spectral interference.

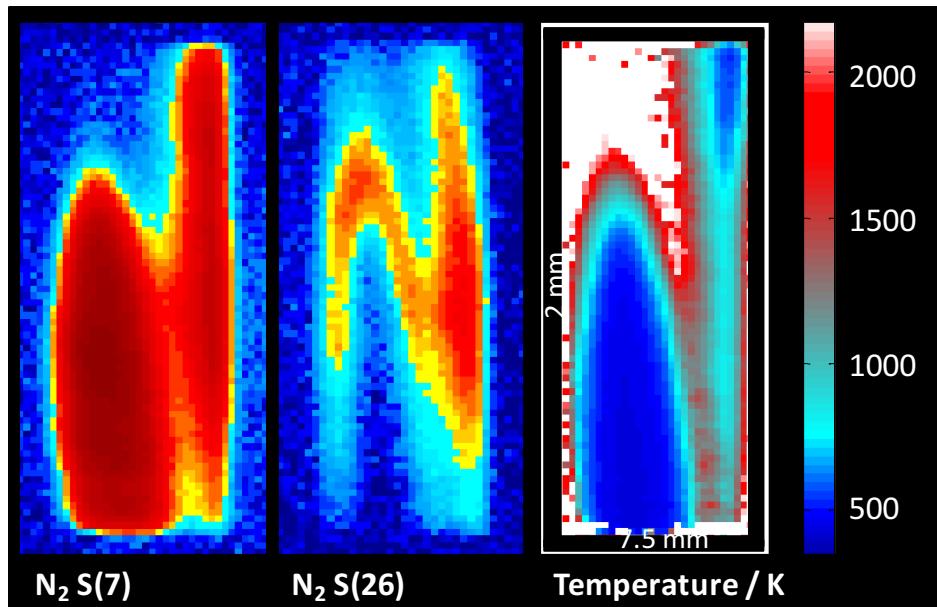


100 accumulated shots

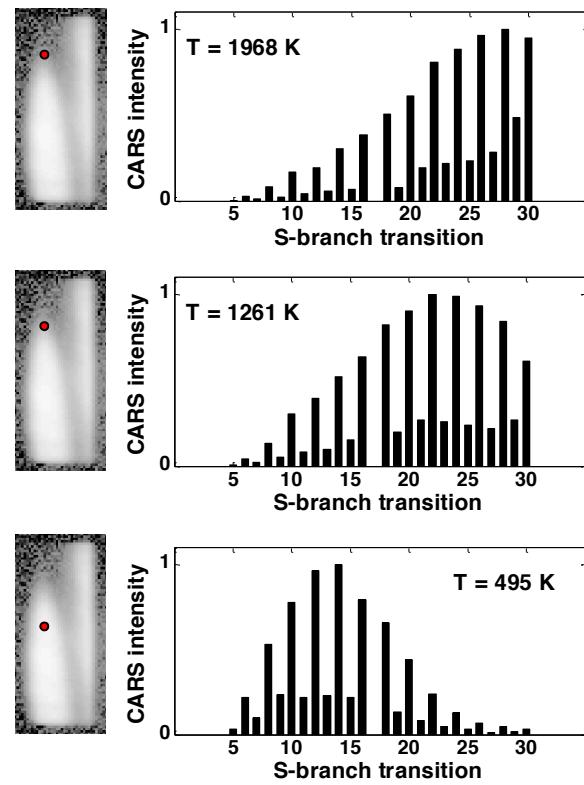


- Measurement configuration optimized for flame thermometry and detecting [N₂]/[O₂], narrower mask, ~2100 spectra collected simultaneously, 2D-field of 2 x 7.5 mm.

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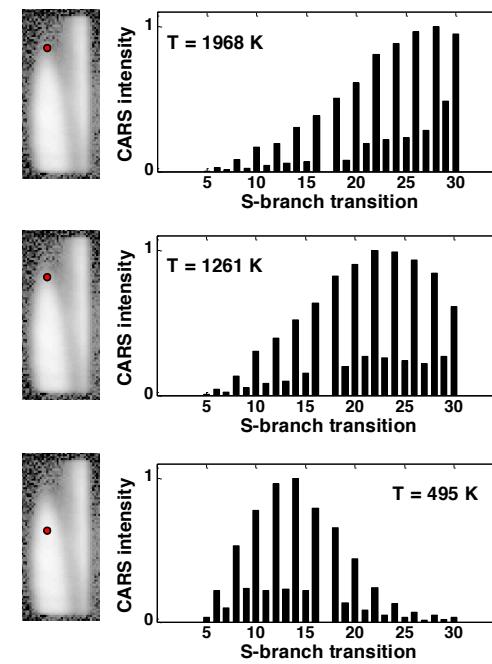
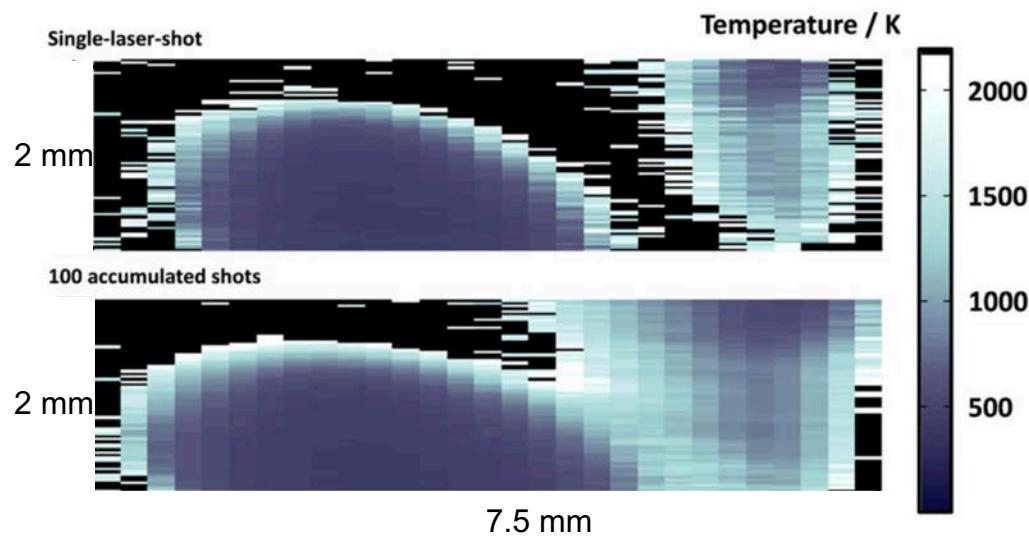


Spatial distribution of cold and hot N_2



Rotational N_2 CARS spectra at 3 locations

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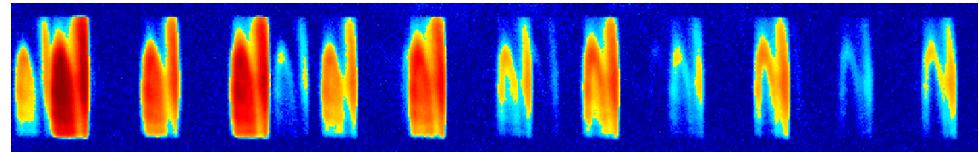


Spatial distribution of cold and hot N_2
(lab coordinates)

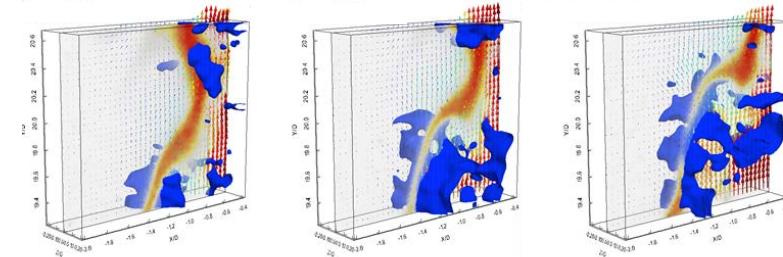
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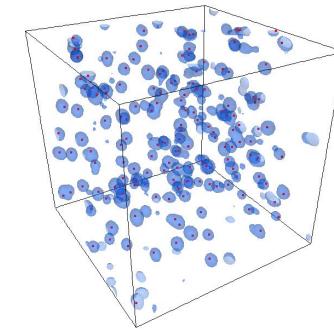
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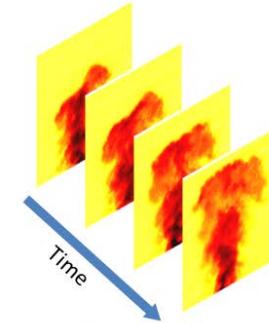
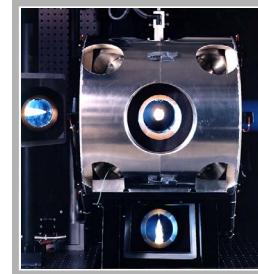
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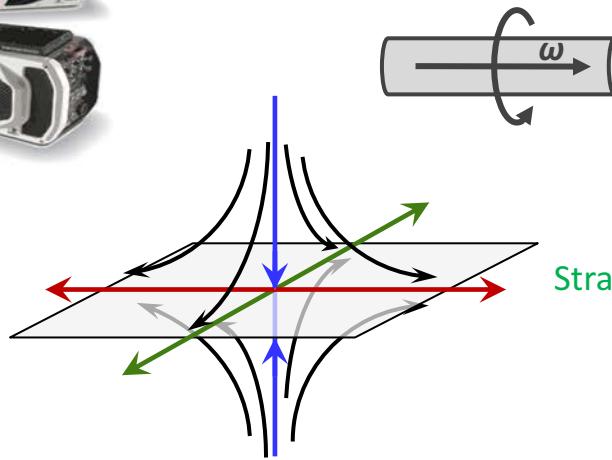


Measuring Structure of Turbulence

Tomographic Particle Imaging Velocimetry (PIV)

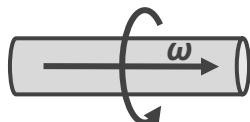
Tomographic Particle Image Velocimetry: 3-Component volumetric velocity measurements

Key fluid dynamic quantities measured at multi-kHz rates



$$\mathbf{v} = u\hat{i} + v\hat{j} + w\hat{k}$$

Velocity gradient tensor $\nabla \mathbf{v} = \frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j}$



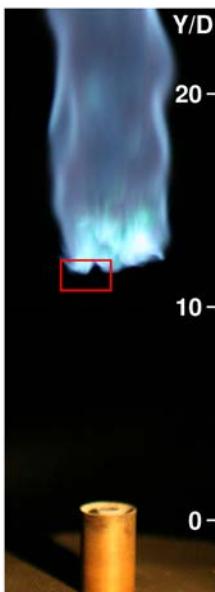
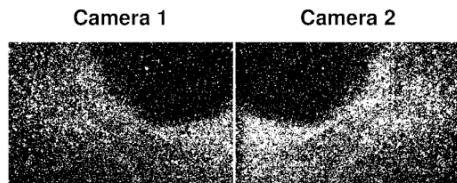
Vorticity $\boldsymbol{\omega} = \nabla \times \mathbf{v}$

Strain rate tensor $S_{ij} = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{\partial u_i}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial u_j}{\partial x_i} \right)$

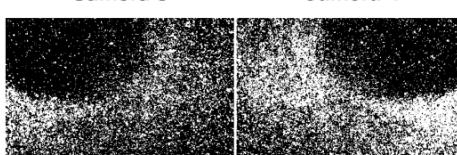
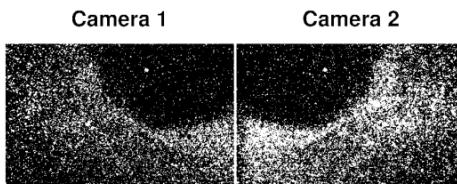
Measurements at multi-kHz rates

Tomo-PIV Data Acquisition and Processing

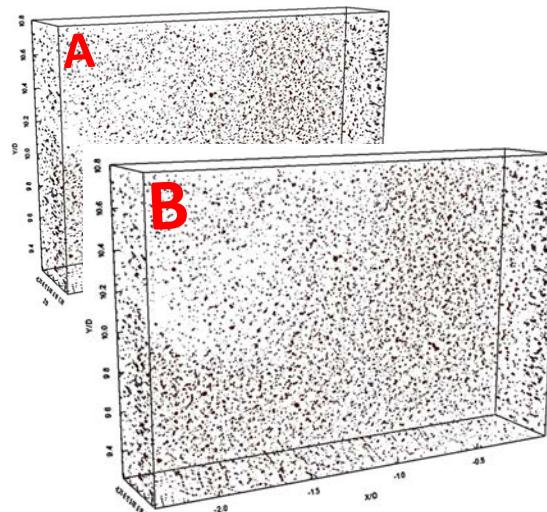
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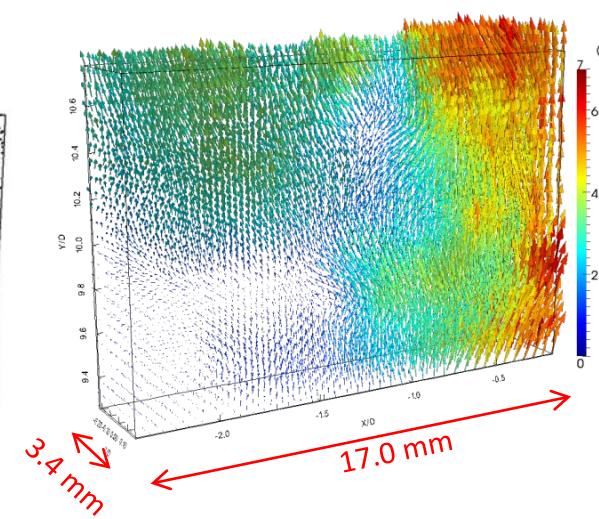
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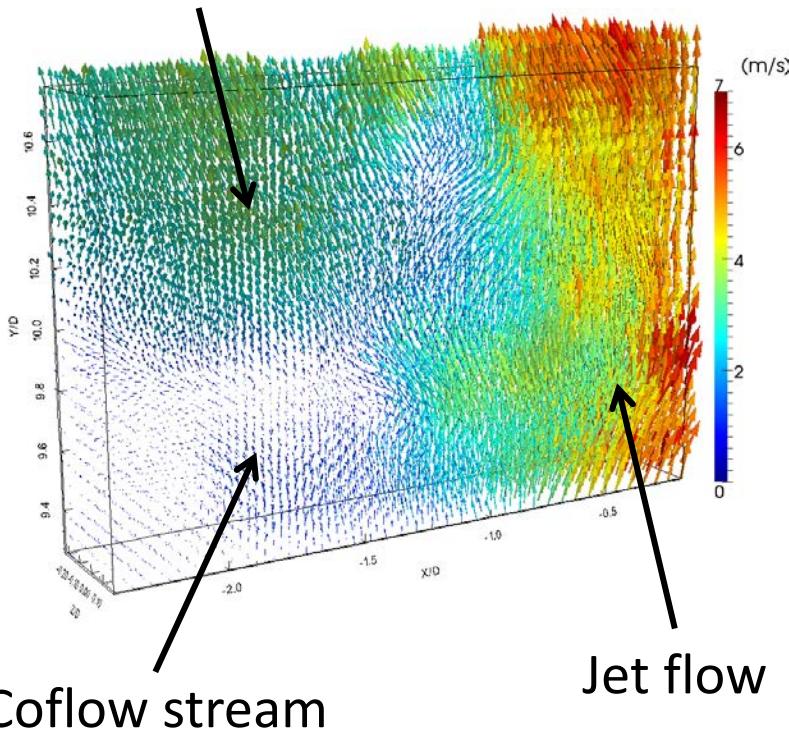
Probe Volume Reconstruction
(multiplicative algebraic
reconstruction tomography)



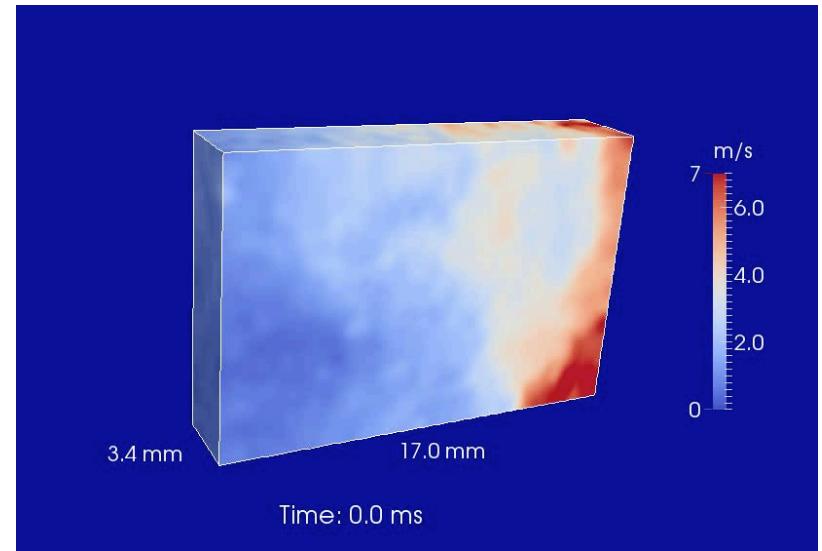
Volume Cross-Correlation
to Calculate Particle
Displacements

Tomo-PIV Data Processing Volume Cross-Correlation

Flame products



1 out of 64 vectors plotted



3D velocity field measured at 10 kHz

Volume per vector: $413 \times 413 \times 413 \mu\text{m}^3$
 $24 \times 24 \times 24 \text{ vx}$
with 75% overlap

Spatial and Temporal Resolution

- **Lengthscales**

- Probe volume dimensions: $16.5 \times 12.3 \times 2.5 \text{ mm}^3$
- Spatial resolution: $\lambda_m = 413 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ (width of interrogation volume)
- Integral lengthscale: $\delta \sim 16 \text{ mm}$ (full width at half max. of mean axial velocity)
- Kolmogorov scale: $\eta \sim 50 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ (*Air jet*) (Ref.: Frank and Kaiser, 2010)
 $\eta \sim 120 \text{ } \mu\text{m}$ (*Flame C*) (Ref.: Wang et al., 2007)

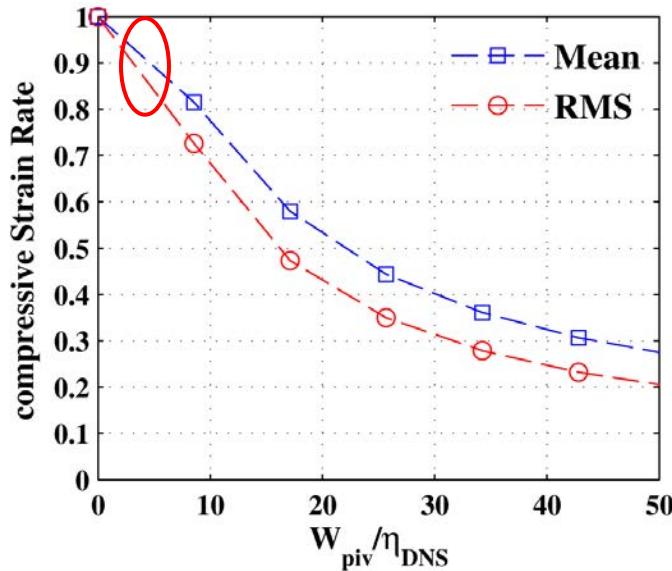
- **Timescales**

- Measurement resolution: $\Delta t_m = 0.1 \text{ ms}$ (10 kHz)
- Mean flow residence time: $\tau_{probe} \sim$ from 0.6 ms (*Flame C*) to 1.3 ms (*Air jet*)
- λ_m -eddy turnover time: $\tau(\lambda_m) = (\lambda_m^2 \cdot \delta)^{1/3} / u' \sim 0.7 \text{ ms}$
- $\frac{\tau_{probe}}{\Delta t_m} \sim 6-13$ (large scale dynamics resolved)
- $\frac{\Delta t_m}{\tau(\lambda_m)} \sim 0.15 < 0.5$ (Nyquist criterion satisfied)
- $\frac{\tau_{probe}}{\tau(\lambda_m)} \sim 1-2$ (λ_m -eddy turnover approximately completed in probe volume)

Issues with Tomographic Reconstruction

- Particle seed density
 - Balance seeding density for reactant/product regions
 - Tradeoff spatial resolution and probe volume
- Calibration of imaging system
 - Multiple target images + self-calibration technique
- Reconstruction algorithm
- Artifacts
 - Distortions in reconstructed particle images
 - “Ghost particles”

Effect of PIV Resolution on Measured Strain Rate



- Apply PIV windowing to DNS of forced isotropic turbulence¹
- 10% average under-estimation of strain rate for $W_{\text{piv}} = 5 \eta$

¹DNS results from Johns Hopkins Turbulence Databases (turbulence.pha.jhu.edu)

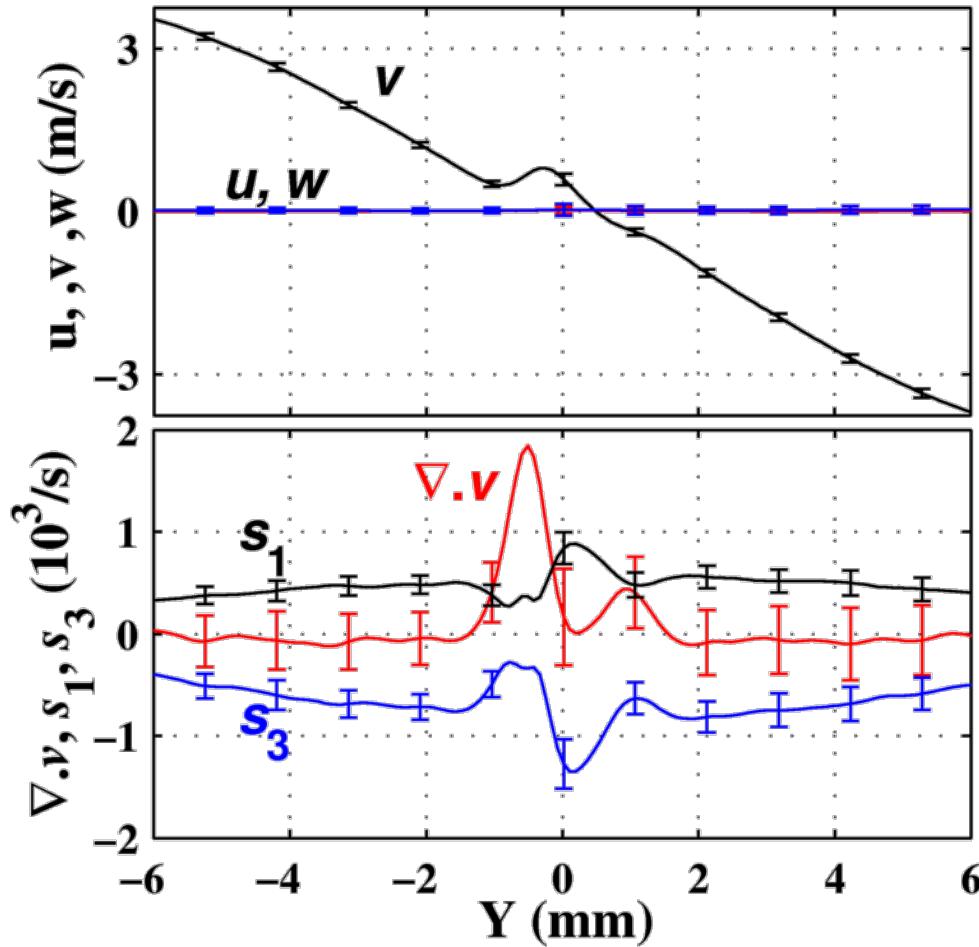
Measurement Uncertainty

Standard deviations

	Reactants	Flame
u	3 cm/s	7 cm/s
v (axial)	8 cm/s	12 cm/s
w	4 cm/s	8 cm/s

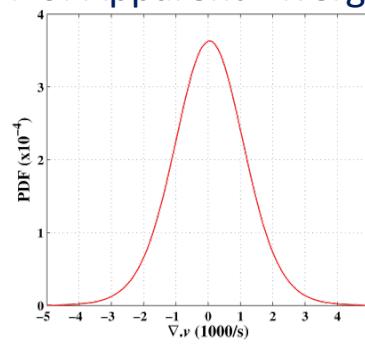
	Reactants	Flame
s_1	120 s^{-1}	160 s^{-1}
s_3	160 s^{-1}	250 s^{-1}
$\nabla \cdot v$	350 s^{-1}	480 s^{-1}

Measurements in a laminar partially-premixed DME/Air opposed jet flame



Error bars = \pm standard deviation

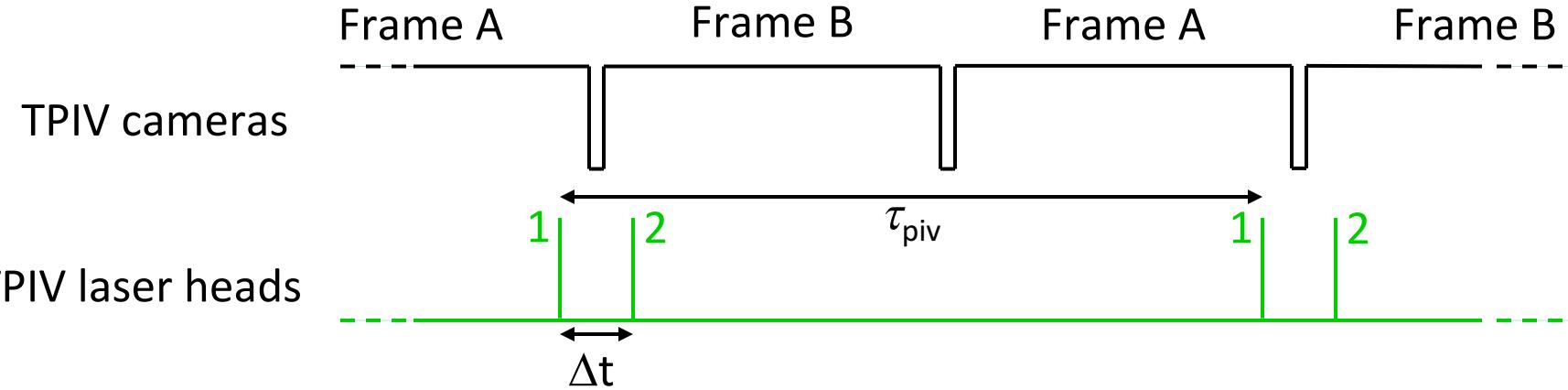
Tomo-PIV Measurement Uncertainty

Sources of errors <i>(estimate based on measurements in...)</i>	Velocity uncertainty	Derivative uncertainty
Noise, Thermophoretic diffusion, Volume reconstruction errors <i>(Laminar counterflow flame)</i>	1-10 cm/s	$O(100) \text{ s}^{-1}$
Inherent spatial & temporal averaging of PIV, Apparent transport of ghost particles <i>(Turbulent Air jet)</i>	Max. uncertainty for unresolved eddies $\sim 0.8 \text{ m/s}$	$O(1,000) \text{ s}^{-1}$ PDF of Apparent Divergence 
Beam steering <i>(Turbulent jet flame)</i>	$< 1\% \text{ for } v$ $< 5\% \text{ for } u \text{ and } w$ <i>(Coriton et al., Exp. Fluids, 2014)</i>	$< 1,000 \text{ s}^{-1}$

Temporal and Spatial Resolution Considerations

Resolved scales vs. turbulent flow scales

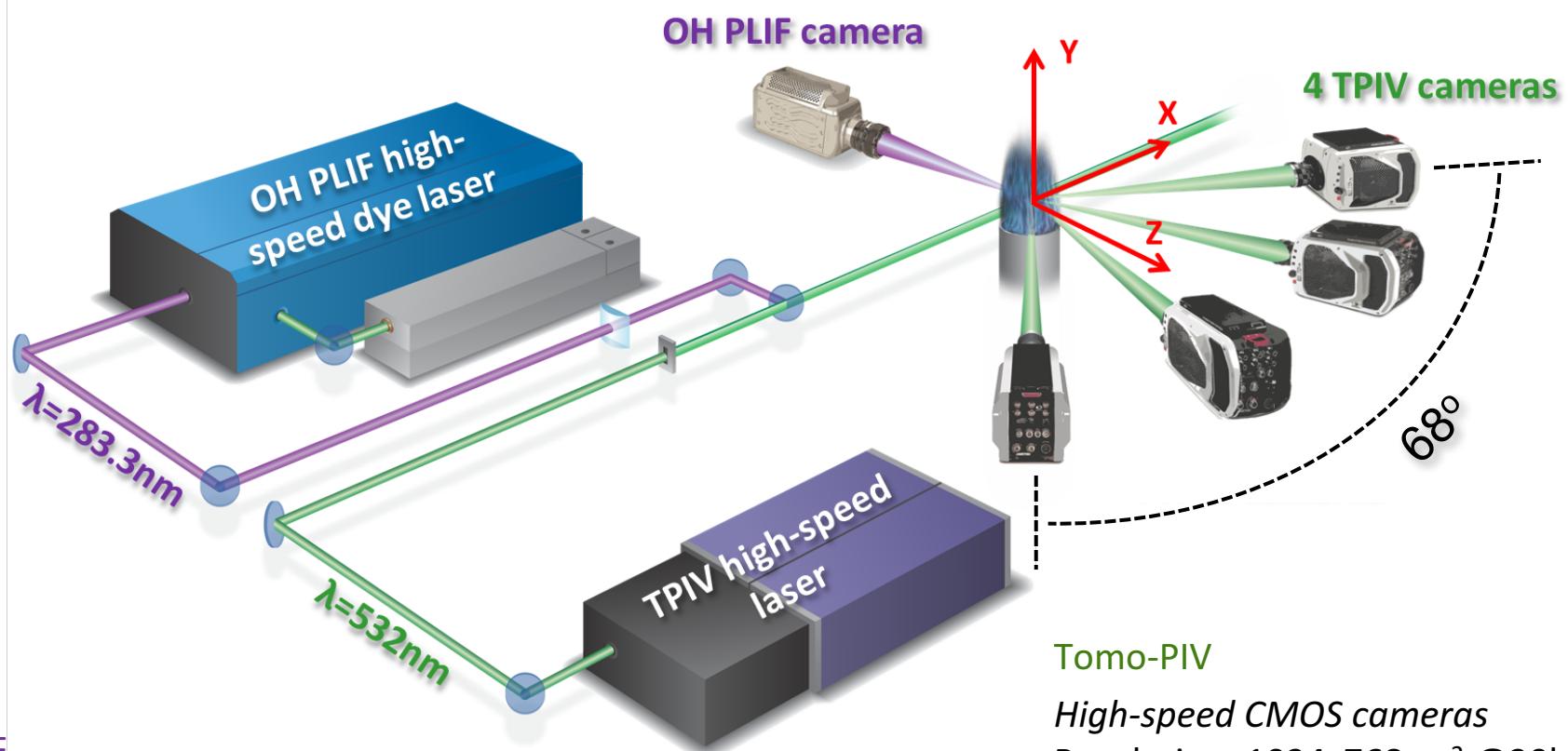
- PIV measurement resolution
 - Interrogation region: $360 \times 360 \times 360 \mu\text{m}^3 = 24 \times 24 \times 24 \text{ vx}$
 - $f_{\text{piv}} = 10\text{-}16 \text{ kHz}$ ($\tau_{\text{piv}} = 62.5\text{-}100 \mu\text{s}$), $\Delta t = 4\text{-}20 \mu\text{s}$



- Finest scales of flow field in canonical burner geometries
 - Kolmogorov scales: $\eta_k \approx 10\text{-}100 \mu\text{m}$ $f_k \approx 5 \text{ kHz-}100\text{'s kHz}$
 - $f_{\text{Nyquist}} = 2f_K$

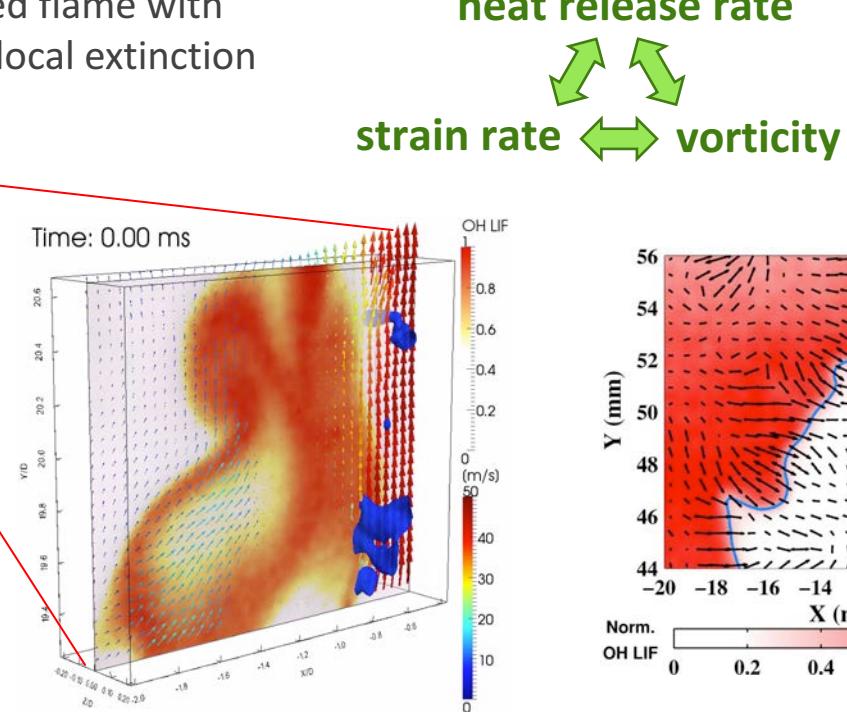
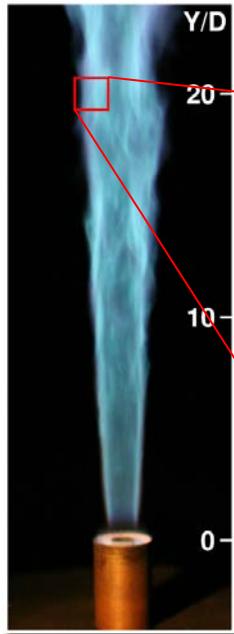
Experimental Configuration

Tomographic PIV + OH LIF Imaging



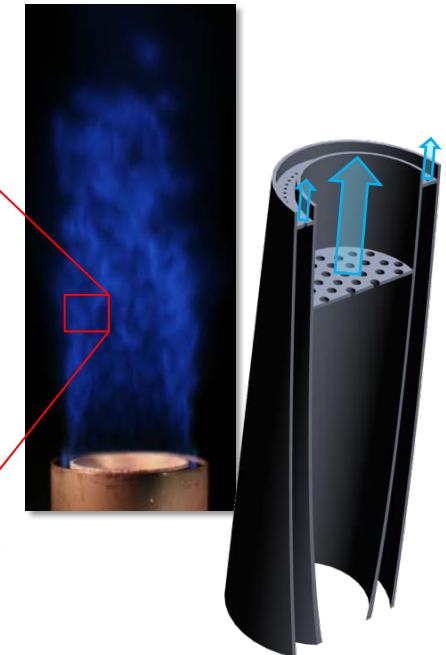
Interaction of Chemical Heat Release with Fundamental Processes in Turbulence

Partially-premixed flame with high mean shear, local extinction



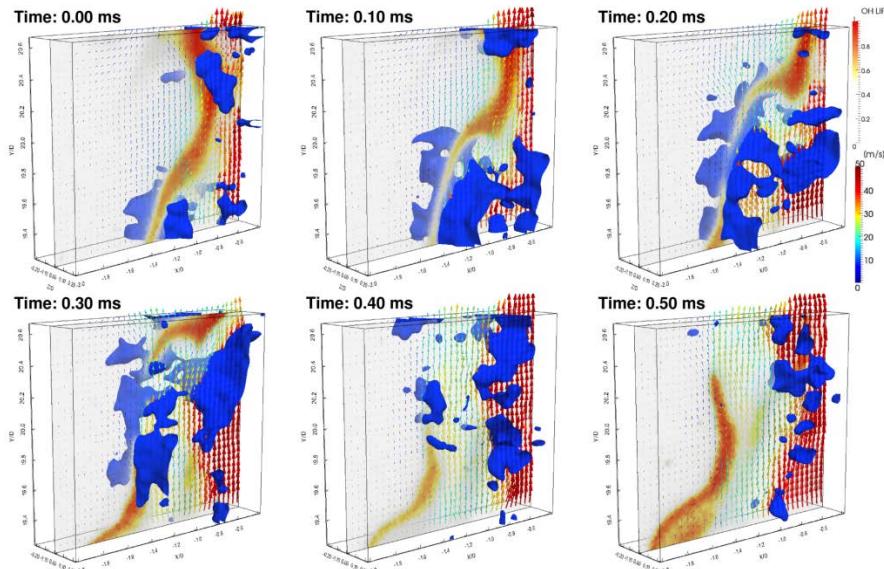
Tomographic PIV and OH PLIF at 10 kHz

Premixed flame with high dilatation, low mean shear

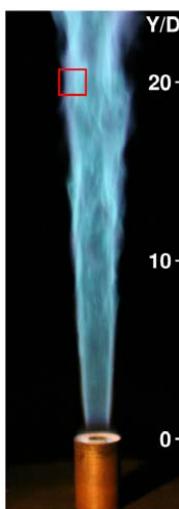


Time Evolution of Strain Rate Induced Extinction

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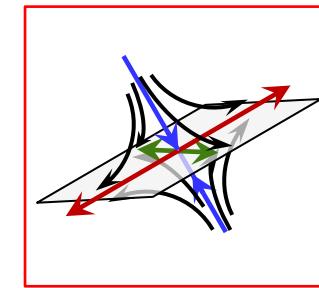


Blue isosurfaces: $s_3 = -15,000 \text{ s}^{-1}$



DME/air
Re=29,300

- High strain rate events are rare
- Time history of interaction is critical
- Preferred orientation of principal extensive strain rate in the shear layer of jets and jet flames

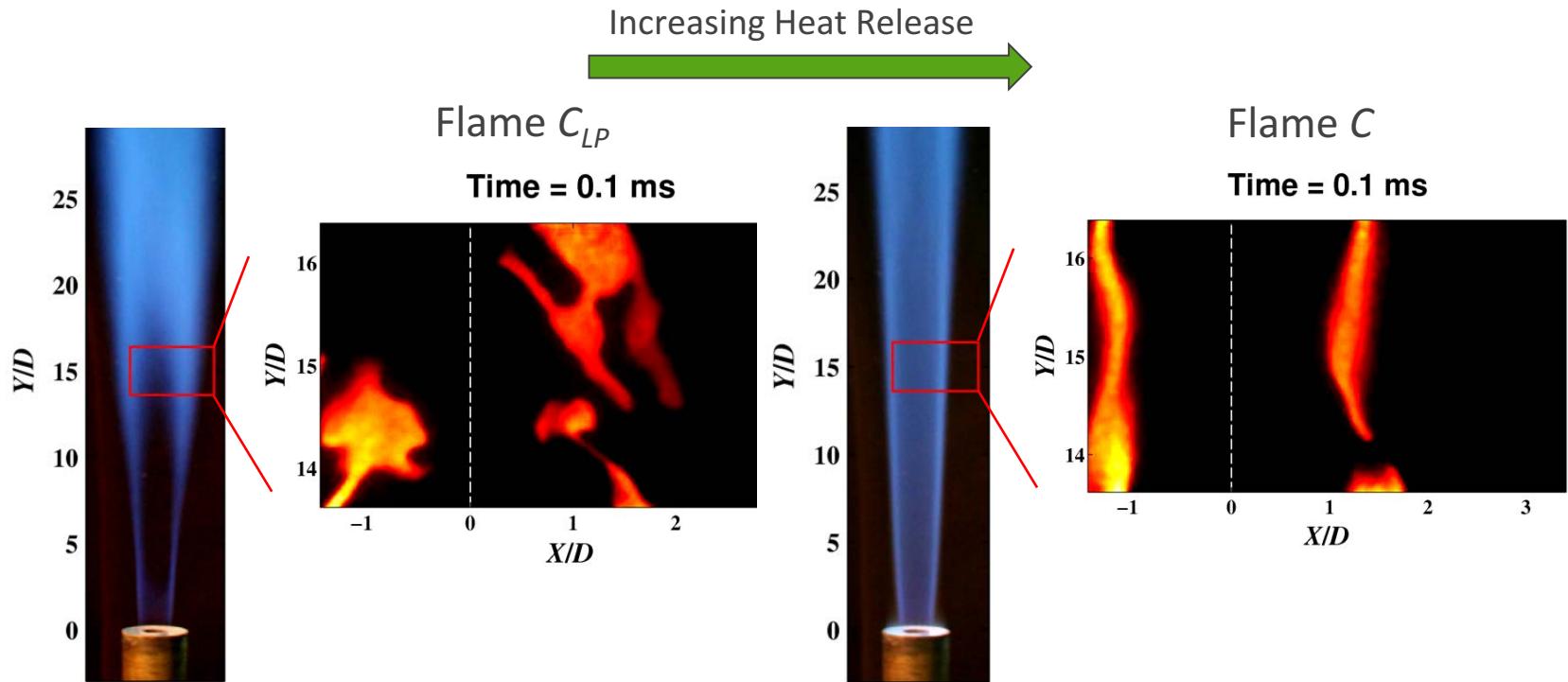


$s_1 > s_2 > s_3$
extensive int compressive

Steady laminar extinction limit: 817 s^{-1} (Zhou); 933 s^{-1} (Kaiser)

Partially Premixed CH_4 /Air Jet Flames with Different Amounts of Extinction

10 kHz OH LIF Imaging

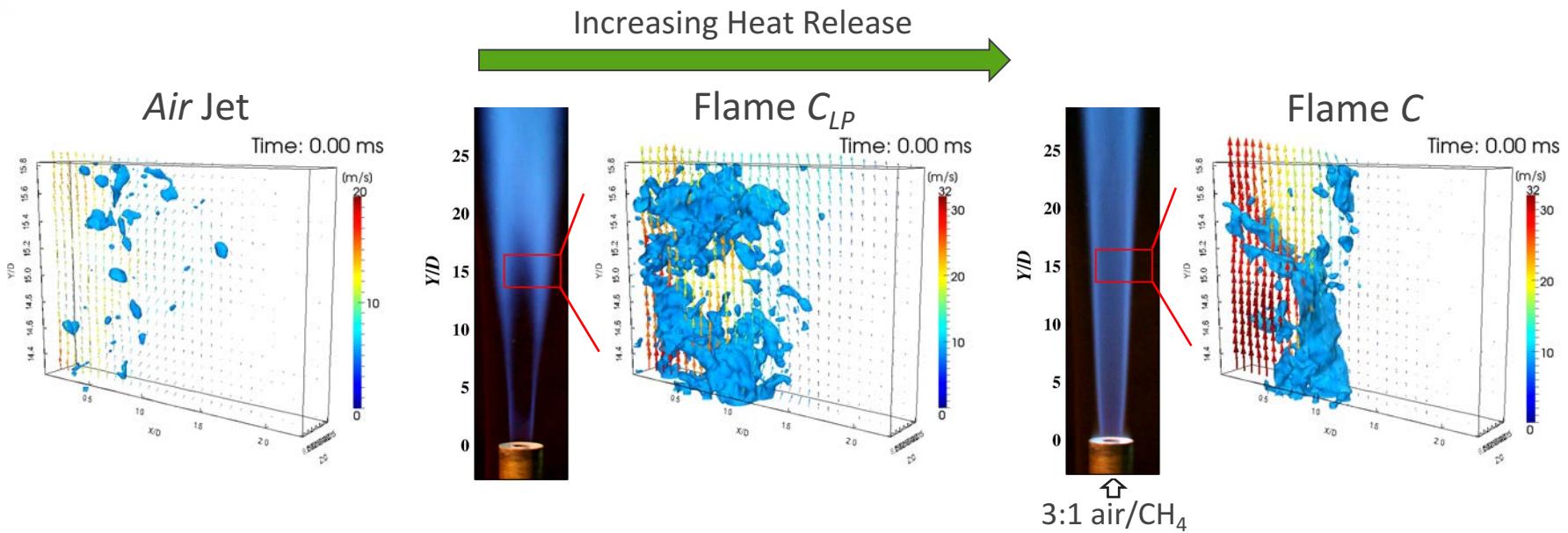


Summary of flow conditions.

Cases	φ_{jet}	Re_{jet}	V_{jet} (m/s)	V_{Pilot} (m/s)
Air	0.0	13500	27.5	0.0
C_{LP}	6.0	13000	27.5	1.8
C	6.0	13000	27.5	6.8

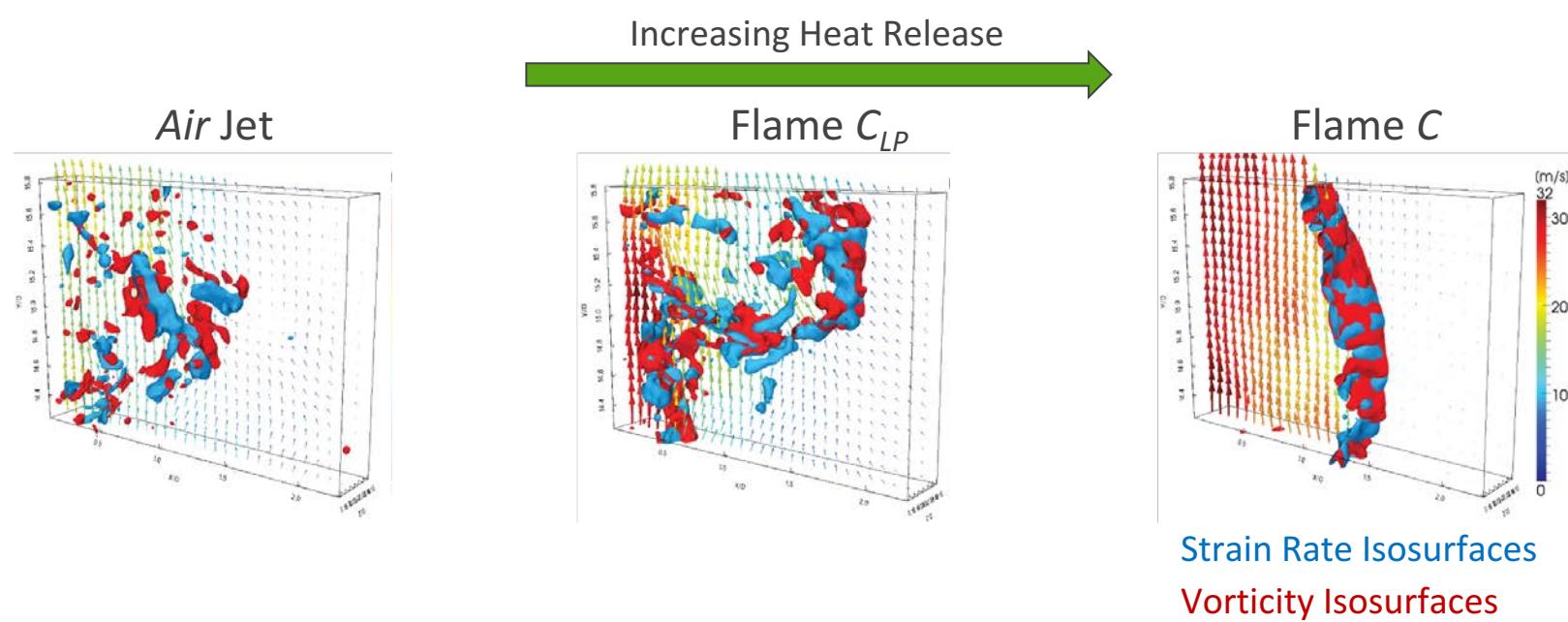
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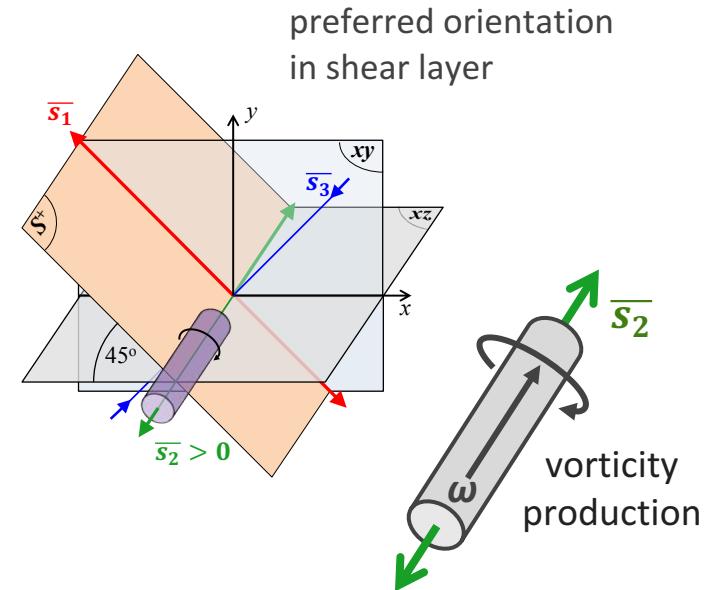
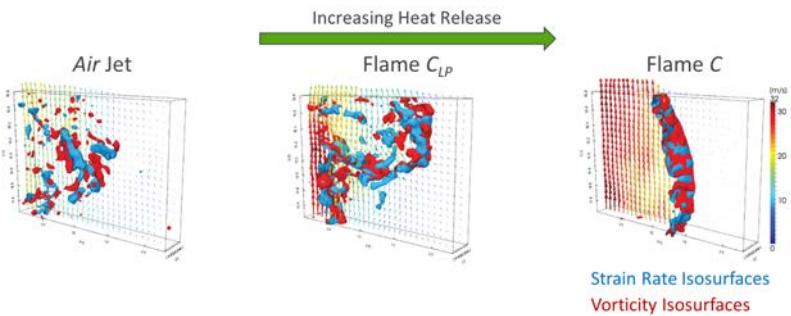
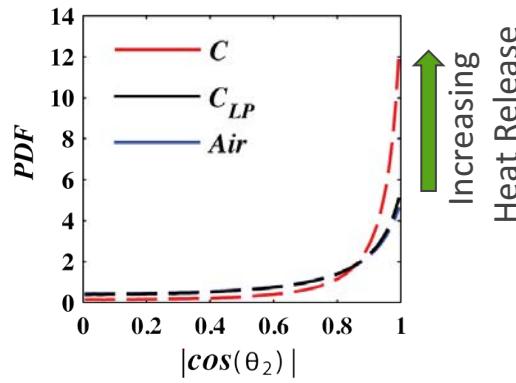
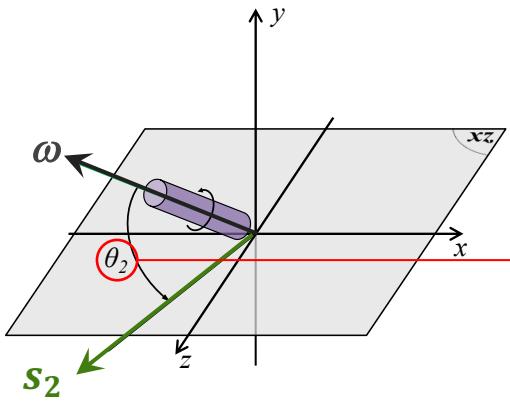


- Bursts of large strain rate structures
- Air Jet: small fragmented structures throughout jet
- Flame C: large elongated structures concentrated near reaction zone
- Flame C_{LP}: localized extinction → intermittent features of both non-reacting and reacting flows

Enhanced Coupling of Strain Rate and Vorticity



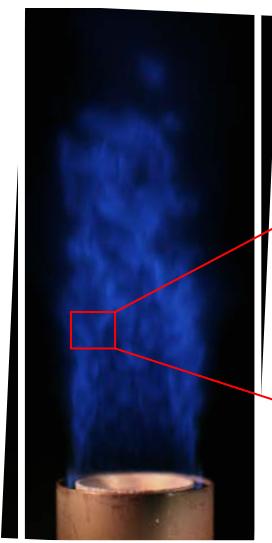
Preferential Vorticity Alignment with Extensive Strain Increases Vorticity Production



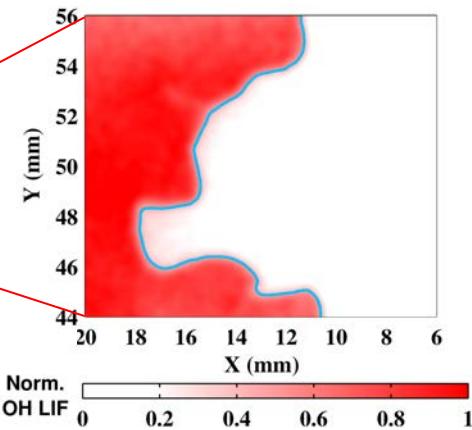
- Heat release induces alignment of vorticity and s_2 strain
- Large vorticity preferentially aligned with mean extensive \bar{s}_2 strain

Premixed Flame

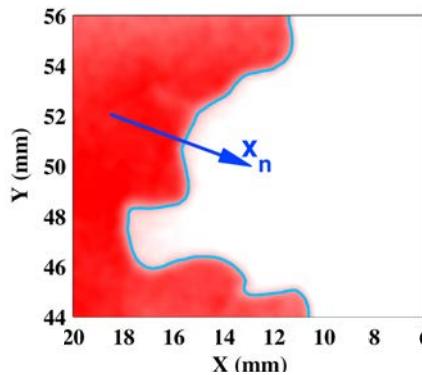
Flame Front and Strain Rate Analysis



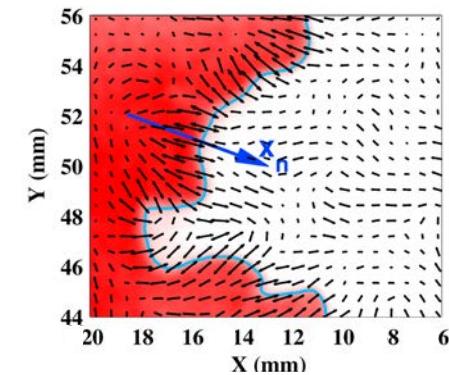
Flame front
contour



Flame front normal



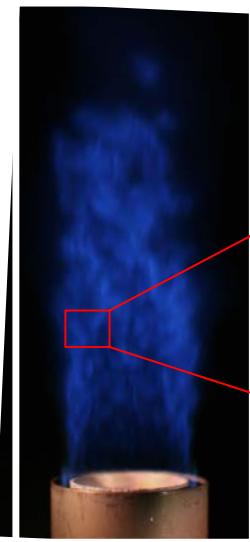
Strain rate
eigenvectors



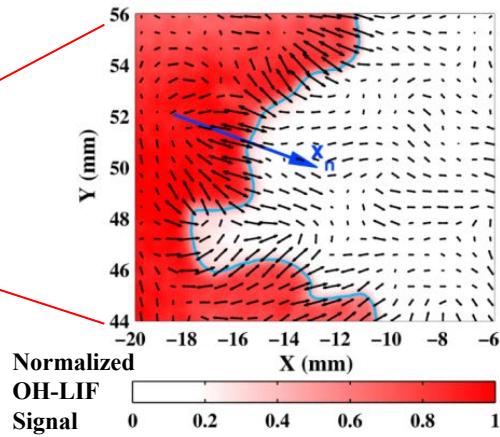
Strain-rate statistics analyzed from 5,000 single-shot TPIV measurements

Premixed Flame

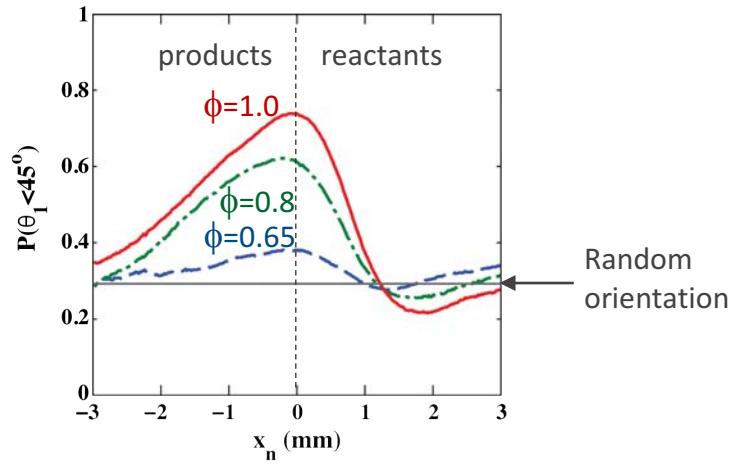
Effect of Dilatation on Strain Rate Alignment



Projection of extensive strain (s_1) onto plane of OH-LIF measurement



Probability of extensive strain (s_1) alignment towards flame-front normal direction



φ	τ	S_L (m/s)	u'/S_L	Da_t
0.65	4.8	0.15	4.1	1.7
0.80	5.8	0.24	2.6	3.0
1.00	6.5	0.34	1.8	5.1

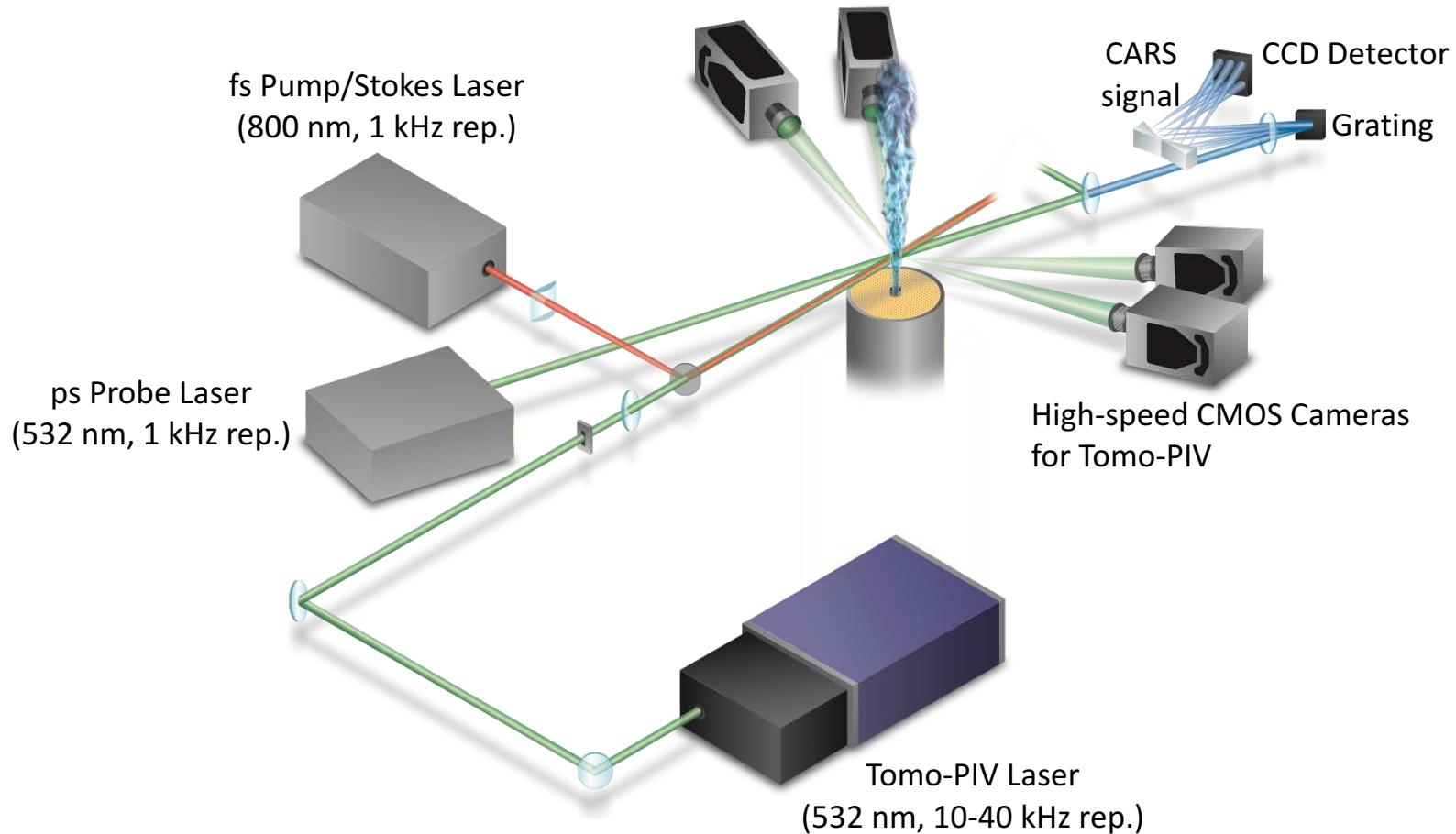
$$\tau = (T_b - T_u)/T_u$$

$$Da_t = (l/u')/(l_f/S_L)$$

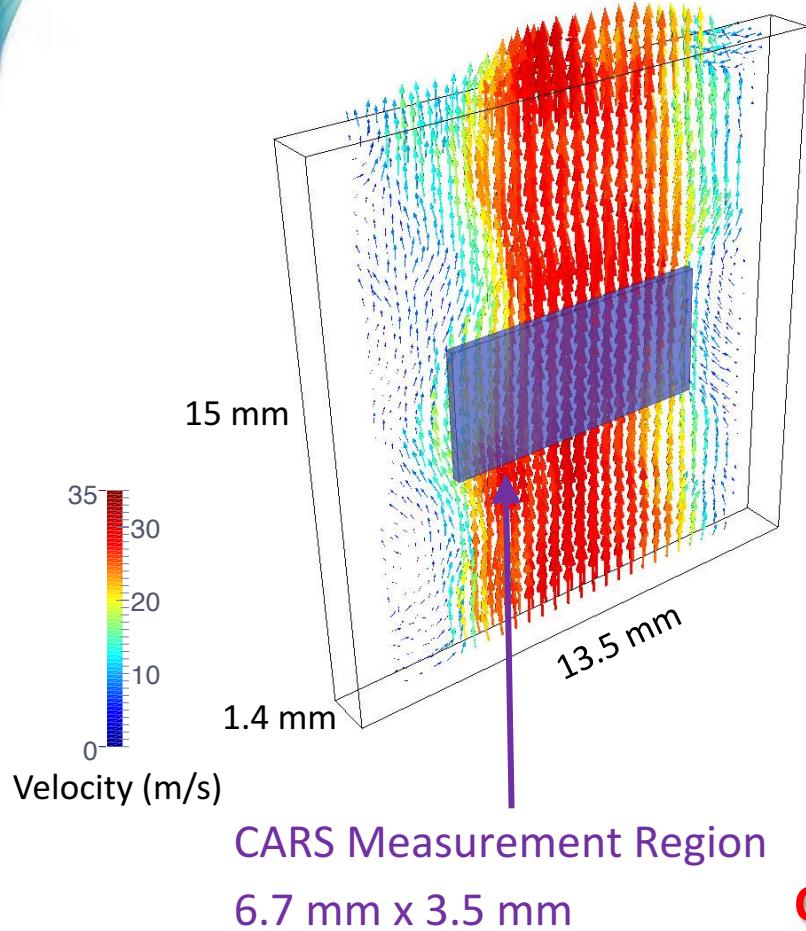
- Extensive strain rate preferentially aligned with flame-front normal
- Localized to millimeter length scale
- Strongly dependent on turbulence-flame parameters

Work in Progress

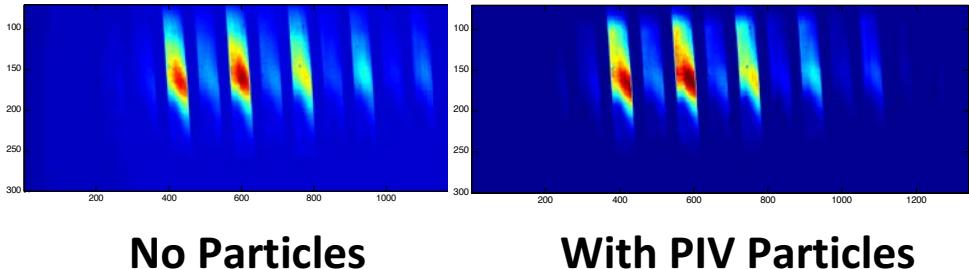
Simultaneous Tomo-PIV and 2D-CARS for Velocity-Temperature Imaging



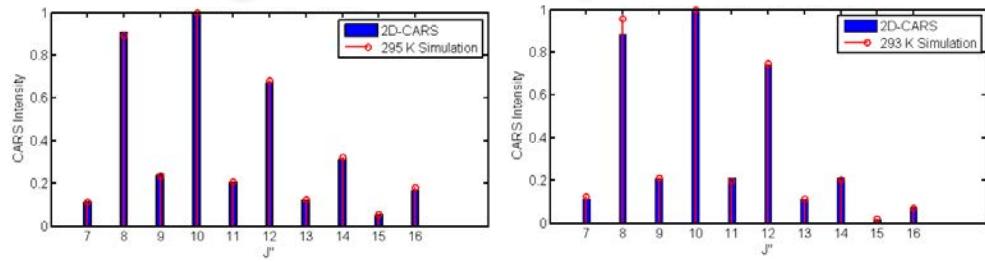
Feasibility of Combining 2D-CARS and PIV Demonstrated in Isothermal Nitrogen Jet



2D-CARS Signals



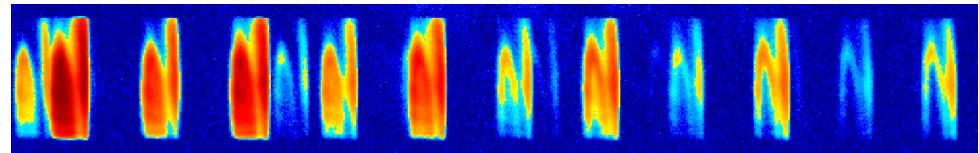
Fits to Single-Shot CARS Spectra



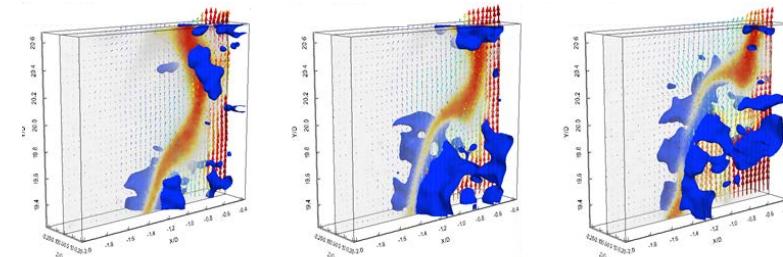
CARS Measurements Unaffected by PIV Particles

Outline

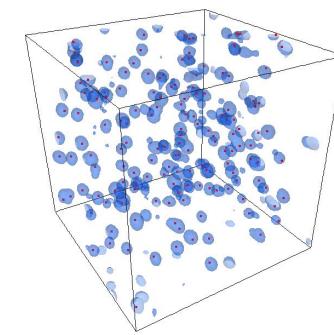
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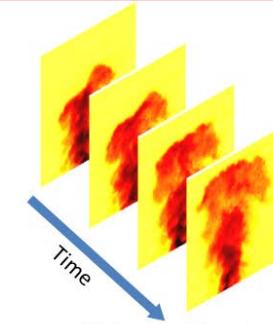
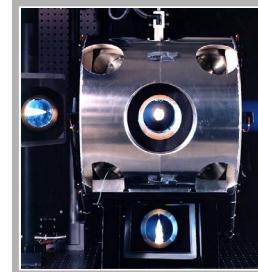
3-D Measurements of Flow Fields in Turbulent Flames



Coupling Tomo-PIV with Large Eddy Simulations

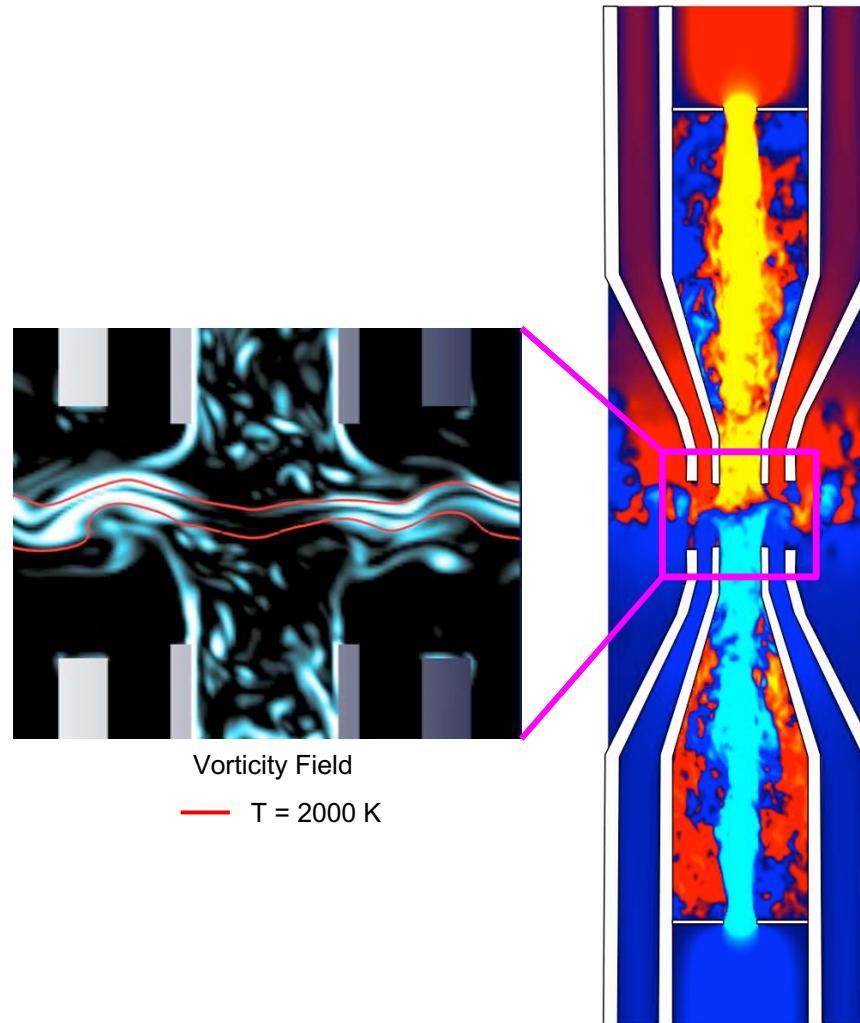
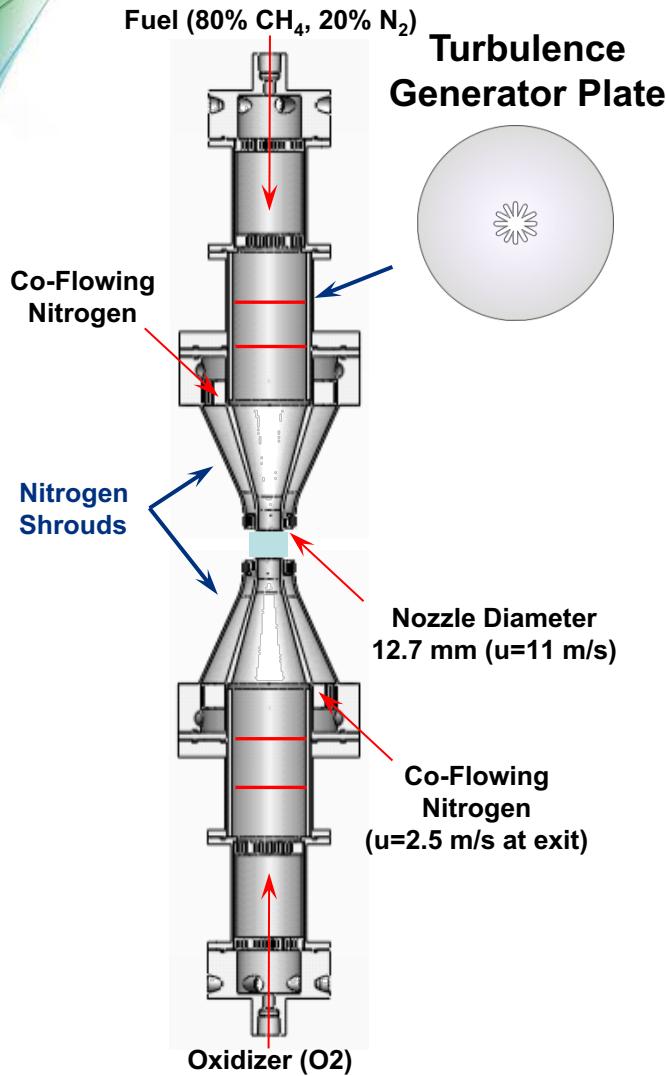


Dynamics of Transient Flows in Challenging Environments



Coupling Experiments and Simulations

Requires detailed simulation of actual experimental configuration and sufficient run times for converged statistics



LES Calculations by Joe Oefelein

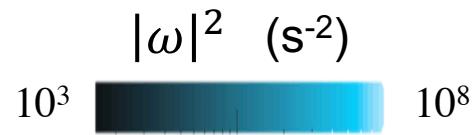
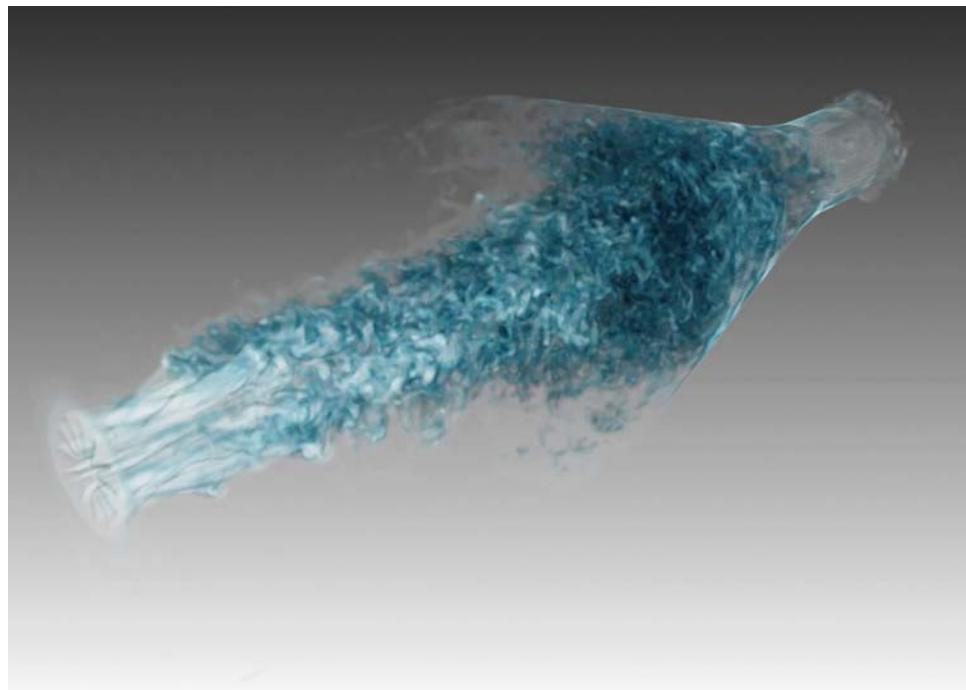
Coppola, Coriton, Gomez, *Combust. Flame* 156 (2009)

Theoretical-Numerical Framework

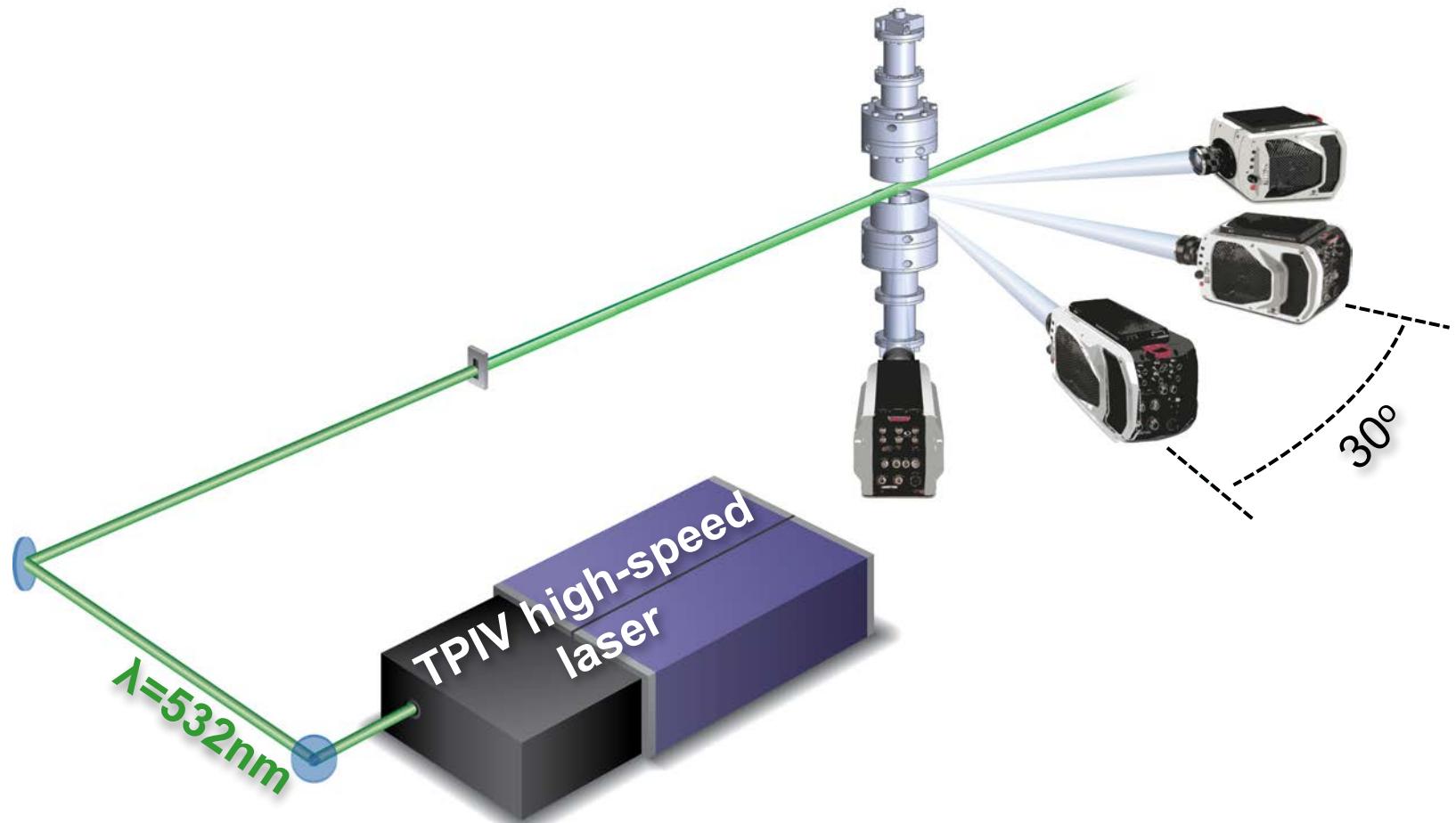
(RAPTOR: A general solver optimized for LES)

- Theoretical framework ... (**Comprehensive physics**)
 - Fully-coupled, compressible conservation equations
 - Real-fluid equation of state (high-pressure phenomena)
 - Detailed thermodynamics, transport and chemistry
 - Multiphase flow, spray
 - Dynamic SGS modeling (**No Tuned Constants**)
- Numerical framework ... (**High-quality numerics**)
 - Staggered finite-volume differencing (non-dissipative, discretely conservative)
 - Dual-time stepping with generalized preconditioning (all-Mach-number formulation)
 - Detailed treatment of geometry, wall phenomena, transient BC's
- Massively-parallel ... (**Highly-scalable**)
 - Demonstrated performance on full hierarchy of HPC platforms

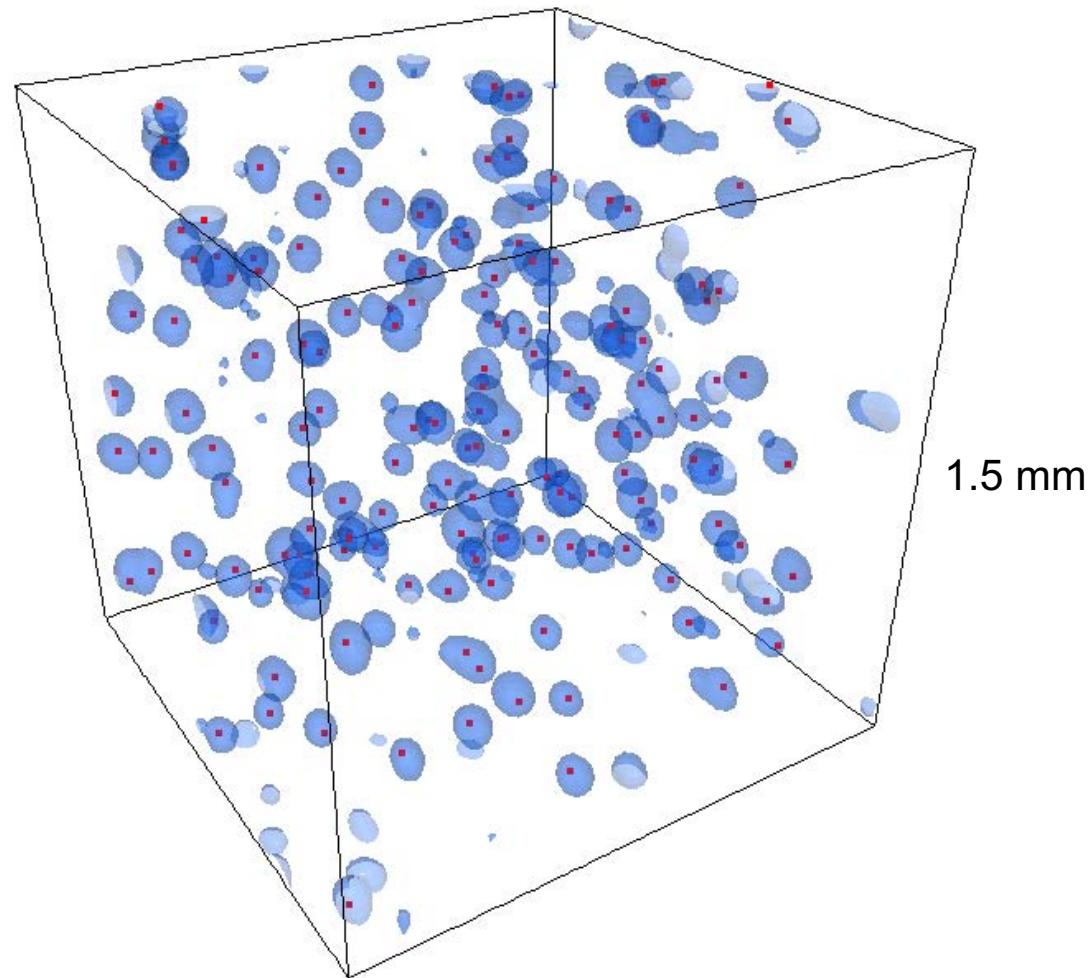
Full LES Domain Simulates Internal Flow Through Turbulence Generator Plate



Emulate Experimental Configuration with Synthetic Tomographic Projections



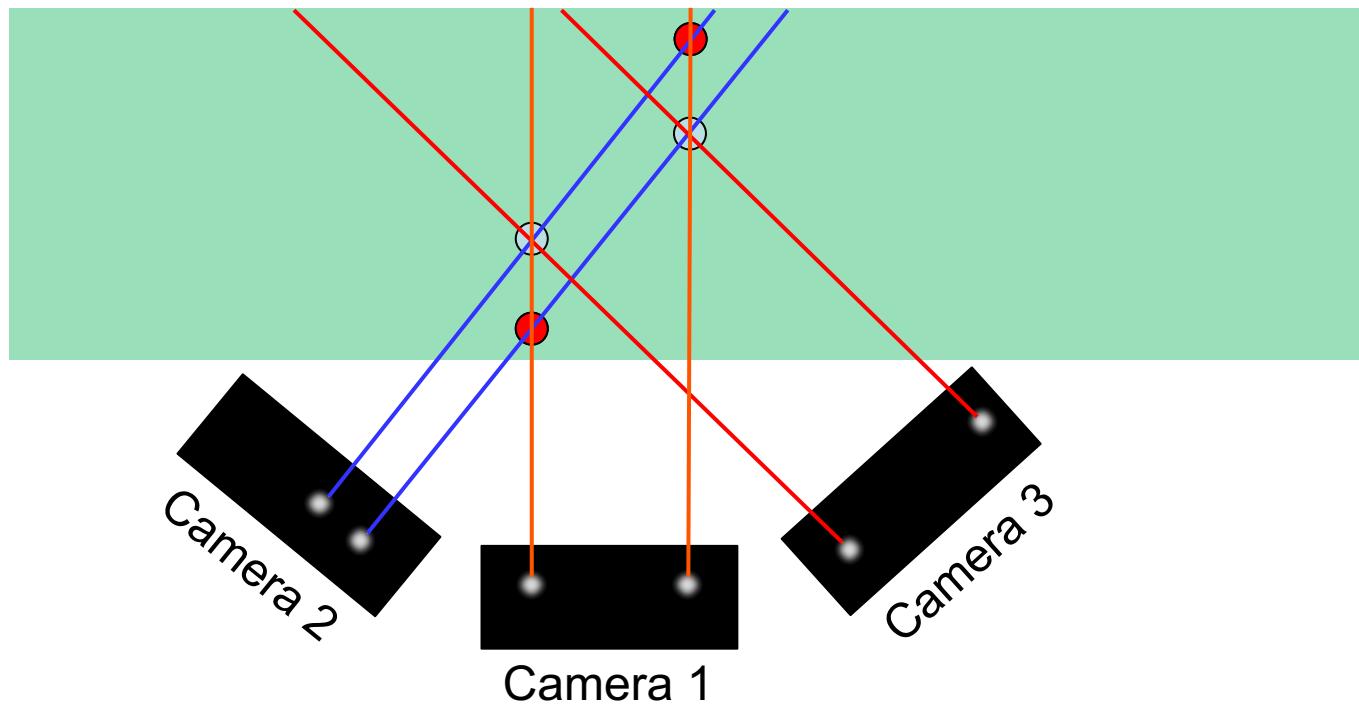
Subset of Reconstructed Particle Field



Red dots = actual particle locations from LES
Blue regions = tomographic reconstruction

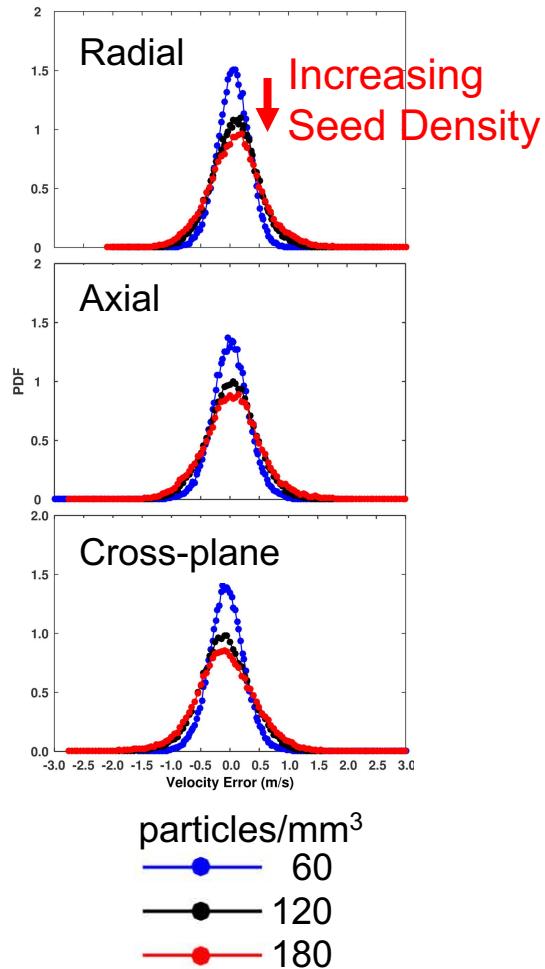
Source of Artifacts in Tomo-PIV

Laser beam
illumination
of particles

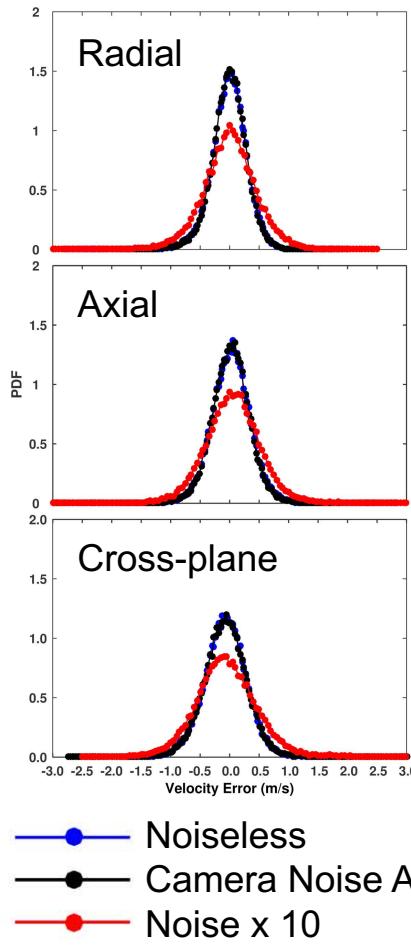


Parametric Studies of Uncertainty

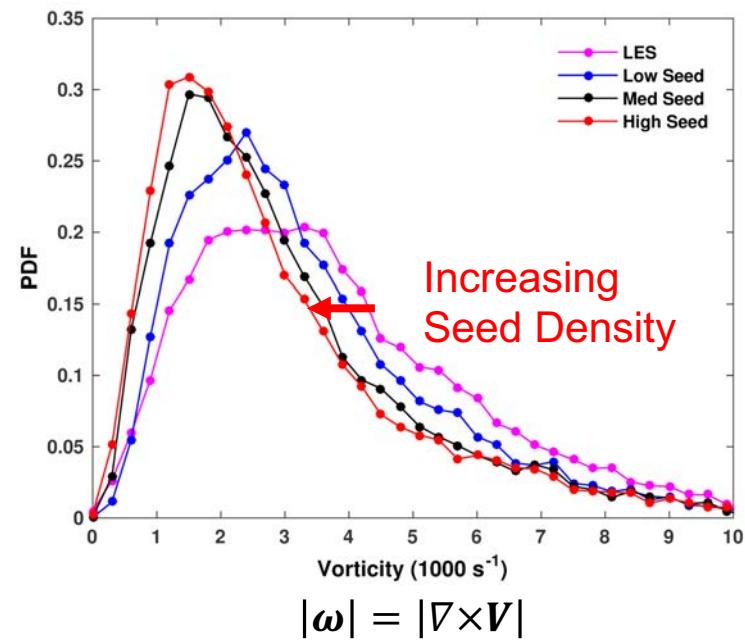
Particle Number Density



Detector Noise



Effect of Particle Number Density on Vorticity Magnitude





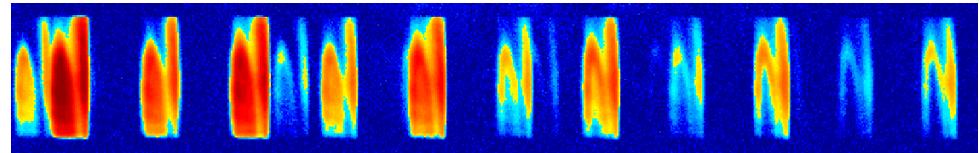
Summary

LES Evaluation of Tomographic PIV

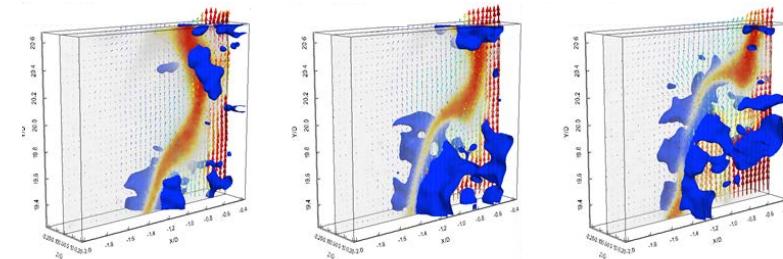
- Parametric numerical studies to assess uncertainties and improve Tomo-PIV processing in reacting flows
- Enables testing of approaches for using time-correlated data
- LES code can simulate Tomo-PIV measurements using varying resolution
- Ultimately, evaluate multi-dimensional conditional statistics in experiments and simulations to study feedback between chemical reactions and turbulence accounting for differences in spatio-temporal averaging

Outline

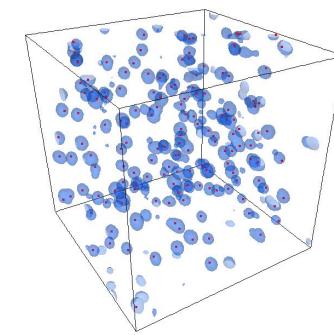
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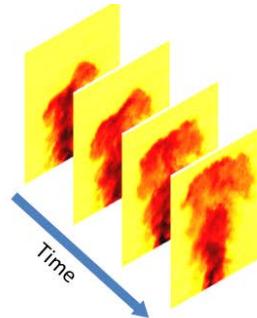
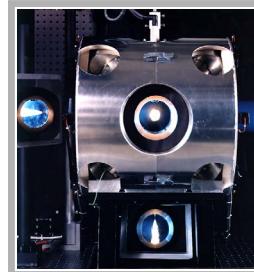
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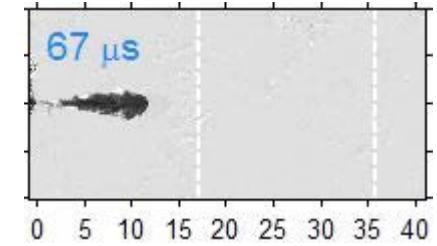
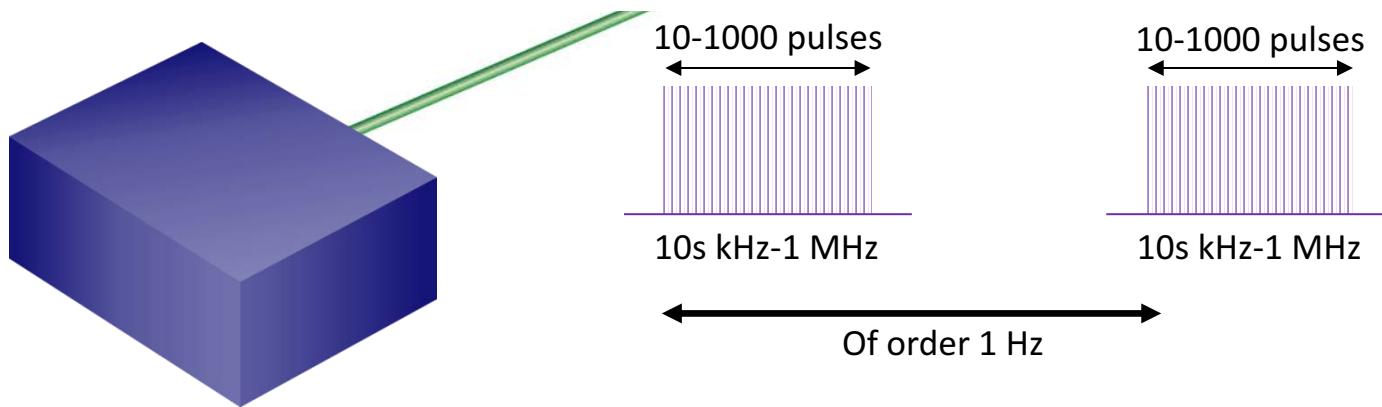




Diagnostics in Challenging Environments

- Limited optical access
- Measurements through windows and near surfaces
- High-speed flows, small length scales
- Interferences (laser-generated, background), optical density
- Beam steering
- Pressure effects on spectroscopy
- Multi-phase flows

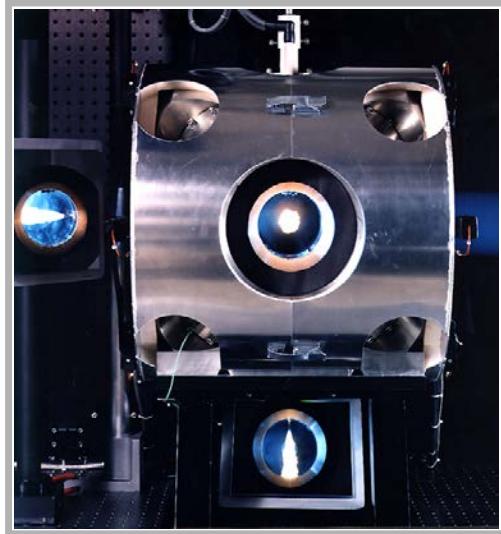
Burst-Mode Lasers Well-Suited for Imaging High-Speed Transient Flows



Balance pulse energy and repetition rate requirements with laser thermal load, optical damage thresholds

Diode pumping offers improved efficiency

Advances in Imaging Diagnostics Applied to High-Pressure Fuel Injection

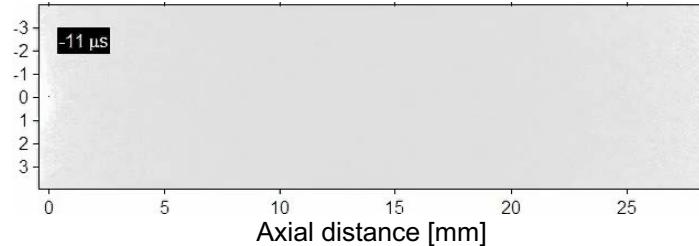


High-Pressure Fuel Injection for IC Engines

Previous Imaging Capabilities

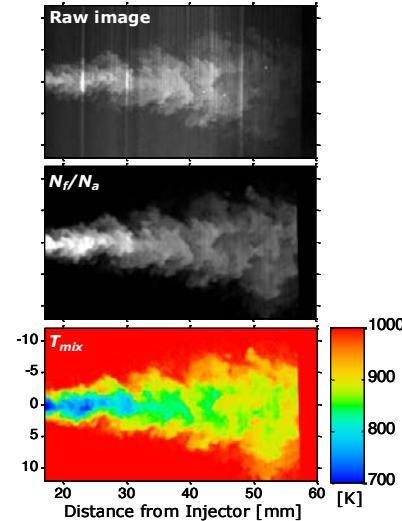
Line-of-sight Measurements

- Limited diagnostic techniques
- Difficult to interpret



Single-shot planar imaging

- Missing insight into dynamics



Diesel Ignition/Combustion Linked to Transient Mixing

Diesel “Spray A” conditions

Ambient Gas Fuel

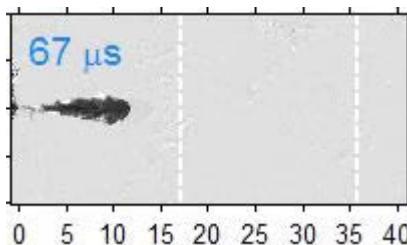
900 K 373 K

60 bar 1500 bar

15% O₂ n-dodecane

90 μm nozzle

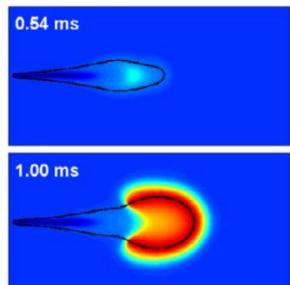
150 kHz schlieren imaging



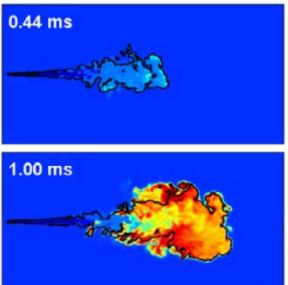
- Cool flame initiates in
 - Schlieren “transparent” scale organization
 - Cool flame temperature close to 900 K
- High-temperature ignition occurs in the “head” region
 - Low-density (2000 K) zones appear again
 - Flame “lift-off” stabilizes at approx. 17 mm
- Accurate CFD modeling of ignition is needed

How does local mixture state evolve prior to autoignition?

RANS

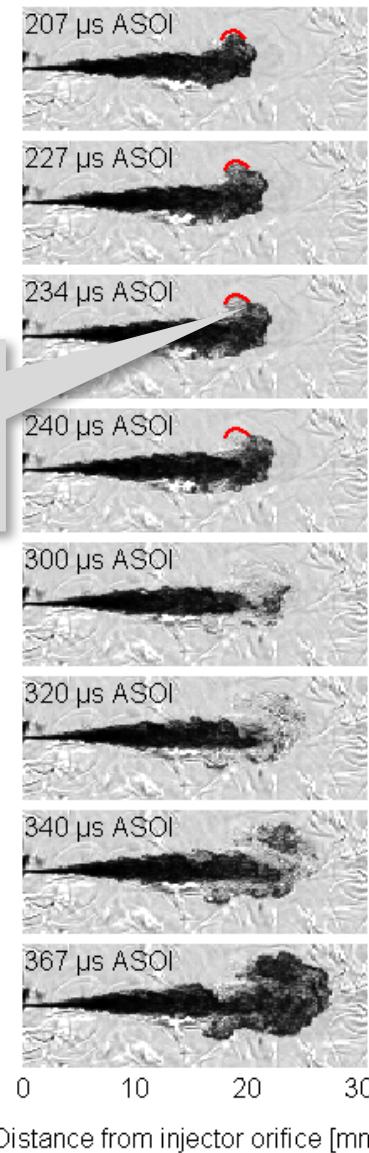


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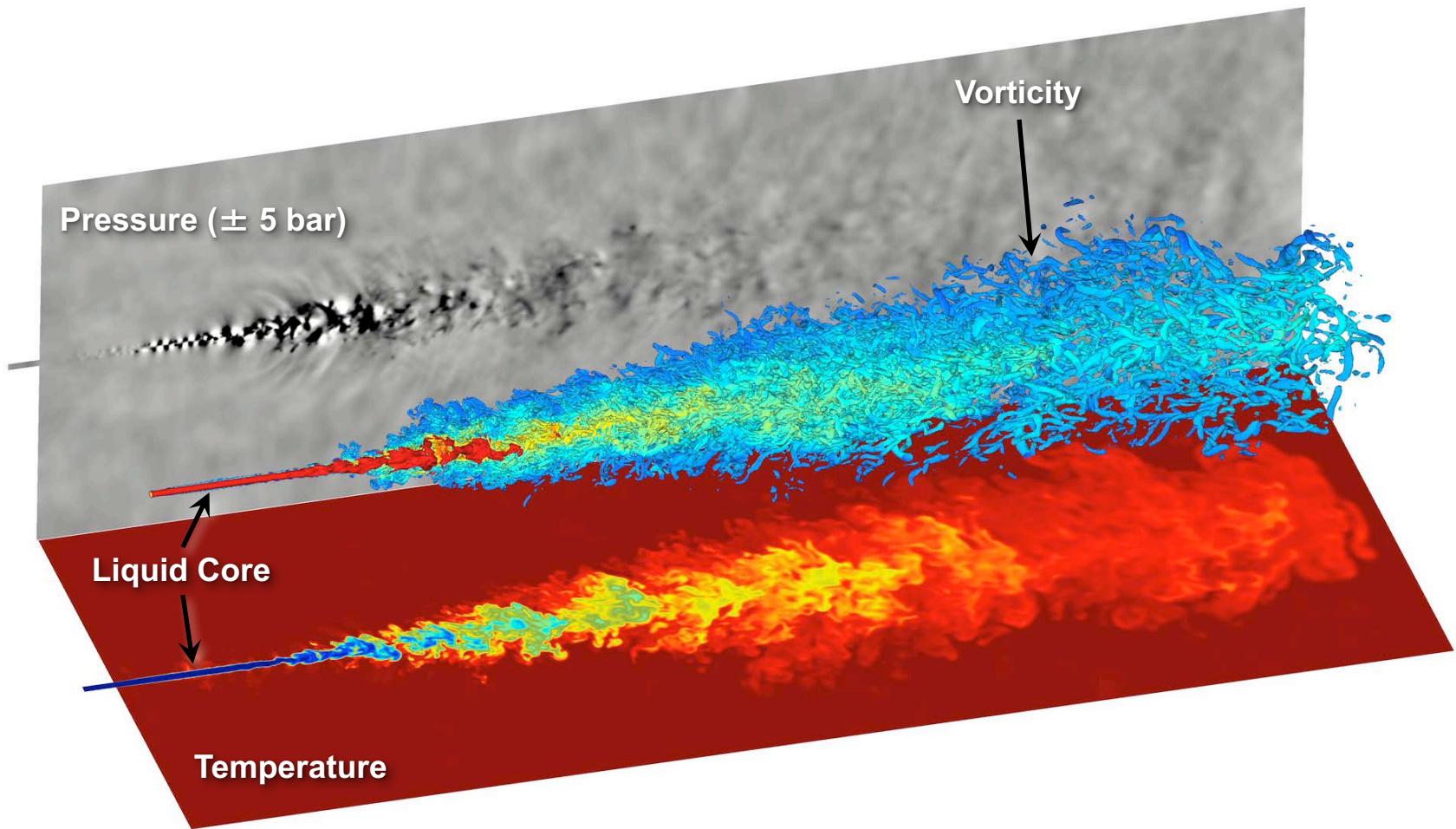


Pei et al.
Combust. Flame
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Schlieren

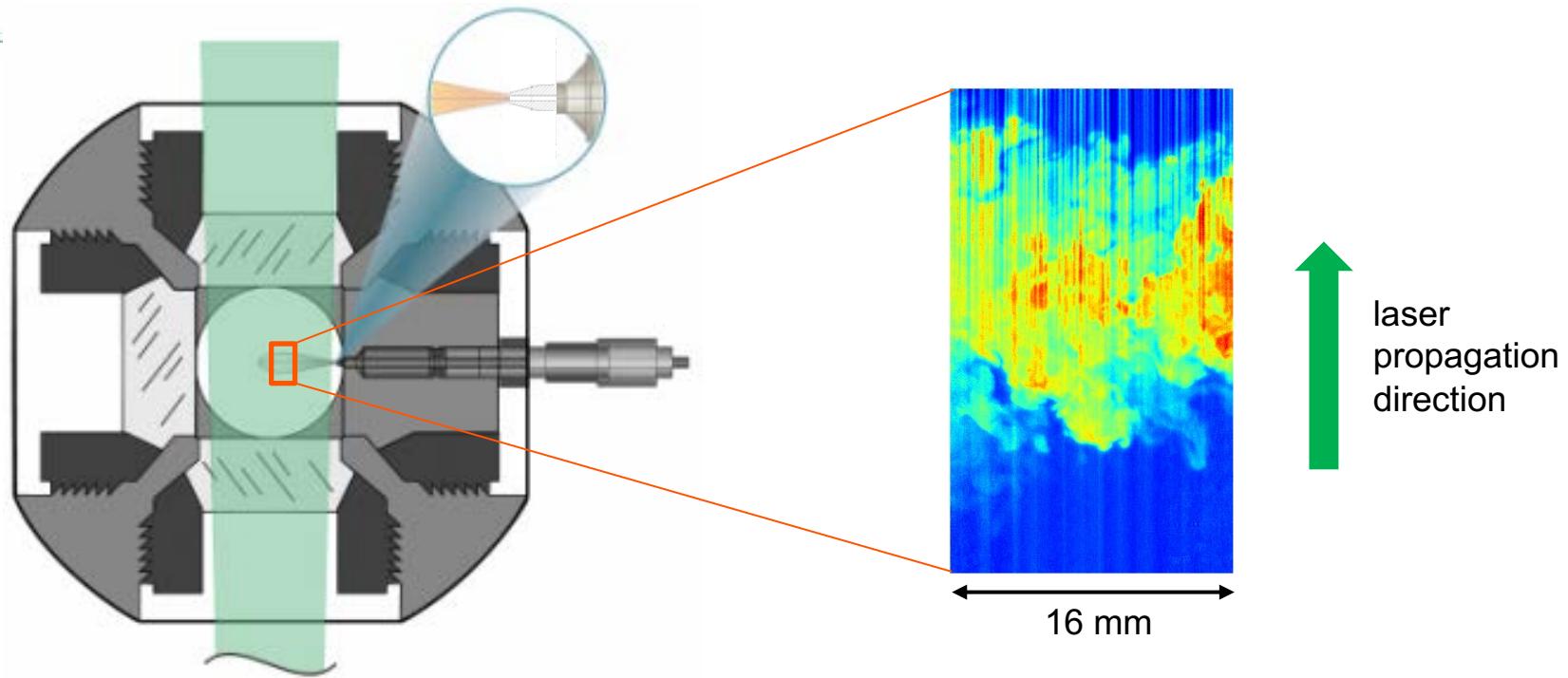


Transient Evolution of Jet Shows Detailed Structural Flow Interactions



Large Eddy Simulation by Joe Oefelein & Guilhem Lacaze

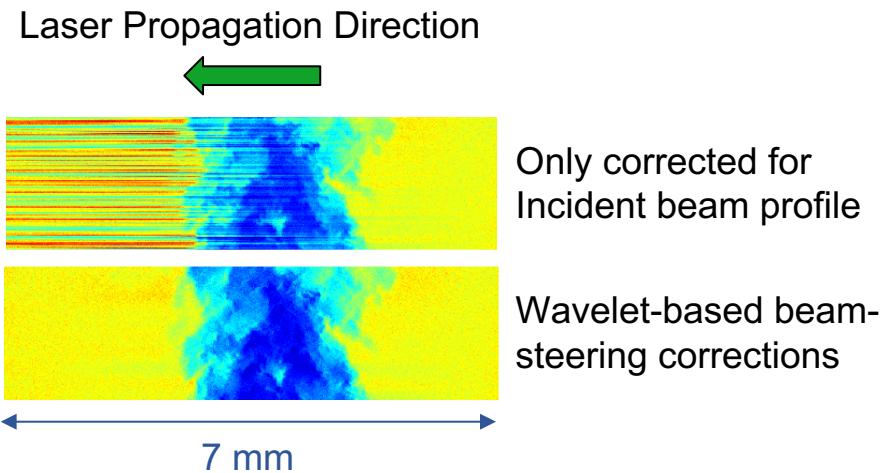
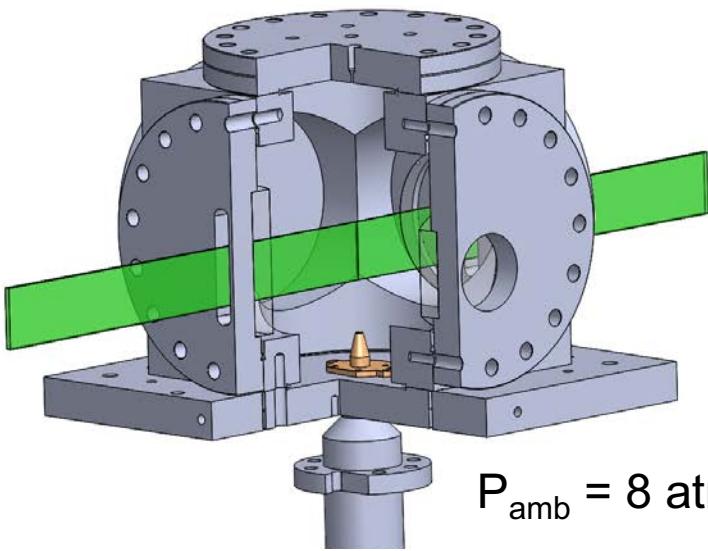
Beam Steering



How to correct for beam steering artifacts?

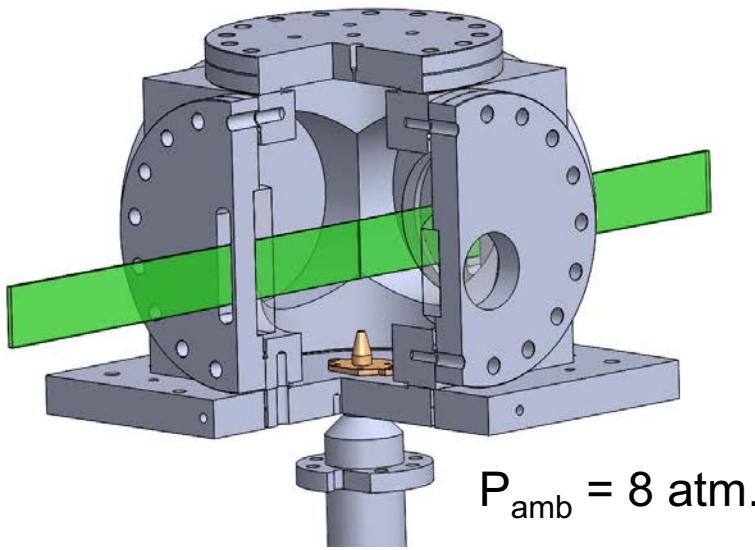
- Ray-tracing algorithms have proven useful at atmospheric pressure (Kaiser, Frank, Long *Appl. Opt.* 2005).
- Challenge for ray-tracing increases with pressure.
- Investigate additional approaches

Development of Beam Steering Correction for High-Pressure Imaging

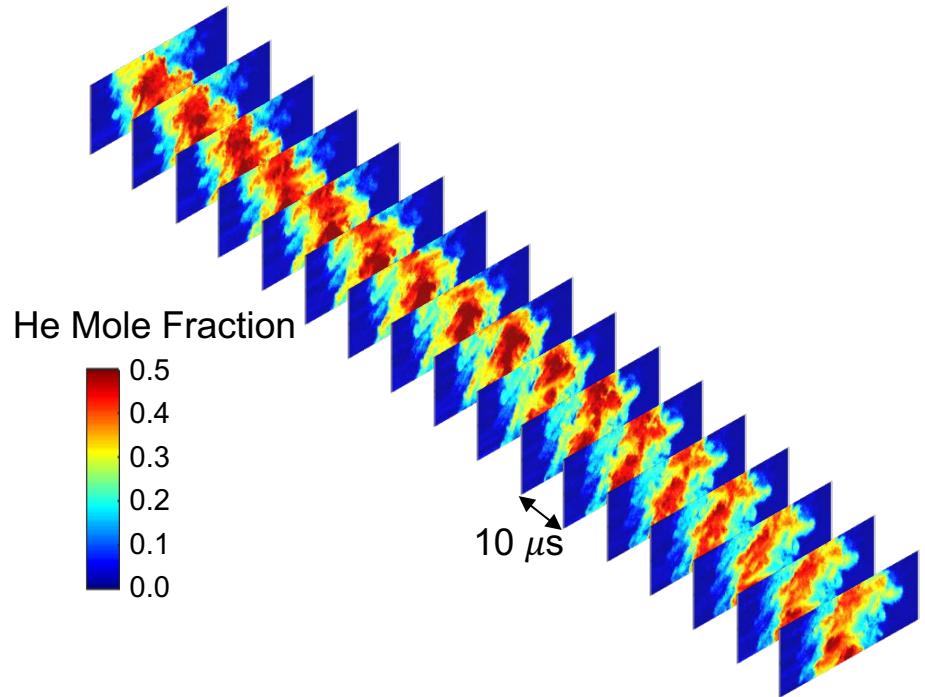


Developed wavelet-based method to correct for beam-steering effects while minimizing impact on physical structures

Rayleigh Scattering Imaging of Transient Gas Jet at Elevated Pressure



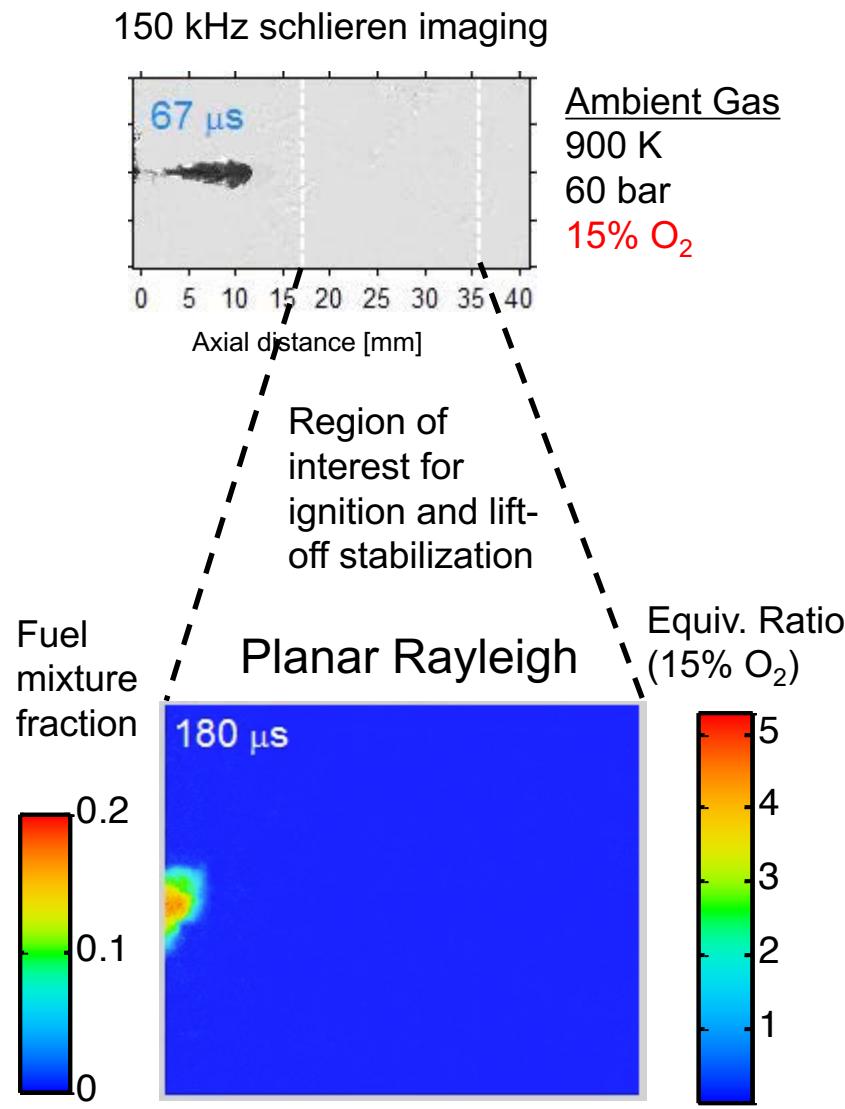
Transient injection of He
into CH_4 bath gas



Transient spray mixture fraction measured in vaporized region of non-reacting injection

- Rayleigh scattering quantifies transient mixture fraction / equivalence ratio
 - Target condition Spray A has massive research effort to understand engine spray combustion (Engine Combustion Network)
- Jet mixing - large structures shed to side and re-entrained
 - Larger residence time in hot mixtures
- Target for high-fidelity LES studies
 - Verify turbulent mixing field as preliminary step towards predicting ignition/combustion

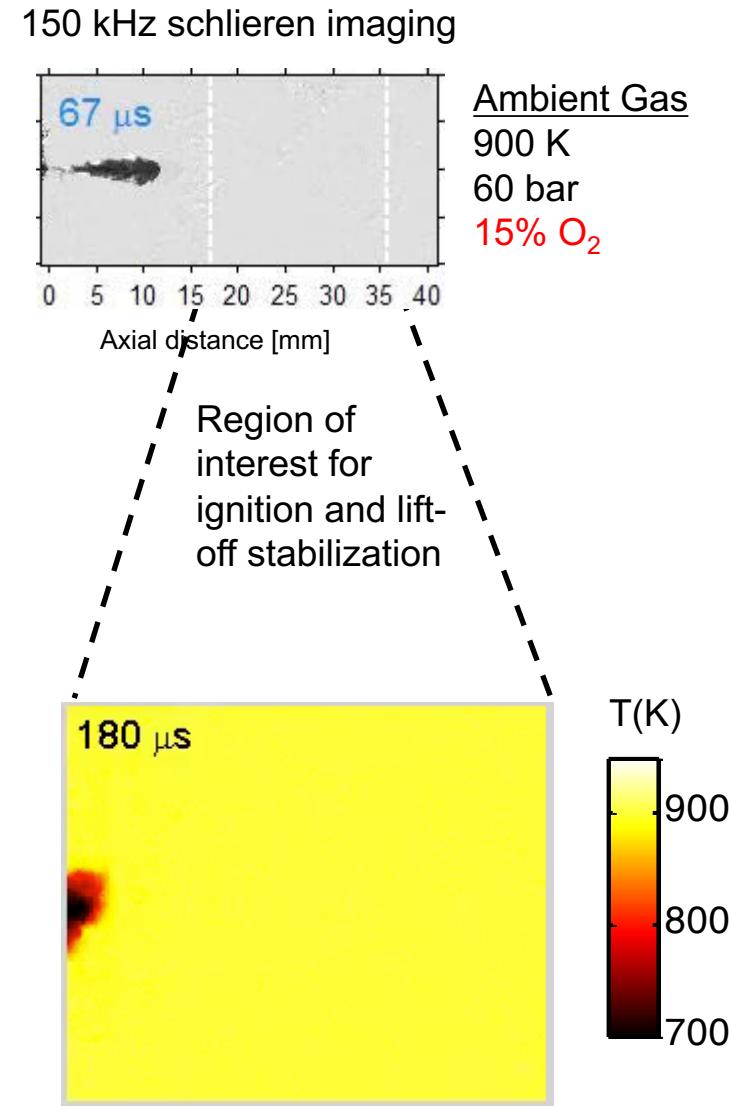
Ambient Gas
900 K
60 bar
0% O₂



Transient Temperature History Important for Ignition

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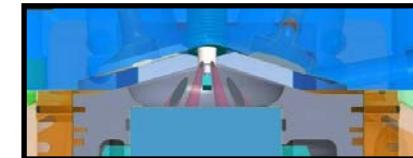
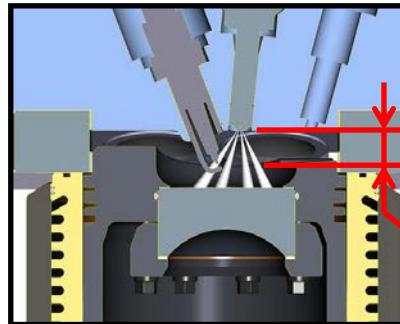
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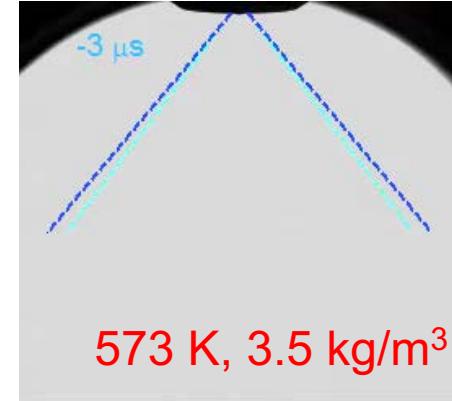
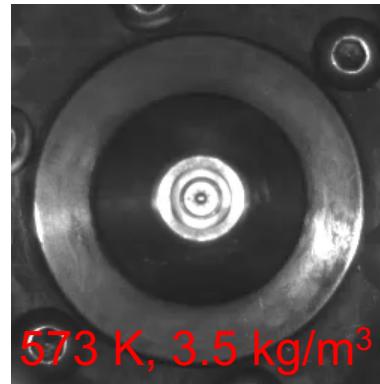
Fuel spray mixing is important to efficiency

Issues in direct-injection spray

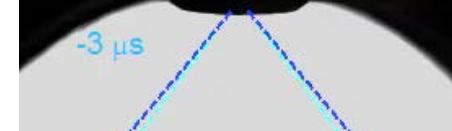
- Temperature non-uniformities
- Mixture/flow preparation near spark
- Fuel films on piston/injector, rich pockets
- Control of stratification/residence time to stage heat release



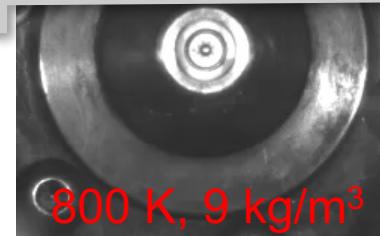
8-hole, gasoline
80° total angle
~15mm



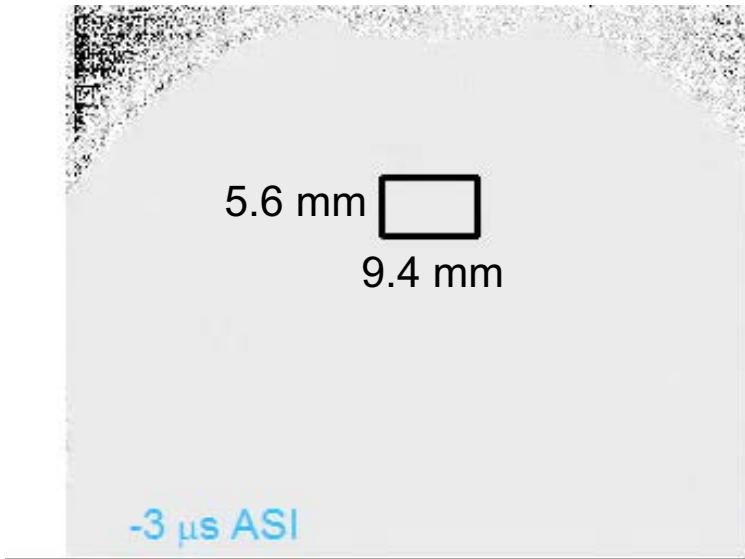
Plume collapse limits mixing of fuel with air and is not well predicted.



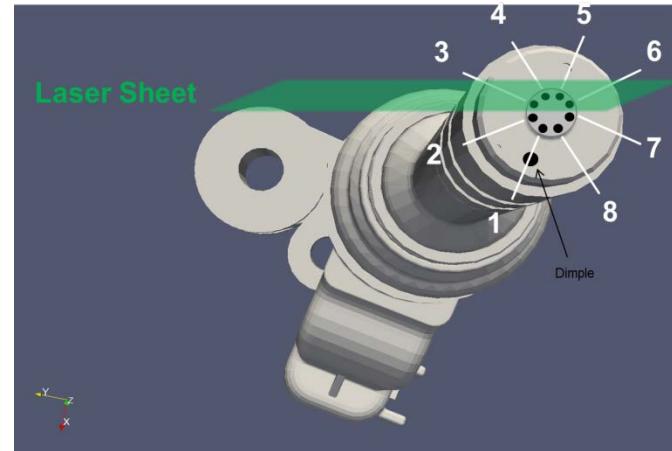
Spray "G" Target Case in ECN



Velocity Measurements in Central Region of Iso-octane Plumes Using PIV



Measurement plane between plumes to probe central region



Pulse-burst laser system

100 kHz pulse pairs

500 pulse pairs (5 ms burst)

15 mJ/pulse, $\lambda = 532$ nm

Ambient Gas

573 K

6 bar

3.5 kg/m³

0% O₂

Fuel

363 K

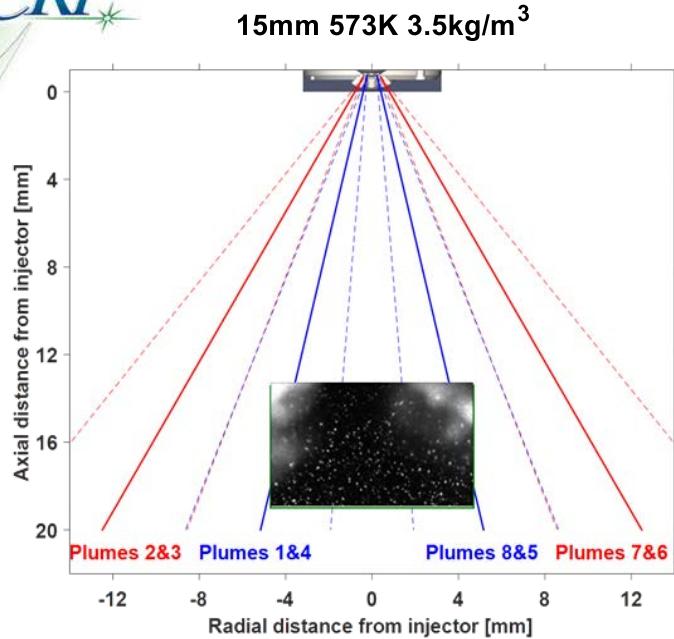
200 bar

iso-octane

170 μ m nozzle

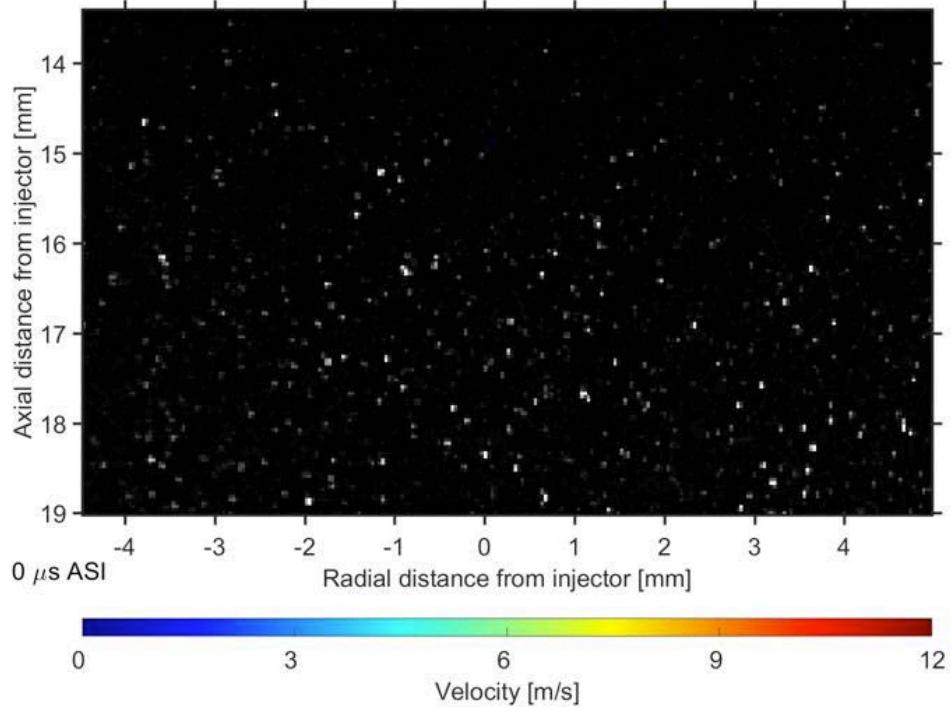
Plumes remain separate during injection but then merge at the end of injection

Time Evolution of Velocity Between Plumes

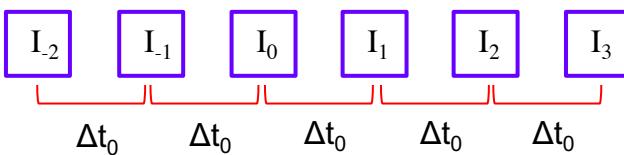


PIV improved by dynamic background subtraction

Particle displacement calculation using sliding sum of correlations

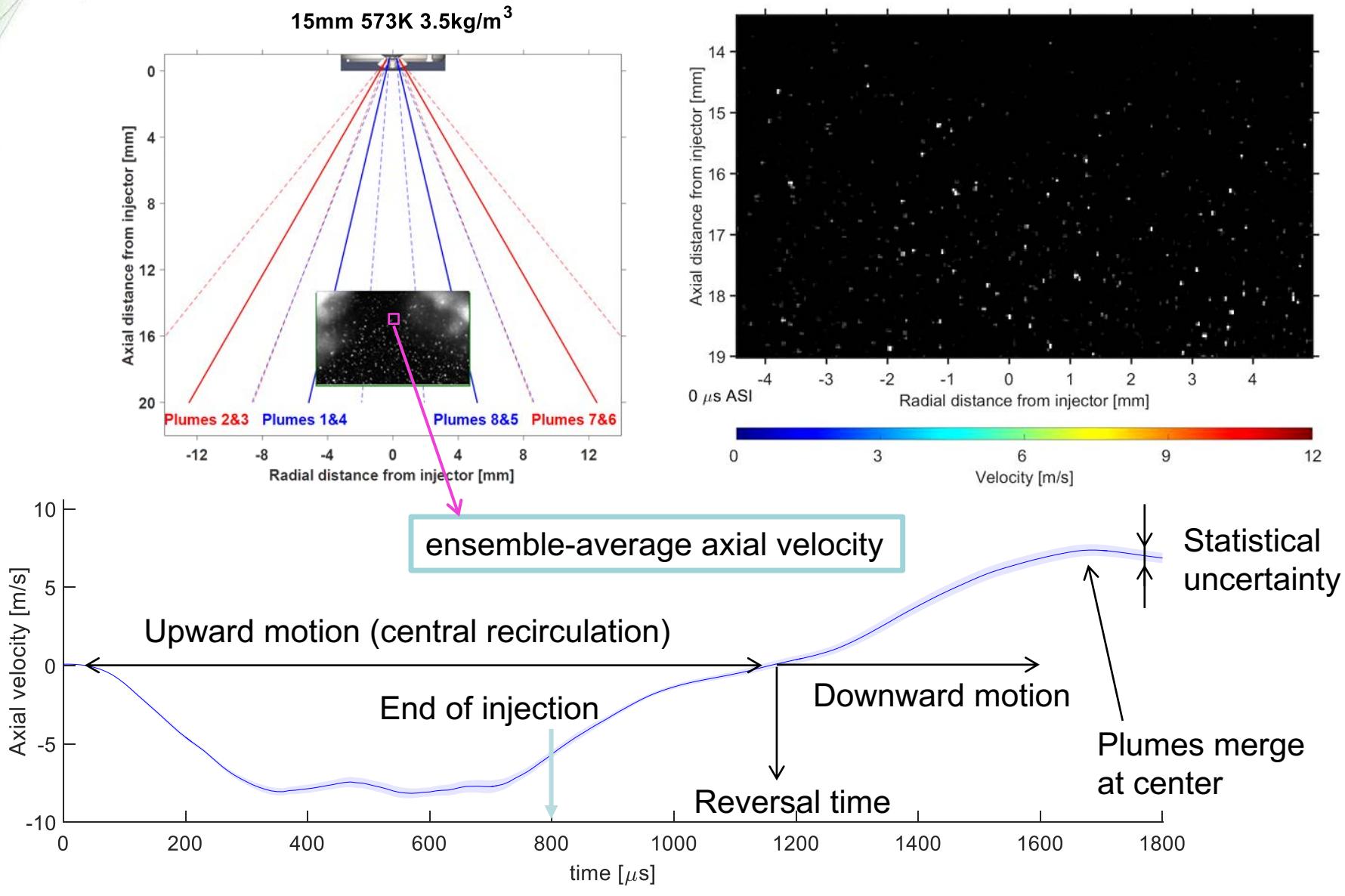


Temporal filtering schemes useful For challenging environments



Adaptive filter schemes: Sciacchitano, Scarano, Wienke, Exp. Fluids 53 (2012)

Time Evolution of Velocity Between Plumes





Summary

Imaging of High-Pressure Fuel Injection with Pulse-Burst Laser

- Planar imaging at 100 kHz at elevated pressures and temperatures
- Rayleigh scattering imaging of n-dodecane mixing
- Development of method for treating beam-steering
- PIV of iso-octane mixing in gasoline injector
- Captured flow reversal leading to plume collapse
- Ongoing investigation of different injection conditions and further planar imaging diagnostics

Themes in Laser Imaging Diagnostics for Understanding Turbulence-Flame Interactions

- Advances in dimensionality of diagnostics
 - Dynamics & structure of turbulence-chemistry interactions
 - ▶ velocity/species/temperature: 3D and 4D (spatio-temporal) measurements
 - Thermochemical state
 - ▶ temperature/species: single-point → 1D → 2D measurements
- Expanding capabilities in challenging environments
 - Approaches for treating interferences, imaging artifacts
 - Tailoring diagnostics to problem of interest
- Opportunities for coupling experiments and simulations
 - Approaches for statistical comparisons of multi-dimensional, multi-parameter datasets
 - Development and optimization of experimental and simulation methods



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