

Analysis of Chemical Structure using CSP applied to Triple Flames of Methane and *n*-Heptane

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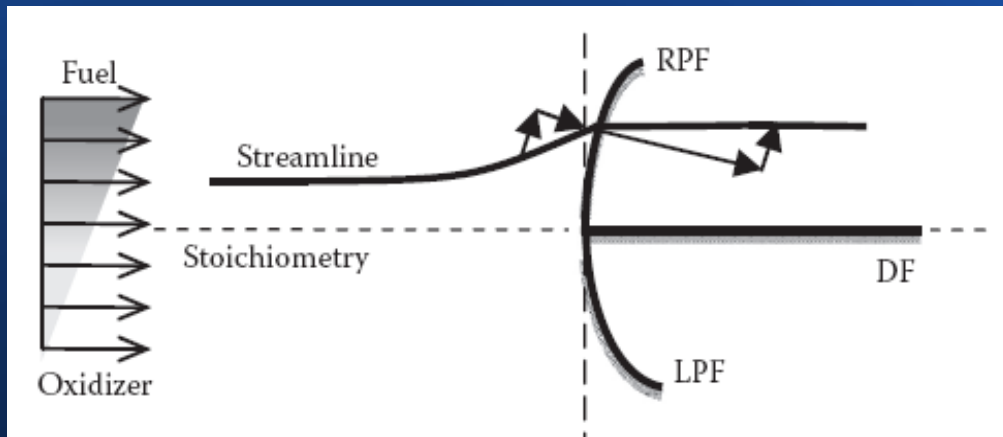
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Overview

- Introduction to reacting flow studied
- Numerical model
- CSP analysis introduction
- Global CSP information
- Reaction network
- Explosive modes

Triple Flame Structure

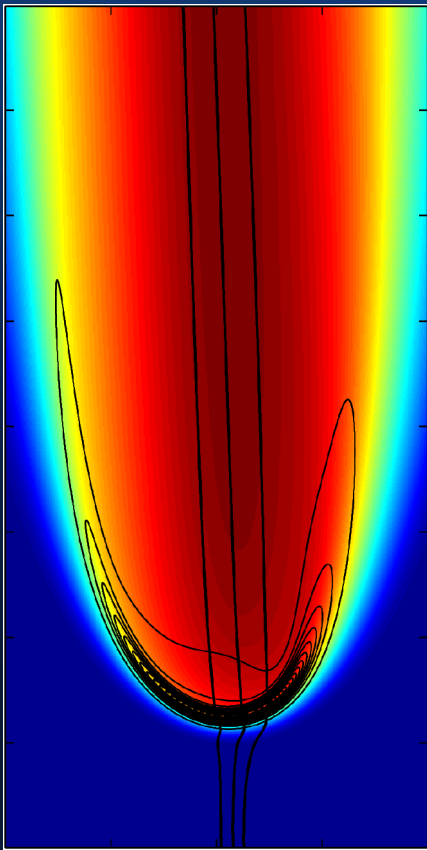


from: Suk Ho Chung, in 'Combustion Phenomena',
CRC Press (2009)

- Triple flames are important flame structures in premixed and non-premixed systems
- Idealized picture: Lean and rich premixed flames and trailing diffusion flame meet at triple point
- Branches can be folded into the diffusion flame

Methane/Air Triple Flame

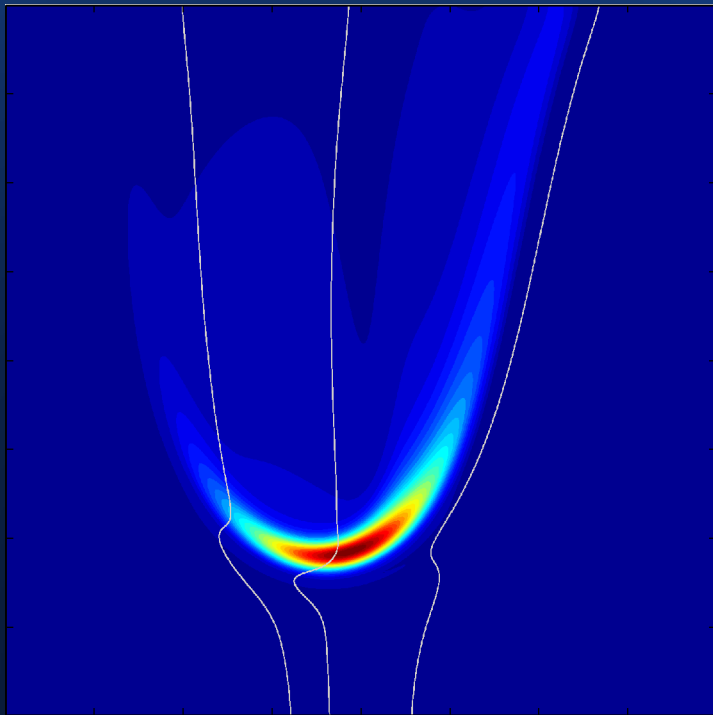
Temperature, heat-release rate,
0.9/1.0/1.1 x stoichiometric mixture fraction



- Non-premixed CH_4 /air mixing layer
- Uniform inflow velocity
- GRI3.0
(53 species, 325 reactions)
- $1.6 \times 3.2 \text{ cm}^2$
- 1024×2048 cells
- Constant propagation speed

n-Heptane/Air Triple Flame

Heat-release rate,
mixture fraction of $\phi=0.5/1.0/2.5$



- Partially-premixed $n\text{-C}_7\text{H}_{16}$ /air mixing layer, $\phi=3.5$ at right boundary
- Uniform inflow velocity
- Curran et al. (560 species, 2538 reactions)
- $0.4 \times 0.4 \text{ cm}^2$
- 512×512 cells
- Constant propagation speed

Numerical Model

Zero-Mach-number approximation:

$$\partial_t \rho + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v}) = 0$$

$$\partial_t T + \mathbf{v} \cdot \nabla T = \frac{1}{\text{RePr}} \frac{\nabla \cdot (\lambda \nabla T)}{\rho c_p} - \frac{1}{\text{ReSc}} \sum_i \frac{c_{p,i} (\mathbf{\Gamma}_i \cdot \nabla T)}{\rho c_p} + \text{Da} \frac{\omega_T}{\rho c_p}$$

$$\partial_t \rho = -\frac{\rho}{T} \partial_t T - \rho \bar{W} \sum_i \frac{1}{W_i} \partial_t Y_i$$

density

$$\partial_t (\rho Y_i) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} Y_i) = -\frac{1}{\text{ReSc}} \nabla \cdot (\mathbf{\Gamma}_i) + \text{Da} \omega_i$$

mass fractions

$$\partial_t (\rho \mathbf{v}) + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{v} \mathbf{v}) = -\nabla p + \frac{1}{\text{Re}} \nabla \cdot \Phi$$

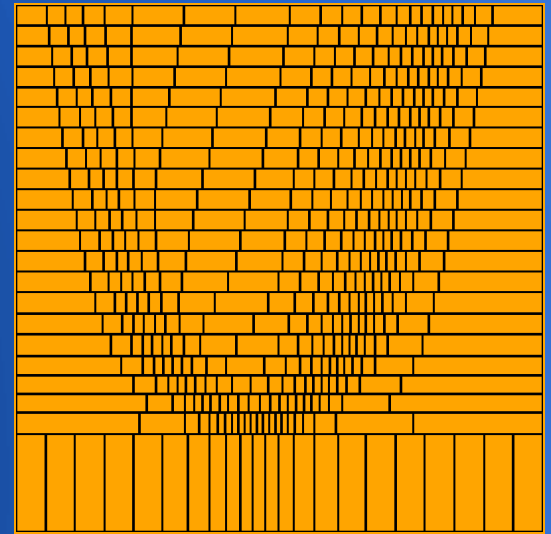
momentum

Numerical Model



- Franklin of NERSC (National Energy Research Scientific Computing Center), Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
- Cray XT4, 9,572 nodes, each quad-core AMD Opteron, 38,128 cores

- Mixed mode MPI/OpenMP
- Load balance by dynamic repartitioning of the domain
- Load dominated by integrator of chemical source term
- 22 x 22 partitions, 484 processors, 1,936 cores



CSP Analysis

$$\frac{dw}{dt} = L(w) + g(w) = f(w)$$

Time evolution

$$\{a_i, b^i\}_{i=1}^N$$

$$g = \sum_k S_k R^k(w)$$

Chemical source term

CSP vectors, here:
Eigenvectors of Jacobian

$$f = f_s + f_r = \sum_{r=1}^M a_r h^r + \sum_{s=M+1}^N a_s h^s$$

Fast and slow modes

$$\tau_i = |\lambda_i|^{-1}$$

$$\tau_1 < \dots < \tau_M \ll \tau_{M+1} < \dots < \tau_N$$

Time scales

$$\left| \tau_{M+1} \sum_{r=1}^M a_r^i h^r \right| < w_{\text{error}}^i$$

Dimension M of manifold

CSP Analysis

$$\mathbf{f} = \mathbf{f}_s + \mathbf{f}_r = \sum_{r=1}^M a_r h^r + \sum_{s=M+1}^N a_s h^s$$

CSP right-hand side

$$h^i = \mathbf{b}^i \cdot (\mathbf{L} + \mathbf{g}) = \sum_{j=1}^N b_j^i L_j + \sum_{k=1}^R (\mathbf{b}^i \cdot \mathbf{S}_k) R^k$$

Mode amplitudes

$$P_k^i = \frac{(\mathbf{b}^i \cdot \mathbf{S}_k) R^k}{\sum_{j=1}^N |b_j^i L_j| + \sum_{k'=1}^R |(\mathbf{b}^i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{k'}) R^{k'}|}$$

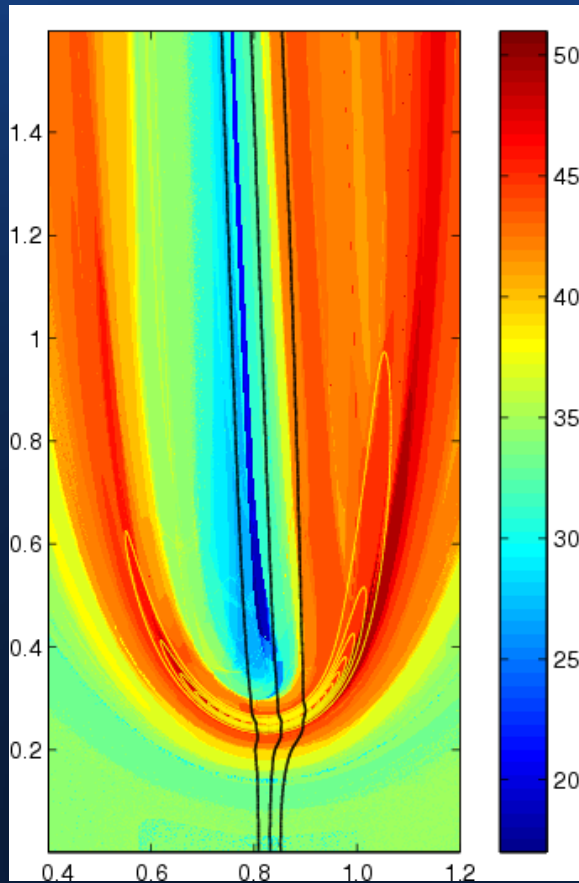
Participation Index reaction k
in mode i

Importance Index reaction k
for species m

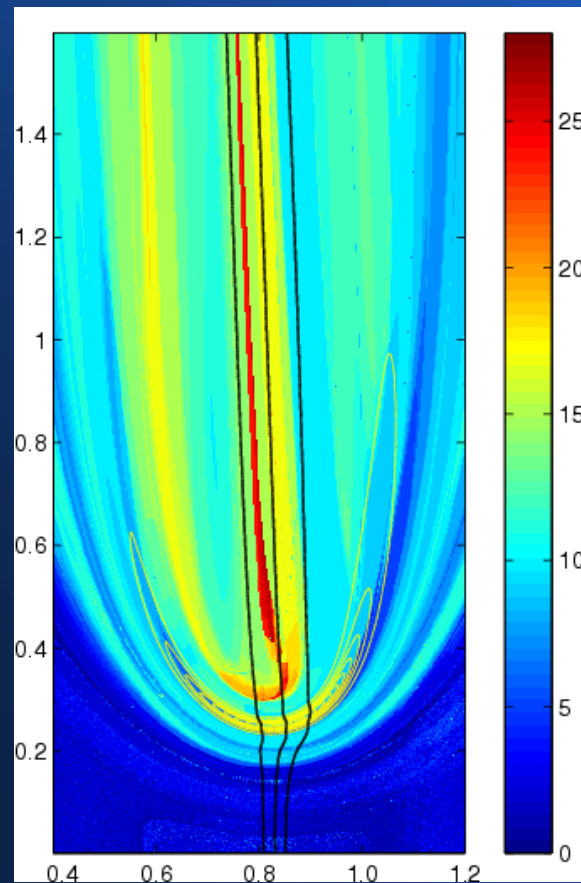
$$I_k^m = \frac{\sum_{i=M+1}^N a_i^m (\mathbf{b}^i \cdot \mathbf{S}_k) R^k}{\sum_{j=1}^N \left| \sum_{i=M+1}^N a_i^m (b_j^i L_j) \right| + \sum_{k'=1}^R \left| \sum_{i=M+1}^N a_i^m (\mathbf{b}^i \cdot \mathbf{S}_{k'}) R^{k'} \right|}$$

Global CSP Information, CH_4/air

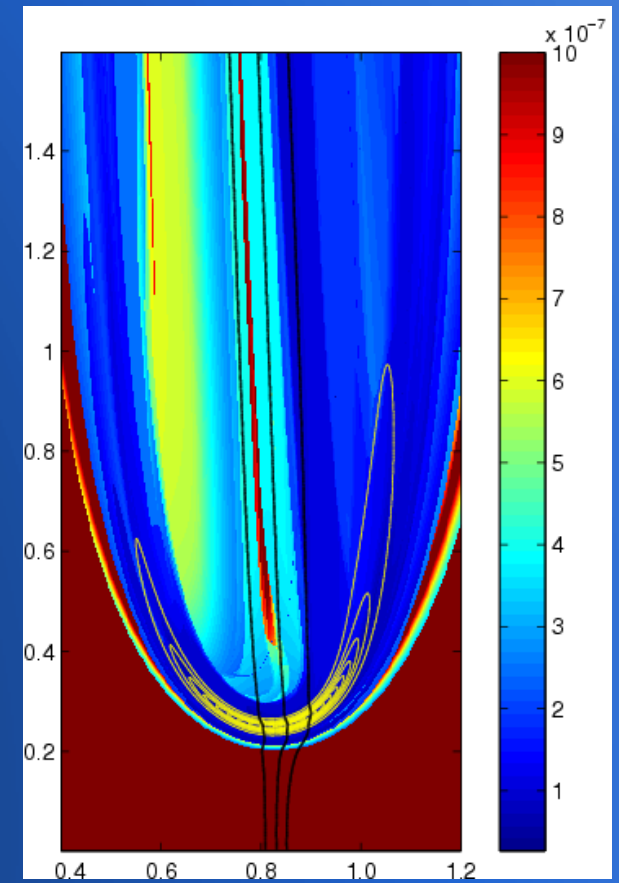
Number active modes



Number exhausted modes



Driving time scale τ_{M+1}



Skeletal Mechanism Generation

Important species = selected target species

Sample different states of chemical system

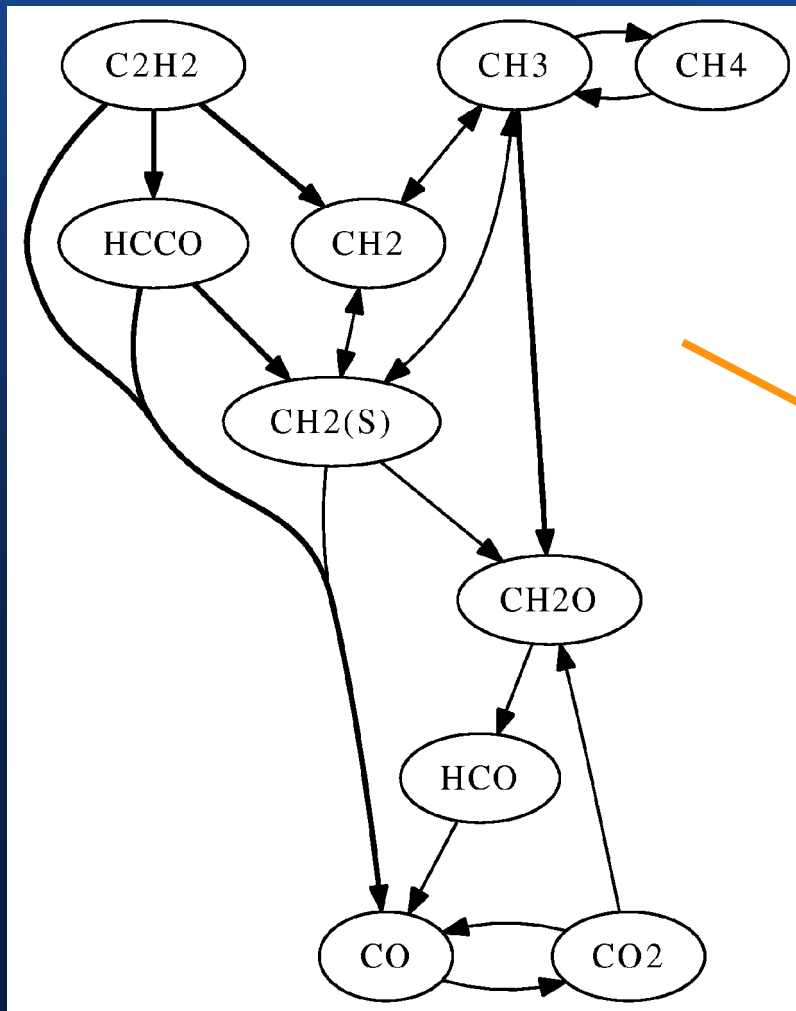
Determine **Importance Indices** of reactions for all in the set of important species

Add all involved species to set of important species

Final skeletal mechanism involves all important species at different sampling states and their reactions

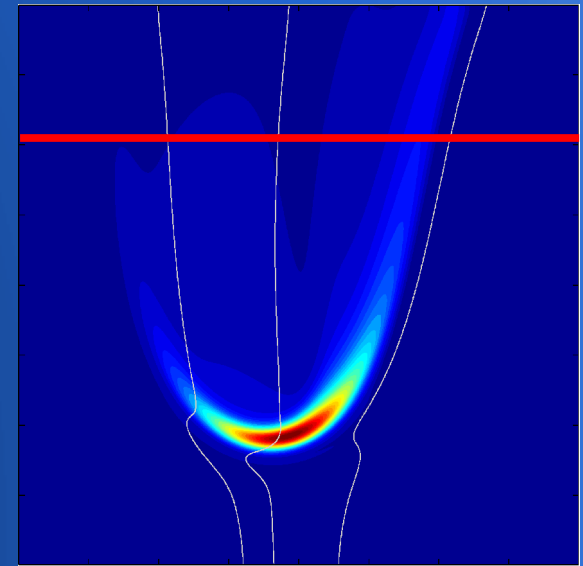
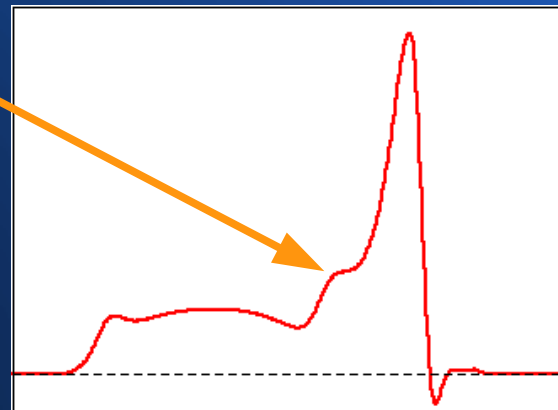
Visualization as reaction network

Local Reaction Network, *n*-heptane



- C₂H₂ and CH₃ together with H₂ and CO “fuel” the diffusion flame

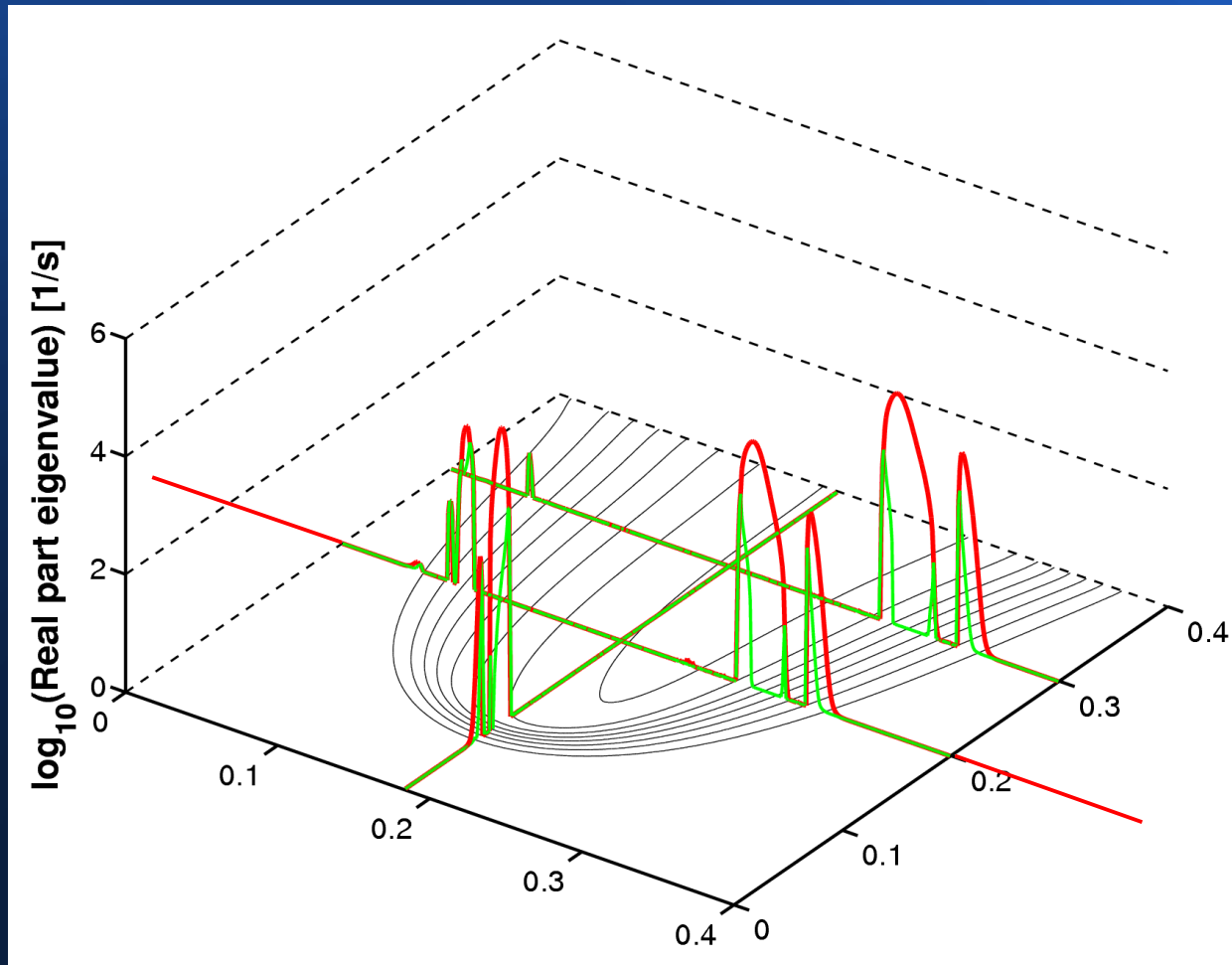
Heat-release rate



Explosive Modes

- Andrei Kazakov et al.
 - Two-stage ignition of *n*-heptane
- Wei Liu et al.
 - Counterflow ignition of methane, ethylene and CH₄/H₂
- Tianfeng Lu et al.
 - 3D-DNS turbulent lifted H₂ jet flame in heated coflow
- Dimitris Goussis et al.
 - Model reduction Circadian cycle, two-stage ignition *n*-heptane
- Habib Najm et al.
 - CH₄/air edge flame structure

Explosive Modes, *n*-heptane



- 2 explosive regions 1200K-1800K and 600K-800K
- 2 modes each

Explosive Modes, *n*-heptane

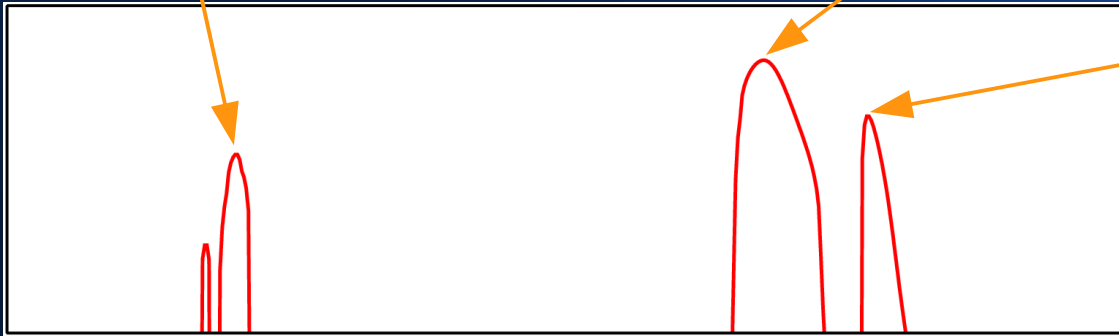
$$Q_m^{\text{exp}} = a_{\text{exp}}^m b_m^{\text{exp}}$$

CSP pointer

T, CO₂, H₂O, O₂, H₂

T, O₂, C₃H₆, C₂H_x

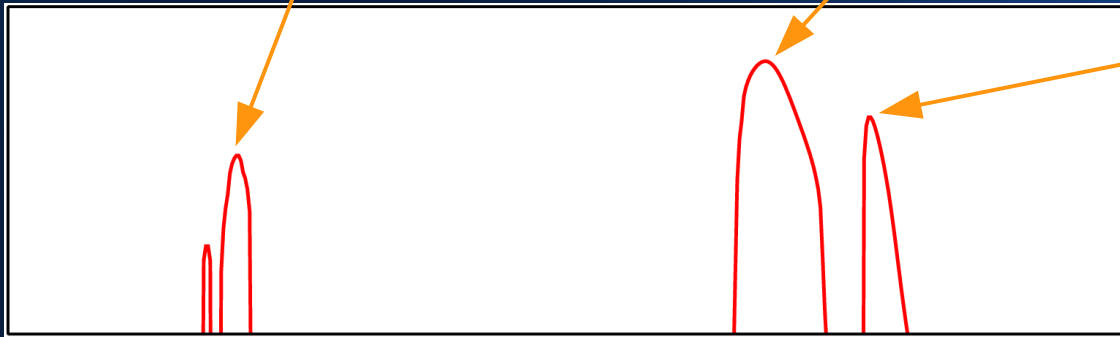
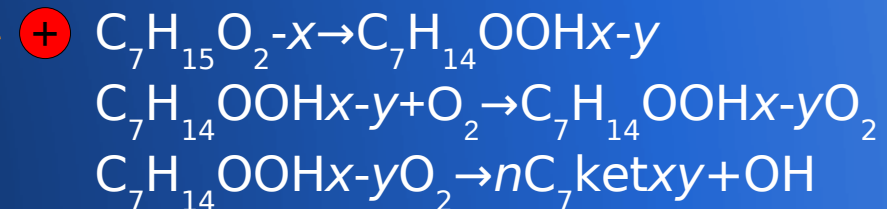
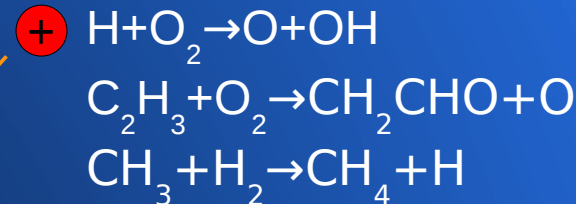
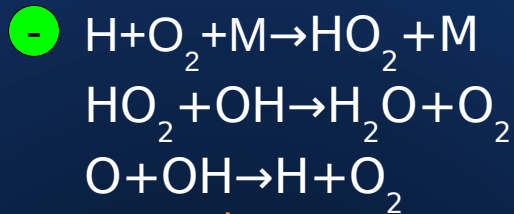
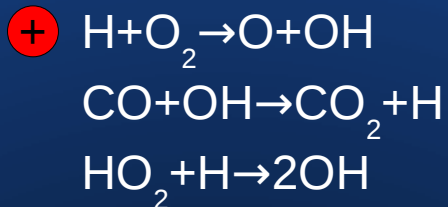
C₇H₁₅O₂-2, C₇H₁₅O₂-3,
T, nC₇ket24, nC₇ket35



Explosive Modes, *n*-heptane

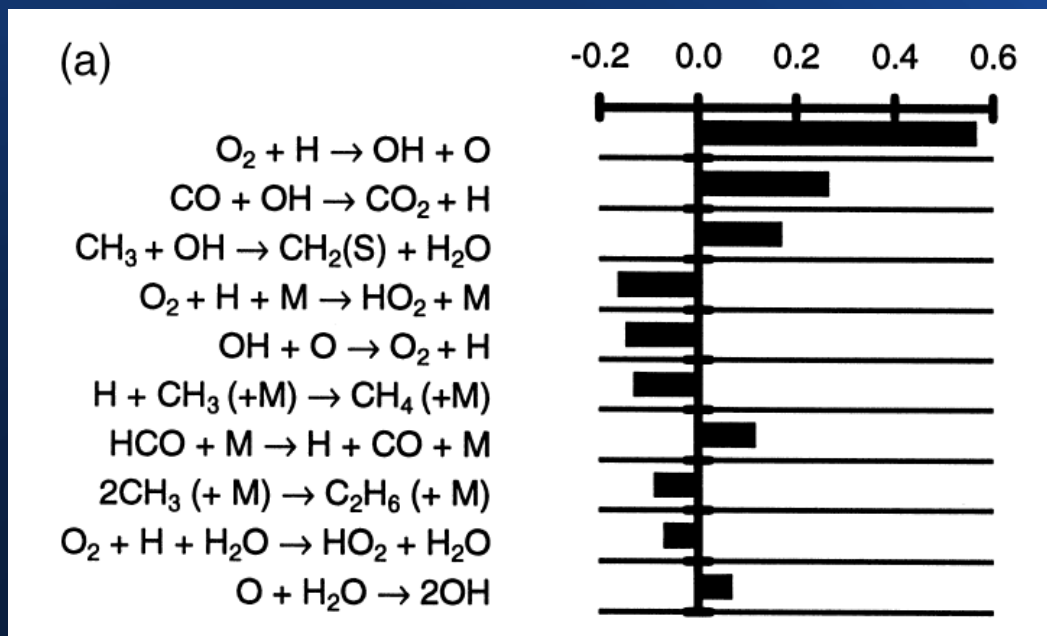
$$P_k^{\text{exp}} \propto (b^{\text{exp}} \cdot S_k) R^k$$

Participation Index



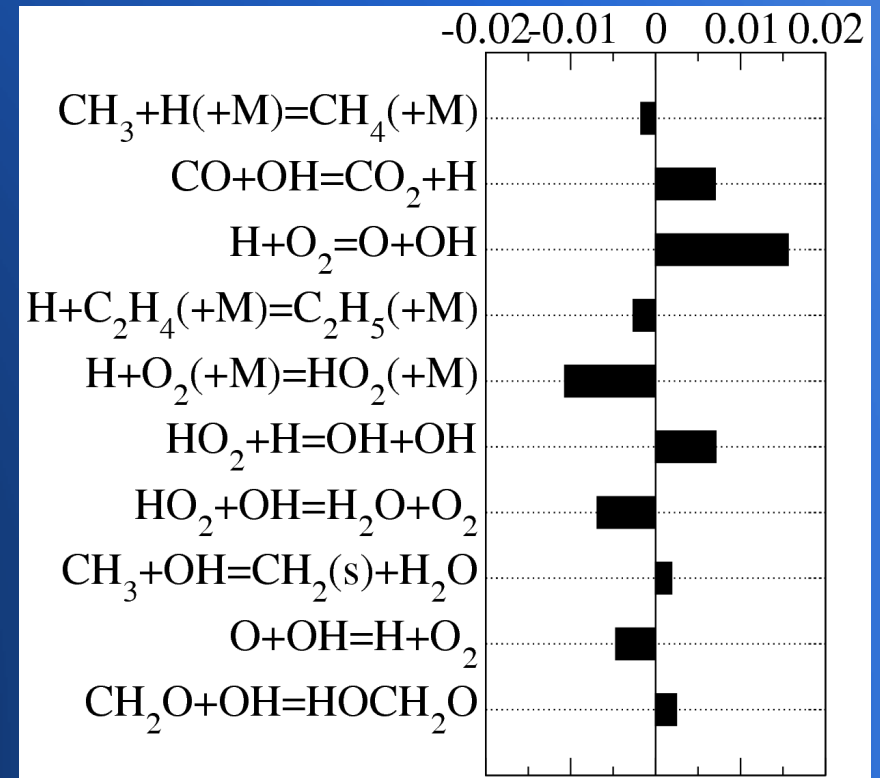
Explosive Modes, *n*-heptane

Sensitivity coefficients wrt. flame velocity,
CH₄/air flame $\phi=0.61$



Hughes et al. (2001)

Participation Index, *n*-heptane,
lean branch, main explosive mode



Explosive Modes

Time Scale Importance Index

D.A. Goussis et al.:

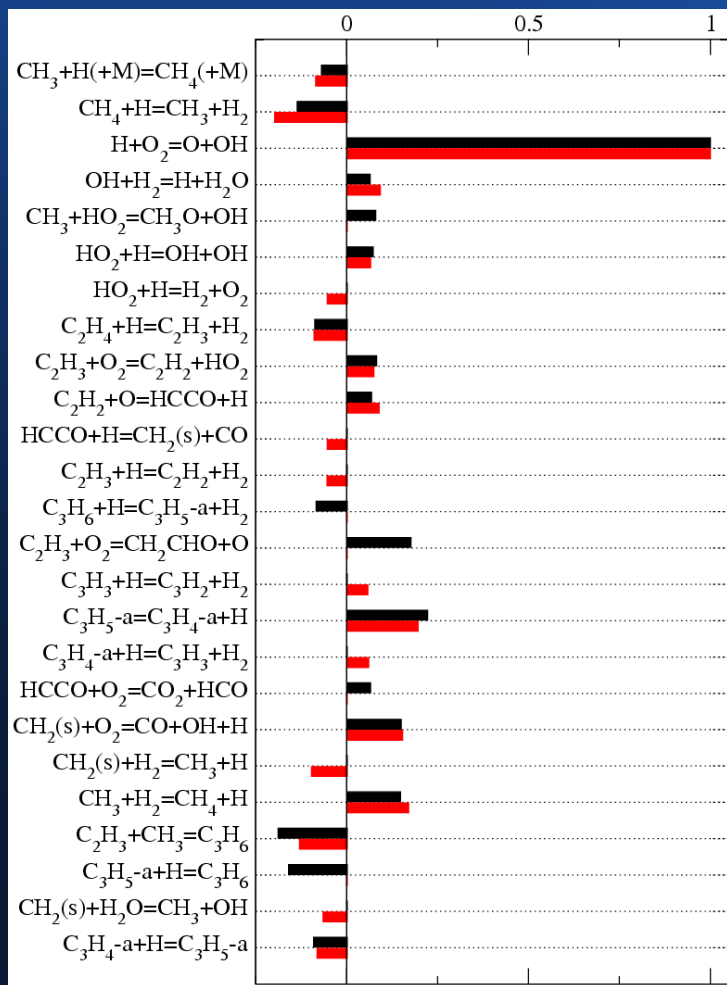
$$\lambda_i = b^i J a_i$$

$$J = \sum_{k=1}^R \nabla (S_k R^k)$$

$$J_k^{\text{exp}} = \frac{b^{\text{exp}} \nabla (S_k R^k) a_{\text{exp}}}{\sum_{k'=1,R} |b^{\text{exp}} \nabla (S_{k'} R^{k'}) a_{\text{exp}}|}$$

$$J_k^{\text{exp}} \propto (a_{\text{exp}} \cdot \nabla R^k) (b^{\text{exp}} \cdot S_k)$$

Explosive Modes, *n*-heptane



- Comparison Participation Index (black) and Time Scale Importance Index (red)
- Main explosive mode in rich branch
- Major contributions agree

Conclusions and Future Work

- CSP analysis valuable post-processing tool
- Examples:
 - Reaction networks
 - Time scale analysis
 - Model reduction
 - Identification of important processes
 - Explosive mode analysis

Conclusions and Future Work

- Study different reacting flows
- Explosive modes:
 - Relation to Sensitivity Analysis
 - Difference between Participation Index analysis and Time Scale Importance Index
 - Importance and physical meaning of slow Explosive Modes