AME 513b

Fundamentals and Applications of Combustion Spring 2025, KAP 167, MW 2:00 pm - 3:50 pm

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References:

- 1. Notes and class presentations will be distributed.
- 2. Combustion Physics, by C.K. Law, 1st Edition, Cambridge University Press, 2006 (required).
- 3. Combustion, by Irvin Glassman and Richard A. Yetter, 4th Edition, Elsevier, 2008 (recommended).
- 4. Combustion, by Jürgen Warnatz, Ulrich Maas, and Robert Dibble, 4th Edition, Springer, 2006 (recommended).
- 5. An Introduction to Combustion to Turbulent Reacting Flows, by R.S. Cant and E. Mastorakos, Imperial College Press, 2008.
- Combustion Theory, by Forman A Williams, 2nd Edition, Addison-Wesley, 1985 (recommended).
- 7. Combustion, Flames, and Explosions of Gases, by Bernard Lewis and Guenther von Elbe, 3rd Edition, Academic Press, 1987(recommended).

Prerequisite: AME 513 (Principles of Combustion) or equivalent

Topics:

1. Review of Principles of Combustion:

- Chemical Thermodynamics
- Chemical Kinetics
- Transport Phenomena
- Conservation Equations
- Fundamentals of Non-Premixed Flames
- Fundamentals of Premixed Flames

2. Aerodynamics of Laminar Flames

- General Concepts
- The Stretch Rate
- Flame Stretch: Phenomenology
- Flame Stretch, Heat Loss, and Lewis Number
- Examples of Stretched Flames
- Flame Instabilities

3. Detonations

- General Concepts
- Detonation Phenomena and Theory
- Structure of Detonation Waves
- Detonations in Non-Gaseous Media

4. Ignition

- General Concepts
- Chain Spontaneous Ignition
- Thermal Spontaneous Ignition
- Forced Ignition
- Other Ignition Concepts

5. Low-Temperature Ignition and Engine Knock

- Fundamental Phenomena in Otto Engines
- Oxidation at Intermediate Temperatures
- Low-Temperature Oxidation
- Ignition Processes in Reciprocating Engines

6. Turbulent Reacting Flows

- General Concepts
- Turbulence Models
- Turbulent Non-Premixed Flames
- Turbulent Premixed Flames

7. Combustion of Non-Volatile Fuels

- General Concepts
- Metal Combustion
- Diffusional vs. Kinetically Controlled Combustion Limits

8. Environmental Combustion Considerations

- General Concepts
- The Photochemical Smog
- Formation and Reduction of Nitrogen Oxides
- SO_x Emissions
- Particle Formation
- Stratospheric Ozone

Grading:	Midterm Exam	March 12, 2025 (W)	(2:15 pm-3:45 pm)	30%
	Final Exam	May 12, 2025 (M)	(2:00 pm-4:00 pm)	30%
	Homework Assignments			40%

Note:

- **1.** Depending on the class preferences, the Final Exam may be replaced by a computational project. This will be decided during the first few lectures.
- 2. The use of laptops or cell phones to access the internet or e-mail during class and/or exams is not allowed. Such devices are allowed only to access class material.