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# High-Pressure Kinetic Mechanisms for Hydrogen and Hydrogen Syngas

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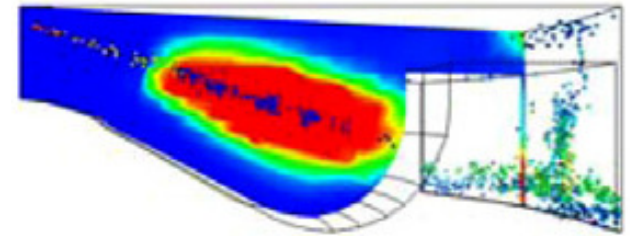
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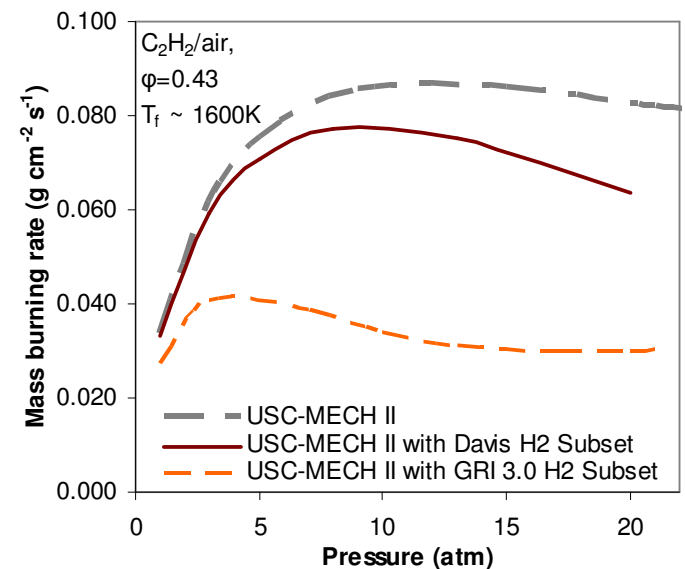
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# Motivation

- Growing interest in computational engine design/testing
  - Fluid mechanics and kinetics sub-models
- H<sub>2</sub> and H<sub>2</sub>/CO
  - Synthesis gas (H<sub>2</sub>/CO/H<sub>2</sub>O/CO<sub>2</sub>) from coal/biomass gasification
  - Core sub-model for all fuels
- Advanced engine technologies
  - High  $P$ , low  $T_f$
  - Modeling difficulties for flames



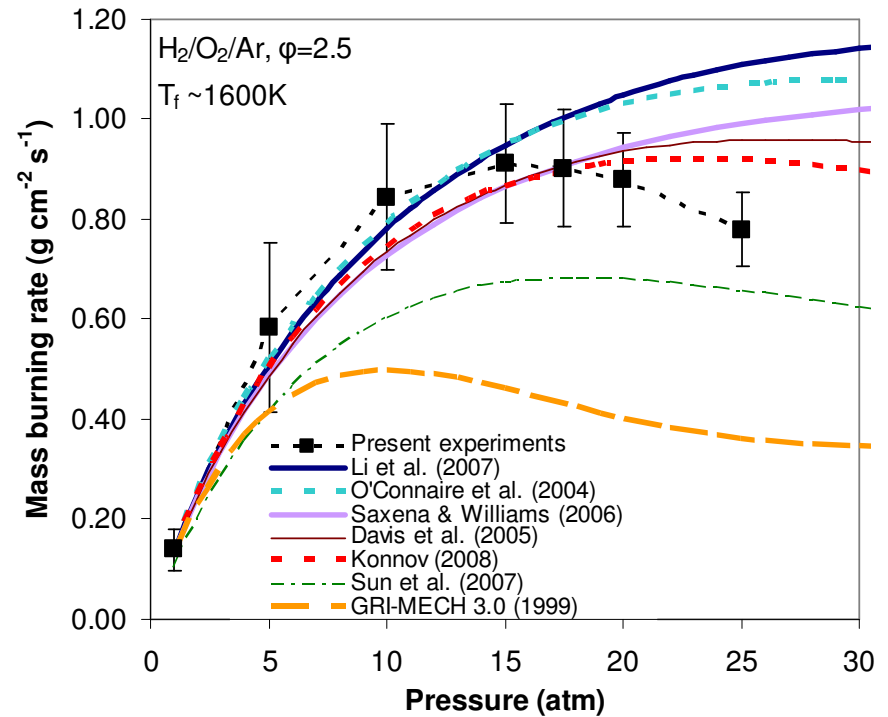
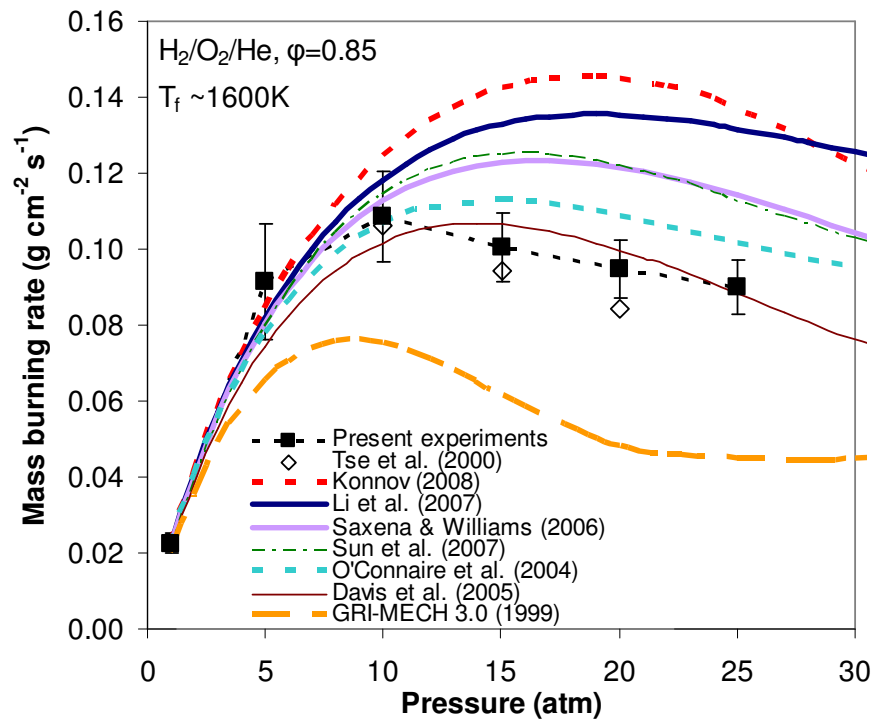
(Shi & Reitz 2010)



(Burke et al. 2011)

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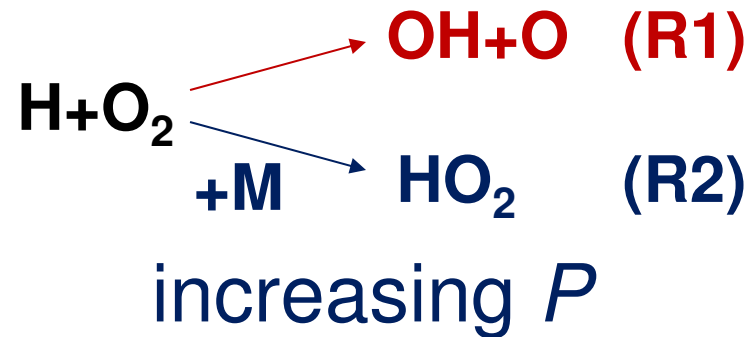
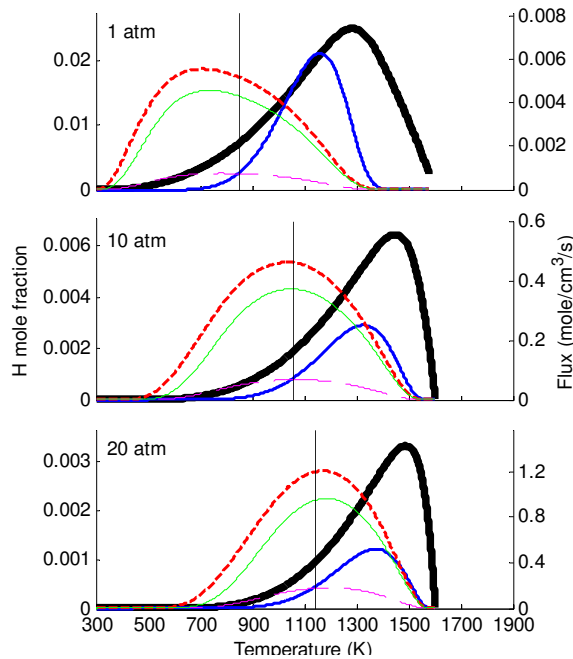
# Difficulty in predicting high-pressure flames



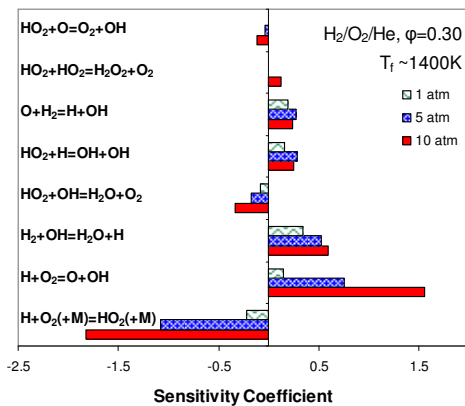
- Large variations among models
- None of the models capture pressure dependence across all conditions

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# What controls high- $P$ /low- $T_f$ flames?



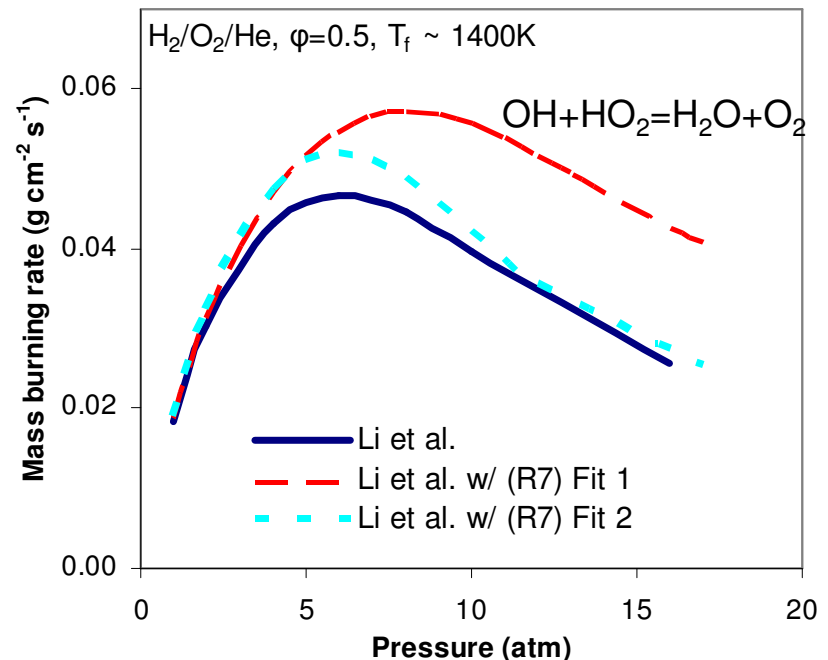
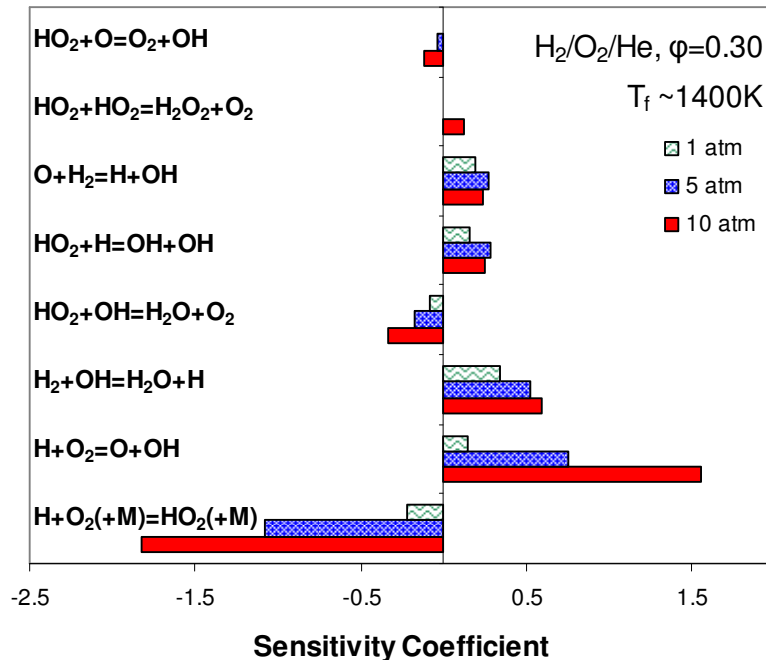
- More  $\text{HO}_2$ 
  - more  $\text{HO}_2$ +radical flux
- Flame zone shifts
  - peak sensitivity at higher  $T$ 's
  - collision efficiencies of products
- More R1/R2 competition
  - amplified sensitivity



(Situation similar for  $\text{H}_2/\text{CO}$ )

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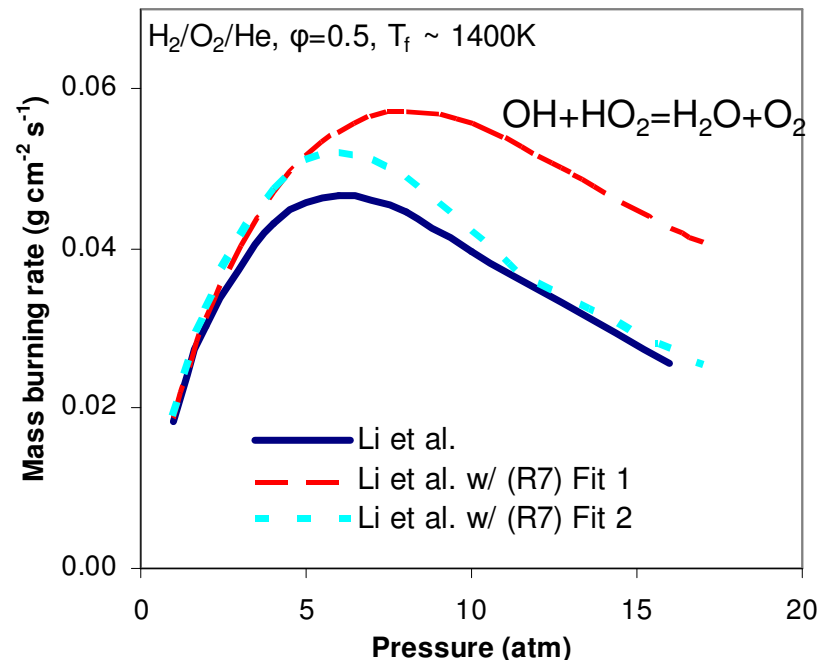
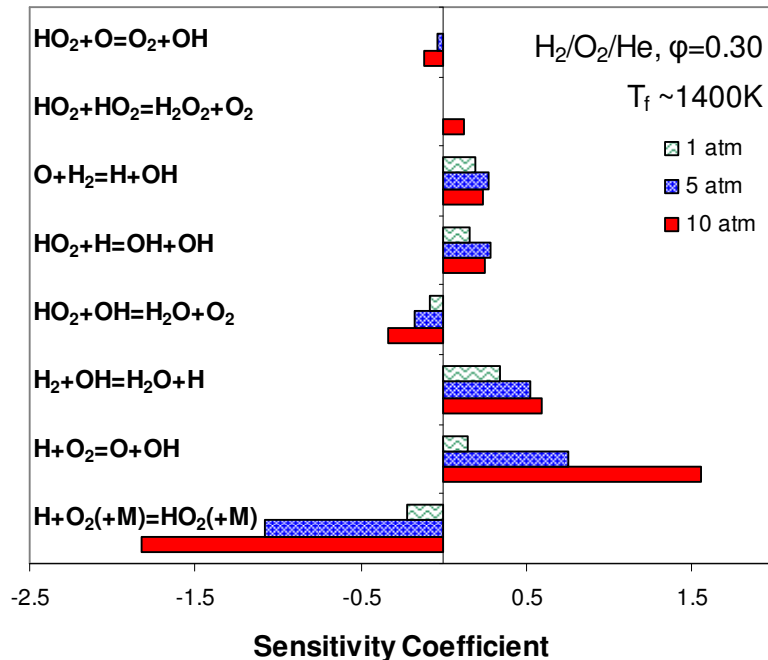
# Complexity of the modeling problem



- Uncertainty in all reactions of 10%  
→ burning rate uncertainty of 30%
- Realistic accuracy improvements for *elementary reactions* will not yield typical expected accuracies for *global behavior*
- Optimization against global targets necessary
- Functional temperature dependence of  $\text{OH}+\text{HO}_2=\text{H}_2\text{O}+\text{O}_2$  highly disputed/unknown
- Parameter optimization techniques don't work if the *functional dependence* is not known

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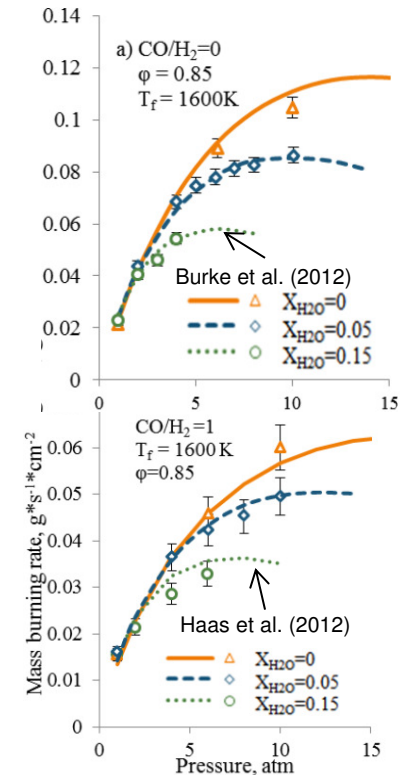
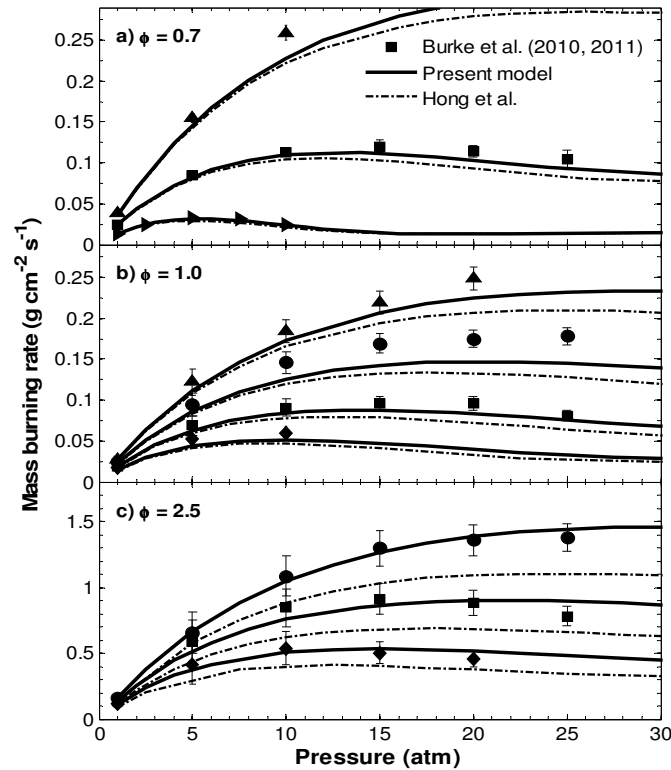
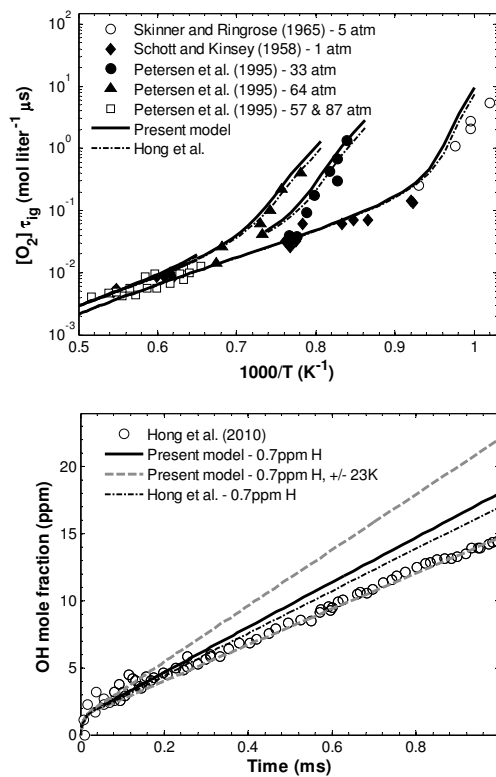
# Updated kinetic-transport models

- H<sub>2</sub>: Hong et al. (2011) and Burke et al. (2012)\*
  - HO<sub>2</sub> formation/consumption
    - H+O<sub>2</sub>(+M) = HO<sub>2</sub>(+M)
    - HO<sub>2</sub>+radical reactions
  - H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> reactions
  - ... among others
  
- CO: Haas et al. (2012)
  - CO + OH = CO<sub>2</sub> + H, CO + HO<sub>2</sub> = CO<sub>2</sub> + OH
  - HCO chemistry

*\*Uncertainties remained: adjustments of rate parameters to improve predictions*

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# Model performance



(Santer et al. 2012, 5E01 on Friday)

- Hong/Burke perform similarly well against most targets
- Largest differences in flames
  - Burke et al. – within 20%, Hong et al. – within 40%
- Parameter adjustments not unique → uncertainties remain!

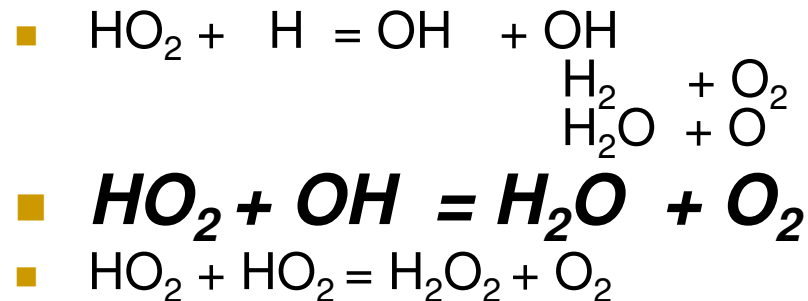
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# Uncertainties remaining in 2012 (for flames)

## ■ Parametric uncertainties

### □ HO<sub>2</sub> + X reactions



### □ H + O<sub>2</sub> (+M) = HO<sub>2</sub> (+M)

- Pressure dependence
- 3<sup>rd</sup> body efficiencies for H<sub>2</sub>O and CO<sub>2</sub>

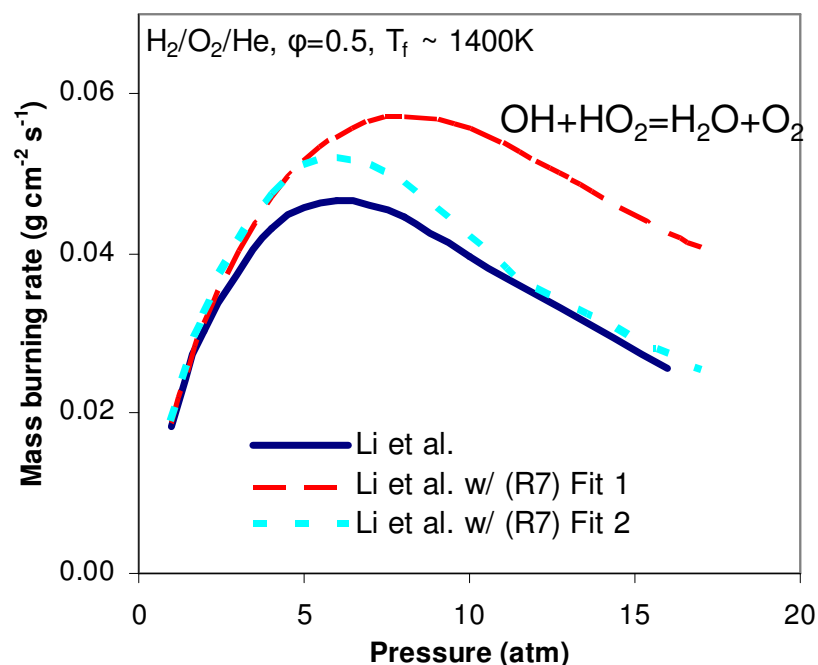
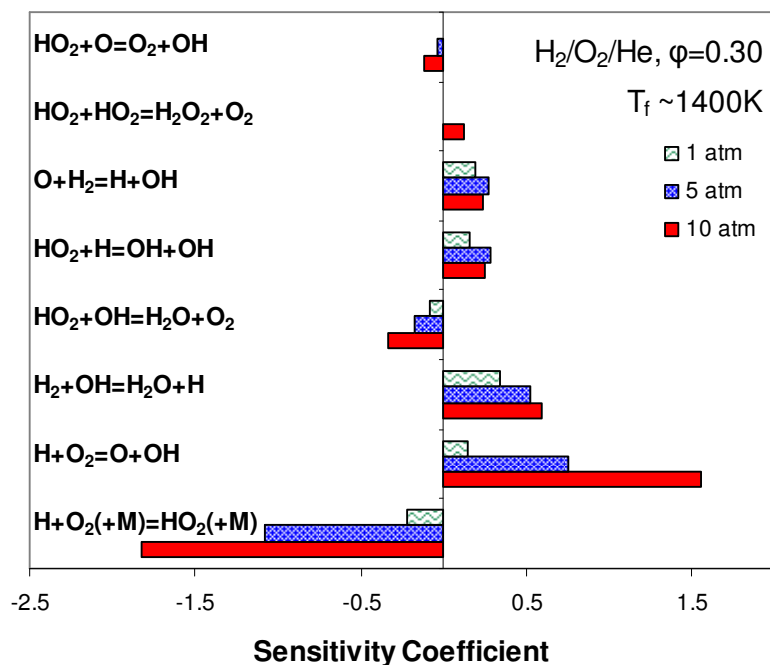
### □ CO + O + M = CO<sub>2</sub> + M

## ■ Model assumptions

### □ Nonlinear mixture rules

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# Recall the complexity of the modeling problem and uncertainties in $\text{OH} + \text{HO}_2 = \text{H}_2\text{O} + \text{O}_2$



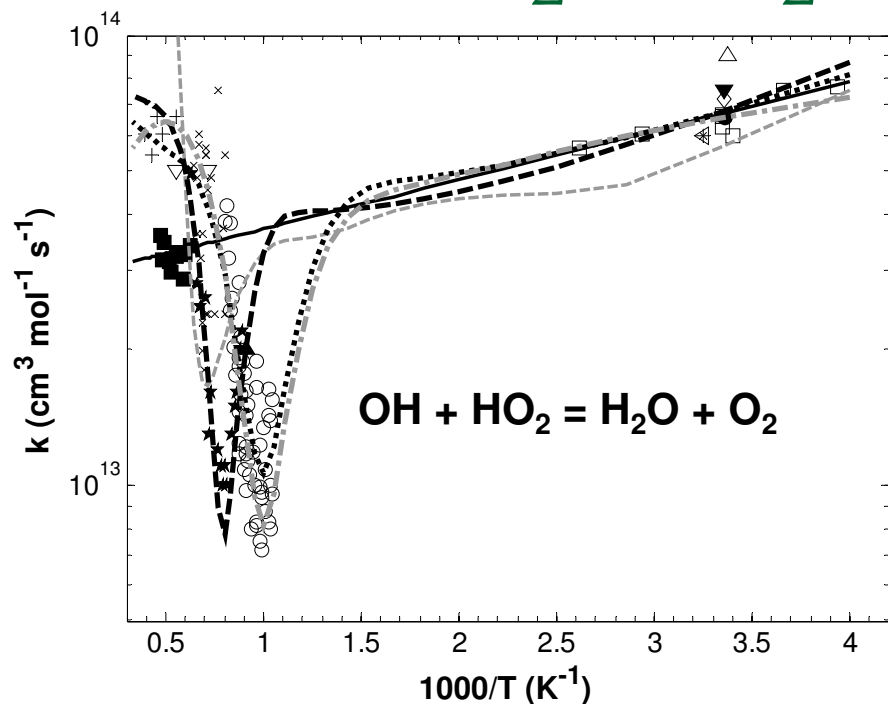
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# Modeling strategies

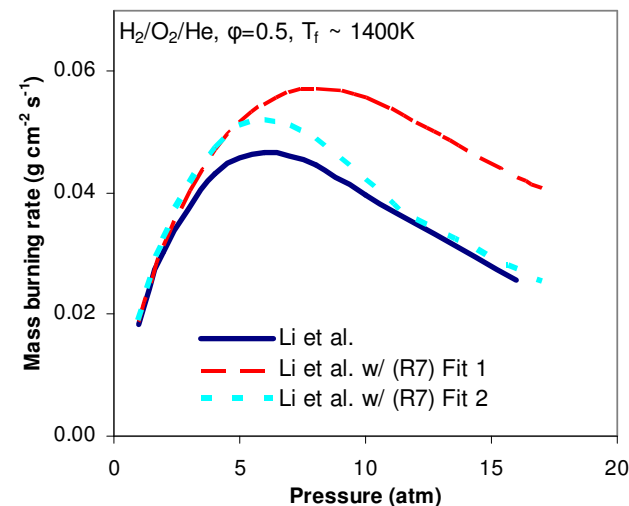
- **Current kinetic models: sets of rate parameters**
  - Hierarchical, comprehensive modeling
    - Westbrook & Dryer (1984)
  - Optimization and Uncertainty Quantification
    - Frenklach (1984), Frenklach, Wang, Rabinowitz (1992): Solution-mapping + optimization of  $A$ -factors
    - Frenklach et al. (2004), Sheen & Wang (2009): Uncertainty Quantification of  $A$ -factors
    - Turányi et al. (2012), Sheen et al. (2012): Uncertainty quantification of  $A-n-E_a$
  - Require massive amounts of data to constrain full  $T/P/M$ -dependence of all  $k$ 's
    - Extrapolation outside the dataset very challenging
- Direct incorporation of theory useful
  - Replaces fitting formulas with physical theories
  - Common for extrapolation of data for a single reaction
  - Imposes constraints spanning all  $T/P/M$
- ***Multi-scale models: sets of molecular parameters***
  - Optimal use of information from *ab initio* calculations,  $k$  measurements, combustion measurements
  - Theory *fills in the gaps* across all  $T/P/M$

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▽ Peeters and Mahnen (1973)	★ Hippler et al. (1995)
▼ DeMore (1979)	○ Kappel et al. (2002)
△ Lii et al. (1980)	× Srinivasan et al. (2006)
* Cox et al. (1981)	■ Hong et al. (2010)
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◇ DeMore (1982)	- - - Chaos & Dryer (2008) - Hippler
+ Goodings & Hayhurst (1988)	⋯ Chaos & Dryer (2008) - Kappel
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▲ Hippler & Troe (1992)	

- (R1)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2(+\text{M}) = \text{OH}+\text{OH}(+\text{M})$   
 (R2)  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2+\text{OH} = \text{HO}_2+\text{H}_2\text{O}$   
 (R3)  $\text{HO}_2+\text{HO}_2 = \text{H}_2\text{O}_2+\text{O}_2$   
**(R4)  $\text{HO}_2+\text{OH} = \text{H}_2\text{O}+\text{O}_2$**   
 (R5)  $\text{OH}+\text{OH} = \text{O}+\text{H}_2\text{O}$



# Multi-scale informatics

**set of molecular parameters informed by data across all scales**

I. Molecular data

$E^{\ddagger}, v^{\ddagger}s, v_{imag}^{\ddagger}, \dots$

TST,  
RRKM-ME,...

II. Rate constant measurements

$k_n(T, P, M)$

0-D reactor,  
1-D flame,...

III. Combustion measurements

[OH] vs.  $t, S_U, \dots$

## Mathematical implementation

- Local "surrogate model"
- Least-squares error minimization
- Iterated until converged

**X** = Optimization parameters:

Molecular parameters + experimental conditions  
 $E^{\ddagger}, v^{\ddagger}s, v_{imag}^{\ddagger}, \dots$  +  $T, P, [M_j], \dots$

$$F_i(X_j) = Y_{t,i} \pm Z_i$$

(I) + (IV)  $\implies S_{ij} = \delta_{ij}$

(II)  $\longrightarrow S_{ij} = \frac{\partial \ln k_{p,n}(T_i, P_i, M_i)}{\partial X_j}$

(III)  $\longrightarrow S_{ij} = \sum_n \frac{\partial F_i}{\partial \ln k_{p,n}(T_i, P_i, M_i)} \frac{\partial \ln k_{p,n}(T_i, P_i, M_i)}{\partial X_j}$

$$\sum_j S_{ij} (X_j - \tilde{X}_j) = Y_i \pm Z_i$$

$X_{j,opt}$  and  $C_X$

# Implementation for H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> system

## Optimization variables

H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> (+M) = OH+OH(+M)	$A'_{(1)}, n_{(1)}, E_{(1)}$
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> +OH = HO <sub>2</sub> +H <sub>2</sub> O	$E^{\ddagger}_{(2)}, v'_{all(2)}, v'_{tr(2)}, v'_{ss(2)}, v'_{imag(2)}, E_w(2), \eta'_{H2O2}, \eta'_{TS(2)}$
HO <sub>2</sub> +HO <sub>2</sub> = H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> +O <sub>2</sub>	$E^{\ddagger}_{(3)}, v'_{all(3)}, v'_{tr(3)}, v'_{ss(3)}, v'_{imag(3)}, E_w(3), \eta'_{TS(3)}$
HO <sub>2</sub> +OH = H <sub>2</sub> O+O <sub>2</sub>	$E^{\ddagger}_{(4g)}, v'_{all(4)}, v'_{tr(4g)}, v'_{ss(4g)}, v'_{imag(4g)}, E_w(4g), \eta'_{TS(4g)}$ $E^{\ddagger}_{(4e)}, v'_{TS(4e)}, v'_{tr(4e)}, v'_{ss(4e)}, \eta'_{TS(4e)}, f'_{VRCIST,c(4)}$
OH+OH = O+H <sub>2</sub> O	$E^{\ddagger}_{(5g)}, v'_{all(5)}, v'_{tr(5g)}, v'_{ss(5g)}, v'_{imag(5g)}, E_w(5g)$ $E^{\ddagger}_{(5e)}, v'_{TS(5e)}, v'_{tr(5e)}, v'_{ss(5e)}$
Shock-heated H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> /H <sub>2</sub> O/O <sub>2</sub> /Ar	$T'_{ib}, P'_{ib}, M'_{H2O2,o,i}, M'_{H2O,o,i}, M'_{O2,o,i}$
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Shock-heated H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>2</sub> /Ar	$T'_{ib}, P'_{ib}, M'_{H2O2,o,i}, \sigma'_{1,H2O2}, \sigma'_{2,H2O2}, \sigma'_{1,HO2}, \sigma'_{2,HO2}$

## Optimization Targets

### I. Molecular data:

*ab initio calculations (Klippenstein/Harding)*

### II. Rate constant measurements:

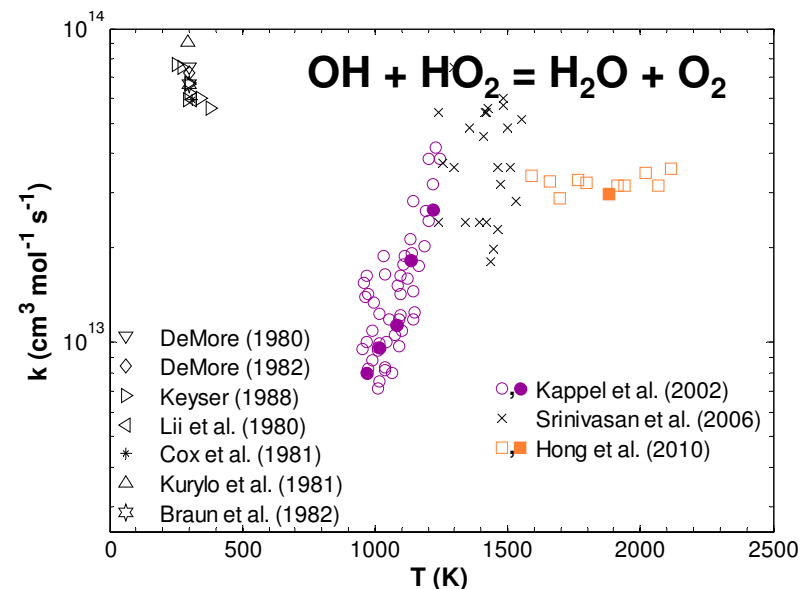
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### III. Combustion measurements:

OH(t), H<sub>2</sub>O(t) *Shock-heated H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/Ar (Hong et al. 2009,2010)*

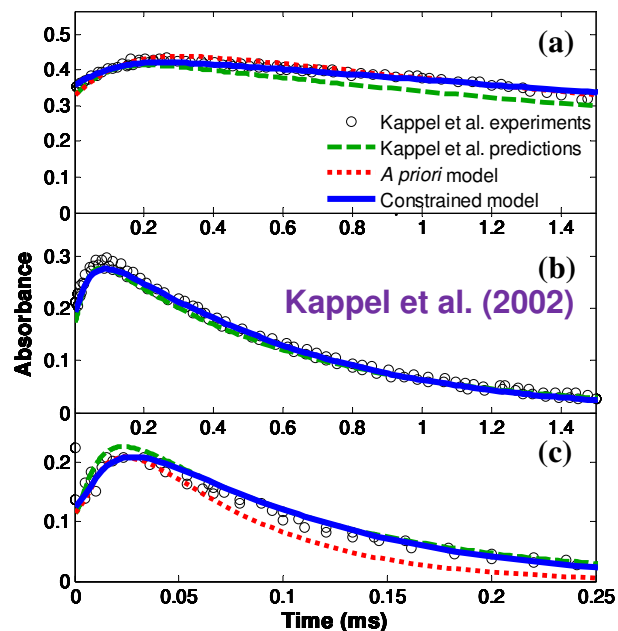
OH(t) *Shock-heated H<sub>2</sub>O/O<sub>2</sub>/Ar (Hong et al. 2010)*

*abs*<sub>215nm</sub>(t) *Shock-heated H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub>/Ar (Kappel et al. 2002)*

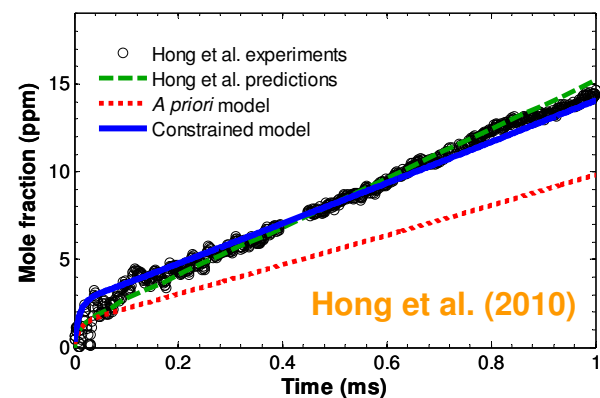


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# Different interpretations for OH+HO<sub>2</sub>



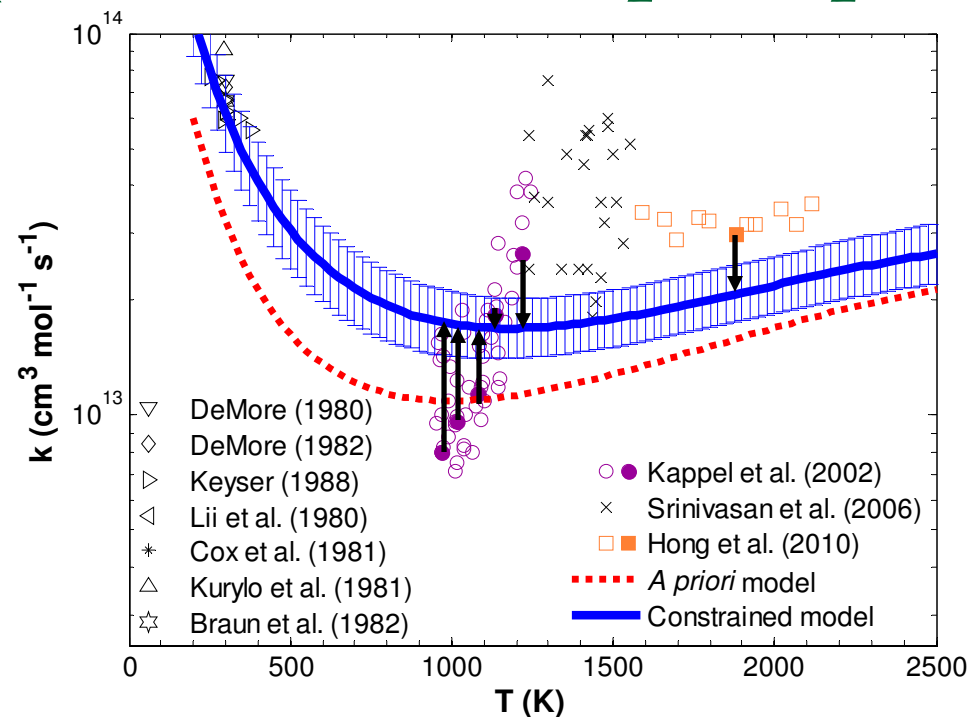
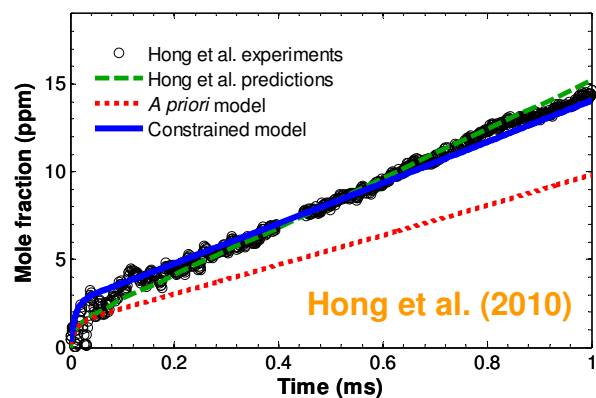
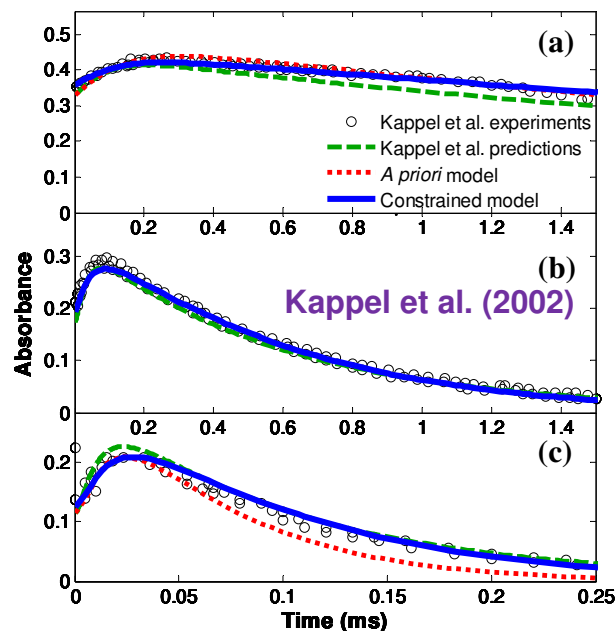
Much weaker  $T$ -dependence  
(Secondary reactions)



Lower magnitude  
(Arbitrary H atom doping)

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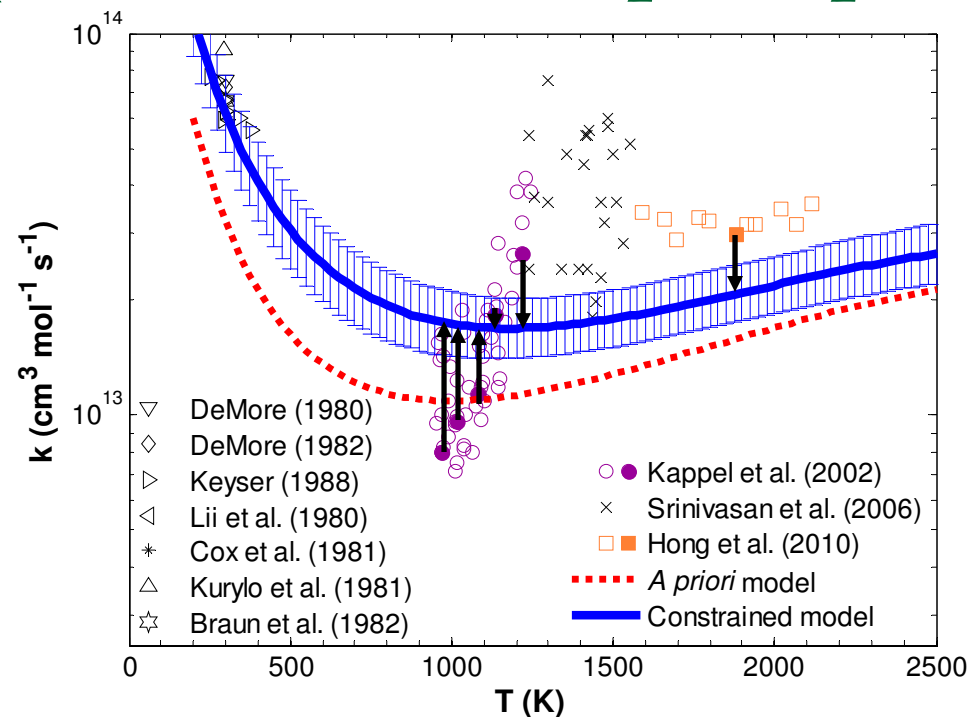
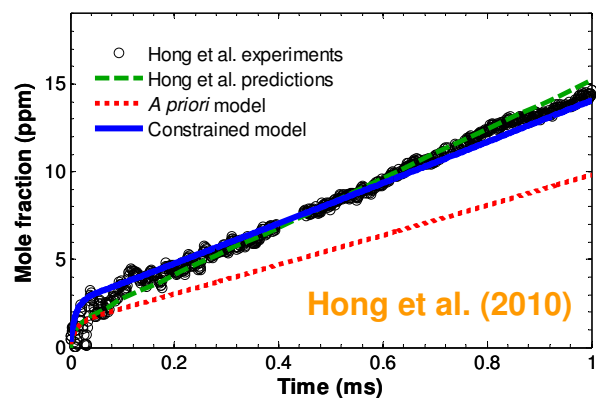
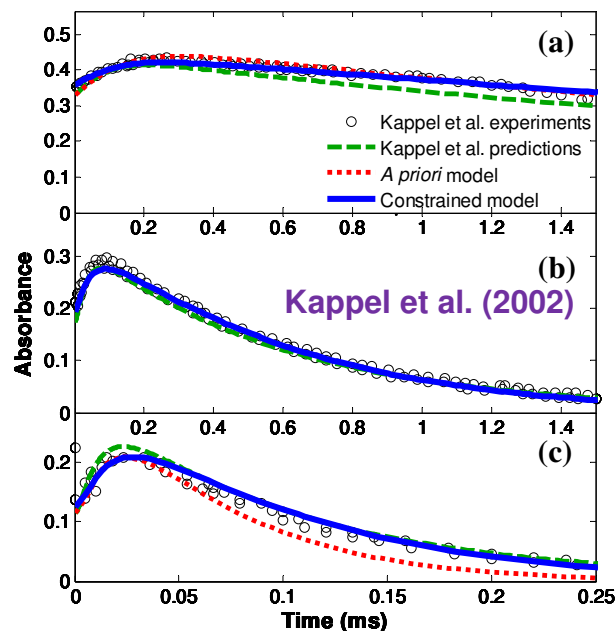


- Single description consistent with:
  1. *Ab initio* calculations
  2. Low- $T$   $k$  measurements
  3. High- $T$  raw global data
- Milder  $T$ -dependence
- Minimum near 1200 K

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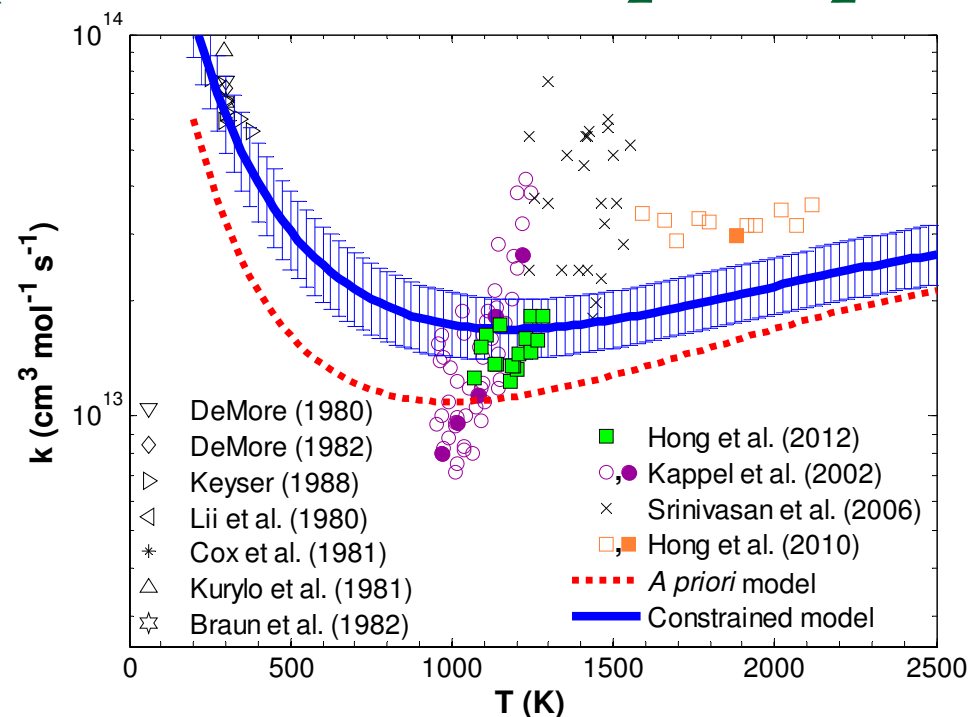
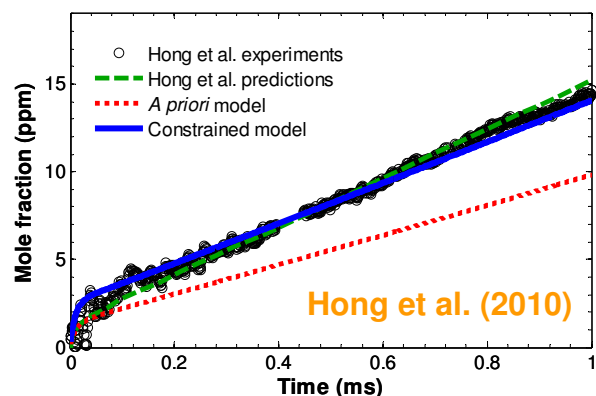
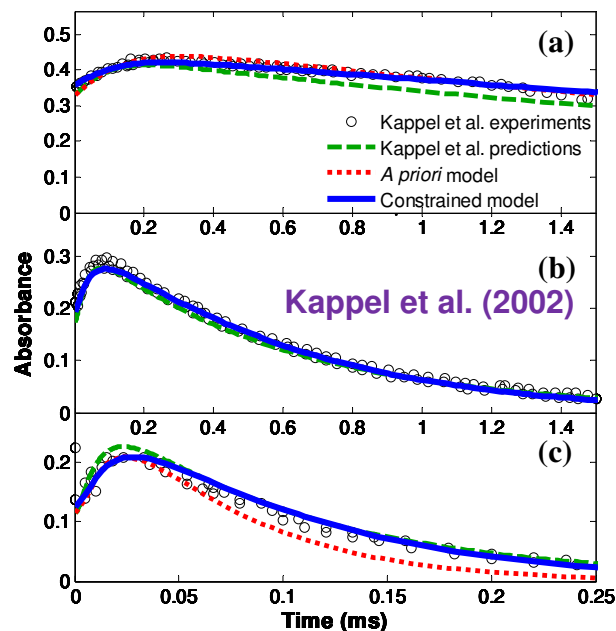
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- *Simultaneous weighting* of diverse data types
- Theory guides experimental interpretations
- Raw data and careful documentation extremely powerful

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# Conclusions

- High-pressure syngas flames
  - Emphasize HO<sub>2</sub> pathways + collision efficiencies of CO<sub>2</sub>/H<sub>2</sub>O
  - Inherently difficult to model
- Rigorous modeling solutions
  - Empirical adjustments based on global targets
  - Improved fundamental characterization
- Uncertainties remain in both 1) model parameters and 2) model assumptions
- Moving forward
  - Incorporation of theory to *fill in the gaps*
  - Raw data and careful documentation
  - Characterization of non-idealities/uncertainties in experiments and theory

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