

# RCCI 연소의 직접수치모사 연구 - 화학적 측면

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## A DNS Study of RCCI Combustion - Chemical Aspects

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### ABSTRACT

The chemical aspects of primary reference fuel (PRF)/air mixture under RCCI conditions are investigated to provide fundamental insights into the ignition characteristics of RCCI combustion. Chemical explosive mode analysis (CEMA) is adopted to understand the ignition process of the lean PRF/air mixture by identifying controlling species and elementary reactions at different locations and times.

**Key Words:** DNS, HCCI, RCCI, chemical explosive mode analysis (CEMA)

In this study, the chemical aspects of reactivity controlled compression ignition (RCCI) combustion are investigated by analyzing two-dimensional direct numerical simulation (2-D DNS) data with the chemical explosive mode (CEM) analysis. The DNSs were performed with a 116-species reduced mechanism of primary reference fuel (PRF). RCCI combustion uses two fuels with different reactivity. For example, *n*-heptane ( $n\text{-C}_7\text{H}_{16}$ ) and *iso*-octane ( $i\text{-C}_8\text{H}_{18}$ ) can be used because they are representative of highly reactive and less reactive fuels, respectively. The overall low-temperature (LT), intermediate-temperature (IT), and high-temperature (HT) reaction pathways of *n*-heptane and *iso*-octane oxidation relevant to RCCI combustion are shown in Fig. 1. The details of the pathways can be found in [1-2].

The initial conditions of mean pressure, mean temperature, mean equivalence ratio, and mean global PRF number for 2-D DNS are  $p_0 = 40$  atm,  $T_0 = 900$  K, and  $\phi_0 = 0.45$ , and PRF50, respectively. Fig. 2 shows the temporal evolutions of the mean heat release rate (HRR) and the mean fractions of important species for 2-D DNS, which exhibit a staged consumption of more reactive fuel, *n*-heptane, and less reactive fuel, *iso*-octane. *n*-Heptane is primarily consumed during the first-stage ignition, following the LT reaction pathway in

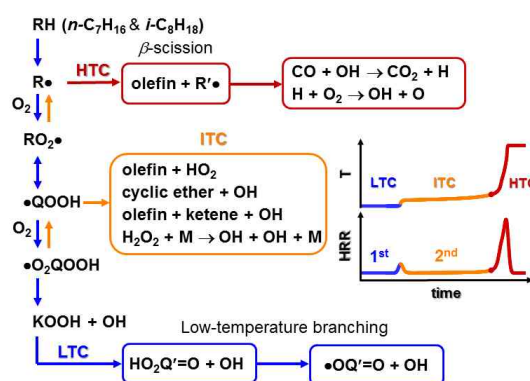


Fig. 1 Schematic of reaction pathways

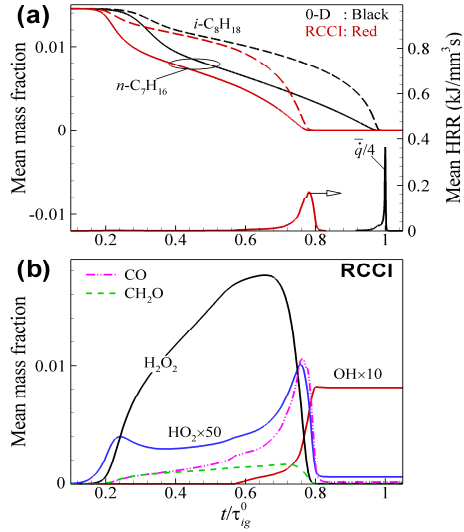
Fig. 1. Then, the remaining *n*-heptane and most *iso*-octane are consumed by the IT and HT reaction pathways. During these stages, *n*-heptane and *iso*-octane are decomposed into  $HO_2$ ,  $CH_2O$ ,  $C_2H_4$ , and other smaller molecules. Consumption of  $CH_2O$ , decomposition of  $H_2O_2$ , and production of  $OH$  appear to coincide with the consumption of all remaining *iso*-octane, followed by the oxidation of  $CO$  into  $CO_2$ .

It is believed that local mixtures with high *n*-heptane concentration (e.g. ~ PRF30 in the present study - a mixture of 30% *iso*-octane and 70% *n*-heptane by volume) auto-ignite first and then initiate adjacent less-reactive mixtures, resulting in a sequential ignition process. Therefore, the CEM analysis is first applied to the 0-D ignition of PRF30/air mixture under conditions of  $p_0 = 40$  atm,  $T_0 = 812$  K, and  $\phi_0 = 0.74$  (high *n*-heptane concentration with low  $T$  due to evaporative

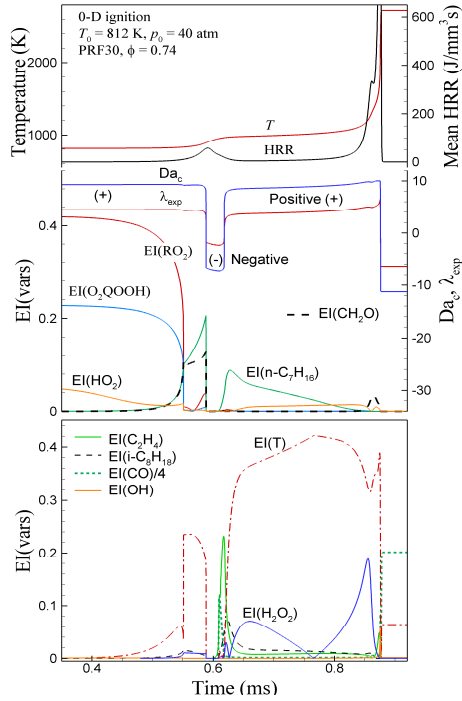
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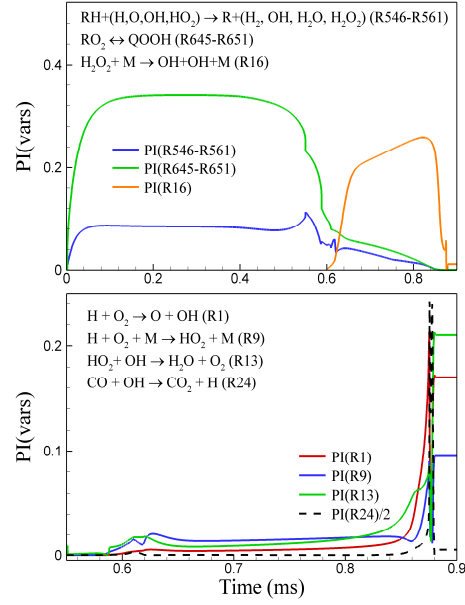


**Fig. 2** Temporal evolutions of the mean HRR and mean mass fractions of important species. The 0-D ignition is also added for comparison.



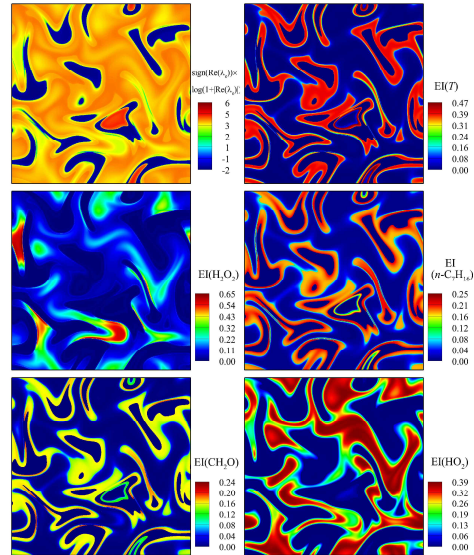
**Fig. 3** Temporal evolutions of temperature, HRR,  $Da_c$ ,  $\lambda_{exp} \equiv \text{sign}(\text{Re}(\lambda_e)) \times \log(1 + |\text{Re}(\lambda_e)|)$ , EI of important species for 0-D ignition

cooling effect) as shown in Figs. 3 and 4. Readers are referred to [3-4] for the details of the CEMA formulation and the application of the CEMA can be found in [5-8]. Note that

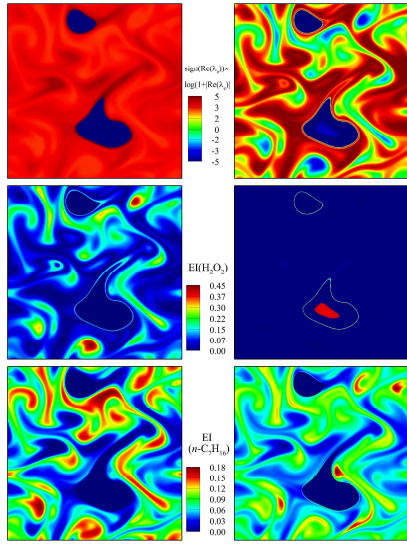


**Fig. 4** Temporal evolutions of PI of important reactions for 0-D ignition

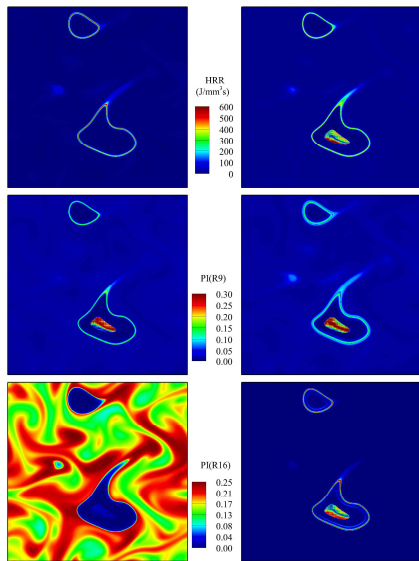
(1) a mixture with a negative  $\text{Re}(\lambda_e)$  is already burned while the ignition of mixture with a positive  $\text{Re}(\lambda_e)$  is still underway; (2) important species and reactions are identified by relative magnitudes of EI and PI values, respectively. As shown in Fig. 3 and Fig. 4, during the early stage of combustion,  $\text{RO}_2$ ,  $\text{O}_2\text{QOOH}$ , and  $\text{HO}_2$  are controlling species, and



**Fig. 5** Isocontours of  $\text{sign}(\text{Re}(\lambda_e)) \times \log(1 + |\text{Re}(\lambda_e)|)$ , and EI of important species at the first-stage ignition.

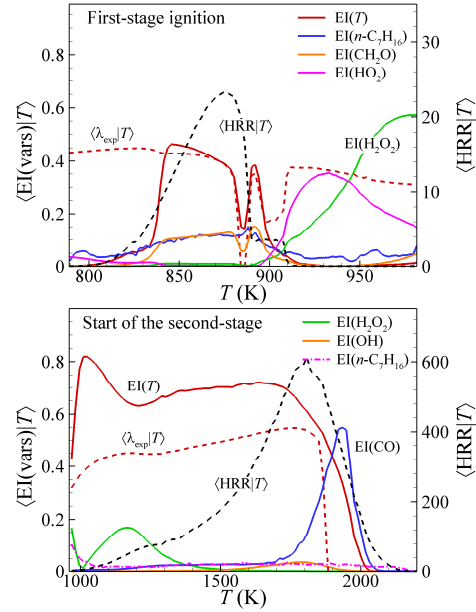


**Fig. 6** Isocontours of  $\text{sign}(\text{Re}(\lambda_e)) \times \log(1 + |\text{Re}(\lambda_e)|)$ , and EI of important species at 15% cumulative heat release rate (CHRR).

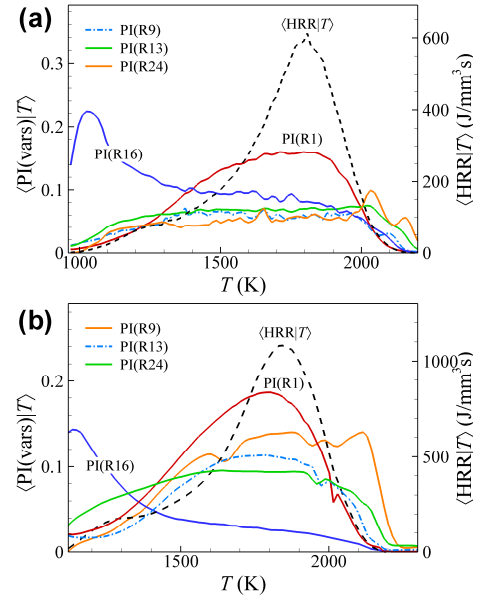


**Fig. 7** Isocontours of HRR, and PI of important reactions at starting of the main combustion.

$R + (H, O, OH, HO_2) \rightarrow R + (H_2, OH, H_2O, H_2O_2)$ , and  $RO_2 \rightarrow QOOH$  are controlling reactions. However, during the first-stage ignition,  $n\text{-C}_7\text{H}_{16}$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  become the most important species. Right after the first-stage ignition,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + M \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{OH} + M$  (R16) becomes active, and temperature becomes the most important factor governing the



**Fig. 8** The conditional mean of HRR and EI of controlling species on temperature at (a) the first-stage ignition, and at (b) the 15% CHRR



**Fig. 9** The conditional mean of HRR and PI of controlling reactions on temperature at (a) the 15% CHRR, and at (b) the second-stage ignition

combustion process compared to the contributions of  $n\text{-C}_7\text{H}_{16}$ ,  $i\text{-C}_8\text{H}_{18}$ , and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ . At the main combustion event, together with

temperature,  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$ , OH, and CO become controlling variables, and  $\text{H} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{O} + \text{OH}$  (R1) and  $\text{CO} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}$  (R24) are controlling reactions.

Next, the same EI and PI analyses are applied to the 2-D DNS and the contours of EI and PI of critical species and reactions at different locations and time are shown in Figs. 5-7. The corresponding conditional means on temperature are calculated and shown in Fig. 8 for  $\langle \text{EI}(\text{vars})|T \rangle$  and Fig. 9 for  $\langle \text{PI}(\text{vars})|T \rangle$ . The 2-D CEM results are consistent with the findings from the 0-D ignition discussed above. However, it further reveals that at the low temperature regions ( $T < 900$  K), temperature,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  and  $n\text{-C}_7\text{H}_{16}$  are the key variables, while at the intermediate temperature regions ( $900 \text{ K} < T < 1000 \text{ K}$ ),  $\text{HO}_2$  and  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  become the most critical species as readily seen in Fig. 8. Moreover, as shown in Fig. 9, at  $T \sim 1000\text{--}1200$  K, the chain-branching reaction of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  via  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2 + \text{M} \rightarrow \text{OH} + \text{OH} + \text{M}$  (R16) becomes highly reactive, which subsequently results in initiating high temperature chemistry. Moreover, heat is primarily released at the locations of very thin flame-like fronts (deflagrations) via the reaction  $\text{CO} + \text{OH} \rightarrow \text{CO}_2 + \text{H}$  (R24), which is triggered by the chain branching reaction,  $\text{H} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{O} + \text{OH}$  (R1) as readily observed in Figs. 7 and 9.

The chemical aspects of the ignition process of PRF/air mixture under RCCI conditions were investigated by using CEM analysis. low temperature,  $\text{CH}_2\text{O}$  and  $n\text{-C}_7\text{H}_{16}$  are identified as the predominant factors contributed to the CEM at the first-stage ignition, while the chain branching reaction of  $\text{H}_2\text{O}_2$  and the production reaction of  $\text{HO}_2$  are the main reactions of the IT combustion. During thermal ignition, however, temperature is found to be the predominant factor and high-temperature reactions represented by  $\text{H} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{O} + \text{OH}$  are responsible for the thermal ignition. At deflagrations, temperature, CO, and OH are the most important species while the conversion reaction of CO to  $\text{CO}_2$  and high-temperature chain branching reaction of  $\text{H} + \text{O}_2 \rightarrow \text{O} + \text{OH}$  are identified to be important to the CEM.

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