



Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines

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Hour 3

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Hour 3: Chemical Kinetics, HCCI & SI Combustion



Short course outline:

Engine fundamentals and performance metrics, computer modeling supported by in-depth understanding of fundamental engine processes and detailed experiments in engine design optimization.

Day 1 (Engine fundamentals)

Hour 1: IC Engine Review, 0, 1 and 3-D modeling

Hour 2: Turbochargers, Engine Performance Metrics

Hour 3: Chemical Kinetics, HCCI & SI Combustion

Day 2 (Spray combustion modeling)

Hour 4: Atomization, Drop Breakup/Coalescence

Hour 5: Drop Drag/Wall Impinge/Vaporization

Hour 6: Heat transfer, NO_x and Soot Emissions

Day 3 (Applications)

Hour 7: Diesel combustion and SI knock modeling

Hour 8: Optimization and Low Temperature Combustion

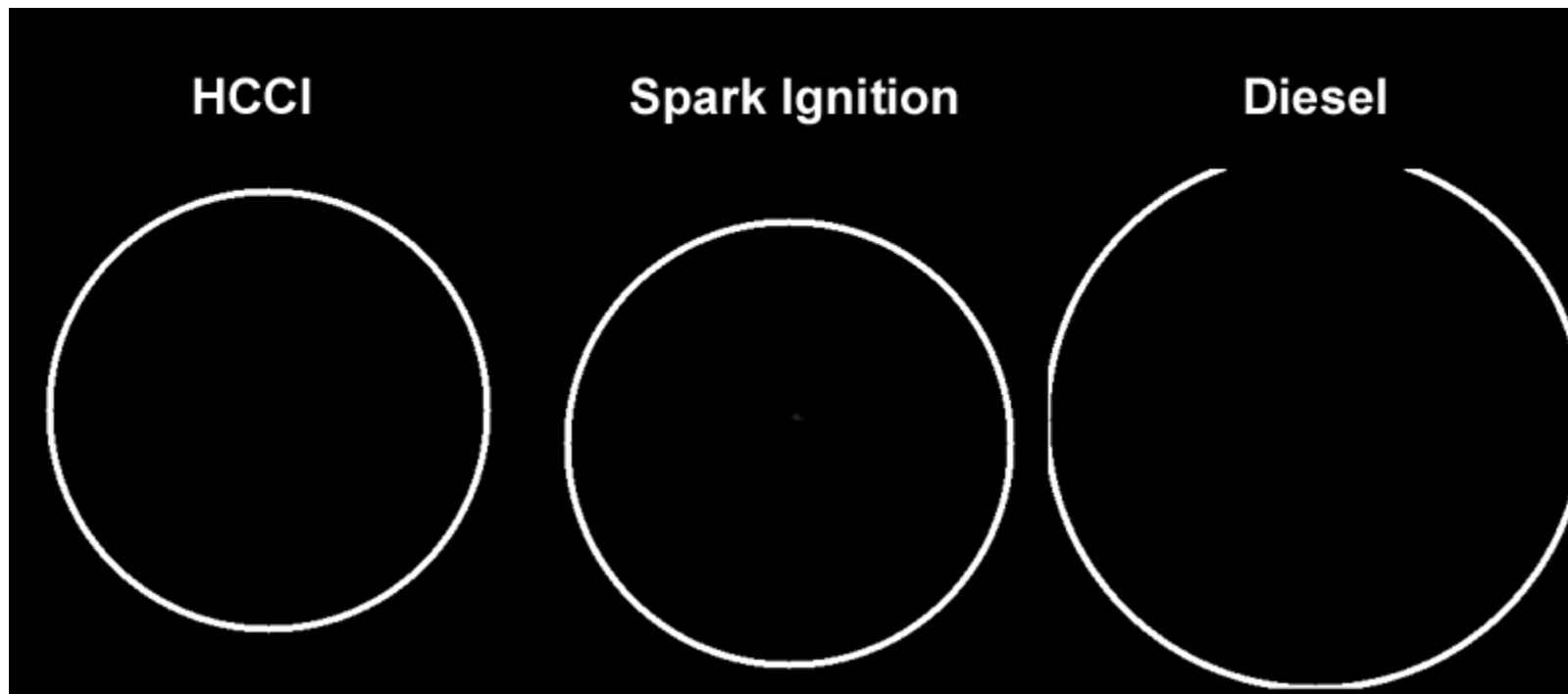
Hour 9: Automotive applications and the Future





Modes of Engine Combustion

<http://www.erc.wisc.edu/combustion.php>



HCCI uses a hybrid combustion strategy. Premixed fuel and air is inducted, but instead of igniting with a spark as in a SI engine, the high temperature from compression causes the mixture to spontaneously react, like in a diesel engine. Ignition occurs at slightly different times at different locations in the chamber.

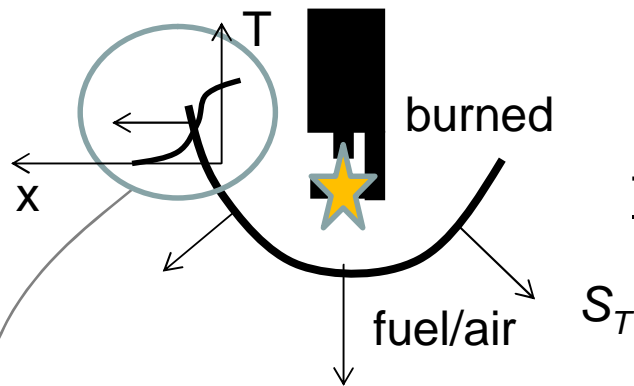
One feature of HCCI combustion is how quickly the fuel is consumed.





Basic Combustion Concepts – Spark Ignition (SI)

How can SI engines operate with engine speeds from 100 to 20,000 rev/min?



Turbulence!

Kinetic energy, $k \sim V_{piston}^2$

Integral length scale $l_I \sim L_{piston}$

Kinetic energy dissipation rate,
 $\varepsilon \sim V_{piston}^3 / L_{piston}$

Diffusivity, $D \sim k^2 / \varepsilon \sim V_{piston} L_{piston}$

Because turbulent flame speed, S_T , scales with rpm!

Characteristic Time Combustion (CTC) model

Reitz & Bracco, 1983; Abraham, 1985

Species conversion rate (Y_i species mass fraction, * local equilibrium solution)

$$\frac{dY_i}{dt} = -\frac{Y_i - Y_i^*}{\tau_c} \quad ; \quad \tau_c \sim k/\varepsilon \sim L_{piston} / V_{piston}$$

Mallard-Le Chatelier propagating wave speed:

$$S_T = \sqrt{D \frac{dY_i}{dt}} \sim V_{piston}$$

Glassman, 1996

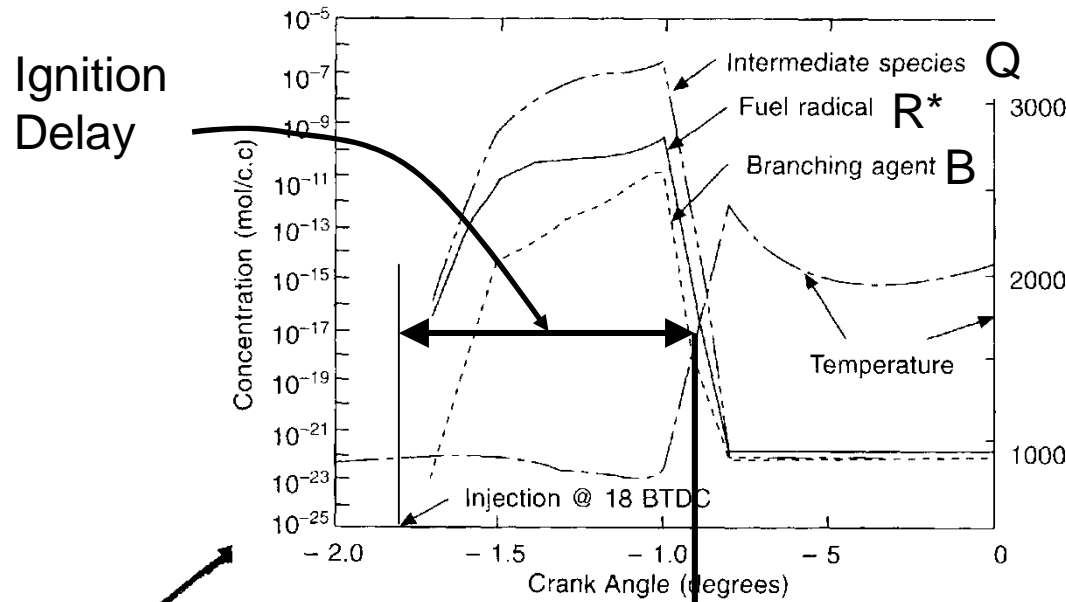
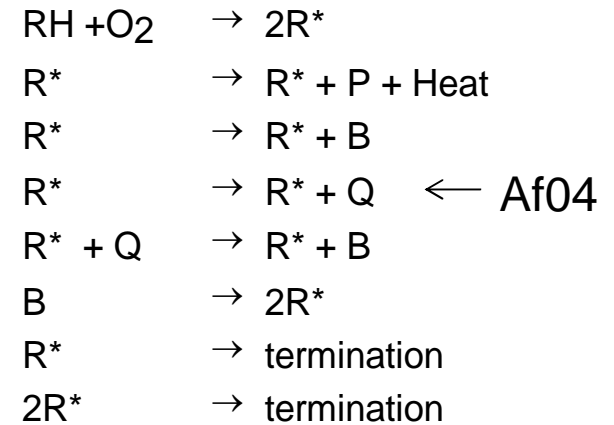




Basic Combustion Concepts – Diesel (CI)

Halstead, 1977

Shell Ignition Model

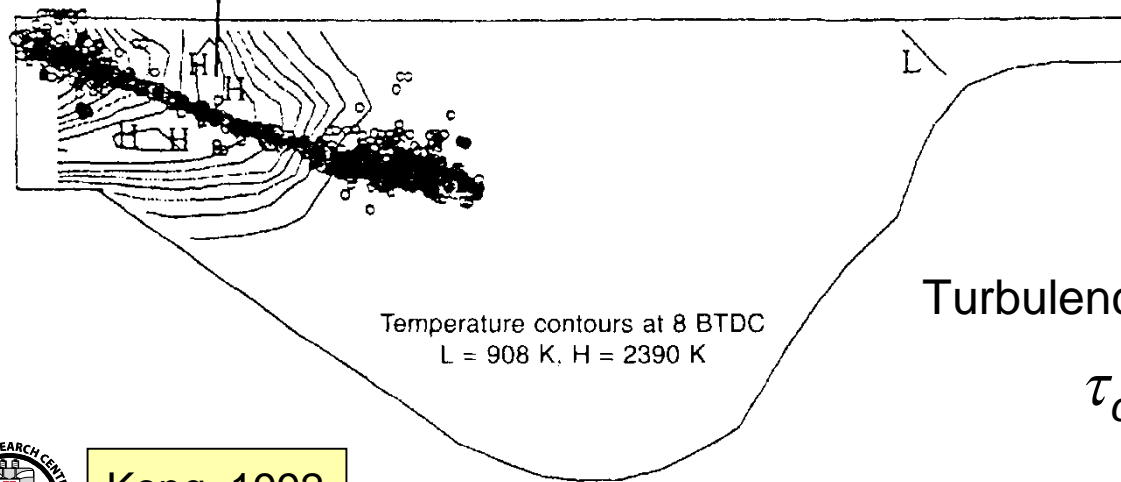


Switch to Characteristic Time Combustion model

$$\frac{dY_i}{dt} = -\frac{Y_i - Y_i^*}{\tau_c}$$

Turbulence generated by fuel injection

$$\tau_c \sim k/\varepsilon \sim L_{\text{nozzle}} / V_{\text{nozzle}}$$



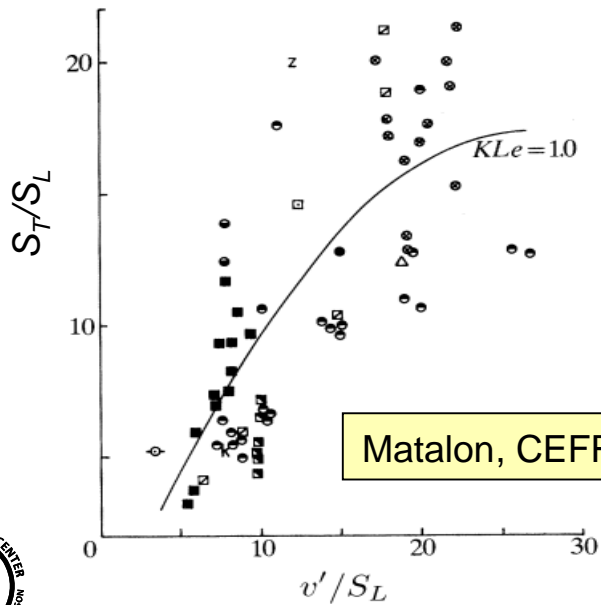
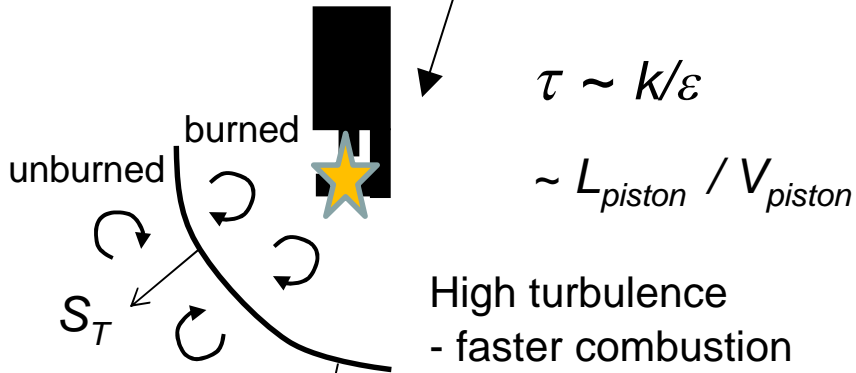
Kong, 1992





Turbulent Mixing

Spark-ignition



Injected fuel with entrained air

Diesel

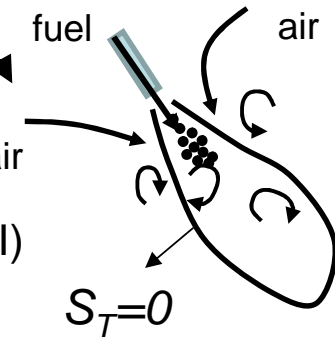
fuel air

$$\tau \sim k/\epsilon$$

$$\sim L_{nozzle} / V_{nozzle}$$

Delayed ignition (PCCI)
- better mixing

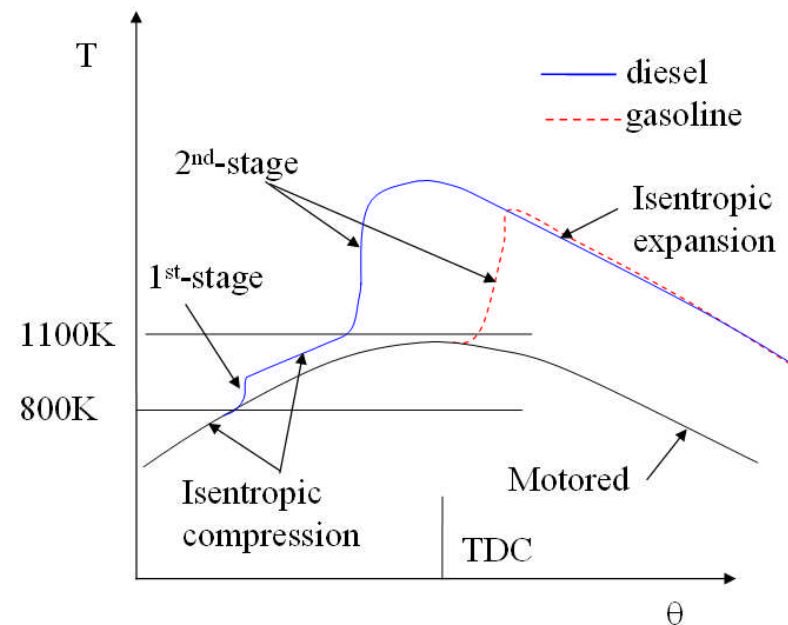
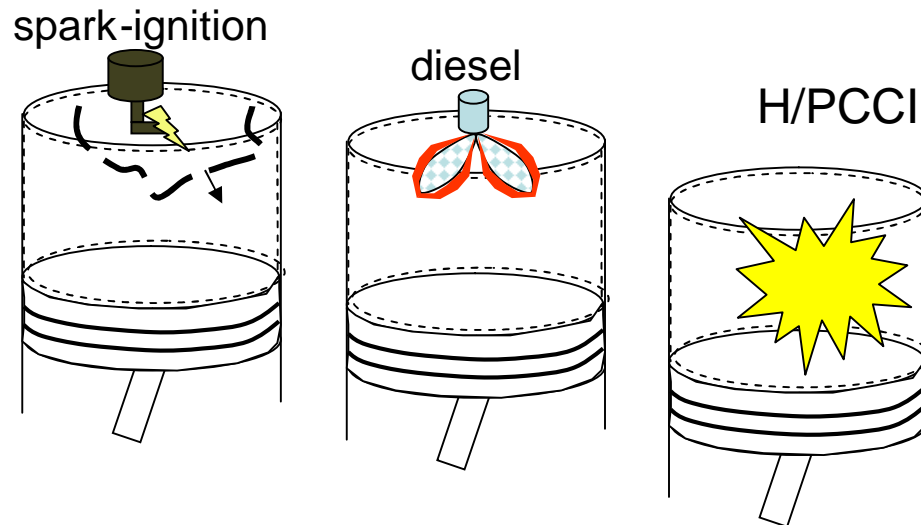
$S_T = 0$





Summary of combustion regimes

- Gasoline engine spark-ignition with flame propagation:
High turbulence for high flame speed → heat losses. Issues: NO_x and UHC/CO, knock (CR, fuels), throttling losses → low thermal efficiency TE ~25%
- Diesel engine with spray (diffusion) combustion:
Rich mixtures (soot) & high temperatures (NO_x) → higher TE ~45%
- H/Premixed Charge Compression Ignition – LTC, chemistry controlled:
Sensitive to fuel, poor combustion/load control, low NO_x-soot → TE ~50%



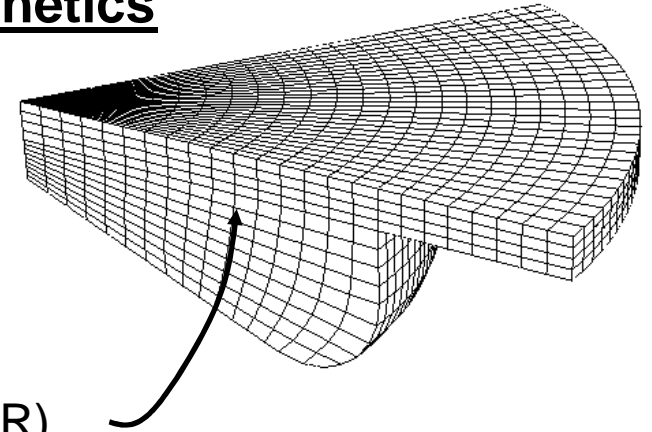


Premixed Volumetric Combustion & Chemical Kinetics

Species and energy conservation equations

$$\frac{\partial \rho_i}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho_i \mathbf{u}) = \nabla \cdot [\rho D \nabla \left(\frac{\rho_i}{\rho} \right)] + \dot{\rho}_i^c + \dot{\rho}_i^s$$

$$\frac{\partial (\rho I)}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} I) = -p \nabla \cdot \mathbf{u} - \nabla \cdot \mathbf{J} + \rho \varepsilon + \dot{Q}^c + \dot{Q}^s + \dot{Q}^r$$



Constant volume combustion – Well-Stirred-Reactor (WSR)

$$\frac{dY_i}{dt} = \frac{W_i}{\rho} \sum_{k=1}^{n_r} (\nu''_{k,i} - \nu'_{k,i}) q_k(\mathbf{Y}, T), \quad i = 1, \dots, n_s$$

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n_s} \nu'_{k,i} M_i = \sum_{i=1}^{n_s} \nu''_{k,i} M_i, \quad k = 1, \dots, n_r$$

$$q_k(\mathbf{Y}, T) = \kappa_{f,k} \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \left(\frac{\rho Y_i}{W_i} \right)^{\nu'_{k,i}} - \kappa_{b,k} \prod_{i=1}^{n_s} \left(\frac{\rho Y_i}{W_i} \right)^{\nu''_{k,i}}$$

$$\kappa_{f,k}(T) = A_k T^{b_k} \exp\left(-\frac{E_k}{RT}\right) ; \quad \kappa_{b,k}(T) = \kappa_{f,k}(T) / K_{c_{eq,k}}(T)$$

$$K_{c_{eq,k}}(T) = \exp(-\Delta g_k^0) \left(\frac{p_{atm}}{RT} \right)^{\sum_{i=1}^{n_s} (\nu''_{k,i} - \nu'_{k,i})}$$

$$\frac{dT}{dt}(\mathbf{Y}, T) = -\frac{1}{\bar{c}_v(\mathbf{Y}, T)} \sum_{i=1}^{n_s} \left(\frac{U_i(T)}{W_i} \frac{dY_i}{dt}(\mathbf{Y}, T) \right)$$

- I specific internal energy
- M_i chemical label
- n_r reactions
- n_s species
- $\nu'_{k,i} \nu''_{k,i}$ reactant/product stoichiometric coefficients
- Y_i mass fraction
- W_i molecular weight
- U_i species energy

Williams, 1988

$$U_i = R_{mol} \left[(a_i - 1) T + \frac{b_i}{2} T^2 + \frac{c_i}{3} T^3 + \frac{d_i}{4} T^4 + \frac{e_i}{5} T^5 + f_i \right]$$

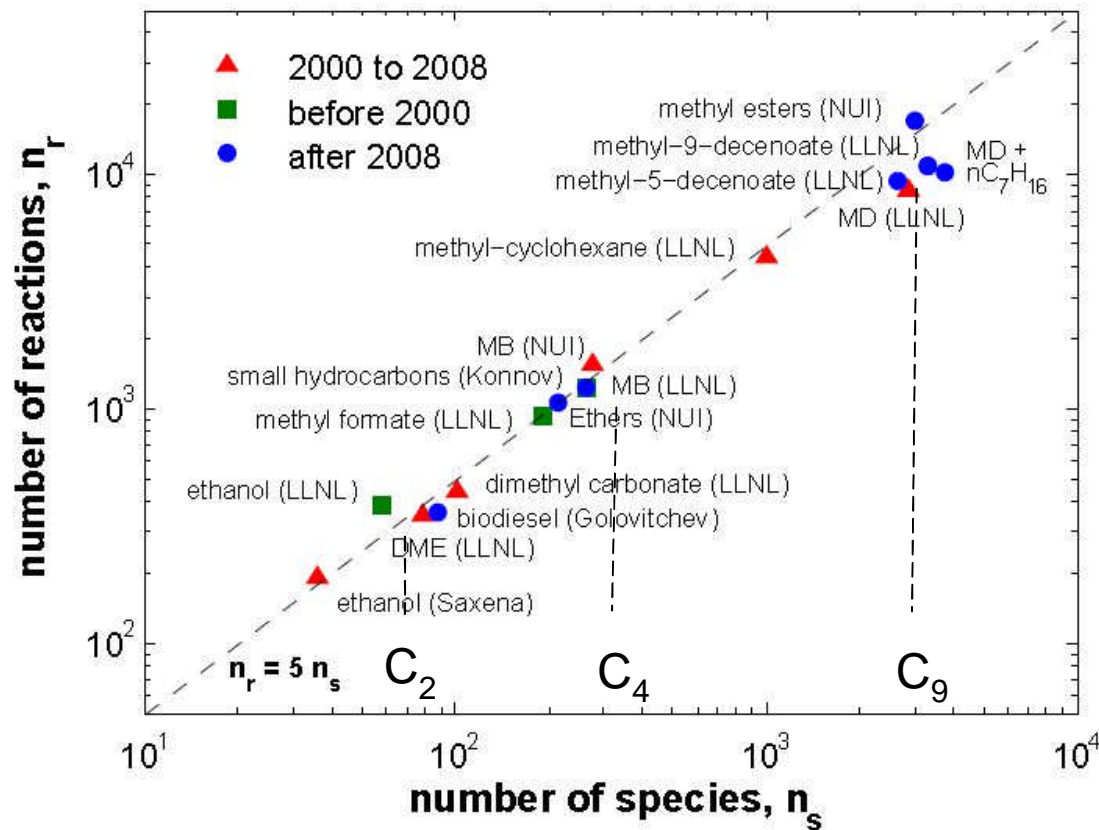




Chemical Kinetic Mechanisms for Engine Simulations

Requirements for mechanisms for practical engine simulations:

- Size can not be too large due to CPU time limitation ~ 100 species
- Capable of predicting auto-ignition delay time accurately
- Contain proper reactions for pollutant formation precursors



Biodiesel surrogates

- Significant mechanism reduction is required.

Soy biodiesel - Methyl:

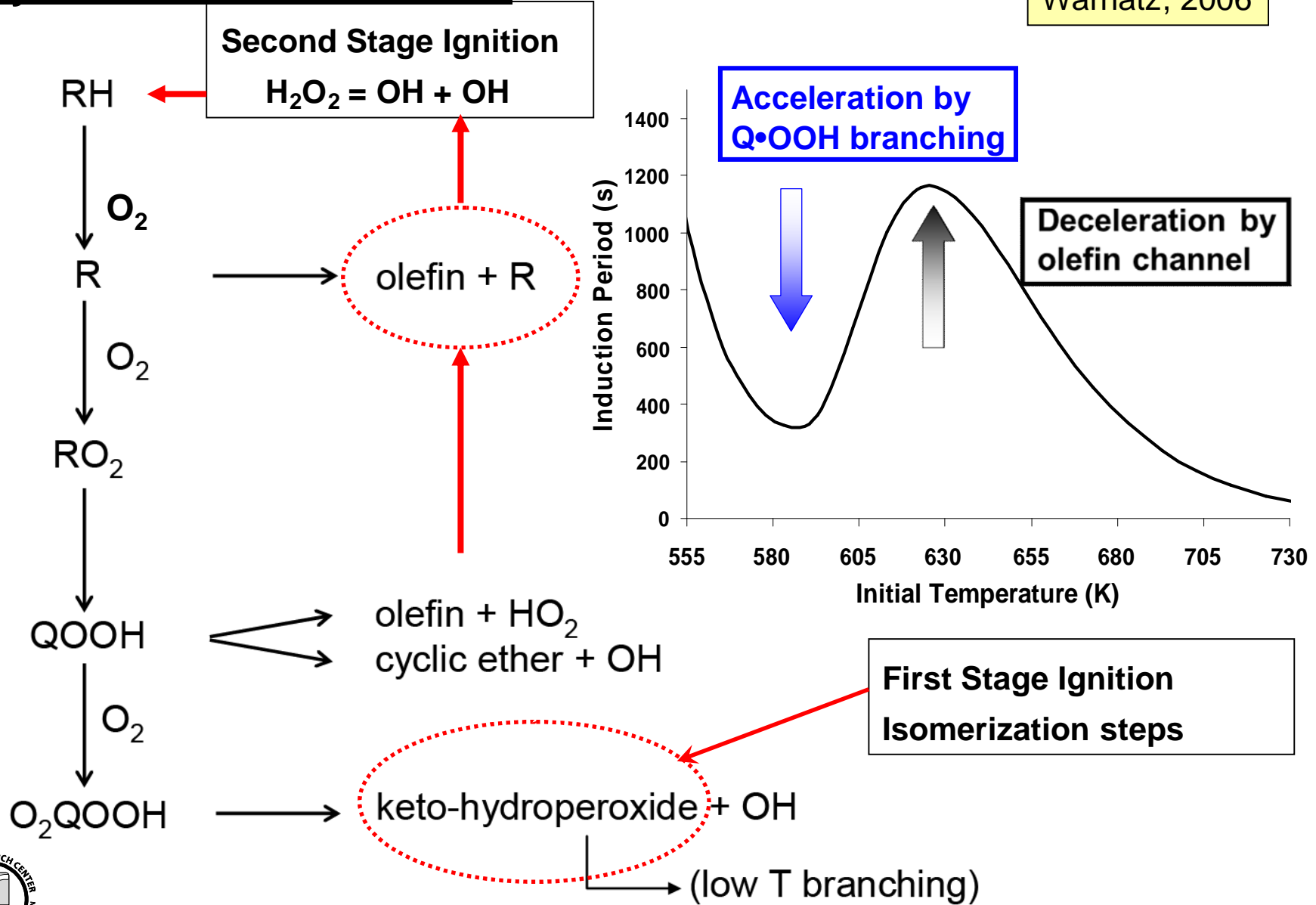
- palmitate (C16:0)
- stearate (C18:0)
- oleate (C18:1)
- linoleate (C18:2)
- linolenate (C18:3)





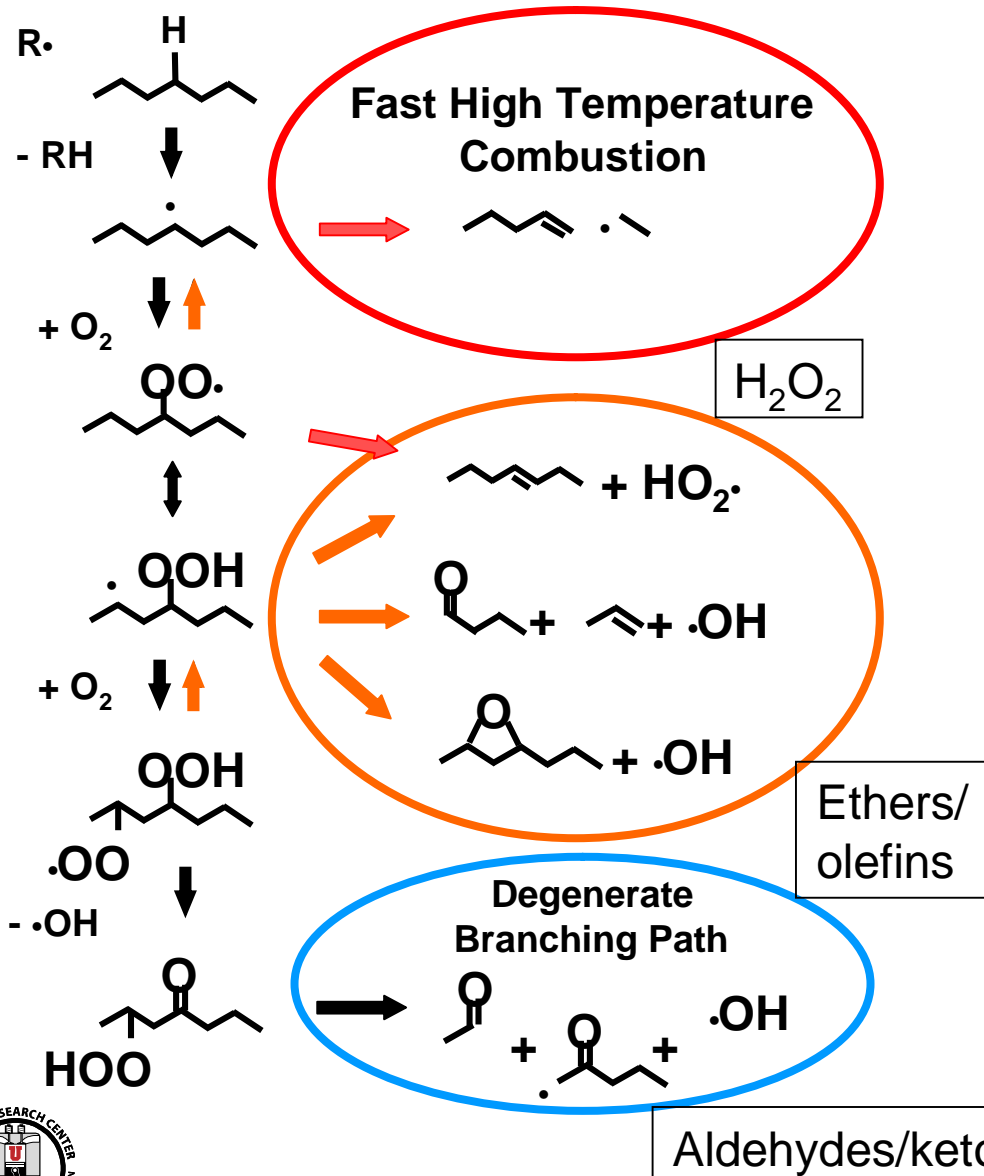
Hydrocarbon kinetics - NTC

Warnatz, 2006

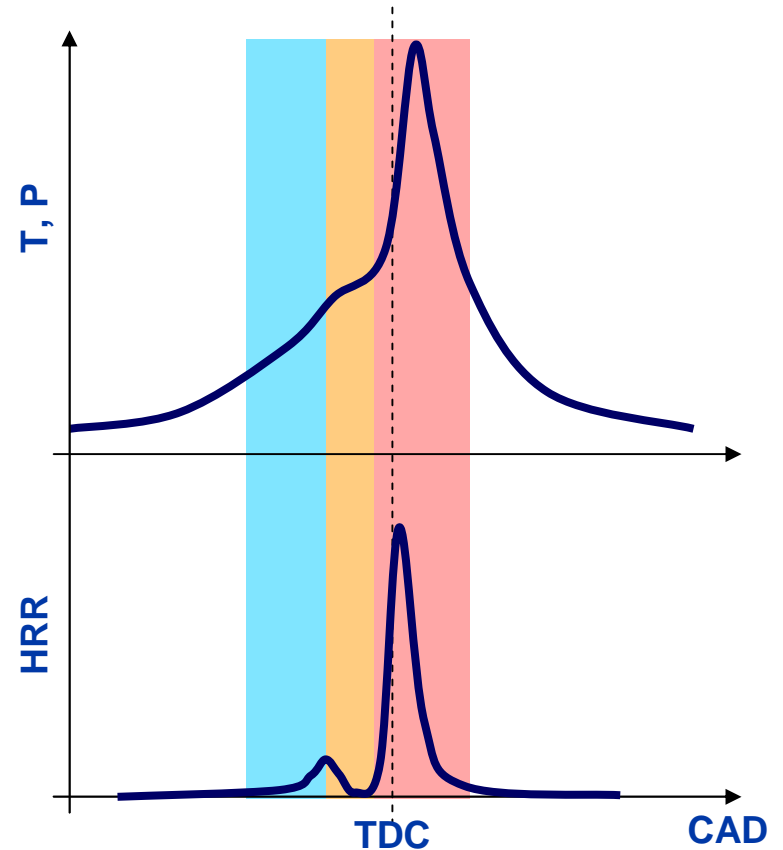




HCCI combustion kinetics



Typical HCCI Combustion Temperature and Heat Release Rate profiles

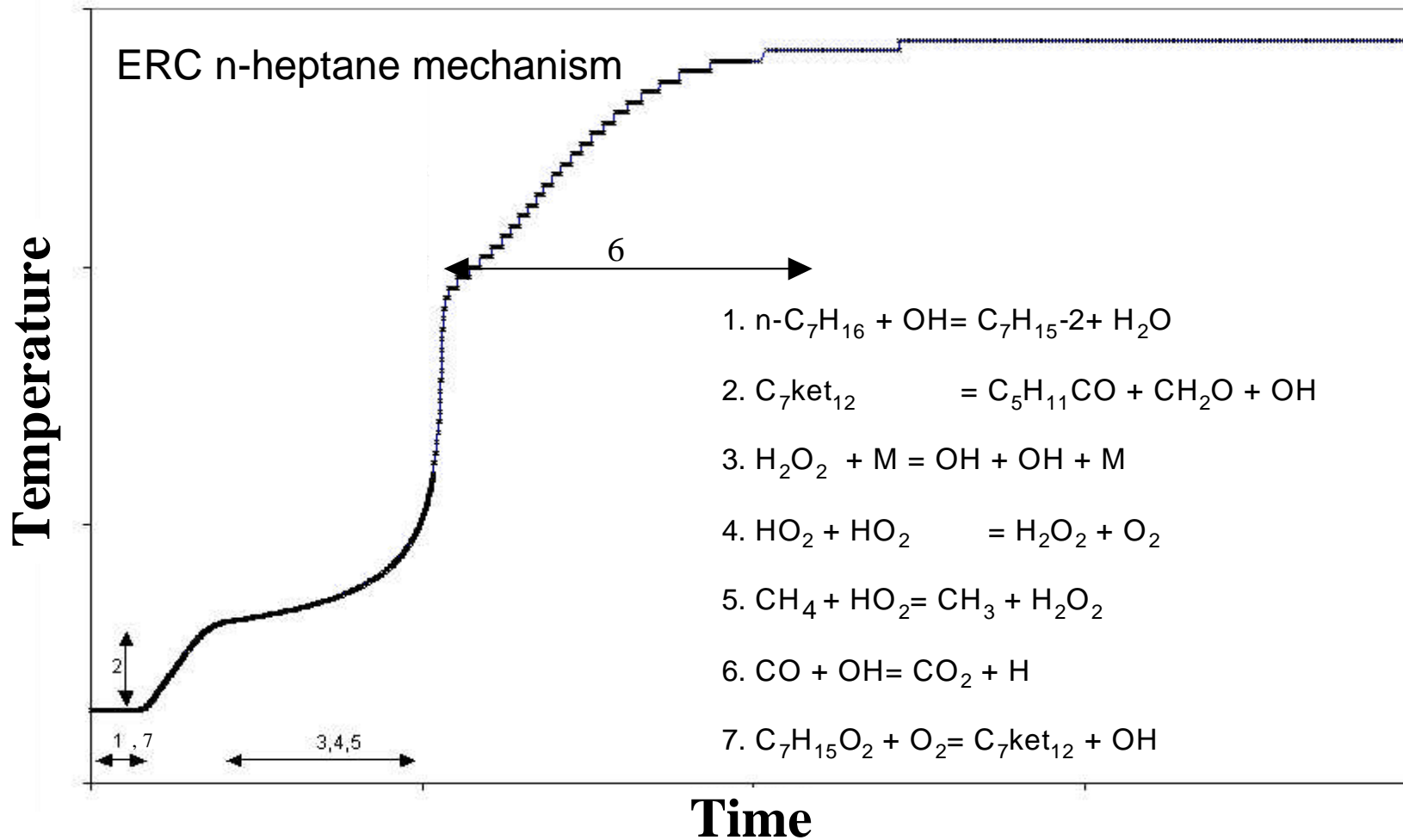


Mehl, 2009





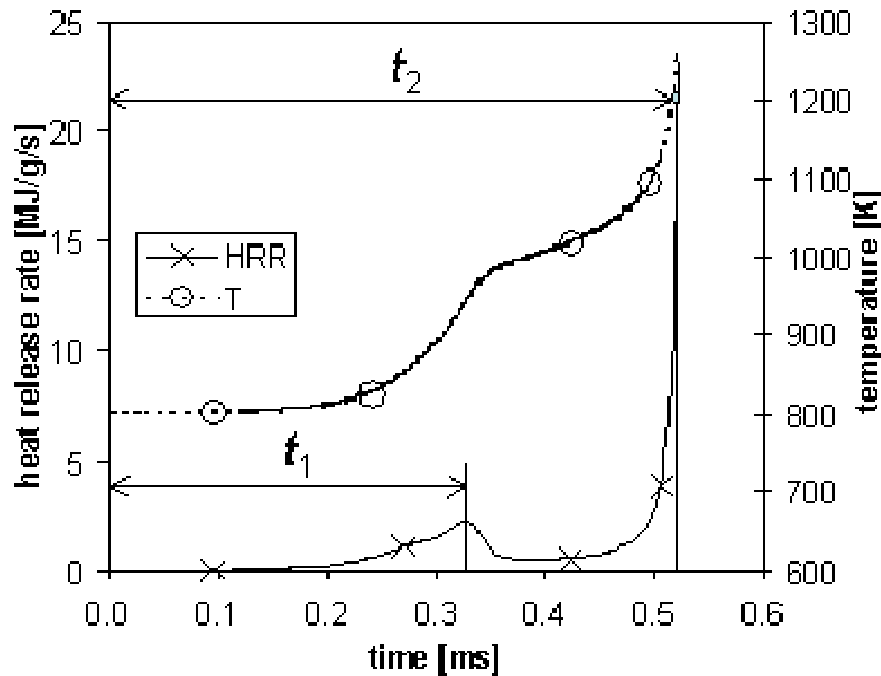
Mechanism reduction – identify key reaction steps



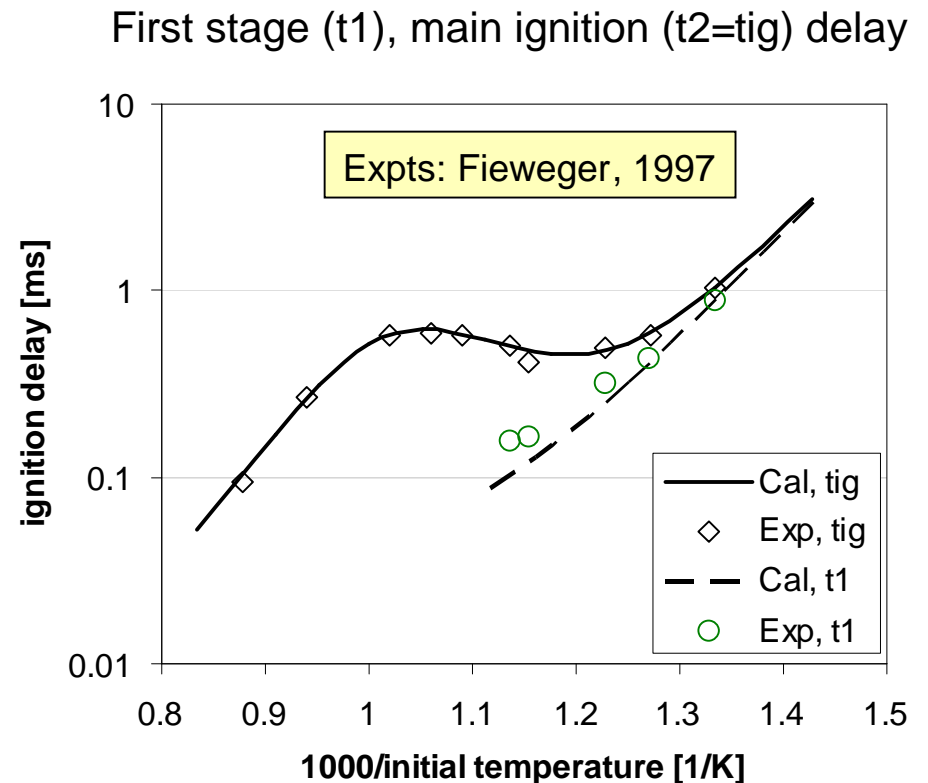
Patel, SAE 2004-01-0558



Reduced mechanisms - match shock tube and RCM data



Predicted ignition delay times validated against shock tube tests (data from Fieweger)
 $\phi=1.0$ and $P=40$ bar n-heptane/air



Ra and Reitz, 2008



Mechanism reduction methodology

Reduction of reaction pathways and species number

- combination of chemical lumping, graphical reaction flow analysis and elimination methods

Reaction rate optimization

- ignition delay curve sensitivity analysis

Pre-exponential: $A = k \times A_{base}$

Ignition delay sensitivity coefficient

$$S_{ig}(T) = 100 \times \frac{(\log_{10} t_{k_1} - \log_{10} t_{k_2})}{\log_{10} t_{base} \log_{10}(k_1/k_2)}$$

Ignition delay gradient sensitivity coefficient

$$S_{gr}(T) = \frac{\frac{d \log_{10} t_{k_1}}{dT} - \frac{d \log_{10} t_{k_2}}{dT}}{\log_{10}(k_1/k_2)} \times 100$$

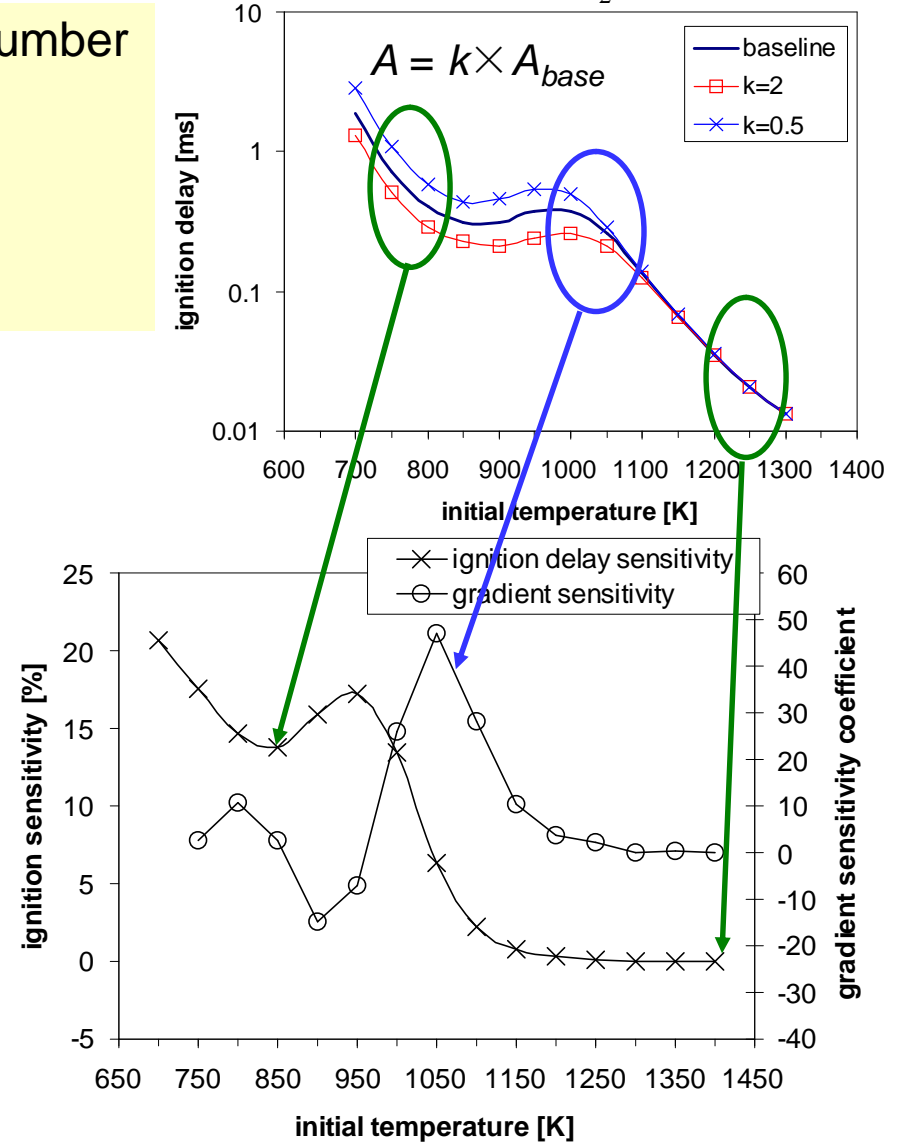
Positive S_{gr} : counter-clockwise rotation

Negative S_{gr} : clockwise rotation

Ra and Reitz, 2011



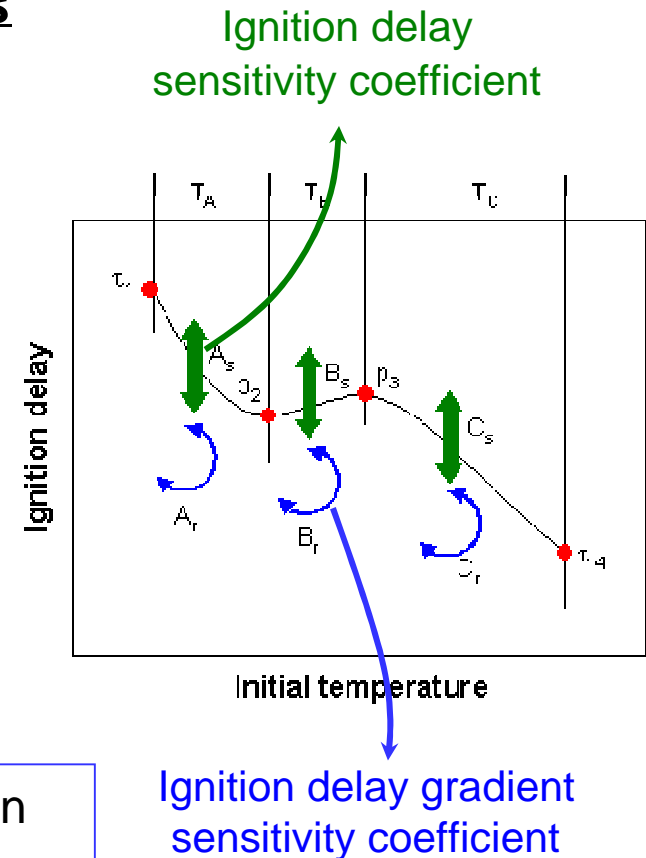
tetra-decane: $\dot{R}OO + O_2 = R\text{-keto} + OH$





Mechanism reduction – group reaction classes

No	Reaction	A _s	B _s	C _s	A _r	B _r	C _r	effect
I	$RH + H = \dot{R} + H_2O$							
II	$RH + OH = \dot{R} + H_2O$	●↓		●↑		●C		τ_1, p_2, p_3, τ_4
III	$RH + HO_2 = \dot{R} + H_2O_2$	○↓	○↓	○↓				τ_1, P_2, P_3, τ_4
IV	$RH + O_2 = \dot{R} + HO_2$		○↑	○↓		●		P_2, P_3
V	$\dot{R} + O_2 = R\dot{O}O$							
VI-a	$R\dot{O}O = \dot{Q}OOH$	●↓	●↓			○C		τ_1, P_2
VI-b	$\dot{Q}OOH + O_2 = \dot{O}OQOOH$	○↓	●↓					P_2, P_3
VI-c	$\dot{O}OQOOH = R\text{-keto} + OH$	○↓	●↓					P_2, P_3
VII	$R\text{-keto} = CH_2O + R'CO + OH$	●↓			○C			τ_1
VIII	$R'CO = X_1 + X_2 + CO$							
IX	$\dot{R} = S_1 + S_2 + S_3$		●↑				○	P_2, P_3, τ_4



Sensitivity of ignition delay curves of n-heptane oxidation

- solid circle, open circle and blank entry denote dominant, mild and not significant influence, respectively.
- C indicates counter-clockwise rotation.
- Circle only indicates clockwise rotation.



Ra and Reitz, 2011



ERC-MultiChem: PRF

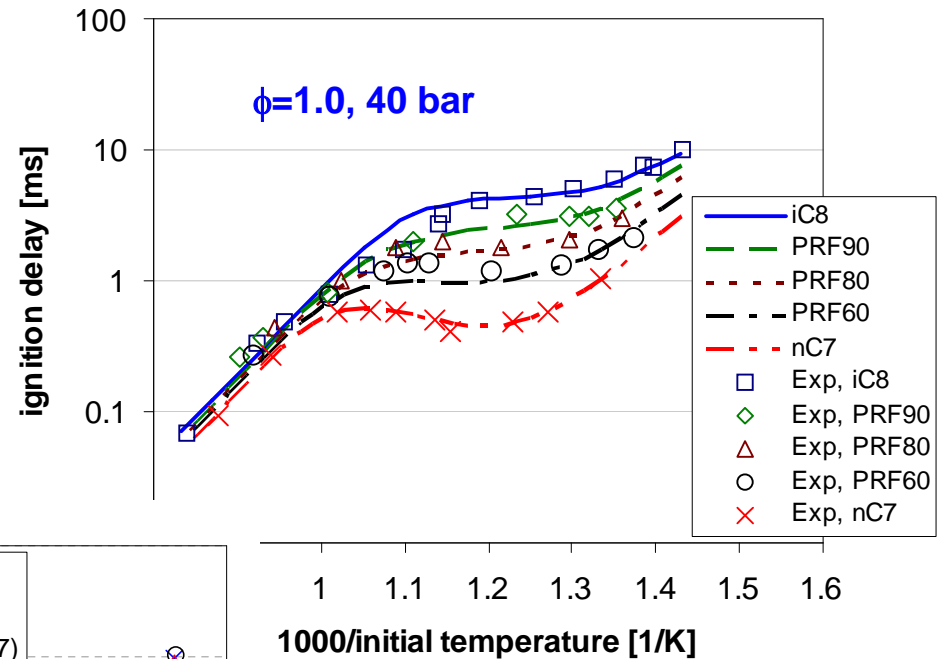
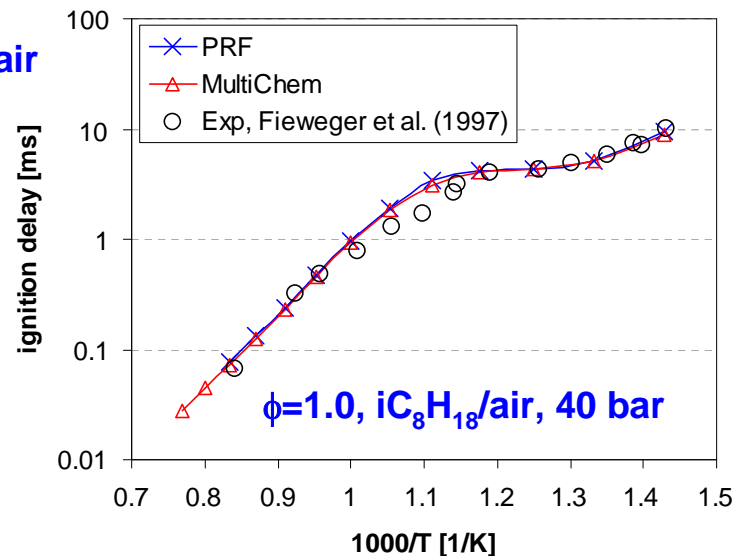
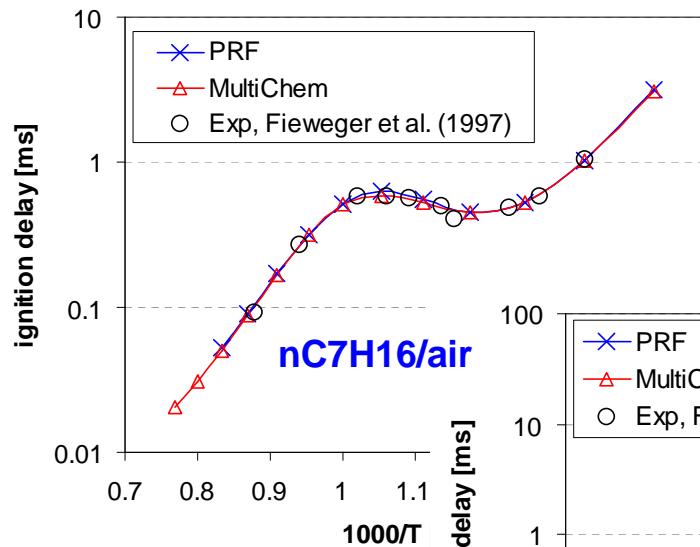
41 species, 158 reactions → base mechanism

Source mechanisms: LLNL n-heptane

(560 species; 2,539 reactions), isooctane

(857 species; 3,606 reactions),

ERC n-heptane (29 species; 52 reactions)

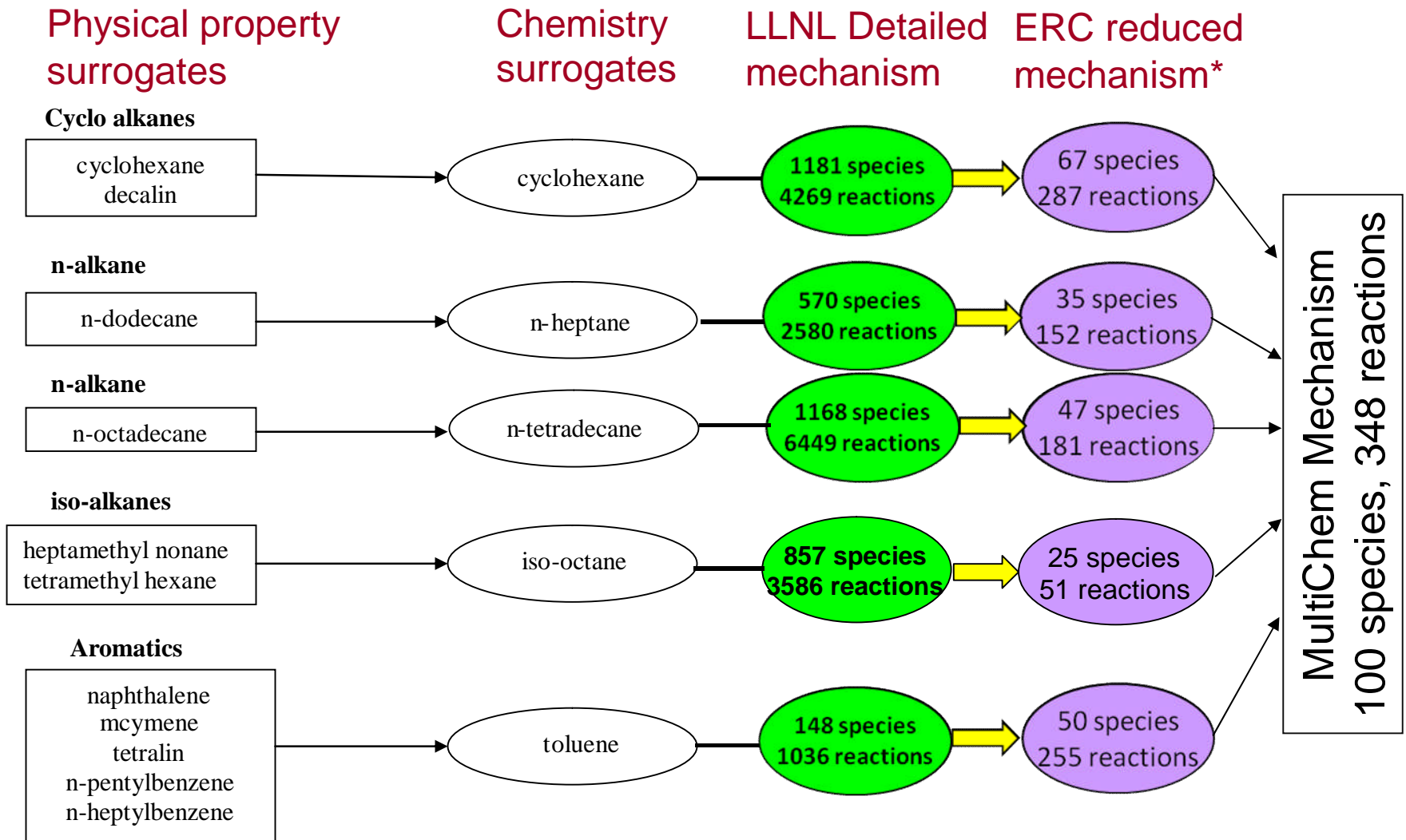


Ra and Reitz, 2008





Chemical class grouping – “MultiChem” skeletal mechanism



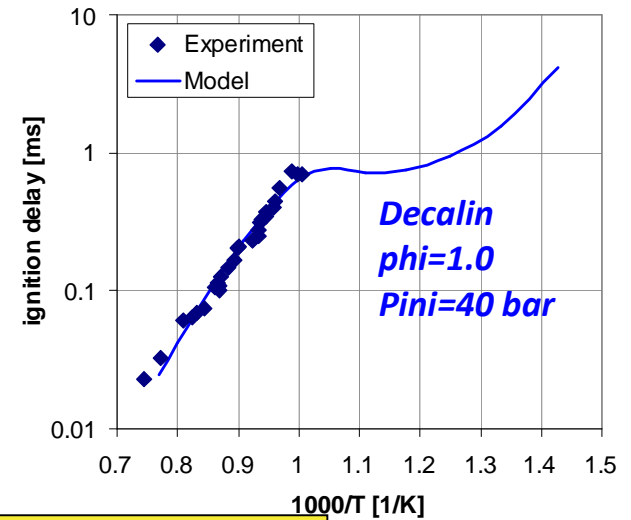
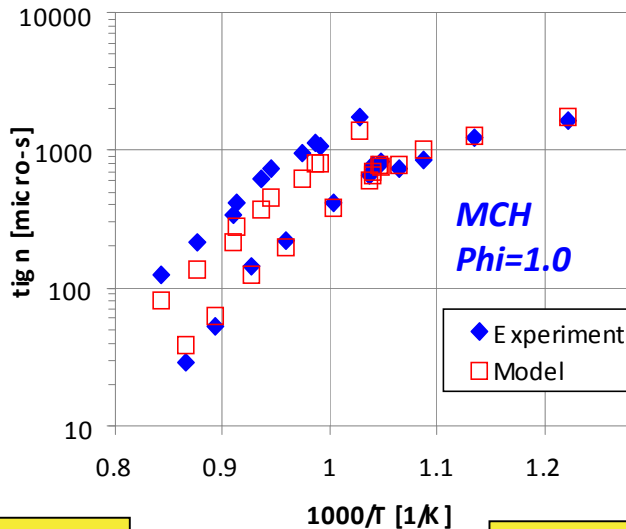
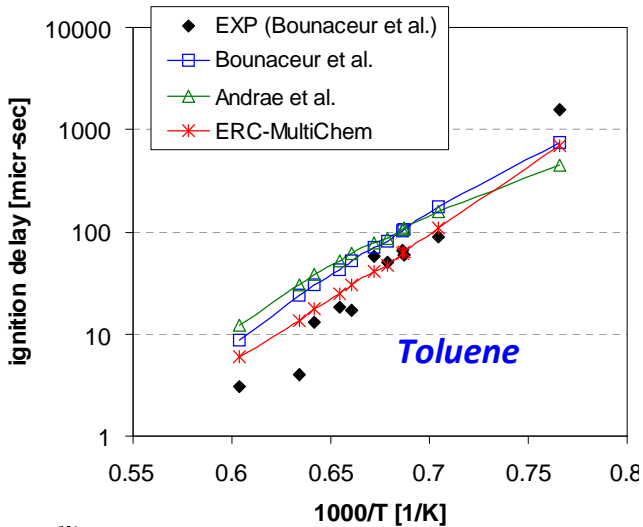
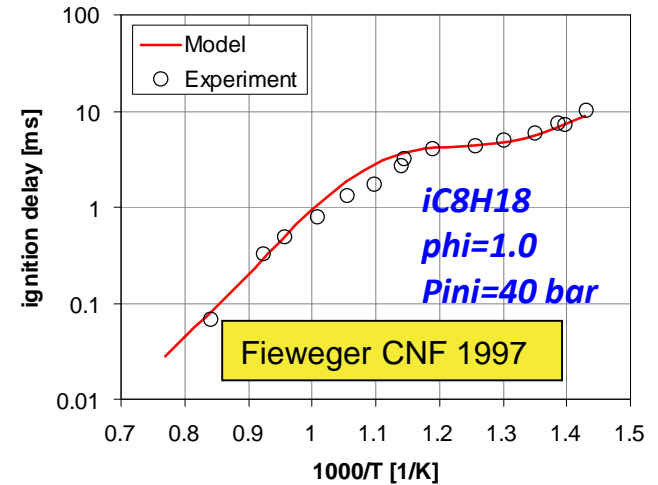
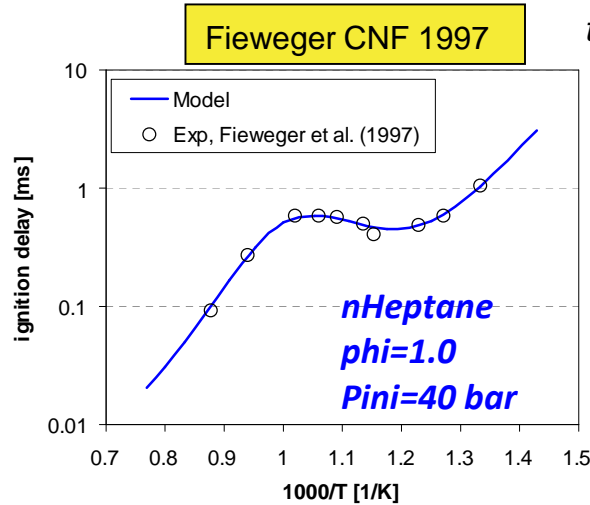
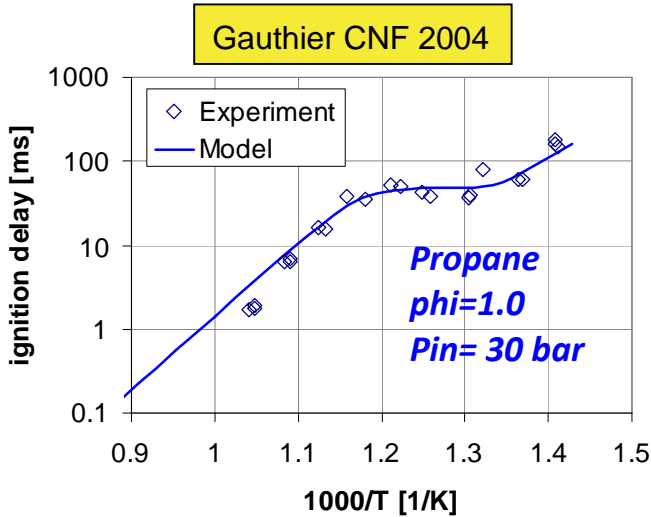
Ra and Reitz, 2011





Ignition delay validations of "MultiChem"

8 Surrogate fuels: *n*-heptane, *iso*-octane, tetradecane, cyclohexane, toluene, decalin, ethanol, MB/D.....



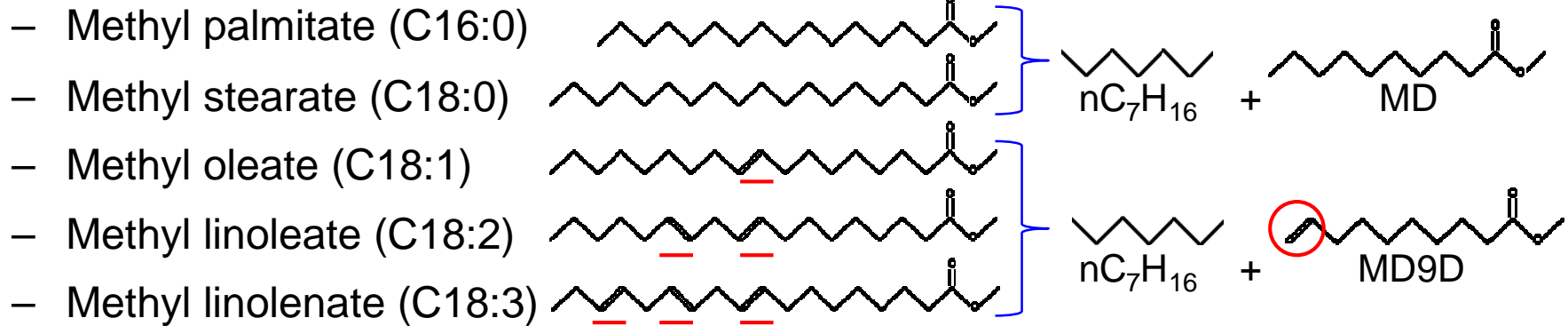
Bounaceur IJCK 2005; Andrae CNF 2005

Shen, Energy & Fuels, 2009

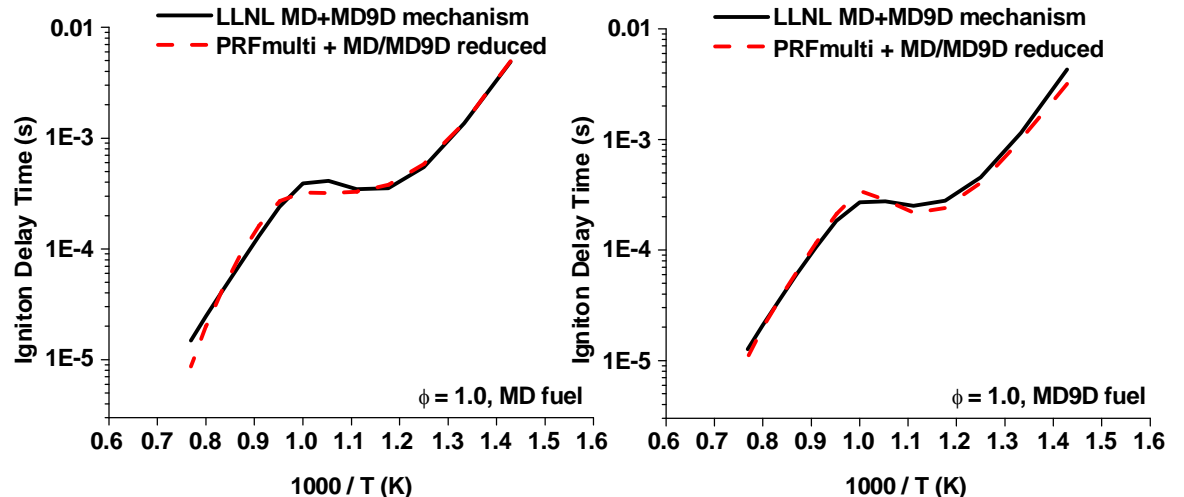
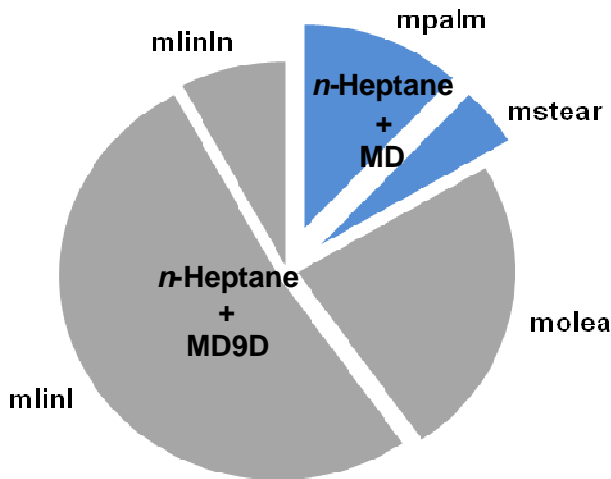


Biofuel models – biodiesel and ethanol

- Soy-based biodiesel:



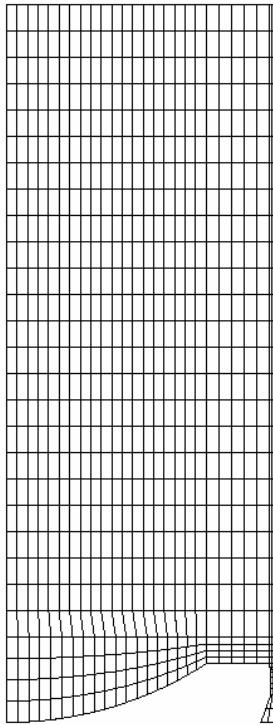
LLNL 3299 species long-chain methyl ester surrogate
 Methyl decanoate (MD), Methyl-9-decenoate (MD9D)
 ERC reduced: 85 species



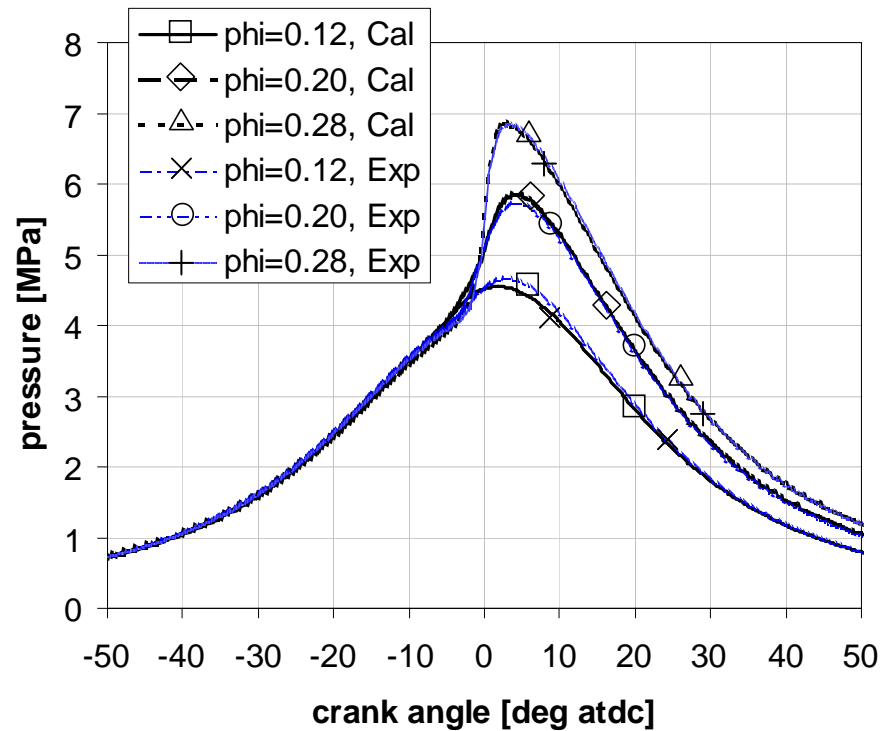
Brakora SAE 2011-01-0831



HCCI Engine validations



2-D grid with 2,734 cells for iso-octane HCCI combustion simulation



Measured and predicted pressure profiles of iso-octane fueled HCCI combustion for various equivalence ratios.

Measured data: Hessel, SAE 2008-01-0047



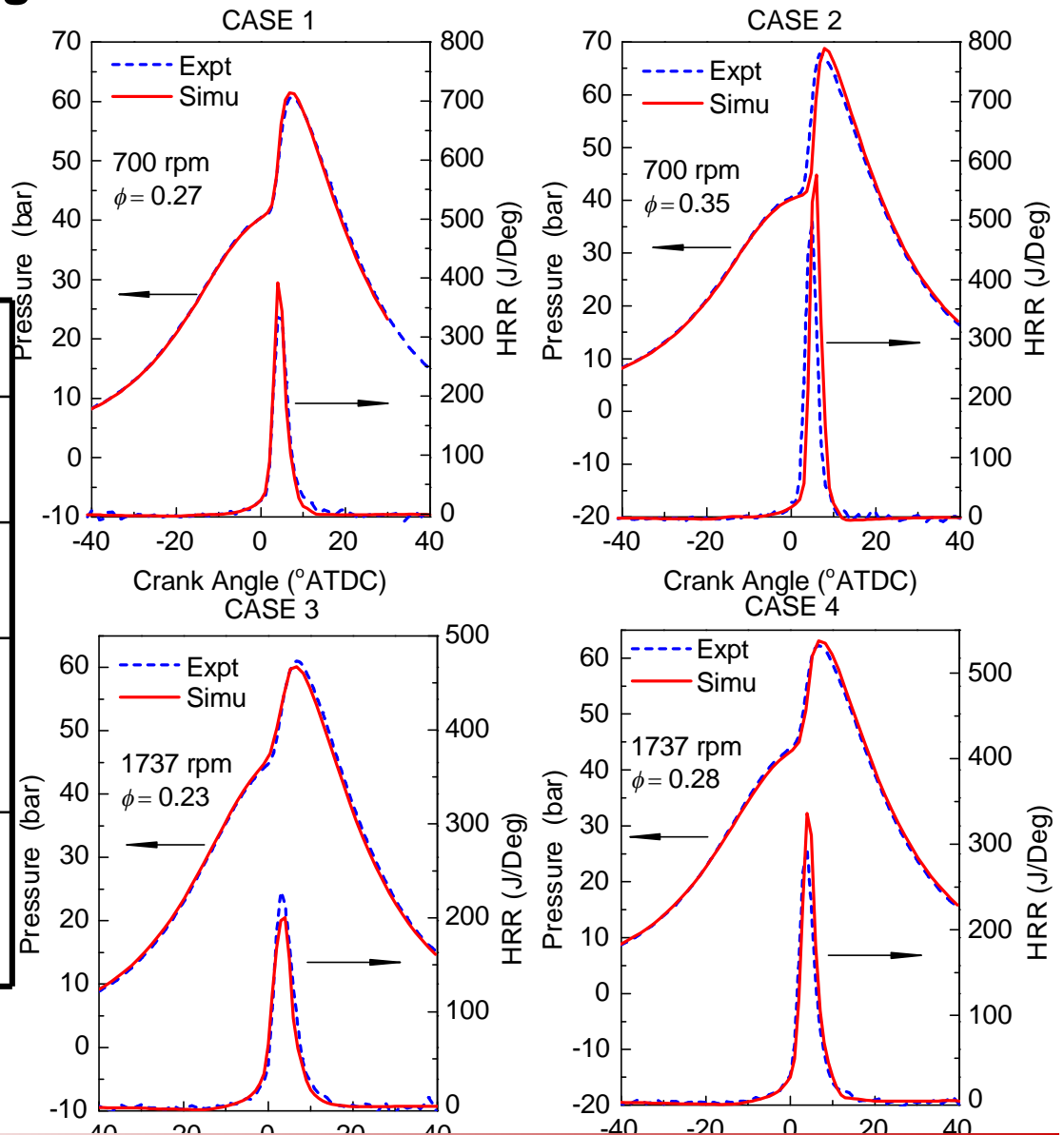
Ra and Reitz, 2011



Validation - Gasoline HCCI Engine

Caterpillar 3400 engine
 Bore = 137.2mm
 Stroke = 165.1mm
 Compression ratio = 16.1

Cases	1	2	3	4
Engine Speed (rev/min)	700	700	1737	1737
Equivalence Ratio	0.27	0.35	0.23	0.28
Intake Temperature (K)	375	370	400	403
Start of Injection (BTDC)	270	272	304	342



Tamagna, SAE 2007-01-0190





Efficient chemistry solvers

Adaptive multi-grid chemistry (AMC) model

Group thermodynamically-similar cells to reduce the calling frequency to save computer time

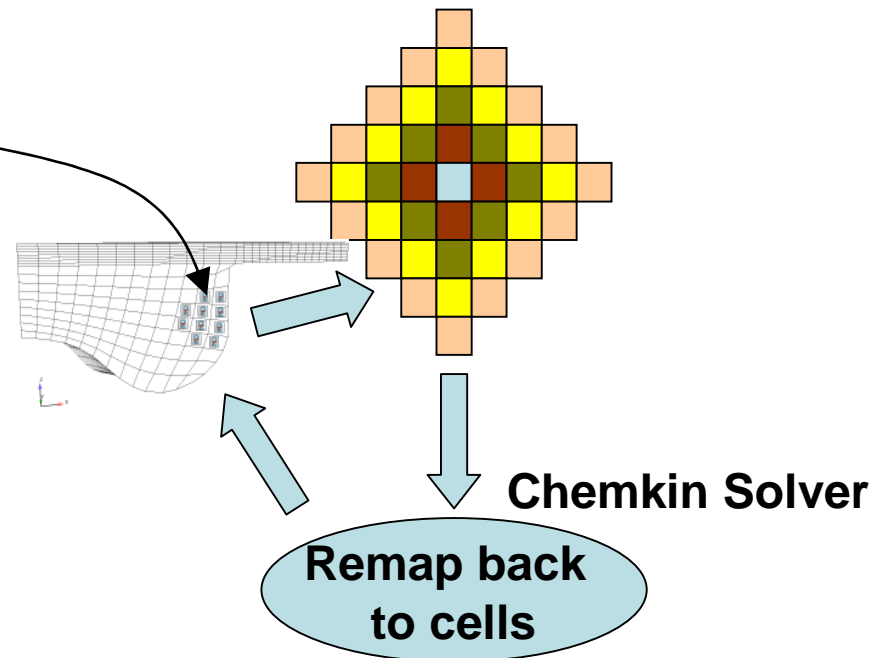
Extended dynamic adaptive chemistry (EDAC) scheme

Liang, 2009

Dynamically determine the size of fuel chemical mechanism based on the local and instantaneous thermal conditions of the cells

Thermodynamically similar cells
(similar temperature, equivalence ratio ϕ)

$$\phi = \frac{2C_{-CO_2}^\# + H_{-H_2O}^\#/2 - z' C_{-CO_2}^\#}{O_{-CO_2-H_2O}^\# - z' C_{-CO_2}^\#}$$



Shi, Ge and Reitz, Springer, 2012

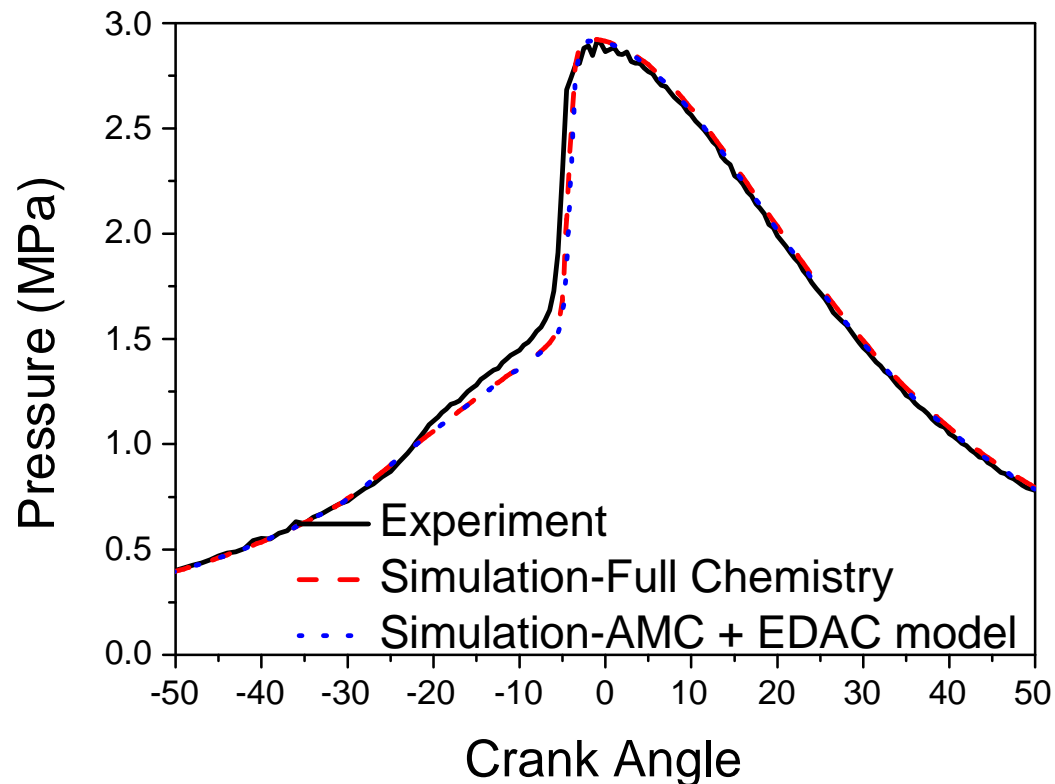




HCCI engine validation

ERC PRF mech.
(39 sp, 141 rxn)

Full	AMC	AMC+EDAC
48.27 hrs.	3.99 hrs.	2.88 hrs.



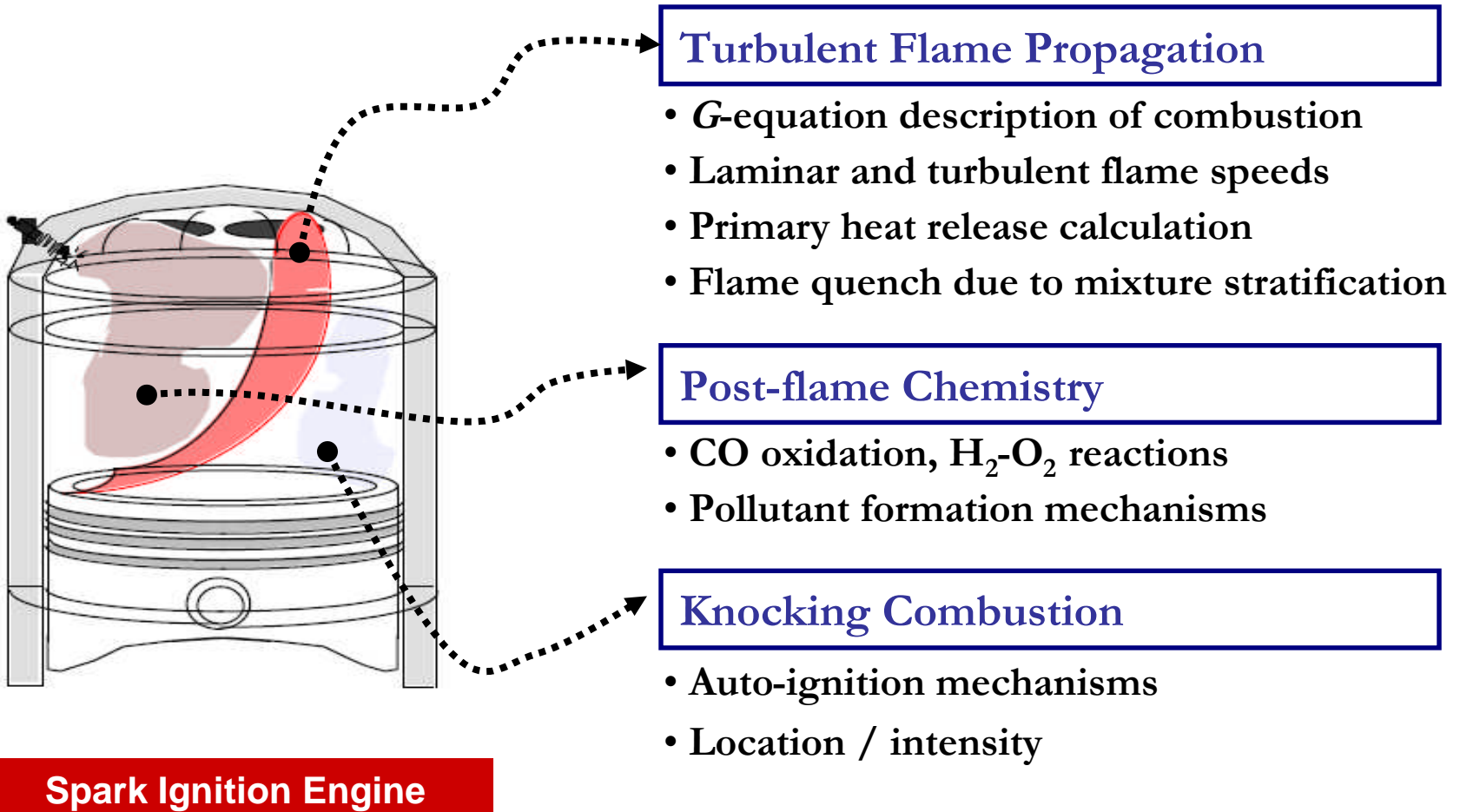
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Flame propagation Models with Detailed Chemistry

Platform: KIVA3V-G CFD code + Detailed Chemistry Solver

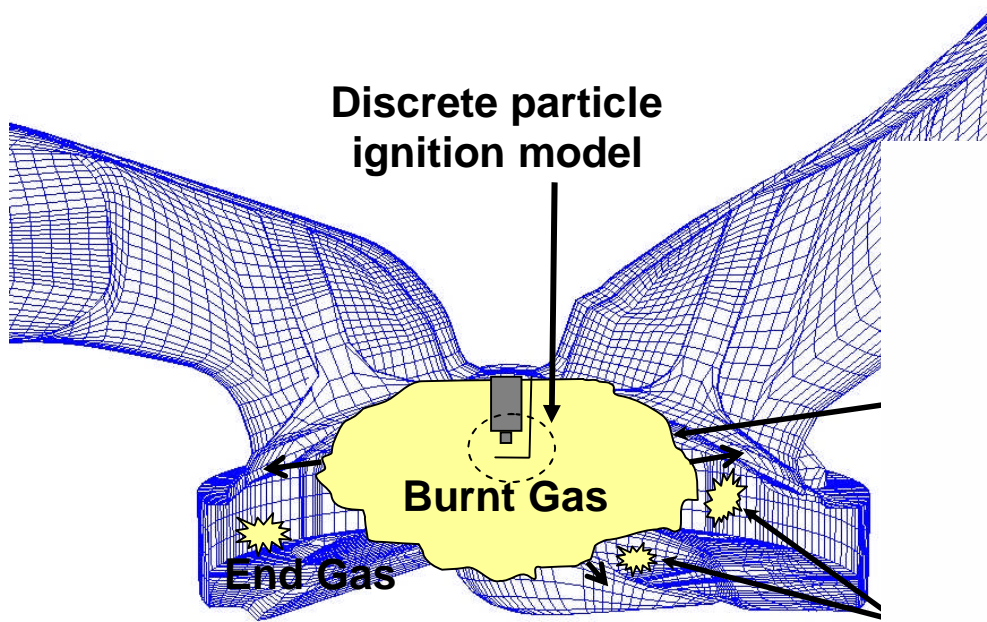


Liang and Reitz, SAE 2006-01-0243





Ignition and Level set (G-equation) Models

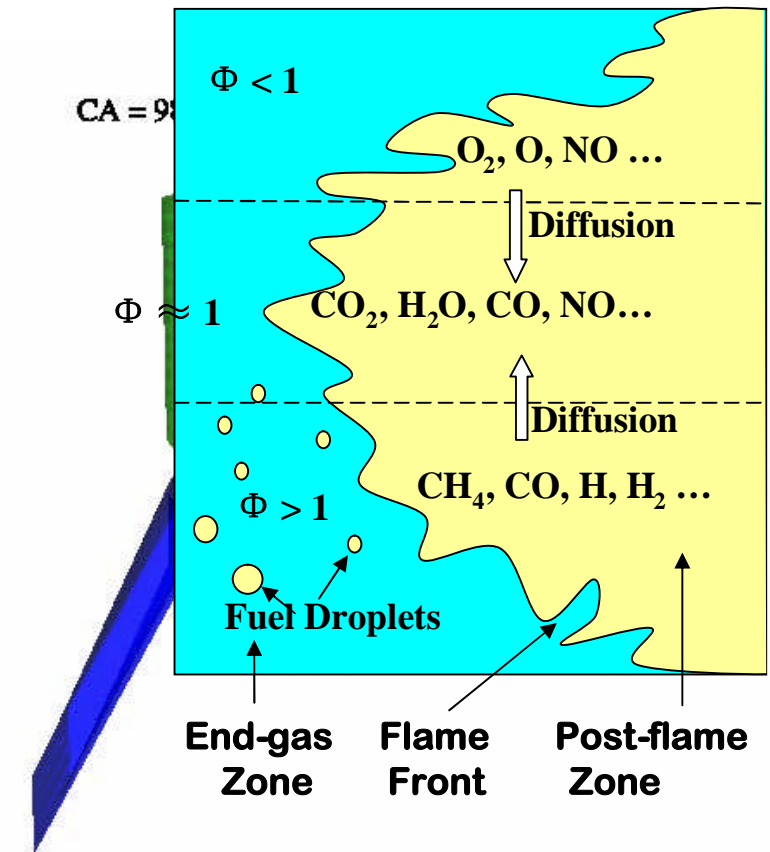


S_T from flame speed correlations

Burned gas: $G > 0$

Unburned gas: $G < 0$

Partially Premixed Flame (DI Engine)



$$\frac{\partial \tilde{G}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v}_f - \vec{v}_{vertex}) \cdot \nabla \tilde{G} = \frac{\bar{\rho}_u}{\bar{\rho}} S_T^0 |\nabla \tilde{G}| - D_T \tilde{k} |\nabla \tilde{G}|$$

Liang SAE 2007-01-0165

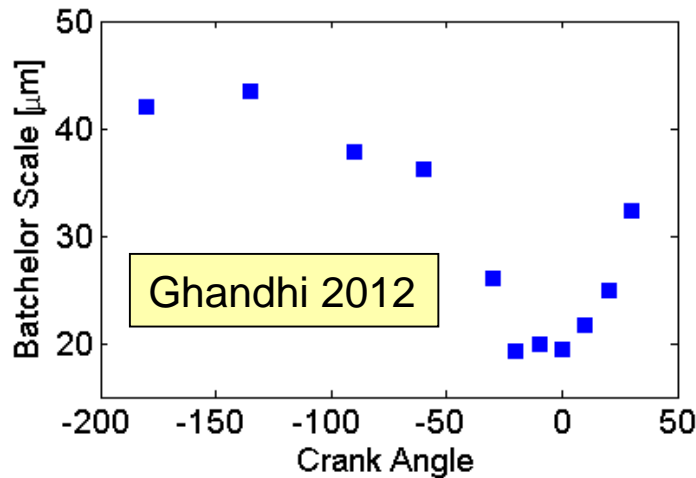




Turbulent flame structure

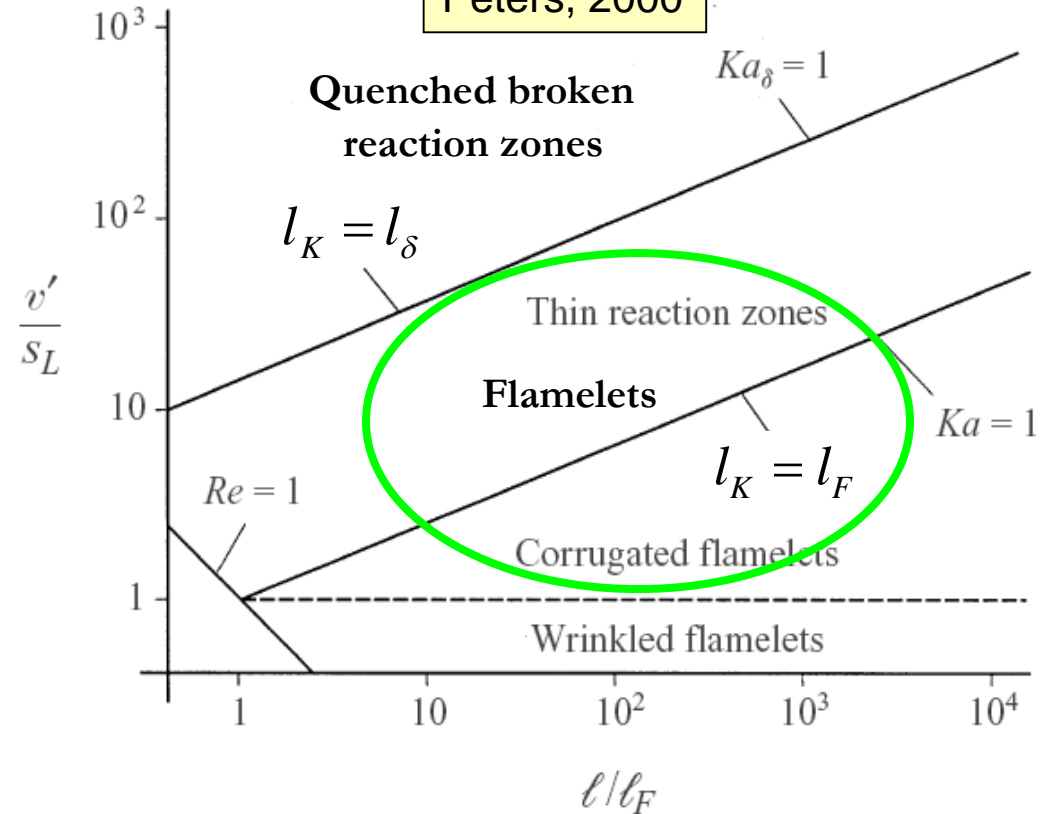
Kolmogorov/Batchelor length scales:

$$l_K = \left(\frac{v^3}{\varepsilon} \right)^{1/4} = Re^{-3/4} l_I$$



Combustion regime diagram

Peters, 2000



Laminar flame thickness:

$$l_F = \frac{(\lambda / c_p) |_{T_0}}{\rho_u S_L} \sim 20 \mu\text{m}$$

If $l_K < C_{m3} l_\delta = C_{m3} 0.1 l_F$, local $S_T^0 = 0$

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It is not possible to resolve a turbulent flame on a practical engine simulation grid





Turbulent Flame Speed Correlation

Peters, 2000

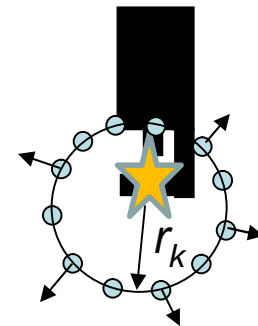
$$\frac{S_T}{S_L \cdot I_0} = 1 + \underbrace{\left[1 - \exp\left(-\frac{C_{m2} \cdot (t - t_{ign})}{\tau} \right) \right]^{1/2}}_{\text{Progress Term}} \cdot \left\{ -\frac{a_4 b_3^2 l}{2b_1 l_F} + \left[\left(\frac{a_4 b_3^2 l}{2b_1 l_F} \right)^2 + a_4 b_3^2 \frac{u'l}{S_L l_F} \right]^{1/2} \right\}$$

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Stretch factor:

$$I_0 = 1 - \underbrace{\left(\frac{l_F}{15 \cdot l} \right)^{1/2} \left(\frac{u'}{S_L} \right)^{3/2}}_{\text{Turbulence stretch}} - 2 \underbrace{\frac{l_F}{r_K} \cdot \frac{\rho_u}{\rho_K}}_{\text{Curvature}}$$

Discrete Particle Ignition Kernel (DPIK) model



Fan & Reitz 2000

Characteristic Timescale: $\tau = \frac{k}{\varepsilon}$

Transition criterion: $r_k \geq C_{m1} \cdot l_I = C_{m1} \cdot 0.16 \frac{k^{1.5}}{\varepsilon}$

$$\frac{\partial \tilde{G}}{\partial t} + (\vec{v}_f - \vec{v}_{vertex}) \cdot \nabla \tilde{G} = \frac{\bar{\rho}_u}{\bar{\rho}} S_T^0 |\nabla \tilde{G}| - D_T \tilde{k} |\nabla \tilde{G}|$$





Laminar Flame Speed Correlations

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Power Law (Metghalchi & Keck, 1982):

$$S_L = S_{L,0} \left(\frac{T}{T_0} \right)^\alpha \left(\frac{p}{p_0} \right)^\beta (1 - 2.1Y_{dil})$$

$$\alpha = 2.18 - 0.8(\varphi - 1)$$

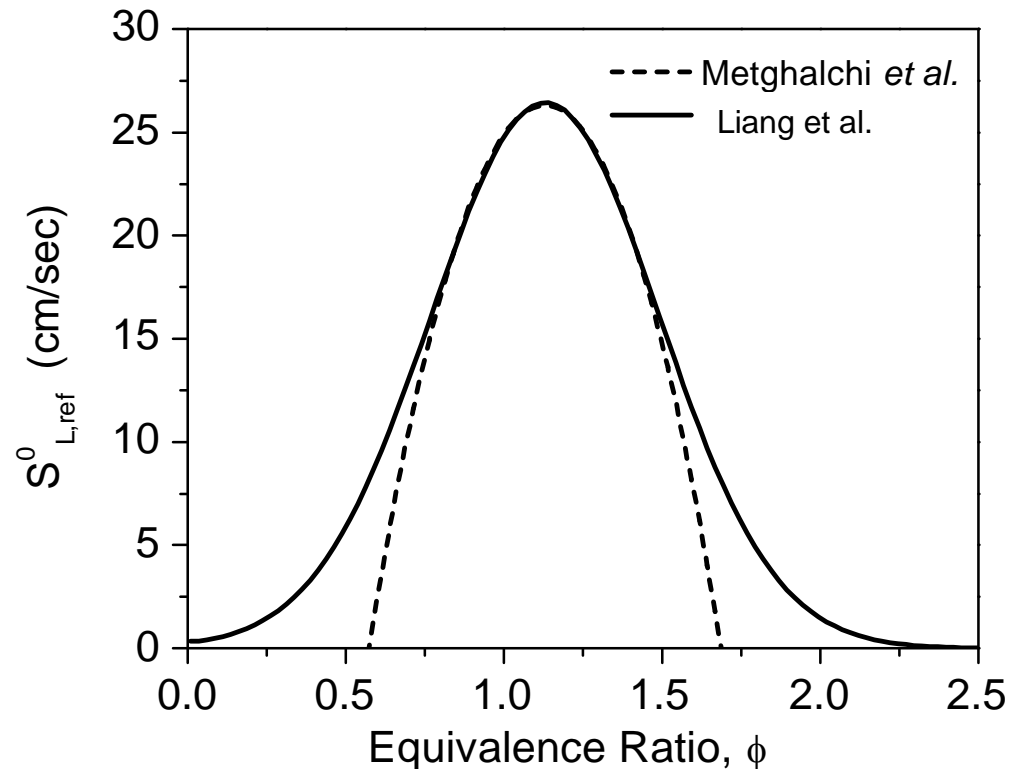
$$\beta = -0.16 + 0.22(\varphi - 1)$$

Reference State: 300K, 1bar

$$S_{L,0} = B_m + B_2(\varphi - \varphi_m)^2$$

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$$S_{L,0} = \omega \varphi^\eta \exp(-\xi(\varphi - \sigma)^2)$$



For *iso*-octane, $\omega = 26.9$ $\eta = -0.134$ $\xi = 3.86$ $\sigma = 1.146$





Turbulent flame front zone (primary heat release)

Species Production Rate within Flame Containing Cells:

$$\frac{d\rho_i}{dt} = \frac{\rho^u (Y_i^b - Y_i^u) \cdot A_{i4} \cdot S_T}{V_{i4}}$$

1. Unburned V_u and burnt V_b volumes are tracked
2. Y_i^b is determined by the element potential method
3. ρ_i^b is determined by equation of state of burnt mixture

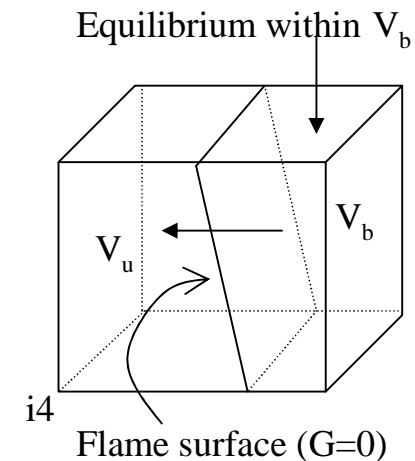
$$\rho_i^b = \rho^b Y_i^b = \frac{p \cdot MW_{mix}^b}{R_u T^b} Y_i^b$$

4. ρ_i^u is determined by mass conservation of species i

$$\rho_i^u = \frac{\rho_i \cdot V_{i4} - \rho_i^b \cdot V^b}{V^u}$$

5. Unburned species mass fractions

$$Y_i^u = \frac{\rho_i^u}{\sum_i \rho_i^u}$$



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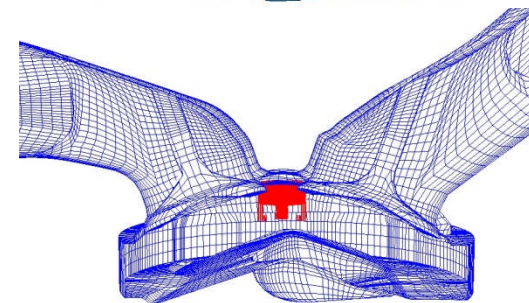
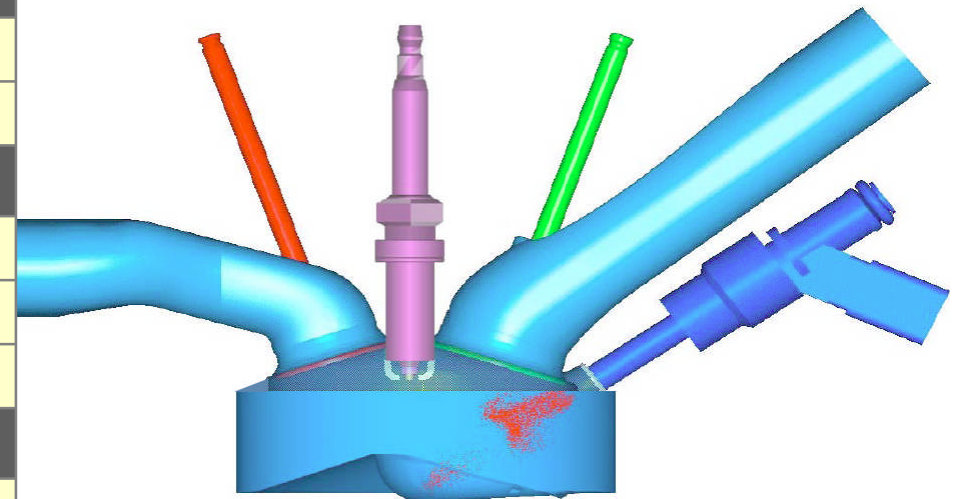
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Validation - PFI/DI Gasoline Engine

Based on MIT PRF Mechanism
(25 species, 51 reactions)

Model constants: $C_{m1}=2.0$, $C_{m2}=1.0$
(Fixed in all cases)

Bore × Stroke	89 mm × 79.5 mm
Compression Ratio	12 : 1
Engine Speed	1500 rev/min
<i>PFI Mode</i>	
Spark timings (ATDC)	-44, -40, -36, -32
MAP (kPa)	65
<i>DI Mode (Spark timing sweeps)</i>	
Spark timings (ATDC)	-32, -28, -24, -20
MAP (kPa)	75
End of Injection (ATDC)	- 72
<i>DI Mode (Manifold-Absolute-Pressure sweeps)</i>	
MAP (kPa)	75, 80, 90, 100
Spark timing (ATDC)	- 33
End of Injection (ATDC)	- 68
<i>DI Mode (End-Of-Injection sweeps)</i>	
End of Injection (ATDC)	-76, -72, -68, -64
MAP (kPa)	75
Spark timing (ATDC)	- 32



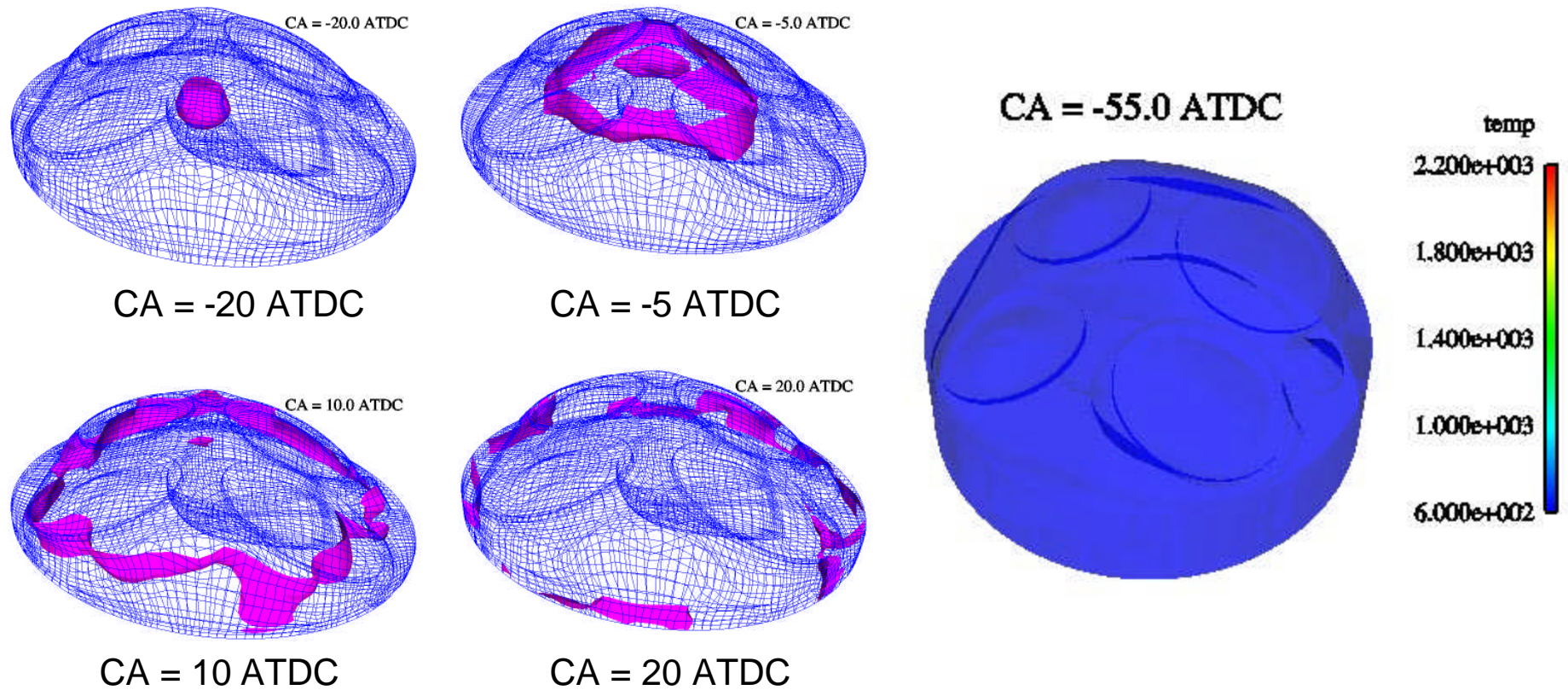
DI Configuration



Validation - PFI Engine Operation

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Spark Timing = 40 BTDC



Evolution of the G=0 surface

Evolution of Temperature

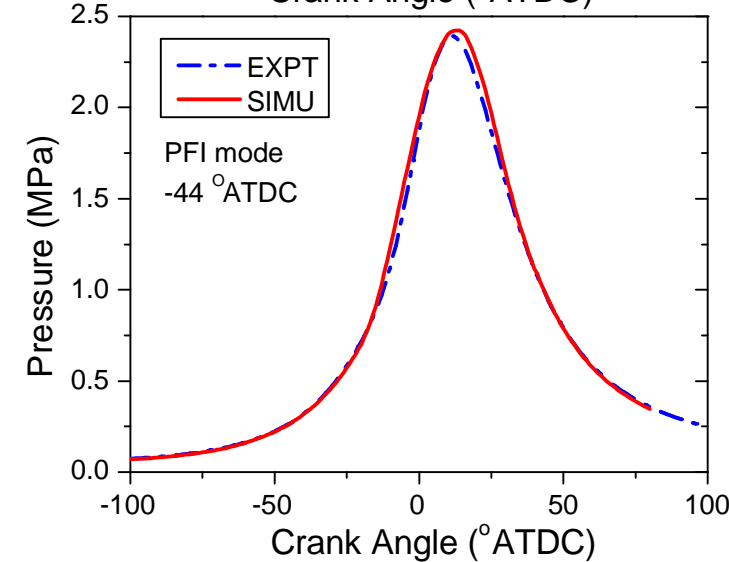
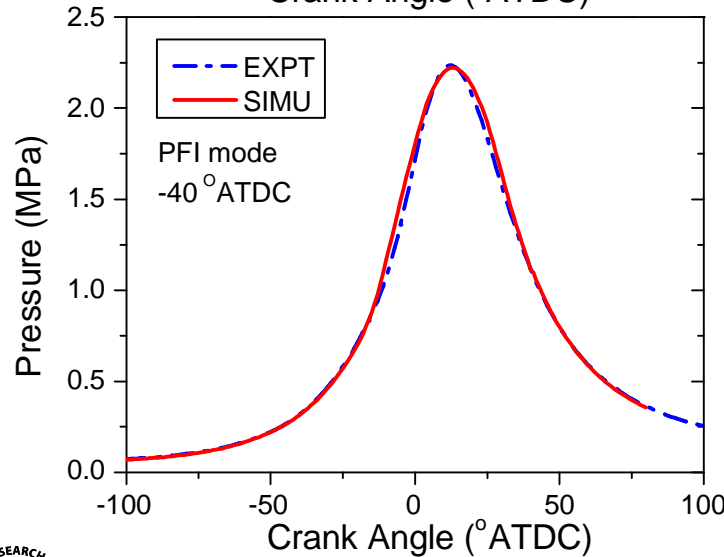
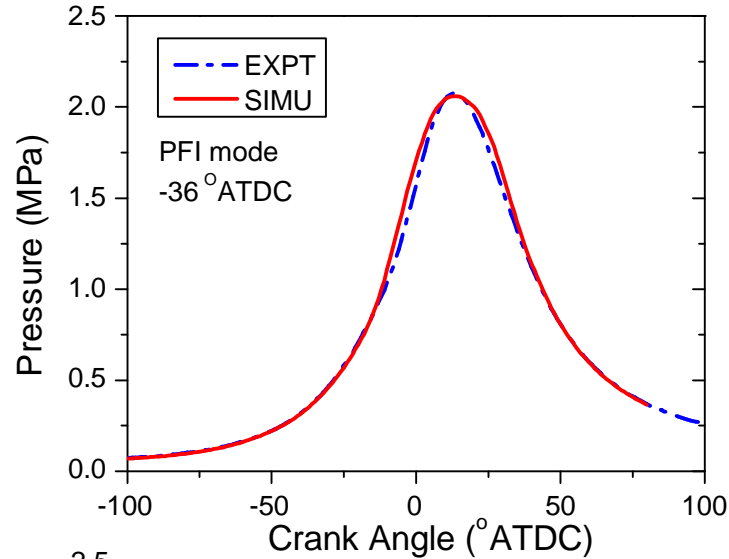
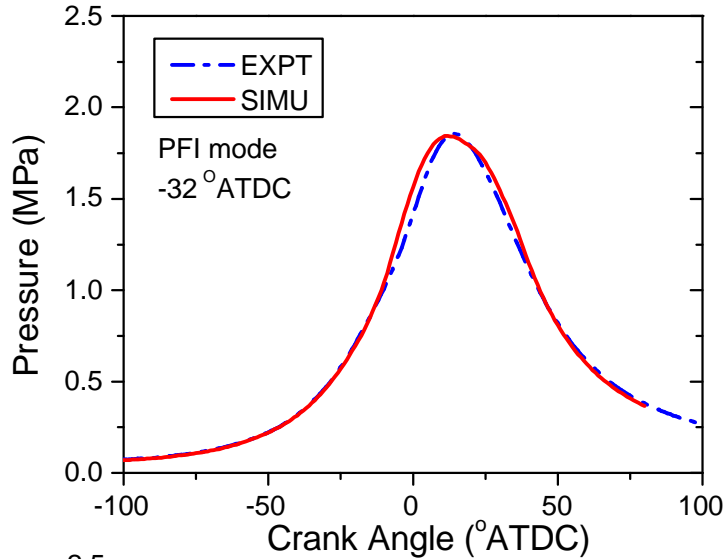




Validation - PFI Engine Operation

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Spark Timing
-44, -40, -36,
-32 ATDC
Engine Speed
1500 rpm

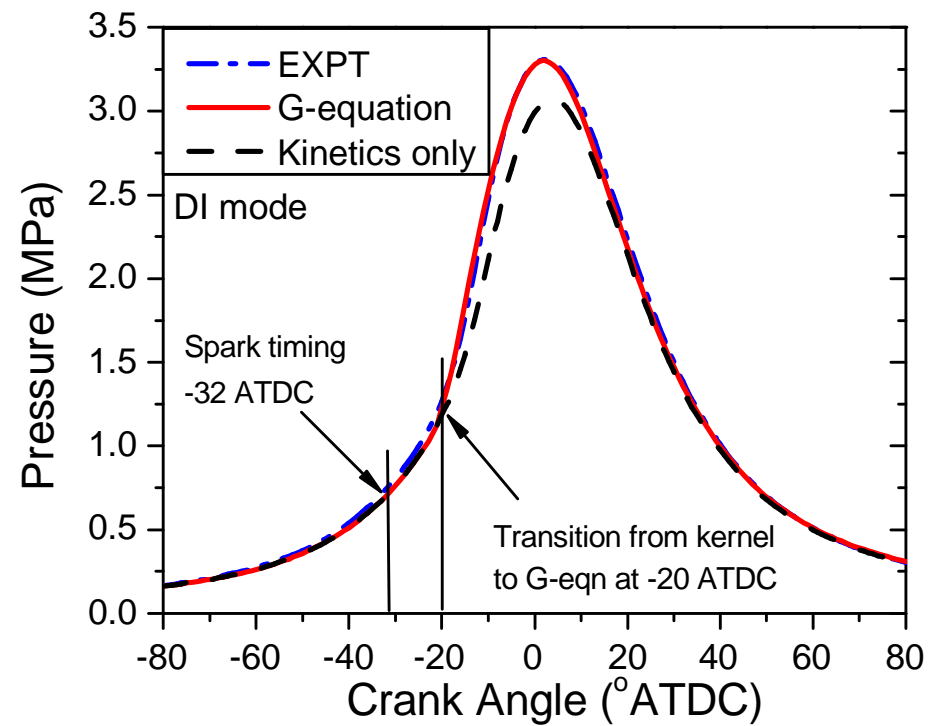
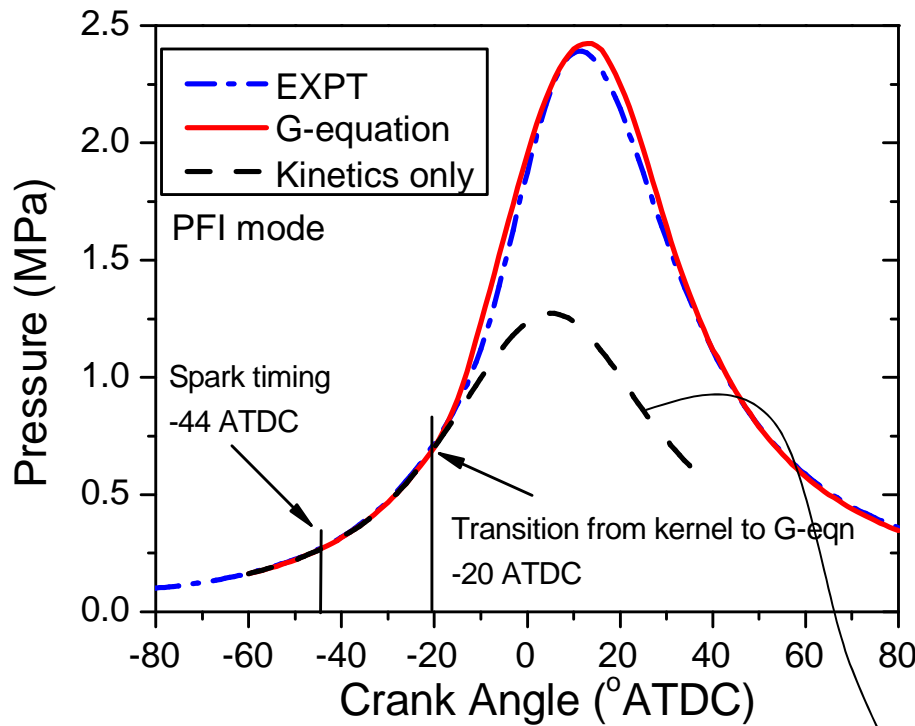




Assessment of the role of flame propagation

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Explore Kinetics-Controlled Formulation for Turbulent Flame Propagation:
 After ignition kernel stage, each cell is modeled as a WSR, detailed chemistry is applied. “Flame propagation” is controlled by heat conduction and auto-ignition.



Mallard-Le Chatelier propagating wave speed: $S_T = \sqrt{D \frac{dY_i}{dt}}$





Role of flame propagation

PFI case

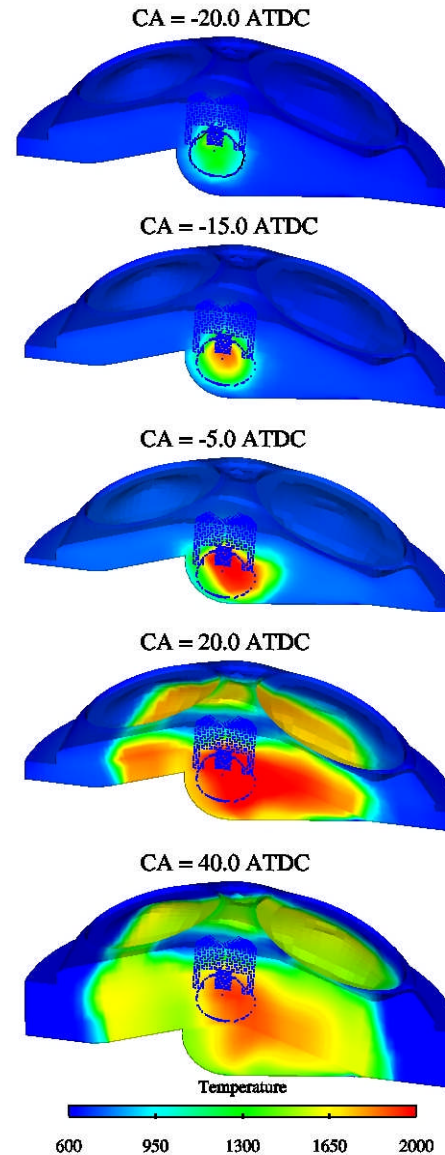
Spark timing = -44 ATDC

Summary:

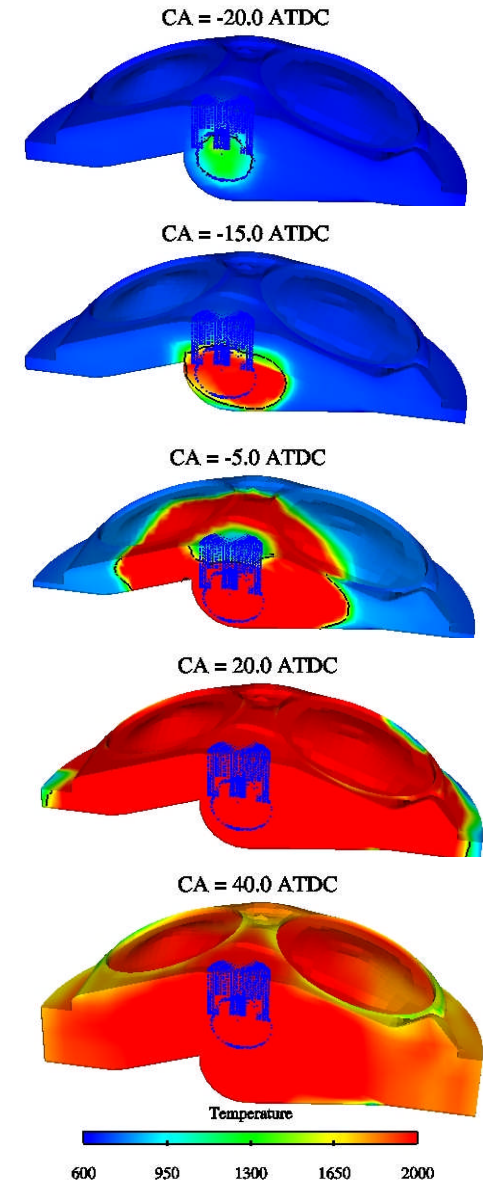
Auto-ignition chemistry alone is NOT sufficient to properly model flame propagation.

Turbulence enhancing effect on flame propagation speed in SI engines CANNOT be neglected.

Kinetics Controlled



G-equation



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