



Effect of Strain Rate on the Flame Structure of Syngas Flames in
the Air-Fuel and Oxy-Fuel Condition
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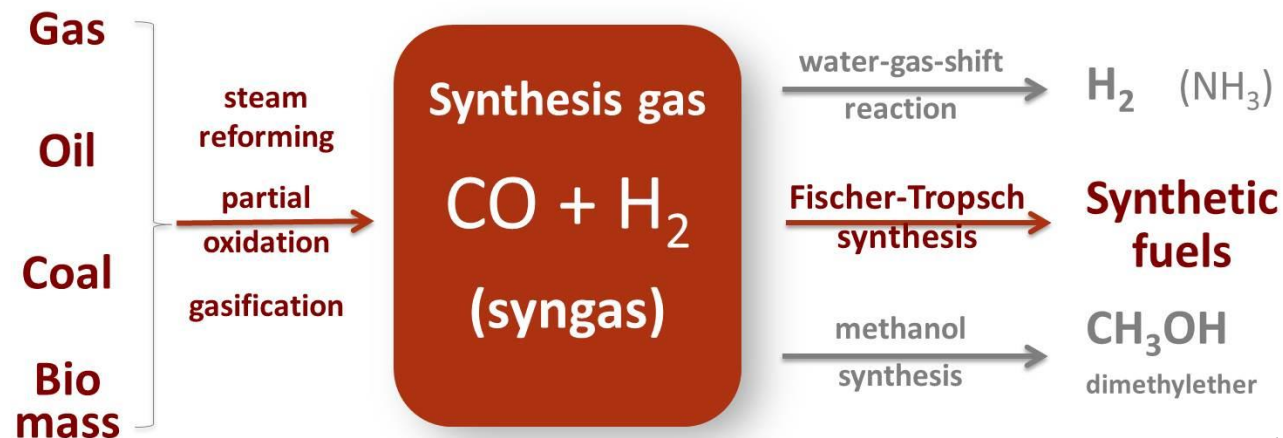
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■ The Energy issues

- Energy issues including fuel shortage and environmental pollutions have remained for several years. A number of strategies for reducing emission and utilizing renewable/clean energy have been investigated and developed.
- Syngas is being recognized as a viable energy source and an attractive fuel, particularly for stationary power generation with IGCC (Integrated Gasification Combined Cycle) Technology.





Introduction—gas characteristics



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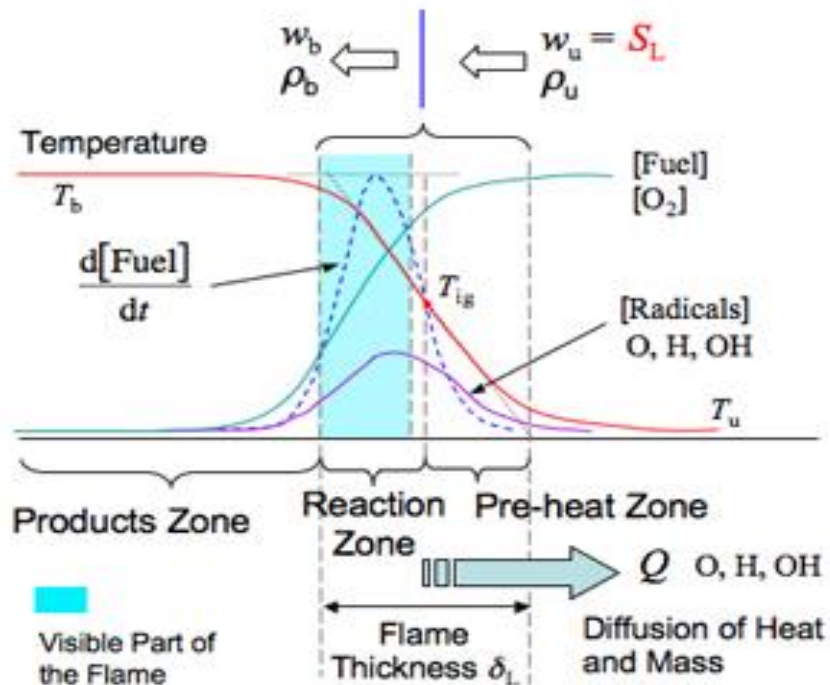
➤ Species characteristics

	Hydrogen (H ₂)	Methane (CH ₄)	Carbon monoxide (CO)
Molecular mass	2	16	28
Density (kg/m³)	0.09	0.72	1.25
Heat Capacity (J/mole·K)	28.84	35.69	1.04
Heat value (kJ/kg)	119746	49915	10108
Ignition temperature (°C)	571	632	608
Flammability(%)	4-75	5-15	12.5-74
Flame speed (cm/s)	170 @ $\phi=1$	38.3 @ $\phi=1$	28.5 @ $\phi=1$

■ *Laminar premixed flame structure*

(Mallard & Le Chatelier, 1883)

- Laminar premixed flame divides into two distinct zones: **preheat & reaction zone**.



- $$S_L = \left[\left(\frac{\lambda}{\rho_u c_p} \right) \frac{(T_b - T_{ig})}{(T_{ig} - T_u)} \frac{W_b}{\rho_u} R_{av} \right]^{1/2} \propto \sqrt{\alpha R_{av}}$$

- $$R_{av} = \frac{dC}{dt} = k \prod_{i=1}^N (C_{M_i})$$

- $$k = AT^b \exp\left(-\frac{E_a}{R_u T}\right)$$



■ *Hydrogen addition to flame*

- The hydrogen addition would lead to an increase of **laminar burning velocity** and a **higher extinction strain rate**. (*Scholte et al. 1959; Yu et al. 1986*)
- *Vagelopoulos et al. (1994)* concluded that the increment in laminar burning velocity and extinction strain rate was **led by the added H radicals**, which would **increase branching and accelerate the CO oxidation reaction** by investigated the detailed kinetic mechanism using experiment and model prediction for H₂/CO/air and CH₄/CO/air systems.

■ Gas dilution of flame

- Results show that the **flame propagation velocity** $S_L(\text{Ar}) > S_L(\text{N}_2) > S_L(\text{CO}_2)$ and each thermal diffusivity is $\alpha S_L(\text{Ar}) > \alpha S_L(\text{N}_2) > \alpha S_L(\text{CO}_2)$ and heat capacity $C_p(\text{CO}_2) > C_p(\text{N}_2) > C_p(\text{Ar})$. (*Suda et al. 2007; Masuko et al. 2007*)
- *Suda et al. (2007)* revealed that **heat capacity** of gas seems to have a large effect on flame propagation velocity.
- *Chan et al. (2015)* the CO_2 was added, the methane combustion was diluted and the specific heat of the mixture increased, leading to a lower flame temperature and consequently the lower laminar burning velocity.



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■ *Comprehensive mechanisms*

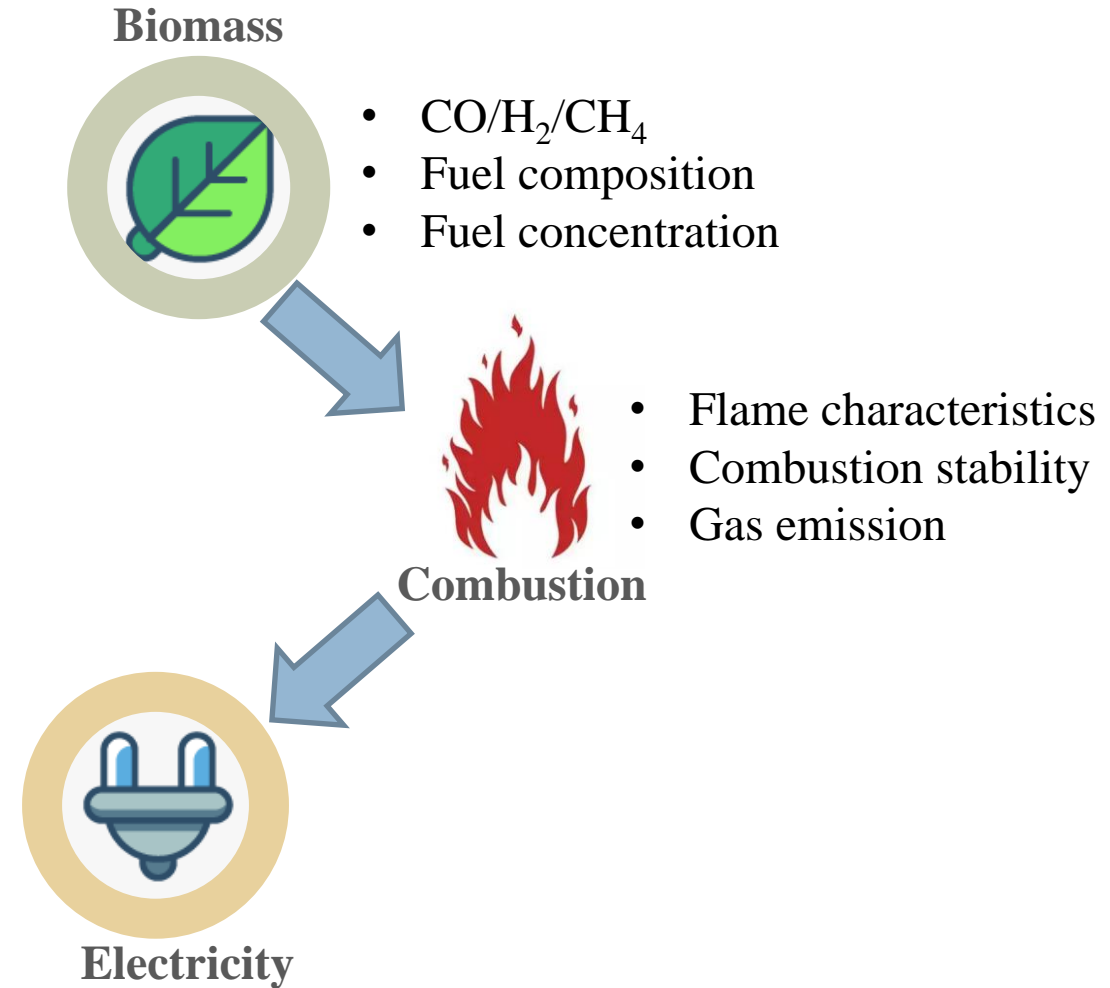
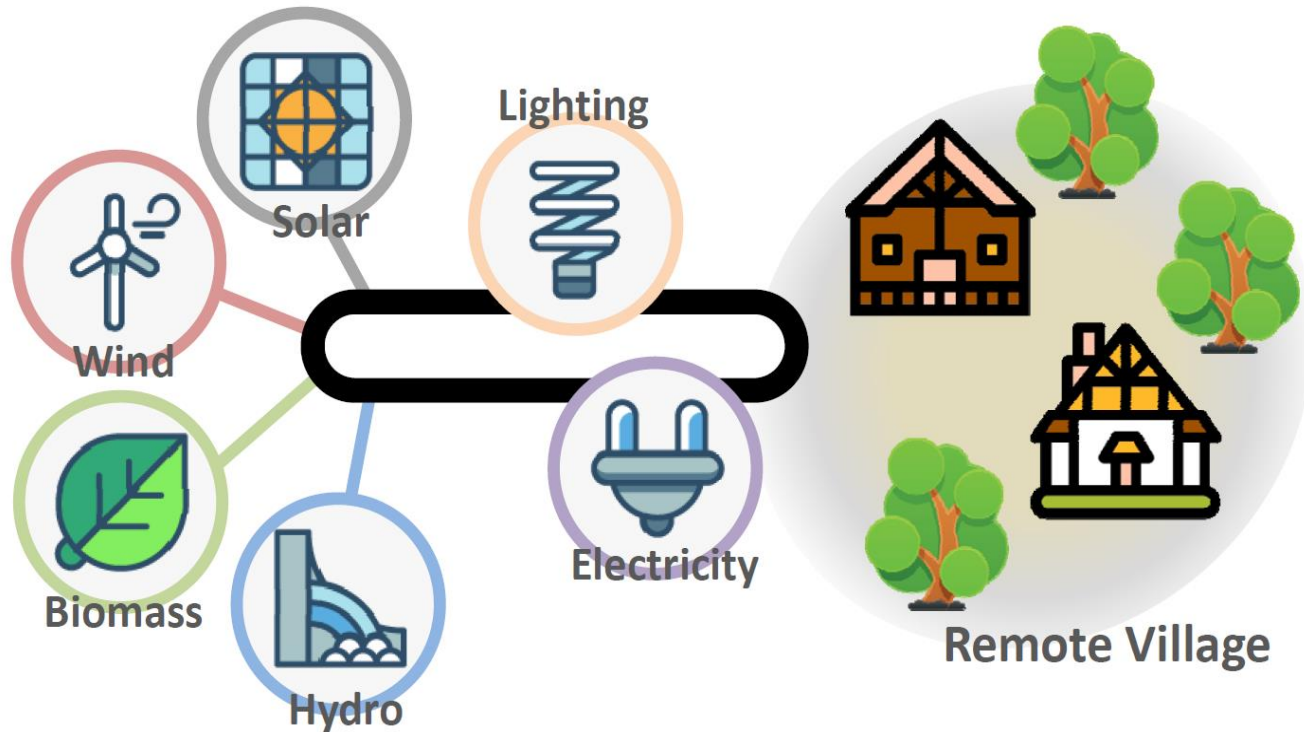
➤ Dominating species: (*Yetter et al. 1991*)

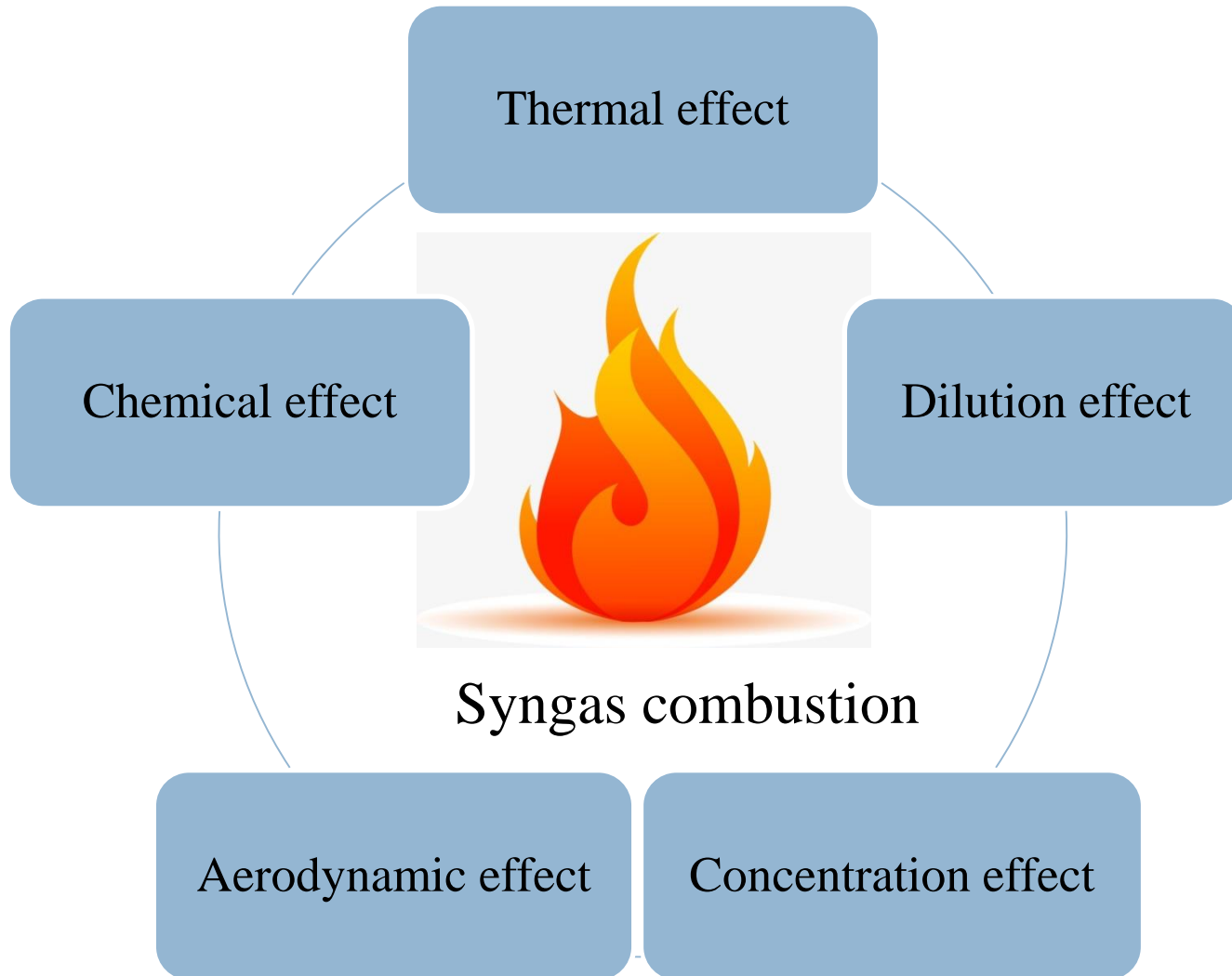
High temperature (above 2000K) regime : H, O and OH radicals

Low temperature (below 1200K) regime : HO₂ and H₂O₂

Intermediate temperature regime: the concentrations of H, O, OH, HO₂ and H₂O₂ intermediates are nearly the same order of magnitude.

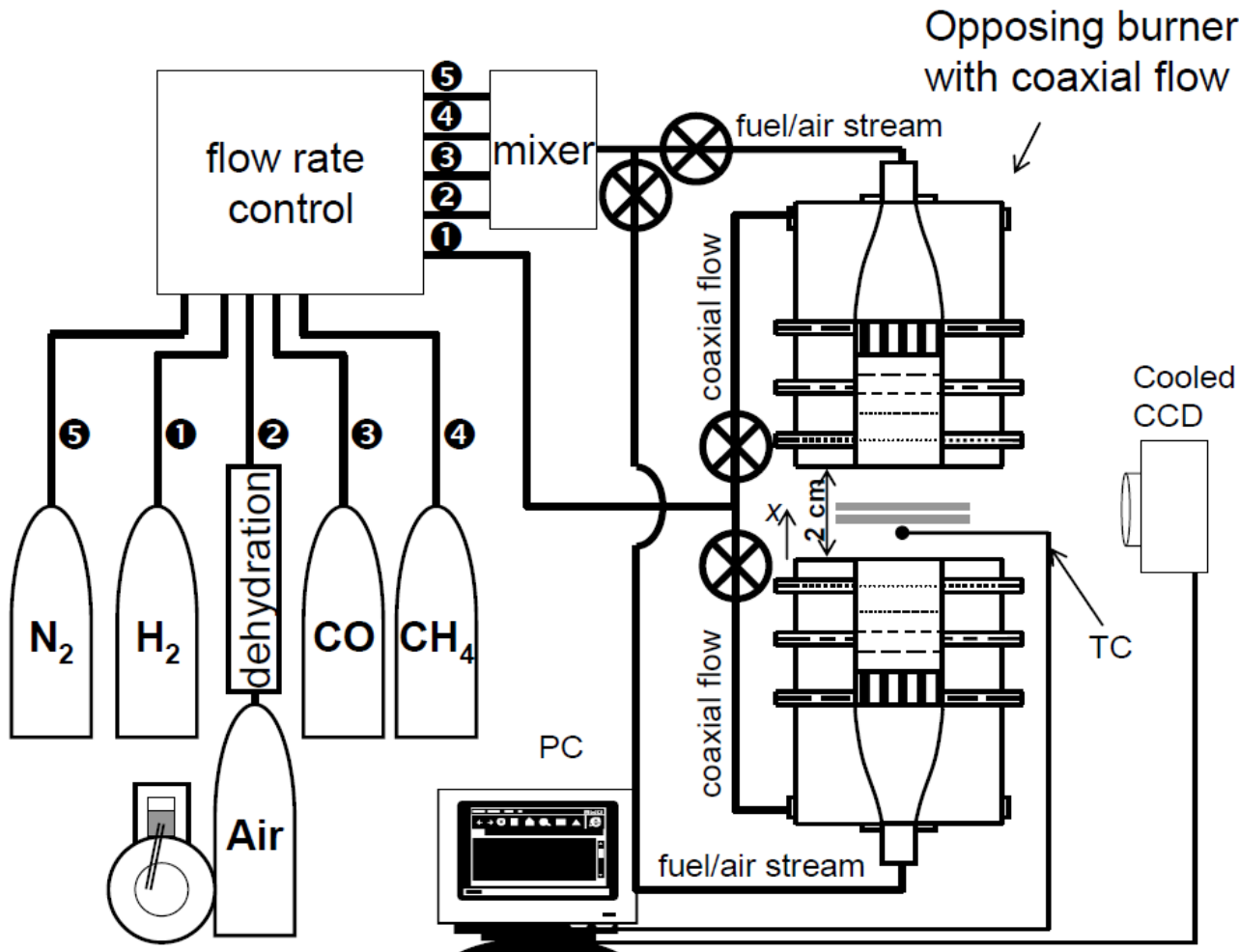
➤ NO_x could catalyze the reaction of H₂/O₂ and CO/H₂O/O₂ systems at the temperatures below 1200K. (*Mueller et al. 1999*)





➤ Simulation :

- Adiabatic flame temperature
- Laminar flame velocity
- Extinction strain rate
- Concentration distribution
- Net reaction rate



- The opposed-jet burner consists of two water cold, well-contoured circular nozzles (ID=2cm) with slow coaxial shielding flows.
- Observed the flame phenomenon by varying the strain rate, equivalence ratio and fuel ratio.
- Equivalence ratio(ϕ) = 0.4, 0.6, 0.8
- Global strain rate(a) = 200, 300, 400

$$a = \frac{2V_o}{L} \left(1 + \frac{|V_f| \sqrt{\rho_f}}{|V_o| \sqrt{\rho_o}} \right) \text{ unit : s}^{-1}$$

- The initial condition : 300 K and 1 atm.

Flame NO.	H ₂ /CO/CH ₄			H ₂ /CO/CH ₄			ϕ			
	Fuel ratio (%)			Mole fraction(vol%)			Air(vol%)			
	H ₂	CO	CH ₄	H ₂	CO	CH ₄	0.4	0.6	0.8	1.0
1	0	20	5	0	64	16	90.2	86.4	82.6	79.2
2	1	20	5	3.04	61.52	15.36	90.1	86.2	82.4	78.7
3	2	20	5	5.92	59.28	14.80	90.0	86.1	82.2	75.3
4	3	20	5	8.56	57.12	14.32	86.1	85.9	82.0	77.9
5	4	20	5	11.04	55.20	13.76	89.7	85.8	81.9	77.6
6	5	20	5	13.36	53.36	13.36	89.6	85.6	81.7	77.3
7	6	20	5	15.52	51.60	12.88	89.5	85.5	81.5	77.0
8	7	20	5	17.52	50.00	12.48	89.4	85.4	81.4	76.7
9	8	20	5	19.36	48.48	12.16	89.2	85.2	81.2	76.5
10	9	20	5	21.20	47.04	11.76	89.1	85.1	81.1	76.3
11	10	20	5	22.88	45.68	11.44	89.0	85.0	81.0	76.1



Simulation



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- The simulation results were conducted by Chemkin Pro collection.
 - Equil-code
 - Premix-code
 - Oppdif-code

- The simulation was conducted at the equivalence ratio of 1 for air-fuel and oxy-fuel condition.

- The chemical reaction mechanism use is GRI-Mech 3.0(involves 53 species and 325 reactions).

Mechanism	Species	Reactions	
GRI-mech 3.0	53	325	Methane combustion
USC mechII	111	784	H ₂ /CO/C1~C4 hydrocarbon combustion
Davis <i>et al.</i>	16	30	Specifically for H ₂ /CO combustion
Li	21	93	Be used in CO, CH ₂ O, CH ₃ OH and syngas oxidation
C2	87	367	Predicts a wide range of oxidation properties of H ₂ , CH ₄ , ethane, ethylene, acetylene and methanol

- The initial condition : **300 K** and **1 atm**.
- The oxy-fuel condition : **32% O₂ + 68% CO₂**

Flame NO.	H ₂ /CO/CH ₄			H ₂ /CO/CH ₄			Air	H ₂ /CO/CH ₄			Oxy
	Fuel composition ratio (%)			Mole fraction(vol%)			(vol%)	Mole fraction(vol%)			(vol%)
	H ₂	CO	CH ₄	H ₂	CO	CH ₄	$\phi = 1.0$	H ₂	CO	CH ₄	$\phi = 1.0$
1	0	20	5	0.00	16.63	4.16	79.21	0.00	22.86	5.71	71.43
2	2	20	5	1.57	15.75	3.94	78.74	2.16	21.59	5.40	70.85
3	4	20	5	2.99	14.95	3.74	78.32	4.09	20.46	5.12	70.33
4	6	20	5	4.27	14.23	3.56	77.94	5.83	19.44	4.86	69.87
5	8	20	5	5.43	13.58	3.39	77.59	7.41	18.52	4.63	69.44
6	10	20	5	6.49	12.98	3.25	77.28	8.84	17.68	4.42	69.06
7	12	20	5	7.46	12.44	3.11	76.99	10.15	16.91	4.23	68.71
8	14	20	5	8.35	11.94	2.98	76.73	11.35	16.21	4.05	68.39
9	16	20	5	9.18	11.47	2.87	76.48	12.45	15.56	3.89	68.09
10	18	20	5	9.94	11.04	2.76	76.26	13.47	14.97	3.74	67.82
11	20	20	5	10.65	10.65	2.66	76.05	14.41	14.41	3.60	67.57

H₂-CO-CH₄(%) $\Phi = 0.4$ $\Phi = 0.6$ $\Phi = 0.8$ $\Phi = 0.4$ $\Phi = 0.6$ $\Phi = 0.8$ Strain rate : 200 s⁻¹Strain rate : 400 s⁻¹

0.0-80.0-20.0

3.8-76.9-19.2

7.4-74.1-18.5

10.7-71.4-17.9

13.8-69.0-17.2

16.7-66.7-16.7

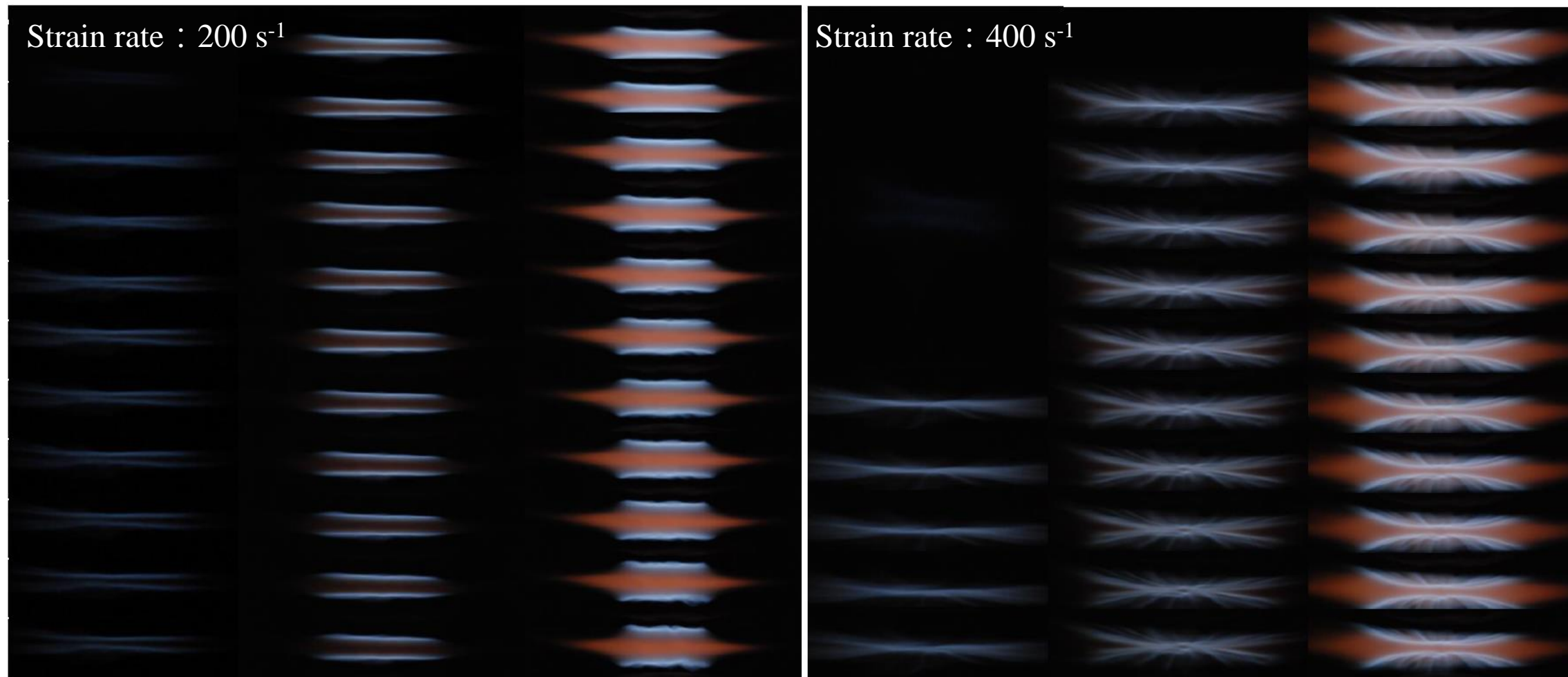
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21.9-62.5-15.6

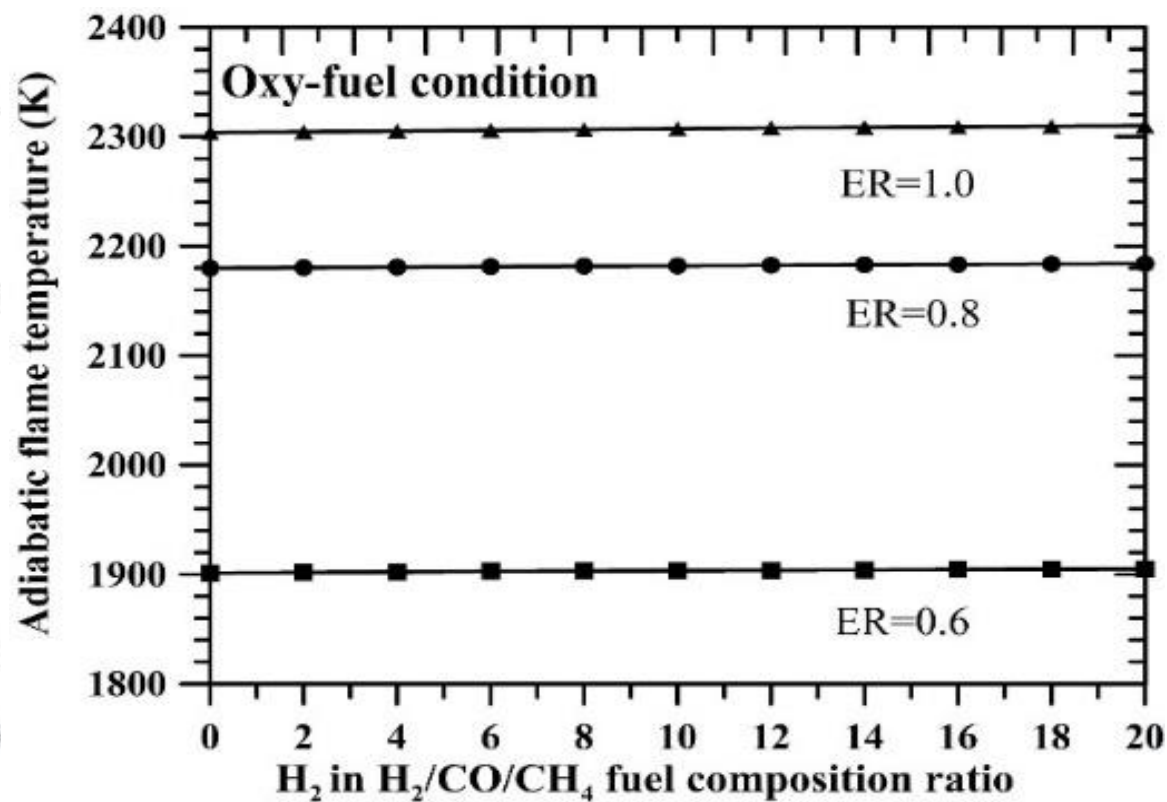
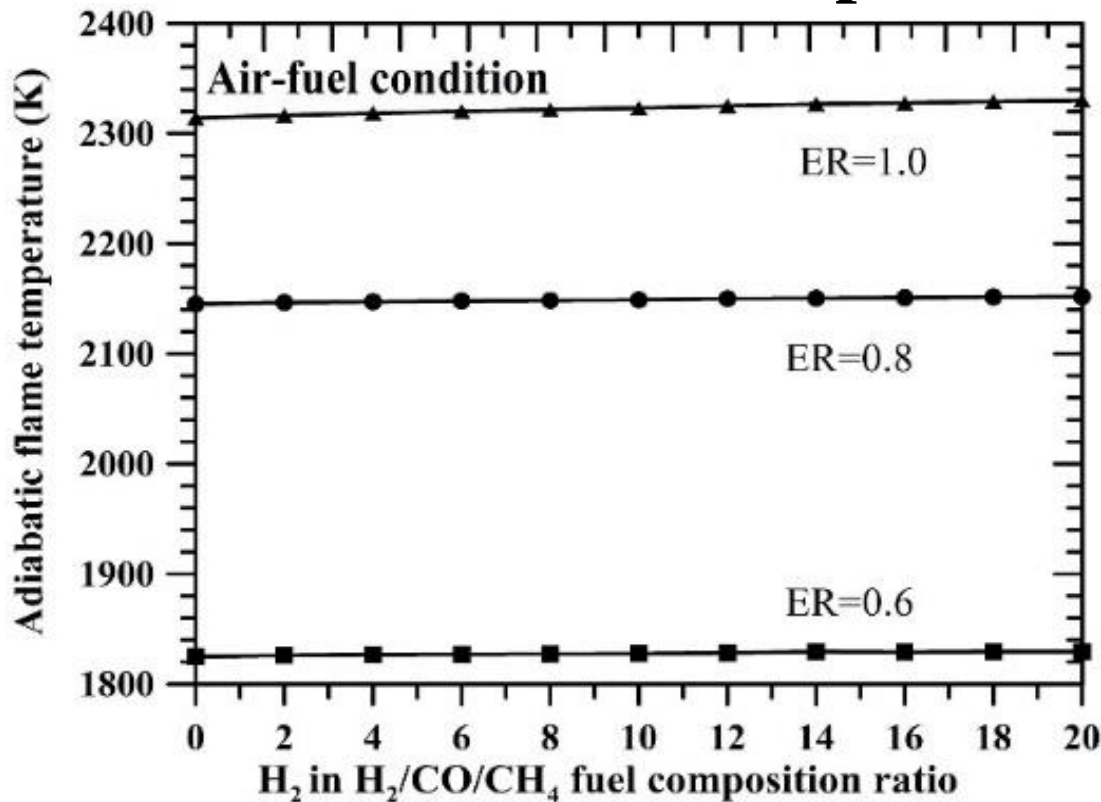
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26.5-58.8-14.7

28.6-57.1-14.3

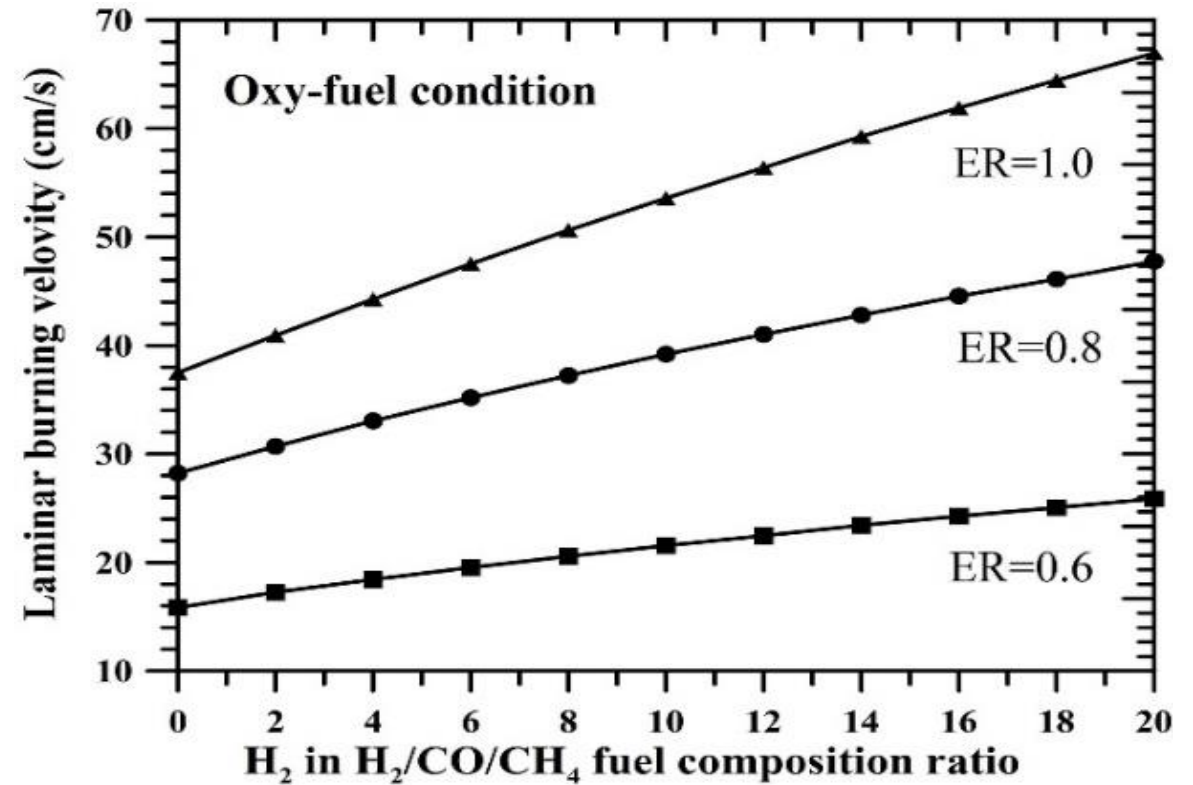
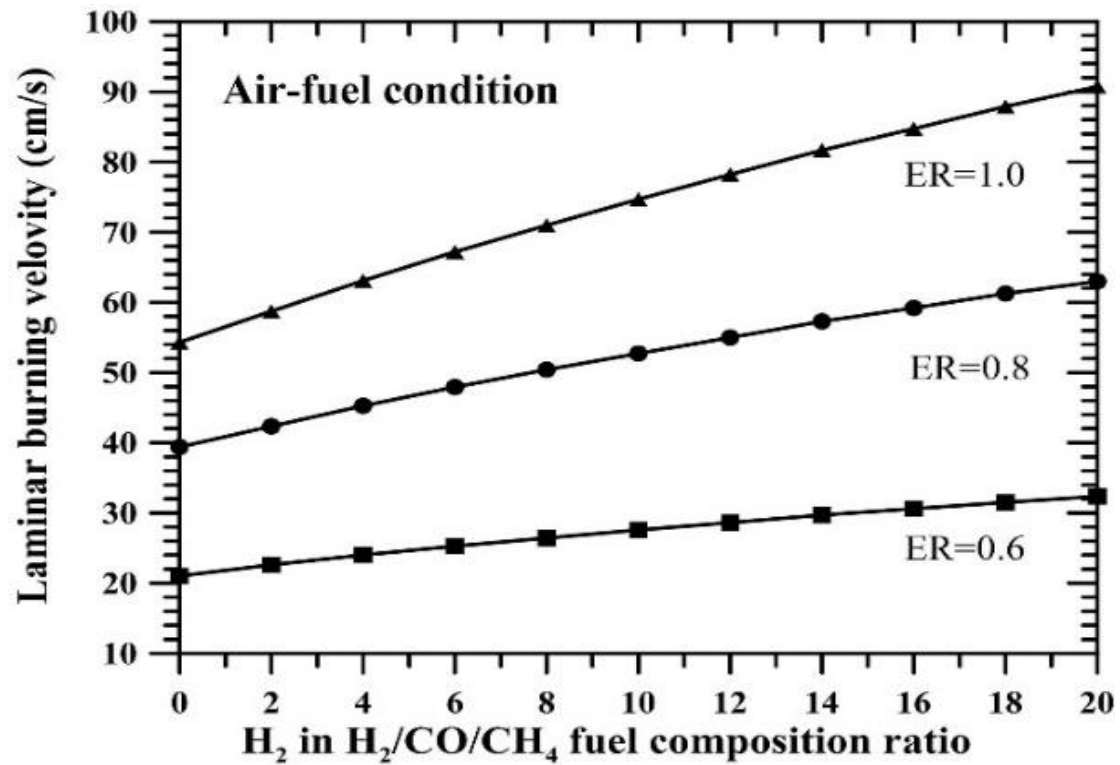


➤ Adiabatic Flame Temperature



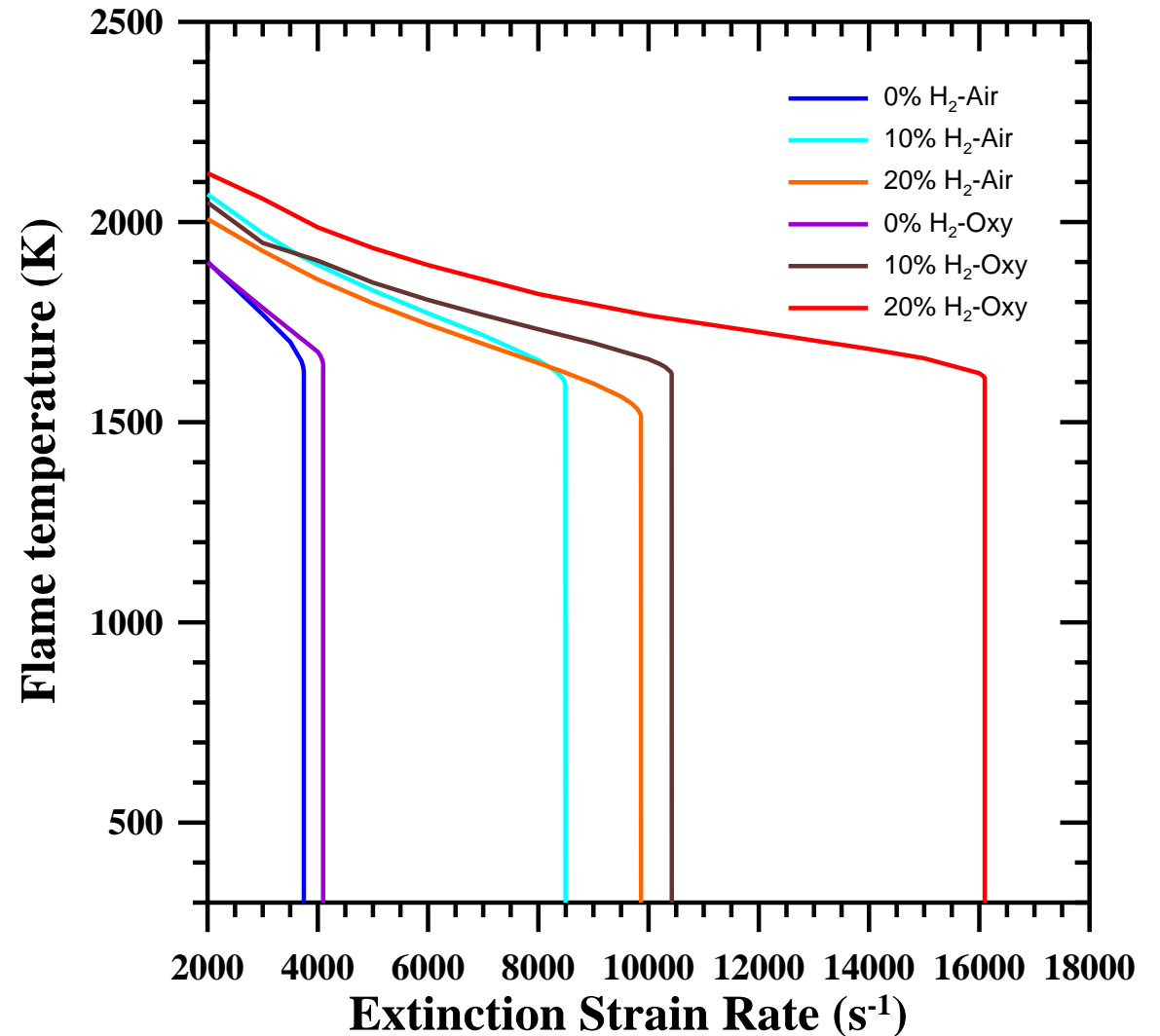
- The main characteristic for oxy-fuel condition is that the carbon oxide greatly affected the heat capacity.

➤ Laminar Flame Velocity

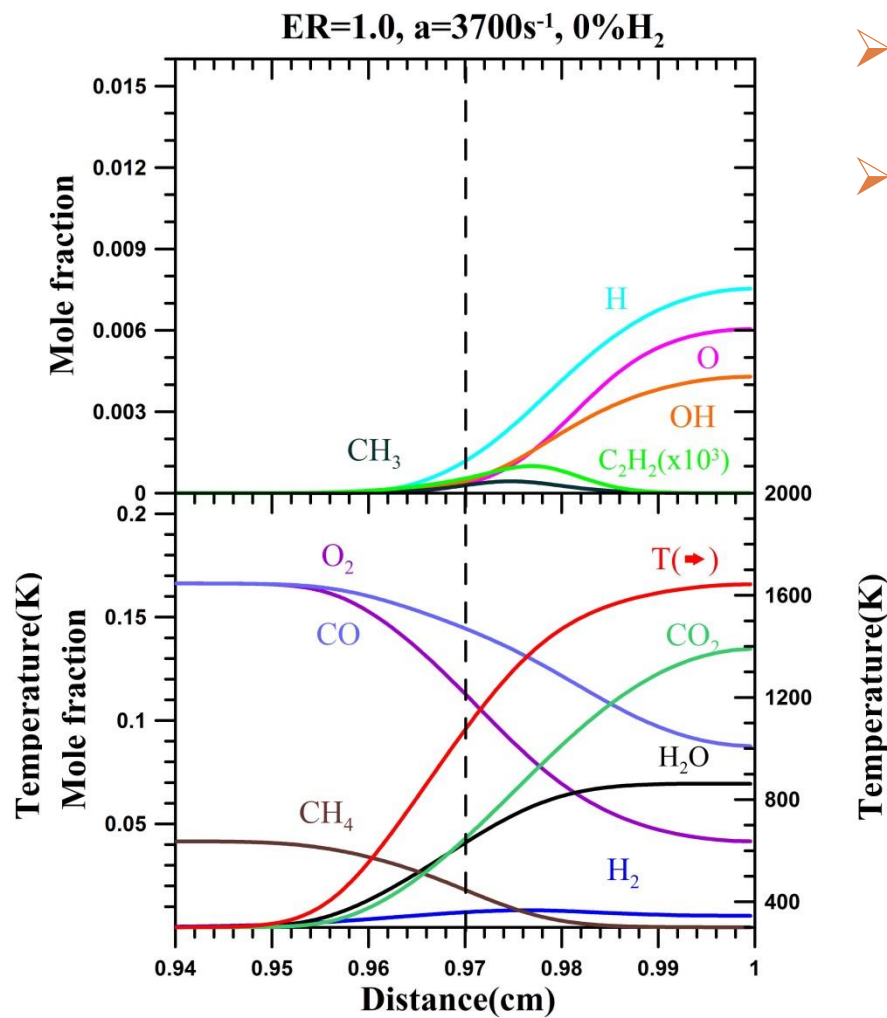
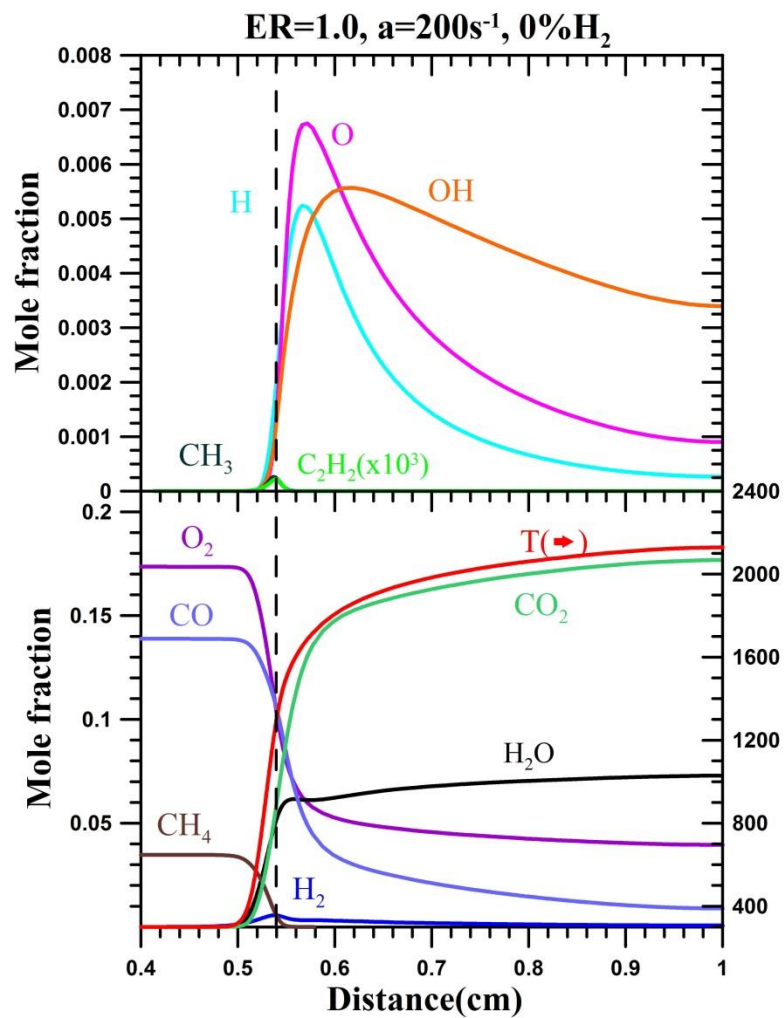


➤ Extinction Strain Rate

- The hydrogen addition would lead to an increase of higher extinction strain rate.



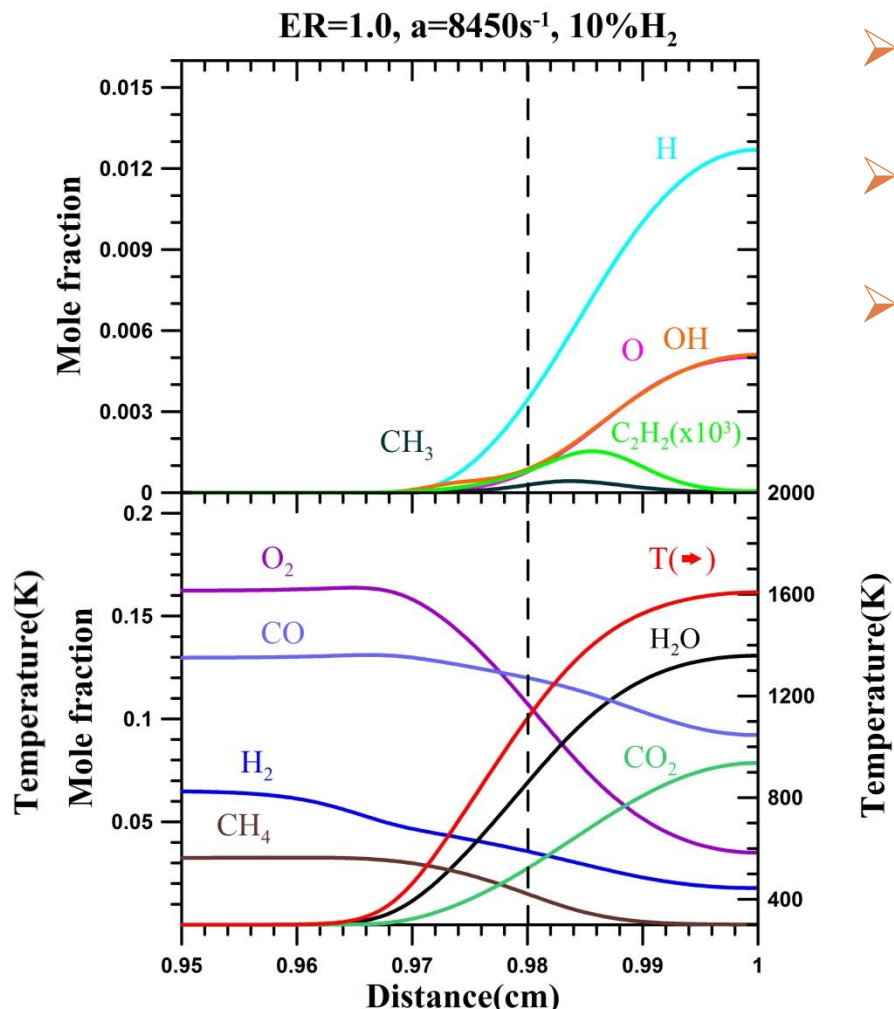
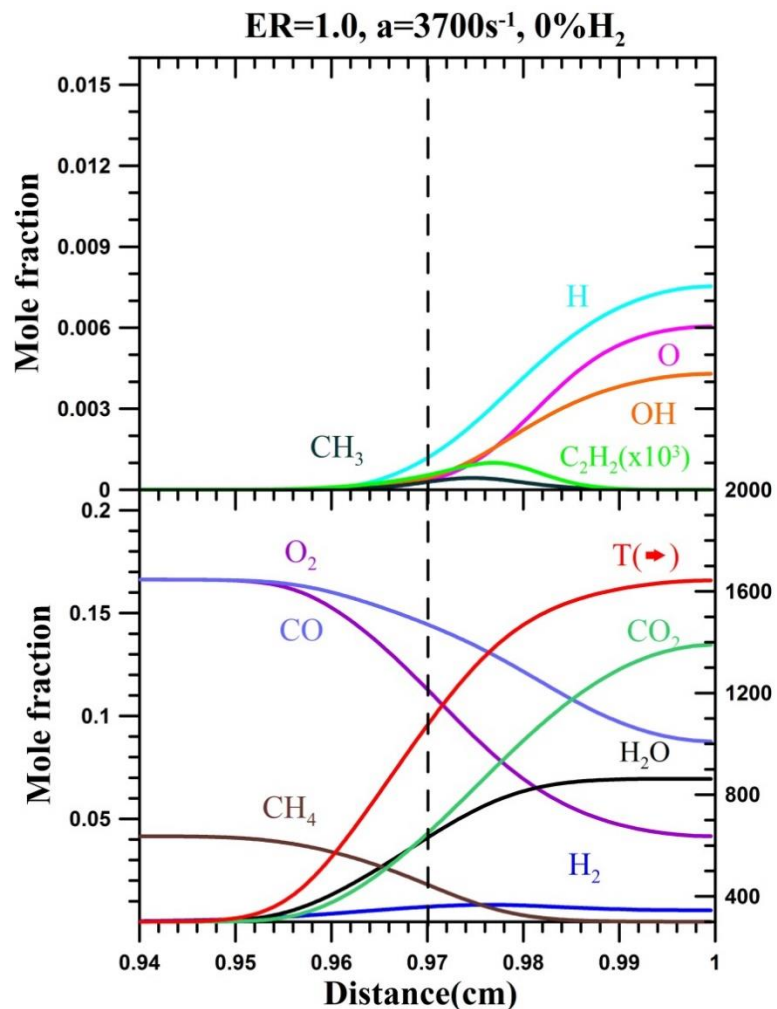
➤ Concentration Distribution— Air-fuel condition



➤ Strain rate : 200 , 3700 s^{-1}

➤ Hydrogen : 0%

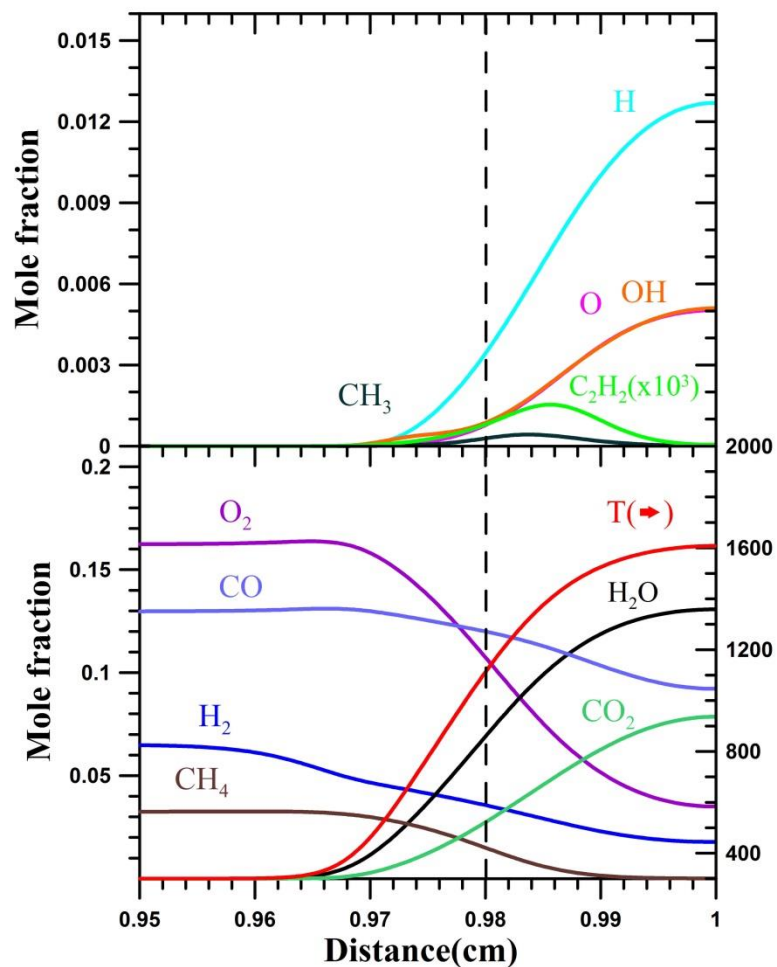
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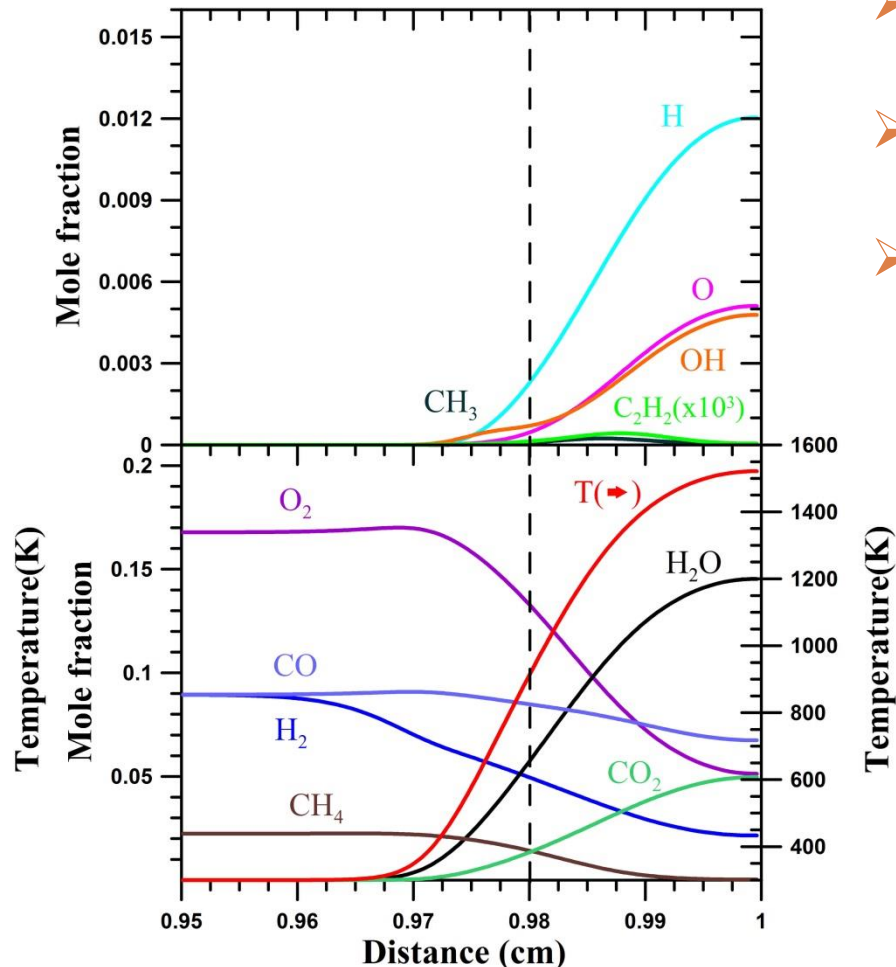
- Strain rate : near extinction
- Hydrogen : 0%, 10%
- H radicals has increased dramatically along with the H_2 addition.

➤ Concentration Distribution— Air-fuel condition

ER=1.0, $a=8450\text{s}^{-1}$, 10% H_2

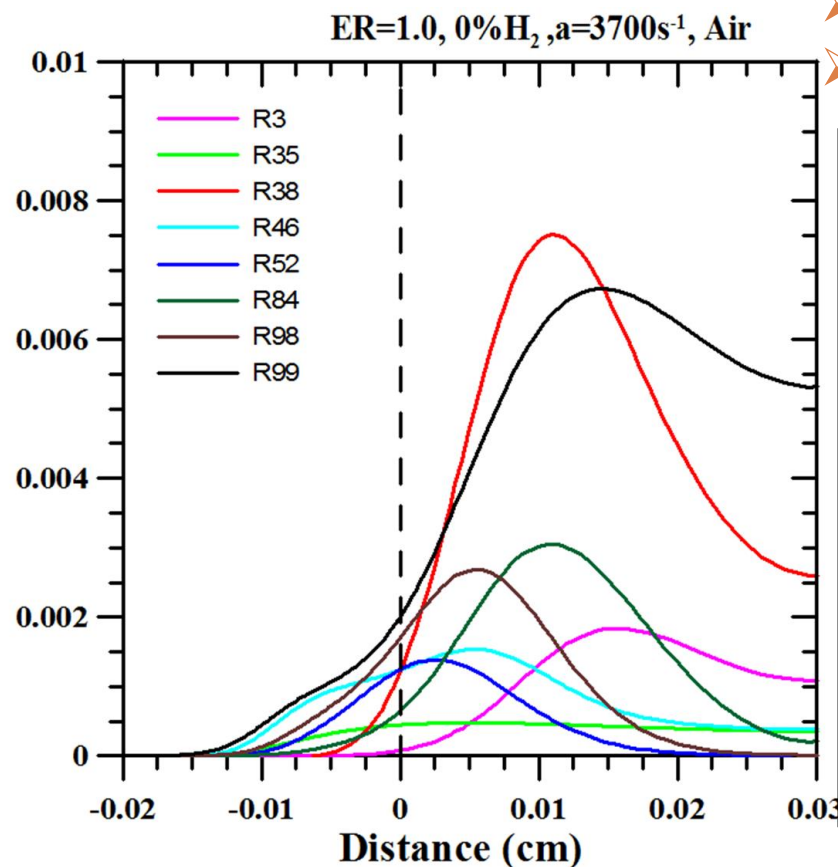
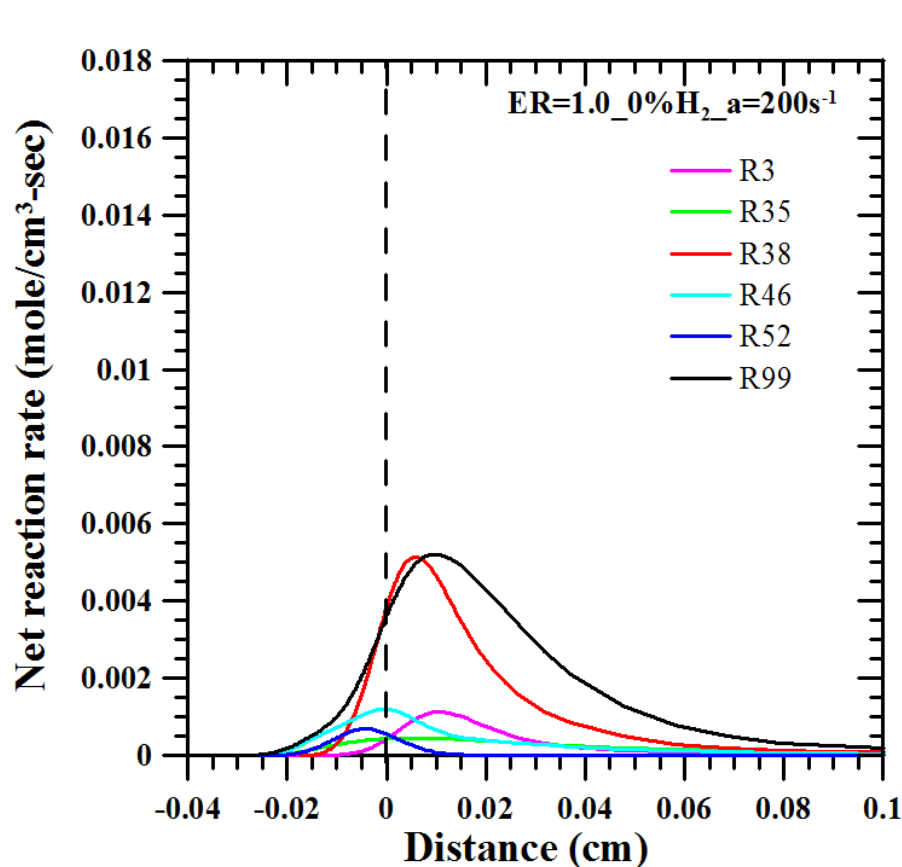


ER=1.0, $a=9450\text{s}^{-1}$, 20% H_2

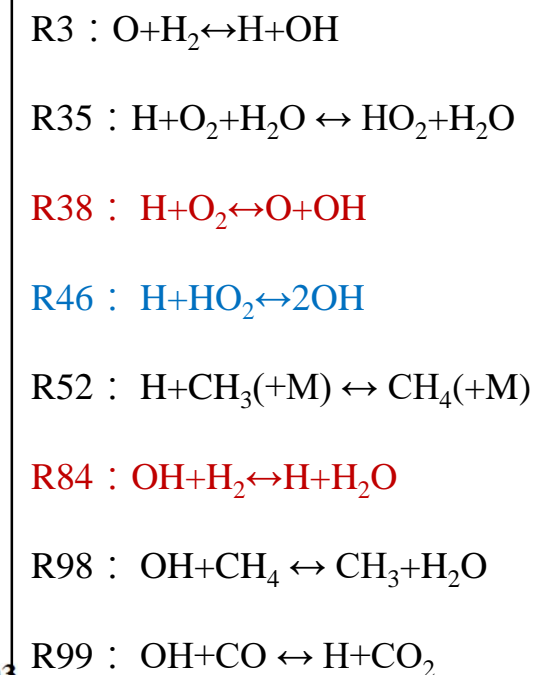


- Strain rate : near extinction
- Hydrogen : 10%, 20%
- Compared 10% to 20% hydrogen addition, H radical both are similar in 0.012.

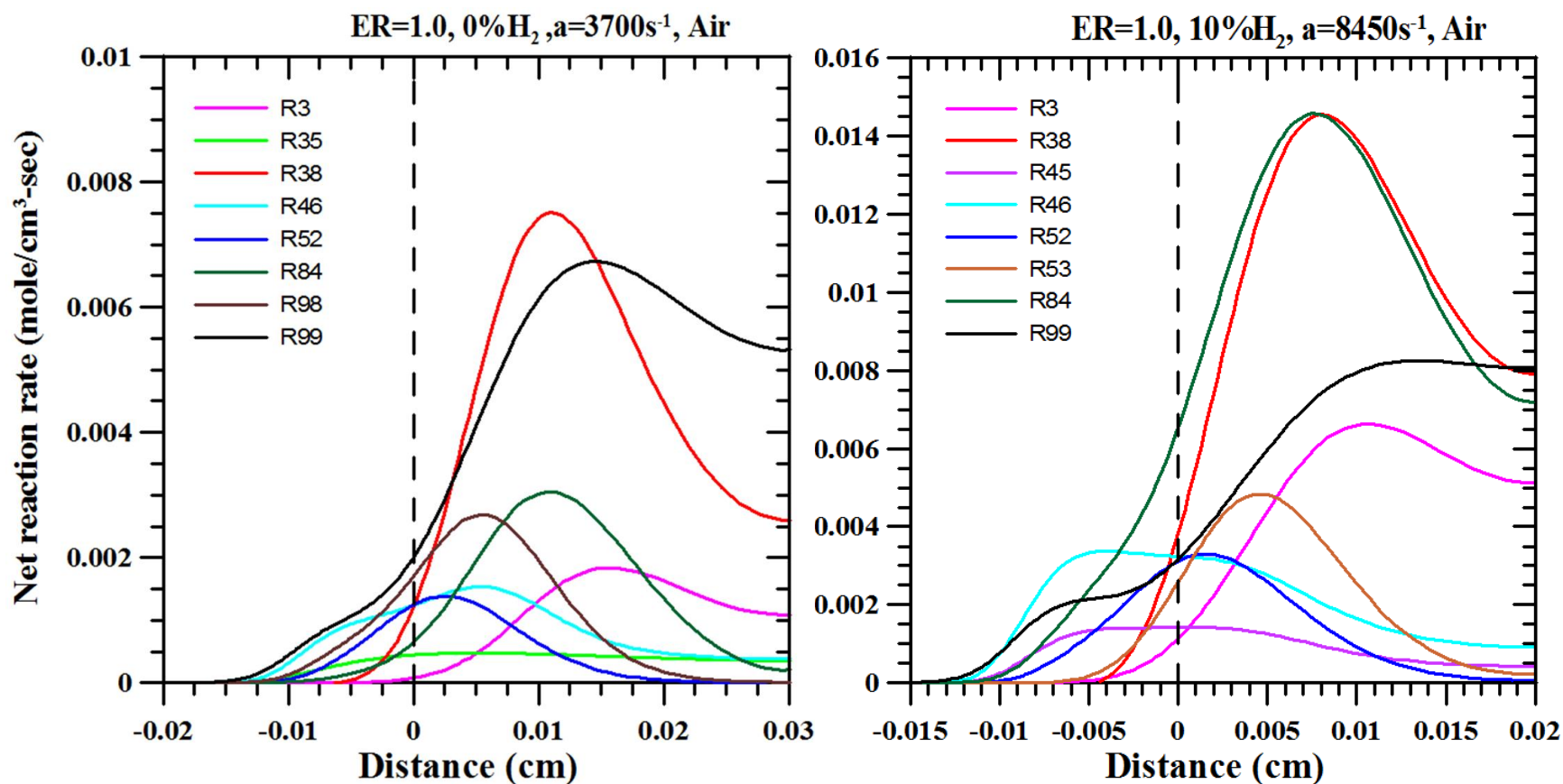
➤ Net reaction rate — Air-fuel condition



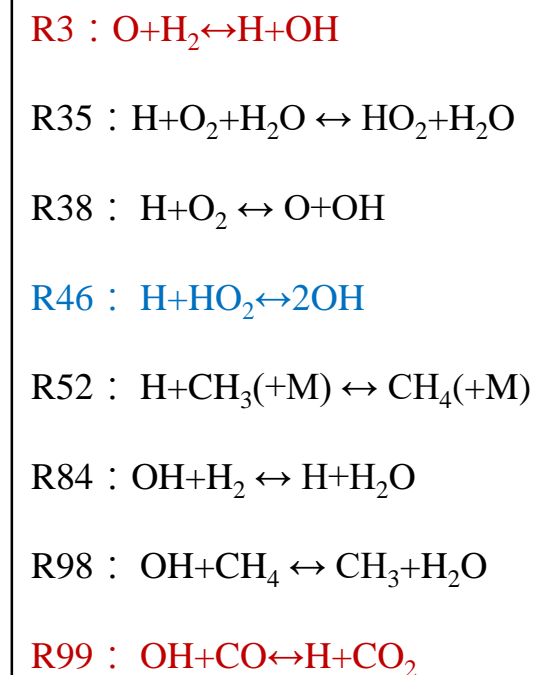
- Strain rate : 200 , 3700s⁻¹
- Hydrogen : 0%



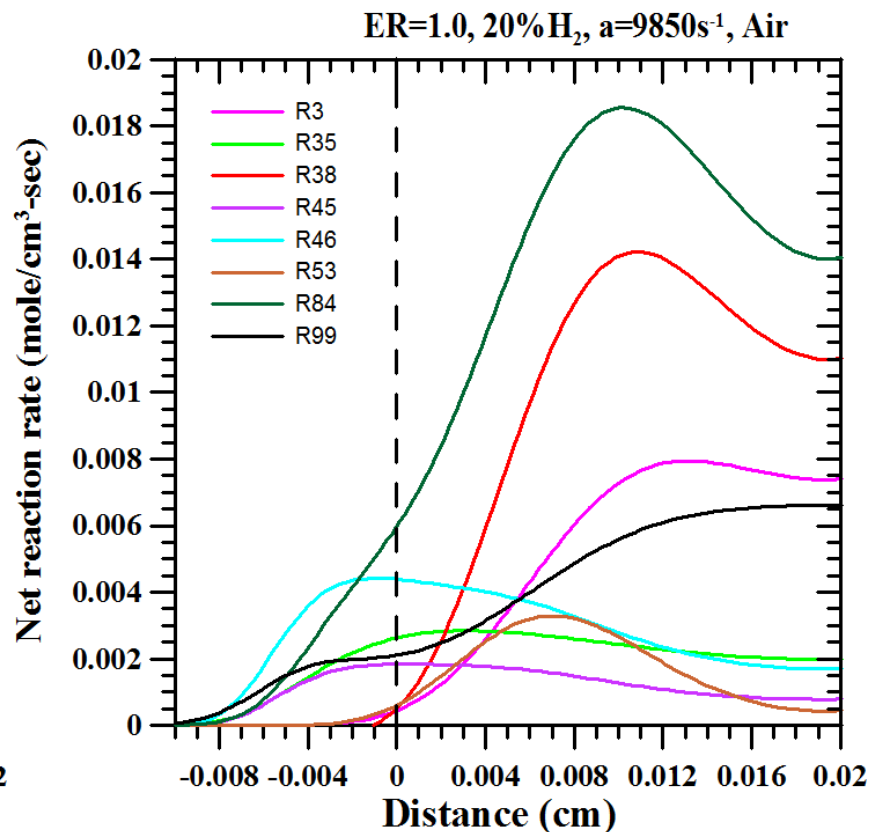
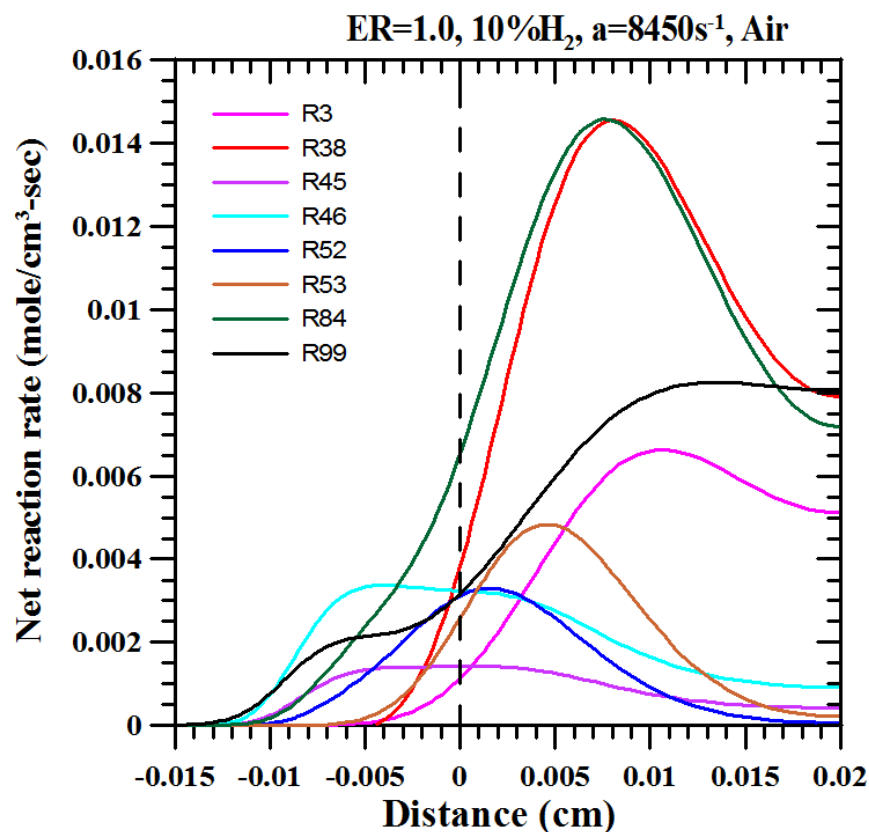
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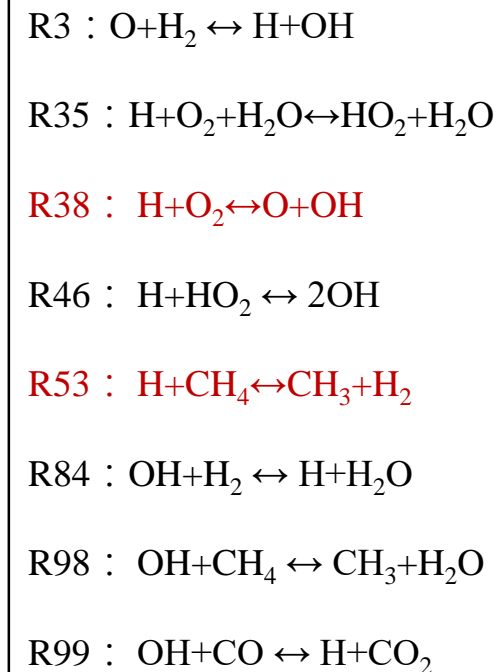
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- Hydrogen : 0%, 10%



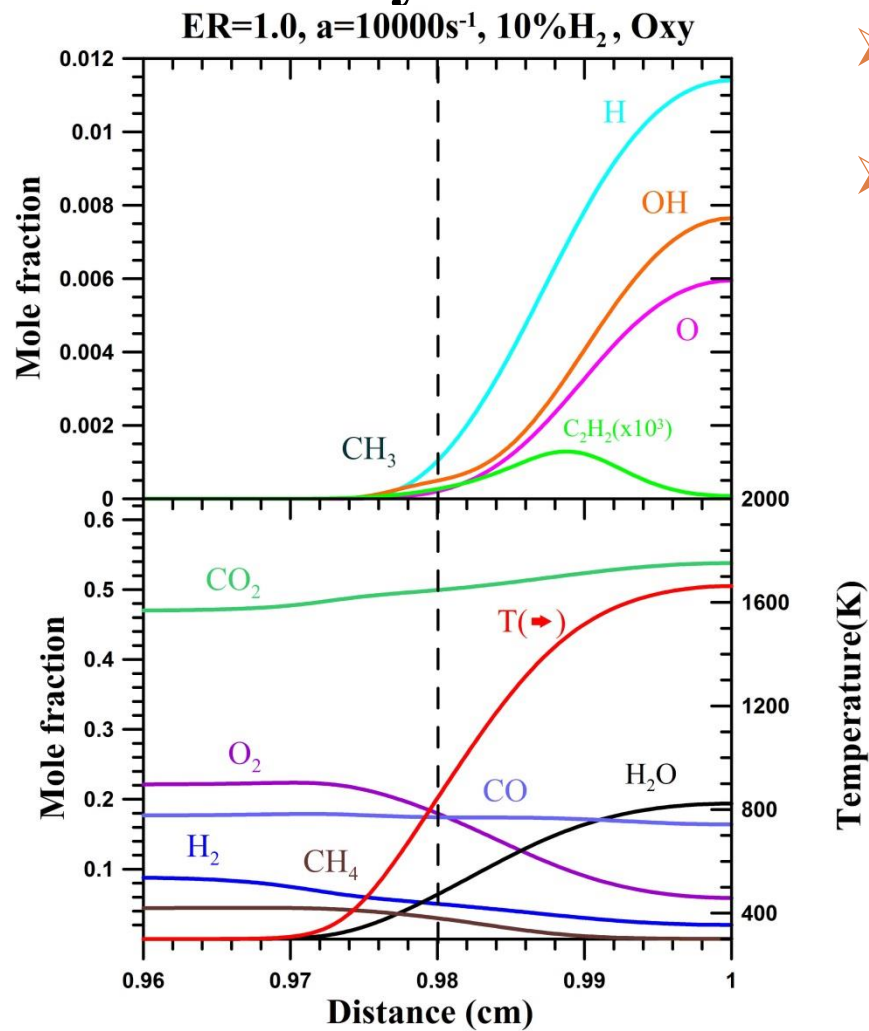
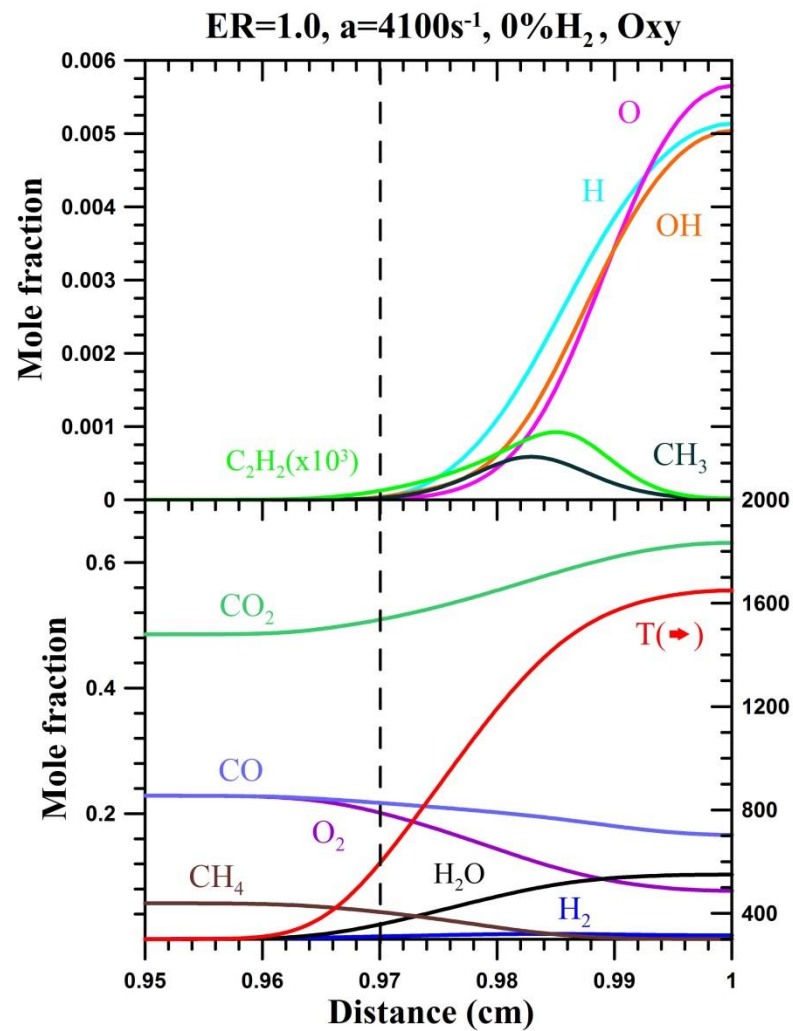
➤ Net reaction rate — Air-fuel condition



- Strain rate : near extinction
- Hydrogen : 10, 20%



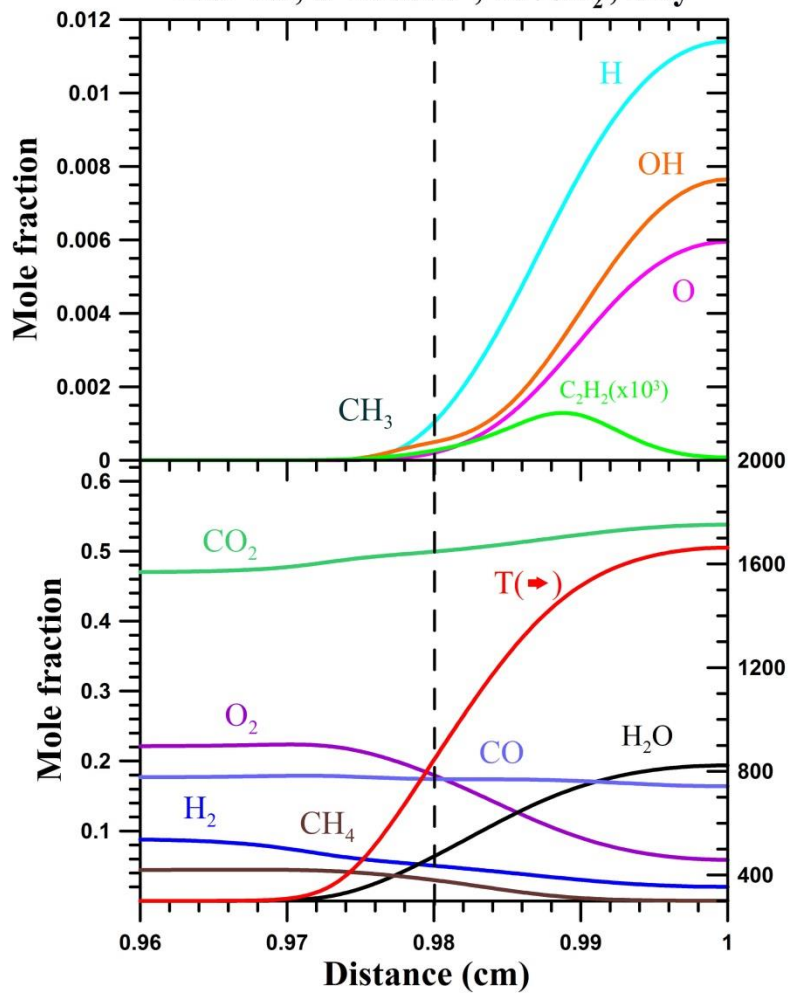
➤ Concentration Distribution — Oxy-fuel condition



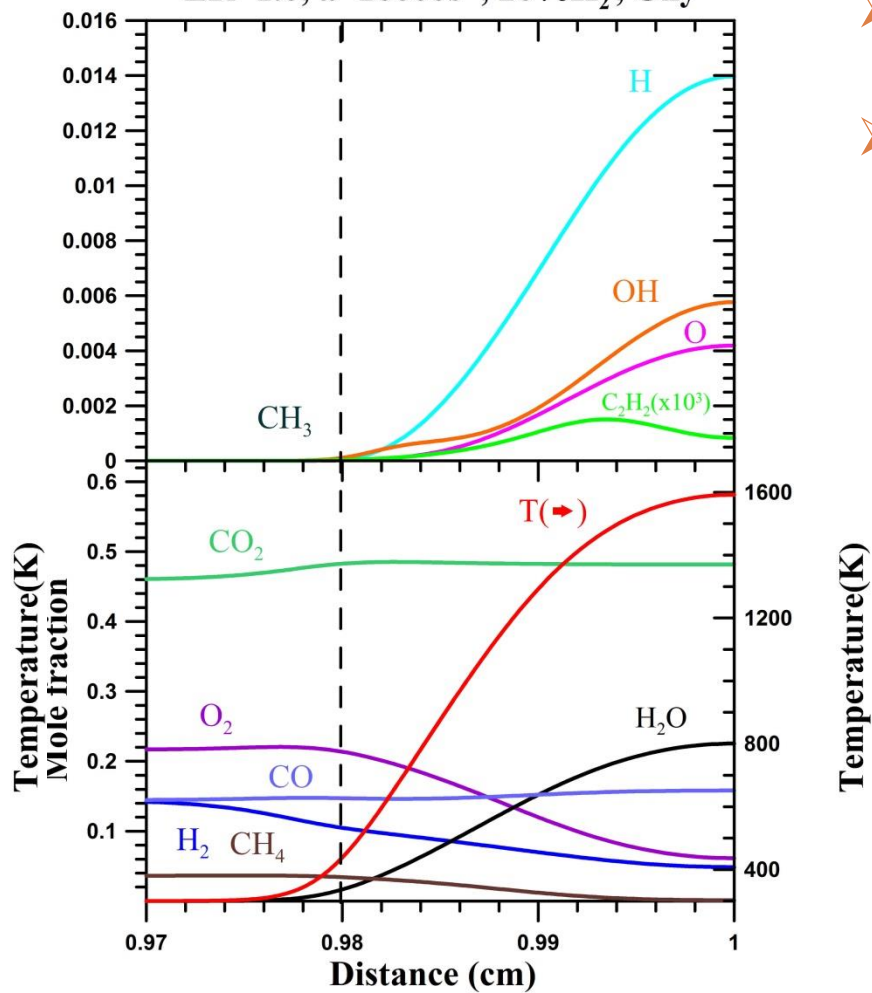
- Strain rate : near extinction
- Hydrogen : 0%, 10%

➤ Concentration Distribution — Oxy-fuel condition

ER=1.0, $a=10000s^{-1}$, 10%H₂, Oxy

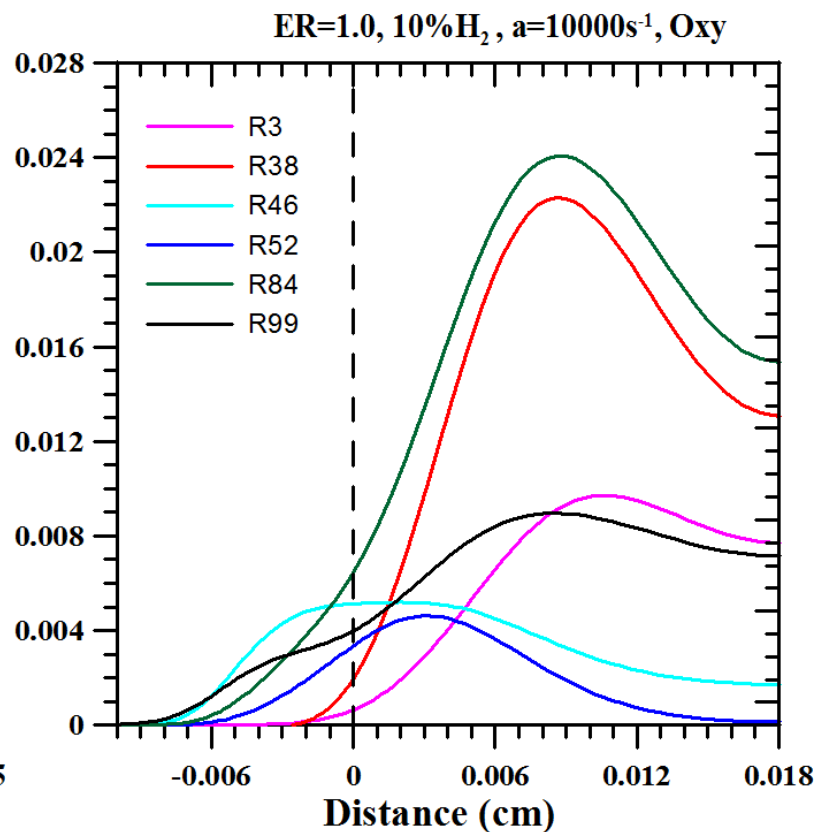
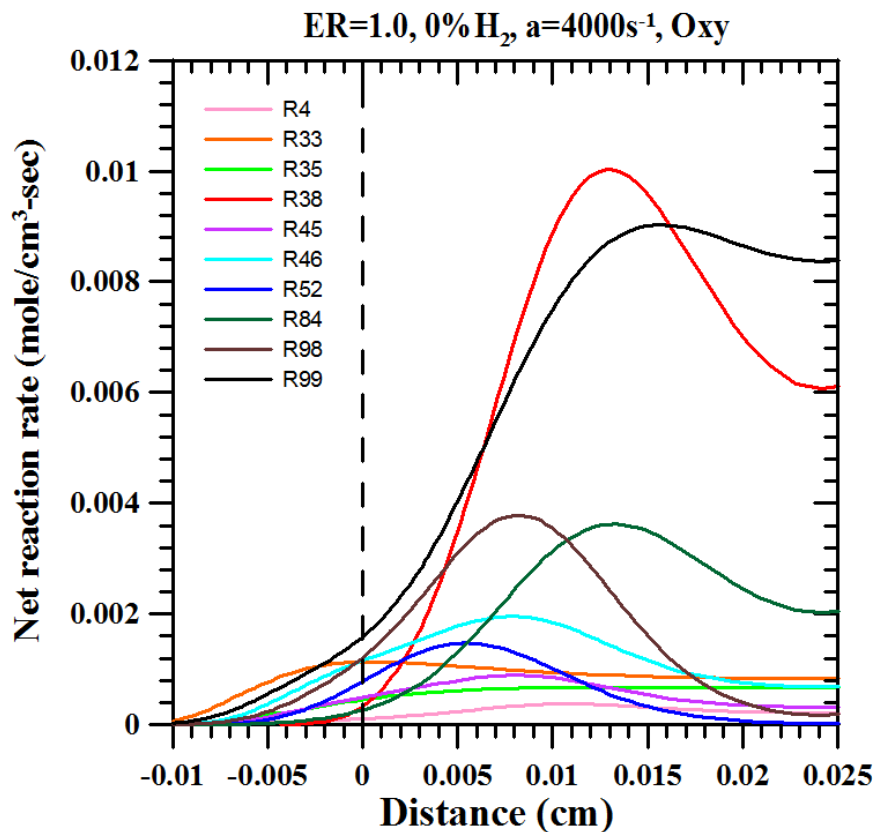


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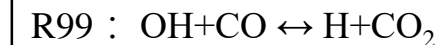
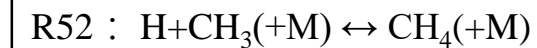
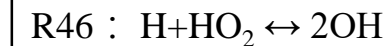
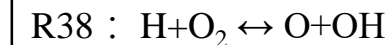
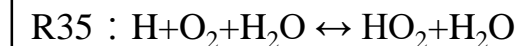
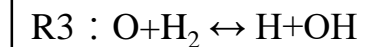


- Strain rate : near extinction
- Hydrogen : 10%, 20%

➤ Net reaction rate — Oxy-fuel condition

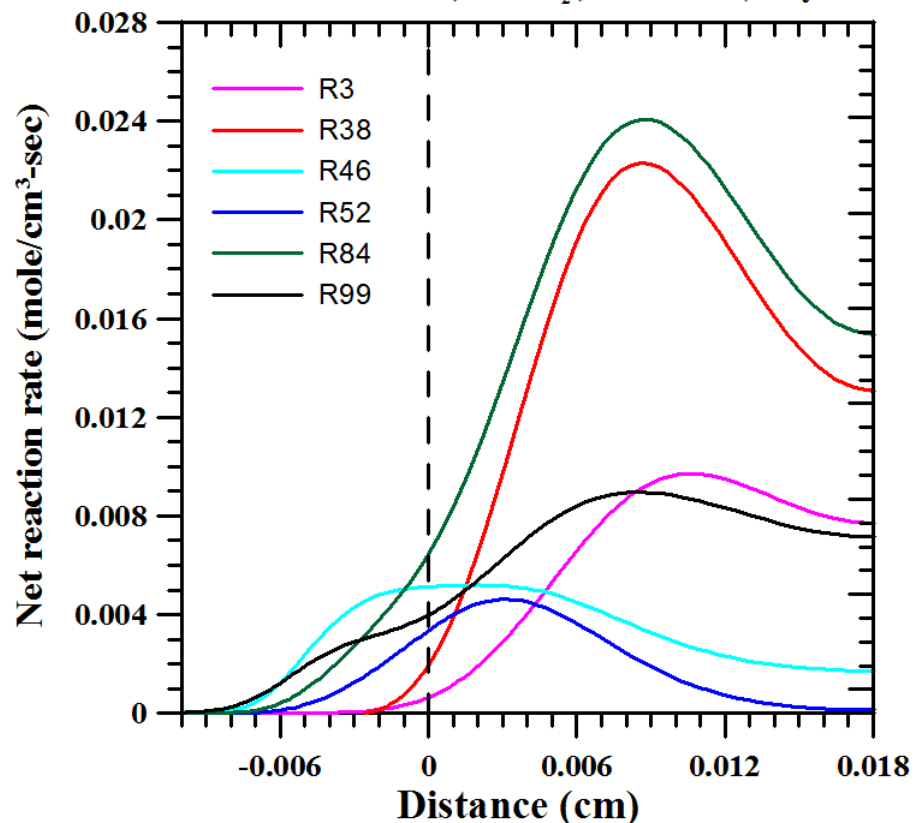


- Strain rate : near extinction
- Hydrogen : 0, 10%

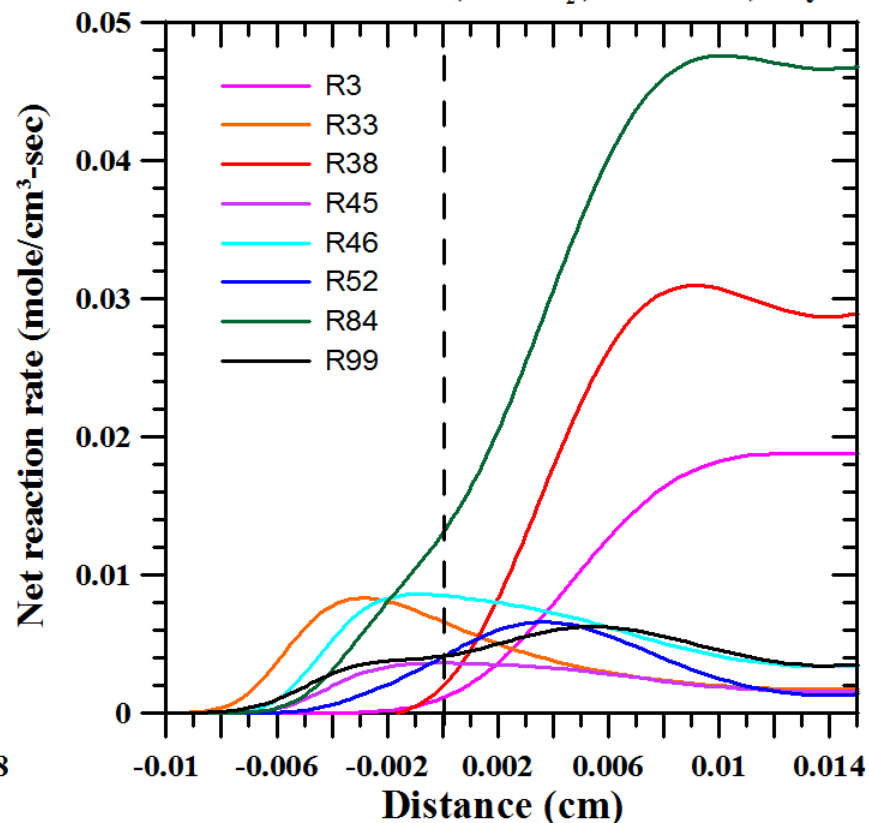


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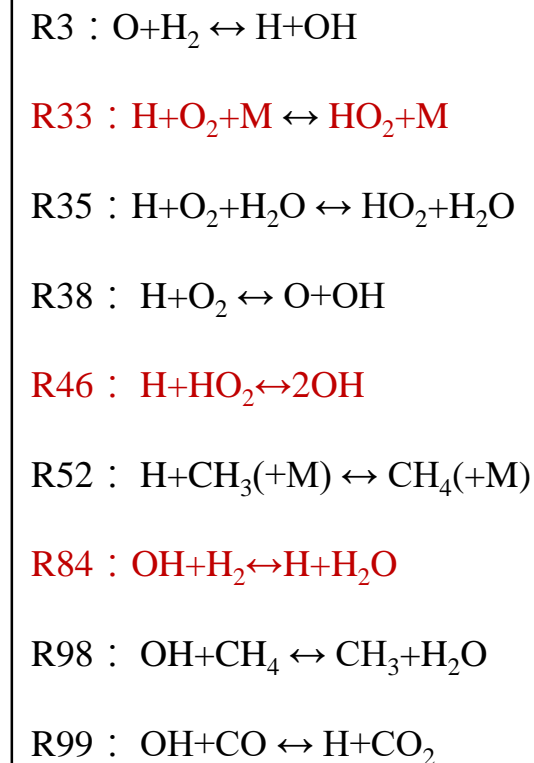
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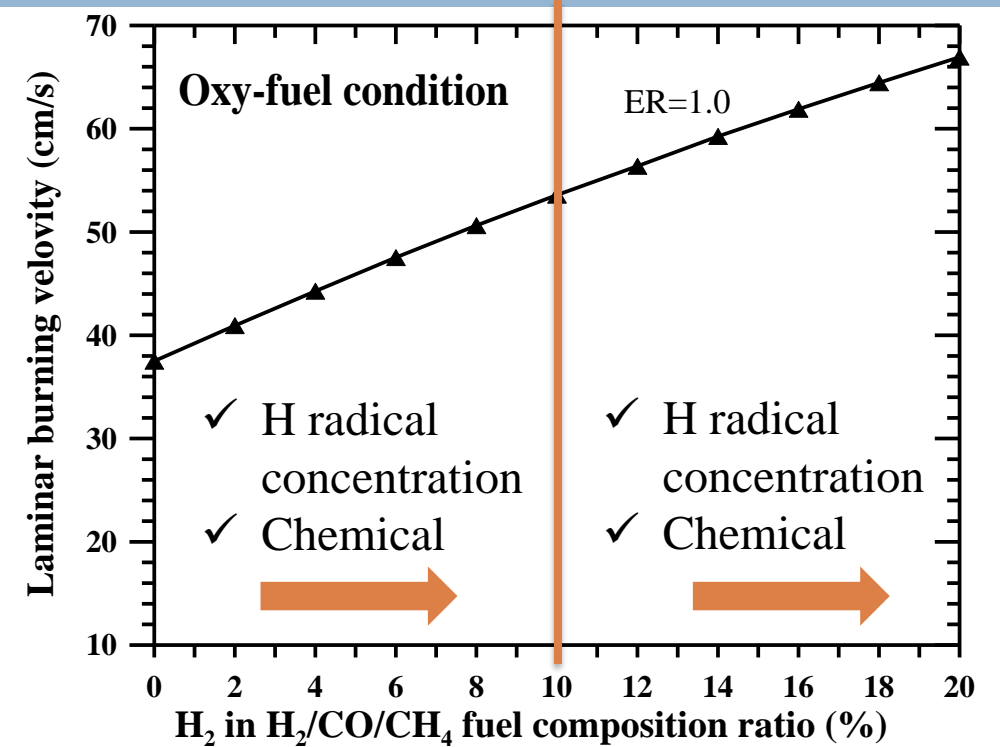
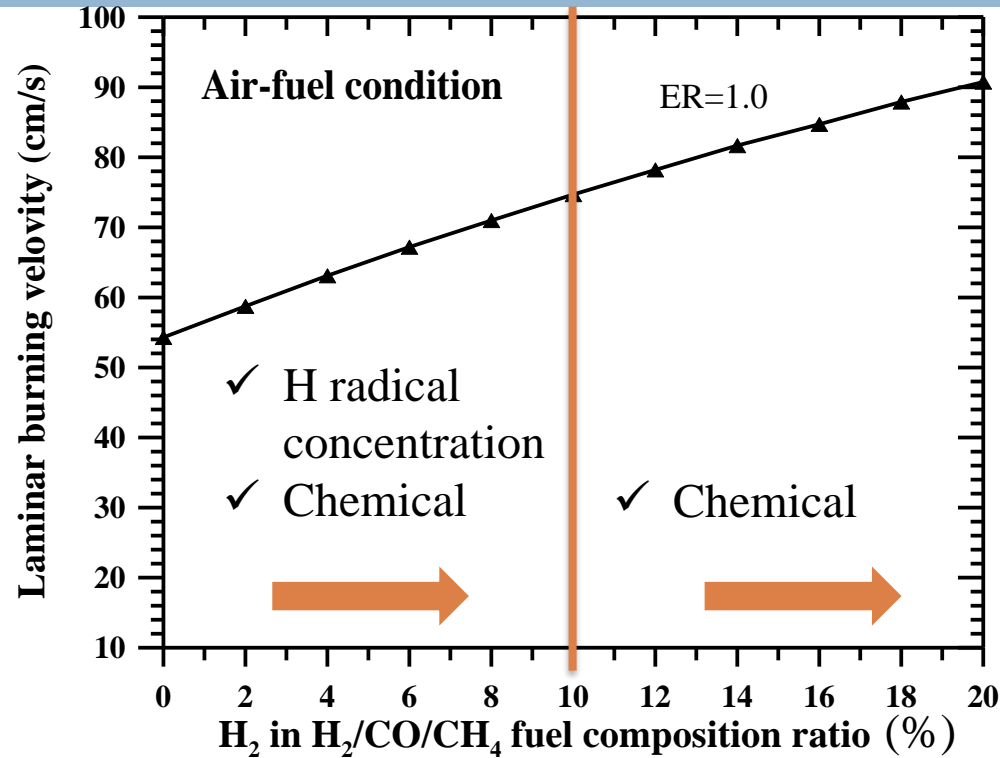


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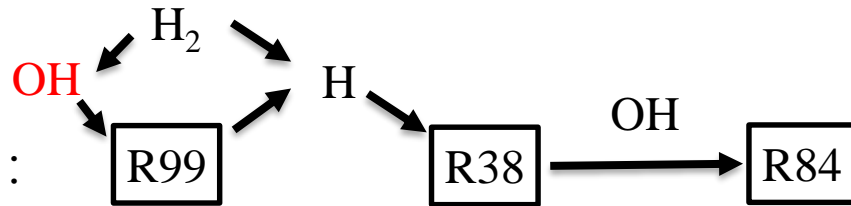


- Strain rate : near extinction
- Hydrogen : 10, 20%

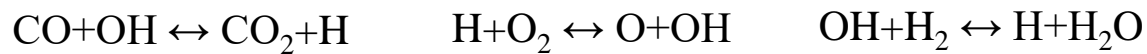




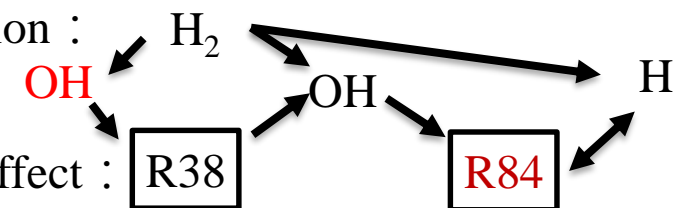
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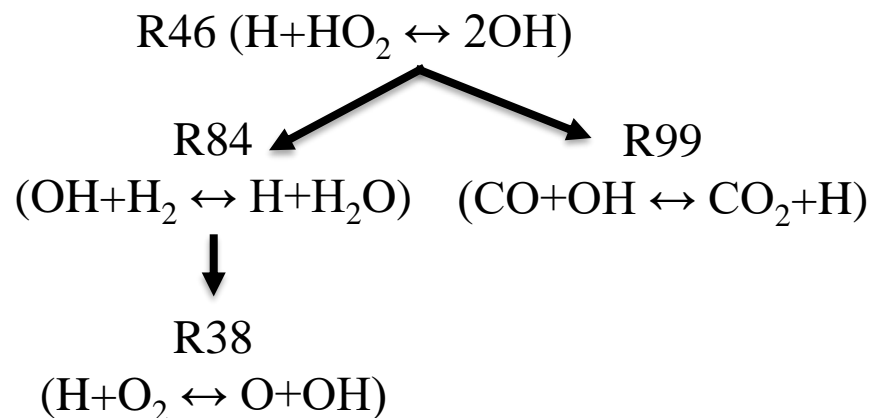


➤ Extinction strain rate issue

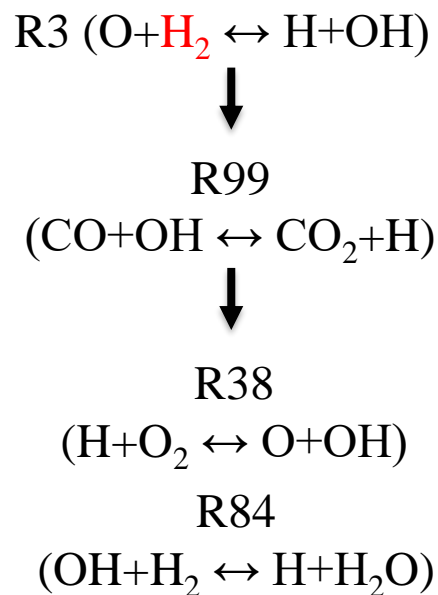
- Air-fuel condition :

- Strain rate = 200~3700 s⁻¹ → Chemical effect
- Strain rate = 3700~8450 s⁻¹ → Concentration, Chemical effect
- Strain rate = 8450~9850 s⁻¹ → Chemical effect

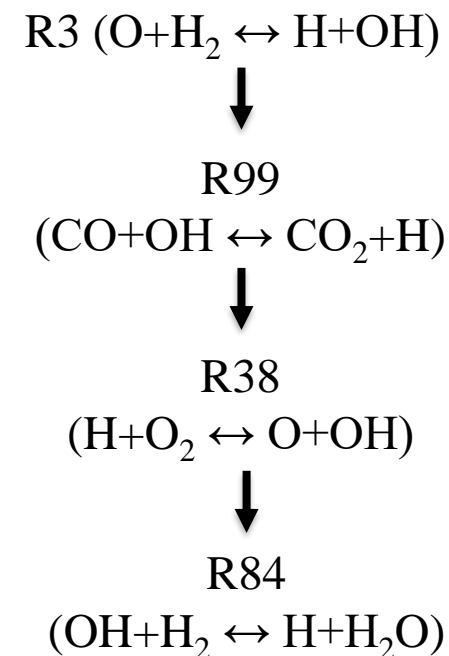
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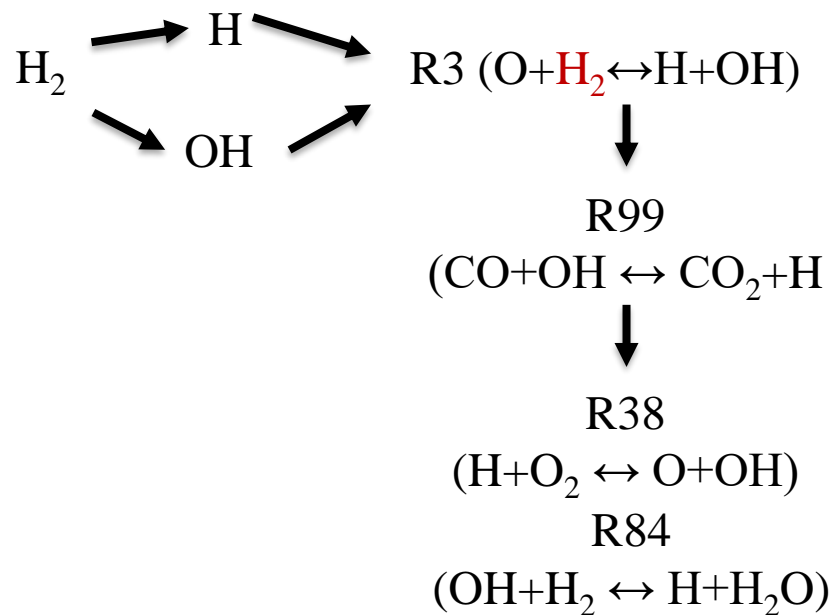


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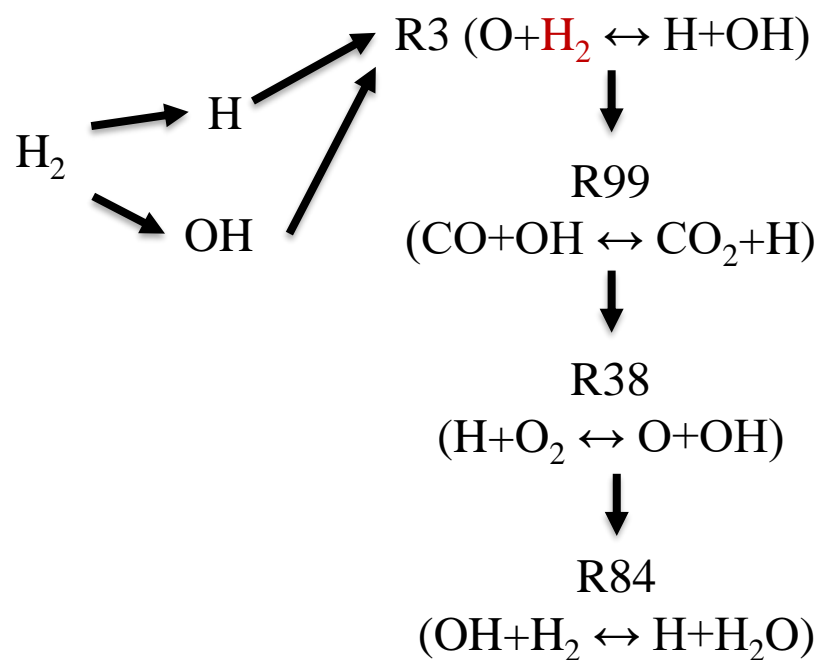
• Oxy-fuel condition :

- Strain rate = 4100~10000s⁻¹ → Concentration, Chemical effect
- Strain rate = 10000~16000s⁻¹ → Concentration, Chemical effect

➤ Strain rate = 4100~10000s⁻¹



➤ Strain rate = 10000~16000s⁻¹





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As our circle of knowledge expands, so does the circumference of
darkness surrounding it. — Albert Einstein

Thank you for attention

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