

# Turbulent Flame Speeds and NO<sub>x</sub> Kinetics of HHC Fuels with Contaminants and High Dilution Levels

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# Project Overview

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## *Second Year of Three-Year Project is Complete*

### Project Highlights:

1. Duration: **Oct. 1, 2010 – Sept. 30, 2013**
2. DOE NETL Award **DE-FE0004679**
3. Budget: \$501,712 DOE + \$125,500 Cost Share
4. Principal Investigator: Dr. Eric L. Petersen
5. Participating Organizations:
  - Rolls-Royce (Dr. Gilles Bourque)
  - The Aerospace Corporation (Dr. Mark Crofton)
  - Trinity College (Dr. John Mertens)

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*This Project Addresses Several Problems for HHC Fuels*

1. Improve **NOx kinetics** for High-Hydrogen Fuels at Engine Conditions
2. Effect of **Contaminant Species** on Ignition
3. Impact of **Diluents** on Ignition Kinetics and Flame Speeds
4. Data on **Turbulent Flame Speeds**

# Project Overview

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*There are Six Main Work Tasks for the Project*

Work Tasks:

**Task 1** – Project Management and Program Planning

**Task 2** – Turbulent Flame Speed Measurements

**Task 3** – Laminar Flame Speeds with Diluents

**Task 4** – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism Validation Experiments

**Task 5** – Fundamental NO<sub>x</sub> Kinetics

**Task 6** – Effect of Impurities on Syngas Kinetics

# **Task 1 – Project Management and Program Planning**

# Project Participants

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# Task 1 - Management



*Interaction and Feedback from Industry Has Been Important*

## Industrial Advisory Panel

Rolls-Royce Canada:

Dr. Gilles Bourque

Alstom:

Dr. Felix Güthe

General Electric:

Mr. Joel Hall

Power Systems Mfg.:

Dr. Peter Stuttaford

Mr. Khalid Oumejjoud

- Mixture Compositions and Test Conditions
- Possible Contaminant Species
- Important, Related Aspects and Ultimate Usage of Models

## **Task 2 – Turbulent Flame Speed Measurements**

## Task 2 – Turbulent Speeds

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### *Turbulent Flame Speed Measurement Requires Development of New Techniques at TAMU*

- Utilize Existing Flame Speed Hardware
- Induce Turbulence Using Fans
- Conduct Design Study Using Mockup Rig
- Design and Build New Facility Hardware

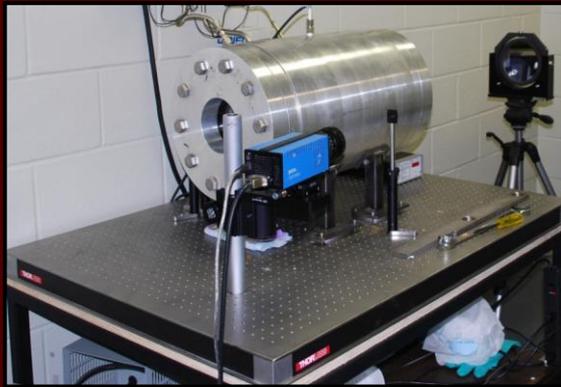
**Goal: Independent Control of Length Scale ( $L_T$ ) and Turbulence Intensity ( $u'$ )**



# Task 2 – Turbulent Speeds

*Design Modifications for Turbulence Production Were Optimized Using a Mock-Up Rig*

Original Rig



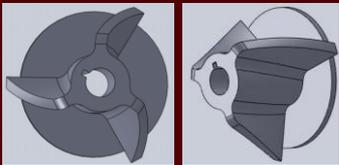
Test Matrix

Prototype	Fan OD (in)	No of Blades	Blade Pitch
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2	5	3	20
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4	3	3	60

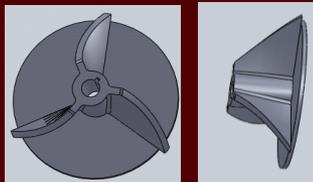
Mock-Up Rig



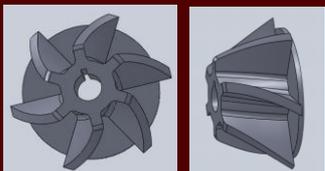
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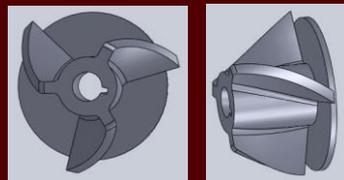
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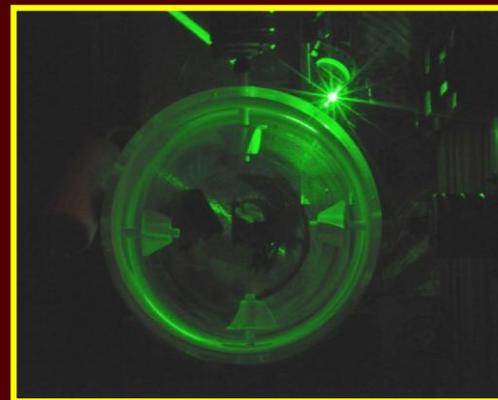
PROTOTYPE 3



PROTOTYPE 4



PIV Measurement



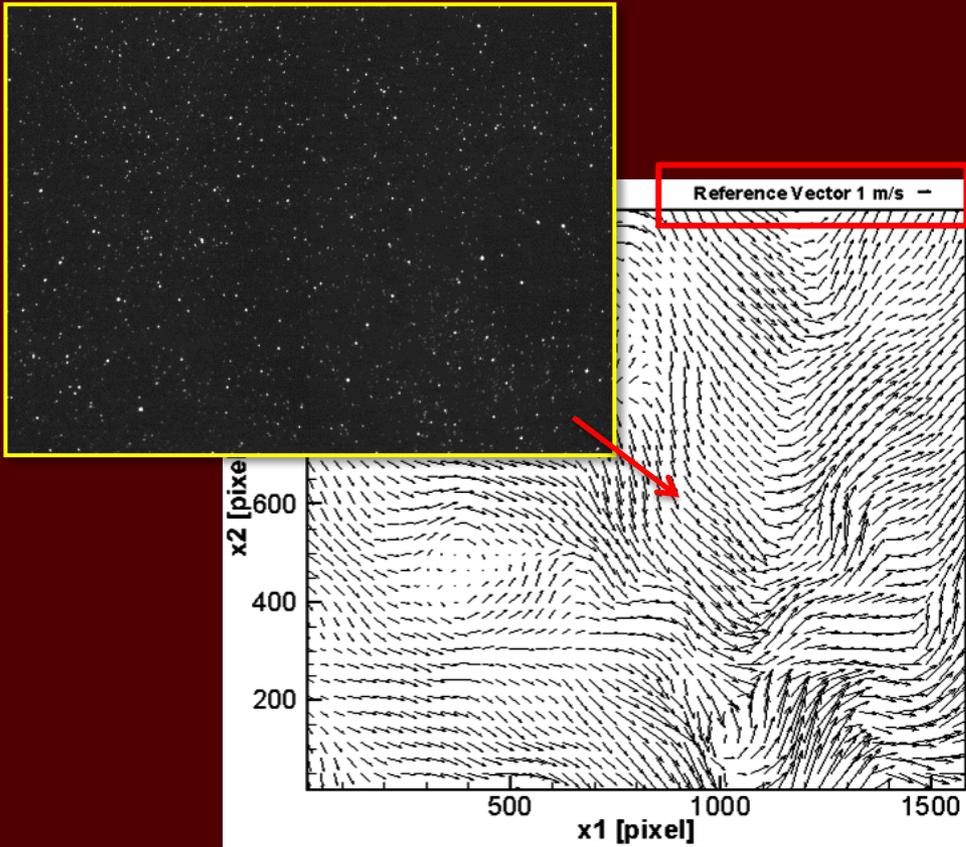
- ROI: 36 mm × 26 mm
- 8300 rpm
- Titania seed particles

# Task 2 – Turbulent Speeds

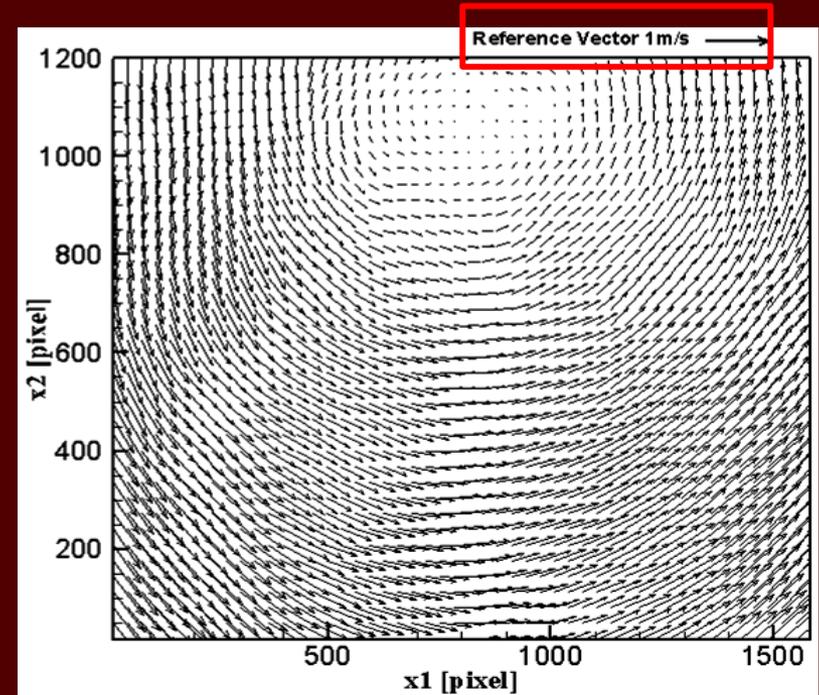


Negligible Mean Flow ( $<9\% u_{rms}$ ) observed for all prototypes

Raw Image with Seed Particles



**Instantaneous** Velocity Field



**Mean** Velocity Field

(Reference vector magnified 5 times)



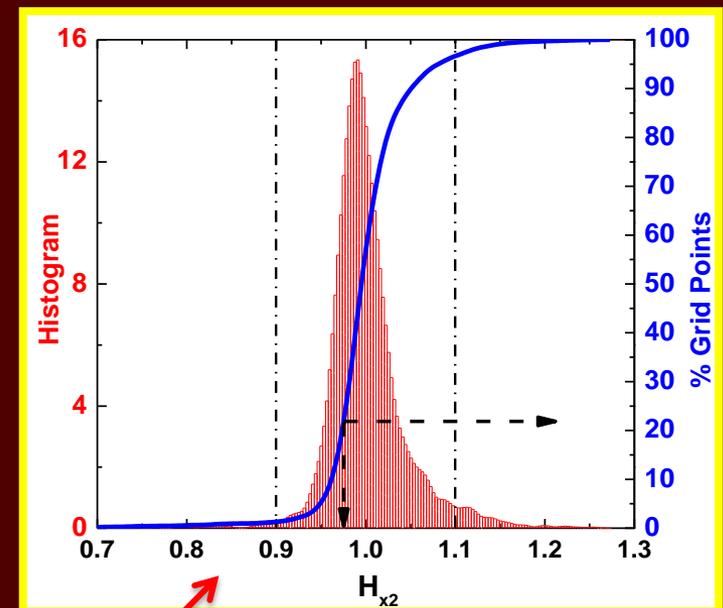
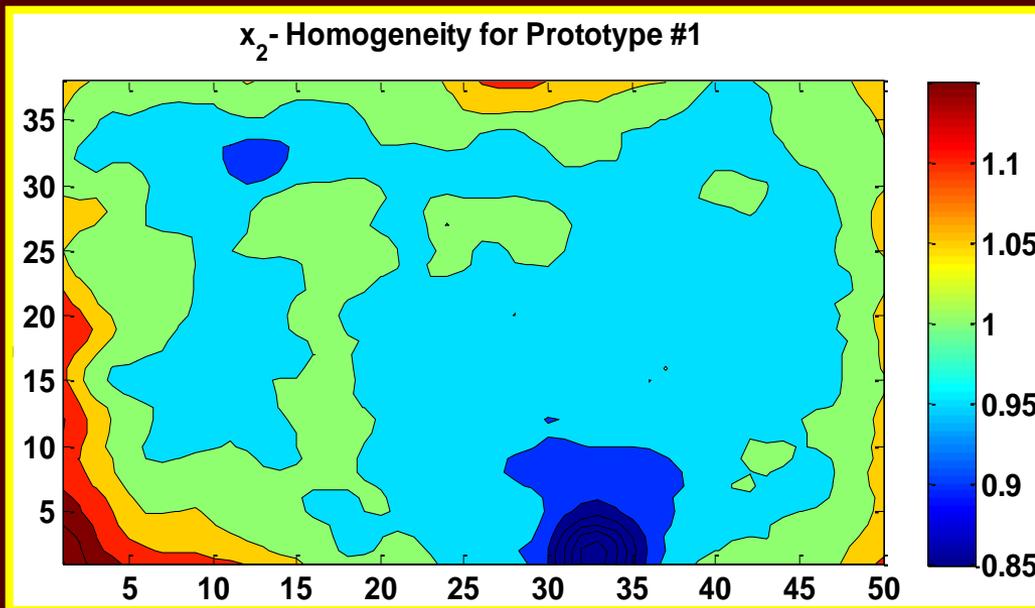
## Task 2 – Turbulent Speeds

Homogenous velocity fields were observed inside the ROI

Defined as the ratio of the local RMS velocity to the spatially averaged RMS velocity (*Hwang and Eaton 2004*),

$$H_{xi}(x_1, x_2) = u_{i,rms}(x_1, x_2) / \overline{u_{i,rms}(x_1, x_2)}$$

$x_2$ - Homogeneity



> 95% of the grid points lie in the 0.9-1.1 range



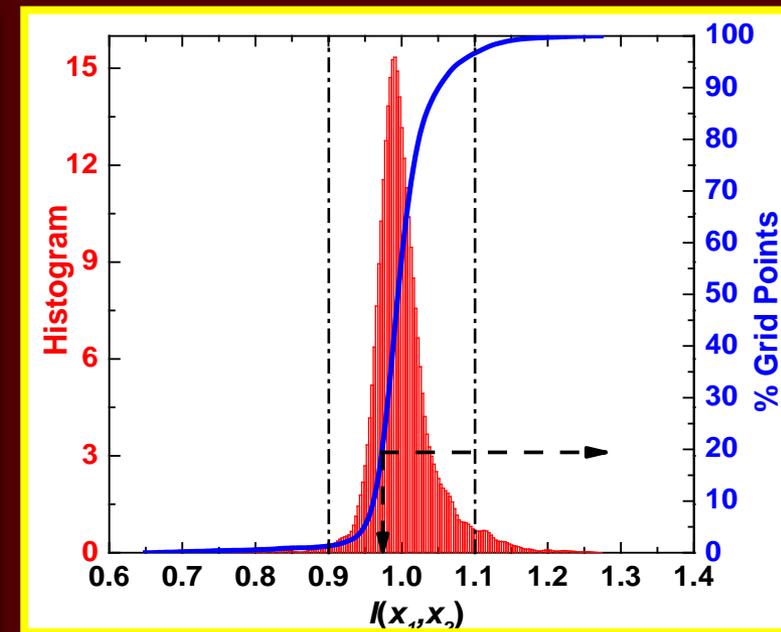
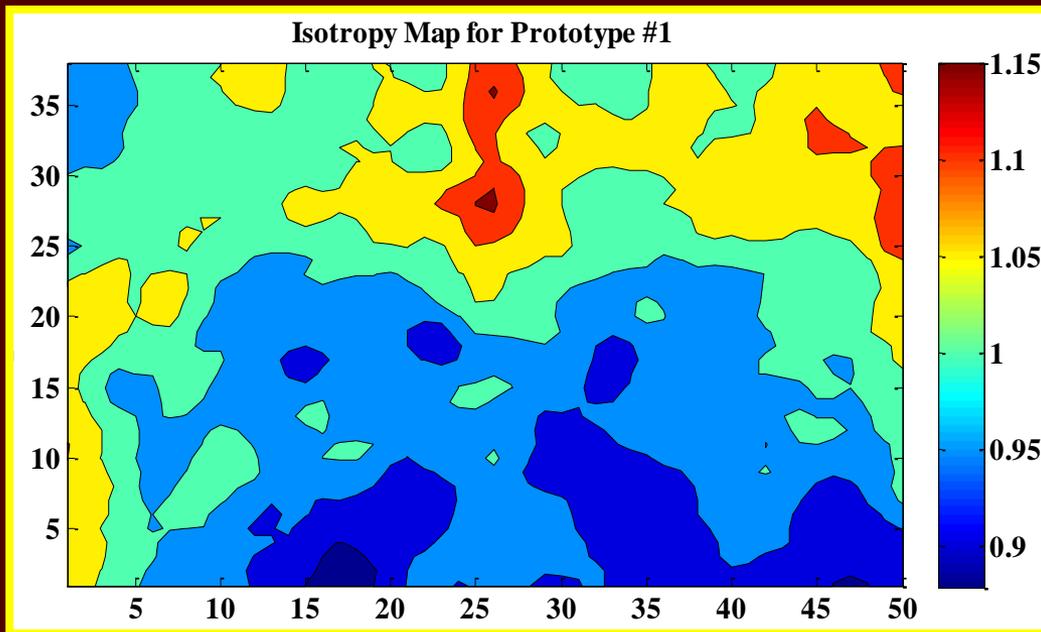
## Task 2 – Turbulent Speeds

Isotropy ratios were estimated from the local RMS values

Defined as the ratio of the local RMS velocities in the two directions  
(Hwang and Eaton 2004),

$$I(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2) = \frac{\mathbf{u}_{1,rms}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)}{\mathbf{u}_{2,rms}(\mathbf{x}_1, \mathbf{x}_2)}$$

Isotropy Ratio





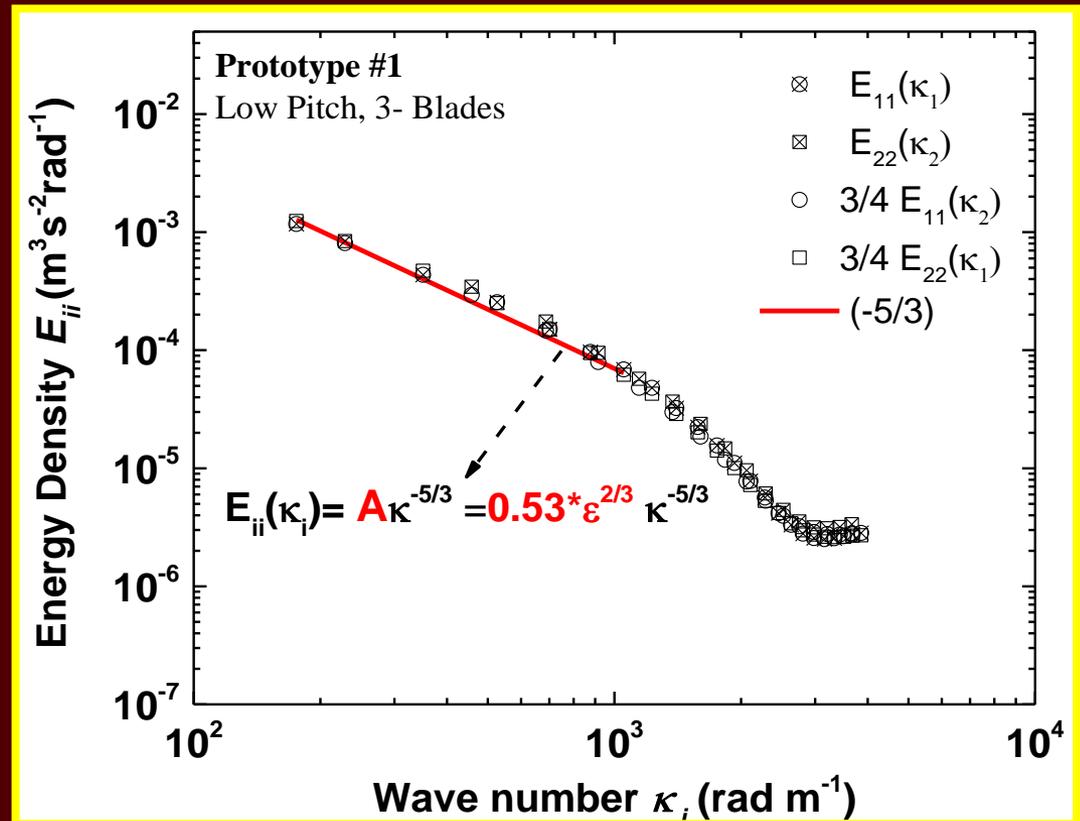
## Task 2 – Turbulent Speeds

Integral Length Scale ( $L_T$ ) was computed using **dissipation rate** estimated from the 1D-energy spectrum

$$L_T \approx \left[ \frac{\left( u_{i,RMS}(x_1, x_2) u_{i,RMS}(x_1, x_2) / 3 \right)^{3/2}}{\varepsilon} \right] \quad \text{(Summation over Index)}$$

Need  $\varepsilon$  for  $L_T$

$\varepsilon$  estimated by **linear fit** in the **Inertial subrange** (Meng et al. 2009)



## Task 2 – Turbulent Speeds

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*Independent control of the various turbulence parameters was achieved*

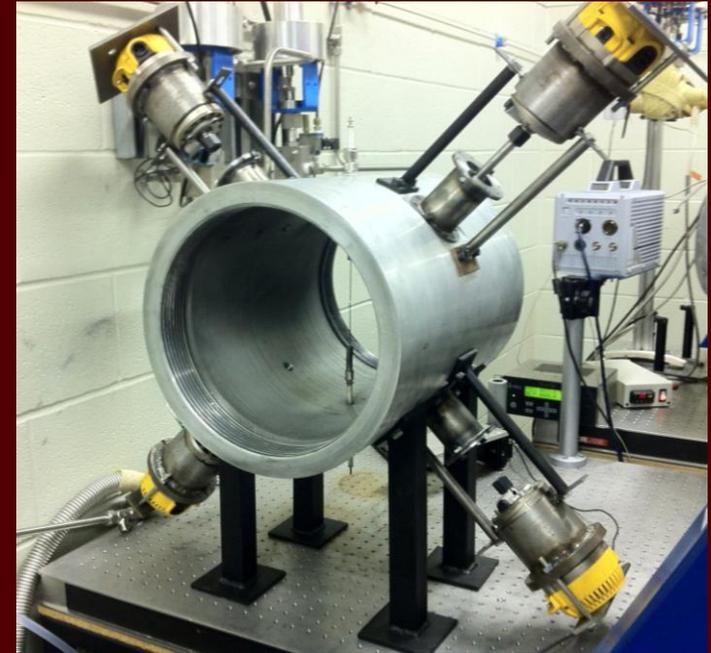
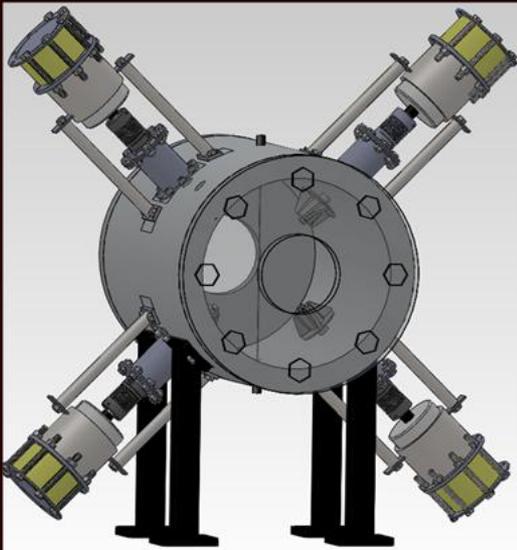
- Central **placement** ensured **homogenous** flow fields
- Deviation from **isotropy** was observed with **higher** no of **blades**
- Vary  **$u'$**  → Change **RPM**
- Different  **$L_T$**  → Use impellers with different **blade pitch**

*Effect of fan OD will be assessed in final vessel using LDV*

## Task 2 – Turbulent Speeds



*Final Configuration is Set and Nearing Completion*



- Central symmetric placement – **4 fans**
- **3-bladed** impellers with two **pitch** angles: **20°** and **75°**
- Attainable  **$u'$  range**: **0- 3.5 m/s** in HIT environment
- **$L_T$**  will be varied between **30 mm** and **50 mm**

## Task 2 – Turbulent Speeds

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**Year 3** Will Include Shakedown of New Turbulent Flame Speed Capability and New Experiments

- Finish Installation of New Hardware
- Characterize Turbulence Generation of New Facility
- Perform Shakedown Experiments Using H<sub>2</sub>-Air Mixtures
- Obtain Data for H<sub>2</sub>-CO Syngas Mixture

## **Task 3 – Laminar Flame Speeds with Diluents**

## Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents

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*High- $H_2$  Fuels with High Levels of Dilution are being Studied*

- Year 1 Measurements:
  - Baseline  $H_2$ -Air Flame Speeds
  - Baseline  $CO$ - $H_2$  Flame Speeds
- Year 2 Tests included  $H_2O$  dilution (below)
- Other Diluents for Year 3:  $CO_2$ ,  $N_2$ ?

# Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents

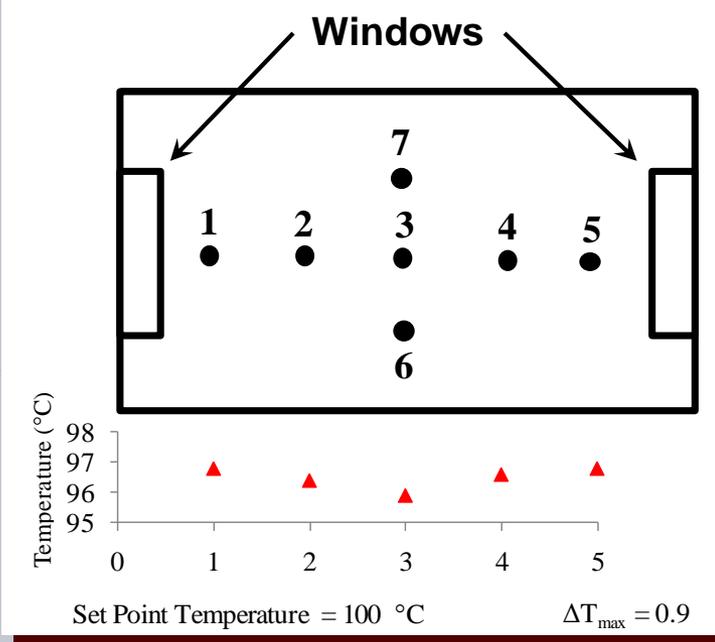
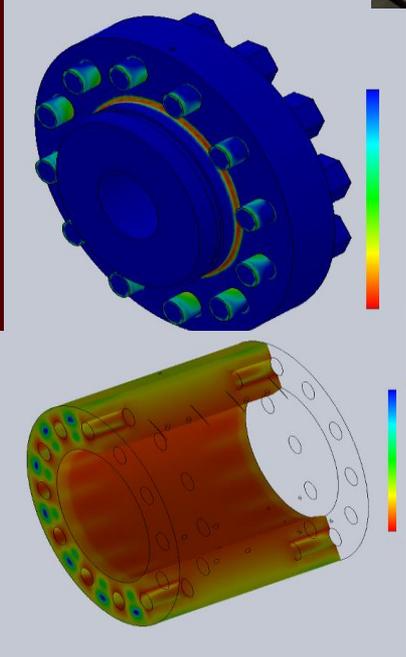
## New High-Temperature High-Pressure Flame Speed Vessel is Now Operational

### Design Parameters:

- Max initial pressure: 30 atm
- Max initial temperature: 600 K

### Vessel Dimensions:

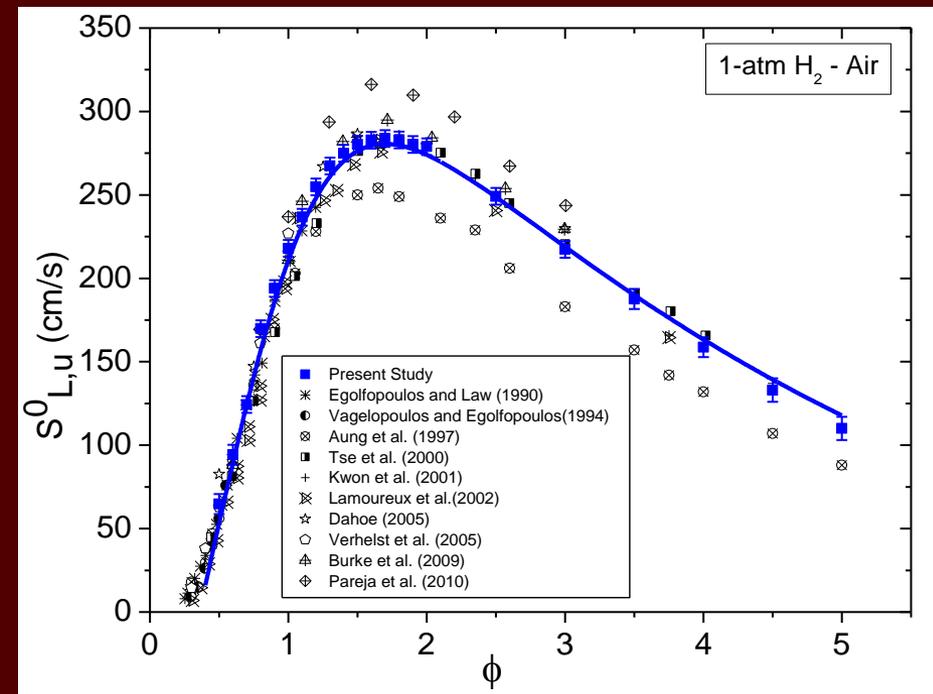
- Outer Dia.: 54.6 cm
- Inner Dia.: 31.8 cm
- External Length: 63.5 cm
- Internal Length: 27.9 cm
- Window Port Dia.: 12.7 cm
- Approximate Wt: 1800 lbs



## *NUIG H<sub>2</sub>-CO Chemistry Forms Basis of the Mechanism*

- Kinetic mechanism developed at C<sup>3</sup>
  - H<sub>2</sub>/CO/O<sub>2</sub> based on Ó Conaire et al.
  - Several significant updates based on recent experimental and kinetic data
- Simulations performed using Chemkin Pro
  - Grid independent solutions  $\approx$  1000 pts
  - Multi-component transport & thermal diffusion

## H<sub>2</sub>-Air Results



## Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents

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*Ongoing Experiments to Include  $H_2O$  Using a Design of Experiments Approach*

- 4 Factors with 3 Levels Each
- L-9 Taguchi Matrix
- - Temperature (323, 373, 423 K)
- - Pressure (1, 5, 10 atm)
- - Water Content (0, 7.5, 15%)
- -  $H_2$ :CO Mixture (5:95, 50:50, 100:0)

## Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents



*Design of Experiments Approach Utilized*

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Taguchi L9 Matrix

## Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents



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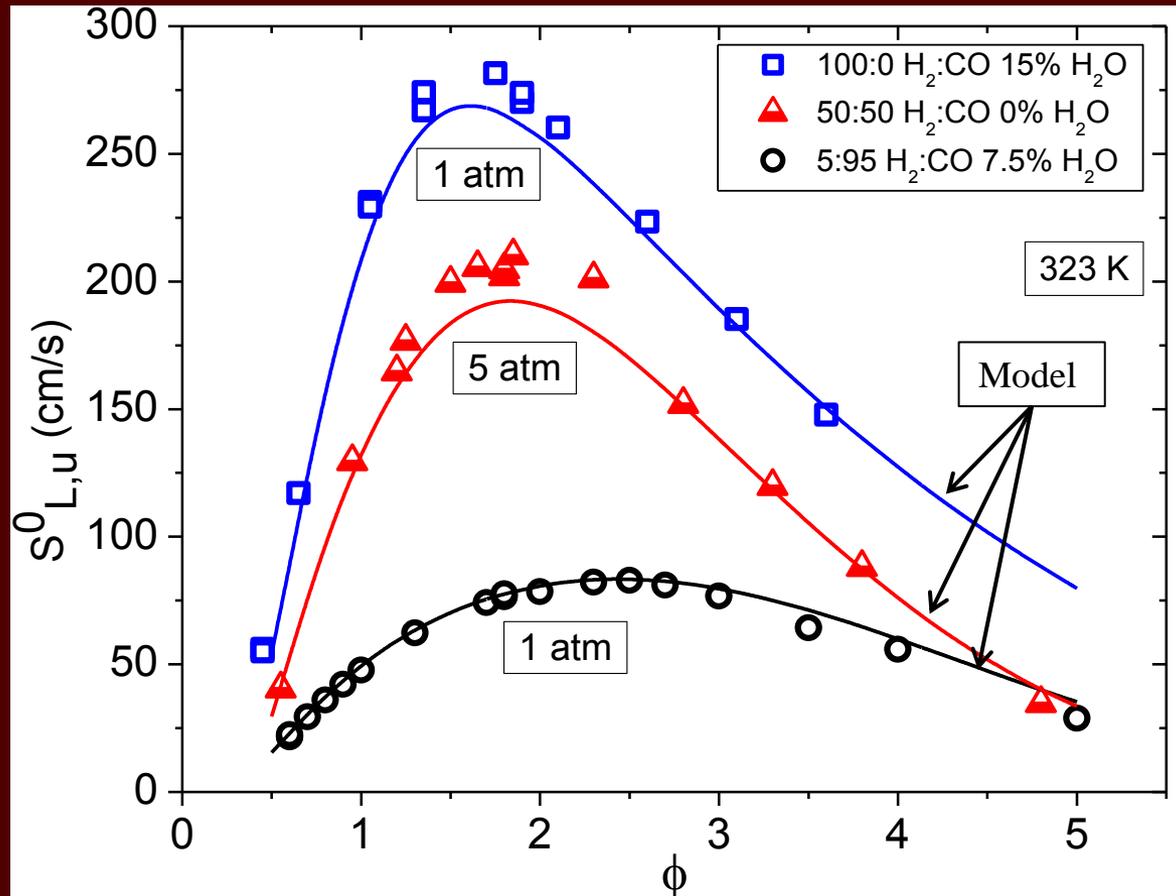
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# Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents



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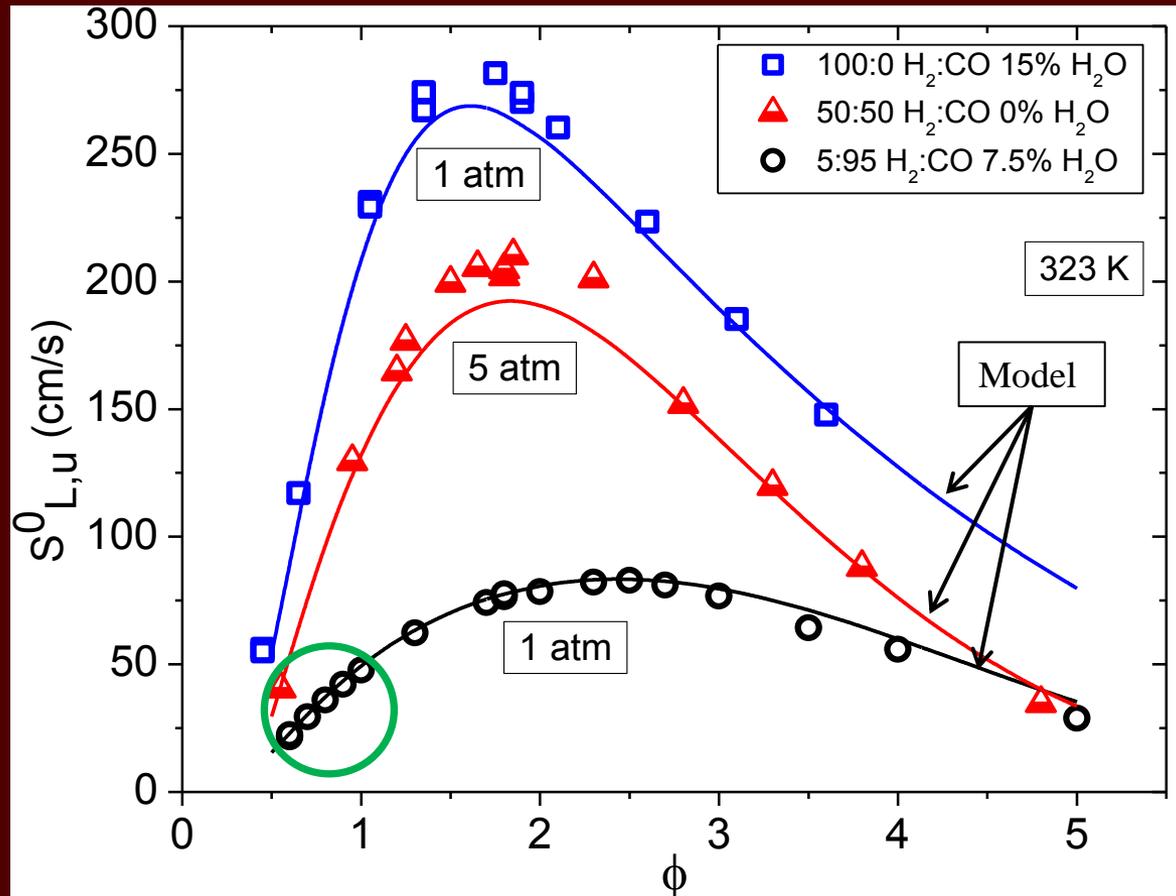


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# Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents



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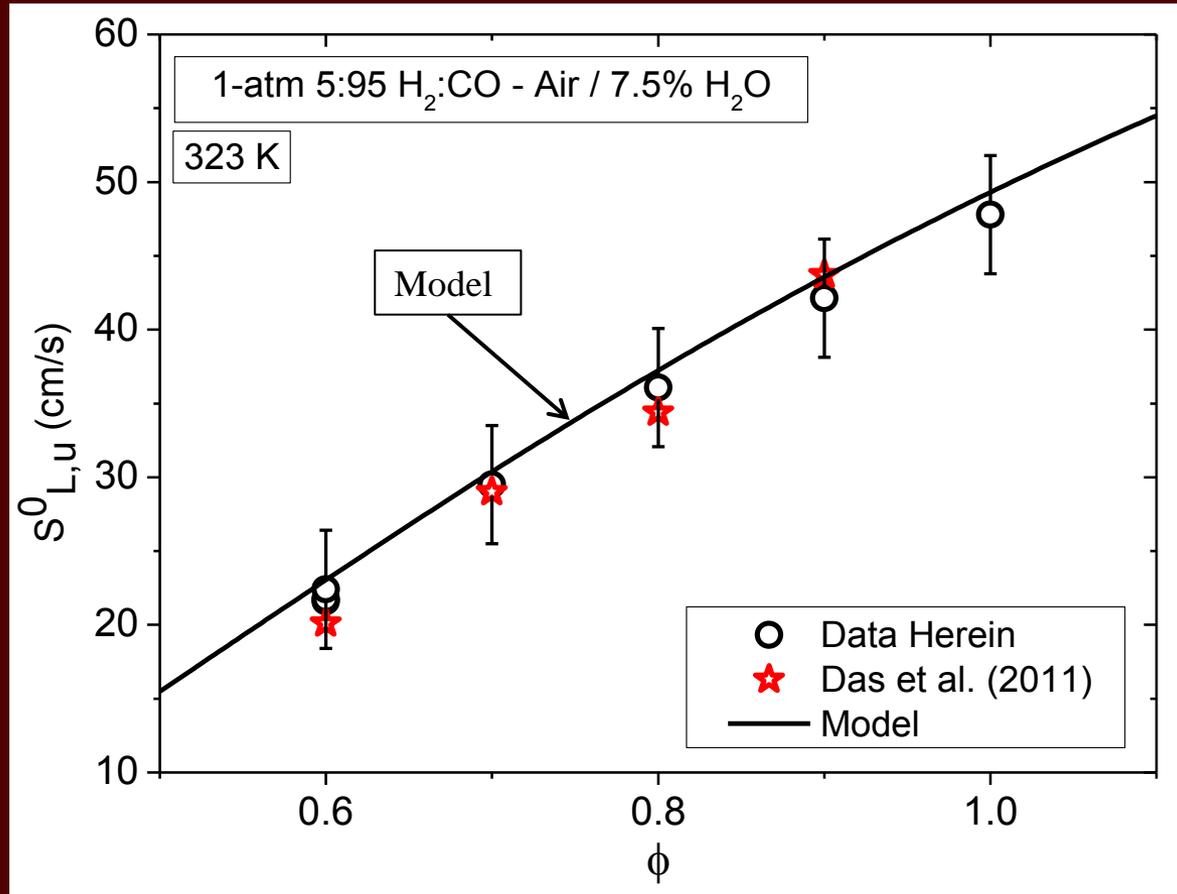


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# Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents



*Good Agreement with Available Data (Das, Sung et al., 2011)*



Good agreement with Das et al. (2011) and the model (solid line)

## Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents



Results: Combos 4 - 6

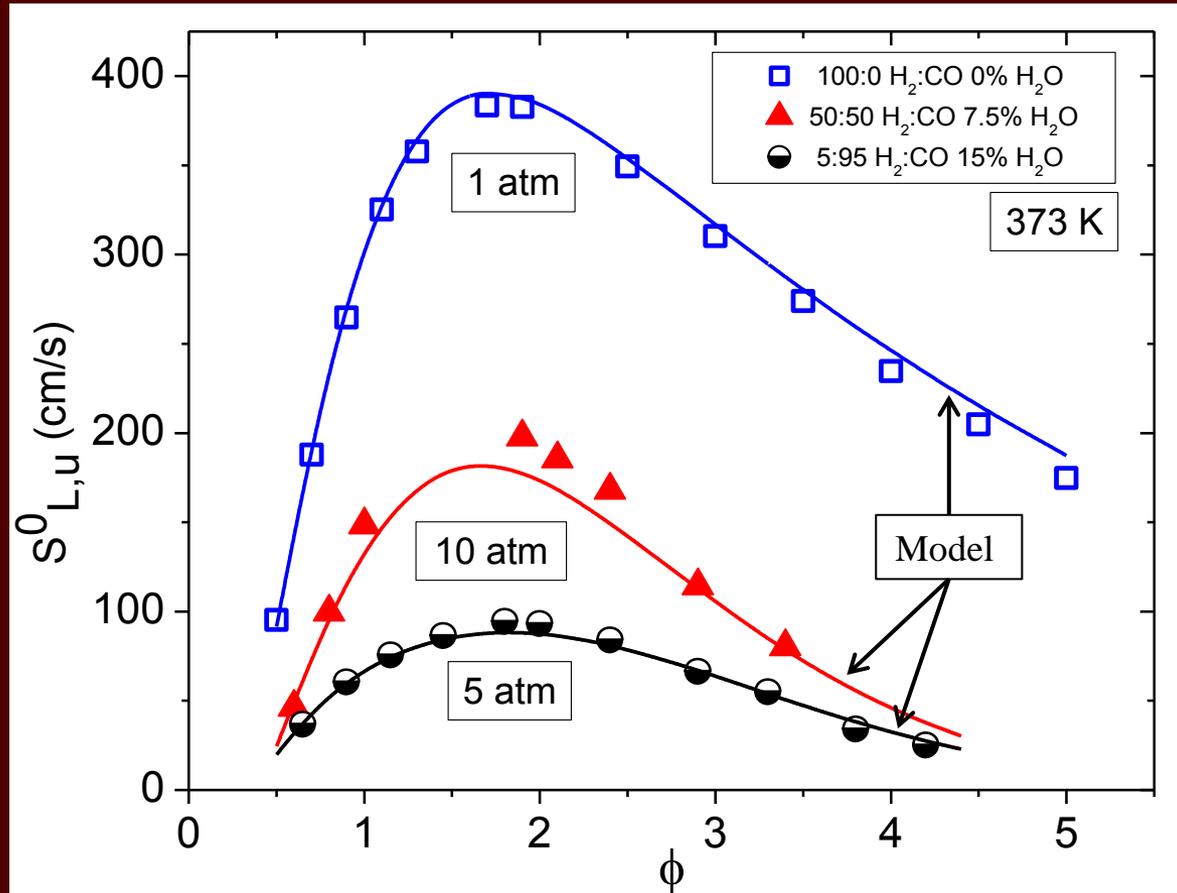
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# Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents



Results: Combos 4 - 6



Good agreement with the model (solid lines)

## Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents



Results: Combos 7 - 9

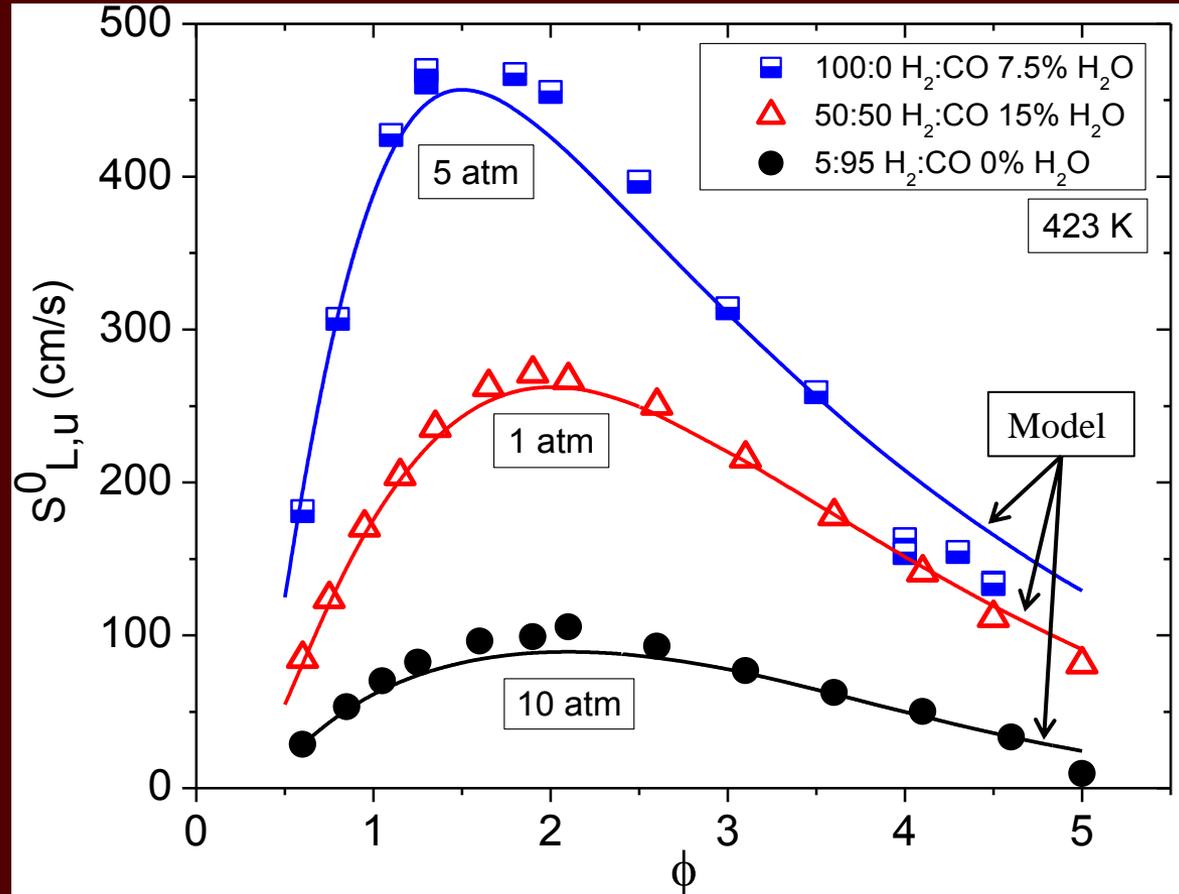
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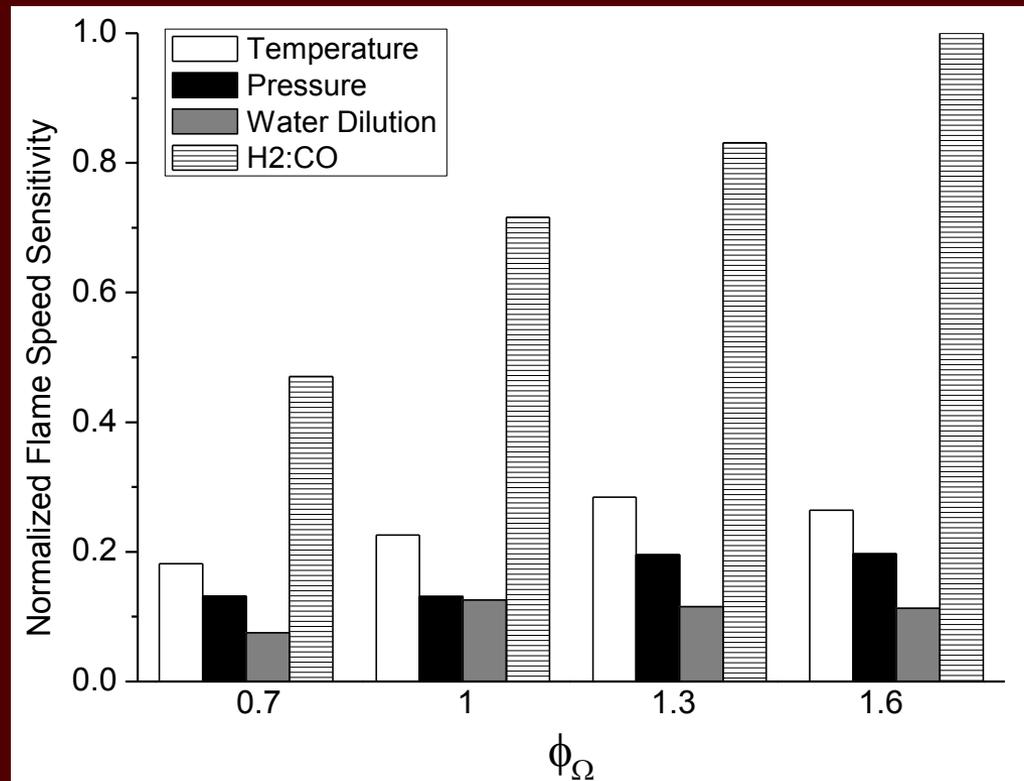
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# Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents



## Results: Sensitivity Analysis from the Matrix

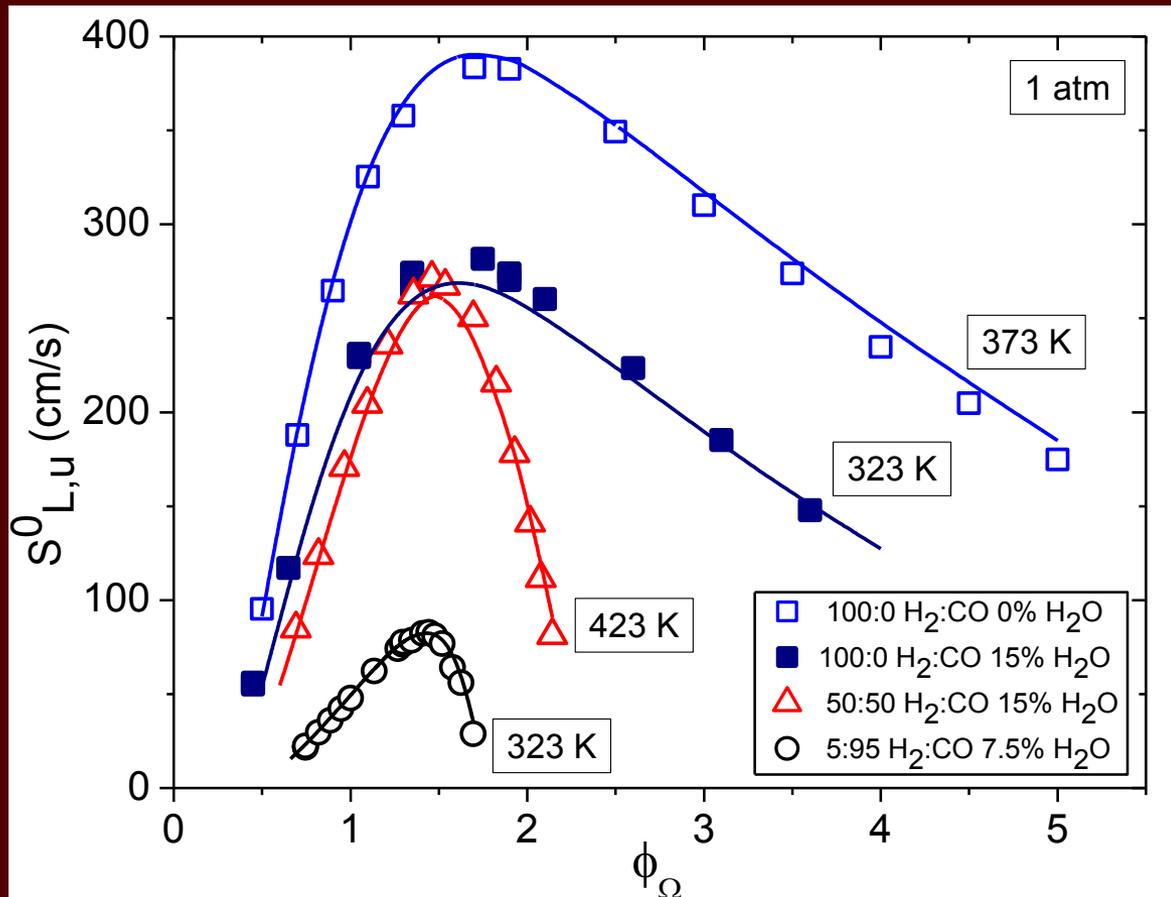
The maximum difference between the averaged parameter values (i.e.,  $S_L$ ) at each DOE level (i.e. 1, 2, or 3) for each factor and equivalence ratio



# Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents



1-atm Results Plotted with Modified  $\phi_\Omega$  Show Common Peak



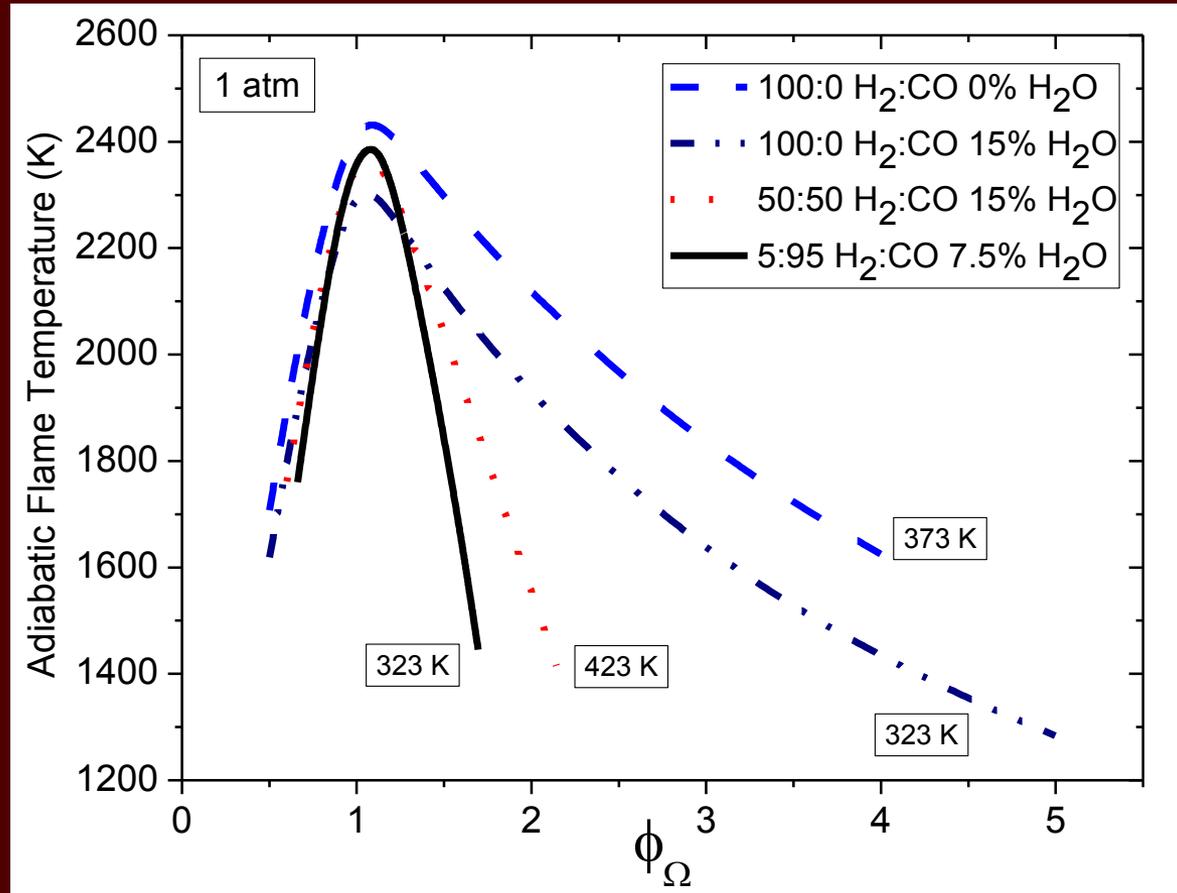
$$\Phi_\Omega = \frac{(1 + X_{CO})}{\left(X_{CO} + \frac{1}{\Phi}\right)}$$

- Shifts in the peak flame speed are adjusted
- CO dilution has a strong influence

# Task 3 – $S_L$ with Diluents



## Flame Temperature for 1-atm Results



- Little influence on the fuel-lean side
- Strong influence on the fuel-rich side

# **Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism Validation Experiments**

## Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism

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*Kinetics Mechanism Validation with NO<sub>x</sub> at Engine Conditions is being Performed*

- Mechanism Based on Galway C5 Mechanism
- NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism(s) from Recent Literature Investigated
- Ignition Times with NO<sub>2</sub> and N<sub>2</sub>O Precursors for Validation (and EGR-Related)
- Ammonia Oxidation and Chemical Kinetics
- **Goal: Oxidation Dataset and Suggest Mechanism at End**

# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism



## *Texas A&M High-Pressure Shock Tube*





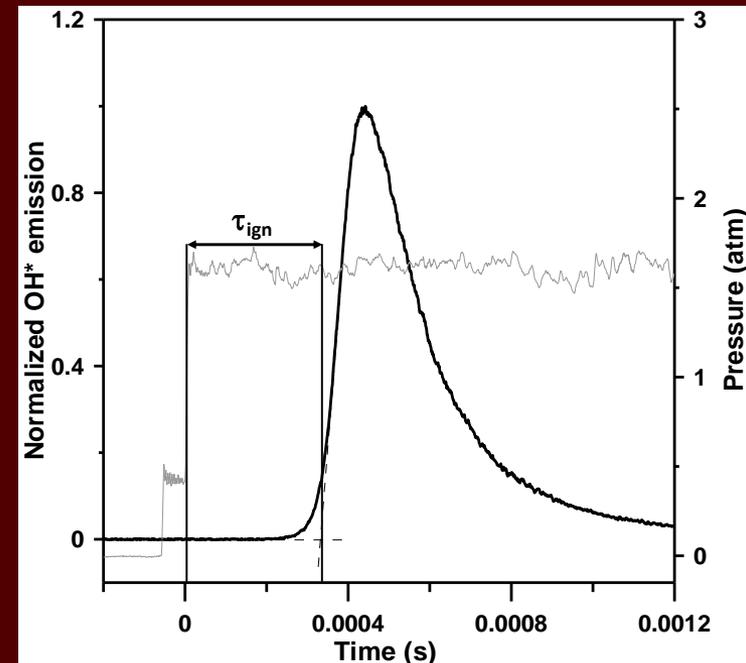
# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism

## Addition of NO<sub>2</sub> in H<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub> Mixtures

- Dilute conditions (98% Ar)
- Ignition delay time measurement at the sidewall location
  - OH\* Emission
  - 307 ± 10 nm

Mostly at  $\phi = 0.5$  for H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>

Mixture composition (mole fraction)	T <sub>5</sub> (K)	P <sub>5</sub> (atm)	Reference
0.01 H <sub>2</sub> / 0.01 O <sub>2</sub> / 0.98 Ar	960-1625	1.65 ± 0.15 atm	Keromnes et al.
	1085-1245	13.3 ± 1.0 atm	
	1160-1270	32.8 ± 1.5 atm	
0.01 H <sub>2</sub> / 0.01 O <sub>2</sub> / 0.0001 NO <sub>2</sub> / 0.9799 Ar	945-1640	1.70 ± 0.2 atm	This study
	1035-1200	12.5 ± 0.9 atm	
0.01 H <sub>2</sub> / 0.01 O <sub>2</sub> / 0.0004 NO <sub>2</sub> / 0.9796 Ar	1055-1235	33.7 ± 1.6 atm	This study
	990-1565	1.65 ± 0.25 atm	
0.01 H <sub>2</sub> / 0.01 O <sub>2</sub> / 0.0004 NO <sub>2</sub> / 0.9796 Ar	1030-1220	13.5 ± 0.7 atm	This study
	1020-1230	34.2 ± 0.7 atm	
0.01 H <sub>2</sub> / 0.01 O <sub>2</sub> / 0.0016 NO <sub>2</sub> / 0.9784 Ar	1100-1720	1.60 ± 0.15 atm	This study
	1035-1250	13.2 ± 0.6 atm	
	1050-1270	33.1 ± 0.4 atm	



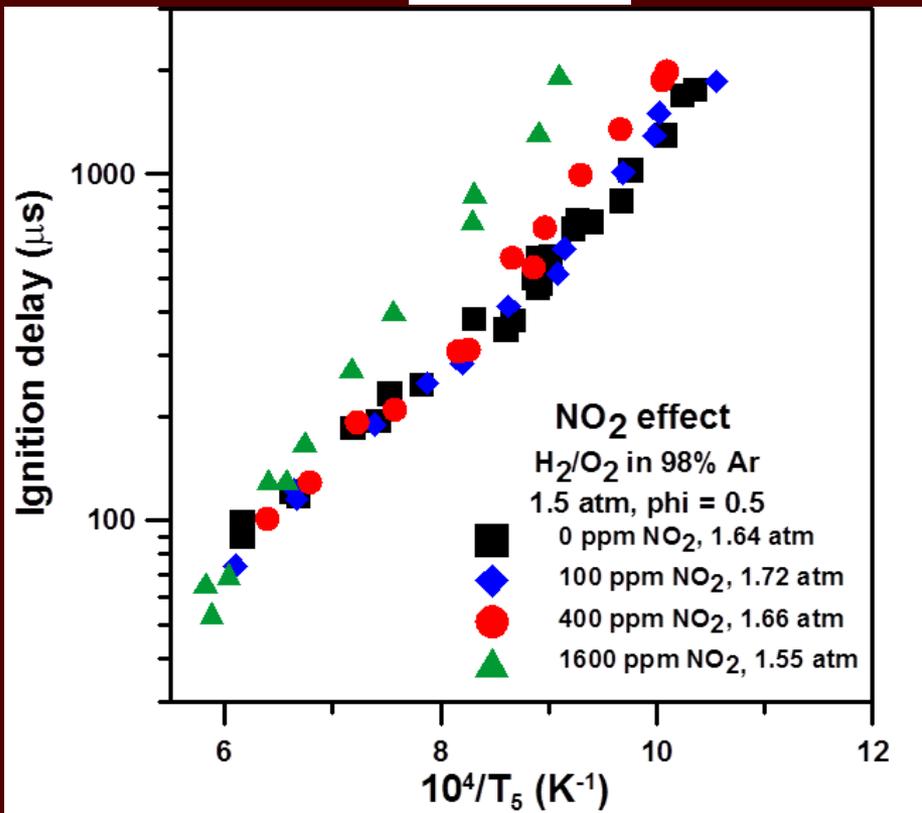
Also:  $\phi = 0.3$  and 1.0 without and with 100 ppm NO<sub>2</sub>

# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism

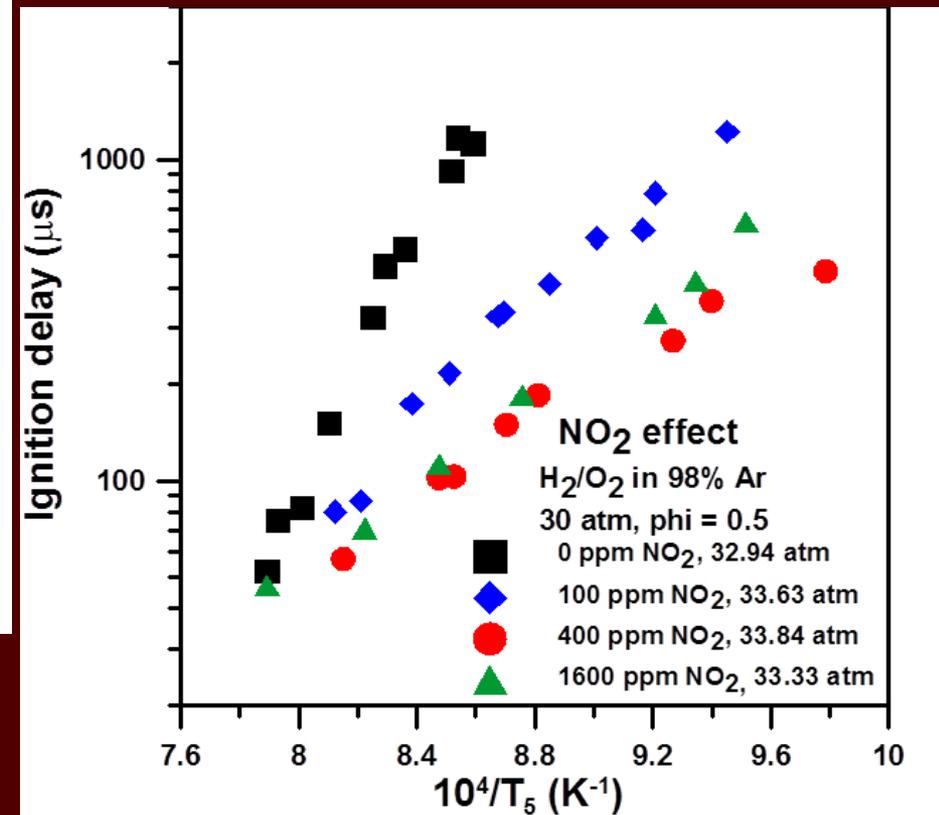


**Effect of NO<sub>2</sub> on H<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub> Mixtures is Stronger at Higher Pressure**

**1.5 atm**



**30 atm**



# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism



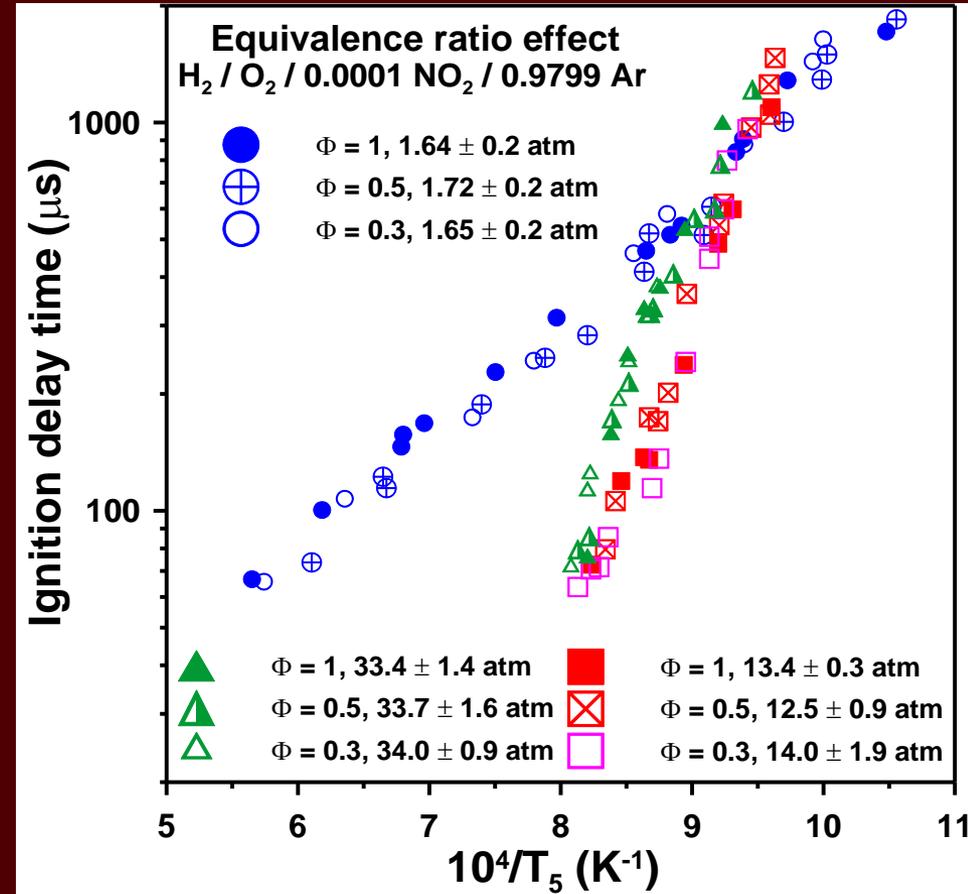
## Equivalence ratio effect at 100 ppm

$\phi = 0.3, 0.5, 1.0$  with 100-ppm NO<sub>2</sub>

⇒ Nearly no effect on  $\phi$

⇒ Similar to neat H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> mixtures (Keromnes et al., 2012, Herzler and Naumann, 2009)

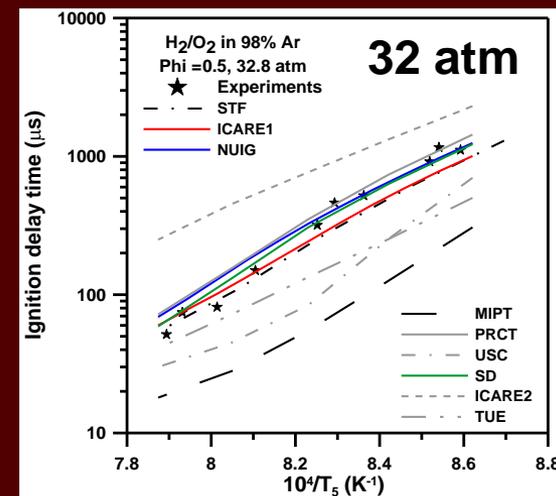
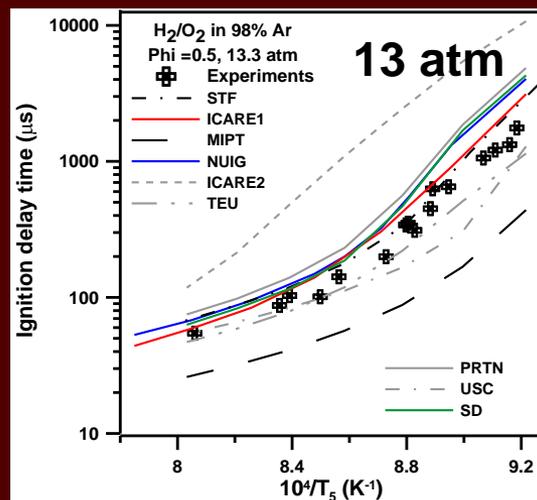
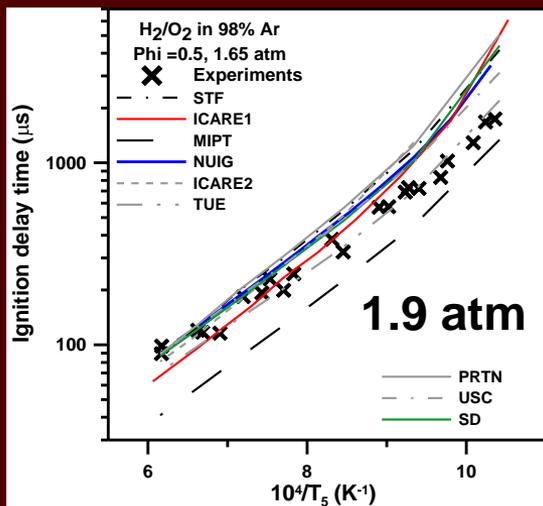
⇒ Computation showed the same for larger NO<sub>2</sub> concentrations



# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism



## Variation in H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> Mechanisms for Baseline H<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub> Data



ICARE1: Mevel *et al.* (Proceed. Combust. Inst. 32 (2009) 359–366)

ICARE2: Dayma and Dagaut (Combust. Sci. and Tech. 178 (2006), 1999-2024)

MIPT: Kosarev *et al.* (Combust. Flame 151 (2007) 61–73)

NUIG: Healy *et al.* (Combust. Flame 157 (2010) 1526-1539)

PRNT: Burke *et al.* (Int. J. Chem. Kinet. (2011), DOI: 10.1002/kin.20603)

SD: Petrova and Williams (Combust. Flame 144 (2006) 526-544)

STF: Hong *et al.* (Combust. Flame 158 (2011) 633-644)

TUE: Konnov (Combust. Flame 156 (2009) 2093-2105)

USC: Wang *et al.* ([http://ignis.usc.edu/USC\\_Mech\\_II.htm](http://ignis.usc.edu/USC_Mech_II.htm), May 2007)

# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism



## *NUIG Mechanism Chosen as Baseline H<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub> Chemistry*

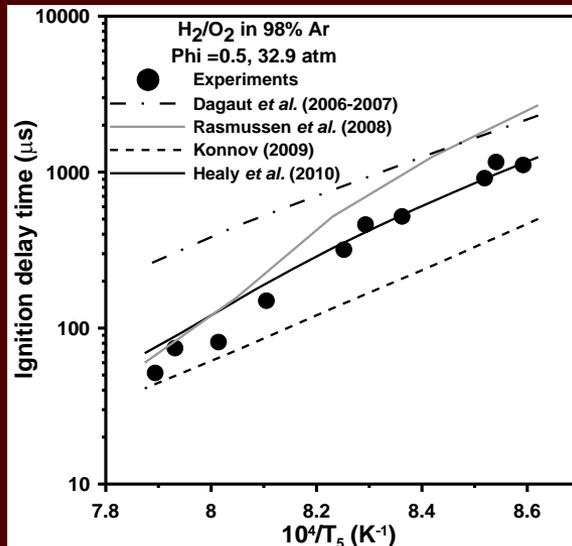
### Several NO<sub>x</sub> mechanisms tested:

- Rasmussen, Glarborg et al., 2008
- Konnov, 2009
- Dagaut, Brezinsky et al. (2006, 2007)

Not in full agreement with the data over the range of conditions investigated

### Because of H<sub>2</sub> chemistry? NO<sub>x</sub> chemistry?

⇒ Test against new H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> data (Keromnes, Curran, Petersen et al., 2012)



- Poor agreement against our H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> data
- Several H<sub>2</sub> mechanisms tested (see Mathieu et al., accepted in *Int. J. Hydrogen Energy*, 2012)
- Healy, Curran, et al. (2010) selected as base H<sub>2</sub> mechanism

# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism

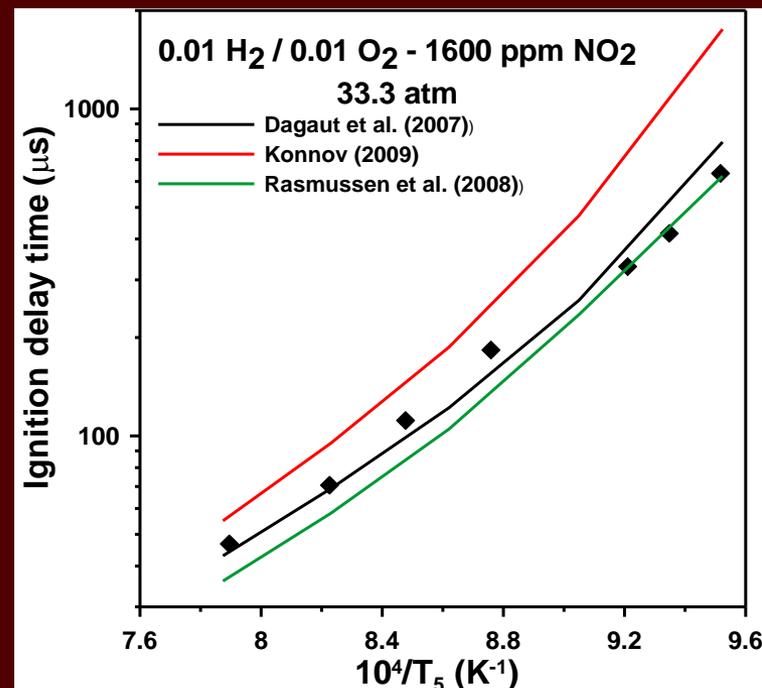
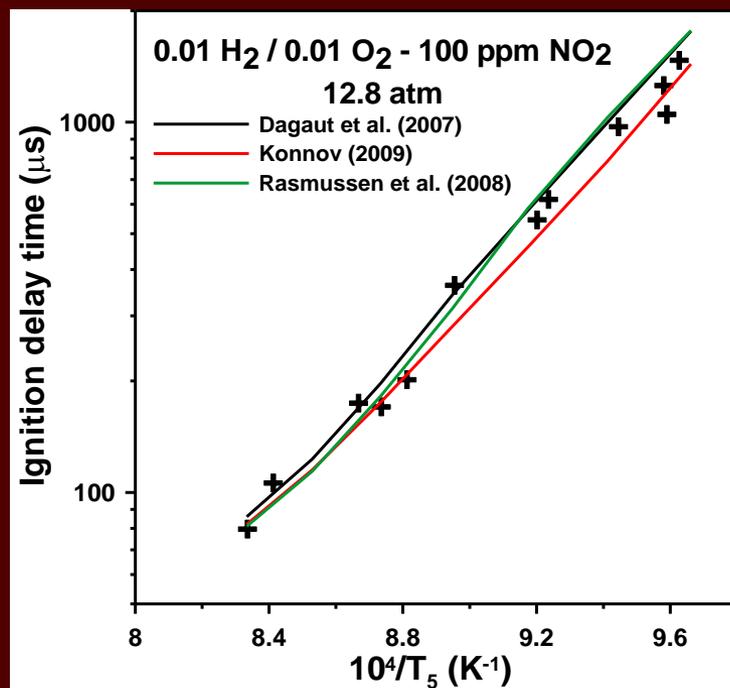


## NO<sub>2</sub> mechanism selection

### NO<sub>x</sub> mechanisms merged with the H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> Mechanism:

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- Konnov, 2009
- **Dagaut, Brezinsky *et al.* (2006, 2007)**

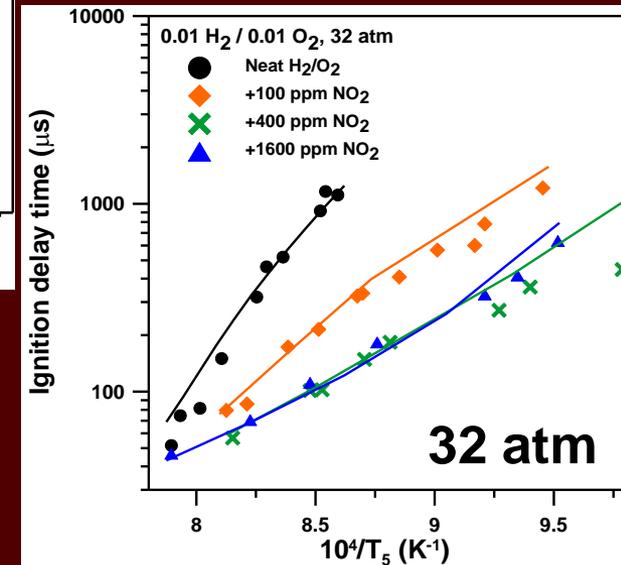
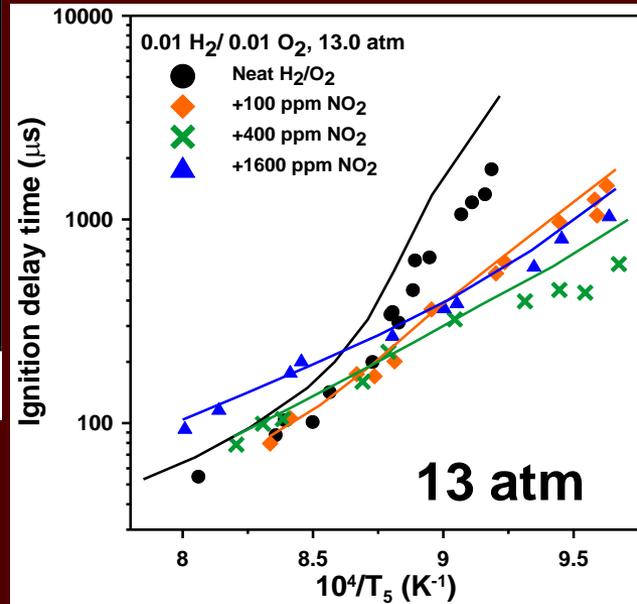
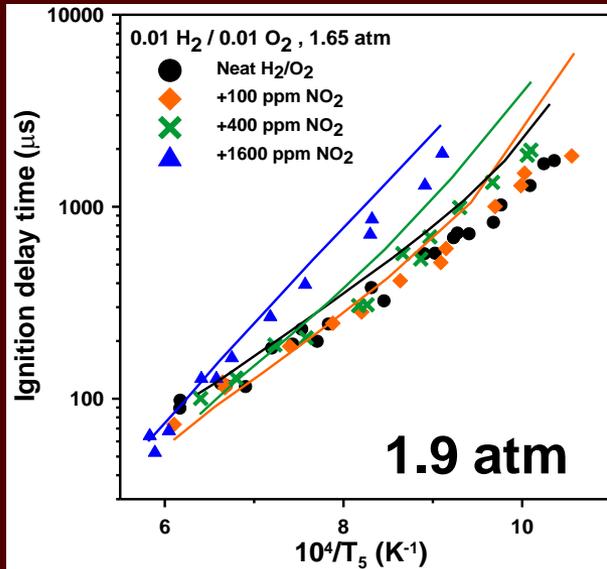
**Updated H<sub>2</sub> + NO<sub>2</sub> ⇌ HONO + H: Rate from Parks, Lin *et al.* (1998)**



# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism



*NO<sub>2</sub> Mechanism Performs Well Over Range of Data*



**Good predictions against the new data**

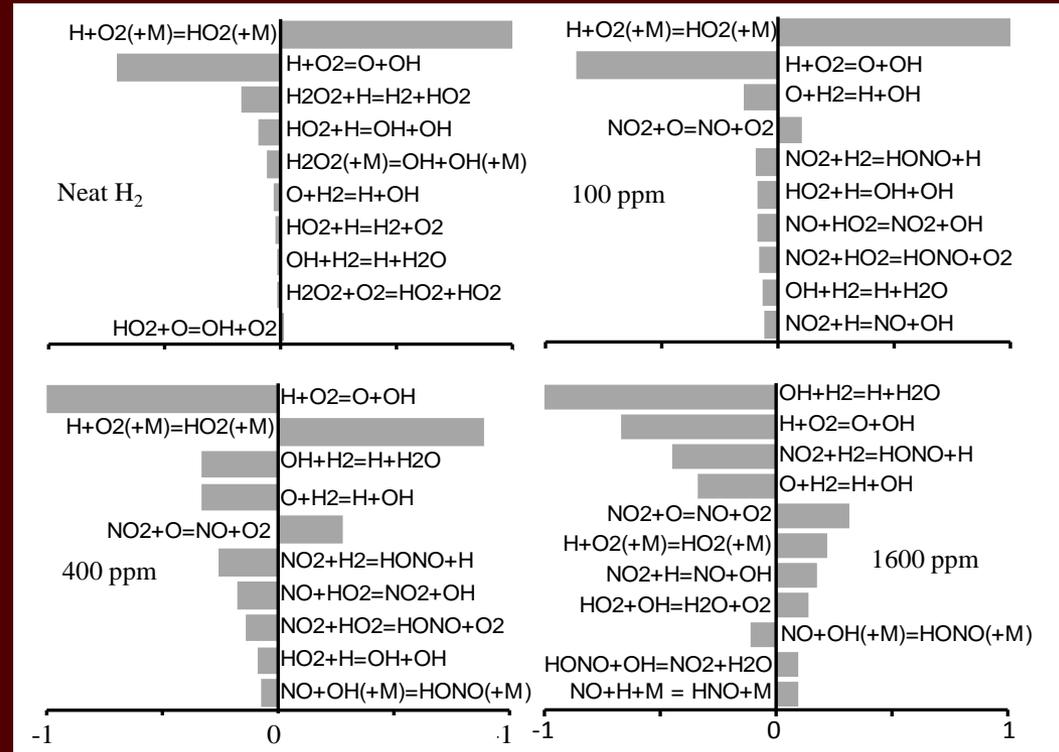
# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism



## Ignition Sensitivity Analyses for NO<sub>2</sub> Addition

13.5 atm,  
1110 K

400-ppm NO<sub>2</sub> addition:



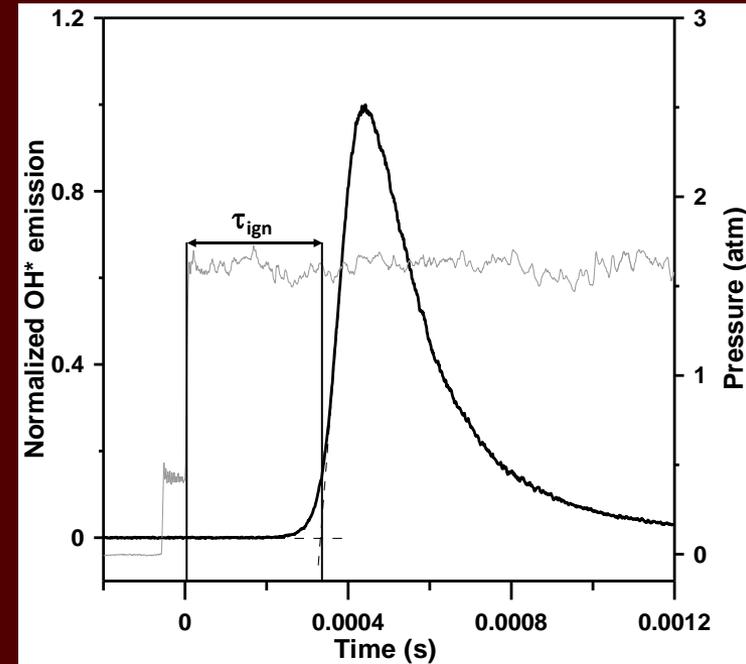
# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism



## *Ignition Delay Time from OH\* Emission*

- Dilute conditions (98-97.84% Ar)
- Measurement at the sidewall location
  - 307 ± 10 nm

Mixture composition (mole fraction)	T <sub>5</sub> (K)	P <sub>5</sub> (atm)	Reference
0.01 H <sub>2</sub> / 0.01 O <sub>2</sub> / 0.98 Ar	960-1625	1.65 ± 0.15 atm	Keromnes et al.
	1085-1245	13.3 ± 1.0 atm	
	1160-1270	32.8 ± 1.5 atm	
0.01 H <sub>2</sub> / 0.01 O <sub>2</sub> / 0.0001 N <sub>2</sub> O / 0.9799 Ar	950-1660	1.60 ± 0.17 atm	This study
	1090-1230	13.1 ± 0.3 atm	
	1150-1260	31.8 ± 1.1 atm	
0.01 H <sub>2</sub> / 0.01 O <sub>2</sub> / 0.0004 N <sub>2</sub> O / 0.9796 Ar	940-1675	1.67 ± 0.25 atm	This study
	1075-1220	12.6 ± 0.8 atm	
	1145-1300	31.4 ± 1.0 atm	
0.01 H <sub>2</sub> / 0.01 O <sub>2</sub> / 0.0016 N <sub>2</sub> O / 0.9784 Ar	950-1660	1.62 ± 0.20 atm	This study
	1080-1225	13.1 ± 0.6 atm	
	1125-1235	32.4 ± 1.0 atm	



# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism



## Effect the N<sub>2</sub>O concentration at around 1.7 atm

No discernible effect of 100 ppm N<sub>2</sub>O addition

Above 100ppm: N<sub>2</sub>O additions ↘  $\tau_{\text{ign}}$  at high temperatures

@1650 K:  $\tau_{\text{ign}} = 95 \mu\text{s}$  for neat H<sub>2</sub> and 45  $\mu\text{s}$  with 1600 ppm N<sub>2</sub>O

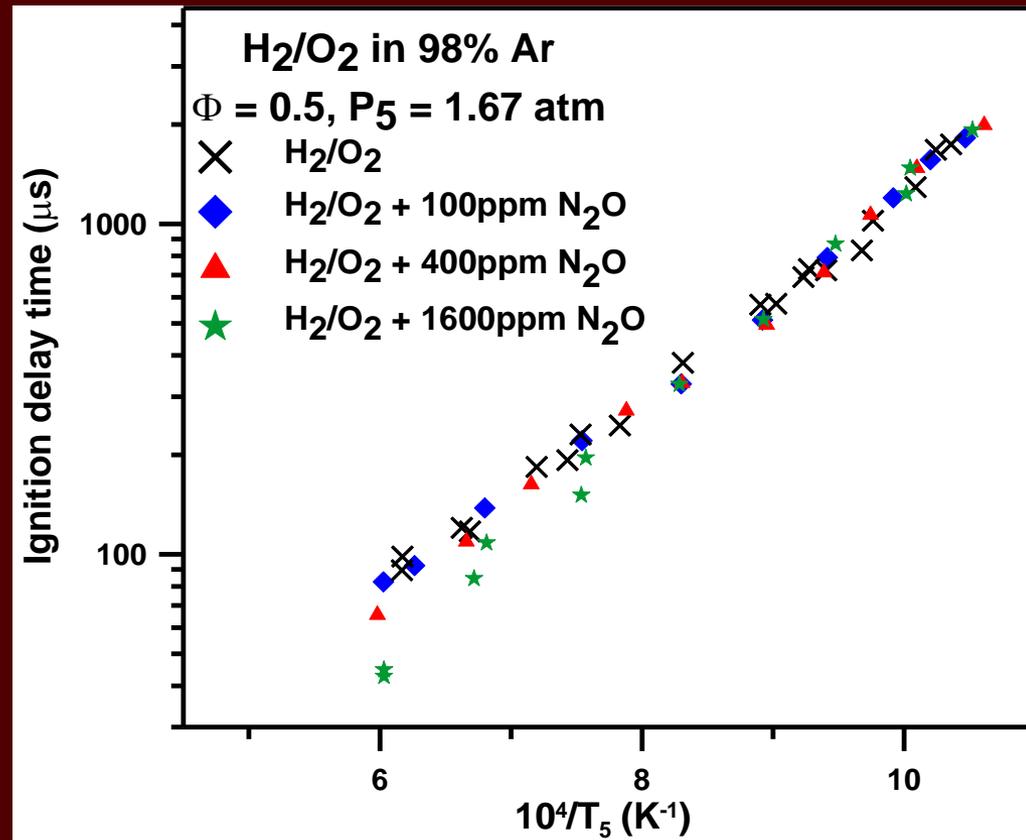
N<sub>2</sub>O additions induced a change in the apparent activation energy (E<sub>a</sub>): E<sub>a</sub> ↗ with [N<sub>2</sub>O]

57 kJ/mol for the neat H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> mixture,

58 kJ/mol with 100ppm N<sub>2</sub>O,

60.8 kJ/mol with 400 ppm N<sub>2</sub>O,

69.5 kJ/mol with 1600 ppm N<sub>2</sub>O.



# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism



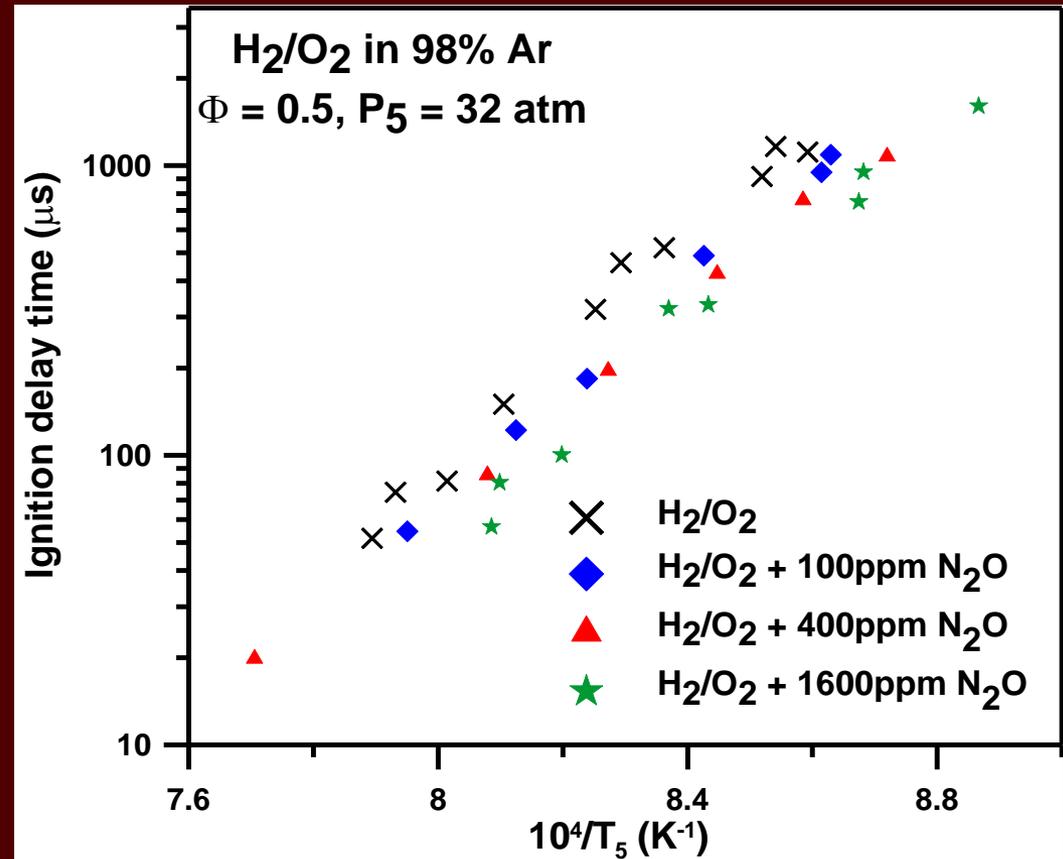
Effect the N<sub>2</sub>O concentration at around **32 atm**

N<sub>2</sub>O additions: ↘  $\tau_{\text{ign}}$  on the whole range of temperatures

@ 1235 K:  $\tau_{\text{ign}}$  =

- 150  $\mu\text{s}$  for neat H<sub>2</sub>,
- 114  $\mu\text{s}$  with 100 ppm N<sub>2</sub>O,
- 98  $\mu\text{s}$  with 400 ppm N<sub>2</sub>O,
- 58  $\mu\text{s}$  with 1600 ppm N<sub>2</sub>O.

No significant change in E<sub>a</sub>



# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism



*N<sub>2</sub>O Mechanism Selected from Mevel et al.*

Several NO<sub>x</sub> mechanism merged with the H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> Mechanism:

**ICARE1: Mevel et al. (Proceed. Combust. Inst. 32 (2009) 359–366)**

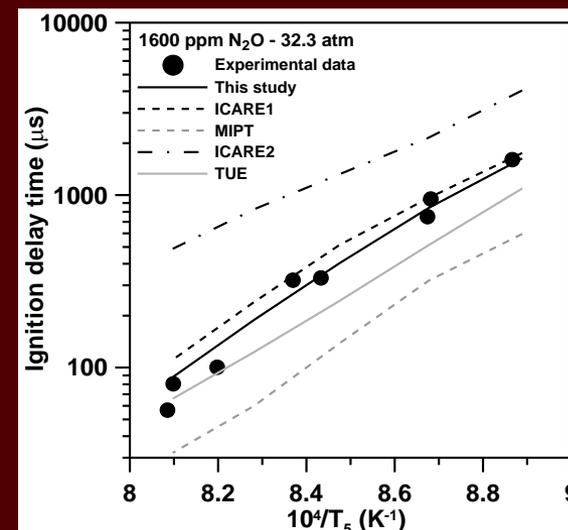
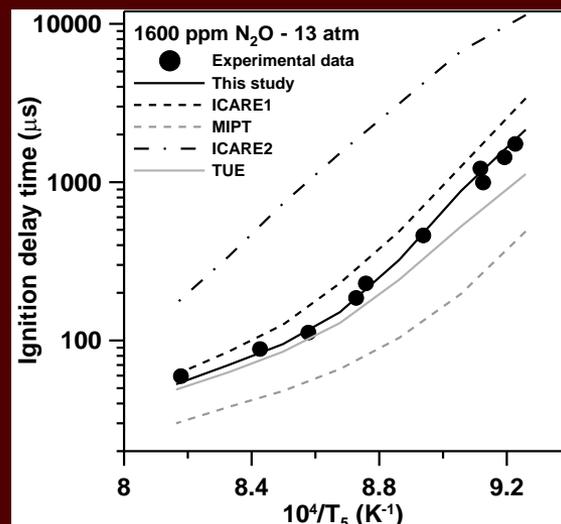
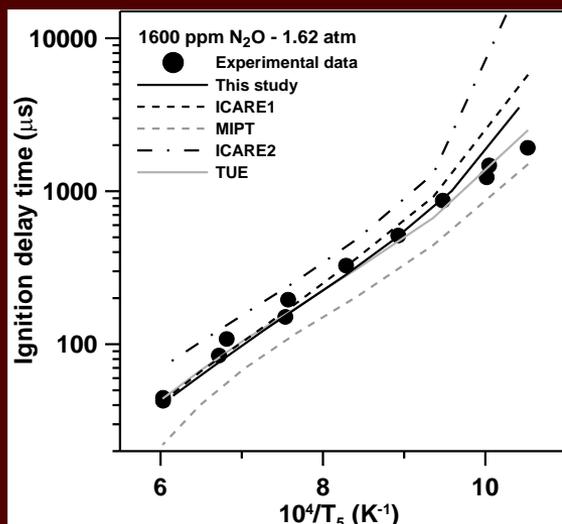
with different reaction rates from Literature for:

- $\text{N}_2\text{O} + \text{M} \rightleftharpoons \text{N}_2 + \text{O} + \text{M}$
- $\text{N}_2\text{O} + \text{H} \rightleftharpoons \text{N}_2 + \text{OH}$

**ICARE2: Dayma and Dagaut (2006)4)**

**MIPT: Kosarev et al. (2007)**

**TUE: Konnov (2009)**

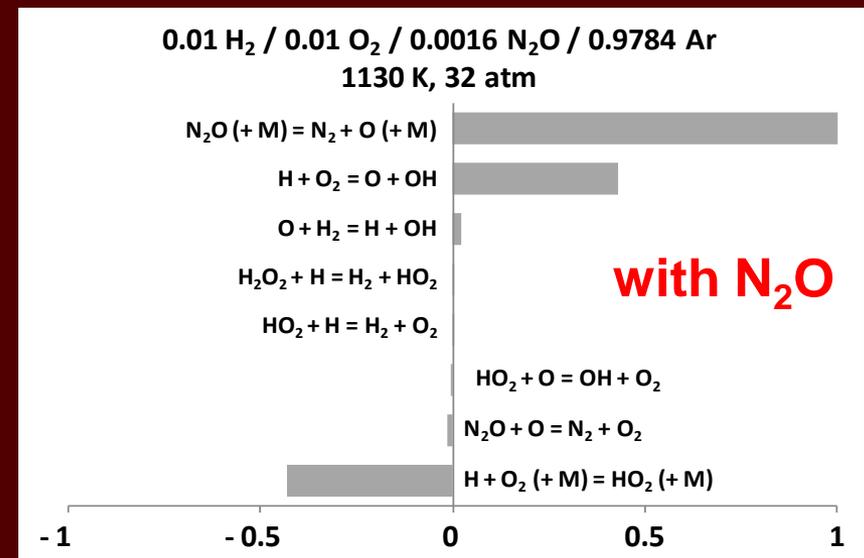
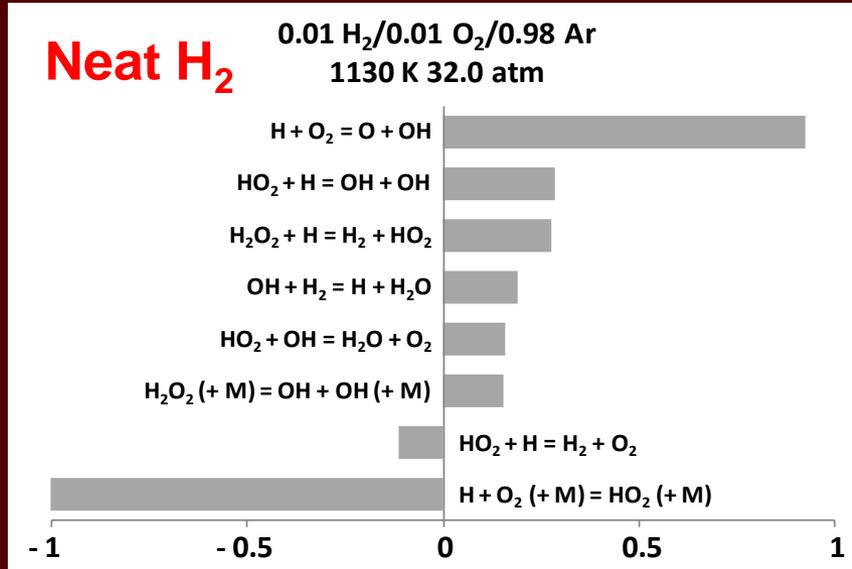


**Good predictions against the new data**

# Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism



## Sensitivity analyses for N<sub>2</sub>O-Based Experiments



- **Neat H<sub>2</sub>:**

H + O<sub>2</sub> + M ⇌ HO<sub>2</sub> + M followed by H + O<sub>2</sub> ⇌ O + OH (promoting) .

- **1600 ppm N<sub>2</sub>O addition:**

**N<sub>2</sub>O + M ⇌ N<sub>2</sub> + O + M** most sensitive reaction

The O-atoms released via N<sub>2</sub>O + M ⇌ N<sub>2</sub> + O + M will react through O + H<sub>2</sub> = H + OH and then promote the overall reactivity.

## Task 4 – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism

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*This Task is Nearly Complete*

- Additional Work on NH<sub>3</sub> Performed (not shown)
- Compile Overall NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism Based on NO<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub>O, NH<sub>3</sub> Results

## **Task 6** – Effect of Impurities on Syngas Kinetics

## Task 6 – Impurities

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### *Trace Impurities are Being Studied*

- Trace Species ( $\text{H}_2\text{S}$ ,  $\text{NH}_3$ , HCN,  $\text{NO}_x$ , HC fuel, other?)
- Laminar Flame Speeds Using Established Methods
- Dilute Shock-Tube Experiments (Ignition and Time Histories)
- Pertinent Mixtures of Interest to Industry



# Task 6 – Impurities

- **Baseline mixtures:**

- Neat H<sub>2</sub> (H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>/Ar)
- Baseline syngas (BS), with H<sub>2</sub>/CO = 1

- **Addition of components/impurities found in biomass-derived syngas to BS:**

BS-CO<sub>2</sub>, -H<sub>2</sub>O, -CH<sub>4</sub> and -NH<sub>3</sub>

- **Study of a mixture representing an average Biomass-derived syngas (Biosyn and Biosyn-NH<sub>3</sub>)**

- **3 pressures: 1.7, 13.0 and 32 atm**

- **$\phi = 0.5$**

Mixture name	% H <sub>2</sub>	% CO	% O <sub>2</sub>	% CH <sub>4</sub>	% CO <sub>2</sub>	% H <sub>2</sub> O	% NH <sub>3</sub>	% Ar
Neat H <sub>2</sub>	1.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.0
BS	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.0
BS-CH <sub>4</sub>	0.406	0.406	1.113	0.075	0.0	0.0	0.0	98.0
BS-CO <sub>2</sub>	0.46	0.46	0.93	0.0	0.15	0.0	0.0	98.0
BS-H <sub>2</sub> O	0.444	0.444	0.889	0.0	0.0	0.223	0.0	98.0
BS-NH <sub>3</sub>	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.02	97.98
Biosyn	0.29659	0.29659	0.95013	0.08924	0.15748	0.20997	0.0	98.0
Biosyn-NH <sub>3</sub>	0.29659	0.29659	0.95013	0.08924	0.15748	0.20997	0.02	97.98

Composition averaged from 23 bio-syngas

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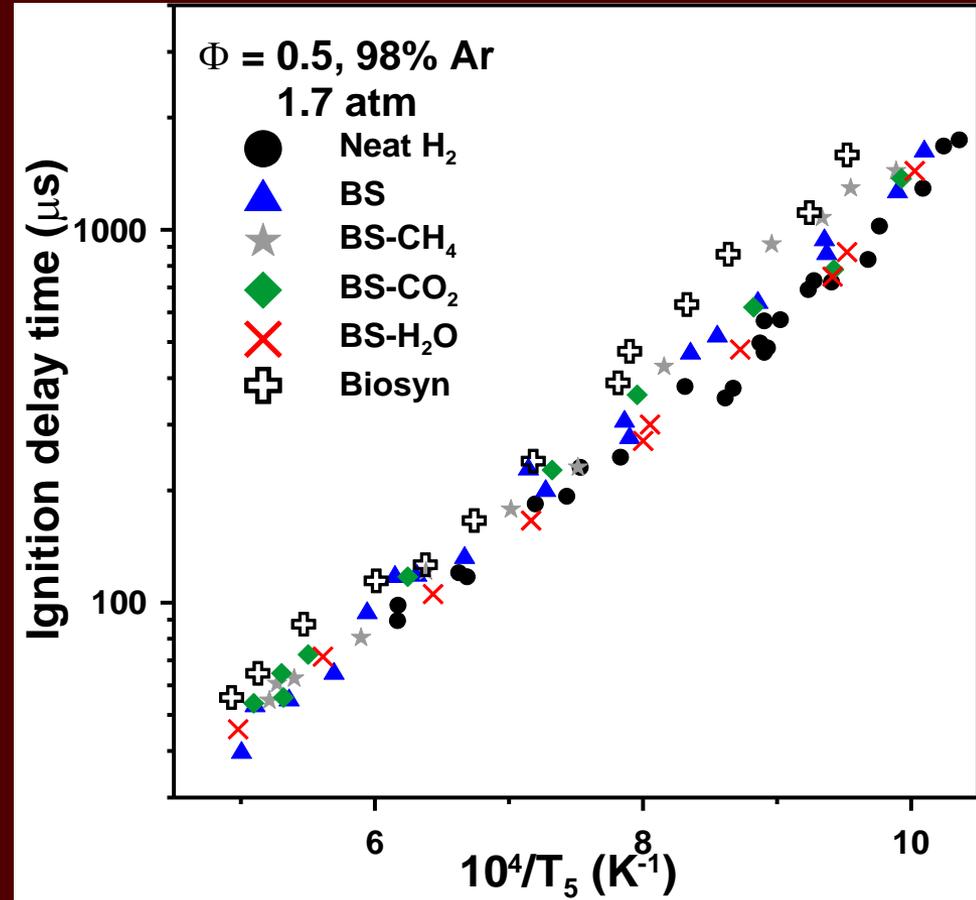
## Syngas composition effect at around 1.7 atm

Small differences between Neat H<sub>2</sub> and BS

Compared to BS:

- No effect of CO<sub>2</sub> addition
- H<sub>2</sub>O seems to slightly  $\searrow$   $\tau_{ign}$
- CH<sub>4</sub>  $\nearrow$   $\tau_{ign}$ , mostly at LT

Difference can be relatively important between BS and Biosyn



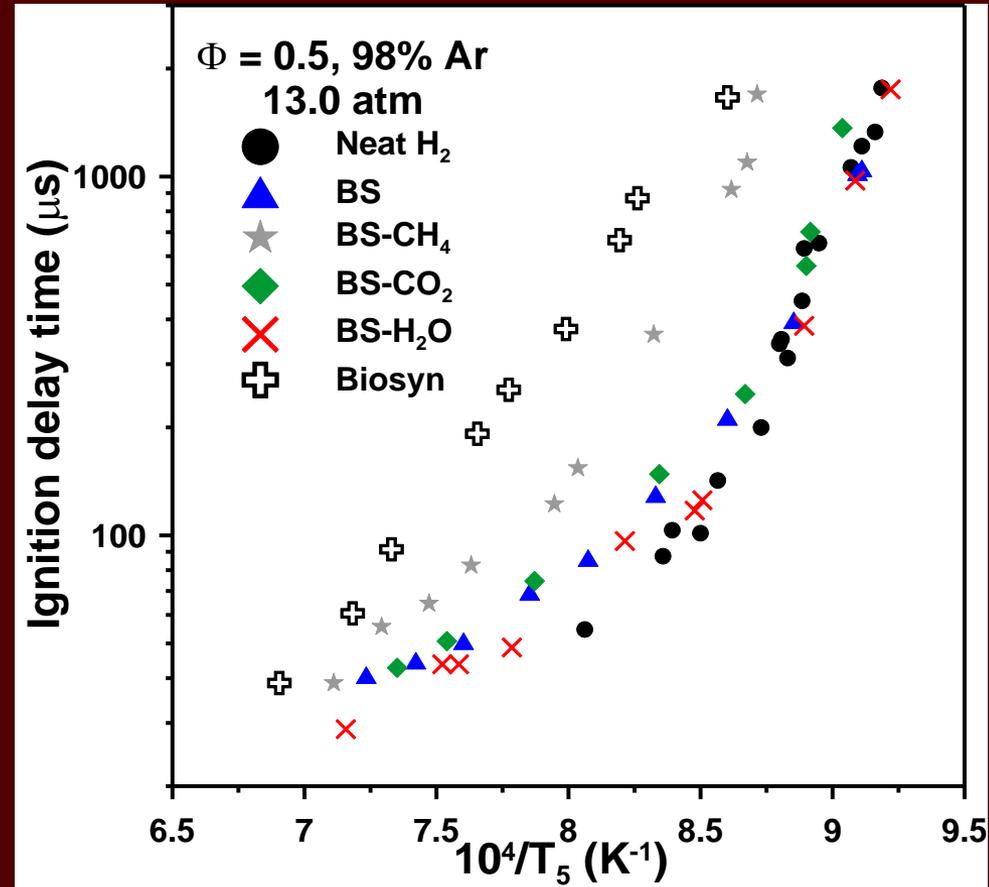
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## Syngas composition effect at around **13 atm**

- Longer  $\tau_{ign}$  for BS at HT compared to Neat  $H_2$
- No discernible effect of  $CO_2$  addition
- Slight  $\searrow$  in  $\tau_{ign}$  with  $H_2O$  addition
- Very important effect of  $CH_4$  addition (BS- $CH_4$ , Biosyn)

**Large differences in  $\tau_{ign}$  between BS and Biosyn**



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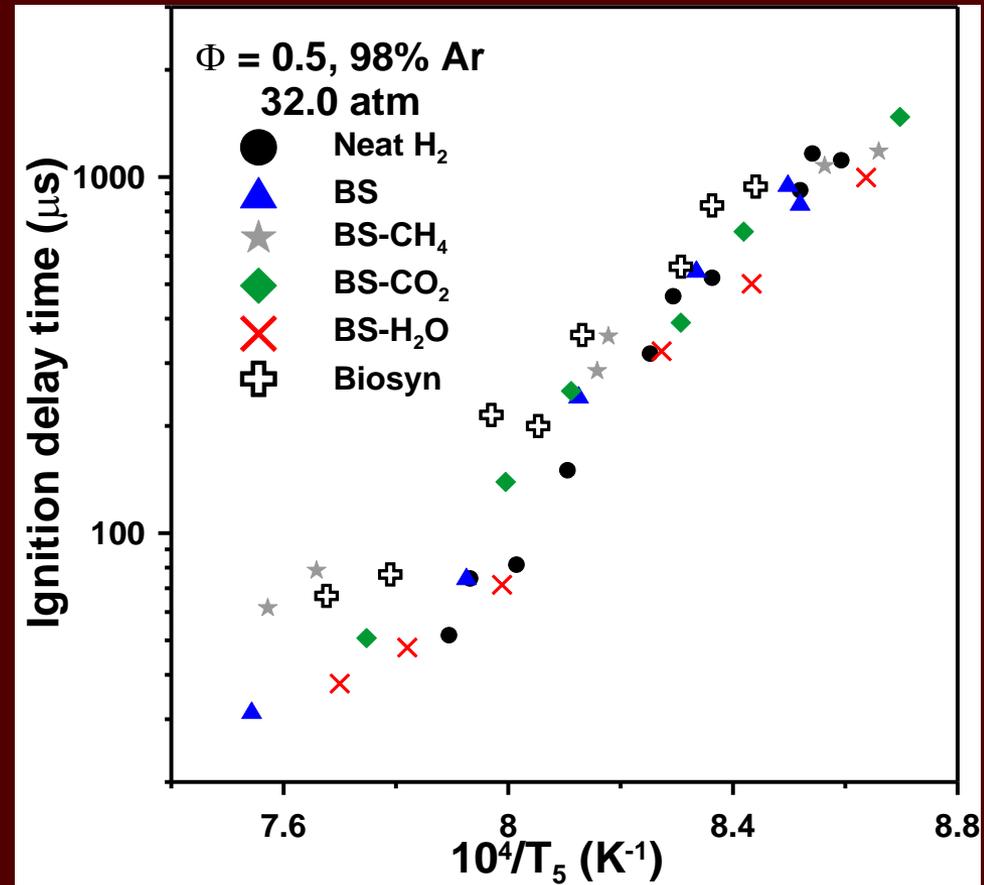


## Syngas composition effect at around 32 atm

Composition effect relatively weak at 32 atm

Most of the effects visible on HT side

Effects similar to lower pressure conditions ( $\nearrow$  in  $\tau_{\text{ign}}$  when  $\text{CH}_4$  is added)



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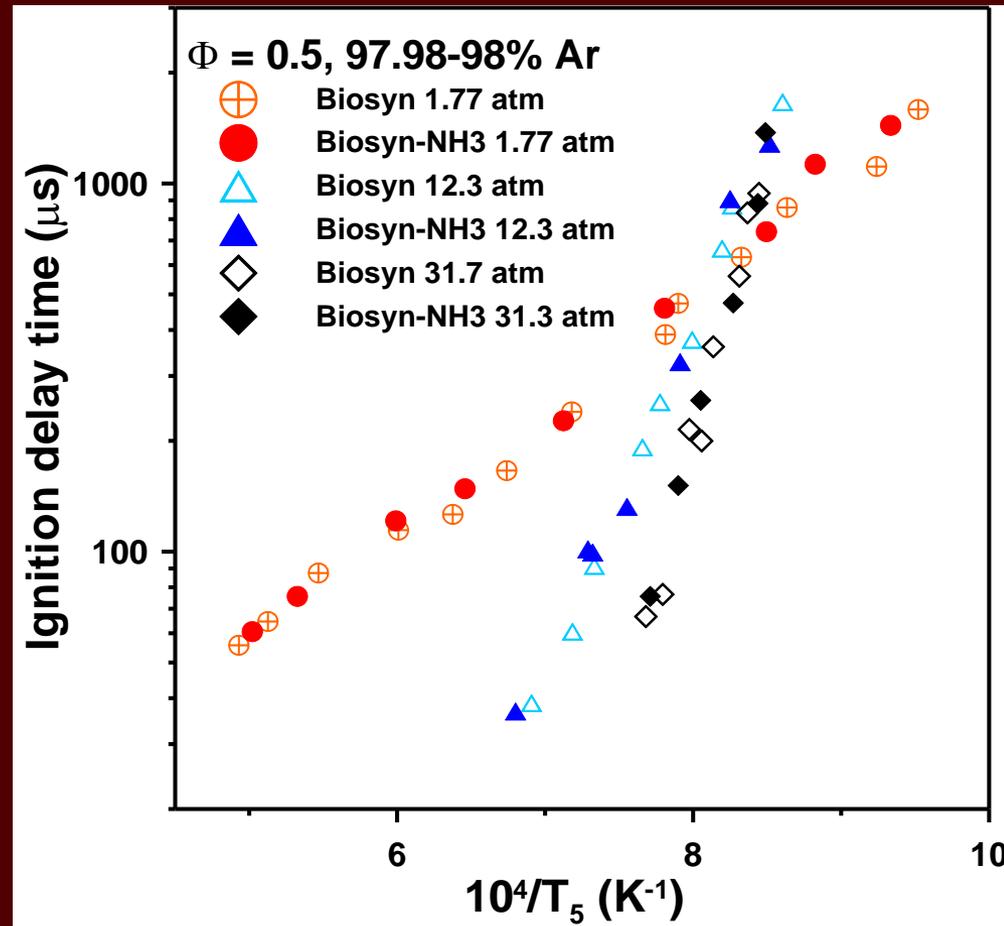
## Pressure and $\text{NH}_3$ effects

Important effect of pressure, **due to  $\text{H}_2/\text{O}_2$  chemistry**

Competition between:



**No appreciable effect of  $\text{NH}_3$  for Biosyn**

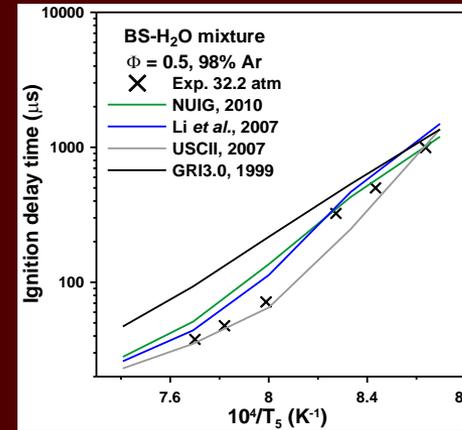
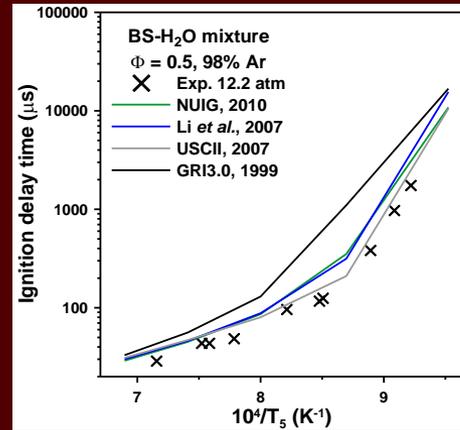
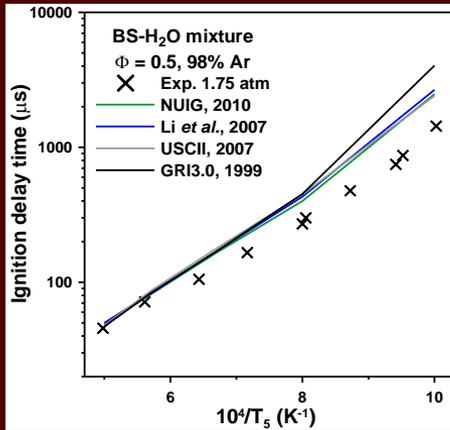


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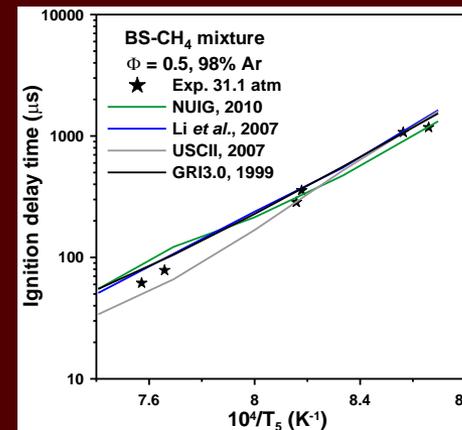
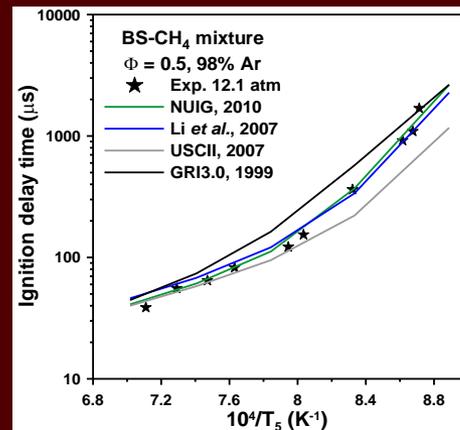
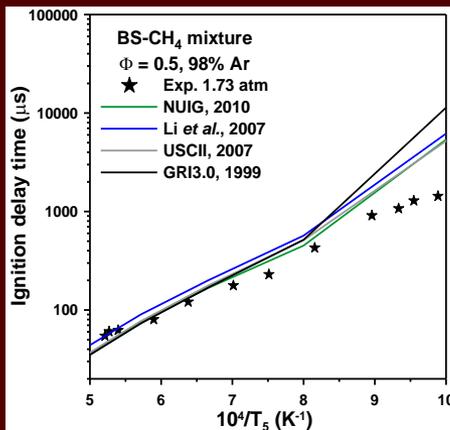


Various mechanisms tested against our results

GRI 3.0, 1999 / USC II, 2007 / Li, Dryer *et al.*, 2007 / Galway, 2010.



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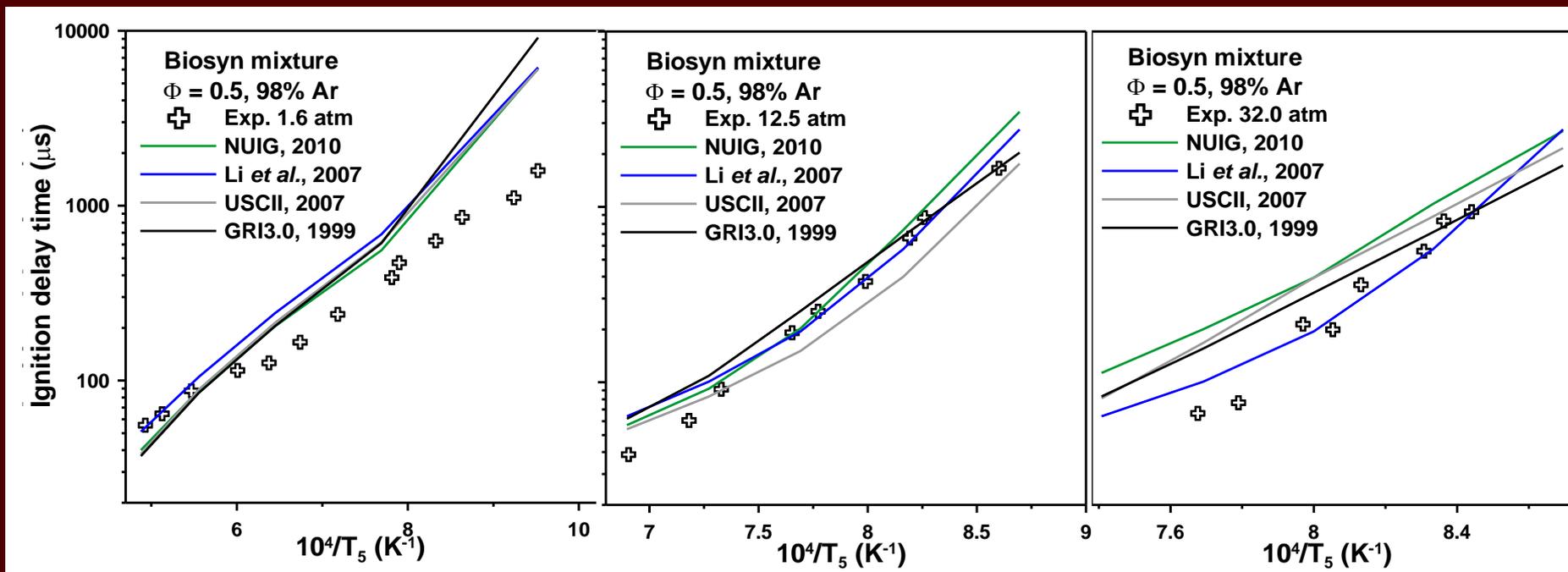


H<sub>2</sub>/CO/CH<sub>4</sub>

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Various mechanisms tested against our results



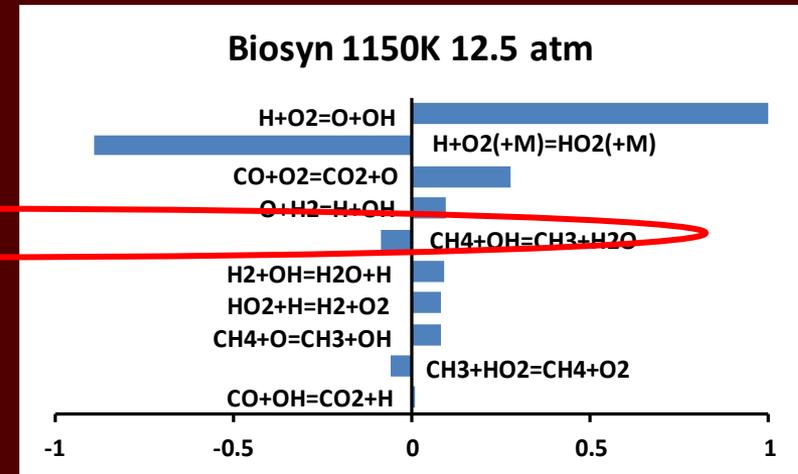
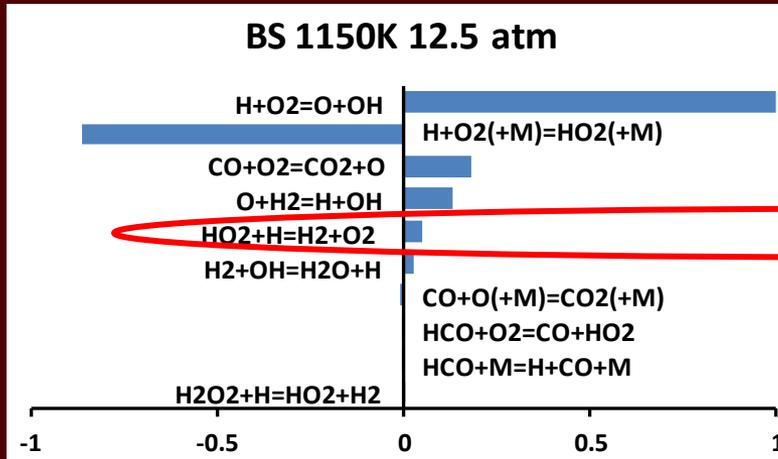
Overall, NUIG and Li et al. mechanisms offer the best predictions.

# Task 6 – Impurities



## Chemical Analysis Shows Impact of $CH_4$

Investigation on the effect of  $CH_4$  addition: sensitivity analysis on  $OH^*$  at 1150K, 12.5 atm



Between BS and Biosyn, only one reaction is different :



Then reactions of smaller importance:



Overall, inhibiting effect of  $CH_4$ , mostly via  $CH_4 + OH \rightleftharpoons CH_3 + H_2O$

# Summary

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## *Progress Through 2<sup>nd</sup> Year Has Been Covered*

### Work Tasks:

**Task 1** – Project Management and Program Planning

**Task 2** – Turbulent Flame Speed Measurements

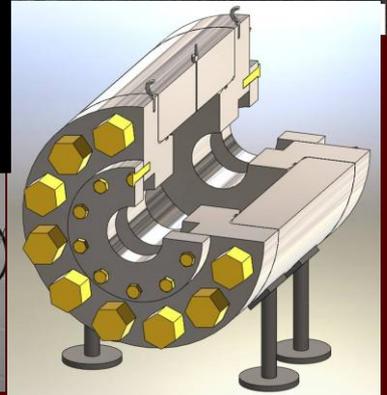
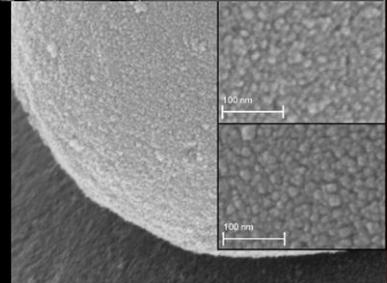
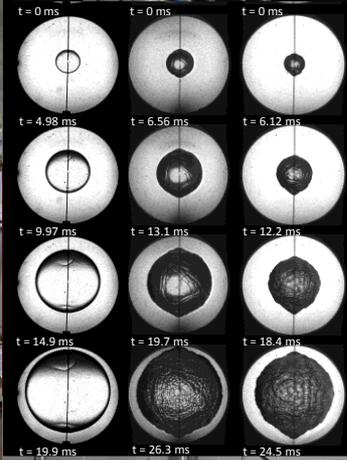
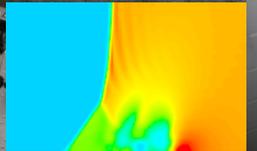
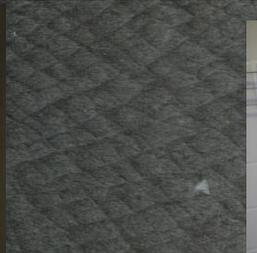
**Task 3** – Laminar Flame Speeds with Diluents

**Task 4** – NO<sub>x</sub> Mechanism Validation Experiments

**Task 5** – Fundamental NO<sub>x</sub> Kinetics

**Task 6** – Effect of Impurities on Syngas Kinetics

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