

Metghalchi & Keck

$$S_L = S_{L,ref} \left( \frac{T_u}{T_{u,ref}} \right)^\gamma \left( \frac{P}{P_{ref}} \right)^\beta (1 - 2.1 Y_{dil})$$

$$T_u > 350K$$

$$T_{ref} = 298K$$

$$P_{ref} = 1 \text{ atm}$$

$$S_{L,ref} = B_m + B_2 (\phi - \phi_m)^2$$

$$\gamma = 2.18 - 0.8 (\phi - 1)$$

$$\beta = -0.14 + 0.22 (\phi - 1)$$

$$Y_{dil} = \text{mass frac. of diluent}$$

Quenching, Ignition & Flammability

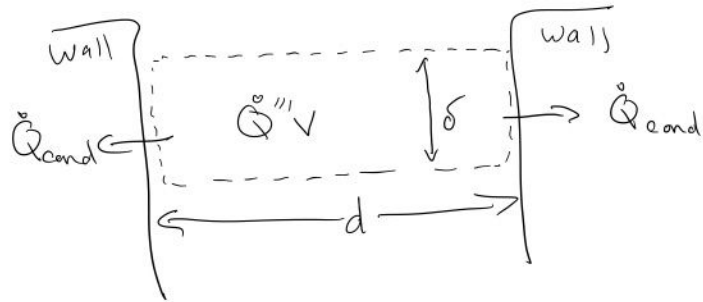
Quenching distance: found experimentally by observing whether a flame <sup>that</sup> is stabilized above a tube does or does not flashback for a particular tube diameter when the reactant flow is rapidly shut off

Ignition & quenching criteria

- 1) Ignition will only occur if enough energy is added to the gas to heat a slab about as thick as a steadily propagating laminar flame to  $T_{ad}$
- 2) rate of liberation of heat by chemical rxns inside the slab must  $\approx$  balance the rate of heat loss from the slab by

th. conduction

### Simplified Quenching Analysis



$$\dot{Q}'''_V V = \dot{Q}_{cond, total}$$

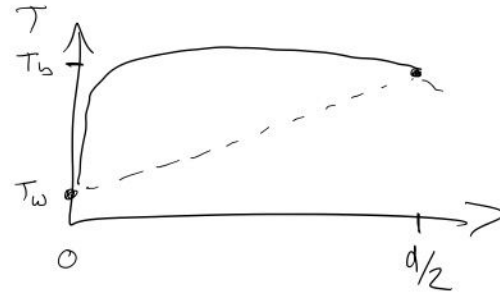
$$\dot{Q}'''_V = -\bar{m}''_F \Delta h_c \quad V = \delta d L$$

$$\dot{Q}_{cond} = -k A \left. \frac{dT}{dx} \right|_{in \text{ gas @ the wall}}$$

$$A = 2\delta L$$

$$\left| \frac{dT}{dx} \right| = \frac{(T_b - T_w)}{d/b} \quad \neq \text{lower limit}$$

$|dT/dx| \quad d/2$



$$\left| \frac{dT}{dx} \right| = \frac{(T_b - T_w)}{d/b}$$

where

$$b \gg 2$$

$$\dot{Q}'''_V V = \dot{Q}_{cond, total}$$

$$(-\bar{m}''_F \Delta h_c) (d\delta L) = k (2\delta L) \frac{(T_b - T_w)}{d/b}$$

$$d^2 = \frac{-2kb(T_b - T_w)}{\bar{m}''_F \Delta h_c}$$

$$T_w = T_w$$

$$\Delta h_c = (a+1) c_p (T_b - T_w)$$

$$d^2 = \frac{-2kb(T_b - T_w)}{\bar{m}''_F (a+1) c_p (T_b - T_w)}$$

$$\alpha = k / \rho c_p$$

$$d^2 = \frac{-2\alpha b \rho_0}{\bar{m}_F''(a+1)}$$

$$d = \left( \frac{-2\alpha b \rho_0}{\bar{m}_F''(a+1)} \right)^{1/2}$$

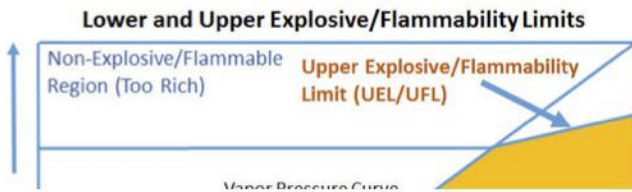
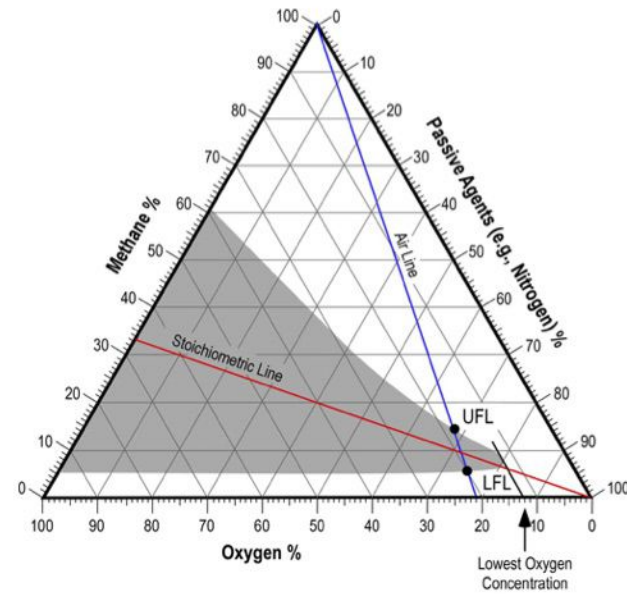
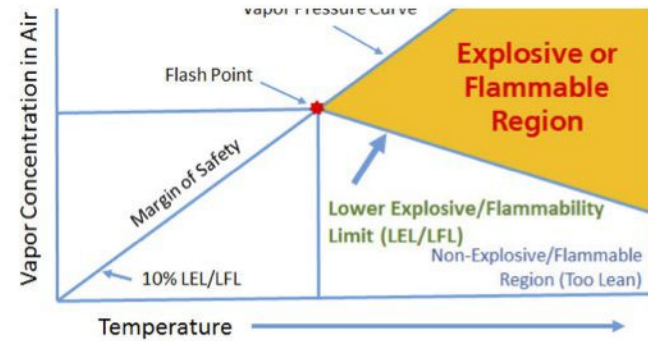
$$= \sqrt{b} \cdot 2\alpha \left( \frac{-\rho_0}{2\bar{m}_F''(a+1)\alpha} \right)^{1/2}$$

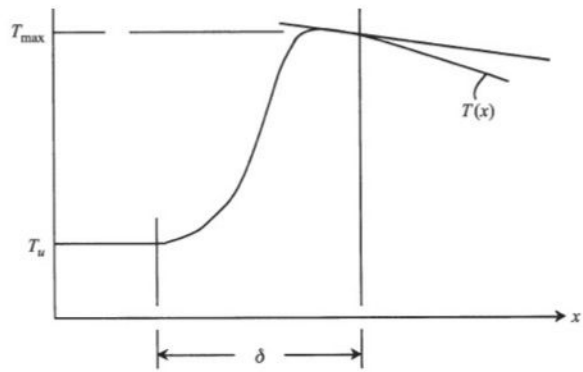
$$d = \frac{2\alpha\sqrt{b}}{S_L} \quad \delta = \frac{2\alpha}{S_L}$$

$d = \sqrt{b} \delta$

if  $b \gg 2 \quad d > \delta$

# Flammability Limits





**Figure 8.20** Temperature profile through flame with heat losses.