

Gas search for neutrino-hydrogen interactions with DUNE HPgTPC

– updated version (see **UPDATE** tag)

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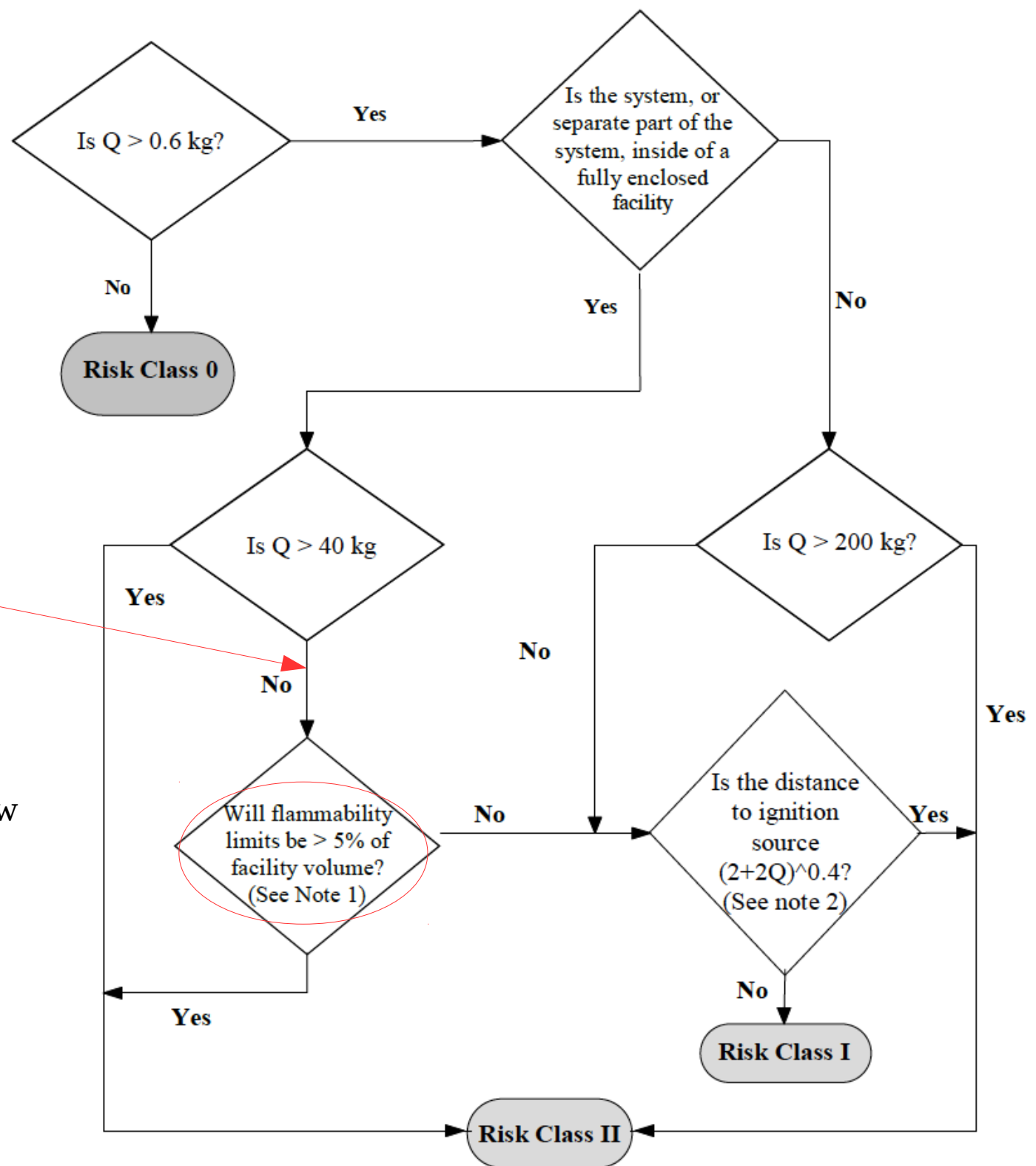
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*with input from Diego Diaz and Philip Hamacher-Baumann

Recap

FESHM 6020.3

| | 100m ³ vol. allowed percentage |
|--------|---|
| H2 | 49.22% |
| CH4 | 15.76% |
| C2H6 | 8.94% |
| C3H8 | 6.27% |
| iC4H10 | 4.47% |
| D2 | 49.26% |



Interestingly, we can now proceed to next level...

FESHM 6020.3 example

Example 1

Two 81 SCF cylinders of a 50-50 mixture (by volume) of argon-ethane (Fermilab stock catalog number 1980-1095) will be used in a room whose volume is $9 \times 15 \times 20 \text{ ft}^3$ (2700 ft^3). This room, inside a larger building, contains no obvious fire hazards such as welding operations. The gas is to be supplied to drift chambers. First, to determine Q, it is recognized that only 40.5 SCF of a given cylinder is ethane. Thus, from Appendix 3 and Appendix 4;

$$Q = 2 \times 40.5 \text{ ft}^3 \times 0.028 (\text{m}^3/\text{ft}^3) \times 1.26 (\text{kg}/\text{m}^3) \times 0.36 (\text{H}_2 \text{ equivalence factor})$$

$$Q = 1.03 \text{ kg hydrogen equivalent inventory}$$

Thus by box 1 in the flowchart, we exceed the limit for Risk Class 0 and must go to box 2. Continuing to box 2, we find the answer to be yes but the answer to the question in box 3 is negative. Doing the calculation prescribed in box 4 we find that 5% of 2700 ft^3 is 135 ft^3 . Dividing $81/135$ finds a maximum concentration of 60 %, which exceeds the flammability upper limit. Thus, any concentration below this limit is reachable with the available inventory, since no inventory controls have been specified. Therefore the answer to this question is affirmative and the Risk Class is II. If only a single cylinder was needed, the O_2 kg hydrogen equivalence would have rendered a Risk Class 0 determination.

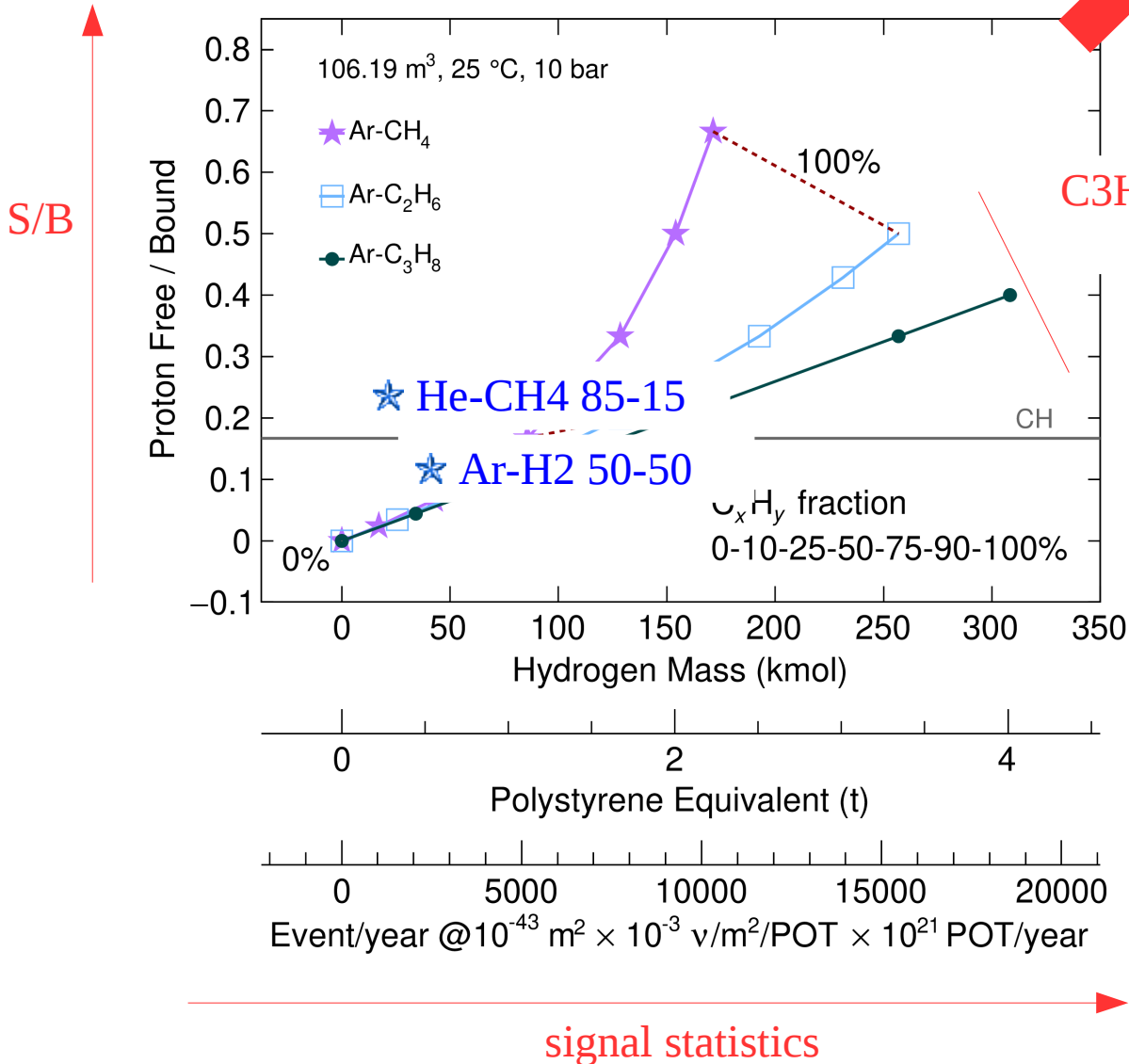
Minimal facility volume at maximal allowed mass

| | flammability upper limit in % (from FESHM 6020.3 p17) | minimal facility volume (m^3) = gas volume at 1 bar/upper flam limit/5% |
|------|---|--|
| H2 | 75 | 1.31E+04 |
| CH4 | 15 | 2.10E+04 |
| C2H6 | 12.5 | 1.43E+04 |
| C3H8 | 9.5 | 1.32E+04 |
| D2 | 75 | 1.31E+04 |

← Just match the current hall size $1.3\text{E}4 \text{ m}^3$

← Very large due to the small upper limit

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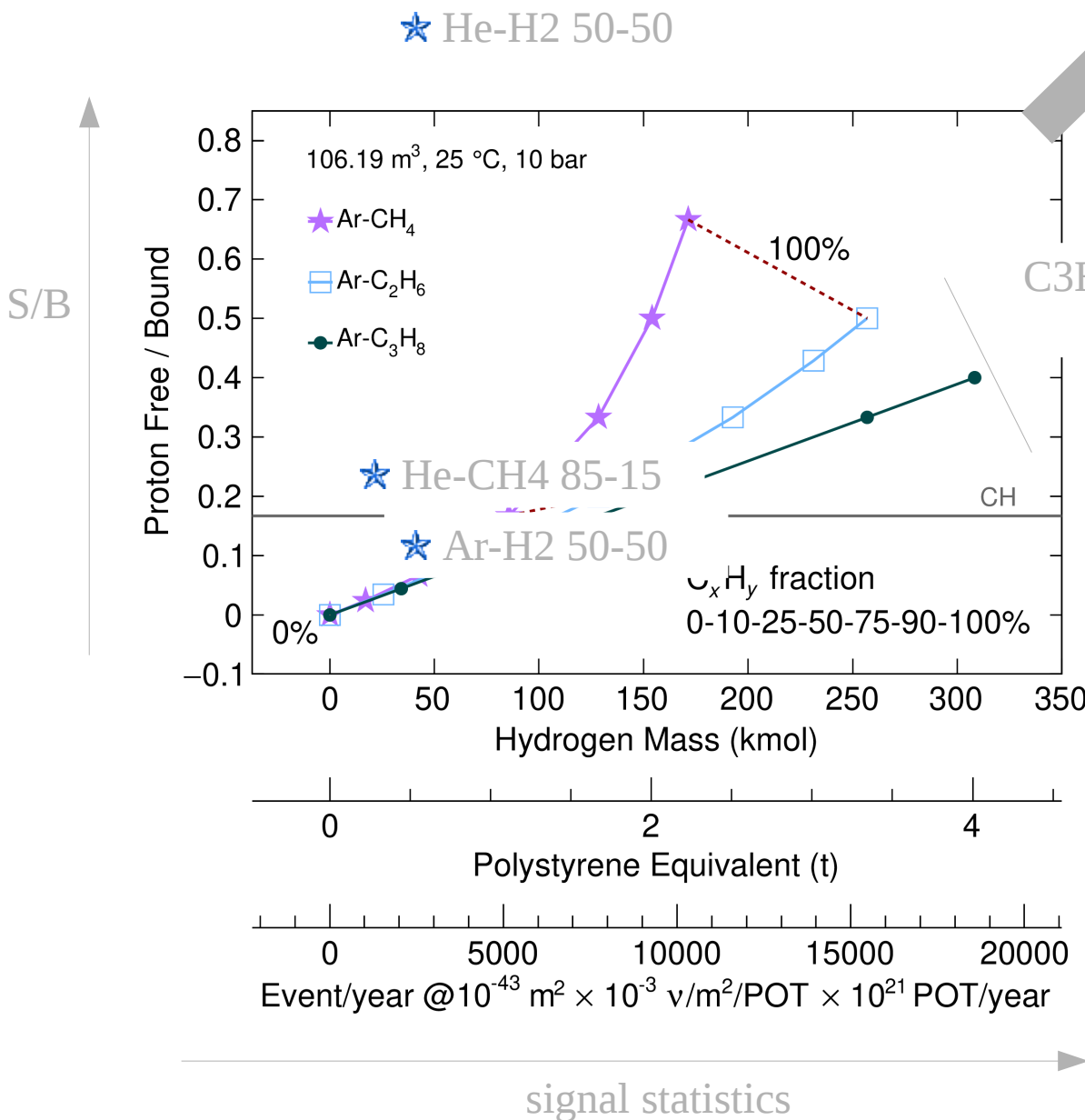


1) He-H2 50-50: proton free/bound ratio is 1, rate = 25%CH₄, i.e. 0.5 t of polystyrene, giving 2.5k event/year.

2) Ar-H2 50-50: the rate is the same as 1), but the purity is lower with proton free/bound ratio 0.1, lower than P-50 (or CH, 0.16)

3) He-CH4 85-15: this is also allowed. The H event rate is 60% of 1). The proton free/bound ratio is 0.23, higher than P-50 or CH.

Introduce **H-index** = $f/b * \#H$



Purpose of this talk:

- Discussion gas search strategy and possible candidates for nu-H program

Theoretical limits



Practical concerns
(e.g. safety regulation)

Maximal hydrogen event rate with alkane

UPDATE

- C_nH_{2n+2} : most efficient hydrogen carrier
 - ✓ Large $n \rightarrow$ high H event rate
 - ✗ Large $n \rightarrow$ low vapor pressure
 - from propane (C3) on can't get to 10bar, last gas at 1bar is neopentane (C5)

- **Maximal H** achieved by towering partial pressure in 10bar :

~~17% neopentane (C5) + 35% isobutane (C4) + (1-17%-35%=) 48% propane (C3) = C3.7H9.4~~

~~➢ f/b: 0.42, **H-index: 4.0**~~

- 1) 17% neopentane (C5) + 35% isobutane (C4) + 24% butane (C4) + (1-17%-35%-24%=) 24% propane (C3) = C3.9H9.9

➢ f/b: 0.42, **H-index: 4.1**

- 2) Other "towering":

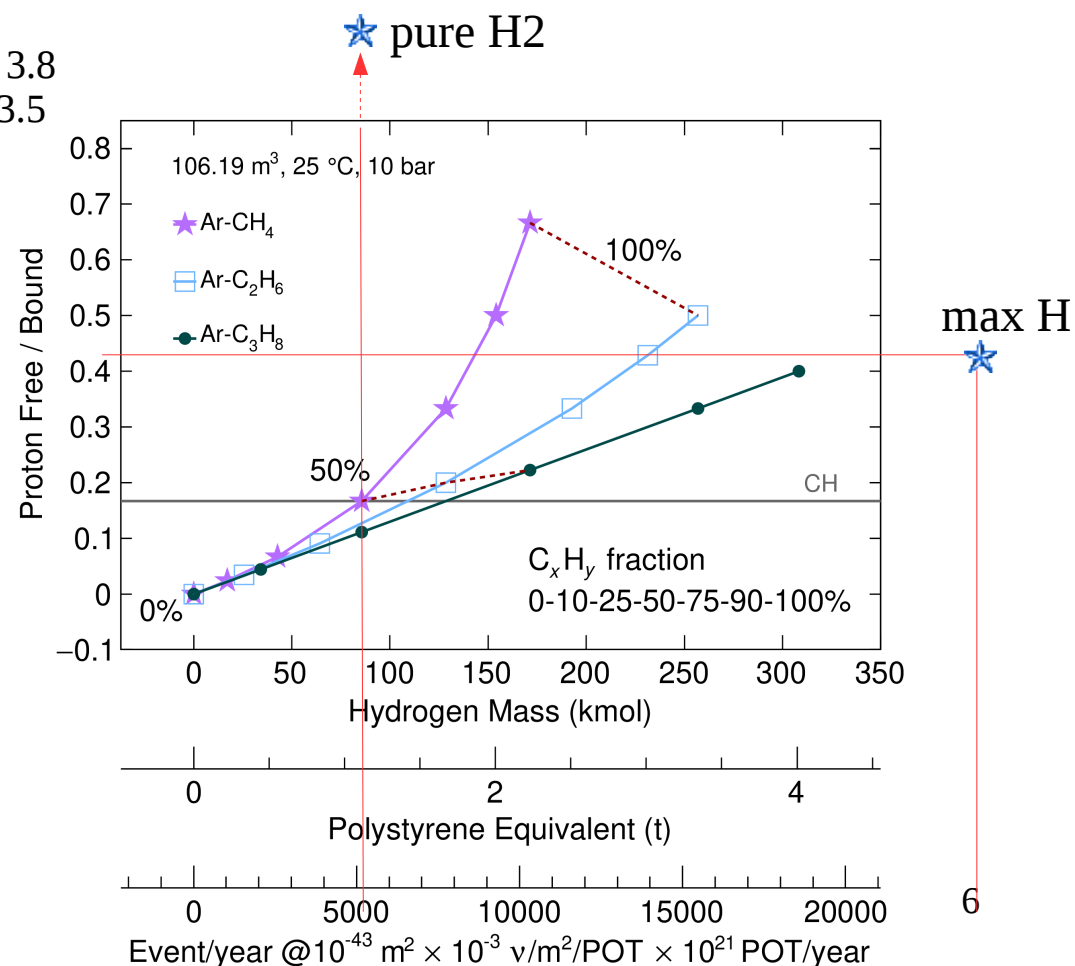
➢ 35% C4 + 65% C3 = C3.4H8.7, f/b: 0.43, H-index: 3.8

➢ 95% C3 + 5% C2 = C3.0H7.9, f/b: 0.44, H-index: 3.5

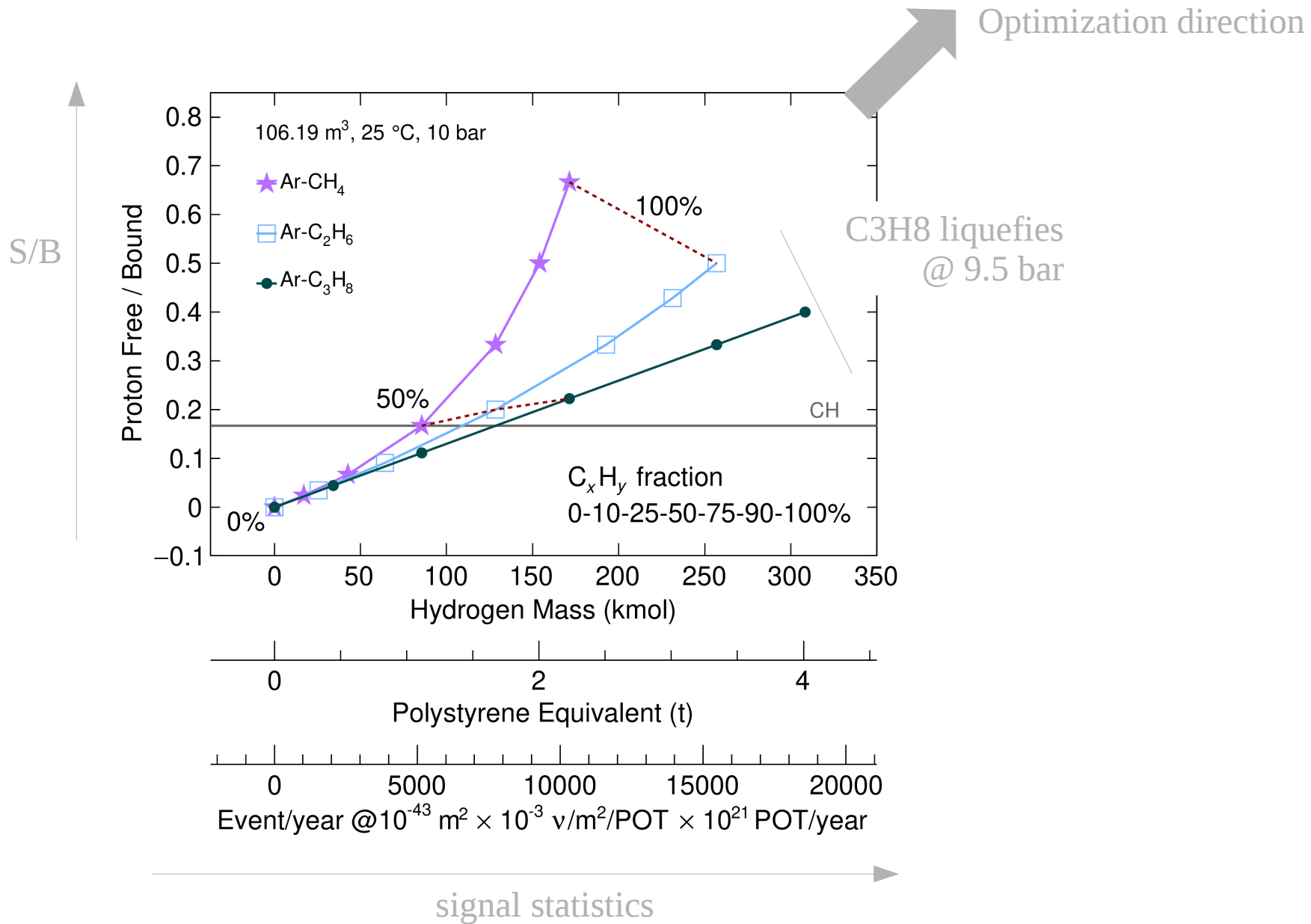
- Corresponding **maximal event rate: ~25k/year**

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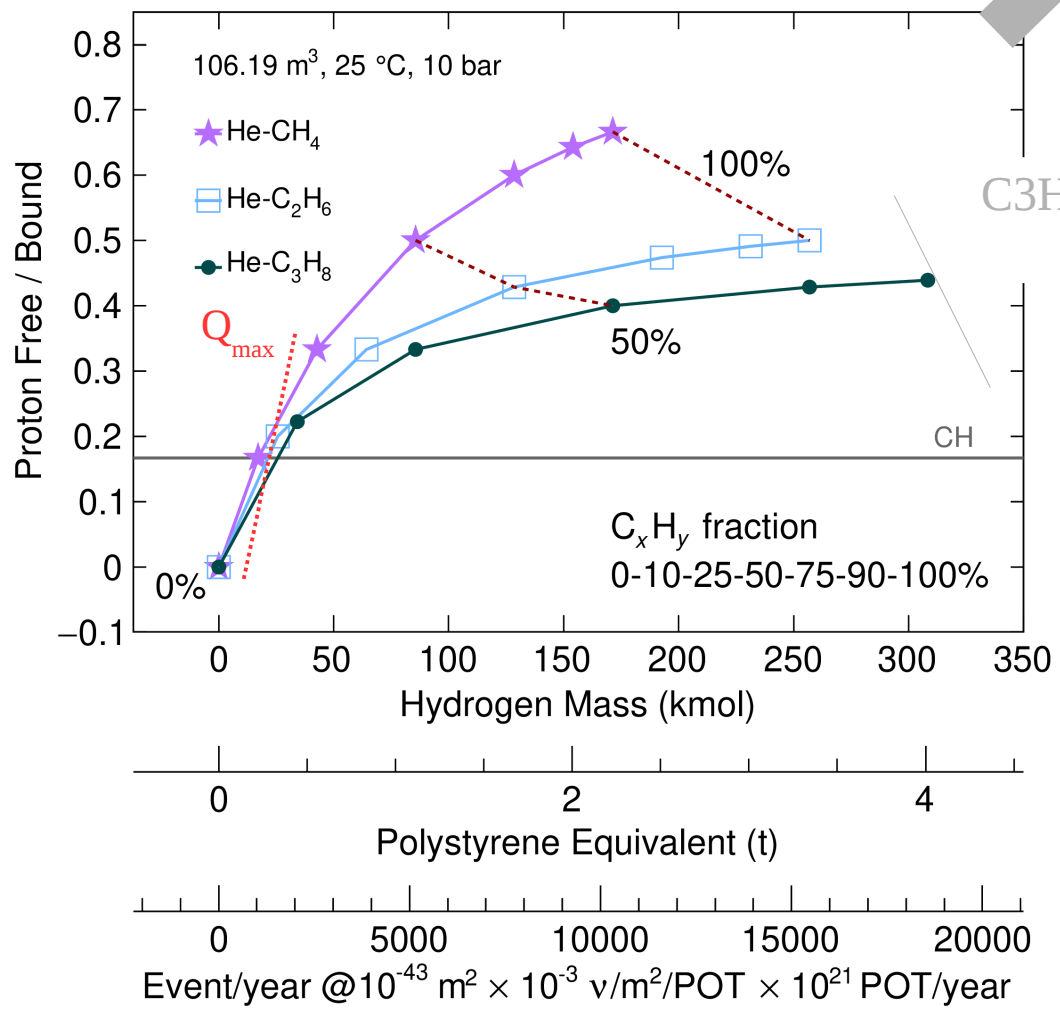


He-base mixtures

★ He-H2 50-50

Optimization direction

S/B



With He, the purity goes up very quickly at low alkane fraction.

The event rate is limited by Q_{max} .

signal statistics

Search for H-rich non-flammable gas

Safety Classification of Refrigerants^[47]

| Flammability in Air @ 60 °C & 101.3 kPa | ASHRAE 34 Safety group | |
|---|--|---|
| Higher Flammability LFL or ETFL ₆₀ = 100 g/m ³ OR HOC = 19 MJ/kg ^[48] | A3 | B3 |
| Lower Flammability LFL or ETFL ₆₀ > 100 g/m ³ & HOC < 19 MJ/kg ^[48] | A2 | B2 |
| Lower Flammability LFL or ETFL ₆₀ > 100 g/m ³ & HOC < 19 MJ/kg ^[48] with a maximum burning velocity of = 10 cm/s | A2L | B2L |
| No flame Propagation | A1 | B1 |
| Flammability in Air @ 60 °C & 101.3 kPa | Lower Toxicity OEL ≥ 400 ppm ^[25] | Higher Toxicity OEL < 400 ppm ^[25] |

LFL = Lower Flammability Limit

ETFL₆₀ = Elevated Temperature Flame Limit @ 60 °C

HOC = Heat Of Combustion

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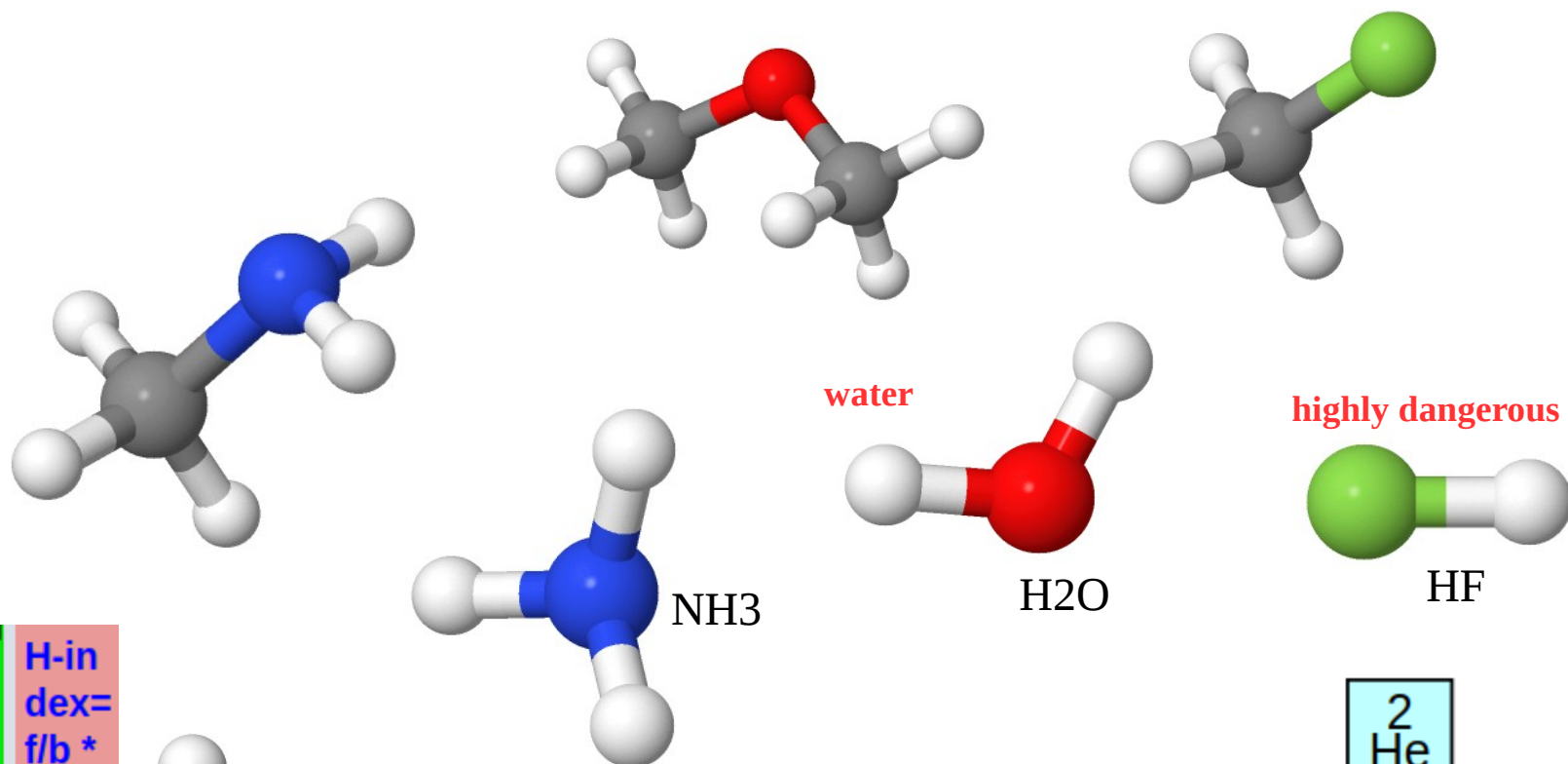
(ASH-ray) American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers

A3: H2 and all alkane
(all LFL ≤ 5%, see later slides)

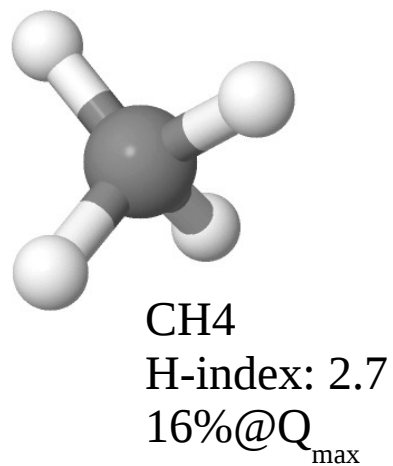
LFL is an important parameter in safety, but not considered in FESHM 6020.3

In mixture
x% flammable A + (1-x%) non-fl. B
if x < LFL, the mixture is non-flammable (assuming A and B stay together if leaked, namely both have similar density)

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| | | | | | 2 He |
| 5 B | 6 C | 7 N | 8 O | 9 F | 10 Ne |
| 13 Al | 14 Si | 15 P | 16 S | 17 Cl | 18 Ar |
| 31 Ga | 32 Ge | 33 As | 34 Se | 35 Br | 36 Kr |
| 49 In | 50 Sn | 51 Sb | 52 Te | 53 I | 54 Xe |

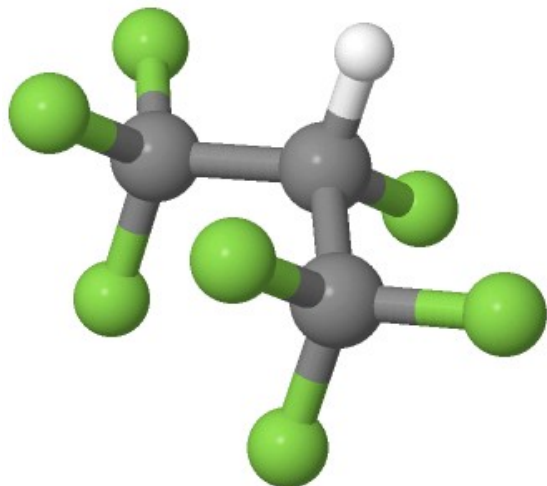
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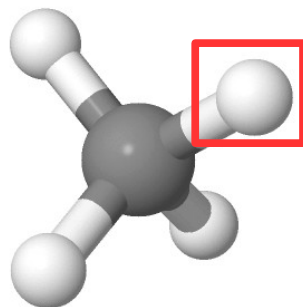
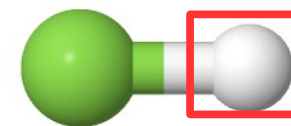
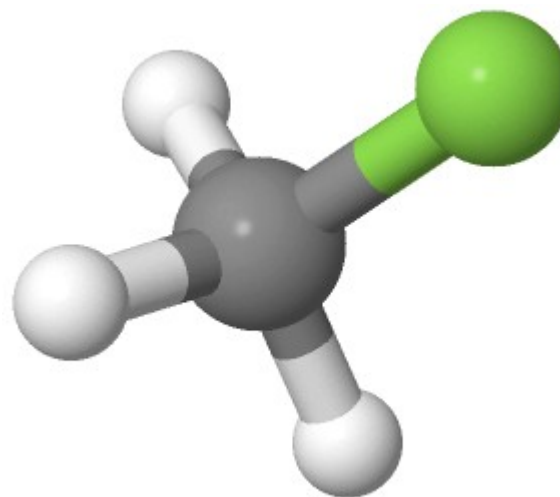
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C₃H₇F₇ 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-Heptafluoropropane



CH₃F Fluoromethane



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Vol. % at Q_{max} ↓

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Maximal H-index HFC by A2(L)-towering
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 0.7 bar C2H3F3 (LFL)
 0.75 bar C1H2F2 (remaining Q)
 1.4 bar C3H3F5 (v.p.)
 6.6 bar C2H2F4 (v.p.)
 0.2 bar C3H2F6 (remaining fraction)
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 Z 49.80
 A 101.21
 H 2.28
 B 47.52,
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All non-flammable HFC away from phase boundary

0.7 bar C3H3F5
 4.5 bar C2H2F4
 1.5 bar C3H2F6
 3.3 bar CHF3

Name [7]C3H3F5[45]C2H2F4[15]C3H2F6[33]C1H1F3
 Z 49.44
 A 101.18
 H 1.74
 B 47.70,
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| 245fa | C3H3F5, 1,1,1,3,3-Pentafluoropropane | 1.48 | B1 | | | | 0.14 | |
| 134a | C2H2F4 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane, Norflurar | 6.65 | A1 | | | x | 0.08 | |
| 1234ze | C3H2F4, 1,3,3,3-Tetrafluoropropene | 7.00 | #DIV/0! | A2L | x | #DIV/0! | x | 0.07 |
| 1234yf | C3H2F4 2,3,3,3-Tetrafluoropropene | 0.06 | #VALUE! | A2L | | #VALUE! | | 0.07 |
| 236fa | C3H2F6, 1,1,1,3,3,3-Hexafluoropropane | 2.72 | A1 | | | | | 0.06 |
| 23 | CHF3 Fluoroform | 45.98 | A1 | | | 35.3 | | 0.03 |
| 125 | C2HF5 Pentafluoroethane | 13.90 | A1 | | | x | | 0.02 |
| 227ea | C3HF7, 1,1,1,2,3,3,3-Heptafluoropropane | 4.55 | A1 | | | | | 0.01 |

A1, B1: non-flammable
A2(L): low flammability

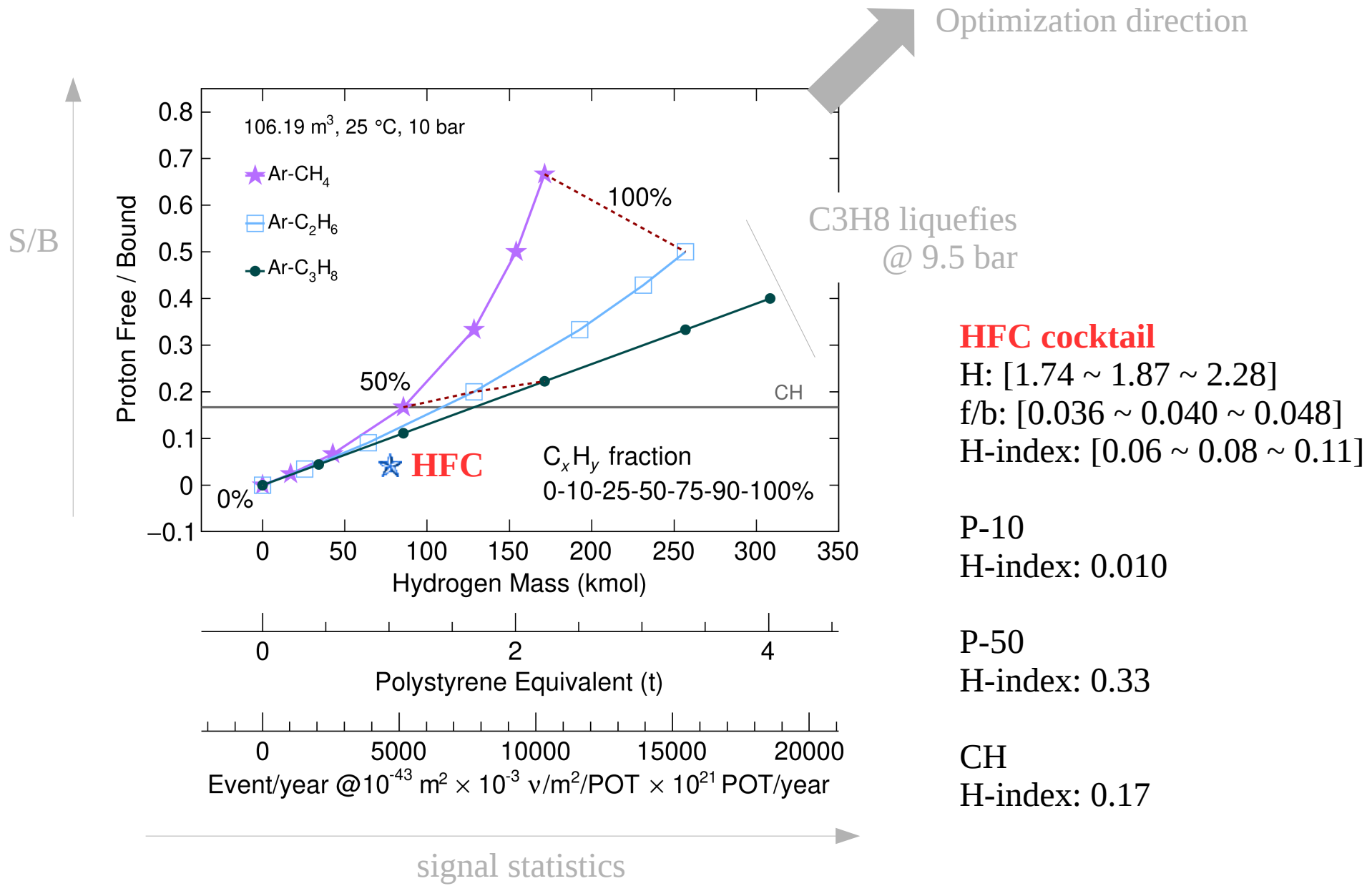
Search for H-rich non-flammable gas: HFC (in collaboration with Diego)

Single High-LFL Flammable Cocktail
 1.3 bar CH₂F₂ (LFL)
 0.7 bar C₃H₃F₅
 4.5 bar C₂H₂F₄
 1.5 bar C₃H₂F₆
 2 bar CHF₃
 Name [13]C1H2F2[7]C3H3F5[45]C2H2F4[15]C3H2F6[20]C1H1F3
 Z 48.40
 A 98.84
 H 1.87
 B 46.53,
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 purity: 0.040189
H-index: 0.075154

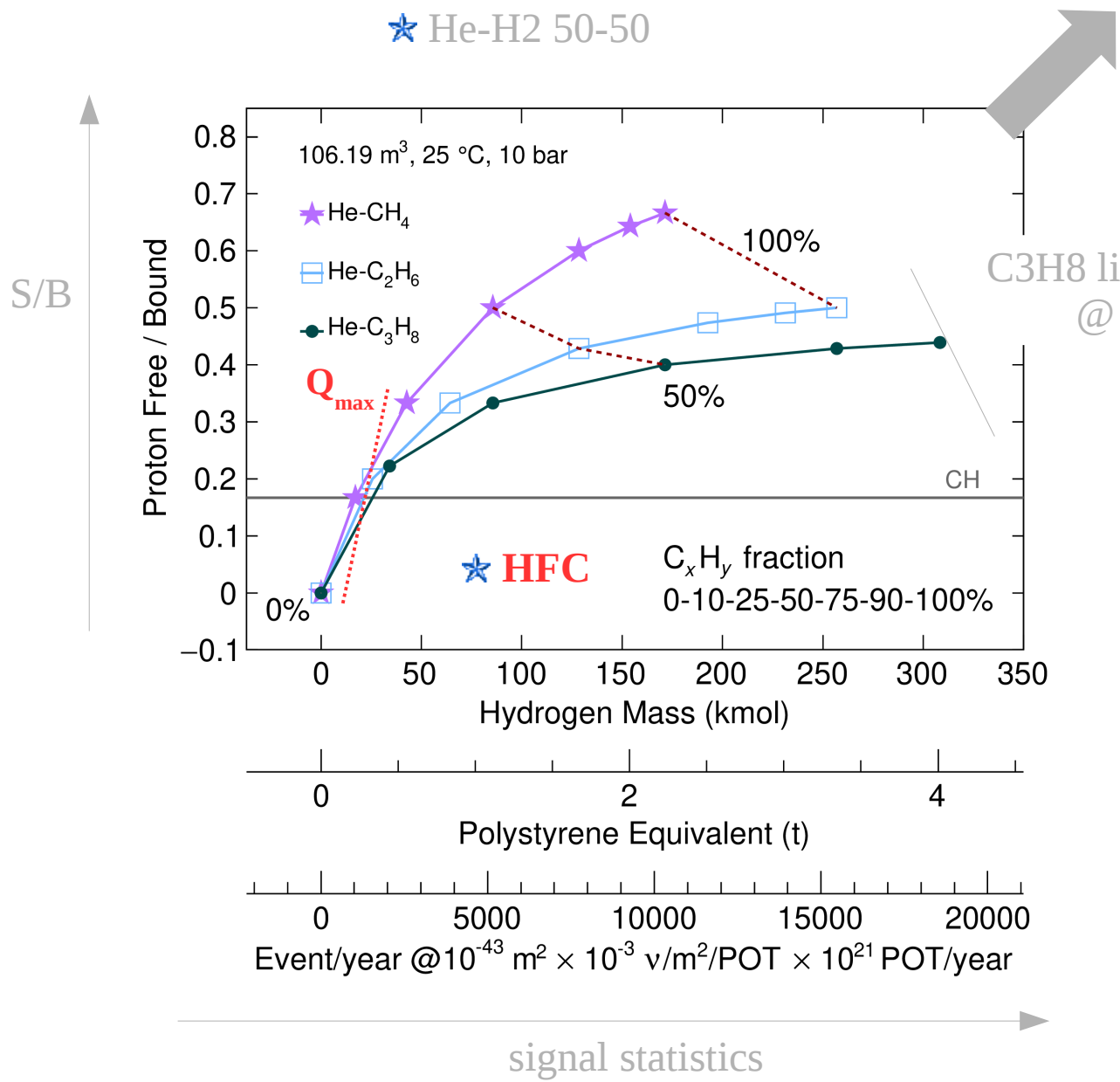
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| 32 | CH ₂ F ₂ Difluoromethane | 17.31 | 28.4% | A2L | 13 | 46% | 0.17 |
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| 1234yf | C ₃ H ₂ F ₄ 2,3,3,3-Tetrafluoropropene | 0.06 | #VALUE! | A2L | | #VALUE! | 0.07 |
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Search for H-rich non-flammable gas: HFC (in collaboration with Diego)



Optimization direction

HFC cocktail

H: [1.74 ~ 1.87 ~ 2.28]
 f/b: [0.036 ~ 0.040 ~ 0.048]
 H-index: [0.06 ~ 0.08 ~ 0.11]

He-CH₄ 85-15
 H: 0.60, f/b: 0.23 → H-index: 0.14

He-CH₄ 90-10
 H: 0.40, f/b: 0.17 → H-index: 0.067

**HFC cocktail ~ He-CH₄ 10-15%
 (better than P-10)
 event rate OR purity
 Not both**

Search for H-rich non-flammable gas: CHO

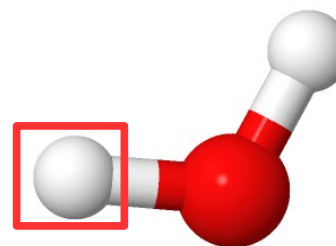
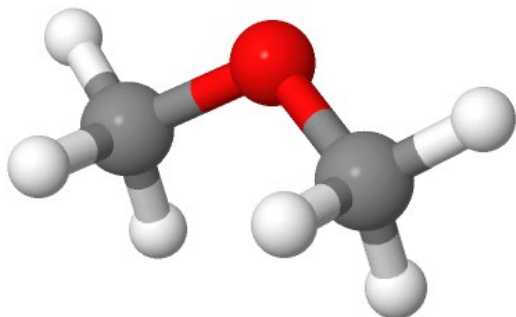
CH₃OCH₃ Dimethyl ether (DME)

v.p. 5.9 bar

H-index: 1.8

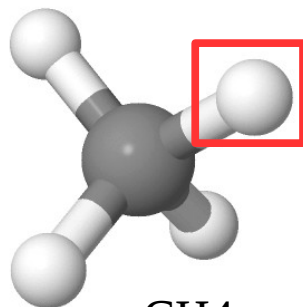
Flammable 3.4-18% (A3)

9.4% @ Q_{max}



H₂O

Any other CHO gas?



CH₄

H-index: 2.7

16% @ Q_{max}

| | | | | | |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| | | | | | 2 He |
| 5 B | 6 C | 7 N | 8 O | 9 F | 10 Ne |
| 13 Al | 14 Si | 15 P | 16 S | 17 Cl | 18 Ar |
| 31 Ga | 32 Ge | 33 As | 34 Se | 35 Br | 36 Kr |
| 49 In | 50 Sn | 51 Sb | 52 Te | 53 I | 54 Xe |

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Search for H-rich non-flammable gas: CHN

v.p. 10 bar

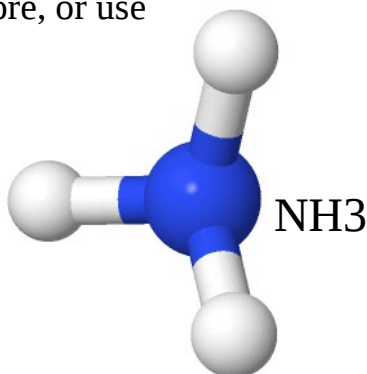
H-index: 1.3

Flammable 15-30% (B2L)

44% @ Q_{max}

694kg in 100m³ 10bar

“It is classified as an **extremely hazardous substance** in the United States, and is subject to strict reporting requirements by facilities which produce, store, or use it in significant quantities.” [wiki]



Replace CH₂F₂ in previous
HFC Single High-LFL Cocktail
1.3 bar NH₃ (LFL)

0.7 bar C₃H₃F₅

4.5 bar C₂H₂F₄

1.5 bar C₃H₂F₆

2 bar CHF₃

Name

[13]NH₃[7]C₃H₃F₅[45]C₂H₂F₄[15]C₃H₂F₆[20]C₁H₁F₃

Z 46.32

A 94.29

H 2.00

B 44.32,

Element H 0 2.00, Element C 2 1.76,

Element N 3 0.13, Element F 5 3.65

purity: 0.045126

H-index: 0.090253

→ **slight improvement (wrt 0.075154)**

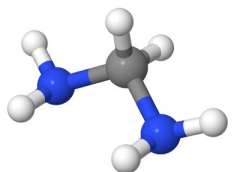
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| 5 B | 6 C | 7 N | 8 O | 9 F | 10 Ne |
| 13 Al | 14 Si | 15 P | 16 S | 17 Cl | 18 Ar |
| 31 Ga | 32 Ge | 33 As | 34 Se | 35 Br | 36 Kr |
| 49 In | 50 Sn | 51 Sb | 52 Te | 53 I | 54 Xe |

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Search for H-rich non-flammable gas: CHN

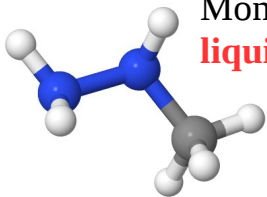
CH₆N₂ isomers

H-index: 1.8



NH₂CH₂NH₂
Methanediamine

CH₂(NH₂)₂
Monomethylhydrazine
liquid

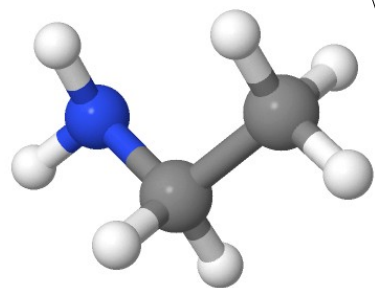
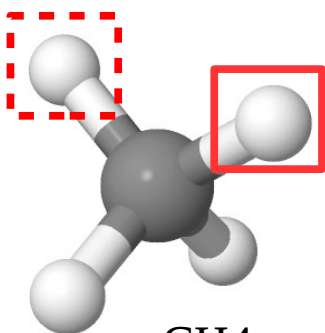
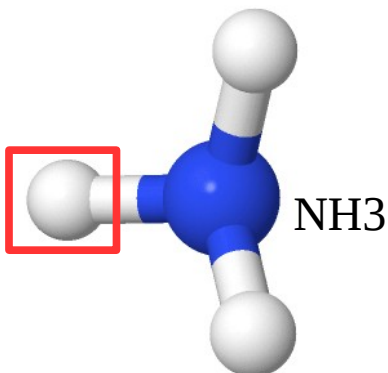
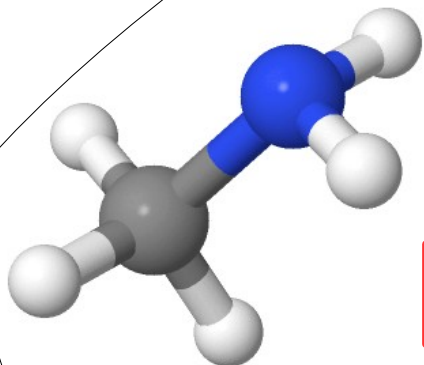


CH₃NH₂ Methylamine:

v.p. 3.5 bar

H-index: 1.9

In the United States, methylamine is **controlled as a List 1 precursor chemical** by the Drug Enforcement Administration [wiki]



C₂H₅NH₂ Ethylamine

v.p. 1.4 bar

H-index: 2.6

Flammable 3.5 – 14%

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Search for H-rich non-flammable gas: CHN

$\text{N}(\text{CH}_3)_3$ Trimethylamine (TMA)

v.p. 2.2 bar

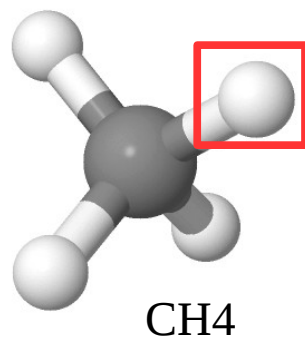
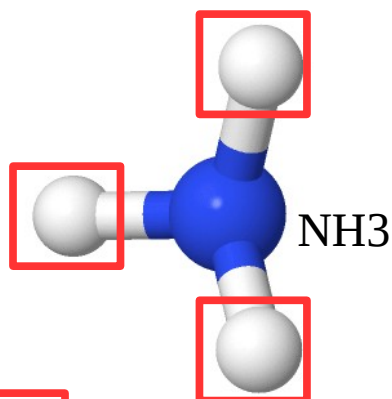
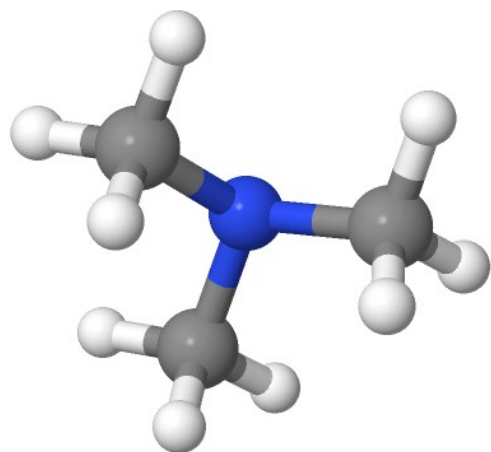
H-index: 3.2 (between C_2H_6 and C_3H_8)

Flammable 2 – 11.6% (too low LFL)

At lower concentrations, it has a "fishy" odor, the odor associated with rotting fish (wiki)

Xe-TMA 6.2% at 10 bar (> LFL?!)

JINST 8 (2013) P01012, [arXiv:1210.3287](https://arxiv.org/abs/1210.3287)



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Flammability hierarchy
 $A3 \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)2 \rightarrow (B \rightarrow A)1$

Corresponding H-index hierarchy
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 A1: below 0.1

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At lower flammability limit, most of the gas use up only 30-40% Q_{max}

Assume LFL constant (generally not true):

15% NH3 + 13% CH2F2 ~ 80% Q_{max}

Leaving 7.2 bar 20% Q_{max} to fill up

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17%
35%
24%
24%

Maximal H Cocktail
 1.7 bar neopentane (C5)
 3.5 bar isobutane (C4)
 2.4 bar butane (C4)
 2.4 bar propane (C3)
 Name
 [17]C5H12[59]C4H10[24]C3H8
 Z 33.44
 A 57.02
 H 9.86
 B 23.58,
 Element H 0 9.86, Element C 2
 3.93
 purity: 0.418151
H-index: 4.122969

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| | C3H8 | 9.52 | 6.3% | A3 | 2.1 | 33% | 9.5 | 3.56 |
| | C2H6 | 41.90 | 8.9% | A3 | 3 | 34% | 12.5 | 3.00 |
| | CH4 | superc | 15.8% | A3 | 5 | 32% | 15 | 2.67 |
| | CH3OCH3, sir | 5.90 | 9.4% | A3 | 3.4 | 36% | 18 | 1.80 |
| | NH3 | 10.03 | 43.9% | B2L | 15 | 34% | 30 | 1.29 |
| 152a | C2H4F2 1,1-D | 5.96 | 12.8% | A2 | 3.7 | 29% | 18 | 0.53 |
| 143a | C2H3F3 1,1,1 | 12.62 | 16.0% | A2L | 7 | 44% | 17 | 0.23 |
| 32 | CH2F2 Difluor | 17.31 | 28.4% | A2L | 13 | 46% | 33 | 0.17 |
| 245fa | C3H3F5, 1,1,1 | 1.48 | | B1 | | | | 0.14 |
| 134a | C2H2F4 1,1,1 | 6.65 | | A1 | | | x | 0.08 |
| 1234ze | C3H2F4, 1,3,3 | 7.00 | #DIV/0! | A2L | x | #DIV/0! | x | 0.07 |
| 1234yf | C3H2F4 2,3,3 | 0.06 | #VALUE! | A2L | | #VALUE! | | 0.07 |
| 236fa | C3H2F6, 1,1,1 | 2.72 | | A1 | | | | 0.06 |
| 23 | CHF3 Fluorofc | 45.98 | | A1 | | | 35.3 | 0.03 |
| 125 | C2HF5 Pentaf | 13.90 | | A1 | | | x | 0.02 |
| 227ea | C3HF7, 1,1,1, | 4.55 | | A1 | | | | 0.01 |

Single High-LFL Flammable HFC Cocktail
 1.3 bar CH2F2 (LFL)
 0.7 bar C3H3F5
 4.5 bar C2H2F4
 1.5 bar C3H2F6
 2 bar CHF3
 Name
 [13]C1H2F2[7]C3H3F5[45]C2H2F4[15]C3H2F6[20]C1H1F3
 Z 48.40
 A 98.84
 H 1.87
 B 46.53,
 Element H 0 1.87, Element C 2 1.89, Element F 4 3.91
 purity: 0.040189
H-index: 0.075154

13%
7%
45%
15%
20%

Summary and discussions (3)

1. Survey on HFC

- Refrigerant industry
- HFC has quite some non-flammable gas, but all with low H-index (necessarily)
- One particular A2L (low flammability low toxicity) gas with high LFL (lower flammability limit):
 - CH₂F₂ Difluoromethane, 13% LFL
 - Can be cooked for non-flammable mixtures
- **HFC cocktails ~ He-CH₄ 10-15%**
 - **Event rate OR purity, not both.**
 - **Need to consider realistic tracking and DUNE ND run plan**
- Only looked at saturated HFC, non-saturated ones are more H-efficient
 - C₂H₂F₂ H-index: 0.13, better than C₂H₂F₄ (0.08), worse than CH₂F₂ (0.17), very flammable, allowed fraction is 2% by Q

2. Probed CHN

- NH₃ (B2L: low flammability *high* toxicity) has the highest H-index (1.29) among all low flammability gas, and even higher LFL (15%) than CH₂F₂
- Generally, NH₂ is more H-efficient than F when replacing H in alkane, but need a new strategy to explore as the industry is changed (refrigerant → drug); **might have surprises**

3. Briefly looked at CHO

- CHO is mostly liquid except DME (CH₃OCH₃) which is A3 (high flammability)
- OH is between NH₂ and F in terms of H-efficiency; **surprises?**

Summary and discussions (3)

4. Need to sync with FNAL safety people

- Regulation details: how much parametric overlap between [FESHM 6020.3](#) and [ASHRAE 34](#)?
- **Refine gas search strategy: safety vs. tracking vs. possible run plan**

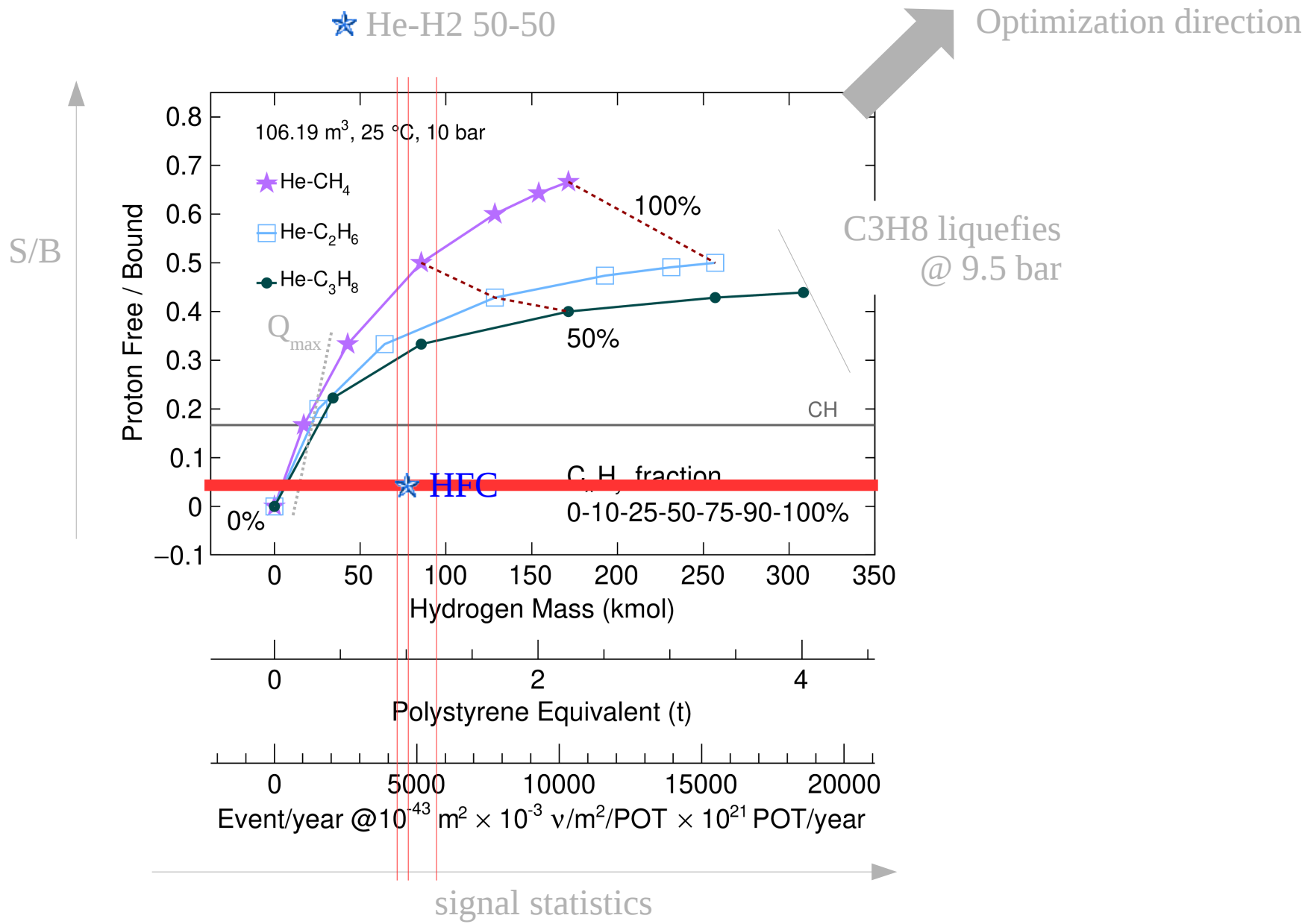
5. TPC gas properties benchmarking

- Ionization density can be large enough to enable μ/π separation outside dE/dx crossing?
- 3-body attachment at high pressure, etc.

BACKUP

| code name: HFC-, R- | | v.p. 25C (bar) | allowed percent age | ASHRA E 34 Safety group | flamma blility lower limit % | fraction of Q at LFL | flamstab ility upper limit in | H-in dex= f/b * #H |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 41 | CH3F Fluoromethane | 36.64 | #VALUE! | x | 5.6 | #VALUE! | 22.2 | 0.60 |
| 161 | C2H5F Fluoroethane | 9.43 | #VALUE! | x | x | #VALUE! | 17.3 | 1.19 |
| 152 | C2H4F2 1,2-Difluoroethane | 7.18 | #VALUE! | x | | #VALUE! | | 0.53 |
| | C2H2F2, 1,1-Difluoroethylene | 40.04 | 2.0% | xx | | 0% | | 0.13 |
| 143 | C2H3F3 1,1,2-TRIFLUOROETHANE | x | 14.5% | x | | 0% | | 0.23 |
| 134 | C2H2F4 1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoroethane | x | 30.4% | x | | 0% | x | 0.08 |
| 281 | C3H7F, 1-Fluoropropane | x | #DIV/0! | x | | #DIV/0! | | 1.81 |
| 272 | C3H6F2, Difluoropropane | | #DIV/0! | x | | #DIV/0! | | 1.00 |
| 263 | C3H5F3, Trifluoropropane | | #DIV/0! | x | | #DIV/0! | | 0.56 |
| 254cb | C3H4F4, 1,1,2,2-Tetrafluoropropane | | #DIV/0! | x | | #DIV/0! | | 0.30 |
| 245eb | C3H3F5, 1,1,1,2,3-Pentafluoropropane | | #DIV/0! | x | | #DIV/0! | | 0.14 |

Search for H-rich non-flammable gas: HFC



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