

## **MICHAEL S. KLASSEN, Ph.D., P.E.**

### **EDUCATION:**

Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, University of Maryland, 1992.

M.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of Maryland, 1990.

B.S., Mechanical Engineering, University of Maryland, 1987.

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

#### **Vice President and Principal Research Engineer, Combustion Science & Engineering, Inc., Columbia, MD, 1998 to present.**

Responsible for the design and execution of experimental and analytical projects in fire and combustion research. Developed analytical technique for prediction of flameholding potential in gas turbine combustors. Developed reduced chemical kinetic schemes for prediction of heat release and pollutant formation in gas turbine combustors. Developed analytical techniques for prediction of radiative loading in gas turbines for enhanced lifeing predictions of liners. Conducted small-scale experimental study to measure radiative loading of combustor walls to provide validation data for analytical study. Conducted small-, medium- and large-scale testing on the transmission of radiation and breakage properties of glazing materials. Provide engineering support for litigation cases. Conduct fire and hazard investigations.

#### **Vice President and Chief Technical Officer, LPP Combustion LLC, Columbia, MD, 2007-present.**

Developing and commercializing innovative technology for clean combustion of liquid fuels. Co-inventor of technology. Responsible for technical development of technology, working with staff of engineers to test, design and commercialize methodology and apparatus. Closely involved in business development, including company capitalization, organization and day-to-day operation.

#### **Staff Engineer, Hughes Associates, Inc., Baltimore, MD, 1996-1997.**

Designed and conducted experimental fire and combustion research. Involved in the testing and modeling of fire-suppression systems.

#### **Visiting Asst. Professor/Postdoctoral Researcher, Purdue University, 1992- 1996.**

Developed laser and optical diagnostic techniques for use in combustion applications. Utilized these techniques to investigate the formation of minor combustion species and pollutants in laminar and turbulent flames. Conducted experiments into the effect of pressure on nitric oxide (NO) formation in flames at pressures ranging from 1 to 15 atm. Local NO concentration measurements were made in laminar flames using laser-induced fluorescence (LIF) and used to evaluate the ability of current chemical kinetic mechanisms to predict NO formation in high-pressure flames. Instantaneous, local NO concentrations were also measured in premixed, turbulent jet flames which gave insights into the regions of NO formation in this type of flame and

provided data for model validation. Further research involved the use of picosecond time-resolved laser-induced fluorescence (PITLIF) to determine instantaneous, quantitative concentration of minor species in turbulent flames. This study involved the application of ultra-fast spectroscopic techniques (resolution on the order of nanoseconds) in order to make time-series measurements of minor species concentrations in turbulent reacting flows. Lectured on introductory engineering thermodynamics.

**Graduate Research Assistant, University of Maryland, 1989-1992.**

Research involved the study of radiation properties and the flame structure of liquid-fuel pool flames. This work included measurements of the total radiative output, fuel burning rate and flame height for a variety of burner diameters (5 cm- 1 m). A new technique to measure radiative heat transfer from the flame to the fuel surface was developed. Instantaneous and simultaneous measurements of temperature, intensity and soot volume fraction were made using an optical pyrometric technique. Stochastic simulations using the measured instantaneous flame properties were employed for predictions of radiative output from the flame and the fuel burning rate.

**Guest Researcher, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Center for Building and Fire Research, 1989 -1992.**

**Guest Researcher, Fire Research Institute, Department of Home Ministry, Tokyo, Japan, 1991.**

**Graduate Research Assistant, University of Maryland, 1988-1989.**

Conducted research which investigated the transient cooling of hot surfaces by dropwise evaporation for use in fire suppression models. An infrared thermographic technique was developed to monitor the response of a heated low-conductivity surface to an impinging water droplet. Digital image processing techniques were utilized to extract the extent of cooling of the surface by the droplet and the transient surface temperature from the infrared data.

**PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION:**

Registered Professional Engineer, Mechanical Engineering, License Number 23107 (Maryland).

**PROFESSIONAL STANDING:**

Member, The American Society of Mechanical Engineers  
Member, The Combustion Institute  
Member, AIAA  
Member, Combustion and Fuels Committee, International Gas Turbine Institute  
Member, NGC+ Work Group on Interchangeability

**HONORS:**

Harry C. Bigglestone Award presented by *Fire Technology* (2007)  
NFPA Harry C. Bigglestone Award for Excellence in Communication of Fire Protection Concepts, 2005.

**PATENTS:**

Roby, R., Klassen, M., and Schemel C., "System for vaporization of liquid fuels for combustion and method of use", U.S. Patent 7322198, 2008.

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### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:**

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Eskin, L.D., Roby, R.J., Klassen, M.S., and Ramotowski, M.J., "A Novel Approach for 'Clean' Power Generation Using Coal Liquids and the LPP Combustion Process in an Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle (IGCC) System", presented at the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual International Pittsburgh Coal Conference, Johannesburg, South Africa, September 2007.

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Roby, R.J., Klassen, M.S., Eskin, L.D., and Ramotowski, M.J., "LPP Combustion – How to Burn Liquid Fuels as Cleanly as Natural Gas", presented at Electric Power 2007, Chicago, May 2007.

Sutula, J., Klassen, M., Roby, R., Olenick, S., Gaines, G. and Torero, J., "Flame Extinction Based on a Critical Damköhler Number for the Assessment of Suppression Effectiveness in Reduced Gravity Environments," proceedings of the 5<sup>th</sup> International Seminar on Fire and Explosion Hazards, Edinburgh, Scotland, April 23-27, 2007.

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Zhang, W., M.S. Klassen, and R.J. Roby, "Numerical Prediction of Smoke Detector Activation Accounting for Aerosol Characteristics," 8<sup>th</sup> International Symposium on Fire Safety Science, Beijing China, September 2005

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- Gokulakrishnan, P., Klassen, M. S. and Roby, R. J. (2005), "Development of Detailed Kinetic Mechanism to Study Low Temperature Ignition Phenomenon of Kerosene", *Proceedings of IGTI*, ASME, Paper #GT2005-68268.
- Olenick, S.M., Zhang, W., Carpenter, D. J., Roby, R. J., and Klassen, S. M., "Verification and Validation of a Smoke Detector Activation Algorithm for the Fire Dynamics Simulator (FDS)", presented to the NFPA Fire Protection Research Foundation Fire Suppression and Detection Research Application Symposium, Orlando, January, 2005.
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- Roby, R.J., W. Zhang, G.C. Gaines, S.M. Olenick, M.S. Klassen, and J.L. Torero, "The Integration of a Smoke Detector Model with Large Eddy Simulation Fire Modeling for Predicting Smoke Detector Activation in Microgravity," Proceedings of Strategic Research to Enable NASA's Exploration Missions Conference and Workshop Poster Session, June, 2004.
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- Zhang, W., M.S. Klassen, and R.J. Roby, "Turbulent Structure of the Flow Field in a One-Meter Diameter Methane Fire by Large Eddy Simulation," 3<sup>rd</sup> joint meeting of the U.S. Sections of the Combustion Institute, University of Illinois at Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, March 16-19, 2003.
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