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# What do we Really Know about the Low-Temperature Oxidation of Alkanes ?

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# Why study Low-Temperature Oxidation (LTO) chemistry?

- ▶ A fascinating subject of scientific interest for many years certainly because it describes intriguing experimental features

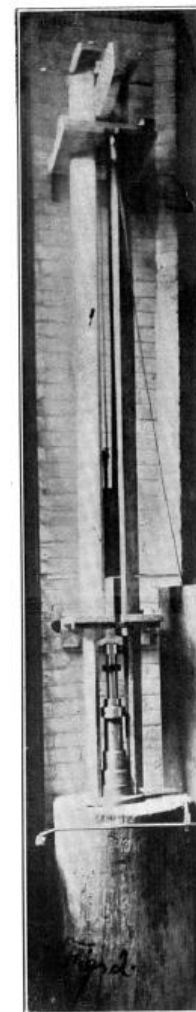
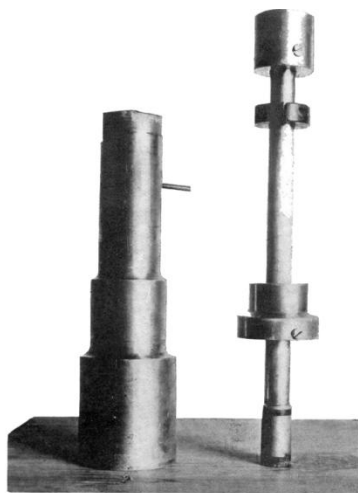
## Autoignition

First rapid compression machines built in 1906 (G. Falk, JACS, 1906-1907)

G. Vanhove, RCM, Workshop, 2012

“In order to heat the gas whose ignition temperature was to be determined, it was necessary to enclose it in a small vessel supplied with a device for allowing the gas to be compressed instantaneously”

To cause adiabatic compression, a weight of 25 kg was dropped on the piston from heights of 48 to 86 cm.



# Why study LTO chemistry?

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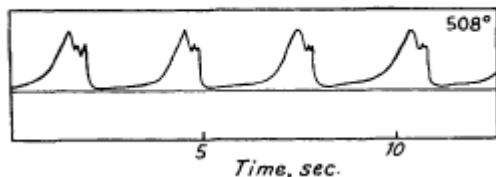
## Cool flames

First observed in 1817 by Sir Humphry Davy

J. Griffiths, New Scientist, 2004

In a flow reactor

FIG. 6. Light emission from cool flames in a 75/25 ethane/oxygen mixture; flow rate, 20 c.c./sec.; 245-c.c. reaction vessel.



J.A. Gray, J. Chem. Soc., 1953



In a static reactor

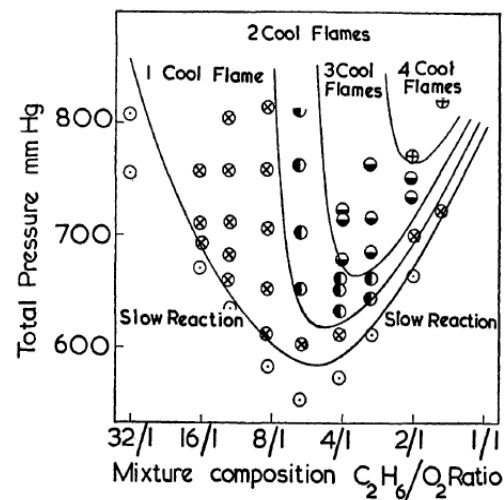


FIG. 4.—Pressure/composition limits for single and multiple cool flames in ethane + oxygen mixtures at 330° C.

J.A. Knox and G.W. Norrish, Trans. Farad. Soc., 1954

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## Negative temperature coefficient (NTC)

First mentioned in 1929 (R.N. Pease, JACS)

Measurements in static reactors



*Influence of temperature on the rate of reaction of a  $C_3H_8 + O_2$  medium.*

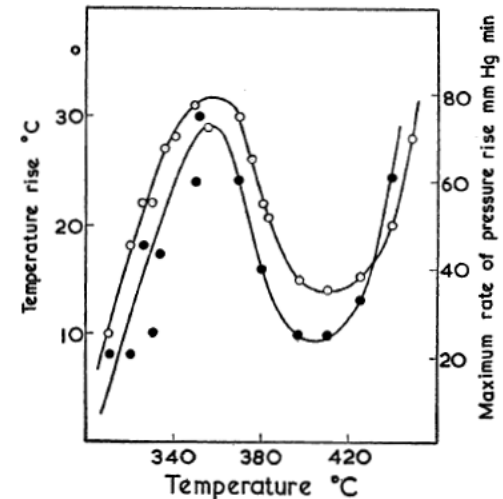
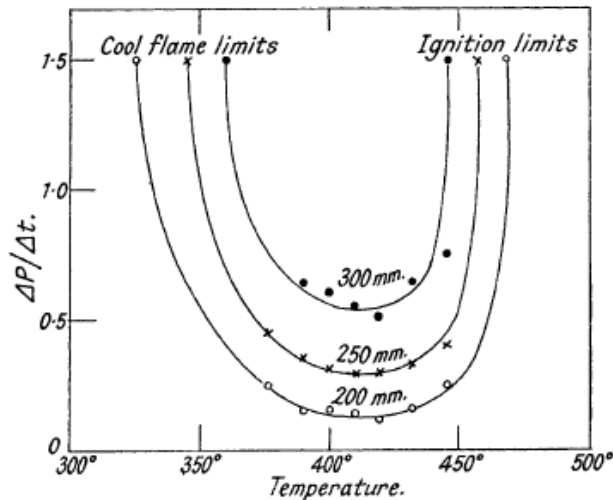


FIG. 1.—Rate of slow oxidation of equimolecular ethane + oxygen mixtures at different temperatures in a 5 cm diam. Pyrex reaction vessel.

○ temperature rise; ● maximum rate of pressure rise.

D.M. Newitt and L.S. Thornes, J. Chem. Soc., 1937 J.A. Knox and G.W. Norrish, Trans. Farad. Soc., 1954

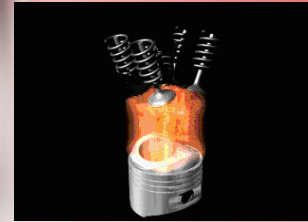
# Why study LTO chemistry?

- ▶ A subject with important practical applications

Knocking in SI engines, anti-knock strategy (octane number)



HCCI and LTC diesel engines



Low-temperature oxidation

Safety of hydrocarbon oxidation process



Post-oxidation reactions of exhaust gases

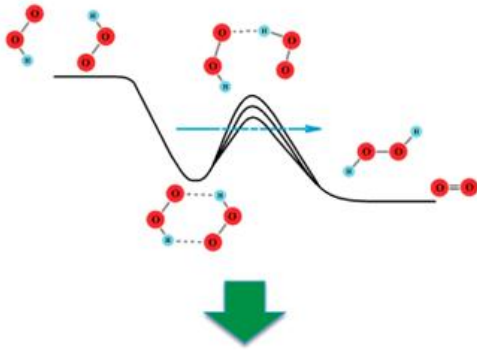
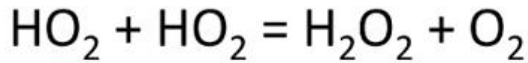


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## How LTO kinetics can influence engine performances

S. Som, M.J. Davis et al., J. Phys. Chem. Letters, 2013

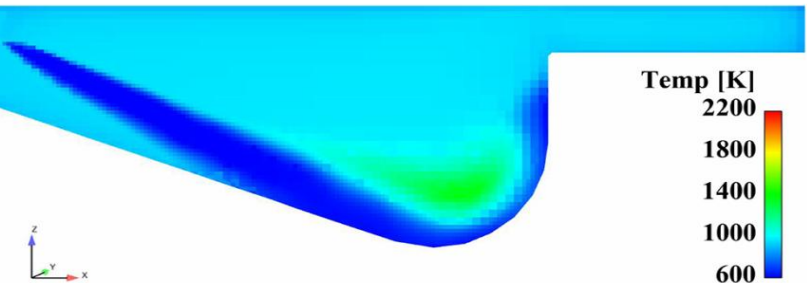
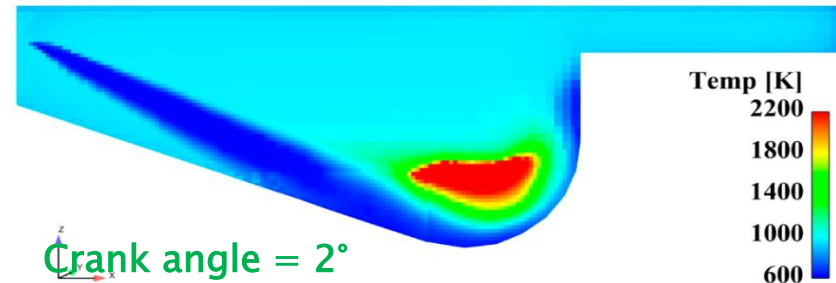


Caterpillar single cylinder engine



CFD predicted spatial temperature distribution  
in a diesel engine fed by a  
*n*-heptane/ methyl butanoate mix. (869 reactions)

Tunneling not considered in rate constant calculation



Tunneling considered in rate constant calculation

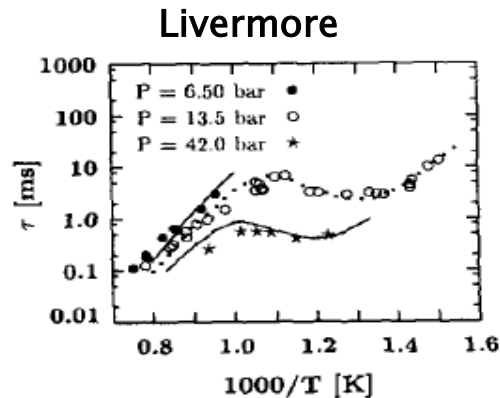
# Many detailed kinetic models of LTO

## ► Autoignition of fuel representative of gasoline available since the end of the 90s

### Autoignition of *n*-heptane

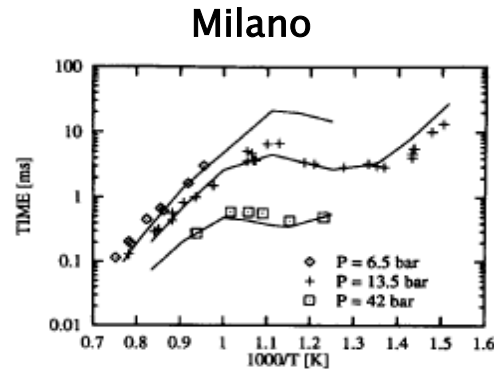
in a shock tube (Aachen) and a rapid compression machine (Lille)

Symbols correspond to experiments and lines to simulations ( $\phi = 1$ ,  $P$  from 3 to 42 bar)



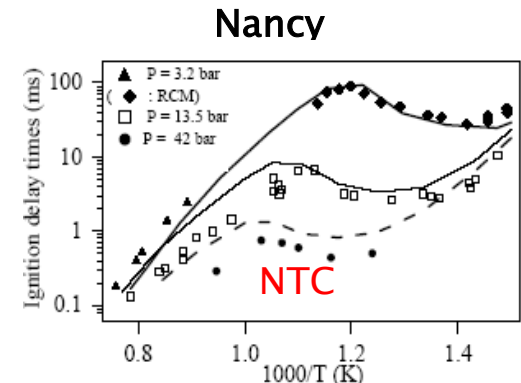
H.J. Curran, C.K. Westbrook et al.  
Combust. Flame 1998

550 species and 2450 reactions



E. Ranzi, P. Dagaut et al.  
Combust. Flame 1995

100 species and 2000 reactions



F. Buda, P.A. Glaude, V. Warth,  
F. Battin-Leclerc et al.  
Combust. Flame 2005

360 species and 1820 reactions

Automatic generation

Models lead to similar agreement  
for reproducing the available experimental results,  
but with very different LTO kinetics

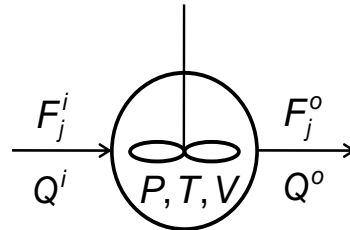
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- ▶ **Model validation for product formation often using jet-stirred reactor (JSR) data**

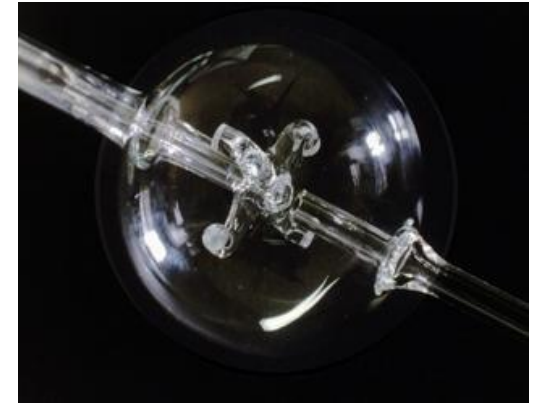
O. Herbinet and G. Dayma.,  
chapter 8,  
in Cleaner Combustion;  
Battin-Leclerc, F.; Simmie,  
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Green Energy  
and Technology;  
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Orléans



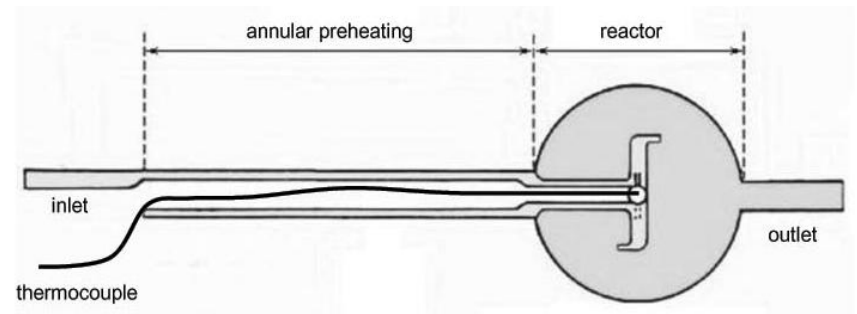
**Perfect material mixing**  
if based on the design  
of D. Matras and J. Villermaux  
Chem Eng Sci 1973



Nancy



Reactor when locating  
heating resistance wires in Nancy



**Thermal homogeneity**  
if preceding by a preheating zone  
and used with high dilution

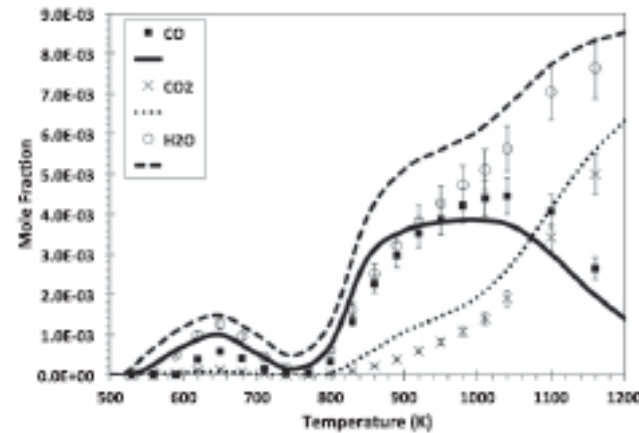
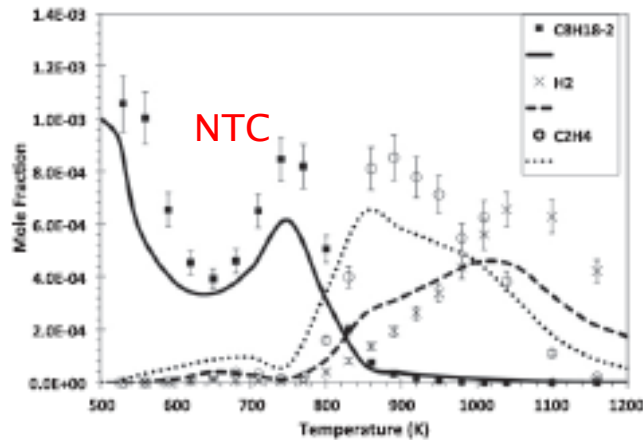


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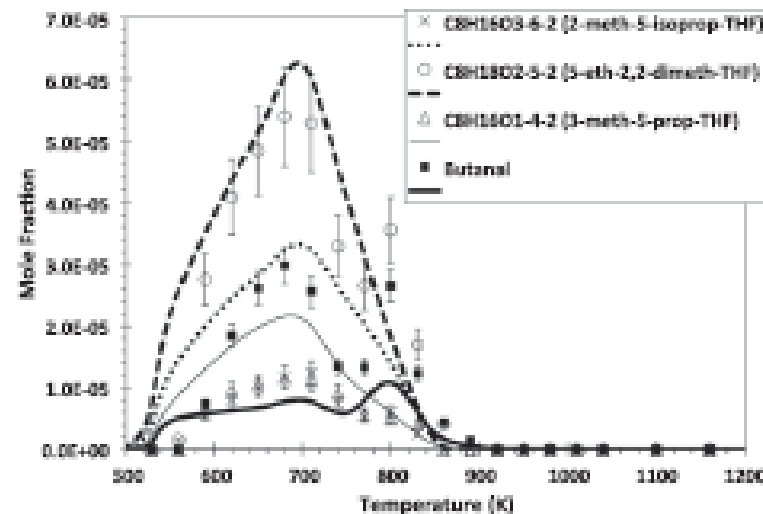
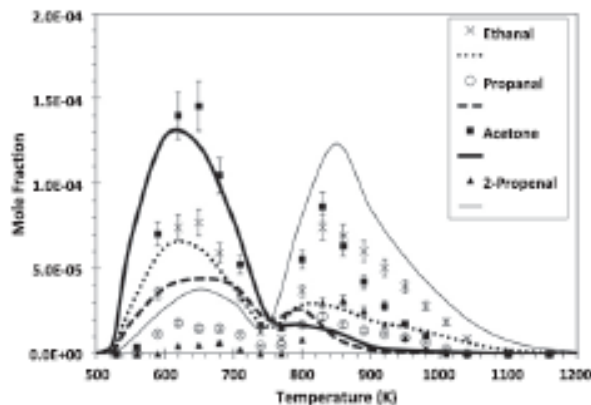
## ► Models can predict JSR major product formation

### Oxidation of 2-methylheptane

Symbols correspond to experiments and lines to simulations  
( $\phi = 1$ ,  $P = 10$  bar,  $\tau = 0.7$  s, 0.1 % initial fuel, GC measurements)



S.M. Sarathy, C.K. Westbrook,  
P. Dagaut et al.  
Combust. Flame 2011



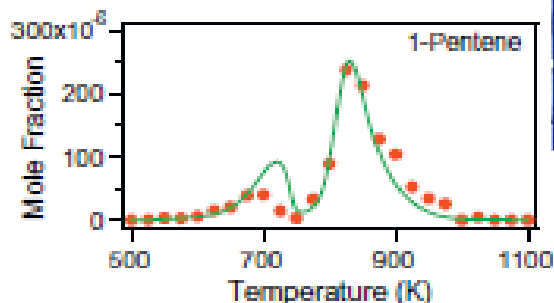
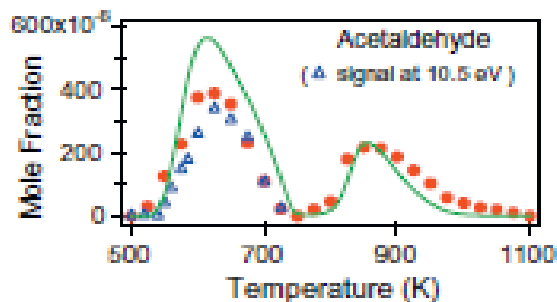
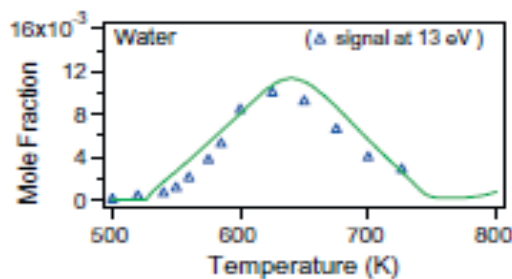
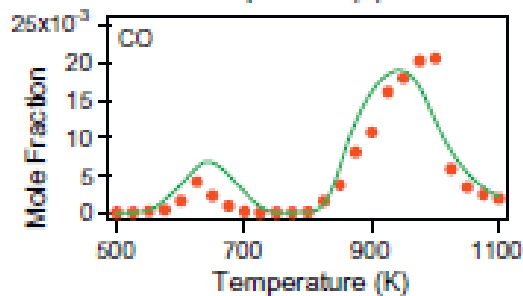
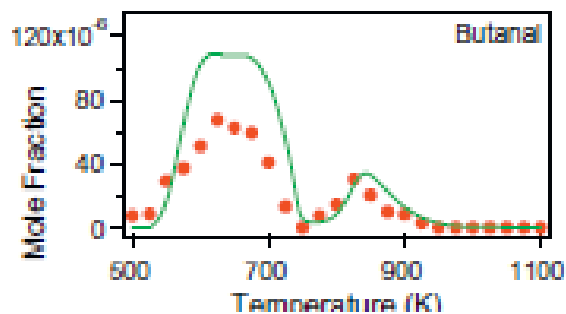
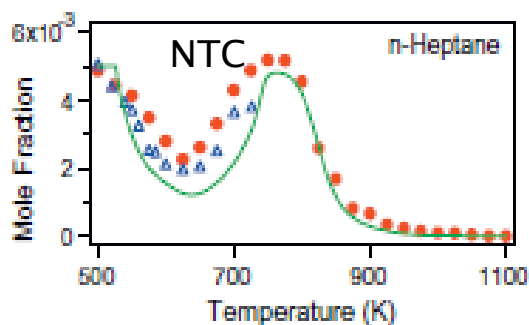
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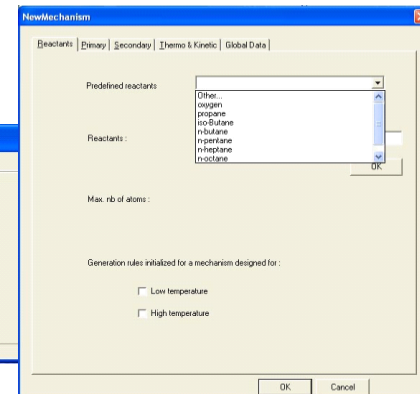
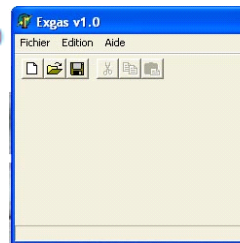
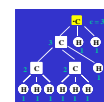
### Oxidation of *n*-heptane

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( $\phi = 1$ ,  $P = 1$  bar,  $\tau = 2$  s, 0.5 % initial fuel,  
GC (red) and PI-MS (blue) measurements)



O. Herbinet, Z. Serinyel, V. Warth,  
F. Battin-Leclerc, F. Qi et al.  
Combust. Flame 2012

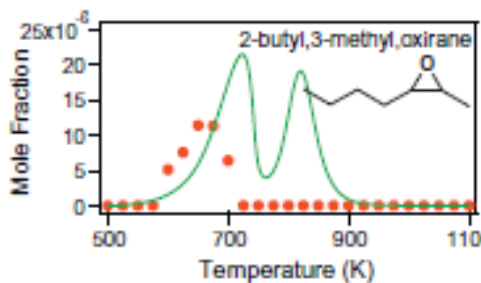
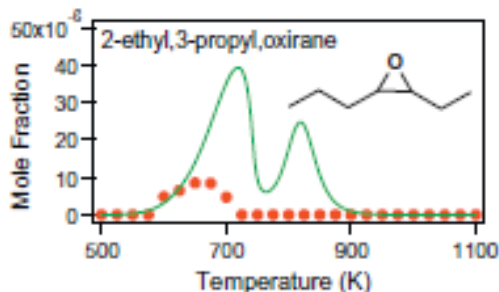
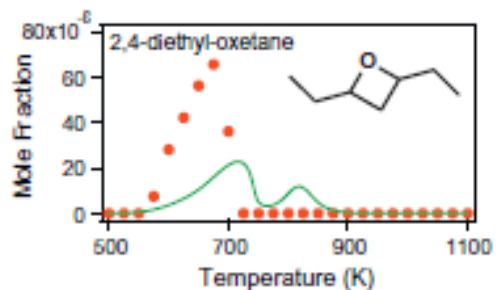
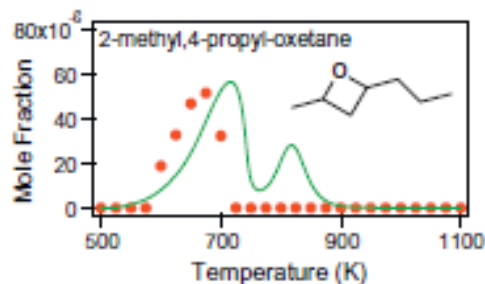
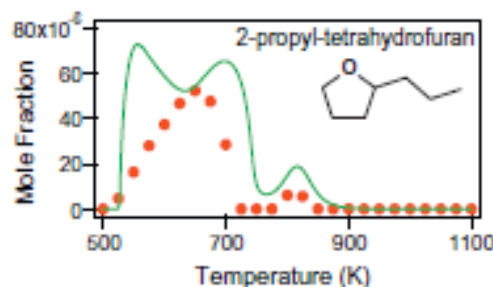
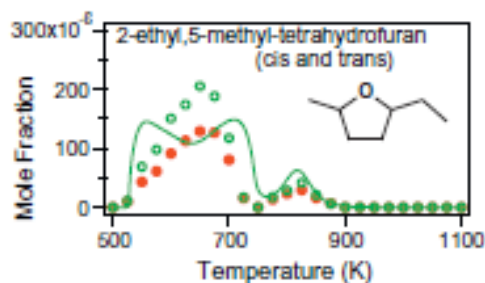


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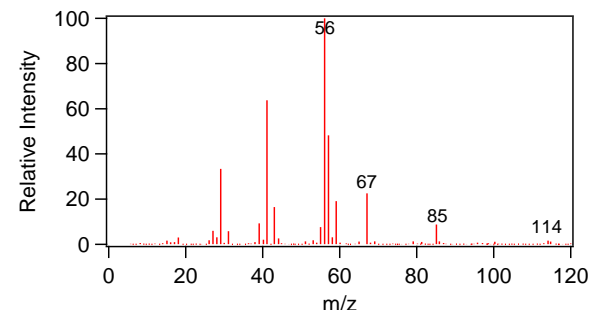
## ► Models cannot predict all JSR minor product formation

### Oxidation of *n*-heptane

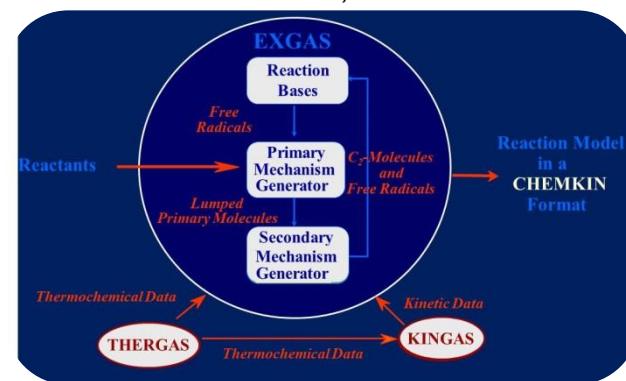
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### Electron impact mass spectrum of 2,4-diethyl-oxetane

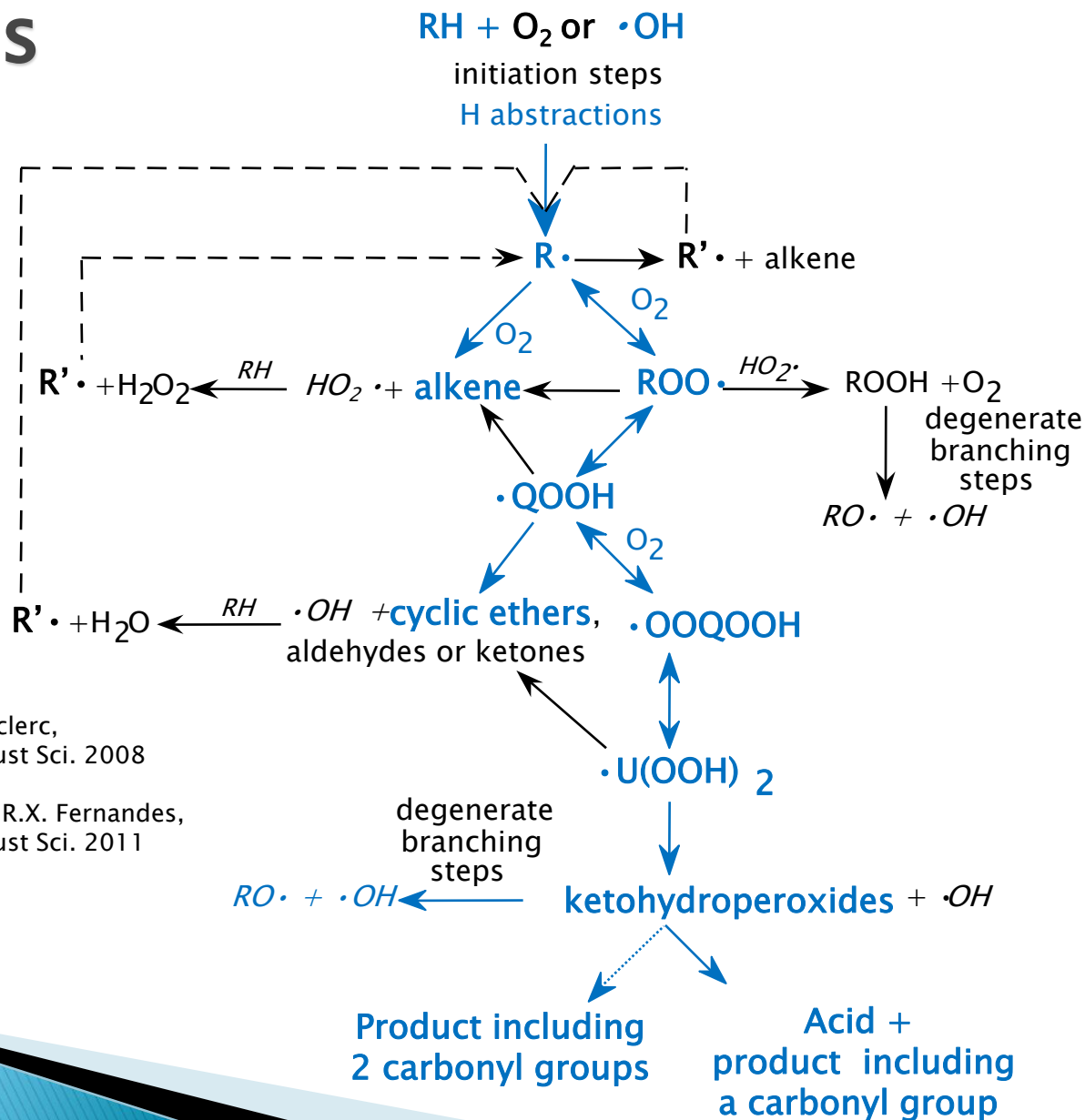


O. Herbinet, F. Battin-Leclerc et al., Fuel, 2011



**More deviations in non-stoichiometric mixtures**  
**Always need of kinetic parameter adjustments**

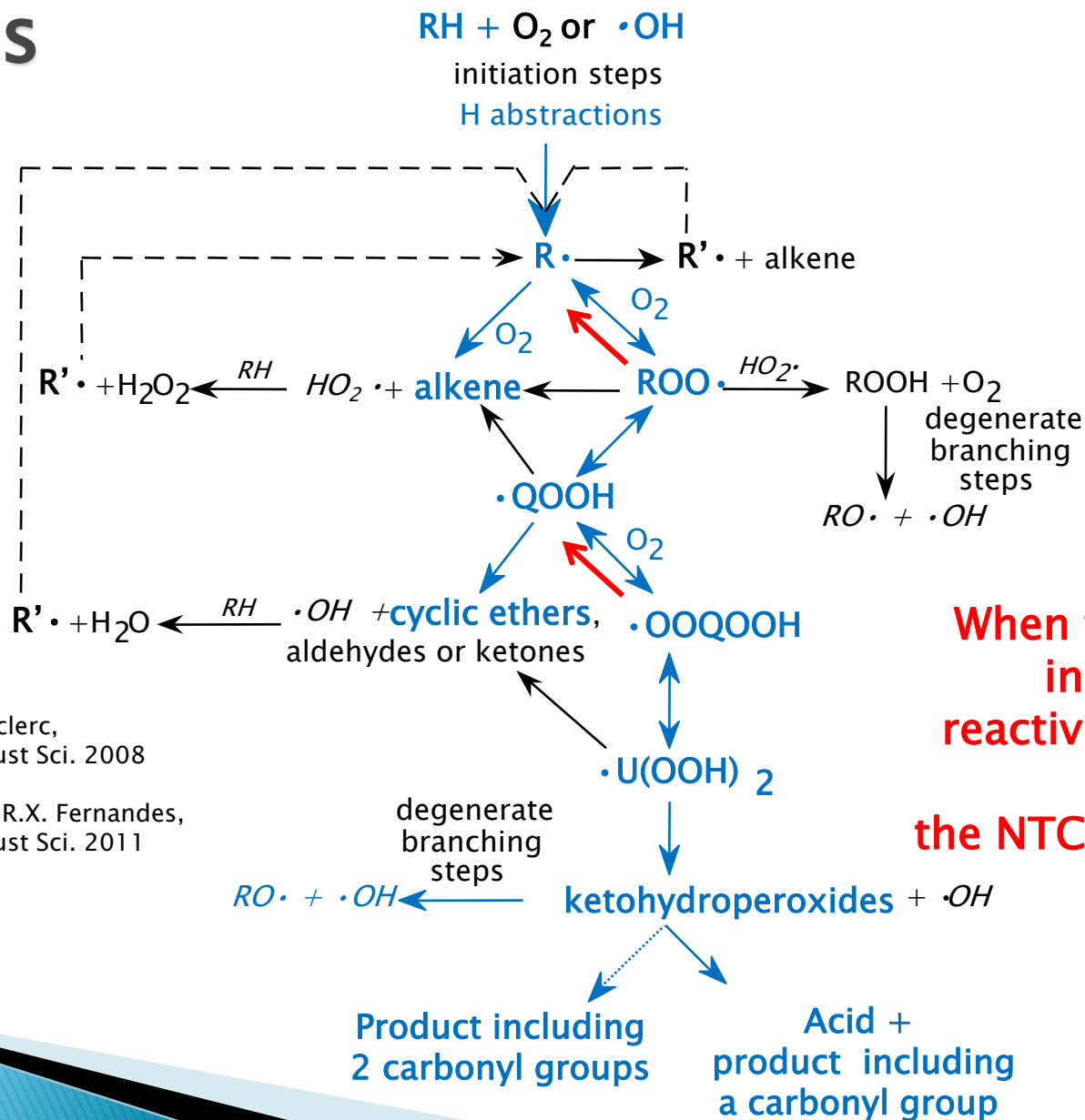
# Chemical knowledge used in alkane LTO models



F. Battin-Leclerc,  
Prog. Energ. Combust Sci. 2008

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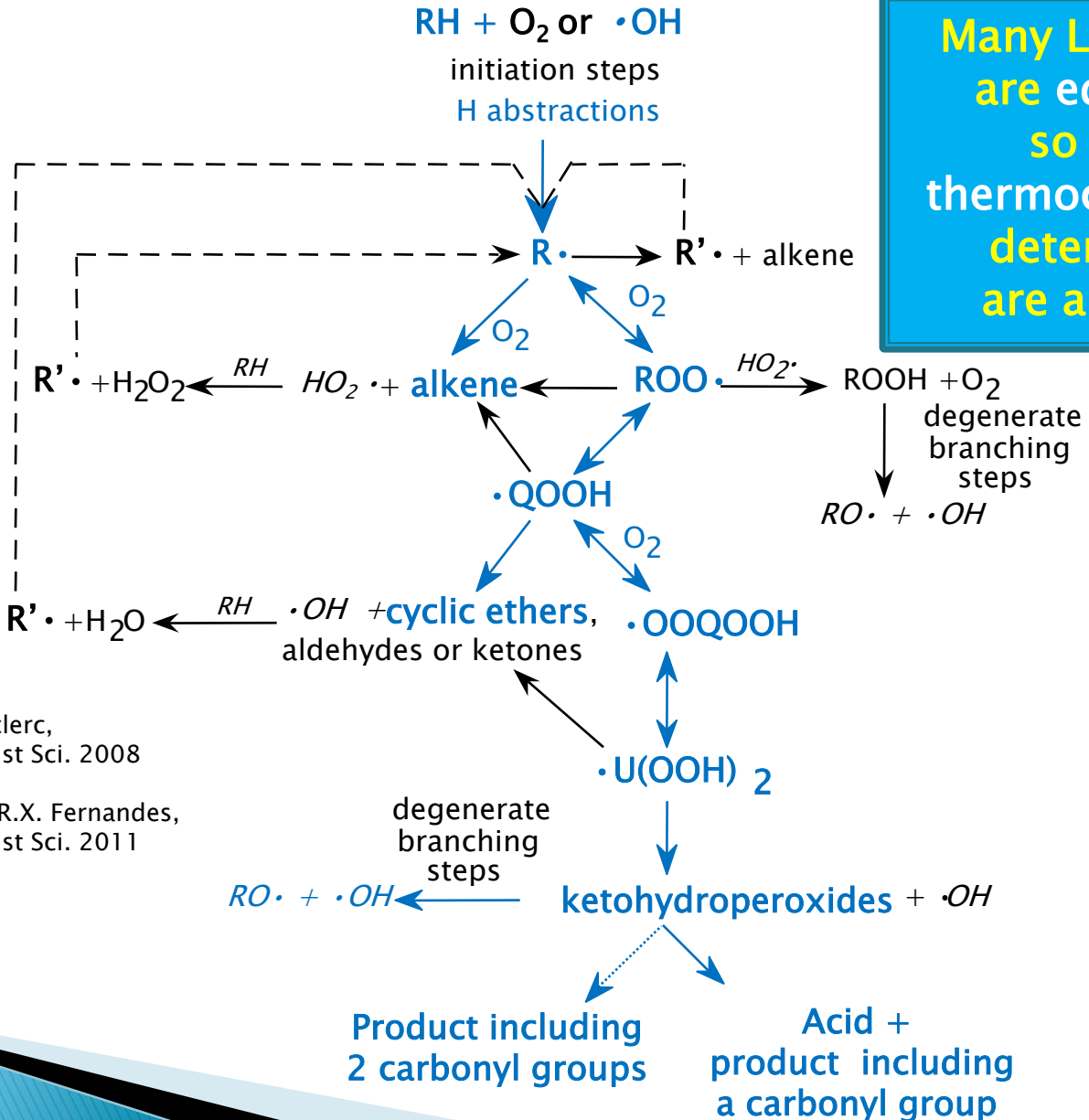
**When temperature increases, reactivity decreases and the NTC zone appears**

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# Origin of kinetics used in alkane LTO models

Many LTO reactions are equilibrated, so accurate thermochemical data determinations are also needed

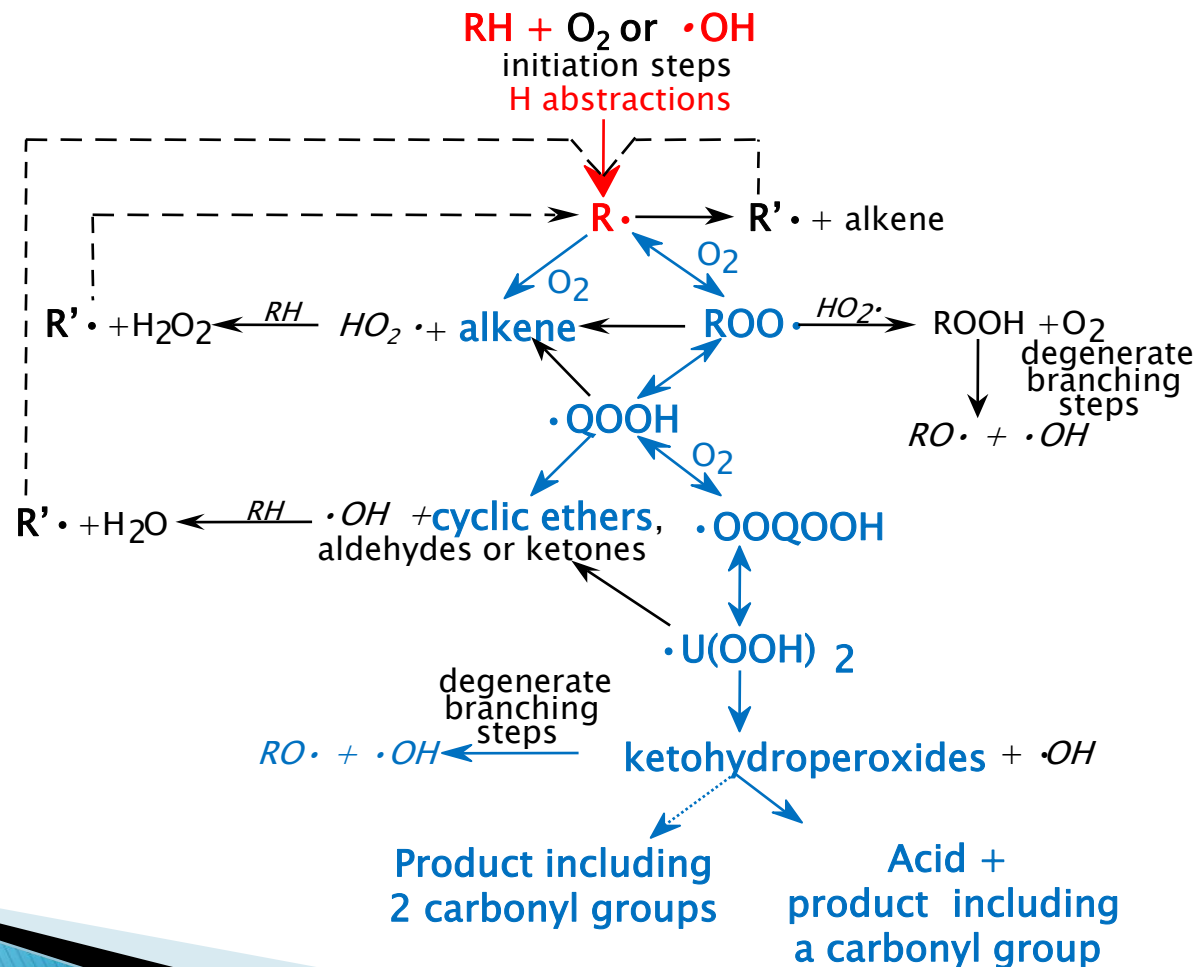


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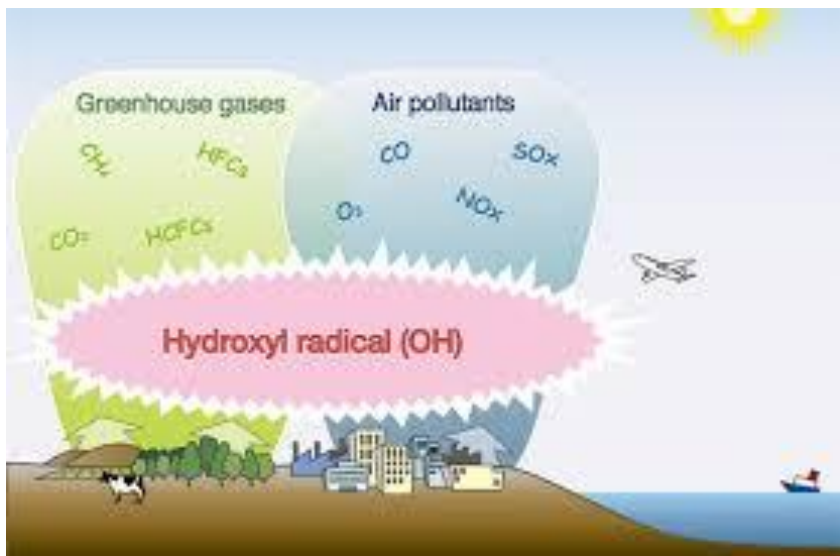
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## ▶ Hydrogen atom abstractions from fuel



# Hydrogen atom abstractions from fuel: OH radicals



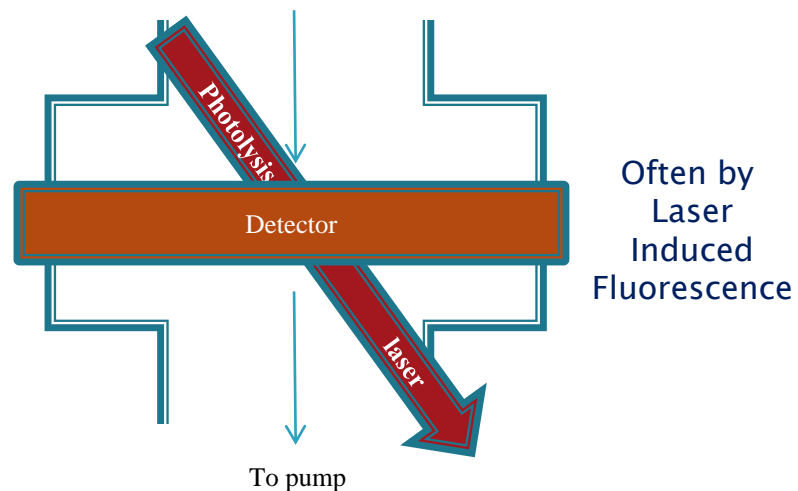
OH radicals have a determinant role in atmospheric chemistry



Many measurements of the rate constant of  $\text{OH} + \text{X} = \text{XH} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$  (3159 records in NIST kinetics data base)

## Laser flash photolysis

Reactant  
+ radical precursor ( $\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{HNO}_3$ ,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ ...)  
+ carrier gas

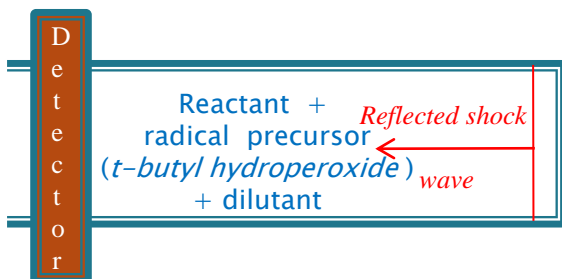


but mostly below 400 K  
and for  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_3$  alkanes

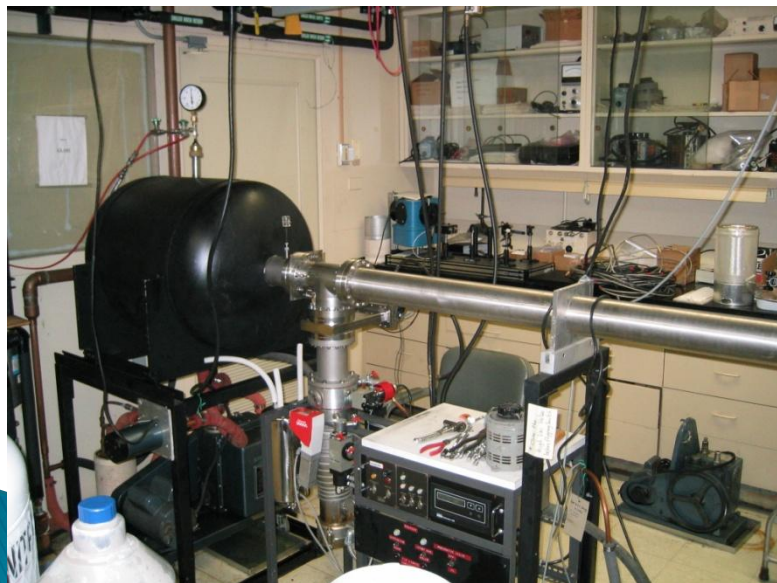


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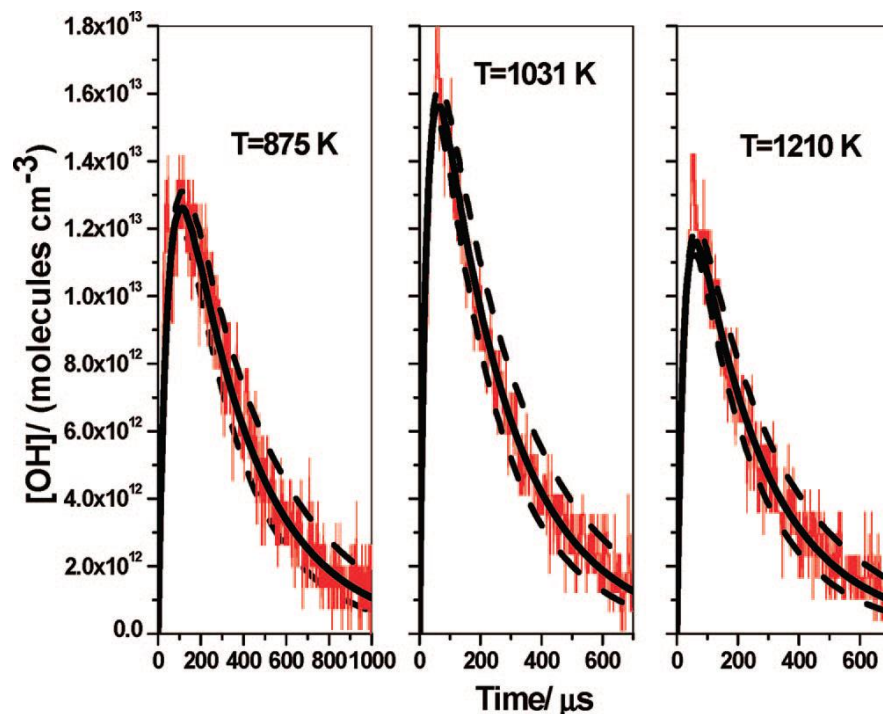
## C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>7</sub> alkane high temperature study using a shock tube



By courtesy of R.S. tranter and J.V. Michael



R. Sivaramakrishnan and J.V. Michael, JPCA 2009



OH absorption profiles for  $k_{\text{OH} + \text{n-heptane}}$

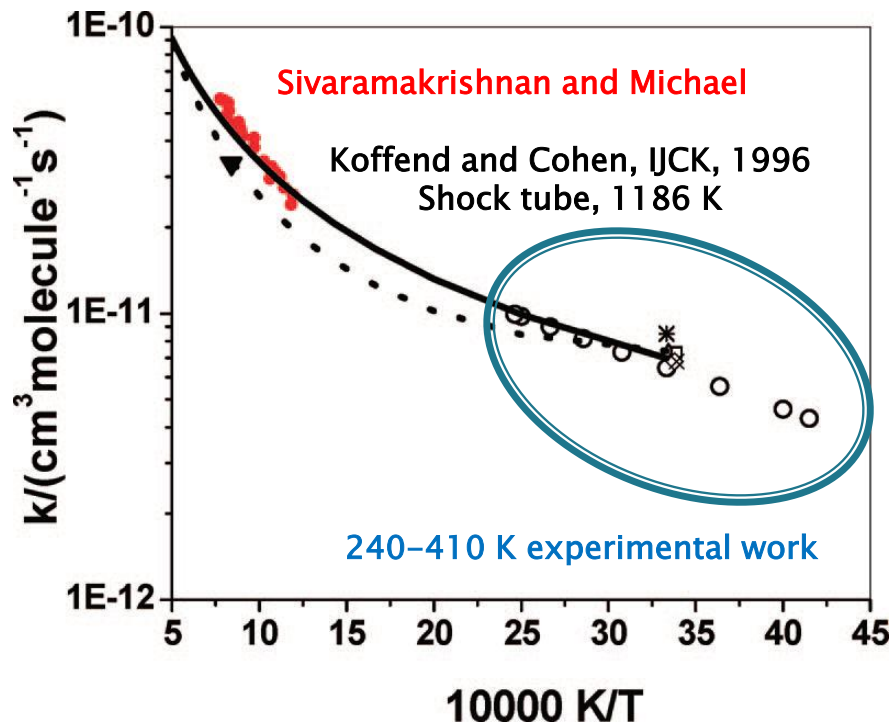
Experimental measurements and rate constant fitting from a 49 step mechanism.

The dashed lines are fits with changes in  $k_{\text{OH} + \text{n-heptane}}$  by  $\pm 20\%$ .

# Hydrogen atom abstractions from fuel: OH radicals

- ▶ High temperature study using a shock tube for 9 linear and branched C<sub>2</sub>–C<sub>7</sub> alkanes

R. Sivaramakrishnan and J.V. Michael, JPCA 2009



Arrhenius plot of  $k_{\text{OH} + n\text{-heptane}}$

$k_{\text{OH} + \text{Alkanes}}$  (298–2000 K)

Experimentally studied,

obtained from derived group additivity correlations

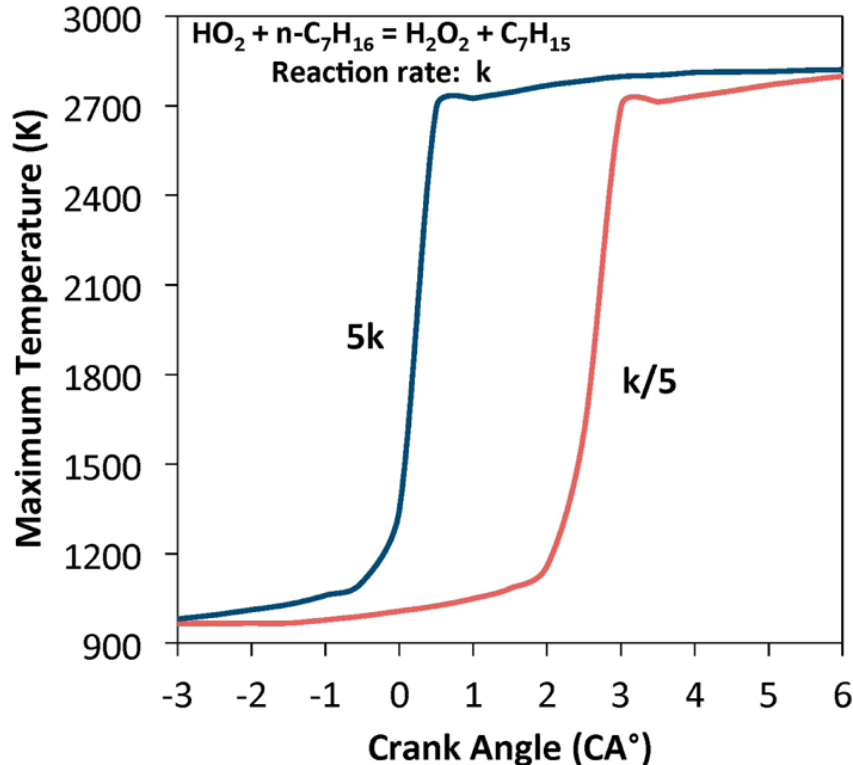
molecule	A	n	B
ethane	$2.680 \times 10^{-18}$	2.224	373
propane	$2.419 \times 10^{-17}$	1.935	91
<i>n</i> -butane	$8.499 \times 10^{-16}$	1.475	139
<i>i</i> -butane	$6.309 \times 10^{-19}$	2.414	-381
<i>n</i> -pentane	$2.495 \times 10^{-16}$	1.649	-80
<i>neo</i> -pentane	$1.090 \times 10^{-16}$	1.763	374
<i>n</i> -hexane	$1.398 \times 10^{-16}$	1.739	-202
2,3-dimethylbutane	$2.287 \times 10^{-17}$	1.958	-365
<i>n</i> -heptane	$9.906 \times 10^{-16}$	1.497	-96
<i>n</i> -octane	$4.186 \times 10^{-15}$	1.322	-19
<i>neo</i> -octane	$1.636 \times 10^{-16}$	1.763	374
<i>n</i> -nonane	$1.290 \times 10^{-14}$	1.186	40
<i>n</i> -decane	$3.012 \times 10^{-14}$	1.087	84
<i>n</i> -undecane	$5.284 \times 10^{-14}$	1.025	111
<i>n</i> -dodecane	$9.325 \times 10^{-14}$	0.960	139
<i>n</i> -tridecane	$1.508 \times 10^{-13}$	0.907	163
<i>n</i> -tetradecane	$2.278 \times 10^{-13}$	0.862	183
<i>n</i> -pentadecane	$3.262 \times 10^{-13}$	0.823	201
<i>n</i> -hexadecane	$4.474 \times 10^{-13}$	0.789	216

More studies on large alkanes are needed

# Hydrogen atom abstractions from fuel: other radicals

- ▶  $\text{RO}_2$  and  $\text{HO}_2$  radicals are also present in large amounts at low-temperatures

Influence on CFD predictions in a diesel engine

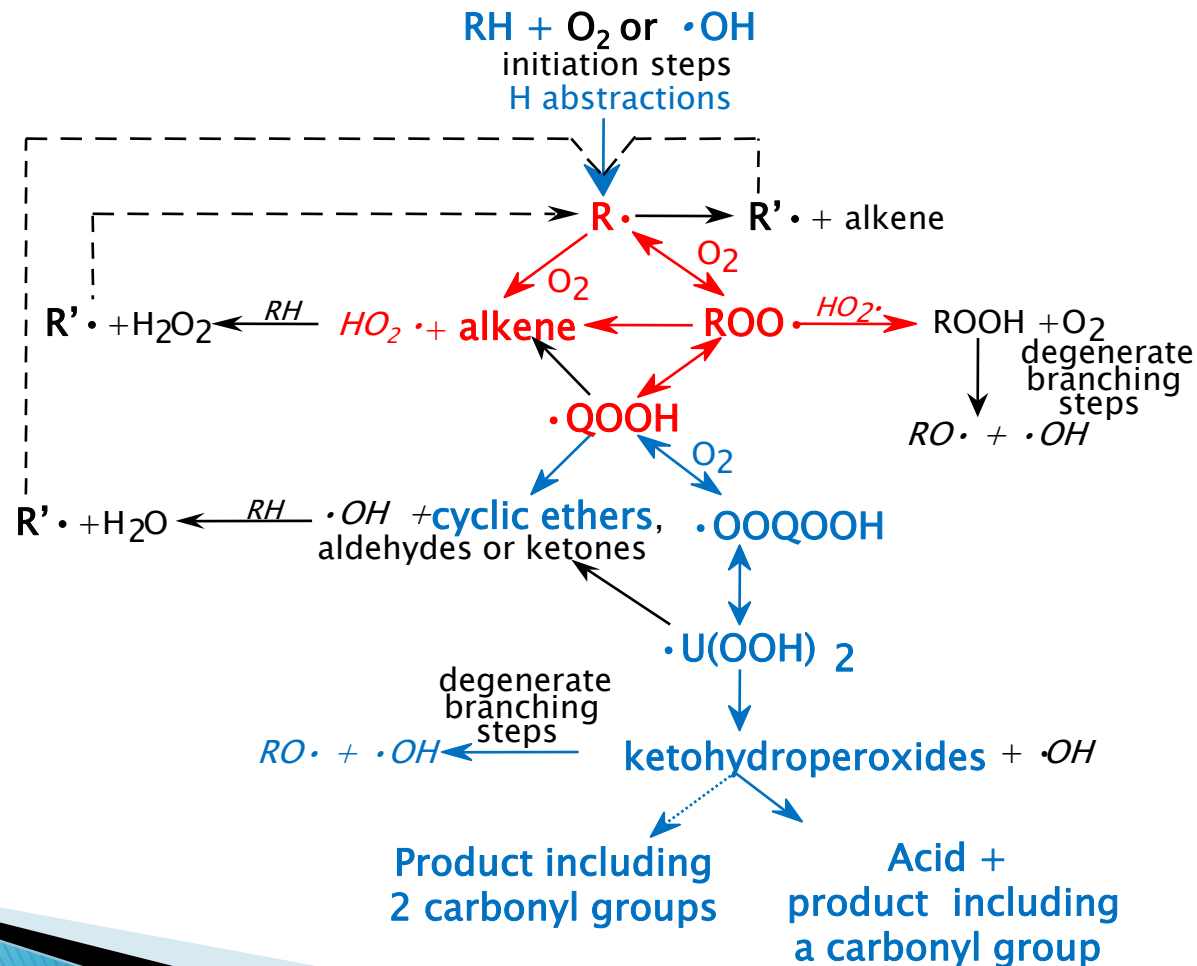


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Kinetic parameters only based on theoretical studies or complex mechanism fitting

# Origin of kinetics used in alkane LTO models

## ► Reactions involving alkylperoxy radicals

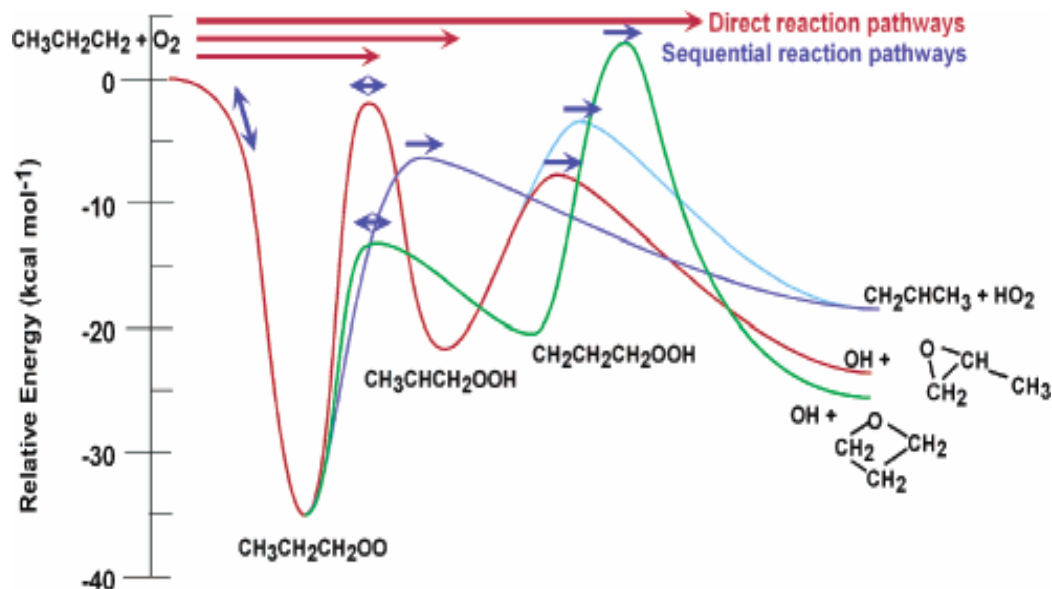
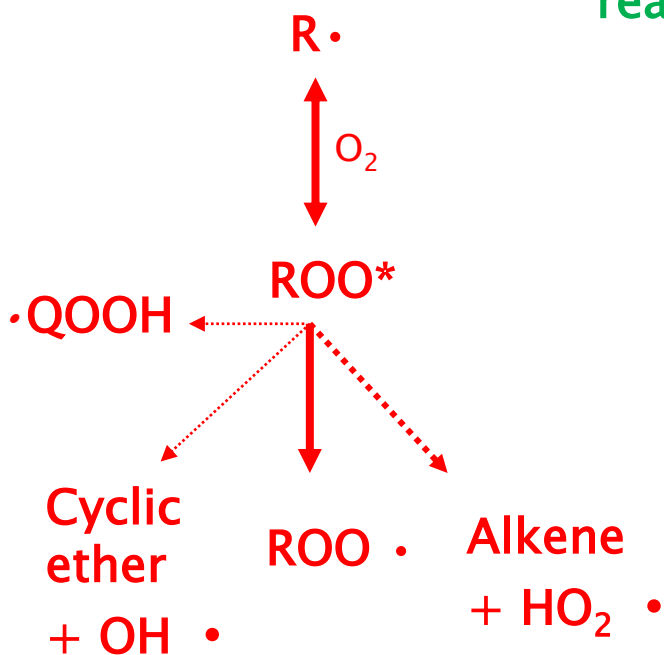


# Reactions involving alkylperoxy radicals

## ► Reactions involving $\text{ROO}^*$ radicals

Schematic potential energy surfaces for the reactions of  $n$ -propyl radicals with oxygen molecules

J.D. DeSain, S.J. Klippenstein, J.A. Miller, C.A. Taatjes, JPCA, 2003



Rate constants need to be parametrized as a function of temperature and pressure using master equation

This should also be done for  $\text{C}_3+$  alkanes

# Reactions involving alkylperoxy radicals

## ► Reactions involving HO<sub>2</sub> radicals

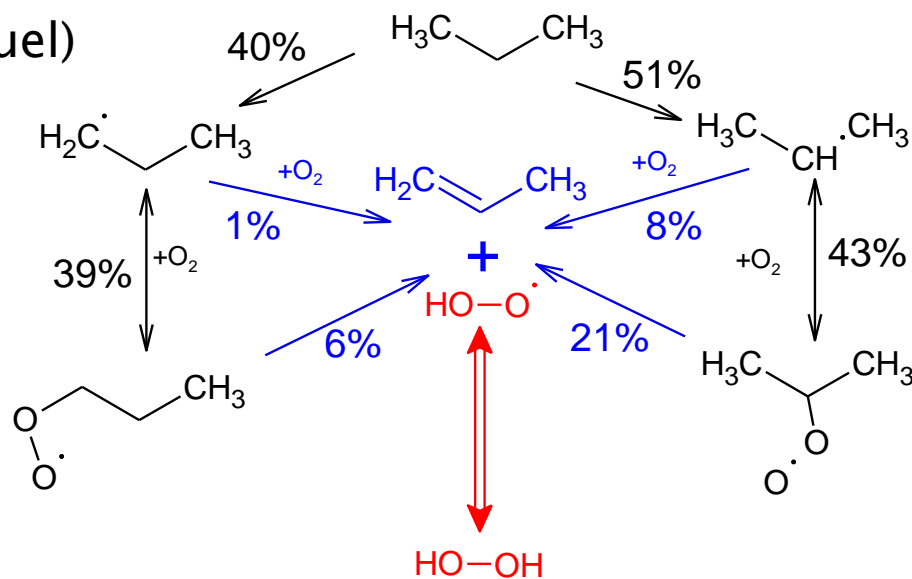
### Flow rate analysis for JSR propane oxidation at 630 K

Using an EXGAS model with the Desain et al.'s kinetic values

M. Cord, R. Fournet, F. Battin-Leclerc, F. Qi et al., JPCA, 2012

( $\phi = 1$ ,  $P = 1$  bar,

$\tau = 2$  s, 12 % initial fuel)



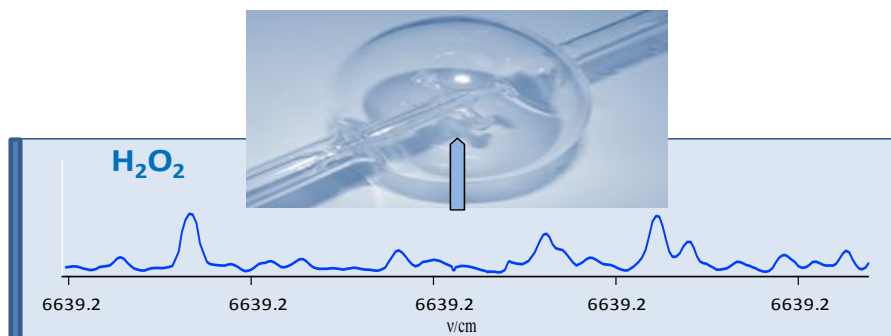
1 / 3 of propane is consumed to produce propene and HO<sub>2</sub> radicals  
**Importance of the HO<sub>2</sub> - H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> system**

# Reactions involving alkylperoxy radicals

## ▶ $\text{HO}_2$ – $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ system

$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{HO}_2$  radicals probed during *n*-butane JSR oxidation

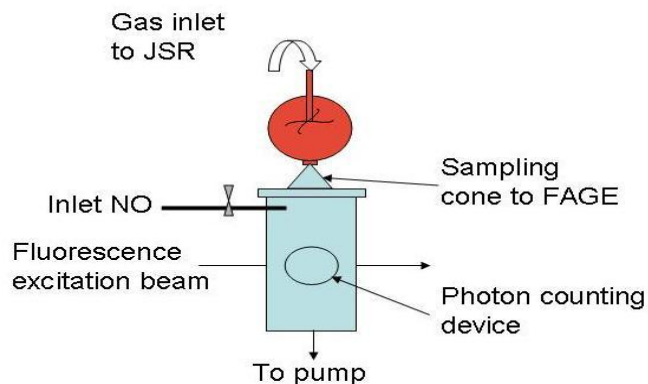
$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{HO}_2$  by Cavity Ring Down Spectroscopy (CRDS)



$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$   
C. Bahrini, O. Herbinet, C. Fittschen,  
F. Battin-Leclerc, et al., JACS, 2012

$\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and  $\text{HO}_2$  radicals  
M. Djehiche, G. Dayma,  
P. Dagaut et al.,  
JACS, 2014

## OH and $\text{HO}_2$ by Fluorescence Assay Gas Expansion (FAGE)



M. Bloquet, C. Schoemaeker, O. Herbinet,  
F. Battin-Leclerc, C. Fittschen et al., PNAS, 2013

Loss of radicals when probed from JSR  
to an external optical cell

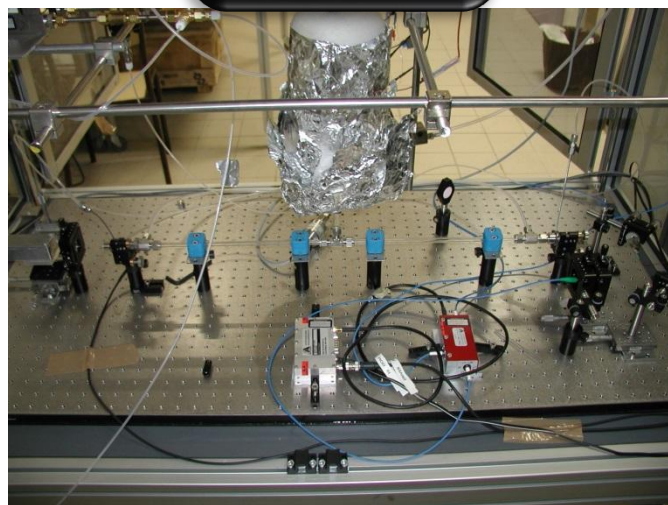
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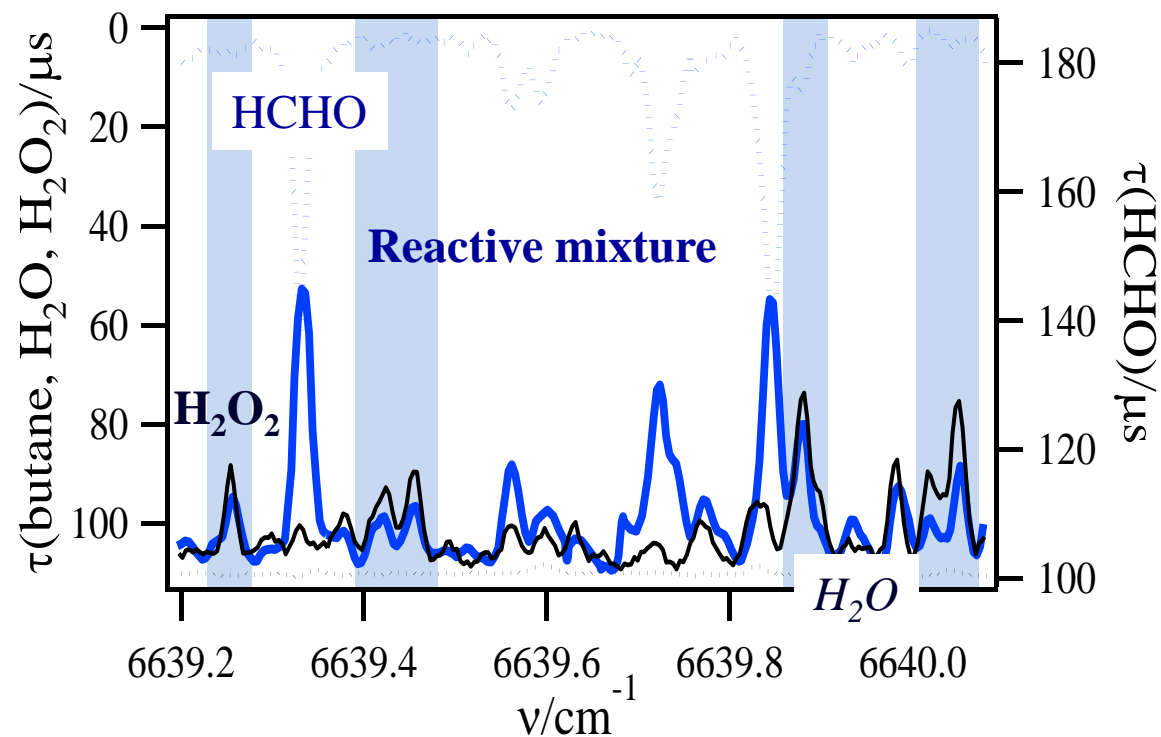
## ▶ HO<sub>2</sub> – H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> system

Probing H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> by CRDS in a complex combustion mixture

JSR, P = 1 bar, Φ = 1, τ = 6 s, 2.3% *n*-butane, 650 K



C. Bahrini, O. Herbinet, C. Fittschen,  
F. Battin-Leclerc, et al.,





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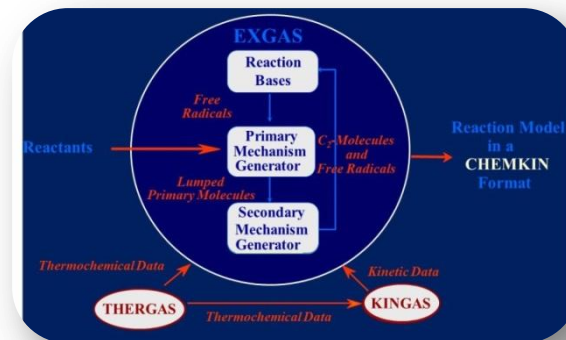
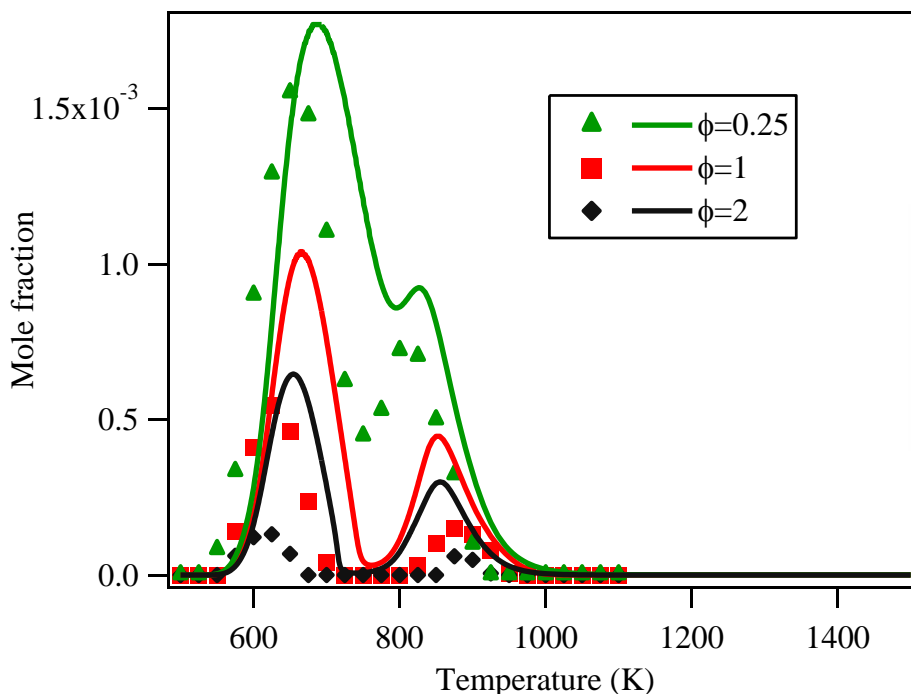
## ▶ $\text{HO}_2 - \text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ system

### Quantifying $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ by CRDS during JSR oxidation of *n*-heptane

Symbols correspond to GC experiments and lines to simulations

( $\phi = 1$ ,  $P = 1$  bar,  $\tau = 2$  s, 0.5 % initial fuel,

A. Rodriguez, O. Herbinet, C. Fittschen,  
F. Battin-Leclerc, unpublished results, 2015



**CRDS can probe  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$   
even for current fuel surrogates**

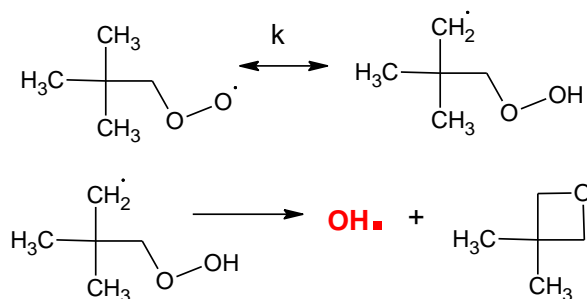
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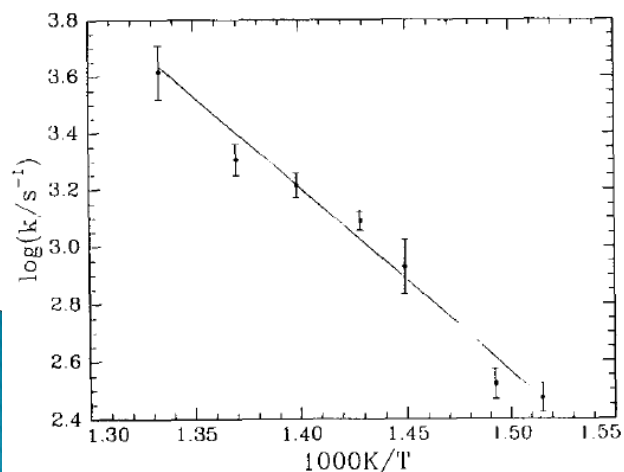
### Direct experimental determination

Laser flash photolysis of neo-C<sub>5</sub>H<sub>11</sub>I in O<sub>2</sub>/He with OH LIF detection, 660–750 K

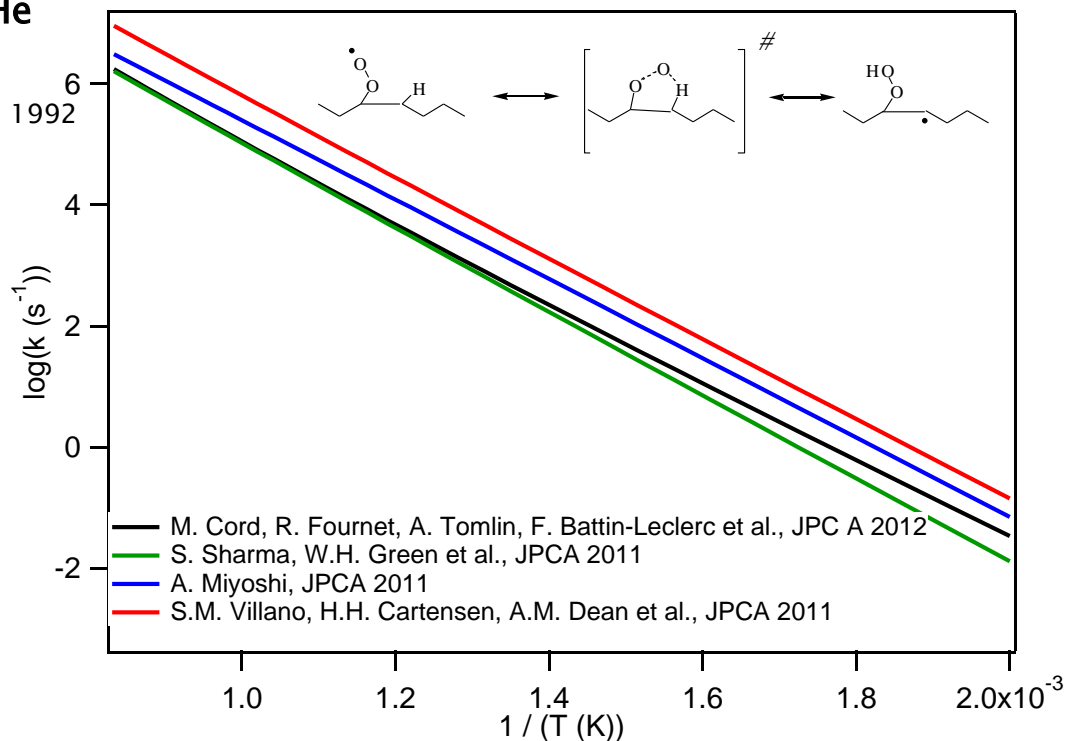
K.J. Hughes, T. Turányi, M.J. Pilling, et al. Proc. Combust. Inst. 1992



$$k = 10^{12.2} \exp(14800/T) \text{ s}^{-1}$$



### Theoretical calculations



Deviations between values calculated by the different groups up to a factor of 4

Need to detect ephemeral QOOH radicals

A first success from 1,3-cycloheptadiene

J.D. Savee, C. Taatjes et al., Science, 2015

# Reactions involving alkylperoxy radicals

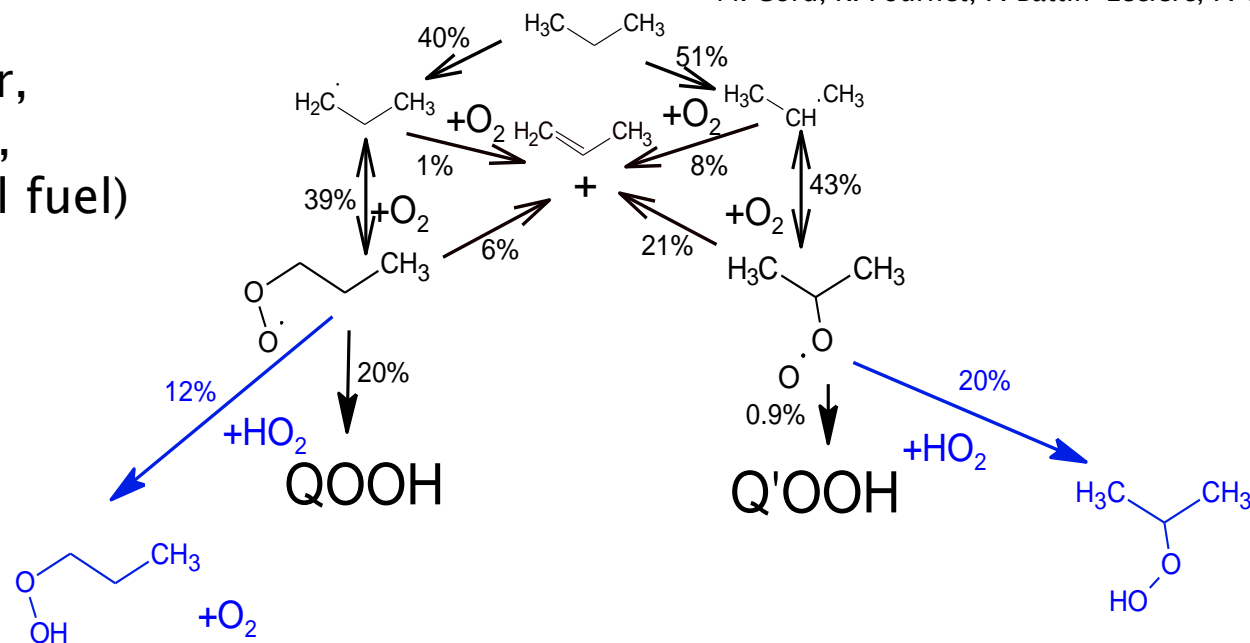
## ► Reactions of ROO radicals with other radicals

### Flow rate analysis for JSR propane oxidation at 630 K

Using an EXGAS model with the theoretical calculated rate constants for isomerizations

M. Cord, R. Fournet, F. Battin-Leclerc, F. Qi et al., JPC A, 2012

( $\phi = 1$ ,  
P = 1 bar,  
 $\tau = 2$  s,  
 $\tau = 12$  % initial fuel)



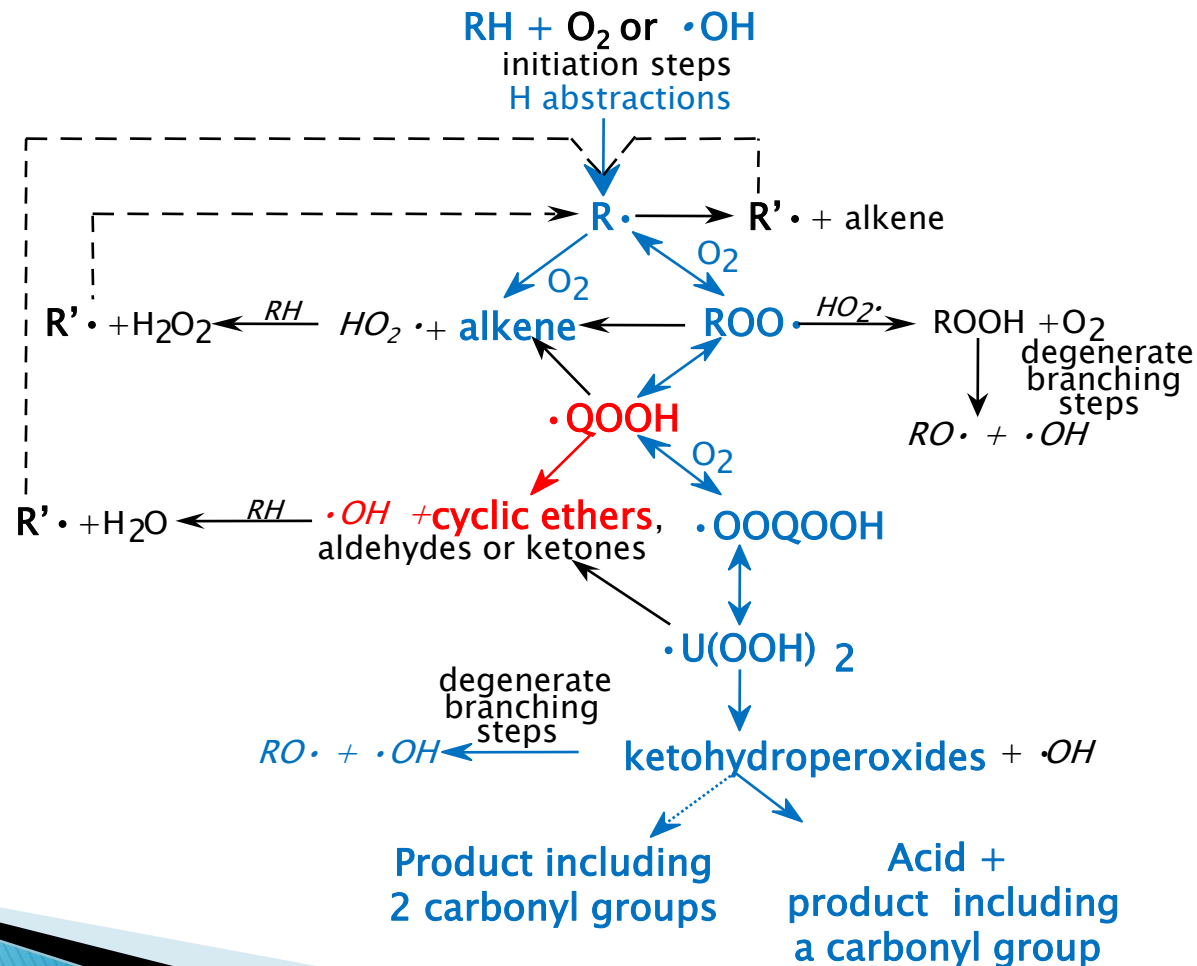
1 / 3 of propane is consumed by reactions of peroxy and  $\text{HO}_2$  radicals

**Very few rate constants available above room temperature and for  $\text{C}_3+$  compounds**

T.J. Wallington, P. Dagaut, M.J. Kutylo, Chem. Rev. 1992  
J.J. Orlando and G.S. Tyndall, Chem. Soc. Rev. 2012

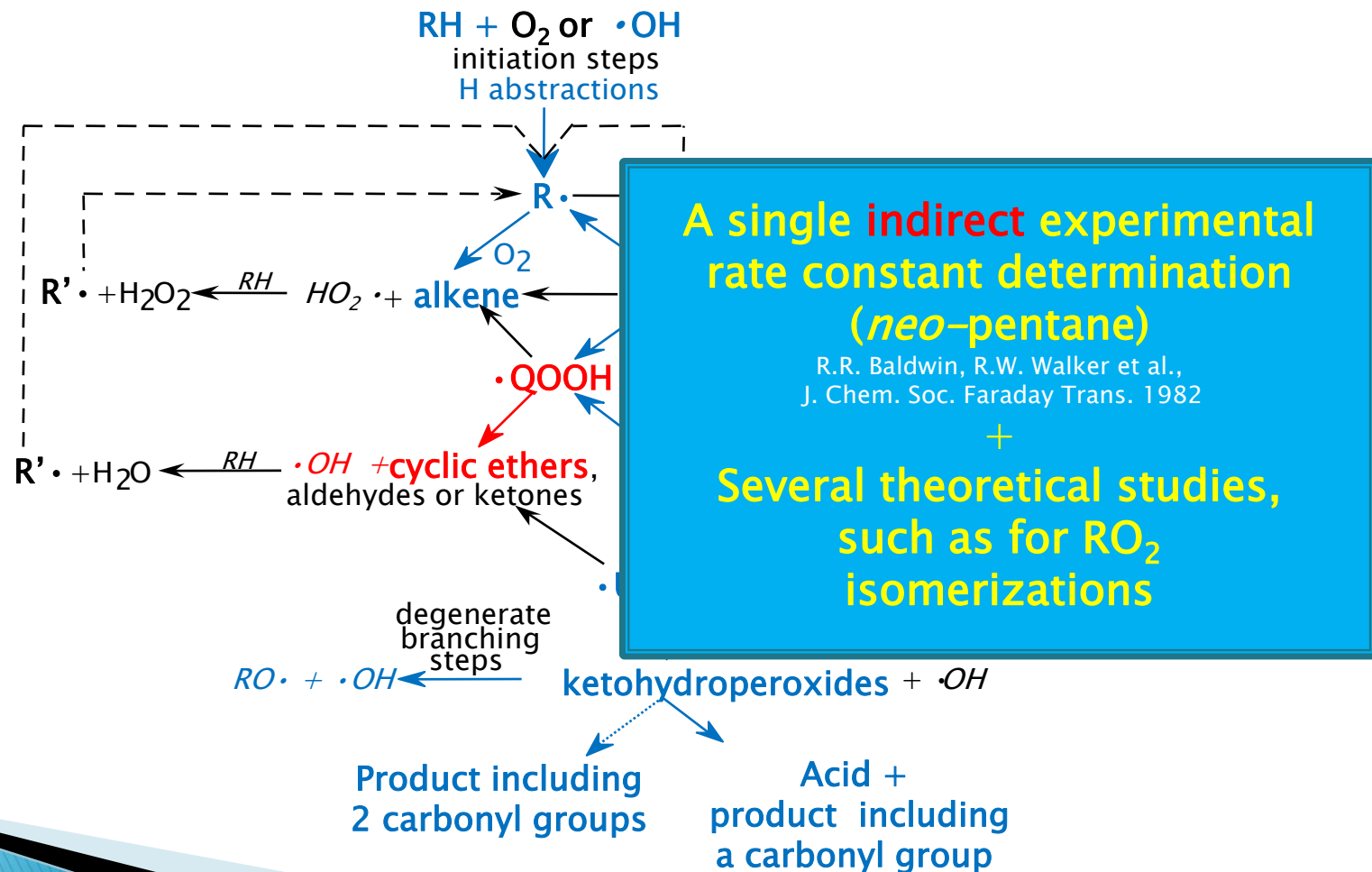
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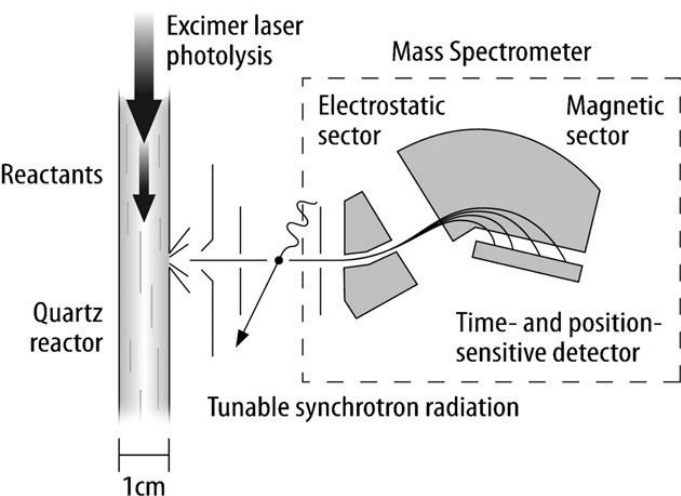


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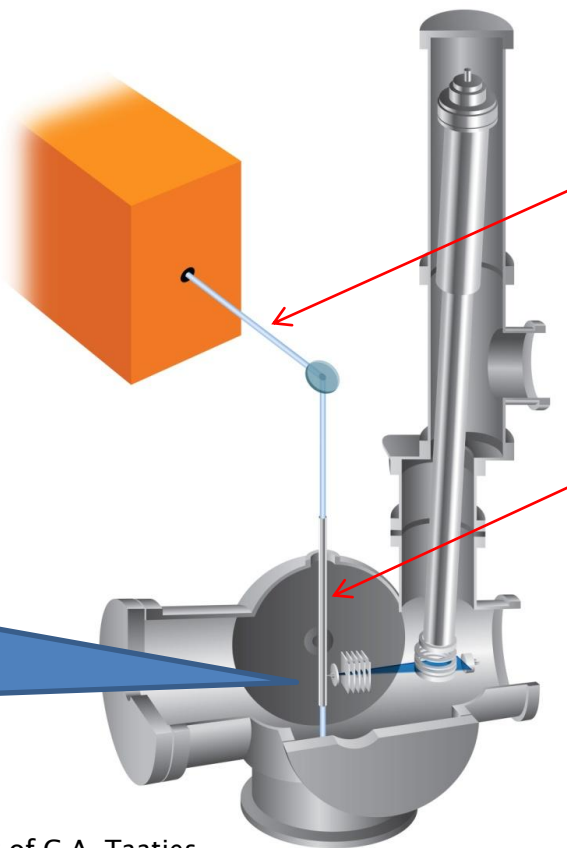
## Detection of cyclic ether in photolytically initiated alkane oxidation

### Mass spectrometry combined with tunable synchrotron vacuum ultraviolet photoionization

C.A. Taatjes, N. Hansen,  
D. Osborn, T. Cool et al. PCCP, 2008



### Time of flight MS



Laser flash photolysis  
formation of **Cl** atoms  
which react with  
a **RH/O<sub>2</sub>/He** mixture  
slowly flowing in  
a quartz tube  
of 1.05 cm diameter

Berkeley Advanced light source



By courtesy of C.A. Taatjes

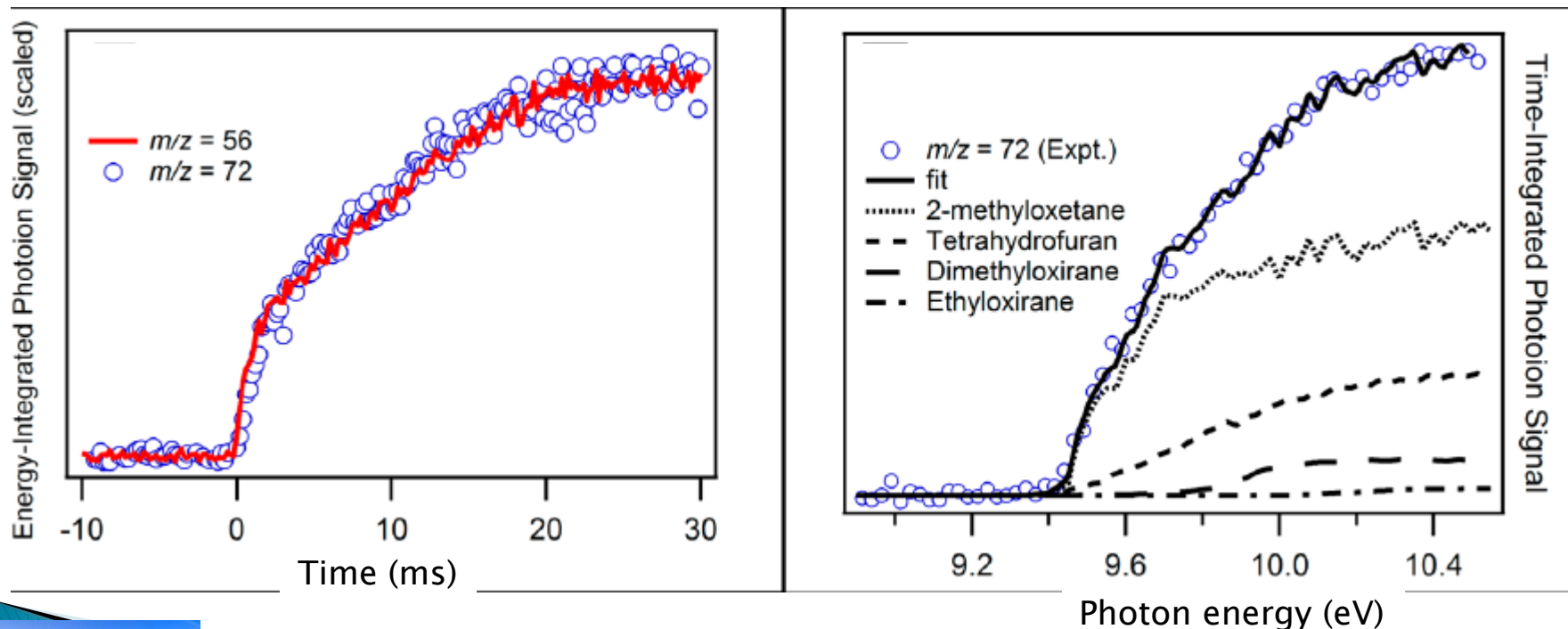
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Mass spectrometry combined with tunable synchrotron vacuum ultraviolet photoionization to study *n*-butane oxidation

A.J. Eskola, D. Osborn, C.A. Taatjes et al., JPCA 2008

## Time behaviors and photoionization spectra of cyclic ethers at 575 K, 4 Torr



A good source of data to confirm the theoretically calculated rate constants







# Formation of cyclic ethers

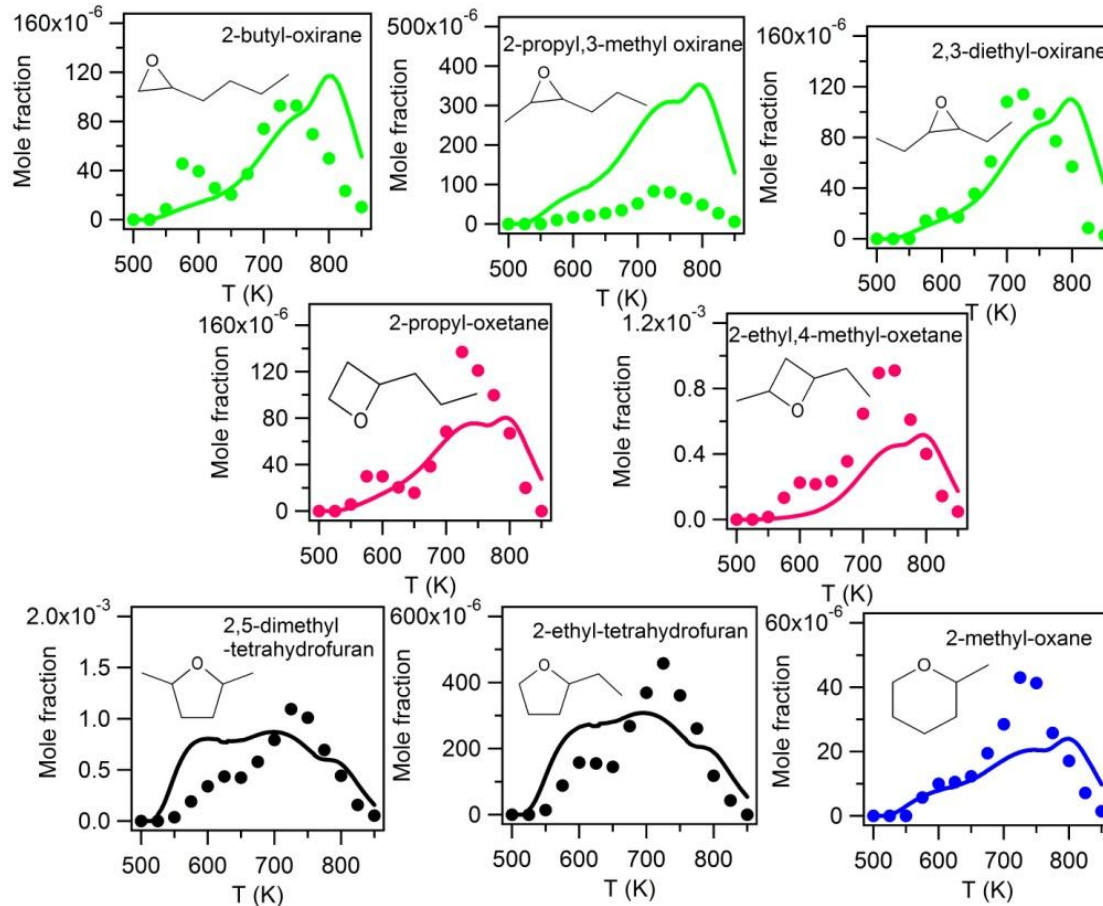
## ► Modeling the formation of cyclic ethers during JSR alkane oxidation

### Oxidation of *n*-hexane

Symbols correspond to experiments and lines to simulations

( $\phi = 1$ ,  $P = 1$  bar,  $\tau = 2$  s, 2 % initial fuel)

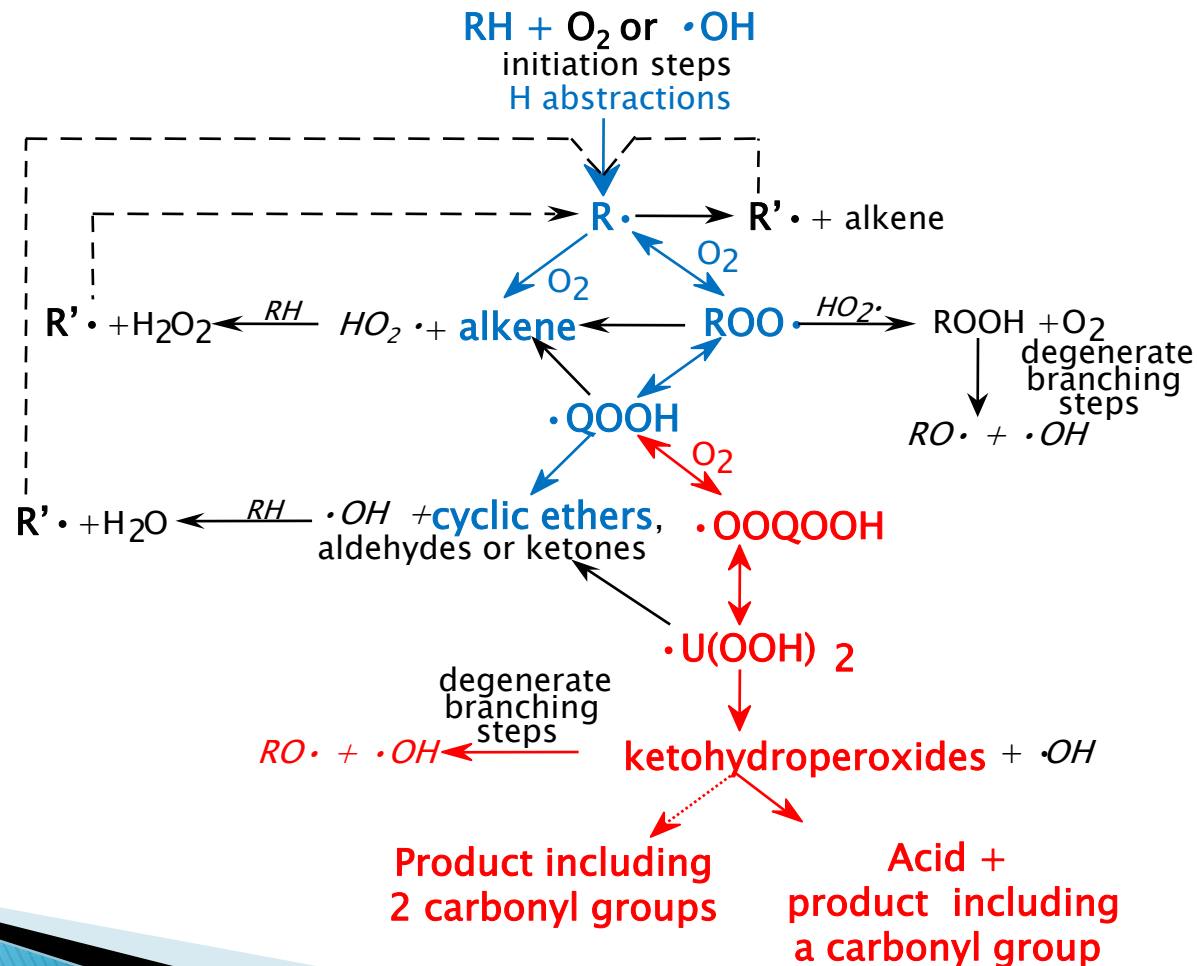
Z. Serinyel, O. Herbinet, V. Warth, F. Battin-Leclerc et al. 8<sup>th</sup> mediterranean meeting 2013



The prediction of cyclic ethers is well improved

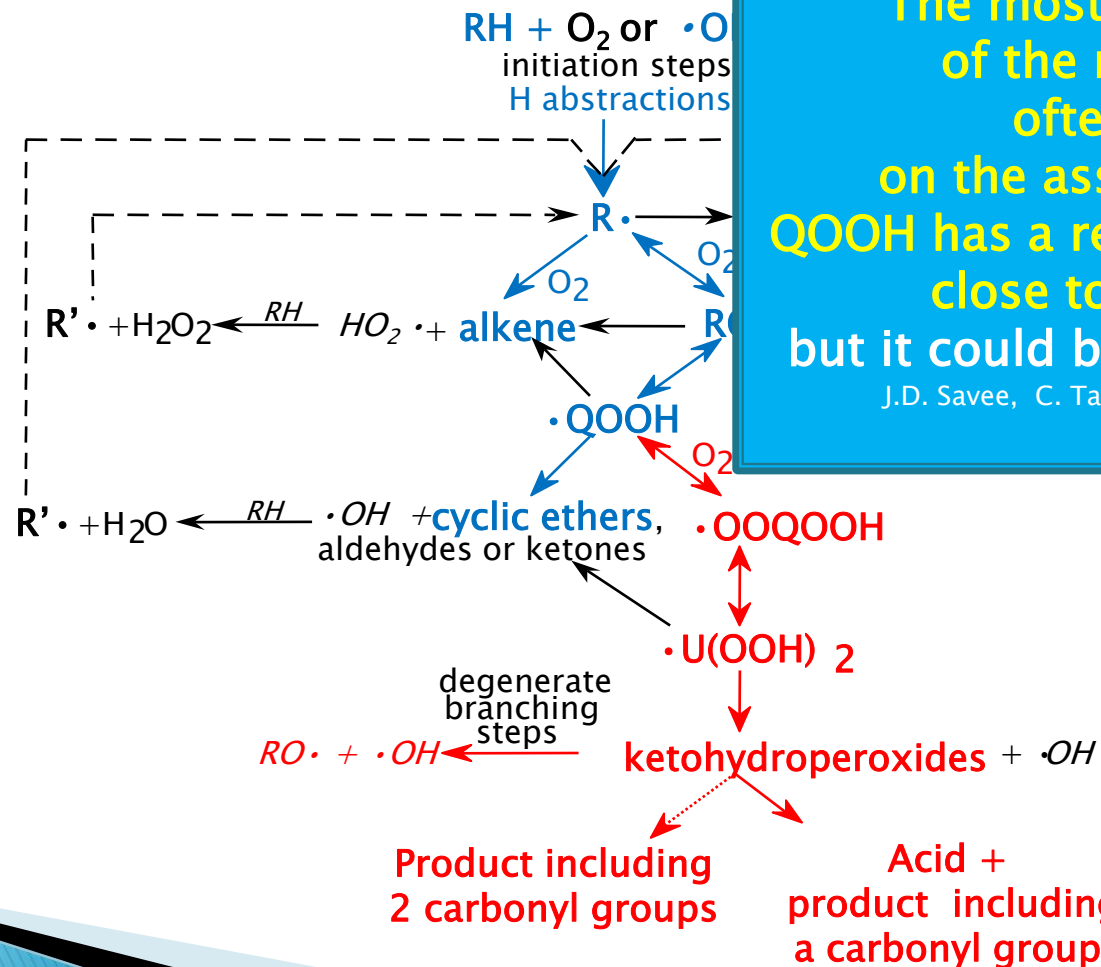
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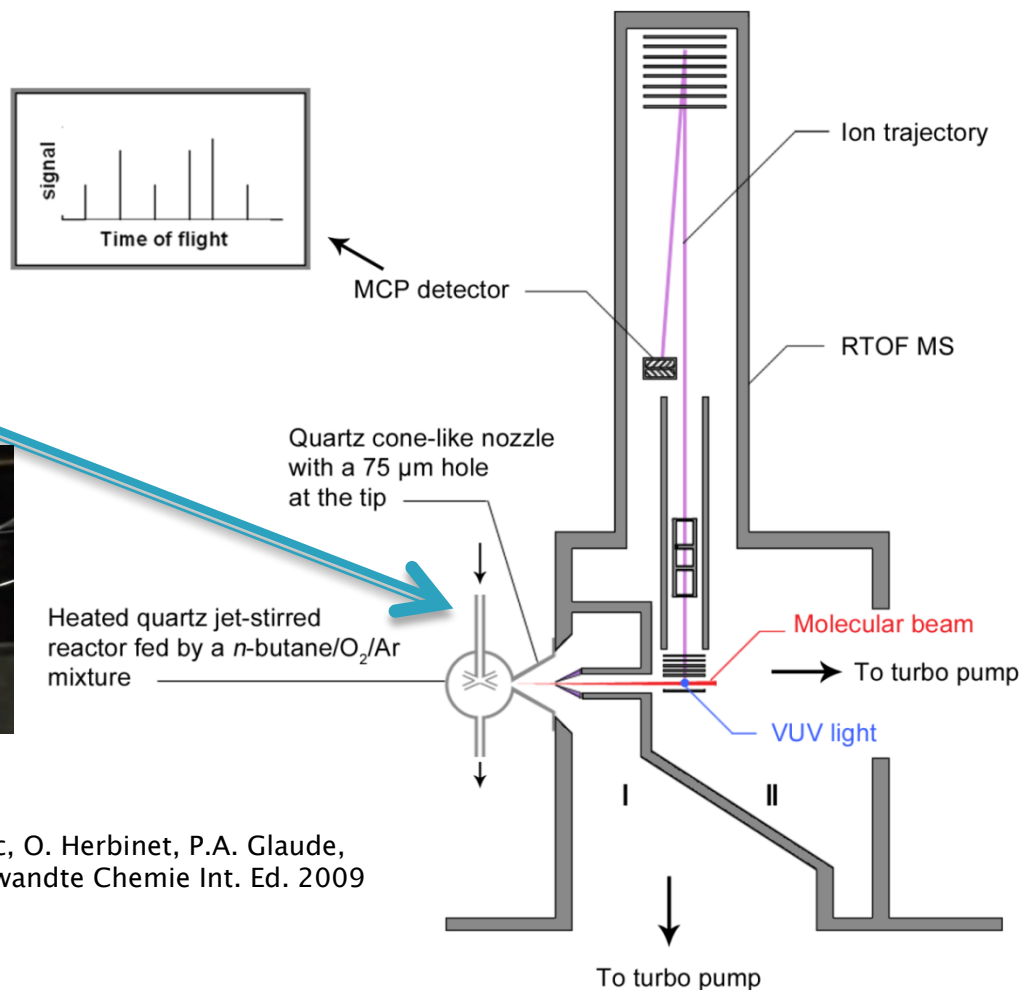
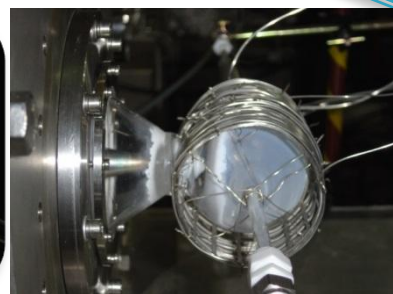
The most obscure part  
 of the mechanism  
 often based  
 on the assumption that  
 $QOOH$  has a reactivity toward  $O_2$   
 close to  $R$  radicals,  
 but it could be 10 times higher  
 J.D. Savee, C. Taatjes et al. Science 2015

# Reactions producing and consuming ketohydroperoxides

## ► Ketohydroperoxide detection only recently

*Coupling of a mass spectrometer combined with tunable synchrotron vacuum ultraviolet photoionization (PI-MS) to a JSR through a molecular-beam sampling system*

**Isotherm  
quartz  
jet-stirred  
reactor  
at atmospheric pressure  
(JSR)**



F. Battin-Leclerc, O. Herbinet, P.A. Glaude,  
F. Qi et al. *Angewandte Chemie Int. Ed.* 2009



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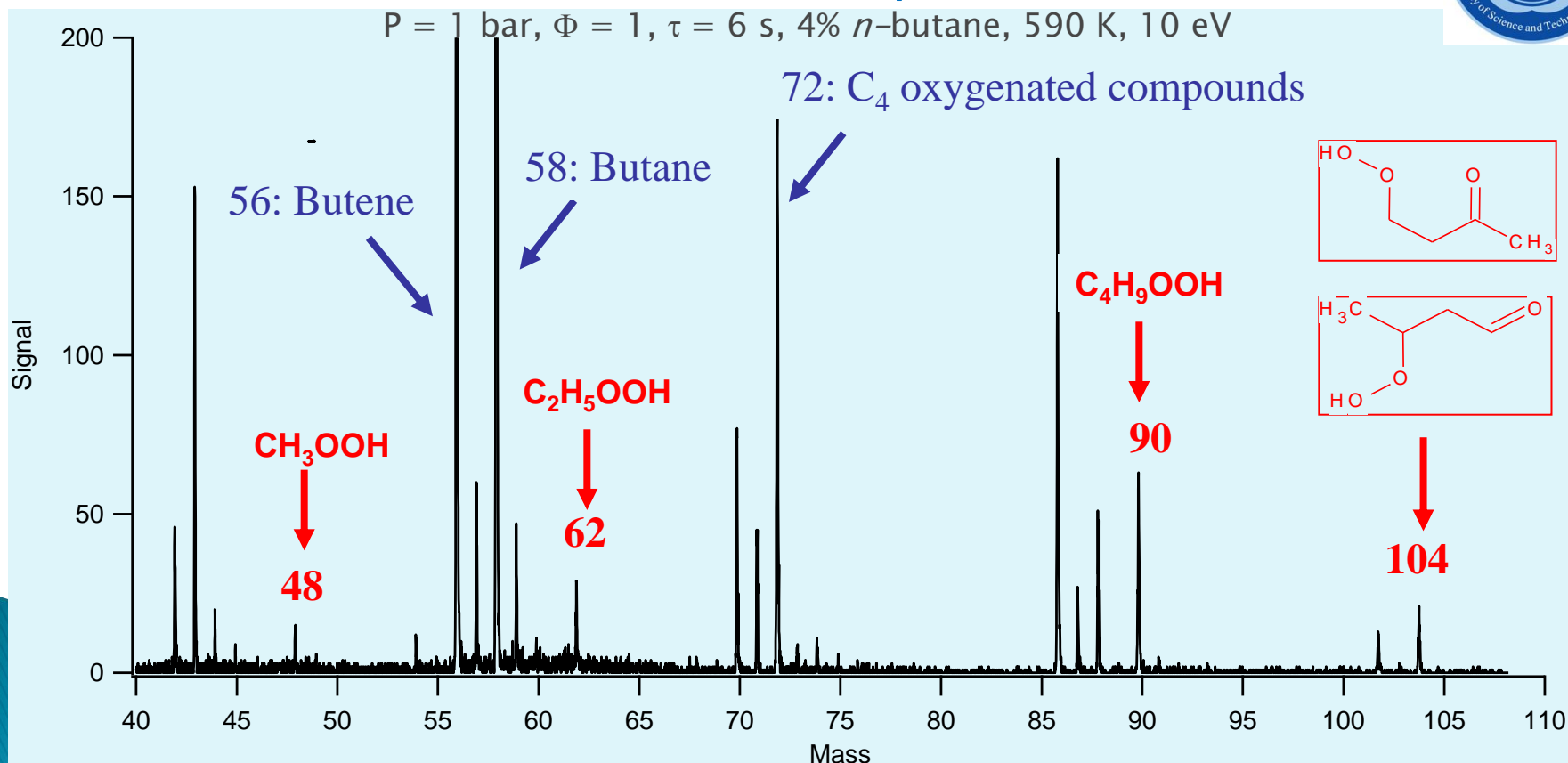
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### Obtained mass spectrum



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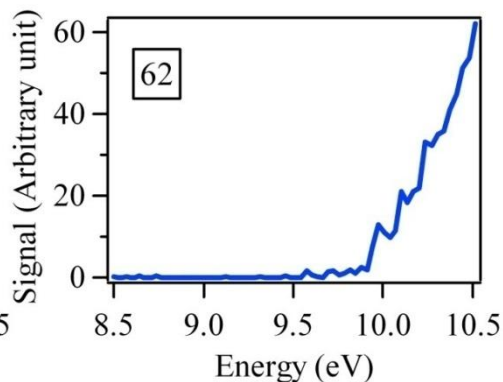
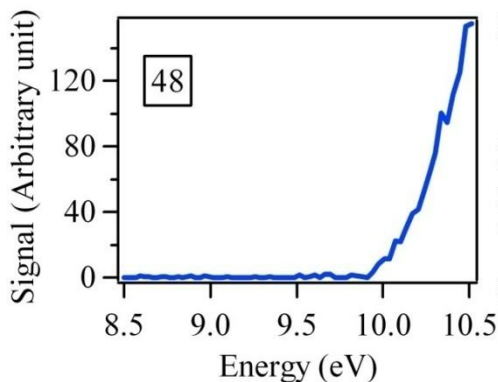
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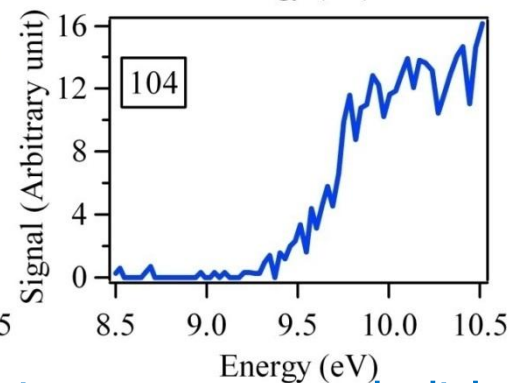
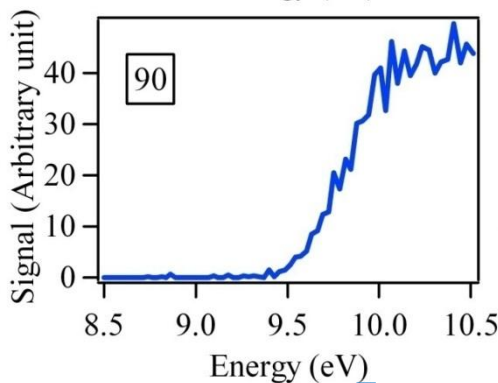
P = 1 bar,  $\Phi = 1$ ,  $\tau = 6$  s, 4% *n*-butane, 590 K, 10 eV

IE of  $\text{CH}_3\text{OOH}$   
=  
9.83 eV



IE of  $\text{C}_2\text{H}_5\text{OOH}$   
=  
9.61 eV

IE of  $\text{C}_4\text{H}_9\text{OOH}$   
=  
9.33–9.36 eV



IE of  
ketohydroperoxides  
=  
9.34–9.39 eV

Zero-point energy corrected adiabatic IEs have been calculated from the CBS-QB3 method using Gaussian03.



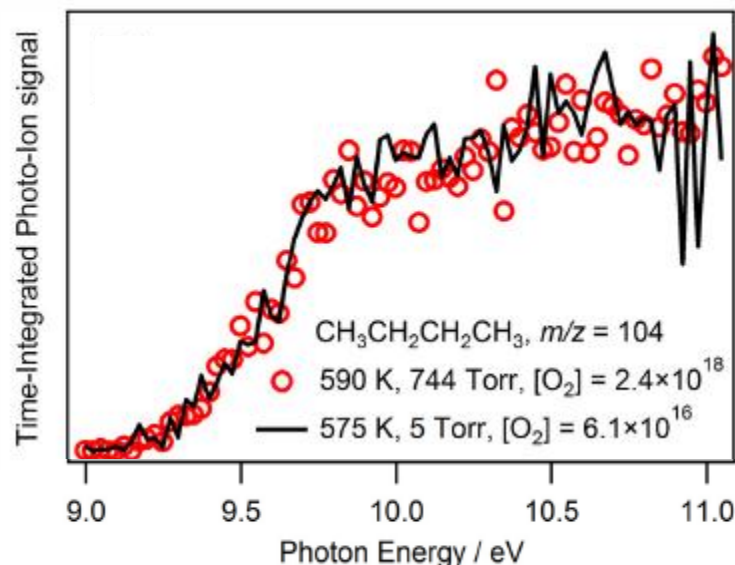
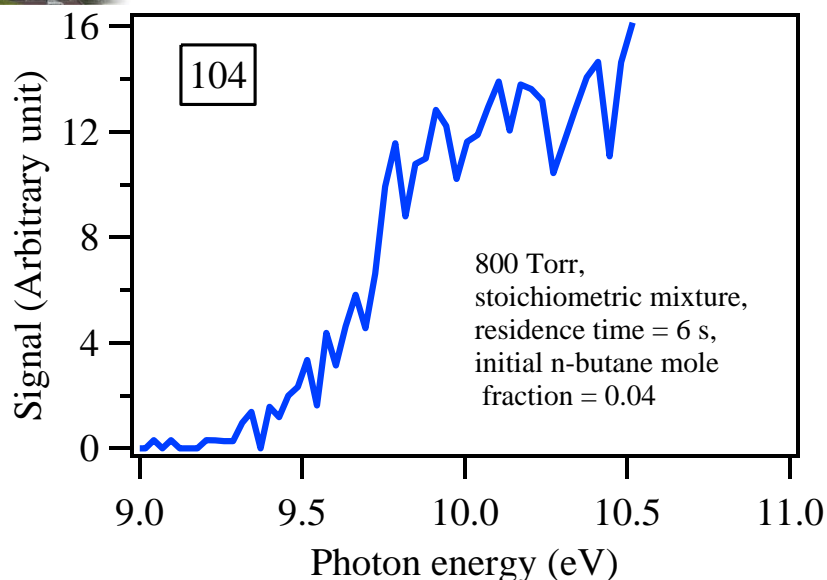
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Comparison between ketohydroperoxide photoionization spectrum obtained during *n*-butane oxidation in a JSR and in a photolysis tube

Jet-stirred reactor (this study)

Pulsed photolysis experiments  
(RH + Cl. + O<sub>2</sub>)



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F. Qi et al. *Angewandte Chemie Int. Ed.* 2009

A.J. Eskola, C.A. Taatjes et al.,  
*Proc. Combust. Inst.* 2015

**Both spectra are similar, showing that the same isomer is formed in thermal or photolysis experiments whatever the pressure**

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### Formation of hydroperoxides according to alkanes studied in JSR



Fuel	Alkyl hydroperoxides	Keto hydroperoxides
<b>Propane</b> M. Cord, R. Fournet, F. Battin-Leclerc, F. Qi et al. JPCA 2012	Yes	No
<b>n-butane</b> F. Battin-Leclerc, O. Herbinet, P.A. Glaude, F. Qi et al. Angewandte Chemie Int. Ed. 2009	yes	yes
<b>n-pentane</b> O. Herbinet, F. Battin-Leclerc, F. Qi et al. unpublished results, 2015	yes	Yes
<b>Hexane isomers</b> Z. Wang, O. Herbinet, F. Battin-Leclerc, F. Qi et al. JPCA 2014	No	Yes
<b>n-heptane</b> O. Herbinet, Z. Serinyel, V. Warth, F. Battin-Leclerc, F. Qi et al. Combust. Flame 2012	No	Yes



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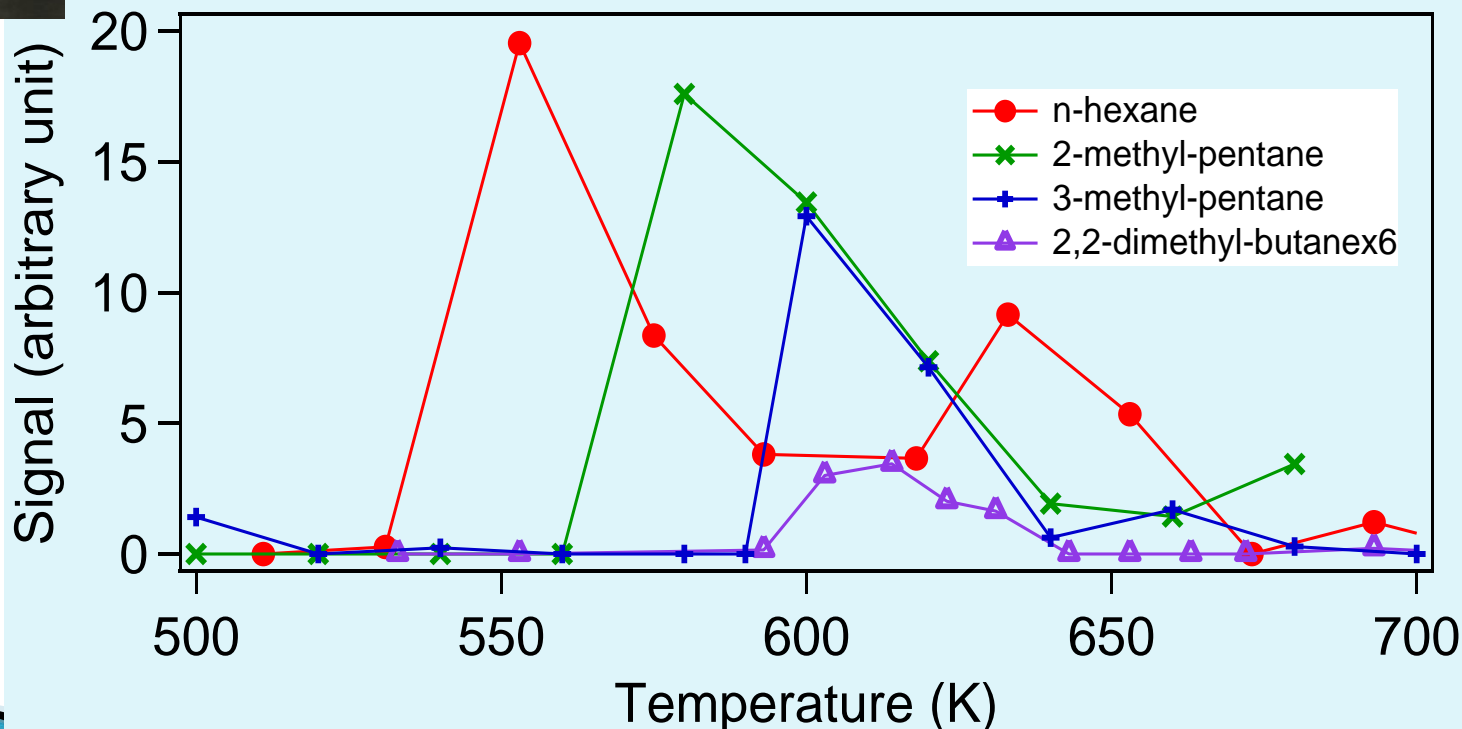
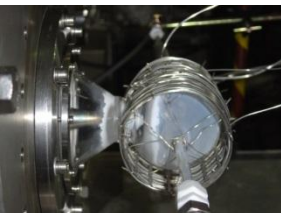
## ► Ketohydroperoxide detection only recently

Formation of ketohydroperoxides from linear and branched hexanes in JSR

### Ketohydroperoxide signal evolution with temperature

$P = 1 \text{ bar}$ ,  $\Phi = 1$ ,  $\tau = 2 \text{ s}$ ,  $m/z = 132$ , ionization energy = 10.5 eV

Z. Wang, O. Herbinet, F. Battin-Leclerc, F. Qi et al. JPCA 2014



The more branched the isomer, the higher the temperature of appearance of ketohydroperoxides

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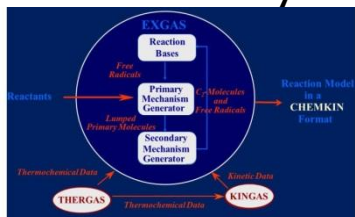
## ► Hydroperoxide quantification

O. herbinet,  
F. Battin-leclerc et al. PCCP 2011

### Quantification of C<sub>4</sub> hydroperoxides

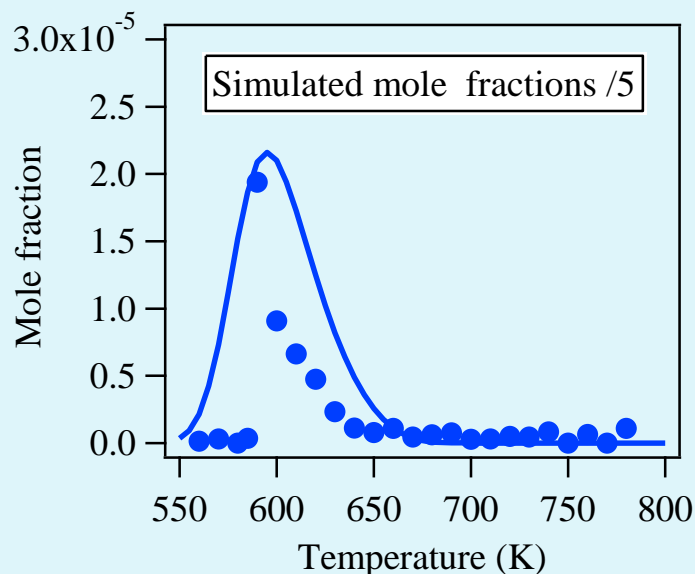
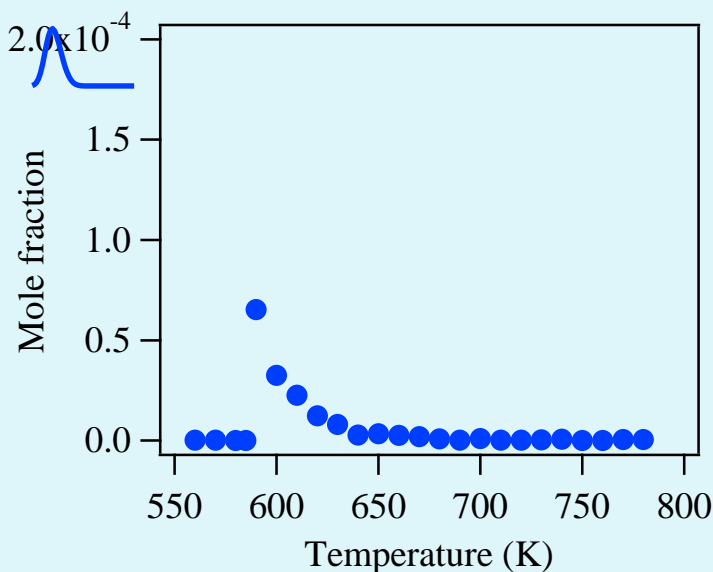
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P = 1 bar, Φ = 1, τ = 6 s, 4% n-butane



C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>OOH

Ketohydroperoxides



$$\frac{S_i(T)}{S_{ref}(T)} = \frac{X_i(T)}{X_{ref}(T)} \cdot \frac{\sigma_i(T)}{\sigma_{ref}(T)} \cdot \frac{D_i(T)}{D_{ref}(T)}$$

Calibrated from butene GC measurements with  
 $\sigma_i$  taken as equal to that of tetrahydrofuran

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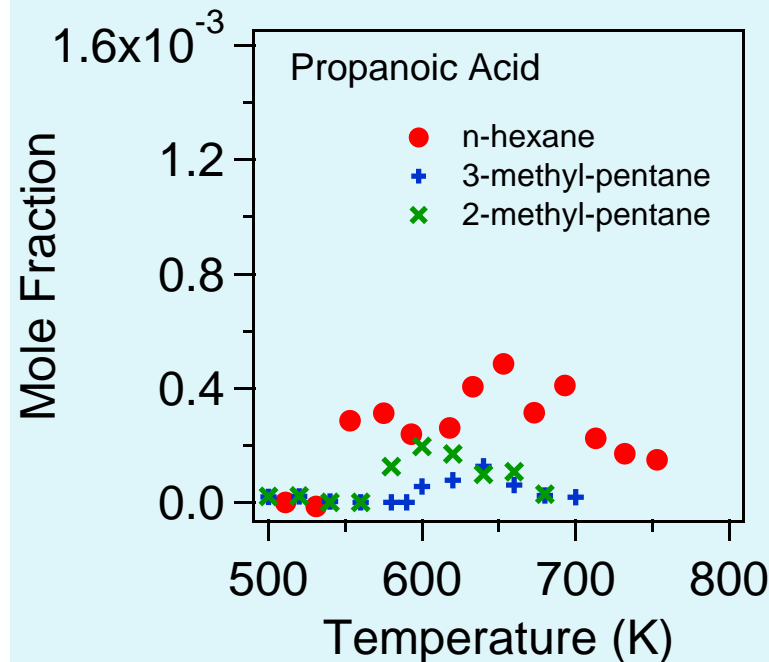
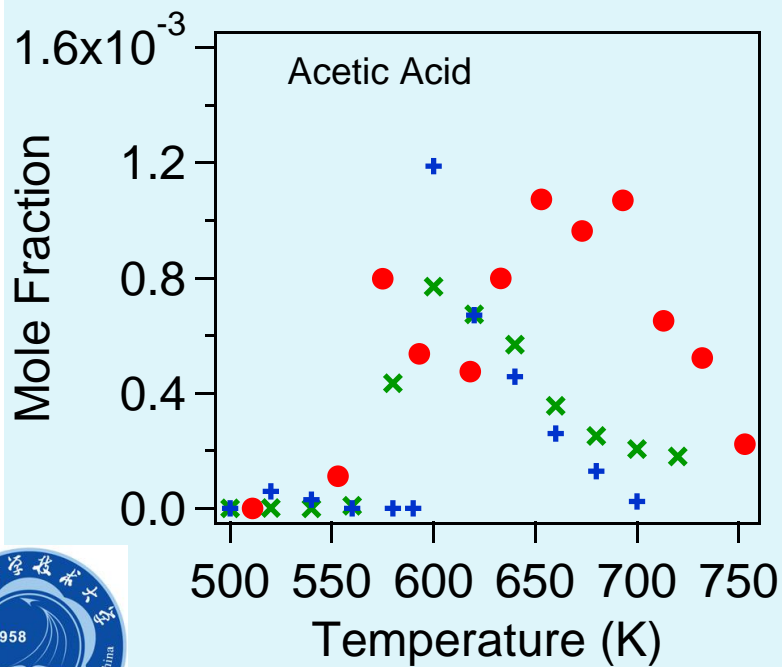
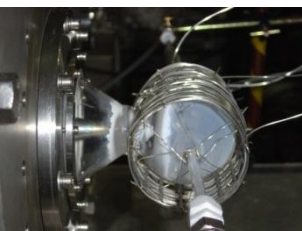
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### Formation of carboxylic acids

#### Acid mole fraction evolution with temperature during hexane isomer JSR oxidation

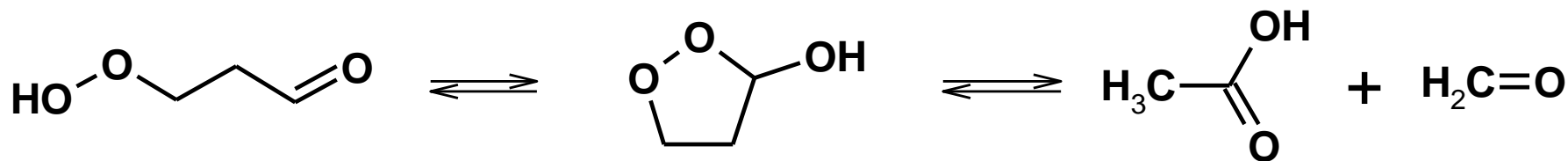
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### Formation of acetic acid from ketohydroperoxides

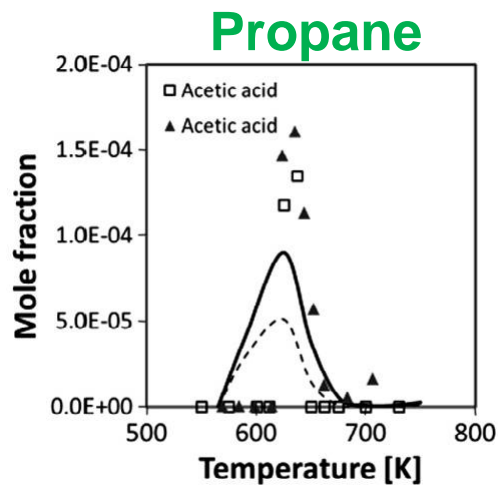


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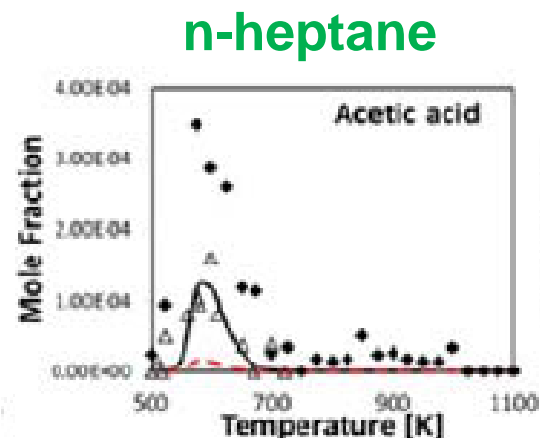
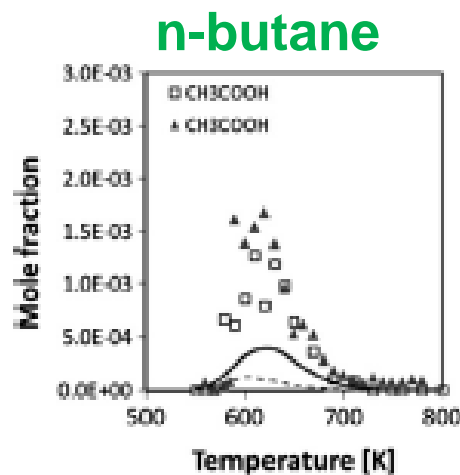
## Modeling acetic acid formation from Nancy JSR alkane oxidation

Symbols correspond to experiments and lines to simulations

P = 1 bar,  $\Phi = 1$ ,  $\tau = 6$  or 2 s, GC and PI-MS results



E. Ranzi, T. Faravelli et al.  
Combust. Flame 2015



M. Pelucchi, E. Ranzi et al.  
Energy&Fuel 2014

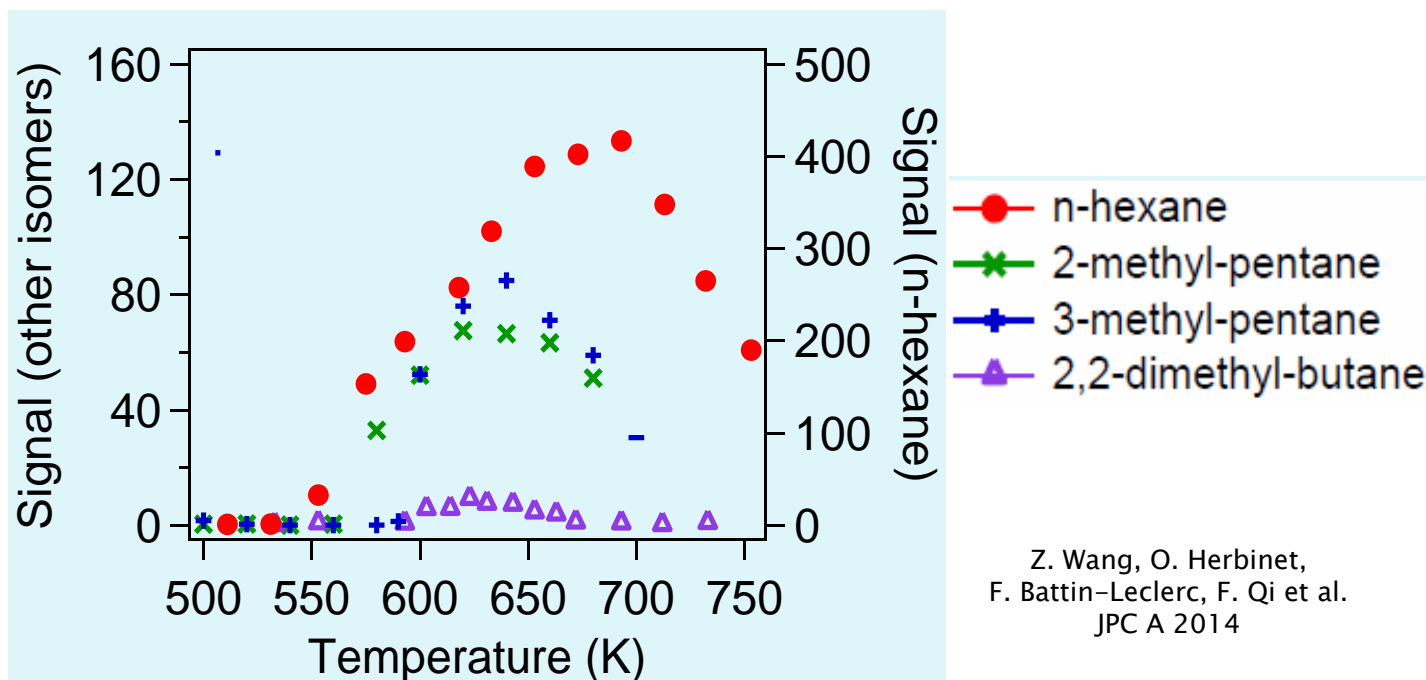
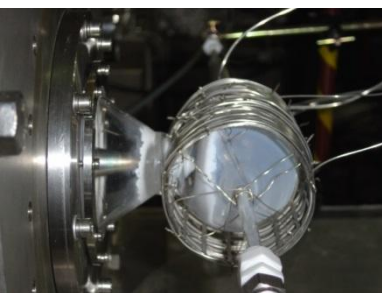
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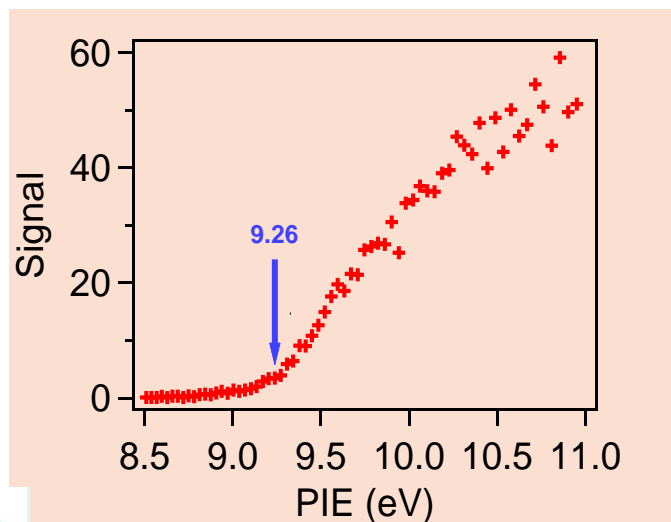
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### Ionization energy measurement for 2-methylpentane



Name of most probable diones	Structure	Calculated ionization energy (eV) (CBS-QB3 method)
4-methyl-3-oxopentanal	<chem>CC(C)C(=O)C=O</chem>	9.26
2-methyl-3-oxopentanal	<chem>CC(C)C(=O)C=O</chem>	9.26



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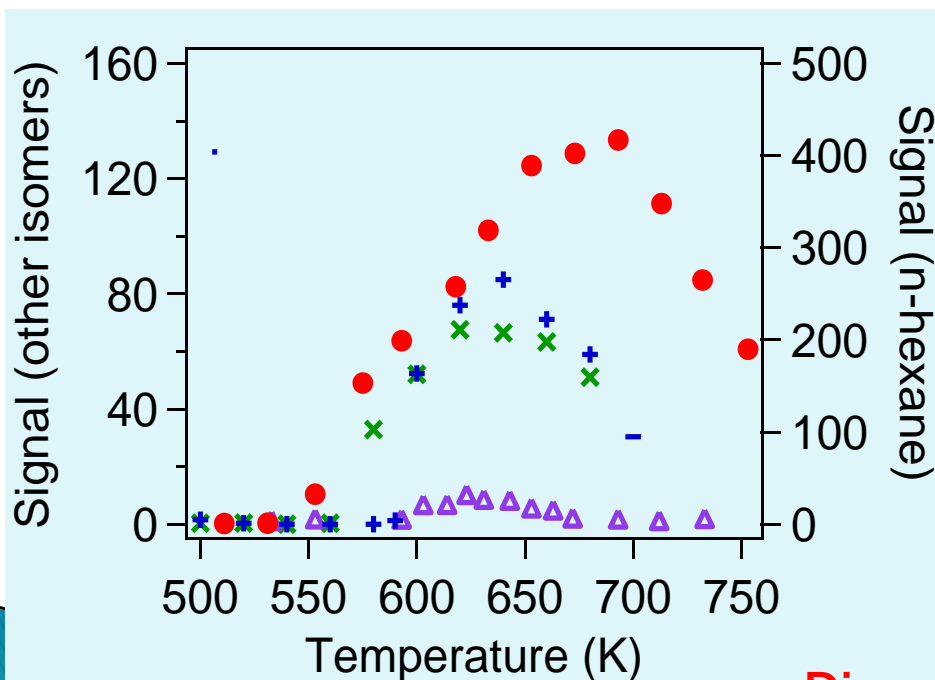
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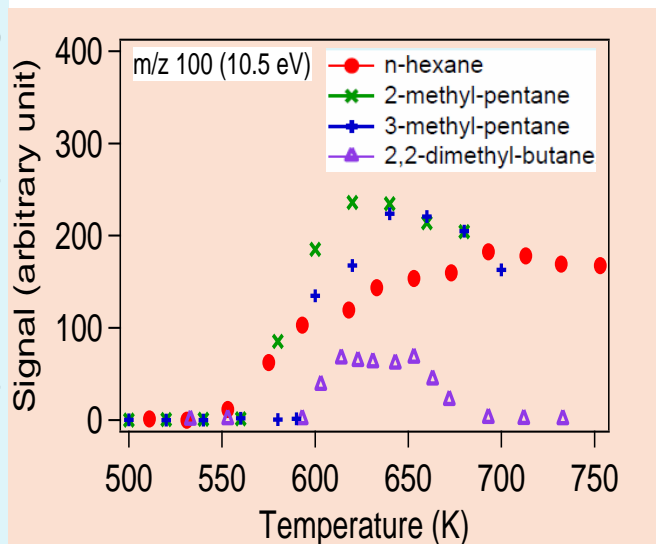
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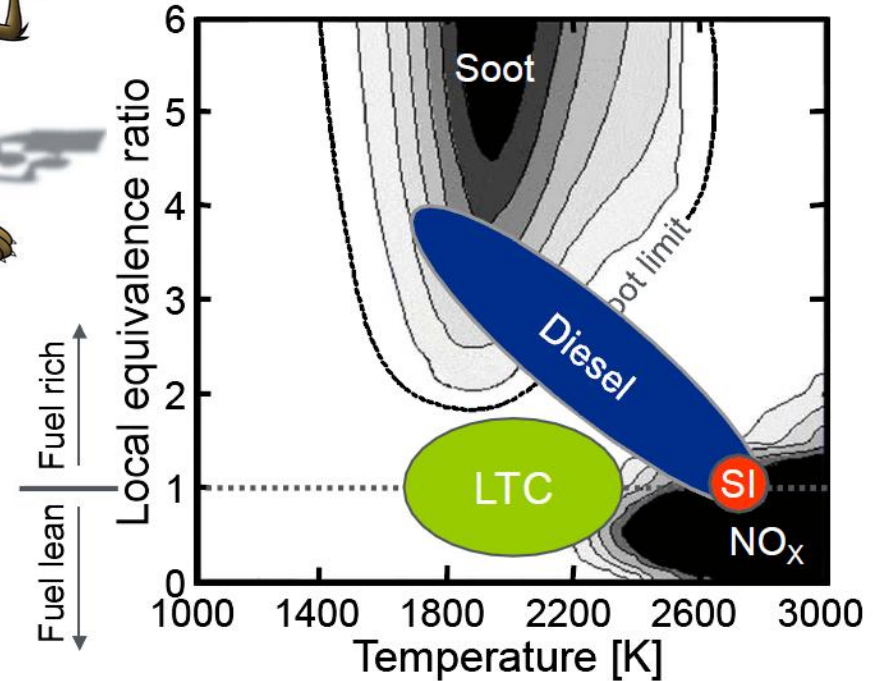
## Signal of sum of $C_6H_{12}O$ species



**Diones: an important type of products not yet satisfactorily modeled**

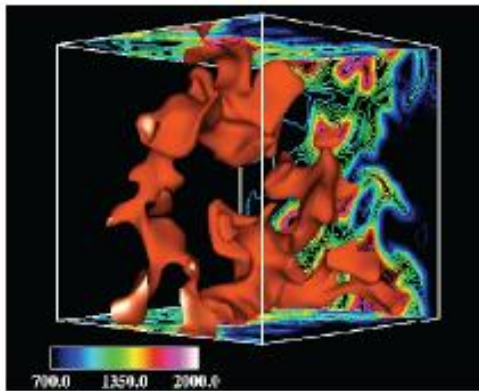
# Conclusion

- Still **many unknowns** in detailed kinetic LTO models at almost every step of the mechanism
- LTO models are an **unavoidable prerequisite** in the development of cleaner engines



G. Singh, DOE Vehicle Technologies Office 2013

- LTO models are of even more interest with expected increasing possibilities of coupling with CFD using high performance computing  
**But need reliable models in extended ranges of  $T$ ,  $P$ ,  $\phi$**

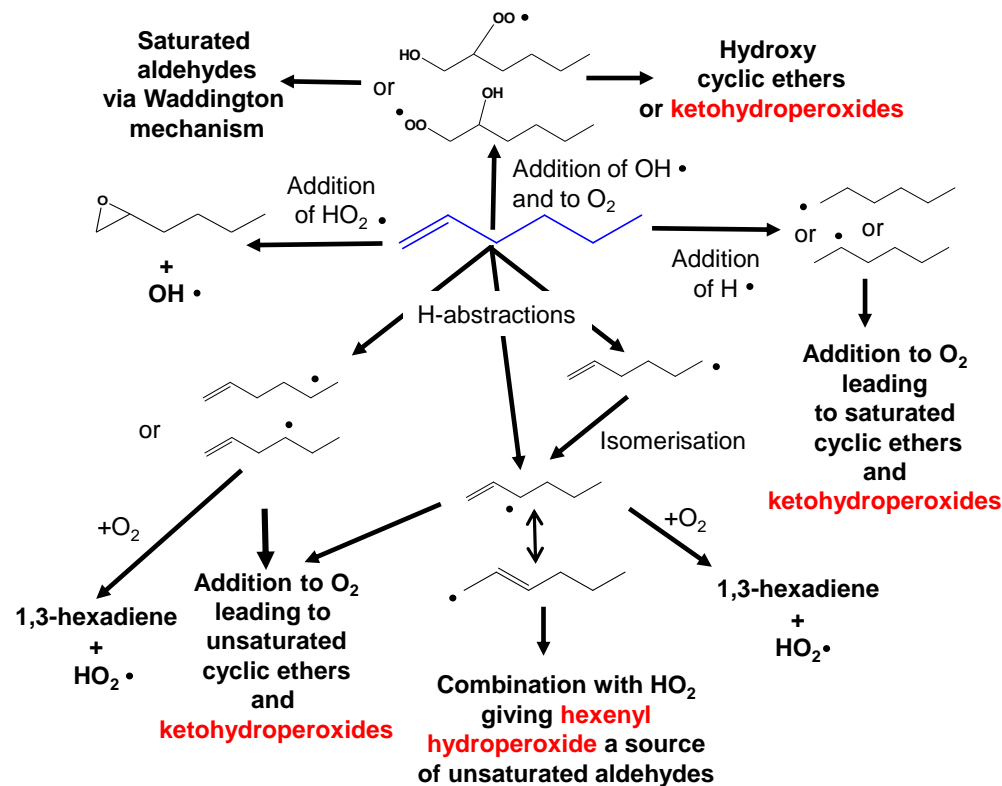
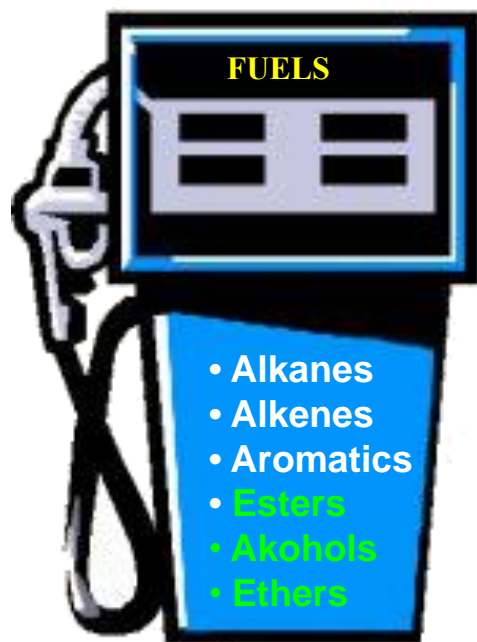


B. Cuenot J3P 2014



# Conclusion

## ► Fuels do not only contain alkanes



F. Battin-Leclerc, O. Herbinet, F. Qi, et al. JPCA 2014

The chemistry of other fuel components (e.g. alkenes) can be still more complex  
 This can be worse for biofuels (see posters)

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