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RON of gasoline surrogates and their weak flame characteristics in a micro flow reactor with a controlled temperature profile under ultra-lean conditions

1 Objective

Background

- Ultra lean gasoline combustion allows for higher thermal efficiency
- Ignition characteristics and mechanisms are not well validated in ultra lean condition
- Important to avoid engine knocking

Challenges

- Ultra lean combustion usually only possible in high temperature/pressure region
- Common approaches are not steady state (RCM, Shock tube)

Solution

- Investigation by micro flow reactor with controlled temperature profile
- Allows for investigation at atmospheric and elevated pressures and temperatures

T(x)

Stable normal flames

Ignition positions

Unstable FREI solution

 $T_w(x)$

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0 = 1. CH./air

٠ Enables steady state investigation

Principle

Micro flow reactor with a controlled

- temperature profile [1][2] Quartz tube heated by an external heat
- source (H₂/air flame) Diameter smaller than quenching
- diameter Gas phase temperature is governed by wall temperature

Flame responses to velocity^{[1][2]}

- Three flame branches exist Unstable branch connecting normal
- flame and weak flame Stable weak flame occurs at low
- velocities, represent ignition branch Investigation of ignition processes
- possible by steady weak flames

4 Outlook

Ultra-lean combustion

Ignition properties of a wide range fuel mixtures and conditions will be investigated.

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- Experiments will be done at atmospheric and elevated pressures.
- Mass spectroscopy will be employed for species measurement.
- Numerical simulations will help understand complex ignition properties in ultra-lean condition.
- Innovative ignition property index can be derived from data.

Exhaust gas recirculation (EGR)

The micro flow reactor with a controlled temperature profile can be employed to investigate stable normal flame in EGR case

Research Plan





→ Higher reactivity for surrogates with more species

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