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Turbulent Combustion Modelling - Chemistry.

- Previously Discussed wide range of Scales in turbulent flows.
- Rans, LES Don't resolve these Scales $\rightarrow$ Models
- Key issues.

- wide range of Scales
- Nonlinear interactions : $R_2 \sim e^{-E/RT}$
- Many Species
- Differential Diffusion

- Turbulence is "Random" $\rightarrow$ Deal with Statistics.

- Mean $\vec{V}$
 - Mean T
 - Mean w , etc.
- Mean, RMS fluctuations.

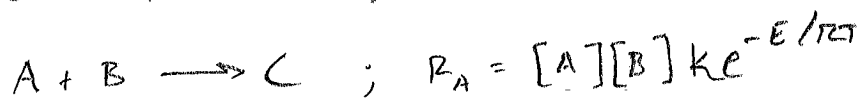
$\rightarrow$ Closure Problem

- Decompose : $u \rightarrow \bar{u} + u'$
- Average $\rightarrow$ eqn for $\bar{u}$, with new terms $\overline{u'_i u'_j}$

Species eqn:

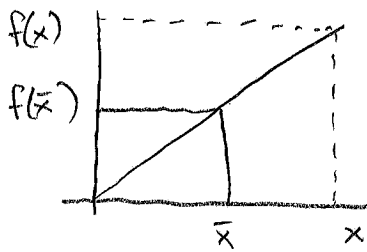
$$\frac{\partial \bar{\rho} \tilde{Y}_k}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho} \tilde{V} \tilde{Y}_k) + \nabla \cdot (\bar{\rho} \tilde{V}'' Y_k'') + \nabla \cdot \bar{j}_k = \bar{R}_k$$

How to evaluate $\bar{R}_k$?

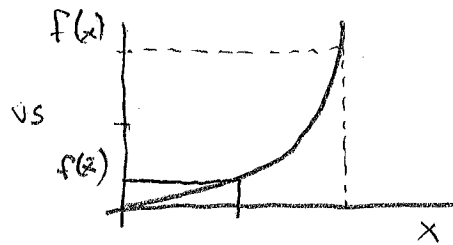


$$R_A = R_A(Y_A, Y_B, T)$$

$$\bar{R}_A \neq R_A(\bar{Y}_A, \bar{Y}_B, \bar{T}) \quad \text{Because } R \text{ is nonlinear}$$



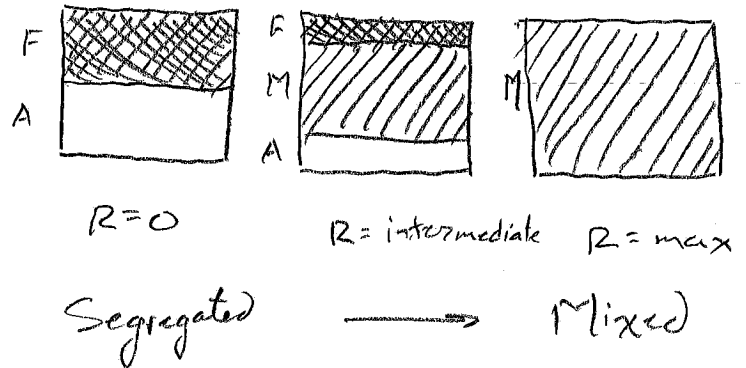
$$\bar{f} = f(\bar{x})$$



$$\bar{f} \neq f(\bar{x})$$

- With fluctuations, we can have a given average, with a wide variety of states

- Stoic Fuel, Air



$$* \bar{Z} = \iiint R(Y_A, Y_B, T) P(Y_A, Y_B, T) dY_A, dY_B, dT$$

• Need Joint PDF : Multi-D
Unknown

Approaches

- F • Transported PDF
- Conditional Moment Closure
- F • Presumed PDF
 - Equilibrium
 - Flamelets
 - ...
- F • EDC
- LEM / ODT
- Multi-Environment PDF

F $\equiv$ Fluent has a basic implementation.

Presumed PDF Approach - Mixture-fraction based.

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- Observation

- Typical Combustion Scalars (T, Y_n, P) are Strong functions of mixture fraction: ξ

- See Examples

- Result: Eval means as $\bar{\phi}(\xi) = \int_0^1 \phi(\xi) P(\xi) d\xi$

where ϕ is some scalar, like T, Y_n, P , radiation absorption coeff., etc.

→ Don't explicitly transport Species / Reactions

→ Instead

- Specify $\phi(\xi)$ (somehow) = Reaction Model

- Specify $P(\xi)$ (somehow) = Mixing Model

Equilibrium Model.

Take $\phi(\xi)$ from equilibrium.

- Discretize ξ into Bins (say 100)

- Eval all Desired properties as equilibrium in each ξ_i

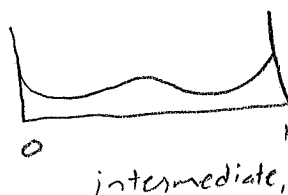
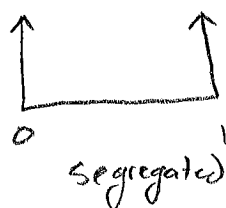
- Tabulate $\phi_e(\xi_i)$

→ Given ξ_e , lookup ϕ_e from Table (interpolate)

$$\bar{T} = \int_0^1 T(\xi) P(\xi) d\xi$$

Need $P(\xi)$

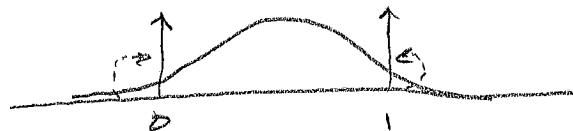
• For given ξ , limits of $P(\xi)$:



• PDF is specified by ① Form

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \textcircled{2} \bar{\xi} \\ \textcircled{3} \sigma_{\xi}^2 \end{array} \right\} \rightarrow \bar{\xi}', \sigma_{\xi'}^2$$

Clipped Gaussian



• Clip tails $\pm\infty$, add δ functions at 0, 1

$$P(\xi) = \begin{cases} \alpha_0 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \text{erf}(\frac{\xi}{\sqrt{2}\sigma_{\xi}})) & : \xi = 0 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma_{\xi}} \cdot \exp\left[-\frac{(\xi - \bar{\xi})^2}{2\sigma_{\xi}^2}\right] & : 0 < \xi < 1 \\ \alpha_1 = \frac{1}{2}(1 - \text{erf}((\bar{\xi}-1)/\sqrt{2}\sigma_{\xi})) & : \xi = 1 \end{cases}$$

β -PDF

• Similar, but more natural

$$P(\xi) = \xi^{a-1} (1-\xi)^{b-1} \cdot \frac{\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}$$

$$a = \bar{\xi} \left[\frac{\bar{\xi}(1-\bar{\xi})}{\sigma_{\xi}^2} - 1 \right] = \bar{\xi} (\sigma_{\xi, \max}^2 / \sigma_{\xi}^2 - 1)$$

$$b = a(1-\bar{\xi})/\bar{\xi}$$

Γ is The gamma function.

See Examples.

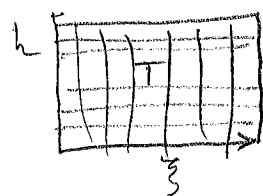
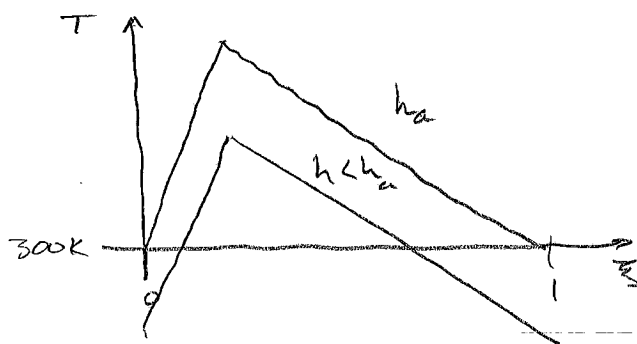
For Equilibrium Model

- Build a 2-D Table $\bar{\phi} = \bar{\phi}(\bar{\xi}, \sigma_{\xi}^2)$
 - computed as $\bar{\phi} = \int_0^1 \phi(\xi) P(\bar{\xi}, \sigma_{\xi}^2) d\xi$
- CFD Solves Transport equations for $\bar{\xi}, \sigma_{\xi}^2$
 → Lookup $\bar{\phi}$ as needed

* Note, The Table is needed for closing terms in the resulting Transport eqns (like $\bar{\rho}$), not e.g., γ_i

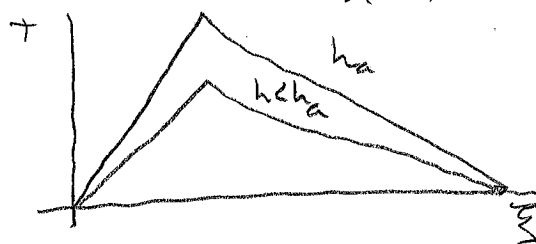
Head loss.

- Via Radiation, Wall transfer
- Code Solves Enthalpy, but it is inconvenient to tabulate Chemistry in terms of h :

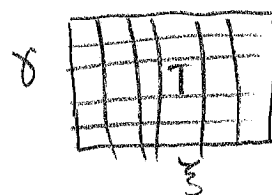


} not realistic

- instead, use $\gamma = \frac{h_a(\xi) - h}{h_a(\xi)}$



- Pure fuel, air have $h_s \rightarrow 0$
 $\Rightarrow h \rightarrow h_a$



$$\bar{\phi} = \bar{\phi}(\bar{\xi}, \sigma_{\bar{\xi}}^2, \gamma)$$

Table.

$$\text{Transport } \bar{\xi}, \sigma_{\bar{\xi}}^2, \bar{h}$$

$$\text{Lookup } \bar{\phi}(\bar{\xi}, \sigma_{\bar{\xi}}^2, \gamma) \text{ as needed}$$

$$\begin{aligned} * \text{ Compute } \bar{\phi} \text{ as } \bar{\phi} &= \iint \phi(\xi, \gamma') P(\xi, \gamma') d\xi d\gamma' \\ &\approx \iint \phi(\xi, \gamma') P(\xi) P(\gamma') d\xi d\gamma' \\ &\approx \iint \phi(\xi, \gamma') P(\xi) \delta(\gamma' - \gamma) d\xi d\gamma' \\ &= \int \phi(\xi, \gamma) P(\xi) d\xi \end{aligned}$$

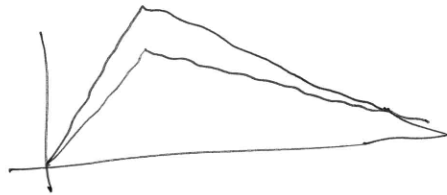
Heat loss Note.

- When using an equilibrium model, the various ξ are independent, unlike a 1-D laminar flamelet.
- Then, to integrate over the β -PDF, we need some appropriate measure of h that applies across the ξ space.
- Cannot use a uniform value of h (or Δh)



since we would go "negative" on the boundaries.
e.g. uniform Δh

- γ scales Δh by h_s which vanishes on the edges.
 $h = h_0 - h_s \cdot \gamma \quad \rightsquigarrow \quad \text{as } h_s \rightarrow 0 \quad h \rightarrow h_0$



e.g. uniform γ .

- Other possibilities could work:

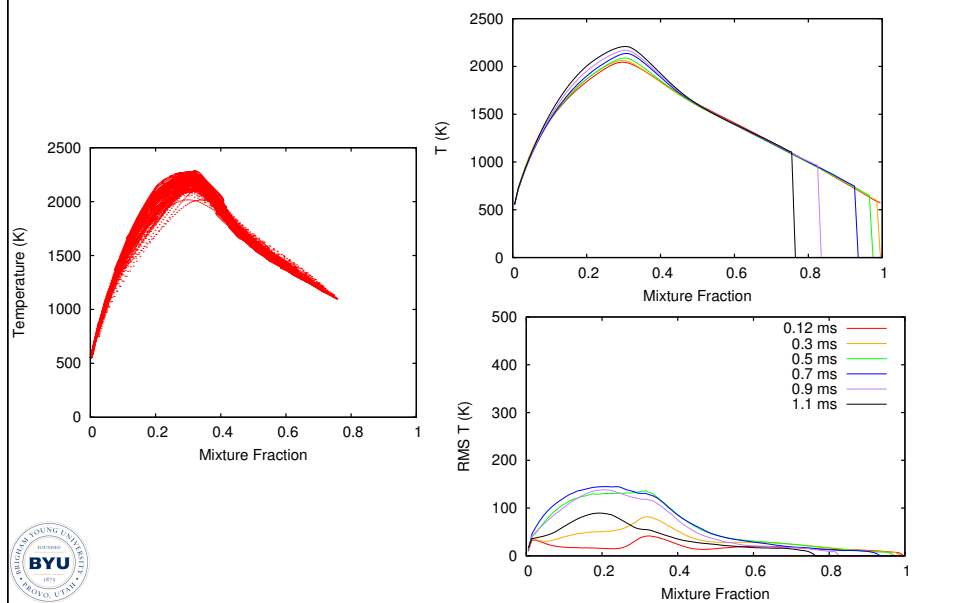
- Radiate to "Cold" Surroundings for some Δt .

$$T_{\text{mix}}(\xi)$$

Do this for all ξ for same Δt .

Jet Temperature Profiles

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Experimental Profiles

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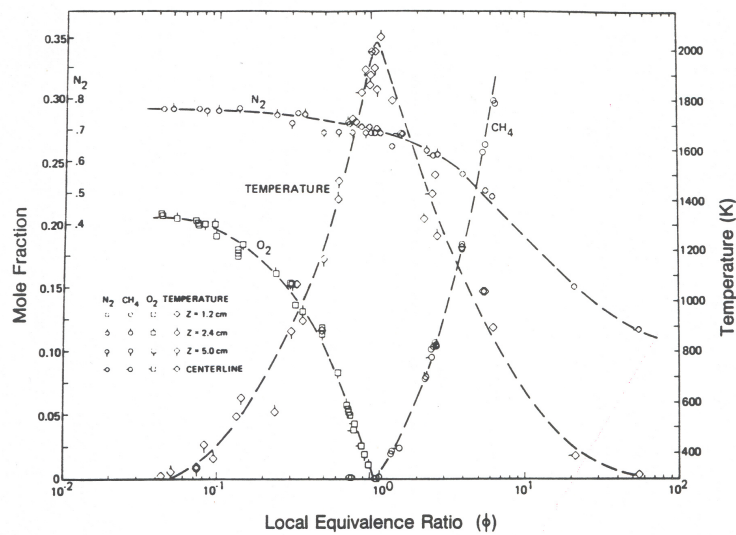
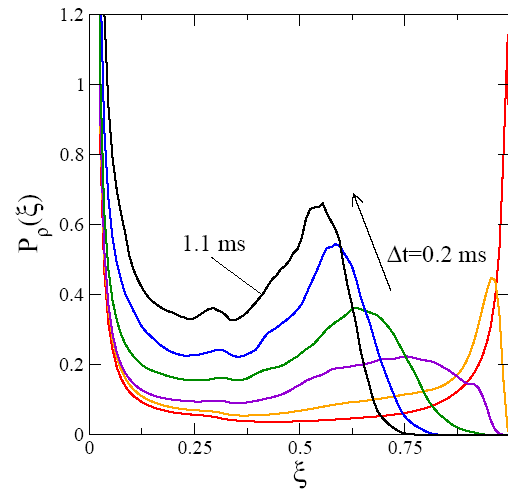


Figure 11.4. Measured temperature and reactant concentration as a function of the local equivalence ratio in a laminar methane diffusion flame. (Figure used with permission from Mitchell *et al.*, 1980.)

Mixture Fraction PDFs

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Sample Equilibrium Table

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