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A high-resolution tomograph for the study of thermal-fluids phenomena TIMOTHY UPTON, University of New Hampshire, DEAN VERHO-EVEN, Ancona Research, Inc. — A unique tomographic testbed having the ability to resolve small, three-dimensional structures has been constructed for the study of thermal-fluids phenomena. The twelve-view, high-resolution optical system employs a mirror array to deliver two projections or views to each of six cameras. The herein described tomograph provides a spatial resolution of 250 um for a field of view 32 mm in the horizontal direction by 64 mm in the vertical direction. To demonstrate the capabilities of the technique, fully three-dimensional measurements of the turbulent flame surface of a premixed, propane-air flame have been made. These whole-field measurements appear to be the first of their kind. The flow field with a mean speed of 11 m/s and rms turbulence of 0.36 m/s is frozen using a 10 us flash delivered by a uniformly-distributed, high-power flash ring. The light reflected from micronsized oil droplets seeding the flow is acquired from twelve viewing directions. These projection measurements are used to reconstruct the flame reactants, providing the instantaneous flame surface in three dimensions.

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