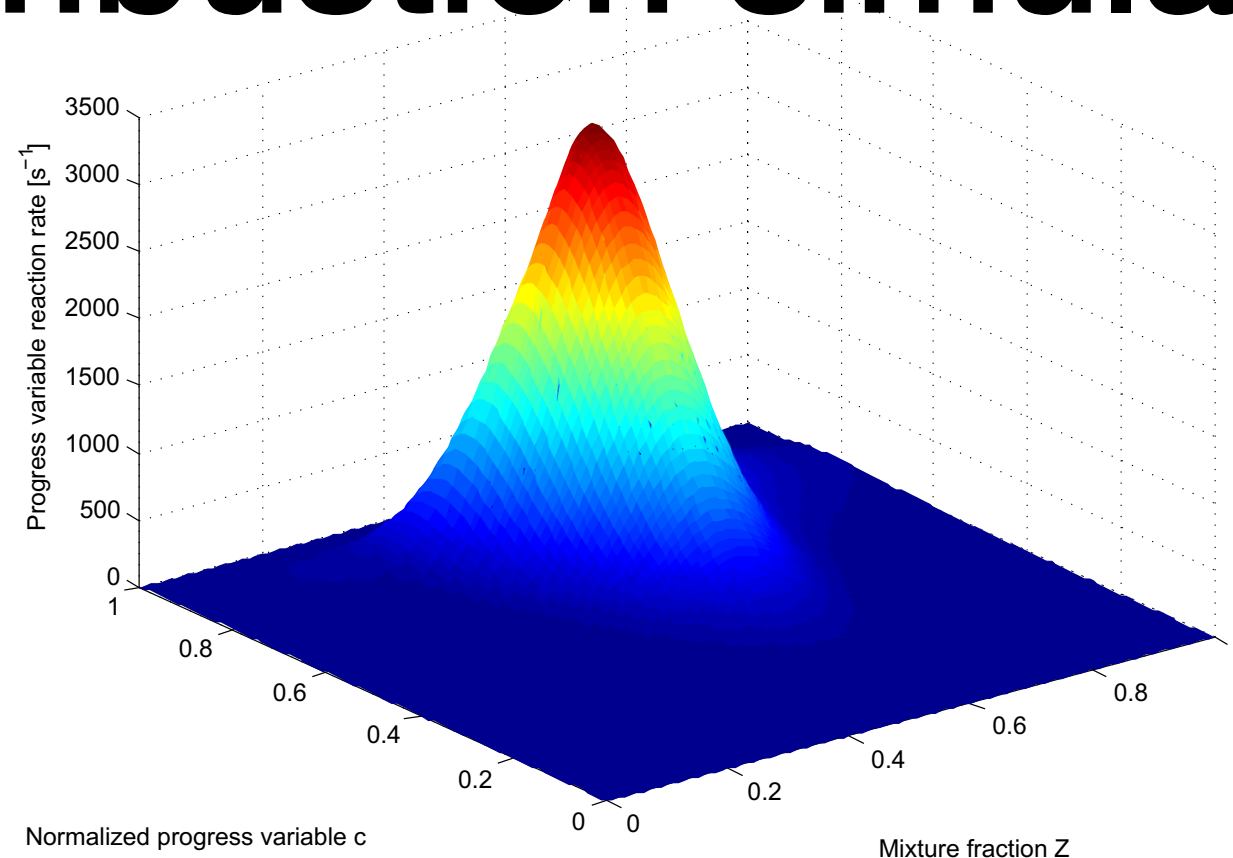




# Chemistry reduction for combustion simulations



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# Environmental impact of combustion

**CO<sub>2</sub>**

*Directly linked to hydrocarbon consumption*

- *related to the overall system efficiency*
- *weakly sensible to the combustion chamber design*

**Unburnt hydrocarbons (HC)**

**Carbon monoxide (CO)**

**Nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>)**

**Sulfur oxides (SO<sub>x</sub>)**

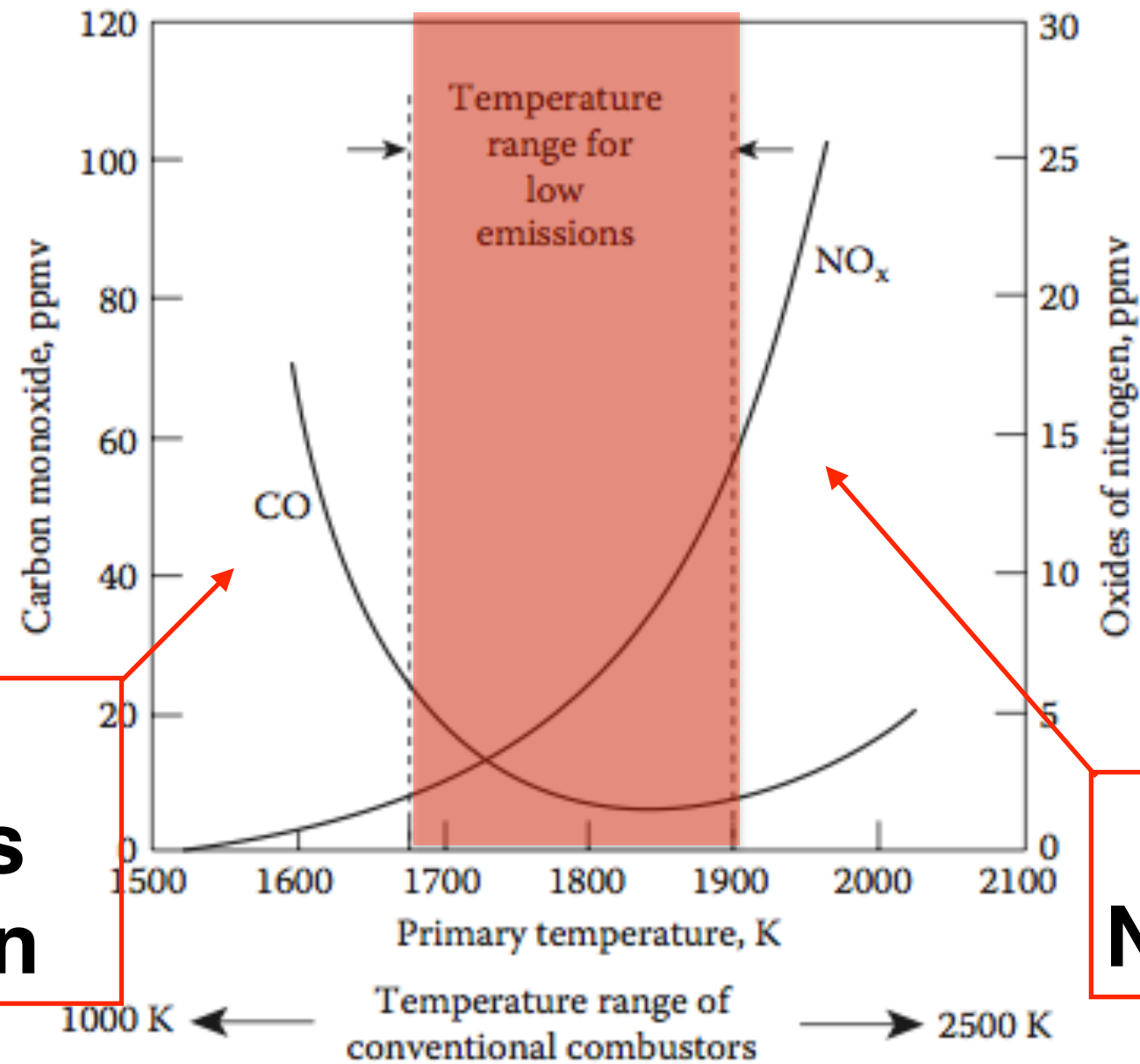
**Particles...**

**Combustion  
challenge**

*Dangerous in small quantities (ppm to few hundred of ppm)*

- *very sensible to the combustion chamber design*

# Temperature control is a key to control pollutant emissions



**Unburnt hydrocarbons  
CO production**

**High NO<sub>x</sub> production**

*From Lefebvre and Ballal, 2010*

# Order of magnitude of detailed chemical mechanisms sizes

<b>Fuel/Oxidizer</b>	<b>Number of species</b>	<b>Number of reactions</b>
<b>H<sub>2</sub>/Air</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>50</b>
<b>CH<sub>4</sub>/Air</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>500</b>
<b>Heavy hydrocarbons/ Air (Kerosene, gasoil, ...)</b>	<b>1000</b>	<b>5000</b>



TABLE II

Propane-Air Reaction Mechanism Rate Coefficients in the Form  $k_f = AT^\beta \exp(-E/RT)$   
 Units are moles, cubic centimeters, seconds, Kelvins and calories/mole.

REACTION	A	$\beta$	E
1. $O_2 + H \rightleftharpoons OH + O$	2.000E14	0.0	16820.
2. $H_2 + O \rightleftharpoons OH + H$	5.060E04	2.67	6290.
3. $H_2 + OH \rightleftharpoons H_2O + H$	1.000E08	1.6	3300.
4. $OH + OH \rightleftharpoons H_2O + O$	1.500E09	1.14	100.
5. $H + H + M' \rightleftharpoons H_2 + M'$	1.800E18	-1.0	0.
6. $H + OH + M' \rightleftharpoons H_2O + M'$	2.200E22	-2.0	0.
7. $O + O + M' \rightleftharpoons O_2 + M'$	2.900E17	-1.0	0.
8. $H + O_2 + M' \rightleftharpoons HO_2 + M'$	2.300E18	-0.8	0.
9. $HO_2 + H \rightleftharpoons OH + OH$	1.500E14	0.0	1000.
10. $HO_2 + H \rightleftharpoons H_2 + O_2$	2.500E13	0.0	690.
11. $HO_2 + H \rightleftharpoons H_2O + O$	3.000E13	0.0	1720.
12. $HO_2 + O \rightleftharpoons OH + O_2$	1.800E13	0.0	-400.
13. $HO_2 + OH \rightleftharpoons H_2O + O_2$	6.000E13	0.0	0.
14. $HO_2 + HO_2 \rightleftharpoons H_2O_2 + O_2$	2.500E11	0.0	-1240.
15. $OH + OH + M' \rightleftharpoons H_2O_2 + M'$	3.256E22	-2.0	0.
16. $H_2O_2 + H \rightleftharpoons H_2 + HO_2$	1.700E12	0.0	3750.
17. $H_2O_2 + H \rightleftharpoons H_2O + OH$	1.000E13	0.0	3590.
18. $H_2O_2 + O \rightleftharpoons OH + HO_2$	2.800E13	0.0	6410.
19. $H_2O_2 + OH \rightleftharpoons H_2O + HO_2$	5.400E12	0.0	1000.
20. $CO + OH \rightleftharpoons CO_2 + H$	4.400E06	1.5	-740.
21. $CO + HO_2 \rightleftharpoons CO_2 + OH$	1.500E14	0.0	23610.
22. $CO + O$			
23. $CO + O_2$			
24. $CH + O$			
25. $CH + O_2$			
26. $CH + CO$			
27. $CHO + H$			
28. $CHO + O$			
29. $CHO + O_2$			
30. $CHO + OH$			
31. $CHO + HO_2$			
32. $CHO + M \rightleftharpoons CO + H + M$			

$$k(T) =$$

$$AT^b e^{-\frac{E_0}{RT}}$$

Species for a Propane-Air Flame

$C_3H_8$	$N * C_3H_7$	$I * C_3H_7$	$C_3H_6$	$C_2H_6$	$C_2H_5$
$CH_3CHO$	$C_2H_4$	$CH_3CO$	$C_2H_3$	$CH_2CO$	$C_2H_2$
$C_2HO$	$C_2H$	$CH_4$	$CH_3$	$CH_2O$	$CH_2$
$CHO$	$CH$	$CO_2$	$CO$	$H_2O_2$	$H_2O$
$H_2$	$HO_2$	$OH$	$H$	$O_2$	$O$
$N_2$	$NO$	$N$			

TABLE II (continued)

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REACTION	A	$\beta$	E
33. $CH_2 + H \rightleftharpoons CH + H_2$	4.000E13	0.0	0.
34. $CH_2 + O \rightarrow CO + H + H$	8.000E13	0.0	0.
35. $CH_2 + O_2 \rightarrow CO + OH + H$	6.500E12	0.0	1500.
36. $CH_2 + O_2 \rightarrow CO_2 + H + H$	6.500E12	0.0	1500.
37. $CH_2O + H \rightleftharpoons CHO + H_2$	2.500E13	0.0	4000.
38. $CH_2O + O \rightleftharpoons CHO + OH$	3.500E13	0.0	3490.
39. $CH_2O + OH \rightleftharpoons CHO + H_2O$	3.000E13	0.0	1200.
40. $CH_2O + HO_2 \rightleftharpoons CHO + H_2O_2$	1.000E12	0.0	8000.
41. $CH_2O + CH_3 \rightleftharpoons CHO + CH_4$	1.000E11	0.0	6100.
42. $CH_2O + M' \rightleftharpoons CHO + H + M'$	1.400E17	0.0	76550.
43. $CH_3 + H \rightleftharpoons CH_2 + H_2$	1.800E14	0.0	15070.
44. $CH_3 + O \rightleftharpoons CH_2O + H$	7.000E13	0.0	0.
45. $CH_3 + OH \rightarrow CH_2O + H + H$	9.000E14	0.0	15500.
46. $CH_3 + OH \rightarrow CH_2O + H_2$	8.000E12	0.0	0.
47. $CH_3 + O_2 \rightarrow CH_2O + H + O$	1.500E13	0.0	28710.
48. $CH_3 + CH_3 \rightleftharpoons C_2H_6$	7.470E52	-11.9	19190.
49. $CH_3 + M \rightarrow CH_2 + H + M$	1.000E16	0.0	90910.
50. $C_2H_4 + H_2$	1.000E16	0.0	32060.
51. $C_2H_4 + H$	4.000E13	0.0	0.
52. $C_2H_4 + CH_3$	2.200E04	3.0	8760.
53. $H + CH_3$	1.200E07	2.1	7630.
54. $H_2O + CH_3$	1.600E06	2.1	2460.
55. $H_2O_2 + CH_3$	4.000E12	0.0	19425.
56. $H + H$	3.200E34	-6.0	109450.
57. $H + CH_3 + CH_3$	1.300E13	0.0	9545.
58. $CH_4 + CH \rightleftharpoons C_2H_4 + H$	3.000E13	0.0	-400.
59. $C_2H + O \rightleftharpoons CO + CH$	1.000E13	0.0	0.
60. $C_2H + H_2 \rightleftharpoons C_2H_2 + H$	1.100E13	0.0	2870.
61. $C_2H + O_2 \rightleftharpoons C_2HO + O$	5.000E13	0.0	1500.
62. $C_2HO + H \rightleftharpoons CH_2 + CO$	3.000E13	0.0	0.
63. $C_2HO + O \rightarrow CO + CO + H$	1.000E14	0.0	0.
64. $C_2H_2 + O \rightleftharpoons CH_2 + CO$	4.100E08	1.5	1700.
65. $C_2H_2 + O \rightleftharpoons C_2HO + H$	4.300E14	0.0	12130.
66. $C_2H_2 + OH \rightleftharpoons H_2O + C_2H$	1.000E13	0.0	7000.
67. $C_2H_2 + M \rightleftharpoons C_2H + H + M$	3.600E16	0.0	106700.

Propane-Air Reaction Mechanism Rate Coefficients in the Form  $k_f = AT^\beta \exp(-E/RT)$

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REACTION	A	$\beta$	E
68. $CH_2CO + H \rightleftharpoons CH_3 + CO$	7.000E12	0.0	3000.
69. $CH_2CO + O \rightleftharpoons CHO + CHO$	1.800E12	0.0	1340.
70. $CH_2CO + OH \rightleftharpoons CH_2O + CHO$	1.000E13	0.0	0.
71. $CH_2CO + M' \rightleftharpoons CH_2 + CO + M'$	1.000E16	0.0	59330.
72. $C_2H_3 + H \rightleftharpoons H_2 + C_2H_2$	2.000E13	0.0	0.
73. $C_2H_3 + O \rightleftharpoons CH_2CO + H$	3.000E13	0.0	0.
74. $C_2H_3 + O_2 \rightarrow CH_2O + CHO$	1.500E12	0.0	0.
75. $C_2H_3 \rightleftharpoons C_2H_2 + H$	1.600E32	-5.5	46290.
76. $CH_3CO + H \rightleftharpoons CH_2CO + H_2$	2.000E13	0.0	0.
77. $CH_3CO + O \rightleftharpoons CH_3 + CO_2$	2.000E13	0.0	0.
78. $CH_3CO + CH_3 \rightleftharpoons C_2H_6 + CO$	5.000E13	0.0	0.
79. $CH_3CO \rightleftharpoons CH_3 + CO$	2.300E26	-5.0	17990.
80. $C_2H_4 + H \rightleftharpoons C_2H_3 + H_2$	1.500E14	0.0	10215.
81. $C_2H_4 + O \rightarrow CH_3CO + H$	1.600E09	1.2	740.
82. $C_2H_4 + OH \rightleftharpoons C_2H_3 + H_2O$	3.000E13	0.0	3000.
83. $C_2H_4 + CH_3 \rightleftharpoons C_2H_3 + CH_4$	4.200E11	0.0	11120.
84. $C_2H_4 + M' \rightleftharpoons C_2H_2 + H_2 + M'$	2.500E17	0.0	76500.
85. $CH_3CHO + H \rightleftharpoons CH_3CO + H_2$	4.000E13	0.0	4210.
86. $CH_3CHO + O \rightleftharpoons CH_3CO + OH$	5.000E12	0.0	1790.
87. $CH_3CHO + OH \rightleftharpoons CH_3CO + H_2O$	8.000E12	0.0	0.
88. $CH_3CHO + HO_2 \rightleftharpoons CH_3CO + H_2O_2$	1.700E12	0.0	10720.
89. $CH_3CHO + CH_2 \rightleftharpoons CH_3CO + CH_3$	2.500E12	0.0	3800.
90. $CH_3CHO + CH_3 \rightleftharpoons CH_3CO + CH_4$	8.500E10	0.0	6000.
91. $CH_3CHO \rightleftharpoons CH_3 + CHO$	2.000E15	0.0	79190.
92. $C_2H_5 + H \rightleftharpoons CH_3 + CH_3$	3.000E13	0.0	0.
93. $C_2H_5 + O \rightleftharpoons CH_3CHO + H$	5.000E13	0.0	0.
94. $C_2H_5 + O_2 \rightleftharpoons HO_2 + C_2H_4$	2.000E12	0.0	5000.
95. $C_2H_5 + CH_3 \rightleftharpoons C_3H_8$	7.000E12	0.0	0.
96. $C_2H_5 + C_2H_5 \rightleftharpoons C_2H_4 + C_2H_6$	1.400E12	0.0	0.
97. $C_2H_5 \rightleftharpoons C_2H_4 + H$	1.300E19	-2.0	41480.
98. $C_2H_6 + H \rightleftharpoons H_2 + C_2H_5$	5.400E02	3.5	5215.
99. $C_2H_6 + O \rightleftharpoons OH + C_2H_5$	3.000E07	2.0	5120.
100. $C_2H_6 + OH \rightleftharpoons H_2O + C_2H_5$	6.300E06	2.0	645.
101. $C_2H_6 + HO_2 \rightleftharpoons H_2O_2 + C_2H_5$	6.000E12	0.0	19420.
102. $C_2H_6 + CH_3 \rightleftharpoons C_2H_5 + CH_4$	5.500E-01	4.0	8300.
103. $C_2H_6 + CH_2 \rightleftharpoons CH_3 + C_2H_5$	2.200E13	0.0	8680.
104. $C_2H_6 + CH \rightleftharpoons H + C_3H_6$	1.100E14	0.0	-260.

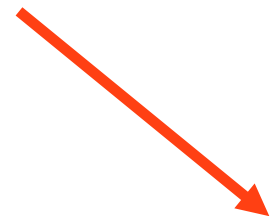
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105. $C_3H_8 + H \rightleftharpoons N * C_3H_7 + H_2$	1.300E14	0.0	9710.
106. $C_3H_8 + H \rightleftharpoons I * C_3H_7 + H_2$	1.000E14	0.0	8350.
107. $C_3H_8 + O \rightleftharpoons N * C_3H_7 + OH$	3.000E13	0.0	5765.
108. $C_3H_8 + O \rightleftharpoons I * C_3H_7 + OH$	2.600E13	0.0	4470.
109. $C_3H_8 + OH \rightleftharpoons N * C_3H_7 + H_2O$	6.300E06	2.0	645.
110. $C_3H_8 + OH \rightleftharpoons I * C_3H_7 + H_2O$	1.200E08	1.46	-190.
111. $C_3H_8 + HO_2 \rightleftharpoons N * C_3H_7 + H_2O_2$	6.000E12	0.0	19420.
112. $C_3H_8 + HO_2 \rightleftharpoons I * C_3H_7 + H_2O_2$	2.000E12	0.0	17000.
113. $C_3H_8 + CH_3 \rightleftharpoons N * C_3H_7 + CH_4$	7.500E12	0.0	14950.
114. $C_3H_8 + CH_3 \rightleftharpoons I * C_3H_7 + CH_4$	4.300E12	0.0	13280.
115. $N * C_3H_7 + H \rightleftharpoons C_3H_8$	2.000E13	0.0	0.
116. $I * C_3H_7 + H \rightleftharpoons C_3H_8$	2.000E13	0.0	0.
117. $N * C_3H_7 + O_2 \rightleftharpoons C_3H_6 + HO_2$	1.000E12	0.0	5000.
118. $I * C_3H_7 + O_2 \rightleftharpoons C_3H_6 + HO_2$	1.000E12	0.0	2990.
119. $N * C_3H_7 \rightleftharpoons C_3H_6 + H$	1.000E14	0.0	37340.
120. $I * C_3H_7 \rightleftharpoons C_3H_6 + H$	2.000E14	0.0	38730.
121. $N * C_3H_7 \rightleftharpoons C_2H_4 + CH_3$	3.000E14	0.0	33250.
122. $C_3H_6 + O \rightleftharpoons CH_3CO + CH_3$	5.000E12	0.0	450.
123. $C_3H_6 + OH \rightarrow C_2H_2 + CH_3 + H_2O$	2.000E13	0.0	3060.
124. $N_2 + O \rightleftharpoons N + NO$	0.136E15	0.0	76400.
125. $N + O_2 \rightleftharpoons O + NO$	0.267E11	0.72	7080.
126. $N + OH \rightleftharpoons H + NO$	0.280E14	0.0	0.

Third body efficiencies for  $M'$  :  $\alpha(O_2) = 0.4$ ,  $\alpha(N_2) = 0.4$ ,  $\alpha(CO) = 0.75$ ,  
 $\alpha(CO_2) = 1.5$ ,  $\alpha(H_2O) = 6.5$ ,  $\alpha(C_3H_8) = 3$ .

T,P,Y<sub>k</sub>



$\omega_k$

# Balance equations for CFD with detailed chemistry

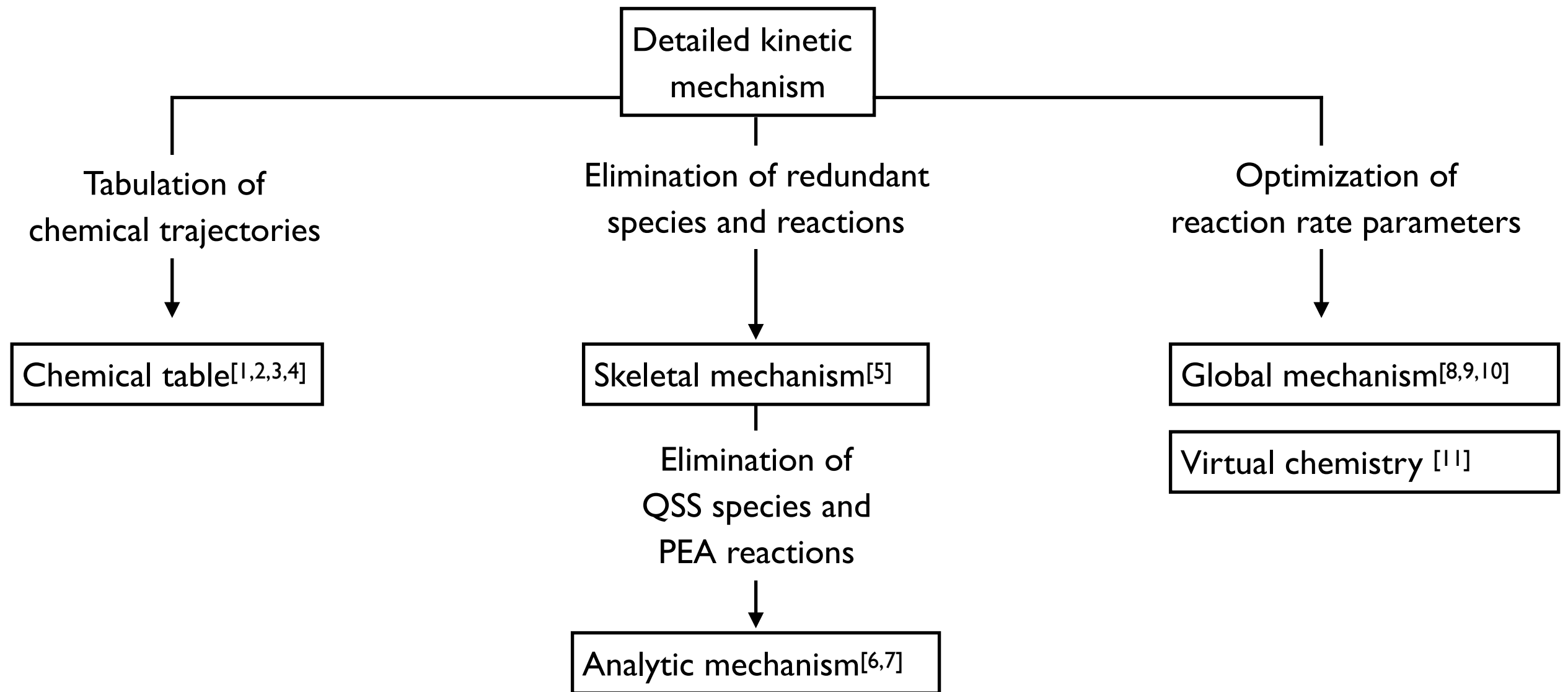
**Too expensive for 3-D simulations:**  
 ● number of Eqs  
 ● stiffness of reaction rates

$$\frac{\partial \rho E}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\rho u_i E) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\rho D_k \frac{\partial Y_k}{\partial x_i}) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j} (\tau_{ij} u_i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial \rho Y_1}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\rho u_i Y_1) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\rho D_k \frac{\partial Y_1}{\partial x_i}) + \dot{\omega}_1 \\ &\dots \\ \frac{\partial \rho Y_k}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\rho u_i Y_k) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\rho D_k \frac{\partial Y_k}{\partial x_i}) + \dot{\omega}_k \\ &\dots \\ \frac{\partial \rho Y_n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\rho u_i Y_n) &= \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i} (\rho D_k \frac{\partial Y_n}{\partial x_i}) + \dot{\omega}_n \end{aligned}$$

# Kinetic scheme reduction strategies for combustion modeling

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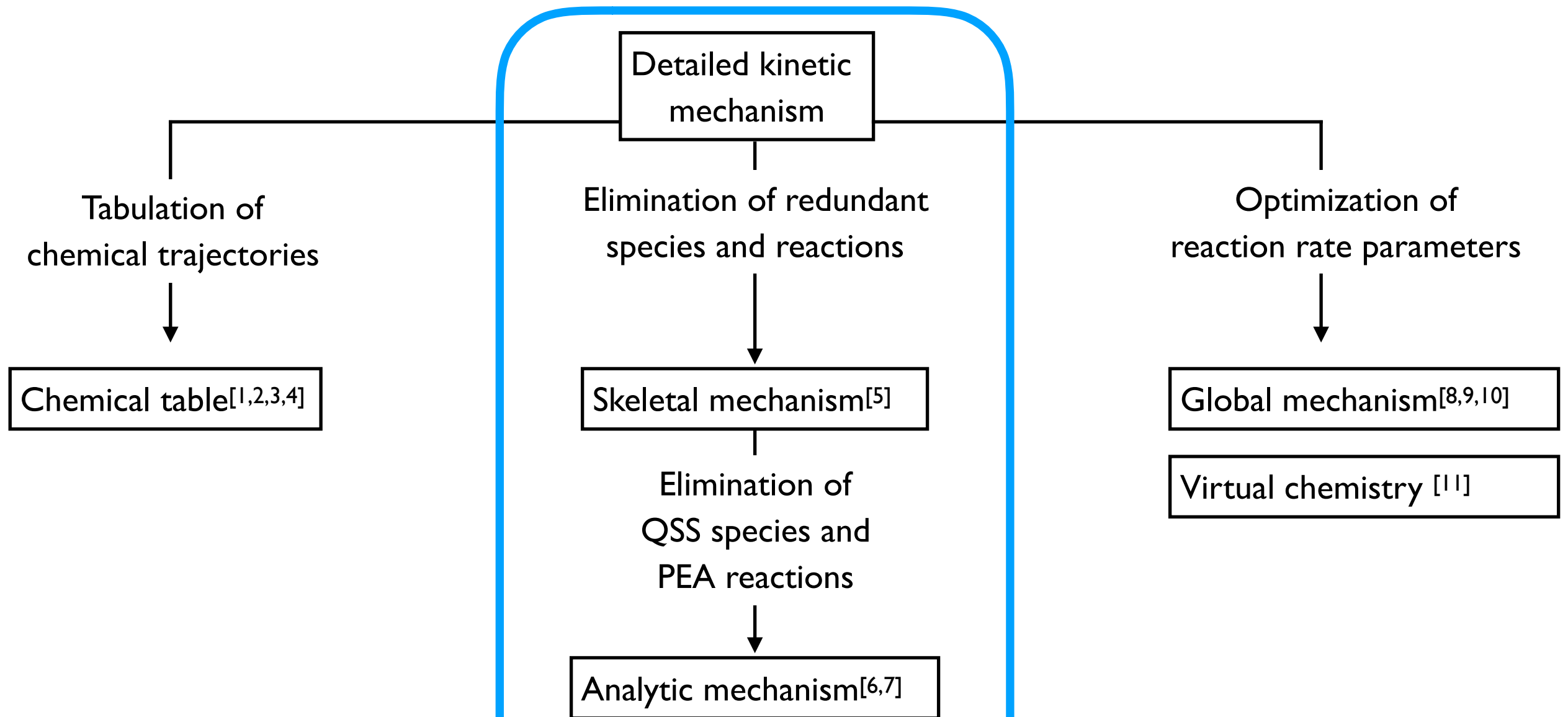
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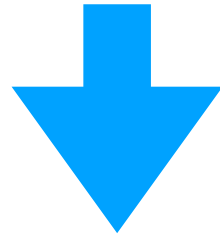
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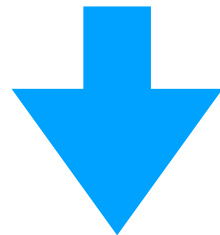
# Two main steps

Detailed mechanism



*remove redundant species and reactions*

Skeletal mechanism



*find analytical relations between species*

Analytically reduced mechanism

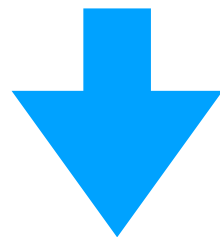
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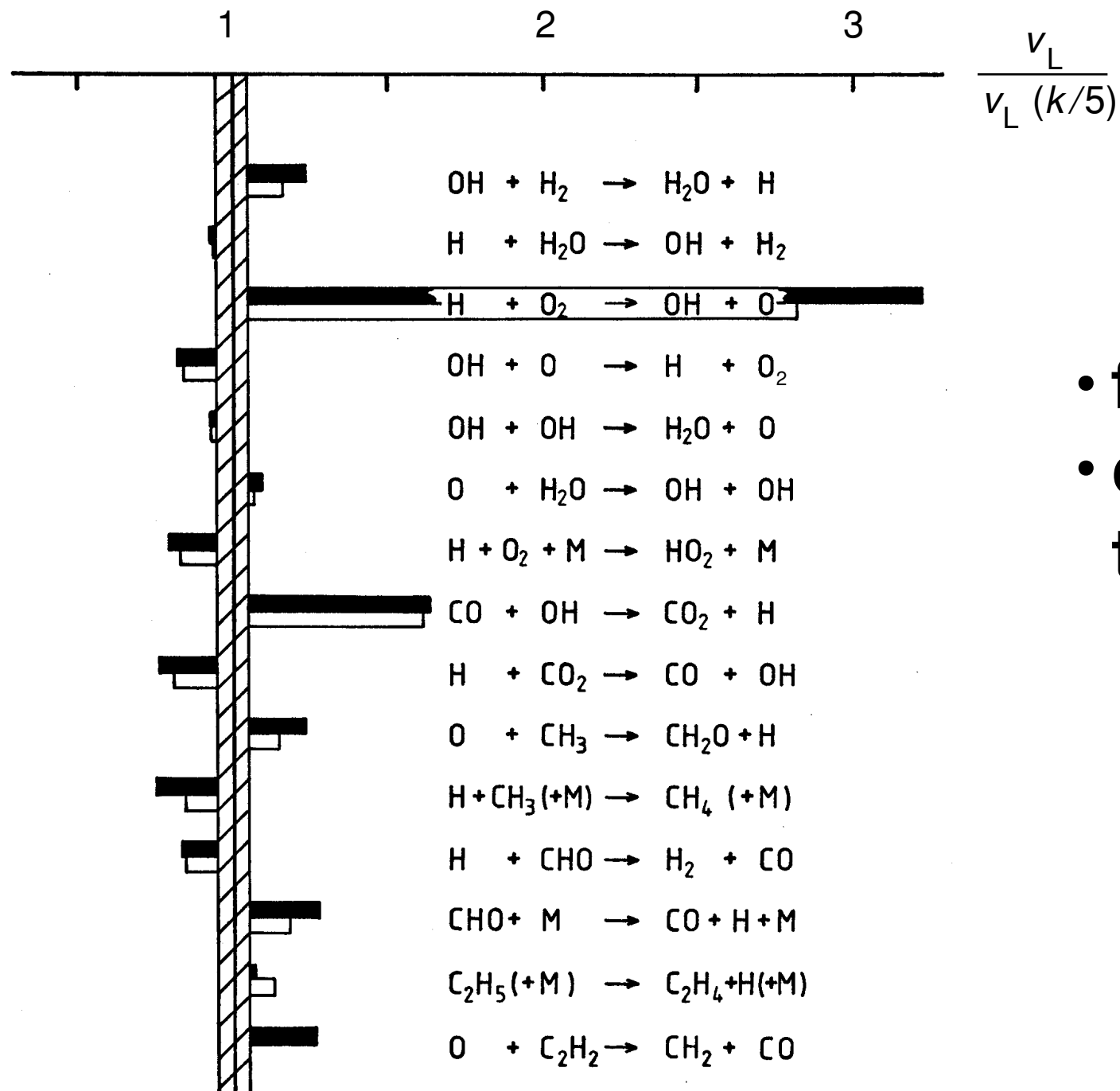
# From detailed to skeletal mechanism

T. Turanyi. *Reduction of large reaction mechanisms*. New journal of chemistry. 1990

- **Species can be classified into three classes**
  - *important species*: essential to represent combustion processes
  - *necessary species*: required for the prediction of important species
  - ~~redundant species~~: can be removed without affecting combustion phenomena
- **Reactions are also classified as:**
  - *important reactions*: essential to represent chemical pathway and kinetics rate
  - *necessary reactions*: essential to represent chemical pathway
  - ~~redundant reactions~~: can be removed without altering production of important and necessary species



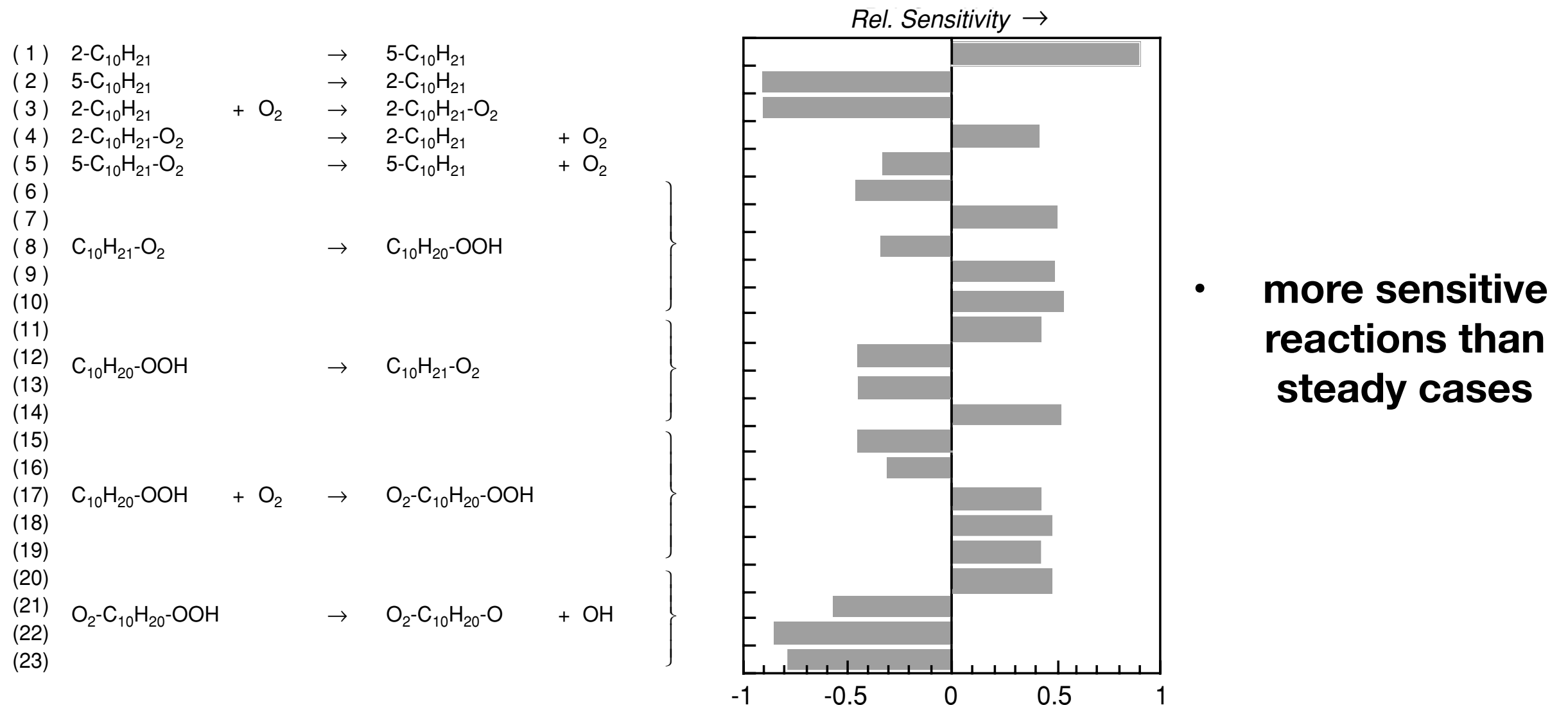
# Steady premixed flame configuration: flame speed targeted



- few sensitive reactions
- quasi-independent of the fuel

**Fig. 7.6.** Sensitivity analysis for the flame velocity  $v_L$  in premixed stoichiometric CH<sub>4</sub>- (black) and C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>6</sub>-air flames (white) at  $p = 1$  bar,  $T_u = 298$  K (Warnatz 1984).

# Self - ignition case: OH concentration target



**Fig. 7.7.** Sensitivity analysis for the OH concentration in an igniting stoichiometric C<sub>10</sub>H<sub>22</sub>-air mixture at  $p = 13$  bar,  $T_u = 800$  K (Nehse et al. 1996); the numbers in front of the formulae denote the location of the free electron or of O<sub>2</sub> in the chains, respectively. For clearness, no isomeric structures are given in Reactions (6)-(23).

**Redundant species and reactions will depend on the configuration targeted !  
Wide range of operating conditions targeted → less redundant species and reactions**

# Elimination of redundant *species* and *reactions*

## Direct Relation Graph method (DRG)

T. Lu, C. Law, Proc. Combust. Inst. 30 (2005)

- **measure of the coupling between two species that are directly related**

$$r_{AB}^{DRG} \equiv \frac{\sum_{i=1, n_R} |\nu_{i,A} \omega_i \delta_B^i|}{\sum_{i=1, n_R} |\nu_{i,A} \omega_i|}$$

$$\omega_i = \omega_{f,i} - \omega_{b,i} \quad \delta_B^i = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if the } i\text{th reaction involves species } B \\ 0, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

- **measure if A and B are directly related**
- **Target A: if  $r_{AB}^{DRG} < \epsilon$  then B can be removed**

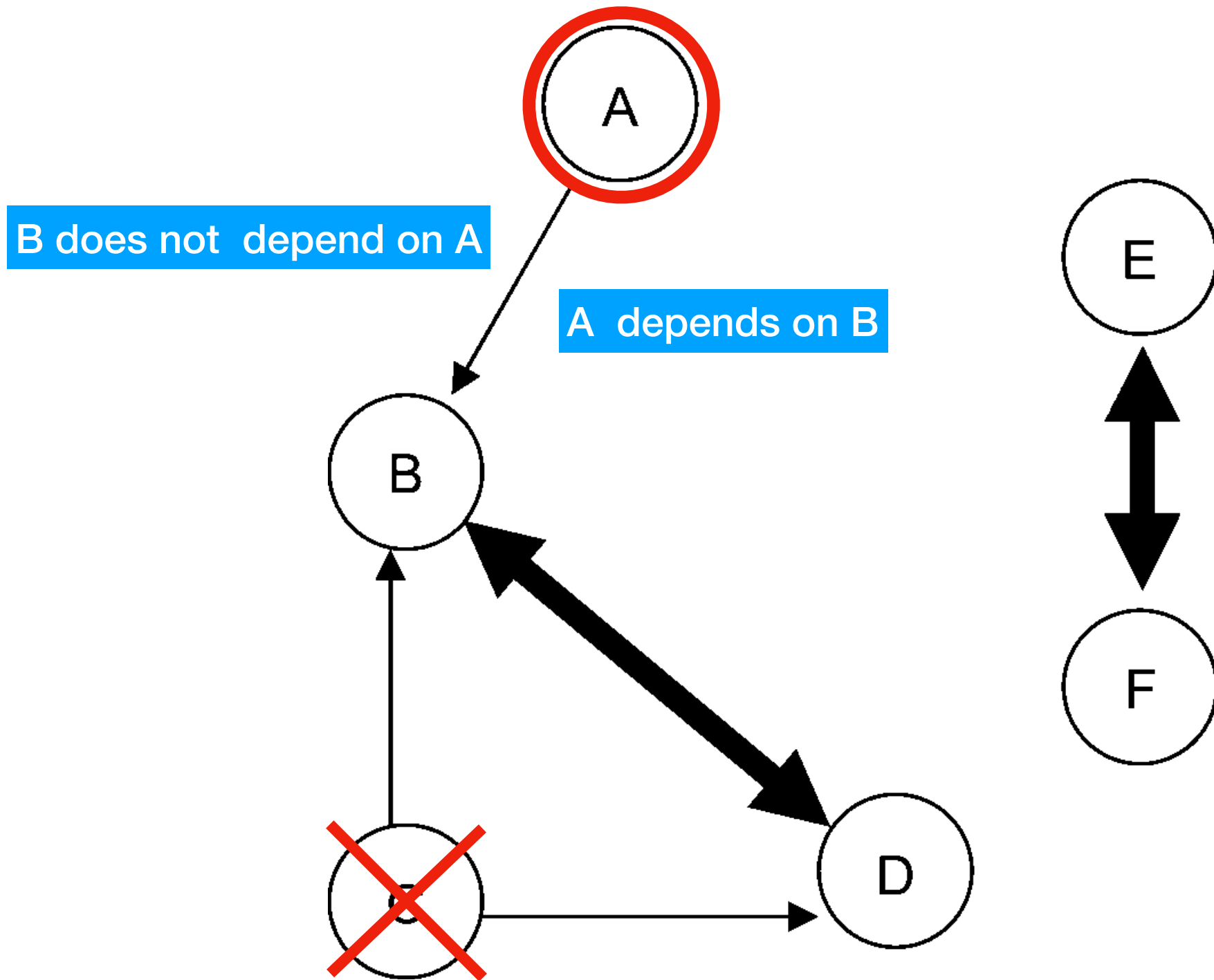


Fig. 1. A directed relation graph showing typical relations of the species.

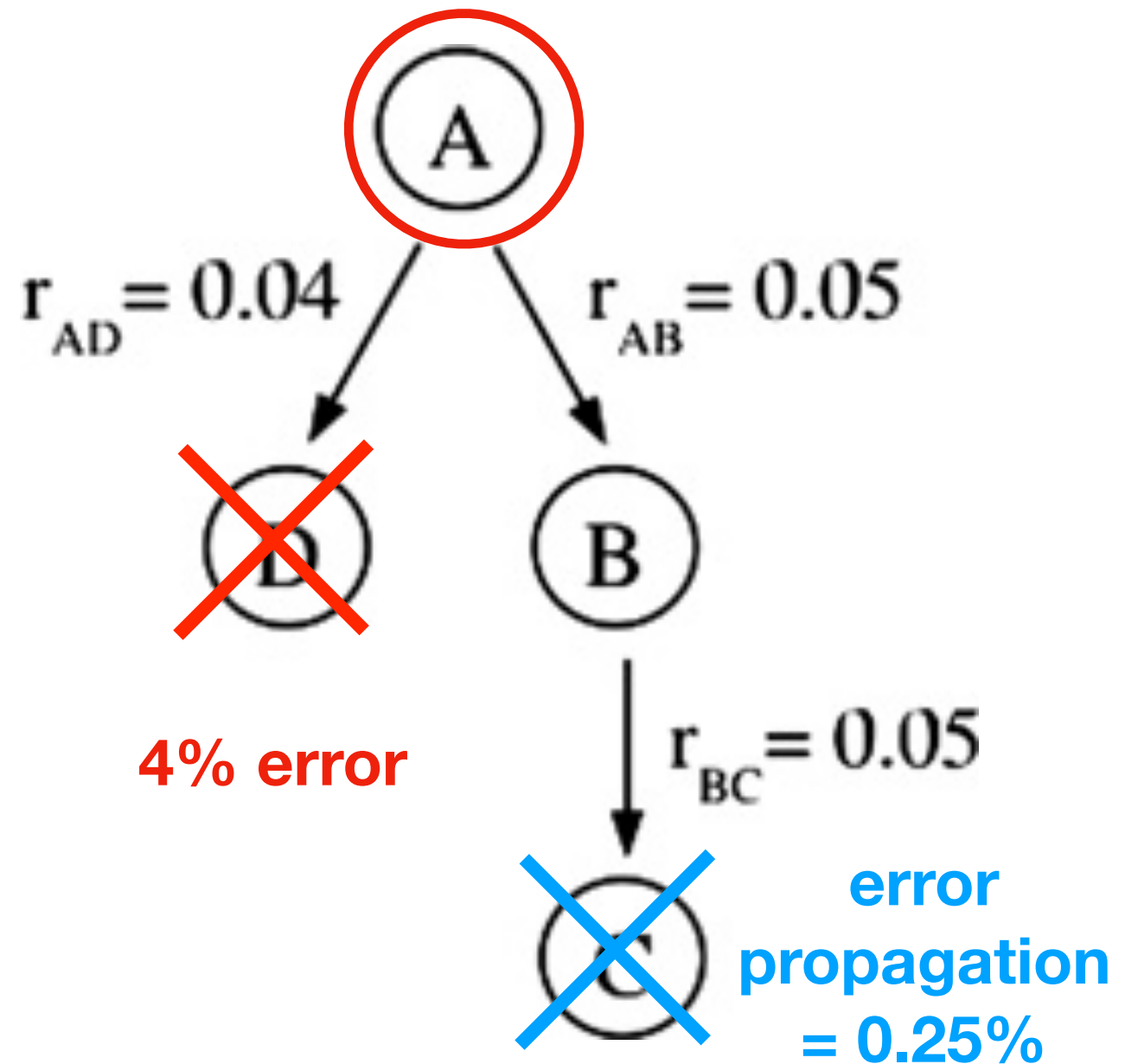
# Elimination of redundant *species* and *reactions*

## Direct Relation Graph with Error Propagation (DRGEP)

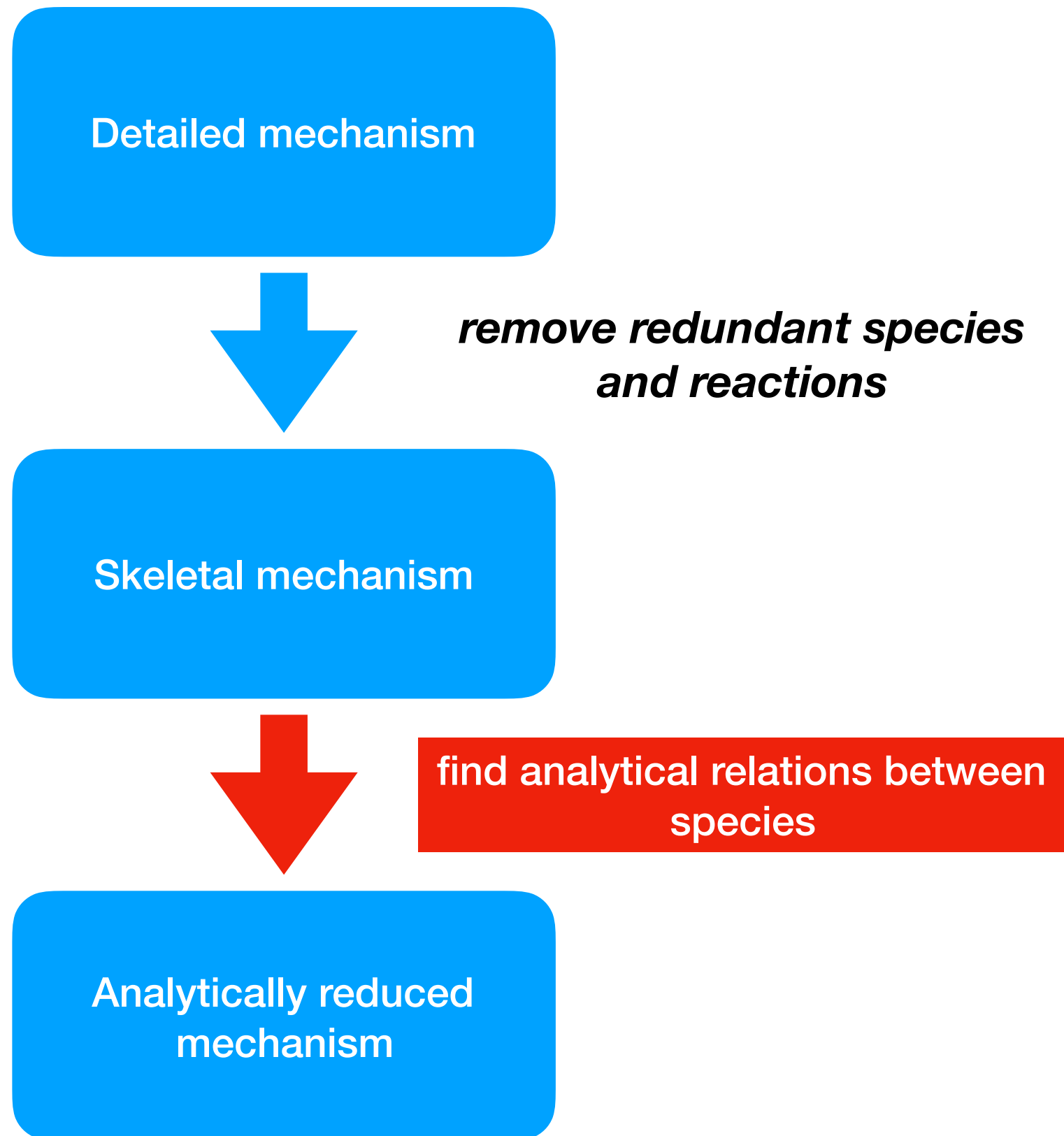
P. Pepiot-Desjardin and H. Pitsch. An efficient error-propagation-based reduction method for large chemical kinetic mechanisms. Comb & Flame (2008)

$$r_{AB,p} = \min_{1 < i < n-1} r_{S_i S_{i+1}}^*$$

$$r_{AB,p}^* = \prod_{1 < i < n-1} r_{S_i S_{i+1}}^*$$

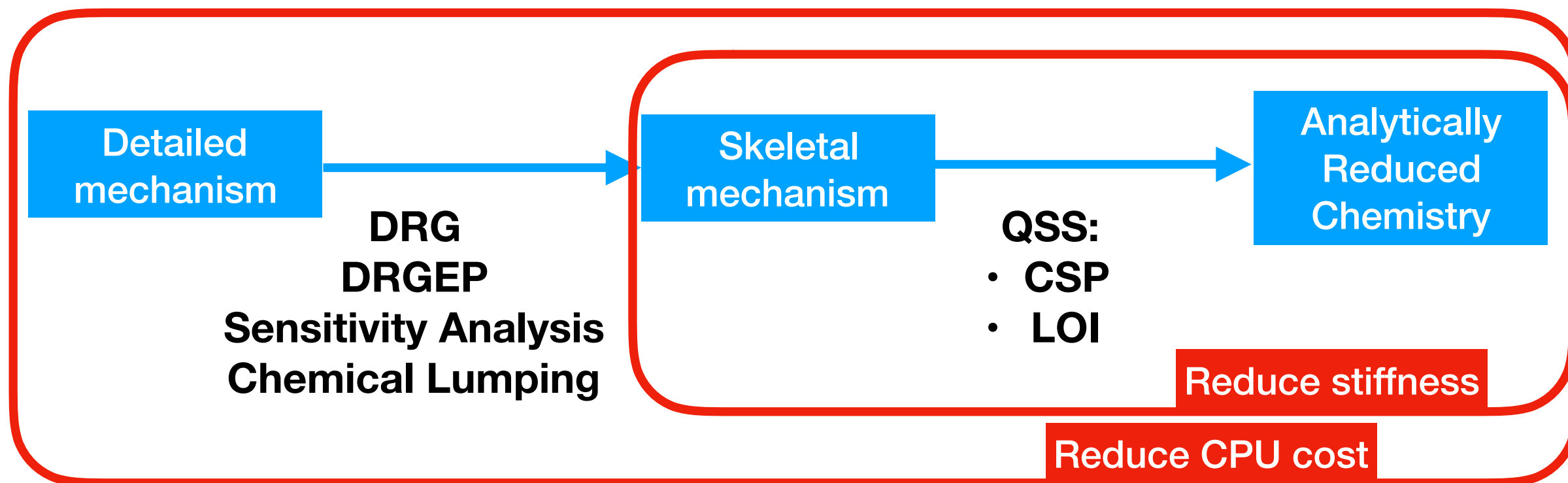


# Two main steps



# Automatic ARC generation

Methods are successively applied and combined in practice

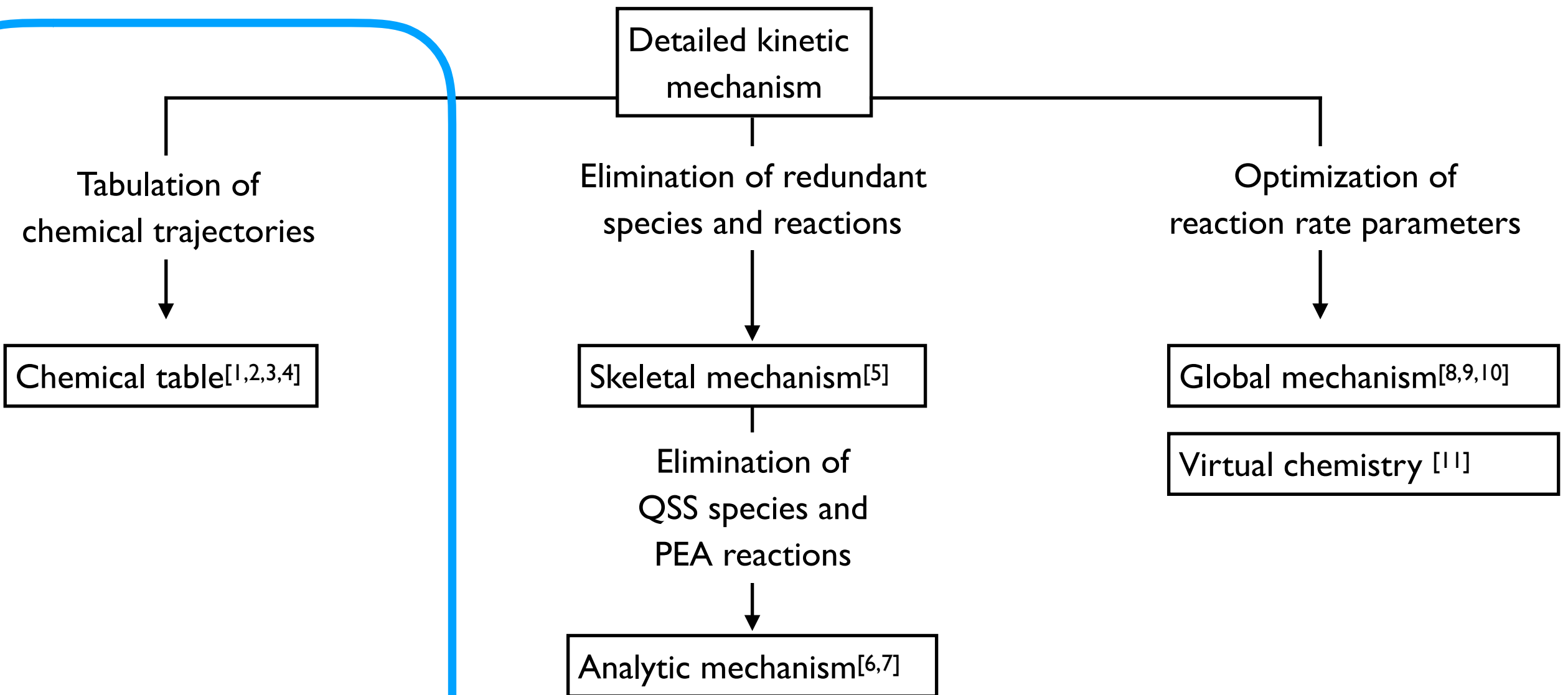


	<b>Strategy I</b> (Lu & Law, 2008a)	<b>Strategy II : YARC</b> (Pepiot, 2008)	<b>Strategy III : KINALC</b> (Turányi, 1990a)
<b>STEP I</b>	DRG(X/ASA)	DRGEP Chemical Lumping	Jacobian investigations (remove species) PCA (remove reactions)
<b>STEP II</b>	QSS via CSP pointers	QSS via LOI	QSS via error estimation (Turányi <i>et al.</i> , 1993)
<i>Examples</i>	(Lu & Law, 2008a,b) and more online: (Lu, 2008)	(Pepiot-Desjardins & Pitsch, 2008) (Pepiot & Pitsch, 2008; Jaravel, 2016)	(Tomlin <i>et al.</i> , 1992) and more online: (Turányi, 1981)

**From Anne Felden PhD thesis (2017)**

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## Thermochemical state

$$\varphi = \mathcal{F}(p, T, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{n_{sp}})$$

$$\varphi = \mathcal{G}(p, h, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{n_{sp}})$$

$$\varphi = \mathcal{H}(\rho, e, Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_{n_{sp}})$$

Reduced chemistry

$$n_{red} < n_{sp}$$

tabulated chemistry

$$\varphi = \mathcal{F}'(p, T, \psi_1, \psi_2, \dots, \psi_n)$$

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$$n \ll n_{sp}$$

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analytical  
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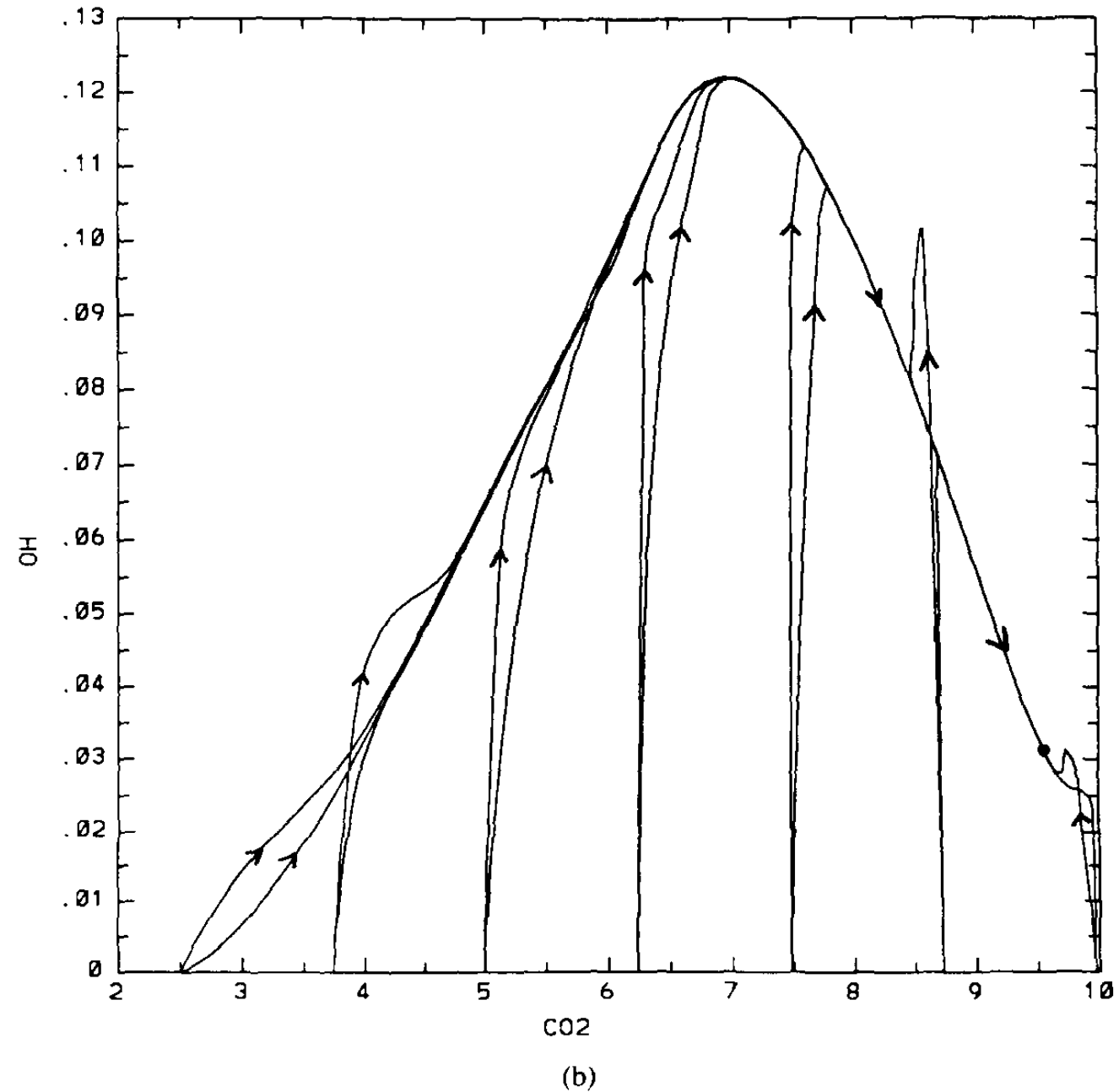
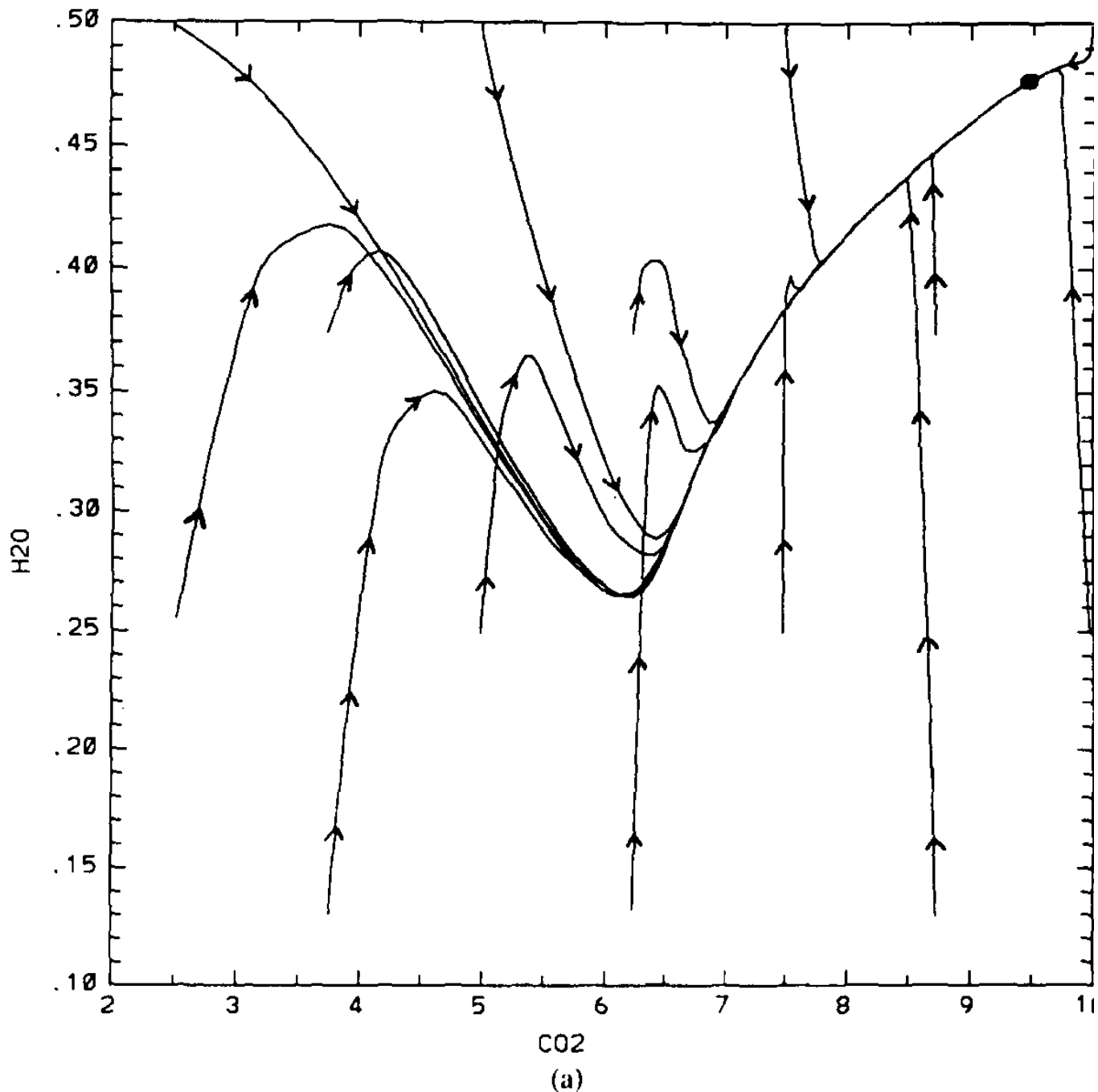
$$n \ll n_{sp}$$

- **Tabulate thermochemical states in a look-up table during a pre-processing step**
- **Key issues**
  - identification of the reduced subspace
  - building up of the chemical table (or manifold)
  - size of the table

# *Tabulated chemistry*

## *ILDM method*

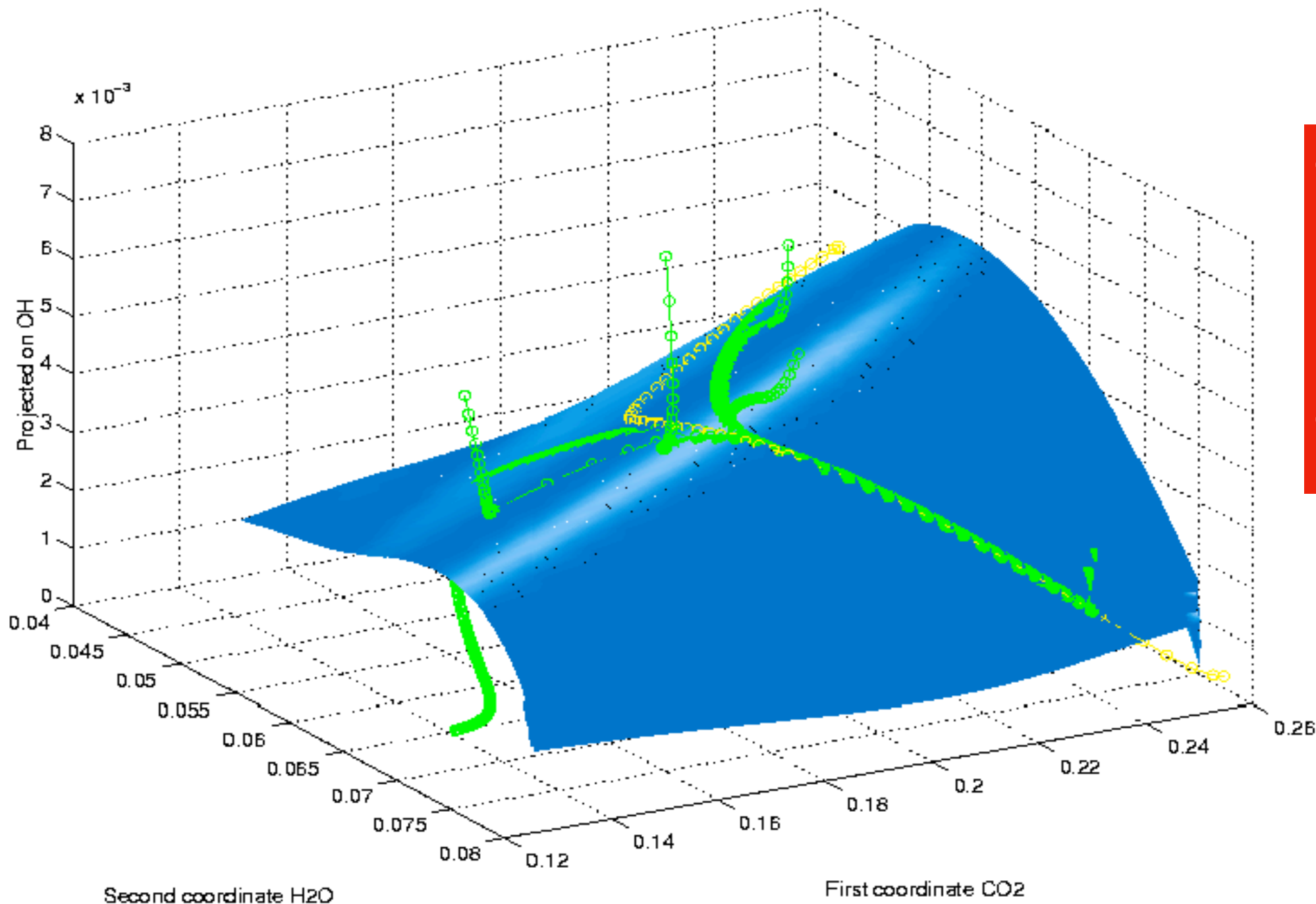
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○ Reduced attractive surface exist in the chemical phase subspace

○ How to identify these surfaces ?

# *Tabulated chemistry*

## *Flamelet-based methods*

**Physical approach: build up the chemical database from simple combustion elements computed with detailed chemistry**

- Using non-premixed flamelets

**Flamelet model:**

Peters, N.: Prog. Energy Combustion. Sci. 10, 319 (1984)

**Flamelet Progress Variable (FPV):**

Pierce, C., Moin, P.: J. Fluid Mech. 504, 73 (2004)

- Using premixed flamelets

**Flamelet Prolongation of ILDM (FPI):**

Gicquel, O., Darabiha, N., Thévenin, D.: Proc. Combust. Inst. 28, 1901 (2000)

**Flamelet Generated Manifold (FGM):**

van Oijen, J.A., Lammers, F.A., de Goey, L.P.H.: Combust. Flame 127(3), 2124 (2001)

- Using 0-D reactors

**Tabulated Kinetic of Ignition:**

Colin, O., da Cruz, A.P., Jay, S.: Proc. Combust. Inst. 30(2), 2649 (2005)

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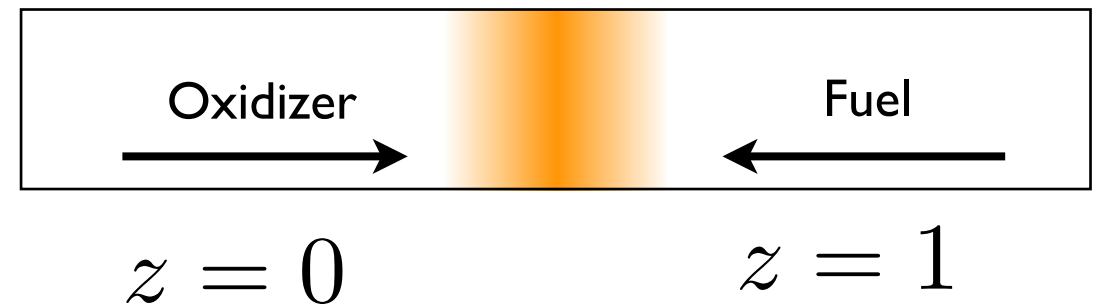
## *Flamelet based methods*

### *Main variables*

- Non-premixed flame

Mixture fraction  $z$

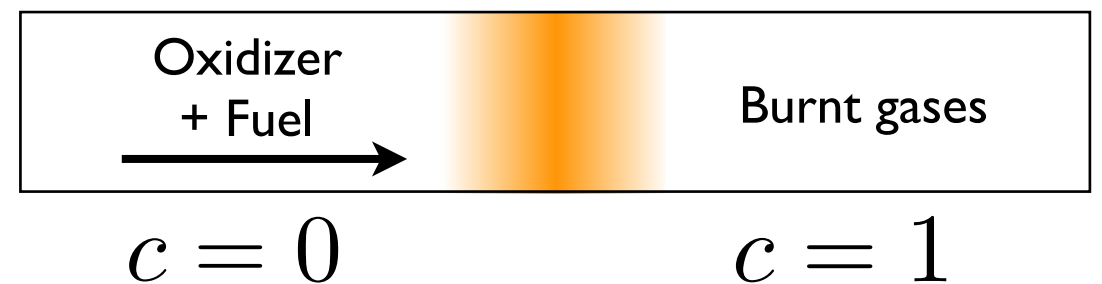
$$z = \frac{Y_z - Y_{z_o}}{Y_{z_f} - Y_{z_o}}$$



- Premixed flame

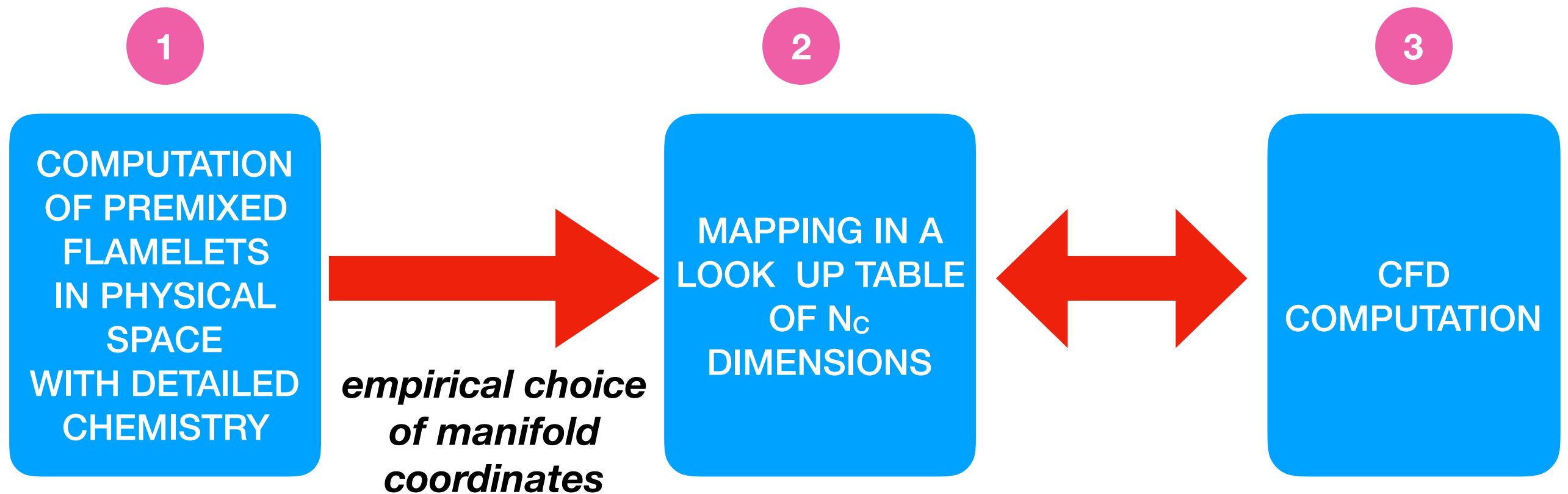
Progress variable  $c$

$$c = \frac{Y_c - Y_{c_f}(Y_z)}{Y_{c_b}(Y_z) - Y_{c_f}(Y_z)}$$



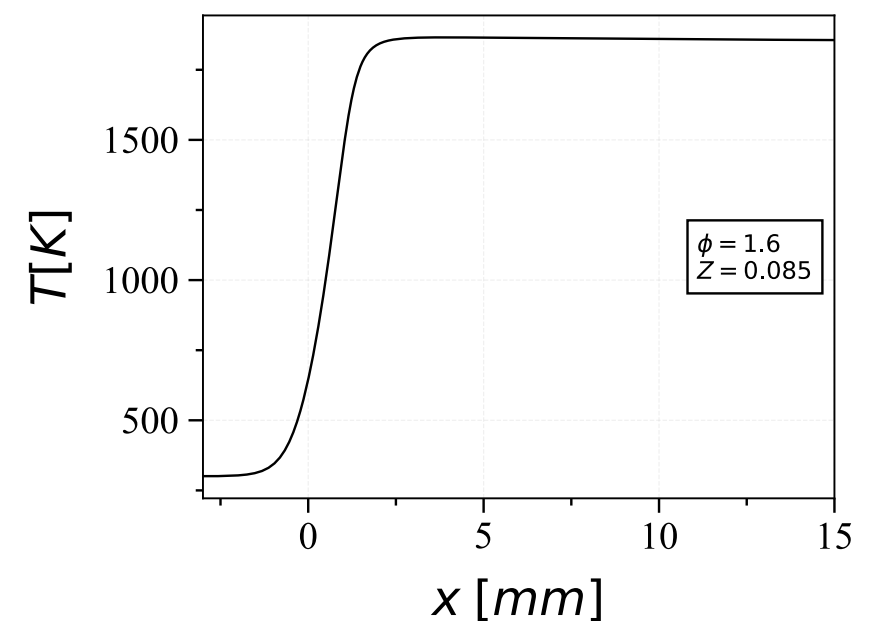
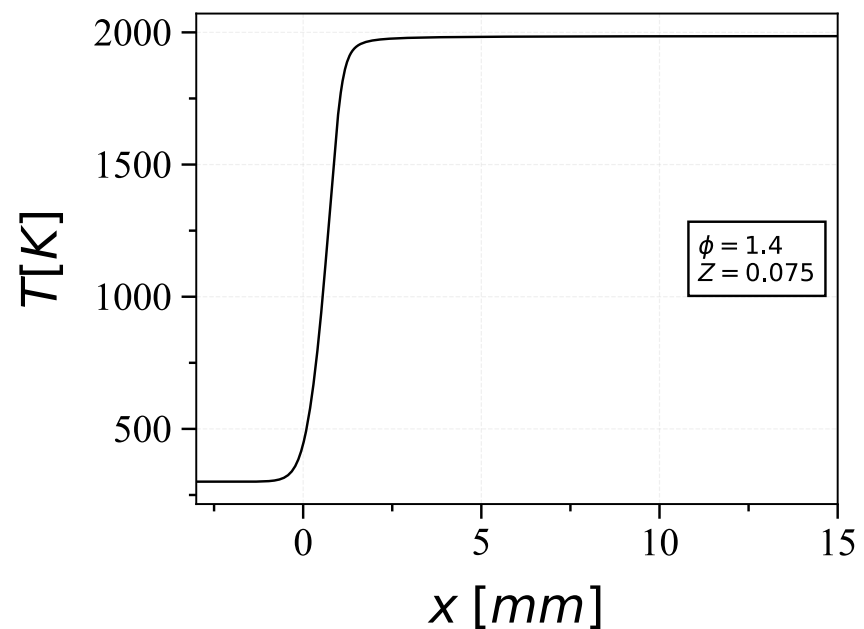
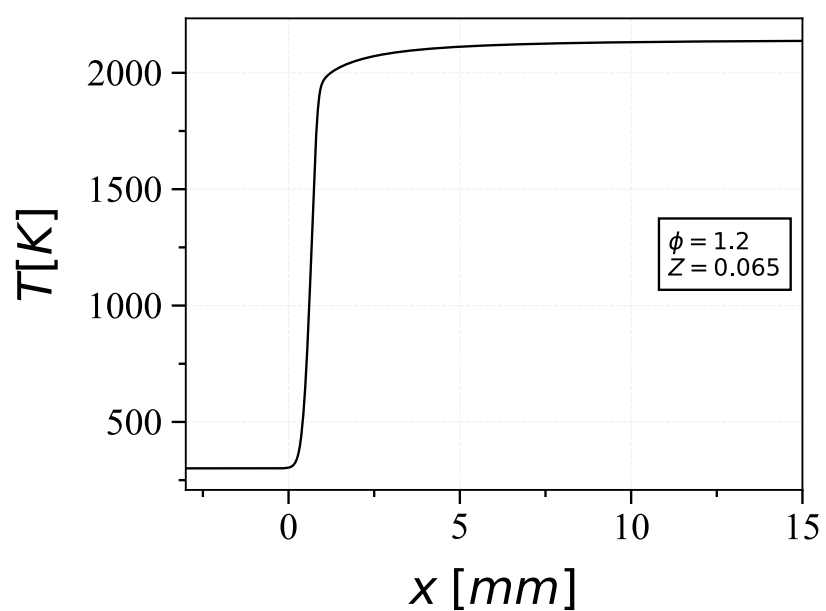
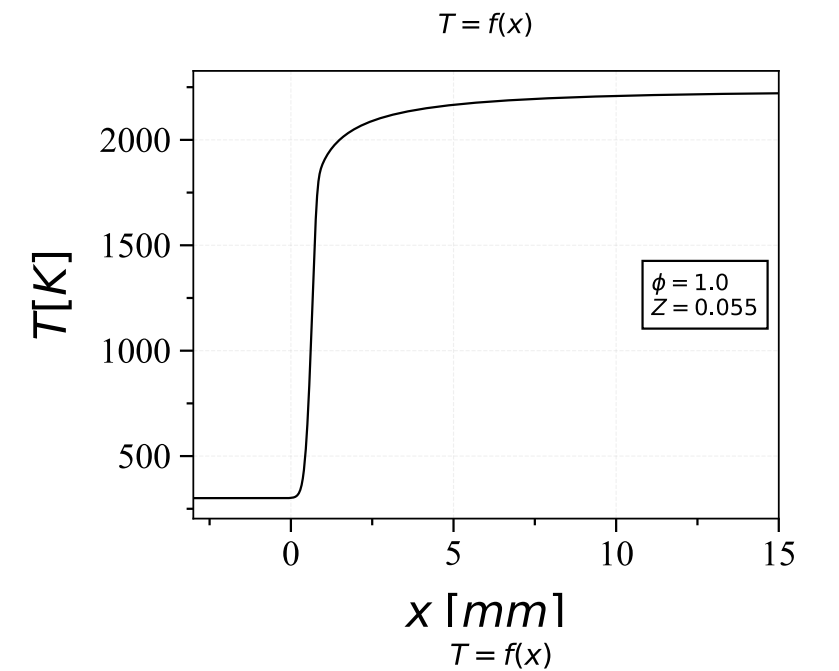
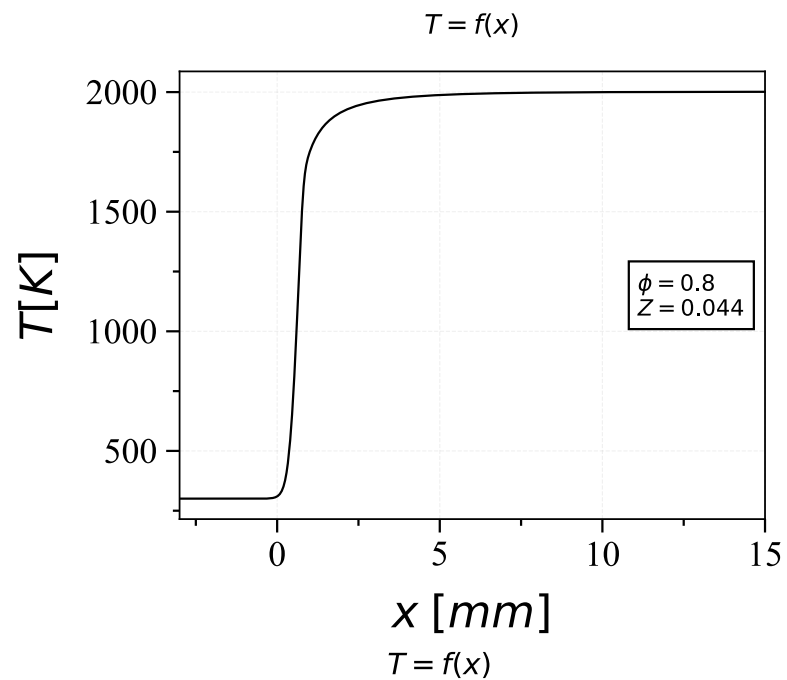
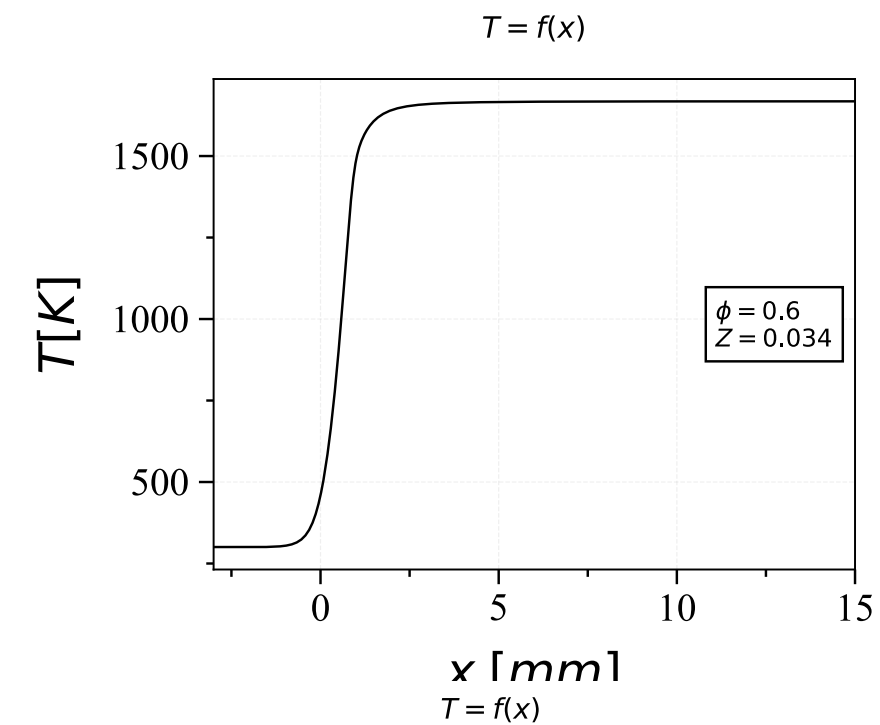
# Tabulated chemistry

## *Example: FPI & FGM*



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# COMPUTATION OF PREMIXED FLAMELETS IN PHYSICAL SPACE WITH DETAILED CHEMISTRY

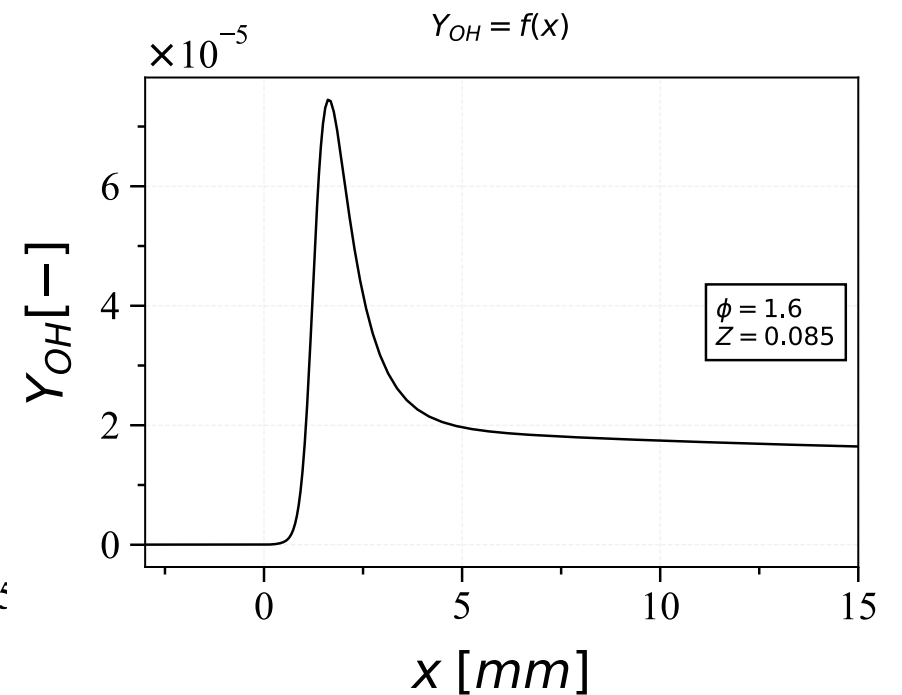
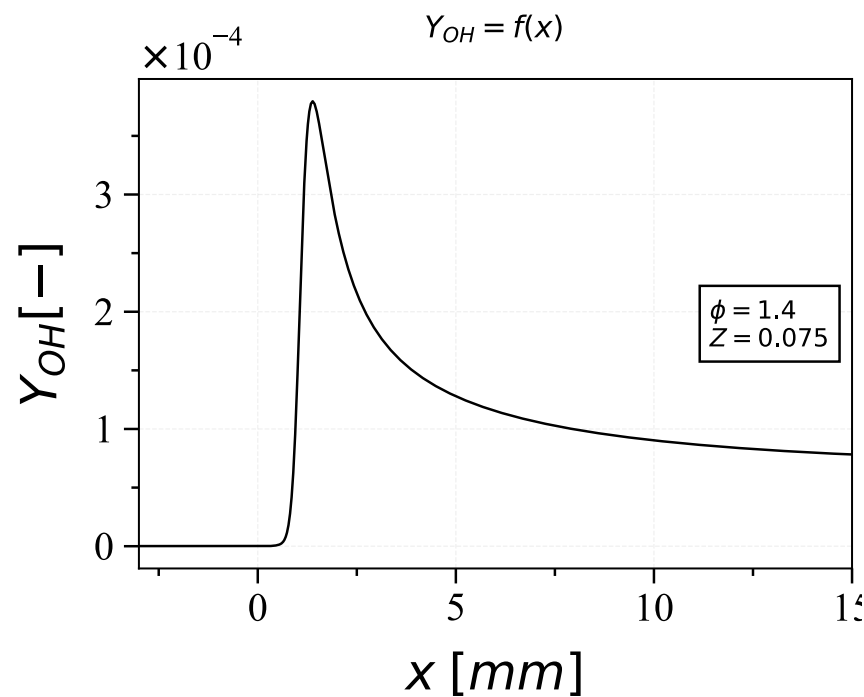
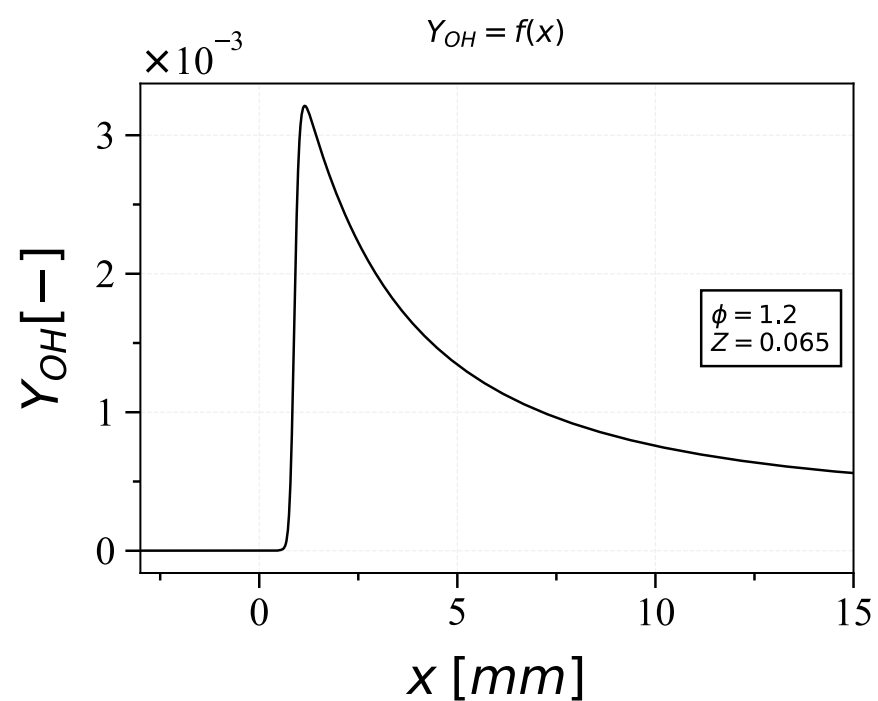
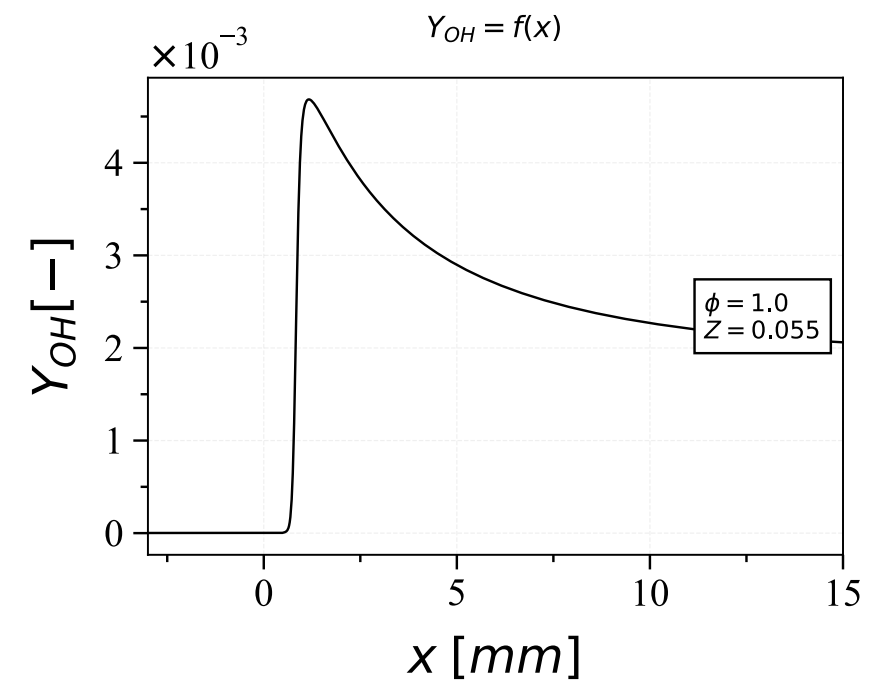
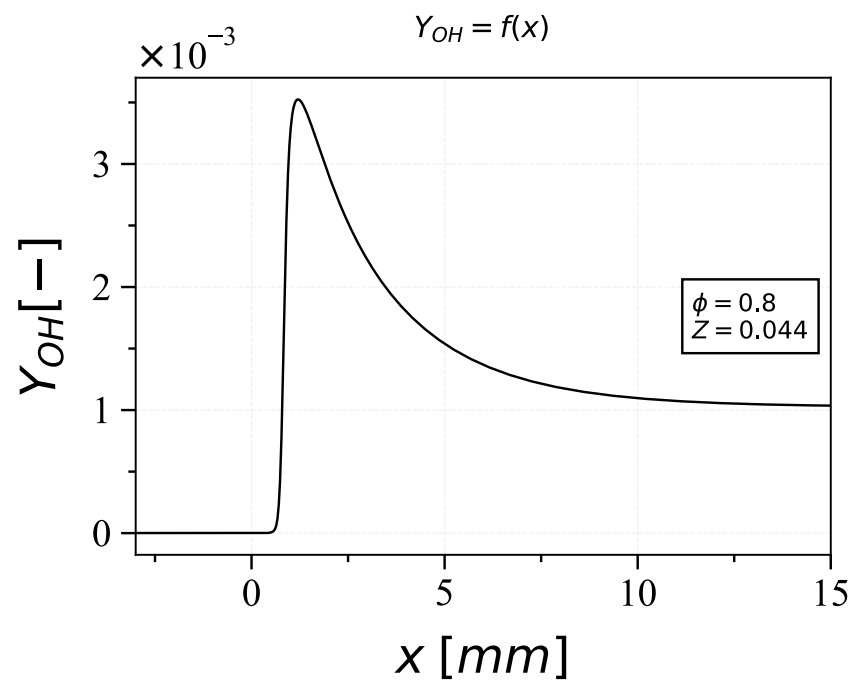
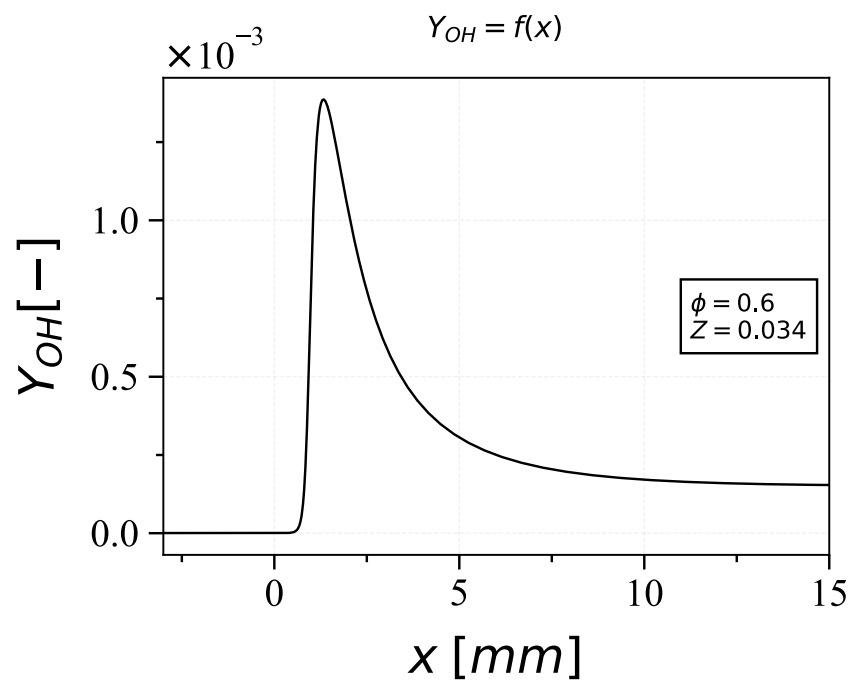


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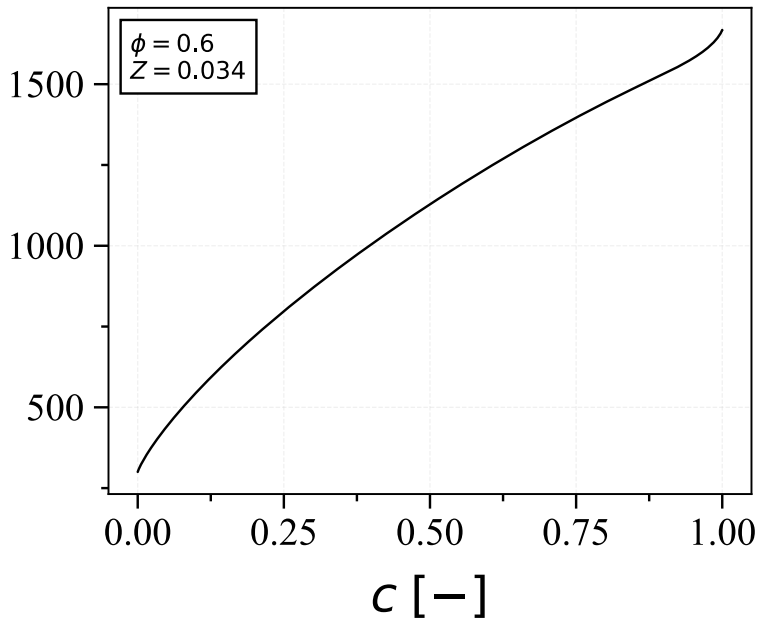


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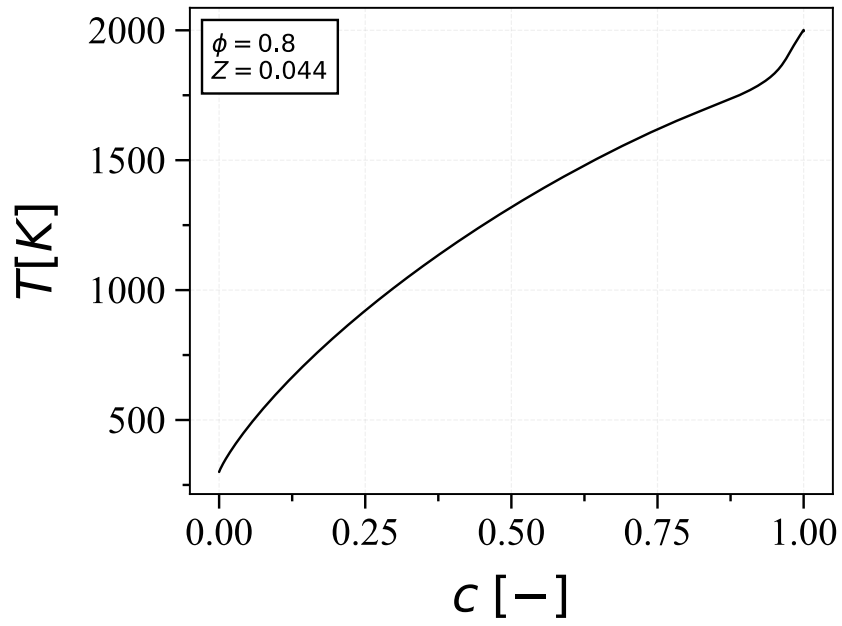
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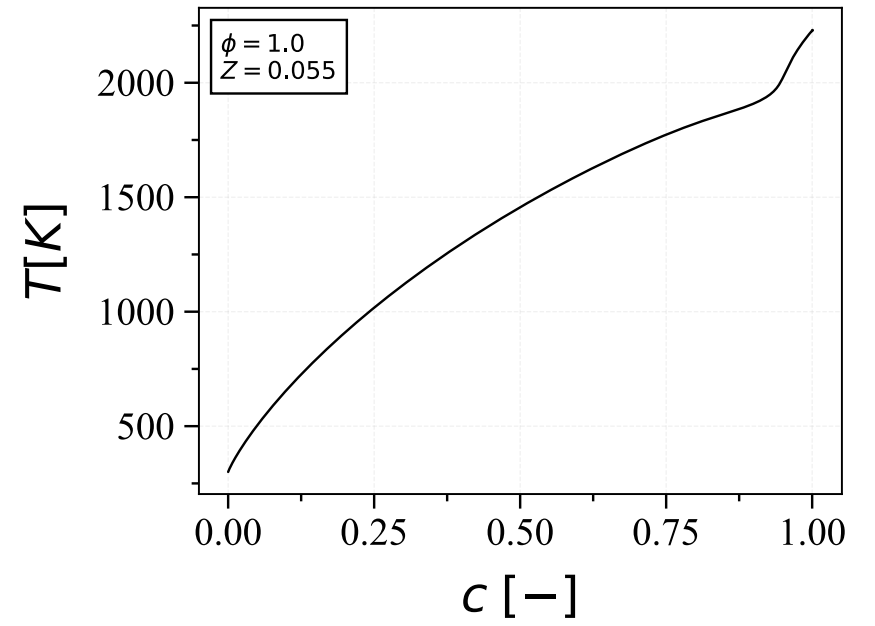
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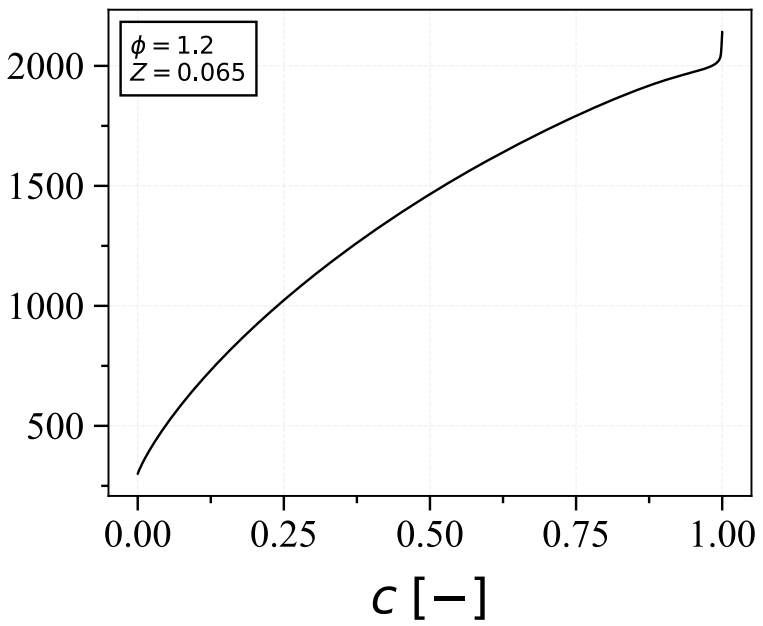
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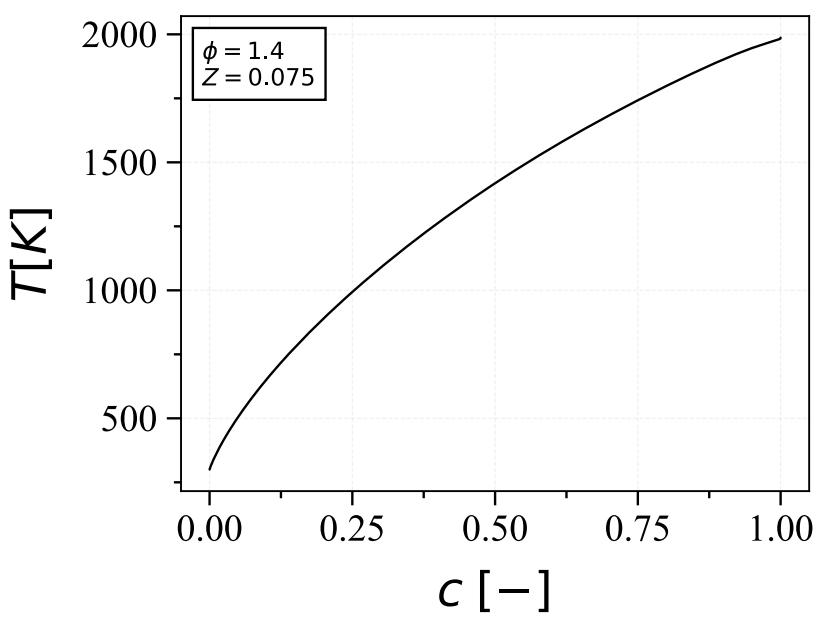
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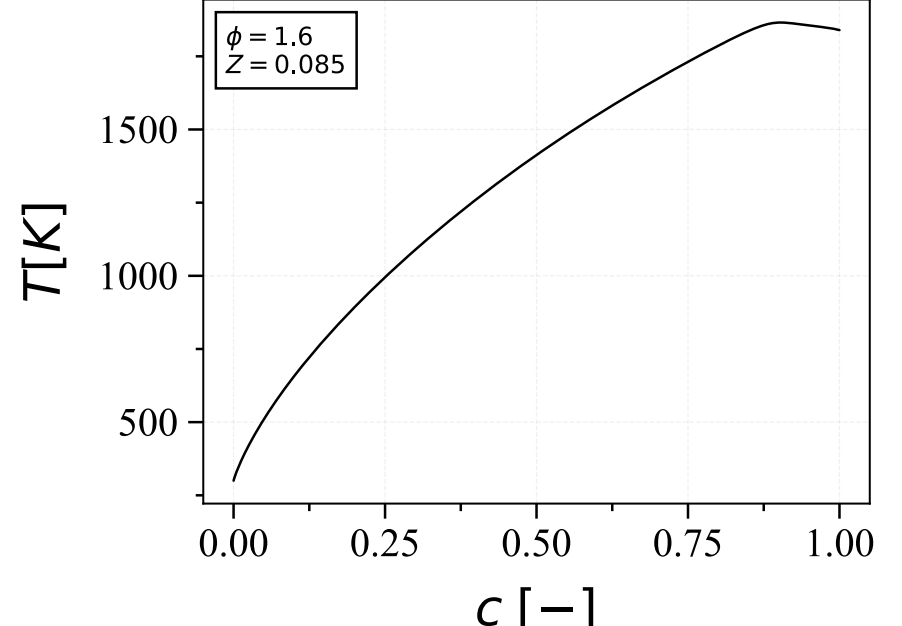
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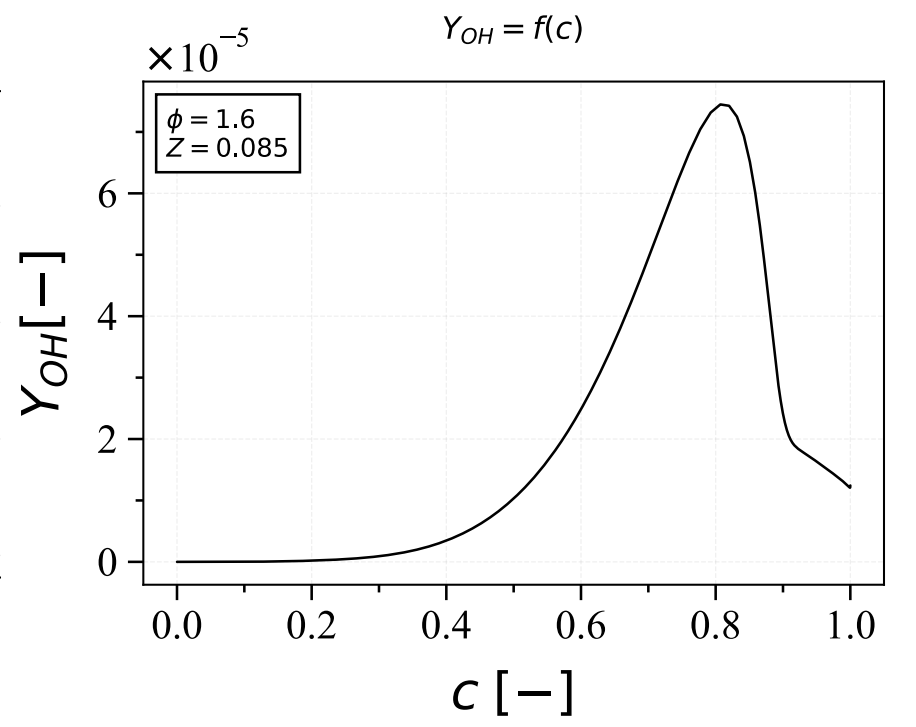
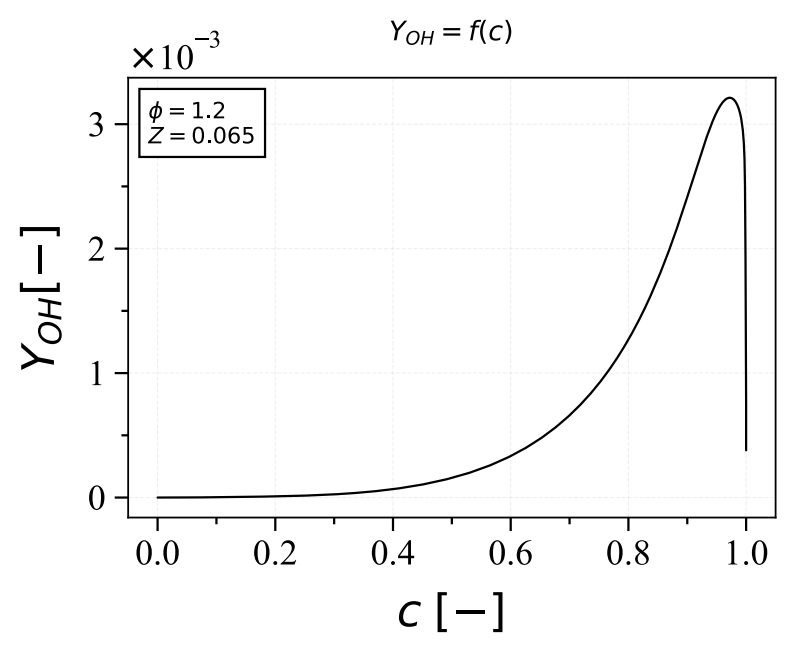
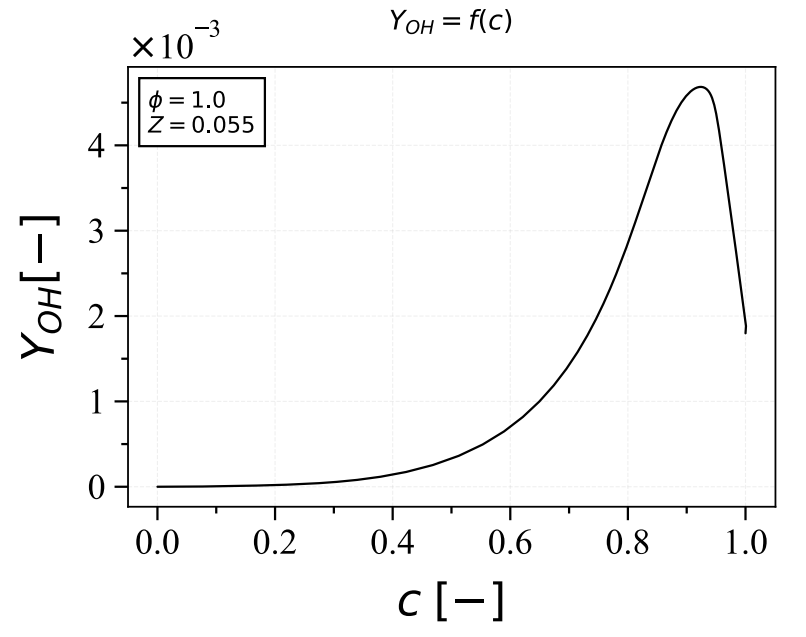
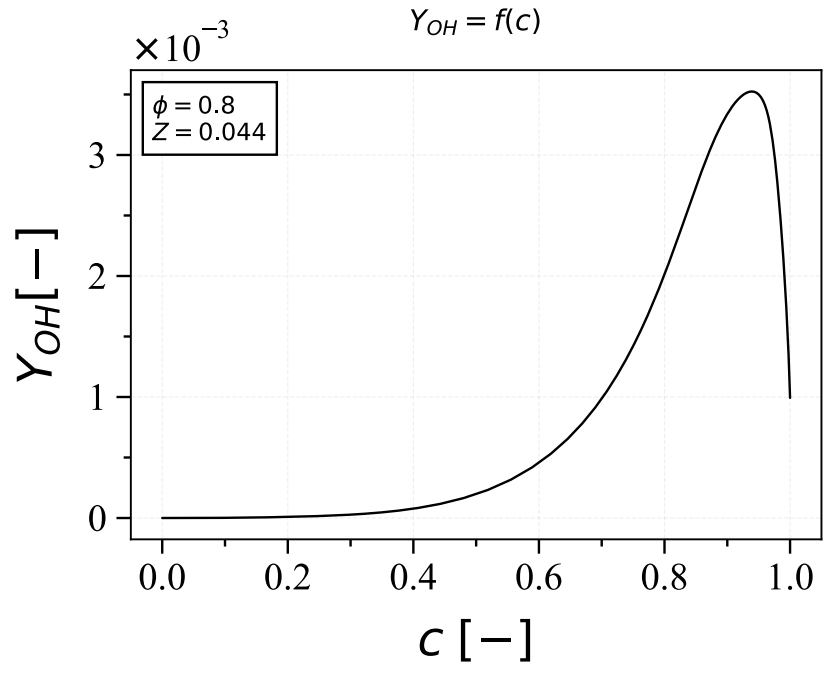
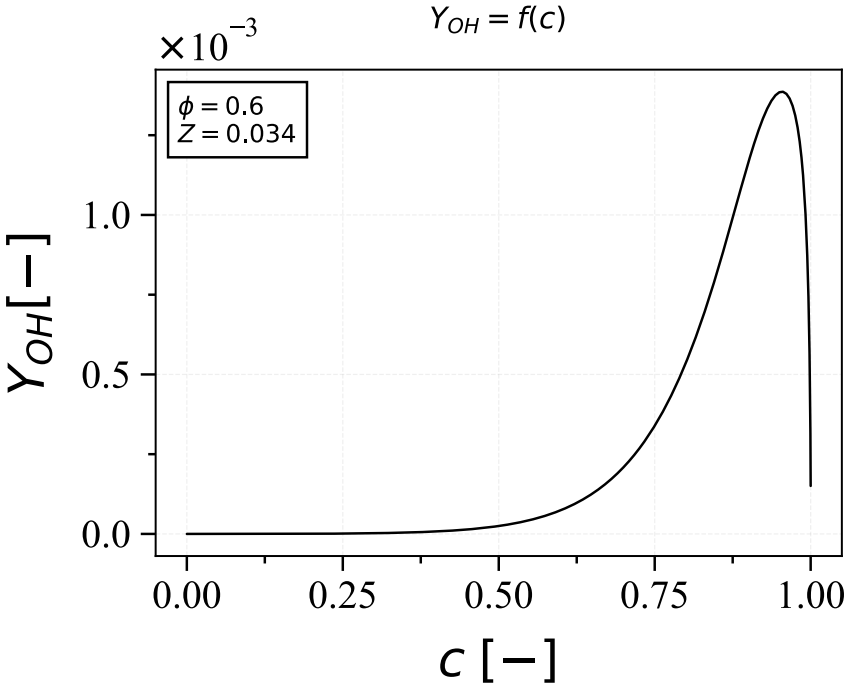


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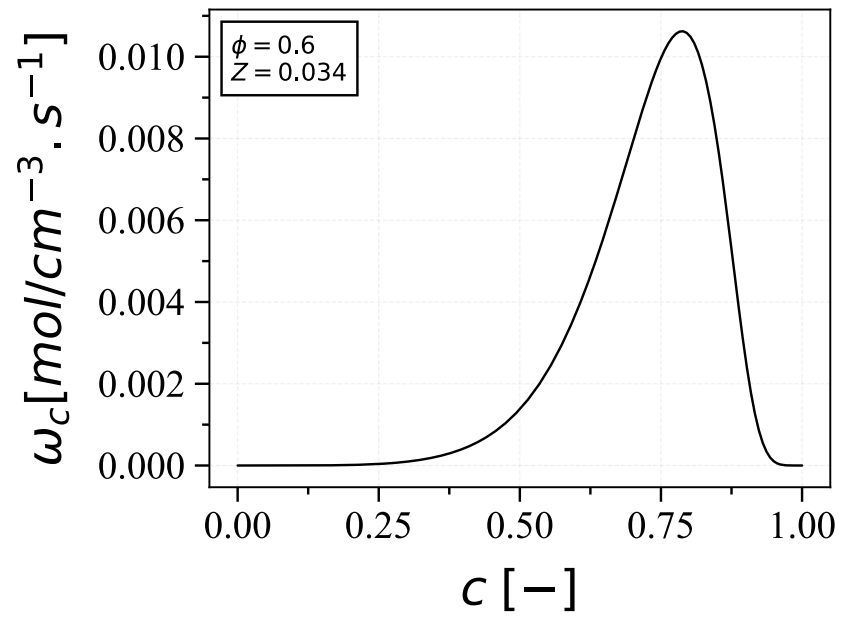
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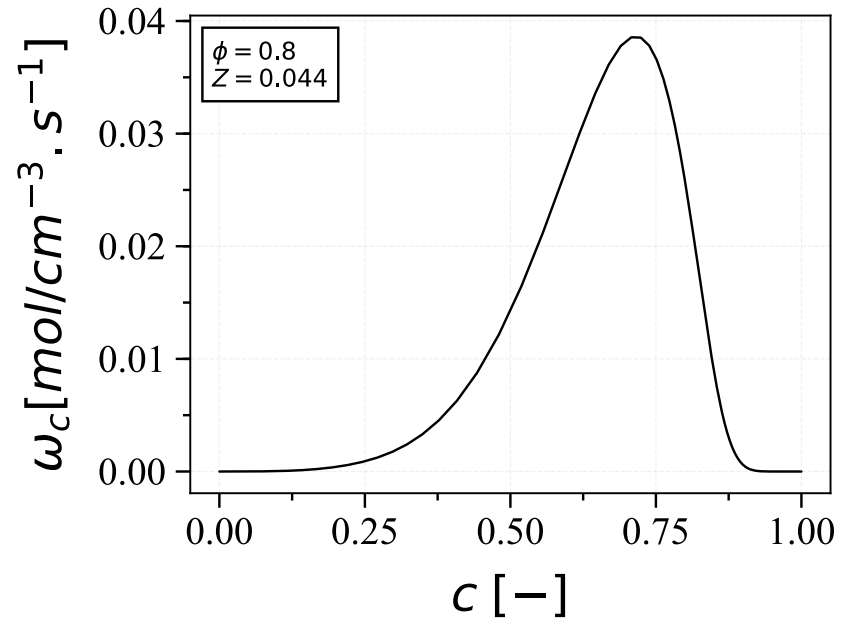
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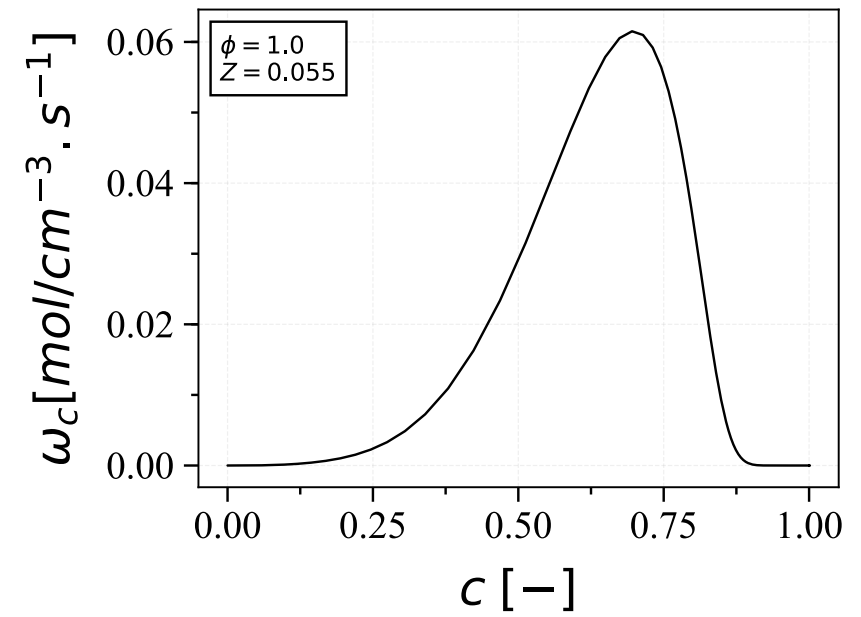
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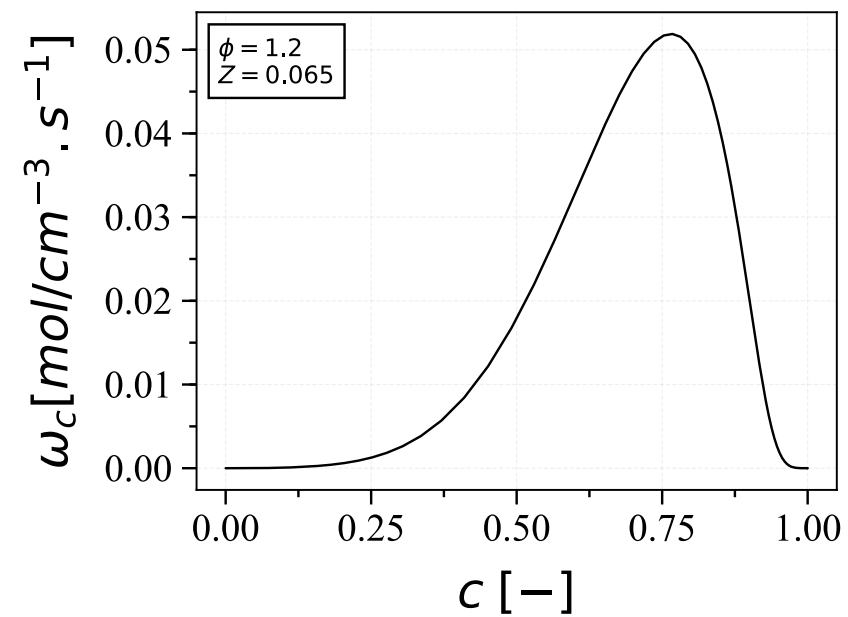
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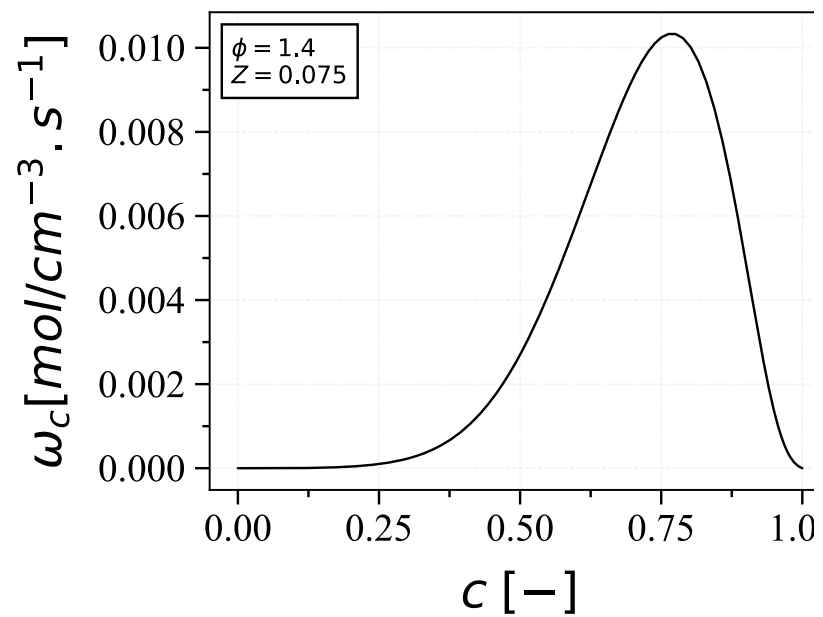
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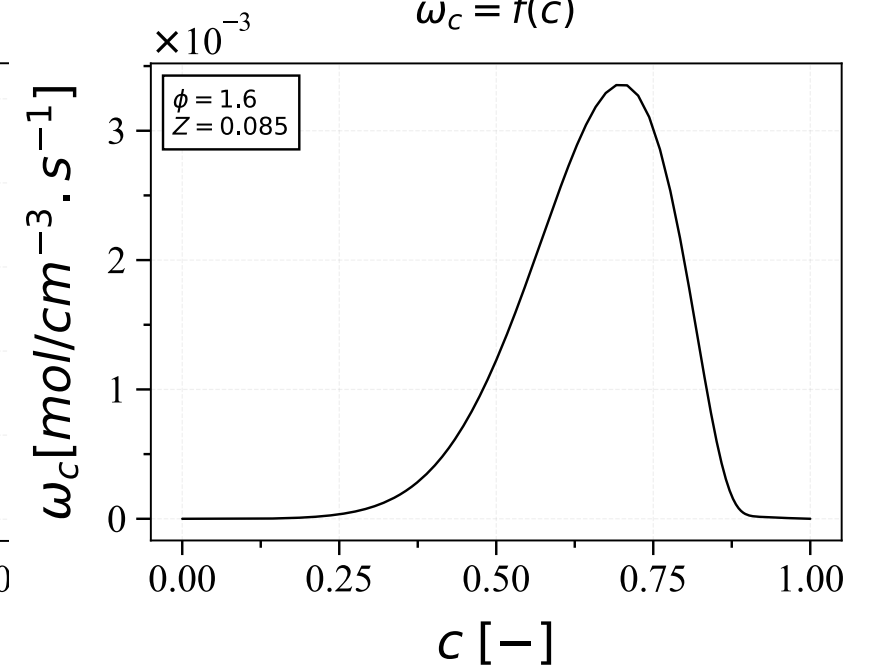
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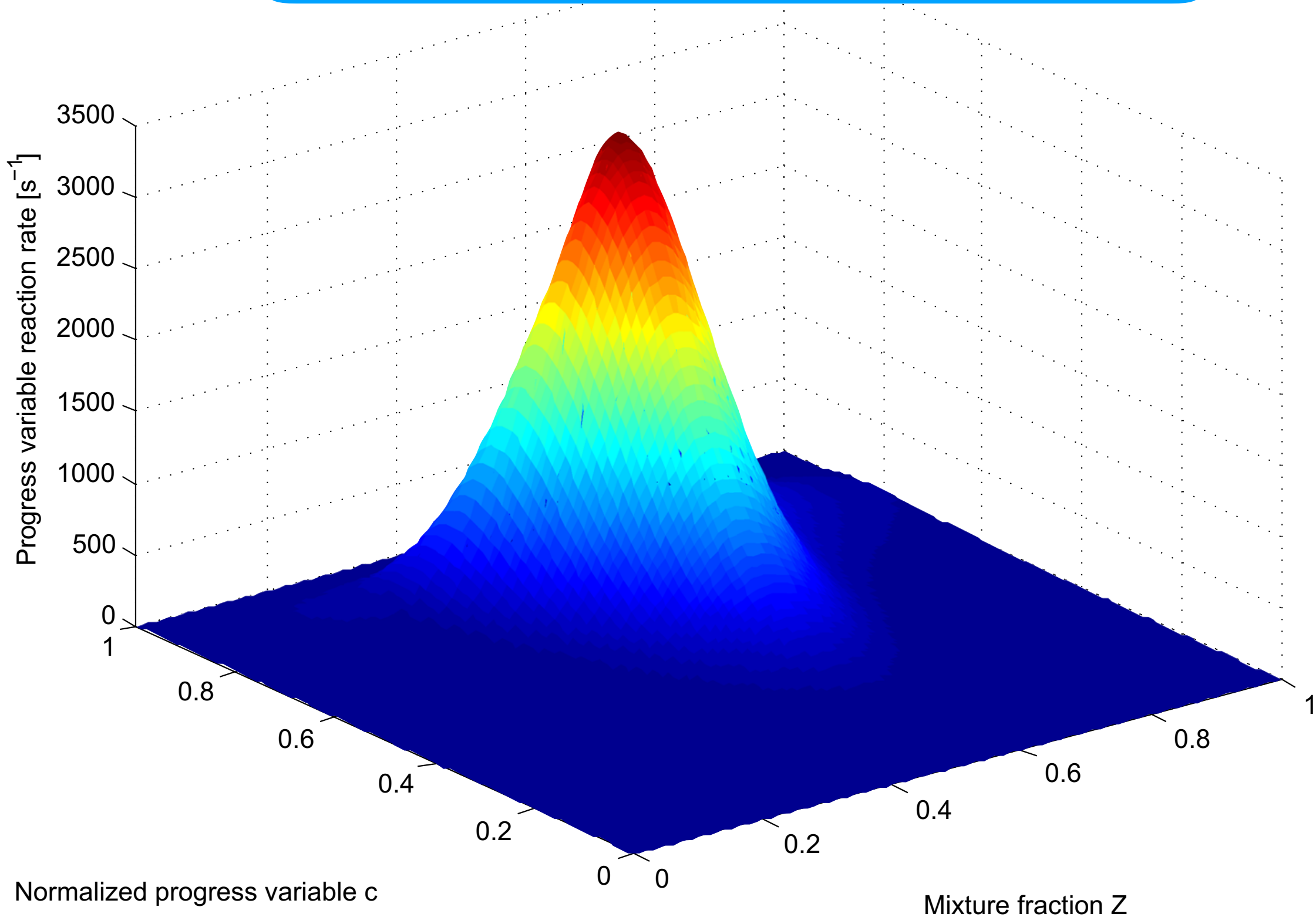


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# MAPPING IN A LOOK UP TABLE OF $N_c$ DIMENSIONS



$$\frac{\partial \rho}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho u_i) = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho u_j}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho u_i u_j) = -\frac{\partial P}{\partial x_j} + \frac{\partial \tau_{ij}}{\partial x_i} \quad P/\rho = rT$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho E}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho u_i E) = \dot{\omega}_T - \frac{\partial q_i}{\partial x_i} - \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(P u_i) + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_j}(\tau_{ij} u_i)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho Y_1}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho u_i Y_1) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho D_k \frac{\partial Y_1}{\partial x_i}) + \dot{\omega}_1$$

...

$$\frac{\partial \rho Y_k}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho u_i Y_k) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho D_k \frac{\partial Y_k}{\partial x_i}) + \dot{\omega}_k$$

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$$\frac{\partial \rho Y_n}{\partial t} + \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho u_i Y_n) = \frac{\partial}{\partial x_i}(\rho D_k \frac{\partial Y_n}{\partial x_i}) + \dot{\omega}_n$$

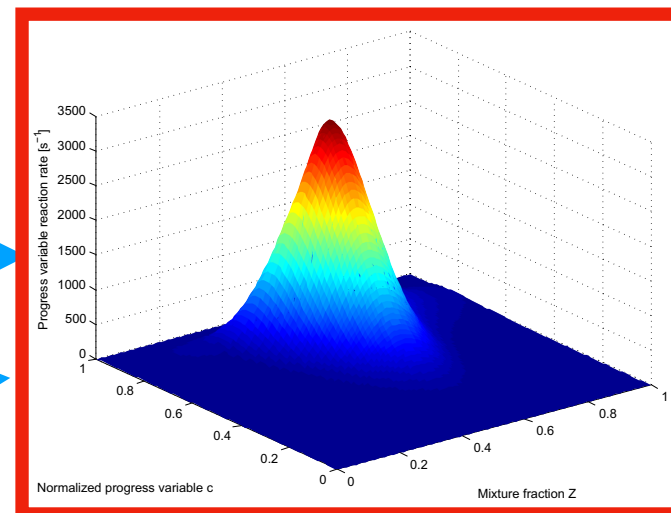
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$$\frac{\partial \rho z}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} z) = \nabla \cdot (\rho D \nabla z)$$

$$\frac{\partial \rho Y_c}{\partial t} + \nabla \cdot (\rho \mathbf{u} Y_c) = \nabla \cdot (\rho D \nabla Y_c) + W_c \dot{\omega}_c$$



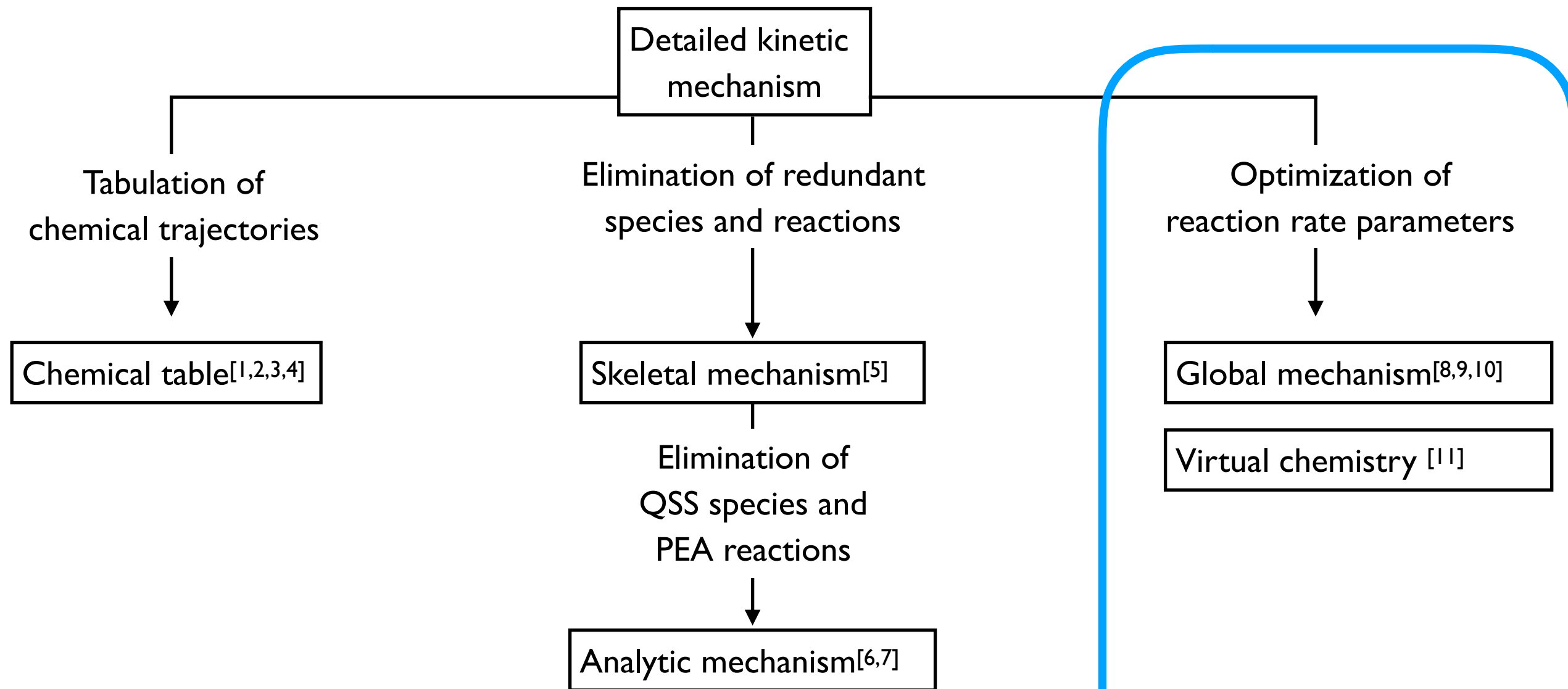
# Chemistry tabulation

- **Chemistry tabulation is accurate and efficient**
  - compare well with detailed chemistry solutions
  - dramatic decrease of dimensions
- **But there is no universal solution for tabulation**
  - depends on the flame regime: premixed, partially-premixed or non premixed
  - Number of coordinates increase with operating conditions: pressure, heat exchanges, dilution with burnt gases, initial temperature ...



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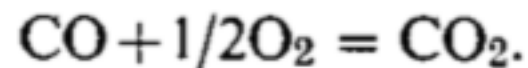
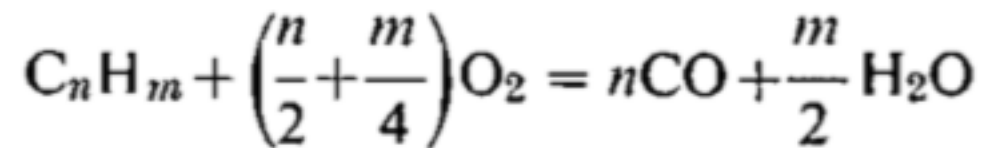
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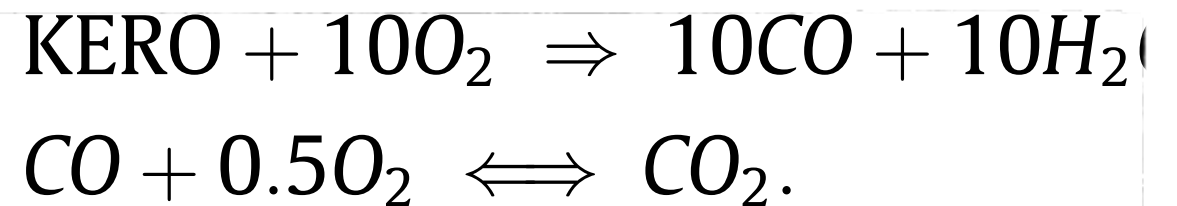
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# Global empirical chemistry

- 1) Selection of species and reactions
- 2) Optimization of reaction rate parameters to retrieve target flame properties



**Westbrook, C., Dryer, F.: Combust. Sci. Technol. 27, 31 (1981)**



$$k_{f,1} = A_1 f_1(\phi) e^{(-E_{a,1}/RT)} [KERO]^{n_{KERO}} [O_2]^{n_{O_2}},$$

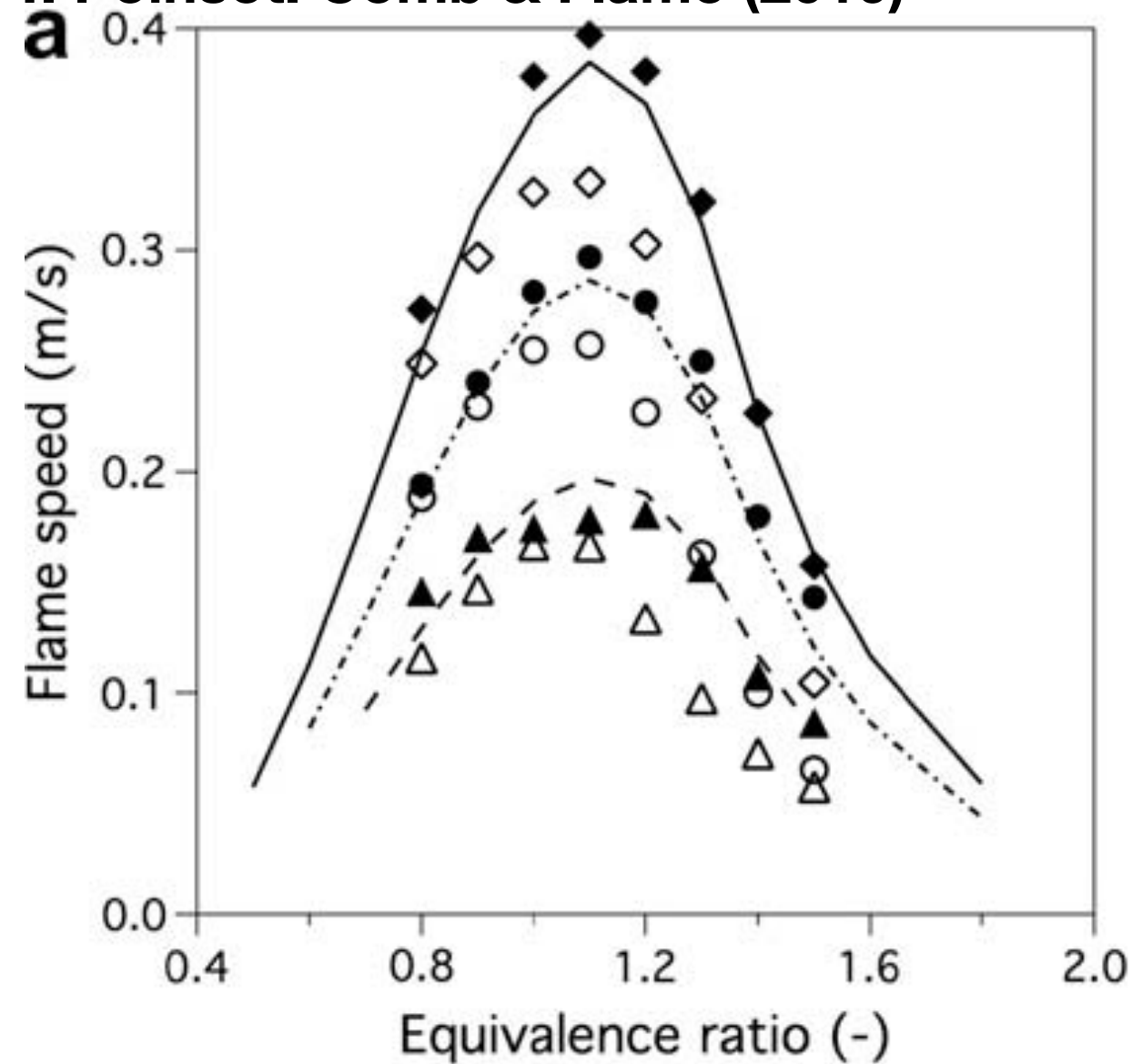
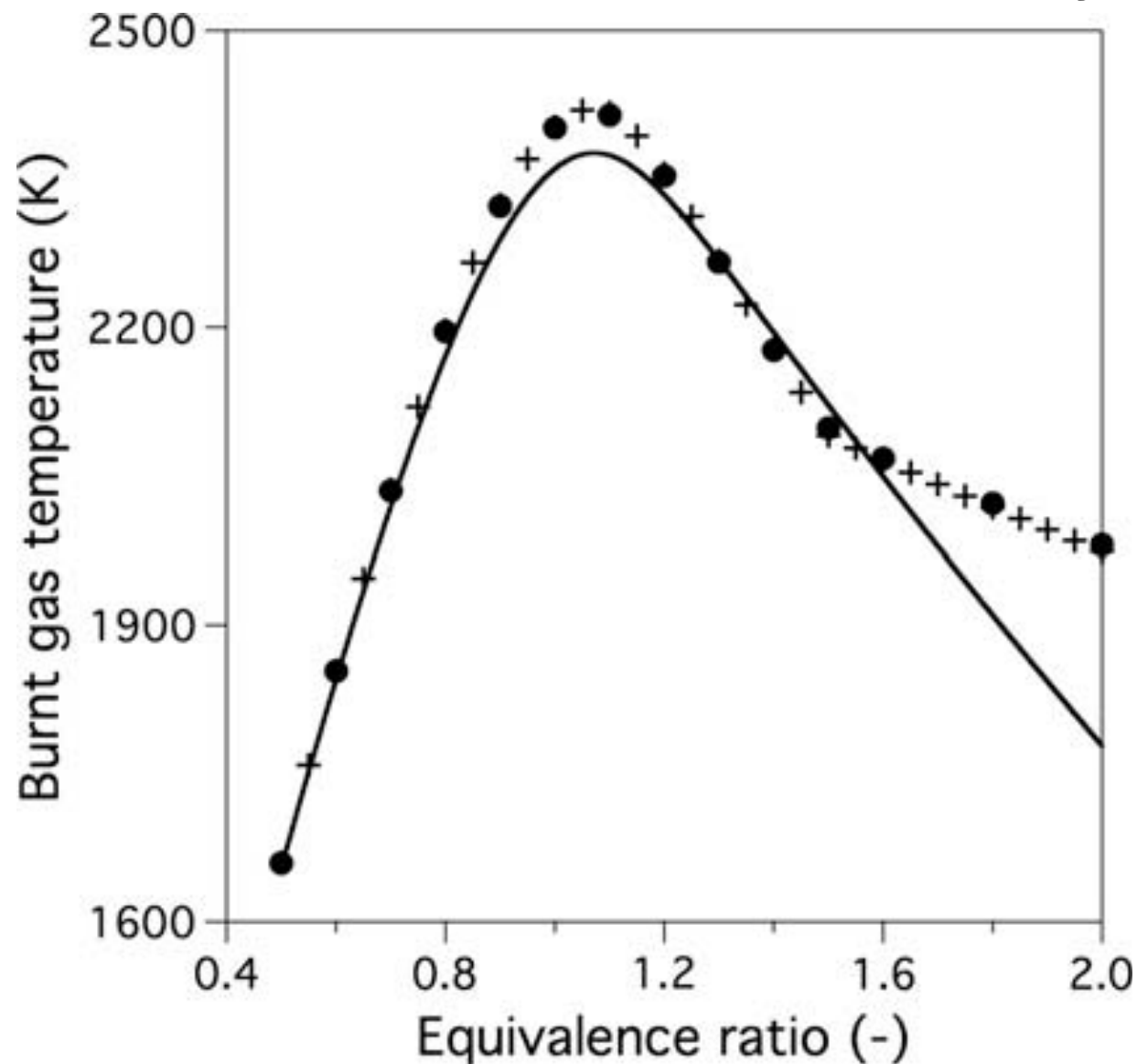
$$k_{f,2} = A_2 f_2(\phi) e^{(-E_{a,2}/RT)} [CO]^{n_{CO}} [O_2]^{n_{O_2,2}},$$

**B. Franzelli, E. Riber, M. Sanjosé, T. Poinsot. Comb & Flame (2010)**

# Global empirical chemistry

## *Kerosen - Air combustion*

B. Franzelli, E. Riber, M. Sanjosé, T. Poinsot. *Comb & Flame* (2010)



- Flame speed is well retrieved
- not enough species to get the flame temperature in rich regions
- Pollutant are not captured ... CO is not CO

# Virtual chemistry

Number of virtual species



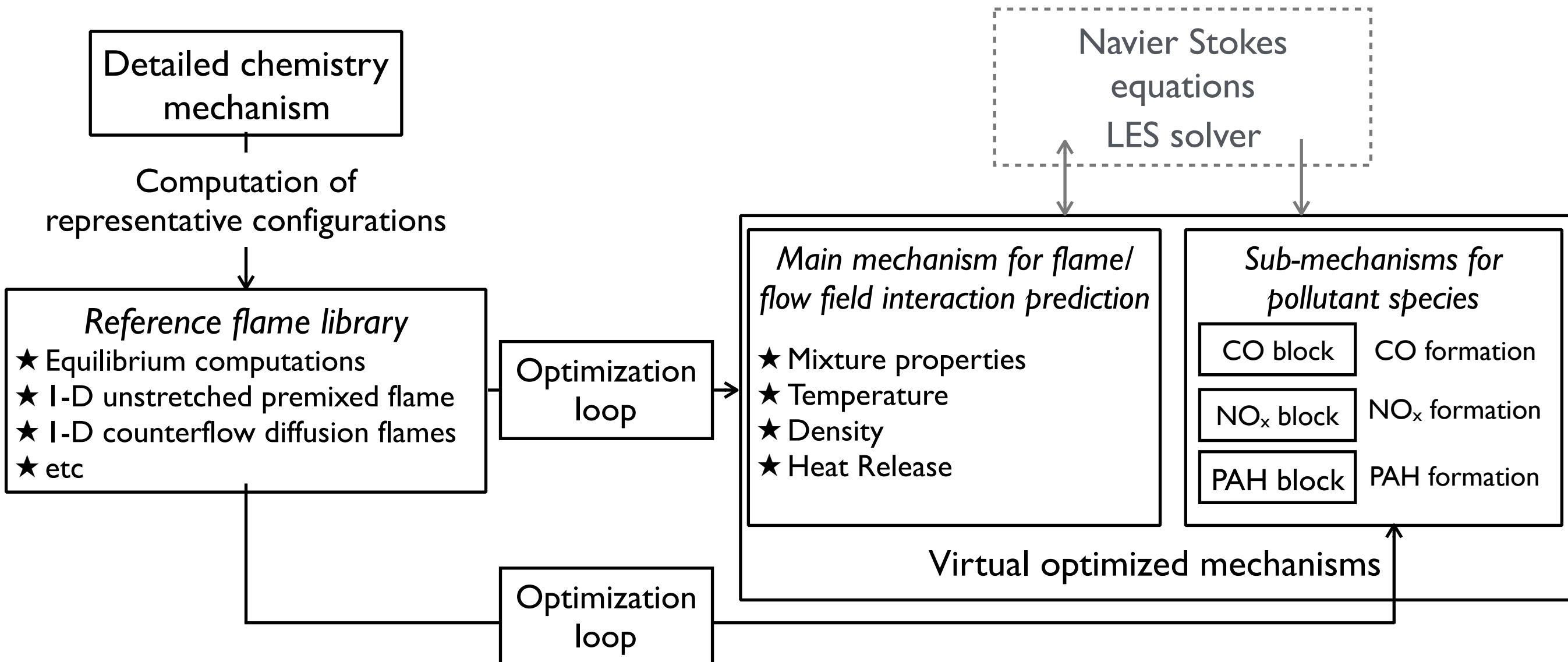
1) building-up a reduced chemical mechanism from scratch

2) using virtual species and reactions whose chemical rate constants and thermo-chemical properties are optimized

**M. Cailler, N. Darabiha, D. Veynante and B. Fiorina. Building-up virtual optimized mechanism for flame modeling. Proceeding of the Combustion Institute (2017)**

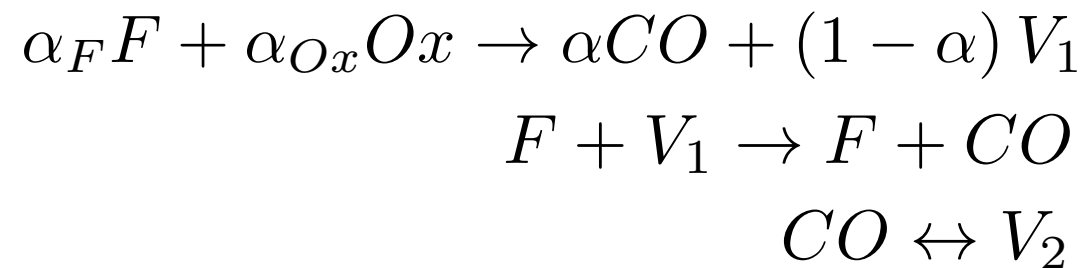
# Virtual optimized mechanisms architecture

- Virtual optimized chemistry approach relies on
  - The optimization of reaction rate parameters and virtual species physical properties
  - The use of sub-mechanisms for dedicated flame property prediction



# Sub-mechanism for CO prediction

- Optimization of kinetic scheme and reaction rate parameters
  - Three-step mechanism



- Rate of progress:

$$q_3 = A_3 f_3 (Y_D^v) \exp\left(\frac{-E_{a,3}}{RT}\right) [F]^{F_F^3} [Ox]^{F_{Ox}^3}$$

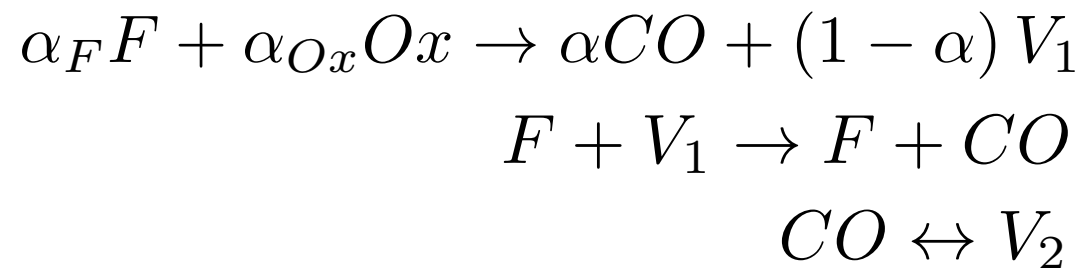
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Pre-tabulated to capture  $Y_{CO}$  at equilibrium

# Sub-mechanism for CO prediction

- Optimization of kinetic scheme and reaction rate parameters
  - Three-step mechanism



- Rate of progress:

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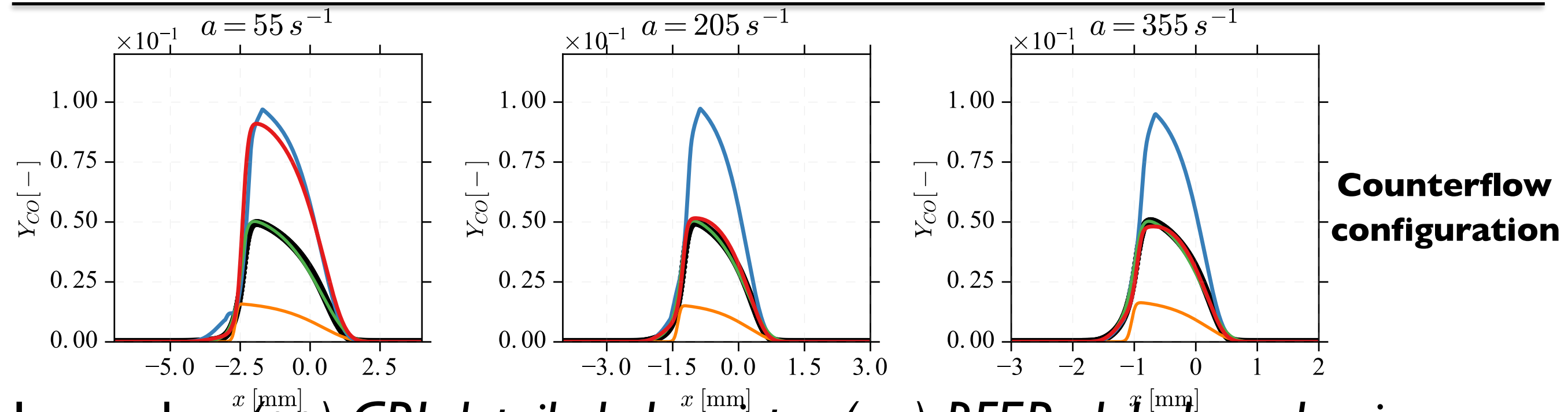
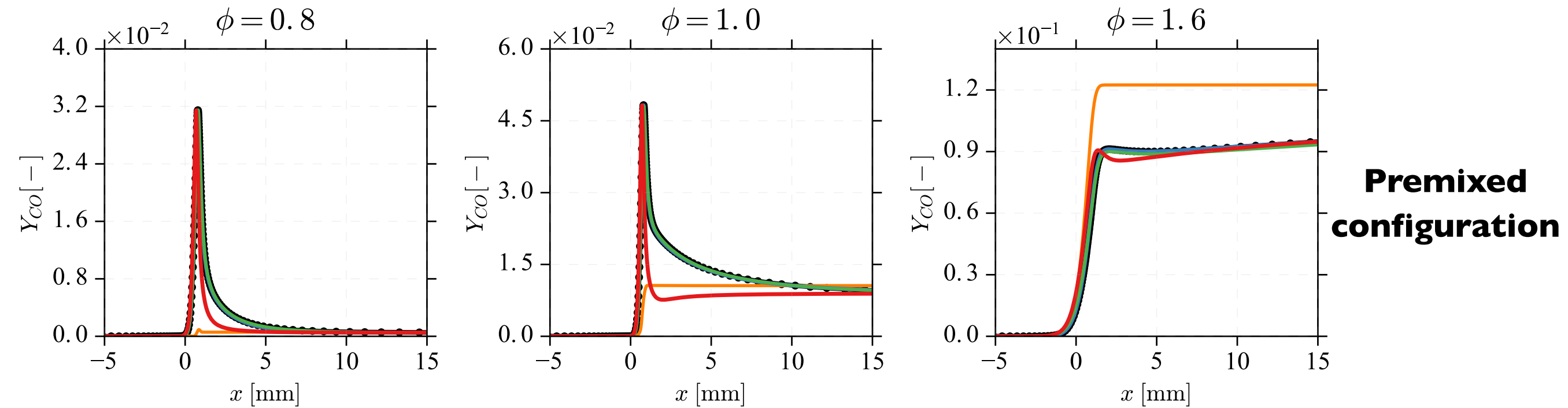
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- $A_i, E_{a,i}, F_{k,i}, f_4$  and  $f_5$  are optimized through an in-house genetic algorithm

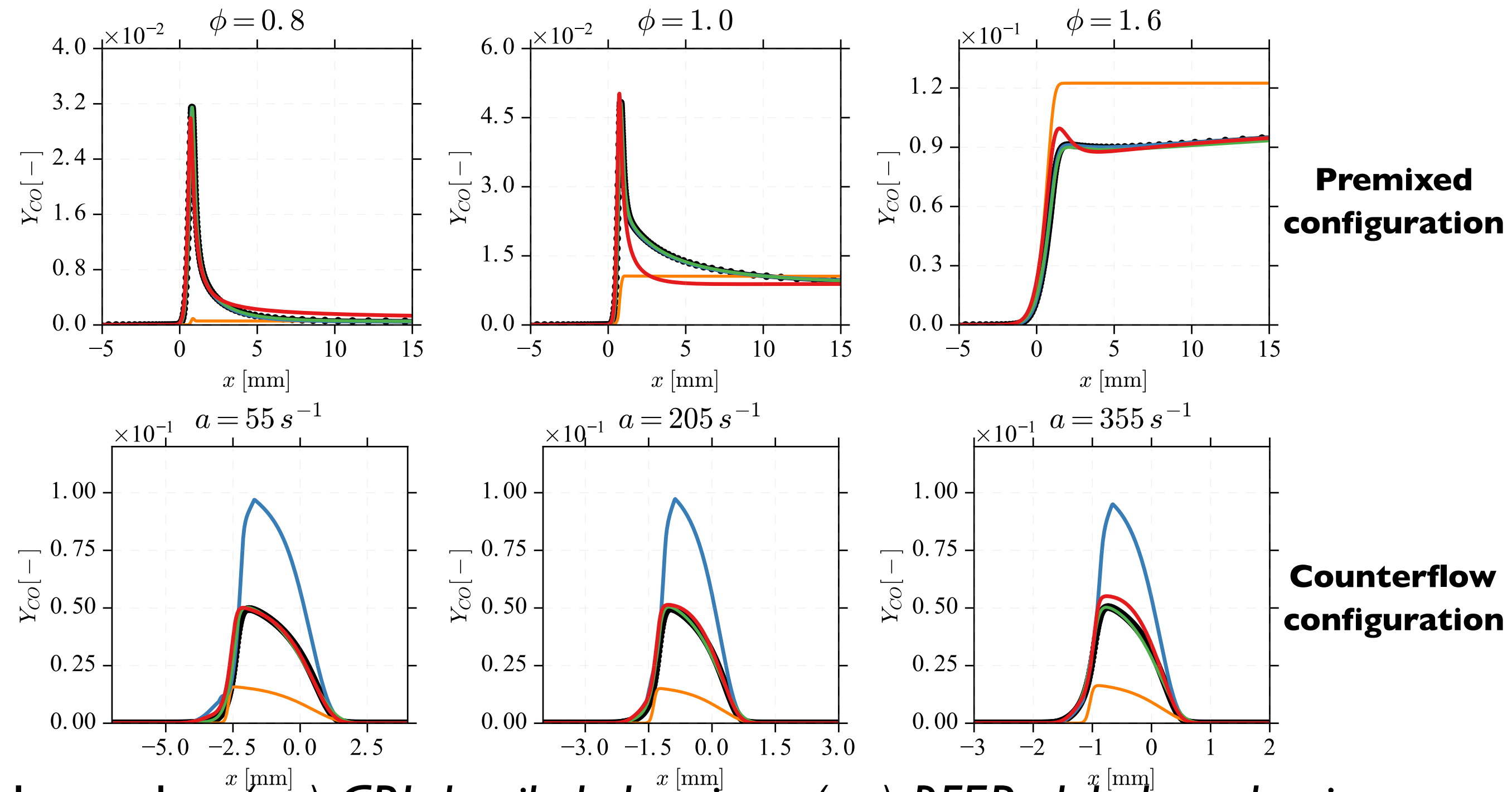
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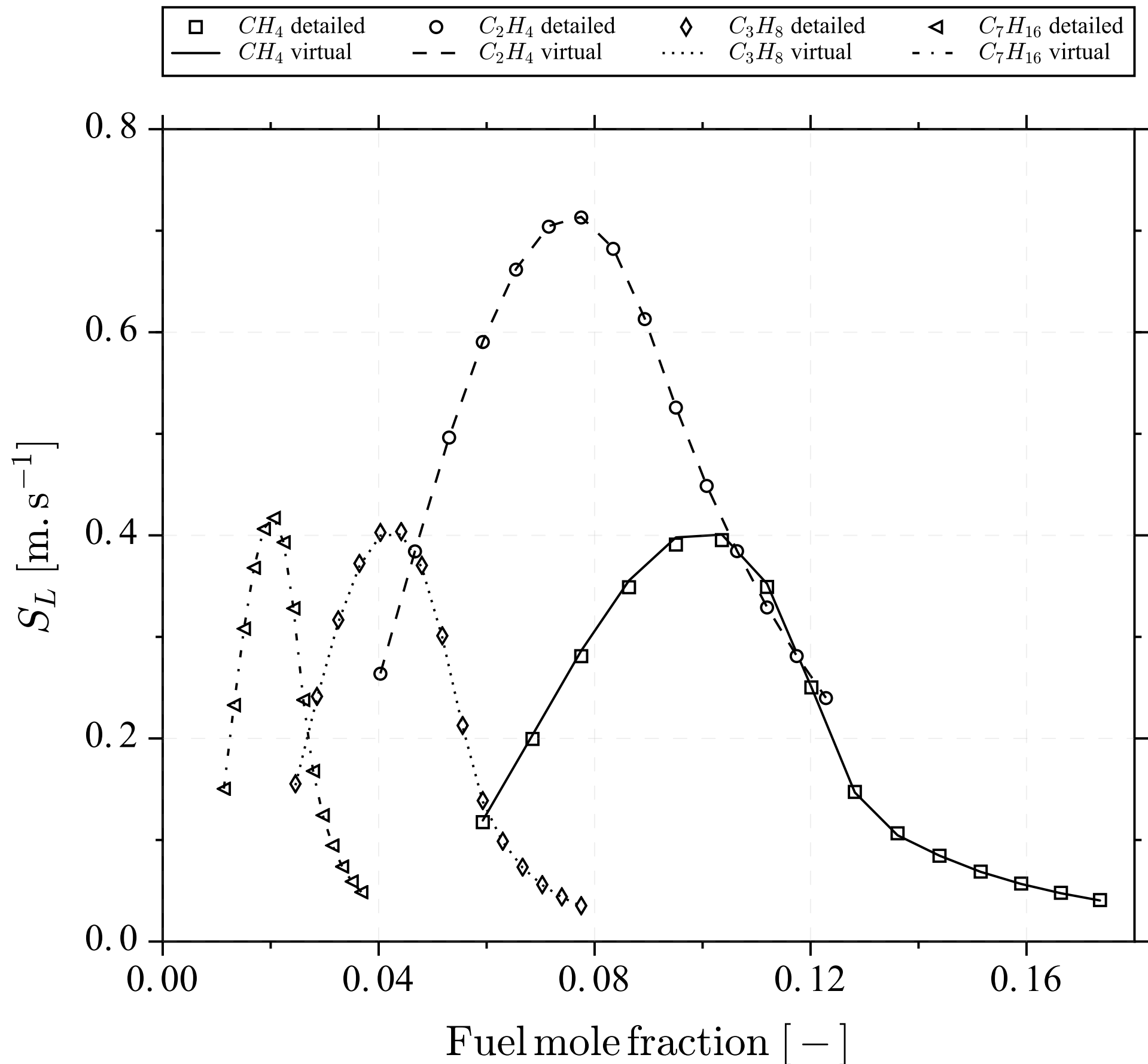


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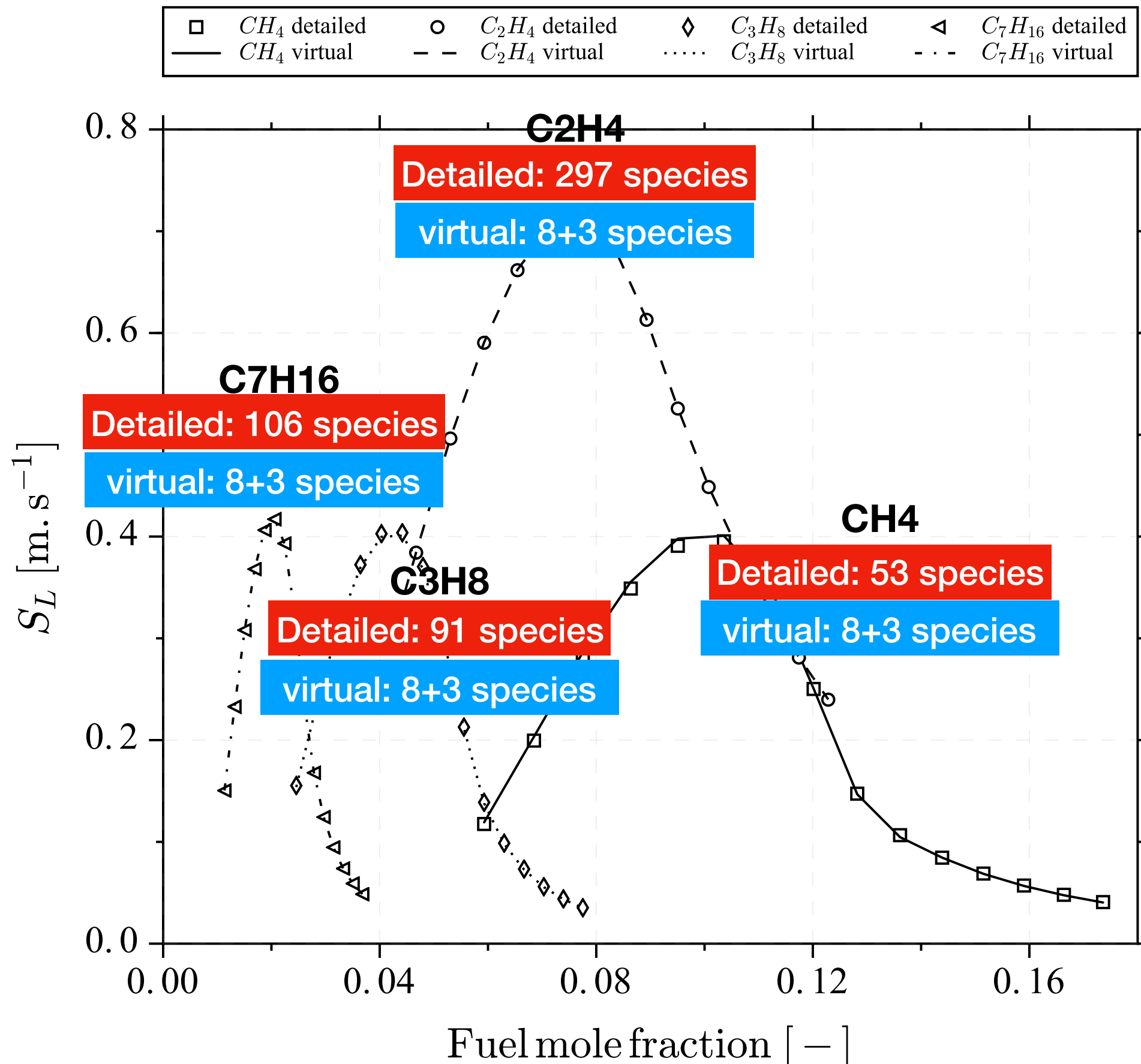


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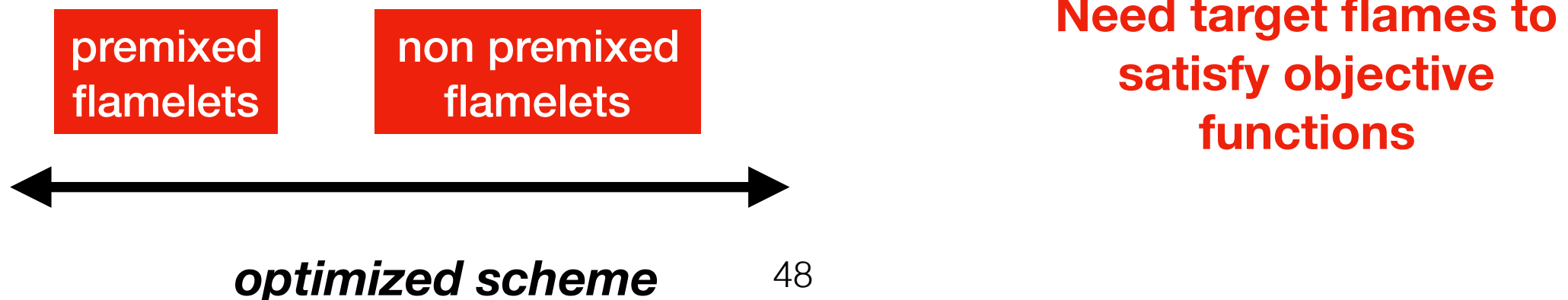
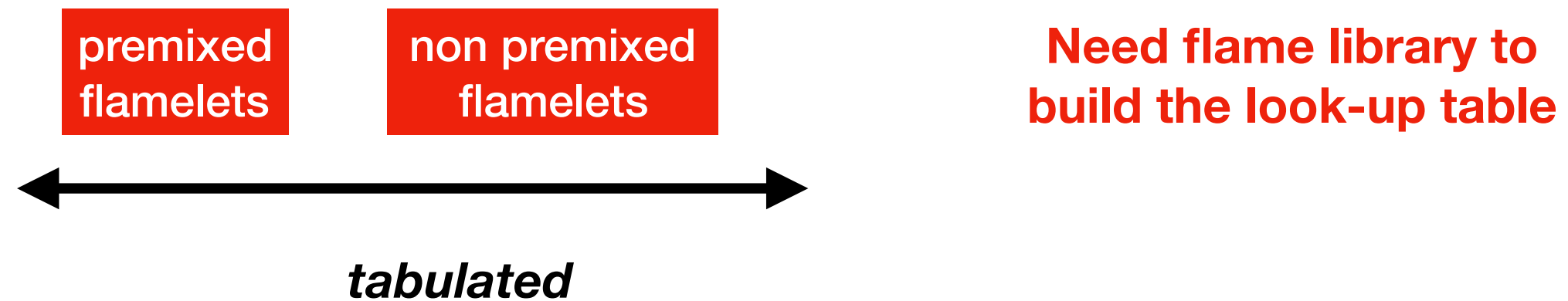
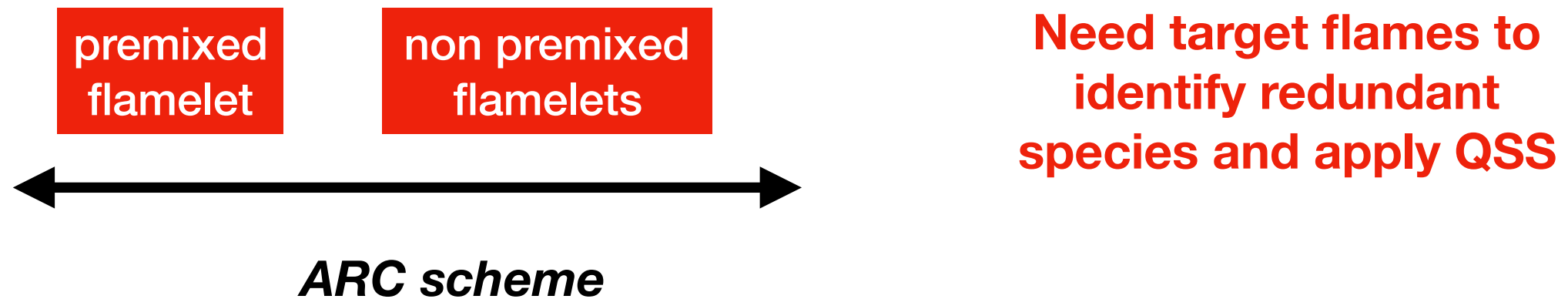
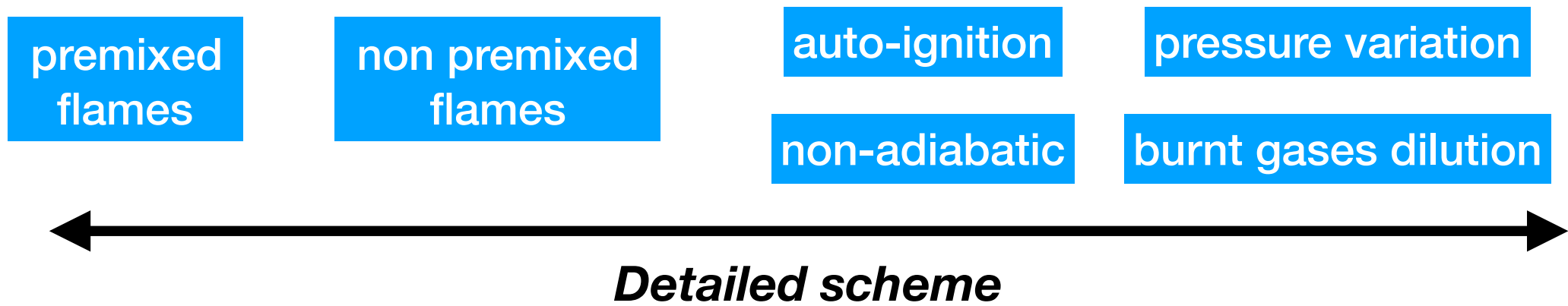
# Heavier fuels



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# REDUCED OR TABULATED OR OPTIMIZED ?



# Conclusion

## Tabulated chemistry

- ✓ very efficient on canonical configuration
- less suitable to « complex » flame structure where many flame regimes are encountered
  - A single flamelet is non sufficient to build the table:
    - Which flamelet archetypes to tabulate ?
    - How to map a database with different archetypes?
    - New coordinates are needed. How to close the look-up table coordinates balance equations ?

# Conclusion

## Analytically Reduced Chemistry

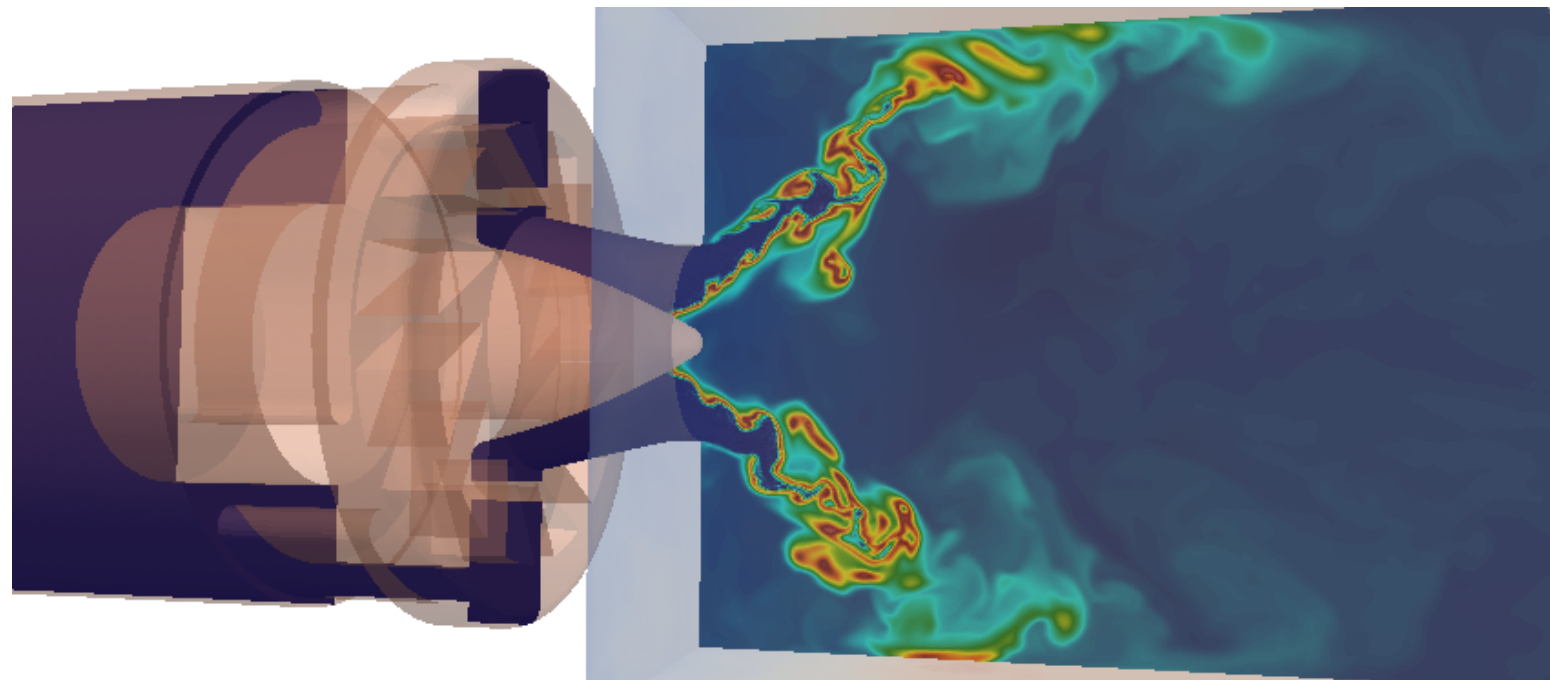
- ✓ Progress have been made to automatize the generation of ARC mechanisms
- ✓ Massively computing facilities make possible their use in CFD
- still expensive as many species remains to be transported
- stiffness of reaction rates

# Conclusion

## Virtual Chemistry

- ✓ Enables the prediction of pollutant with a few reactions
- ✓ Size does not depends on the fuel
- mechanisms and sub-mechanisms structure remains to be automatized
- intuitive identification of the degree of freedoms

# Chemistry is reduced to compute turbulent flames

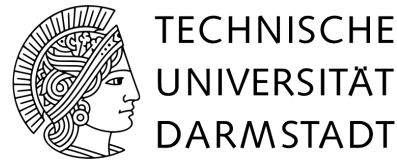


*Preccinsta burner simulation with virtual chemistry (G. Maio PhD)*

... a few examples



# Joined comparative study, TNF 2012 and 2014



Research groups have developed their own computational strategies

- different turbulent combustion models
- different codes with different numerics
- different meshes
- different computational domains
- different phd students who run and analyse the computations

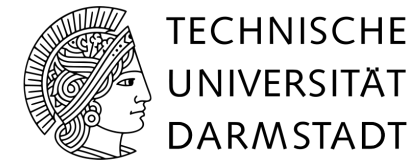
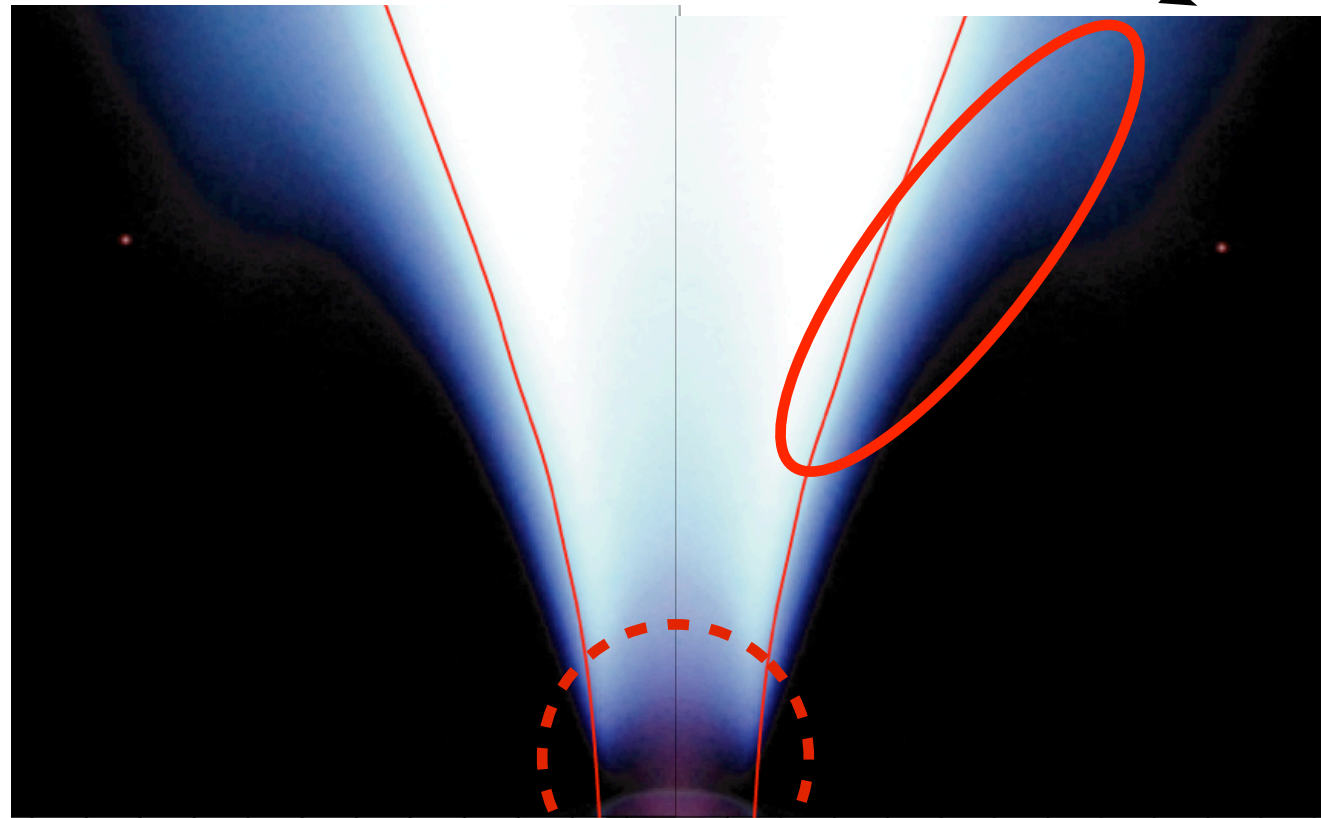
**We cannot conclude on specific submodel performances with this exercise !**

**But aim is to illustrate the state of the art**

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# TSFA: no shear layer / stratification

stratification zones



LDV measurements:

- Axial/radial velocity

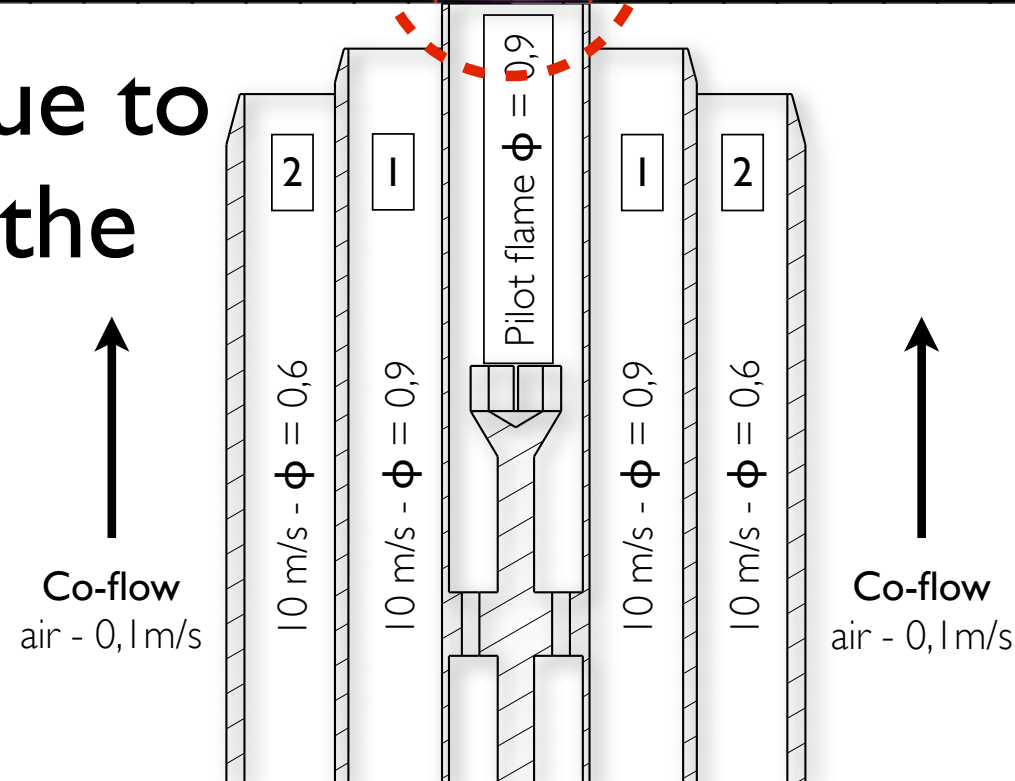
Raman/Rayleigh measurements:

- $T - Y_{O_2} - Y_{CH_4} - Y_{CO_2} - Y_{H_2O} - Y_{N_2}$

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Flame lifting due to heat losses at the burner lips

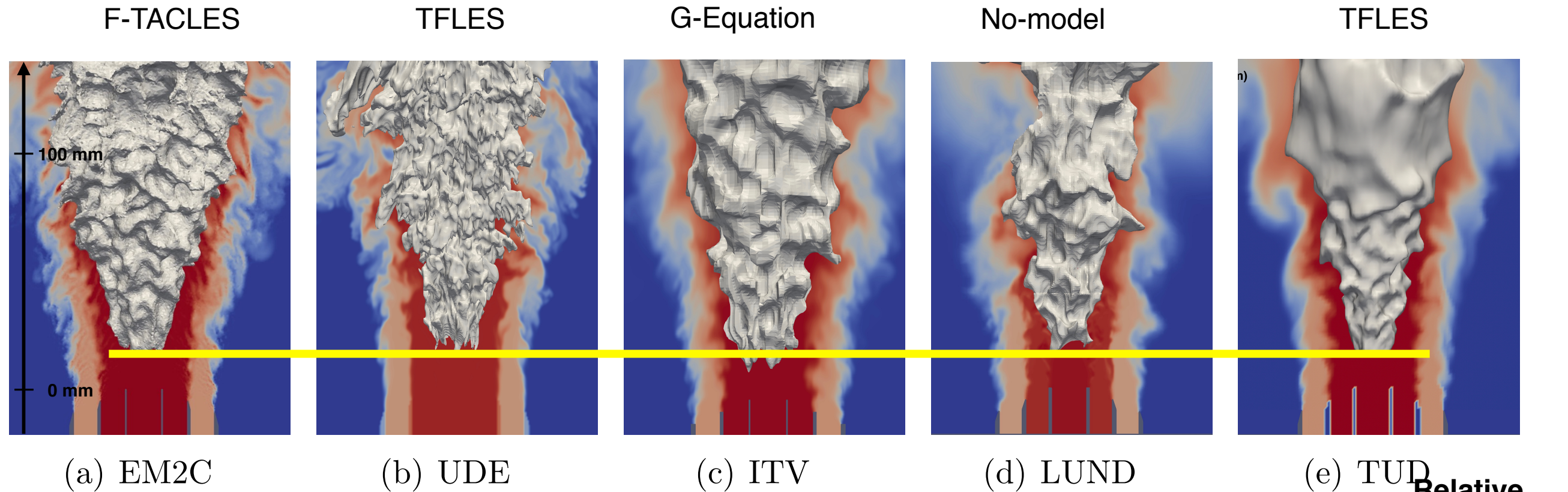


Longitudinal cut of the TSF burner

Turbulent Combustion model	Chemistry modeling	Kinetic scheme	Flame resolution management	Flame wrinkling model
ATF-FGM (TUD)	Tabulated chemistry (premixed flamelets)	GRI3.0 Lewis number unity [25]	Thickening	Charlette <i>et al.</i> [21]
F-TACLES (EM2C)	Tabulated chemistry (premixed flamelets)	Lindstedt [34]	Filtering	Charlette <i>et al.</i> [21]
Coupled G-C (ITV)	Tabulated chemistry (premixed flamelets)	Peters & Rogg [35]	Level-set	Pitsch [15]
NCM (LUND)	Semi-global scheme	Jones & Lindstedt [36]	Resolved	None
FSD (UDE)	Flame speed tabulation	GRI3.0 Lewis number unity [25]	None (see Sec. 2.6.2)	Fureby [27]

4 « Tabulated chemistry »

1 « No turbulent combustion model »



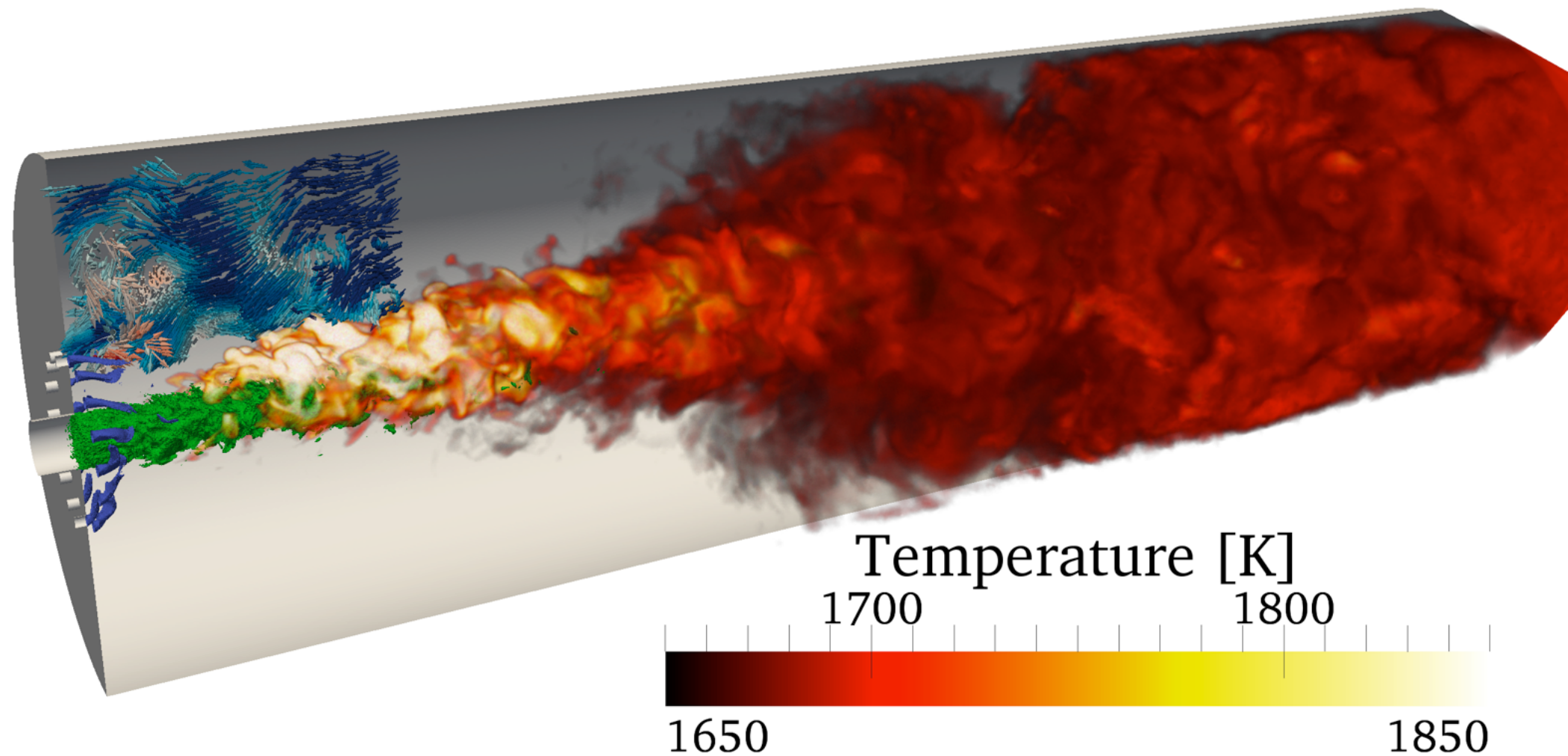
**Relative  
difference  
of 18%  
between  
LES**

- ➡ Good prediction of the flame lift-off
- ➡ In general a fair agreement has been observed between LES and experiments

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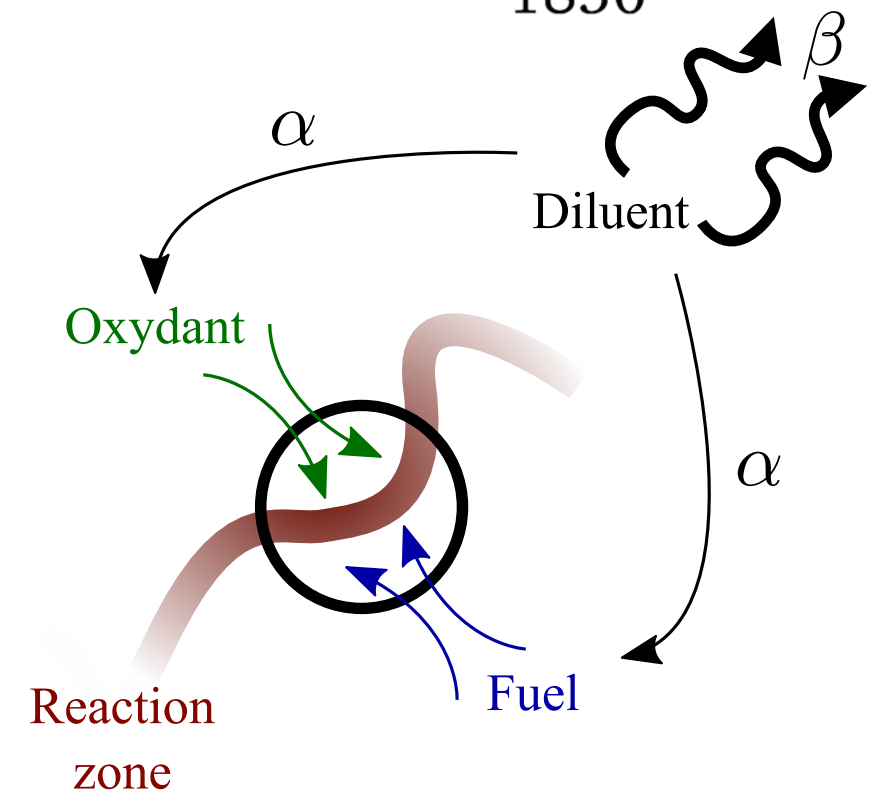


# Large Eddy Simulation (LES) of turbulent combustion



$$\phi = \phi(Z, Y_C, \alpha, \beta)$$

J. Lamouroux, M. Ihme, B. Fiorina and O. Gicquel. Tabulated chemistry approach for diluted. combustion regimes with internal recirculation and heat losses. Comb. Flame. (2014)

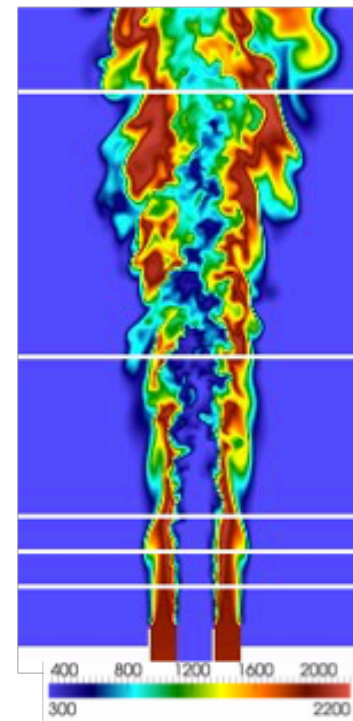
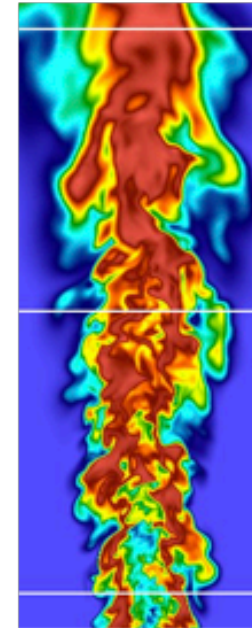
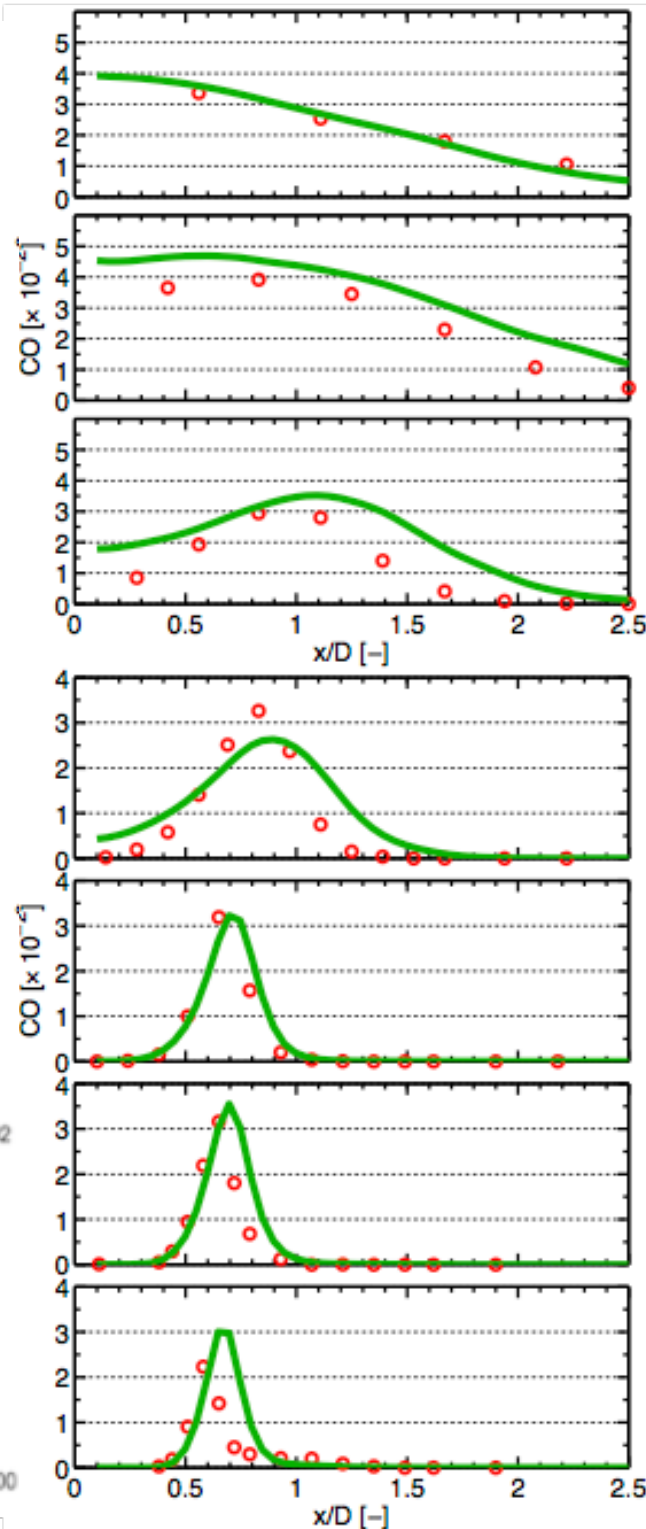
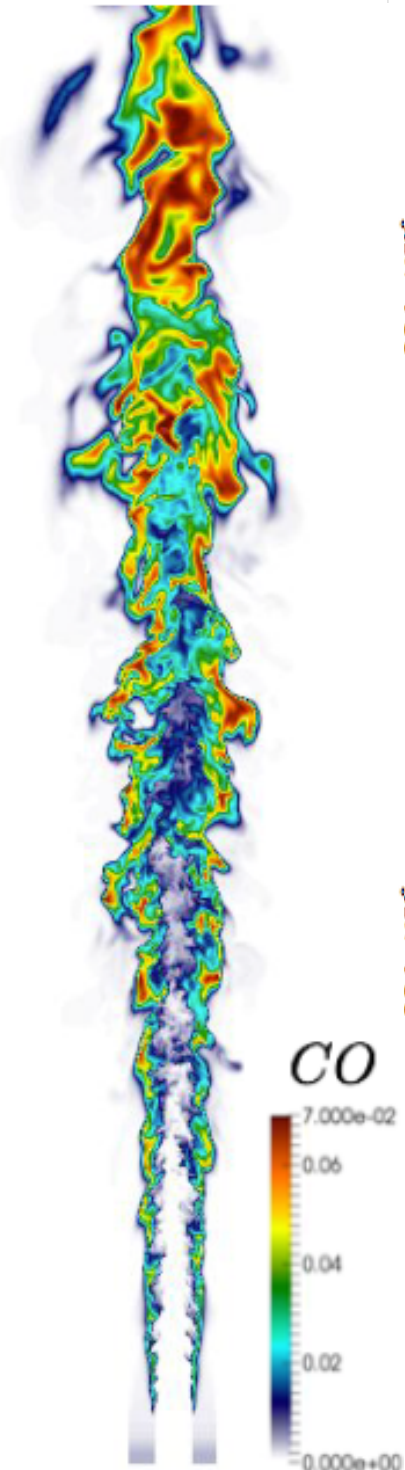




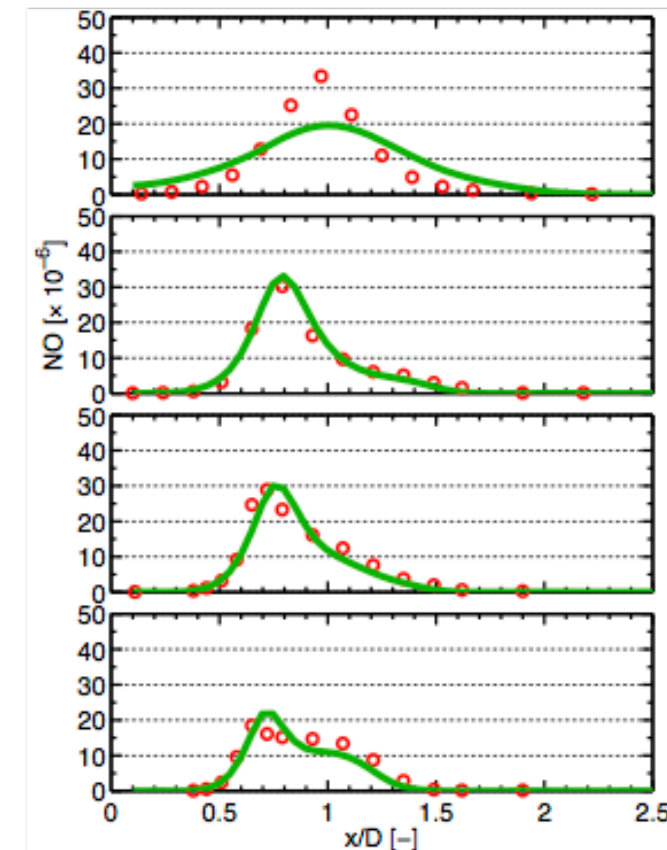
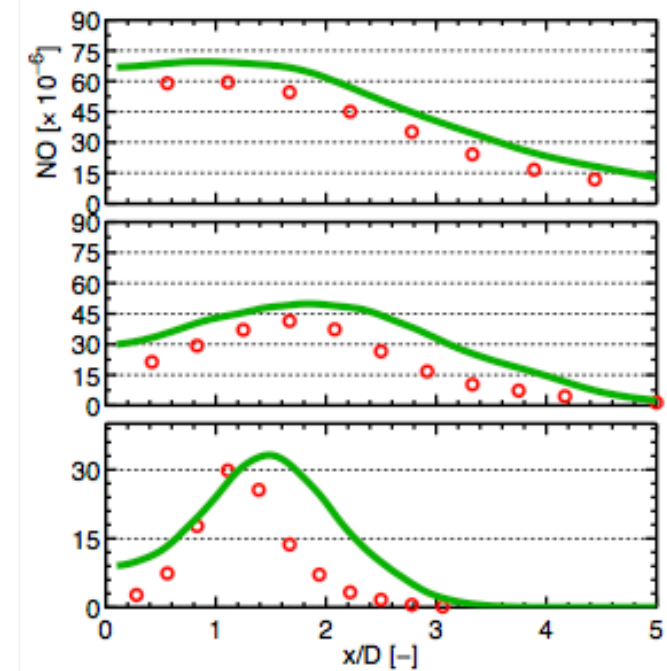
# Example of ARC in LES: SANDIA D Flame

(PhD of T. Jaravel)

*No thickening: flame front resolution*



O Exp  
- ARC\_22\_GRI211





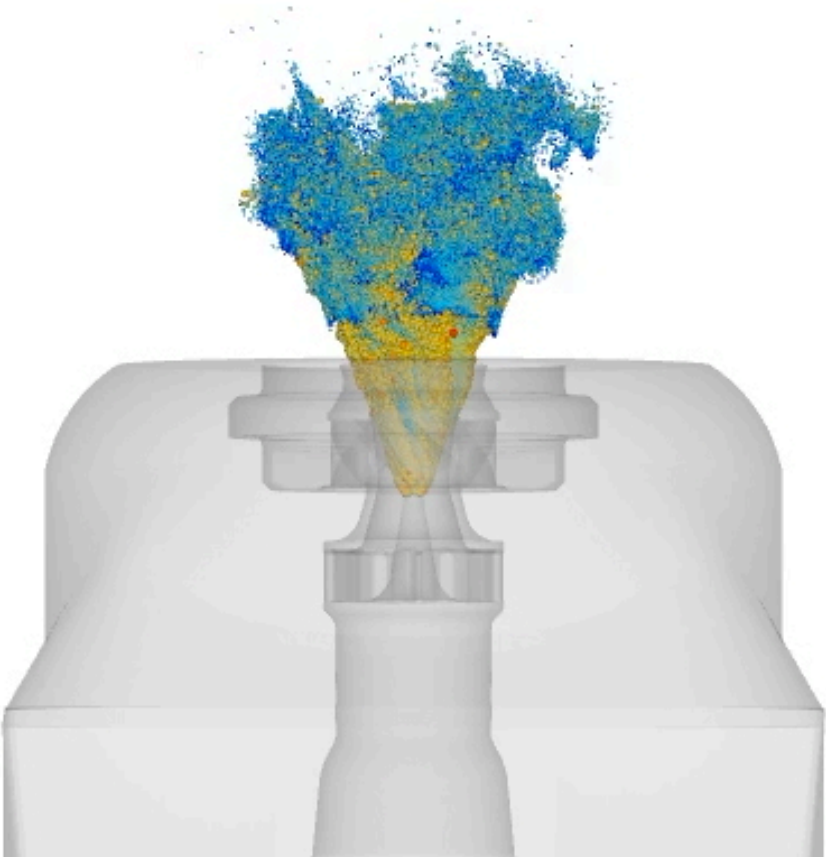
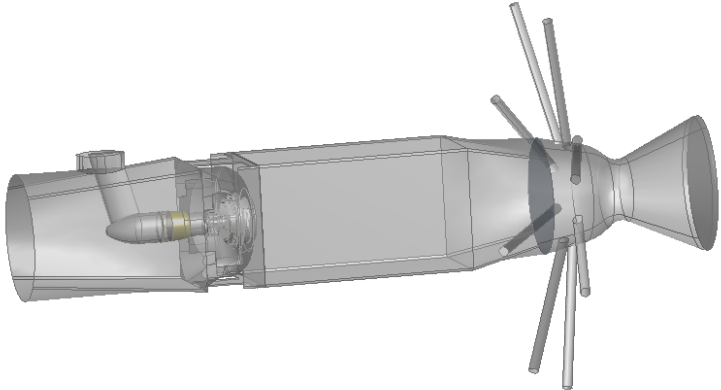
# Example of Virtual chemistry in LES: HERON combustor

(PhD of M. Cailler)

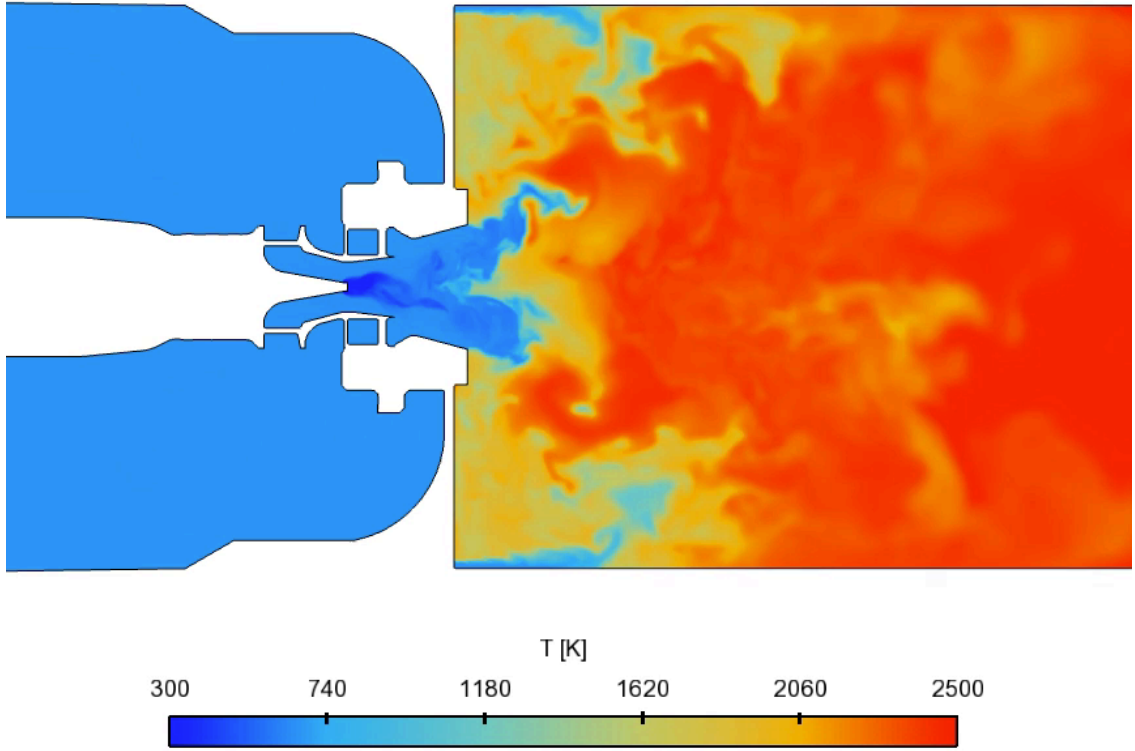
*Flame front is thickened by TFLES, Subgrid flame wrinkling is modeled*



- High pressure test-rig HERON equipped with a Lean-Premixed injection system (Malbois, Proceedings of ASME Turbo expo, 2017)
- Designed to investigate the impact of pressure and equivalence ratio on the flame structure and pollutant formation



*Lagrangian particles colored by their diameter and gaseous kerosene mass fraction*



*Instantaneous field of temperature*