

# Hydrogen combustion in gas turbines

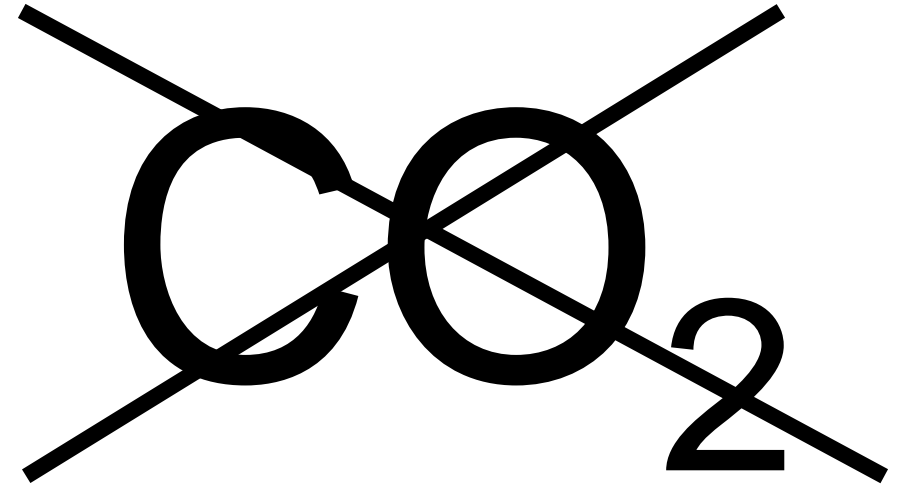
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# Agenda

- Hydrogen FOR gas turbine applications
- Hydrogen IN gas turbine applications
- Flashback theory and observations
- Flashback modeling
- Application for hydrogen in gas turbines
- Conclusions and next steps
- Questions

# Hydrogen FOR gas turbine applications

# Why Hydrogen in gas turbines ?



Green hydrogen : no CO<sub>2</sub>

# Why hydrogen in gas turbines ?

# H<sub>2</sub>



## ❑ Transport/Aviation

- ❑ liquid H<sub>2</sub> : 10 MJ/l      Kerosene: 33 MJ/l
- ❑ liquid H<sub>2</sub> : 145 MJ/kg      Kerosene: 45 MJ/kg
- ❑ No infrastructure for cryogenic liquid H<sub>2</sub>

? ✓



## ❑ Baseload Combined heat and power

- ❑ Overall efficiency losses: power => H<sub>2</sub> => CHP
- ❑ Baseload operation => high impact of losses

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## ❑ Balancing power

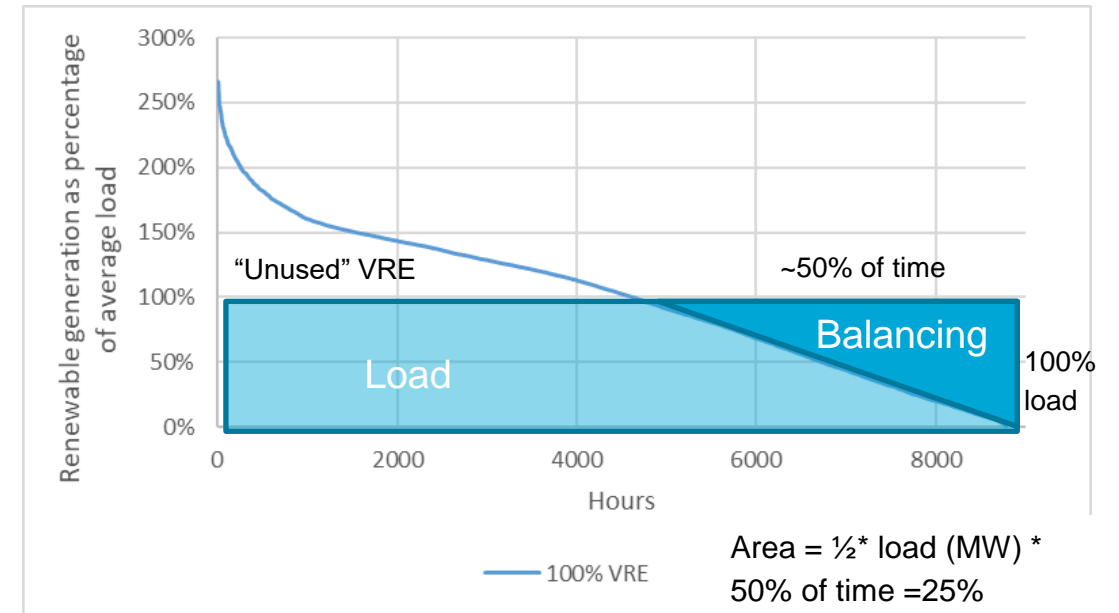
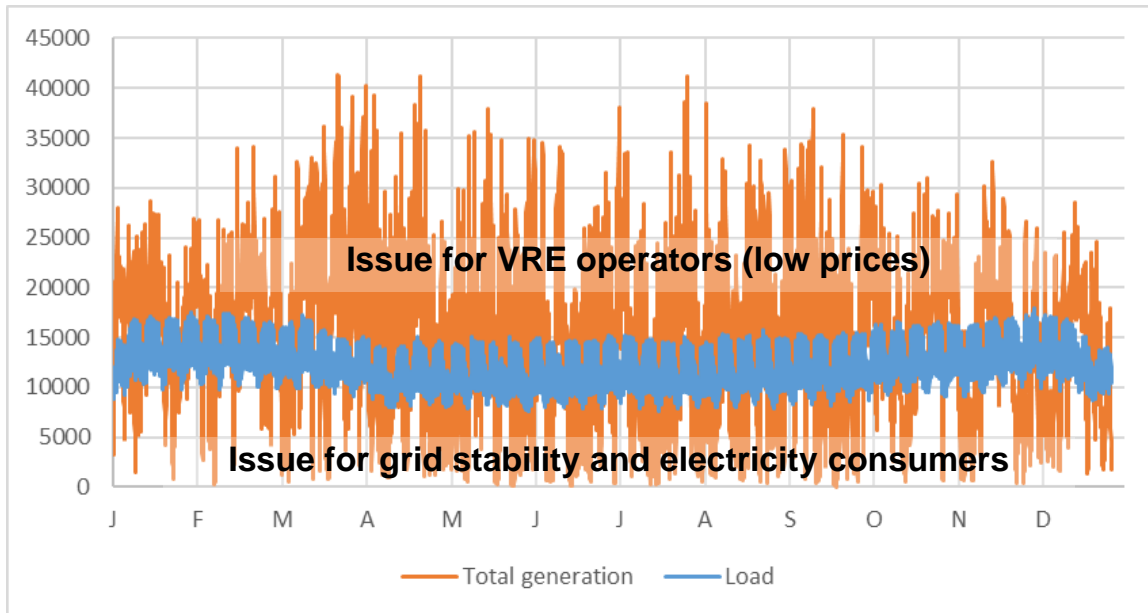
- ❑ Round trip efficiency: "only" 40%
- ❑ Retrofit potential => low costs
- ❑ High H<sub>2</sub> to power efficiency: 55-60%

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For all cases: current availability of green hydrogen is zero to very limited

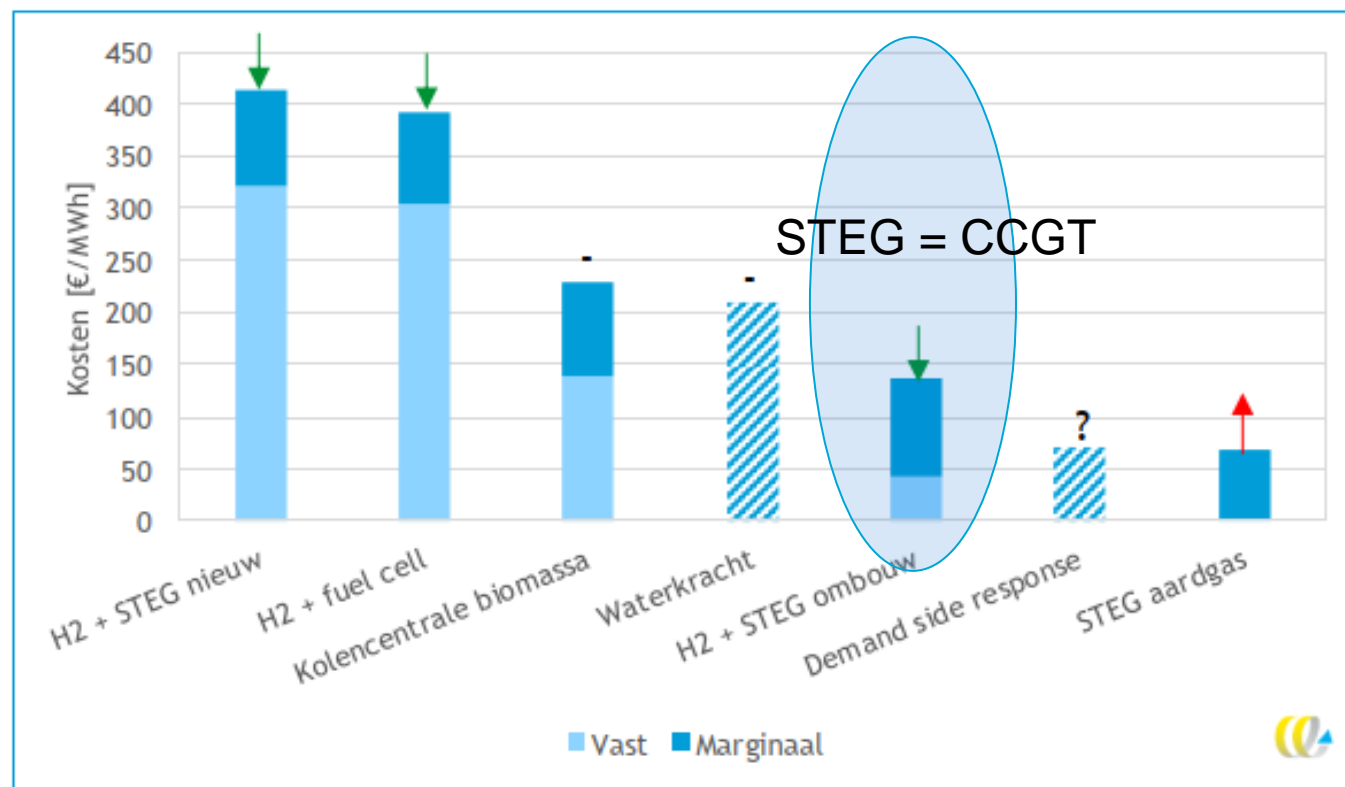
# Electricity supply : Assume a fossil free electricity system ....

- Generation by Variable Renewable Energy (VRE): solar, wind on shore and wind off shore
- Balancing of supply and demand required: about 25% of the non flexible load



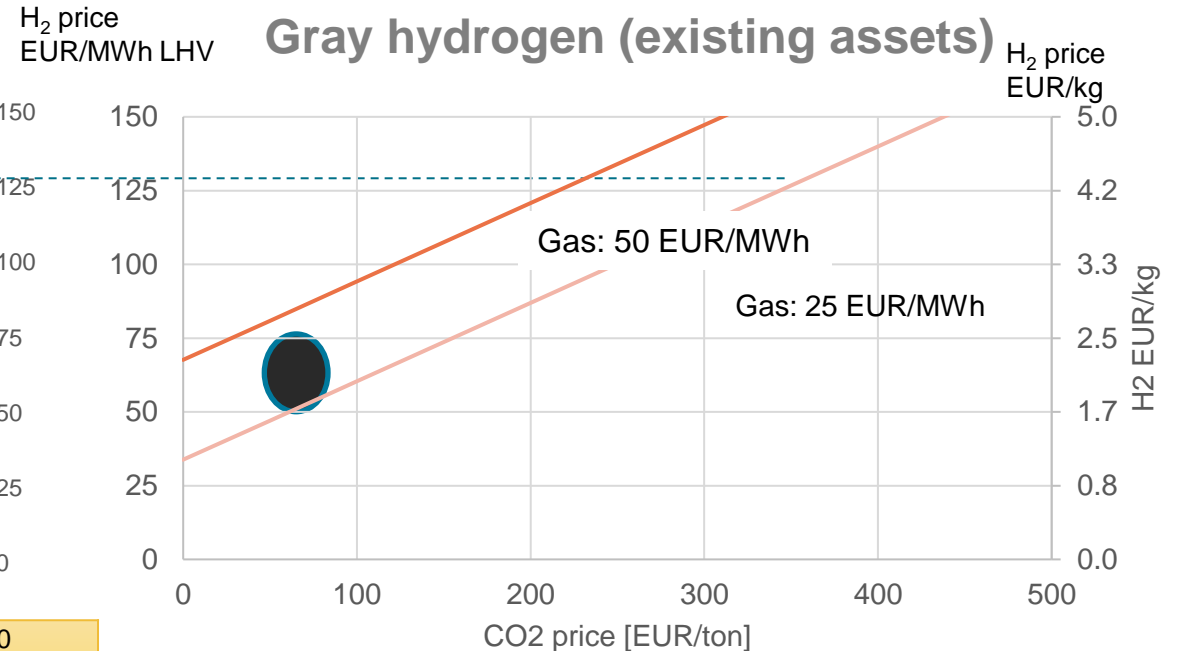
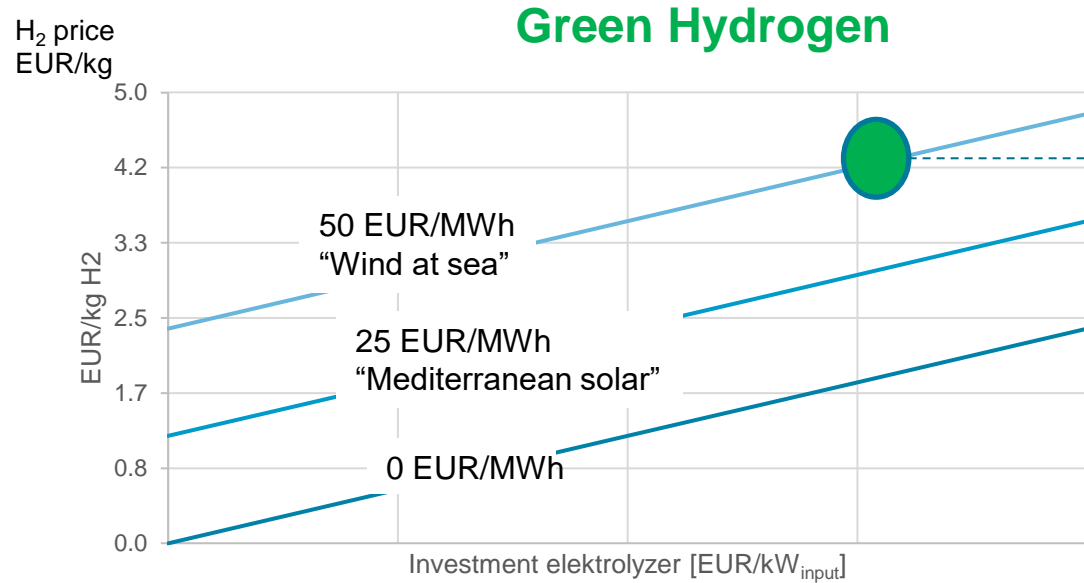
# 2020 CE Delft Study shows that H<sub>2</sub> in **retrofit** gas turbine power plant is attractive for balancing

Figuur 5 - Marginale en vaste kosten in 2030 van technieken om tekorten aan te vullen



CE Delft, Verkenning ontwikkeling CO<sub>2</sub>-vrije flexibele energietechnieken,  
Publicatienummer: 20.190402.041 , 2020

# Hydrogen is however not cheap



@6000 hr/yr	0	750	1500	2250	3000
@4000 hr/yr	0	500	1000	<b>1500</b>	2000
@2000 hr/yr	0	250	500	750	1000

— power 0 EUR/MWh — power 25 EUR/MWh — power: 50 EUR/MWh

— Gas: 25 EUR/MWh — Gas: 50 EUR/MWh

Green H<sub>2</sub>: investment, annual operational hours & costs of renewable power

Gray H<sub>2</sub>: gas & CO<sub>2</sub>

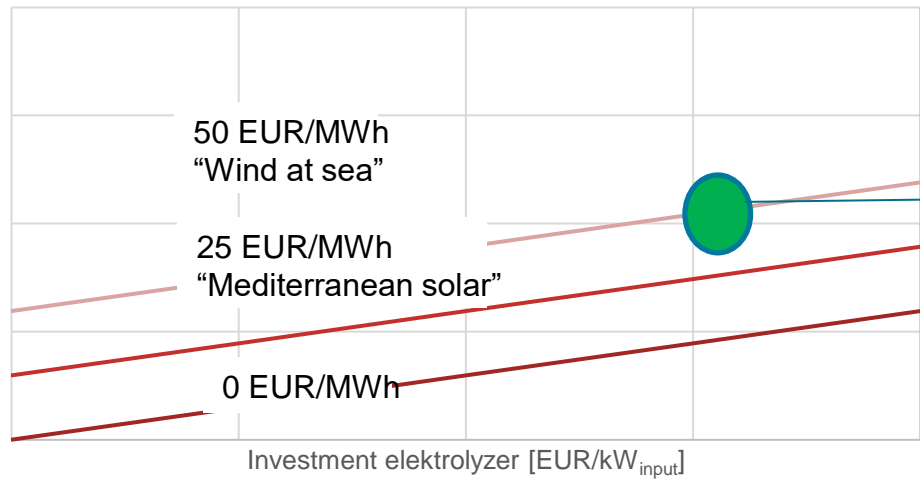


Simplified business cases: Green H<sub>2</sub>: annual costs : 10% of CAPEX + average power costs (70% LHV efficiency)  
 Gray H<sub>2</sub>: only commodity gas & CO<sub>2</sub> (81% LHV efficiency)  
 Both cases: transport & storage excluded

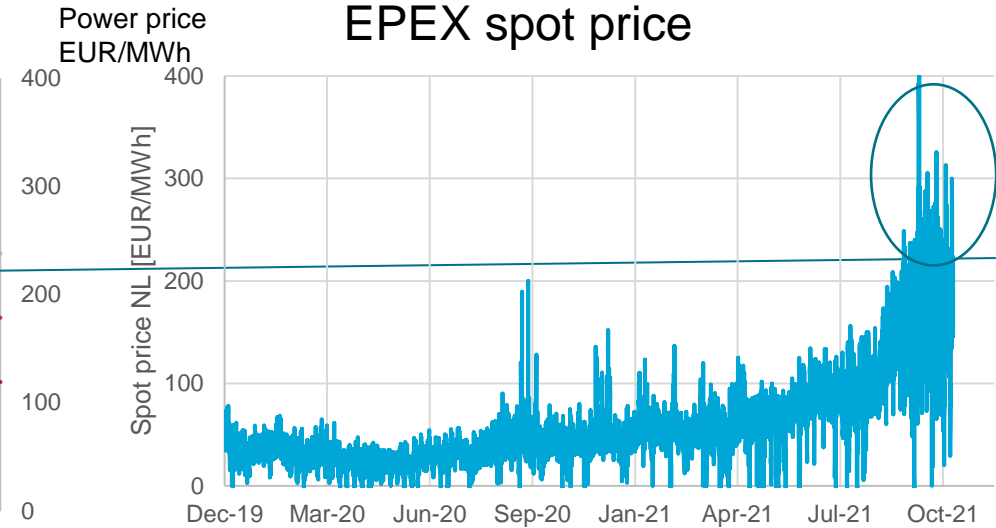


# Power from hydrogen is even more expensive

Power from green hydrogen



EPEX spot price



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@4000 hr/yr	0	500	1000	1500	2000
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— input power: 0 EUR/MWh — input power: 25 EUR/MWh — input power: 50 EUR/MWh

**Current (extreme) price levels could match hydrogen based power**

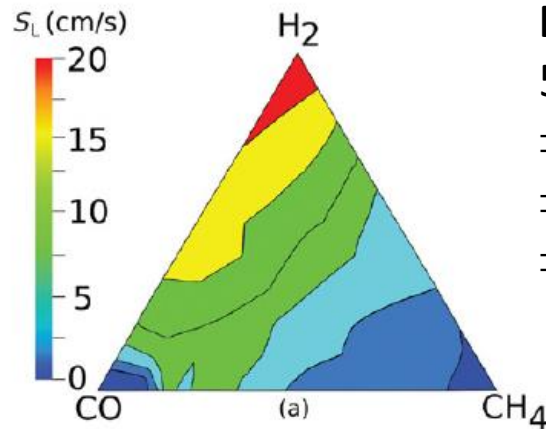
# Why Hydrogen for gas turbine applications ?

- CO<sub>2</sub> reduction
- Challenges Green Hydrogen:
  - Availability
  - Price level
  - Intermittency of generation (coupled to wind/solar) => storage
  - Efficiency losses in value chain
- Potential sources:
  - Regional production & storage
  - Import
  - .....

# Hydrogen IN gas turbine applications

# Challenges for hydrogen in gas turbines: flash back, emissions (NOx), dynamics and leakages

## Flashback



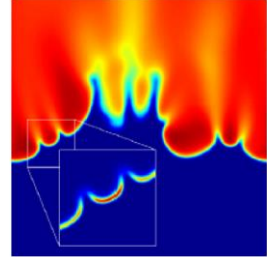
### Flame speed

- 5-10x natural gas
- ⇒ Burner flash back
- ⇒ Stability
- ⇒ Dynamics

### Lewis number $\ll 1$

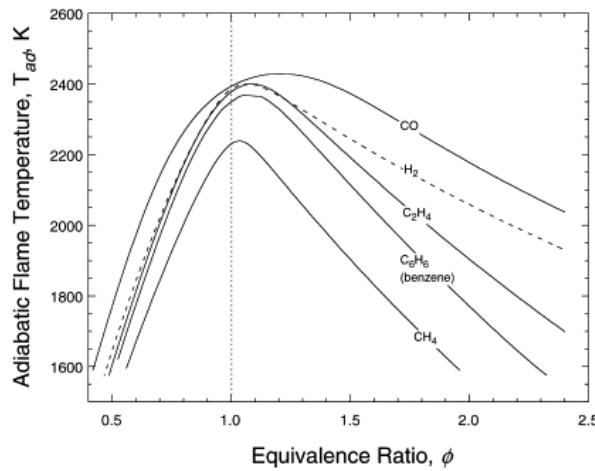
- $H_2$  diffusivity  $\gg$  thermal diffusivity
- ⇒ Increased flame speed at lean conditions
- ⇒ Stability, dynamics

## Diffusivity



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## NOx



### Stoich. Flame temperature:

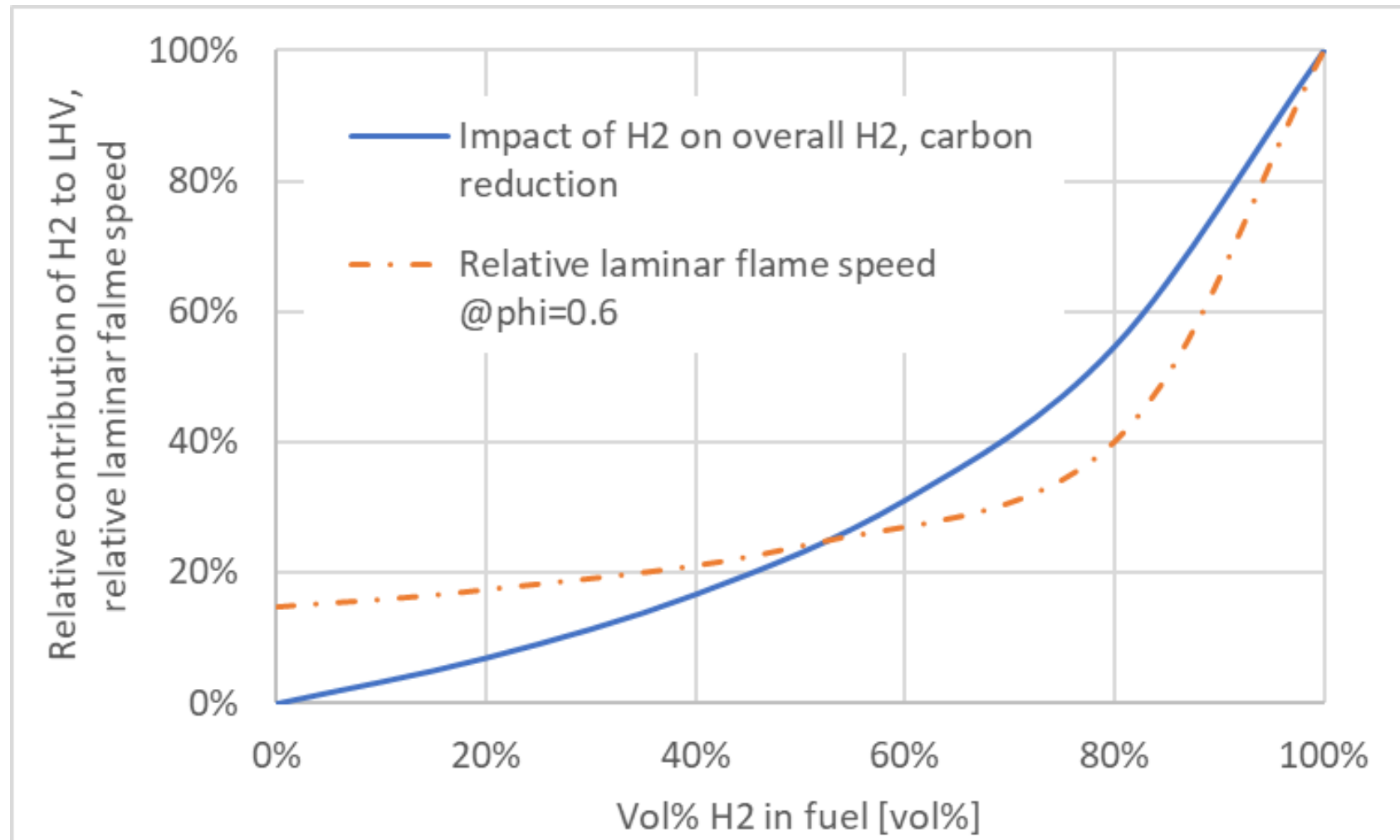
- 400K above natural gas
- ⇒ High NOx with non-premixed combustion

### Diffusivity

- 3-4x higher than natural
- ⇒ Leakages valves and supply
- ⇒ Preferential diffusion

Substance	Symbol	Diffusivity (cm <sup>2</sup> /sec)
Flame gases (average effective value)	$\alpha$	0.55
Oxygen	$D_{O_2}$	0.43
Methane	$D_{CH_4}$	0.47
Ethane	$D_{C_2H_6}$	0.30
Propane	$D_{C_3H_8}$	0.25
Butane	$D_{C_4H_{10}}$	0.22
Hexane	$D_{C_6H_{14}}$	0.18
Heptane	$D_{C_7H_{16}}$	0.17
Octane	$D_{C_8H_{18}}$	0.16
Decane	$D_{C_{10}H_{22}}$	0.15
$C_nH_{2n+2}$ ( $n \rightarrow \infty$ )	$D_{M \rightarrow \infty}$	0
Hydrogen	$D_{H_2}$	1.86
Deuterium	$D_{D_2}$	1.32

# Main impact for hydrogen at higher volume percentages



# Advertised maximum H<sub>2</sub> vol% for different gas turbine suppliers

		Frequency, Hz	Power Output, MW, Natural Gas, ISO Base Load	H2 Capability, Vol %		
				DLE	WLE	Diffusion, unabated NOx
Heavy Duty	SGT5-9000HL	50	593	30	--	--
	SGT5-8000H	50	450	30	--	--
	SGT5-4000F	50	329	30	--	--
	SGT5-2000E	50	187	30	--	--
	SGT6-9000HL	60	405	30	--	--
	SGT6-8000H	60	310	30	--	--
	SGT-5000F	60	215 - 260	30	--	--
	SGT6-2000E	60	117	30	--	--
Industrial	SGT-800	50 or 60	48-57	60	--	--
	SGT-750	50 or 60	40/34 - 41	40	--	--
	SGT-700	50 or 60	33/34	66	--	--
	SGT-600	50 or 60	24/25	60	--	--
	SGT-400	50 or 60	10 - 14/11 - 15	10	--	65
	SGT-300	50 or 60	8/8	30	--	--
	SGT-100	50 or 60	5/6	30	--	65
Aero-derivative	SGT-A65	50 or 60	60 - 71/58 - 62	15	100	--
	SGT-A45	50 or 60	41 - 44	--	100	--
	SGT-A35	50 or 60	27 - 37/28 - 38	15	100	--
	SGT-A05	50 or 60	4/6	2	15	--

Siemens "Hydrogen Combustion in Siemens Gas Turbines: Sales Information v 3.0," July 2019

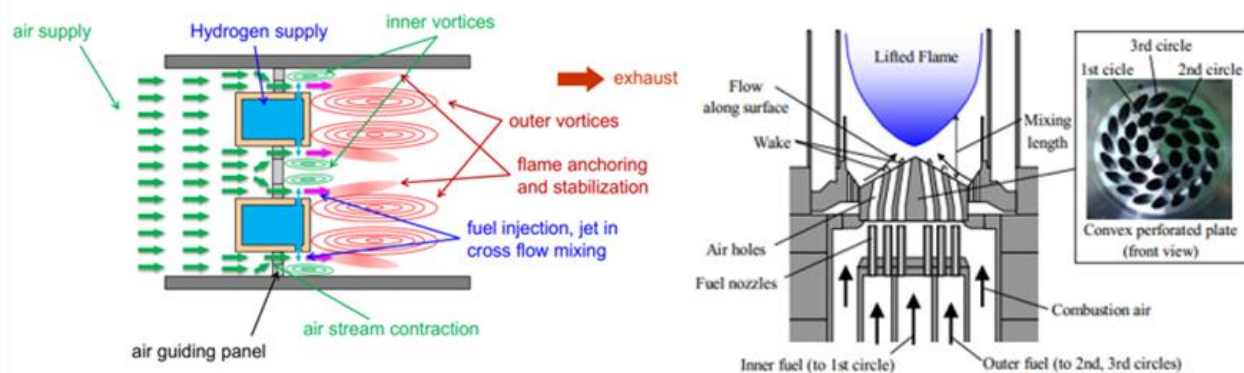
	Type	Notes	TIT °C [°F] or Class	Max H <sub>2</sub> % (Vol)
MHPS	Diffusion	N2 Dilution, Water/Steam Injection	1200~1400 [2192~2552]	100
	Pre-Mix (DLN)	Dry	1600 [2912]	30
	Multi-Cluster	Dry/Underdevelopment - Target 2024	1650 [3002]	100
GE	SN	Single Nozzle (Standard)	B,E Class	90-100
	MNQC	Multi-Nozzle Quiet Combustor w/ N2 or Steam	E,F Class	90-100
	DLN 1	Dry	B,E Class	33
	DLN 2.6+	Dry	F,HA Class	15
	DLN 2.6e	Micromixer	HA Class	50
Siemens	DLE	Dry	E Class	30
	DLE	Dry	F Class	30
	DLE	Dry	H Class	30
	DLE	Dry	HL Class	30
Ansaldo	Sequential	GT26	F Class	30
	Sequential	GT36	H Class	50
	ULE	Current Flamesheet™	F, G Class	40
	New ULE	Flamesheet™ -- Target 2023	Various	100

Emerson, B.E. et al., "Assessment of Current Capabilities and Near-Term Availability of Hydrogen-Fired Gas

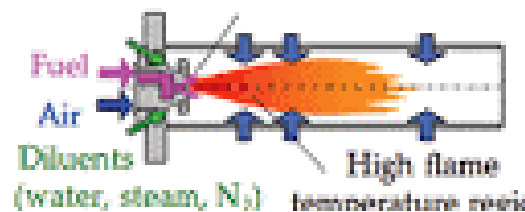
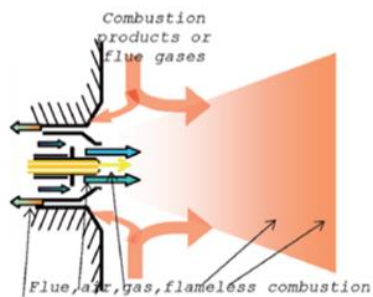
Turbines Considering a Low-Carbon Future", GT2020-15714

# Combustor designs under development for high hydrogen gas turbines

**Non premixed combustion => high NOx**  
 (reduction of NOx: flame temperature/residence time)

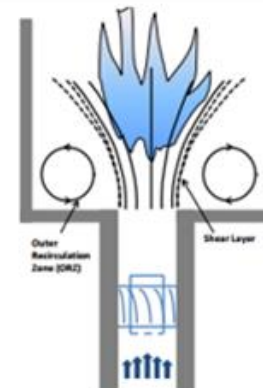


**MicroMixing - Small diffusion flames**

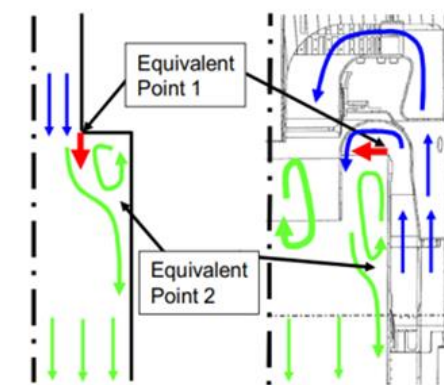


**Steam injection**

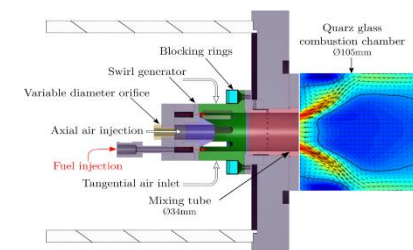
**Premixed combustion => low NOx**  
 (flashback prevention)



**Low Swirl**

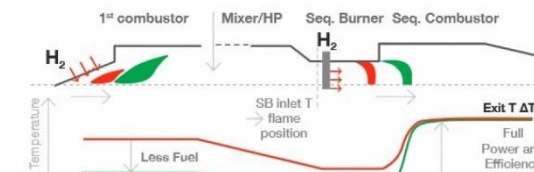


**Trapped vortex**

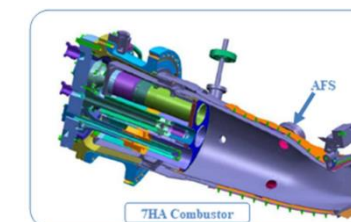


**High swirl + axial injection**

**Sequential Combustion**



**Sequential combustion**



**Axial staged combustion**

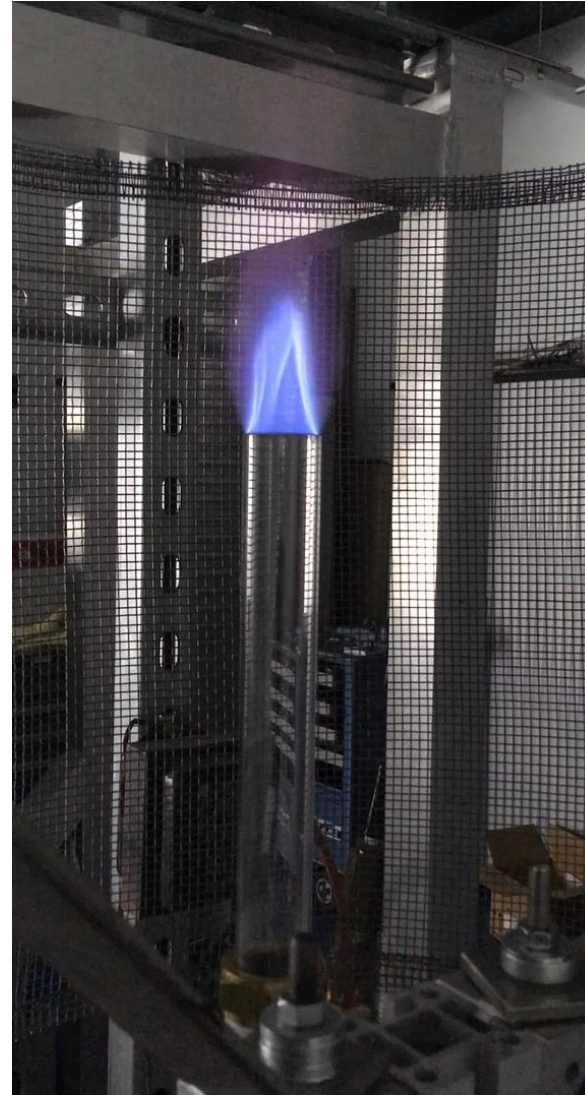
# Flashback Theory and Observations



# What is Flashback?

Upstream propagation of the flame into the burner, leading to e.g.:

- Local overheating => damage
- Incomplete burning & mixing => emissions, performance etc.
- Shutdown of the engine to prevent (further) damage



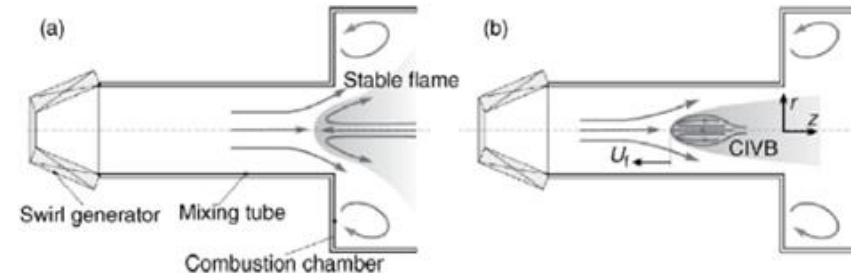
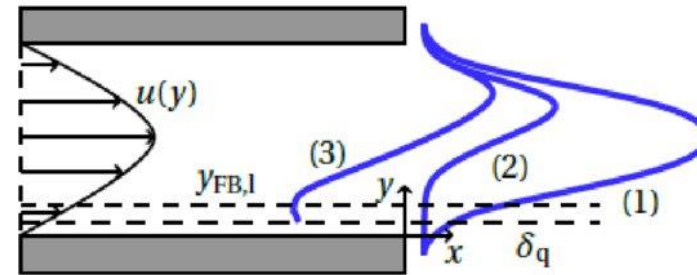
# Flashback in premixed flames

Two main types:

## 1. Boundary layer flash back

- a) Unconfined
- b) Confined

## 2. Swirling flames: Combustion induced vortex break down



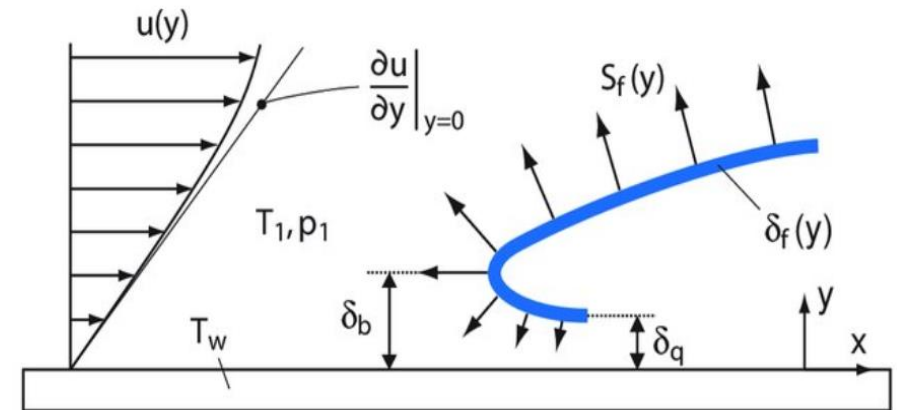
# Classic flashback theory

- Basis: Lewis and Von Elbe (1943)
- Local velocity in boundary layer below laminar flame speed at penetration distance  $\delta_b$  :

$$S_L(\delta_b) > u(\delta_b)$$

- $\delta_b$  minimum location from wall where flame can persist (penetration depth  $\delta_b > \delta_{\text{quench}}$  )
- Critical velocity gradient:  
Flashback when flow velocity ( $g_f$ ) gradient below critical ( $g_c$ ):

$$g_f < g_c \longrightarrow \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} < \frac{S_L}{\delta_b}$$



# Flame adverse pressure

- Rankine Hugionot conditions across the flame front
- Flow is accelerated in flame front due to expansion/temperature in increase

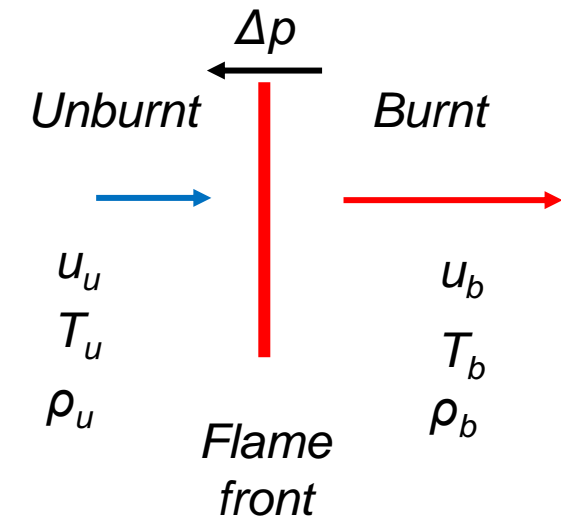
- Mass conservation:  $\rho_u u_u = \rho_b u_b$

- Momentum conservation:  $\rho_u u_u^2 + p_u = \rho_b u_b^2 + p_b$

- Pressure jump: 
$$\Delta p = p_u - p_b = \rho_u u_u^2 \left( \frac{\rho_u}{\rho_b} - 1 \right)$$

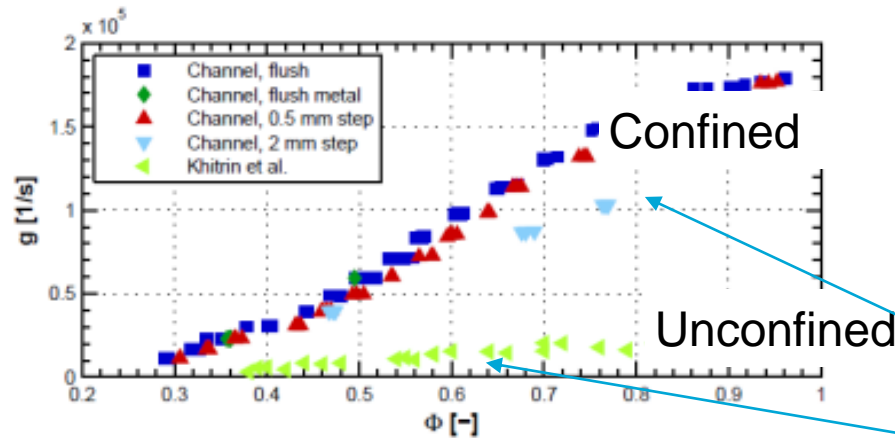
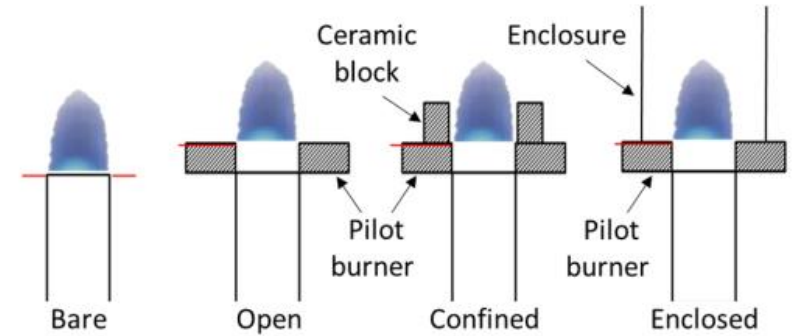
$$\Delta p_{flame} = \rho_u S_f^2 \left( \frac{\rho_u}{\rho_b} - 1 \right)$$

- $S_f$  : Flame speed
- Pressure upstream of flame > down stream of flame => Retardation of incoming flow by flame



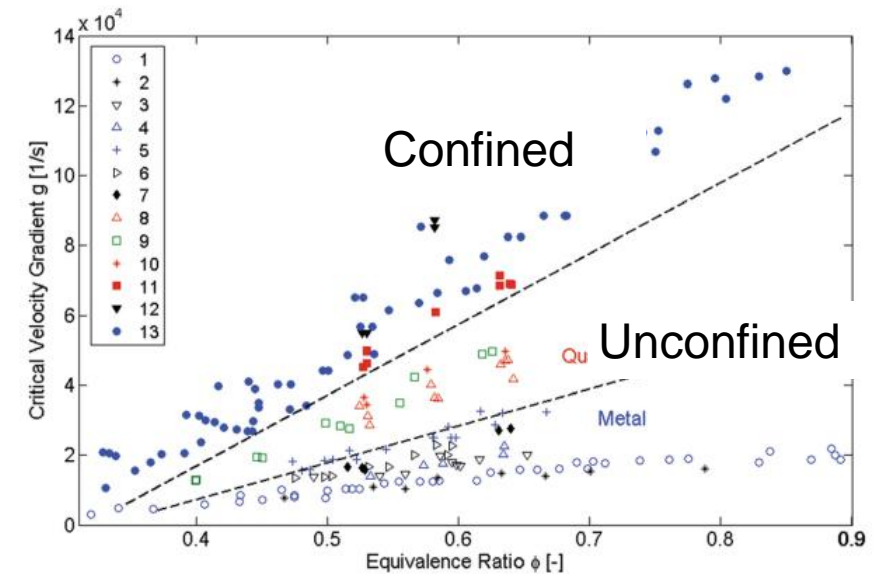
# Confined versus unconfined flame

- Confined flames much higher critical velocity gradient
  - “Flashback occurs at lower velocities”
- Effect of flame adverse pressure
  - Unconfined flames: no to little impact on incoming flow in tube
  - Confined flames: adverse pressure creates boundary instability in incoming flow



Eichler (2012)

Flashback  
if  $g < g_c$

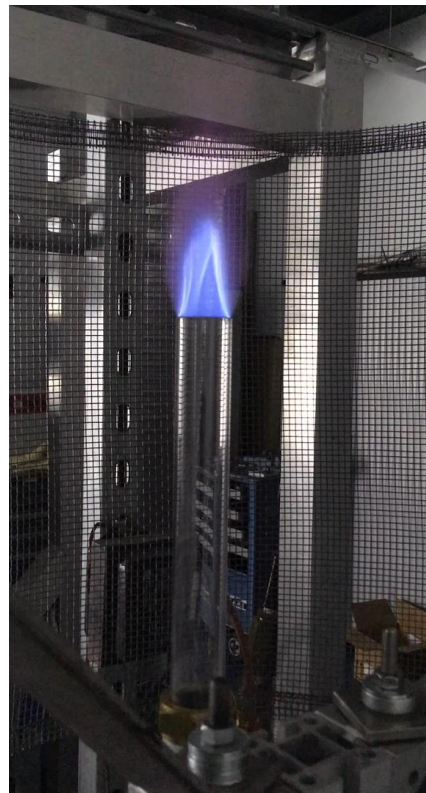


Baumgartner (2016)

# How does flashback look like?

unconfined

confined

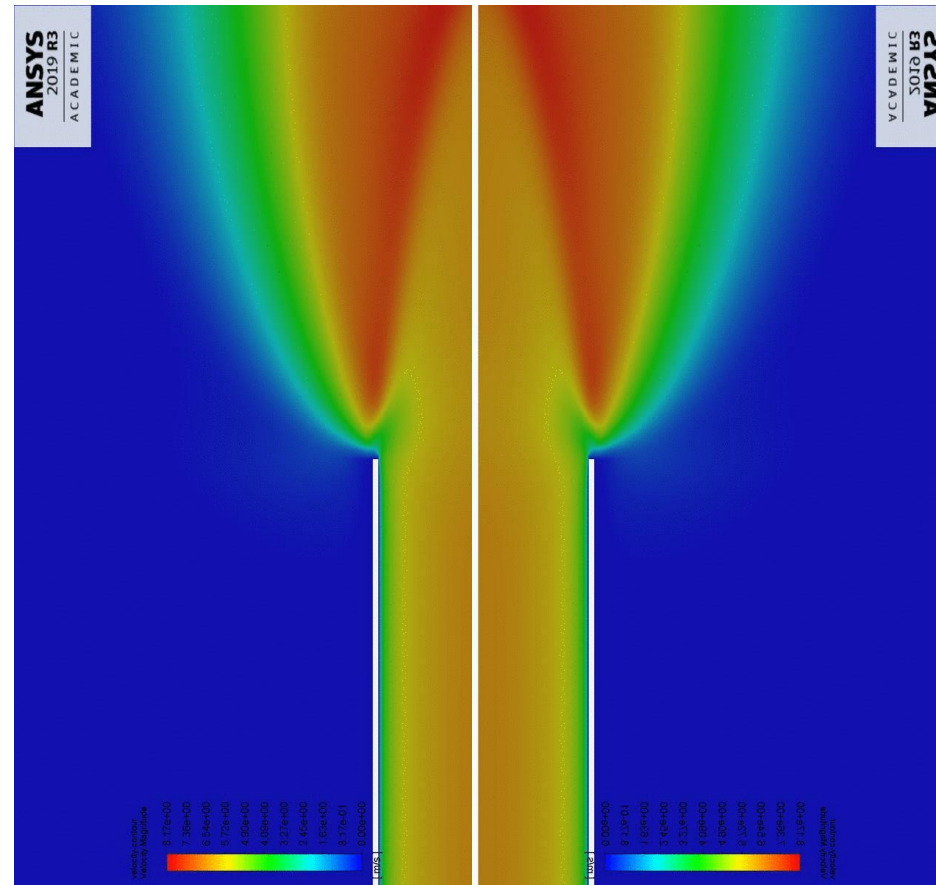


Natural gas

80% Hydrogen



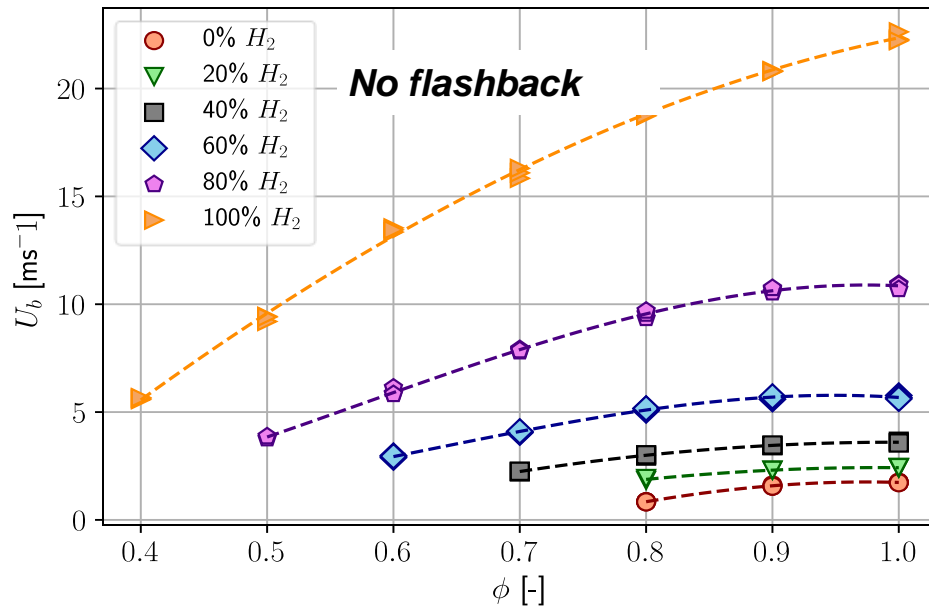
# Flame flashback animation



Velocity

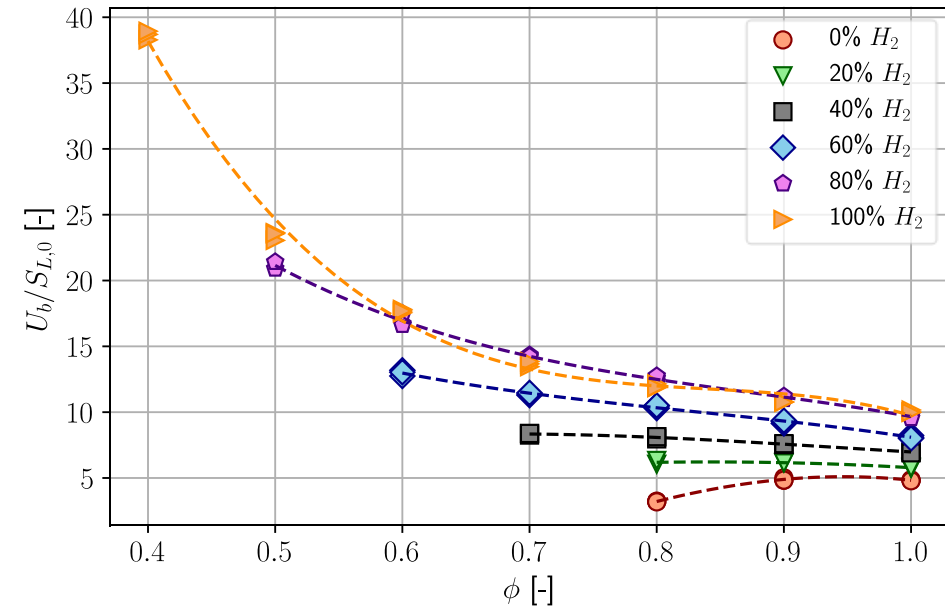
# Flashback map unconfined flame in TU Delft laboratory

Flashback propensity map [ $U_{bulk}$ ] of  $H_2$ -DNG/air mixtures  
 $T_u = 293.15$  K,  $p_u = 1.01325$  bar



Standard:  $U_{bulk}$  versus equivalence ratio

$U_{bulk}$  normalized by  $S_{L,0}$   
 $T_u = 293.15$  K,  $p_u = 1.01325$  bar



$U_{bulk}$  normalized with laminar flame speed

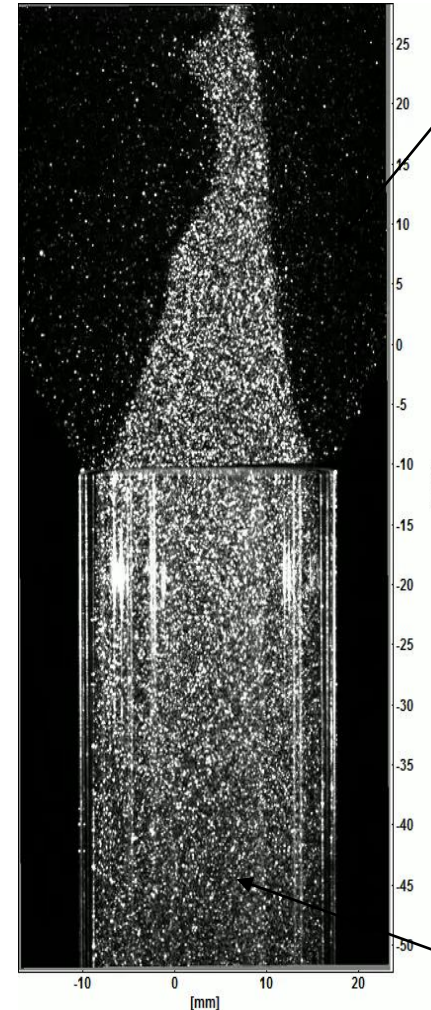
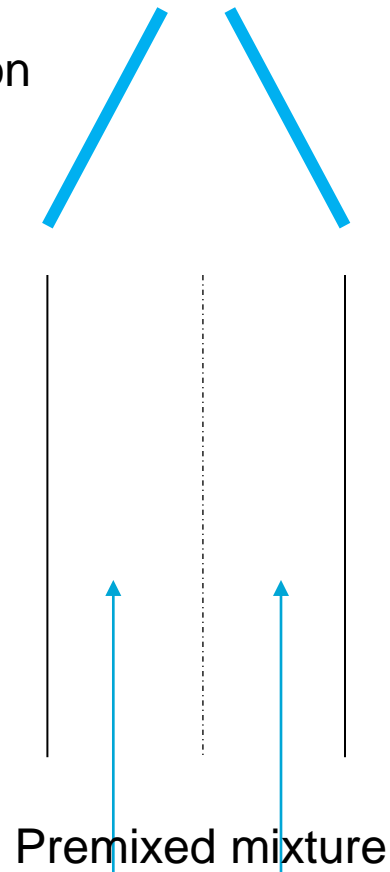


# Boundary layer flash back

1. Flame shape modification  
(above burner)

2. "Jump into burner"  
(at burner)

3. Confined flashback  
(in burner)



Willems (2021)

## Dark color

- Low seeding density
- High temperature
- Burnt

## Experiments:

- Faldella (2020)
- Lambers (2021)
- Willems (in progress)

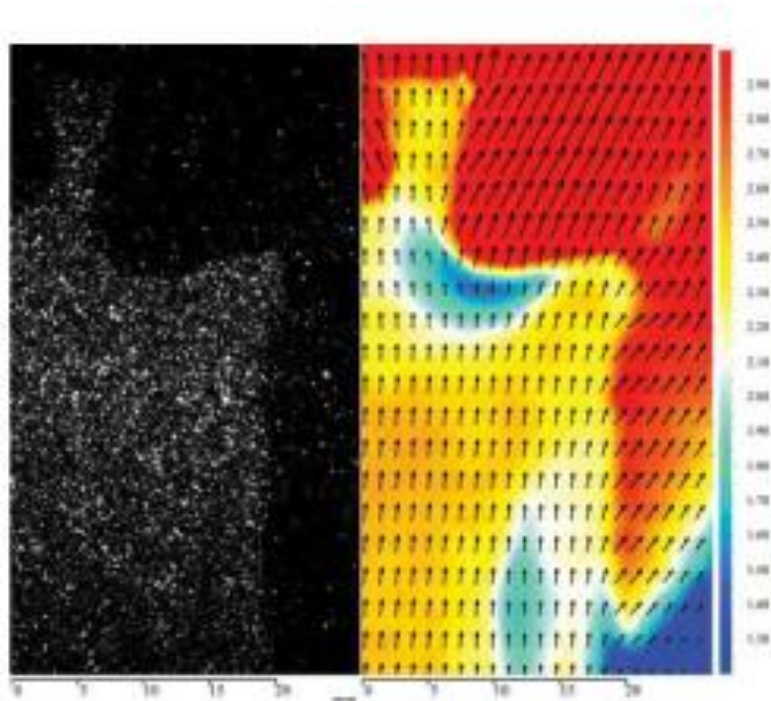
## Model development:

- Tober (2018)
- Björnsson (2019)
- Van Put (2021)

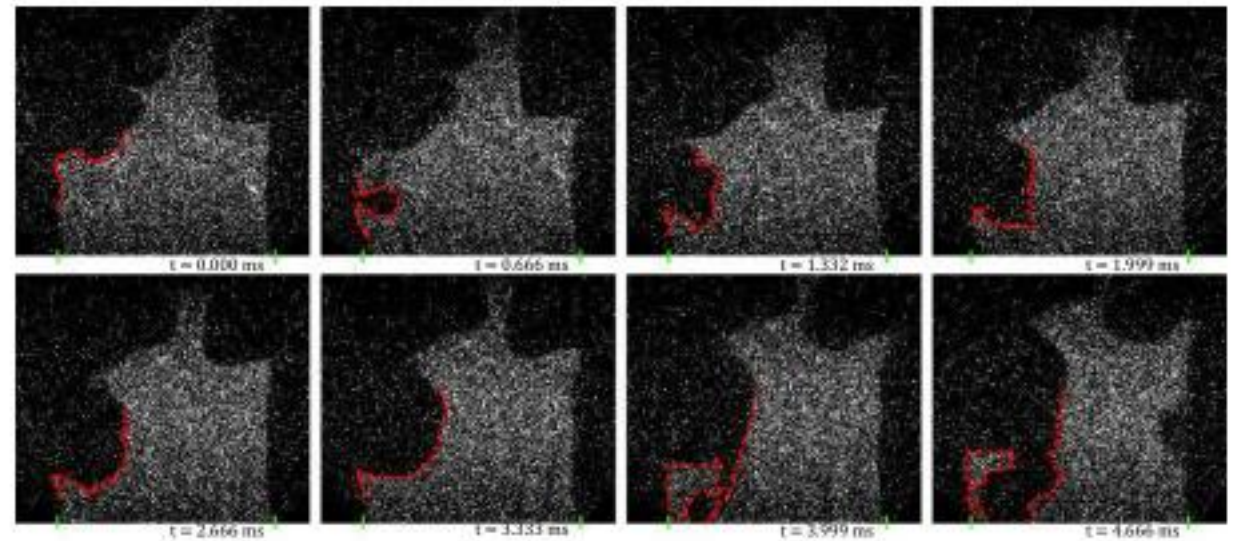
## White color

- High seeding density
- Low temperature
- Unburnt

# Boundary layer flashback: **above burner** (phase 1)



- Cusp formation
- Incoming flow is decelerated by flame front

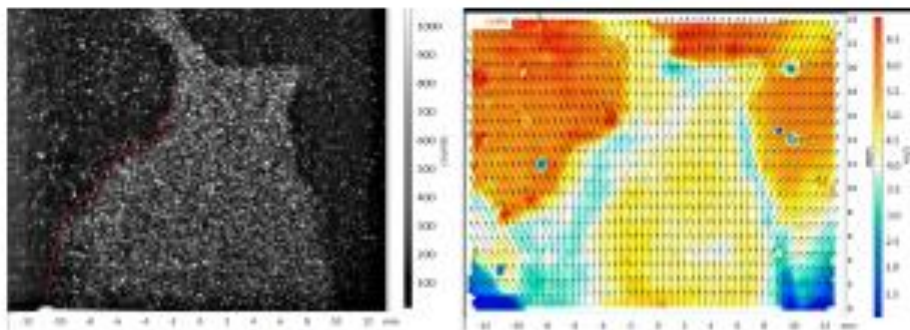


- Flash back sequence for natural gas
- Delta t = 0.666 ms



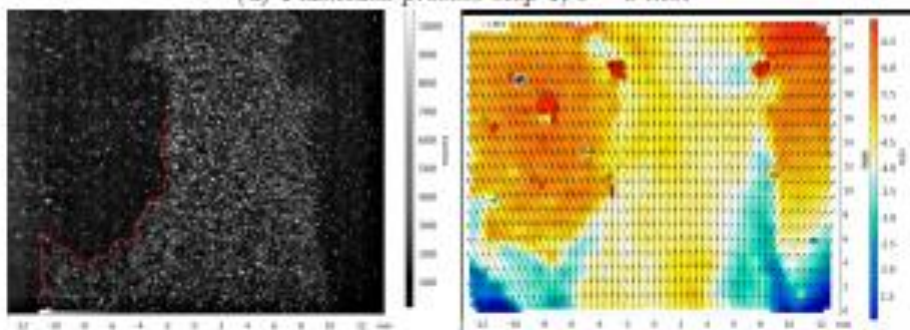
# Boundary layer flashback: above burner (phase 1)

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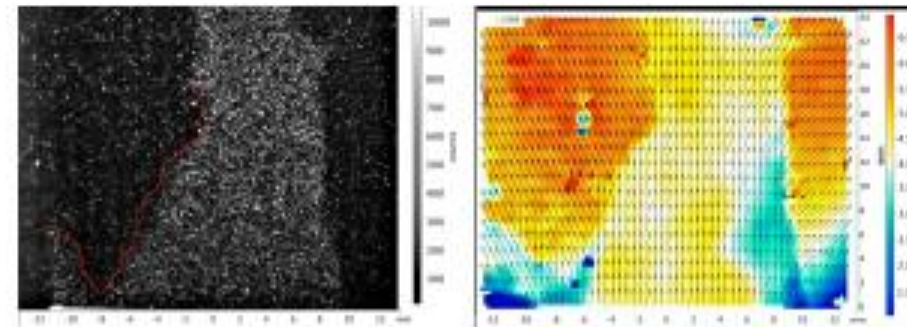
(a) Flashback process step 1,  $t = 0$  ms.

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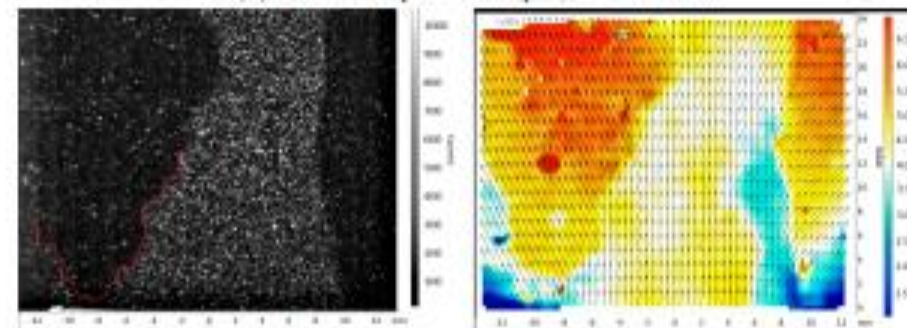
(b) Flashback process step 2,  $t = 3$  ms.

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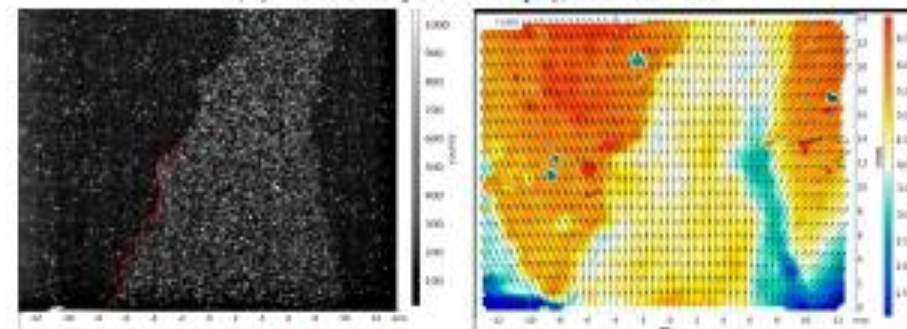
(c) Flashback process step 3,  $t = 3.9$  ms.

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(d) Flashback process step 4,  $t = 4.2$  ms.

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(e) Flashback process step 5,  $t = 4.8$  ms.

# Adverse gradient increases with flames closer to flashback

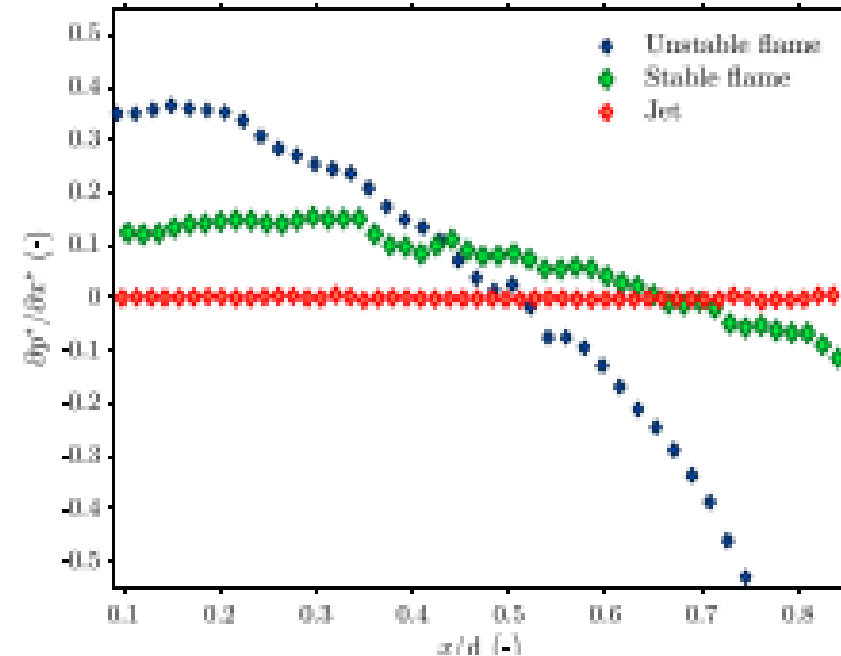
- Averaged Euler equation

$$\frac{\partial \bar{u}^*}{\partial x^*} + \frac{1}{r^*} \frac{\partial (r^* \bar{v}^*)}{\partial r^*} = 0$$

$$\underbrace{\bar{u}^* \frac{\partial \bar{u}^*}{\partial x^*}}_{\text{Advection axial direction}} + \underbrace{\bar{v}^* \frac{\partial \bar{u}^*}{\partial r^*}}_{\text{Advection radial direction}} = - \underbrace{\frac{\partial \bar{p}^*}{\partial x^*}}_{\text{Pressure gradient axial direction}} - \underbrace{\frac{\partial \overline{u'^* u'^*}}{\partial x^*}}_{\text{Reynolds stress gradient axial direction}} - \underbrace{\frac{1}{r^*} \frac{\partial (r^* \overline{u'^* v'^*})}{\partial x^*}}_{\text{Reynolds shear stress gradient radial direction}}$$

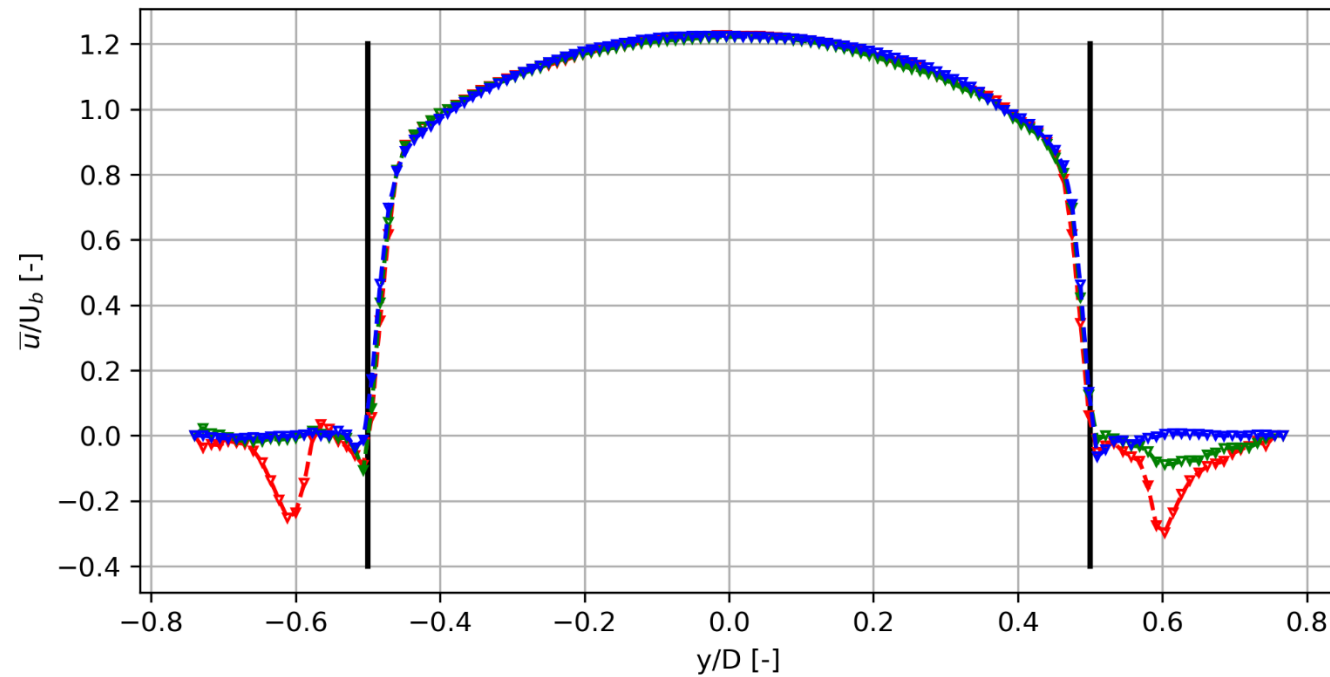
- At central axis simplifies to:

$$\bar{u}^* \frac{\partial \bar{u}^*}{\partial x^*} = - \frac{\partial \bar{p}^*}{\partial x^*} - \frac{\partial \overline{u'^* u'^*}}{\partial x^*} - \frac{\partial \overline{u'^* v'^*}}{\partial r^*}$$



Adverse pressure gradient increases with flame closer to flashback

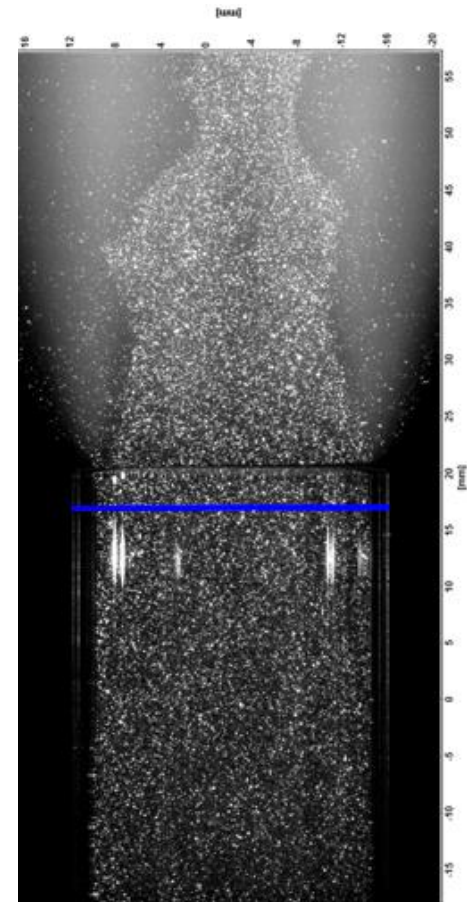
# No influence of flame adverse pressure on incoming flow



- Re = 18600\_0.12D
- Re = 21000\_0.12D
- Re = 23000\_0.12D

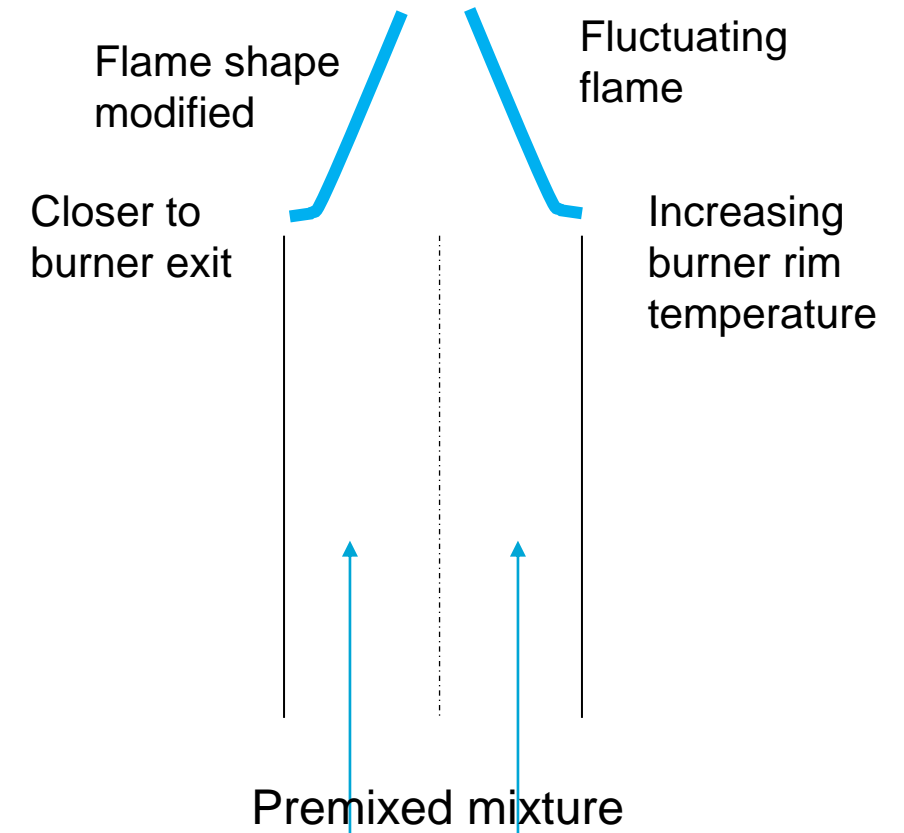


Closer  
to flashback

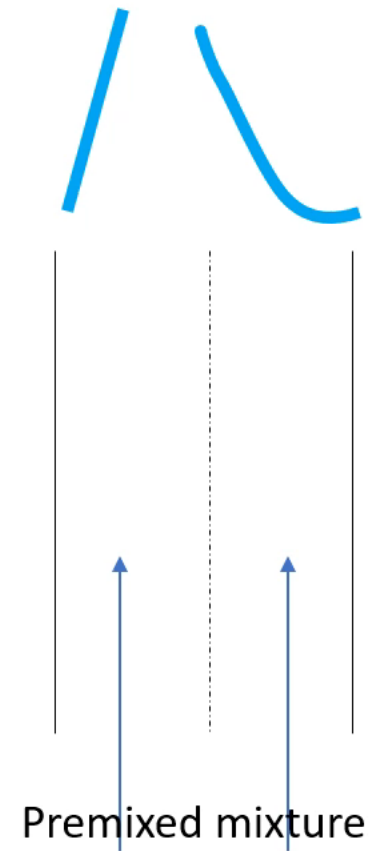
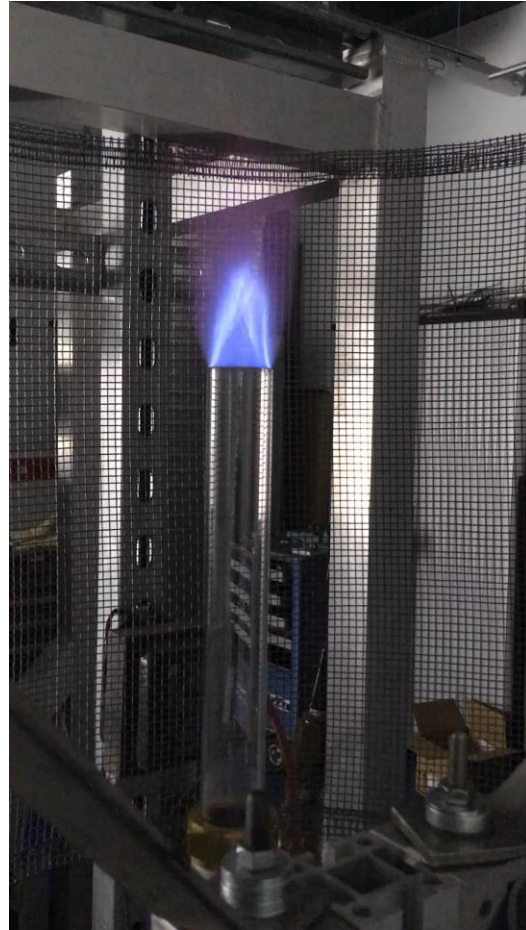


# Boundary layer flashback: at burner (phase 2)

1. Fluctuating flame
2. Impact of burner rim temperature
3. Impact of turbulent fluctuations (~ "Turbulent flame speed effect")
4. Impact of low velocities streaks

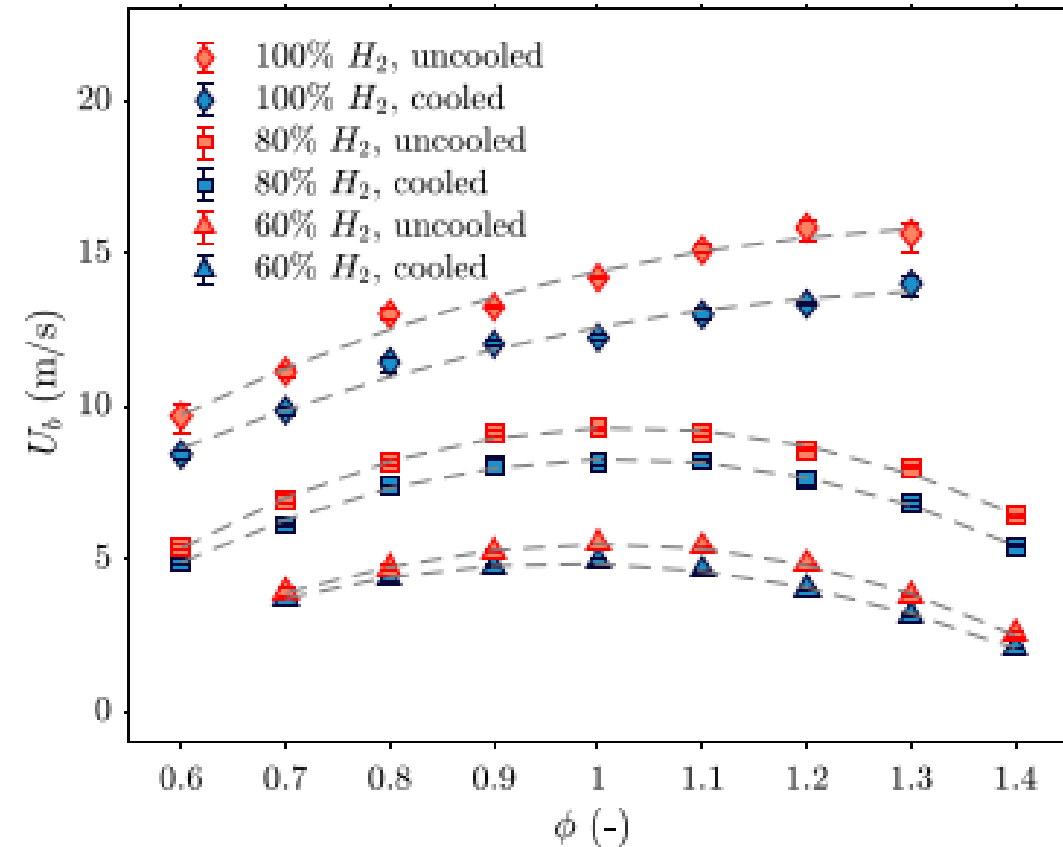


# Boundary layer flashback: at burner : 1. Fluctuating flame



# Boundary layer flashback: at burner : 2. Temperature

- Cooling of burner rim decreases minimum flashback velocity

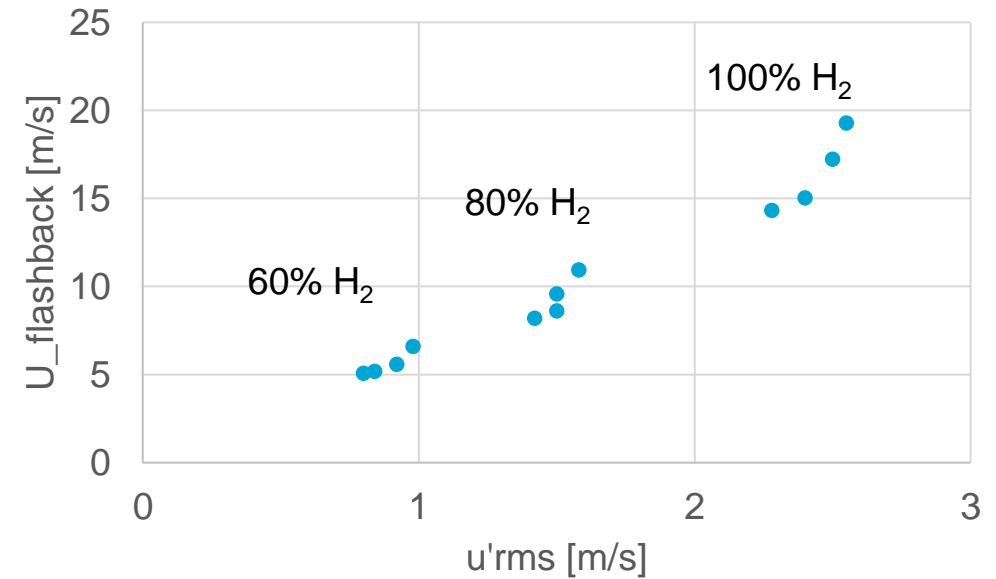
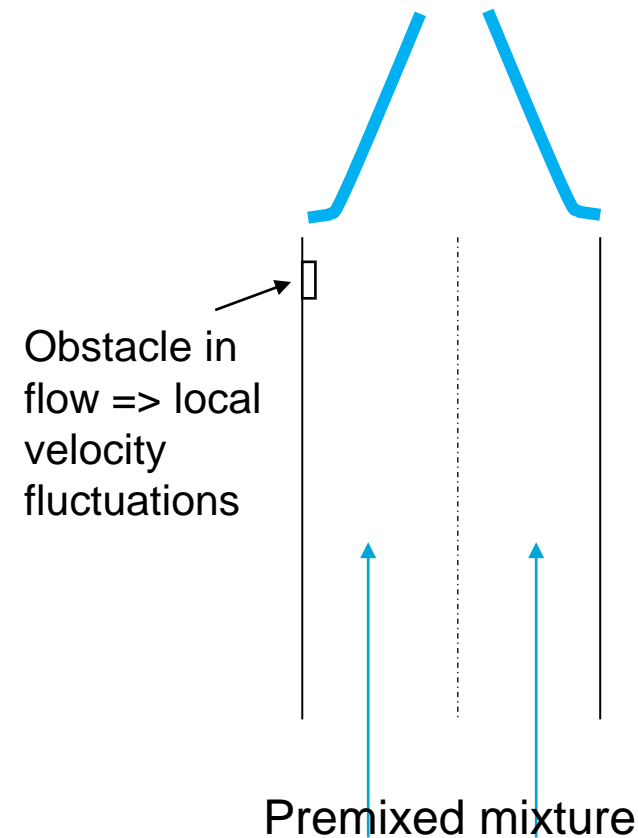
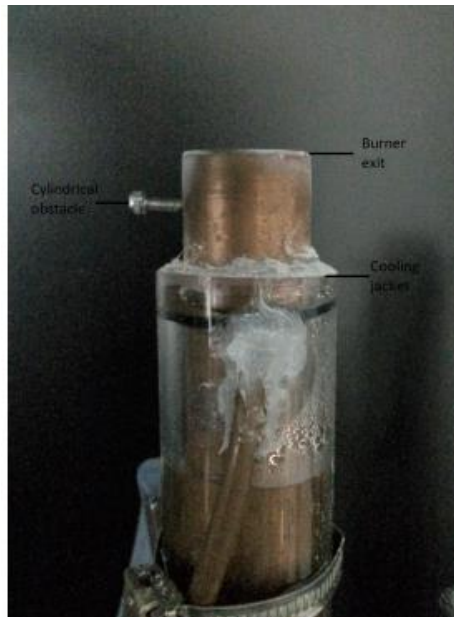


(a) Bulk velocity at flashback conditions for the cooled and uncooled burner configuration, as a function of equivalence ratio for different H<sub>2</sub> content in the fuel.



# Boundary layer flashback: at burner : 3. Turbulent flame speed

- Impact of turbulent fluctuations (~ "Turbulent flame speed effect")

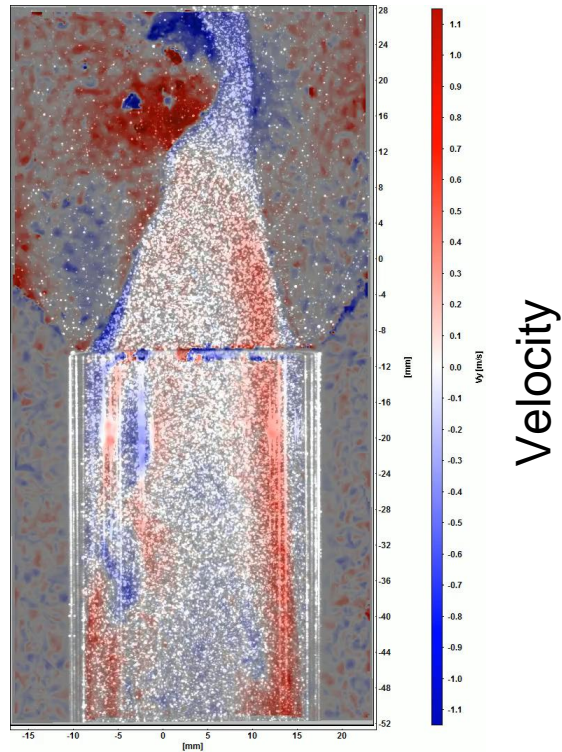


Increase velocity fluctuations  
=> increased propensity on flashback

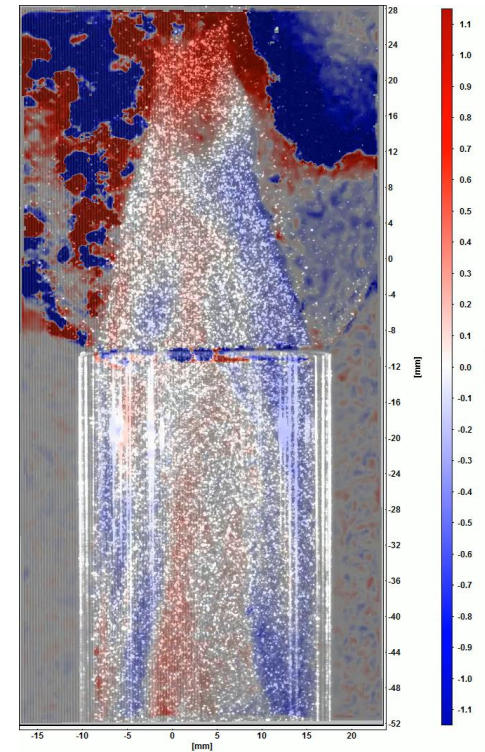
Correlates well with turbulent flame speed

# Boundary layer flashback: at burner : 4. Low velocity streaks

Flashback

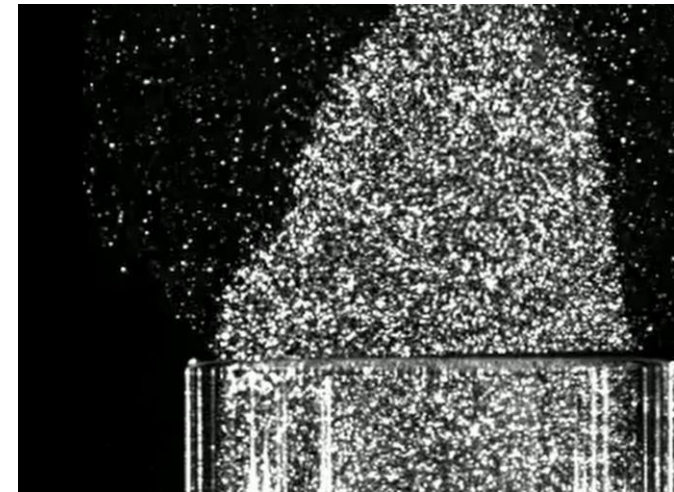
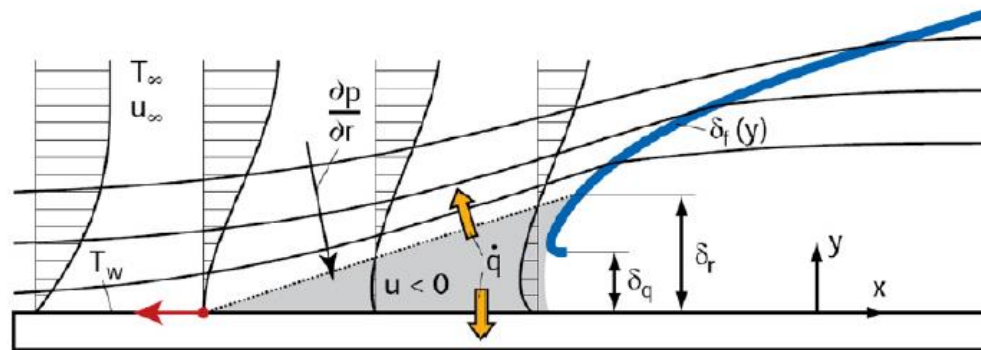


No Flashback



# Boundary layer flashback: in burner (phase 3, “confined”)

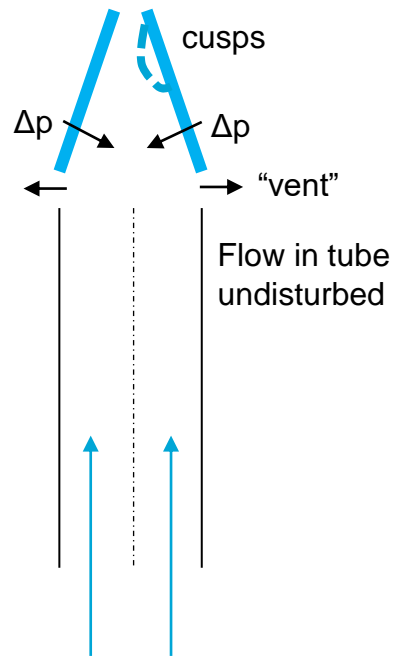
- Flame adverse pressure gradient creates recirculation zone in front of flame
- Boundary layer instability due to adverse pressure gradient



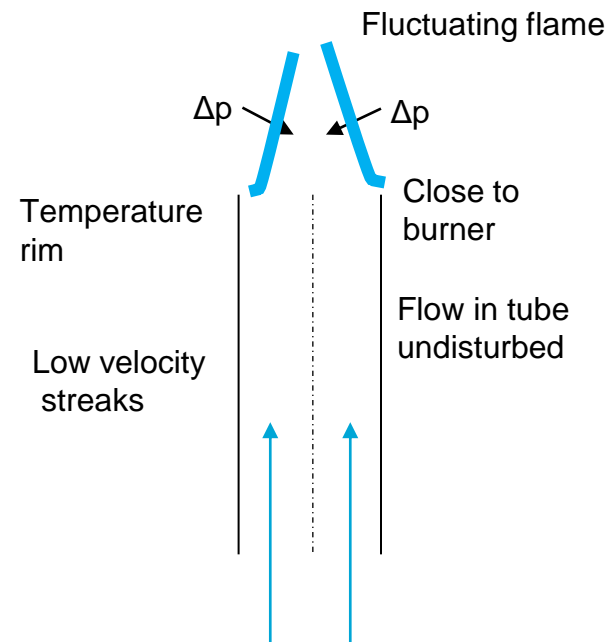
Will be discussed in more detail in modelling part of this presentation

# Summary boundary layer flashback

Phase 1 :  
above burner

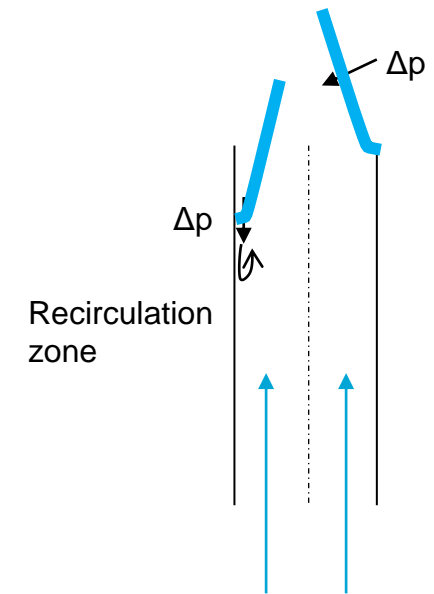


Phase 2 :  
at burner



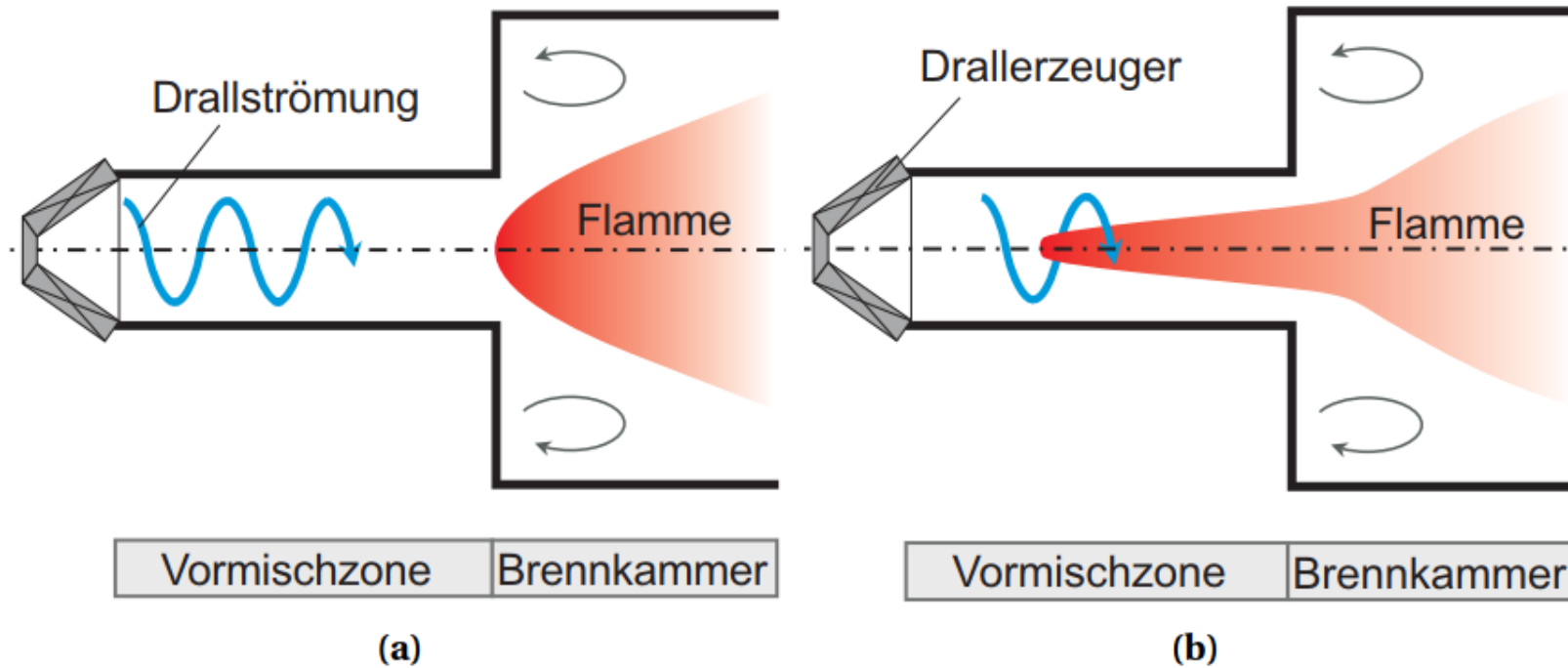
*Flame flashes back into  
premixer at combination of  
momentary flame position,  
flame speed, low velocity streak*

Phase 3 :  
in burner



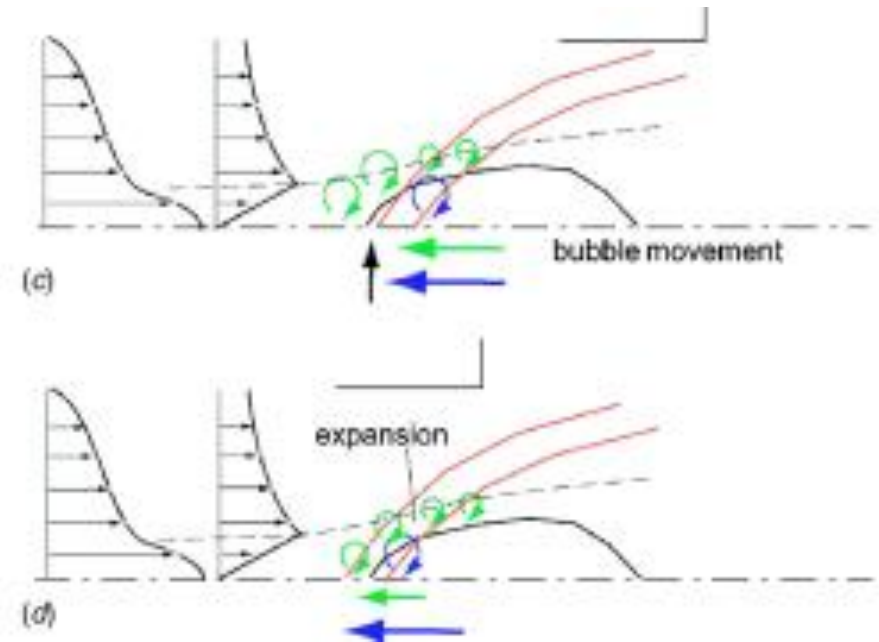
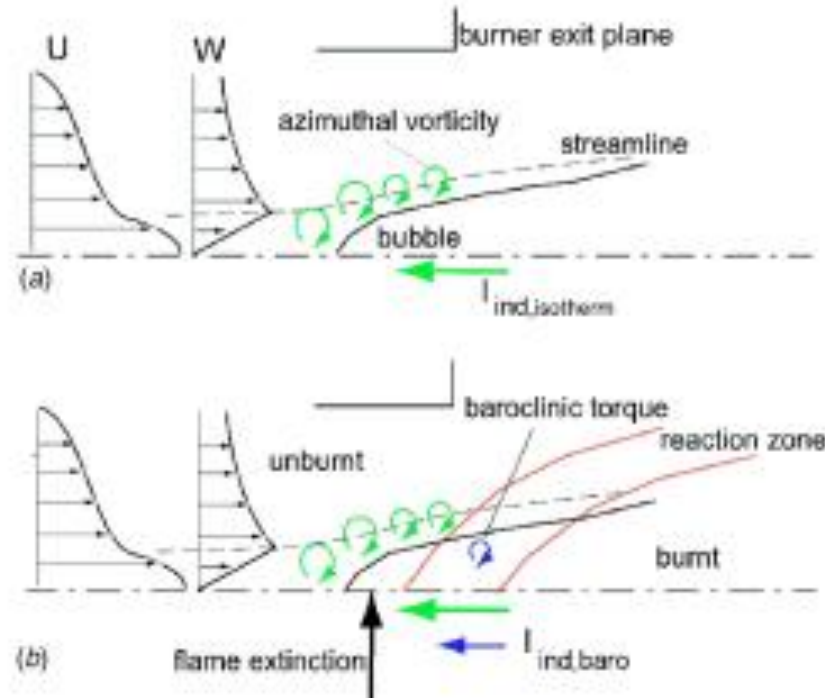
*Confined flashback due to  
boundary layer instability  
caused by flame adverse  
pressure*

# Swirling flames: Combustion Induced Vortex Breakdown



# Swirling flames: Combustion Induced Vortex Breakdown

Adverse pressure gradient by flame and adverse pressure gradient from expanding swirling flow can move stagnation point further upstream



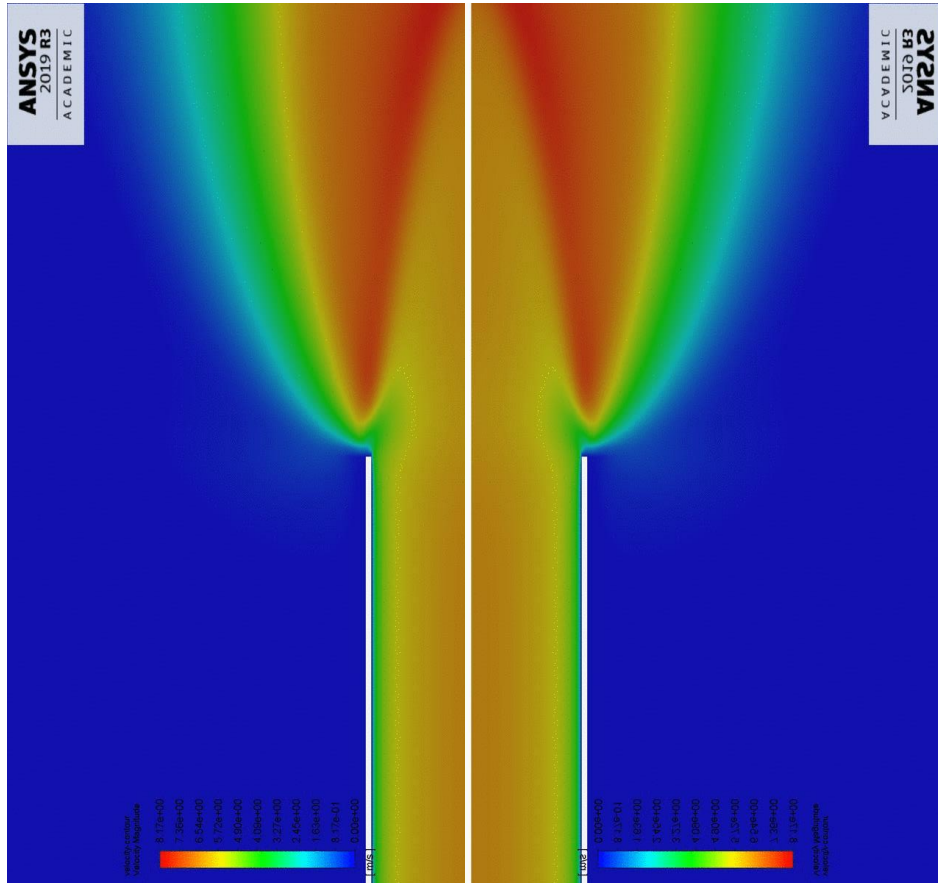
- (a) isotherm  $\Rightarrow$  stable recirculation bubble
- (b) expansion in reaction zone  $\Rightarrow$  flame moves upstream

(c) Flames closer to stagnation point

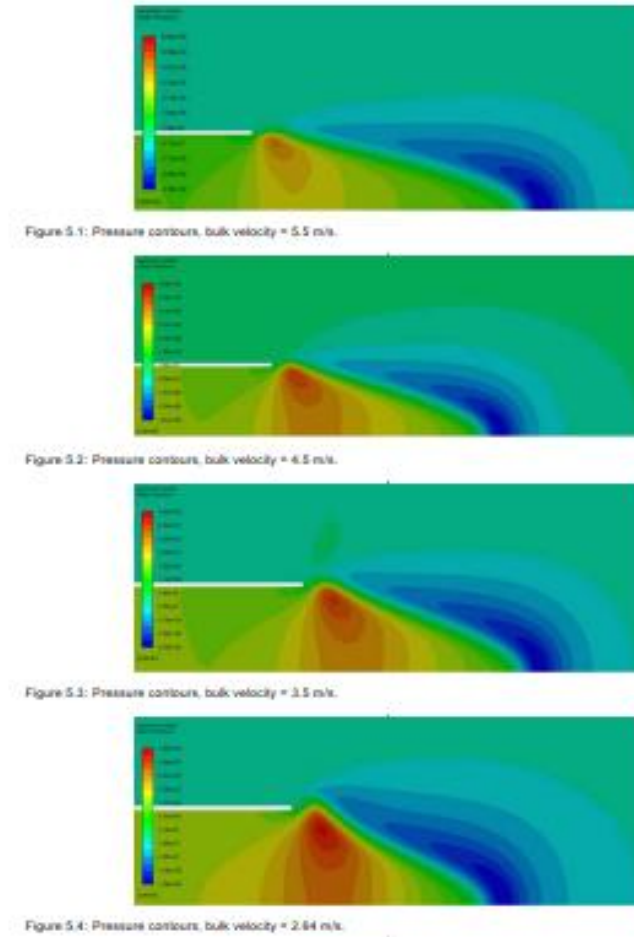
# Flashback modeling



# Flashback modeling for unconfined flames



Velocity

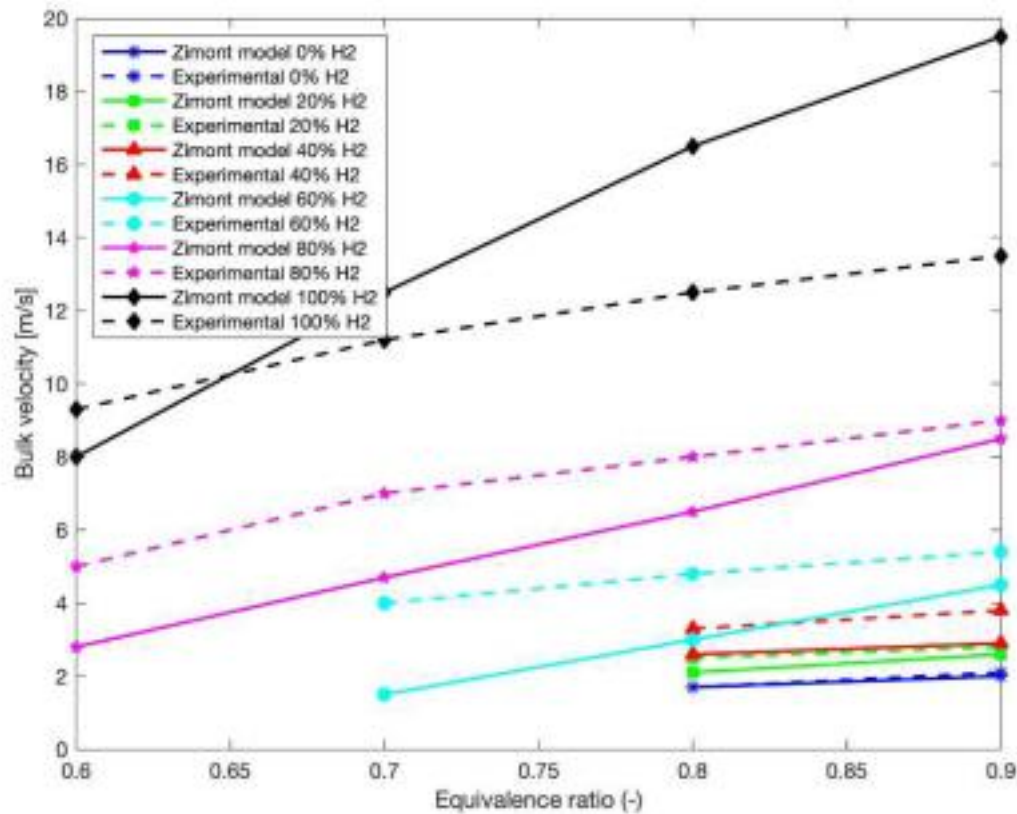


Pressure

Decreasing  
bulk  
velocity



# Flashback map for unconfined flames



- Standard Zimont turbulent flame speed closure captures flashback behaviour quite well
- Main deviations at higher H2 concentrations
- Flow retardation from flame adverse pressure

# Flame flashback confined flame: Eichler experiments (2011)

- $\mu$ -PIV + chemiluminescence
- CH<sub>4</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>
- 0°, 2°, 4° channels
- Studied both turbulent and laminar flow
- Wide range of equivalence ratios, from 0.25 to 1.0
- **Recirculation area in front of an upstream propagating flame front**

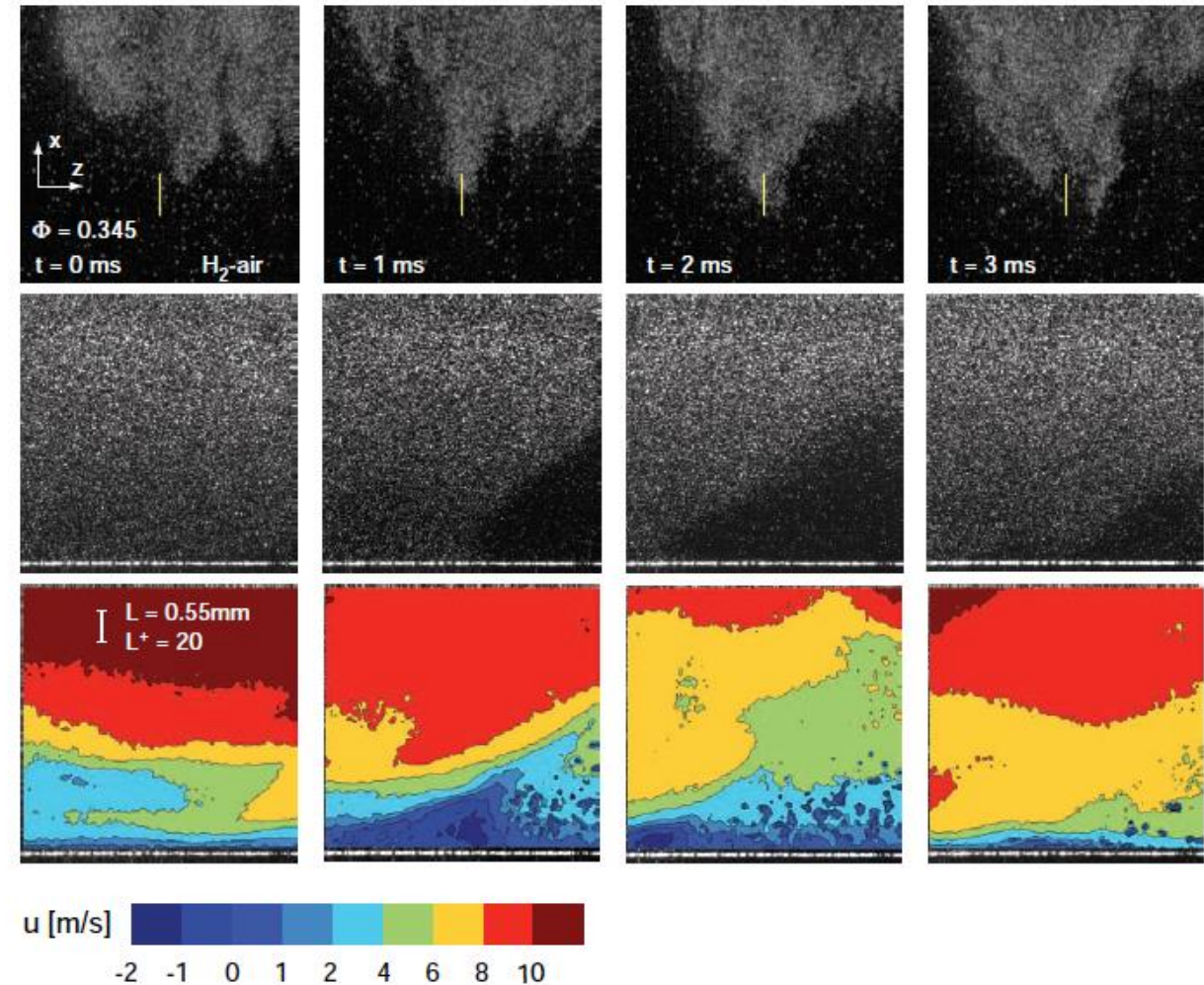
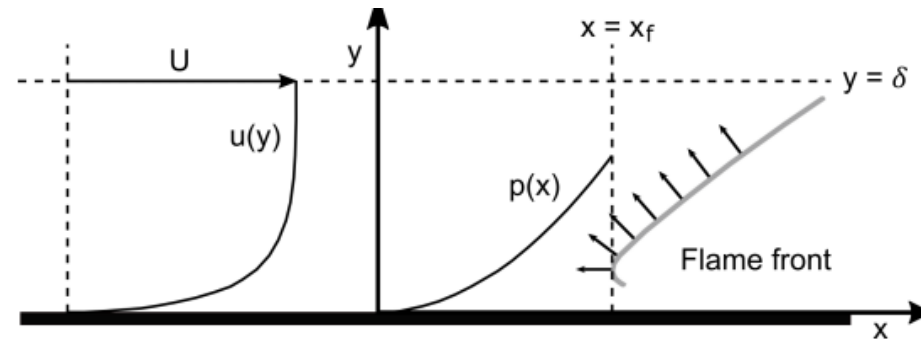


Figure 4.18: Axial velocity contours during turbulent H<sub>2</sub>-air wall flashback in the 0° channel at  $\Phi = 0.345$ .

# Flame adverse pressure gradient: impact on boundary layer flow



- Flow decelerates due to adverse pressure gradient => flow reversal at wall
- $du/dy = 0$  at wall => wall stress is zero
- Analysis worked out by Stratford in the 1950's to calculate boundary layer instability for a flow exposed to an adverse pressure gradient (e.g. flow over a wing)

(First proposed by Hoferichter (2017) for boundary layer flashback)

# Stratford criterion calculates zero velocity gradient at wall

- Assumed shape for boundary layer:

$$\frac{u}{U} = \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

- General Stratford

$$C_p^{\frac{1}{4}(n-2)} \left(\delta \frac{dC_p}{dx}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left(\frac{3(0.41\beta)^4}{(n+1)n^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left(1 - \frac{3}{n+1}\right)^{\frac{1}{4}(n-2)}$$

*Left hand side:*  
~Pressure gradient

*Right hand side:*  
~Boundary layer profile

- LHS = RHS =>  $\tau = du/dy = 0$  at wall
- LHS > RHS => negative velocity close to wa
  - Stratford boundary layer stability: unstable
  - Flash back analysis: onset of flashback

$$C_p(x) = \frac{p(x) - p_m}{\frac{1}{2}\rho U^2}$$

# Stratford criterion for confined flame flashback

**Left Hand Side**

**Right Hand Side**

$$C_p^{\frac{1}{4}(n-2)} \left( \delta \frac{dC_p}{dx} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} = \left( \frac{3(0.41\beta)^4}{(n+1)n^2} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} \left( 1 - \frac{3}{n+1} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}(n-2)}$$

- Adverse pressure gradient:

- Over flame (Rankine Hugionot)
- Main flow (**from CFD**)

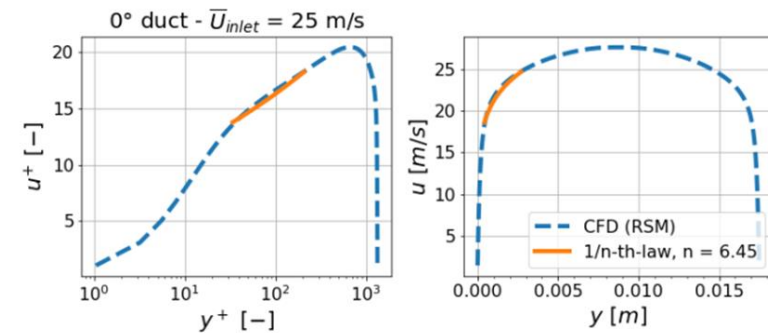
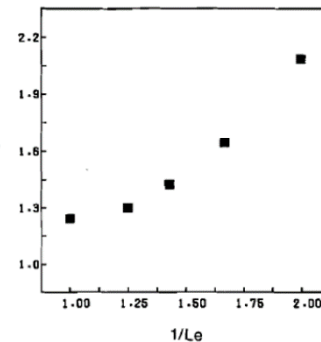
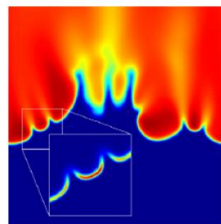
$$\frac{dC_p(x)}{dx} = \frac{4\Delta p x}{\rho_u U^2 x_f^2}$$

$$\Delta p = p_u - p_b = \rho_u S_t^2 \left( \frac{\rho_u}{\rho_b} - 1 \right)$$

$$\frac{S_t}{S_l} = 1 + C \left( \frac{u'}{S_l} \right)^{0.5}$$

- Turbulent flame speed correlation (local value: **from CFD**)

- Low Lewis number correction (local enrichment)



$\beta$ : empirical constant derived by Stratford

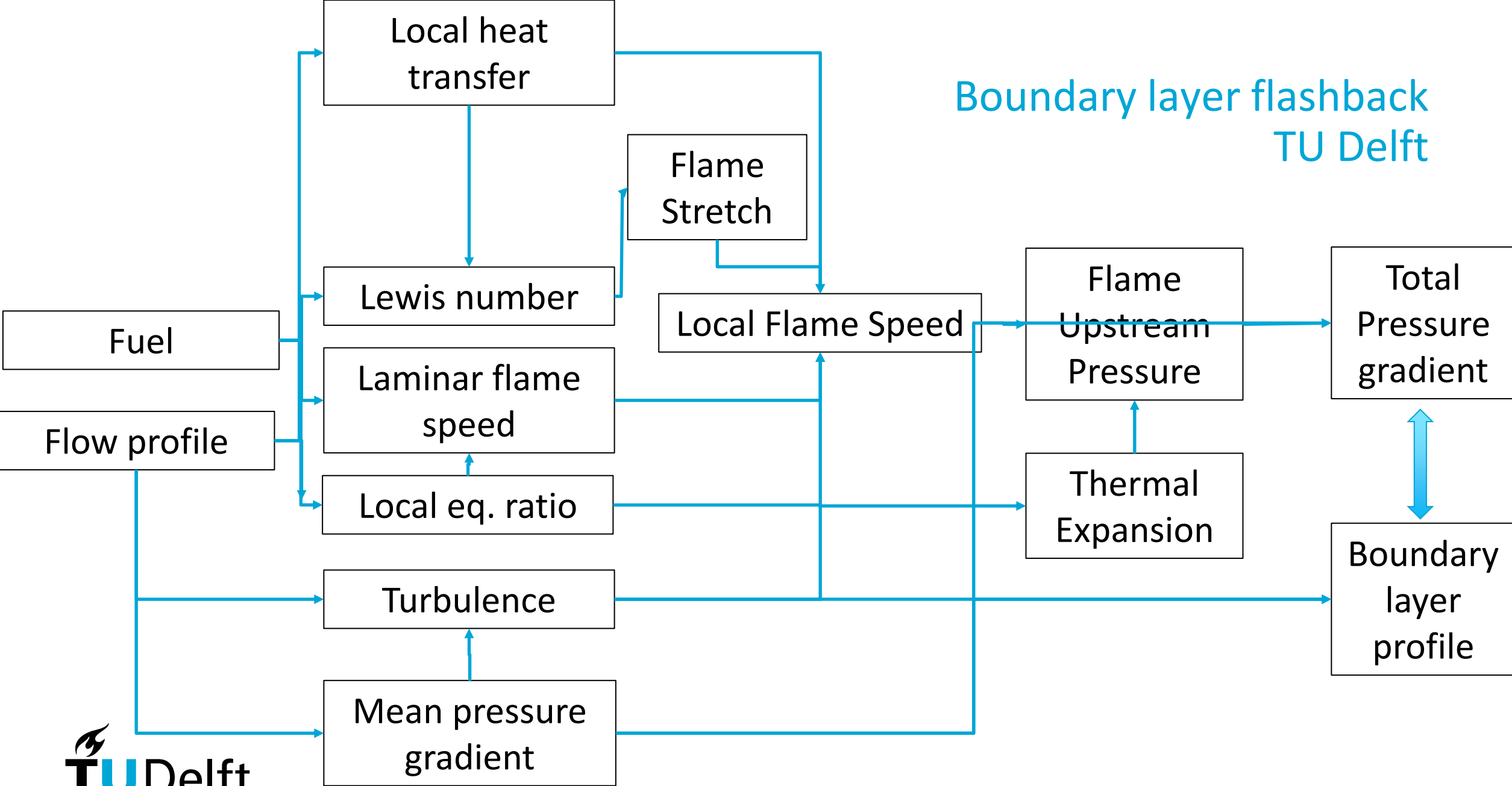
**From CFD:**

$\delta$ : 'boundary layer thickness'

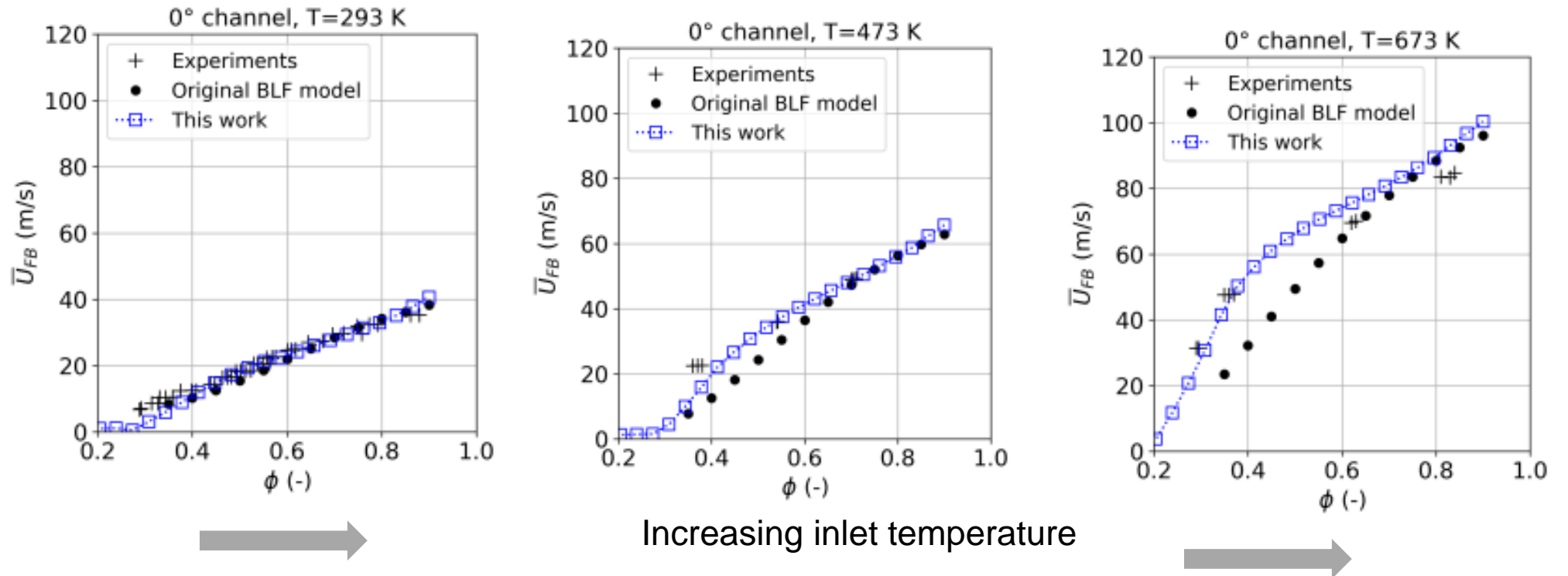
$n$ : profile constant

$U$ : far field ('mean') velocity

# Boundary layer flashback TU Delft



# BLF Model compares very well for academic cases



- Original BLF model : TU Munich/Hoferichter model
- Improvement at higher temperatures: Consequence of other low Lewis number correction

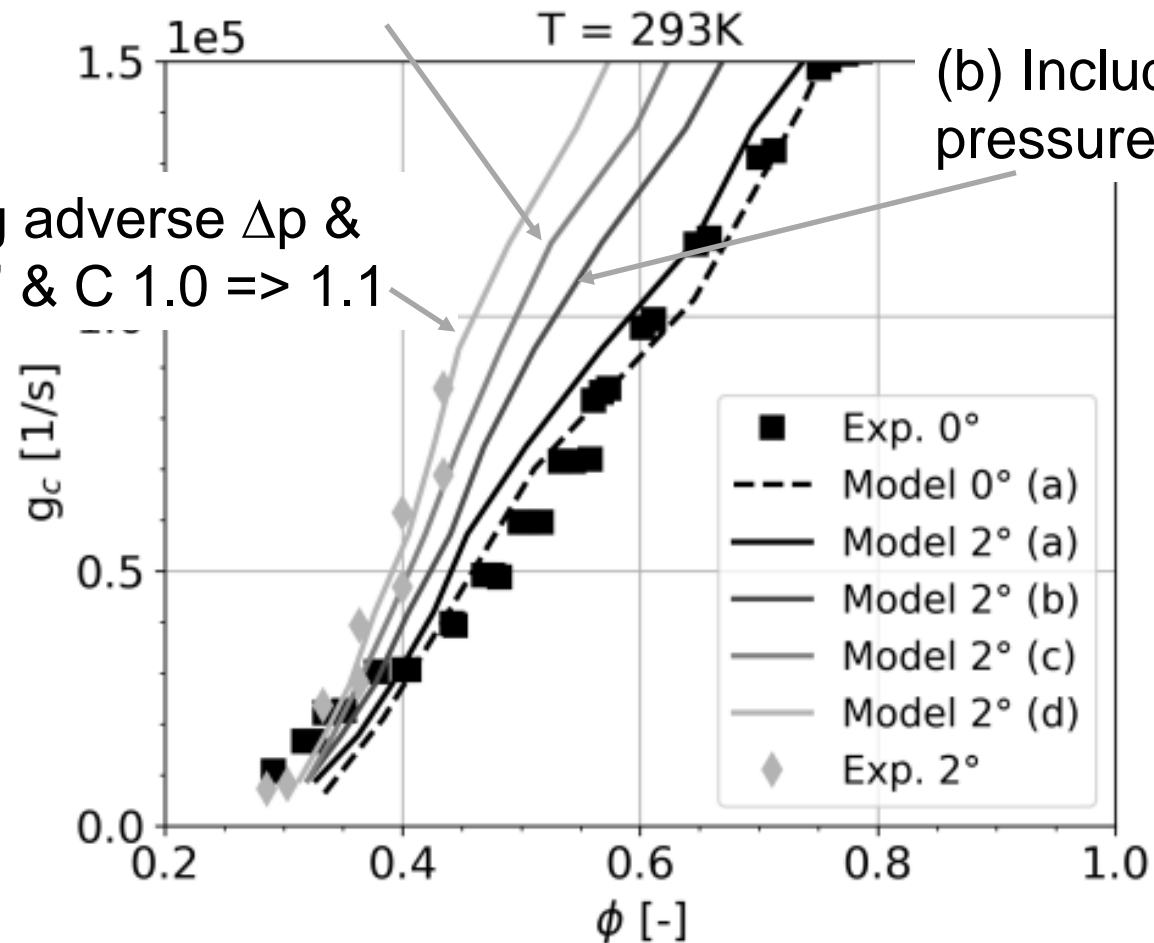


# Flash back in 2° diffuser well predicted

(c) Including mean adverse pressure gradient & correction  $u'$

(b) Including mean adverse pressure gradient

(d) Including adverse  $\Delta p$  & correction  $u'$  &  $C_{1.0} \Rightarrow 1.1$



# Application for hydrogen in gas turbines

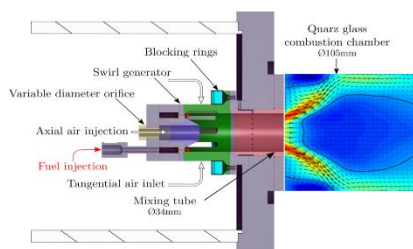
# What did we learn till now?

- Important for flashback in premixed hydrogen flames
  - Local turbulent/laminar flame speed (composition, temperature, equivalence ratio, Lewis number,..)
  - Local flow structure
  - Swirl/Recirculation zone
  - Local mean flow pressure gradient
- Lot of insights is still missing
  - Statistical phenomena  $\Leftrightarrow$  modeling with averaged quantities
  - Detailed interaction flame front  $\Leftrightarrow$  incoming flow in boundary layer
  - Near wall effects
  - .....

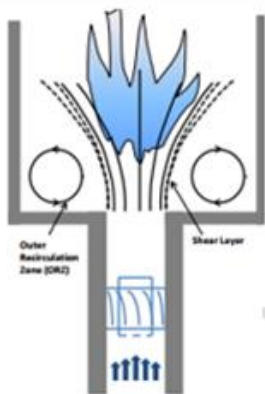
# Combustor designs under development for high hydrogen gas turbines

Premixed combustion => low NOx

## Control of swirl



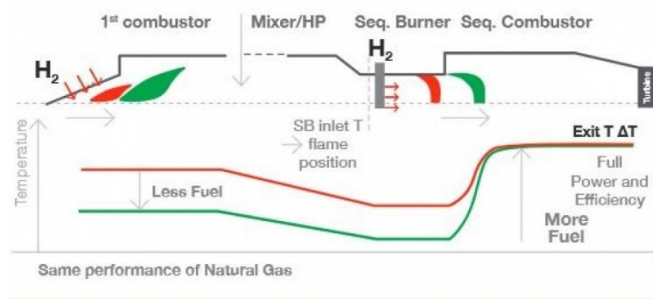
High swirl + axial injection



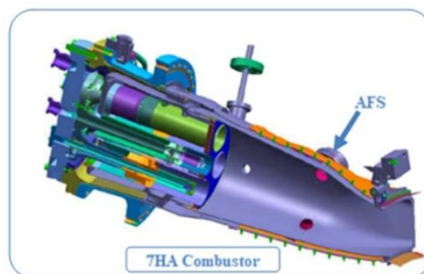
Low Swirl

## Control of flame speed

### Sequential Combustion

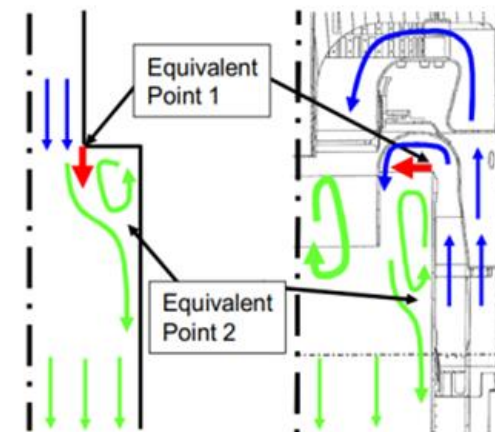


Sequential combustion



Axial staged combustion

## “Fixed” vortex stabilisation



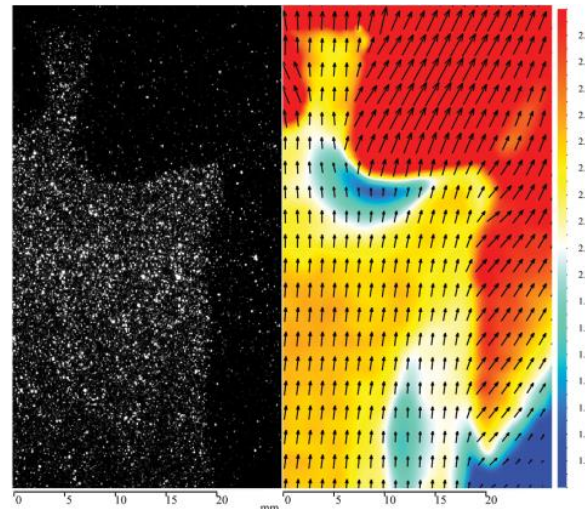
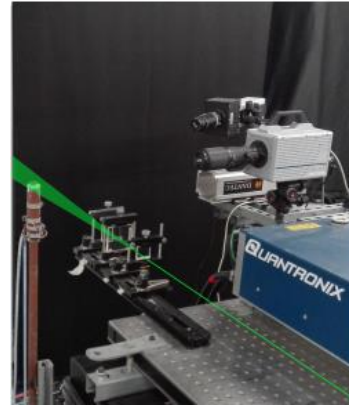
Trapped vortex

# TU Delft H<sub>2</sub> Combustion & Flashback research

## Experimental

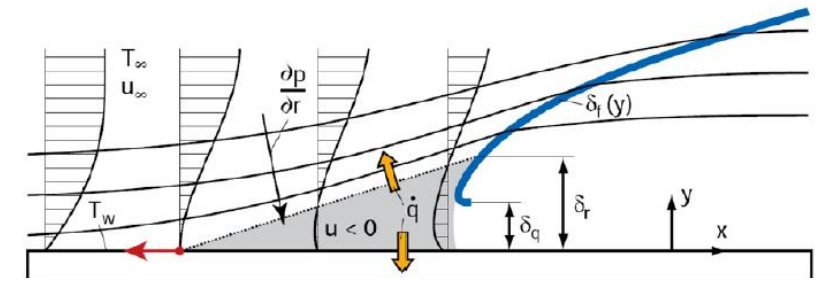


GT combustor set up



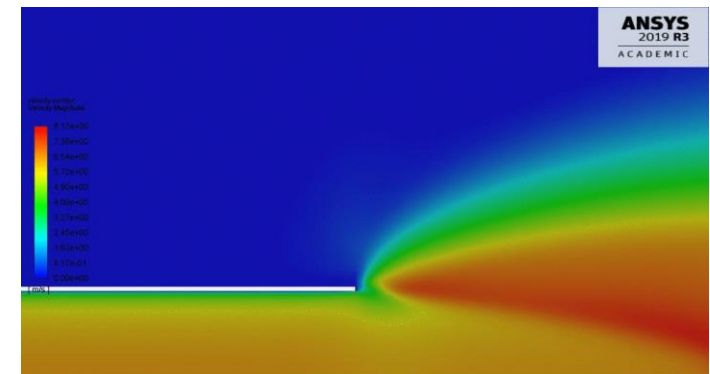
Advanced laser diagnostics

## Theoretical/Modelling



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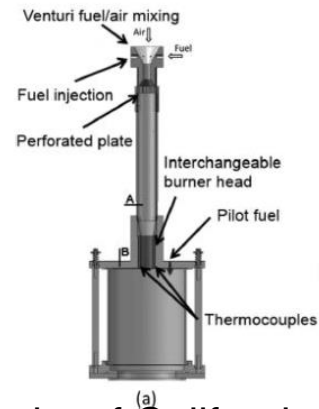
Boundary layer flashback model



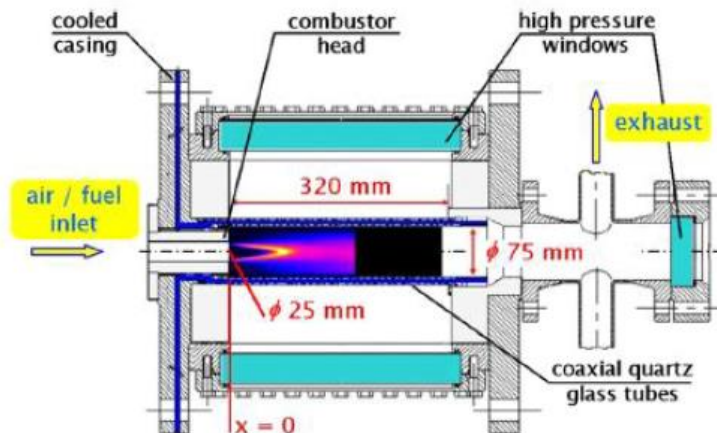
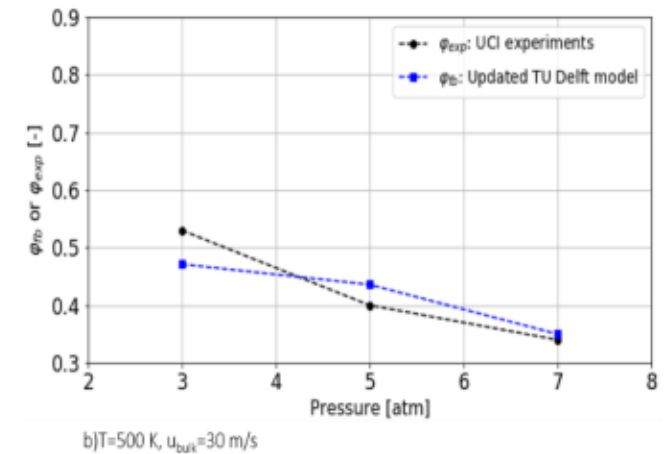
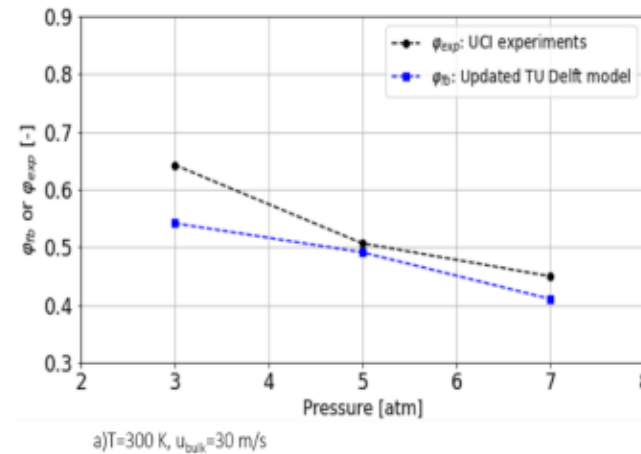
Transient CFD



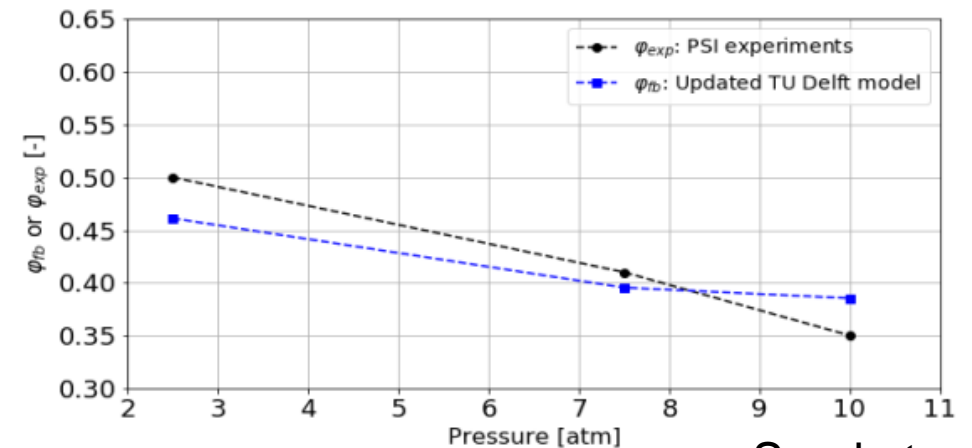
# TU Delft BLF model performs well on gas turbine relevant geometries



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Kalantari et al. (2016)



Paul Scheerer Institute  
Lin, Daniele, Jahson et al (2012)

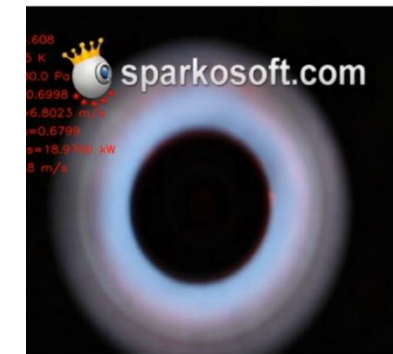


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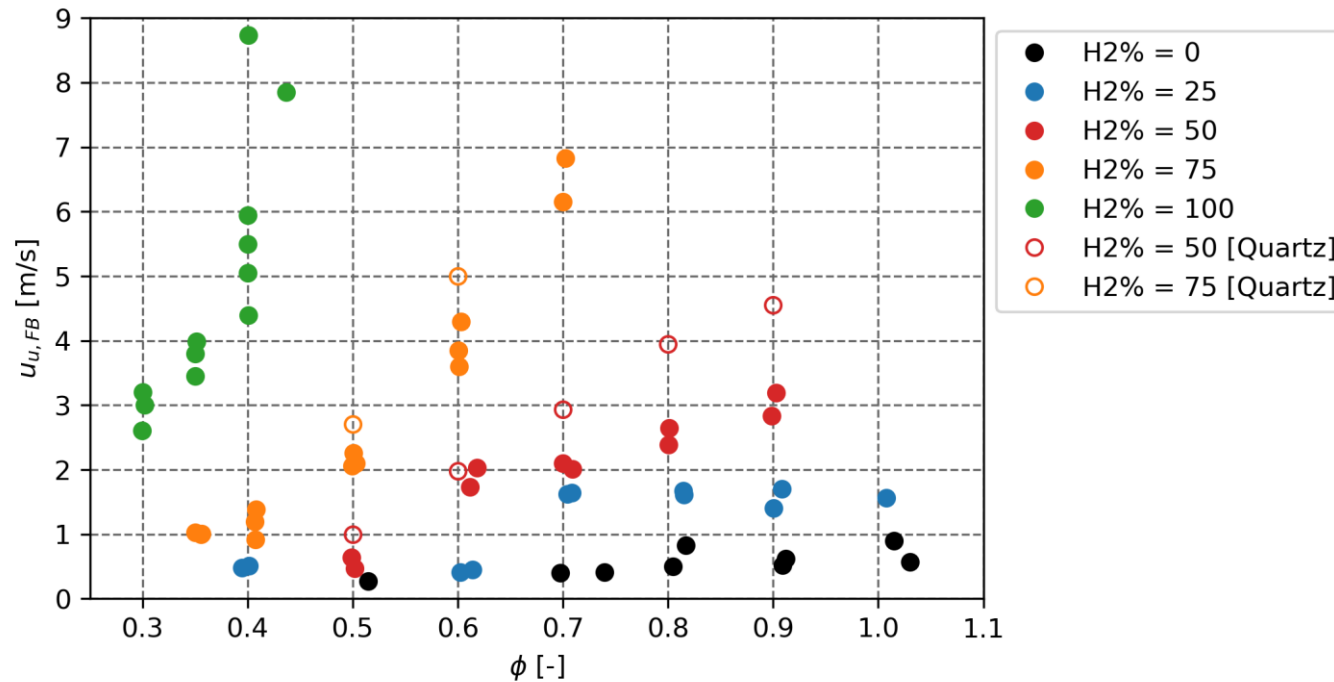


# Experiments with the TU Delft trapped vortex burner

Top view

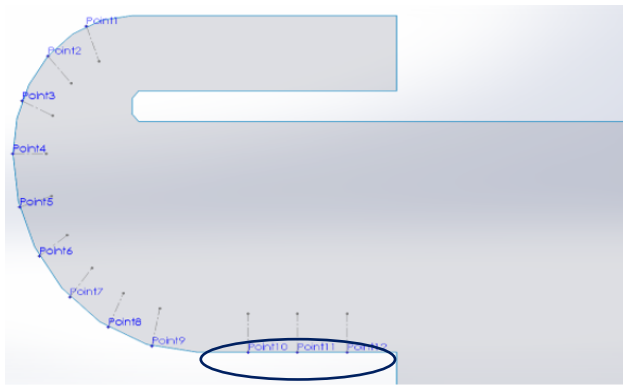


Flashback propensity map



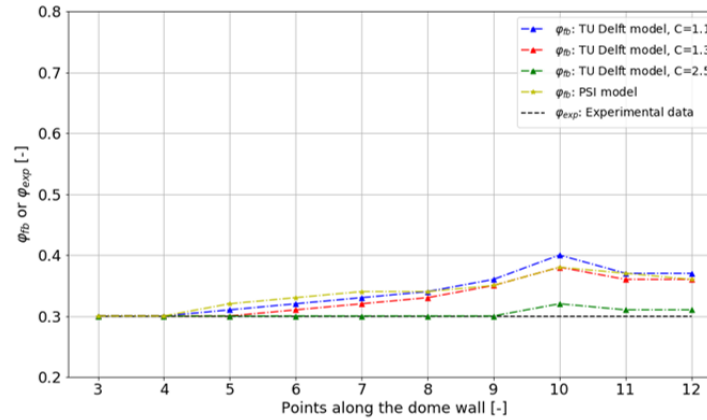


# Application of the TU Delft BLF model to TU Delft trapped vortex burner

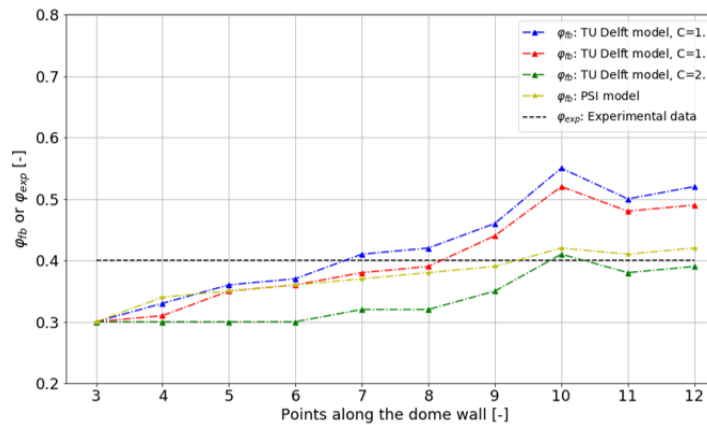


a) Dome wall.

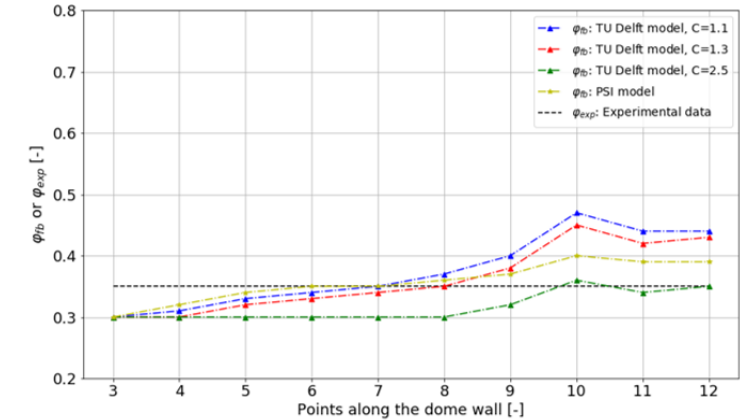
Location most prone to flashback



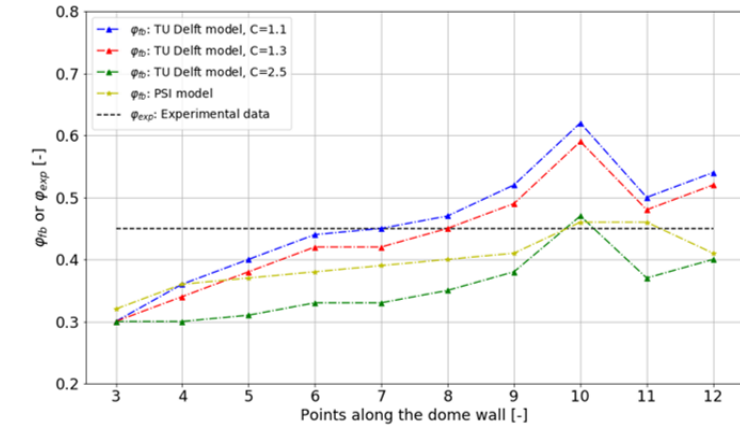
a) Points along the dome wall, inlet  $u_{bulk}=2.6$  m/s.



c) Points along the dome wall, inlet  $u_{bulk}=5.5$  m/s.



b) Points along the dome wall, inlet  $u_{bulk}=3.8$  m/s.



d) Points along the dome wall, inlet  $u_{bulk}=7.9$  m/s.

# Conclusions & Future developments

# Conclusions

- Hydrogen electricity from (retrofit) combined cycle power plants good candidate for zero carbon balancing of grid
- 100% H<sub>2</sub> burners for gas turbines in development, close to demonstration phase
- Flashback much more complex phenomena than simple : flame speed > flow velocity
  - Transient phenomenon => occurrence in turbulent flows to be based on statistics
- For unconfined flashback : good predictor: flame speed > local flow velocity
- For confined flashback: flame adverse pressure => boundary layer instability
- TU Delft boundary layer flashback model performs well both for academic burners and gas turbine configuration
- TU Delft BLF model very valuable tool for design of flashback resistant gas turbine combustors

# Projects/Research in progress/under development

- HighHydrogen project (RVO support)
  - Increase insights in Flamesheet behavior: semi 2D burner with full optical access
  - Validate model with pressurized Flamesheet results
  - Develop detector/active control of flashback by using a precursor
- Strengthen knowledge and application for swirl burners: H2Flex project with OPRA (RVO support)
- Detailed insights in confined flashback using set up with controllable pressure gradient for better insight into interaction boundary layer-flame (**looking for funding**)
- Continue academic research on elementary burners

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- Funding: RVO : HighHydrogen (phase I and II)  
RVO : H2 Flex  
SGO: Stichting Gas turbine Onderwijs

QUESTIONS ?

The logo for TU Delft, featuring a stylized black flame icon above the text 'TU Delft'. The 'TU' is in black, the 'U' is in blue, and 'Delft' is in black.

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