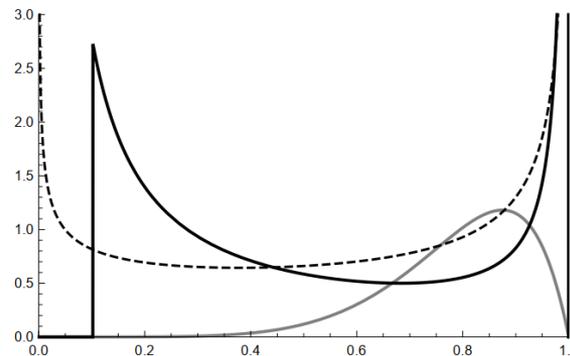


Multidimensional PDF modelling of turbulent premixed combustion



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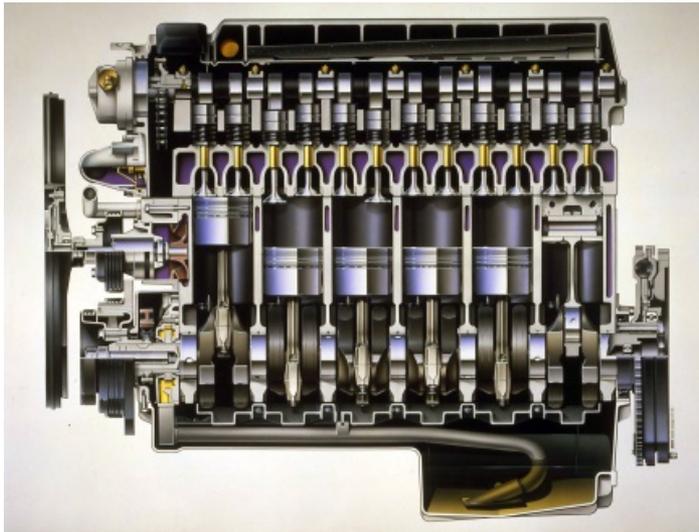
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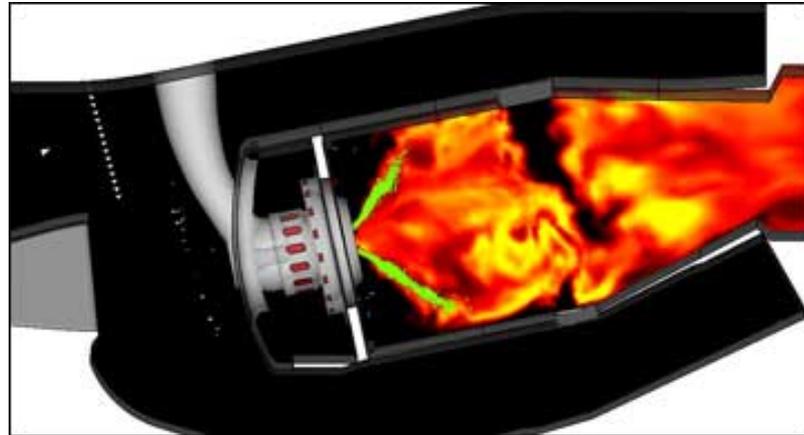
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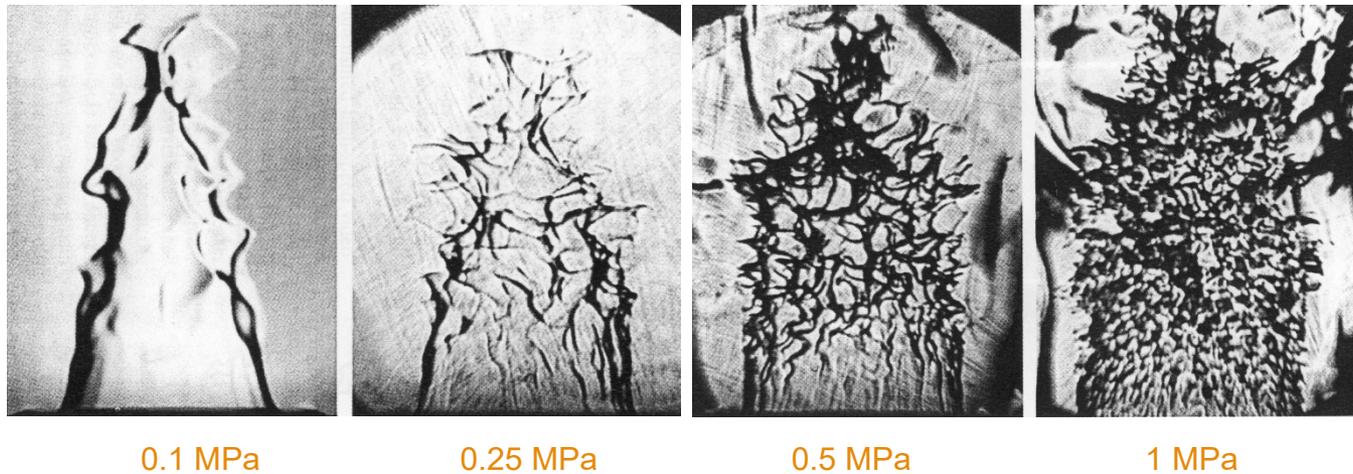
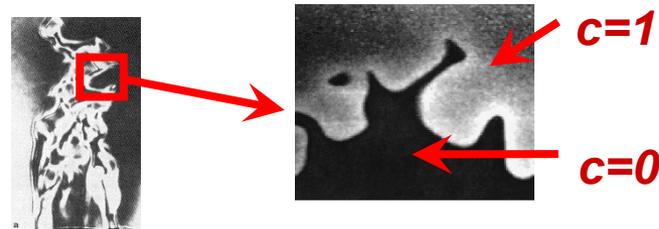
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Fully premixed turbulent flames - experiment



Thinner flame / more flame wrinkling with increasing pressure

Fully premixed turbulent flames - DNS



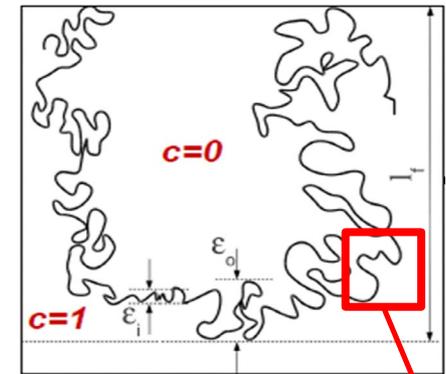
$p = 1$ bar



$p = 5$ bar

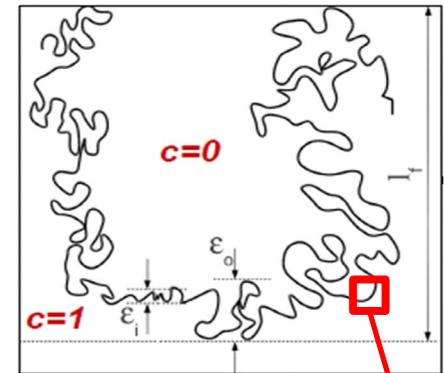


$p = 10$ bar



DNS flame shape

LES cell
(coarse)



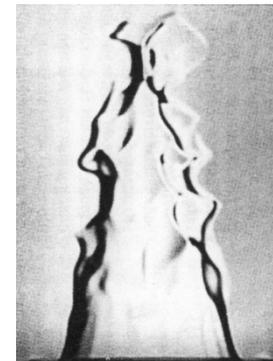
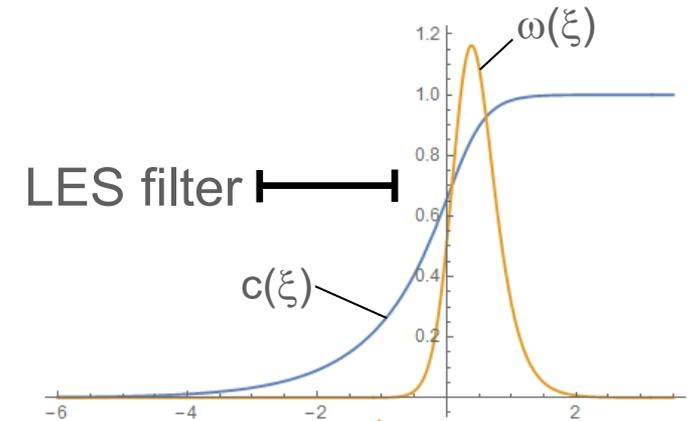
Result of LES filtering

LES cell (fine)

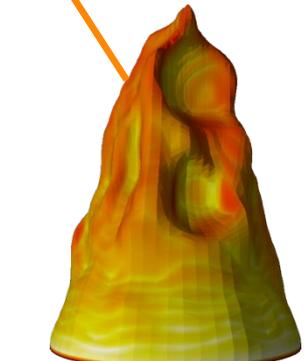
→ Subgrid flame folding – increases with filter width / pressure

Premixed LES modelling

- LES model needed for mean reaction source term
- PDF methodology – multidimensionally valid
- Fokus on wrinkled / thickened flame regime (low Ka)



Experiment



LES

Laminar premixed flame (1-D)

Progress variable

$$c(x, t) = (T - T_u)/(T_b - T_u)$$

1D c transport equation

$$\rho \frac{\partial c}{\partial t} + \rho u \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} = \frac{\partial}{\partial x} \left(\frac{\lambda}{c_p} \frac{\partial c}{\partial x} \right) - \omega(c)$$

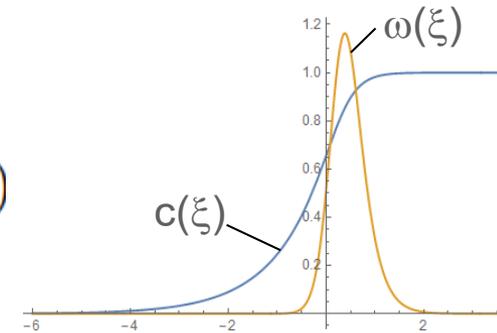
Transformation

$$\xi = \int_0^x \rho_u s_L C_p / \lambda dx$$

Steady-state, $u = s_L$

$$\frac{\partial c}{\partial \xi} = \frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial \xi^2} + \omega(c)$$

ξ : canonical coordinate

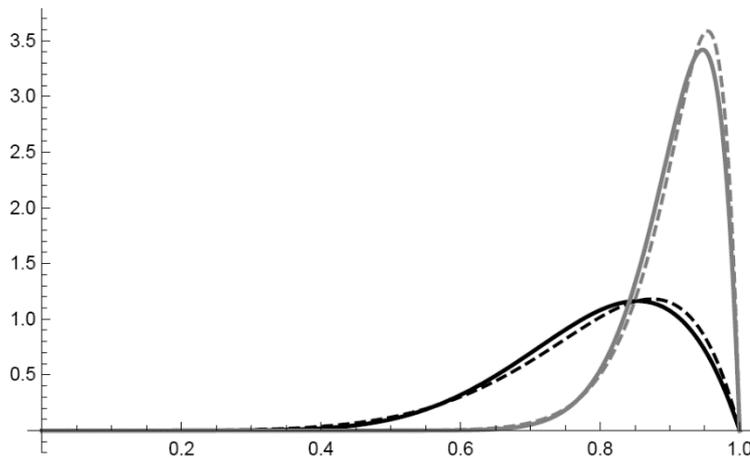


Flame profiles / source terms

Arrhenius source term:

$$\omega(c) = \Lambda (1 - \alpha(1 - c))^{\beta_1 - 1} (1 - c) \exp\left(-\frac{\beta(1 - c)}{1 - \alpha(1 - c)}\right)$$

$$\alpha = \frac{T_b - T_u}{T_b} \quad \beta: \text{activation energy}$$



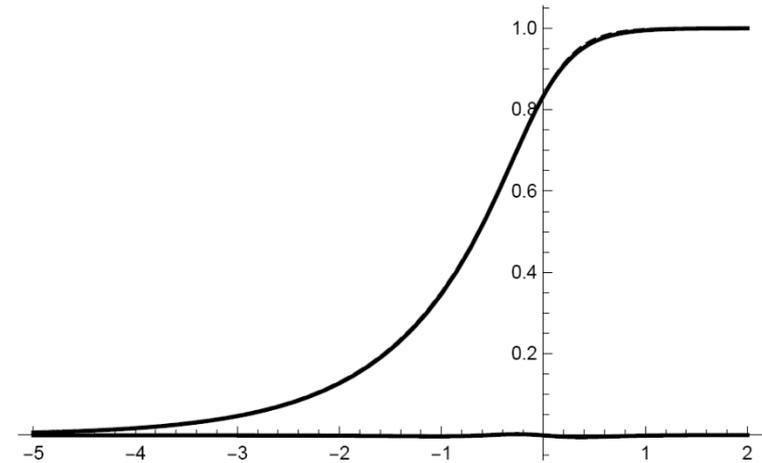
Arrhenius / analytic $\omega(c)$

Analytic source term:

$$\omega_m(c) = (m + 1)(1 - c^m)c^{m+1}$$

$$c_m(\xi) = [1 + \exp(-m * \xi)]^{-1/m}$$

$$\xi_m(c) = \frac{1}{m} \ln\left(\frac{c^m}{1 - c^m}\right)$$



$c(\xi)$ profiles

$c_A(\xi)$ solved numerically

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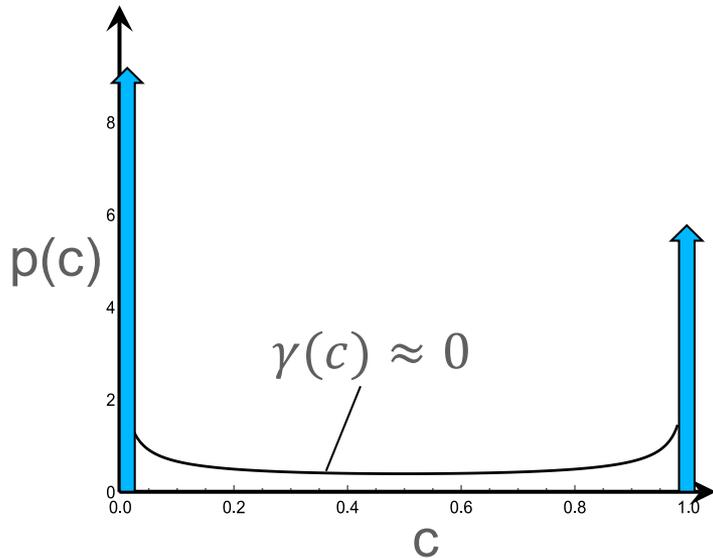
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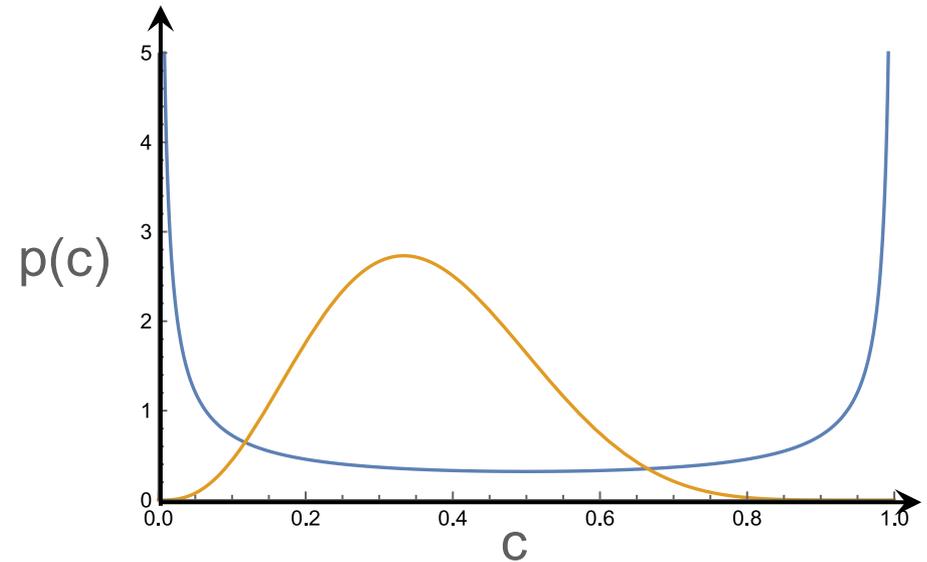
Popular presumed premixed pdf's

$$\bar{f} = \int_0^1 f(c)p(c)dc$$



Bray-Moss-Libby pdf
 (thin flame limit)

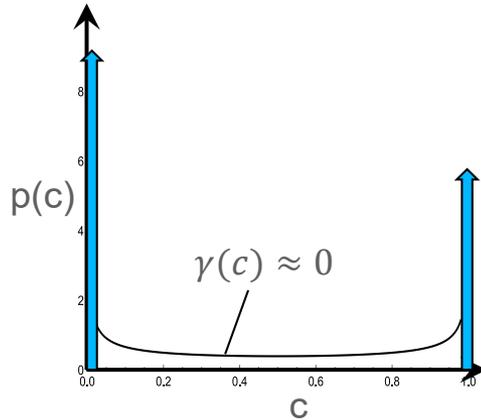
$$p_{BML}(c) = (1 - \tilde{c})\delta(c) + \tilde{c}\delta(1 - c)$$



Beta pdf
 (diffusion process)

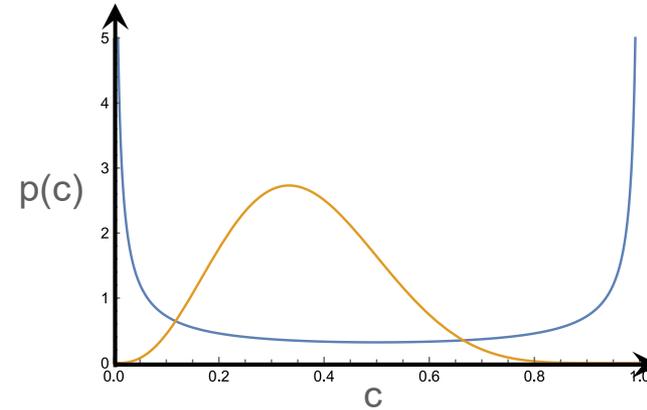
$$p_{\beta}(c) = \frac{c^{(\alpha-1)}(1-c)^{(\beta-1)}}{N}$$

Features BML / Beta pdf's



BML pdf:

- accurate means for quantities $f(c)$ in thin flame limit
 - only applicable to $f(c)$ with $f(c) \neq 0$ for $c=(0,1)$
- not applicable to calculate $\bar{\omega}$



Beta pdf:

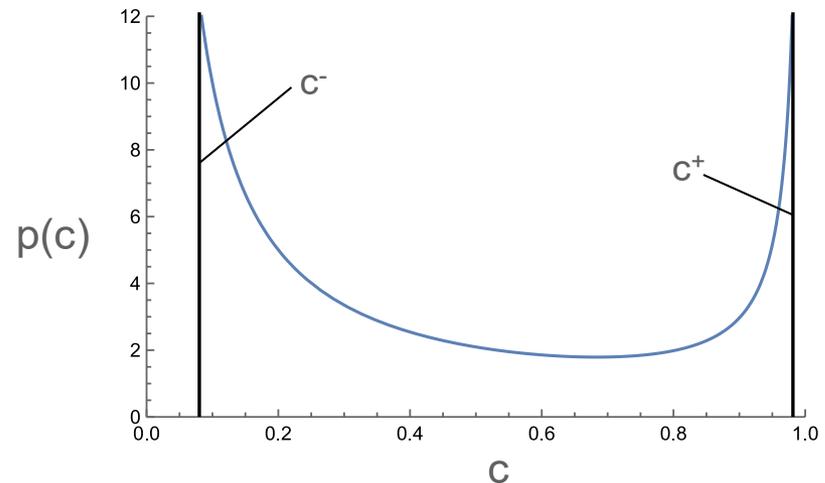
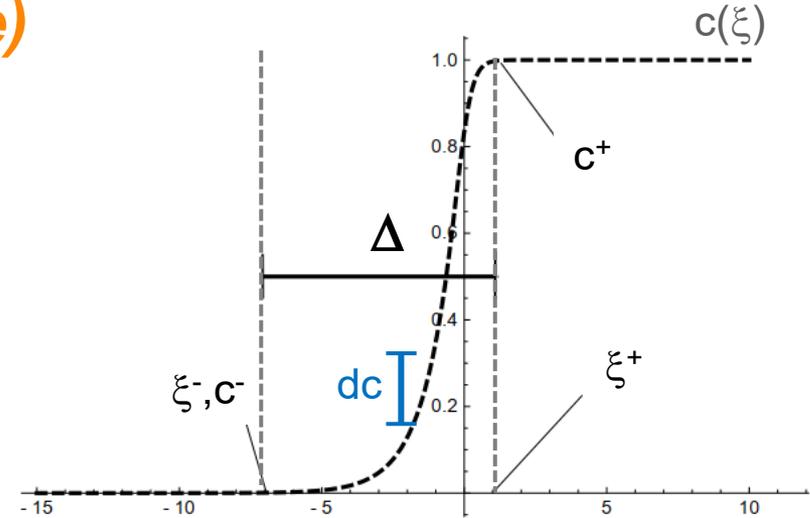
- good results for variables in diffusion processes
- successful in non-premixed combustion
- needs second variable for α, β e.g. scalar dissipation rate
- $\bar{\omega}$ not accurate for large filters

Flamelet pdf (laminar 1-D flame)

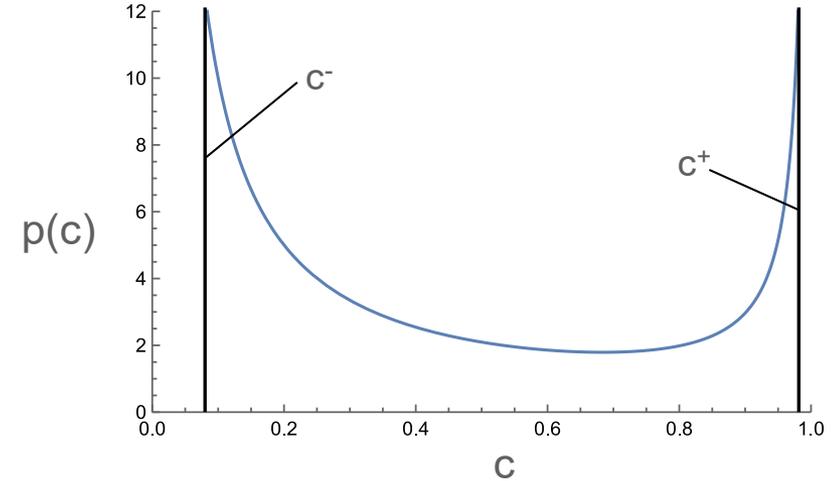
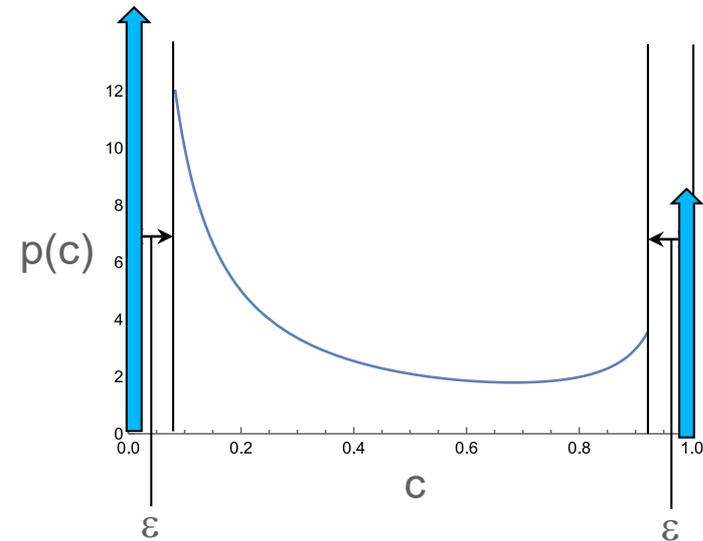
$$p(c) = \begin{cases} 0 & : c < c^- \\ \frac{1}{N} \frac{1}{dc/d\xi} & : c^- \leq c \leq c^+ \\ 0 & : c > c^+ \end{cases}$$

$$\int p(c) dc \stackrel{!}{=} 1 \rightarrow N = \Delta$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\partial c / \partial \xi} dc \text{ diverges at } c \rightarrow 0, 1$$



Flamelet pdf implementations



$$\bar{f} = Af(0) + Bf(1) + \int_{\epsilon}^{1-\epsilon} f(c)p_f(c)dc$$

$$\bar{f} = \int_{c^-}^{c^+} f(c)p_f(c)dc$$

- Negative A,B possible (constant ϵ)
- Domingo: replace by β pdf there

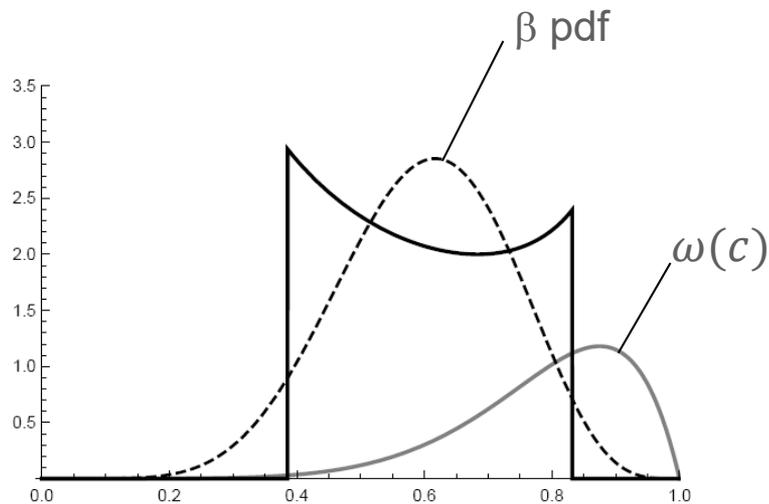
- No need for delta functions at $c=(0,1)$
- accurate c^- , c^+ required

Comparison flamelet / beta pdf

Beta pdf:

$$p_{\beta}(c) = \frac{c^{a-1}(1-c)^{b-1}\Gamma(a+b)}{\Gamma(a)\Gamma(b)}$$

a, b determined from $\bar{c}, \overline{c'^2}$

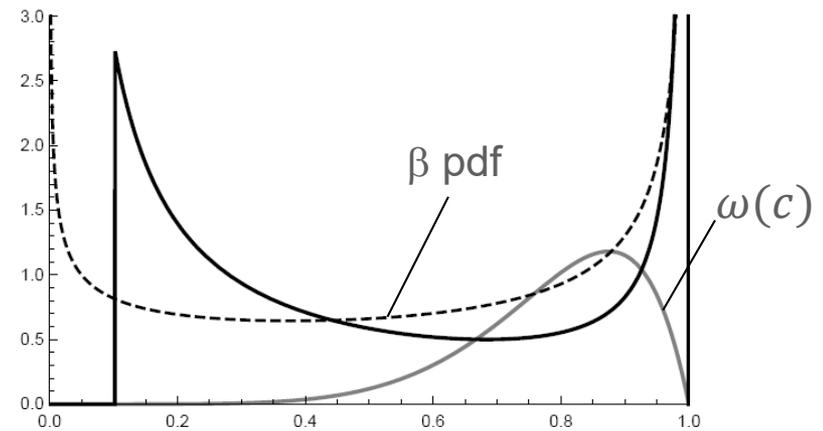


small $\Delta = 0.5 \cdot \delta_f$, $\bar{c} = 0.6$

Analytic flamelet pdf:

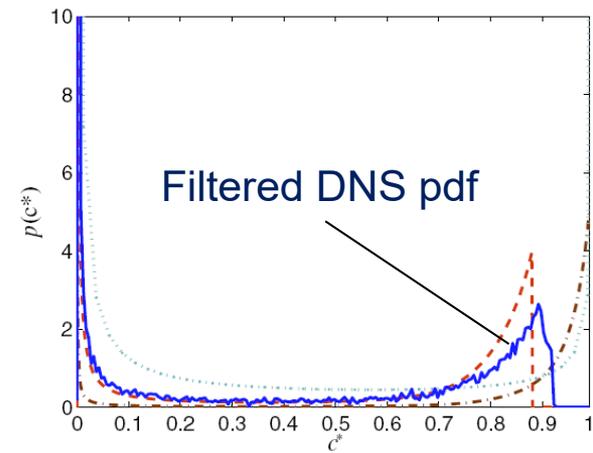
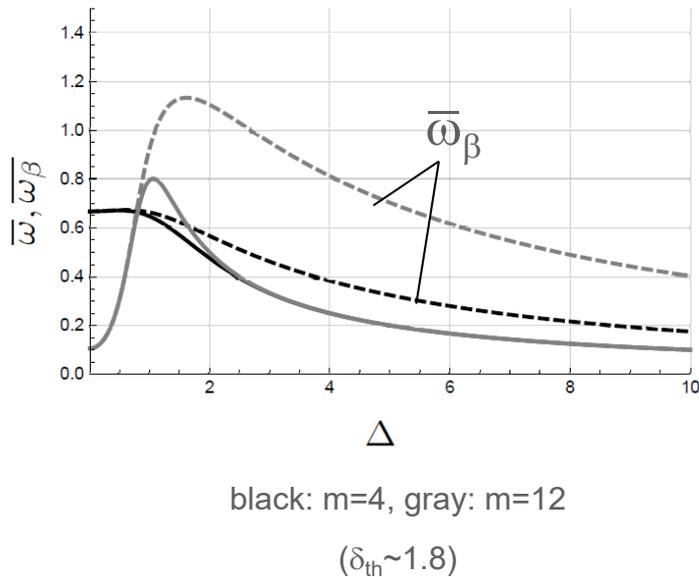
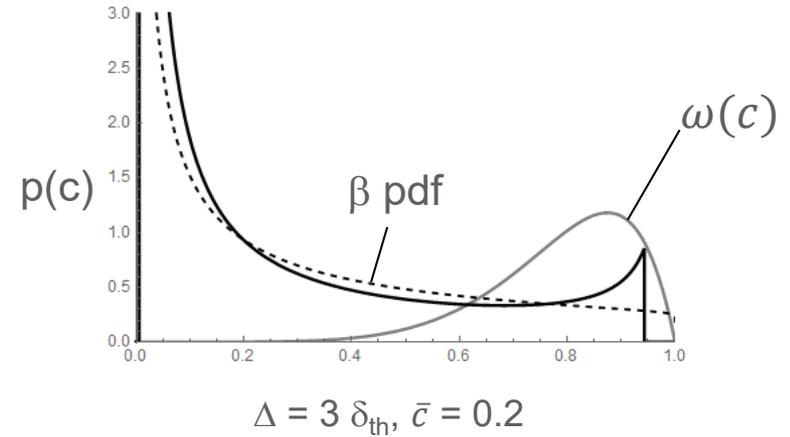
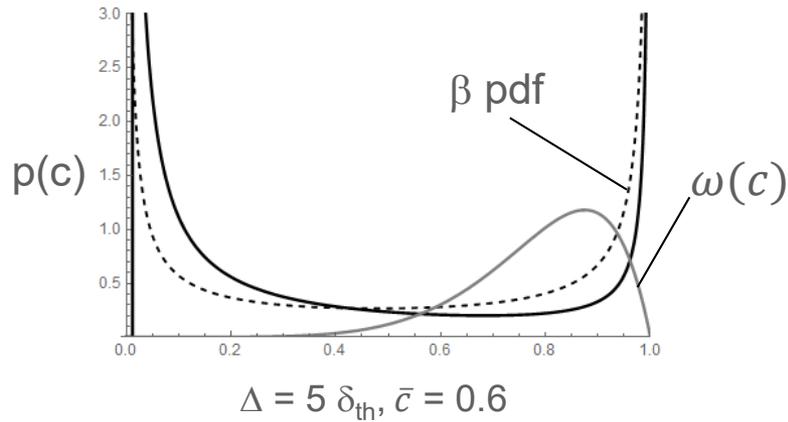
$$p_m(c) = \frac{1}{\Delta c(1-c^m)}, \quad c^- \leq c \leq c^+$$

c^-, c^+ determined from \bar{c}, Δ



large $\Delta = 2 \cdot \delta_f$, $\bar{c} = 0.6$

Comparison of filtered source term



Jin, Grout, Bushe, Flow Turbulence Combust (2008) 81:563–582

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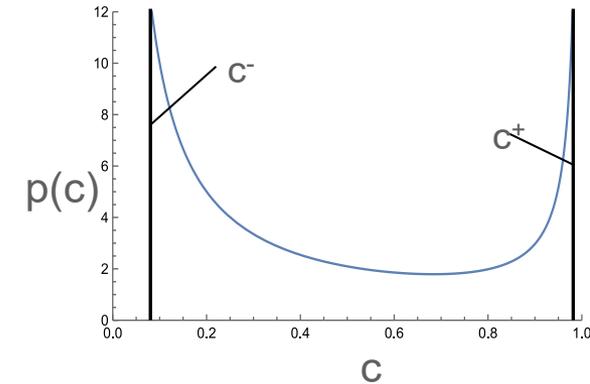
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Relation between 1D and multi-D PDF

1D pdf:
$$p(c) = \frac{1}{\Delta} \left(\frac{dc}{dx} \right)^{-1} H(c - c^-) H(c^+ - c)$$

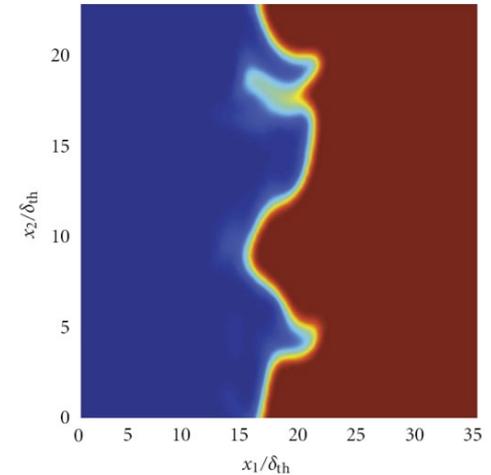


Multi-D pdf:
$$p(c) = \frac{\Sigma(c) I(c) (dc/dx)_{1D}^{-1}}{\Omega}$$

$\Sigma(c)$: Isosurface area

Ω : Filter volume, cube: $\Omega = \Delta^3$

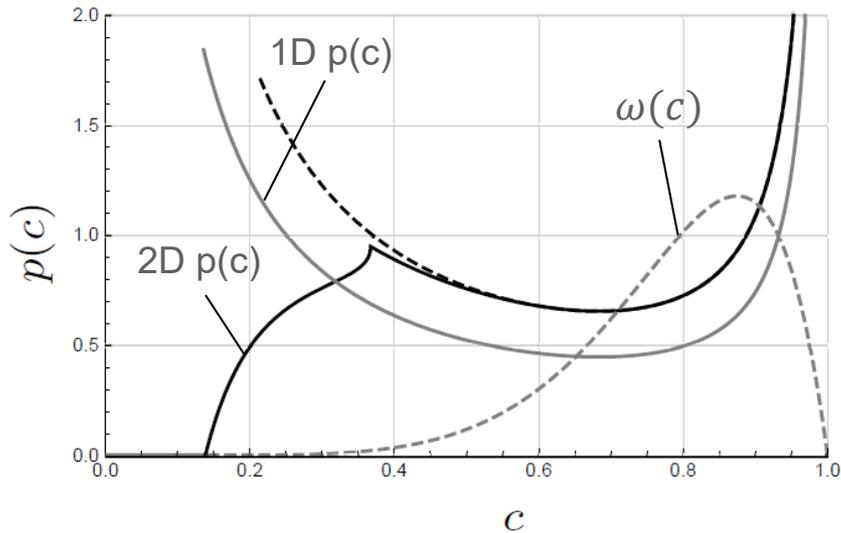
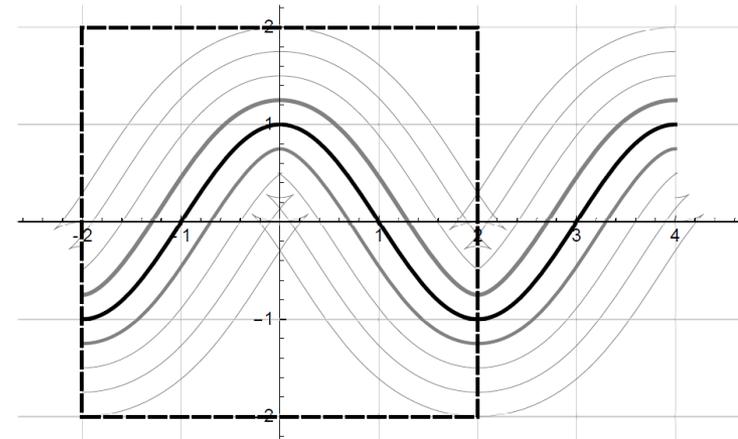
$I(c)$: $|\nabla c|_{3D} / |dc/dx|_{1D}$



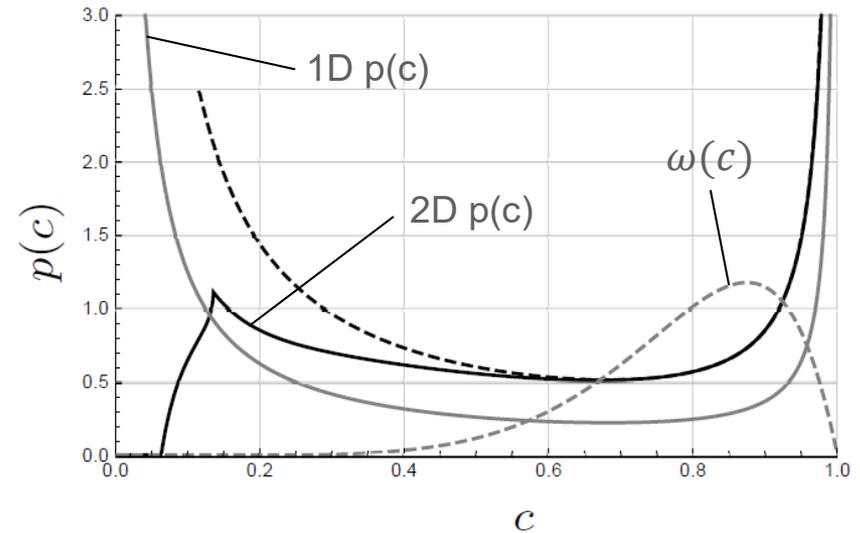
PDF of 2D sinusoidal flame

Assumptions:

- no change in inner flame structure
- no crossing of isolines



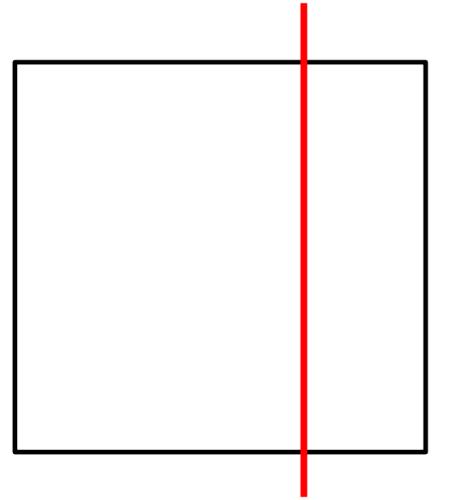
$\Delta = 2.2 \cdot \delta_f$, weak wrinkling



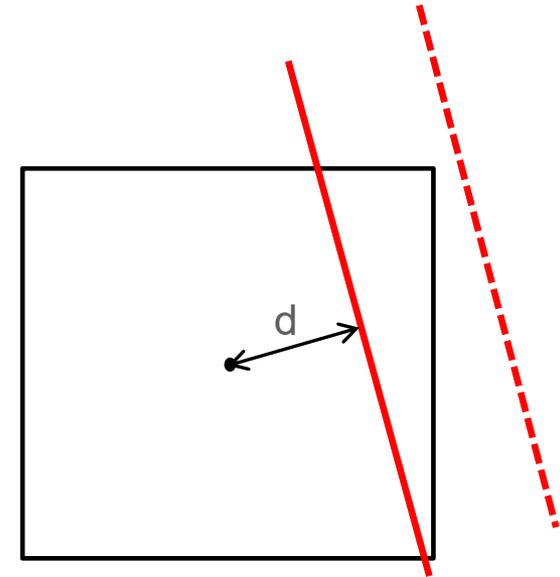
$\Delta = 5 \cdot \delta_f$, strong wrinkling

Multidimensional flame area

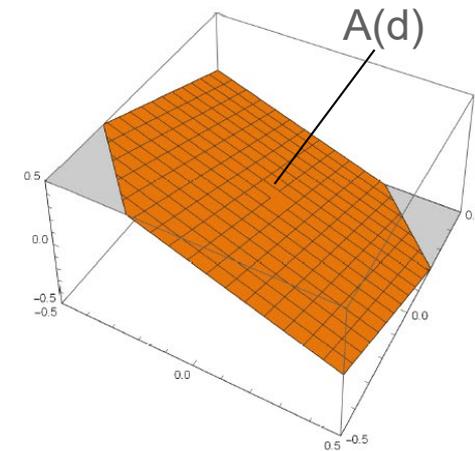
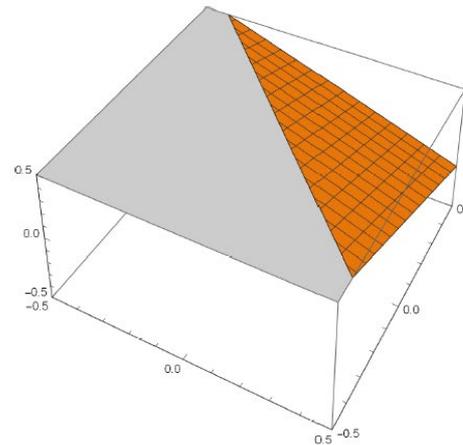
Planar flame front in 2D cell



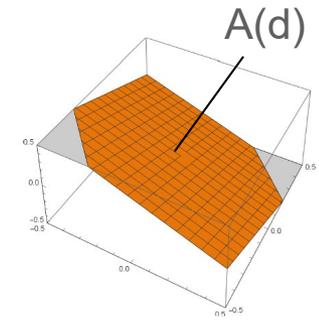
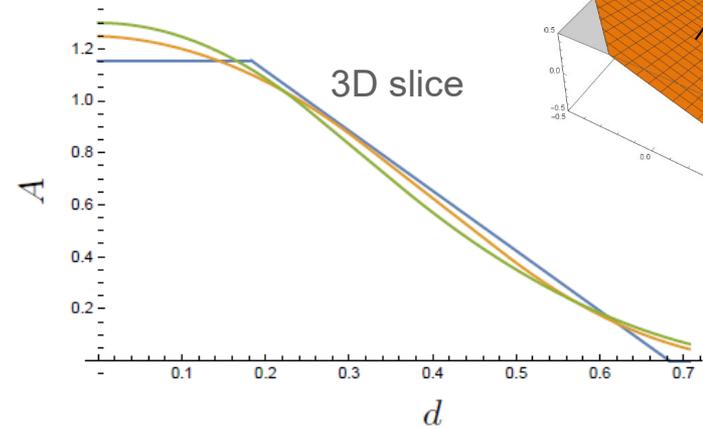
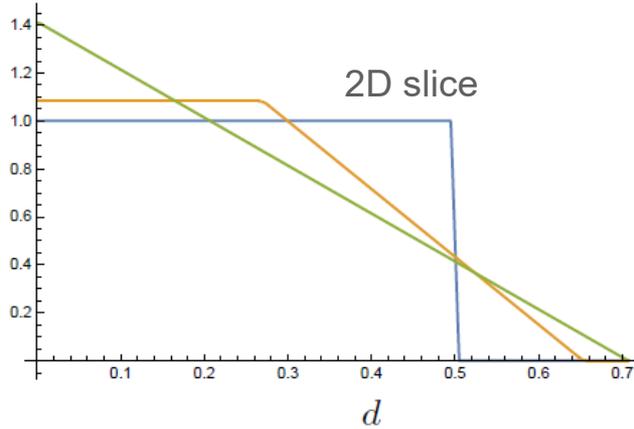
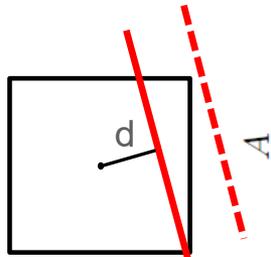
d : normal distance between flame front and cube centre



Planar flame front in 3D cell



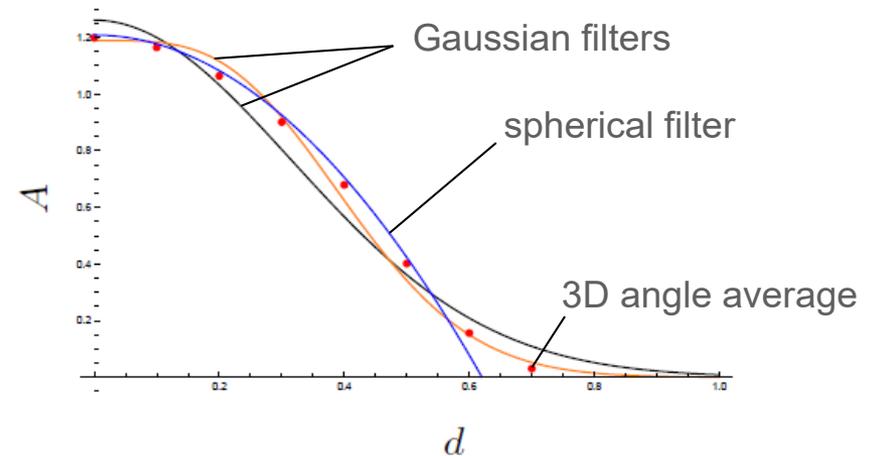
Area distributions of plane cutting unit cube



d : distance from unit cube center

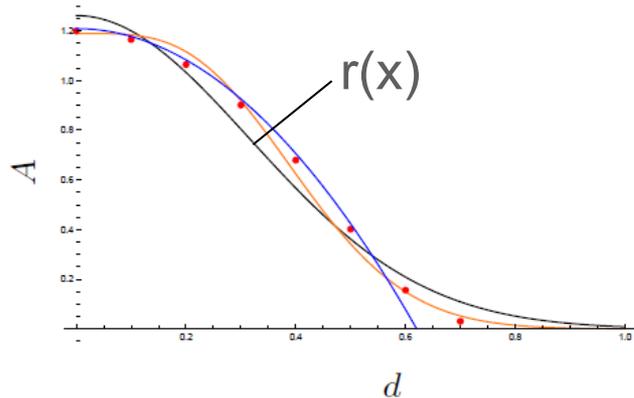
$A(d)$: cutting area in Ω

Piecewise constant/linear/parabolic
 for cube / sphere

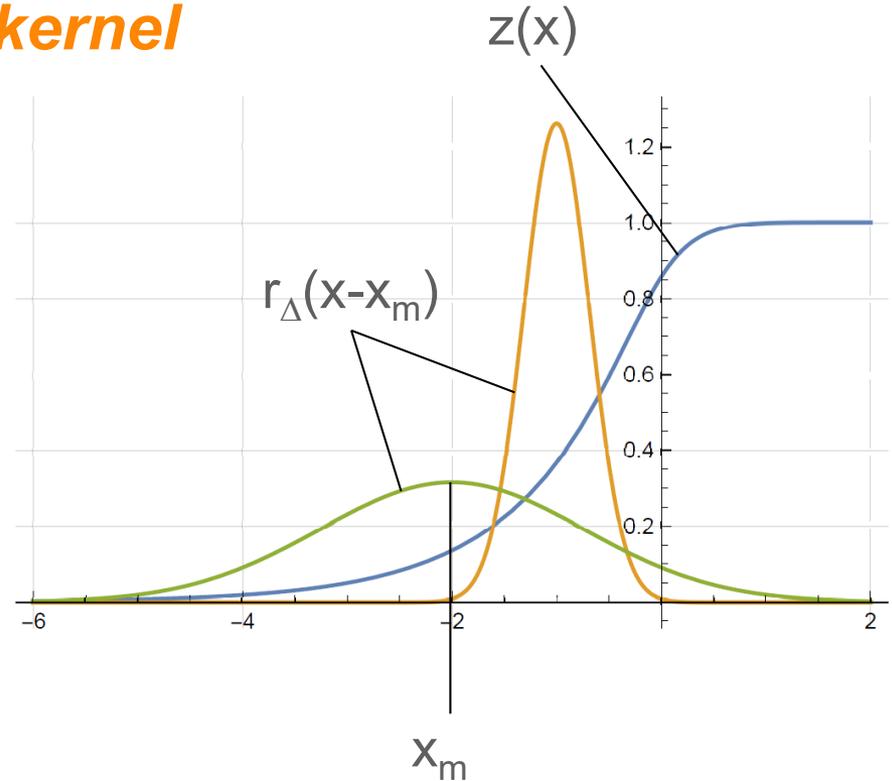


Filtering 1D profiles with filter kernel

- Multidimensional slice area $A(d)$
- Represented by filter kernel $r(x)$

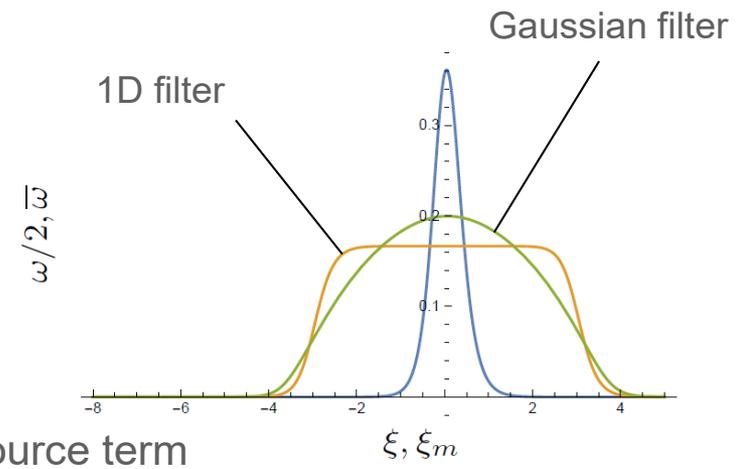
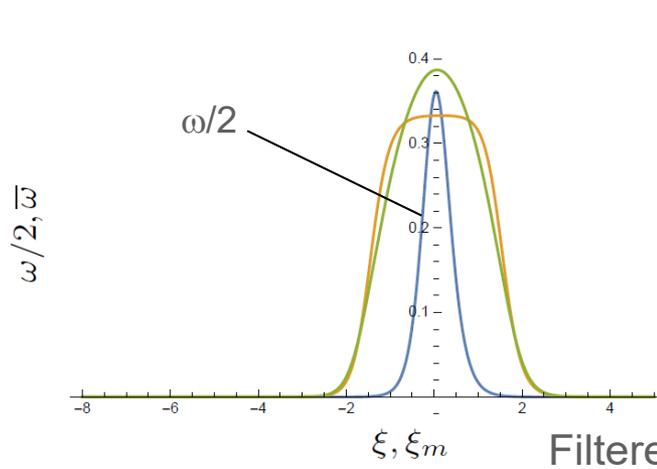
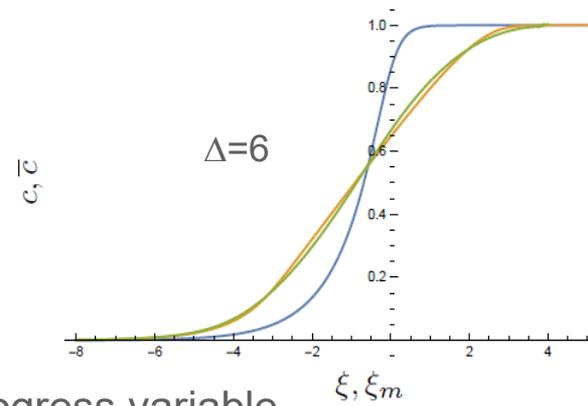
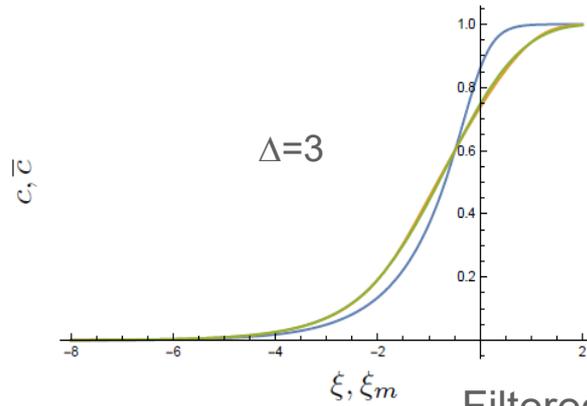


- Filtered value of $z(x)$ with filter size Δ centered at $x=x_m$:

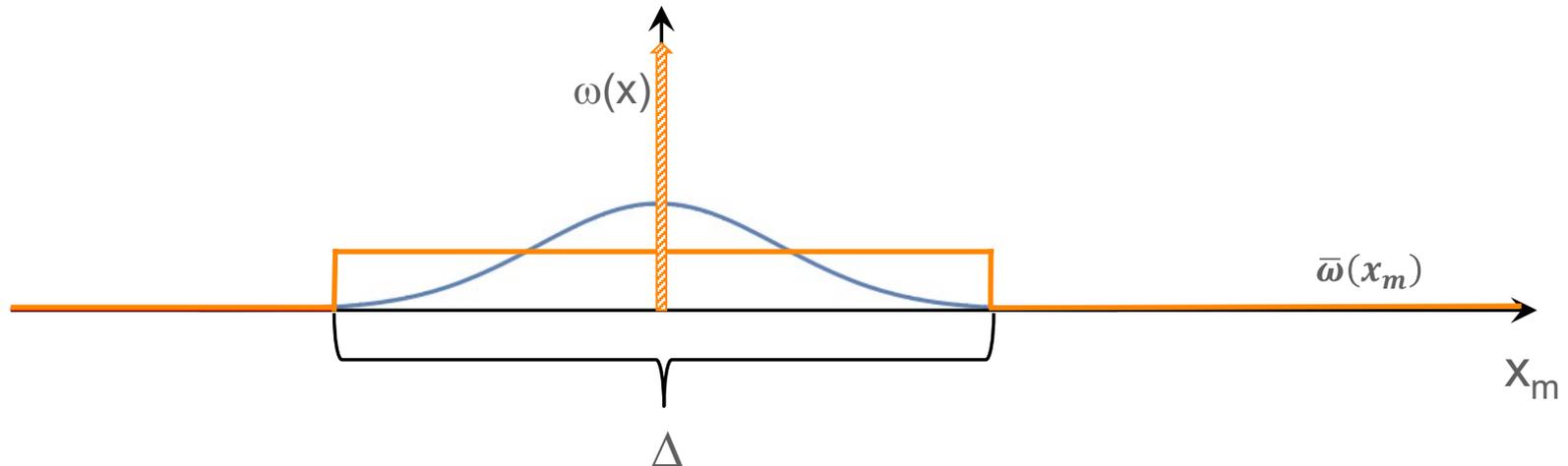
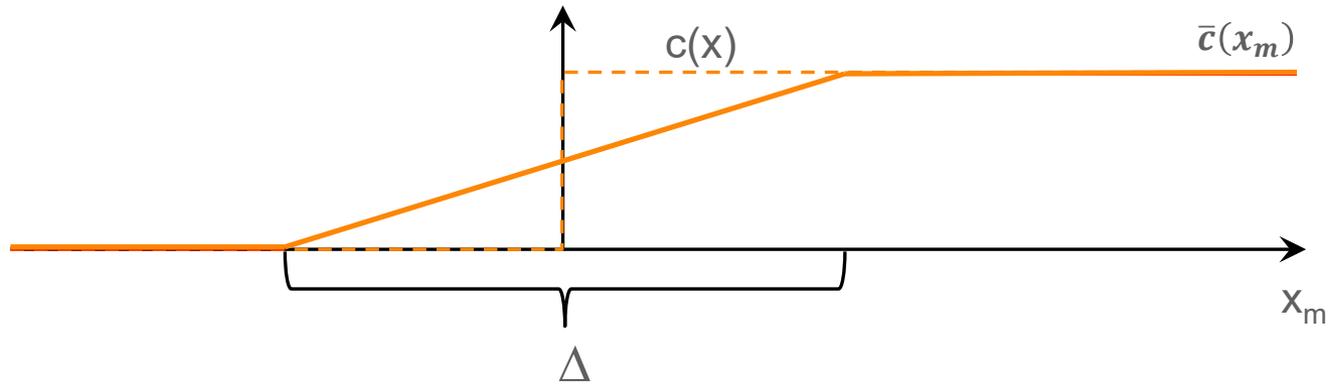


$$\bar{z}_\Delta(x_m) = \frac{1}{\Delta} \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} r\left(\frac{x - x_m}{\Delta}\right) z(x) dx$$

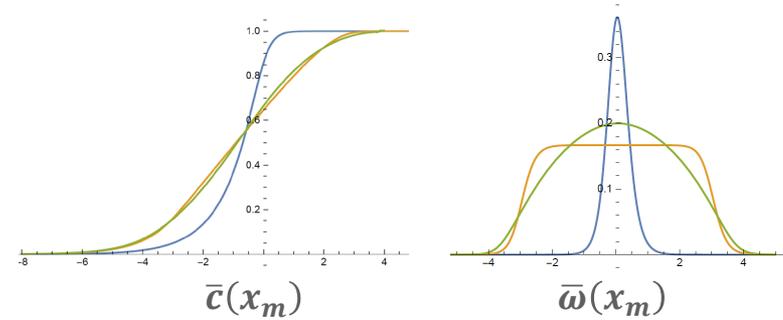
Effect of filter kernel



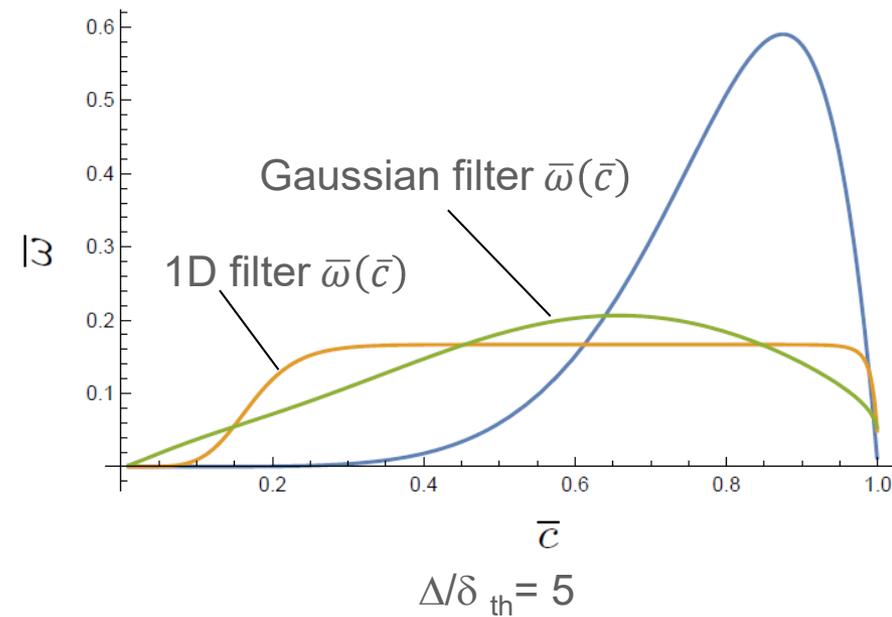
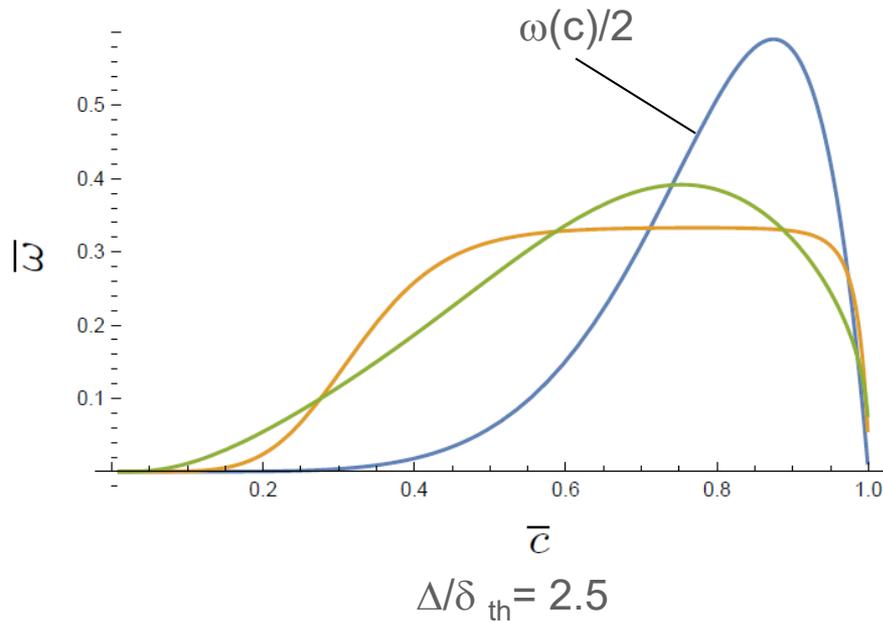
Limit of filtered $\bar{c}(x_m)$, $\bar{\omega}(x_m)$ at large Δ



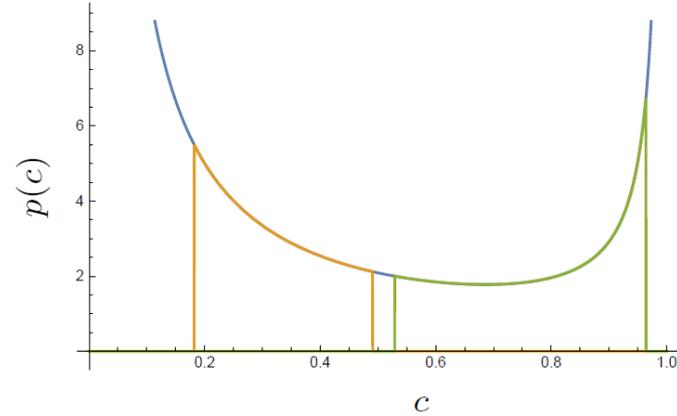
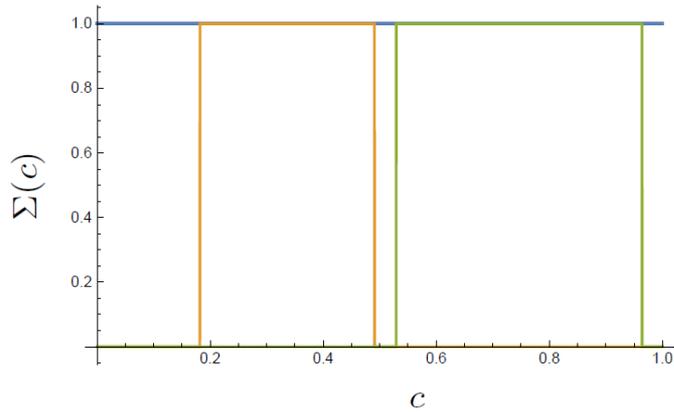
1D filtered $\bar{\omega}$ vs. \bar{c}



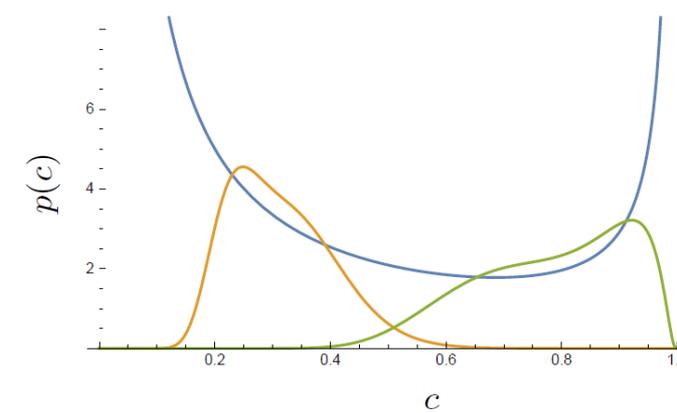
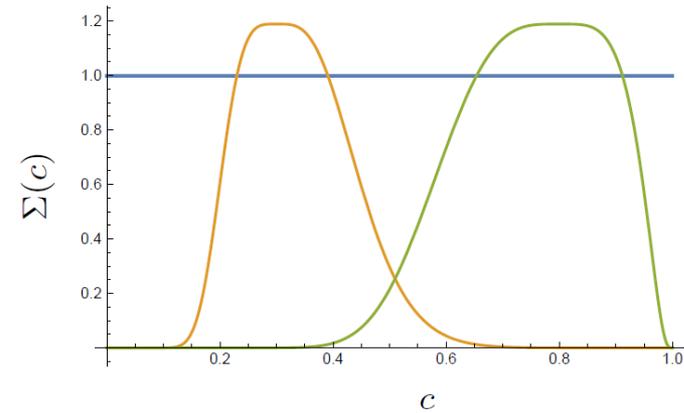
Parameterical plots: $\bar{\omega}(x_m)$ vs. $\bar{c}(x_m)$



Area effect on pdf in c space

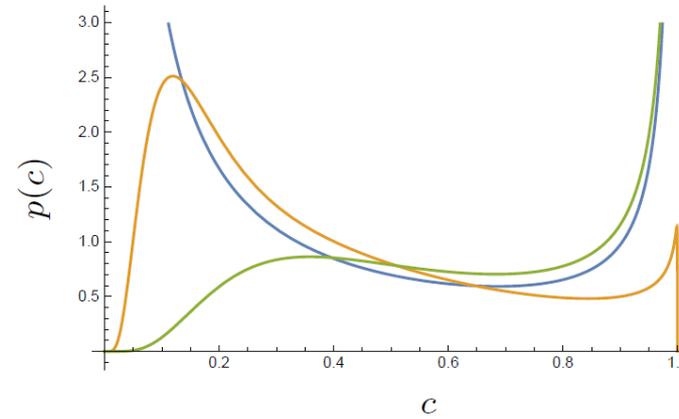
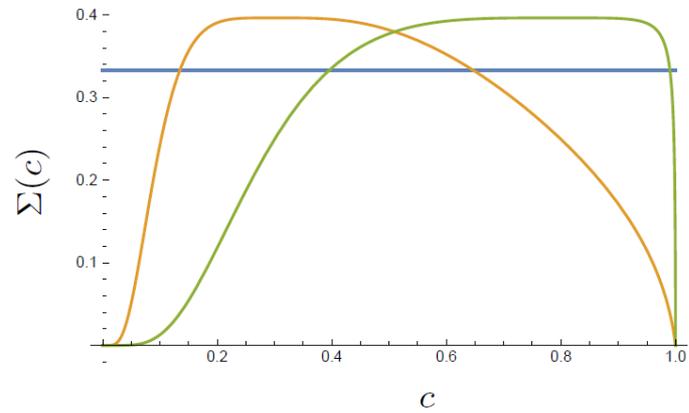


1D filter

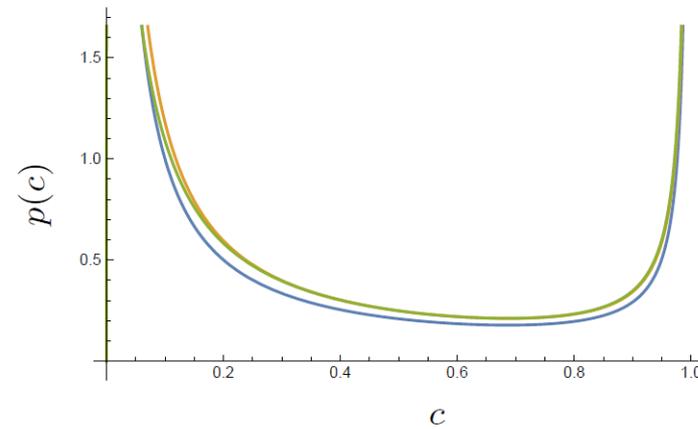
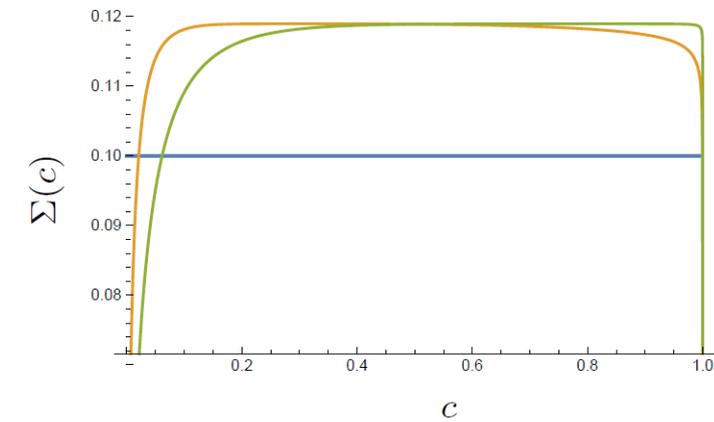


3D filter

Area effect on pdf in c space



medium filter



large filter

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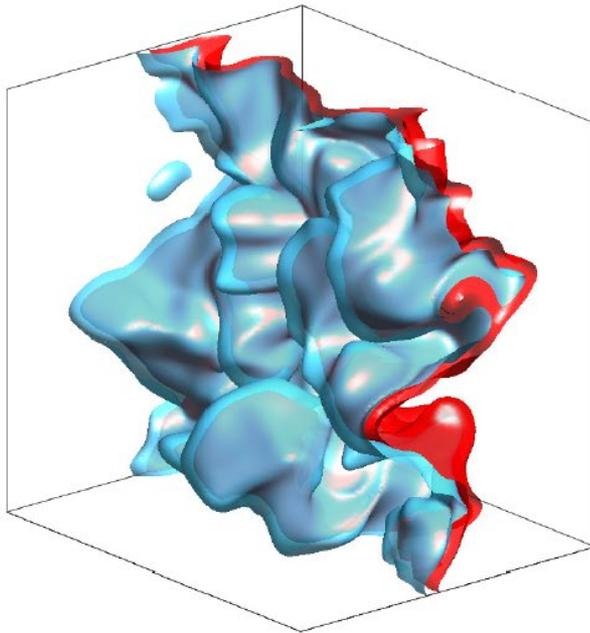
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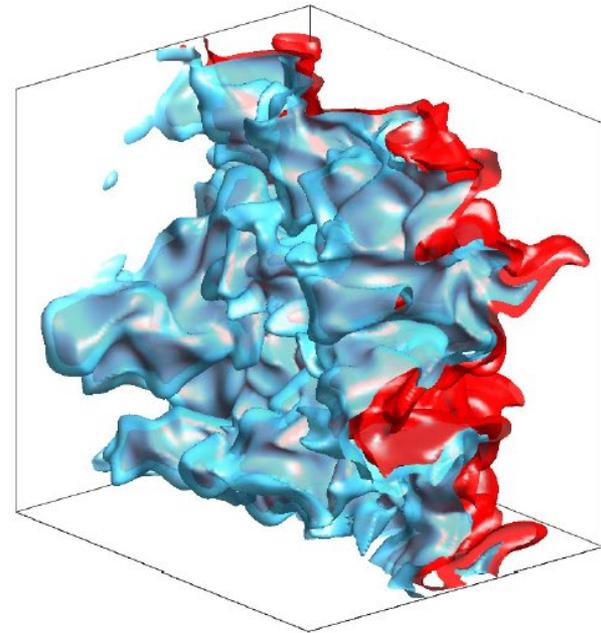
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Statistically planar turbulent flame DNS

c isocontours 0.1, 0.9

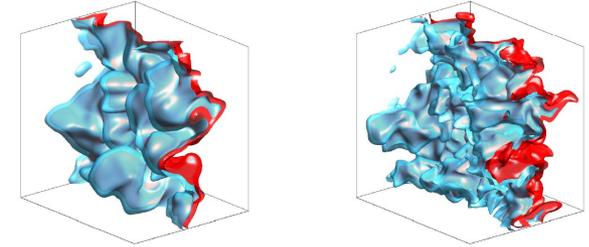


$u'/s_L = 5$

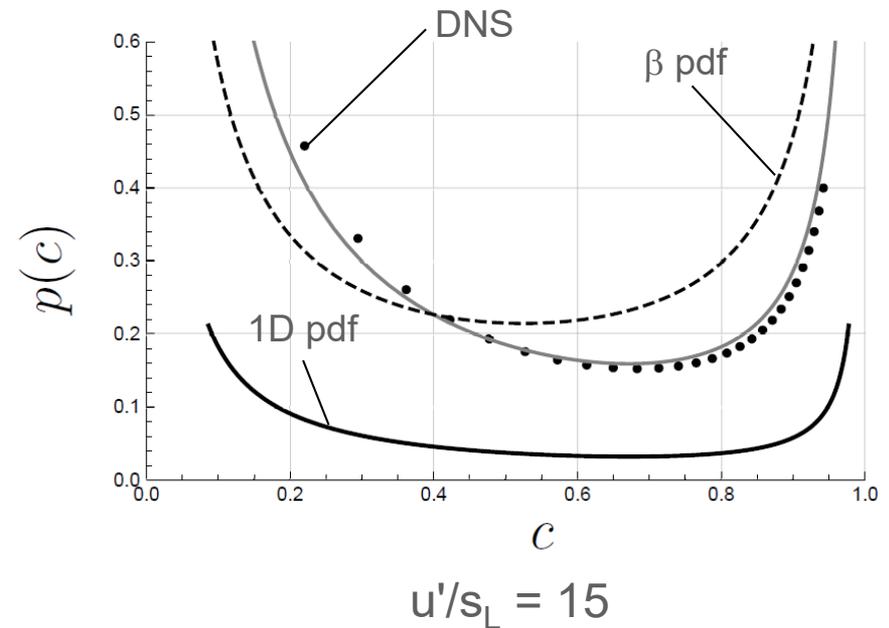
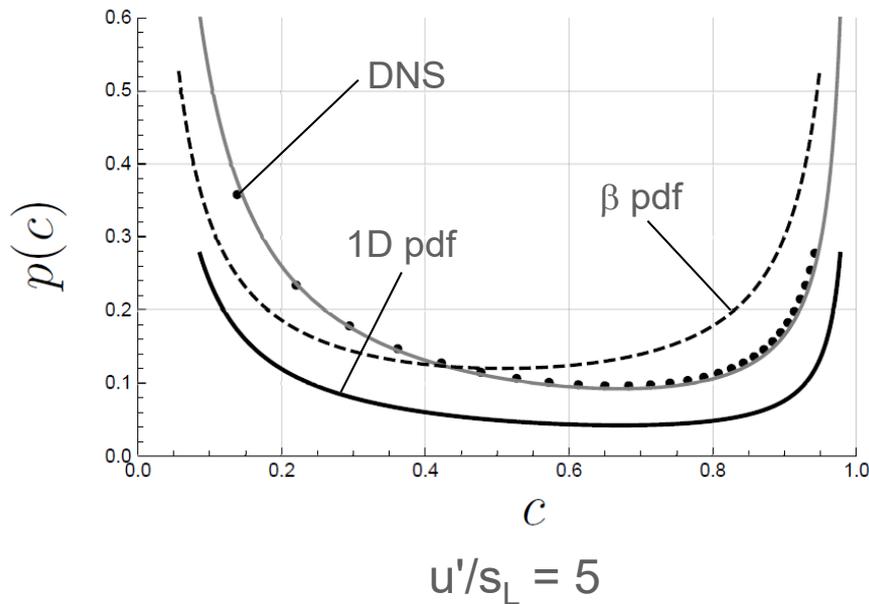


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PDF for large (RANS-like) filter widths



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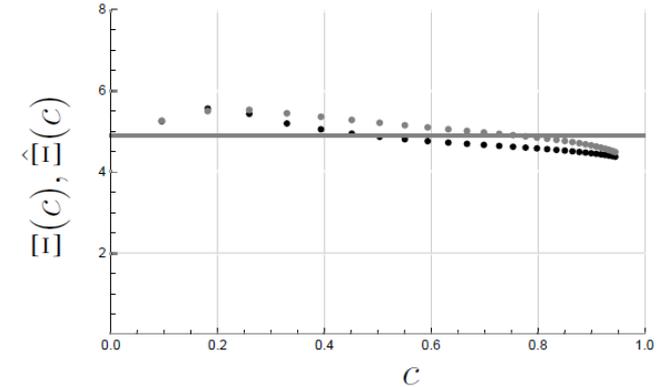
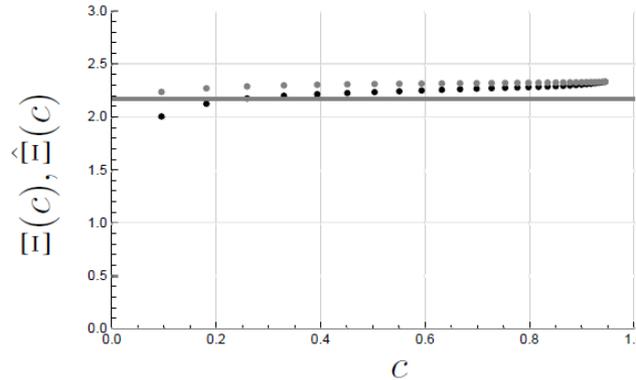


Gray line: 1D pdf scaled with constant factor

DNS analysis: change of inner flame structure

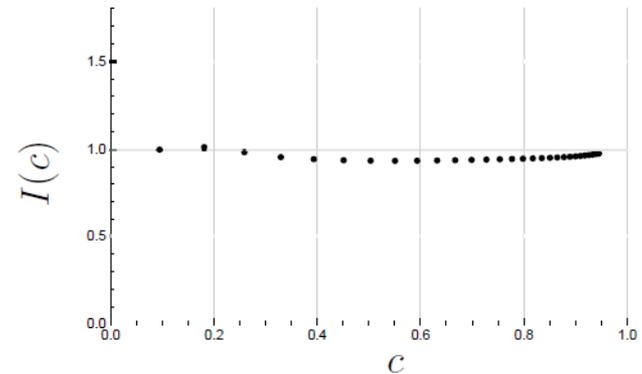
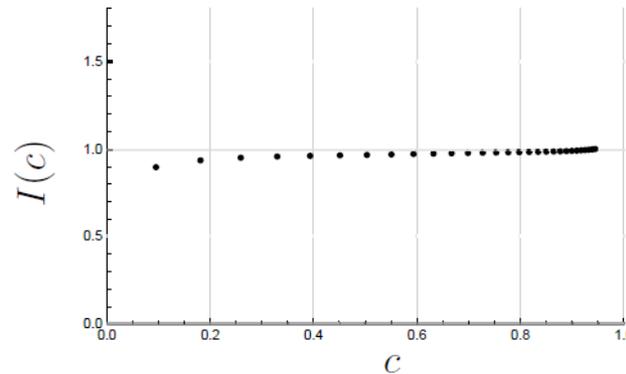
Wrinkling factor

$$\Xi = \Sigma_T / \Sigma_L$$



Inner flame structure

$$I = |\nabla c|_{3D} / |dc/dx|_{1D}$$

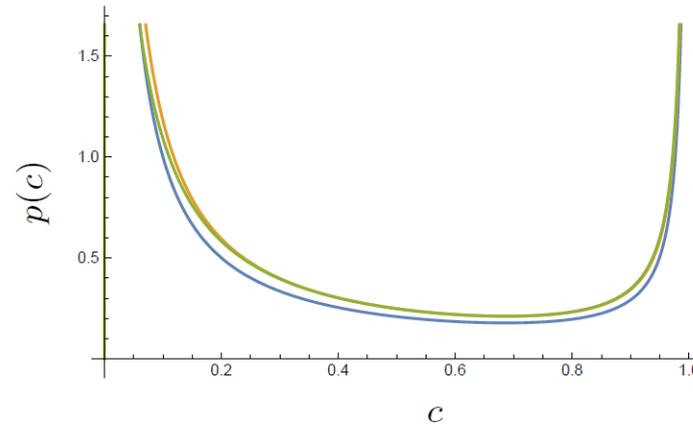
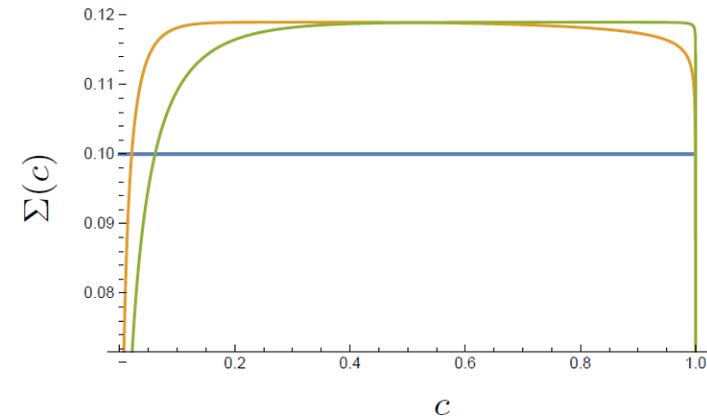


$u'/s_L = 5$

$u'/s_L = 15$

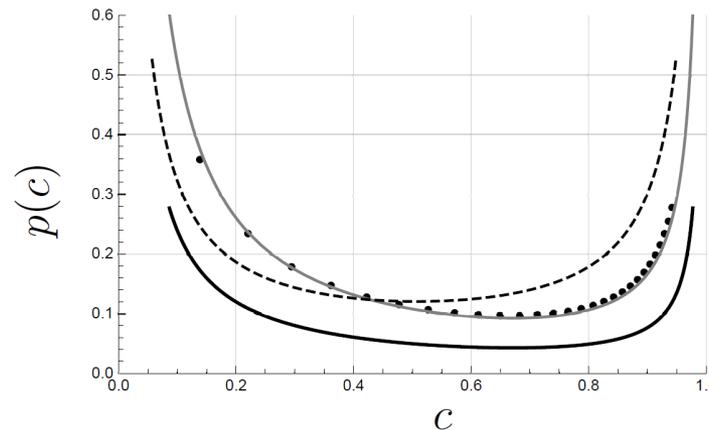
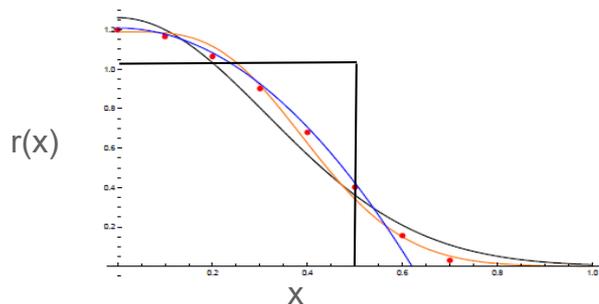
$I(c) \sim 1$: same $c(x)$ gradients in laminar and turbulent flame

Area effect in c space - large filter width



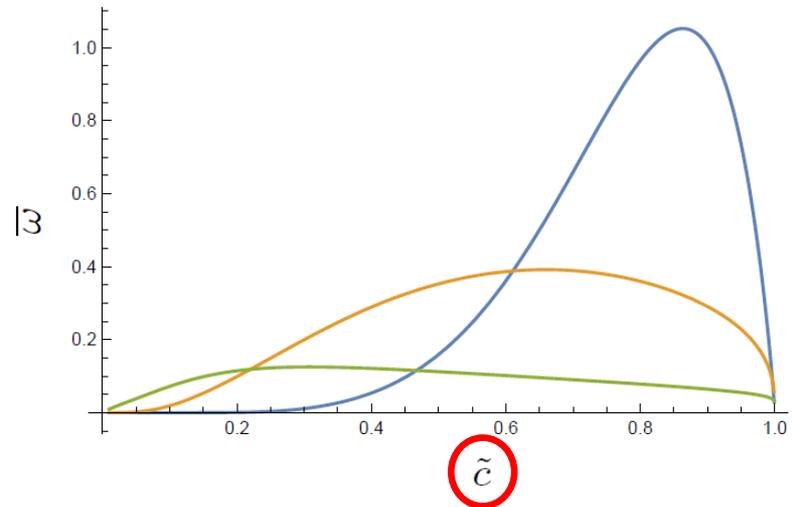
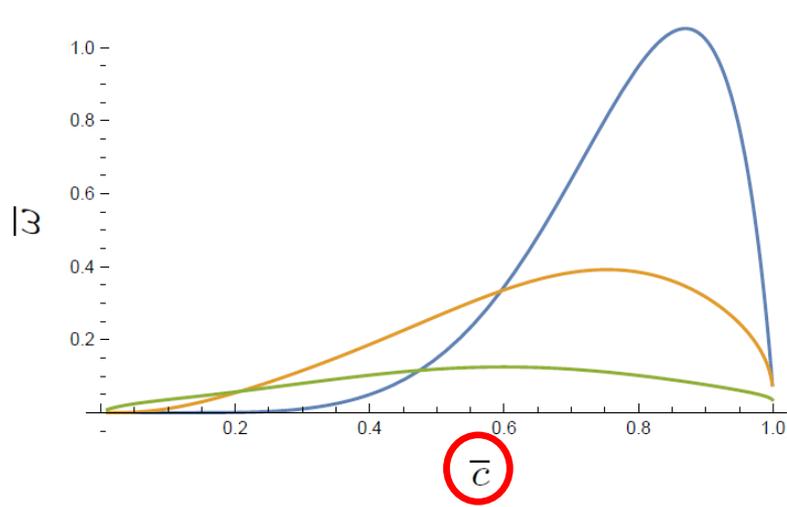
3D RANS filter

- RANS filter: $\Sigma(c)$ flat
- Σ level increased ($r(0) > 1$)



DNS (RANS filter)

LES model for $\bar{\omega}$ vs. \tilde{c}

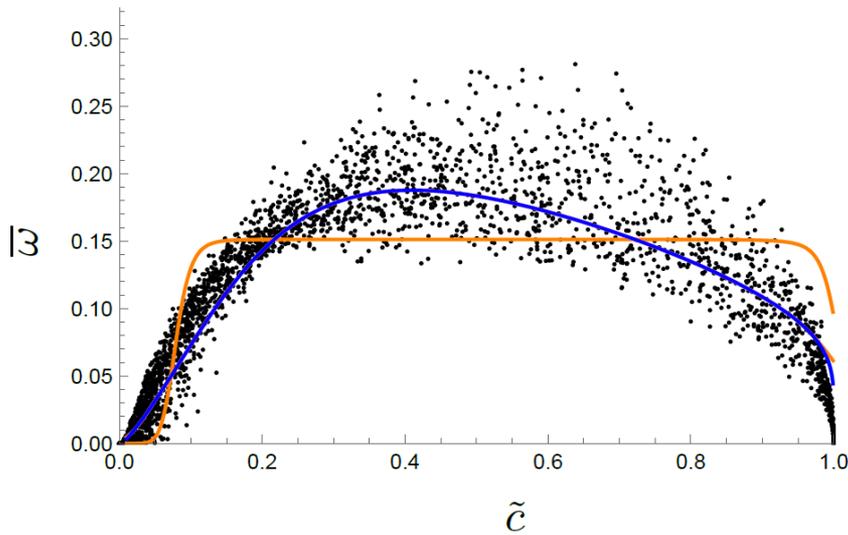
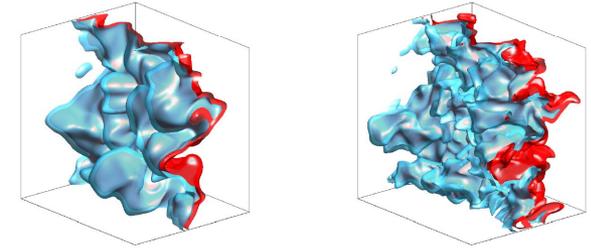


- Generate 1D $\tilde{c}(x_m)$ from 1D filtered $\bar{\rho c}$

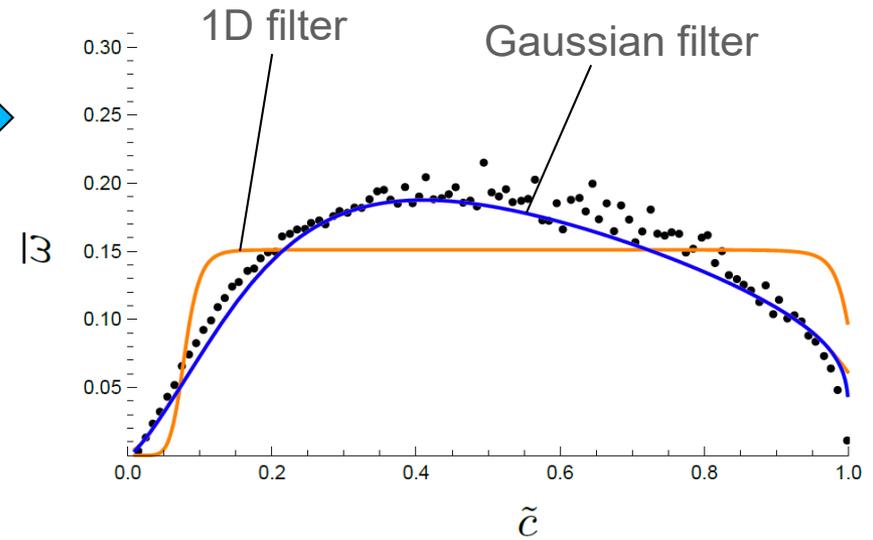
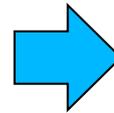
- Plot $\bar{\omega}(x_m)$ vs. $\tilde{c}(x_m)$

Filtering / binning of DNS data

- $\bar{\omega}$ box-filtered from DNS
- sort / average $\bar{\omega}$ in \tilde{c} bins

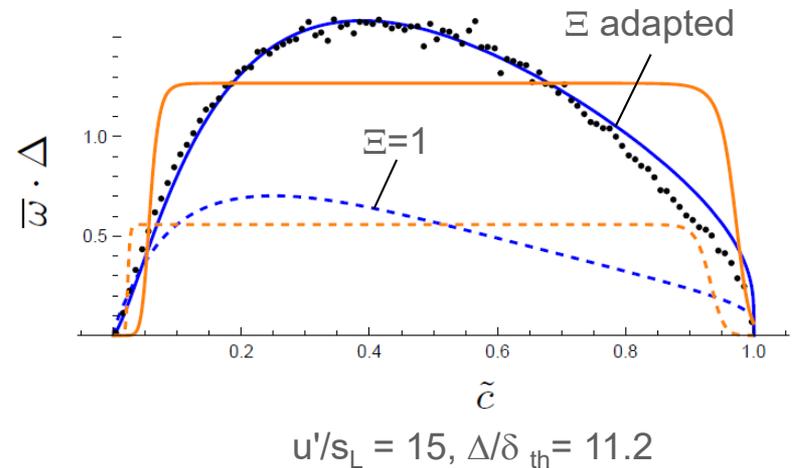
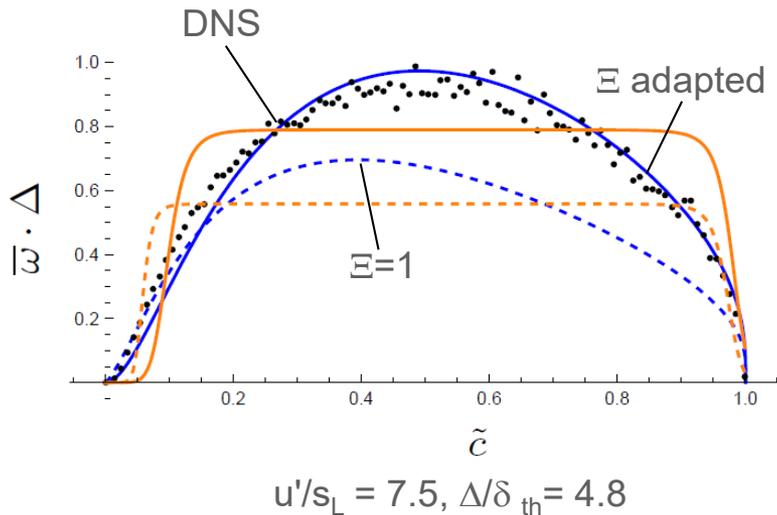
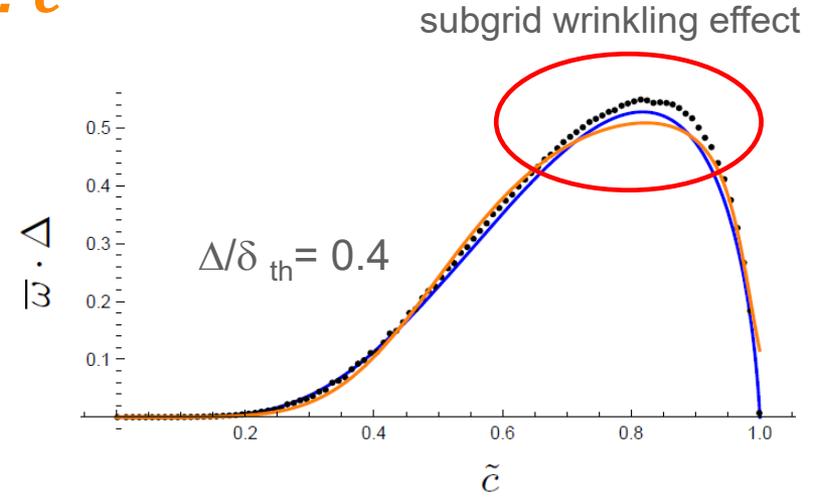
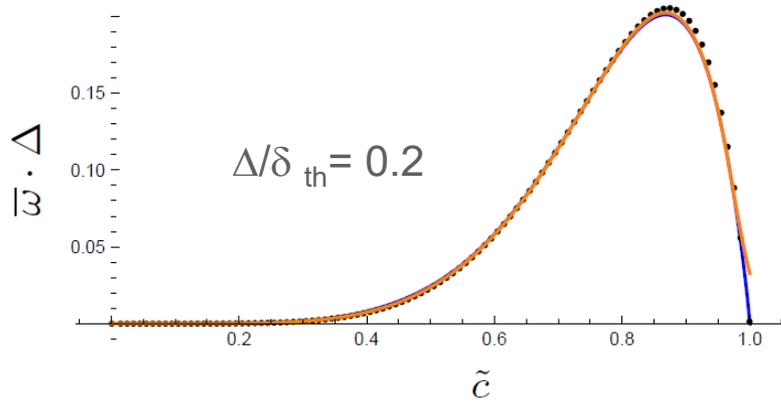


Raw filtered DNS ω



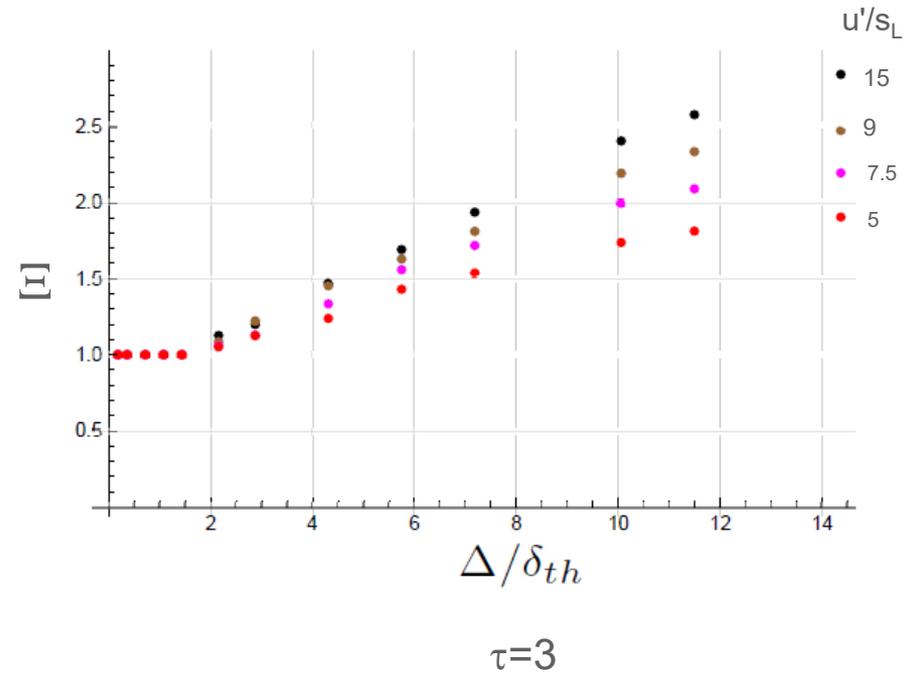
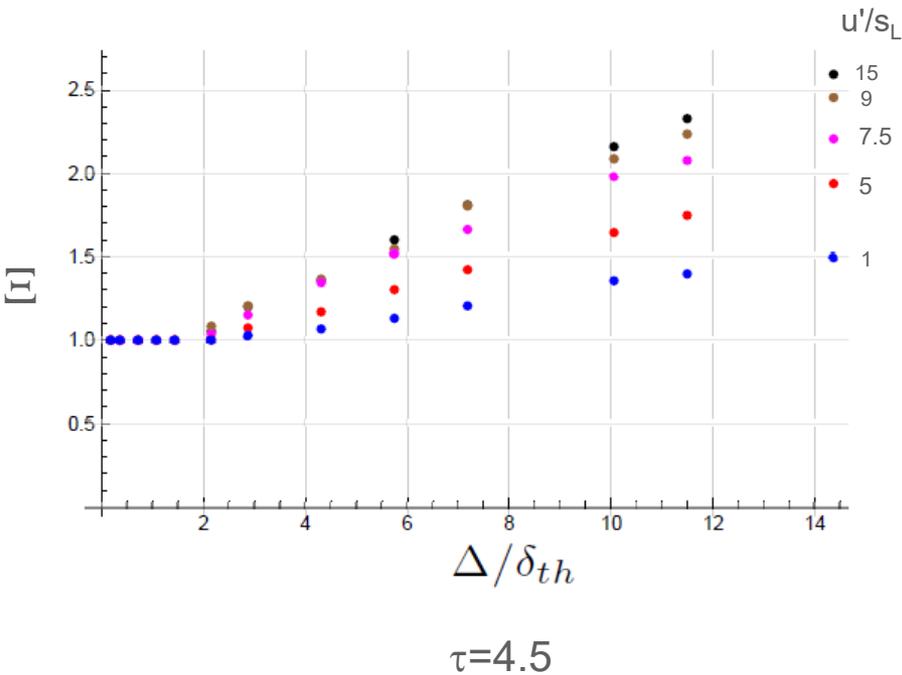
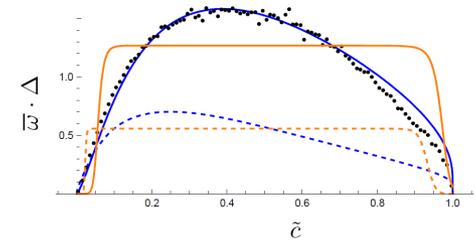
Filtered + binned DNS ω

DNS validation of model $\bar{\omega}$ vs. \tilde{c}



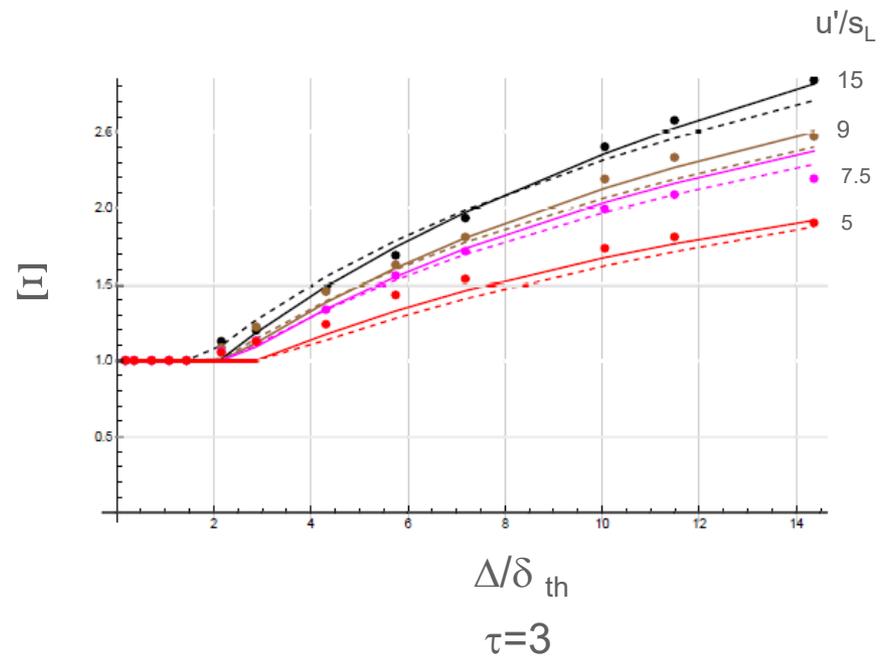
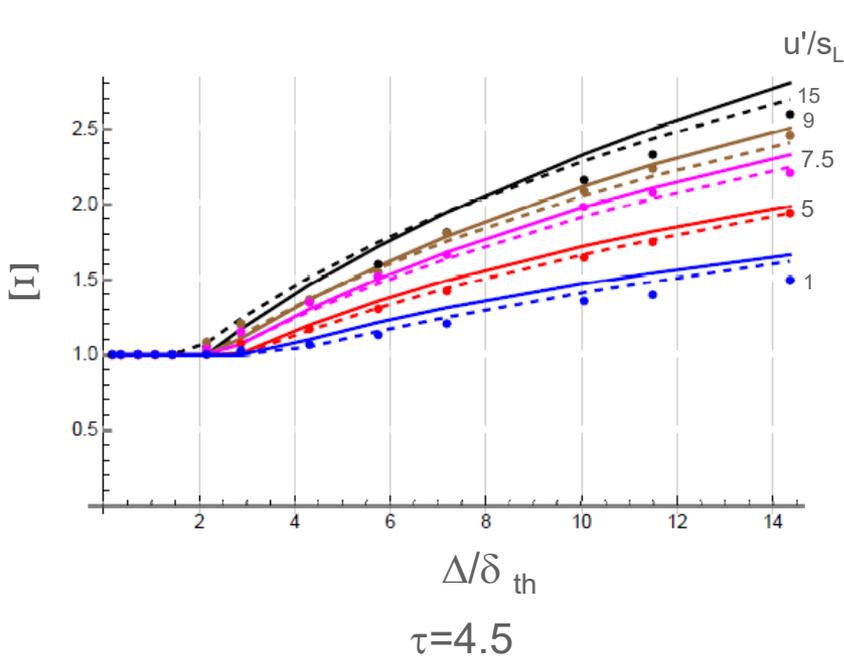
DNS-fitted wrinkling factors

Wrinkling factor Ξ derived from fit to DNS ω_{\max}



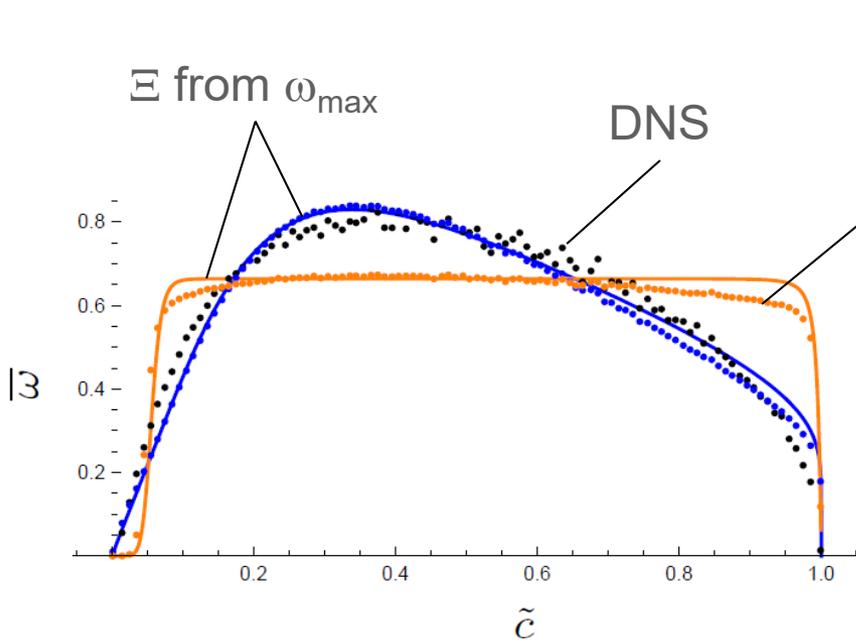
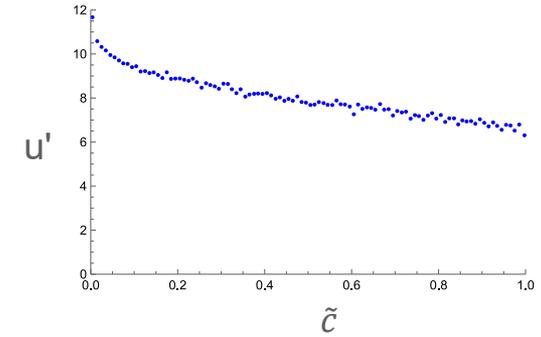
Wrinkling factor models

solid lines: mod. Fureby model (u'_{Δ}/s_L), dashed: mod. Keppler model (Ka_{Δ})

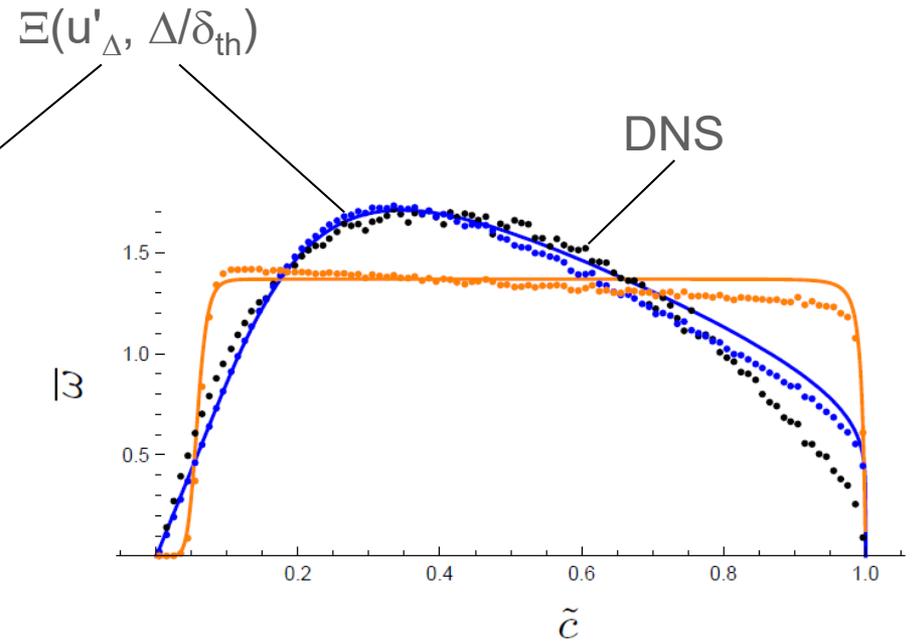


Validation wrinkling factor models

- Filter at $\Delta' = \Delta/\Xi$
- $\Xi(u'_\Delta, \Delta/\delta_{th})$ from model with \tilde{c} -binned u'_Δ

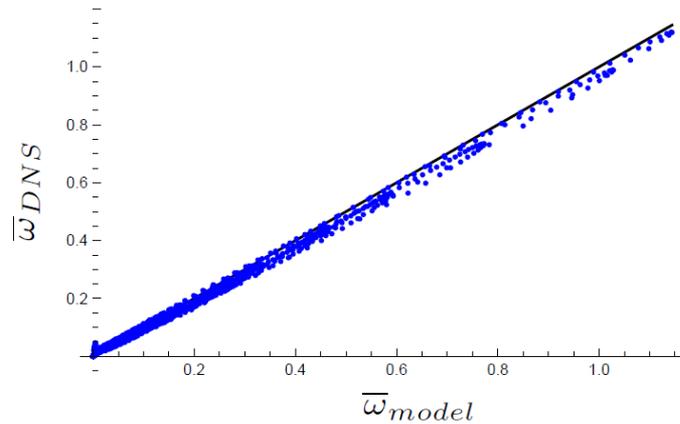


$u'/s_L = 1, \Delta/\delta_{th} = 6.4$

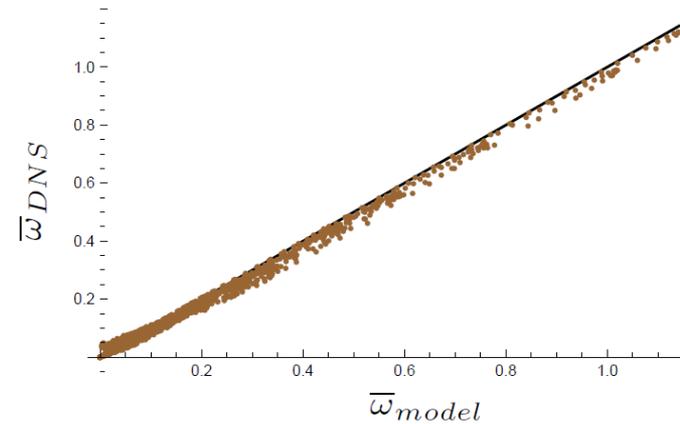


$u'/s_L = 15, \Delta/\delta_{th} = 12.5$

Validation of complete new model

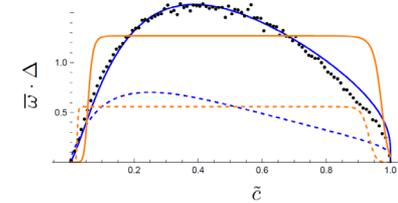


$u'/s_L = 1$, all Δ



$u'/s_L = 9$, all Δ

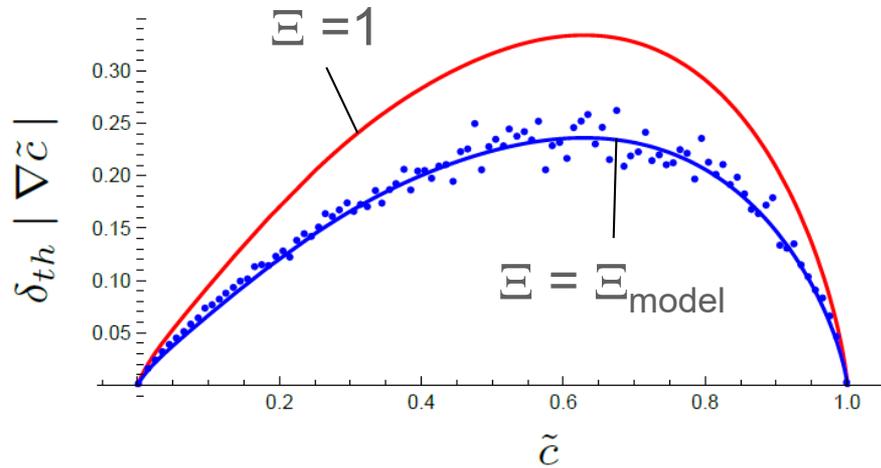
Filtered DNS ω vs. model ω



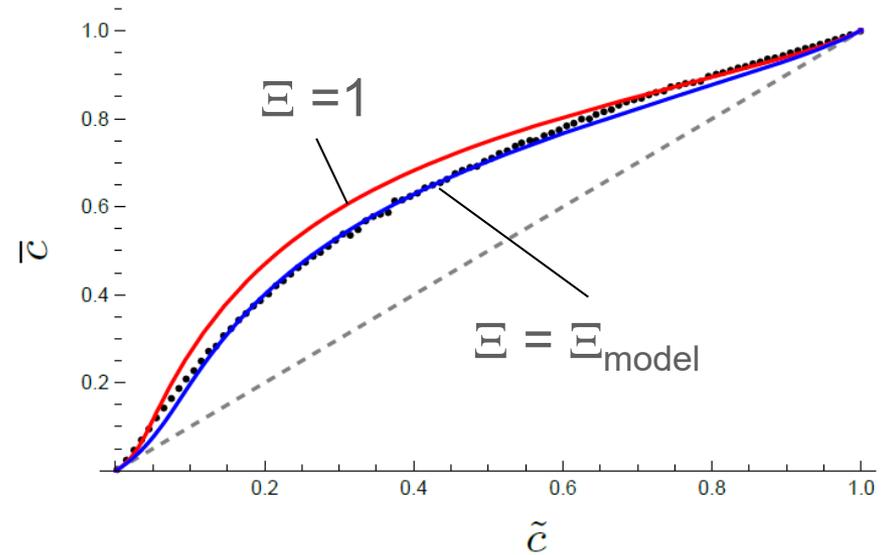
- Same results for modified Fureby / Keppeler wrinkling factors
- Agreement similar for all u'/s_L , Δ/δ_{th} and for $\tau=3, 4.5$
- no model parameter fitted to particular case

Prediction of other variables

- Filter other 1D quantities at Δ/Ξ



LES gradient of \tilde{c}



Relation between \bar{c} and \tilde{c}

Overview

Introduction – LES of turbulent premixed flames

Premixed laminar flame structure

Laminar flame pdf

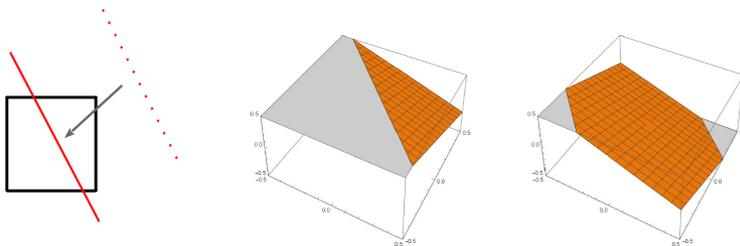
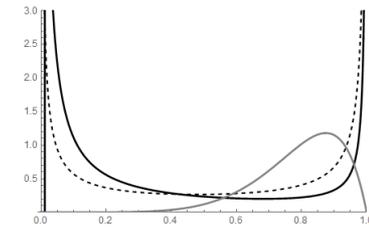
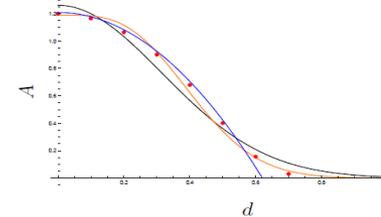
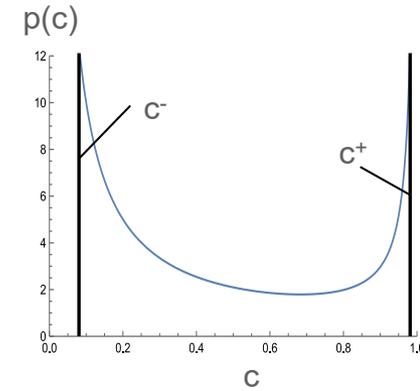
Multidimensional effects

Validation with DNS data

Conclusions and future work

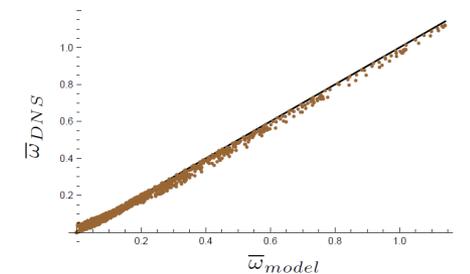
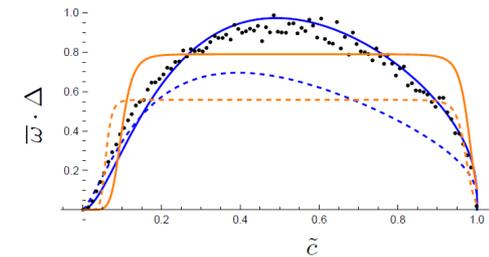
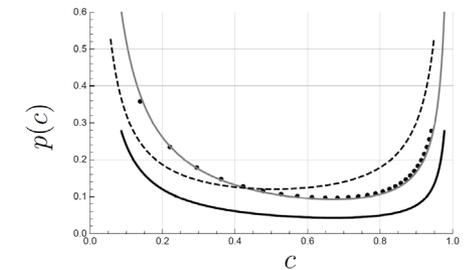
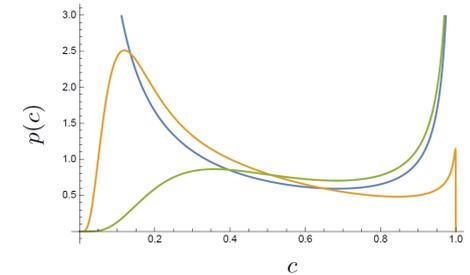
Conclusions

- Analytic $c(\xi)$, source term $\omega(c)$ and pdf for premixed combustion
- Flamelet pdf not integrable for $c \rightarrow 0, 1$
- \bar{c} or \tilde{c} and Δ/δ_{th} determine pdf limits c^-, c^+
- no δ functions at $c=(0,1)$
- Flamelet pdf more accurate than β pdf at large Δ/δ_{th}
- Multidimensional effect: slicing area $A(d)$
- Generates filter kernel $r(x)$



Conclusions (II)

- Complicated multi-D effects on flamelet pdf
- \sim 1D pdf with constant Ξ for large filters
- Analytic model for $\tilde{c}(x_m)$, $\bar{\omega}(x_m)$: 1D filter with kernel $r(x)$
- Wrinkling factor effect: filter 1D profiles at $\Delta' = \Delta/\Xi$
- Ξ models derived from DNS data (mod. Fureby, mod. Keppeler)
- Good agreement with ALL filtered/binned DNS data



Thank YOU for YOUR attention !

Backup

Simple analytic expressions for means

Cell averaged source term:

$$\overline{\omega(c)_m} = \int_0^1 \omega_m(c) p_m(c) dc = \frac{1}{\Delta} \int_{c^-}^{c^+} \frac{\omega_m(c)}{c(1-c^m)} dc = \frac{(c^+)^{m+1} - (c^-)^{m+1}}{\Delta}$$

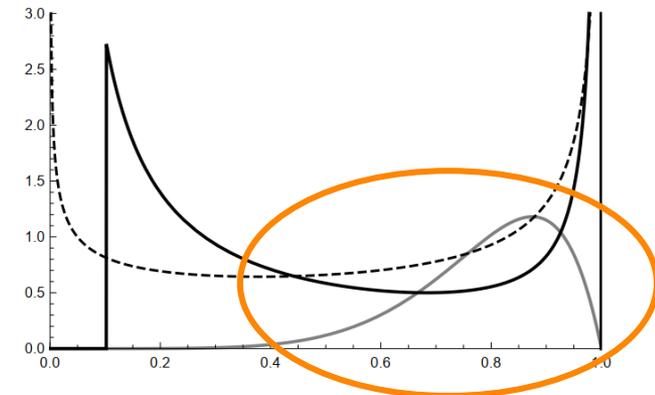
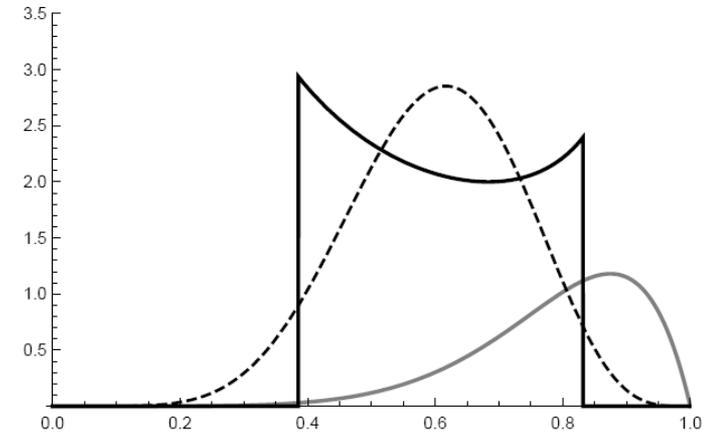
Cell averaged flamelet source:

$$\overline{\frac{\partial^2 c}{\partial \xi^2} + \omega(c)} = \overline{\frac{\partial c}{\partial \xi}} = \frac{1}{\Delta} \int_{c^-}^{c^+} \frac{\frac{\partial c}{\partial \xi}}{dc/d\xi} dc = \frac{1}{\Delta} \int_{c^-}^{c^+} dc = \frac{c^+ - c^-}{\Delta}$$

True for ALL flamelet pdf's

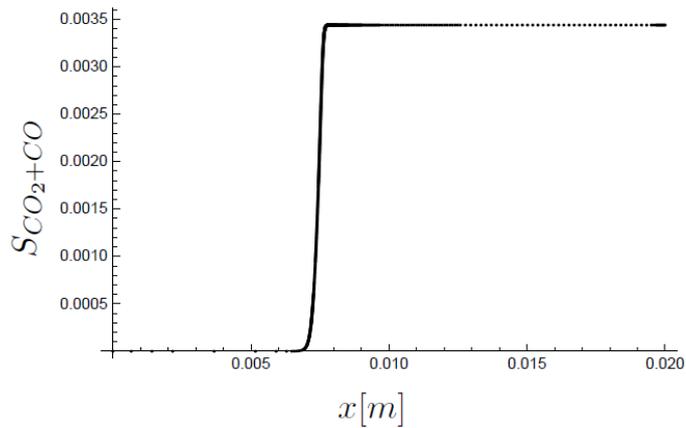
Conclusions flamelet / beta pdf

- Flamelet pdf: form independent of \bar{c} , Δ
 c^- , c^+ depend on \bar{c} , Δ
- Beta pdf: depends on \bar{c} , $\overline{c'^2}$
- Beta pdf overpredicts $\bar{\omega}$ for large Δ/δ_f
- $\bar{\omega}$ insensitive to pdf for small Δ

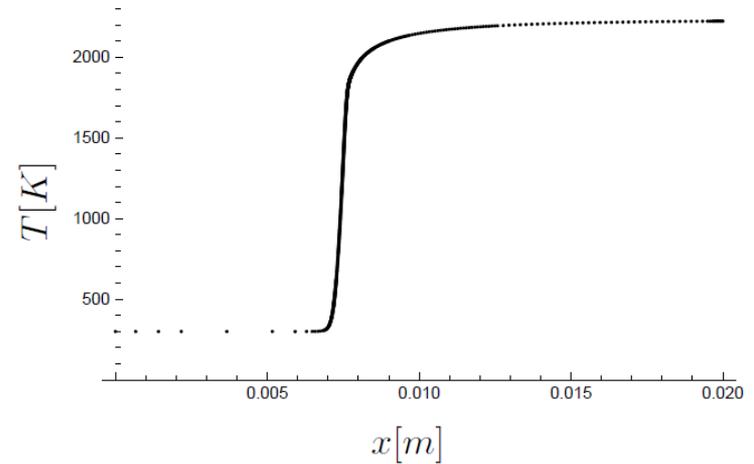


$$\bar{\omega}_\beta \sim 2 * \bar{\omega}_{exact}$$

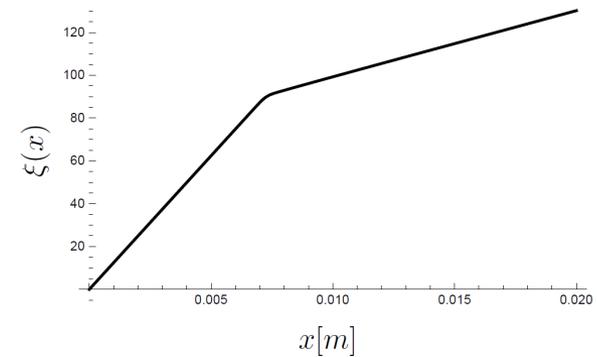
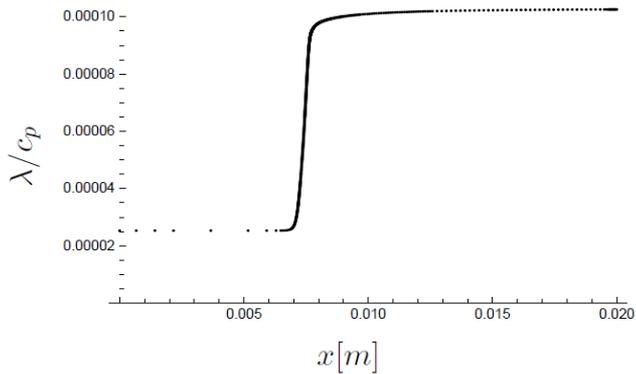
Analytic profile with GRI 3.0 chemistry



$\phi=1$ profile of $y_{CO}/W_{CO} + y_{CO_2}/W_{CO_2}$

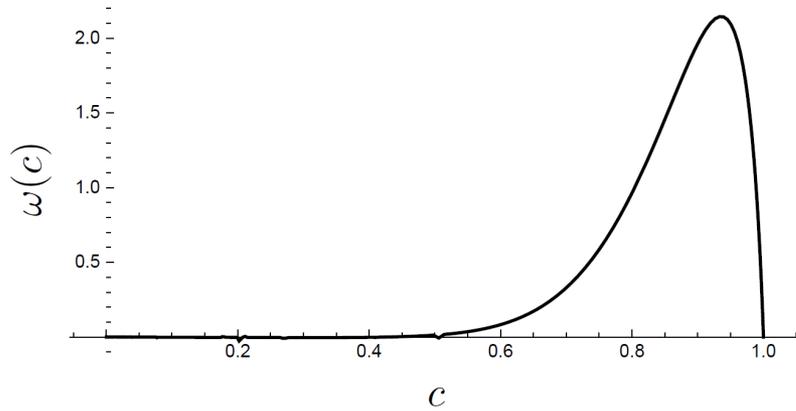


$\phi=1$ profile of temperature

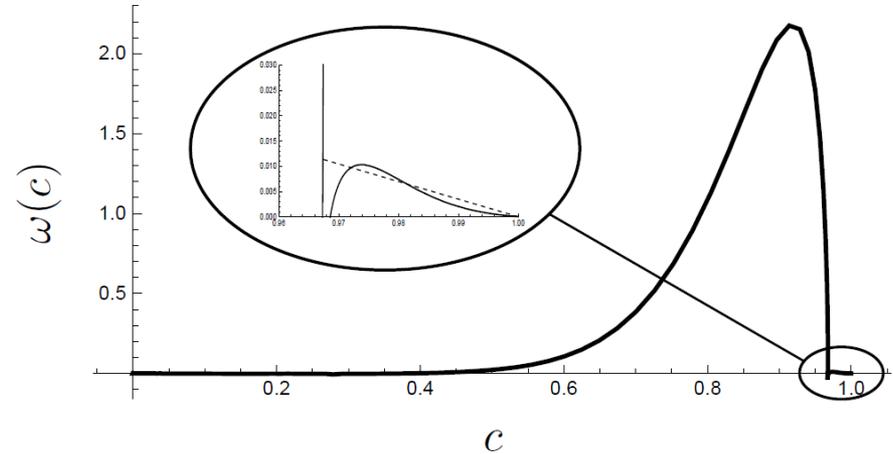


Transformation from x to canonical coordinate

Analytic profile with GRI 3.0 chemistry



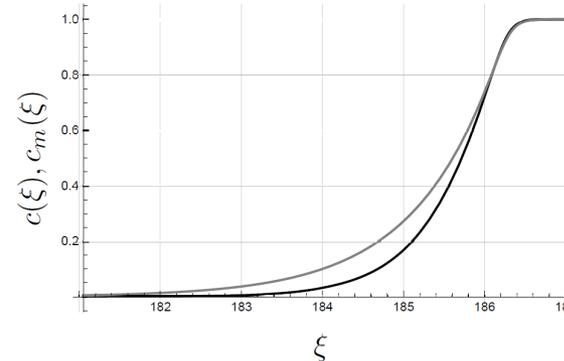
$\phi=1$ source term of $y_{CO}/W_{CO} + y_{CO_2}/W_{CO_2}$



$\phi=1$ source term of $y_{H_2}/W_{H_2} + y_{H_2O}/W_{H_2O}$

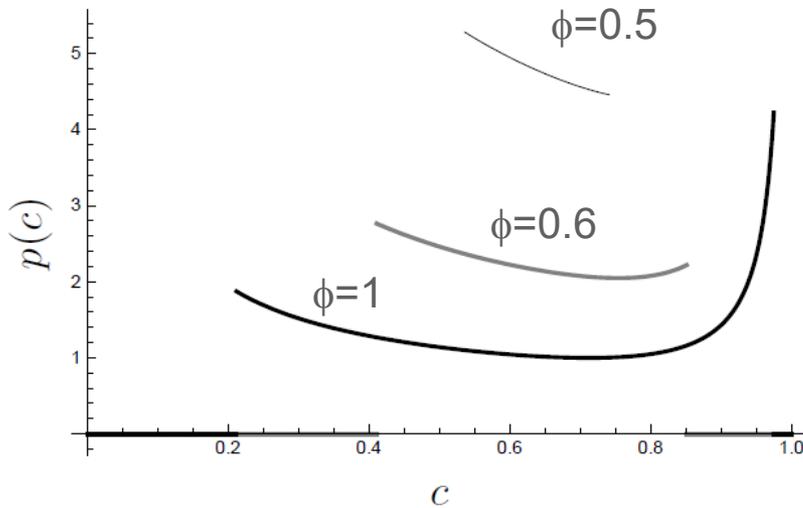
Effect of strain:

- drop of s_L
- thinner reaction zone

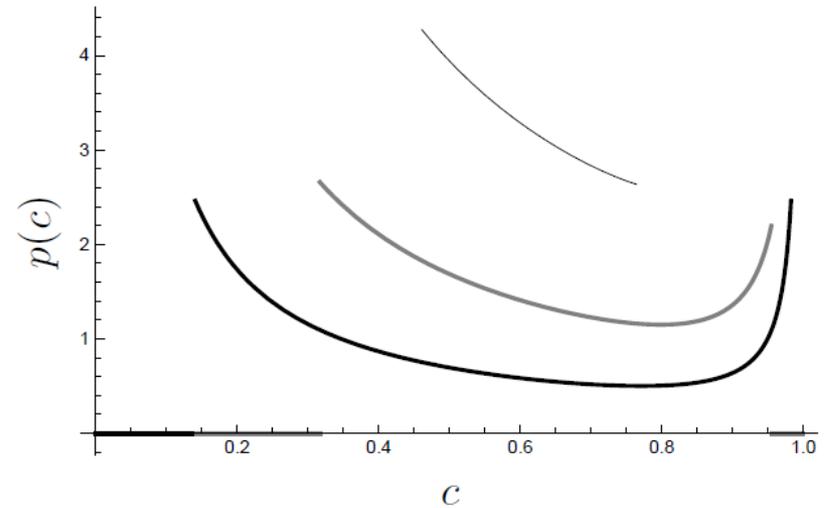


PDF for stratified flames

- leaner flame \rightarrow thicker reaction zone
- \rightarrow different scaling from x to ξ

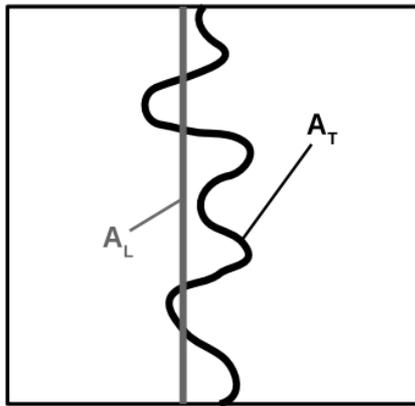


PDF with real c_p/λ



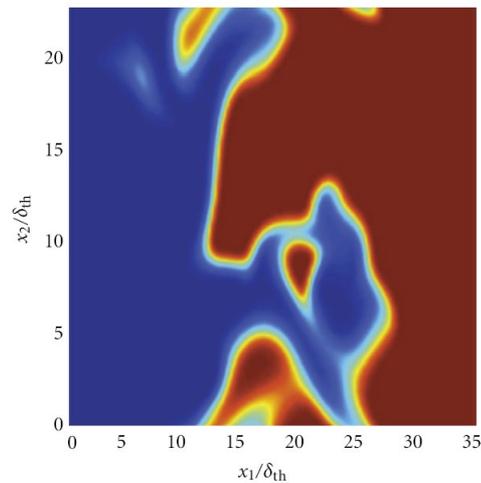
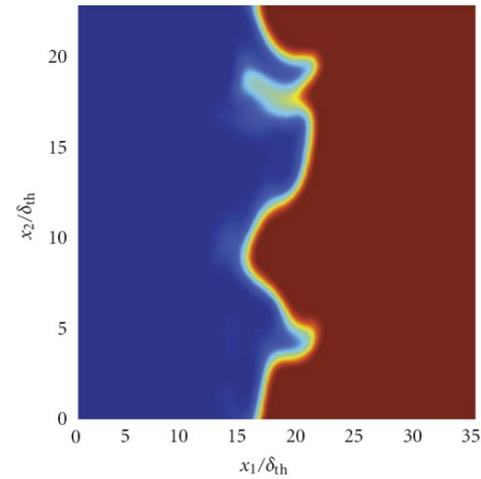
PDF with unburnt value of c_p/λ

Effects of flame wrinkling



FSD type assumption:

$$\Sigma_{wrinkled} = \Xi \Sigma_{laminar}$$



Chakraborty, Klein, Cant, J. Combustion, 2011, doi:10.1155/2011/473679

Wrinkling factor models

$$u_F = 1.4 \cdot \left(\frac{u'_\Delta}{s_{L0}} \right)$$

$$D_F = \frac{2}{u_F + 1} + \frac{7/3}{1/u_F + 1}$$

$$\Gamma_F = 0.19 \cdot u_F \cdot \left(\frac{\Delta}{\delta_{th}} \right)^{1.15}$$

$$\Xi_F = \text{Max} \left[1, \Gamma_F^{D_F - 2} \right]$$

Modified Fureby model

$$Ka_\Delta = \left(\frac{u'_\Delta}{s_L} \right)^{3/2} \left(\frac{\Delta}{\delta_{th}} \right)^{-1/2}$$

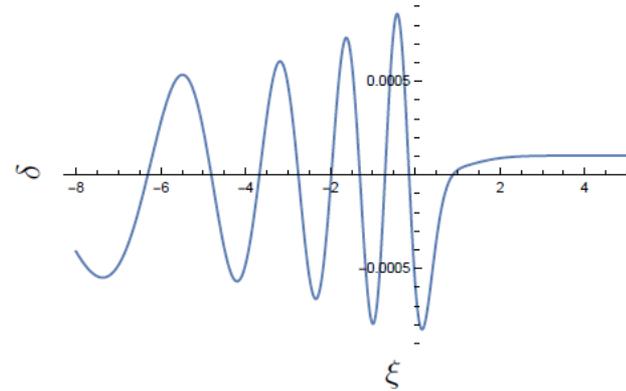
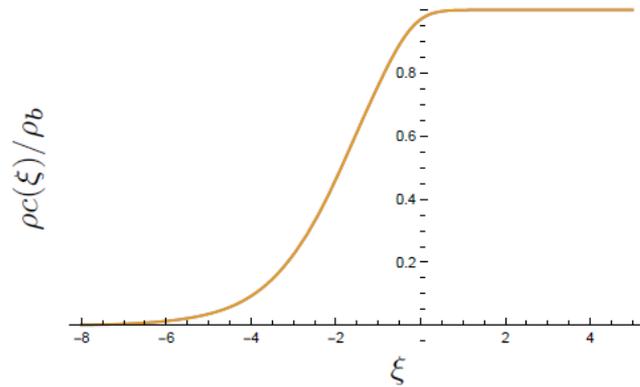
$$D_k = \frac{8/3 \cdot Ka_\Delta + 3.1}{Ka_\Delta + 1.4}$$

$$\Gamma_k = 0.69 \left(2 * \frac{\Delta / \delta_{th}}{\max(Ka_\Delta^{-1/2}, 2)} \right)$$

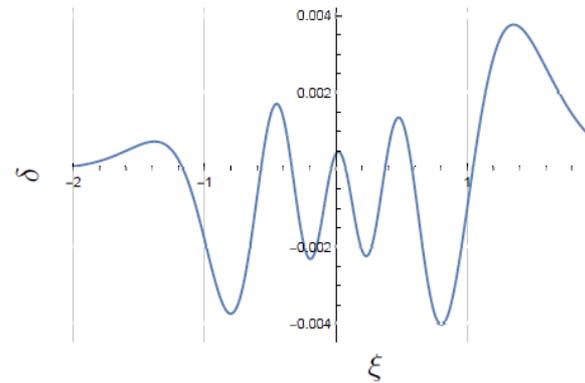
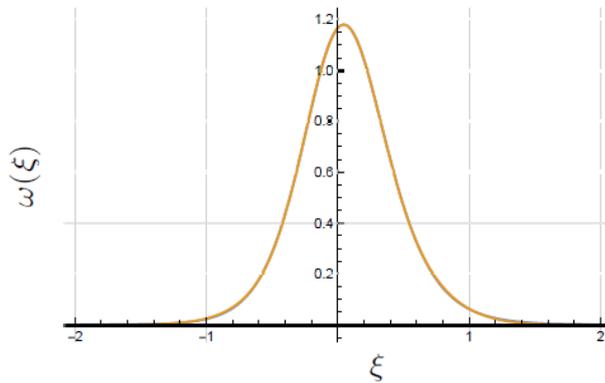
$$\Xi_k = \text{Max} \left[1, \Gamma_k^{D_k - 2} \right]$$

Modified Keppeler model

Representation of $\rho(x)c(x)$, $\omega(x)$



Approximation of $\rho(x)c(x)$ by 4 erf functions



Approximation of $\omega(x)$ by 3 Gaussians