

LES and experimental investigation of Helium plumes and hydrocarbon pool fires

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2. Experimental

Small-scale Helium plume experiments: $d = 4.6 \text{ cm}$
(Schönbucher)

Large-scale Helium plume experiments: $d = 1 \text{ m}$ (SNL)

Large-scale pool fire experiments: $d = 1 \text{ m}$ (SNL)
methane



Large-scale pool fire experiments: $d = 6 \text{ m}$ (Koseki)
heptane

Holographic real time
interferometry (He, $d = 4.6 \text{ cm}$)

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3. Mesh specifics

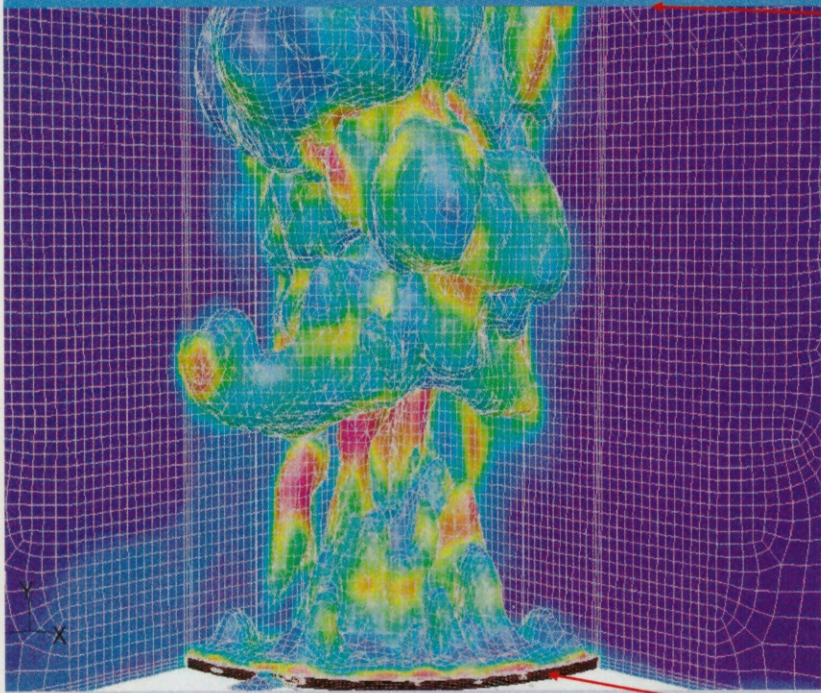
- Unstructured non-uniform hexahedral mesh
- Refinement around the pool-rim (boundary layer) and in the plume region
- Coarser mesh outside of the plume (saving cells)
- Mesh adaption in region of high gradients (e.g. velocity, concentration) during simulation

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3.2 Mesh for Methane pool-fire and Helium plume (d = 1 m)



Open pressure boundaries

Computational domain:

4 m x 3 m x 4 m

Amount of Cells:

1 600 000

Open pressure boundaries

Cell Size:

20 mm x 20 mm x 20 mm

Refinement around the
pool-rim:

15 mm x 2 mm x 4 mm

Pool-rim

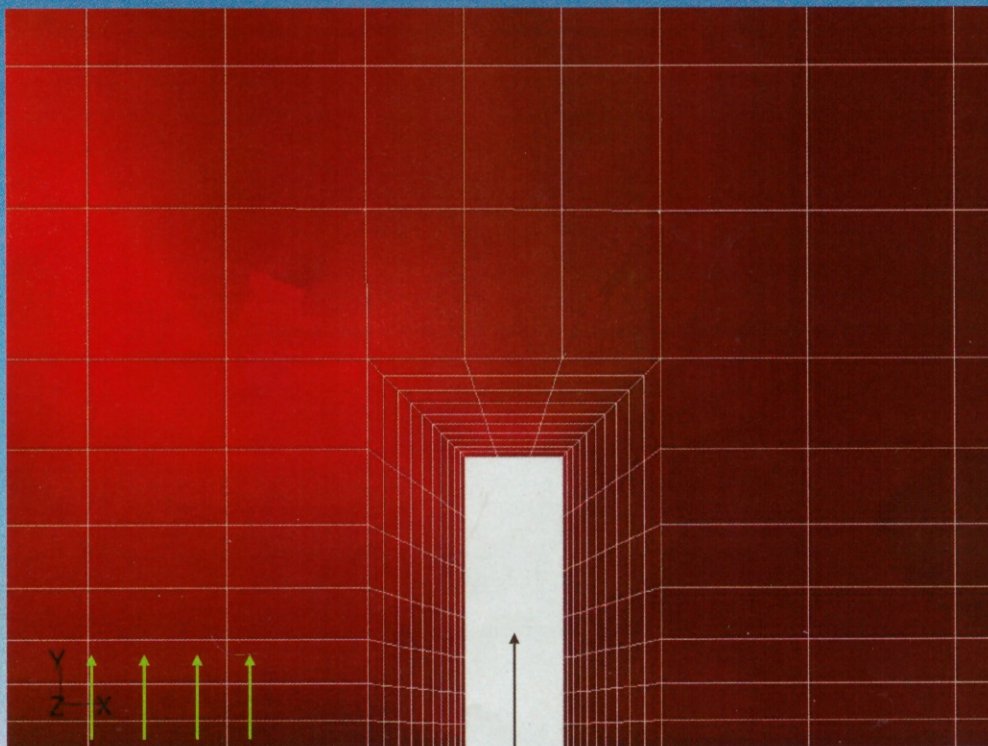
Unstructured Hexahedral mesh d = 1 m

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3.4 Mesh refinement around the pool rim



Velocity inlet

Pool-rim

Ground

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4. Initial and Boundary Conditions

4.1 Helium plume (d = 4.6 cm)

Initial Conditions	Gravitational Acceleration	$g_x = -9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$	Name of surface	Boundary Conditions	Values
	Operating Temperature	$\vartheta_0 = 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$	Fluid-Inlet	Velocity Inlet	$v_x = 0.1354 \text{ m/s}$
	Operating Pressure	$p_0 = 1.013 \text{ bar}$			$\vartheta_{\text{tot}} = 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
					$Y_{\text{He}} = 1$
			Pool-Rim	Wall	$q = 0 \text{ (adiabatic)}$
			Side	Pressure Inlet	$\vartheta_{\text{tot}} = 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
					$p_{\text{gauge}} = 0 \text{ bar}$
					$Y_{\text{air}} = 1$
			Top	Pressure Inlet	$\vartheta_{\text{tot}} = 20 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$
					$p_{\text{gauge}} = 0 \text{ bar}$
					$Y_{\text{air}} = 1$

5. CFD-Models

5.1 Helium plumes

- Large-Eddy Simulation
- Dynamic Smargorinsky Subgrid-Model
- Transport Model for Species

5.2 Methane and Heptane pool fires

- Large-Eddy Simulation
- Dynamic Smargorinsky Subgrid-Model
- Laminar Flamelet Modeling approach for Combustion
- Discrete Ordinate (DO) Model for radiation heat transfer
- Tesner Model for Soot formation

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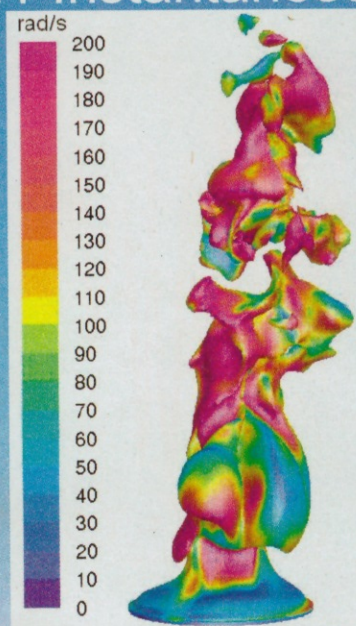
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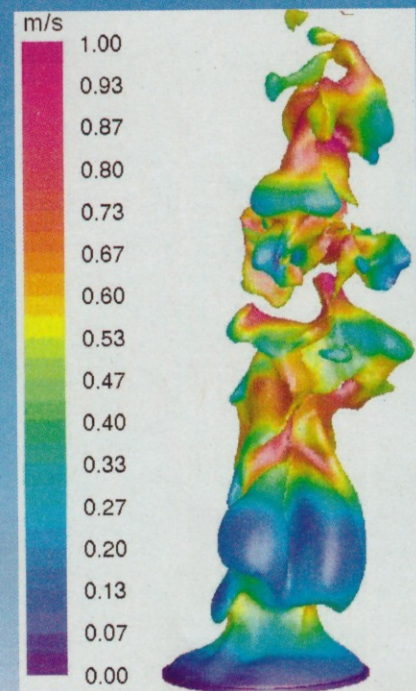
6. Results and Discussion

6.1 Helium plume (d = 4.6 cm)

6.1.1 Instantaneous properties



Isosurface of constant density superimposed with **vorticity** (Helium d = 4.6 cm)



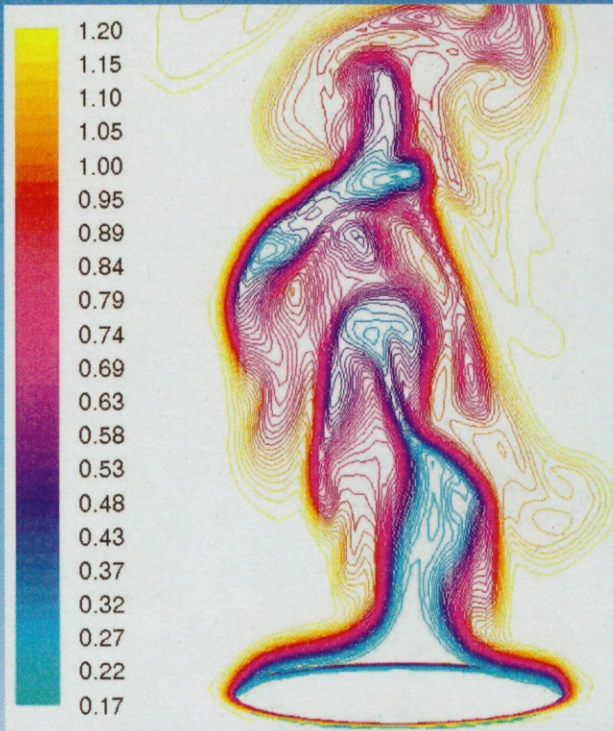
Isosurface of constant density superimposed with **velocity** (Helium d = 4.6 cm)

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6.1.1 Instantaneous properties



Simulated isolines of mass density
(Helium $d = 4.6$ cm)



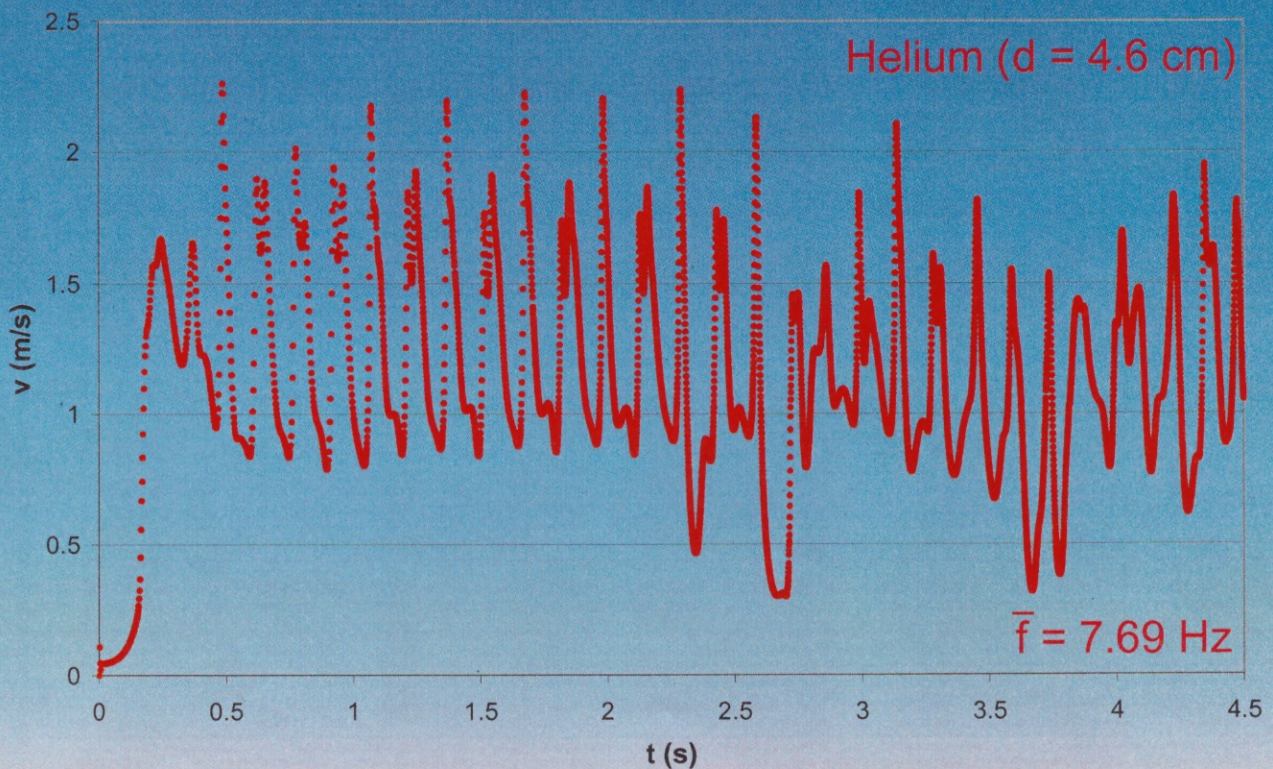
Experimental interferometric isolines of
mass density (Helium $d = 4.6$ cm)
(Schönbucher)

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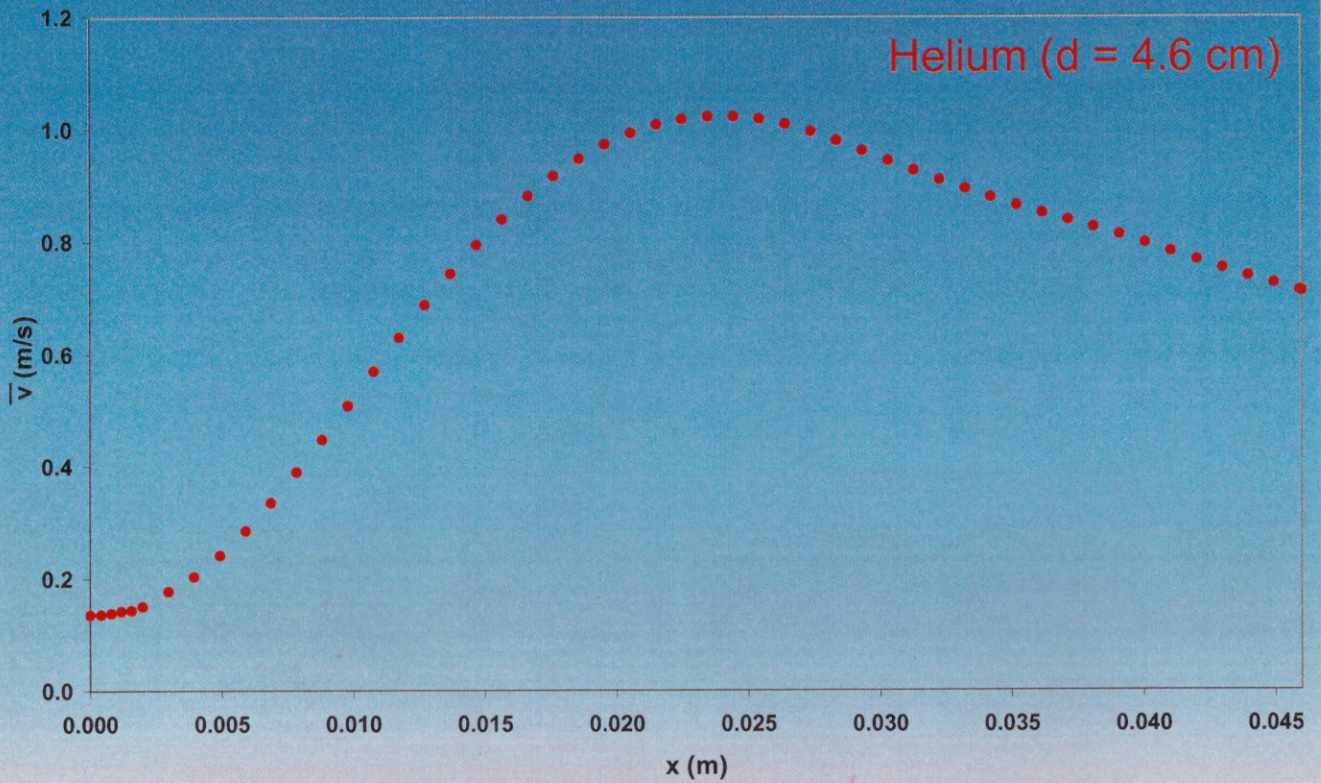
Time dependent vertical velocity at $r/d = 0$, $x/d = 0.5$

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6.1.3 Time averaged profiles



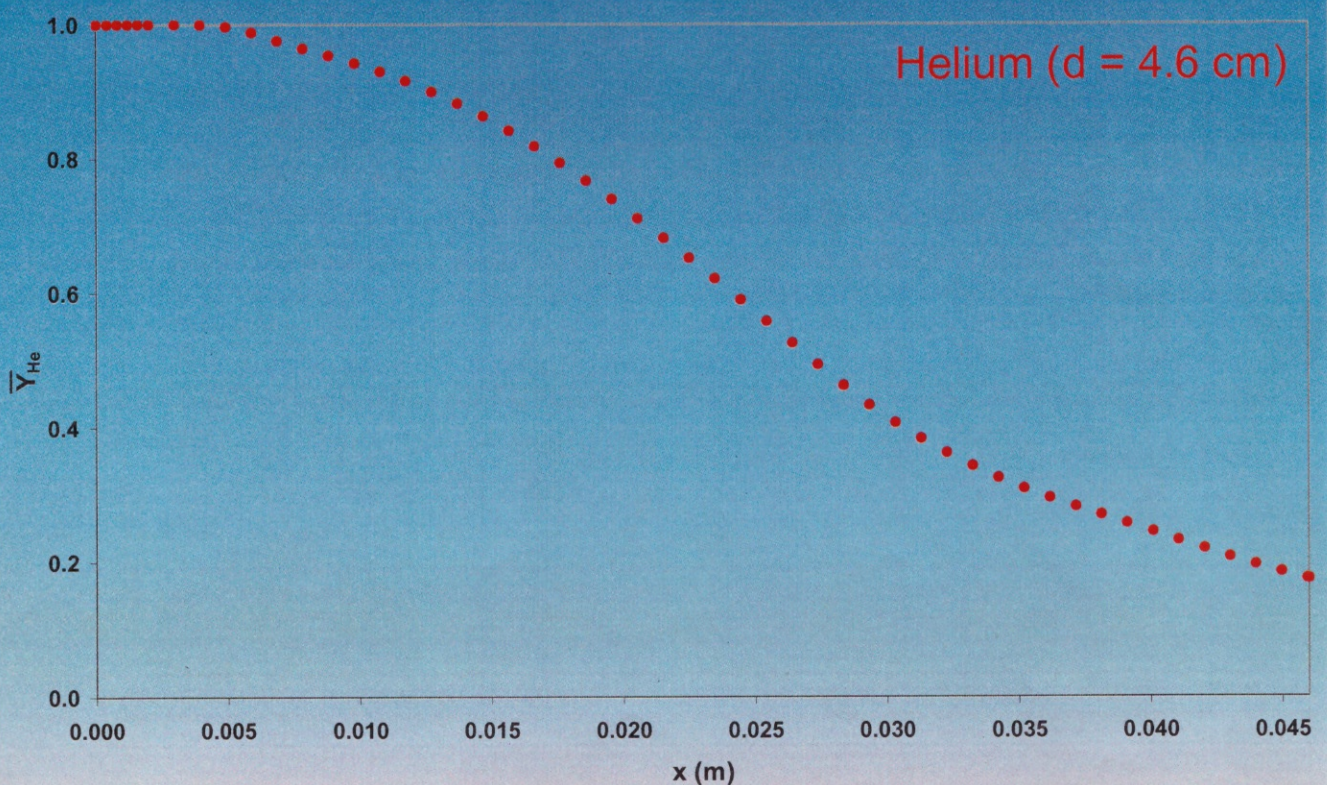
Time-averaged vertical velocity profile along the x-axis

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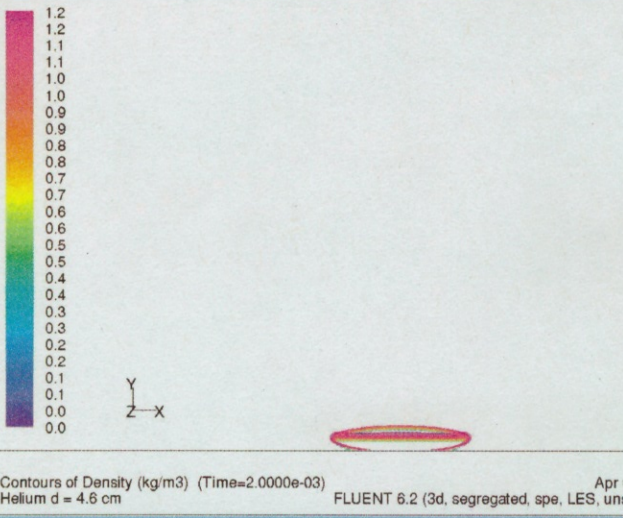
Time-averaged helium mass fraction profile along the x-axis

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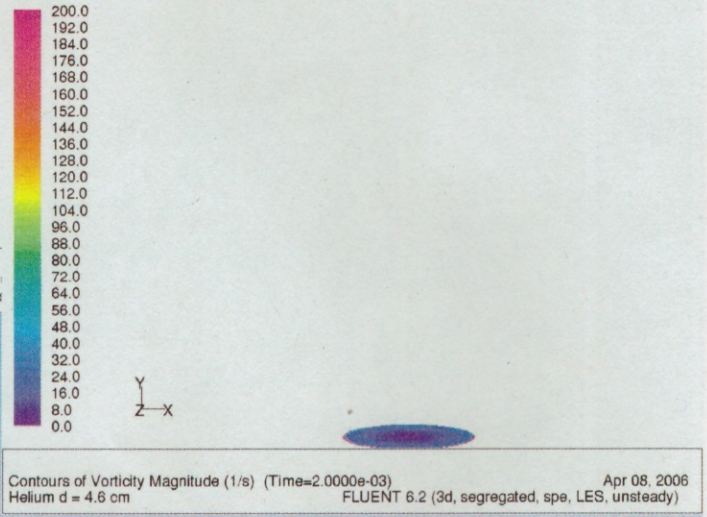
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6.1.4 Animation of Helium plume $d = 4.6 \text{ cm}$



Simulated isolines of mass density (Helium $d = 4.6 \text{ cm}$)



Simulated isosurfaces of vorticity (Helium $d = 4.6 \text{ cm}$)

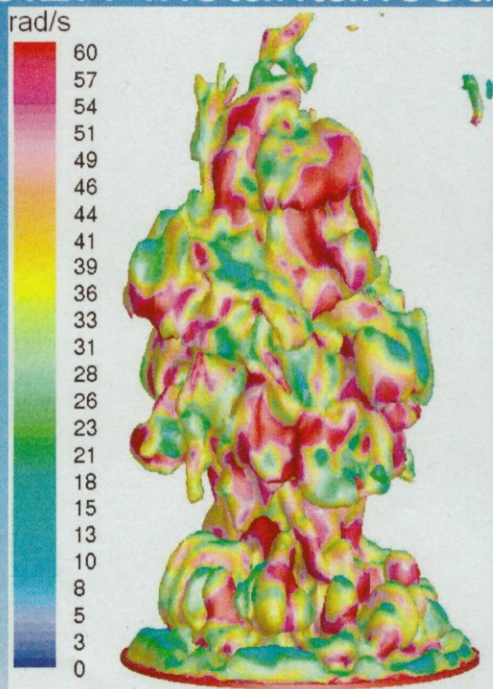
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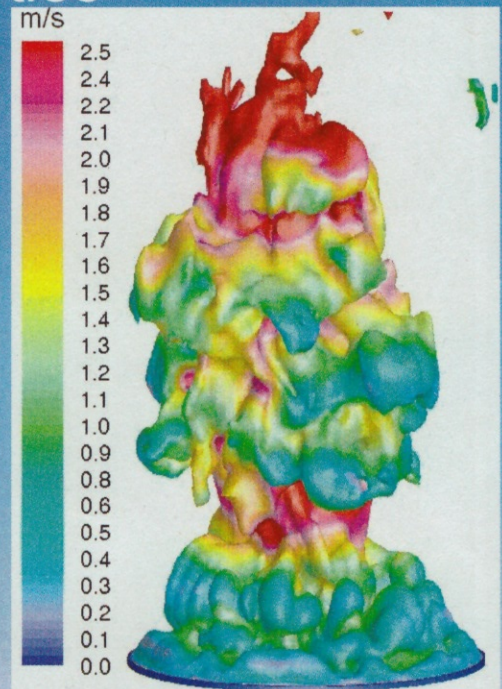


6.2 Helium plume ($d = 1 \text{ m}$)

6.2.1 Instantaneous properties



Isosurface of constant density superimposed with vorticity (Helium $d = 1 \text{ m}$)



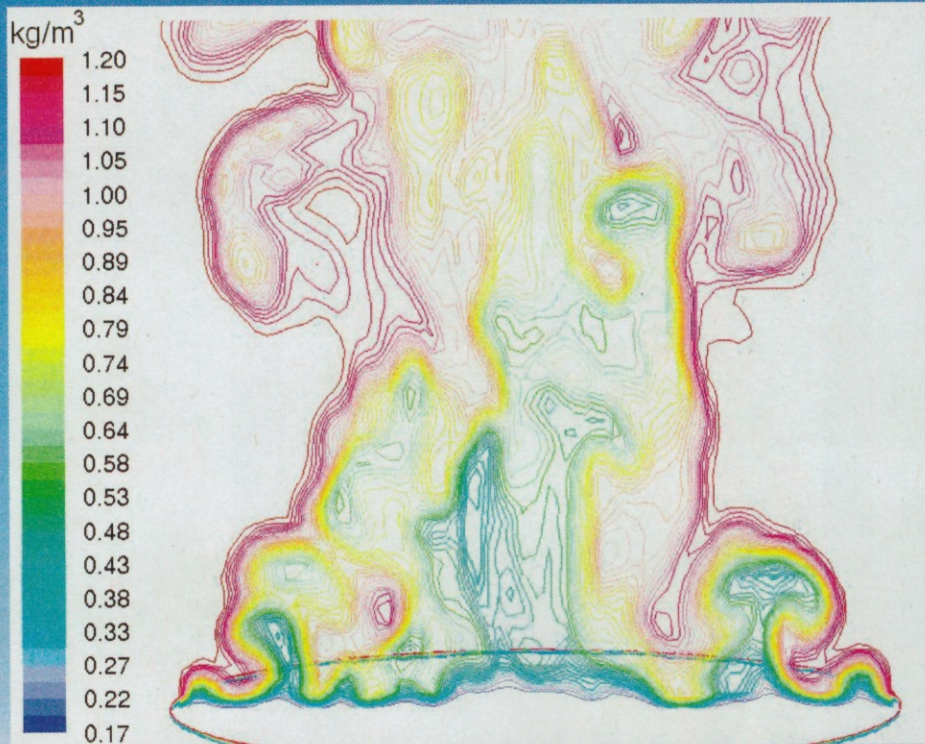
Isosurface of constant density superimposed with velocity (Helium $d = 1 \text{ m}$)

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6.2.1 Instantaneous properties



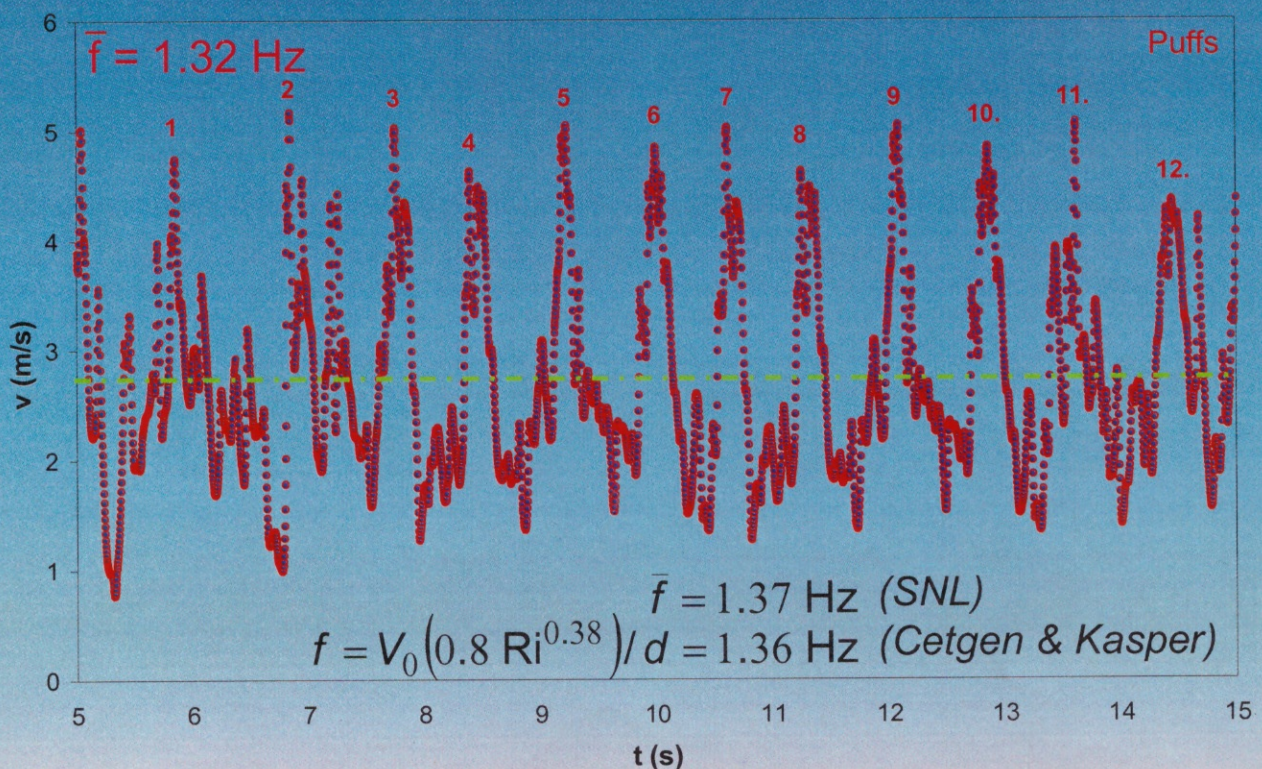
Simulated isolines of mass density
(Helium $d = 1$ m)

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6.2.1 Instantaneous properties Helium ($d = 1$ m)



Time dependent vertical velocity at $r/d = 0$, $x/d = 0.5$

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6.2.1 Instantaneous properties

a) $t = 5.6$ s



c) $t = 6.2$ s



b) $t = 5.9$ s



Helium ($d = 1$ m)

d) $t = 6.5$ s



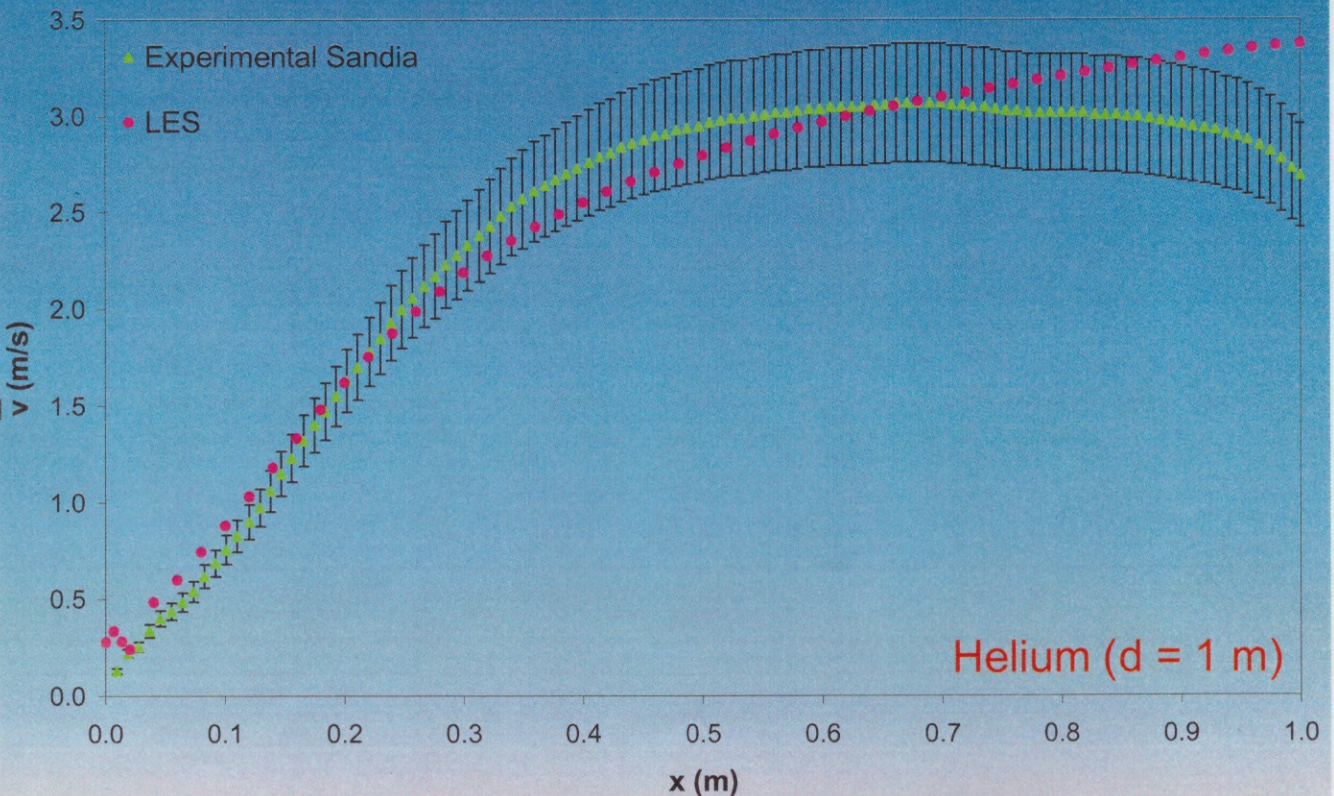
Snapshots of puff cycles showing isosurfaces of vorticity

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6.2.3 Time averaged profiles



Helium ($d = 1$ m)

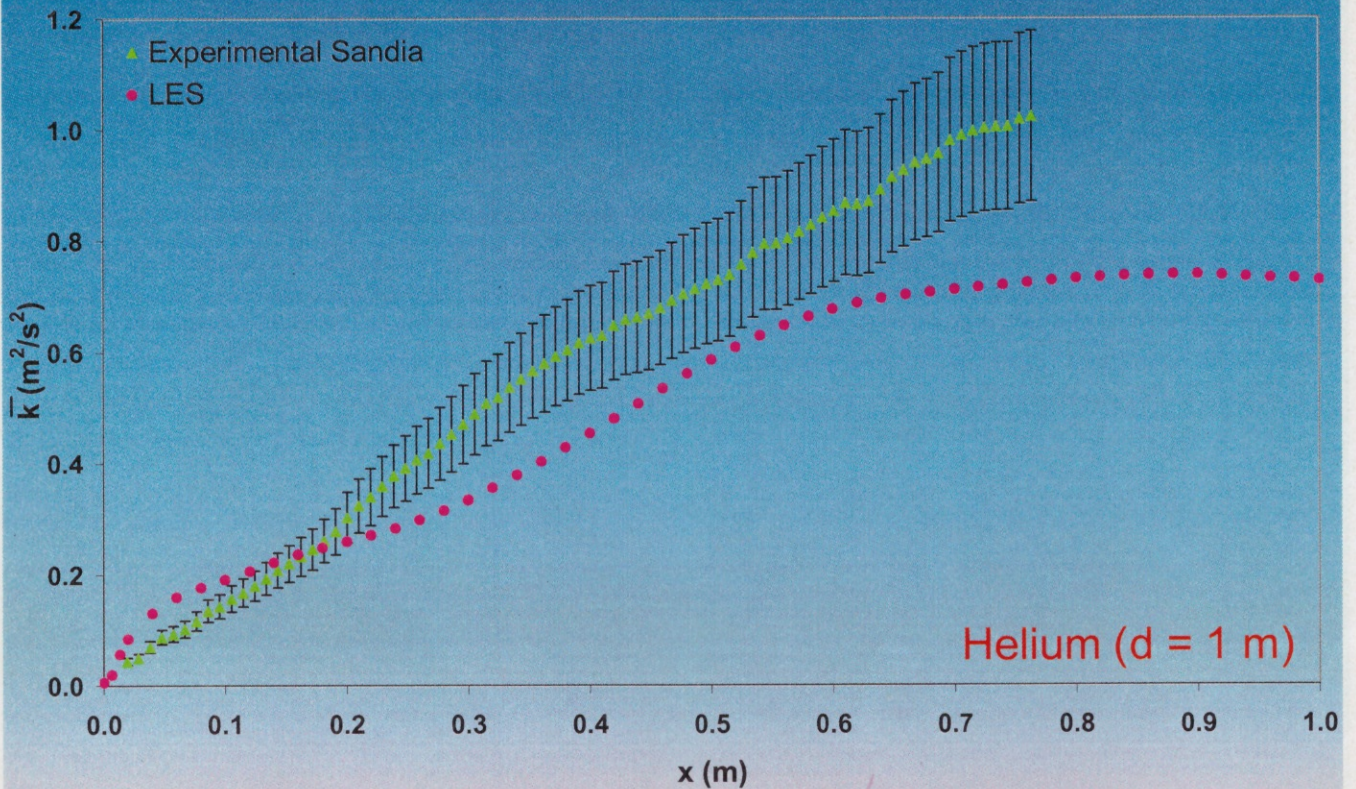
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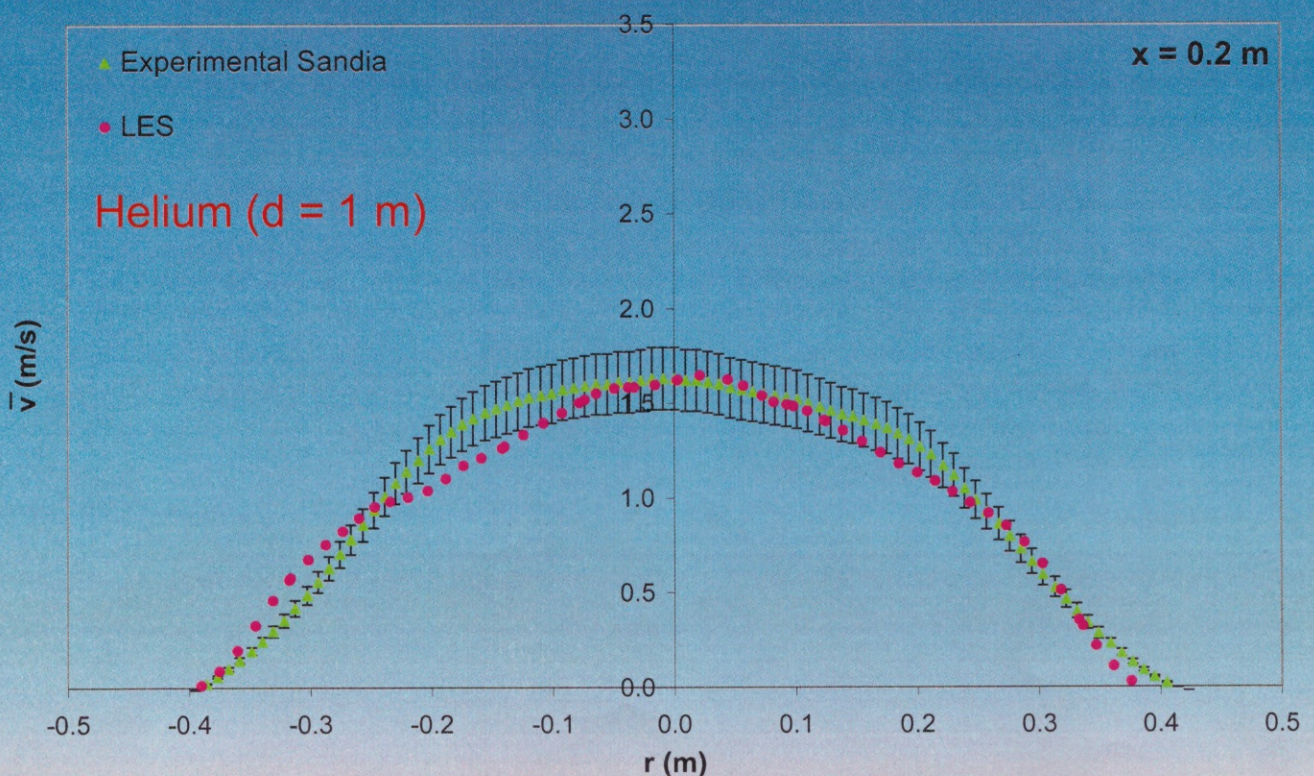


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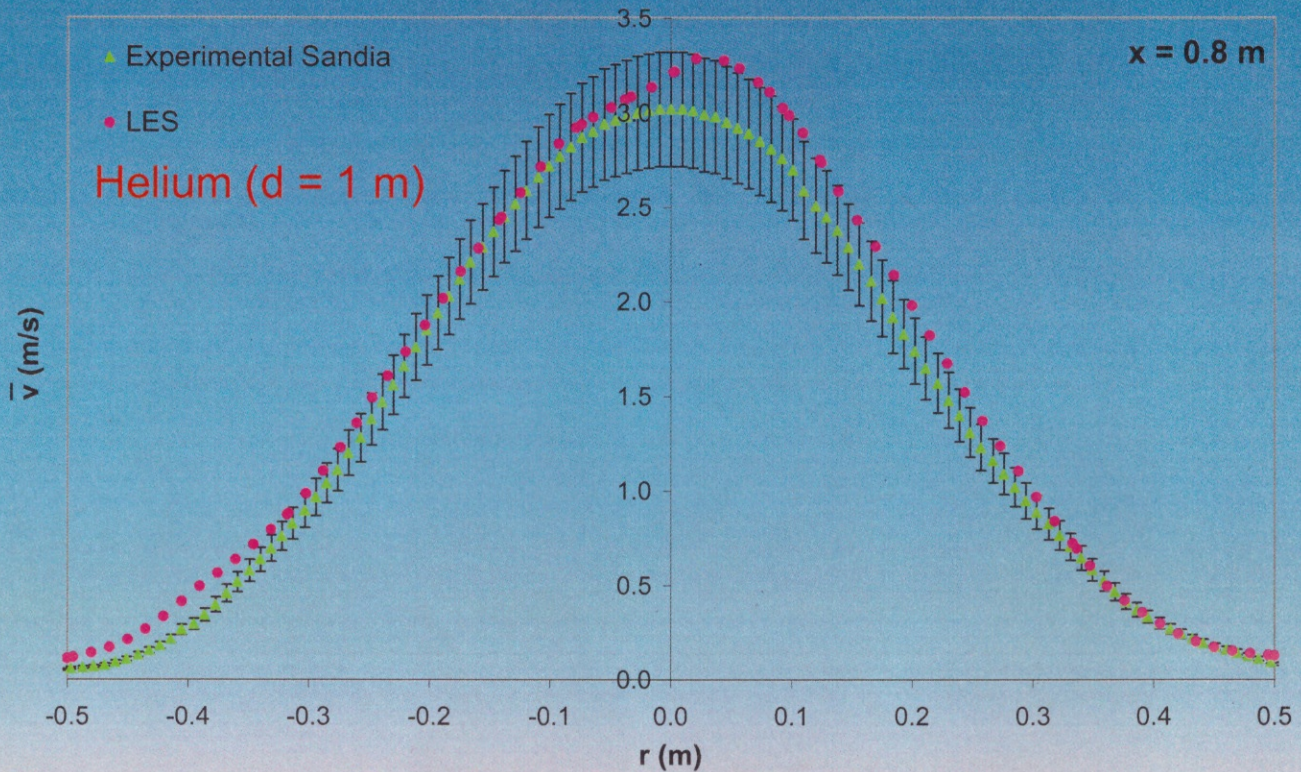


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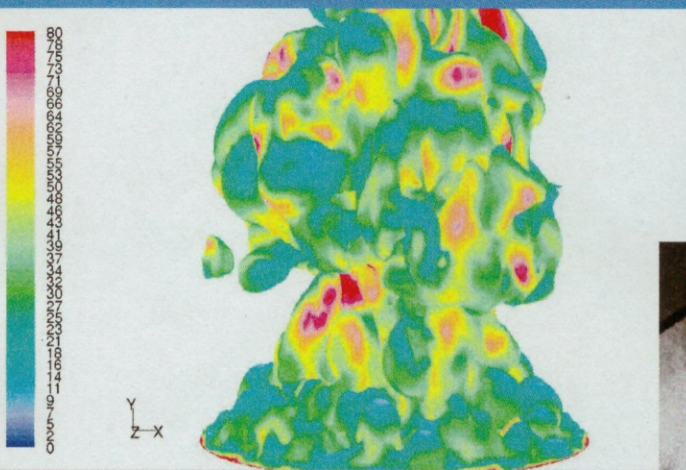
Time-averaged radial vertical velocity profiles (LES)

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6.2.4 Animation of Helium plume d = 1 m



Contours of Vorticity Magnitude (1/s) (Time=1.2545e+01) Mar 04, 2004
 Helium d = 1 m FLUENT 6.2 (3d, segregated, spe, LES, unsteady)

Simulated isosurface of mass density superimposed with vorticity (Helium d = 1 m)



Experimental PIV images (SNL)
(Helium d = 1 m)

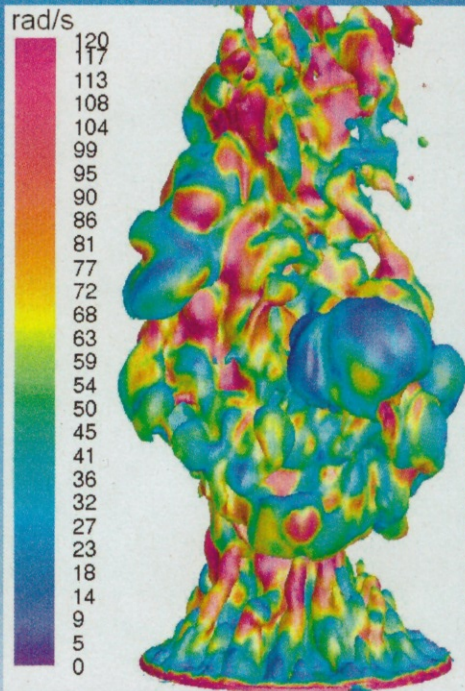
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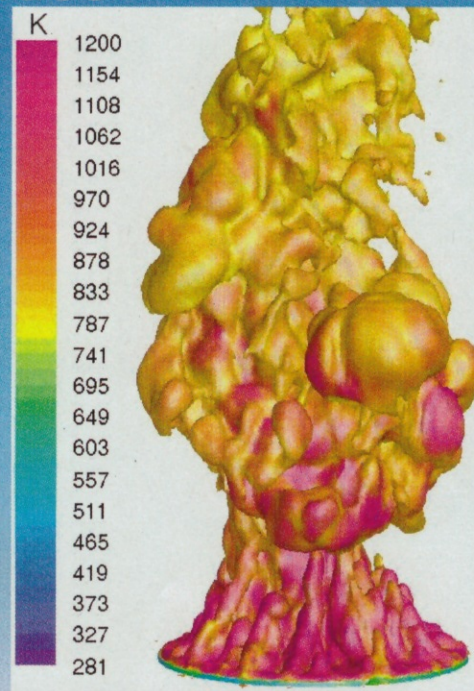
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6.3 Methane pool-fire (d = 1 m)

6.3.1 Instantaneous properties

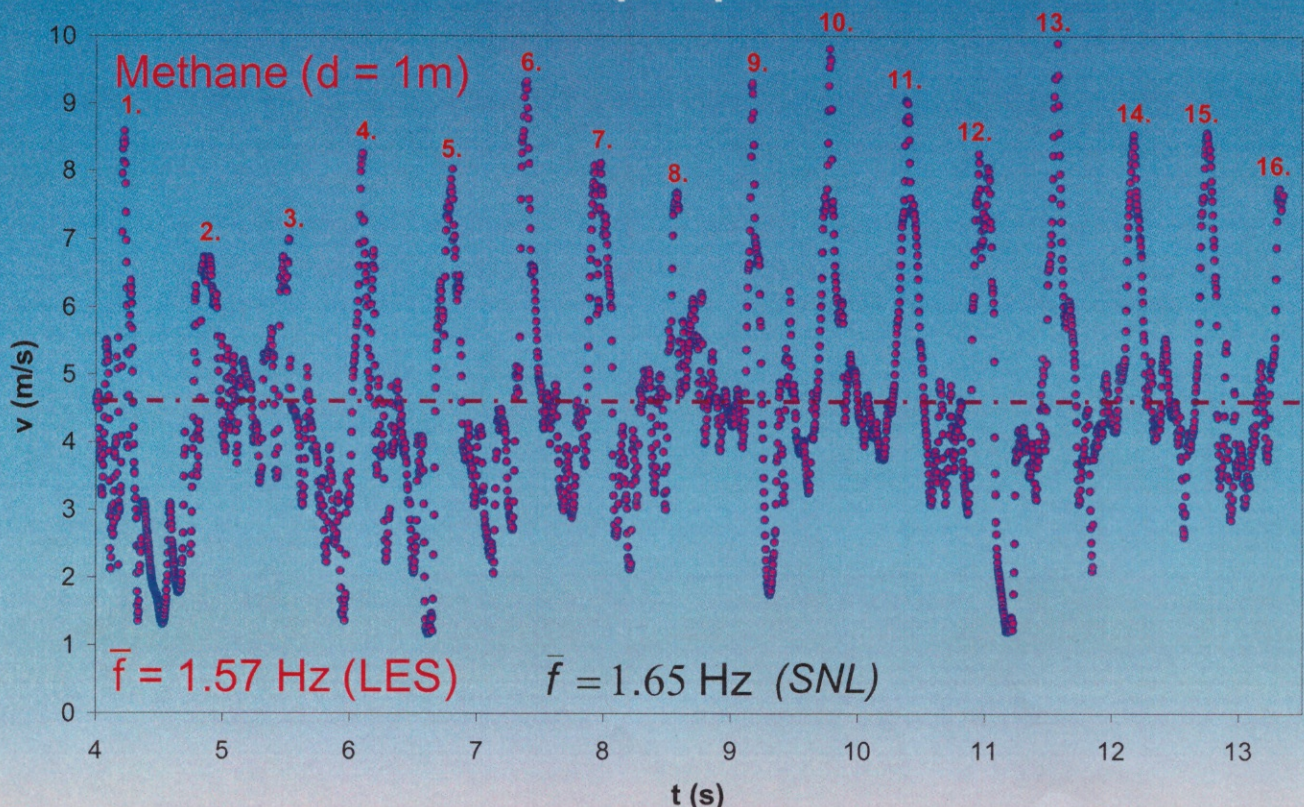


Isosurface of constant density superimposed with **vorticity** (Methane d = 1 m)



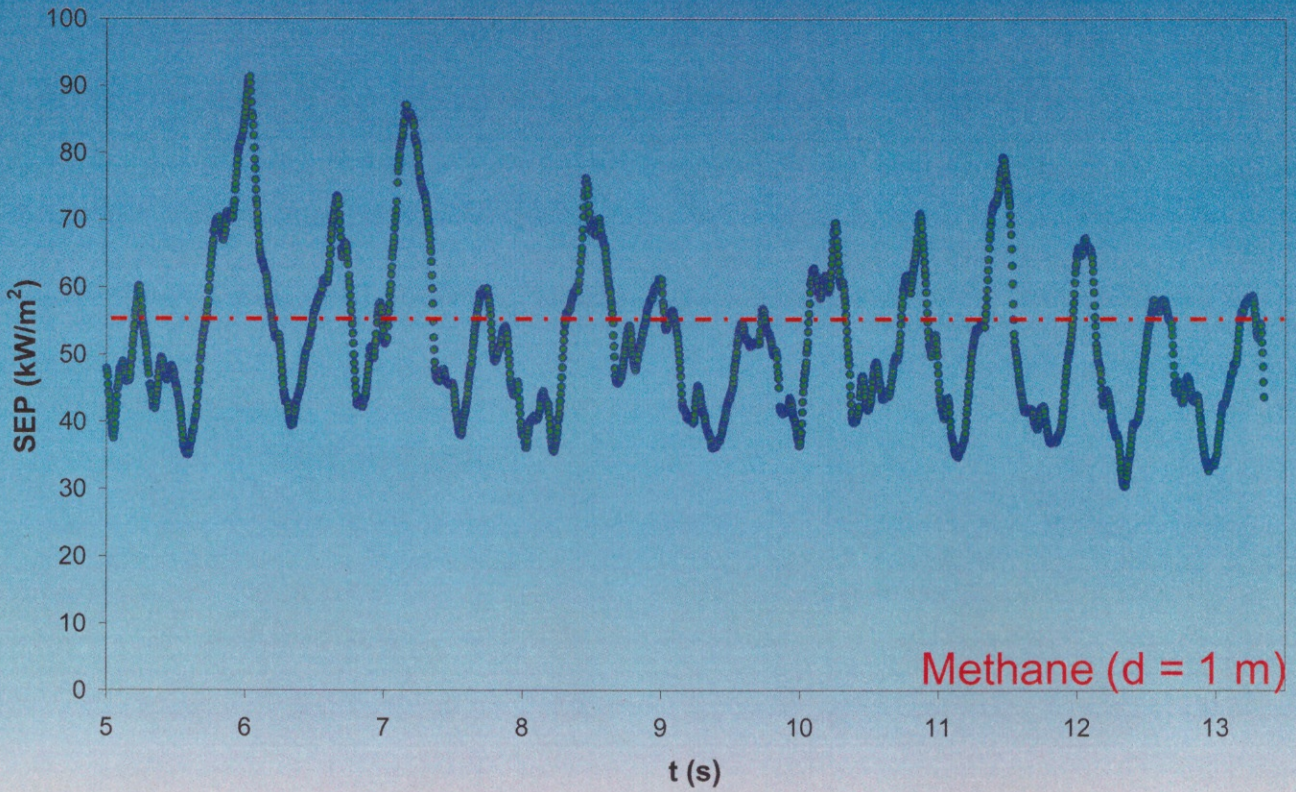
Isosurface of constant density superimposed with **temperature** (Methane d = 1 m)

6.3.1 Instantaneous properties



Time dependent vertical velocity at $r/d = 0$, $x/d = 0.5$

6.3.1 Instantaneous properties



Transient Surface Emissive Powers at $\Delta y/d = 0, x/d = 0.25$

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6.3.1 Instantaneous properties

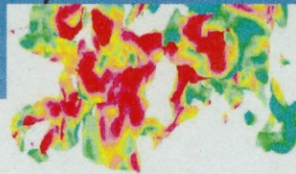
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b) $t = 8.2$ s



c) $t = 8.4$ s



d) $t = 8.6$ s



Methane ($d = 1$ m)

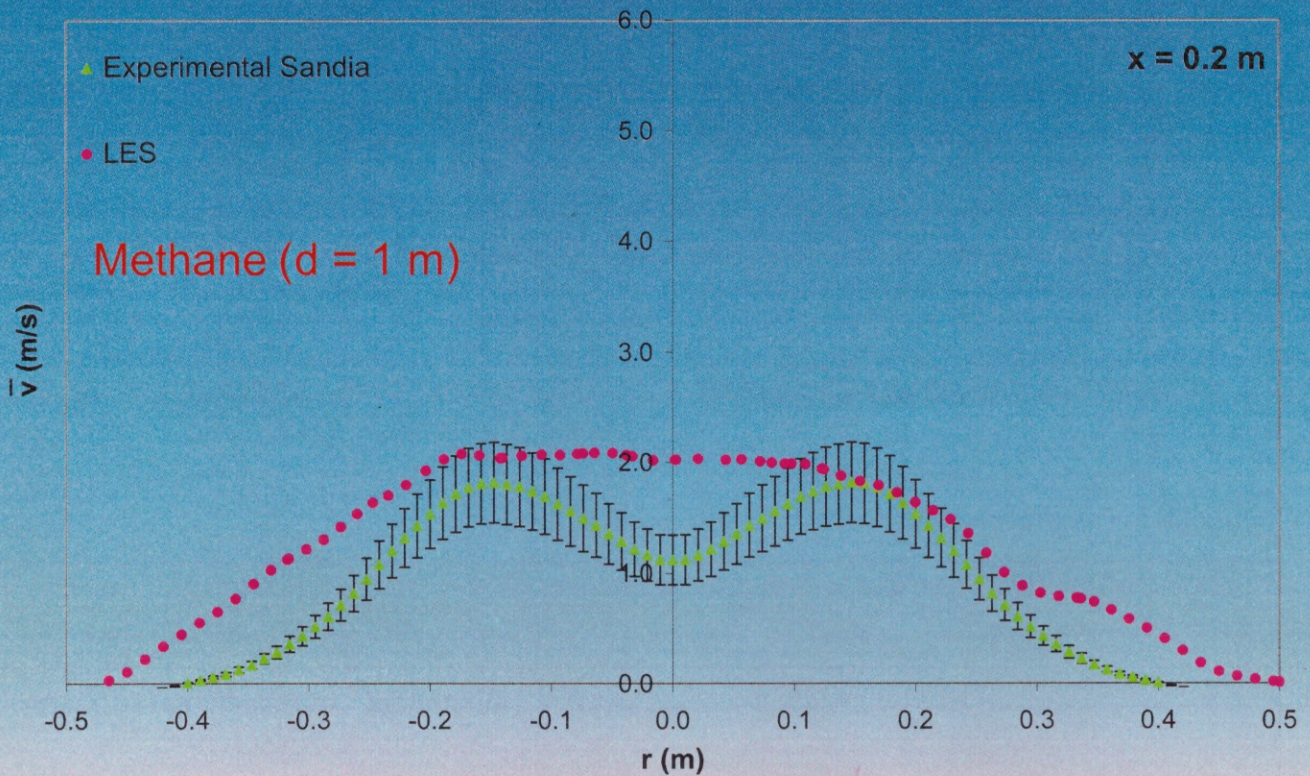
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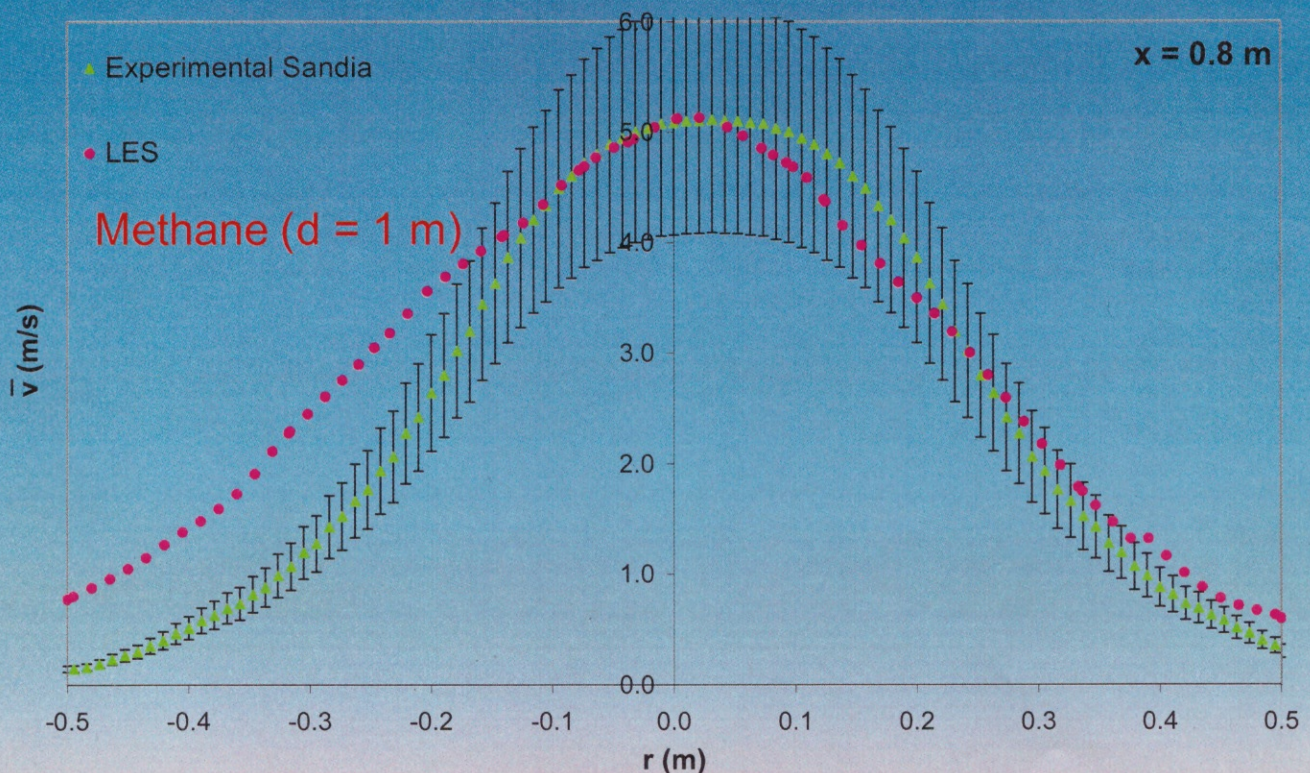
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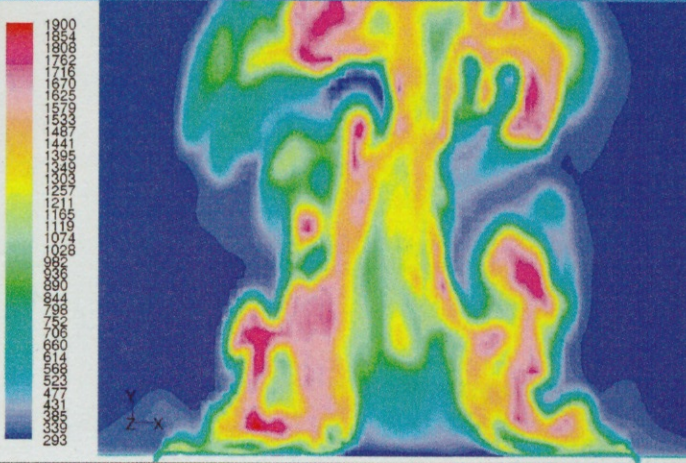
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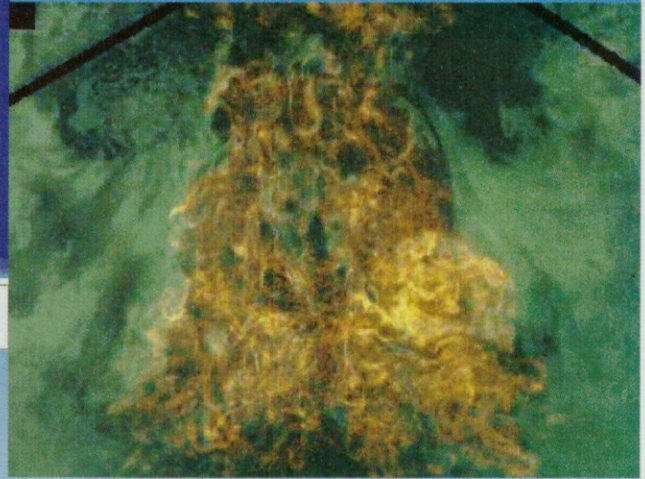
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6.3.4 Animation of Methane pool-fire $d = 1$ m



Contours of Static Temperature (k) (Time=5.6425e+00) Mar 05, 2006
Methane d = 1m FLUENT 6.2 (3d, segregated, pdf17, LES, unsteady)

Simulated transient **temperature field**
(Methane $d = 1$ m)



Experimental Methane high flow
PIV overlay (SNL)
(Helium $d = 1$ m)

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7. Outlook

Lacks exist e.g. in

- Prediction of smoke blockage effect
- Optical properties of soot parcels
- Measurements of temperature-, velocity- and concentration fields in large pool fires
- Wind influence

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