

A Status Report on Multiphase CFD for Gas-Particles Systems

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Three Premises

- The US will need to rely on **fossil fuels** for **electricity** and **transportation fuels** well into 21st century
- It is prudent to rely on a **diverse mix** of energy resources
- **Better technology** can make a difference in meeting **environmental needs** at **acceptable cost**

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- **Hierarchy of models**
- **Eulerian-Eulerian approach**
- **Fundamental set of equations**
- **Constitutive laws**
- **Examples**



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CAD/CAE Modeling

Integrity with 3 D model

Schematic diagrams

P&IDs

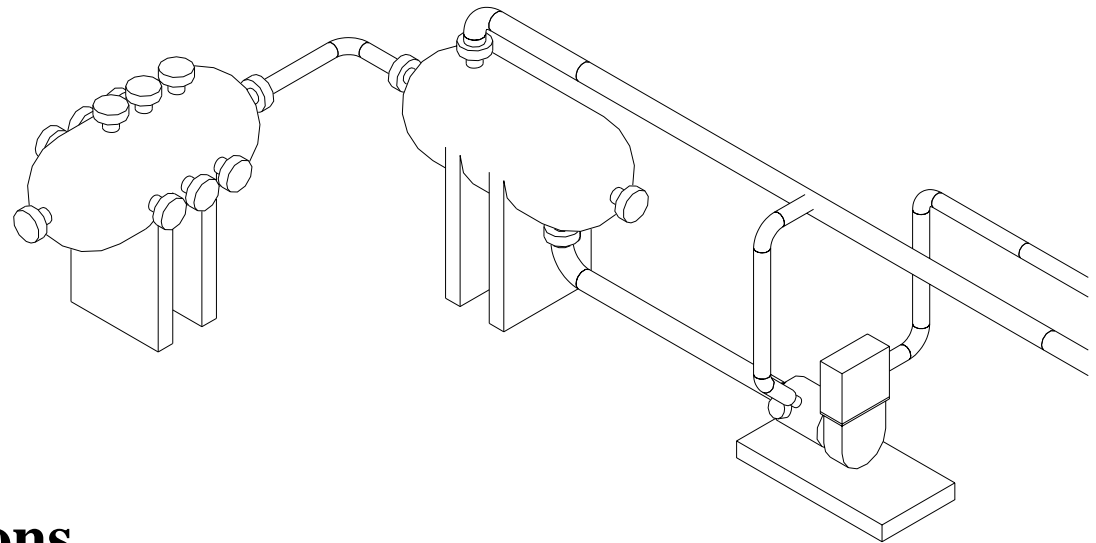
Loop diagrams

Structural

Report generation

Reduce rework

Standards/Specifications



Process Simulation

Process Optimization

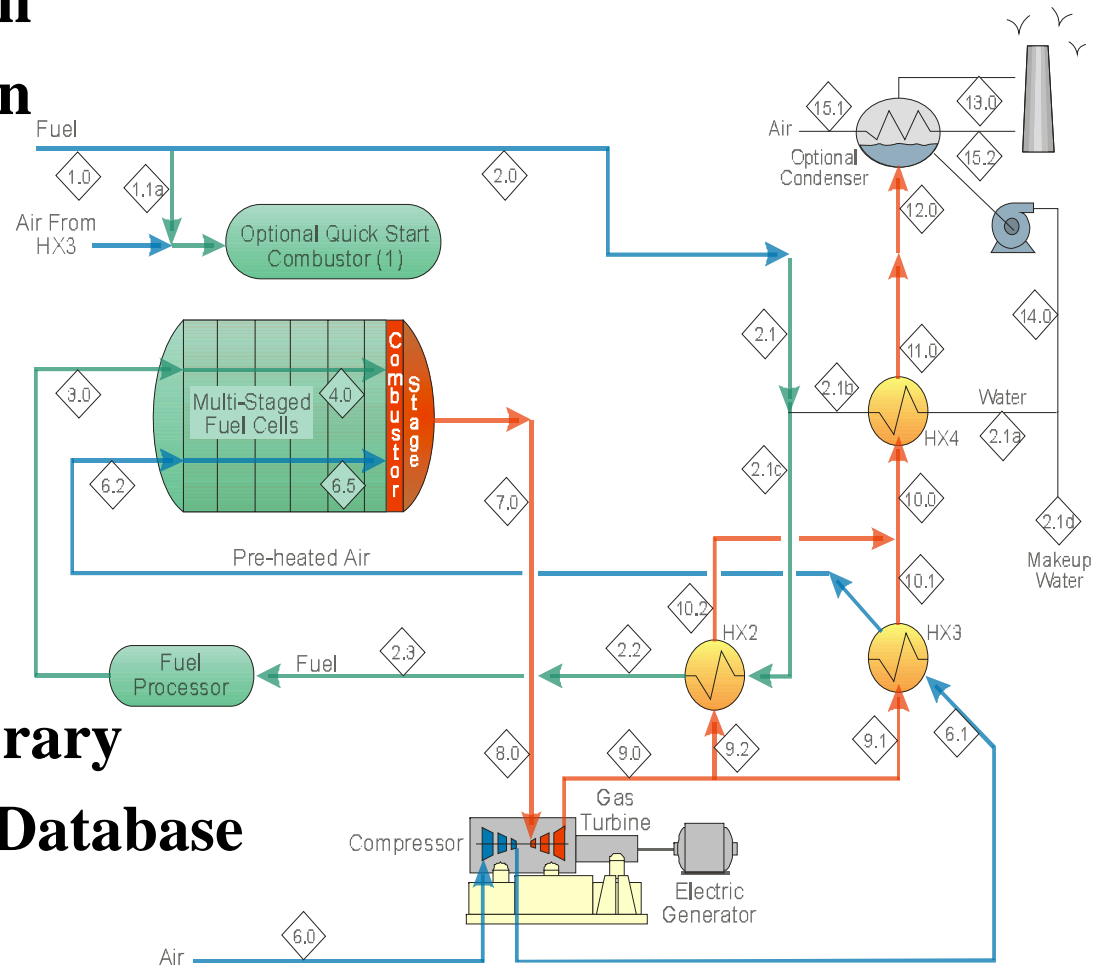
Economic Evaluation

Component Sizing

Sensitivity Analysis

Unit Operations Library

Physical Properties Database

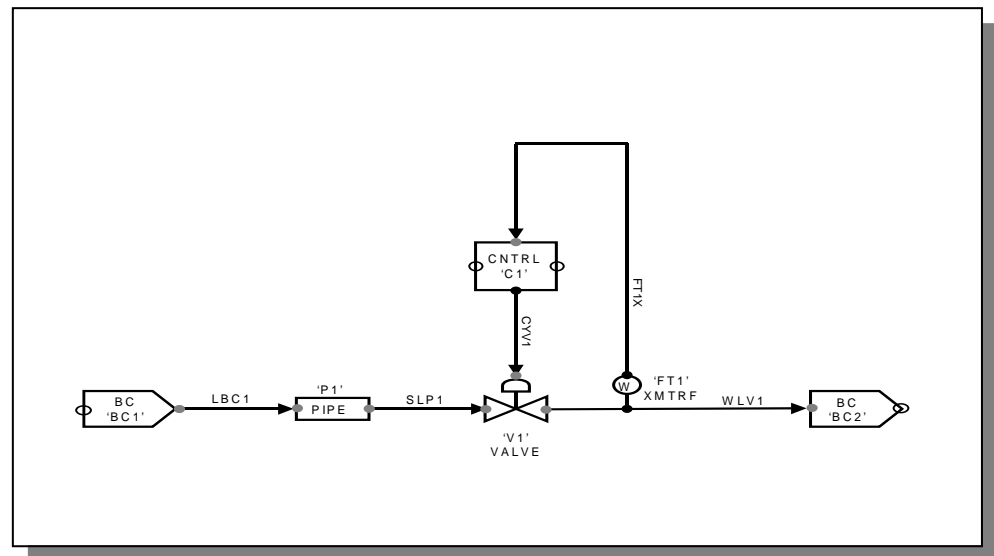


Control Systems

tightly coupled systems ... with disparate time scales

Normal operation
Start Up/Shut Down
Load Following
Transients Upsets
Safety

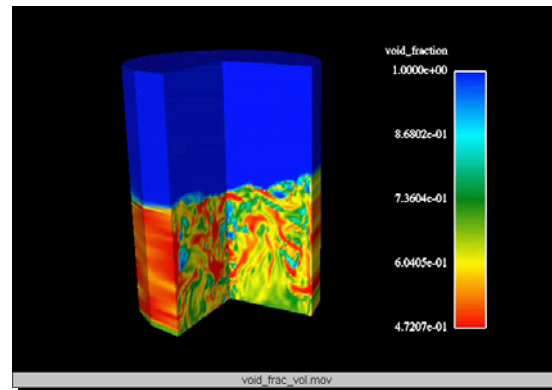
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Mechanistic Modeling

CFD Simulations

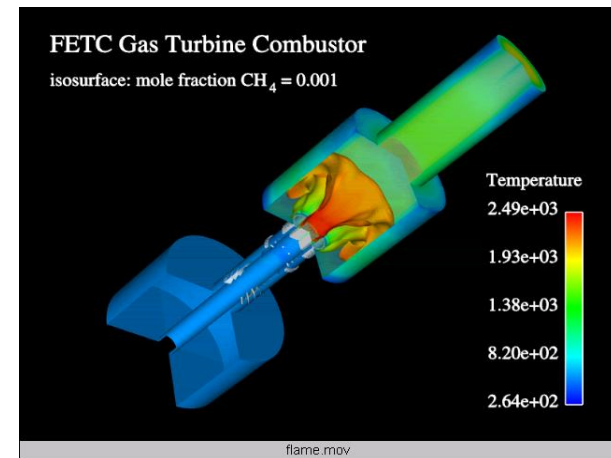
- single/multi- phase
- heat transfer
- chemical reactions



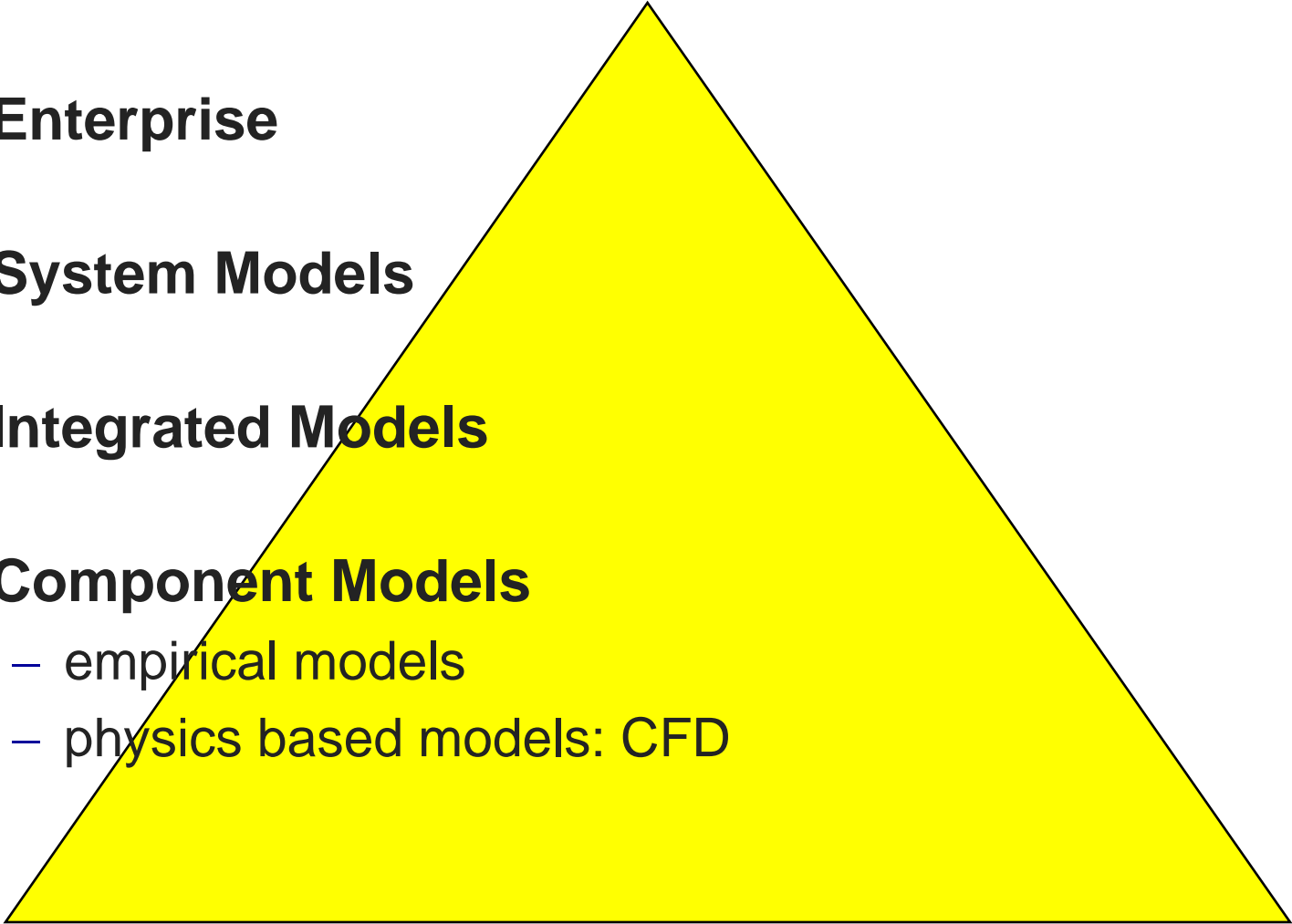
Finite Element Structural Simulations

Event Based Simulations

Material/Property Simulations



Hierarchy of Models

- 
- **Enterprise**
 - **System Models**
 - **Integrated Models**
 - **Component Models**
 - empirical models
 - physics based models: CFD



Hierarchy of CFD models - 1

- **Single-phase fluid**
 - Continuum hydrodynamics (stress-law: ideal gas, ...)
 - Turbulence model (steady-state, turbulent stress, *etc.*)
 - Heat transfer
 - Chemical kinetics (global/mechanistic, homogeneous)
- **Single-phase granular flow**
 - Discrete Element Method (DEM)
 - Soft particle (enduring collisions)
 - Hard particle (instantaneous, binary collisions)
 - Continuum hydrodynamics (stress-law: kinetic theory, ...)
 - Turbulence model (not well developed!!!)
 - Heat transfer
 - Chemical kinetics



Hierarchy of CFD models - 2

- **Multiphase**

- Eulerian-Lagrangian

- Eulerian – non-interacting particles
 - Eulerian - DEM

- Eulerian-Eulerian

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Local variables

Navier-Stokes eq. for fluid

Newton's Laws for particles

$$\left\{ \int_{V_f} \Downarrow g dy^3 \right\}$$

Mean variables

Navier-Stokes-like eqs.

for fluid and granular phases



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E-E Multiphase Model Equations

Continuity Equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\varepsilon_m \rho_m) + \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_m \rho_m \vec{v}_m) = \sum_{l=1}^M R_{ml}$$

Chemical Rates

Momentum Equations

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\varepsilon_m \rho_m \vec{v}_m) + \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_m \rho_m \vec{v}_m \vec{v}_m) = \nabla \cdot \bar{\bar{S}}_m$$

Stresses

$$+ \sum_{l=1}^M \vec{I}_{ml}$$

Interaction Term



Cascade of Energy

- **Single-phase flow**
 - Large scale fluid flow >>
 - >> Small scale fluid flow >>
 - >> Molecular dissipation



Cascade of Energy

- **Fluid-particle flow**

Large scale fluid flow >>

>> Small scale fluid flow >> Molecular dissipation

>> Large scale particle motion (bubbles/clusters) >>

>> Relative particle motion (granular temp) >>

>> Inelastic particle collisions >>



Energy Balance

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t}(\varepsilon_m \rho_m h_m) + \nabla \cdot (\varepsilon_m \rho_m h_m \vec{u}_m) = \varepsilon_m \left(\frac{\partial p_m}{\partial t} + \vec{u}_m \cdot \nabla p_m \right) + \overline{\overline{S}} : \nabla \vec{u}_m + S_m - \nabla \cdot \vec{q}_m + \sum_{l=1}^M (\gamma_{ml} (T_l - T_m) + R_{ml} h_{ml})$$



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closure – dependence on mean variables
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Constitutive Laws: Phase Interaction

- Bouyancy
- Drag
- Lift
- ...

$$\vec{I}_{ml} = -\delta_{gm} \varepsilon_l \nabla P_g - F_{ml} (\vec{v}_l - \vec{v}_m) + R_{ml} [\xi_{ml} \vec{v}_l + \bar{\xi}_{ml} \vec{v}_m]$$

F_{ml} is:

1) empirical

2) function of: velocity, voidage,

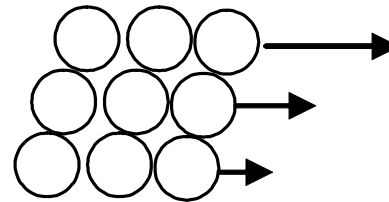
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Constitutive Laws: Granular Stresses

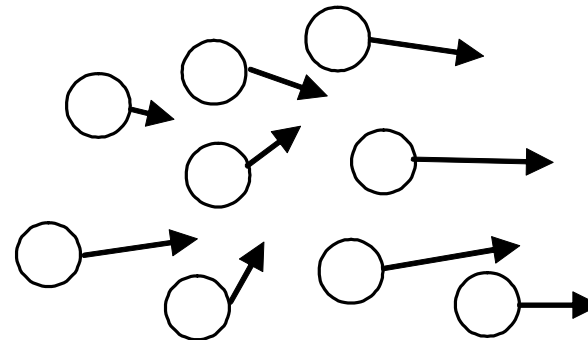
Plastic flow

- slowly shearing
- enduring contacts
- frictional transfer of momentum



Viscous flow

- rapidly shearing
- transient contacts
- translational or collisional transfer of momentum



Slowly and Rapidly Shearing Granular Flows



Multiphase Model - Granular Stress

$$\underline{\underline{\mathbf{S}}}_{sm} = \begin{cases} -\mathbf{P}_{sm}^p \underline{\underline{\mathbf{I}}} + \underline{\underline{\boldsymbol{\tau}}}_{sm}^p & \text{if } \varepsilon_g \leq \varepsilon_g^* \\ -\mathbf{P}_{sm}^v \underline{\underline{\mathbf{I}}} + \underline{\underline{\boldsymbol{\tau}}}_{sm}^v & \text{if } \varepsilon_g > \varepsilon_g^* \end{cases}$$

Plastic Regime
(Schaeffer – 1987)

Viscous Regime
(Lun et al. – 1984)



Multiphase Model - Granular Stress

Viscous Regime

Granular Pressure

Granular Temperature

$$P_{sm}^v = K_{1m} \varepsilon_{sm}^2 \Theta_m$$

$$K_{1m} = 2(1 + e_{mm}) \rho_{sm} g_{0_{mm}}$$

Shear Stress

$$\overline{\tau}_{sm}^v = 2 \mu_{sm}^v \overline{\mathbf{D}}_{sm} + \lambda_{sm}^v \text{tr}(\overline{\mathbf{D}}_{sm}) \overline{\mathbf{I}}$$

$$\lambda_{sm}^v = K_{2m} \varepsilon_{sm} \sqrt{\Theta_m}$$

$$K_{2m} = \frac{4 d_{pm} \rho_{sm} (1 + e_{mm}) \varepsilon_{sm} g_{0_{mm}}}{3 \sqrt{\pi}} - \frac{2}{3} K_{3m}$$



Multiphase Model - Granular Stress Plastic Regime

$$P_{sm}^p = \varepsilon_{sm} P^*$$

$$P^* = A(\varepsilon_{gg}^* - \varepsilon_{gg})^n$$

Pressure

$$\tau_{s1}^p = 2 \mu_{s1}^p \overline{D}_{s1}$$

$$\mu_{s1}^p = \frac{P^* \sin \phi}{2 \sqrt{I_{2D}}}$$

Shear Stress

$$I_{2D} = \frac{1}{6} \left[(D_{s11} - D_{s22})^2 + (D_{s22} - D_{s33})^2 + (D_{s33} - D_{s11})^2 \right] \\ + D_{s12}^2 + D_{s23}^2 + D_{s31}^2$$

Second Invariant of the Deviator of the Strain Rate Tensor



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Modeling of Gas-Solid Transport in the Chemical Industry

The Goal is Fully Coupled Simulations

- Dense Phase Gas/Fluid Hydrodynamics
- Heat and Mass Transfer
- Chemical Kinetics
- 3-D
- Transient

Applications: coal gasification, O_3 , SiH_4 , $SiHCl_3$,
 CH_4 , $TiCl_4$, $-CH_2-$



MFDRC - NETL MFIX Code

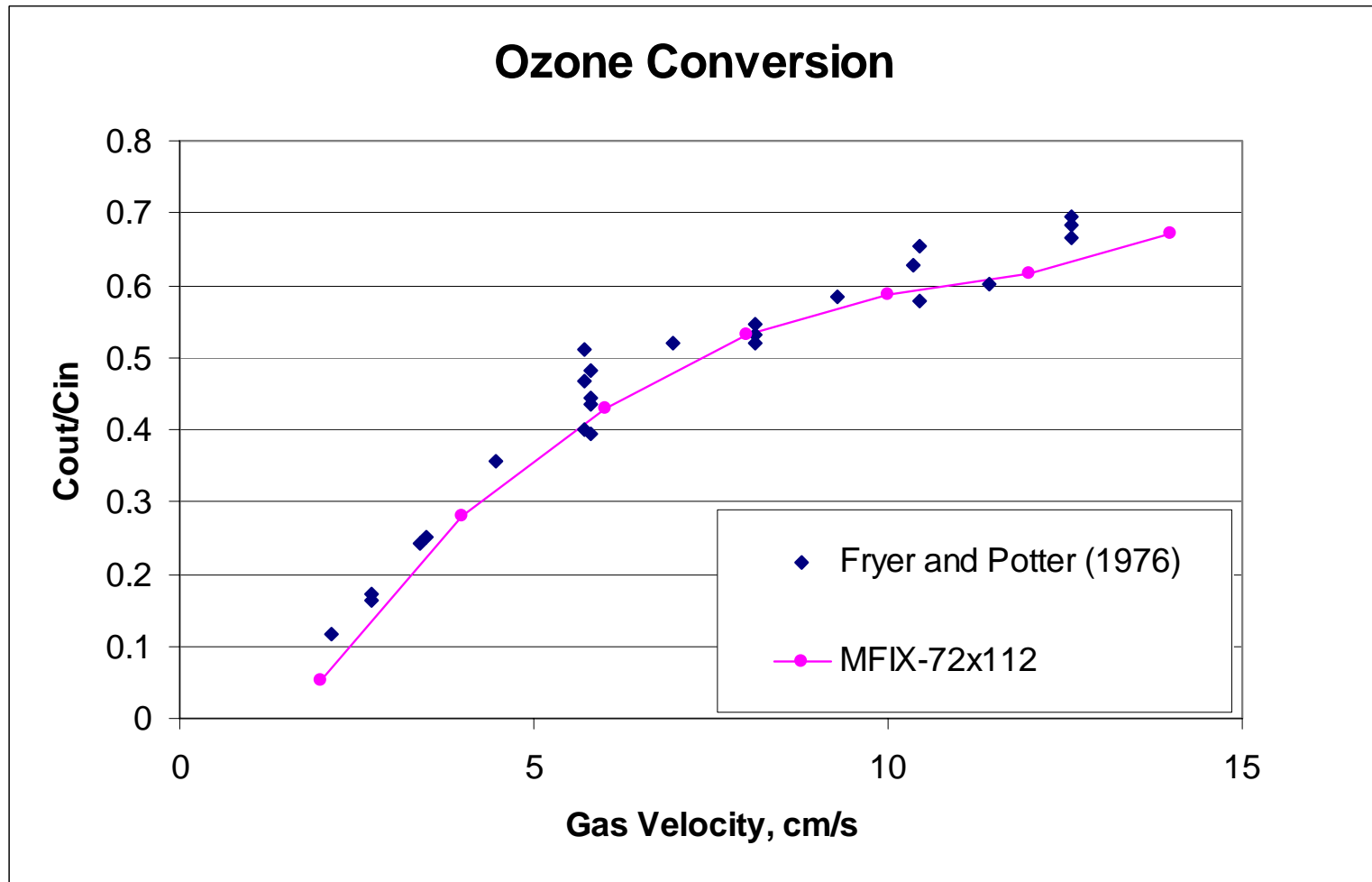
- MFIX - Multiphase Granular Flow Code

MFIX Application - Ozone Decomposition

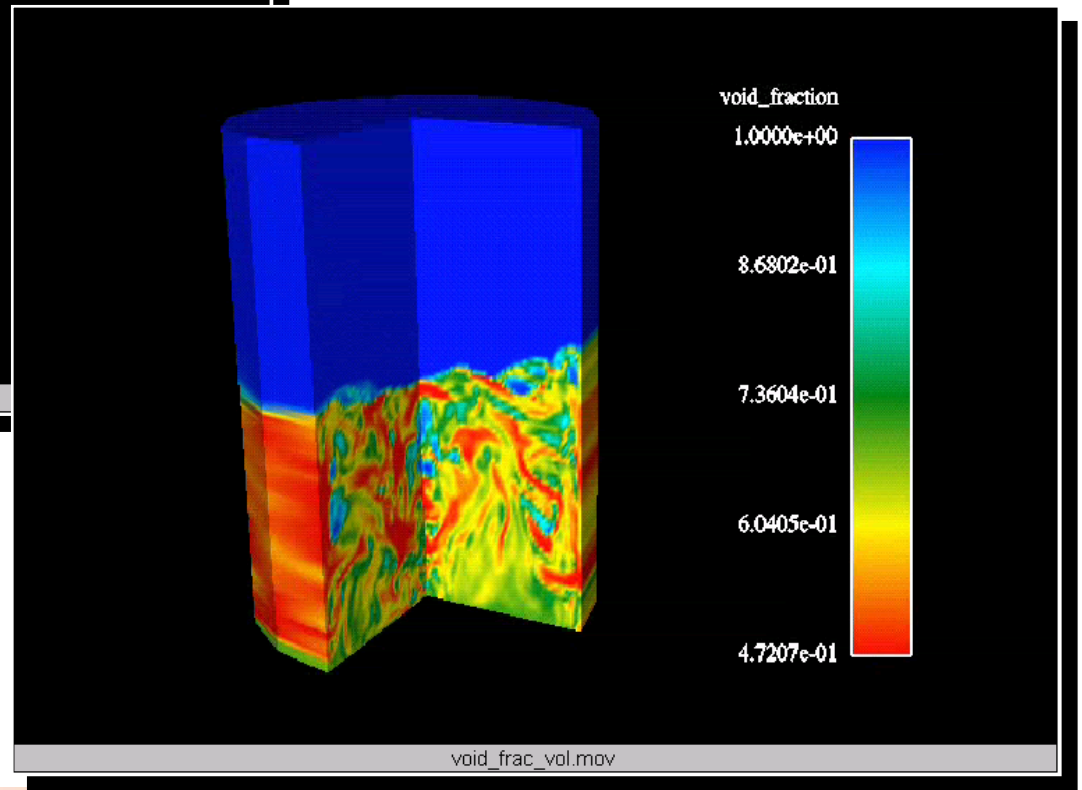
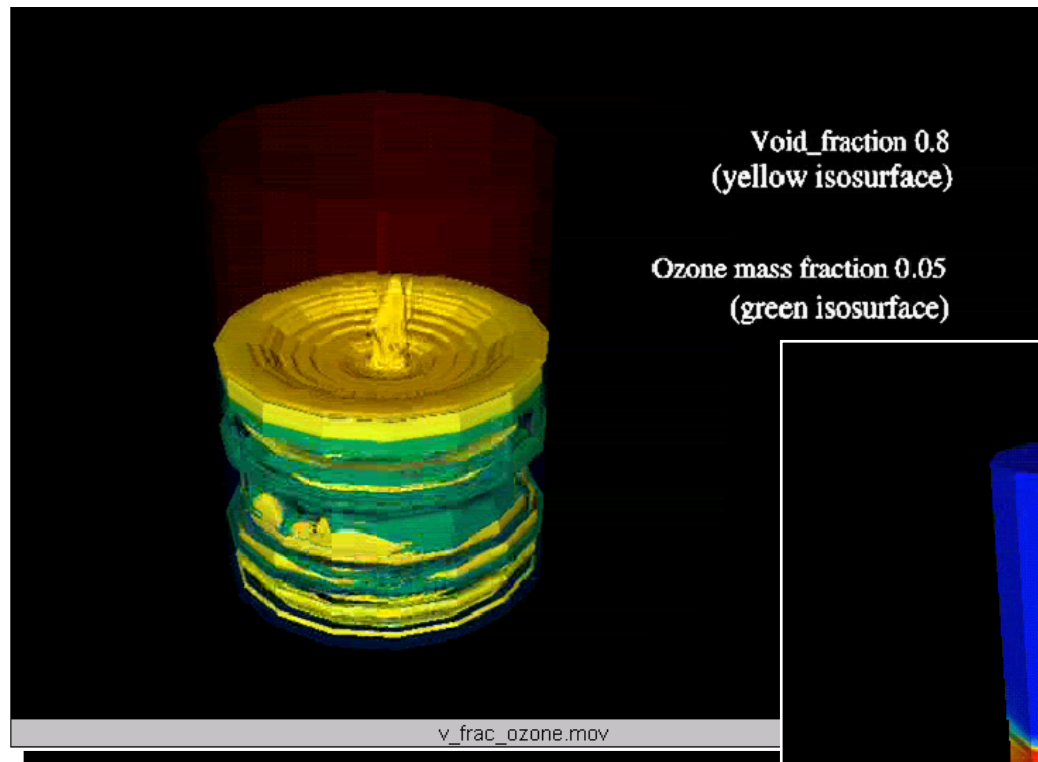
- Fryer and Potter (1976)
- 117 mm, 2650 kg/m³ catalyst particles
- 0.229 m diameter x 2 m height
- bed height = 0.115 m
- $U_{mf} = 1.7$ cm/s
- Gas flow: 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14 cm/s
- axisymmetric cylindrical coordinates
- Grid resolution: 36 x 56, 72 x 112, 144 x 224
- First order kinetics
- $O_3 \rightarrow 1.5 O_2$
- Catalyzed by sand impregnated with iron oxide



MFIX Code - Ozone Decomposition



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EP_g

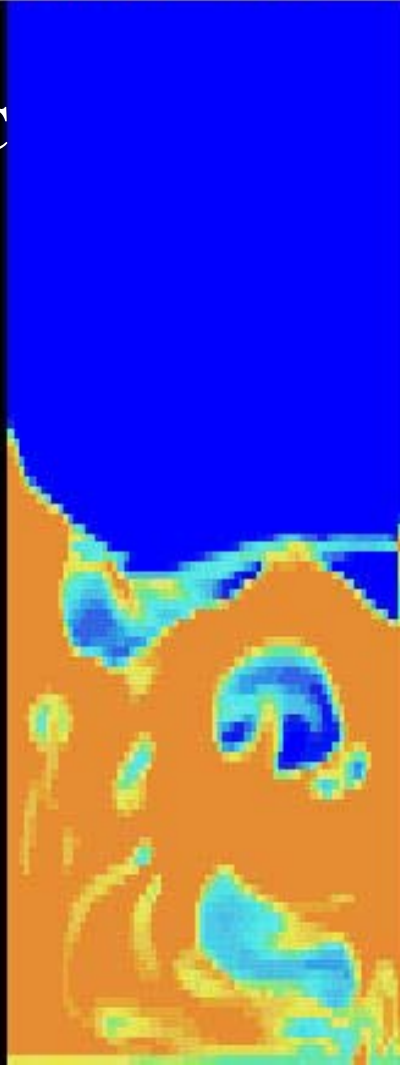
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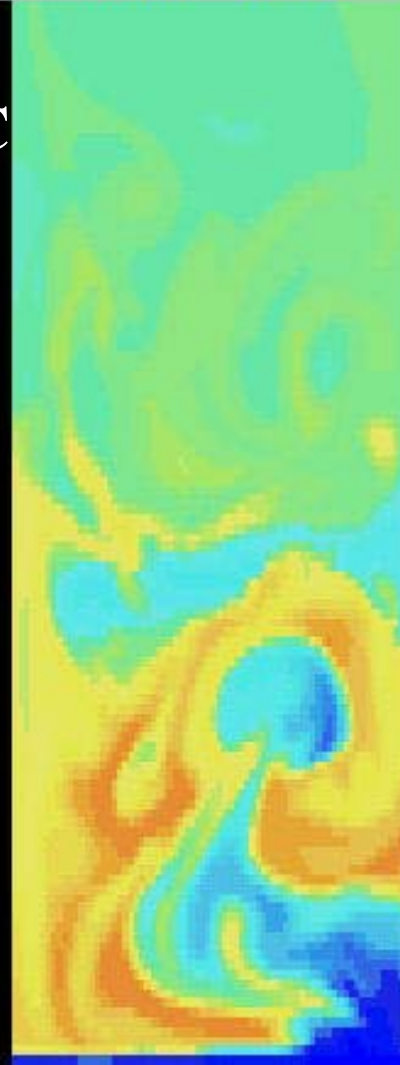
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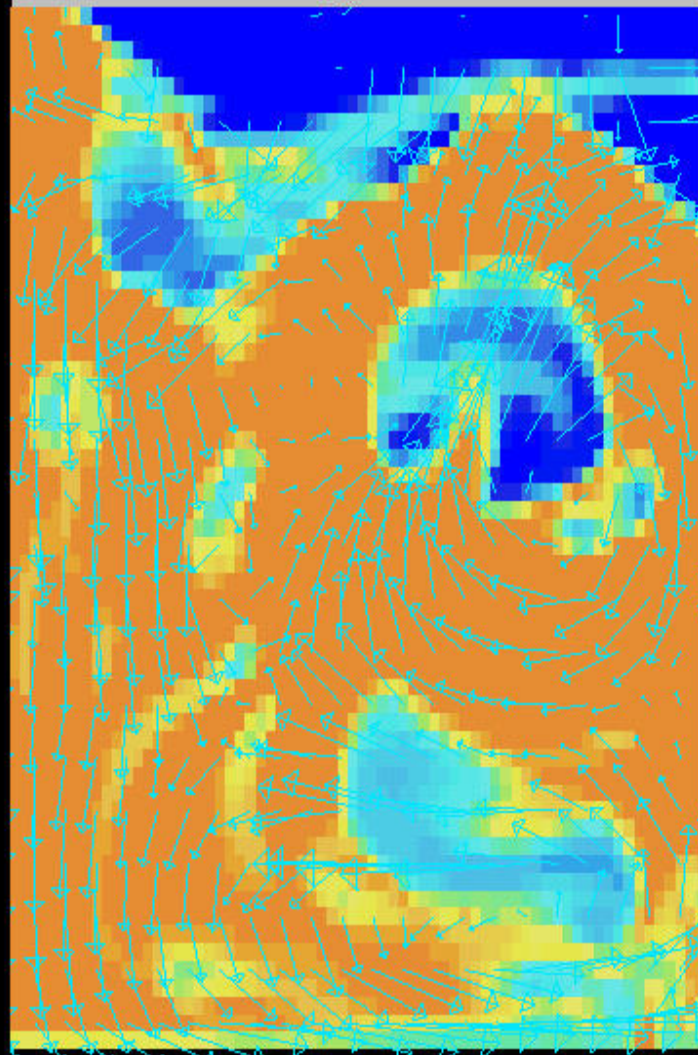


$U = 8 \text{ cm/s}$; $H_{mf} = 11.5 \text{ cm}$

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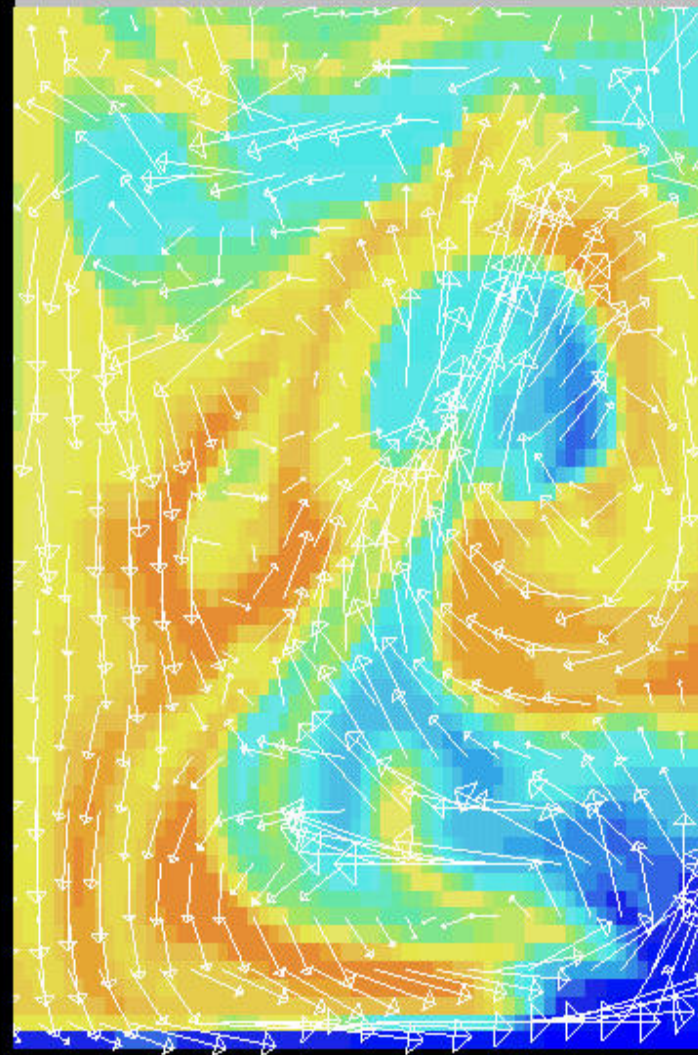
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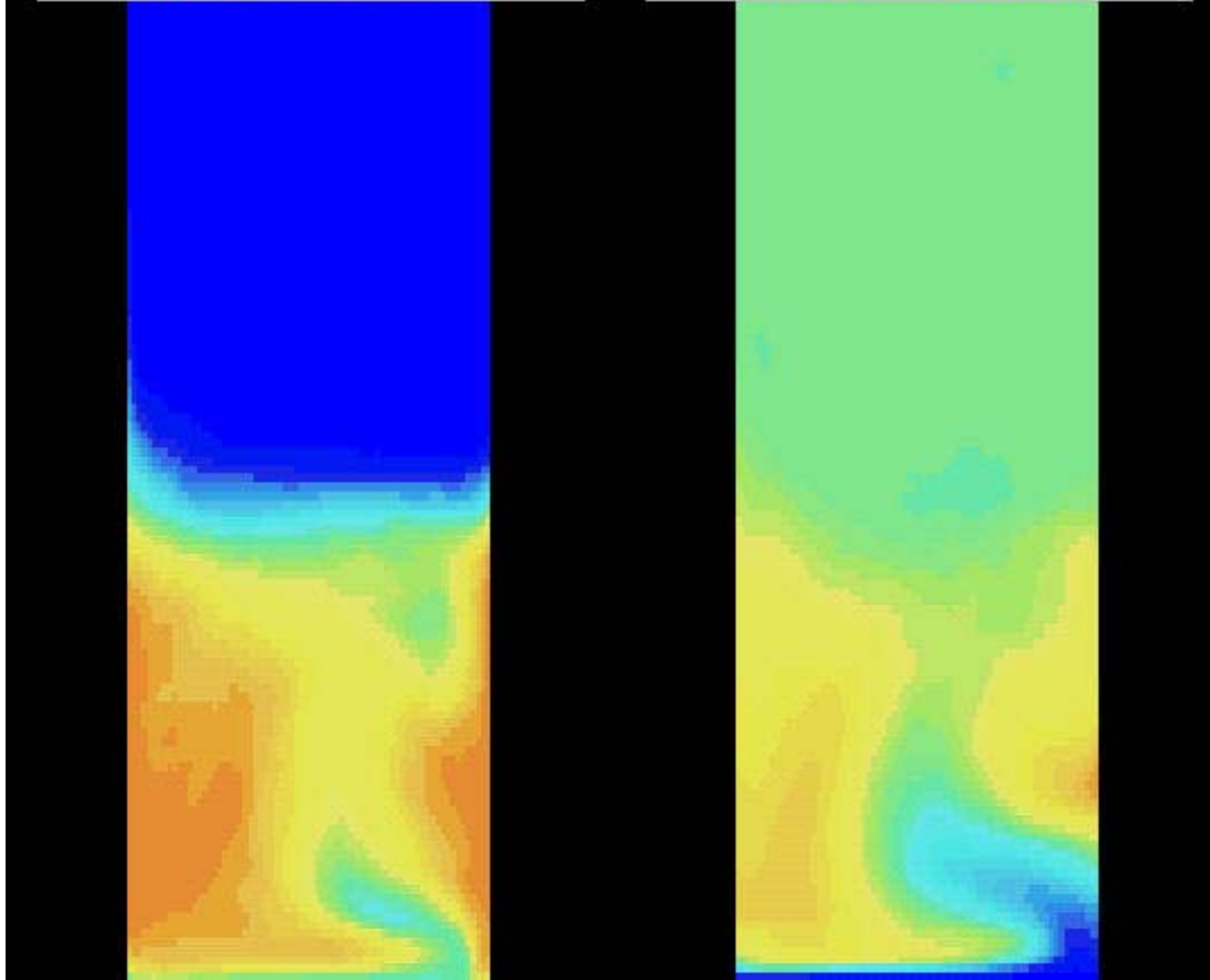
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SiH₄ Pyrolysis

“Silicon Deposition from Silane and Disilane in a Fluidized Bed

- Part I: Experimental Study”

B. Caussat, M. Hemati, and J. P. Couderc

Chem. Eng. Sci., 50, 3615-3624, 1995

- Part II: Theoretical Analysis and Modeling”

Chem. Eng. Sci., 50, 3625-3635, 1995



Hydrogenation of SiCl₄

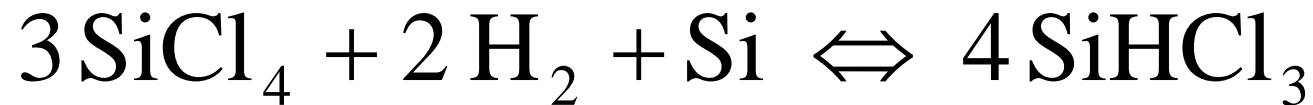
“Investigation of the Hydrochlorination of SiCl₄”

Final Report JPL Contract No. 9506061, 1981-1983

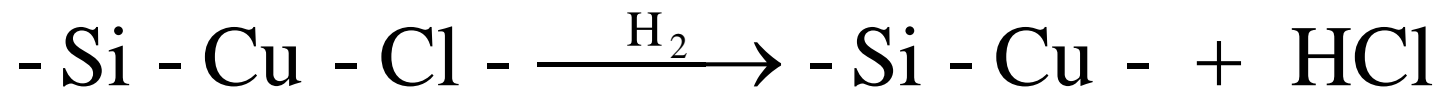
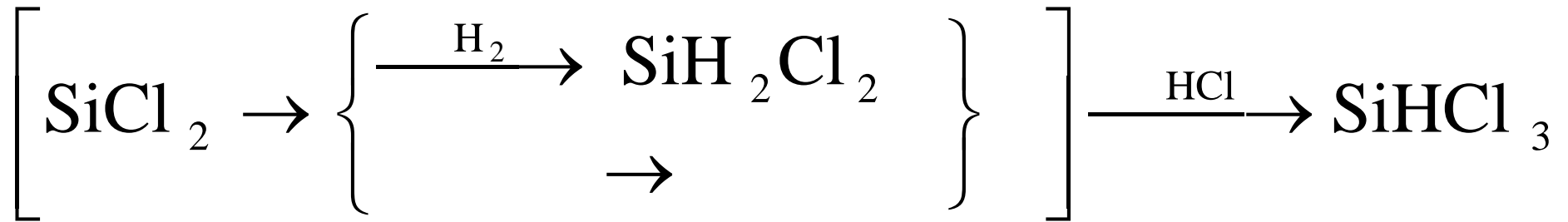
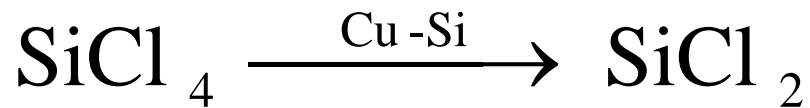
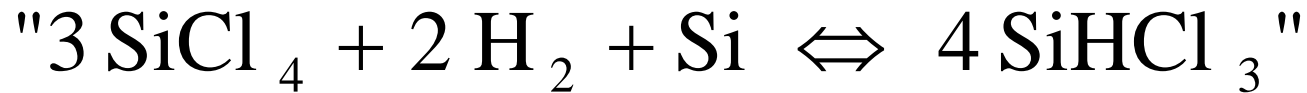
J. Y. P. Mui, Solarelectronics, Inc.

Process for the hydrochlorination of SiCl₄ with H₂ to form SiHCl₃ in a fluidized bed of Si (m.g.)

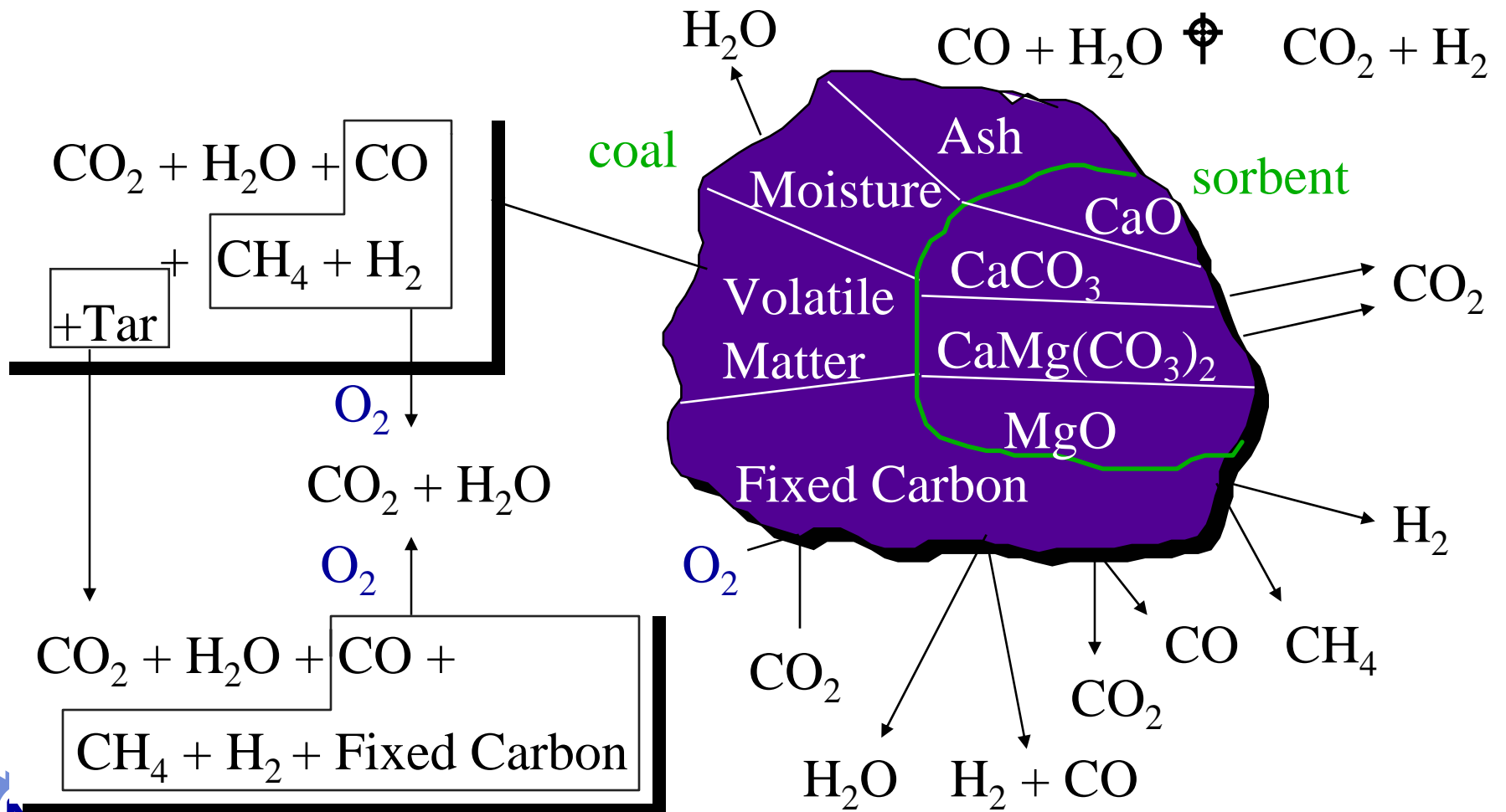
Pseudo-first order JPL data being analyzed by Dow Corning personnel



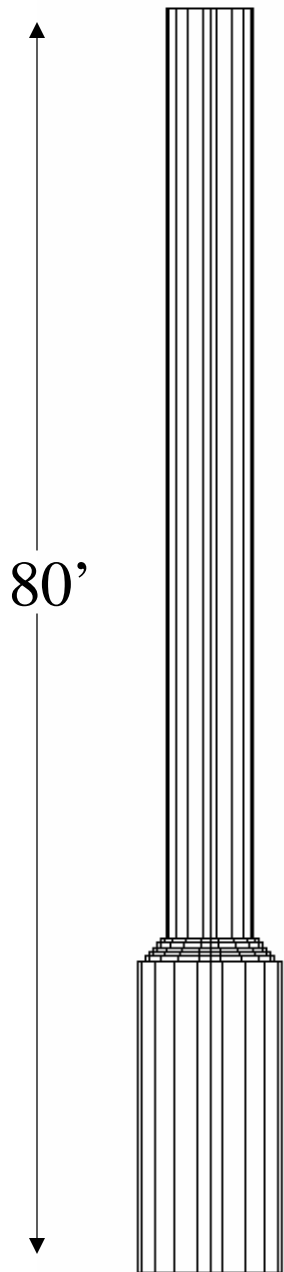
Hydrogenation of SiCl₄



Coal Gasification: Carbonizer Chemistry



Power Systems Development Facility Kellogg, Brown & Root Transport Reactor

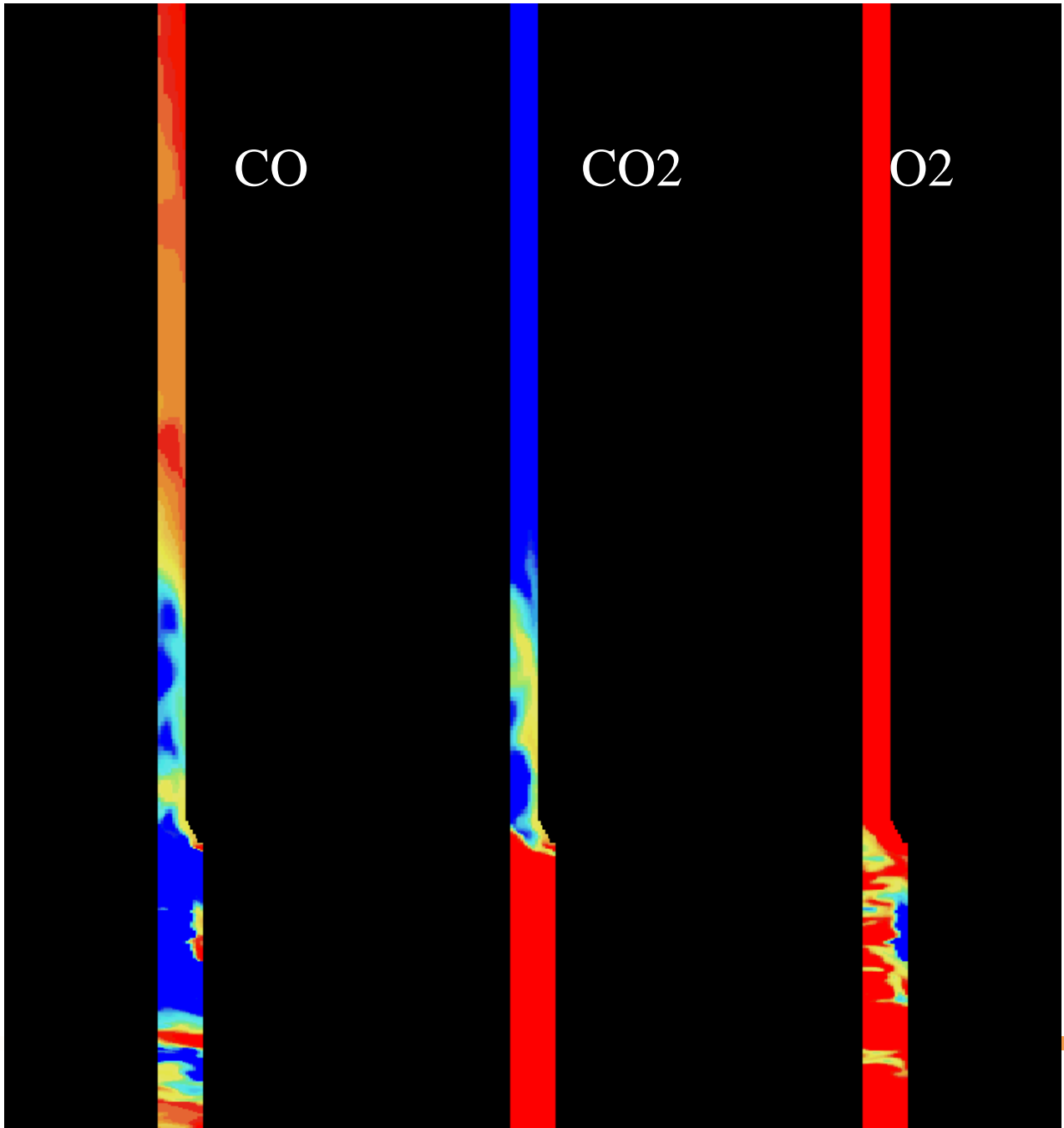


- Transient, 3-D cylindrical coordinated
>250K computational cells
- 8 gas species: O₂, CO, CO₂, CH₄, H₂, H₂O,
N₂, Tar
4 solid species: Ash, Volatile Matter,
Moisture, Fixed Carbon
- Parallel runs at Pittsburgh Super Computing
Center (PSC)
< week CPU time ~ 10 seconds of simulation

Voidage

T_g





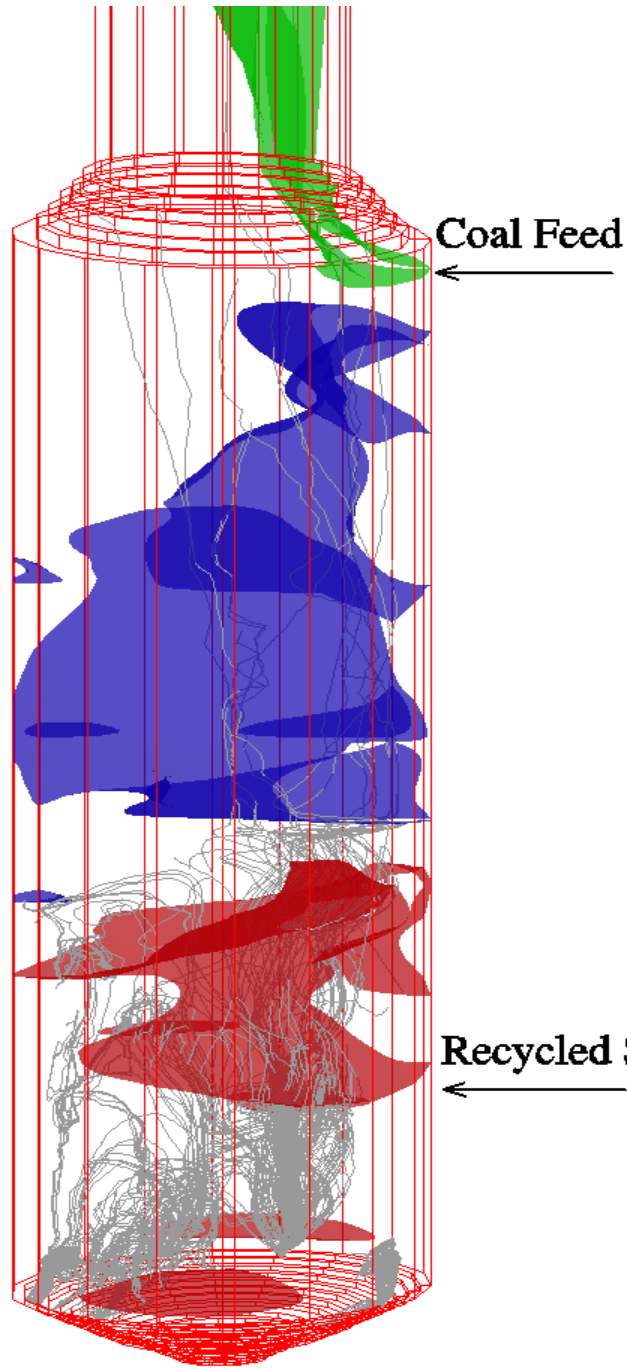
CH4

H2





H2O



Kellogg Brown and Root, Inc. Transport Gasifier



Mass Fractions of Gas and Solids

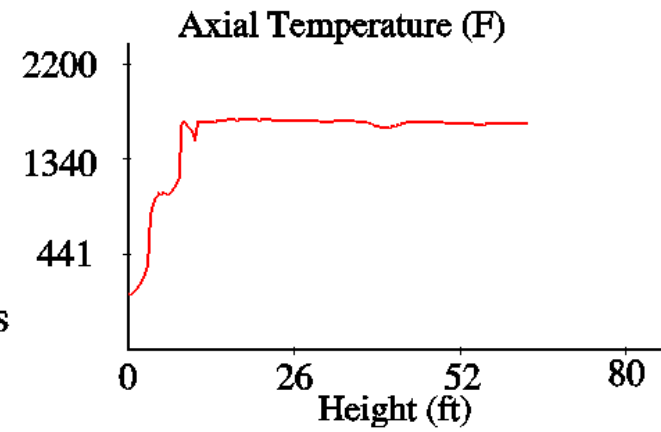
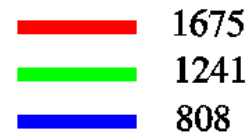
-  Oxygen (20%)
-  Oxygen (2%)
-  Coal (1-2%)
-  Solid Pathlines

Kellogg Brown and Root, Inc. Transport Gasifier



Isosurface Void Fraction

Gas Temperature (F)



Simulations using PC Coal Lab[#] to determine yields and composition of volatile matter

Powder River Basin Coal

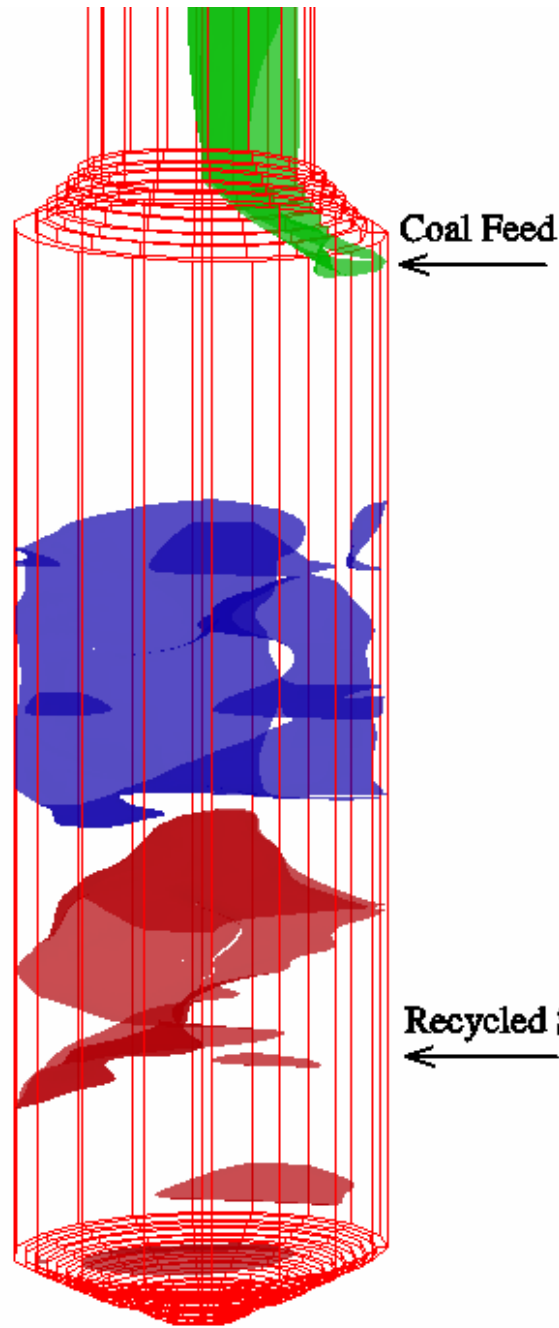
- air and oxygen blown
- with/without lower mixing zone

- **Hiawatha Coal**





- air and oxygen blown
- with lower mixing zone



Kellogg Brown and Root, Inc. Transport Gasifier



Mass Fractions of Gas and Solids

-  Oxygen (20%)
-  Oxygen (2%)
-  Fixed Carbon (2%)
-  Solid Pathlines



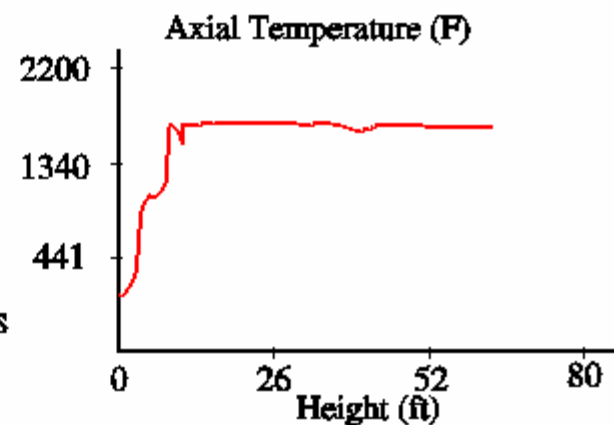
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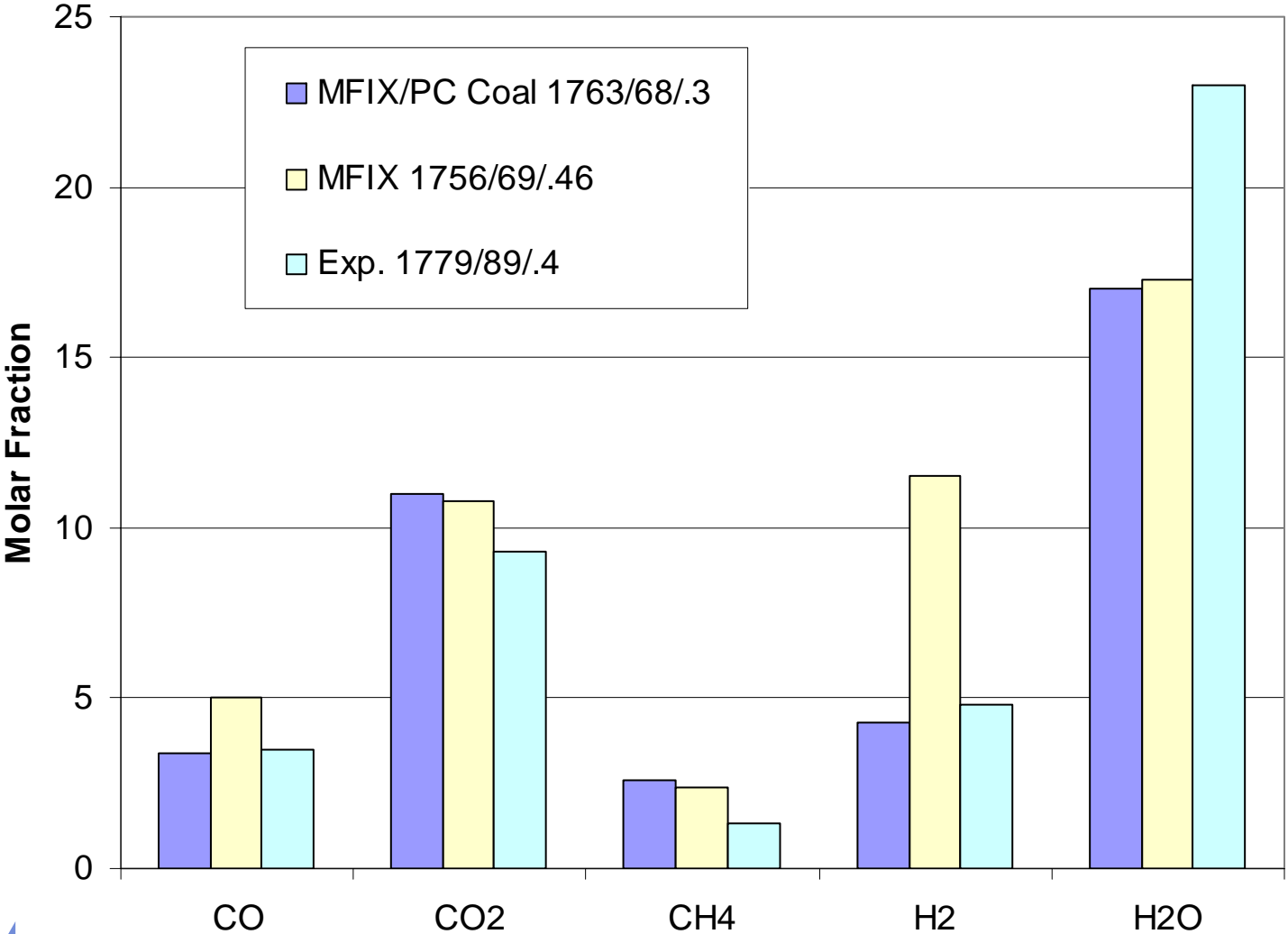
Isosurface Void Fraction

Gas Temperature (F)

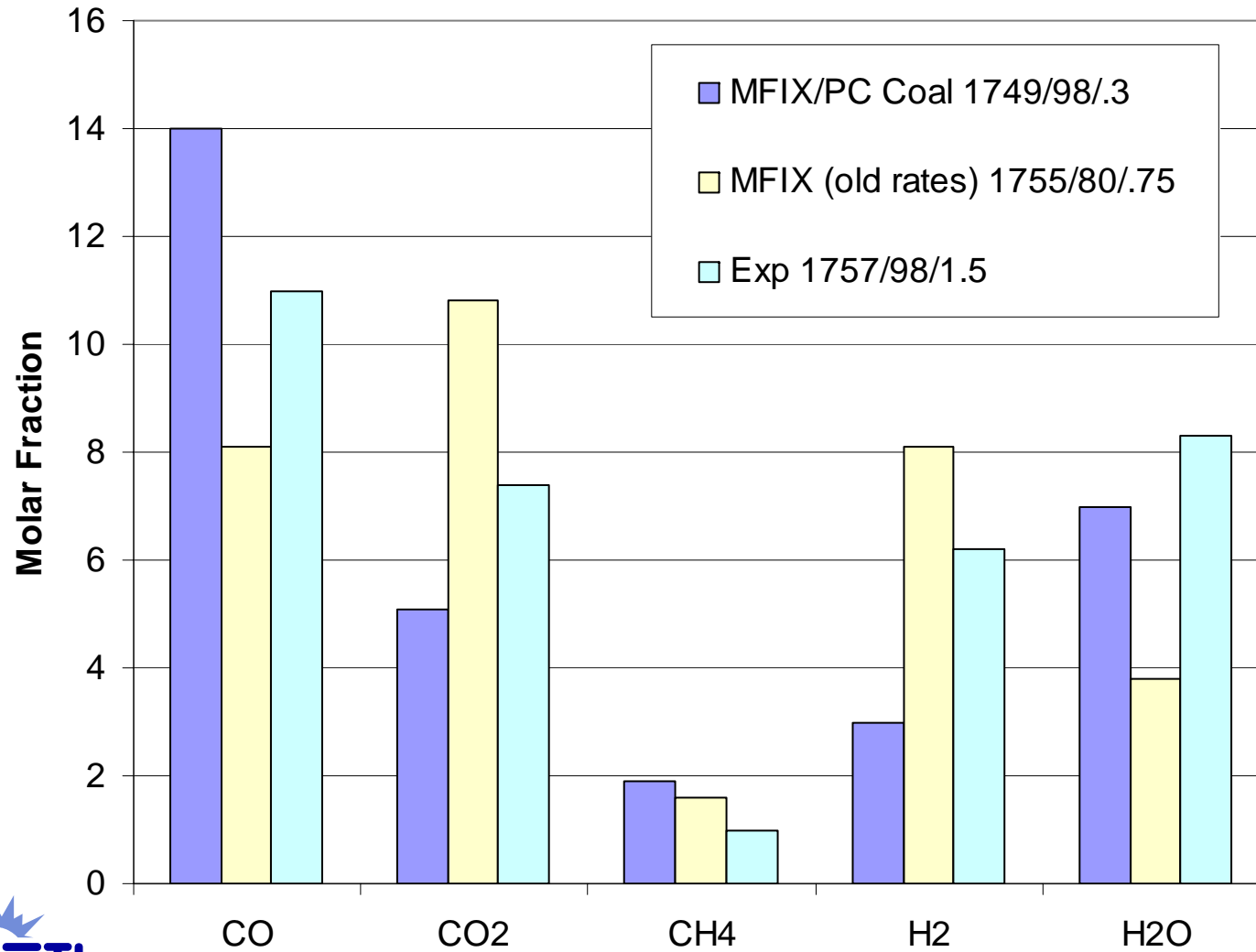
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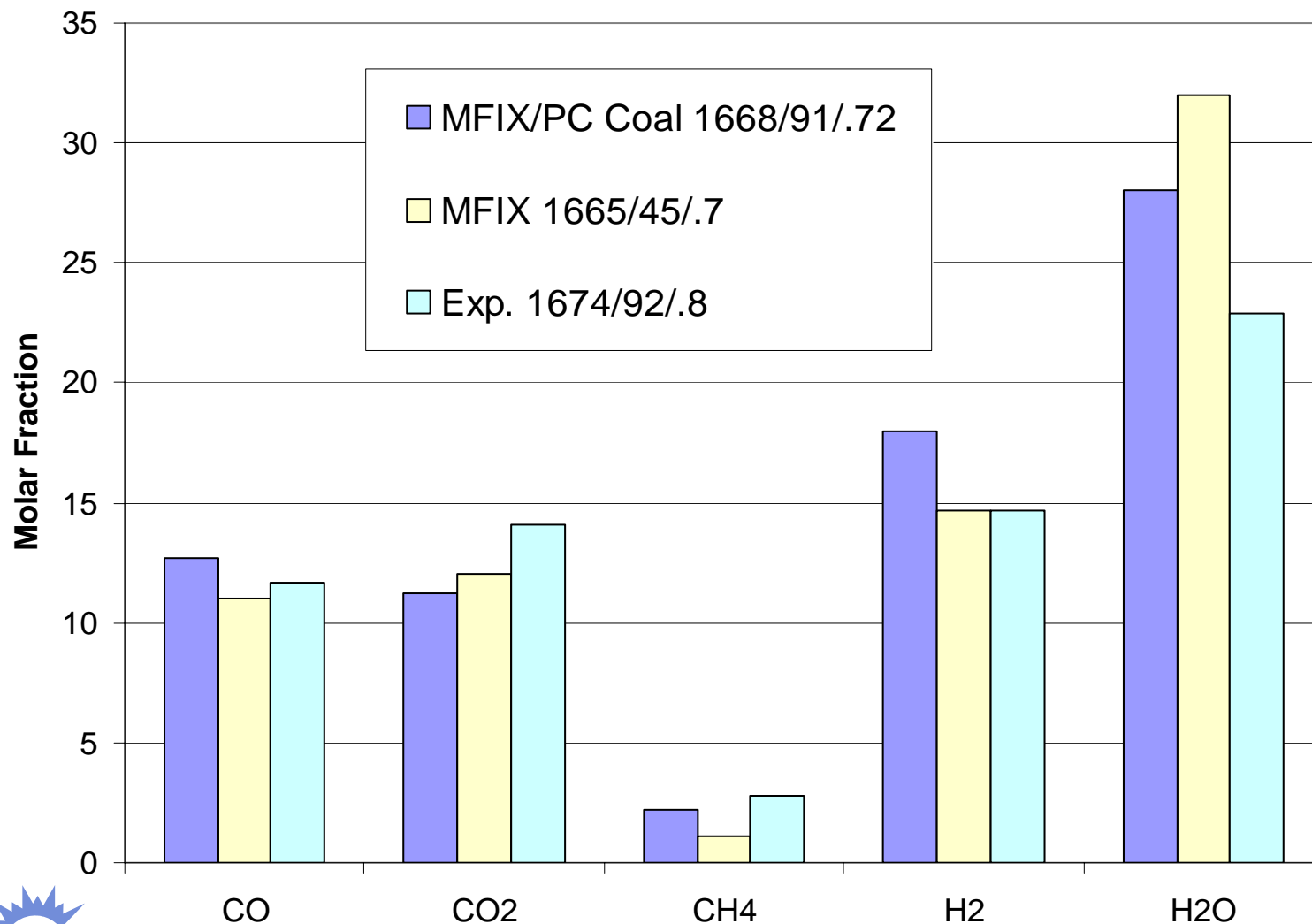
TC09 Hiawatha Air Blown



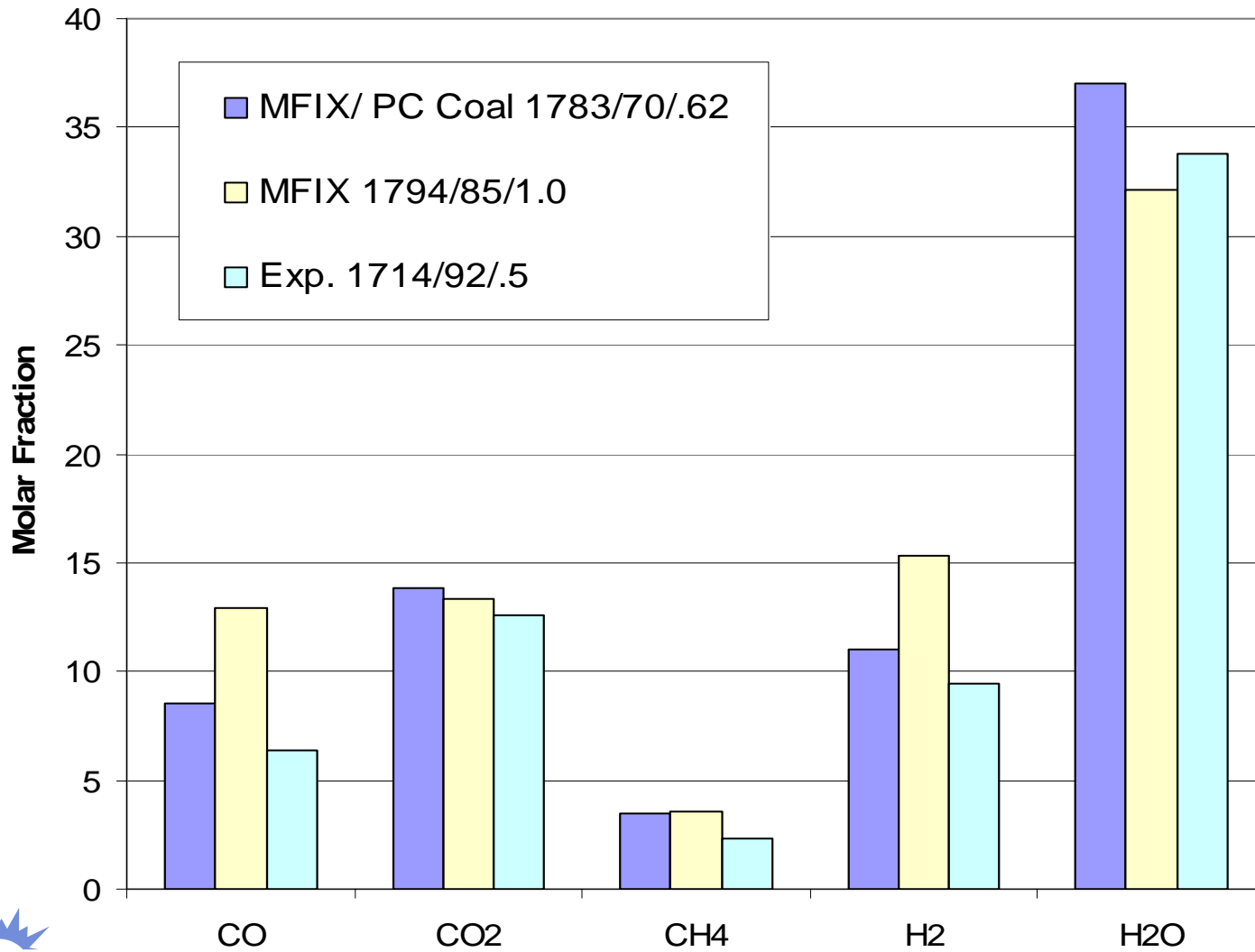
TC06-52 PRB Air Blown



TC08 PRB Oxygen Blown



TC09 Hiawatha Oxygen Blown



MFIX Code: General Description

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(**M**ultiphase **F**low with **I**nterphase **eX**changes)

- general-purpose computer code
- developed at the National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL)
- describes the hydrodynamics, heat transfer and chemical reactions in fluid-solids systems
- used for describing bubbling and circulating fluidized beds and spouted beds
- calculations give transient data on the three-dimensional distribution of pressure, velocity, temperature, and species mass fractions



used as a "test-stand" for testing and developing multiphase flow constitutive equations.

MFIX Features

- Mass, momentum, energy and species balance equations for gas and multiple solids phases
- Granular stress equations based on kinetic theory and frictional flow theory
- Three-dimensional Cartesian or cylindrical coordinate systems with nonuniform mesh size
- Impermeable and semi-permeable internal surfaces



MFIX Features (cont.)

- Set up the simulation with an input data file
- Define chemical reactions and kinetics with the input data file or with a user-defined subroutine
- Error checking of user input
- Multiple, single-precision, binary, direct-access output files that reduces disk space and increases data retrieval speed
- Post-processing codes for the animation and retrieval of output data
- Fortran 90 code base with allocatable arrays
- Generate serial, shared-memory parallel (SMP) or distributed-memory parallel (DMP) executables from the same code base



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