

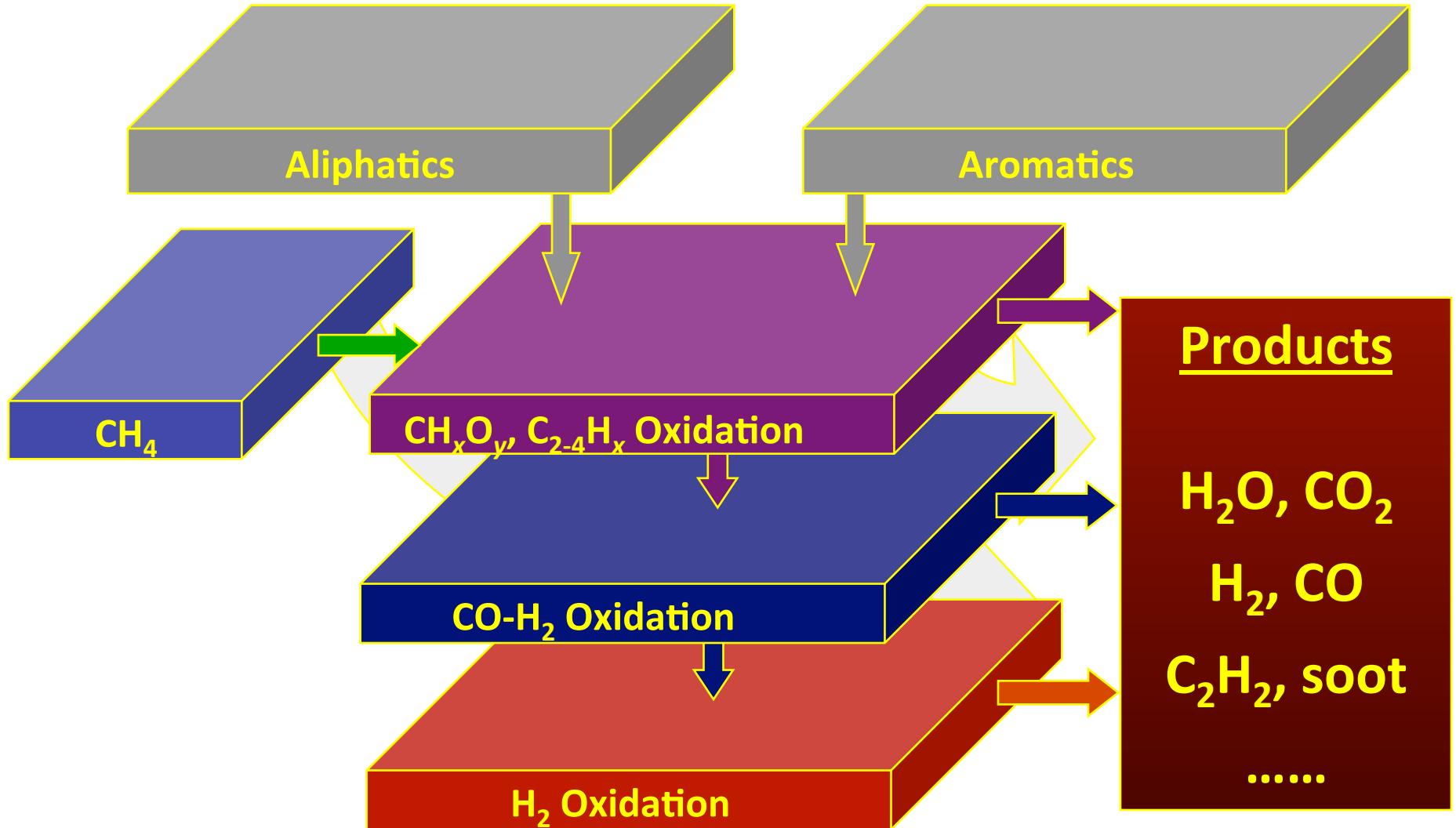
# Towards a predictive combustion chemistry model – Uncertainty propagation and minimization

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# Model Hierarchy

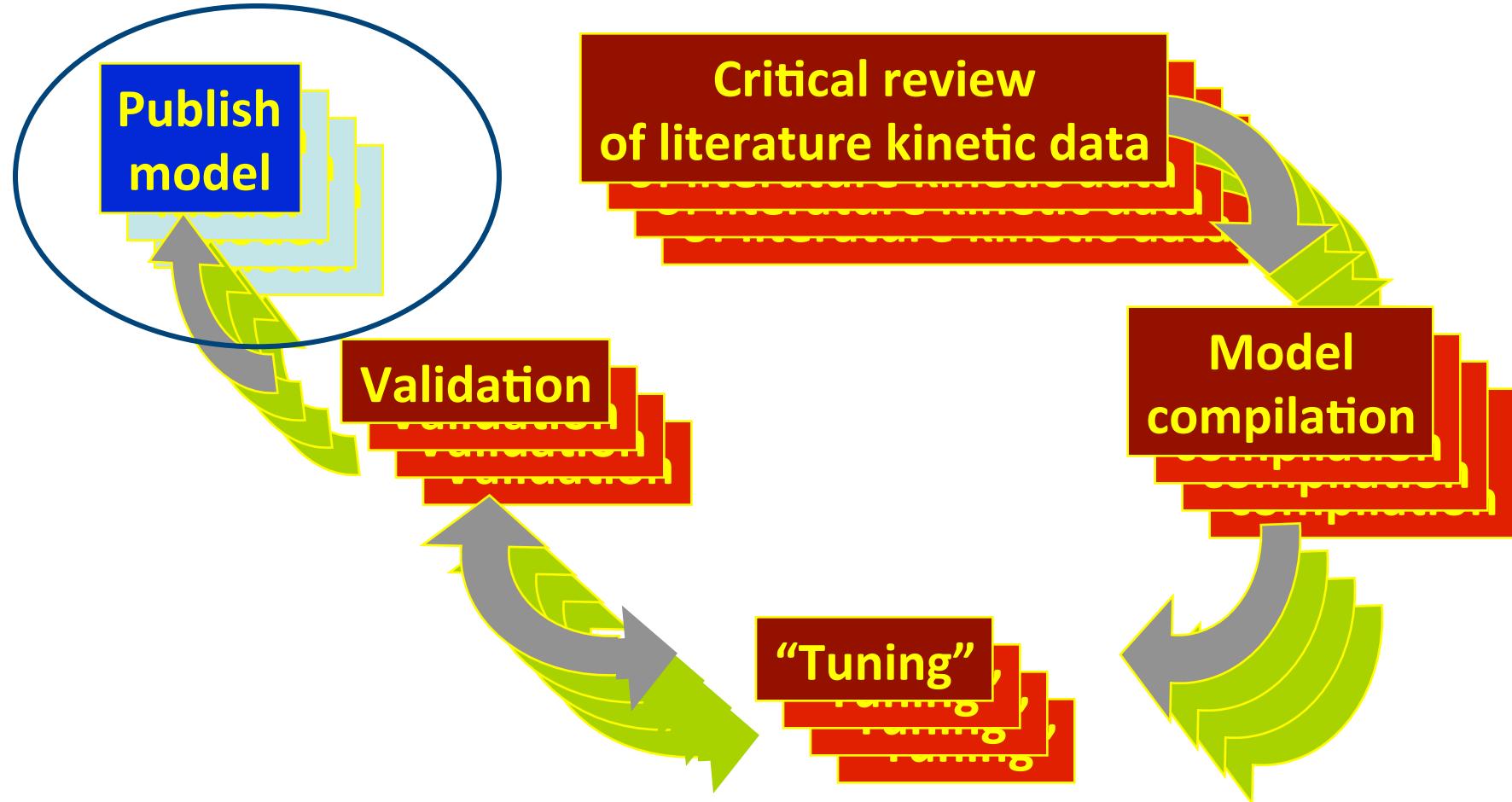
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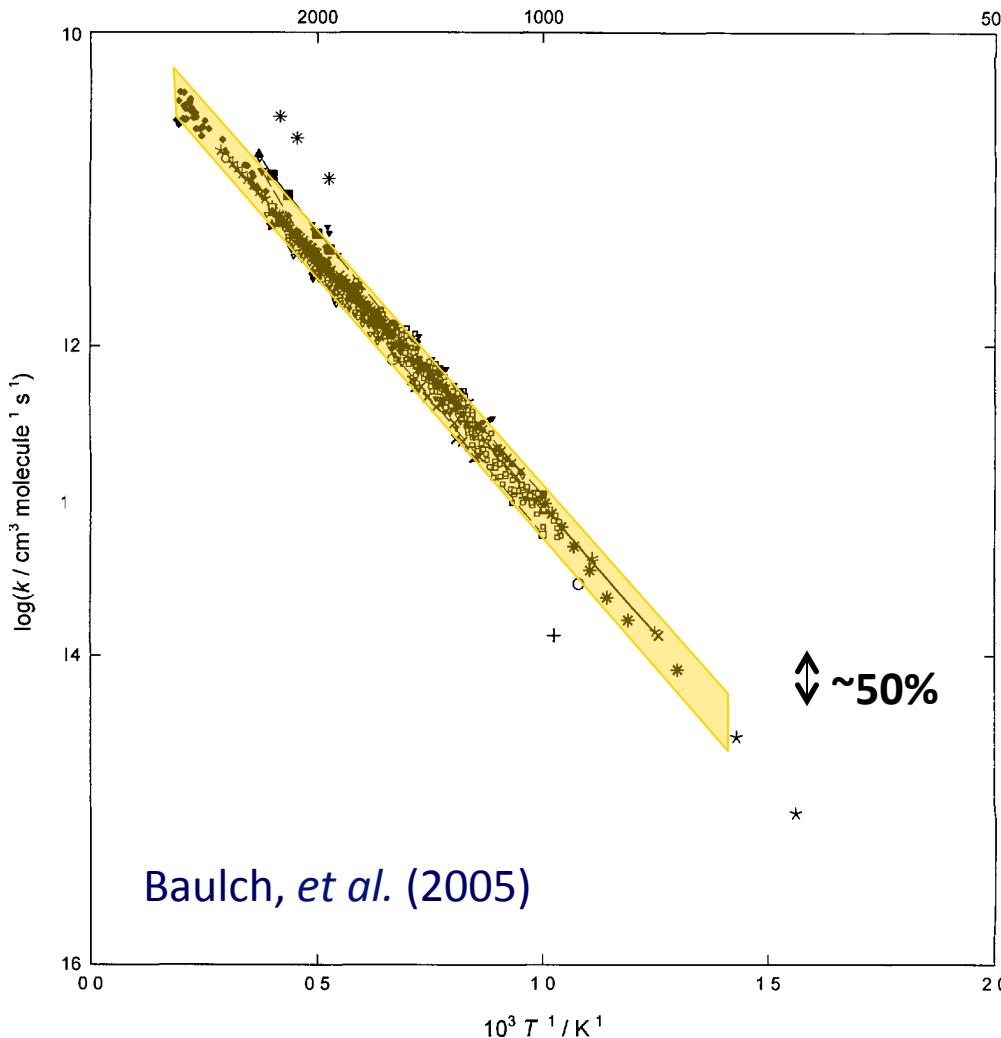
# Reaction Model Development

## The Current Approach

proliferation of models



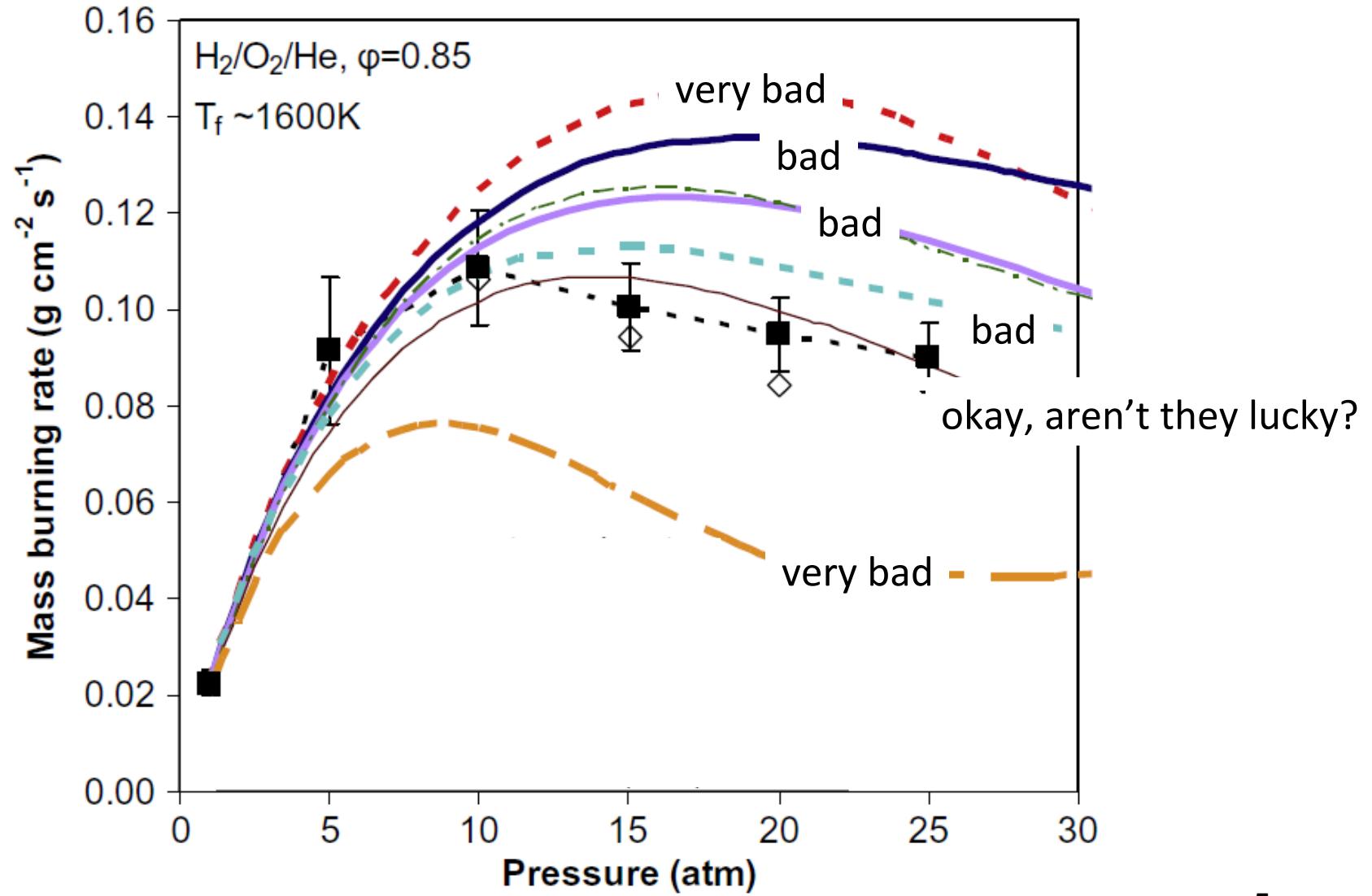
# Kinetic Rate Parameter Uncertainties



- Uncertainty factor  $\sim 1.25$
  - Logarithmic sensitivity coefficient  
 $= 0.24$  (ethylene-air,  $f = 1$ ,  $p = 1$  atm)
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- $\pm 5\%$  ( $\pm 4$  cm/s) uncertainty in predicted flame speed due to R1 alone
  - Key question: How do we propagate uncertainties in rate constants in combustion simulations?

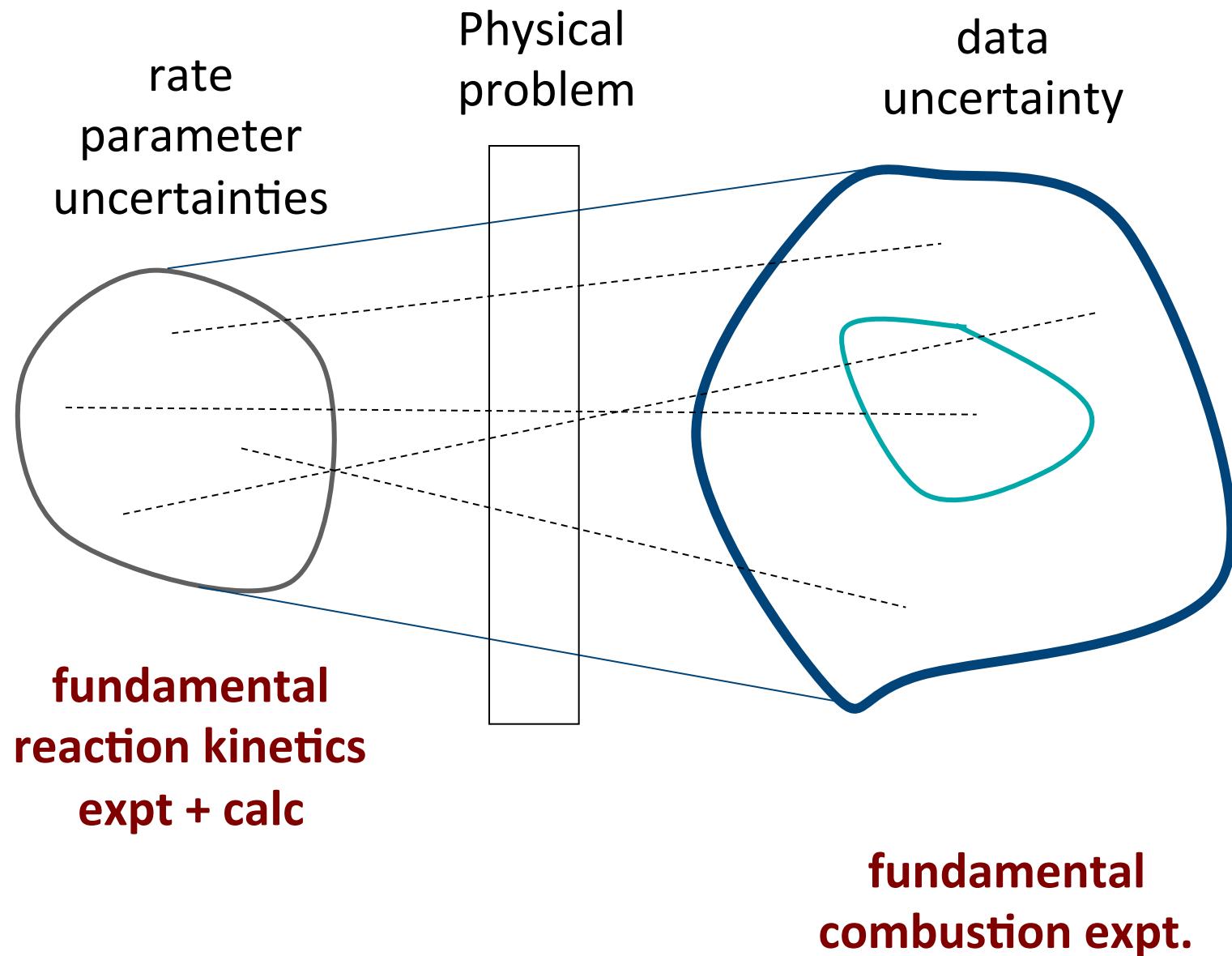
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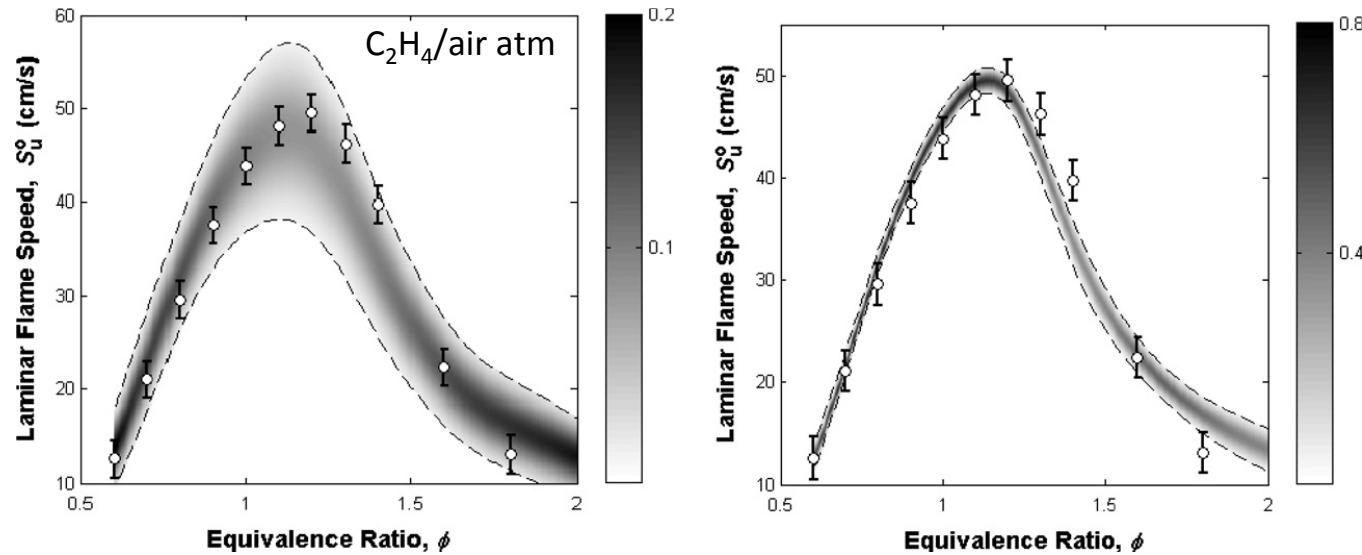
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# MUM-PCE

- Method of Uncertainty Minimization – Polynomial Chaos Expansions
  - Mathematical foundation and numerical methods: Sheen & Wang “Kinetic uncertainty quantification and minimization using polynomial chaos expansions,” *Combustion and Flame*, DOI:10.1016/j.combustflame.2011.05.010.



- Model prediction presented as a (2-s) band of uncertainty resulting from kinetic parameter uncertainties.
- Model uncertainty may be constrained by experimental data (ignition delay, species-time history, flame speeds etc)

# MUM-PCE: Methods

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- **Stochastic Spectral Expansion:** express kinetic parameter  $x_i$  as a polynomial expansion of basis random variables

$$x_i = \color{red}{x_i^{(0)}} + \sum_{j=1}^m \color{red}{\alpha_{ij}} \xi_j + \sum_{k=1}^m \sum_{j=k}^m \color{red}{\beta_{ijk}} \xi_j \xi_k + \dots$$

Following N. Wiener (1938), D.B. Xiu, *et al.* (2002)

- **Solution Mapping:** use polynomial response surface to express the relation between a combustion response  $h$  and  $\mathbf{x}$

$$\eta_r(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \eta_{r,0} + \sum_{i=1}^N a_{r,i} x_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \geq i}^N b_{r,ij} x_i x_j$$

# Forward Uncertainty Propagation

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—  $\eta_r(\mathbf{x}) = \eta_{r,0} + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i + \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j \geq i}^n b_{ij} x_i x_j$       **Response surface from solution mapping**

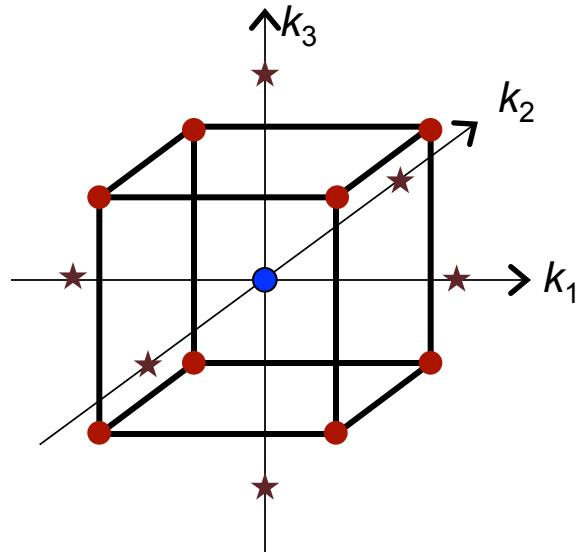
—  $x_i = \frac{1}{2} \xi_i$

**Spectral representation of uncertainty in x's  
(mean = 0, s = 0.5, each indep't of others)**

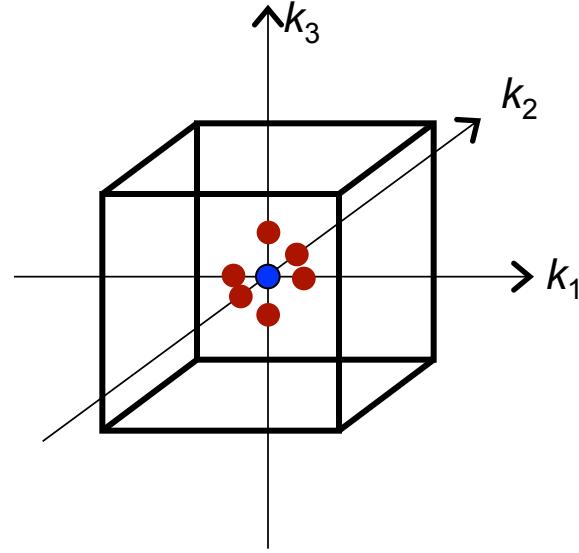
→  $\eta_r(\mathbf{x}, \boldsymbol{\xi}) = \eta_r(\mathbf{x}^{(0)}) + \sum_{i=1}^M \hat{\alpha}_{r,i} \xi_i + \sum_{i=1}^M \sum_{j=i}^M \hat{\beta}_{r,ij} \xi_i \xi_j$

# Solution Mapping Method

- Fit a response surface to the model

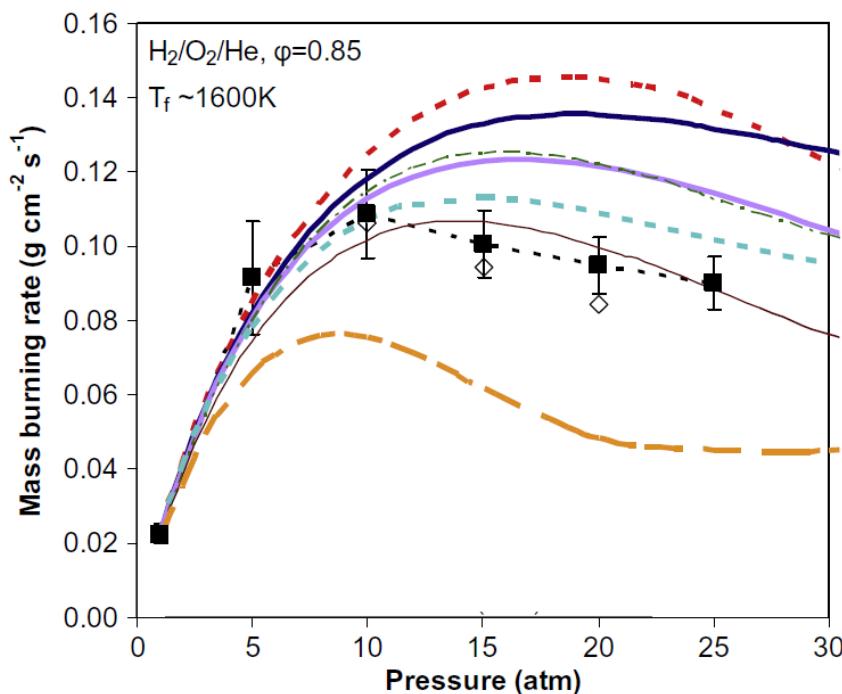


Central-Composite  
Factorial Design



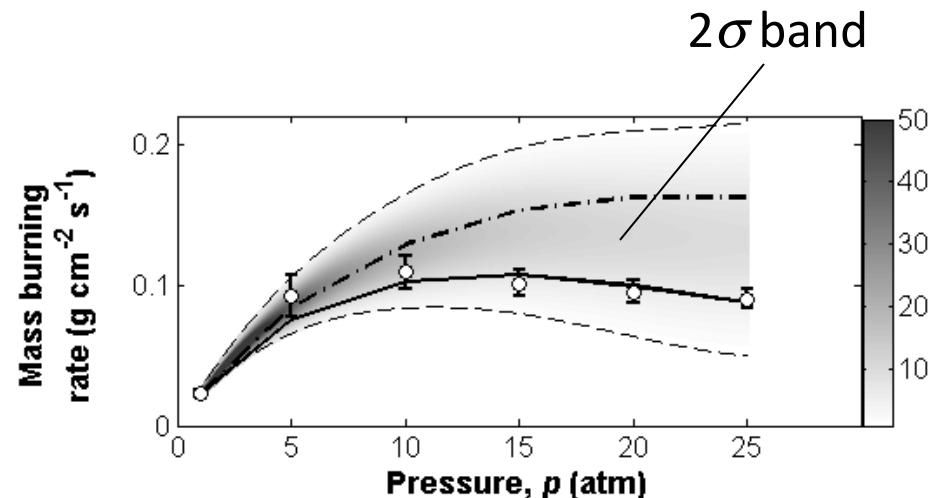
Sensitivity Analysis  
Based Design

# MUM-PCE – Application in H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> Combustion



- High-pressure data sensitize kinetics of hydrogen oxidation.
- A large number of models outside experimental uncertainty at high pressures.

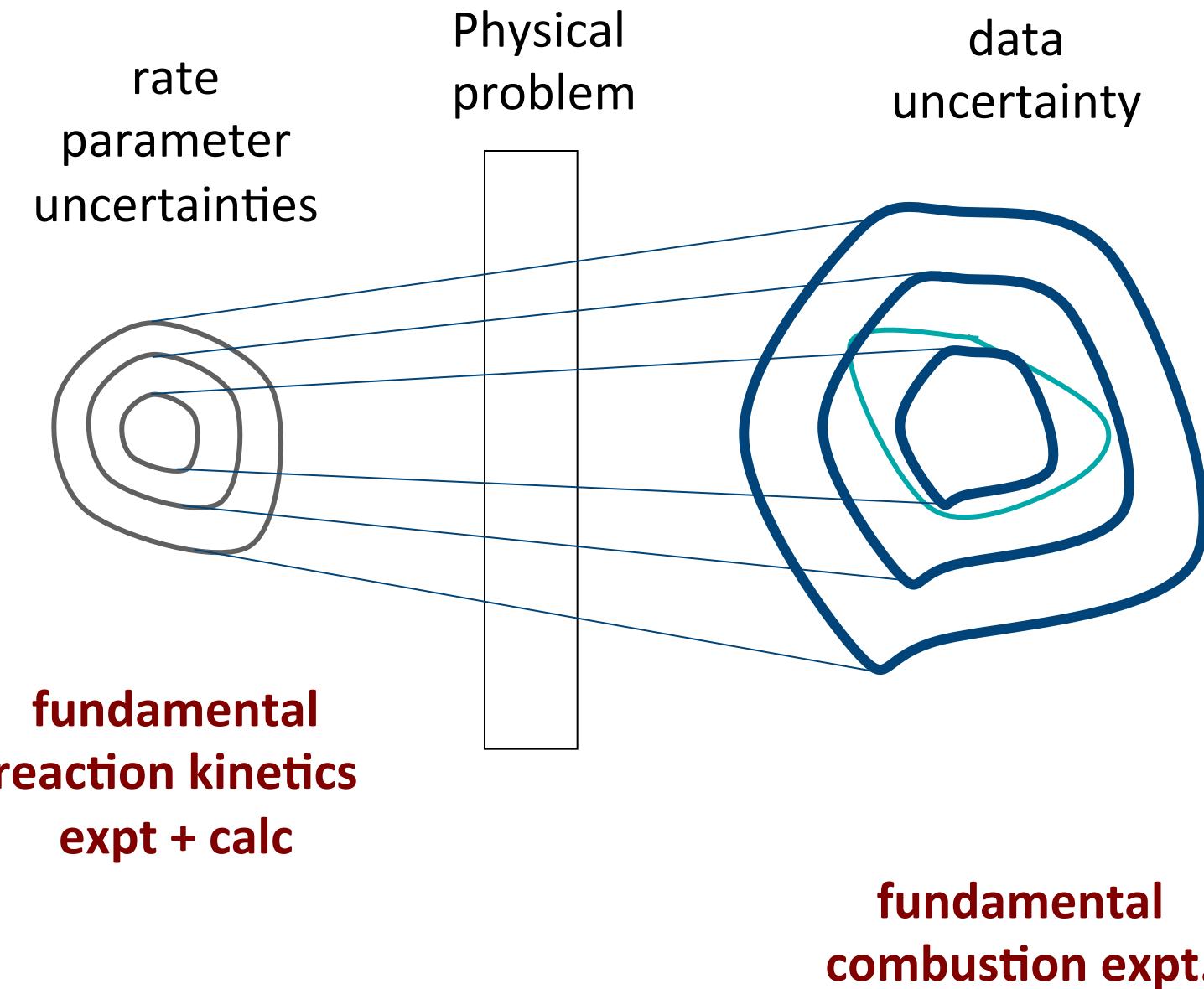
Burke, *et al.* (2010)



- 2 $\sigma$  uncertainty band calculated by MUM-PCE, based on rate parameter uncertainties.
- Models are statistical samples of parameter uncertainties.

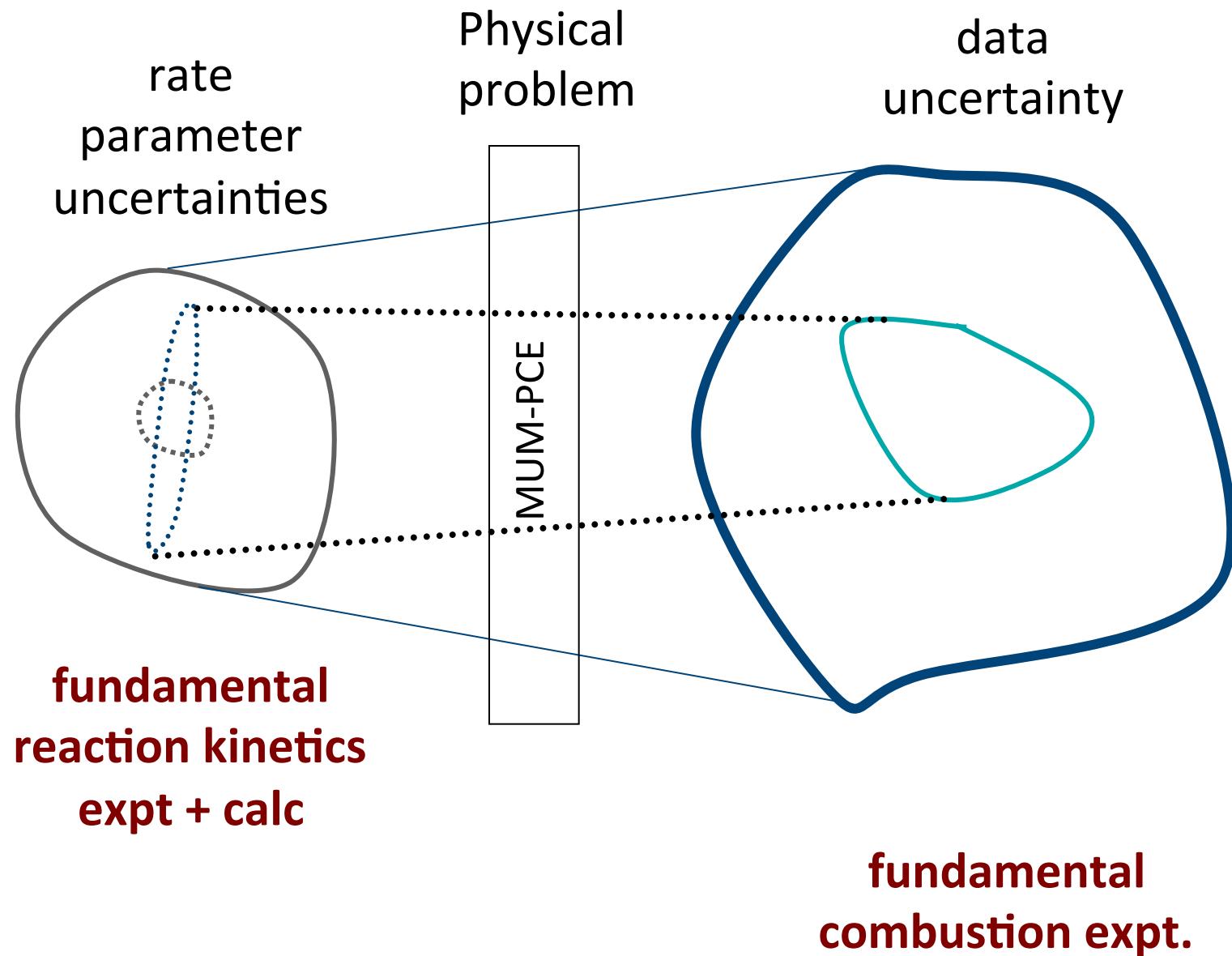
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# MUM-PCE

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# Method of Uncertainty Minimization

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$$\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{x}_0 + \mathbf{a}\xi$$

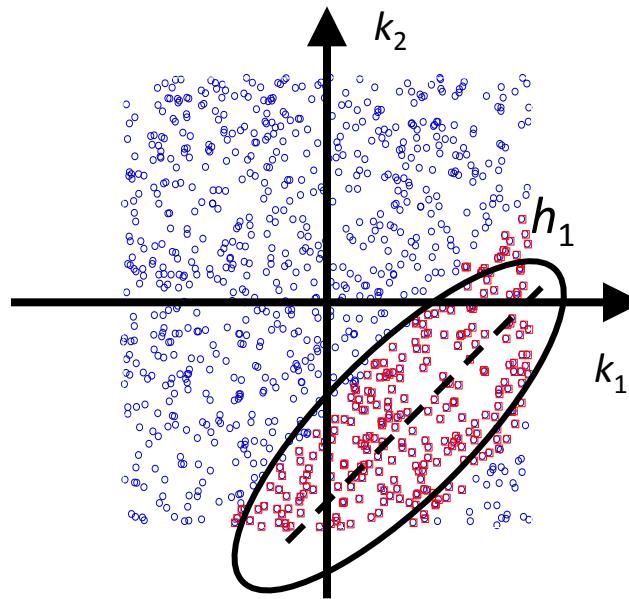
*Chemical model  
+ associated uncertainty*

$$\eta_r(\mathbf{x}) \equiv \eta_{r,0} + \sum_{i=1}^N a_{r,i} x_i + \sum_{i=1}^N \sum_{j \geq i}^N b_{r,ij} x_i x_j$$

*Physics model*

$$\eta_r(\mathbf{x}, \xi) = \eta_r(\mathbf{x}^{(0)}) + \sum_{i=1}^m \hat{\alpha}_{r,i} \xi_i + \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=i}^m \hat{\beta}_{r,ij} \xi_i \xi_j$$

*Predictions  
+ associated uncertainty*



$$\Phi(\mathbf{x}_0^*) = \min_{\mathbf{x}_0} \left\{ \sum_{r=1}^M \frac{[\eta_{r,0}^{\text{obs}} - \eta_r(\mathbf{x}_0)]^2}{(\sigma_r^{\text{obs}})^2} + \sum_{n=1}^N \frac{(x_{0,n})^2}{(\sigma_n)^2} \right\}$$

$$\Sigma = \left[ \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{(\sigma_r^{\text{obs}})^2} (\mathbf{b}\mathbf{x}_0^* \mathbf{x}_0^{*T} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a}\mathbf{x}_0^{*T} \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{b}^T \mathbf{x}_0^* \mathbf{a}^T + \mathbf{a}\mathbf{a}^T) + 4\mathbf{I} \right]^{-1}$$

$$\mathbf{a}^* = \Sigma^{1/2}$$

# MUM-PCE – Application in H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> Combustion

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- Model uncertainty constraining
- JetSurF 2.0 H<sub>2</sub>/CO submodel
  - 14 species, 41 reactions

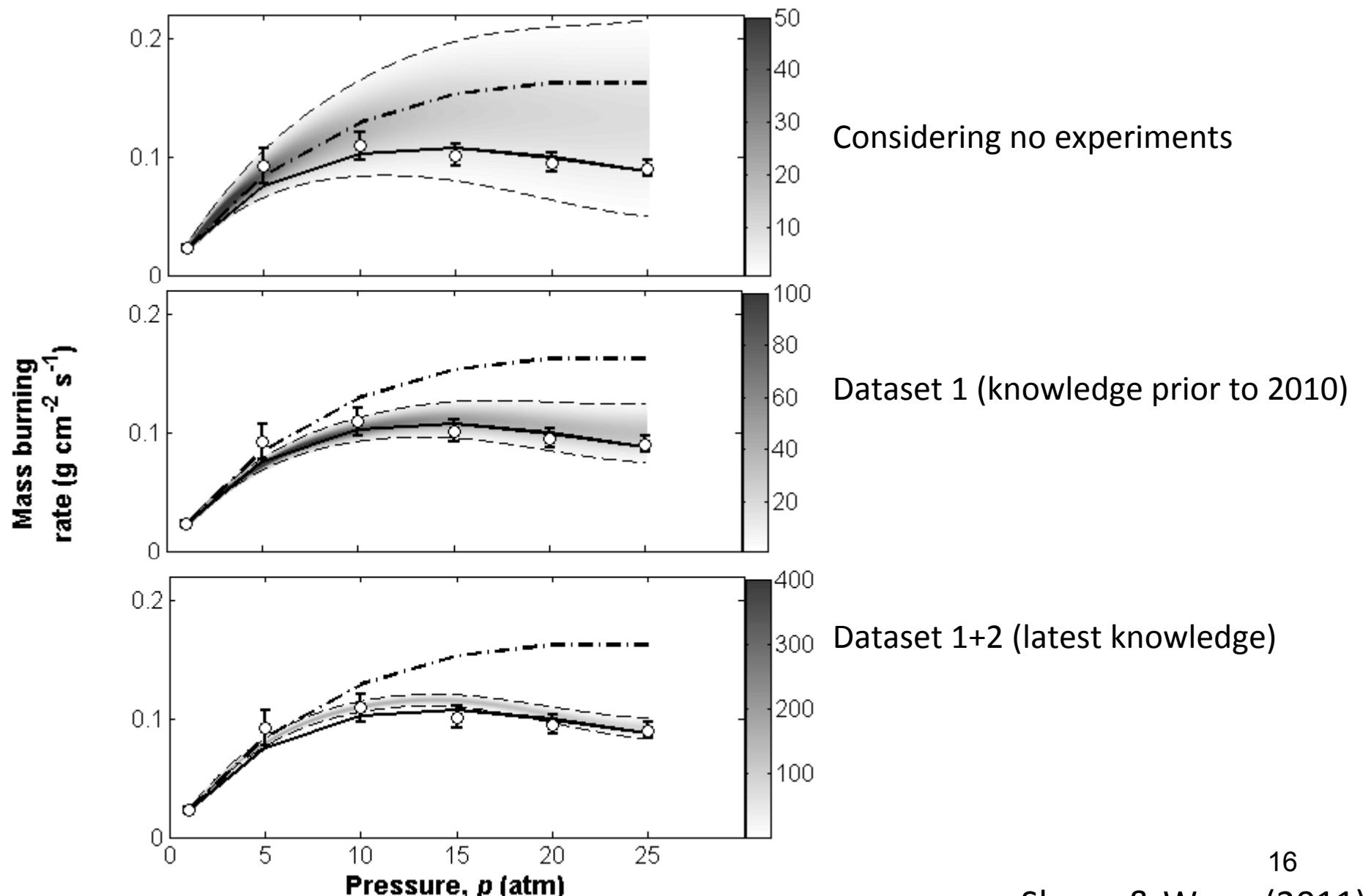
**Dataset 1:** From Davis, *et al.* (2005):

	No.	$P_0, P_5$ (atm)	$T_0, T_5$ (K)	$f$
Laminar Flame Speeds	12	1-15	298	1.0-3.0
Ignition Delay Times	13	0.5-33	1000-2600	1.0-6.1
Flow Reactor Profiles	9	1.0-16	915-1040	0.3-1.0
Laminar Flame Profiles	2	0.047	400	1.9

**Dataset 2:**

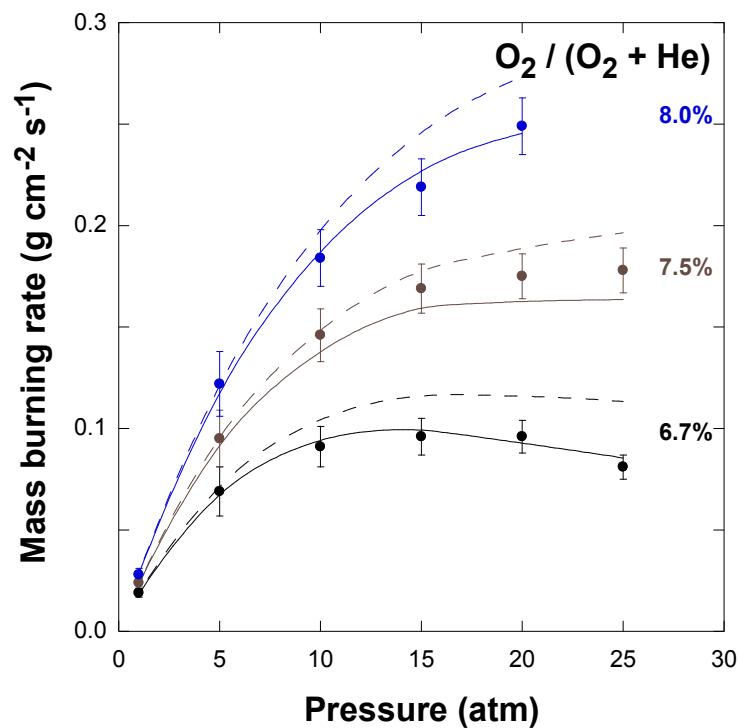
From Burke, <i>et al.</i> (2010):	No.	$P_0, P_5$ (atm)	$T_0, T_5$ (K)	$f$
Laminar Flame Speeds	18	15-25	298	0.85-2.5 <sub>15</sub>

# MUM-PCE – Application in H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub> Combustion

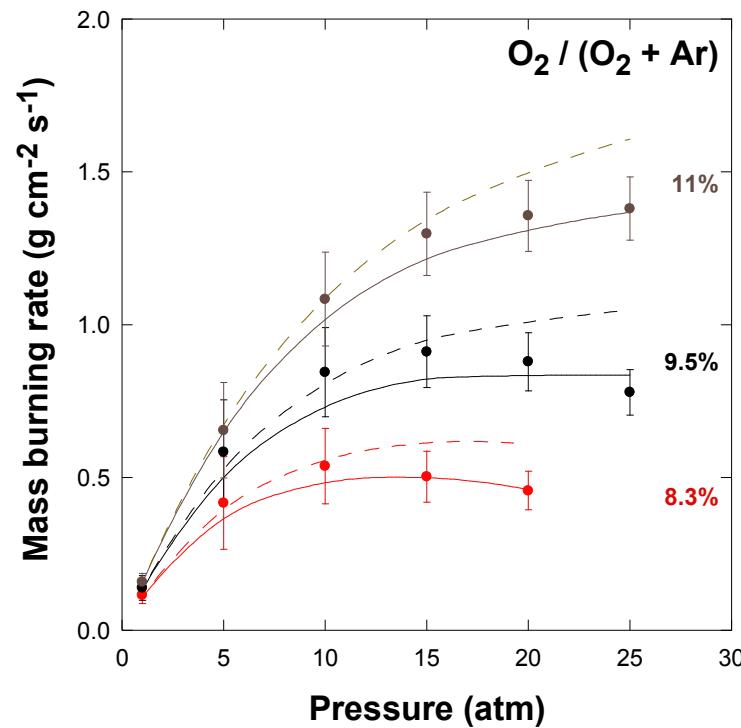


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H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>/He mixtures at equivalence ratio 1

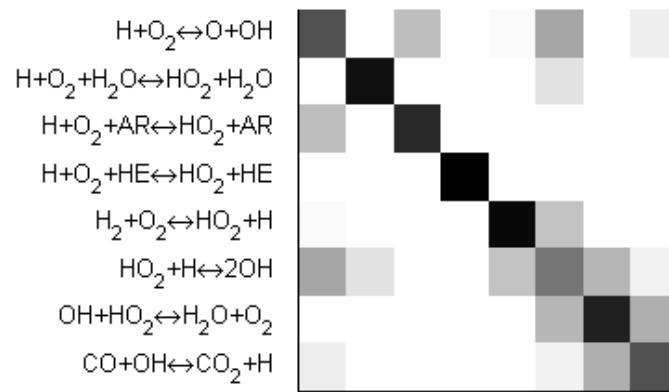


H<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>/Ar mixtures at equivalence ratio 2.5

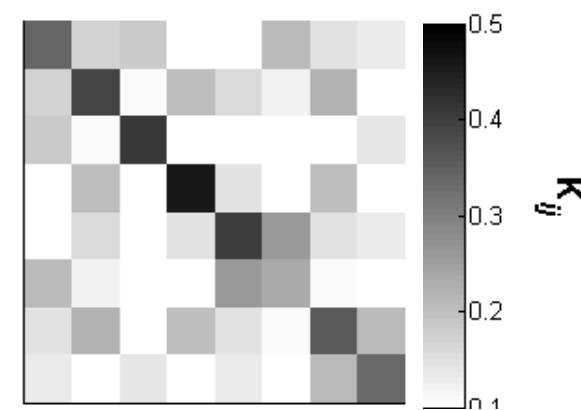


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Dataset 1  
Knowledge prior to 2010

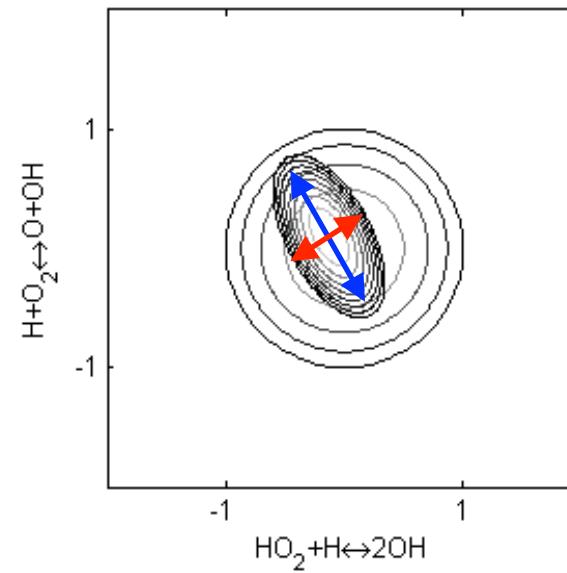


+ Burke, *et al.* (2010)  
Current knowledge



Weak constraint by experiments

Strong constraint by experiments





## JetSurF – A Jet Surrogate Fuel Model

JetSurF is a detailed chemical reaction model for the combustion of jet-fuel surrogate. The model is being developed through a multi-university research collaboration and is funded by the [Air Force Office of Scientific Research](#). Project participants include

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New Release:

**JetSurF Version 2.0 – A working model for the combustion of *n*-alkane up to *n*-dodecane, cyclohexane, and mono-alkylated cyclohexane up to *n*-butyl-cyclohexane**

*(Release Date: September 19, 2010)*

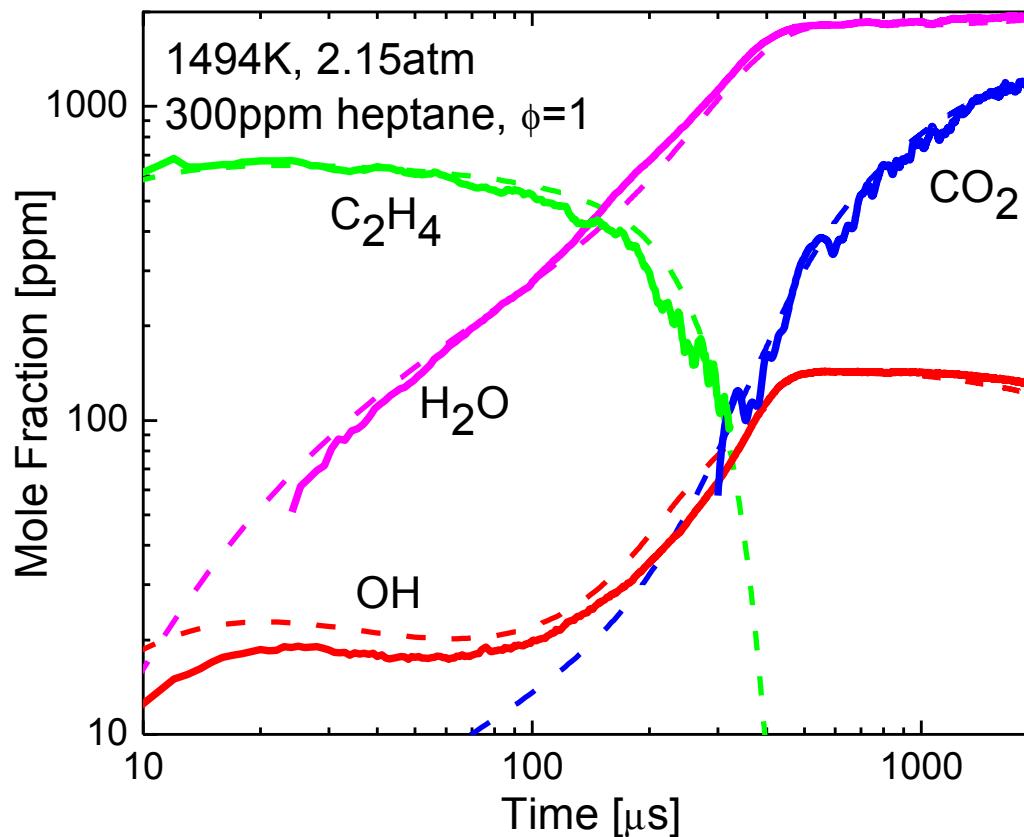
Old Releases:

**JetSurF Version 1.1 – A interim model for the combustion of *n*-butyl-, *n*-propyl-, ethyl-, and methyl-cyclohexane and cyclohexane**

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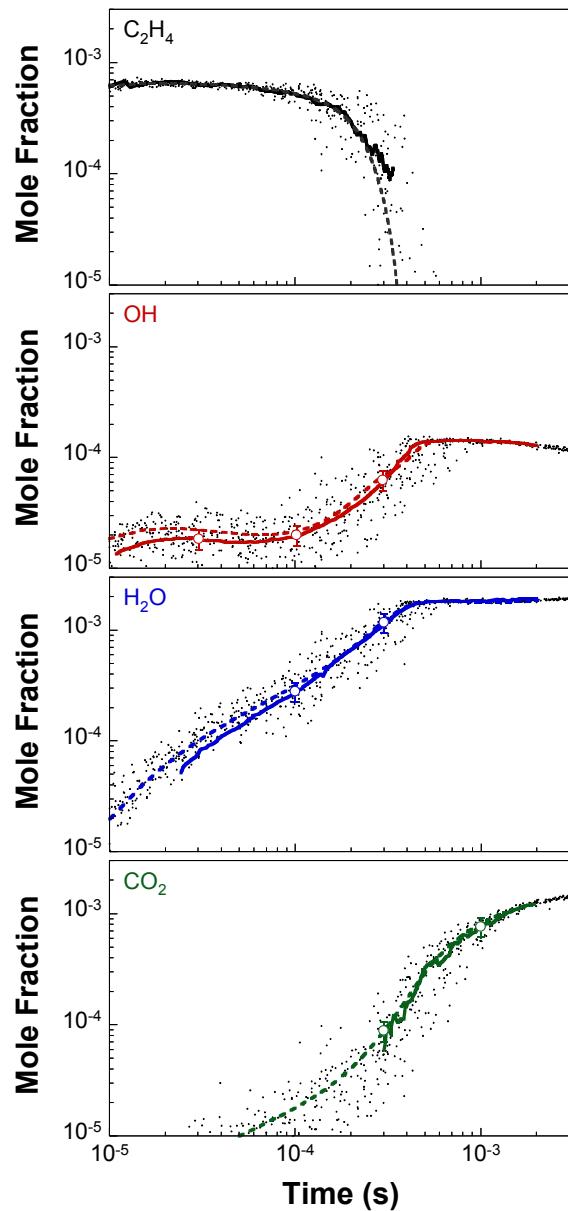
# JetSurF Validation – Species Concentrations behind reflected shock waves

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Plot stolen from Ron Hanson. Solid line: experiments; dashed line: JetSurF

# Prediction Uncertainties in As-Compiled Model



**Good nominal  
prediction with  
significant  
uncertainty!**

# Chemistry Model & Experimental Targets

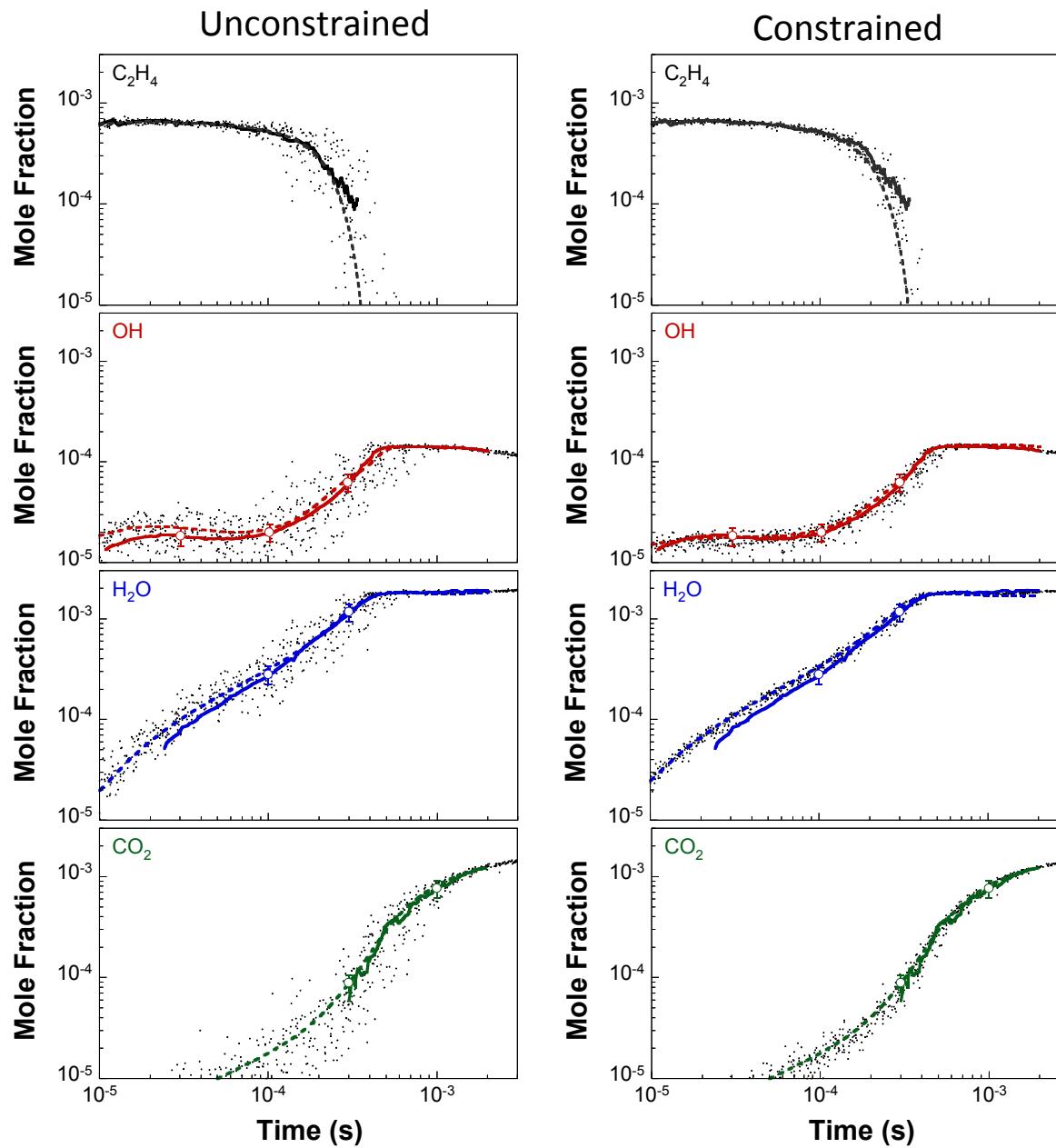
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- Modified JetSurF 1.0
  - 196 species, 1478 reactions

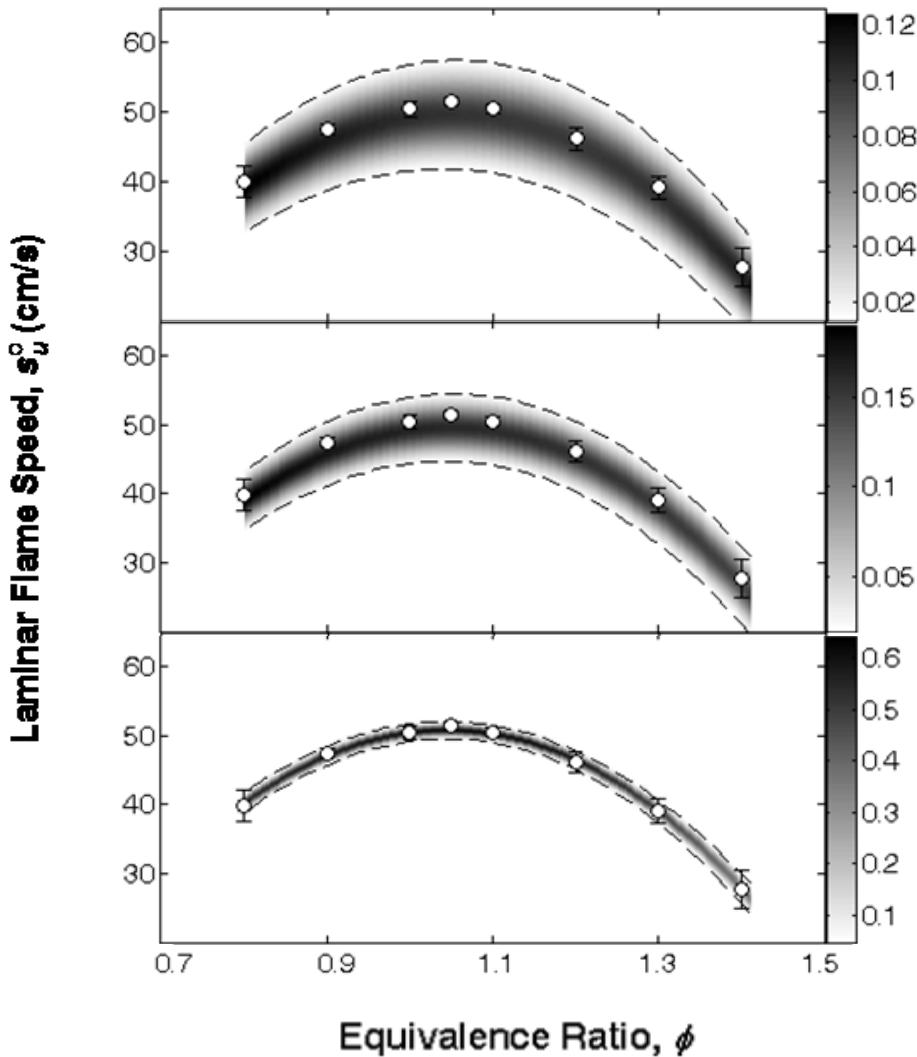
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Laminar Flame Speeds	4	1	353	0.8-1.4
Ignition Delay Times	11	1-4	1000-2600	0.5-2

	No.	$P_5$ (atm)	$T_5$ (K)	$f$
OH, H <sub>2</sub> O, CO <sub>2</sub> , C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>4</sub> , CH <sub>3</sub> Species Profiles	11	1.6-2.4	1365-1545 K	1

# Predictions of As-Compiled and Uncertainty-Minimized Models



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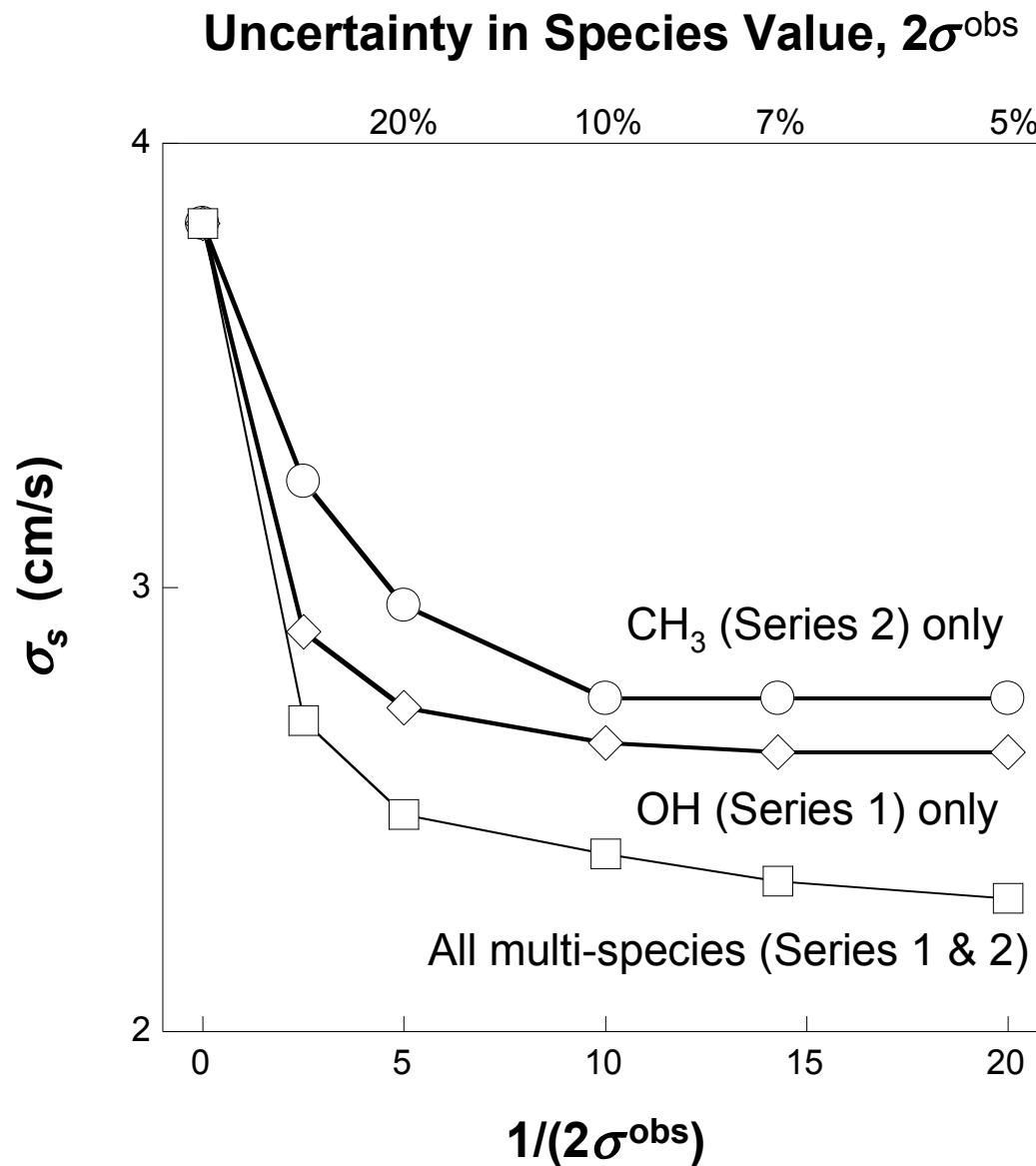


Considering no experiments

Model constrained by species profiles

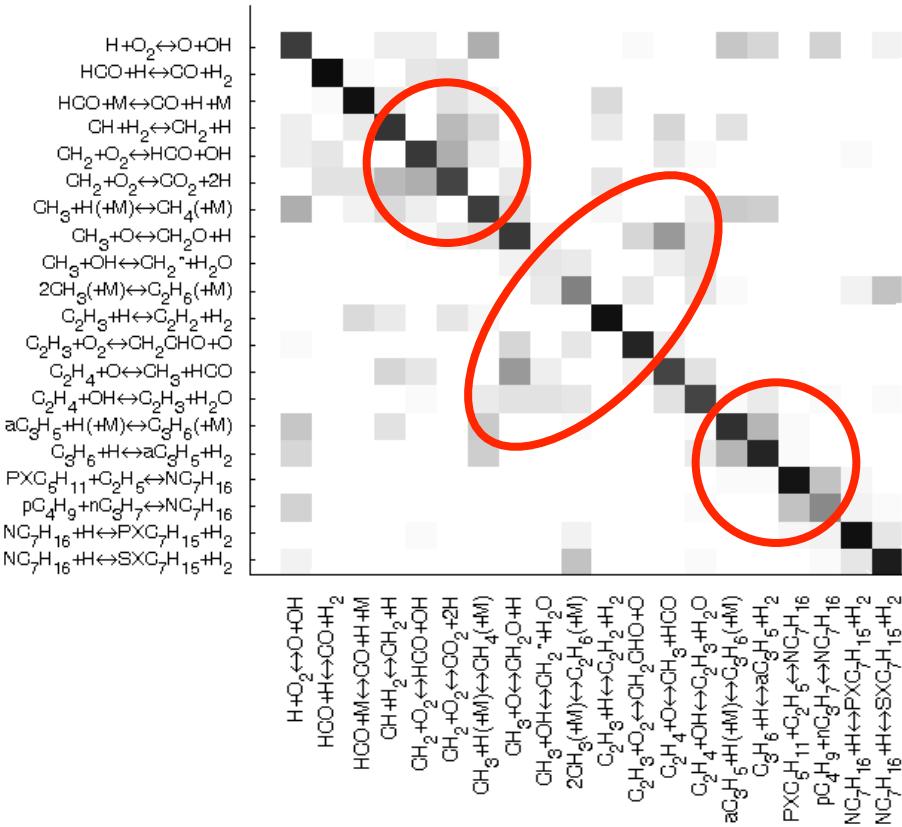
Model constrained by species profiles  
+ flame speeds

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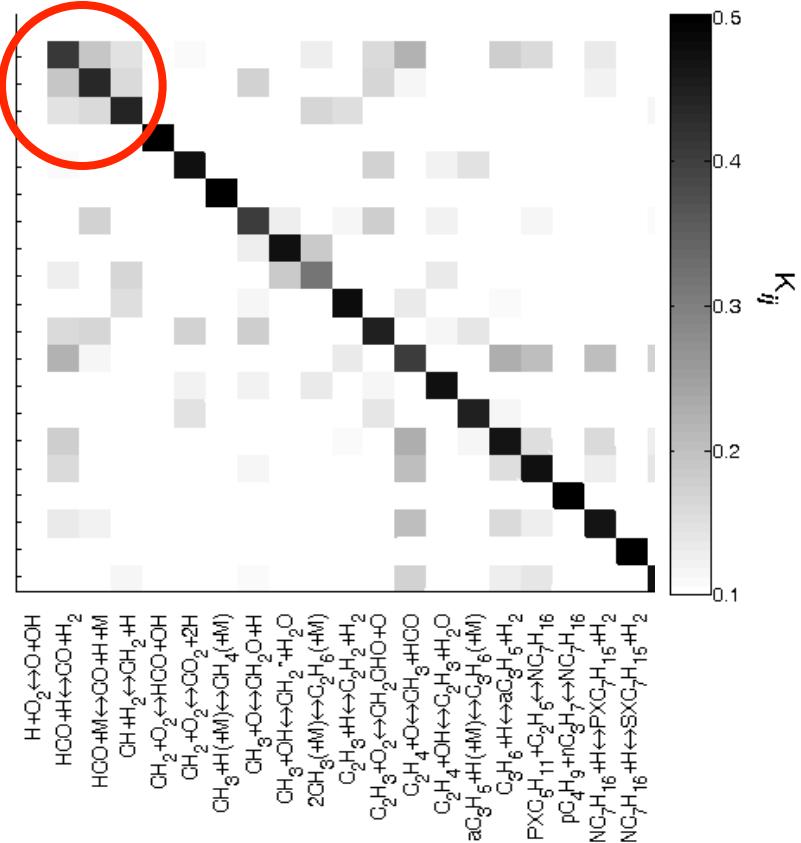
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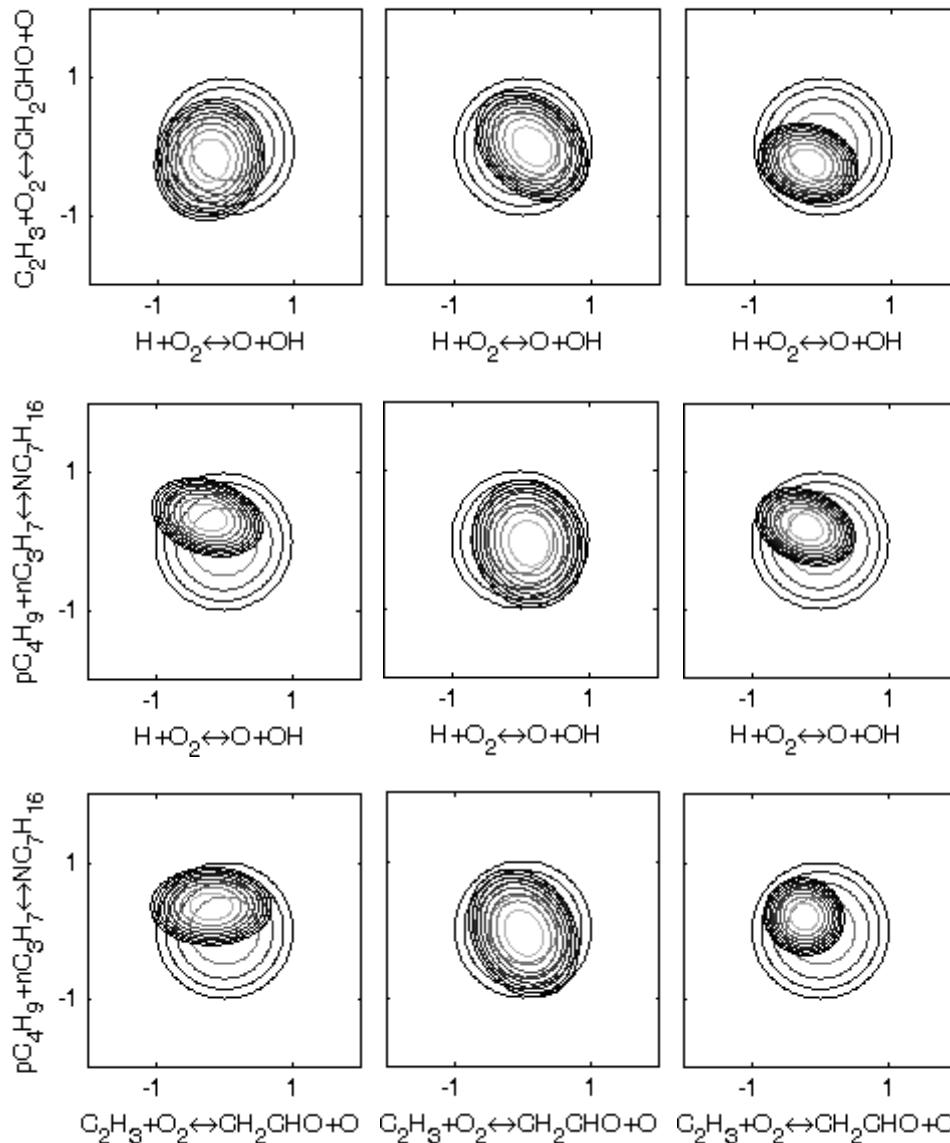
$\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{CH}_2$ , secondary chain branching, fuel breakup

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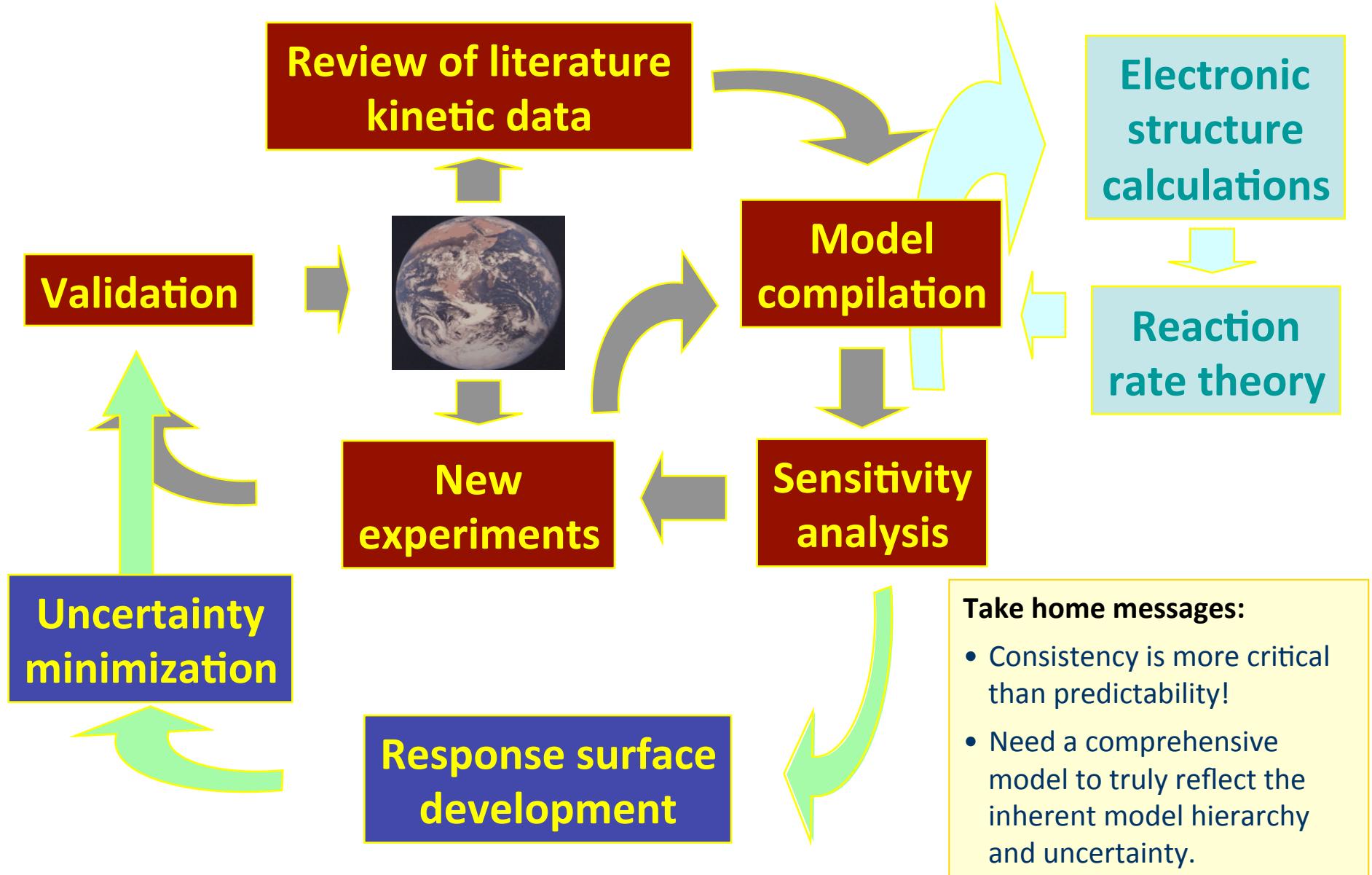


H chain branching

# What did uncertainty minimization do?



# “Our” Approach



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