

Modeling Large Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) Fires

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Model Evaluation Protocol for Fire Models Involving Fuels at Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities

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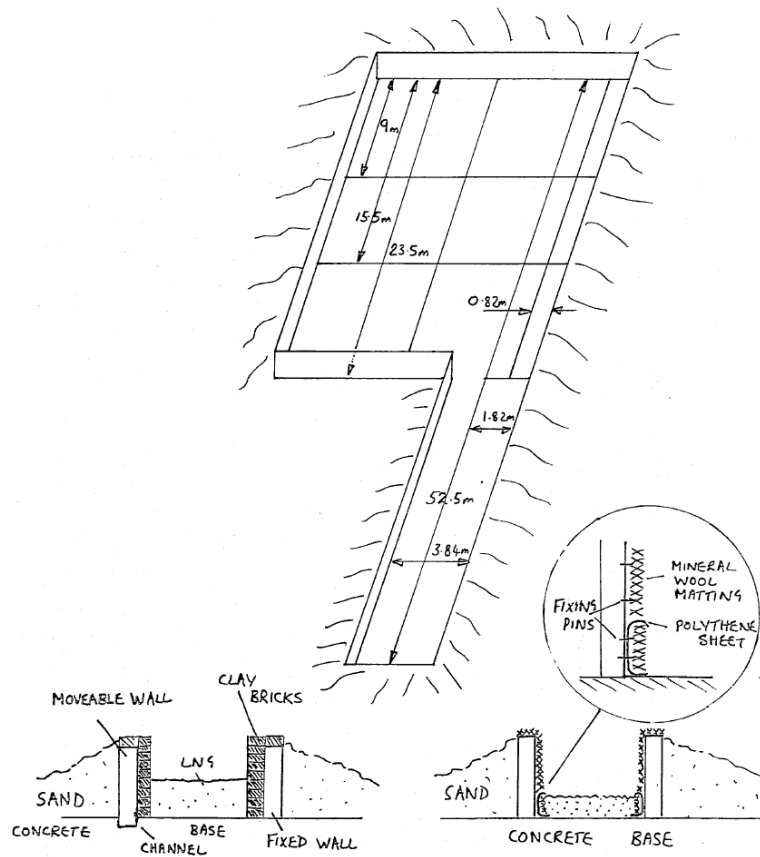
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The Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation has contracted Sandia National Labs in the USA to develop a model evaluation protocol (MEP) for liquefied natural gas (LNG) fires. The experimental data sets cited for validation include:

- BGC/GRI LNG Fires (1982) Thirteen LNG trench fires conducted by the British Gas Corporation (BGC) and the Gas Research Institute (GRI)
- Montoir LNG Fires (1987) Three 35 m LNG pool fires conducted by Gaz de France in Montoir de Bretagne, France
- Shell LNG Fireballs (2014) Four LNG fire ball experiments conducted by Shell Research Ltd, UK
- Sandia Methane Burner (2009) Twenty-eight 3 m diameter methane burner fires conducted by Sandia National Labs, USA
- Phoenix LNG Fires (2009) 21 m and 83 m diameter LNG pool fires conducted by Sandia National Labs, USA
- Loughborough Jet Fires (2012) LNG jet fire experiments conducted by GL Noble Denton in Cumbria, UK, in collaboration with Loughborough University, UK

BGC/GRI LNG Fires (1982)

Croce, Mudan and Moorhouse supervised 13 LNG trench fires conducted by the British Gas Corporation on behalf of the Gas Research Institute.



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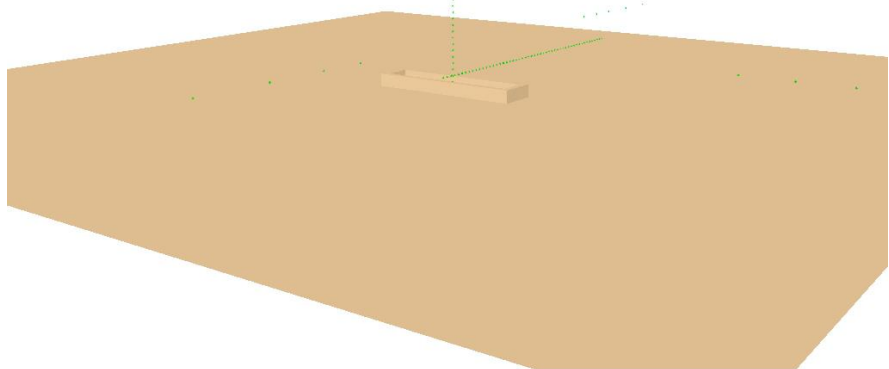
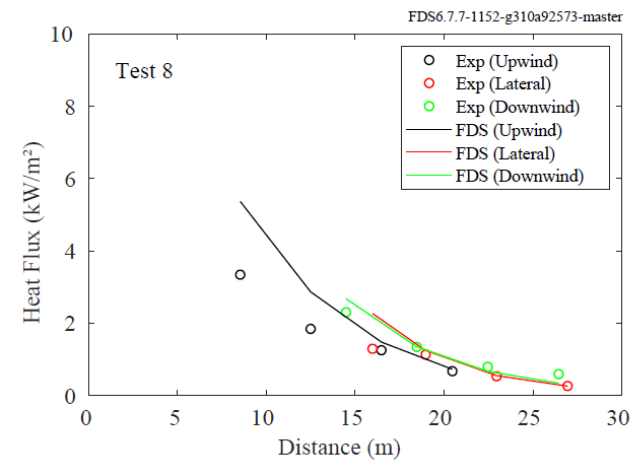
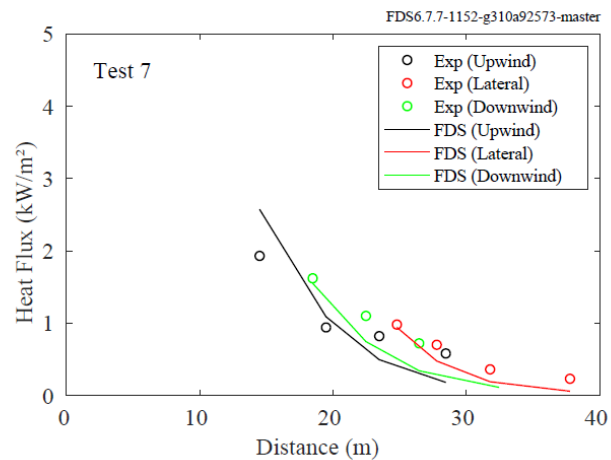
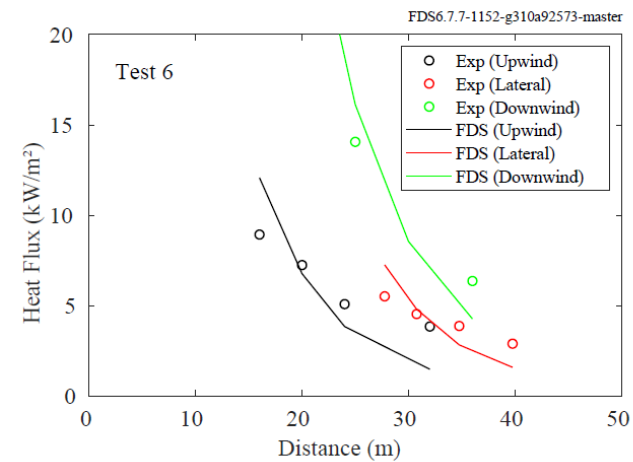
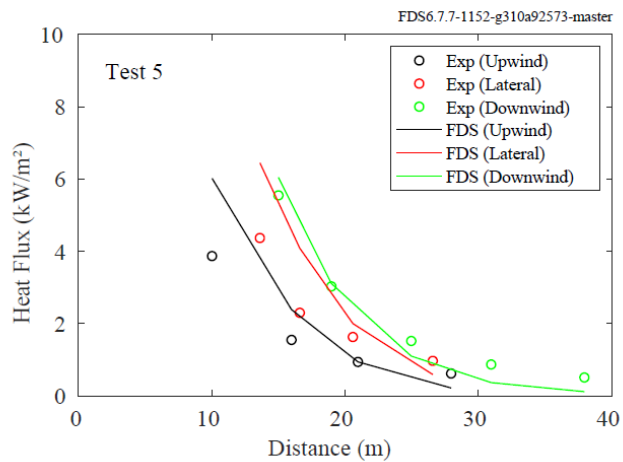
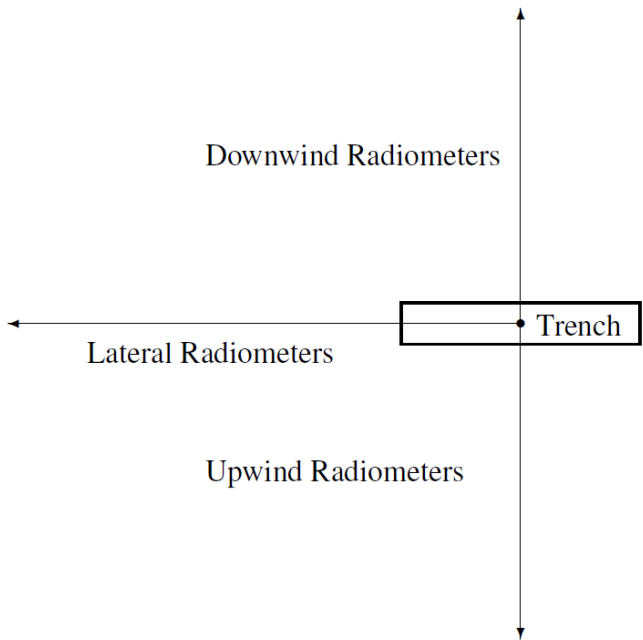
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Montoir LNG Fires (1987)

Three 35 m LNG pool fires conducted by British Gas, British Petroleum, Shell, Elf Aquitaine, Total CFP, and Gaz de France at the Montoir de Bretagne methane terminal.

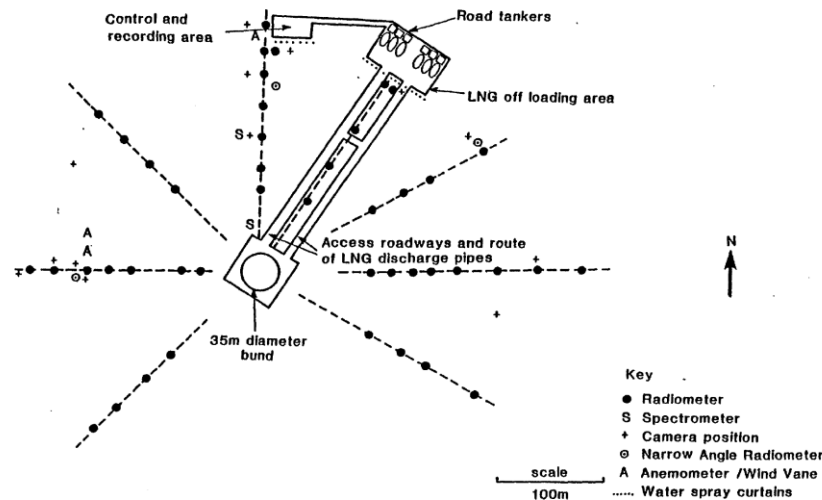


A. GENERAL CROSSWIND VIEW



Crosswind

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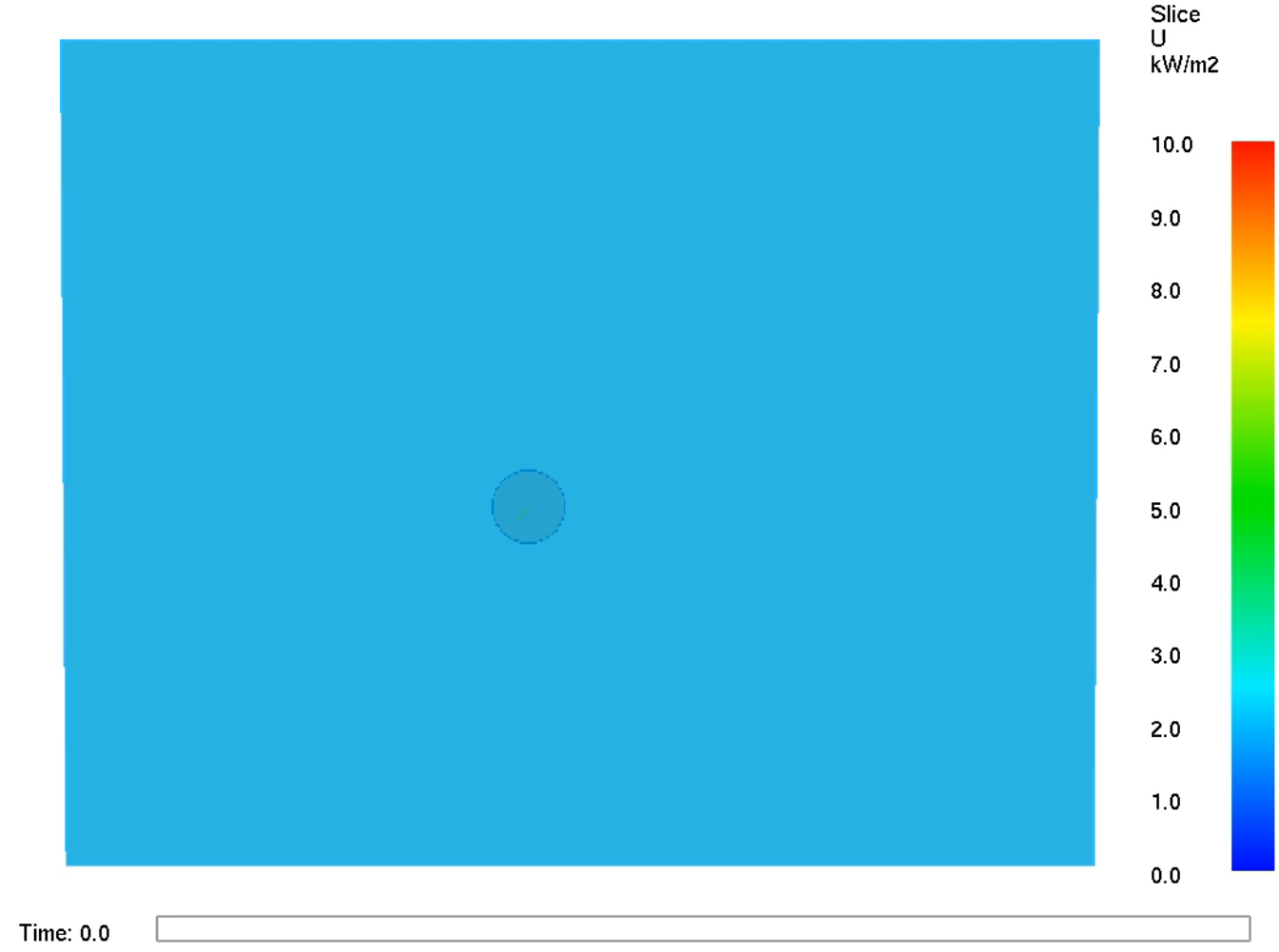
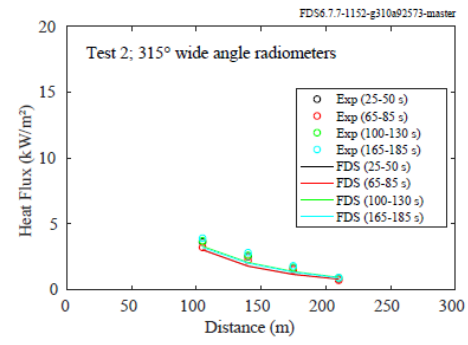
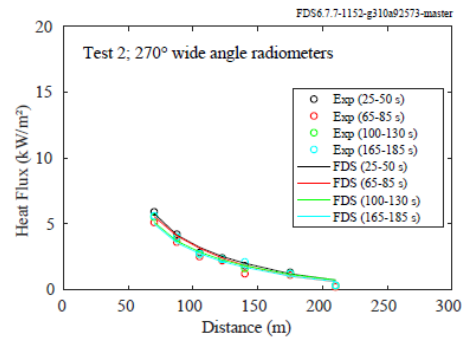
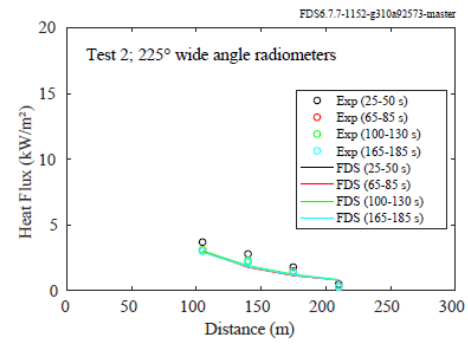
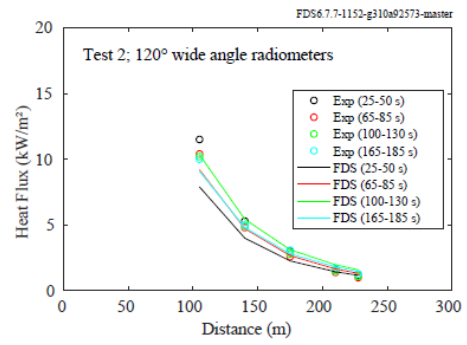
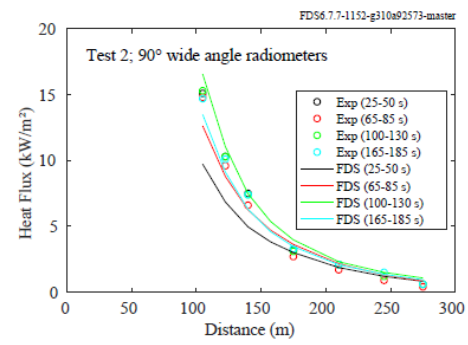
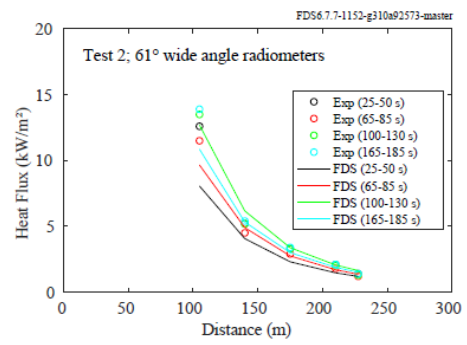
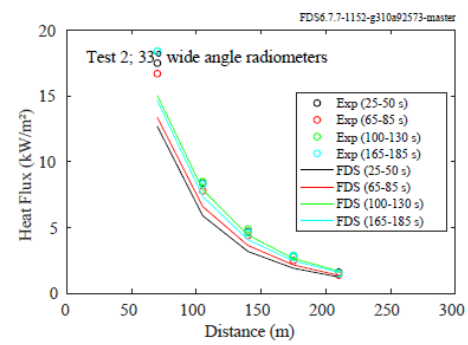
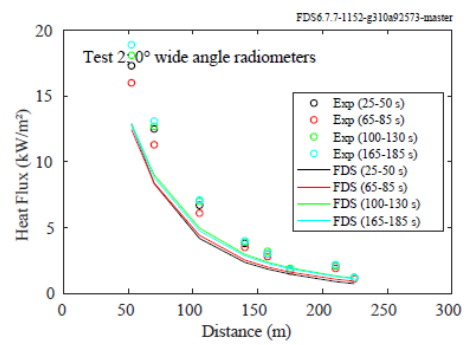
The Montoir 35m diameter LNG pool fire experiments

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Shell LNG Fireballs

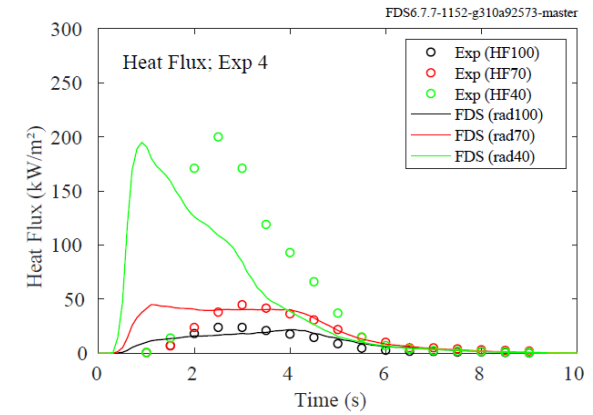
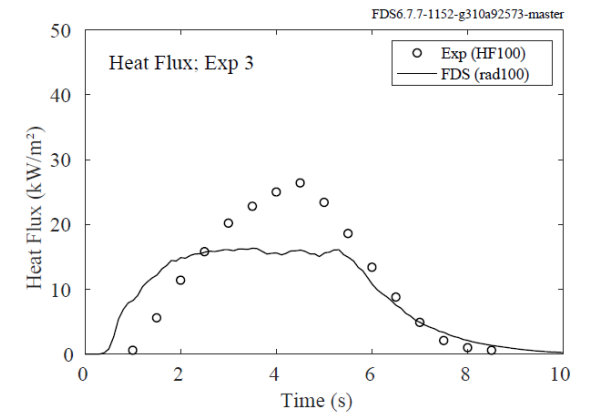
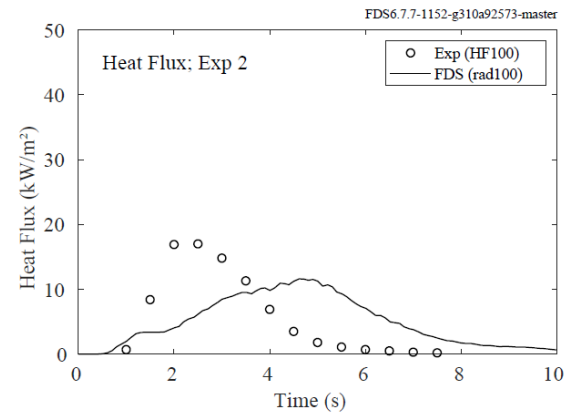
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Figure 4: Induced LNG BLEVEs three seconds after rupture of the 5 m³ vessels; Left - Experiment 2 (37% fill, 13 barg), Middle - experiment 3 (67% fill, 6 barg), Right - experiment 4 (69% fill, 13.6 barg).



Experiment #	Vessel Capacity (m ³)	Reservoir Pressure (barg)	Reservoir Temp (°C)	Final Fill Ratio	Calculated Release Mass (kg)
1	0.935	12.92	-120	66	247
2	5.055	13.01	-115	37	681
3	5.055	6.07	-131	67	1306
4	5.055	13.62	-115	69	1251



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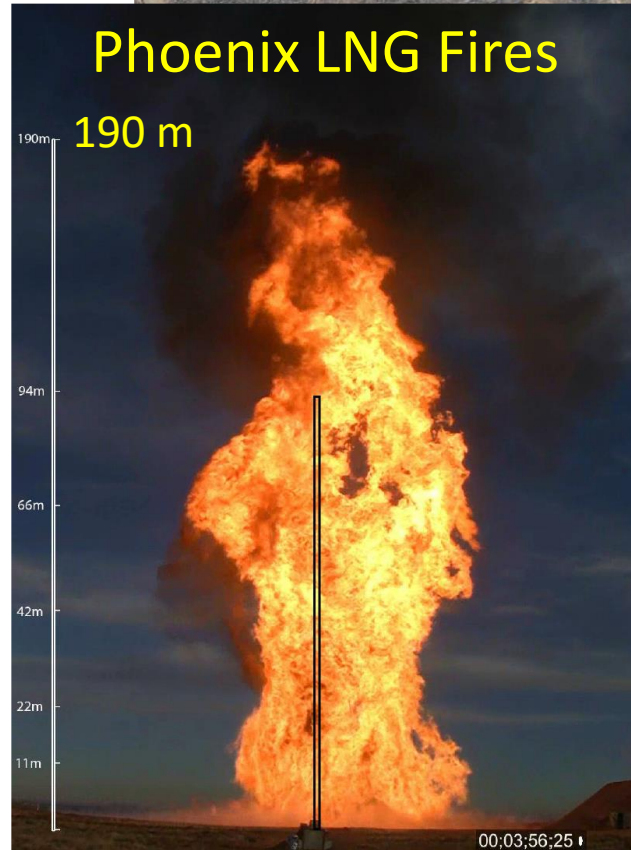
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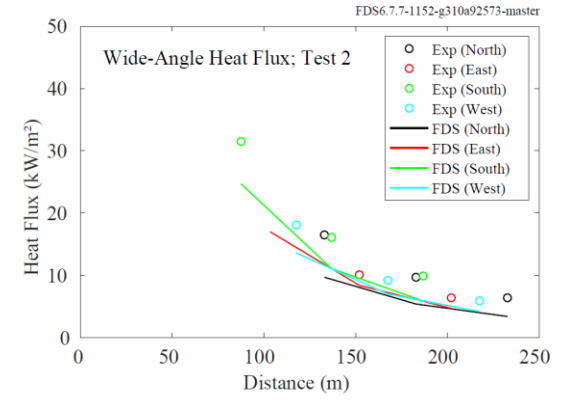
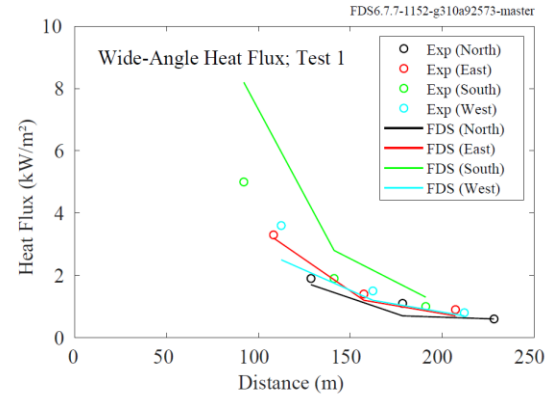
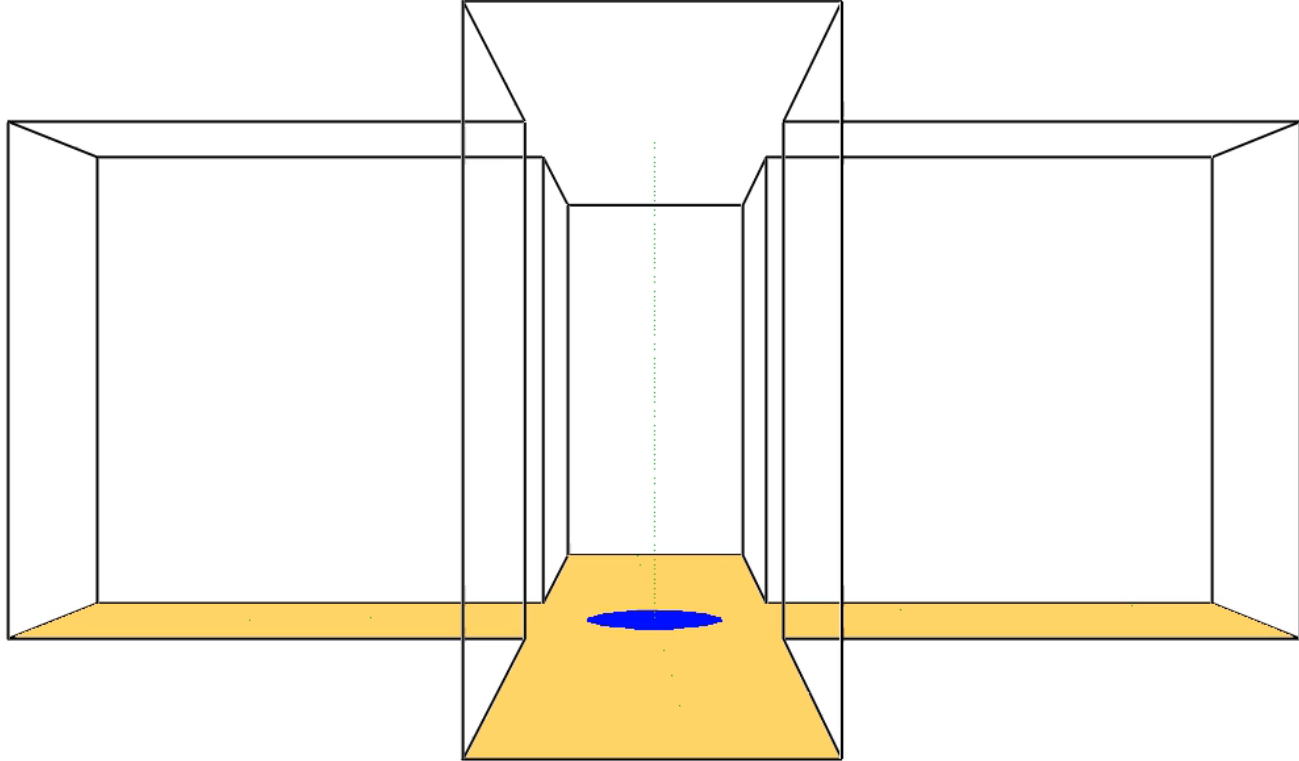
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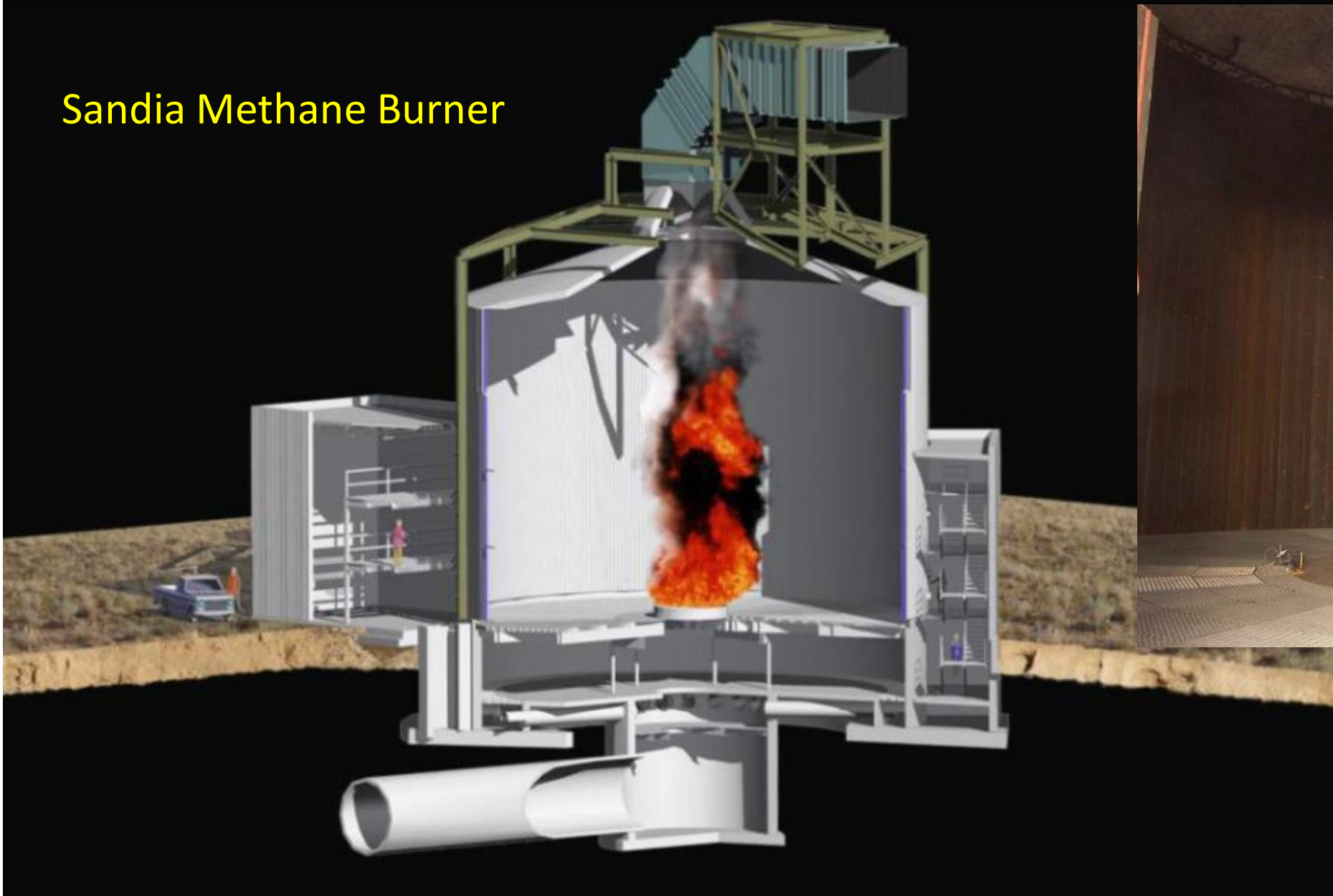
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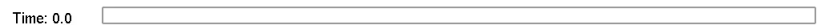
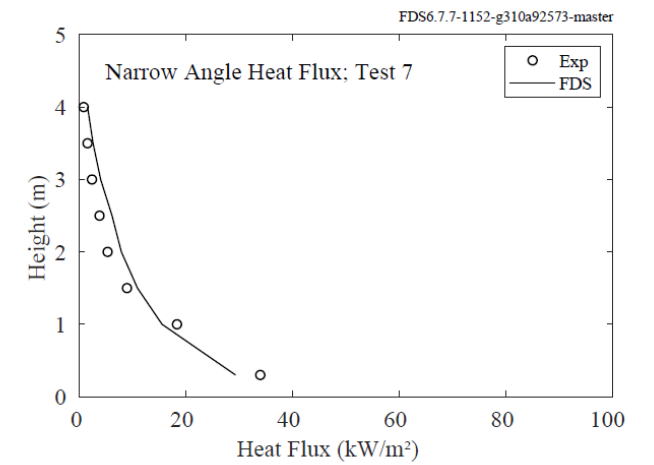
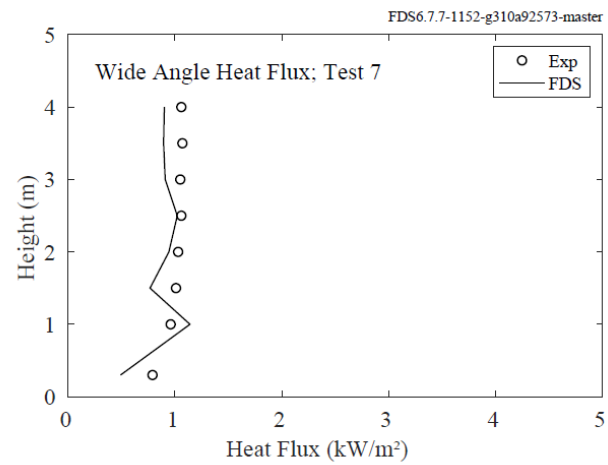
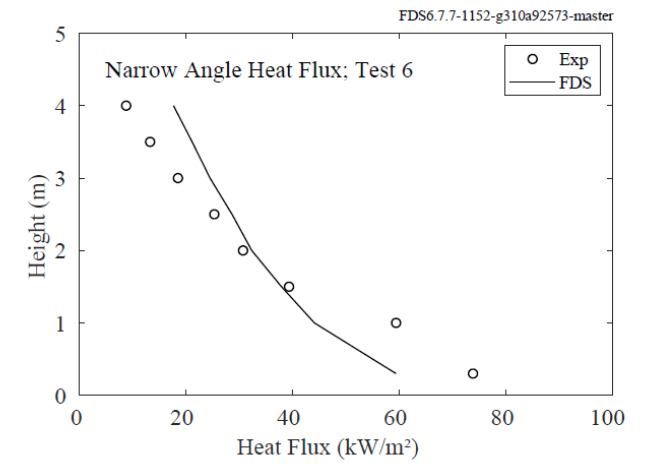
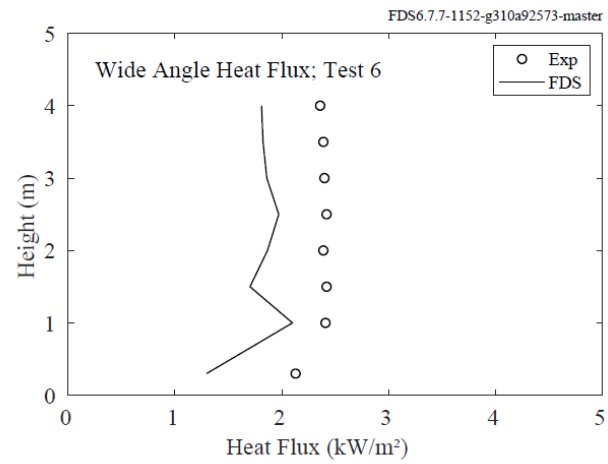
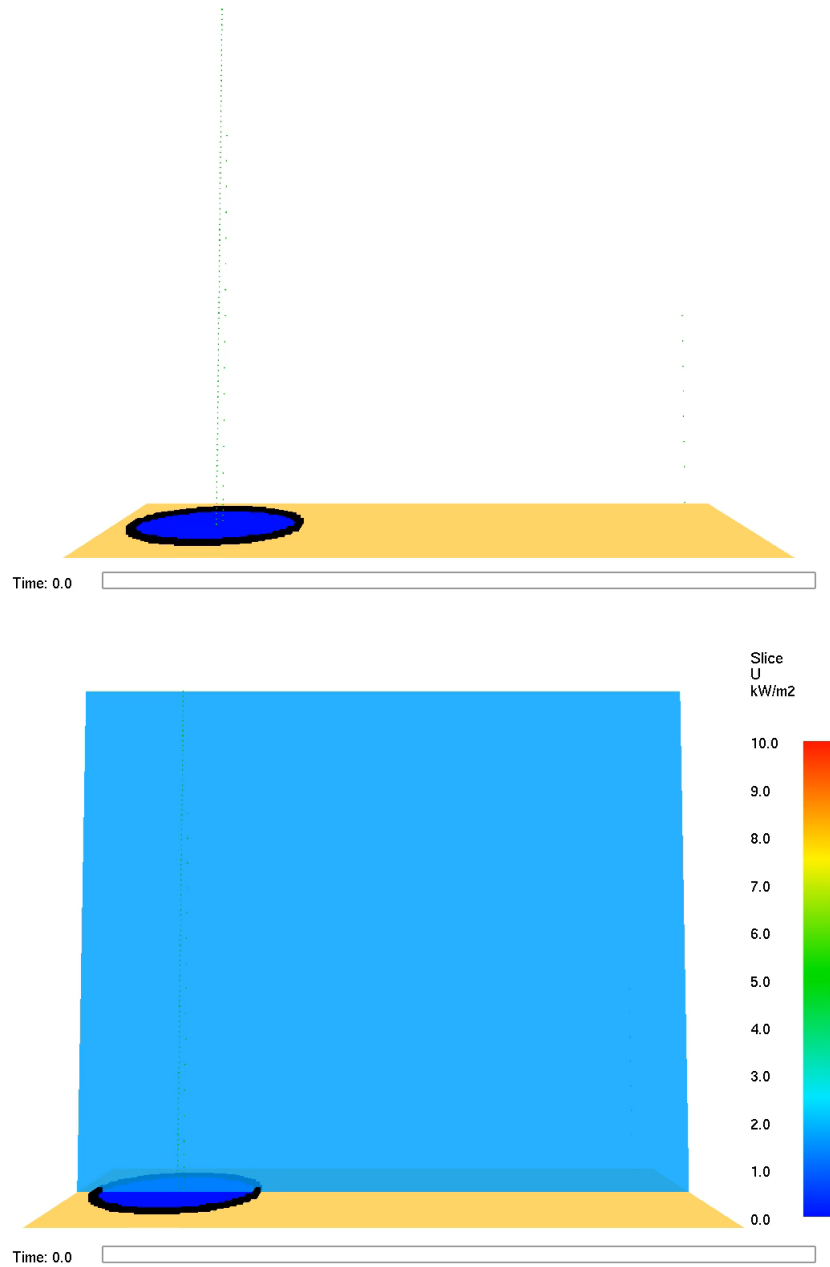


Sandia Methane Burner



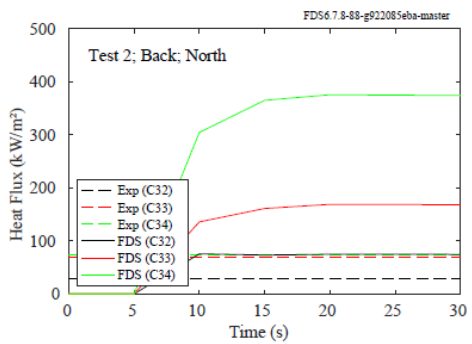
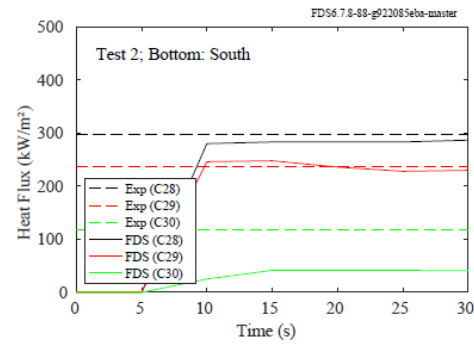
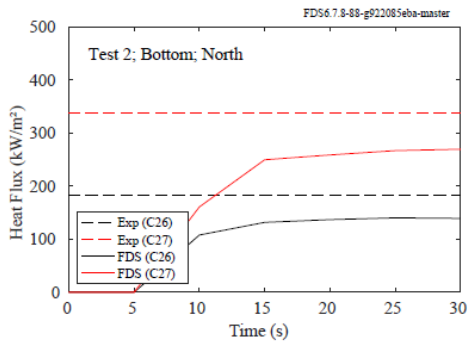
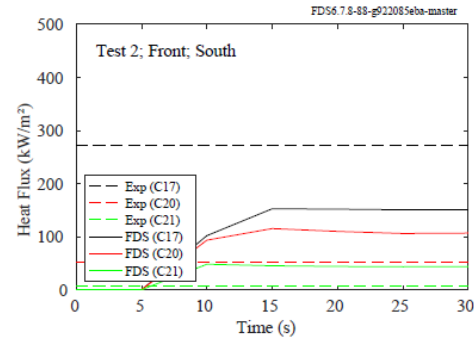
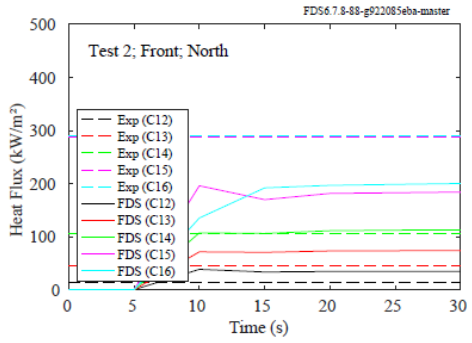
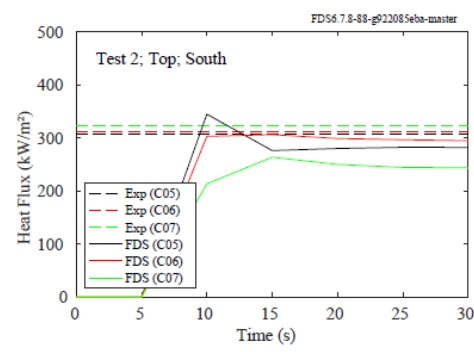
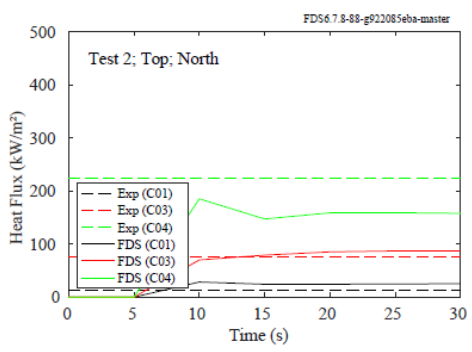
3 m diameter burner

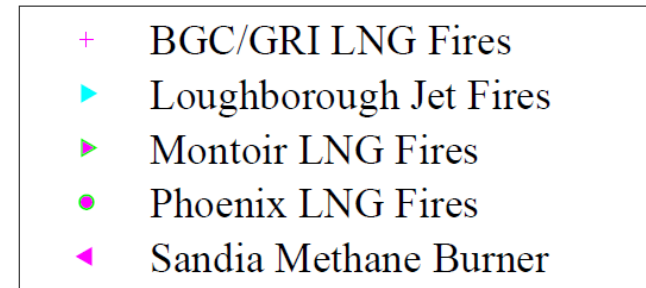
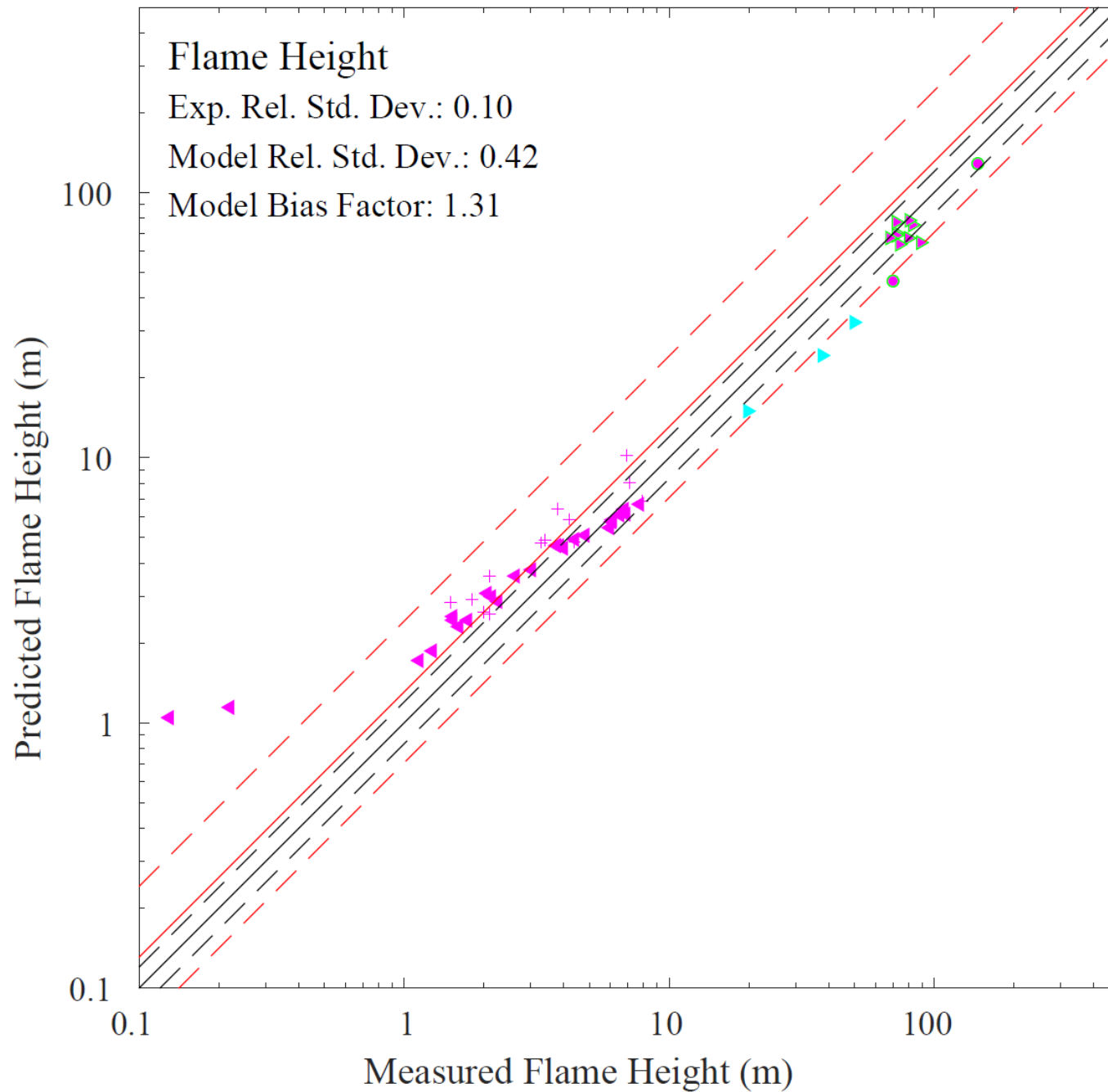
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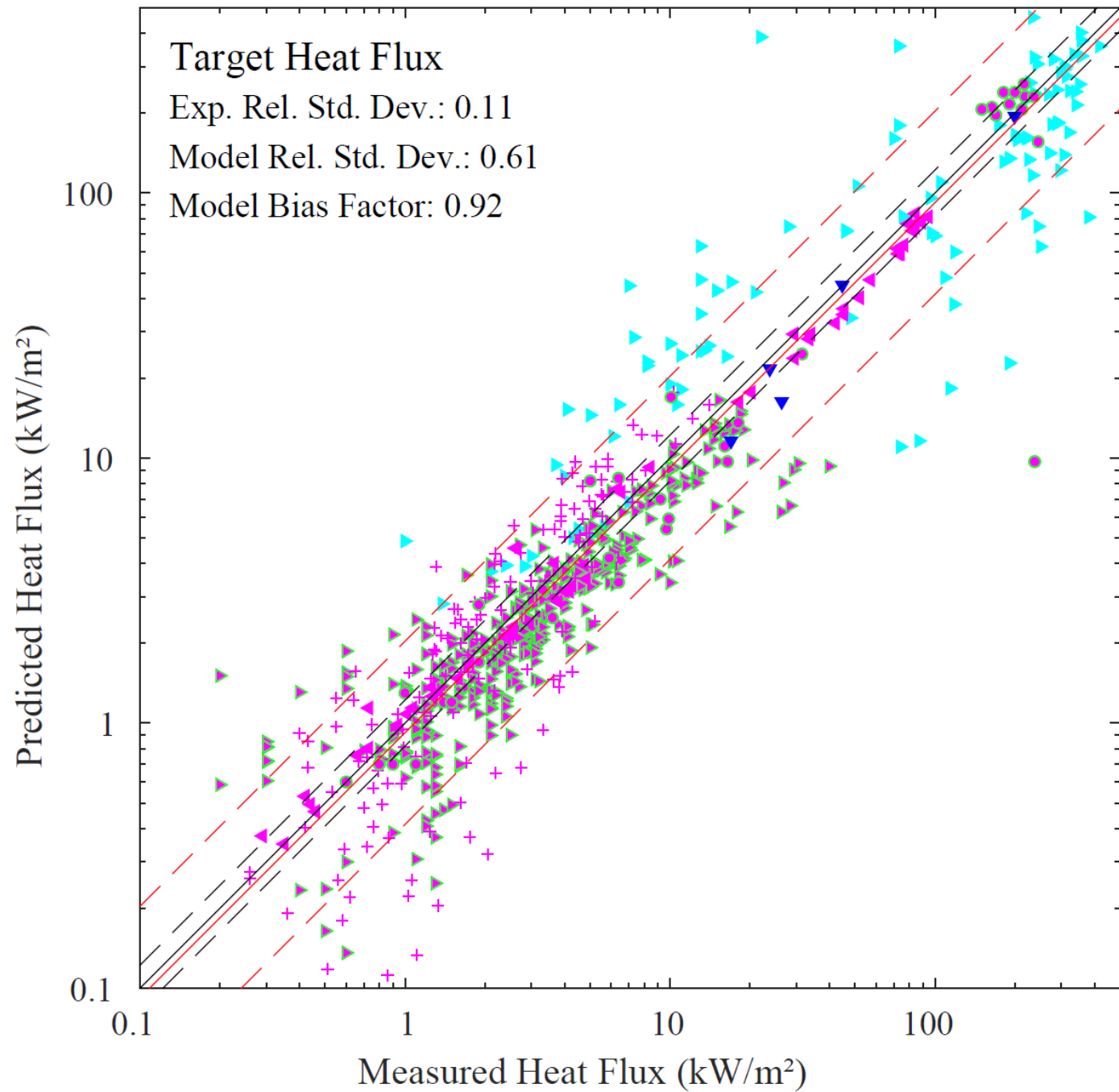


Loughborough Jet Fires









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