STUDY OF MODIFIED SONIC BURNER FOR POWERPLANT FIRE **TESTING IN COMPARISON TO EXISTING CARLIN BURNER**

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Premise – why are we doing this study?

Premise

Comparison of existing and new Burners carried out to add to the body of knowledge increasing consistency between labs for powerplant/systems testing aiding in providing direction for future trials.

To define a basis by which burner can be compared for powerplant testing

- Aluminium panel burnthrough
- Aluminum strip burnthrough
- Burner mapping temperature and heat flux mapping to compare flame types
- Composite panel comparative damage testing



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BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION



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Burner Development by the FAA TC

Lessons Learned Over the Years

- Not all burners are created equal
- Configuration of burner components can drastically alter flame
- Burner air flow can have a significant effect on test results, especially for lighter weight materials
- It's an oil burner, not precision lab equipment!



Federal Aviation

FAA Fire Test Burner Apparatus FAA Fire Safety Certification Test Overview

FAA Fire Safety Overview February 7 2012 – Singapore Robert I. Ochs, FAA Fire Safety, ANG-E212

Sonic Burner

- Deemed suitable for use for materials fire testing

Powerplant Components (1950's)

Cargo Liner (1984)

Seat Cushion (1984)

Thermal Acoustic Insulation (2008)

Various testing configuration

•Single testing configuration •Single test material •Thin, flat fire barriers

Single testing configuration

Single testing configu

Federal Aviation

•Thick, soft cushions ments •1900 ± 100°F, 10.5 ±0.5 BTU/ft²s

•Thin, flexible fire barriers ements •1900 ± 100°F, 16.0 ±0.5 BTU/ft²s

•1700 ± 100°F, 8.0 ±0.5 BTU/ft²s •Exit air velocity

•Metallic component firewalls, hoses, etc Requirements •2000°F, 9.3 BTU/ft²s

arious test materials

- Round robins show equivalent damage
- May 2009 DOT/FAA/AR-TN09/23 Robert. I. Ochs



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FAA Fire Test Burner Apparatus

FAA Fire Safety Certification Test Overview

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Evolution

We don't know what we don't know

- If you chose not to calibrate the flame for temperature or heat transfer, we will not know if it is different
- We won't know if there are hot spots in the flame
- The testing carried out has shown that changes to the burner flame do occur over time and need correcting to achieve equivalent damage
- The only benchmarks we have in powerplant fire test is the temperature average and the heat flux/heat transfer along one line



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Other similar work

- FAA Tech Centre
 - Round robin material testing
- DGA Aeronautical Systems
 - Material round robin testing
 - Temperature and heat flux mapping for flame

• University of Cincinnati

- burner modifications to achieve flame calibration criteria

the fuel nozzle was replaced by a Monarch 2.25 GPH 80° PLP nozzle. Four tabs were installed on the turbulator at the 12, 3, 6 and 9 o'clock positions, to ensure suitable fuel flow distribution. The tabs were constructed of 1/16 inch thick stainless steel sheet and were 3/4 inch × 1 inch in size (reference AC 20-104). Additionally, the burner cone was insulated with a 1/2 inch thick ceramic blanket to minimize heat loss through the cone surface.



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BURNER SETUP AND CONFIGURATION



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Side by side Sonic and Carlin Testing









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Carlin 200 CRD

Engineering report 3A

Acceptable Modified Burners:

CARLIN 200 CRD, manufactured by the Carlin Company, 912 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut 06109, shown in figures 5 and 6, was modified in the following manner to produce a diffused 6-inch (vertical) by ll-inch (horizontal) sized flame with homogeneous temperature gradiant. Note: Carlin 200 CRD AS 1055 incorporates these following modifications and may be purchased directly.

 An 80 fuel nozzle rated at 2.25 gal/hr. and pressure adjusted to deliver 2.04 gal/hr. at 97 psig was installed.

2. The retention and throttle rings plus the support and forward extension were removed.

3. A flat-plate disc, approximately 4 inches in diameter and randomly punched with ten 1/2-inch holes, was installed 4 inches aft of the fuel nozzle tip. This provided support and centering of the oil delivery tube.







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Sonic – Configuration 1

FAA FIRE TEST HANDBOOK - Chapter 7 configuration Supplied by Marlin Engineering

Fuel Nozzle

FAATC data from presentations (as late as 2017):

2.0 gph 80°B Delevan nozzle, 100 psi fuel, 40/50 psi air FAATC config Resonate used for this test:

2.0 gph <u>80°W</u> manufacturer nozzle – semi solid pattern, 100 psi fuel, 50 psi air

Ignitorless stator Muffler foam retained with wire Turbulator – no flame retention head supplied by Marlin Engineering, part number ME1512-1.



Figure 7-S-13. Stator





Figure 7-S-14. Turbulator, Front View and Back View



Semi-solid

2. Safety Wire Affixed to inside of the Muffler for Restrainin,









Figure 7-S-29 Stator Axial Position (looking into draft tube)







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Sonic Burner Modification – Configuration 2

Objective: Produce temperature and heat flux output data which demonstrate the modified Sonic burner can replicate Carlin conditions - i.e. Sonic can be calibrated according to AC20-135 guidance using the same equipment to produce similar results to a traditional oil burner.

Danfoss 80°H 2.0 GPH – Hollow pattern



Muffler foam was removed









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Sonic Burner Modification – Configuration 3

Monarch 80°PLP 2.25 GPH – semi solid pattern





Muffler foam was removed











Added Carlin type turbulator on fuel nozzle fitting

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COMPARATIVE CALIBRATION DATA



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Summary of Carlin Calibration Data



Fuel pressure ranging from 80 psi to 120psi



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Summary of Sonic Config 1

Fuel: 100psi Air: 50psi





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Summary of Sonic Mod Config 2

Fuel: 147psi Air: 62psi

Fuel: 145psi Air: 50psi



Temperature Average (⁰F)

Heat Flux Average (Btu/hr)







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Summary of Sonic Mod Config 3





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TEMPERATURE AND HEAT TRANSFER MAPPING – FLAME CHARACTERISATION



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11 TC Map – 1" vertical Increments & 1" TC spacing



Horizontal & vertical centrelines shall be within +/- 2 mm of true position.

FIGURE 2 - FLAME TEMPERATURE MEASUREMENT POSITIONS FOR KEROSENE BURNER

Flame temperature mapping - Engineering Report 3A CARLIN 200 CRD

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TESTING LIMIT

Burner M	1ap looking	into the Bur	ner [°F] - Ma	x Values								AVERAG
	TC 1	TC 2	TC 3	TC 4	TC 5	TC 6	TC 7	TC 8	TC 9	TC 10	TC 11	TC's
Level 6	1420. 0	1738.0	1850.0	1908.0	1912.0	1798.0	1777.0	1725.0	1686.0	1579.0	1204.0	1808.0
Level 5	1671.0	1869.0	1947.0	1963.0	1981.0	1881.0	1894.0	1859. 0	1848.0	1823.0	1611.0	1910.4
Level 4	1697.0	1843.0	1919.0	1942.0	1972.0	1885.0	1942.0	1908. 0	1886.0	1852.0	1679.0	1922.0
Level 3	1634.0	1874.0	1904.0	1936.0	1961.0	1877.0	1947.0	1915. 0	1871.0	1794.0	1573.0	1915.9
Level 2	968.0	1323.0	1490.0	1609.0	1825.0	1766.0	1862.0	1813.0	1707.0	1474.0	1159.0	1724.6
Level 1	602.0	805.0	1034.0	1175.0	1389.0	1363.0	1536.0	1389.0	1214.0	964.0	684.0	1300.0





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11 TC Map – 1" vertical Increments & 1" TC spacing- fire board/firewool





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Carlin vs Sonic – Config 3 – Round 3 - the same nozzle and similar turbulator

AVERAGE

Control 7

BURNER AIR PRESSURE: 56PSI FUEL:145PSI

Burner Map looking into the Burner [°F] - Max Values NO BOARD											AVERAGE Control 7	
	TC 1	TC 2	TC 3	TC 4	TC 5	TC 6	TC 7	TC 8	TC 9	TC 10	TC 11	TC's
Level 6	1469.1	1499.1	1596.2	1769.9	1951.9	2071.2	2109.1	2102.6	2080.0	1933.2	1782.1	1954.4
Level 5	1186.8	1264.6	1366.8	1646.4	1950.5	2158.8	2241.4	2224.8	2151.8	1964.3	1847.3	1962.9
Level 4	929.5	996.7	1164.3	1410.3	1829.6	2108.4	2253.3	2204.2	2106.6	1873.2	1683.1	1868.1
Level 3	643.4	732.8	876.4	1156.3	1522.6	1797.6	2011.6	1972.0	1836.9	1535.8	1256.3	1596.2
Level 2	535.0	602.0	663.2	821.1	1128.2	1420.2	1611.3	1561.4	1431.1	1112.6	869.0	1233.8
Level 1	455.2	498.2	543.1	576.6	718.5	843.0	933.1	911.5	832.8	637.4	492.3	765.5

Burner Map looking into the Burner [°F] - Max Values FIRE BOARD											AVERAGE	
TC1 TC2 TC3 TC4 TC5 TC6 TC7 TC8 TC9 TC10 TC11												TC's
Level 6	1885.0	1953.6	2042.3	2034.4	2095.1	2170.3	2231.6	2209.7	2187.9	2111.8	2039.7	2138.8
Level 5	1905.9	1980.1	2050.9	2058.1	2101.4	2203.3	2259.3	2229.3	2197.5	2130.8	2071.7	2157.1
Level 4	1909.7	1980.2	2060.3	2077.5	2124.2	2217.3	2279.8	2253.3	2223.2	2142.4	2079.5	2176.5
Level 3	1902.3	1965.5	2036.0	2091.9	2143.5	2242.7	2272.5	2224.5	2194.4	2109.8	2046.4	2172.2
Level 2	1779.2	1846.6	1886.3	1996.9	2091.9	2169.5	2153.4	2104.5	2091.9	2030.1	1981.8	2070.6
Level 1	1566.1	1668.4	1686.4	1774.3	1869.6	1922.7	1909.5	1924.5	1928.1	1866.2	1866.7	1859.3

urner Map looking into the Burner [°F] - Max Values FIRE WOOL											AVERAGE	
	TC1 TC2 TC3 TC4 TC5 TC6 TC7 TC8 TC9 TC10 TC11											
Level 6	1814.9	1895.5	1945.8	2005.2	2095.4	2144.3	2187.2	2153.1	2191.6	2133.7	2086.6	2103.2
Level 5	1820.5	1930.4	1984.5	2015.9	2095.2	2206.8	2216.8	2167.7	2200.9	2149.7	2128.7	2126.8
Level 4	1861.7	1982.2	2067.4	2084.6	2157.1	2243.5	2250.3	2204.2	2218.0	2162.7	2169.5	2175.0
Level 3	1846.0	1986.0	2074.9	2102.7	2185.8	2264.4	2247.5	2200.5	2204.7	2138.9	2171.8	2182.9
Level 2	1768.7	1966.6	2089.1	2114.4	2171.7	2244.8	2221.7	2174.4	2170.8	2116.9	2125.1	2169.6
Level 1	1601.1	1834.1	1937.5	2025.9	2093.7	2125.5	2069.7	2036.1	2039.8	1970.7	1960.8	2046.9

Sonic MOD Configuration 3

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	TC 1	TC 2	TC 3	TC 4	TC 5	TC 6	TC 7	TC 8	TC 9	TC 10	TC 11	TC's
Level 6	1668.3	1795.1	1869.8	1934.0	1955.0	1985.0	1978.2	1955.0	1928.2	1831.3	1603.1	1943.6
Level 5	1805.9	1875.1	2005.6	2083.2	2096.6	2149.0	2174.2	2128.1	1983.7	1880.4	1769.2	2088.6
Level 4	1630.6	1845.4	1949.1	2025.3	2085.2	2138.0	2187.8	2117.3	1995.8	1890.0	1771.2	2071.2
Level 3	1140.7	1632.8	1730.4	1654.2	1626.4	1704.4	1822.9	1886.4	1878.9	1743.7	1462.3	1757.6
Level 2	660.4	1058.0	1185.5	1082.1	1007.1	1080.2	1255.6	1384.5	1414.8	1129.2	831.5	1201.4
Level 1	416.8	632.4	700.5	668.7	636.2	690.7	795.9	843.8	864.4	675.2	470.8	742.9

NO BOARD

Burner Map looking into the Burner [°F] - Max Values

Burner Map looking into the Burner ["F] - Max Values FIREBOARD											AVERAG	
	TC 1	TC 2	TC 3	TC 4	TC 5	TC 6	TC 7	TC 8	TC 9	TC 10	TC 11	TC's
Level 6	1806.4	1820.0	1885.2	1912.0	1980.5	2055.4	2055.8	2011.0	1996.7	1961.7	1934.6	1985.2
Level 5	1765.5	1832.0	1914.4	1953.3	1991.0	2056.1	2128.8	2126.6	2084.9	2058.3	2019.7	2036.5
Level 4	1701.4	1773.6	1899.3	1938.2	1973.4	2015.7	2117.9	2123.2	2086.6	2082.2	2044.4	2022.1
Level 3	1654.9	1708.9	1826.0	1859.5	1876.1	1889.0	1927.3	1964.2	1968.4	1934.1	1906.2	1901.5
Level 2	1566.7	1591.7	1642.9	1685.5	1754.2	1802.1	1793.2	1773.4	1790.2	1757.0	1767.0	1748.8
Level 1	1299.5	1308.3	1359.9	1435.8	1502.7	1594.4	1615.1	1600.6	1616.3	1542.8	1533.0	1532.1

Burner Map looking into the Burner [°F] - Max Values FIREWOOL											AVERAGE	
	TC 1	TC 2	тс з	TC 4	TC 5	TC 6	TC 7	TC 8	TC 9	TC 10	TC 11	TC's
Level 6	1622.6	1713.1	1786.0	1857.4	1968.6	2063.4	2061.4	2023.8	2012.7	1987.2	1933.3	1967.6
Level 5	1565.9	1684.6	1783.1	1851.7	1957.5	2067.1	2109.3	2110.7	2109.3	2094.2	2016.9	1998.4
Level 4	1573.0	1646.3	1746.2	1778.6	1842.7	1959.0	2090.4	2107.4	2097.8	2110.2	2078.3	1946.0
Level 3	1575.4	1620.2	1706.1	1725.3	1770.3	1813.1	1867.3	1931.3	1966.1	1950.7	1902.2	1825.6
Level 2	1548.7	1581.5	1610.4	1634.8	1677.7	1752.5	1729.7	1694.6	1717.7	1679.6	1713.2	1688.2
Level 1	1358.8	1398.8	1436.4	1469.1	1537.1	1590.1	1595.6	1564.1	1583.1	1549.0	1589.9	1539.3

Carlin





Heat Flux (BTU/hr) Map – 1" vertical Increments



Burner BTU Map looking into the Burner [BTU/hr] - Average Values



At each level : 1mins warm up was allowed and 3 mins of data recorded after this



Heat flux Mapping: Copper tube transitioned in 1" increments vertically

Copper tube cleaned between levels



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BTU/hr Mapping Summary

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Carlin Burn 2b BTU Map

Burner BTU Map looking into the Burner [BTU/hr] - Peak Values

Level 6 - 5.5 inch	3585.2	
Level 5 - 4.5 inch	4530.0	
Level 4 - 3.5 inch	4800.1	
Level 3 - 2.5 inch	3901.3	
Level 2 - 1.5 inch	2304.1	/
Level 1 - 0.5 inch	885.9	

Burner BTU Map looking into the Burner [BTU/hr] - Average Values

Level 6 - 5.5 inch	3448.3
Level 5 - 4.5 inch	4452.0
Level 4 - 3.5 inch	4733.5
Level 3 - 2.5 inch	3833.7
Level 2 - 1.5 inch	2211.4
Level 1 - 0.5 inch	800.6







T7 – Sonic Config 1

Sonic - FAA Burn 5 BTUmap

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Burner BTU Map looking into the Burner [BTU/hr] - Average Values



T27 – Sonic Config 2



Burner BTU Map looking into the Burner [BTU/hr] - Peak Values

Level 1 - 0.5 inch		1115.4	
Level 2 - 1.5 inch	\mathbf{X}	2304.6	
Level 3 - 2.5 inch		3459.5	
Level 4 - 3.5 inch	(4350.6	
Level 5 - 4.5 inch		4841.0	
Level 6 - 5.5 inch		4536.6	
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Burner BTU Map looking into the Burner [BTU/hr] - Average Values

Level 6 - 5.5 inch Level 5 - 4.5 inch Level 4 - 3.5 inch Level 3 - 2.5 inch Level 2 - 1.5 inch Level 1 - 0.5 inch



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Sonic - Config 3

Cal Avg: 4721 BTU/hr

Burner BTU Map looking into the Burner [BTU/hr] - Peak Values

Level 6 - 5.5 inch		5032.7
Level 5 - 4.5 inch		5041.8
Level 4 - 3.5 inch	[4529.5
Level 3 - 2.5 inch		3427.8
Level 2 - 1.5 inch		2066.6
Level 1 - 0.5 inch		903.6



Cal Avg: 4784 BTU/hr

Burner BTU Map looking into the Burner [BTU/hr] - Peak Values

Level 6 - 5.5 inch	5262.2	
Level 5 - 4.5 inch	5181.6	
Level 4 - 3.5 inch	4464.6	
Level 3 - 2.5 inch	3292.9	
Level 2 - 1.5 inch	1843.1	
Level 1 - 0.5 inch	778.9	

Burner Map looking into the Burner [°F] - Max Values NO BOARD											AVERAGE	
	TC 1	TC 2	TC 3	TC 4	TC 5	TC 6	TC 7	TC 8	TC 9	TC 10	TC 11	TC's
Level 6	1469.5	1519.4	1603.6	1755.1	1956.9	2057.9	2099.8	2092.2	2101.0	1951.4	1786.7	1952.4
Level 5	1210.4	1261.1	1376.4	1650.2	1943.8	2161.5	2241.3	2219.1	2168.4	1980.2	1863.9	1965.8
Level 4	868.2	996.8	1138.7	1416.5	1831.3	2126.1	2240.0	2214.4	2129.7	1873.1	1705.4	1870.9
Level 3	607.2	679.8	802.6	1024.8	1417.7	1733.6	1975.8	1993.7	1917.4	1611.9	1383.3	1552.2
Level 2	448.2	527.7	593.9	711.8	1024.5	1334.4	1501.0	1478.8	1409.6	1121.3	895.4	1150.6
Level 1	340.6	394.2	435.7	461.7	596.1	741.5	871.0	834.9	742.2	588.5	448.1	669.0



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MATERIAL BURNTHROUGH DATA



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Composite Panel Burnthough

Composite panels supplied by Bombardier/Shorts -2 plies (0°/45°), roughly 0.030" thick

- Burner calibrated to minimum avg of 2000°F across 7 T/C's, Heat Flux >4500 btu/hr
 - stabilized on Cu tube for 1 minute
- Total of 6 panels tested
 - 3 with vibration applied at differing times during test
 - 1 with no vibration
 - 1 with a bolt installed in the middle
 - 1 with bolt installed with a 5 kg weight applied in tension

Resonate Testing

		TEMP (min Avg) BTU/Hr Burnthrough TIME		Vibration applied @	Summary	Comment			
	Panel 1	2025	4696	00:27:16	20:20 Wednesday Afternoon.		Vibration applied in the expection of		
[Panel 2	2010	4606	00:25:18	20:20	Wednesday Afternoon.	significant impact observed.		
		2011		00:26:30	00:00	Thursday Morning			
	Panel 3		4641			Applied vibration has no impact?	Vibration 4G applied from start. NO IMPACT- Vibration discontinued.		
			5234 4720	0:24:45		Thursday Afternoon			
	Panel 4	2116				Increased BTU does not significantly affect burnthrough time	Excess Flame temp and BTU/hr applied. NO IMPACT.		
	Panel 5	2035		0:20:00	No Vibe	Bolt installed in center of panel	1 week later returned with new approach. Stopped test- Bolt making no impact		
	Panel 6	2019	4839	0:22:34		Bolt installed in center of panel with a 5kg load	Pull through eventually achieved!		

Test 4 Flame artificially high, no significant impact. Test 6 Pull Through load, no significant impact.











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Aluminium Panel Burnthrough





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Burn #	Burner / <u>Config</u> .	Pre-Test Avg. Temp. (°F)	Pre-Test Avg. Heat Flux (BTU/hr)	Post-Test Avg. Temp. (°F)	Post-Test Avg. Heat Flux (BTU/hr)	Burn - Through Time (<u>m:ss</u>)			
1 – T9	Carlin Baseline July 17	2033	4922 0:39 to 4500	2035	4875 0:41 to 4500	2:23			
2 – T19	Sonic Mod. P _f =147, P _a =61.5 July 19	2022	4670 1:29 to 4500	2014	4599 1:45 to 4500	3:16			
3 – T22	Sonic Mod. P _f =147, P _a =61.5 July 19	2040	4693 1:33 to 4500	2019	4630 2:35 to 4500	3:14			
4 – T30	Sonic Mod. P _f =147, P _a =61.5 July 20	2039	4685 2:13 to 4500	2030	4662 2:42 to 4500	2:10			

Burn Times for 1/8 in. Thick Aluminum



Difficulty determining burn through time

- Skin tension of ALU

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- Oxidised layer/impurities on surface
- Ultimately too many variables

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Aluminium strip burnthrough testing





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Temperature and heat transfer calibrations -Effect on Burnthrough time









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Summary of Observations

- Sonic can be modified from current configuration to achieve traditional burner like output
 - Similar to work FAATC conducted with flame retention
 - Can calibrate sonic burner according to current AC20-135 guidance and equipment
 - Does not take advantage of the expected Sonic burner repeatability but have we seen this?
- Tools developed to achieve greater understanding of burner outputs
 - 2D HD temperature maps
 - with and without impingement surface
 - BTU mapping
 - All to better qualify burner flames for comparison during any research effort
 - Ensure that we know where the hottest part of the flame is and the highest energy and relate that to calibration sensor location.
- Do not draw major conclusions from shallow data sets.
 - We always need to assess the significance of our data. This is particularly important when talking about repeatability or reliability.



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Future Work:

Collaboration planned going forward with a small group of other Labs looking at:

 Is there a configuration on the sonic burner that we can dial in the inputs and achieve consistent calibration parameters for powerplant testing

- Sensitivity study of burner parameters could potentially further simplify set up
- Studying the modified Sonic Burner with off-the-shelf parts

 Is there a better way to determine equivalent damage to compare the sonic with incumbent burners

- Additional mapping ideas/plate thermocouples/slug calorimeter/
- Composite panels?
- Better understanding individual burner limitations and sources of variability



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