

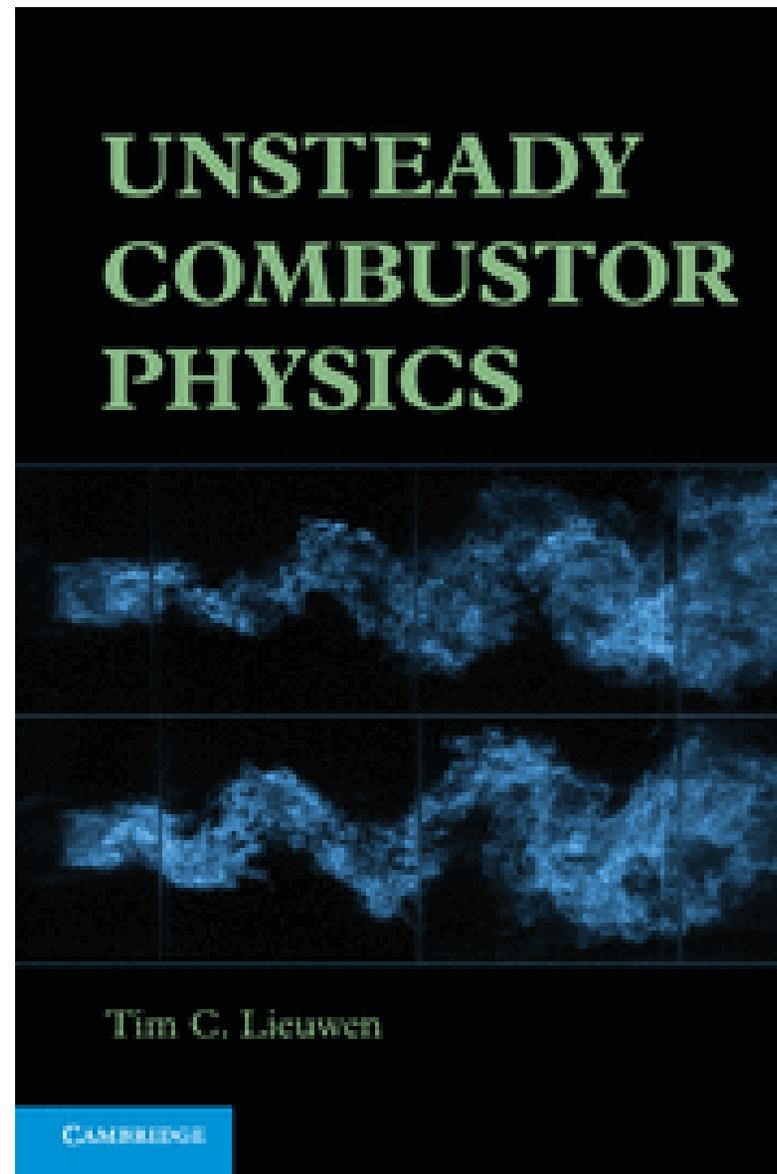
# **Dynamics of Harmonically Excited Flames**

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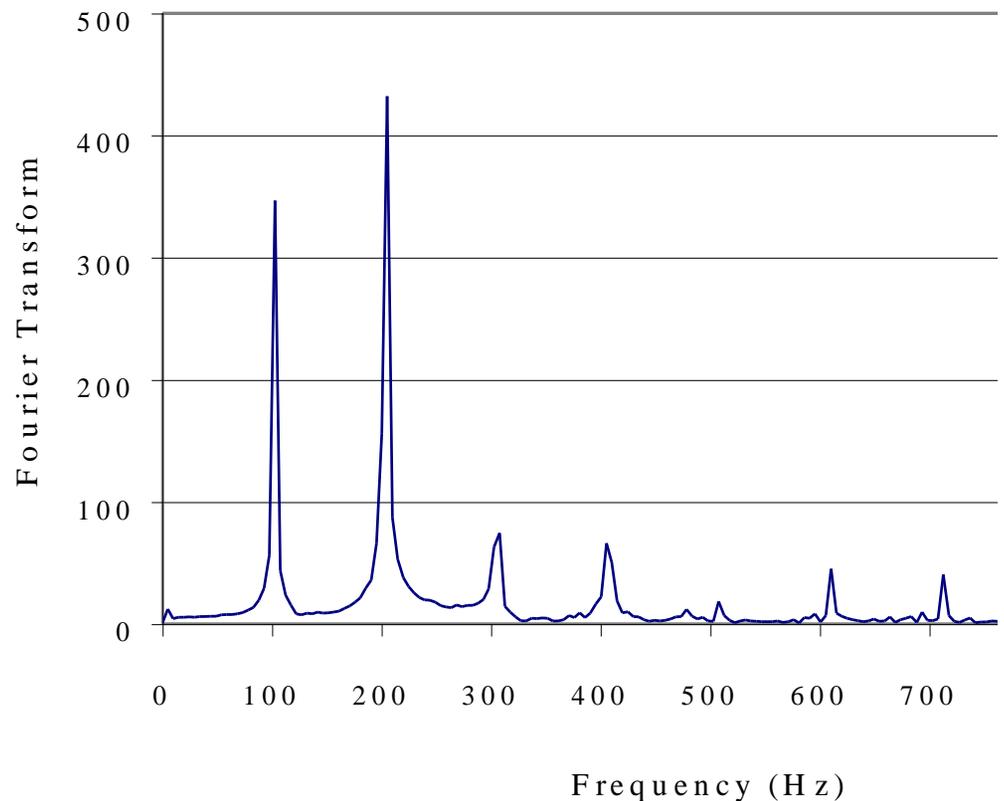
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# New Textbook



# Flame Response to Harmonic Disturbances

- Combustion instabilities manifest themselves as narrowband oscillations at natural acoustic modes of combustion chamber



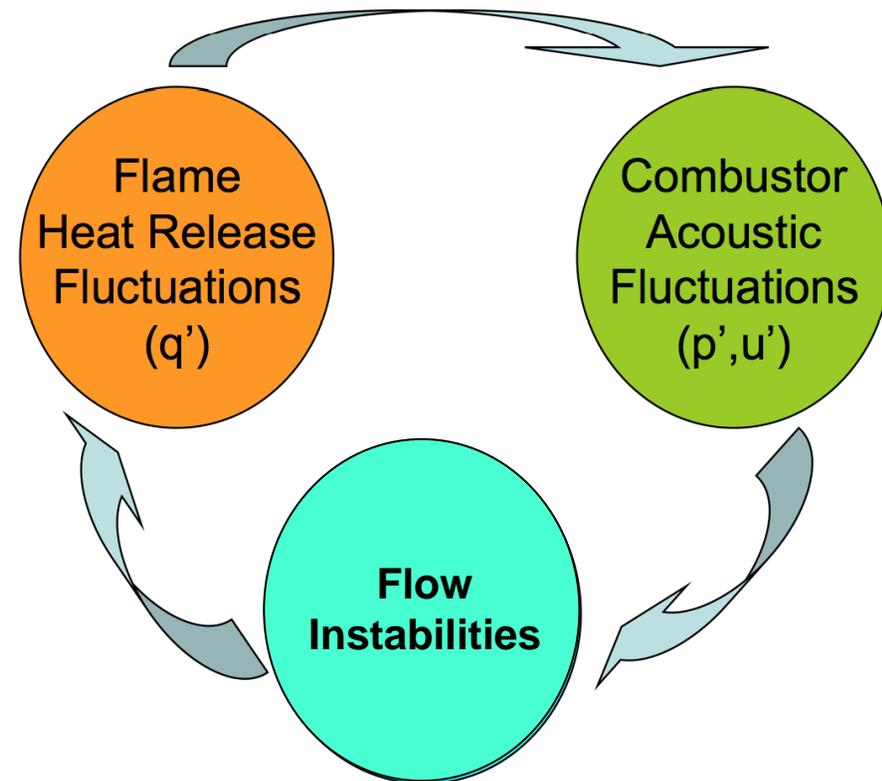
# Basic Problem

- Wave Equation:

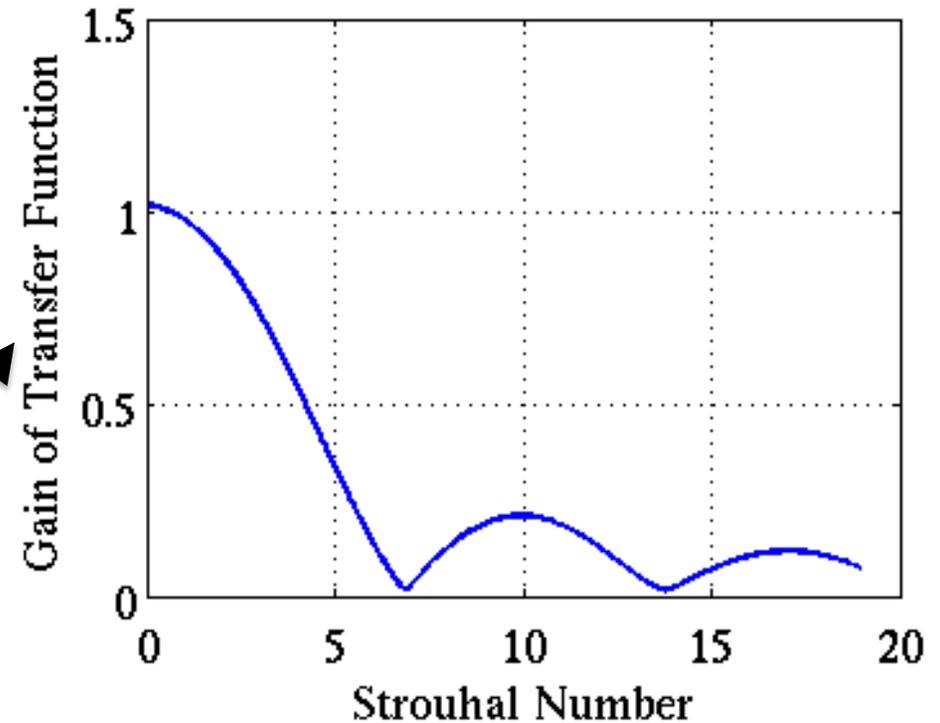
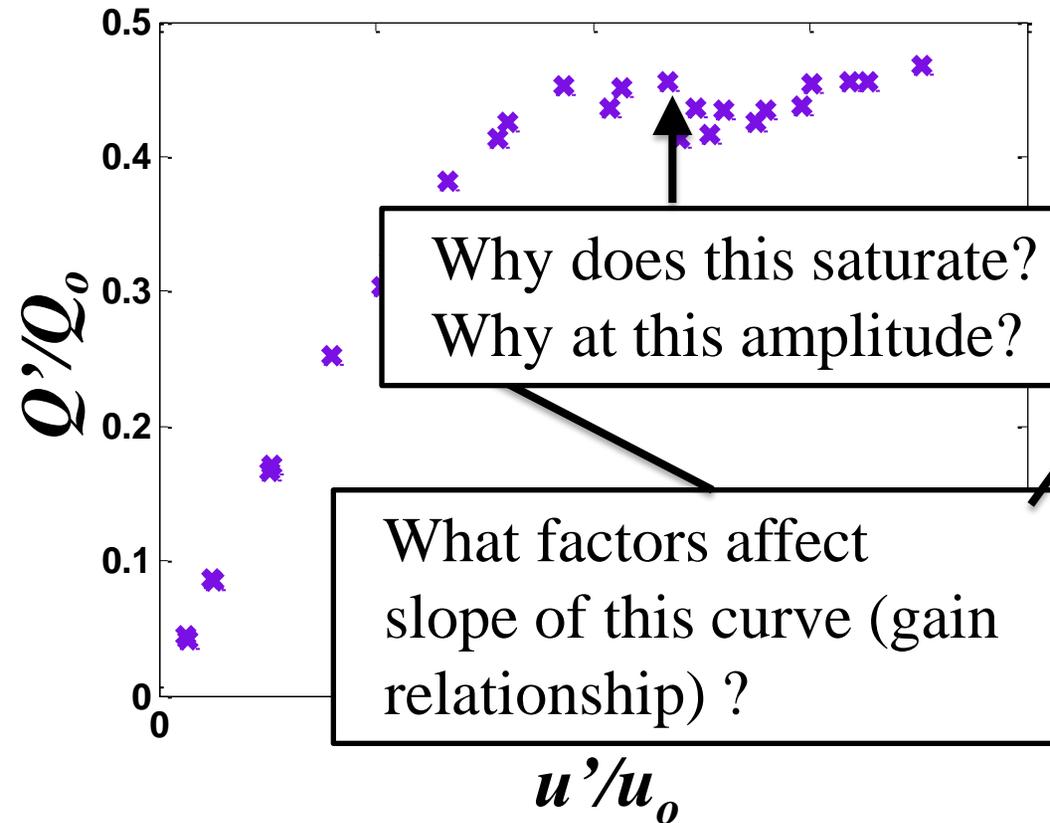
- $$p'_{tt} - c^2 p'_{xx} = (\gamma - 1) q'_t$$

- Key issue – combustion response

- How to relate  $q'$  to variables  $p'$ ,  $u'$ , and etc., in order to solve problem
  - Focus of this talk is on sensitivity of heat release to flow disturbances

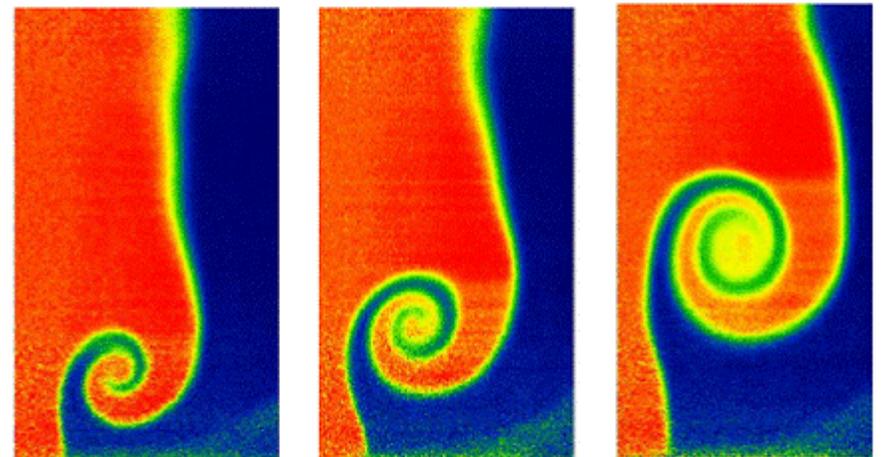
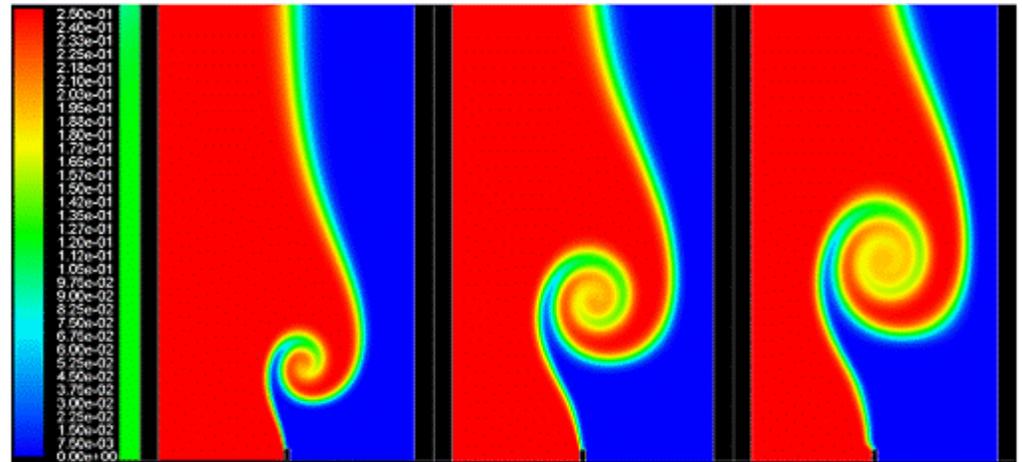


# Response of Global Heat Release to Flow Perturbations



# Analytical Tools

- Work within fast chemistry, flamelet approximation and use G- and Z- equations to describe flame dynamics



# Analytical Tools – Z Equation

- Key assumptions
  - Le=1 assumption
  - flame sheet at  $Z=Z_{st}$  surface
  - Imposed flow field
  - Equal diffusivities

$$\rho \frac{D Y_F}{D t} - \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathcal{D}_F \nabla Y_F) = \dot{\omega}_F$$

$$-\dot{\omega}_F = \frac{\dot{\omega}_{Pr}}{(1 + \nu)}$$

$$\rho \frac{D (Y_{Pr}/(\nu + 1))}{D t} - \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathcal{D}_{Pr} \nabla (Y_{Pr}/(\nu + 1))) = \frac{\dot{\omega}_{Pr}}{(\nu + 1)}$$

Add these species equations:

$$\rho \frac{D (Y_F + Y_{Pr}/(\nu + 1))}{D t} - \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathcal{D} \nabla (Y_F + Y_{Pr}/(\nu + 1))) = 0$$

# Analytical Tools – Z Equation

- Recall the definition of mixture fraction:

$$Z = Y_F + \frac{1}{(\nu + 1)} Y_{Pr}$$

- Yields:

$$\rho \frac{D Z}{D t} - \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathcal{D} \nabla Z) = 0$$



$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla Z = \nabla \cdot (\mathcal{D} \nabla Z)$$

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# Premixed Flame Sheets: G-Equation

Flame fixed (Lagrangian) coordinate system:

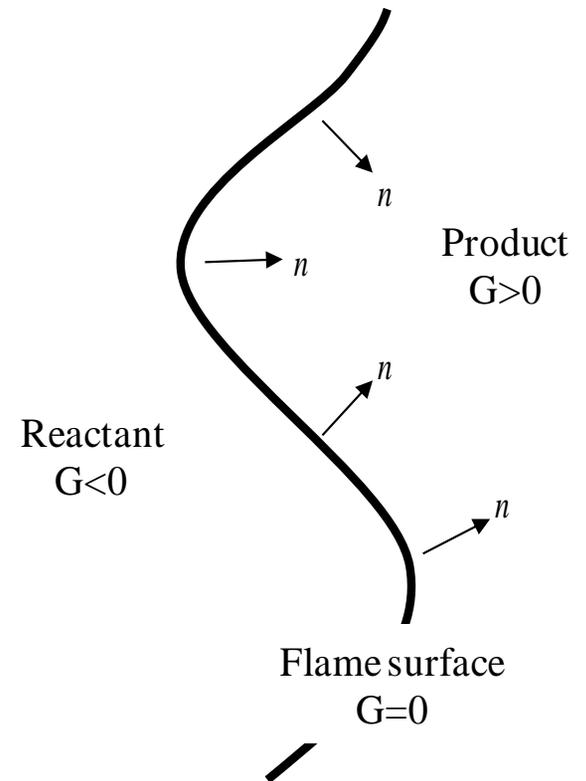
$$\frac{D}{Dt} G(\vec{x}, t) \Big|_{\text{at the flame front}} = 0$$

Coordinate fixed (Eulerian) coordinate system:

$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + \vec{v}_F \cdot \nabla G = 0$$

$$\vec{v}_F = \vec{u} - s_d \vec{n}$$

$$\vec{n} = \nabla G / |\nabla G|$$



$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + \left( \vec{u} - s_d \frac{\nabla G}{|\nabla G|} \right) \cdot \nabla G = 0$$



$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla G = s_d |\nabla G|$$

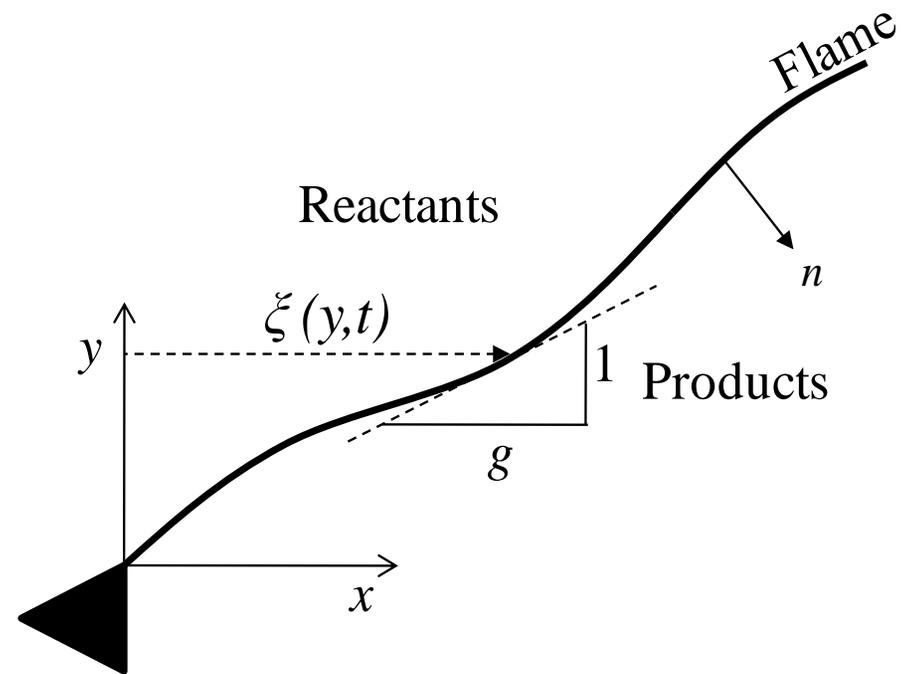
# G-equation for single valued flame front

Two-dimensional flame front

Position is single valued function,  $\xi$ , of the coordinate  $y$

Define and substitute  $G(x, y, t) \equiv x - \xi(y, t)$  into GE leads to:

$$\frac{\partial \xi}{\partial t} - u_x + u_y \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y} = -s_d \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y} \right)^2}$$



# Governing Equations

- Left side:
  - Same convection operator
  - Wrinkles created on surface by fluctuations normal to iso-  $G$  or  $Z$  surfaces

$$\frac{\partial Z}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla Z = \nabla \cdot (\mathcal{D} \nabla Z)$$

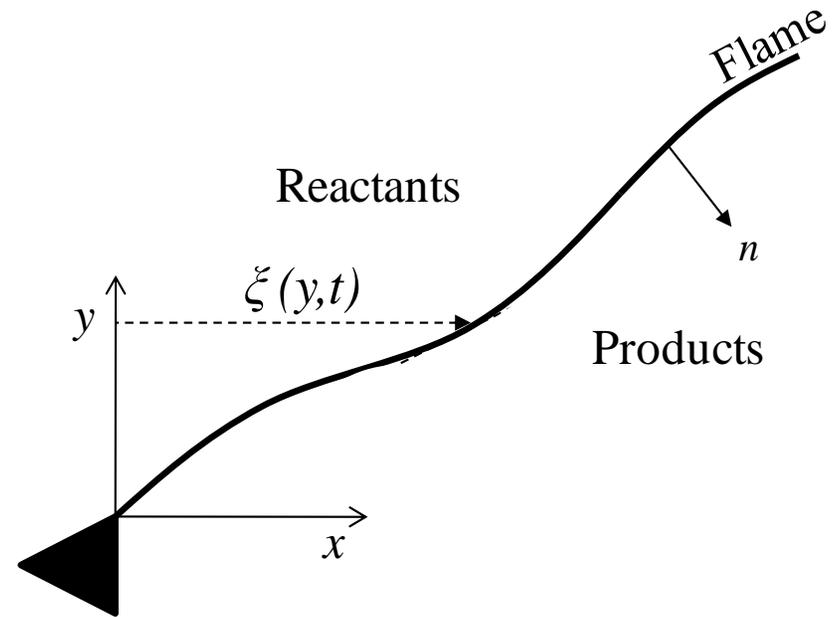
$$\frac{\partial G}{\partial t} + \vec{u} \cdot \nabla G = s_d |\nabla G|$$

- Right side:
  - Non-premixed flame – diffusion operator, linear
  - Premixed flame – flame propagation, nonlinear
  - Right side of both equations becomes negligible in  $Pe = uL/\mathcal{D} \gg 1$  or  $u/s_d \gg 1$  limits



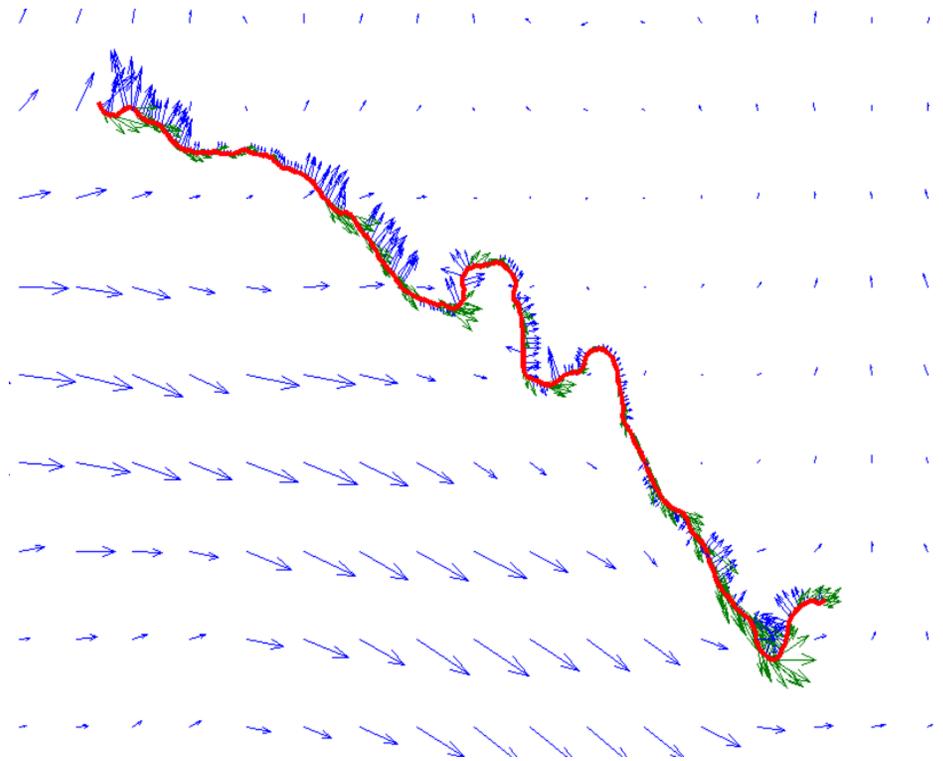
# Governing Equations

- G-equation only physically meaningful at the flame surface,  $G=0$ 
  - Can make the substitution,  
$$G(x, y, z, t) = x - \xi(y, z, t)$$
- Z-equation physically meaningful everywhere
  - Cannot make analogous substitution



# Governing Equations

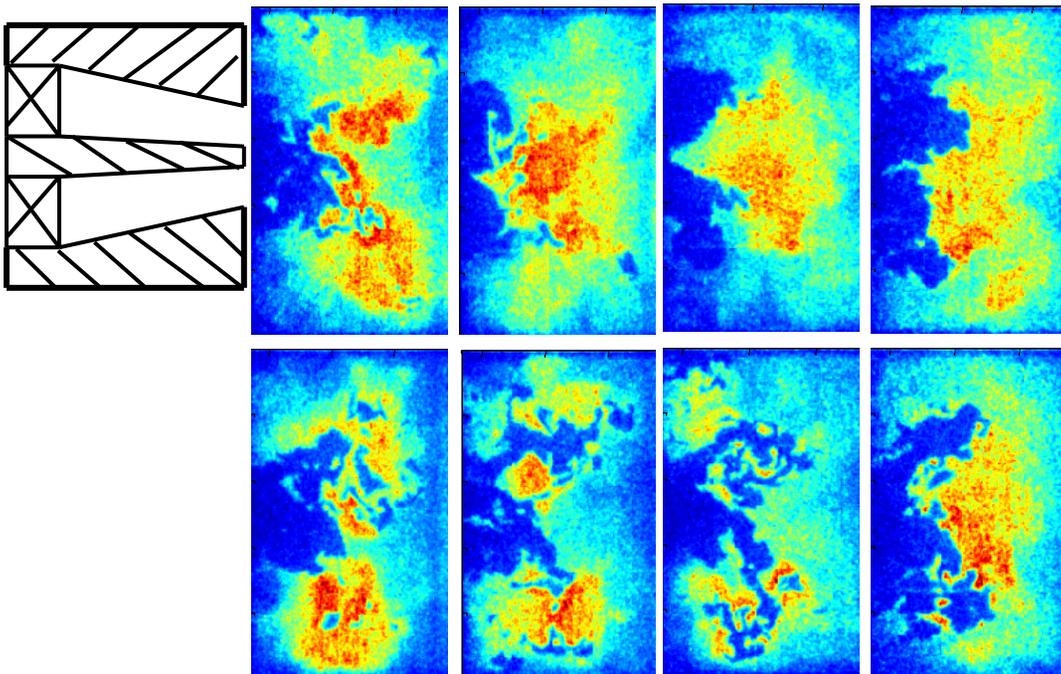
- Reflects fundamental difference in problem physics
  - Premixed flame sheet only influenced by flow velocity at flame
  - Non-premixed flame sheet influenced by flow disturbances everywhere



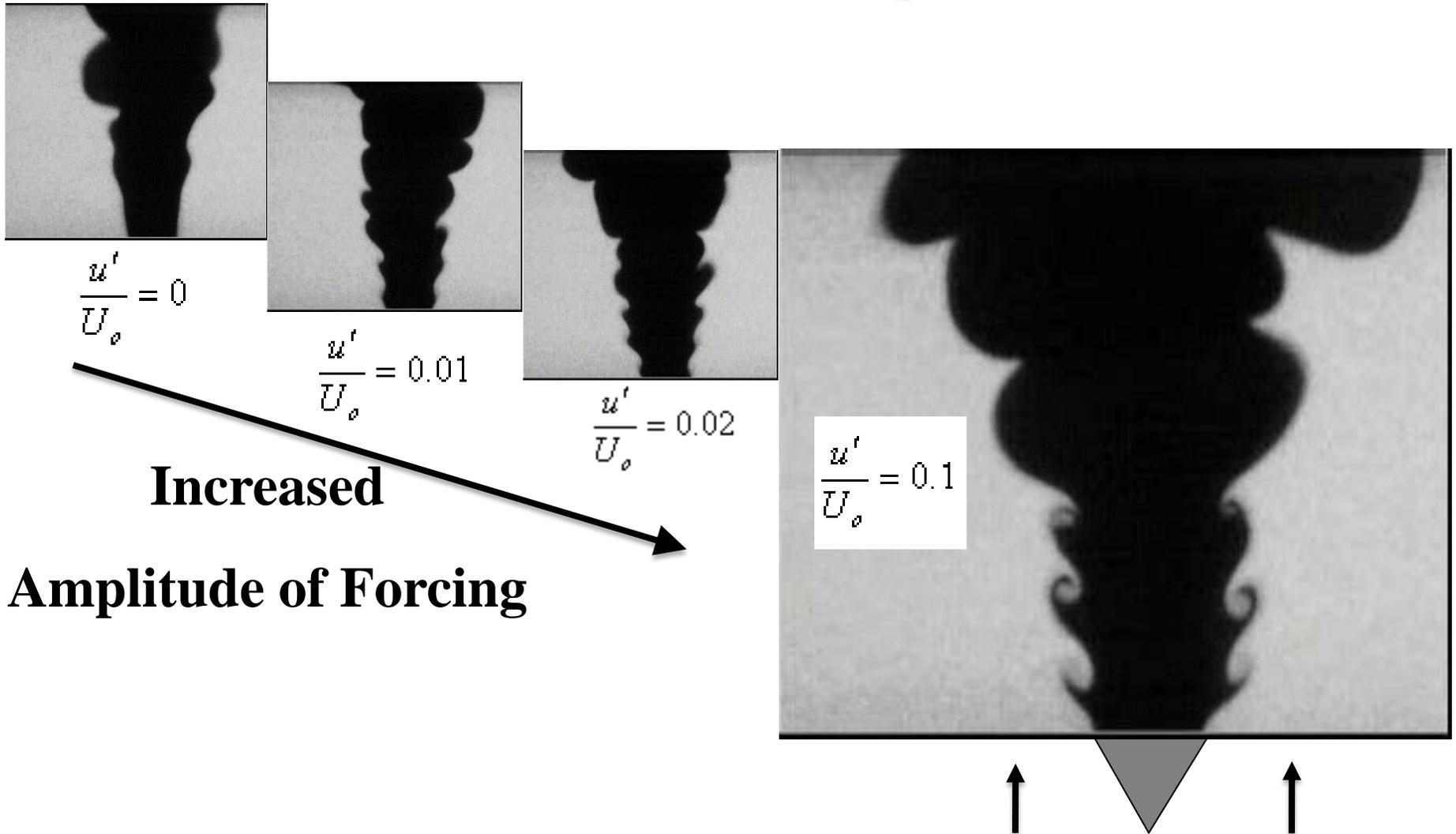
# Historical Context- Some Milestone Studies

- Premixed Flames
  - Markstein, 1964
  - Marble and Candel, 1977
  - Boyer and Quinard, 1983
  - Baillot, Bourehla, and Durox, 1996
  - Fleifil et al, 1996
- Non-premixed flames
  - Peters, 1998
  - Sujith, Chakravarthy, 2007

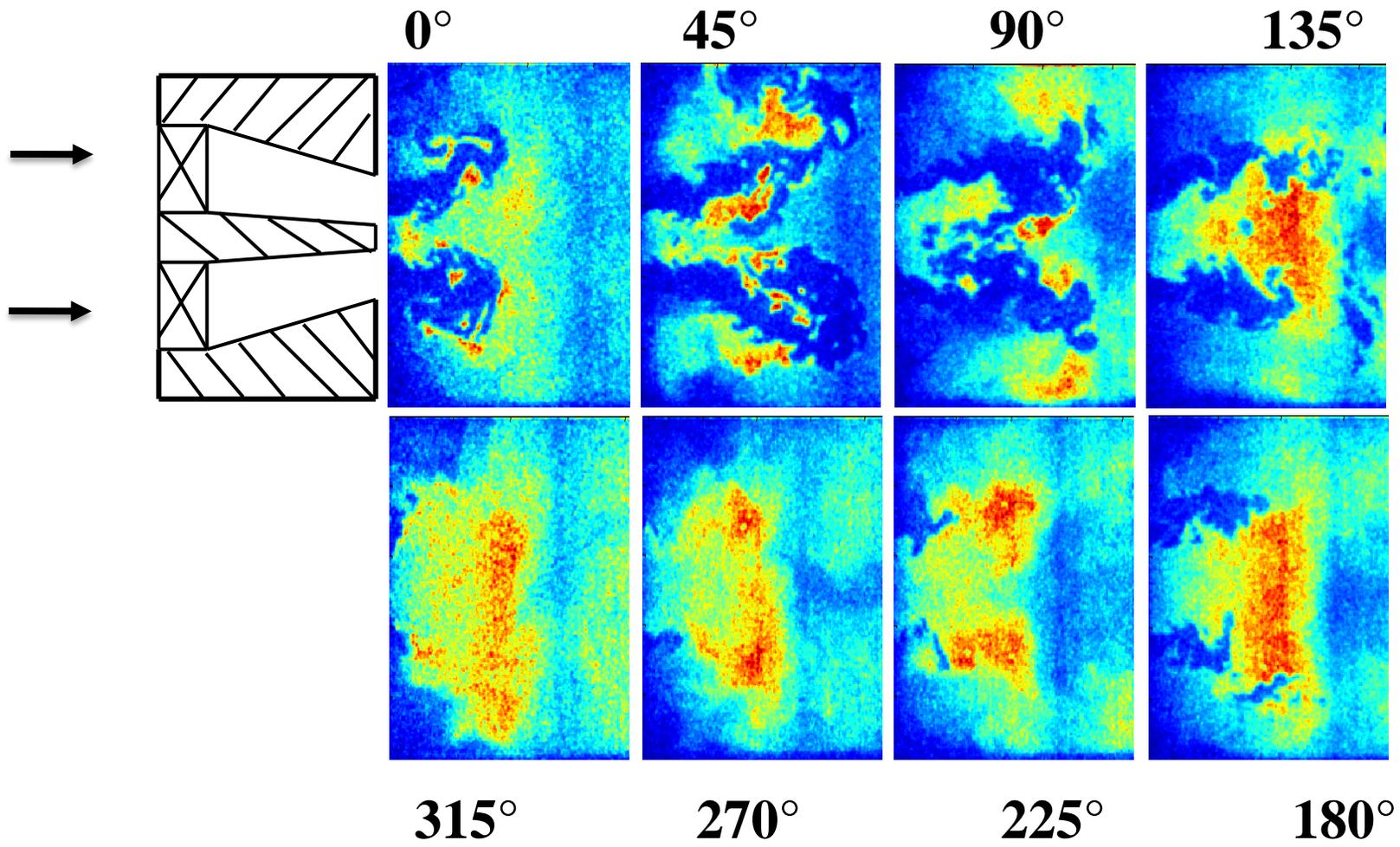
# Premixed Flame Sheet Dynamics



# Excited Bluff Body Flames (Mie Scattering)



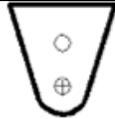
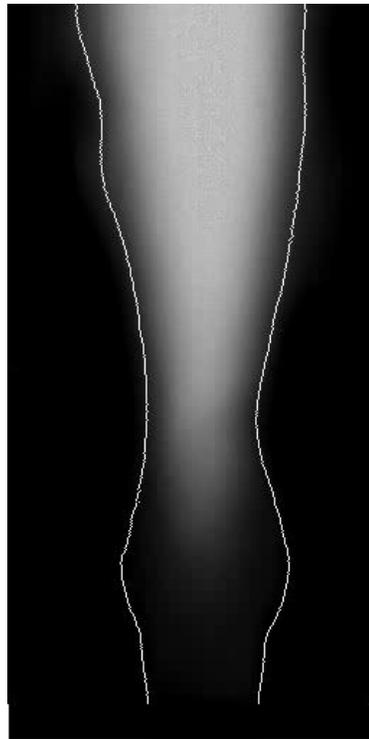
# Excited Swirl Flame (OH PLIF)



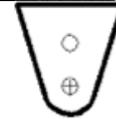
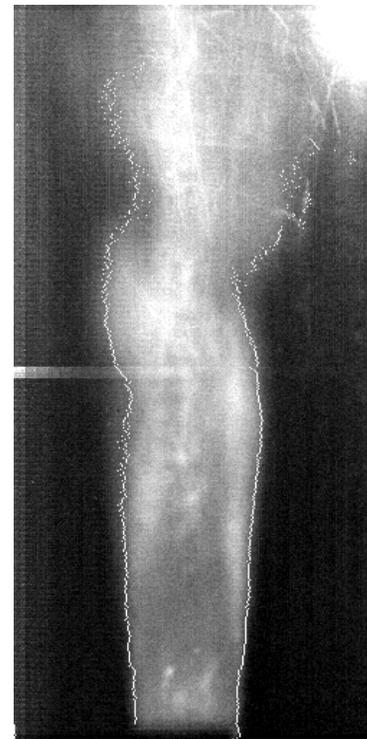
# Excited Bluff Body Flames (Line of sight luminosity)



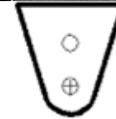
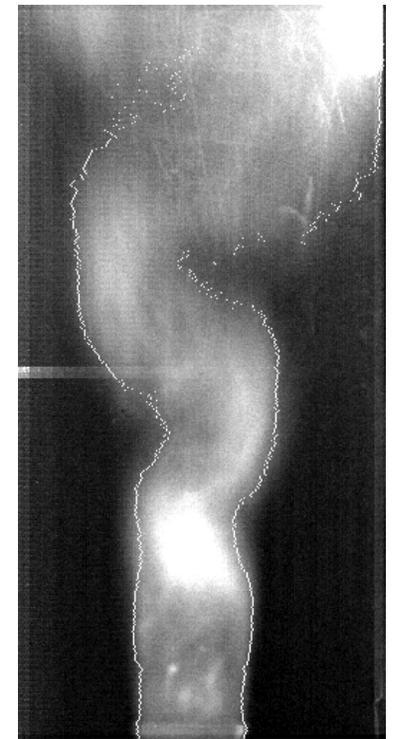
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38 m/s  
644K

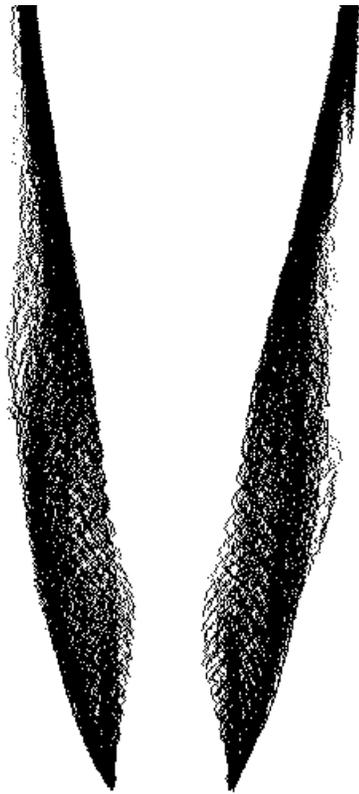


127 m/s  
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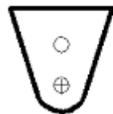
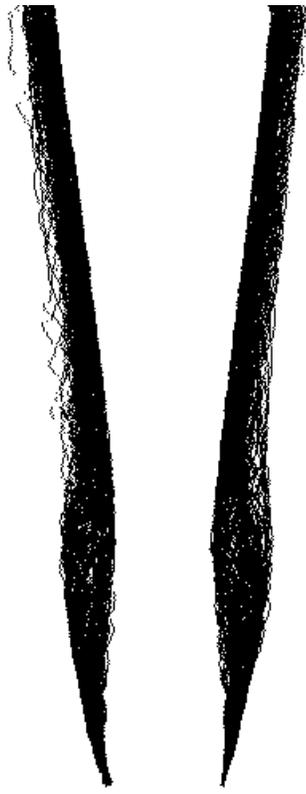


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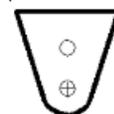
# Overlay of Instantaneous Flame Edges



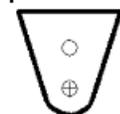
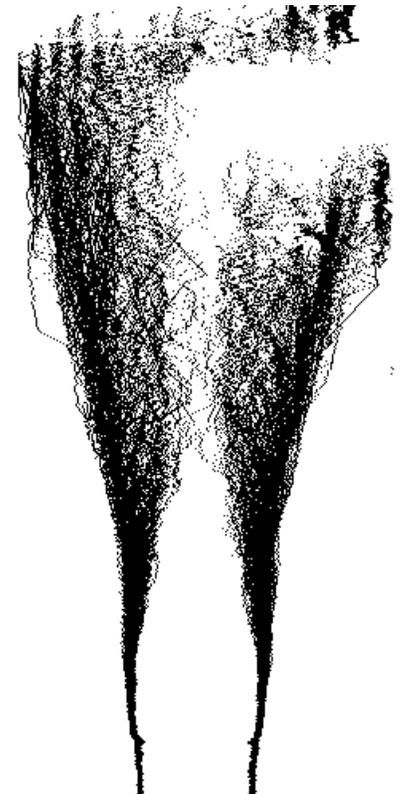
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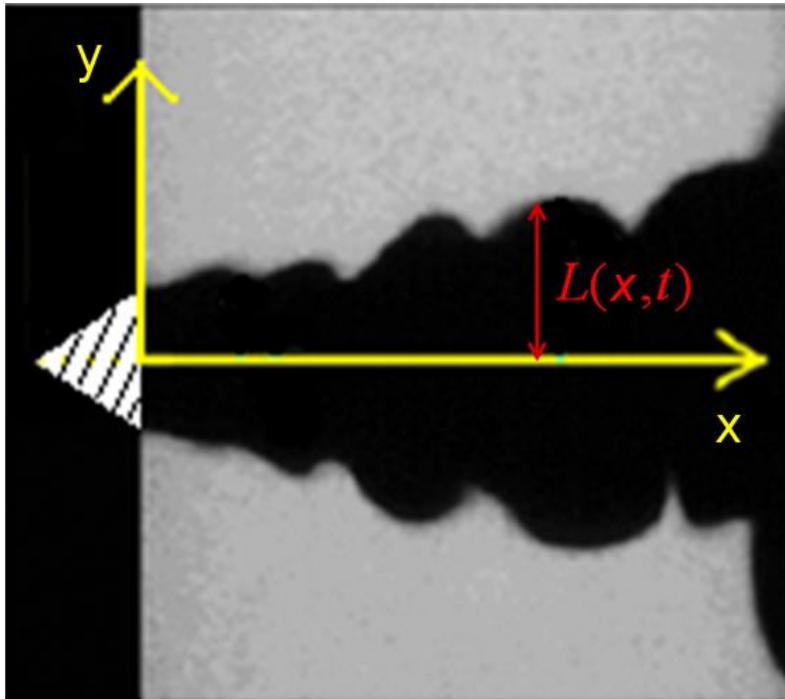


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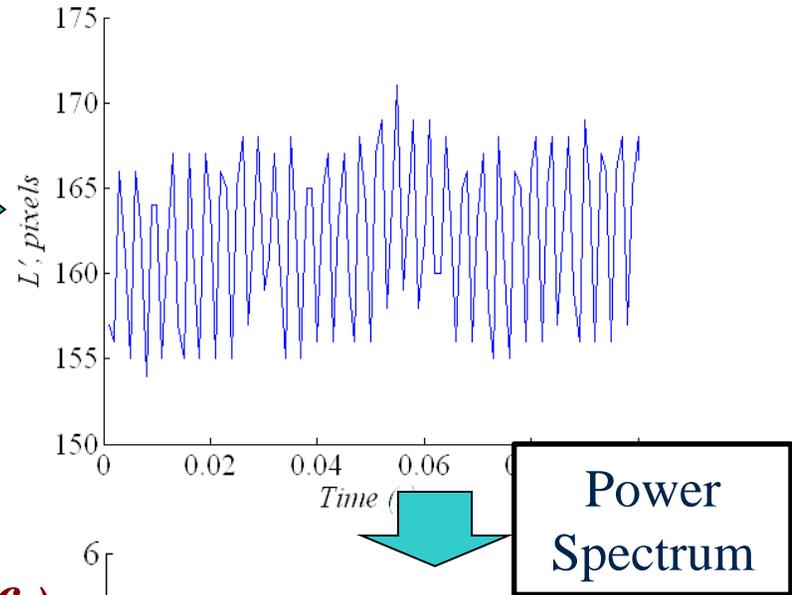


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# Quantifying Flame Edge Response

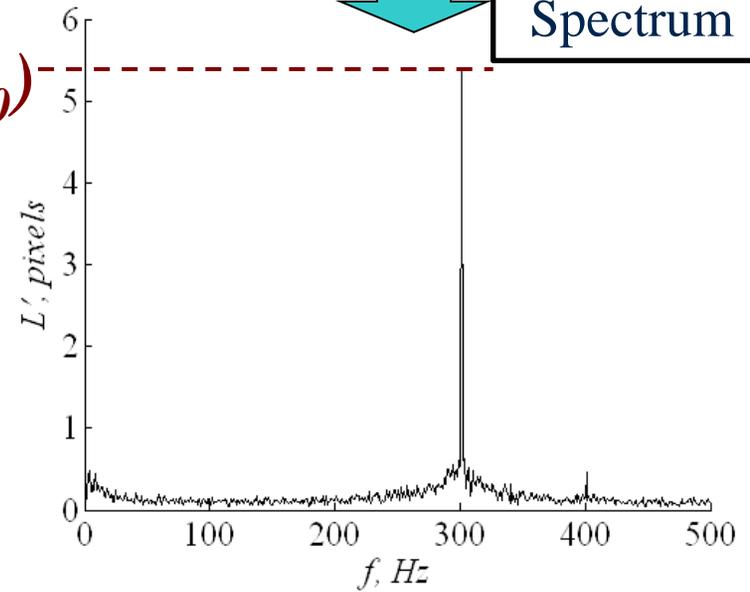


Time Series

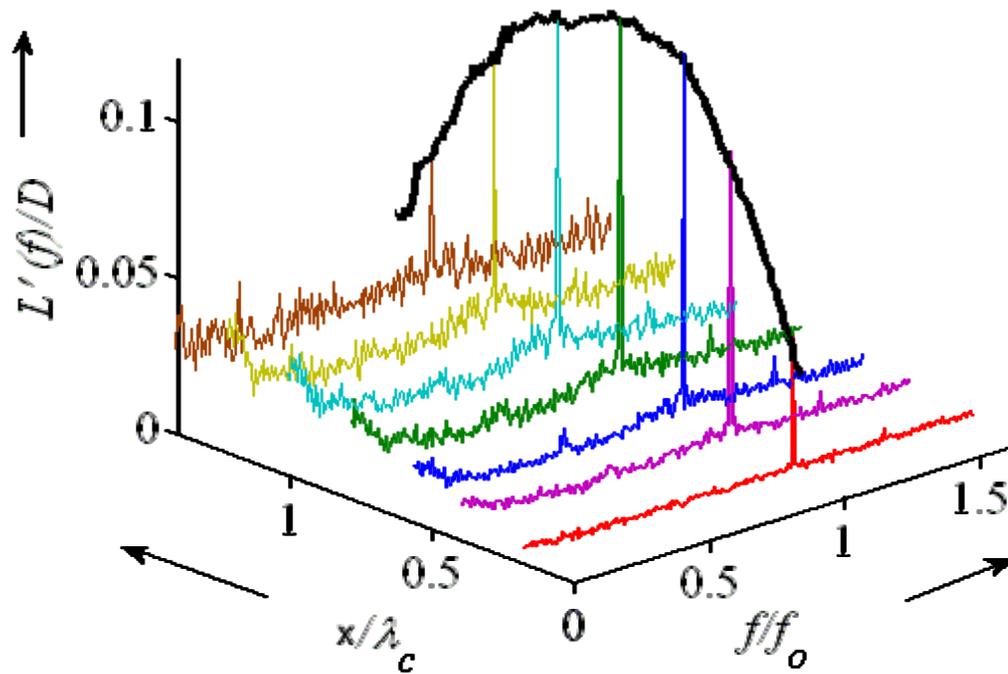


Power Spectrum

$L'(x, f_0)$



# Spatial Behavior of Flame Response

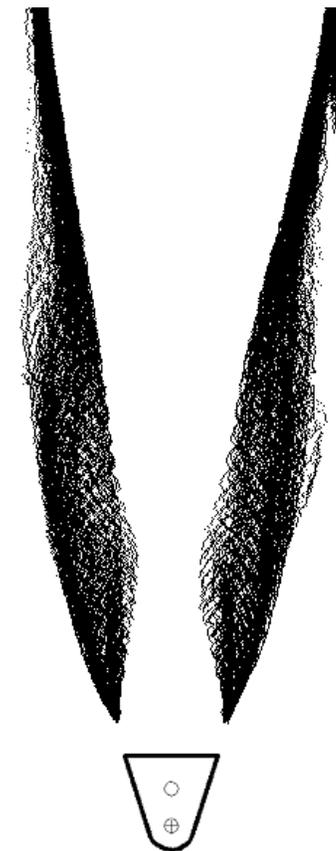


- Strong response at forcing frequency
  - Non-monotonic spatial dependence

Convective wavelength:

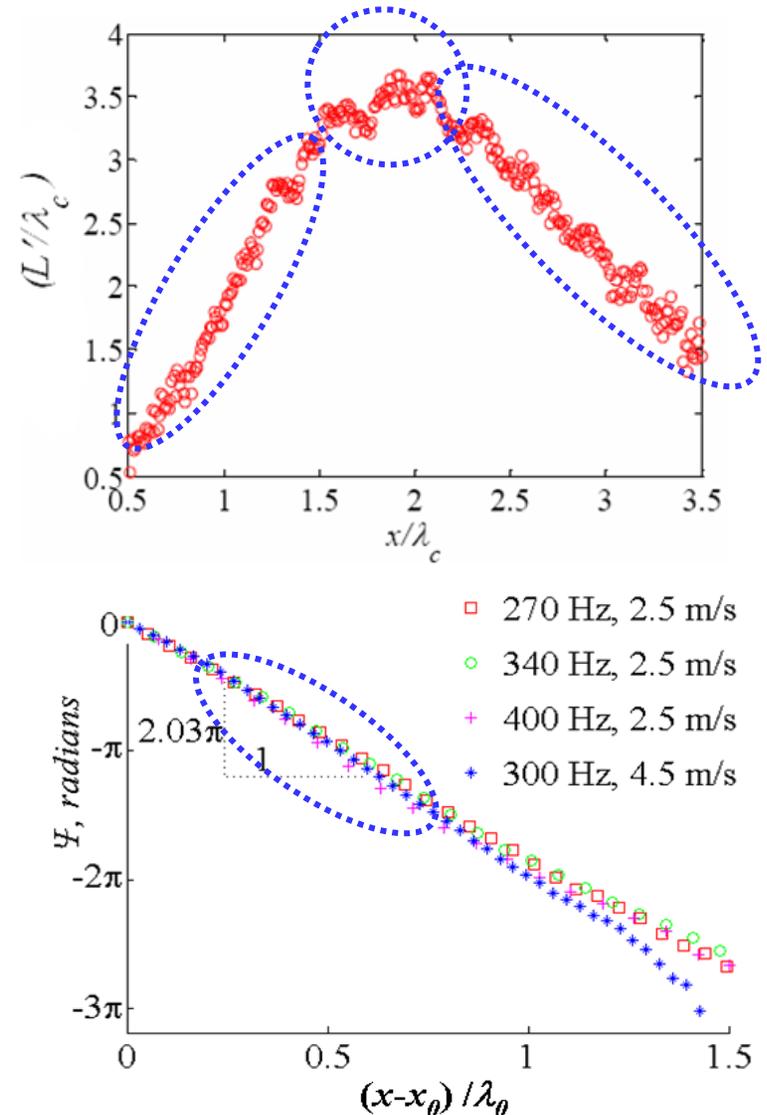
$$\lambda_c = U_0 / f_0$$

- distance a disturbance propagates at mean flow speed in one excitation period



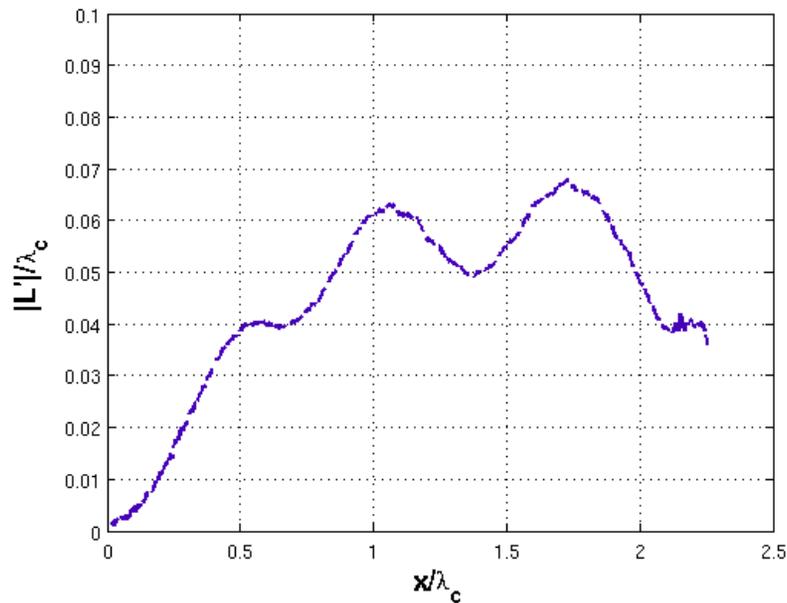
# Flame Wrinkling Characteristics

1. **Low amplitude** flame fluctuation near attachment point, with subsequent growth downstream
2. **Peak** in amplitude of fluctuation,  $L' = L'_{peak}$
3. **Decay** in amplitude of flame response farther downstream
4. Approximately **linear** phase-frequency dependence

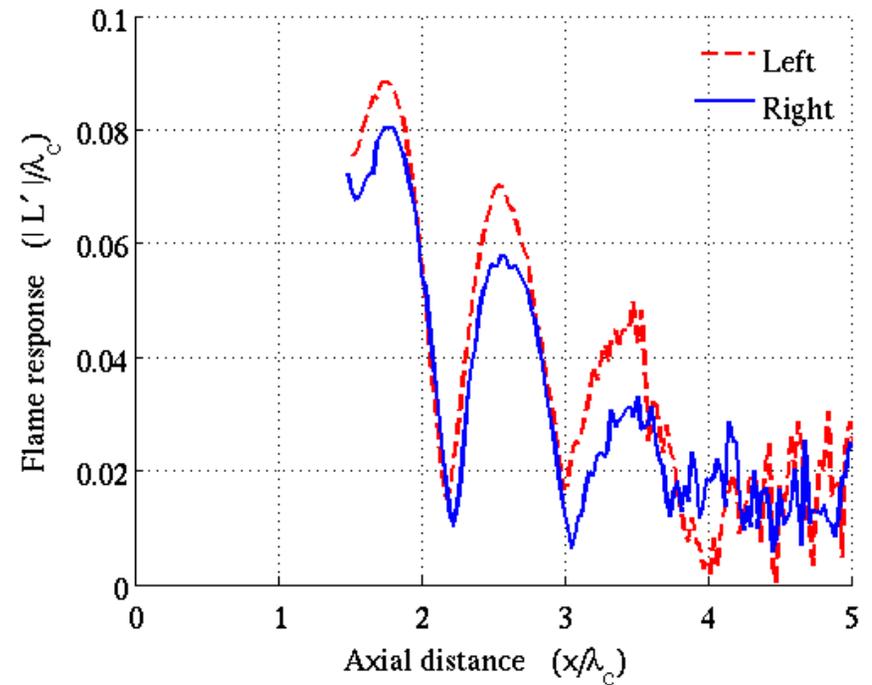


# Typical Results – Other Flames

50 m/s, 644K



1.8m/s, 150hz

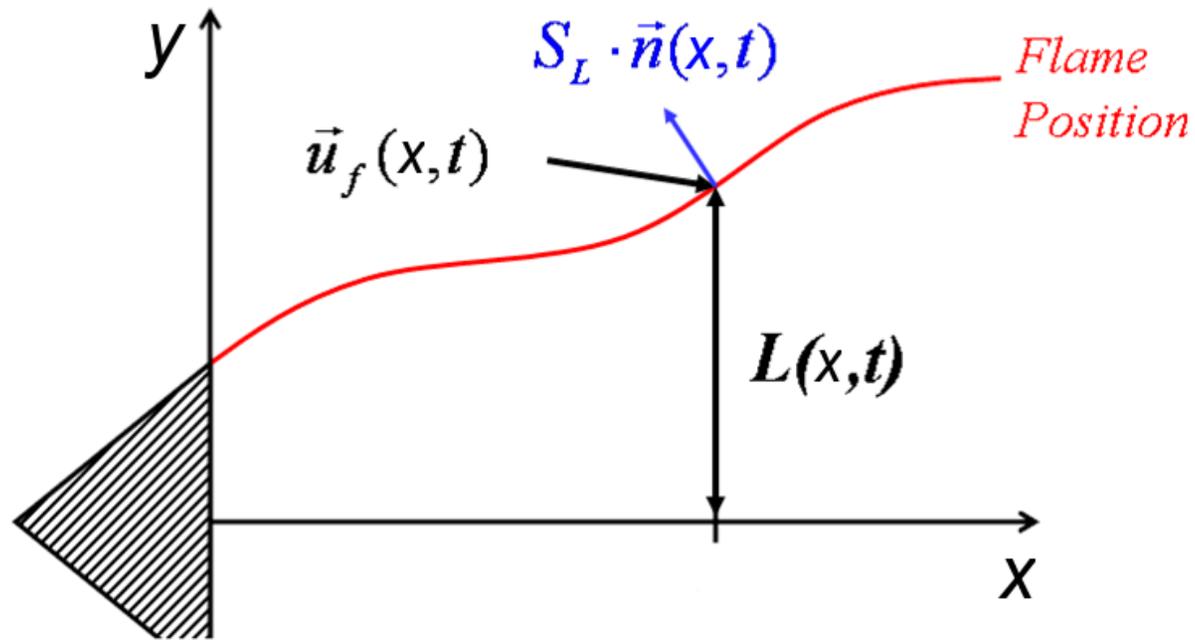


- Magnitude can oscillate with downstream distance

# Analysis of Flame Dynamics

1. Wrinkle convection and flame relaxation processes
2. Excitation of wrinkles
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# Level Set Equation for Flame Position



**G-equation :**

$$\frac{\partial L}{\partial t} + \left( u_f \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} - v_f \right) = S_L \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\partial L}{\partial x} \right)^2}$$

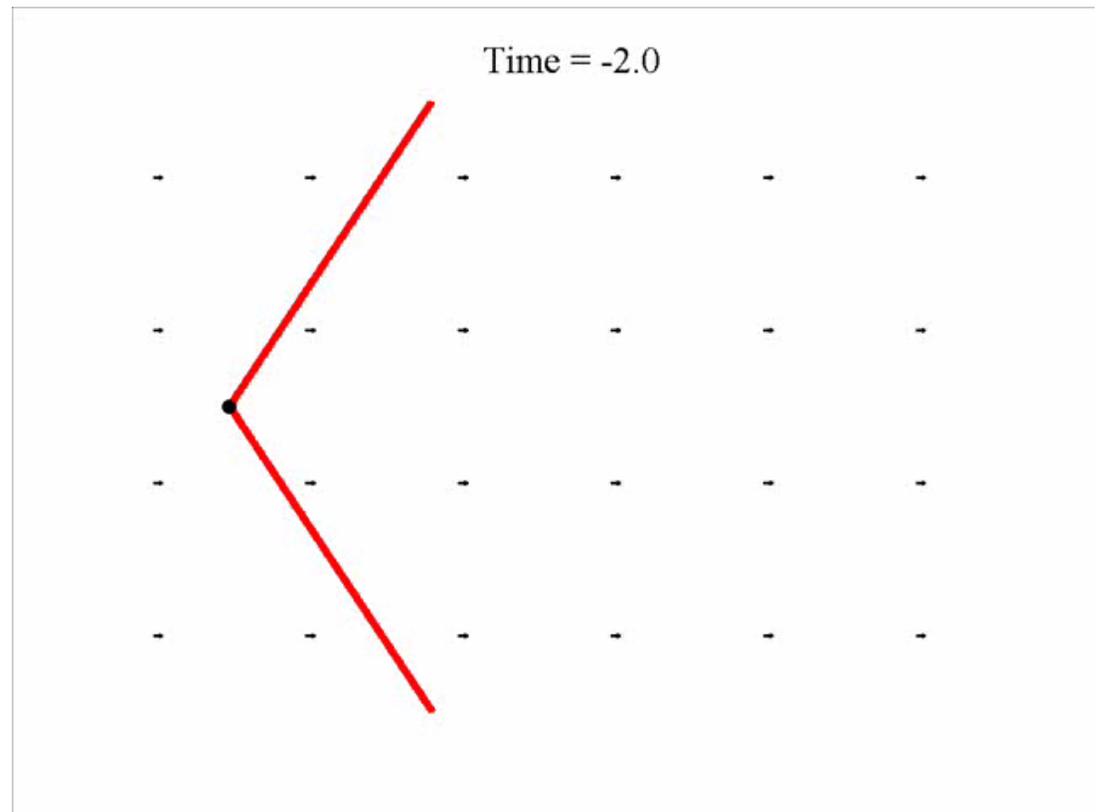
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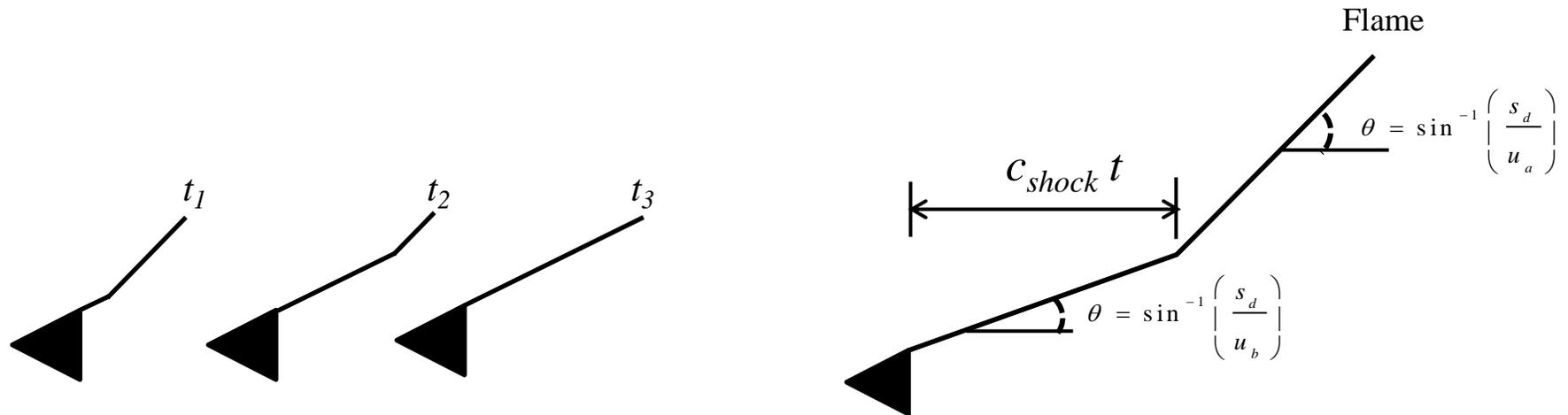
# Wrinkle Convection

Model problem: Step change in axial velocity over the entire domain from  $u_a$  to  $u_b$ , both of which exceed  $s_d$ :

$$u = \begin{cases} u_a & t < 0 \\ u_b & t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

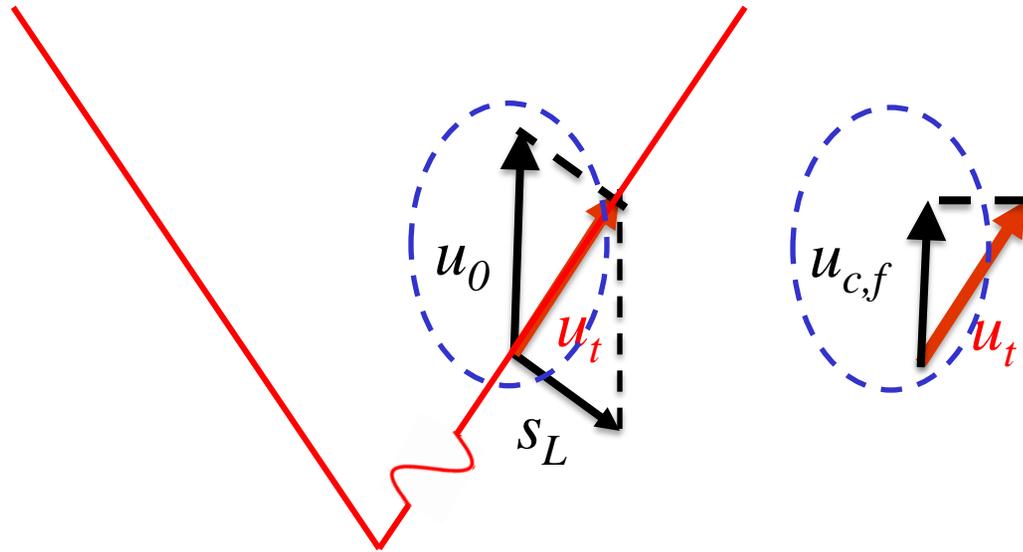
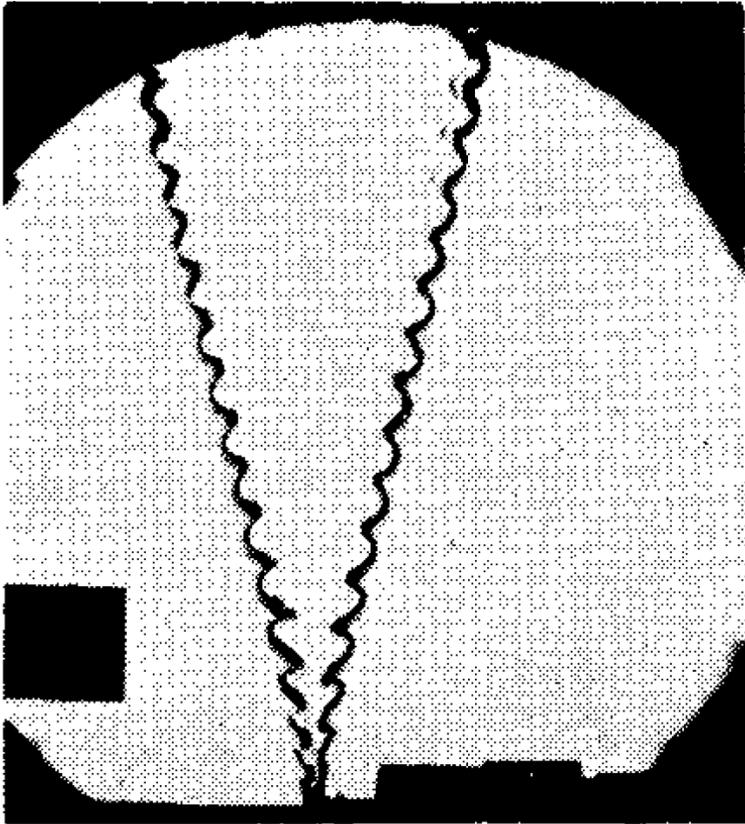


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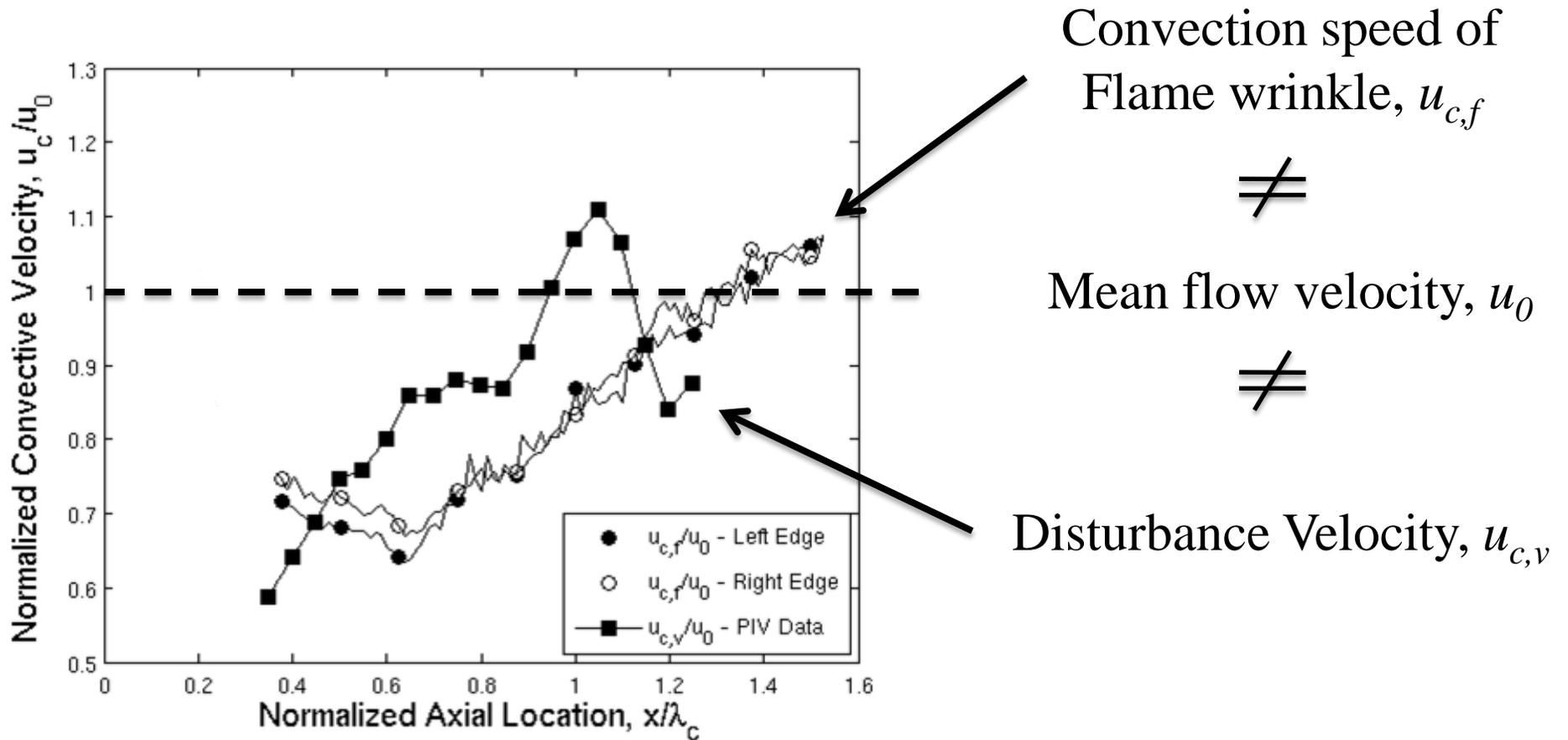


- Flame relaxation process consists of a “wave” that propagates along the flame in the flow direction.

# Harmonically Oscillating Bluff Body



# Phase Characteristics of Flame Wrinkle

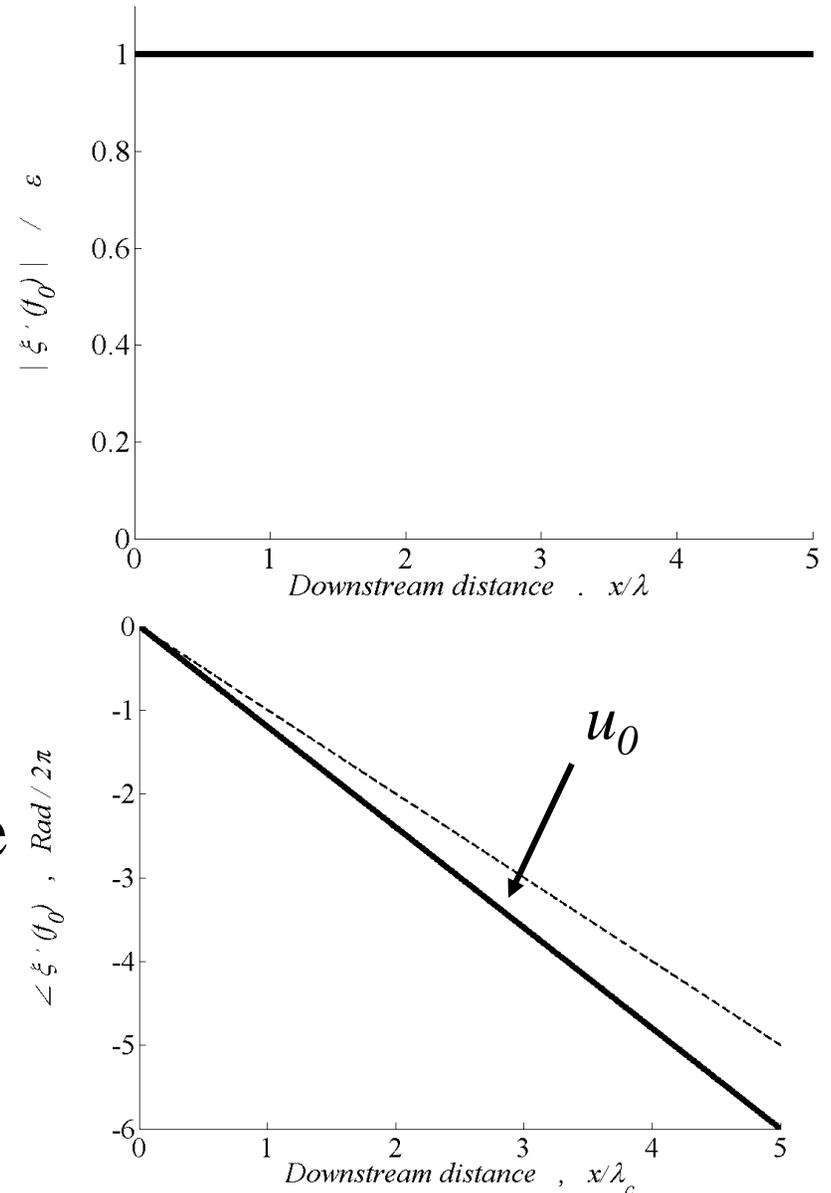


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# Harmonically Oscillating Bluff Body

- Linearized, constant burning velocity formulation:
  - Excite flame wrinkle with spatially constant amplitude
  - Phase: linearly varies
- Wrinkle convection is controlling process responsible for low pass filter character of global flame response



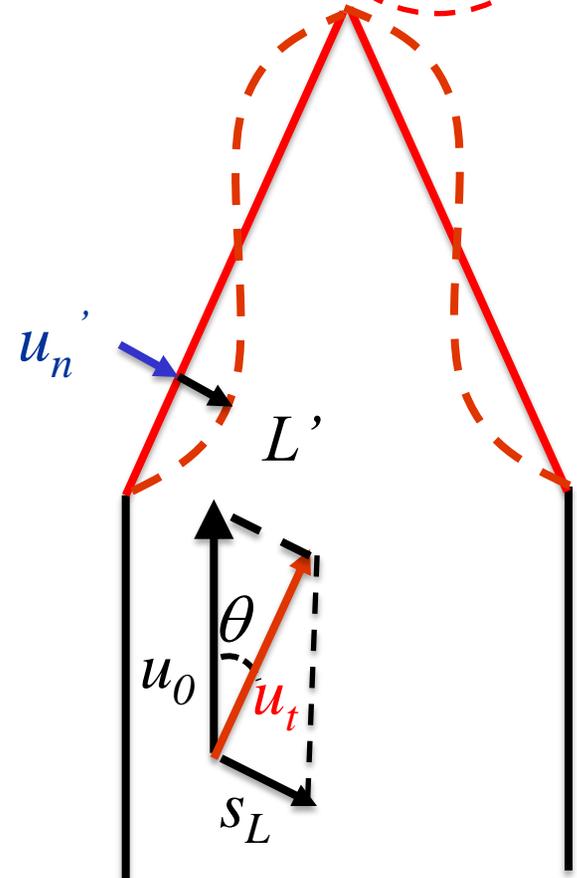
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# Excitation of Wrinkles on Anchored Flames

$$\frac{\partial L'(x, t)}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{u_t} \int_0^x \frac{\partial u'_n}{\partial x} \left( x', t - \frac{x - x'}{u_t} \right) dx' + \frac{1}{u_t} \cdot u'_n \left( x = 0, t = t - \frac{x}{u_t} \right)$$

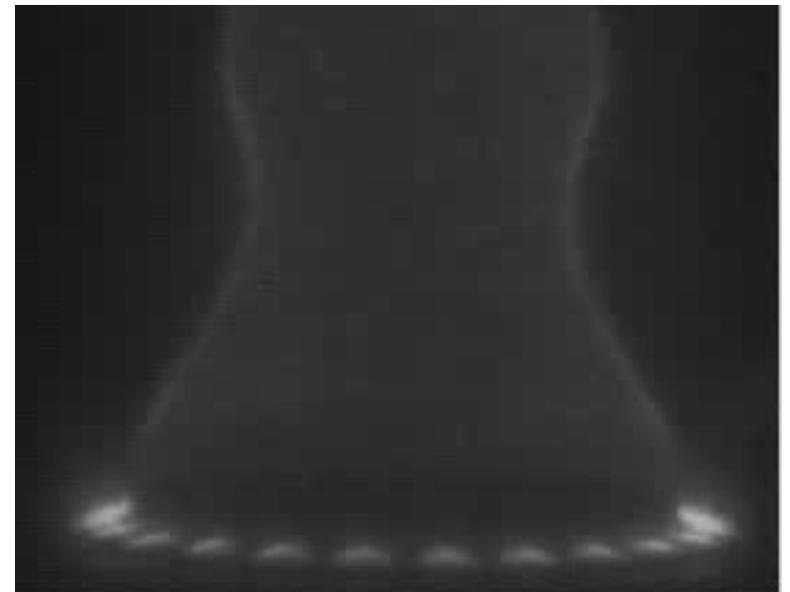
- Linearized solution of G Equation, assume anchored flame
- Wrinkle convection can be seen from delay term



# Excitation of Flame Wrinkles – Spatially Uniform Disturbance Field

$$\frac{\partial L'(x, t)}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{u_t} \int_0^x \frac{\partial u'_n}{\partial x} (x', t - \frac{x - x'}{u_t}) dx' + \frac{1}{u_t} \cdot u'_n (x = 0, t = t - \frac{x}{u_t})$$

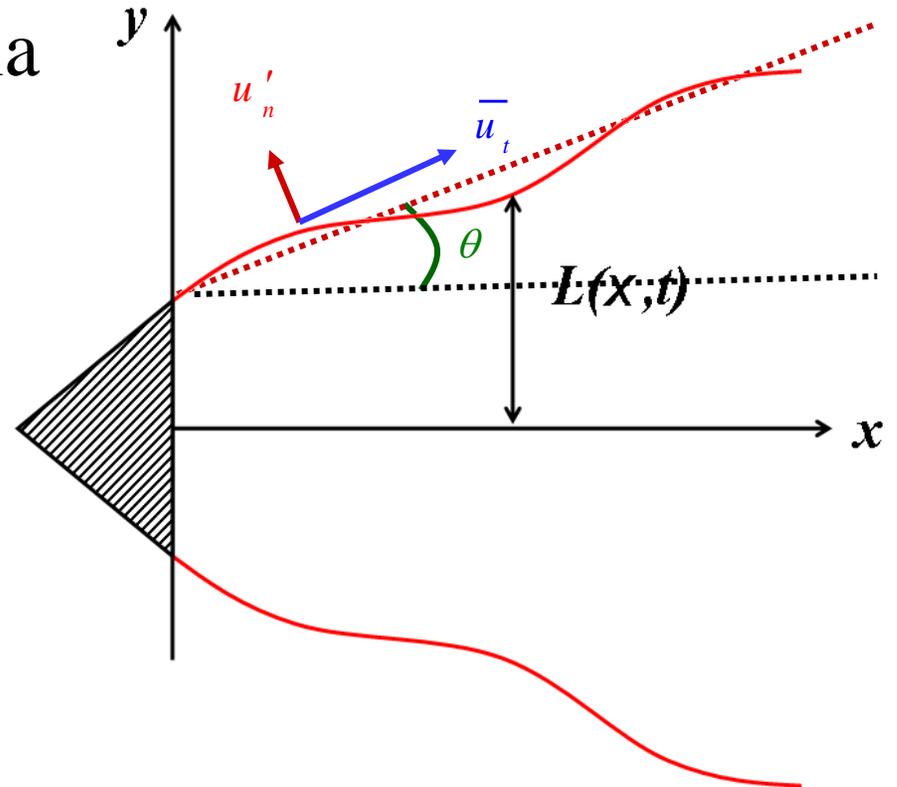
- Wave generated at attachment point ( $x=0$ ), convects downstream
- If excitation velocity is spatially uniform, flame response exclusively controlled by flame anchoring “boundary condition”
  - Kinetic /diffusive/heat loss effects, though not explicitly shown here, are very important!



# Near Field Behavior- Predictions

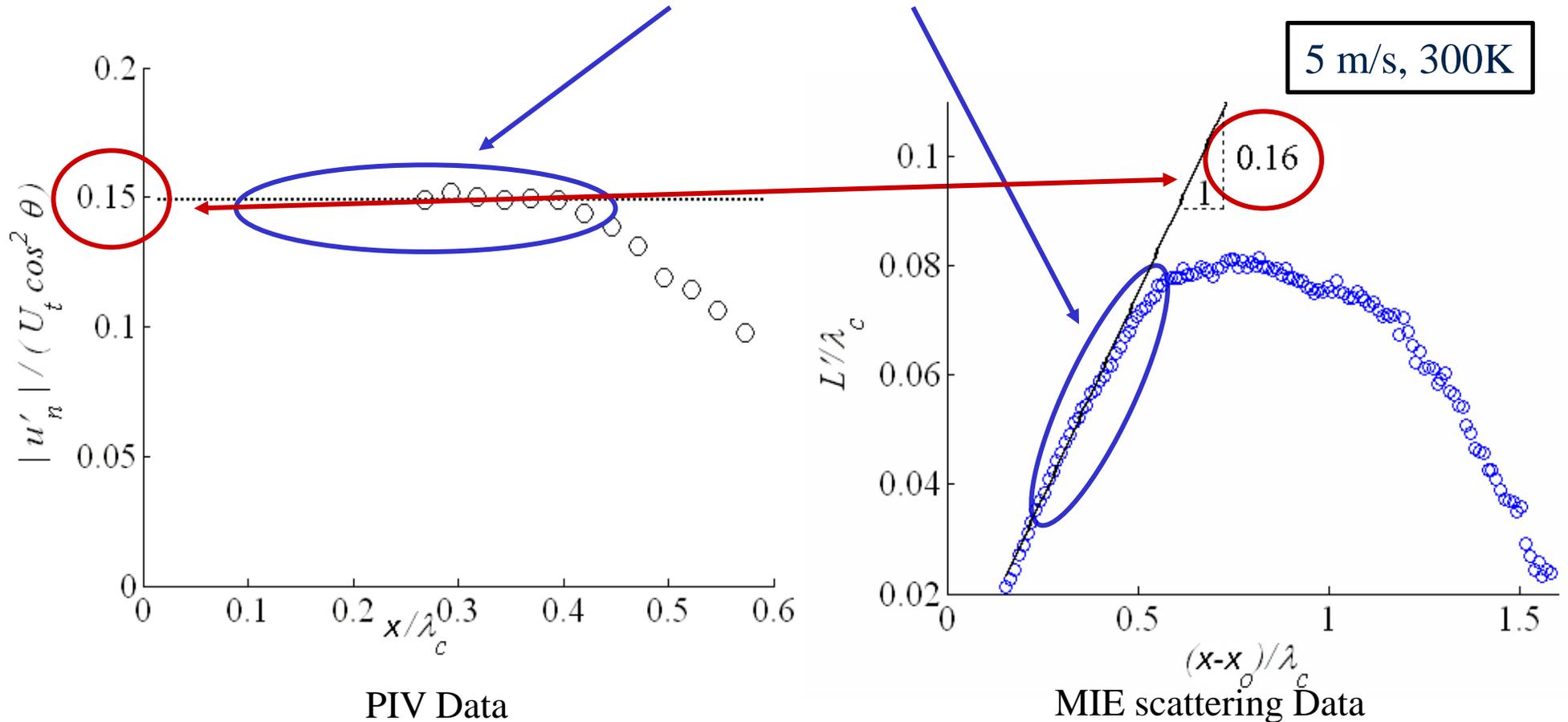
- Can derive analytical formula for nearfield slope for arbitrary velocity field:

$$\frac{\partial |L'|}{\partial x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \frac{|u'_n|}{\bar{u}_t}$$

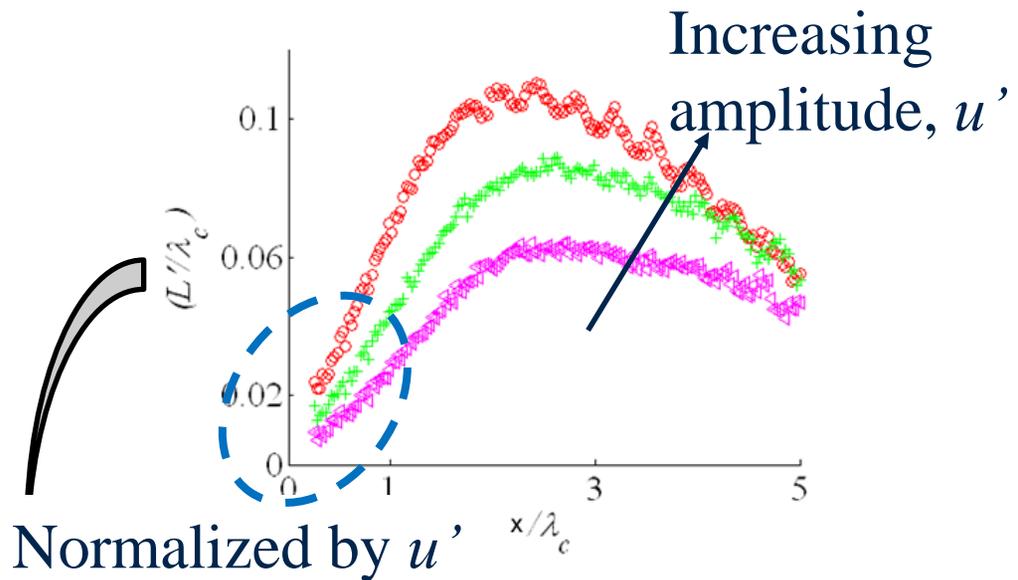


# Comparisons With Data

$$\frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} \frac{|u'_n|}{\bar{u}_t} = \frac{\partial |L'|}{\partial x}$$

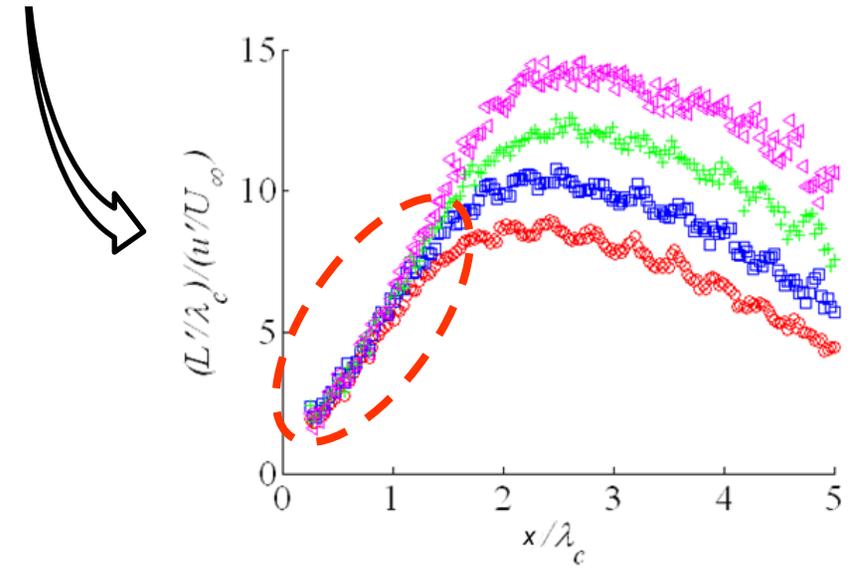


# Near Field Behavior



- Flame starts with **small amplitude** fluctuations because of attachment

$$L'_{(x=0, t)} = 0$$



- Nearfield dynamics are essentially **linear** in amplitude

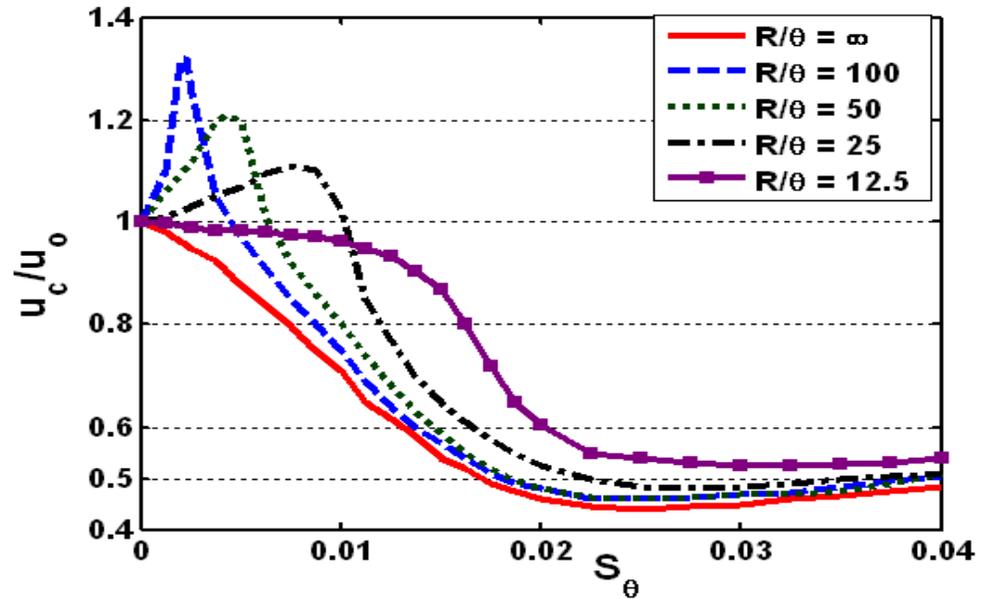
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# Excitation of Flame Wrinkles – Spatially Varying Disturbance Field

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- Flame wrinkles generated at all points where disturbance velocity is non-uniform,  $du'/dx \neq 0$ 
  - Flame disturbance at location  $x$  is convolution of disturbances at upstream locations and previous times
- Convecting vortex is continuously disturbing flame
  - Vortex convecting at speed of  $u_{c,v}$
  - Flame wrinkle that is excited convects at speed of  $u_t$



Bechert, D., Pfizenmaier, E., *JFM.*, 1975.

# Model Problem: Attached Flame Excited by a Harmonically Oscillating, Convecting Disturbance

- Model problem: flame excited by convecting velocity field,

$$\frac{u_n'}{u_{x,0}} = \varepsilon_n \cos(2\pi f(t - x / u_{c,v}))$$

- Linearized solution:

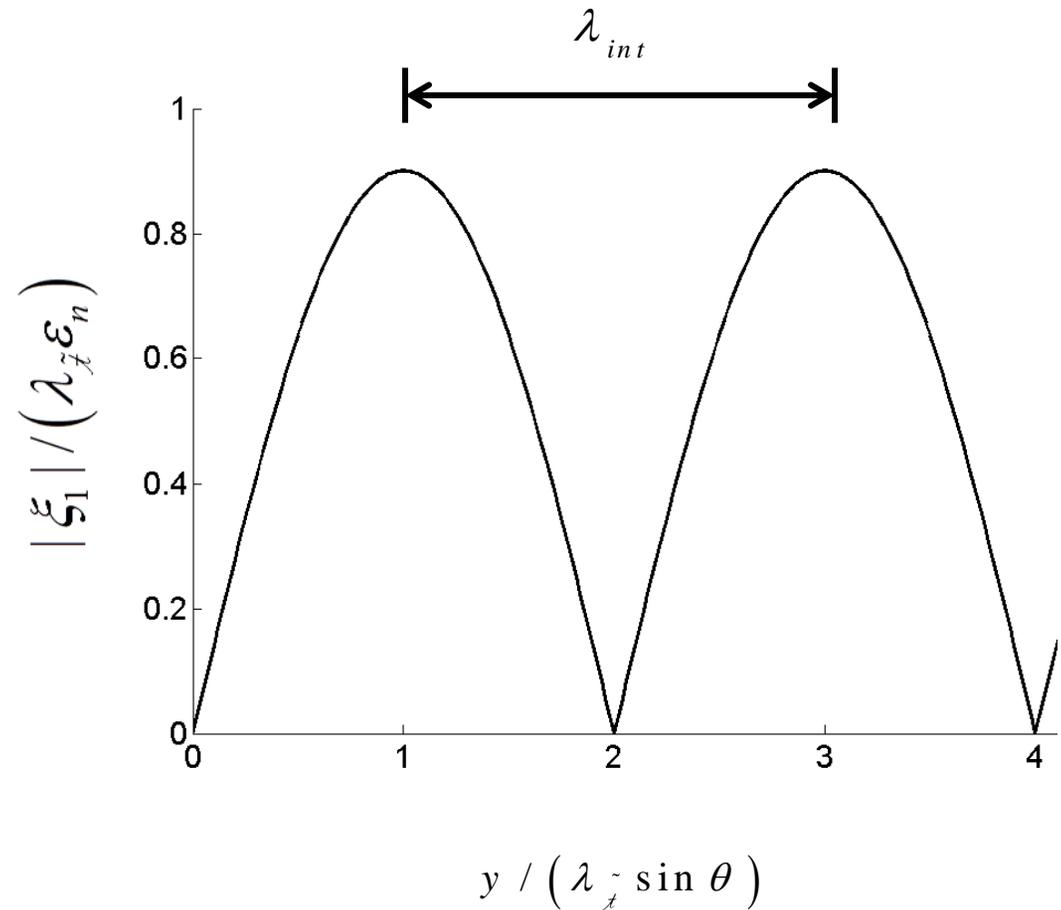
$$\frac{\xi_1}{u_{x,0}/f} = \text{Real} \left\{ \frac{-i \cdot \varepsilon_n / \sin \theta}{2\pi (u_{x,0} \cos \theta / u_{c,v} - 1)} \times \left[ e^{i2\pi f(y/(u_{c,v} \tan \theta) - t)} - e^{i2\pi f(y/(u_{x,0} \sin \theta) - t)} \right] \right\}$$

# Solution Characteristics

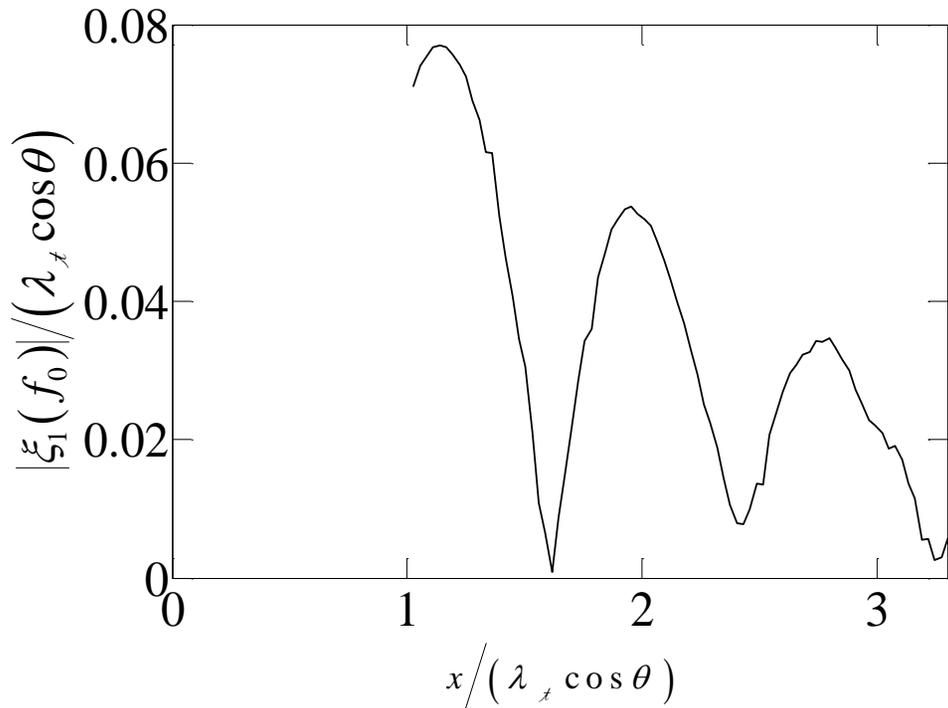
- Note interference pattern on flame wrinkling

- Interference length scale:

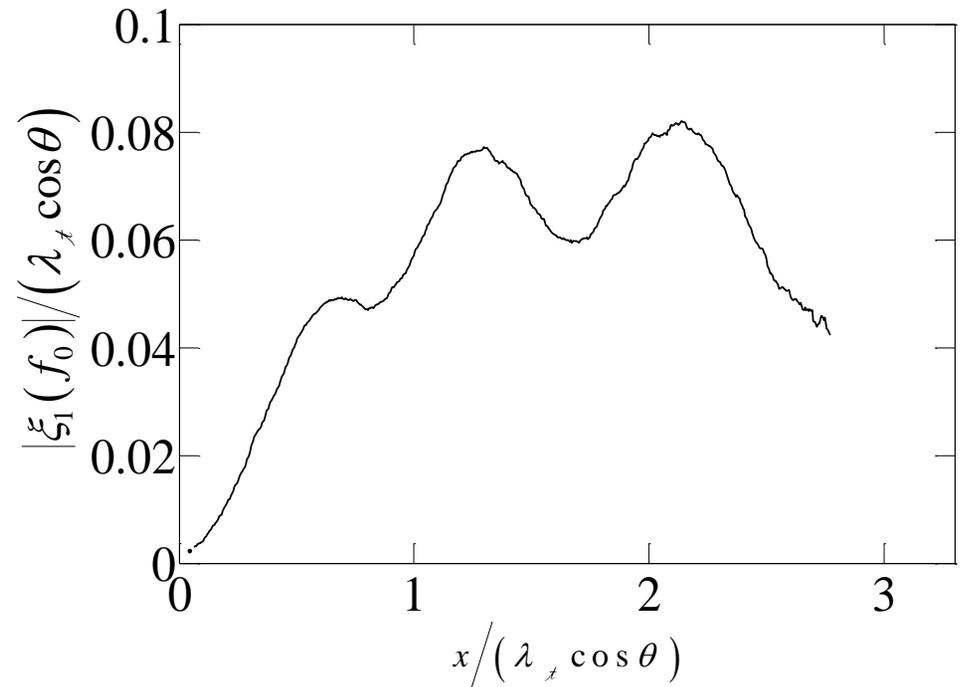
$$\lambda_{int} / (\lambda_x \sin \theta) = \frac{1}{|u_x / u_{c,v} - 1|}$$



# Interference Patterns



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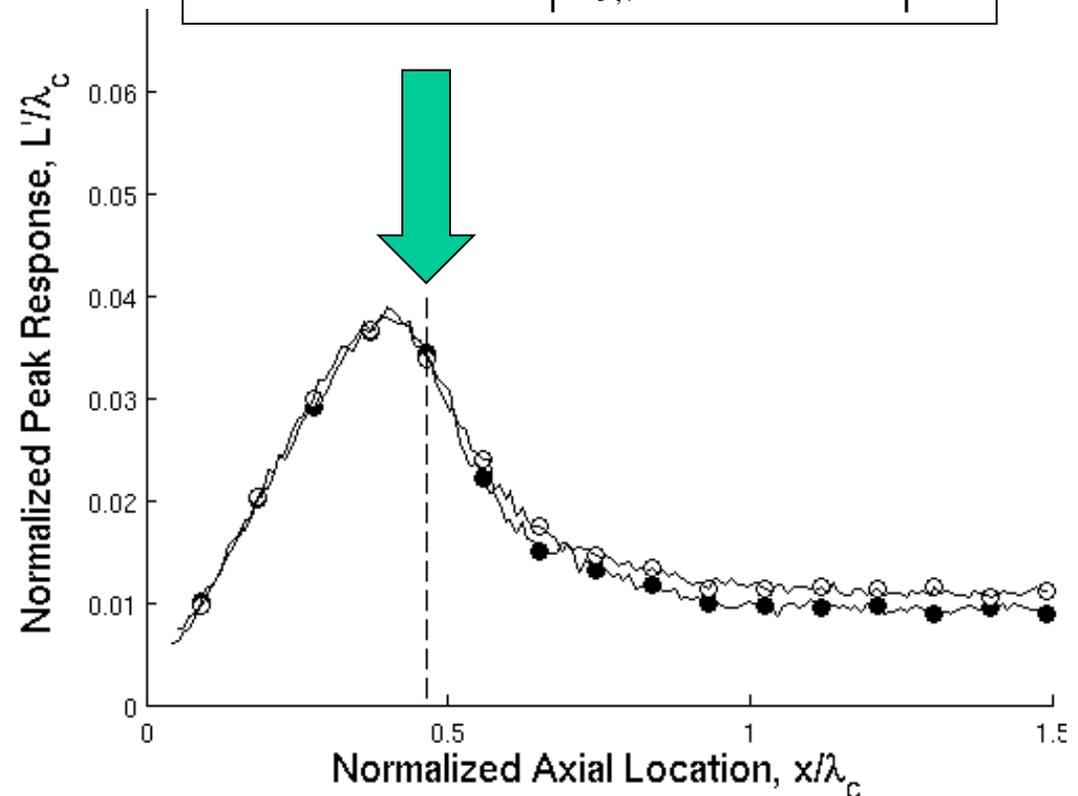


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# Comparison with Data

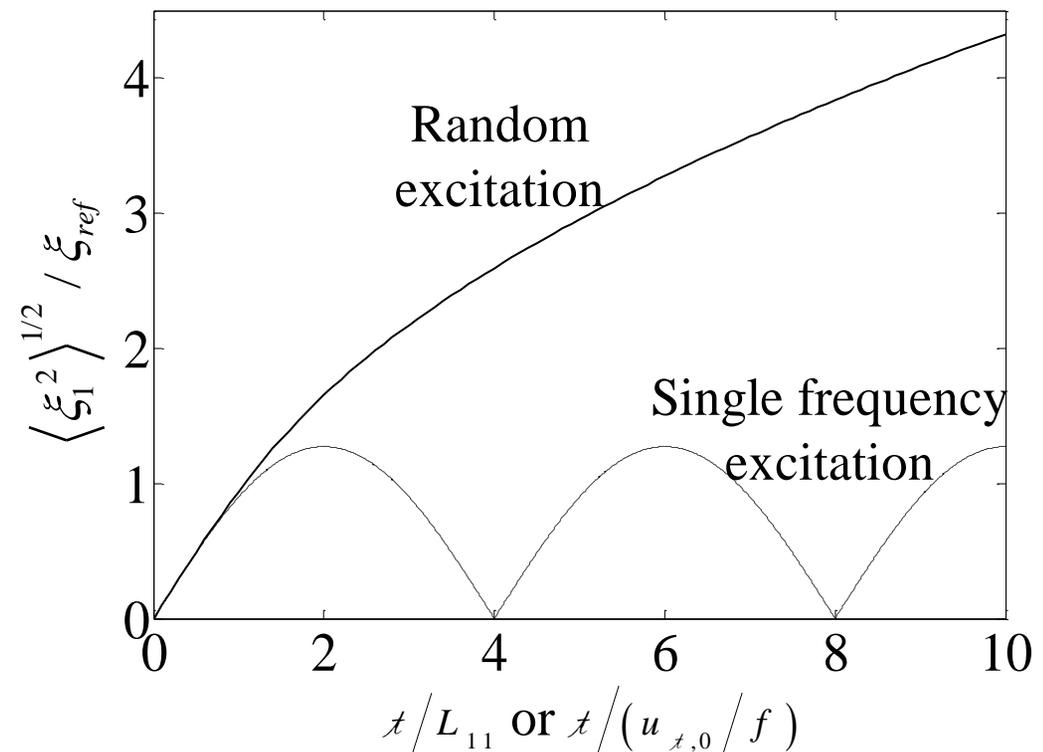
- Result emphasizes “wave-like”, non-local nature of flame response
- Can get multiple maxima/minima if excitation field persists far enough downstream

$$x_{peak} / \lambda_c = \frac{\cos^2 \theta}{2 \cdot \left| \frac{u_0 \cos^2 \theta - 1}{u_{c,v}} \right|}$$



# Aside: Randomly Oscillating, Convecting Disturbances

- Space/time coherence of disturbances key to interference patterns
- Example: convecting random disturbances to simulate turbulent flow disturbances



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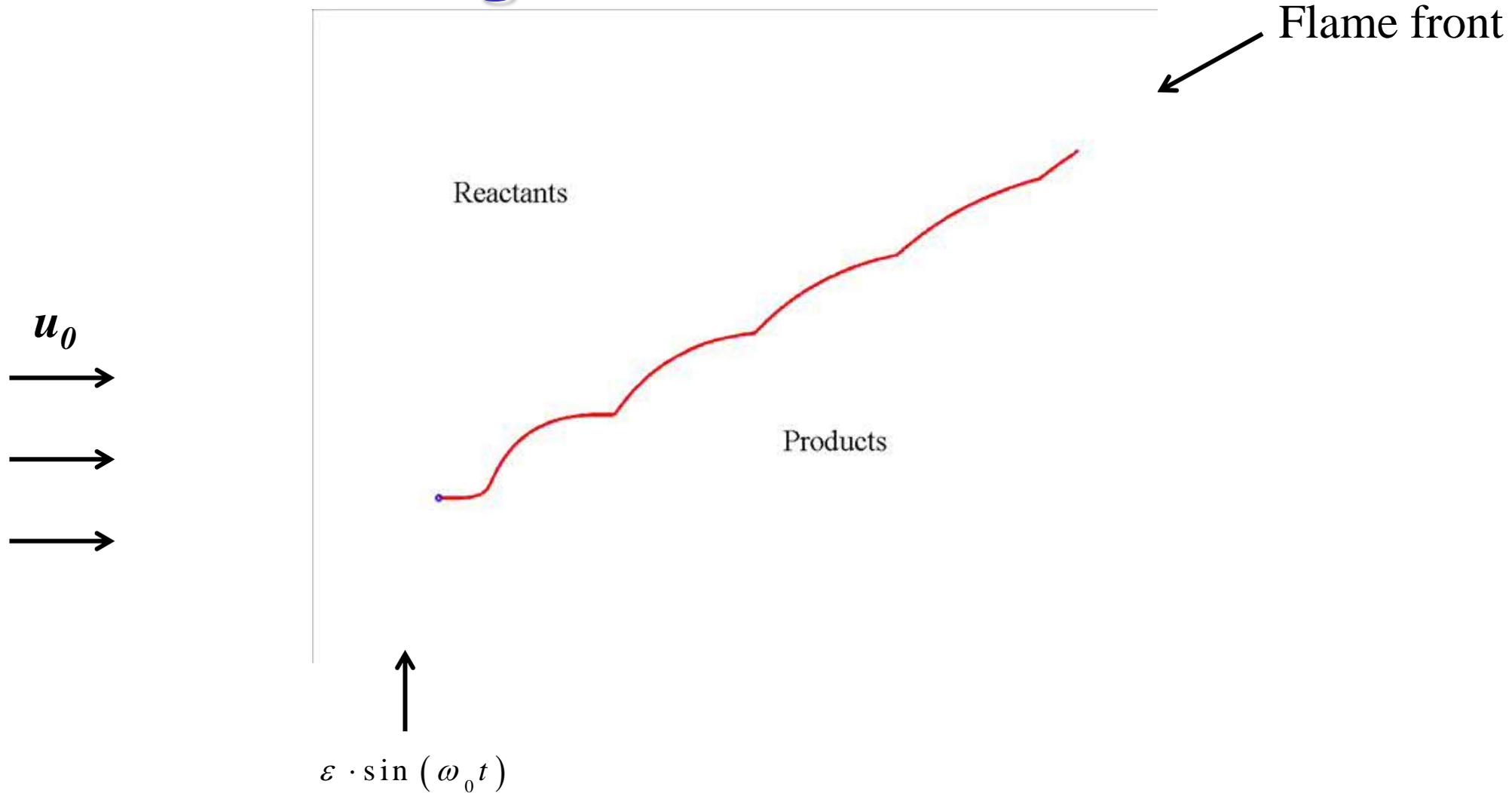
# Flame Wrinkle Destruction Processes: Kinematic Restoration

- Flame propagation normal to itself smooths out flame wrinkles
- Typical manifestation: vortex rollup of flame
- Process is amplitude dependent and strongly nonlinear
  - Large amplitude and/or short length scale corrugations smooth out faster



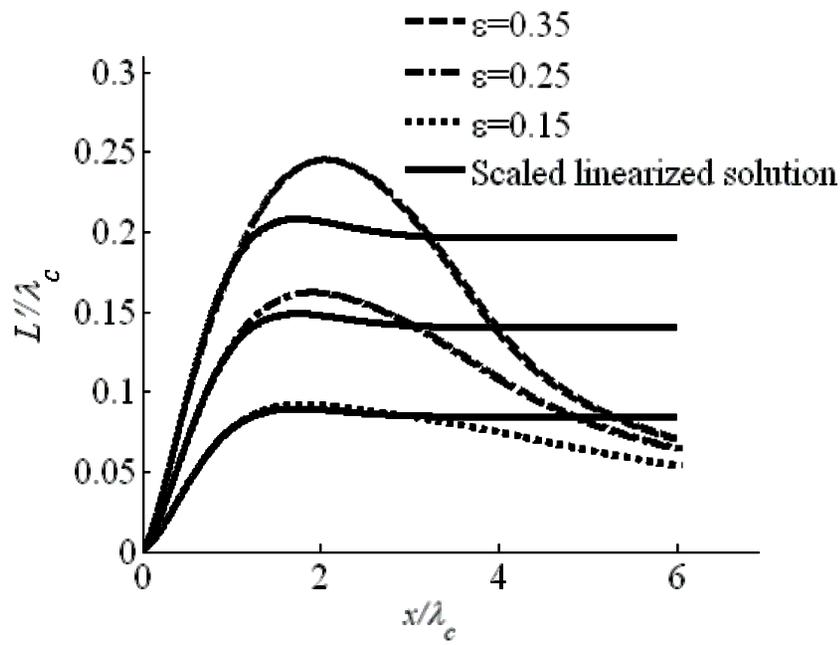
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# Kinematic Restoration Effects: Oscillating Flame Holder Problem

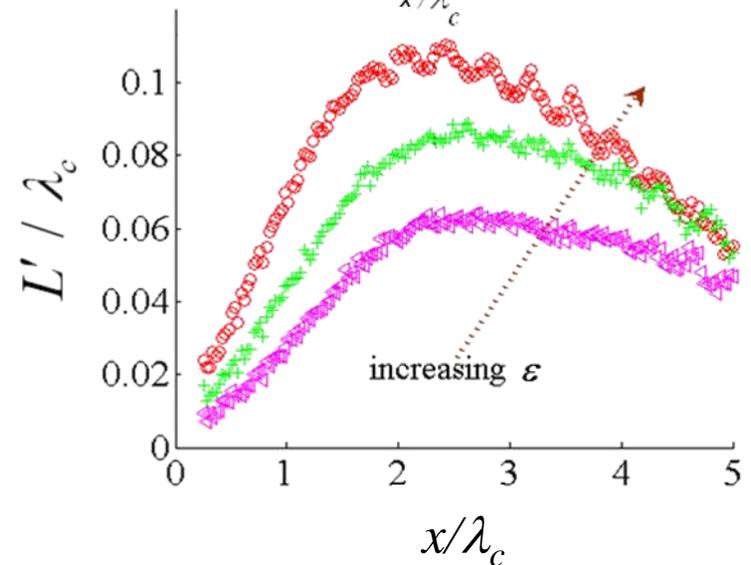
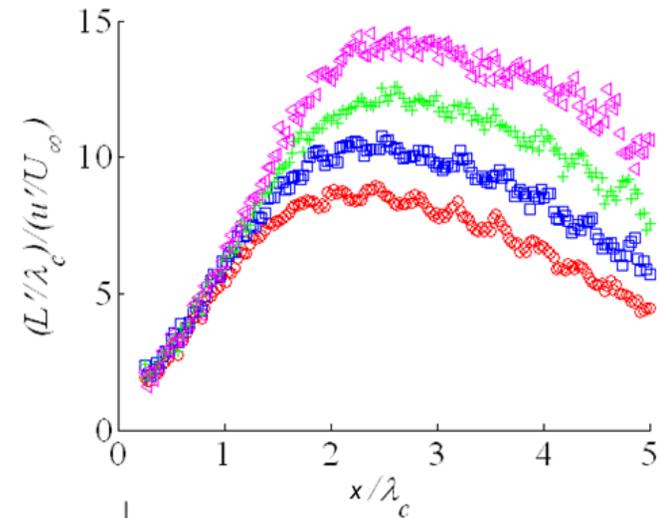


# Kinematic Restoration Effects

- Leads to nonlinear farfield flame dynamics
- Decay rate is amplitude dependent

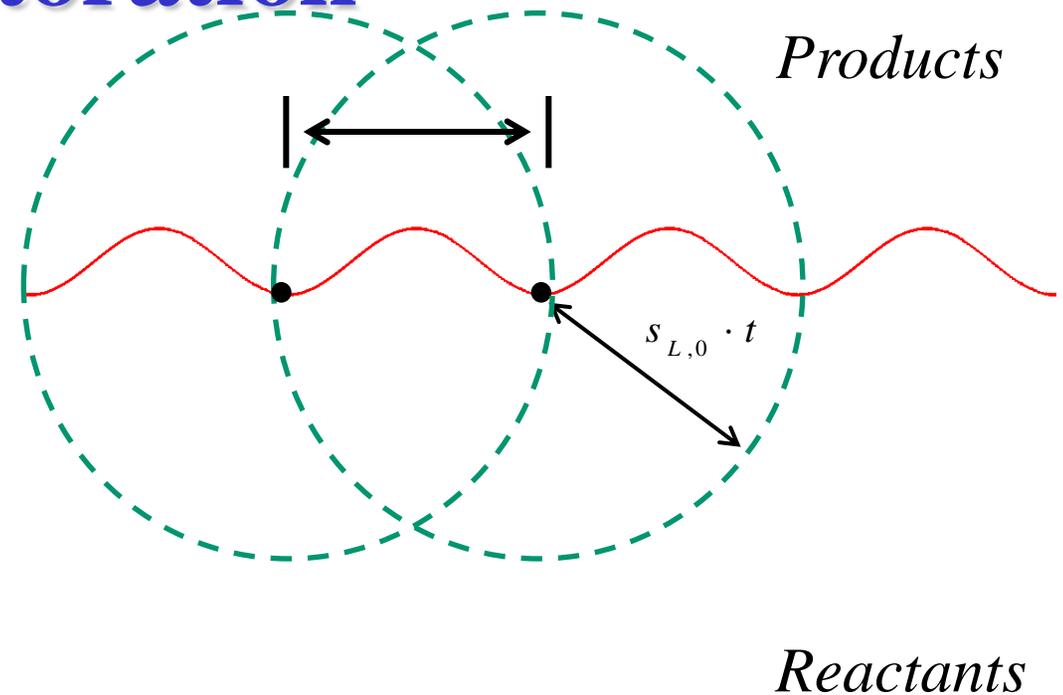
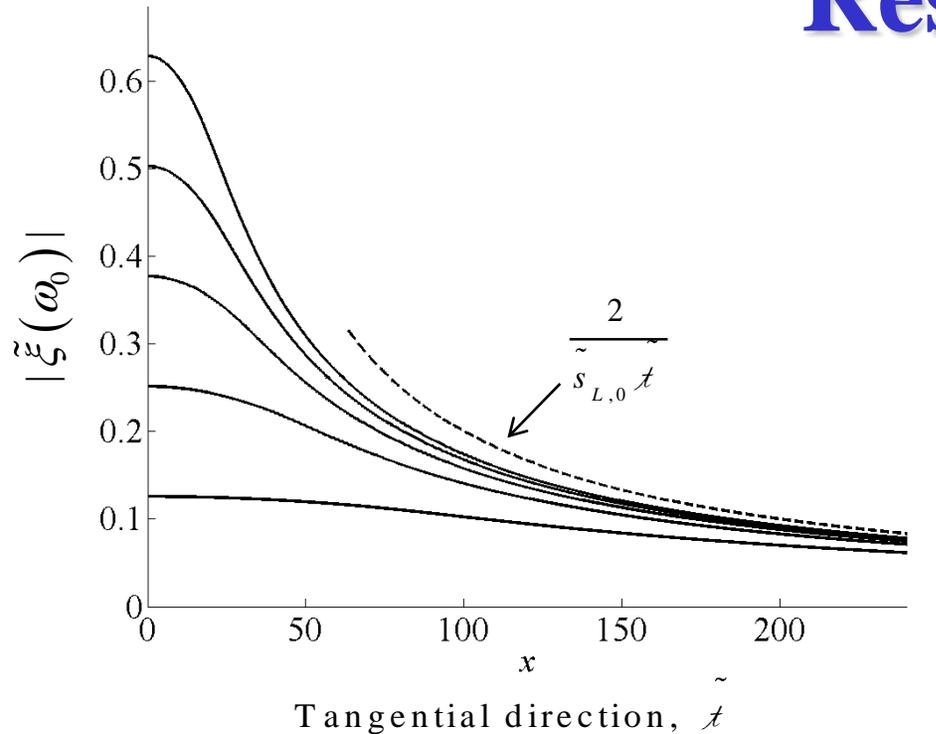


**Numerical Calculation**



**Experimental Result**

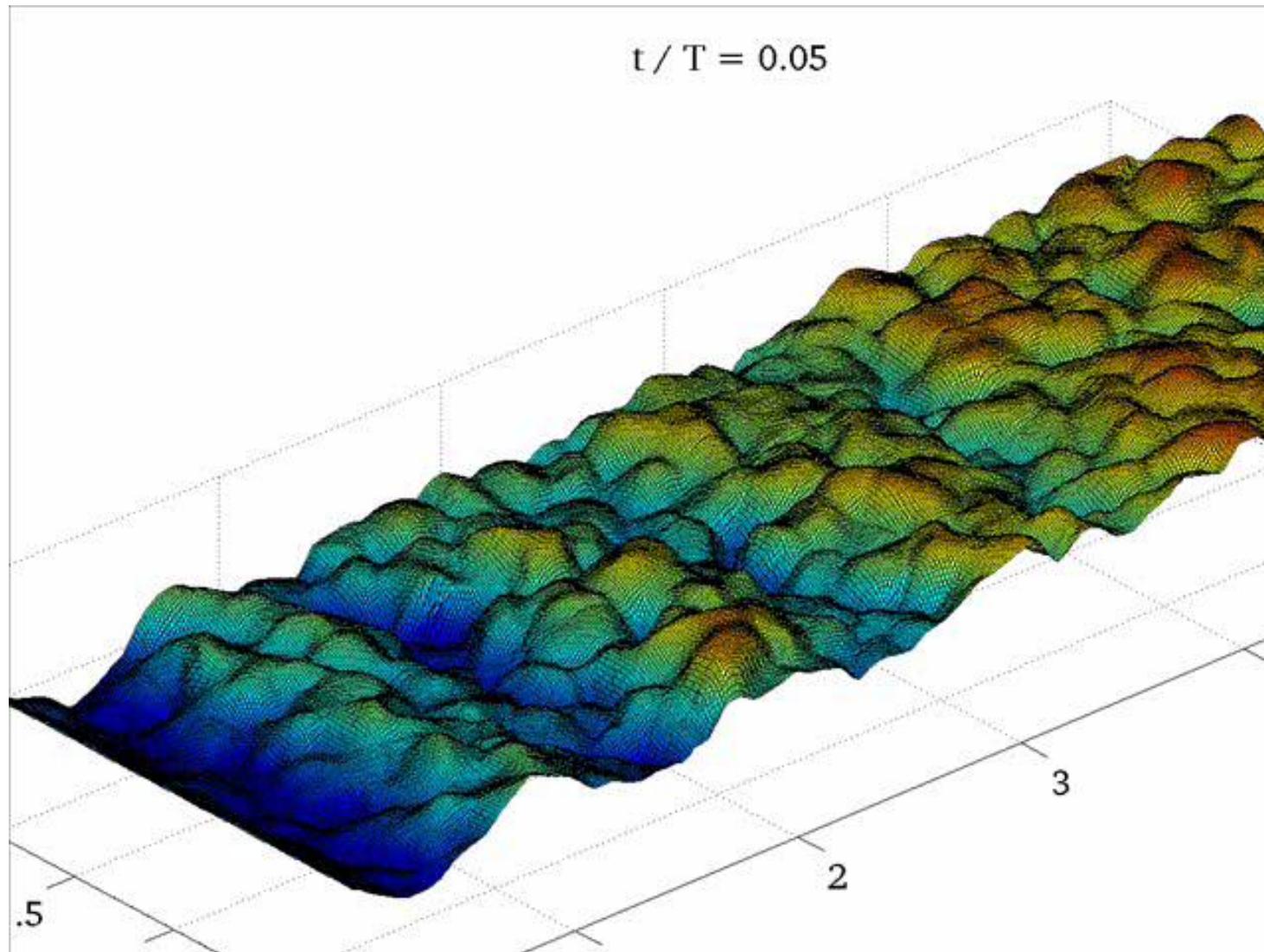
# Multi-Zone Behavior of Kinematic Restoration



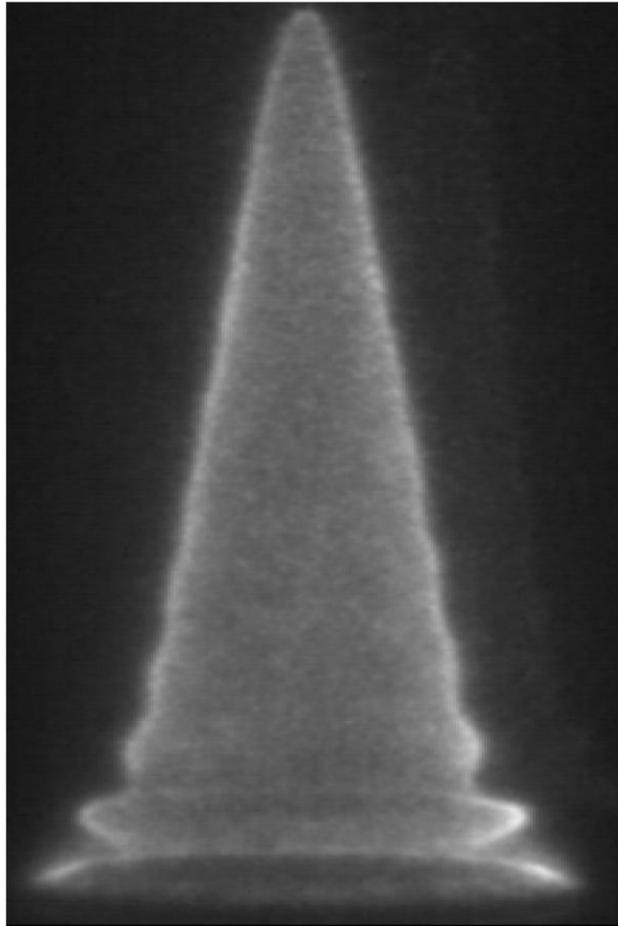
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- Near flame holder
  - Higher amplitudes and shorter wavelengths decay faster
- Farther downstream
  - Flame position independent of wrinkling magnitude
  - Flame position only a function of wrinkling wavelength
  - is determined by the leading points

# Flame Wrinkle Destruction Processes: Kinematic Restoration



# Flame Wrinkle Destruction Processes: Flame Stretch in Thermodynamically Stable Flames



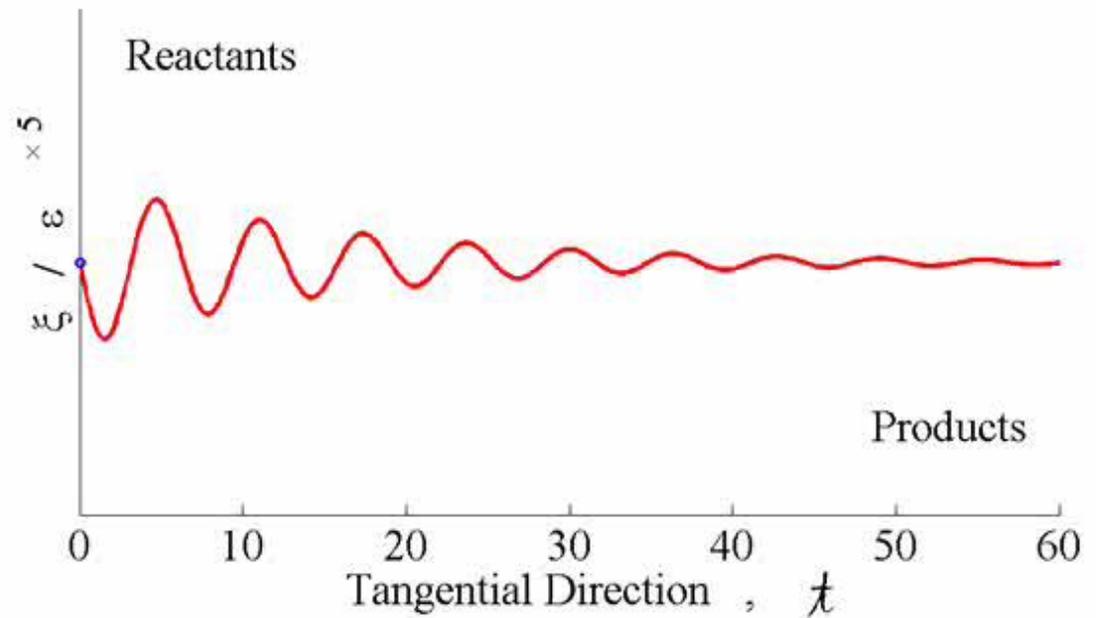
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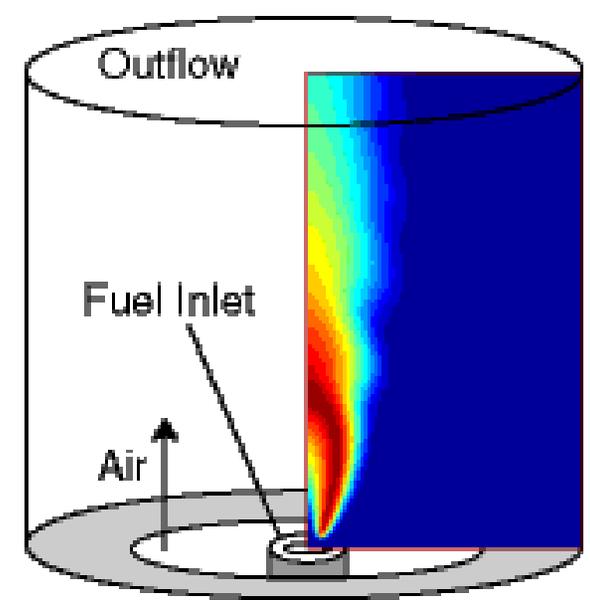
# Flame Stretch Effects

$$\frac{|\tilde{\xi}(\tilde{t}, \omega_0)|}{\tilde{\varepsilon}} \approx \exp(-\tilde{\sigma} \tilde{s}_{L,0} \tilde{t})$$

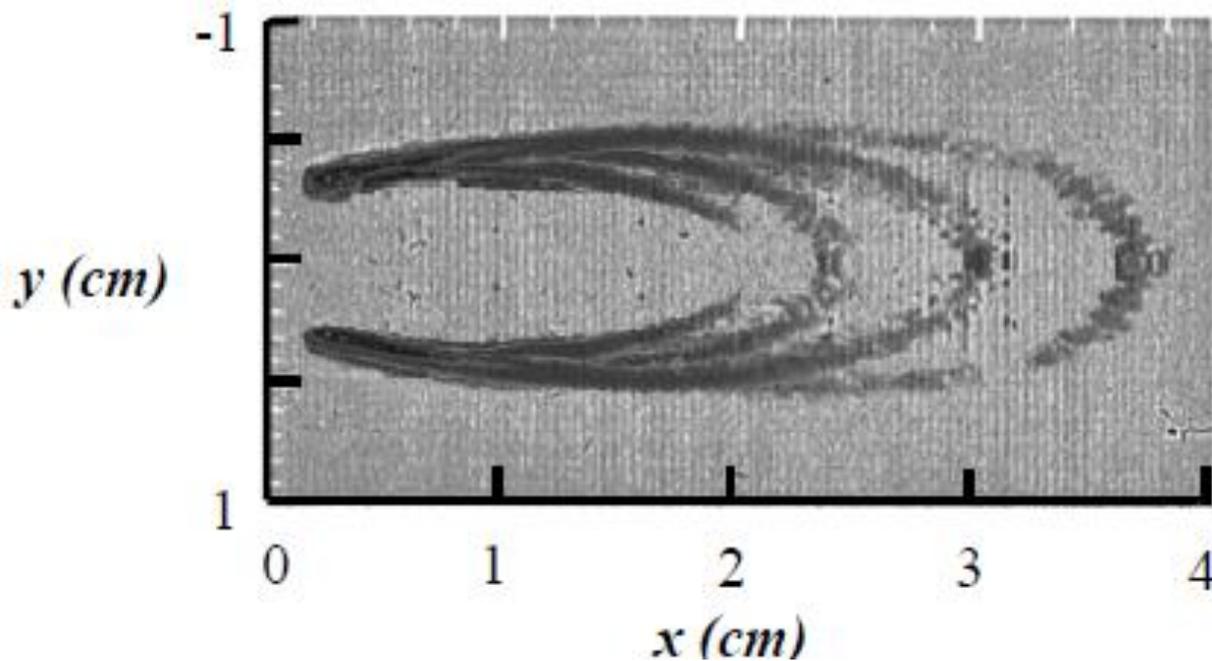
$\tilde{\sigma}$ : Normalized Markstein length

Linear in amplitude  
wrinkle destruction process

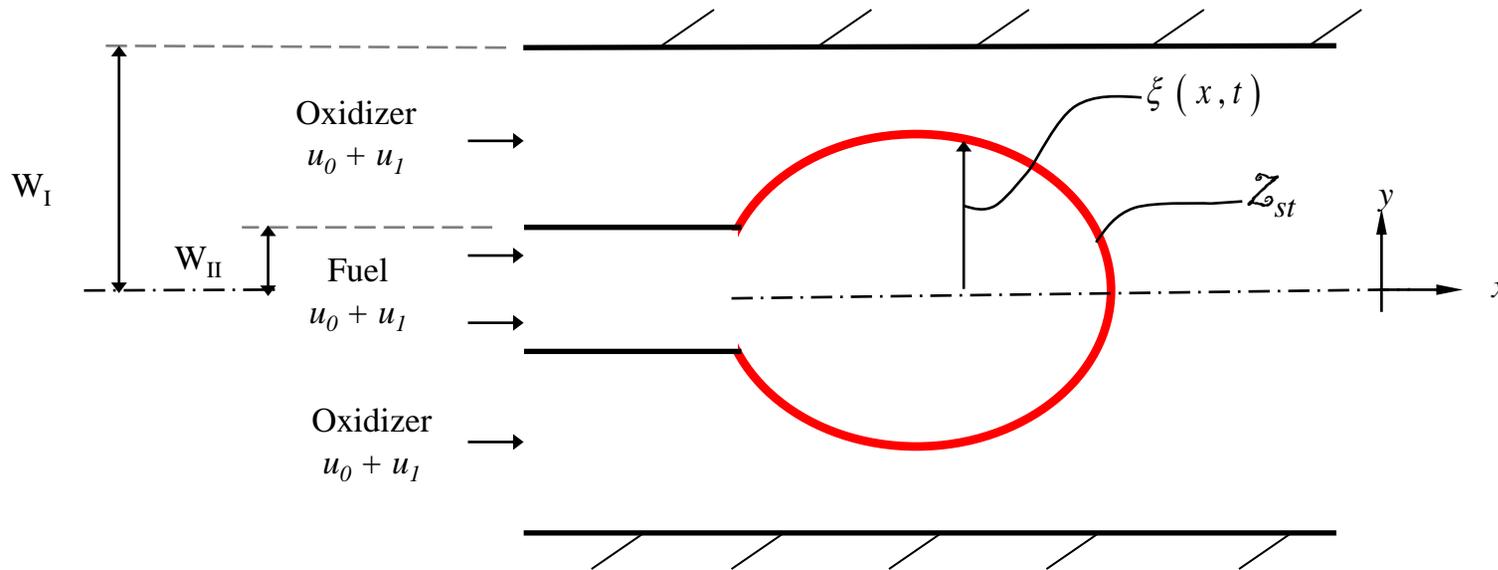




# Non-premixed Flame Sheets



# Flame Geometry



- Conditions

- Over ventilated flame
- Fuel & oxidizer forced by spatially uniform flow oscillations
- Will show illustrative solution in  $Pe \gg 1$  (i.e.,  $W_{II}u_0 \gg \mathcal{D}$ ) limit

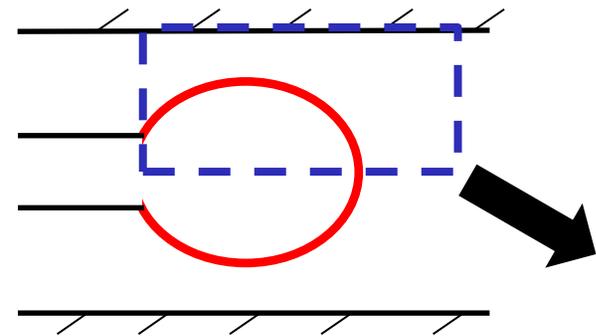
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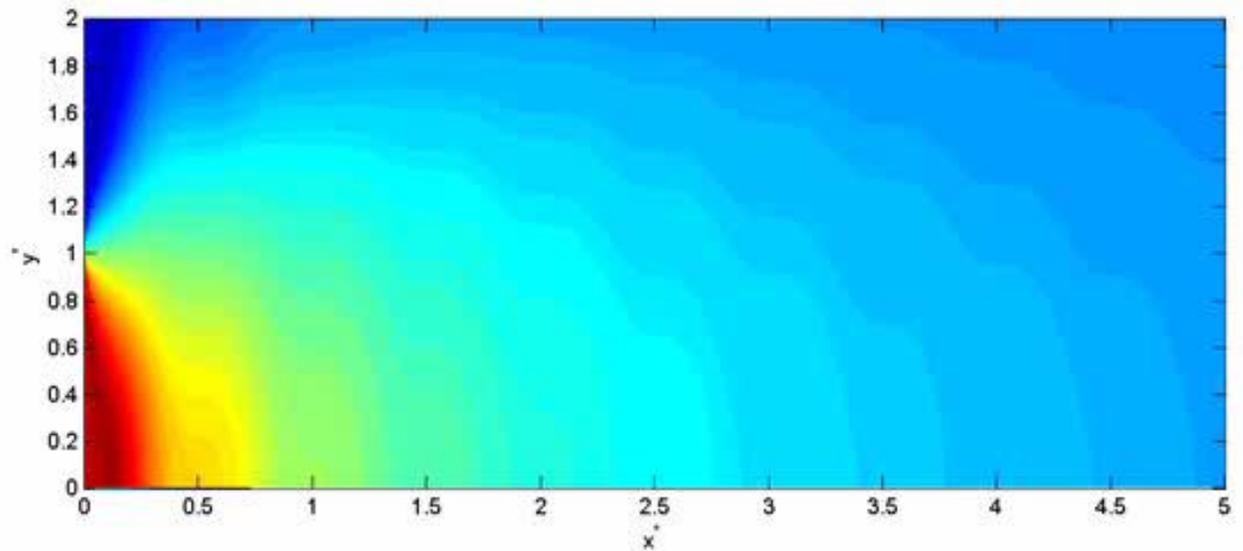
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# Solution characteristics of $Z$ field

$$Z_1 = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{i \varepsilon (\mathcal{A}_n)^2 (2/n\pi) \sin(\mathcal{A}_n)}{2\pi St_w Pe} \right] \cos\left(\mathcal{A}_n \frac{y}{W_{II}}\right) \exp\left(-\mathcal{A}_n^2 \frac{x}{Pe W_{II}}\right) \left\{ 1 - \exp\left(2\pi i St_w \frac{x}{W_{II}}\right) \right\} \exp(-i\omega t)$$

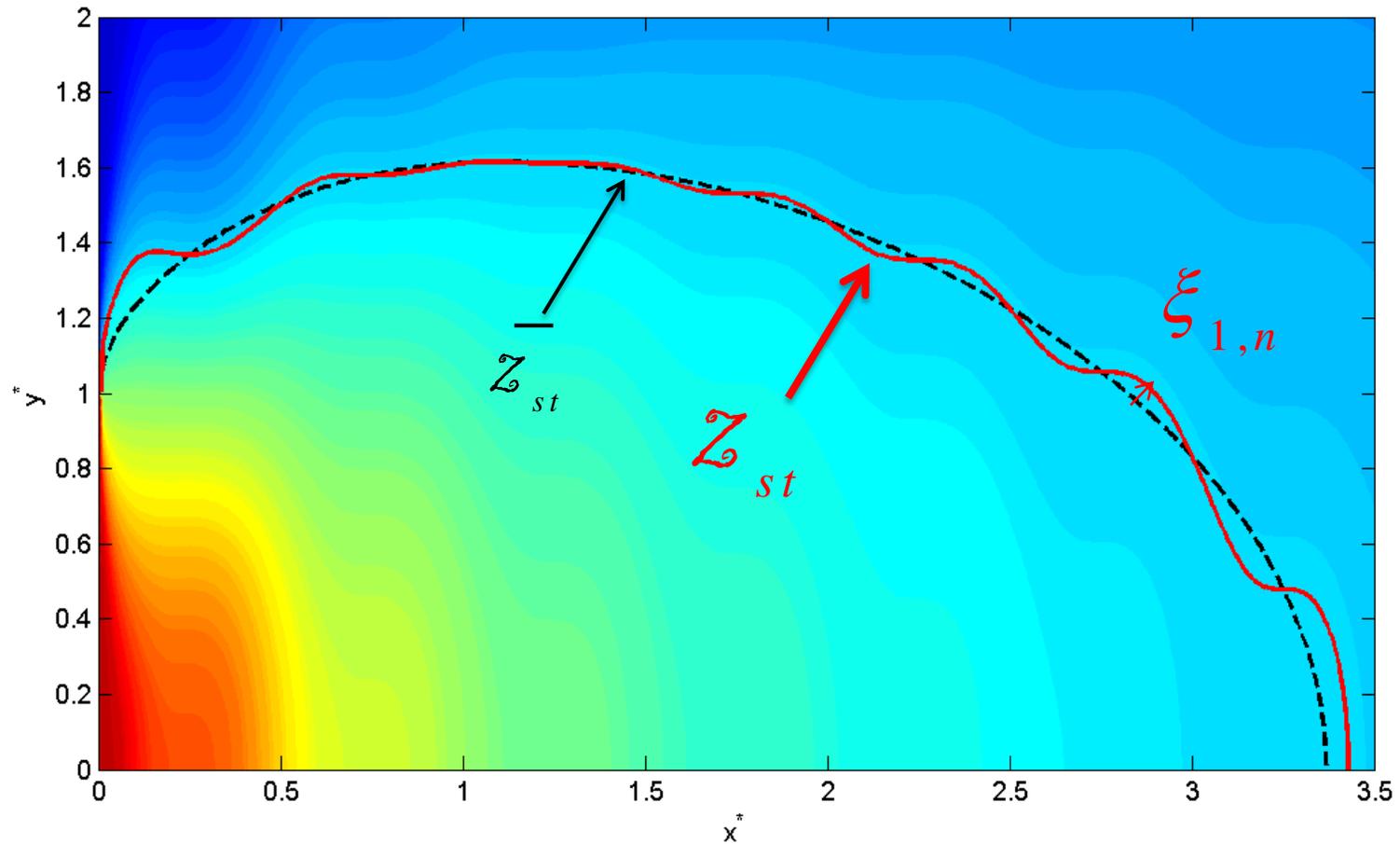


$$Z(x, \xi, t) = Z_{st}$$

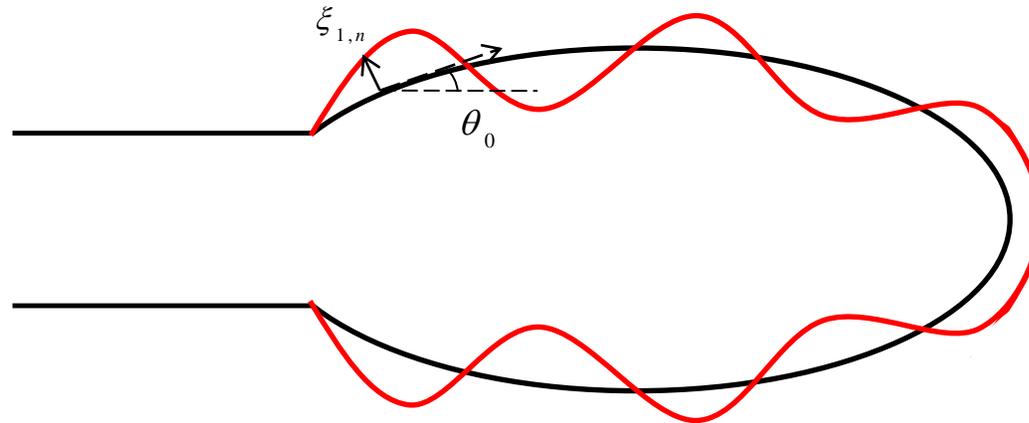


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# Solution: Space-Time Dynamics of $Z_{st}$ Surface



$$\xi_{1,n}(x, t) = \frac{i \varepsilon u_{x,0}}{2 \pi f} \sin \theta_0(x) \left\{ 1 - \exp \left[ i 2 \pi f \frac{x}{u_{x,0}} \right] \right\} \exp [-i 2 \pi f \cdot t]$$

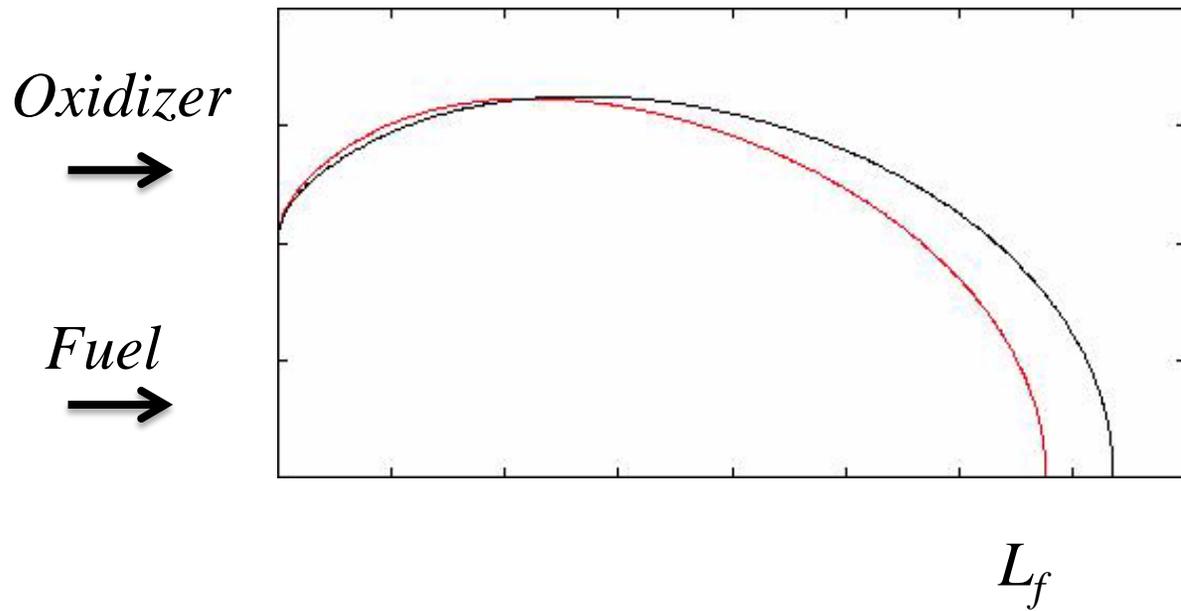
Low pass filter characteristic

Flame wrinkling only occurs through velocity fluctuations normal to flame

Flame wrinkles propagate with axial flow (cause interference)

# Illustrative Result of Flame Front Dynamics

$$\frac{\text{Convective wavelength } (u_{x,0} / f)}{\text{Flame length } (L_f)} = 3.3$$

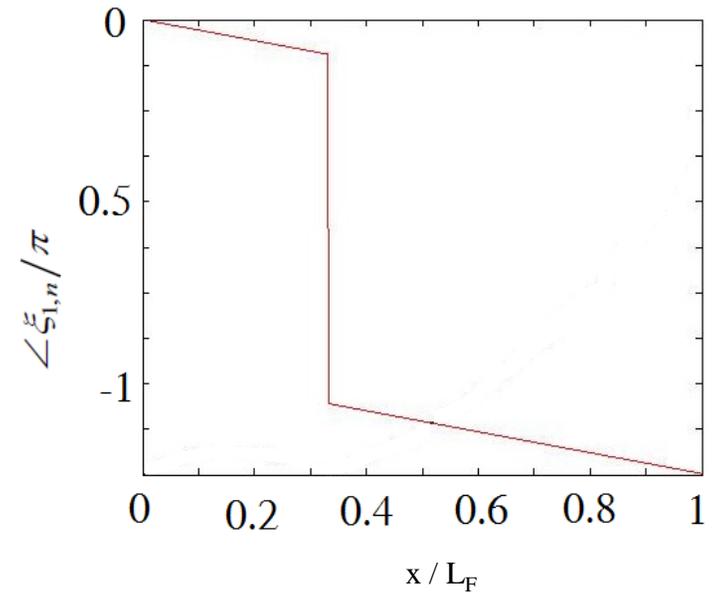
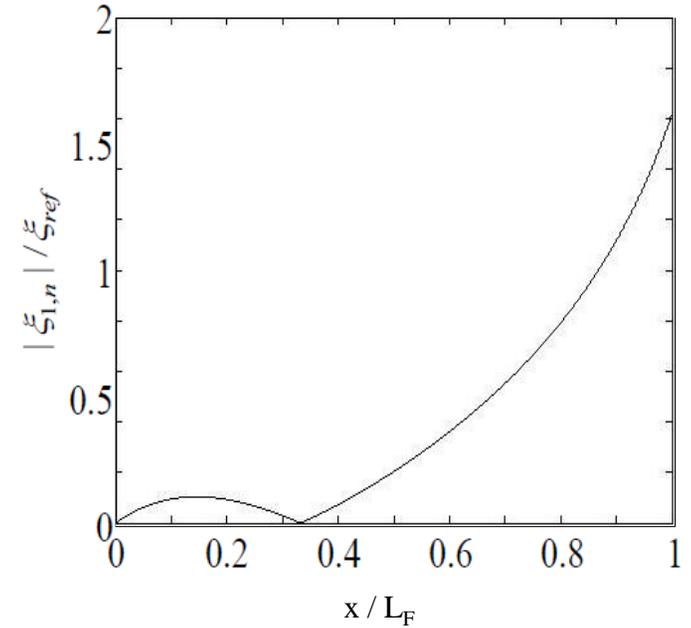
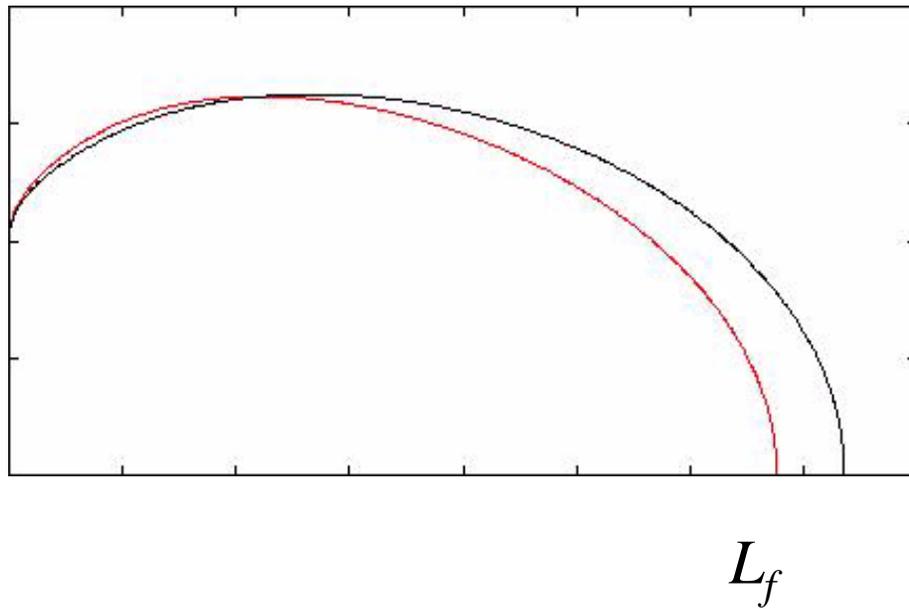


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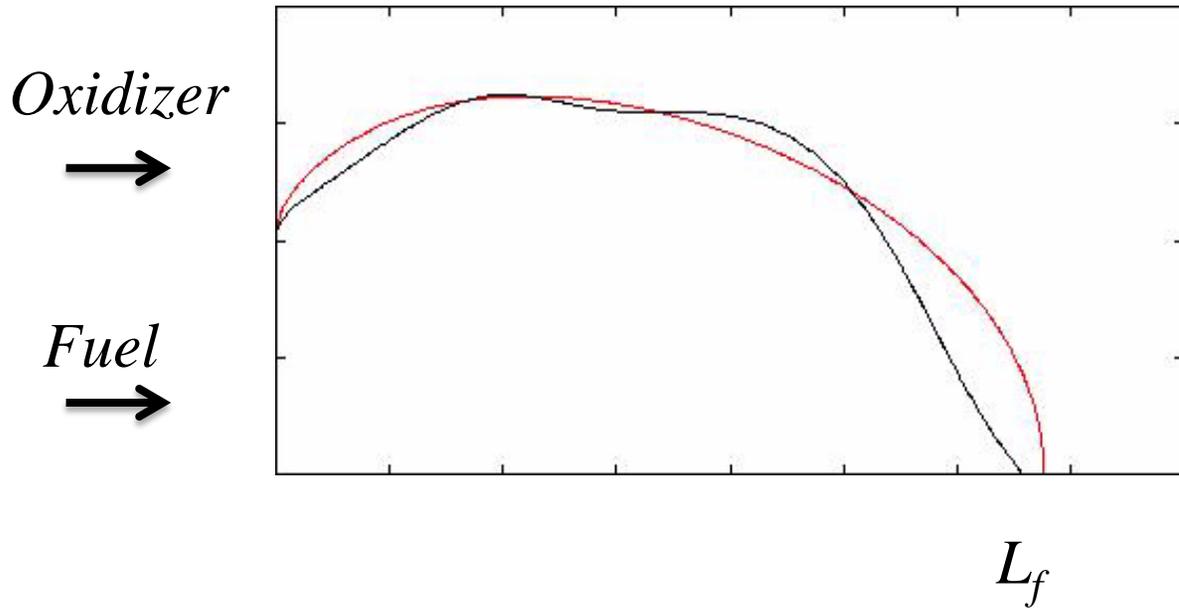
Oxidizer  
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Fuel  
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# Illustrative Result of Flame Front Dynamics

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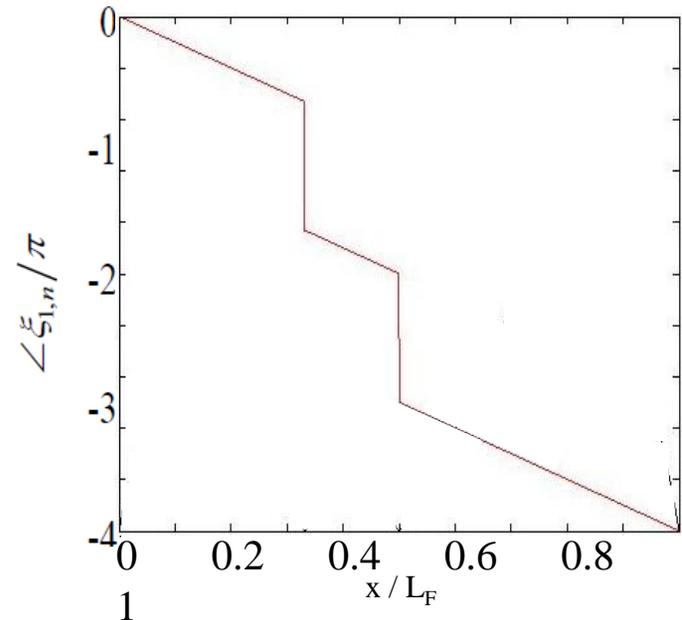
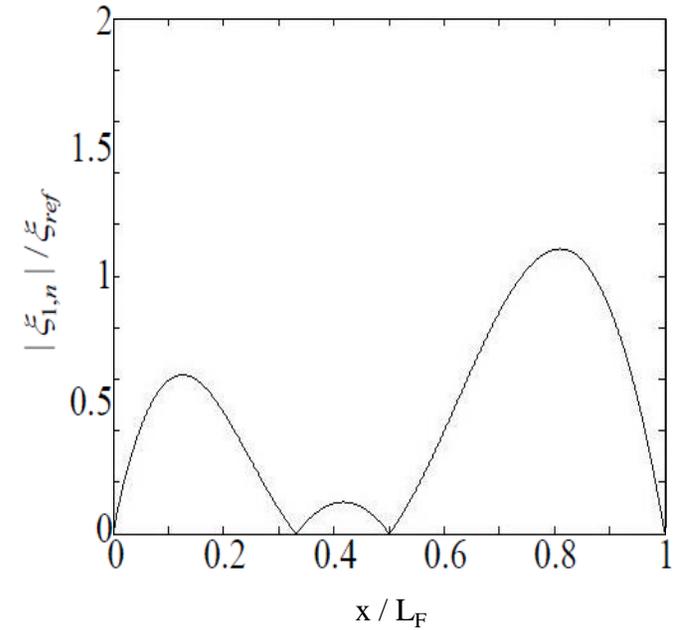
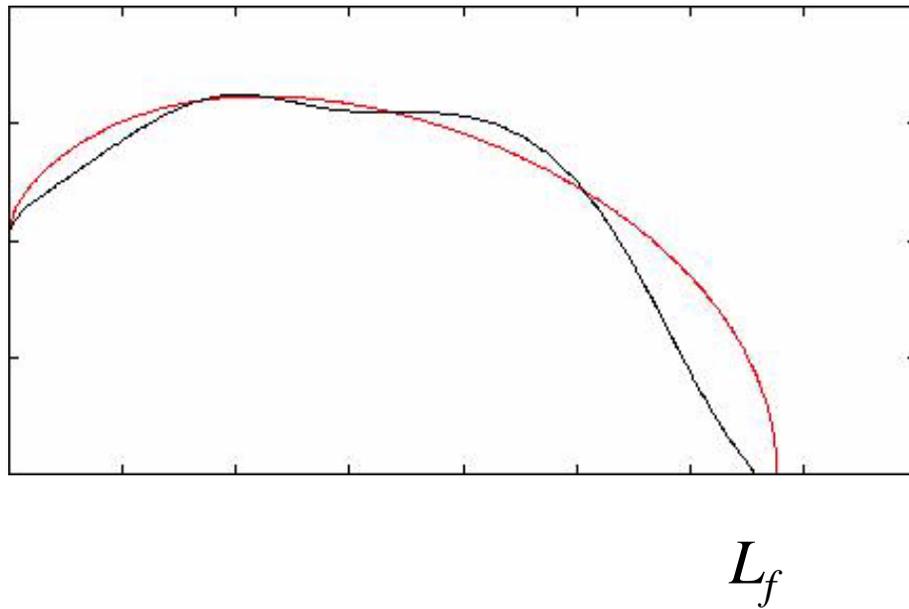
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Fuel



# Comparison - similarities

- Non-premixed

$$\xi_{1,n}(x,t) = \frac{i\varepsilon u_{x,0}}{2\pi f} \sin \theta(x) \left\{ 1 - \exp \left[ i2\pi f \frac{x}{u_{x,0}} \right] \right\} \exp[-i2\pi ft]$$

- Premixed

$$\xi_{1,n}(x,t) = \frac{i\varepsilon u_{x,0}}{2\pi f} \sin \theta \cdot \left\{ 1 - \exp \left[ i2\pi f \frac{x}{u_{x,0} \cos \theta} \right] \right\} \exp[-i2\pi ft]$$

Similarities between space/time dynamics of premixed and non-premixed flames responding to bulk flow perturbations

- > Magnitude
- > Flame Angle
- > Wave Form

# Comparison - difference

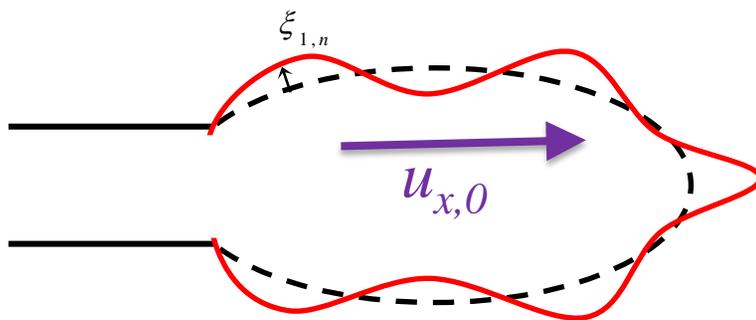
- Non-premixed

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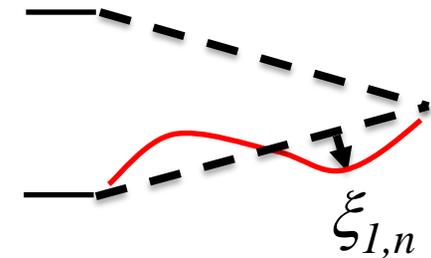
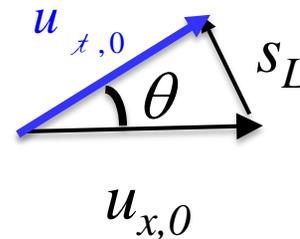
- Premixed

Convective wave speeds

$$\xi_{1,n}(x,t) = \frac{i\varepsilon u_{x,0}}{2\pi f} \sin \theta \cdot \left\{ 1 - \exp \left( i2\pi f \frac{x}{u_{x,0} \cos \theta} \right) \right\} \exp[-i2\pi ft]$$

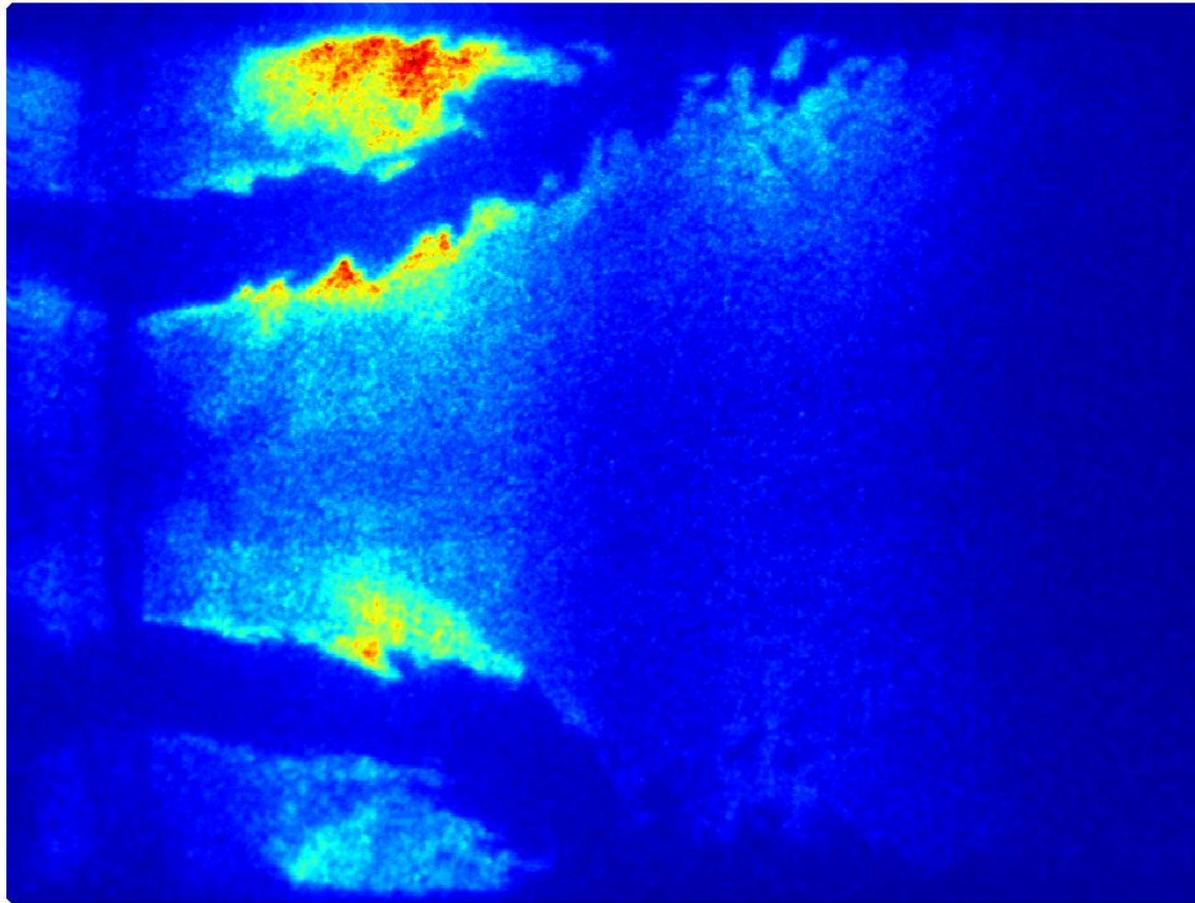


Non-premixed



Premixed

# Global Heat Release Analysis



# Spatially Integrated Heat Release

- Unsteady heat release

$$\dot{Q}(t) = \int_{flame} \dot{m}_F'' \dot{h}_R dA$$

- Flame surface area (Weighted Area)
- Mass burning rate (MBR)
- We'll assume constant composition

- Flame describing function:

$$\mathcal{F} \equiv \frac{\tilde{Q}_1 / \dot{Q}_0}{\tilde{u}_{x,1} / u_{x,0}} = \mathcal{F}_{WA} + \mathcal{F}_{MBR}$$

# Premixed Flames

- Spatially integrated heat release:

$$\dot{Q}(t) = \int_{flame} \rho^u s_c^u h_R dA$$

- Linearized for constant flame speed, heat of reaction, and density:

$$\frac{\dot{Q}_1(t)}{Q_0} = \int_{flame} \frac{dA}{A_0} \quad \text{Proportional to flame area}$$



$$\frac{A(t)}{A_0} = \sin \theta \int_{flame} W(y) \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\partial \xi}{\partial y} \right)^2} dy$$

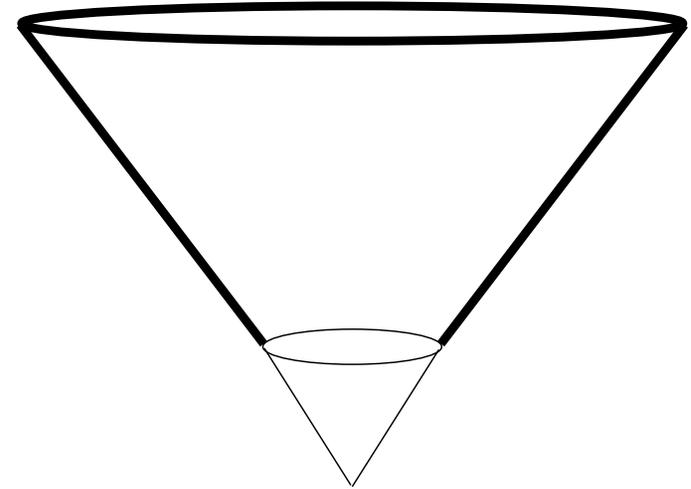
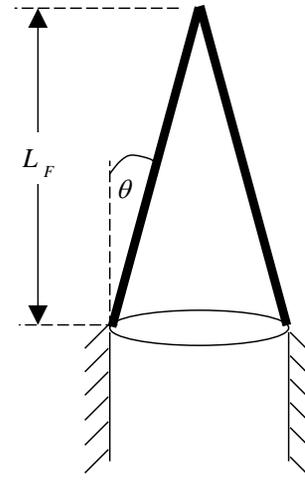
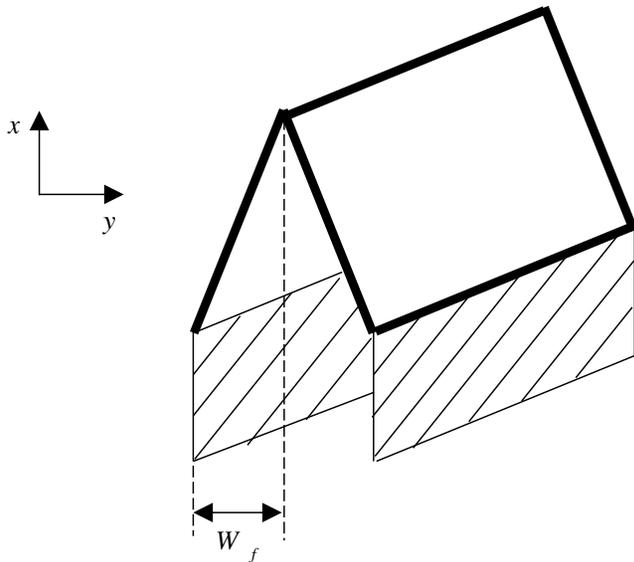
# Premixed Flames

- $W(y)$  is a geometry dependent weighting factor:

Two-dimensional

Axisymmetric Cone

Axisymmetric Wedge



$W(y) =$

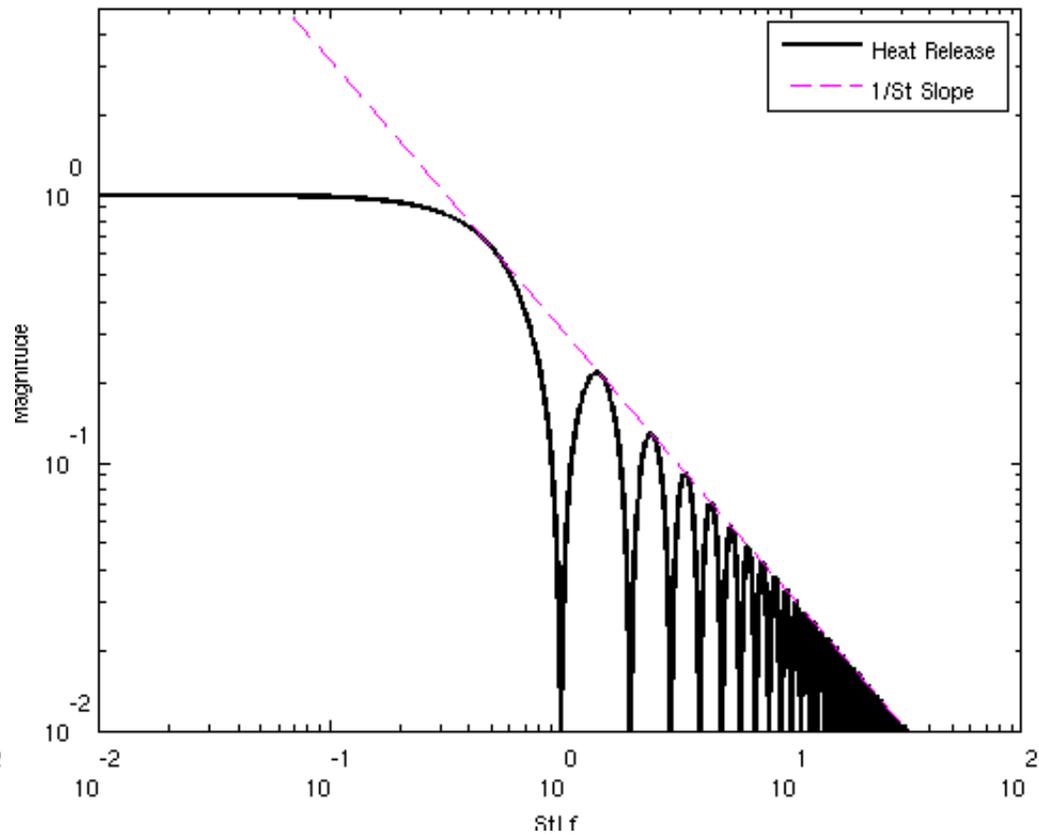
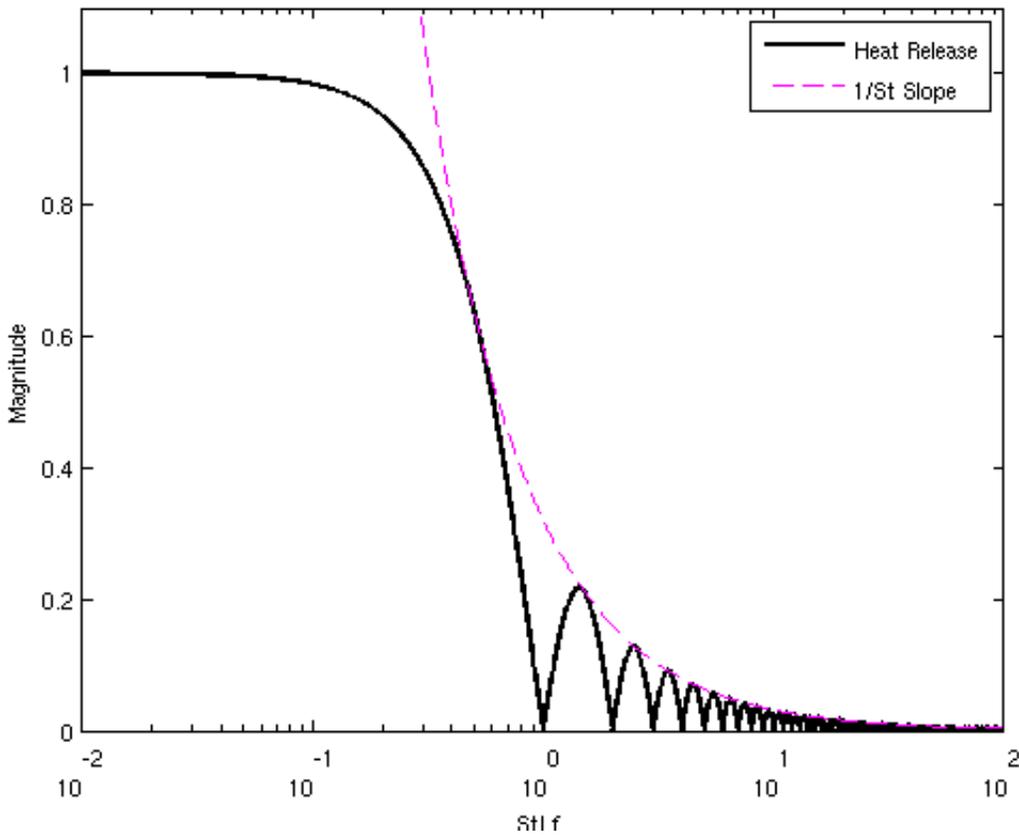
$1/W_f$

$2\pi(W_f - y) / (\pi W_f^2)$

$2\pi y / (\pi W_f^2)$

where:  $W_f = L_F \tan \theta$

# Premixed Flame TF Gain– Bulk Flow Excitation



- $St \ll 1: \mathcal{F} = 1$
- $St \gg 1: \mathcal{F} \sim 1/St$

# Why the 1/St Rolloff?

- Flame position  $\sim 1/St$ 

$$\zeta_{1,n}(x,t) = \underbrace{\frac{i \varepsilon u_{x,0}}{2 \pi f}}_{\text{Low pass filter characteristic!}} \sin \theta \left\{ 1 - \exp \left[ i 2 \pi S t_f \frac{x}{L_{f,0}} \right] \right\} \exp [-i 2 \pi f t]$$

- Flame area/unit axial distance:
 
$$dA = \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\partial \zeta}{\partial x} \right)^2} dx$$

- Linearized:

$$\frac{dA}{dx} = \sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\partial \zeta_0}{\partial x} \right)^2} + \frac{\frac{\partial \zeta_0}{\partial x} \frac{\partial \zeta_1}{\partial x}}{\sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\partial \zeta_0}{\partial x} \right)^2}} \propto \varepsilon \sin \theta \exp \left[ i 2 \pi S t_f \frac{x}{L_{f,0}} \right] \exp [-i 2 \pi f t]$$

# Why the 1/St Rolloff?

- Consider spatial integral of traveling wave disturbance:

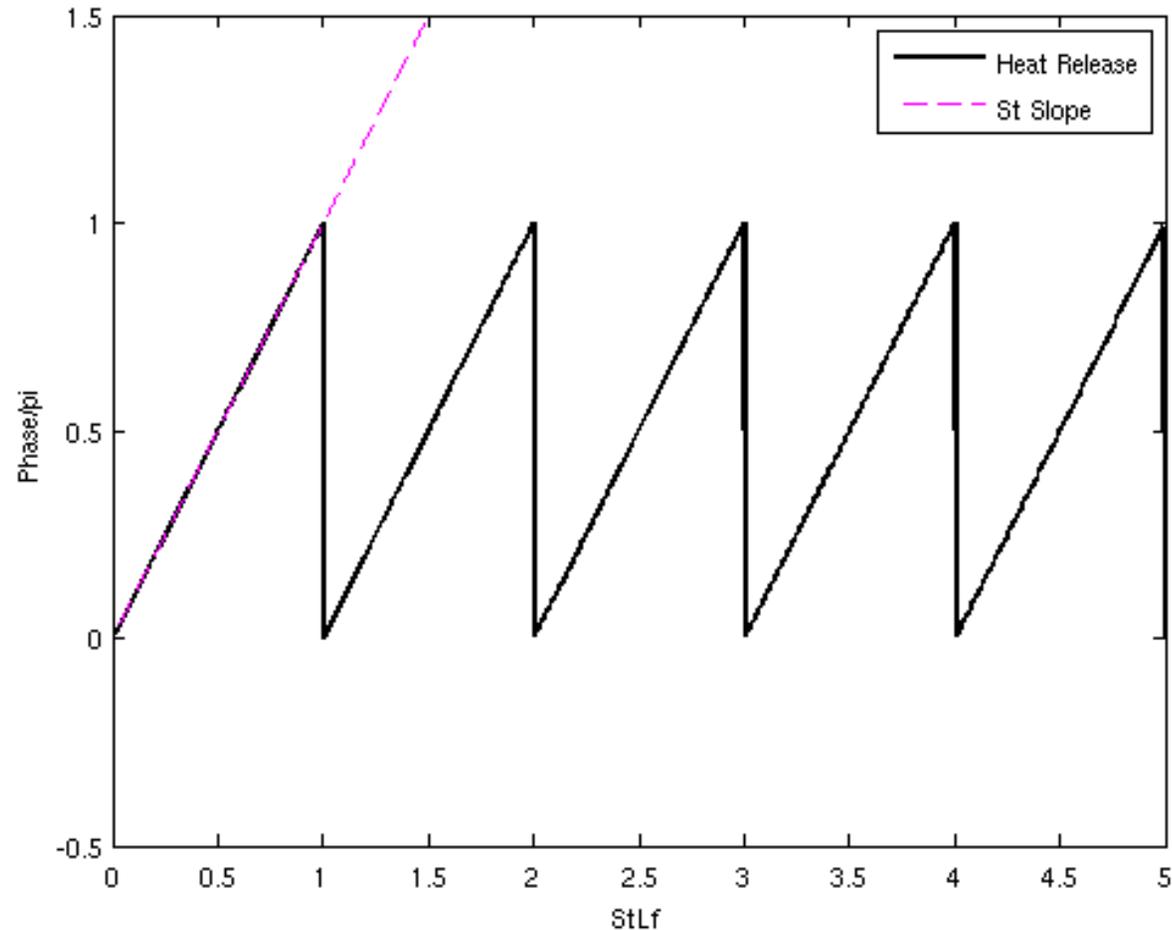
$$\int_{x=0}^{L_F} \cos \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{x}{u} \right) \right] dx = -\frac{u}{\omega} \left\{ \sin \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{L_F}{u} \right) \right] - \sin [\omega t] \right\}$$

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↓

Traveling Wave
1/St due to interference effects associated with tangential convection of wrinkles

- 1/St comes from the integration!

# Premixed Flame Response - Phase



- Phase rolls off linearly with St (for low St values)
  - Time delayed behavior
- 180° phase jumps at nodal locations in the gain

# Premixed Flame Response - Phase

Flame area-velocity relationship for convectively compact flame (low St values):

$$\frac{A_1(t)}{A_0} = \frac{u_1(t - \tau)}{u_0}$$

$$\tau = C \frac{L_f}{u_0}$$

Axi-symmetric Wedge:  $C = \frac{2(1 + k_c^{-1})}{3 \cos^2 \theta}$

Axi-symmetric Cone:  $C = \frac{2(k_c + 1)}{3k_c \cos^2 \theta}$

$$k_c = \frac{u_0}{u_{tx,0}}$$

Two-dimensional:  $C = \frac{(k_c + 1)}{2k_c \cos^2 \theta}$

# Nonpremixed Flames-Bulk Flow Excitation

- Returning to spatially integrated heat release:

$$\dot{Q}(t) = \int_{flame} \dot{m}''_F h_R dA$$

- Linearize the MBR and area terms:

$$\frac{\dot{Q}(t)}{h_R} = \int_{flame} \dot{m}''_{F,0} dA_0 + \int_{flame} \dot{m}''_{F,0} dA_1 + \int_{flame} \dot{m}''_{F,1} dA_0$$



Steady State  
Contribution



Area Fluctuation  
Contribution



MBR Fluctuation  
Contribution

# Non-Premixed Flames: Role of Area Fluctuations

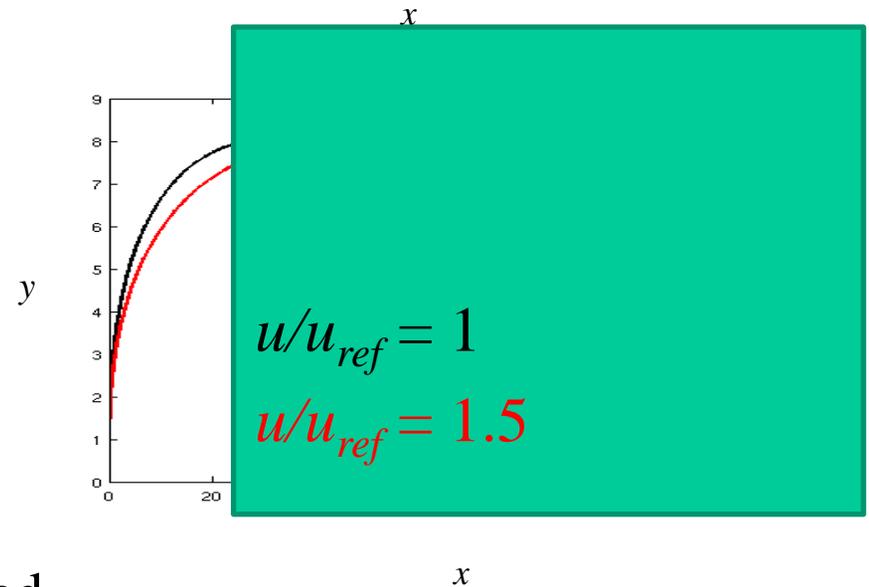
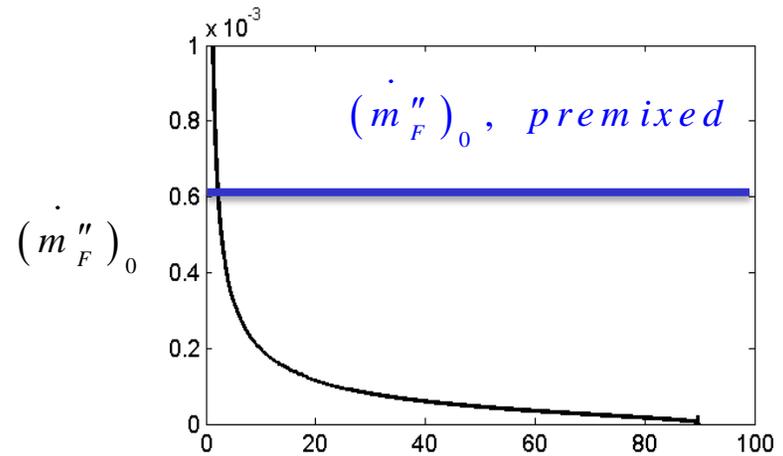
$$\mathcal{F}_{WA} = \frac{\int_{flame} (\dot{m}''_F)_0 dA_1}{\int_{flame} (\dot{m}''_F)_0 dA_0}$$

weighting

Very strong function of  $x$ !

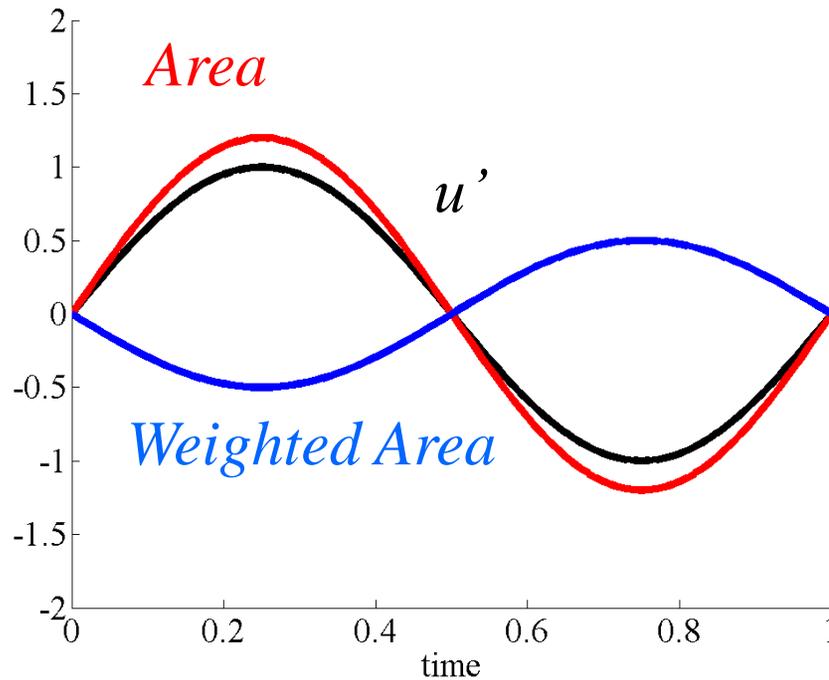
For the higher velocity,

- Area increases => Premixed
- Weighted area decreases => Non-premixed



# Weighted Area cont'd

At low frequencies



- Non-premixed
  - Weighted Area
- Premixed
  - Area (as weighting is constant)

At low frequencies, area and weighted area are **out of phase**

# Mass Burning Rate

$$\mathcal{F}_{MBR} = \frac{\int_{flame} (\dot{m}''_F)_1 dA_0}{\int_{flame} (\dot{m}''_F)_0 dA_0}$$

– Non-premixed:  $(\dot{m}''_F)_1 \sim \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \frac{\partial Z_1}{\partial y}$

- Fluctuations in spatial gradients of the mixture fraction

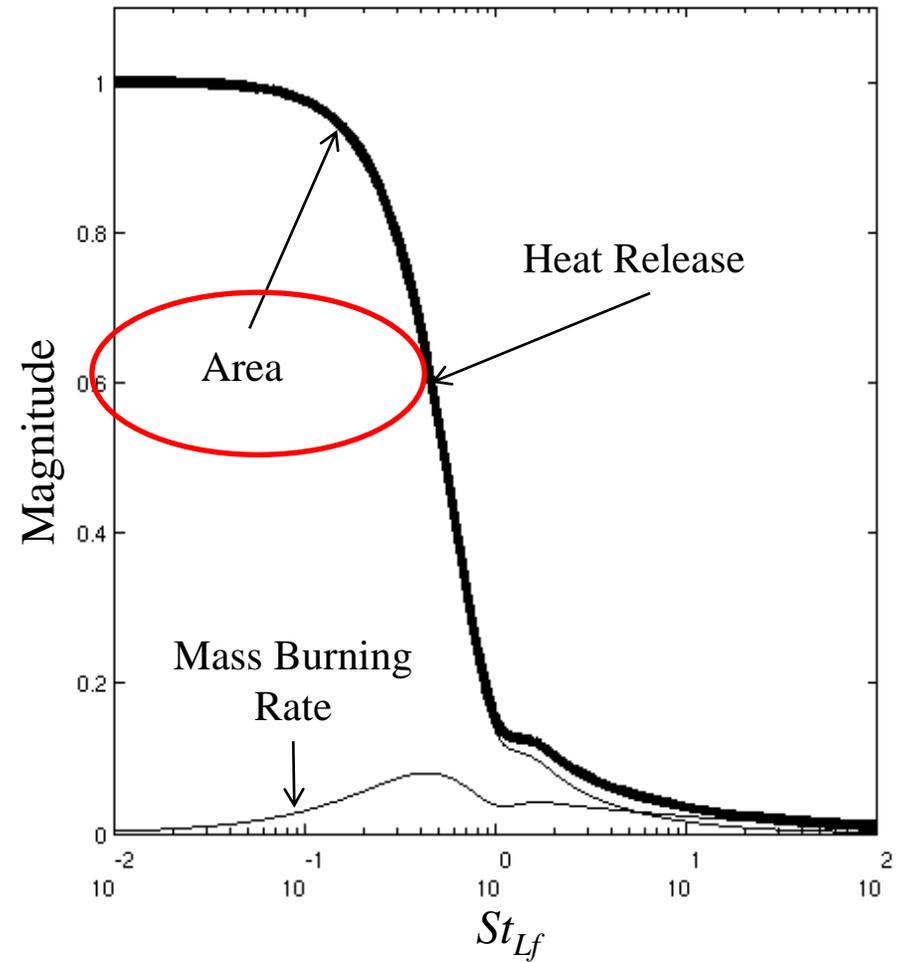
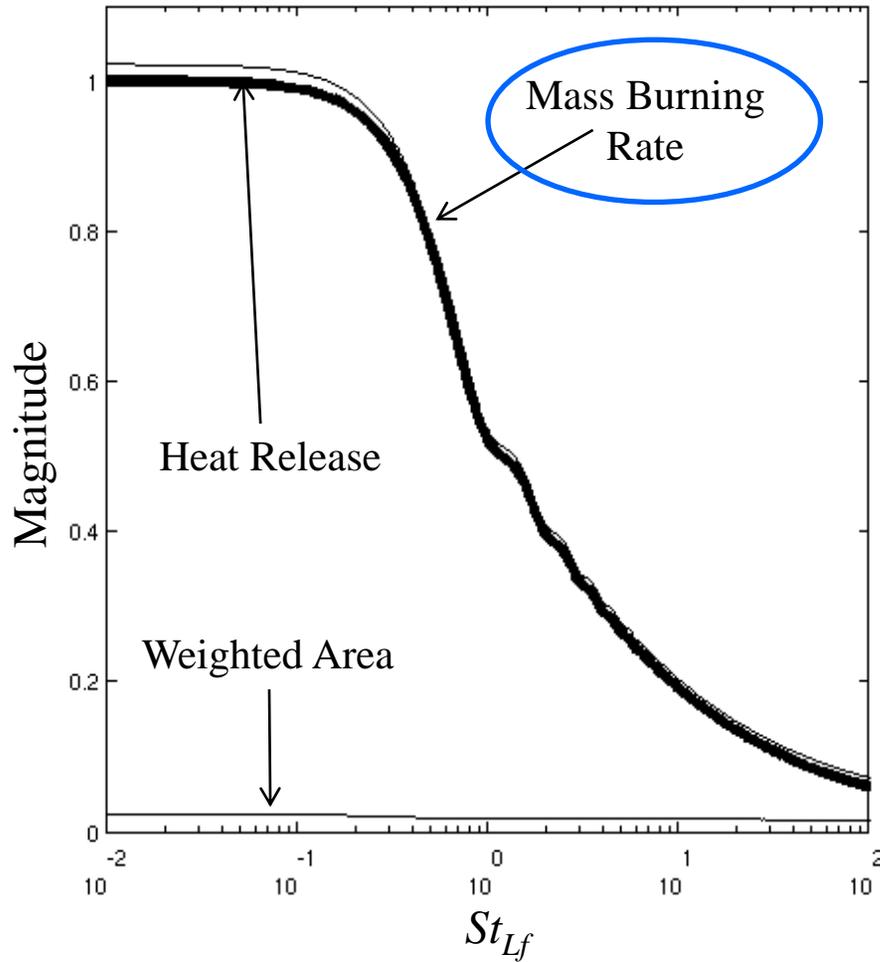
– Premixed:  $(\dot{m}''_F)_1 \sim \frac{\partial s_L}{\partial \phi}$

- Stretch sensitivity of the burning velocity

Non-premixed

Premixed

(weak flame stretch)

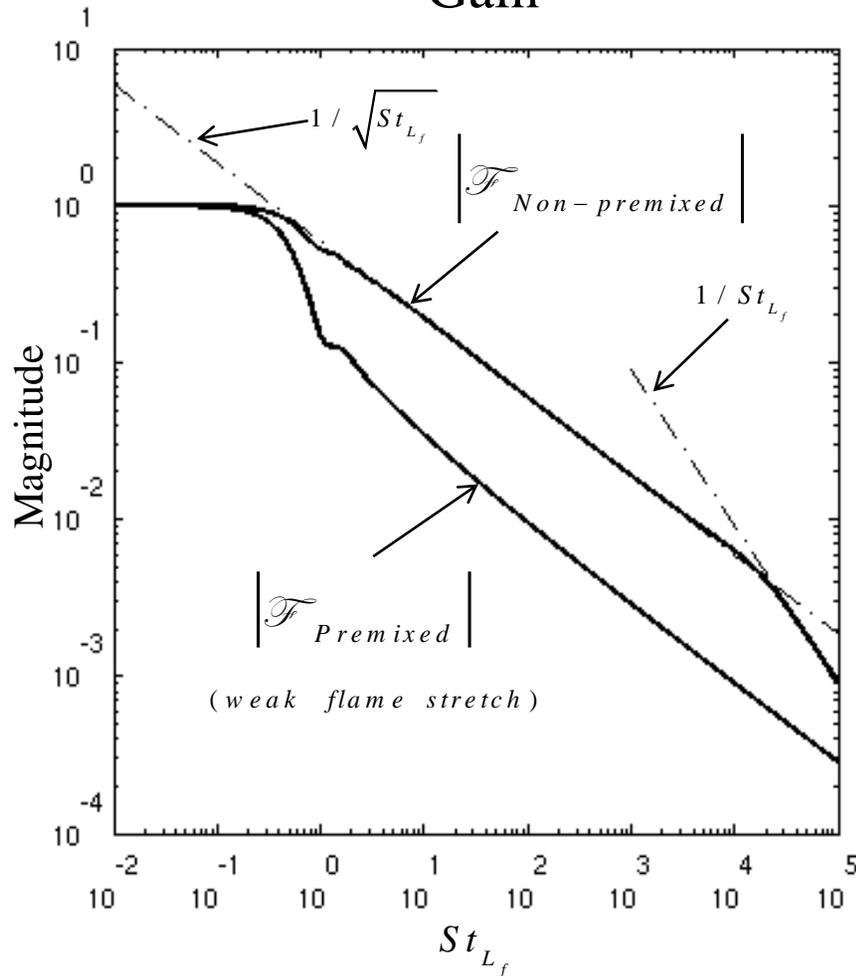


Significant differences in dominant processes controlling heat release oscillations

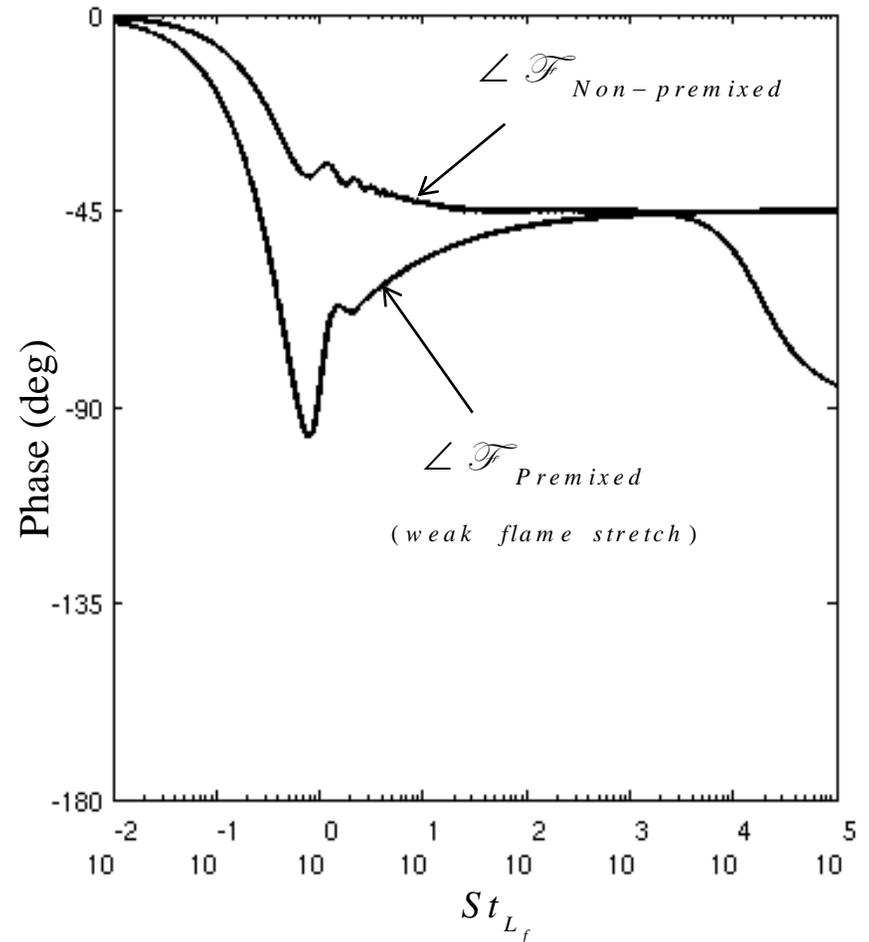
- Non-premixed : Mass burning rate
- Premixed : Area

# Comparisons of Gain and Phase of FTF

Gain



Phase



$St \ll 1$  :  $\sim 1$

$St \gg 1$  : Non-premixed flames  $\sim 1/St$

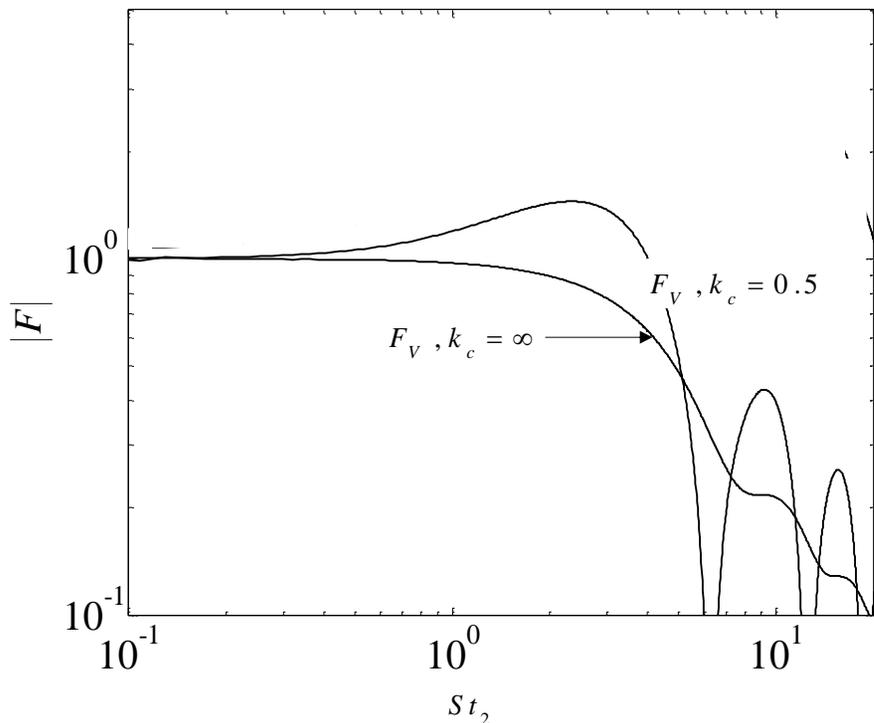
$St \sim O(1)$  : Non-premixed flame  $\sim 1/St^{1/2}$  > Premixed  $\sim 1/St$

- At  $St \sim O(1)$ , non-premixed flames are more sensitive to flow perturbations

# Premixed Flame TF's: More Complex Disturbance Fields

Disturbance convecting axially at velocity of  $U_c$  &  $k_c=U_o/U_c$

Axisymmetric wedge flame:  $\frac{v_{F,n1}(x,y,t)}{u_{x,0}} \Big|_{x=\xi(y,t)} = \varepsilon_n \cos(2\pi f(t - x/u_c)) \Big|_{x=\xi(y,t)}$



- Gain
  - fcn (  $St_2, k_c$  )
  - Unity at low  $st_2$
  - Gain increases greater than unity
  - "Nodes" of zero heat release response

# Closing Remarks

- Flame response exhibits “**wavelike**”, **non-local** behavior due to wrinkle convection, leading to:
  - maxima/minima in gain curves, interference phenomenon, etc.
  - $1/f$  behavior in transfer functions
- Premixed flame wrinkles controlled by different processes in different regions
- Role of area, weighted area, mass burning rate are quite different for premixed and non-premixed flames