

NSF Workshop on Cyber-based  
Combustion Science:  
RIOT & a vision for predictive  
modeling of combustion

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# What is RIOT?

- RIOT = “Range Identification & Optimization Tool”
- Software for constructing reduced chemical kinetic models.
- Helps put large chemical mechanisms into reacting-flow simulations.
- Unique feature - identifies “valid range”
  - reaction conditions over which the reduced model is guaranteed to match the full model within a tolerance.
- Made available on the Web through the CMCS Portal <http://www.cmcs.org>.
- Who built RIOT: Luwi Oluwole, Binita Bhattacharjee, and Karen Schuchardt

RIOT Dev : Riot

## RIOT - Range Identification and Optimization Tool

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## RIOT Setup

Title: Task: I want to: Model Output: I want: 

## Reaction Conditions

Points selected

Model Reduction Parameters (all models) : 

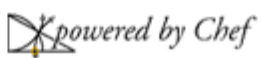
Temp tolerances: atol(K/s) = 1000.0, rtol = 0.0010

Global species tolerances: atol(1/s) = 500.0, rtol = 0.0010

0 of 2539 Reactions Fixed

 Default tolerances set for demo purposes. Adjust for accuracy requirements.

Working dir: /sam/files/projects/RIOT\_Dev/n-heptane/ 561 Species 2539 Reactions



SCIENTIFIC ANNOTATION MIDDLEWARE



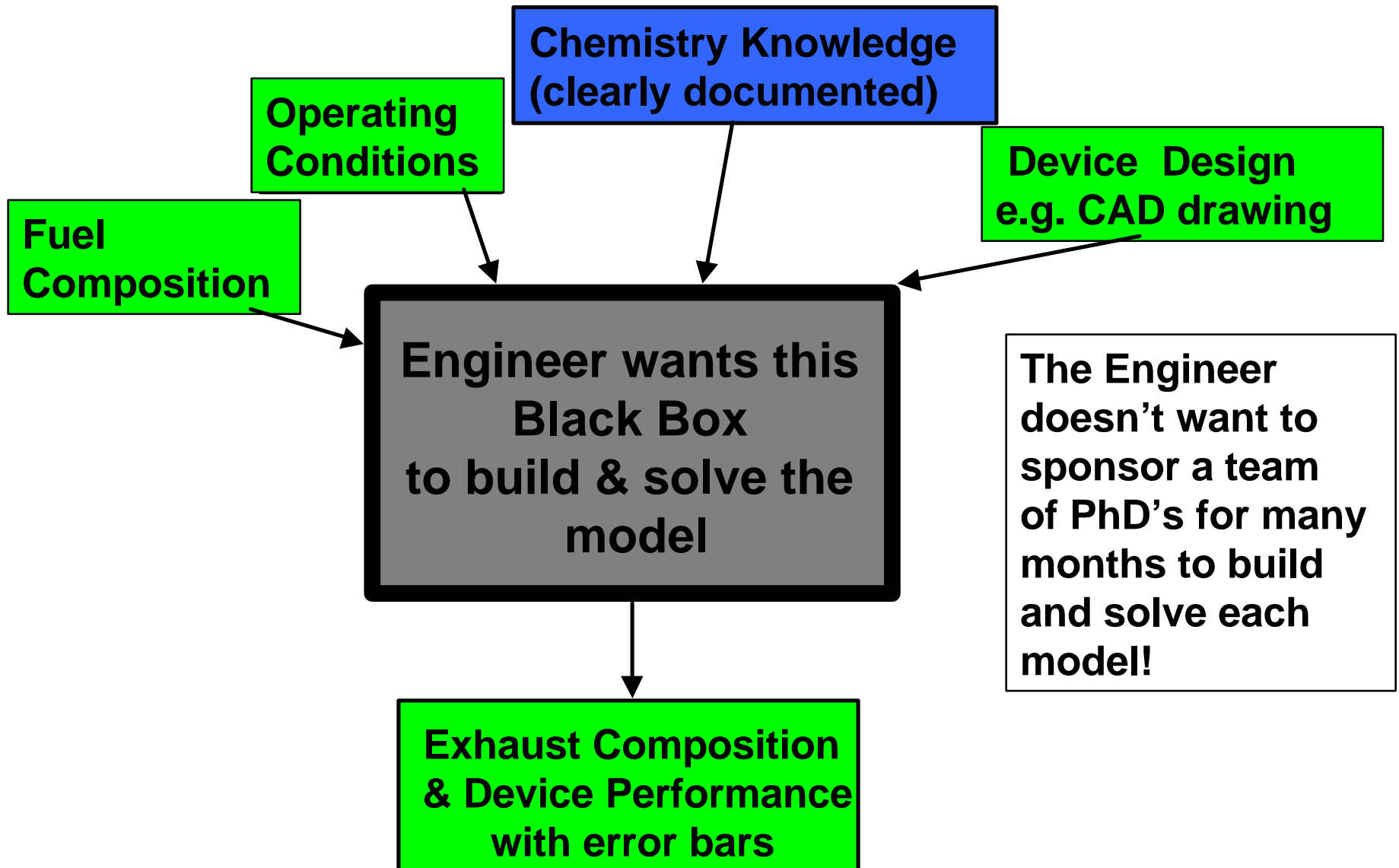
CMCS v2.01 | SAM v1.1.8 | CHEF v1.1.01 [build #307231] | Jetspeed v1.4b2[cvs08oct2002p]

# Tools like RIOT are not enough to make Combustion Science “Cyber-Based”

- **RIOT is a nice tool:**
  - used in HCCI engine simulations, laminar flame simulations
  - Free, easy to access, nice interface, automated
- **But...RIOT demands a lot from user:**
  - An accurate large “full” reaction mechanism for fuel of interest.
  - Access to suitable reacting-flow software
    - that can solve the problem of interest in reasonable time
    - that can use RIOT’s reduced models with valid ranges
  - Consistent uncertainty/error analysis throughout
    - otherwise, what rationale for RIOT error tolerance?

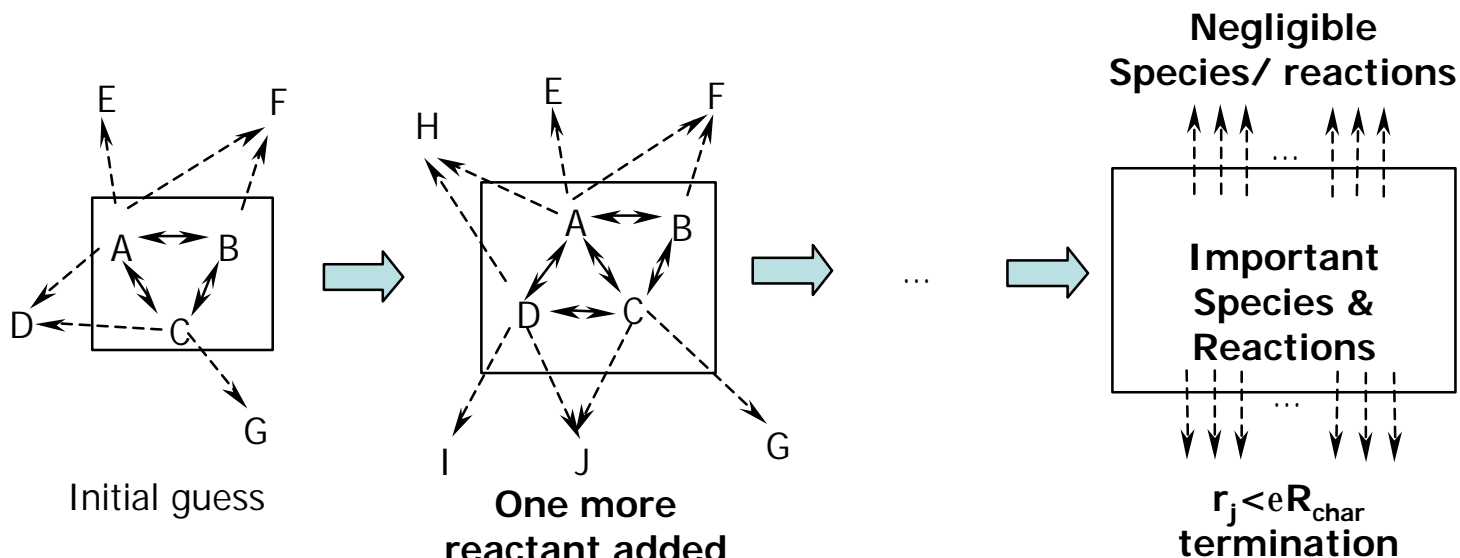
**User needs access to full capability: then combustion science can really become “cyber-based”.**

# What an Engineer Really Wants



# Which Species & Rxns Belong in Model?

## Rate-Based Model Construction



**Iteratively add reactions/species until all the reactions leading to new species are negligible:**  
all minor species rates  $< \epsilon \cdot ||\text{major species rates}||$

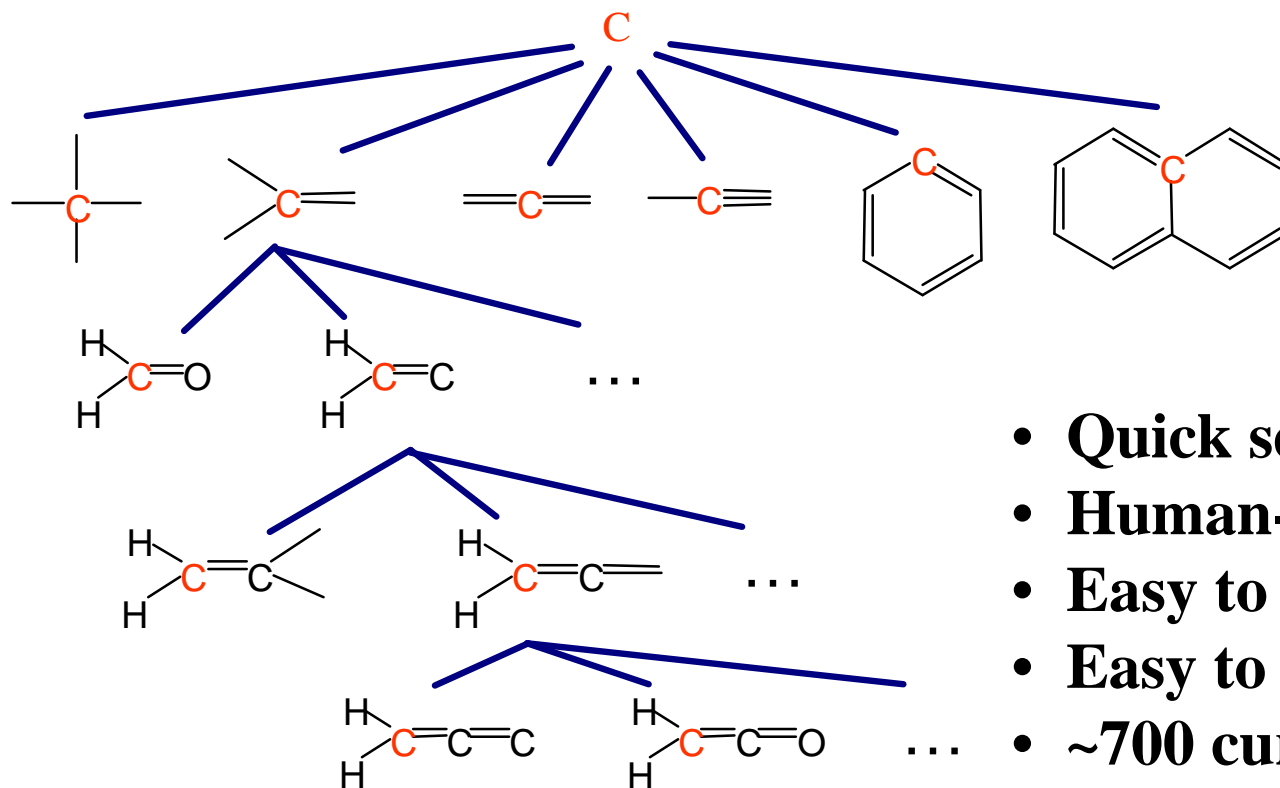
**Note: model structure depends on reaction conditions & rate estimates**

# The Model-Construction Algorithm Requires the Computer to...

- Identify Every Way Reactant X can react with other species in the model {A,B,C...}
- Estimate rate constants  $k(T,P)$  for all those reactions.
- Estimate the reverse rate constants, i.e. estimate  $\Delta G_f(T)$  for every important species.
- Can look up some of the reactions, rate constants, and thermo, but many reactions, rates, thermo have never been measured.

# Documenting the Chemistry Details in an Unambiguous, Extensible Way

## *Functional Group Tree*



- **Quick search**
- **Human-Readable**
- **Easy to update**
- **Easy to extend (new leafs)**
- **~700 current tree leafs for thermo group values, from quantum calcs & expt.**

# Functional Group Tree Database for Thermo

Group tree/library
Clear

Cs-CdsCsCsOs

View

- L0: R
  - L1: C
    - L2: Cbr
    - L2: Cb
    - L2: Ct
    - L2: Cdd
    - L2: Cds
    - L2: Cs
      - Cs-HHHH
      - L3: Cs-CHHH
        - Cs-OsHHH
        - Cs-OsOsHH
        - Cs-OsOsOsH
        - L3: Cs-CCHH
        - L3: Cs-CCCH
        - L3: Cs-CCCC
        - L3: Cs-CCCOs
          - Cs-CsCsCsOs
          - L4: Cs-CdsCsCsOs**
          - Cs-OsCTCsCs
          - Cs-CbCsCsOs
          - L4: Cs-CdsCdsCsOs
          - L4: Cs-CTCdsCsOs
          - L4: Cs-CbCdsCsOs
          - Cs-CTCTCsOs
          - Cs-CbCTCsOs
          - Cs-CbCbCsOs
          - L4: Cs-CdsCdsCdsOs
          - L4: Cs-CTCdsCdsOs
          - L4: Cs-CbCdsCdsOs
          - L4: Cs-CTCTCdsOs
          - L4: Cs-CbCTCdsOs
          - L4: Cs-CbCbCdsOs

Cs-CdsCsCsOs

in family: Group

| #   | Group            | Refer to         | H      | S      | Cp300 | Cp400 | Cp500 | Cp600 | Cp800 | Cp1000 | Cp1500 | Note  |
|-----|------------------|------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|---|
| 842 | Cs-CdsCsCsOs     | Cs-(Cds-Cds)C... | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    |   |
| 843 | Cs-(Cds-Od)Cs... |                  | -3.6   | -34.72 | 3.99  | 6.04  | 7.43  | 8.26  | 8.92  | 8.96   | 8.23   | Cs-OCOCsCs Hf BENSON S,Cp =3D C/Cd/C3"  |
| 844 | Cs-(Cds-Cd)Cs... | Cs-(Cds-Cds)C... | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    |   |
| 845 | Cs-(Cds-Cds)C... |                  | -6.6   | -32.56 | 4.63  | 6.79  | 7.95  | 8.4   | 8.8   | 8.44   | 8.44   | Cs-OCdCsCs BOZZELLI C/C3/O - (C/C3/H - C/Cb/C2/H), HF-1 !!!WARNING! Cp1500 value... |
| 846 | Cs-(Cds-Cdd)C... | Cs-(Cds-Cdd-C... | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    |   |
| 847 | Cs-(Cds-Cdd-O... |                  | -9.725 | -36.5  | 8.39  | 9.66  | 10.03 | 10.07 | 9.64  | 9.26   | 8.74   | {C/CCO/O/C2} RAMAN & GREEN JPCA 2002, 106, 7937-7949                                |
| 848 | Cs-(Cds-Cdd-C... | Cs-(Cds-Cds)C... | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0    | 0.0    |   |

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add
edit
delete

# Functional Group Trees for Rate Estimates

Reacting group A with different kind of group B, different trees. Sometimes group C...

The screenshot displays the ChemGreen software interface, which is used for generating functional group trees for rate estimates. The interface is divided into several panels:

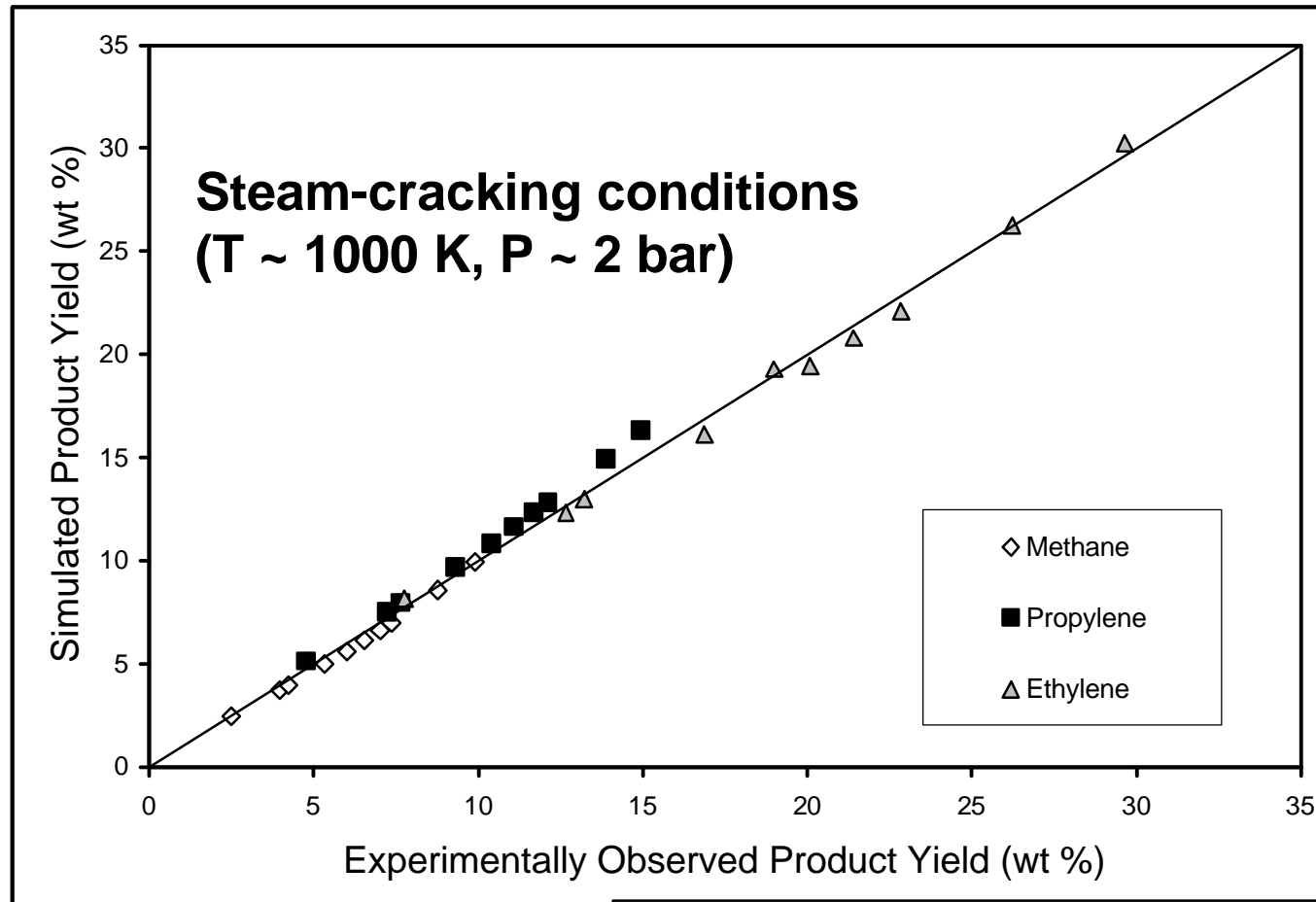
- Dataset viewer:** Shows the selected family, **H\_Abstraction**.
- Adjacency List:** Displays the structure of the selected group, **C\_sec**, with a list of atoms and their connections.
- H\_Abstraction tree library:** Shows a tree structure for **C\_sec** and **C\_methyl**, with various sub-groups like **C\_methane**, **CH2/NonDeC**, and **CH2/TwoDe**.
- C\_methyl:** Shows a tree structure for **C\_methyl**, with sub-groups like **H\_rad**, **C\_methyl**, and **CO\_rad**.
- Editor:** A panel for editing the structure, showing a list of atoms and their connections.
- Table:** A table showing the results of the abstraction process, with columns for Group 1, Group 2, Temp, A, N, a, ED, DA, Dn, Da, DE0, Rank, and a list of atoms.

The table below is a representation of the data shown in the screenshot:

| #  | Group 1    | Group 2  | Temp      | A       | N     | a   | ED   | DA  | Dn  | Da  | DE0 | Rank |
|----|------------|----------|-----------|---------|-------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|
| 17 | CH2/NonDeC | C_methyl | 300.-1500 | 14500.  | -1.77 | 0.0 | 8.53 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 2    |
| 54 | CH2/NonDeC | C_methyl | 300.-1500 | 5.02E13 | 0.0   | 0.0 | 13.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3    |
| 58 | CH2/OneDeC | C_methyl | 300.-1500 | 2.73E13 | 0.0   | 0.0 | 10.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3    |
| 60 | CH2/TwoDe  | C_methyl | 300.-1500 | 7.54E13 | 0.0   | 0.0 | 8.1  | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3    |
| 63 | CH2/OneDeC | C_methyl | 300.-1500 | 1.7E13  | 0.0   | 0.0 | 11.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3    |
| 66 | CH2/OneDeC | C_methyl | 300.-1500 | 2.81E13 | 0.0   | 0.0 | 11.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3    |
| 67 | CH2/TwoDe  | C_methyl | 300.-1500 | 1.38E14 | 0.0   | 0.0 | 8.5  | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3    |
| 77 | CH2/NonDeC | C_methyl | 300.-1500 | 9.87E14 | 0.0   | 0.0 | 13.5 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3    |
| 78 | CH2/NonDeC | C_methyl | 300.-1500 | 4.51E12 | 0.0   | 0.0 | 12.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3    |
| 80 | CH2/OneDeC | C_methyl | 300.-1500 | 5.98E13 | 0.0   | 0.0 | 9.6  | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3    |

Parsed definitions of 107 model(s)  
Parsing tree for family: H\_Abstraction  
Parsing file: C:\Documents and Settings\ash\My Documents\Research\chemgreen release 032104\RM0\_databases\kinetics\H\_Abstractiontree.txt  
Parsing library for family: H\_Abstraction  
Parsing file: C:\Documents and Settings\ash\My Documents\Research\chemgreen release 032104\RM0\_databases\kinetics\H\_Abstractiontree\Library.txt  
Parsing reaction recipe for family: H\_Abstraction  
Reading reaction recipe file: C:\Documents and Settings\ash\My Documents\Research\chemgreen release 032104\RM0\_databases\kinetics\H\_Abstractionreaction\List.txt

***Does this really work? Are computer-generated models accurate? Don't you need a human touch (or tweak)?***  
**RMG-Generated Model for n-Hexane Pyrolysis**



**K. van Geem, et al. (AIChE J 2005)**



# The Valid Range of a Reduced Chemistry Model

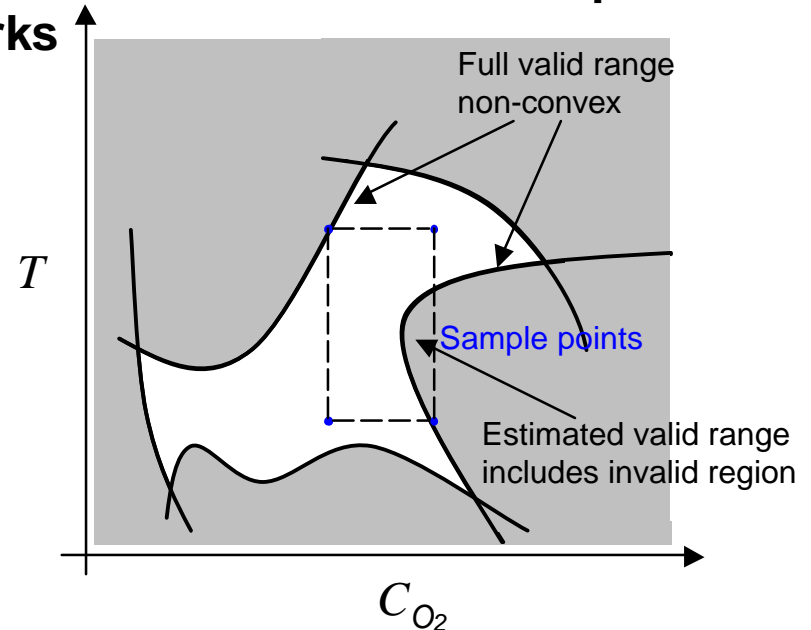
Model is “valid” at  $(\underline{C}, T)$  where  $|S_{\text{reduced}}(\underline{C}, T) - S_{\text{full}}(\underline{C}, T)| < \text{tol}$

Most reduced models are only known to be valid at individual points  $(\underline{C}, T)$

CFD calculation assumes each reduced model valid over a continuous range of conditions  $F$ . But just because model works at certain points  $\underline{f}=(\underline{C}, T)$  in  $F$  does not guarantee it works at every point in range: *non-convex!*

RIOT gives reduced models with guaranteed-valid ranges: just right for Adaptive Chemistry!

Oluwole et al. *Combust. Flame* (2006)

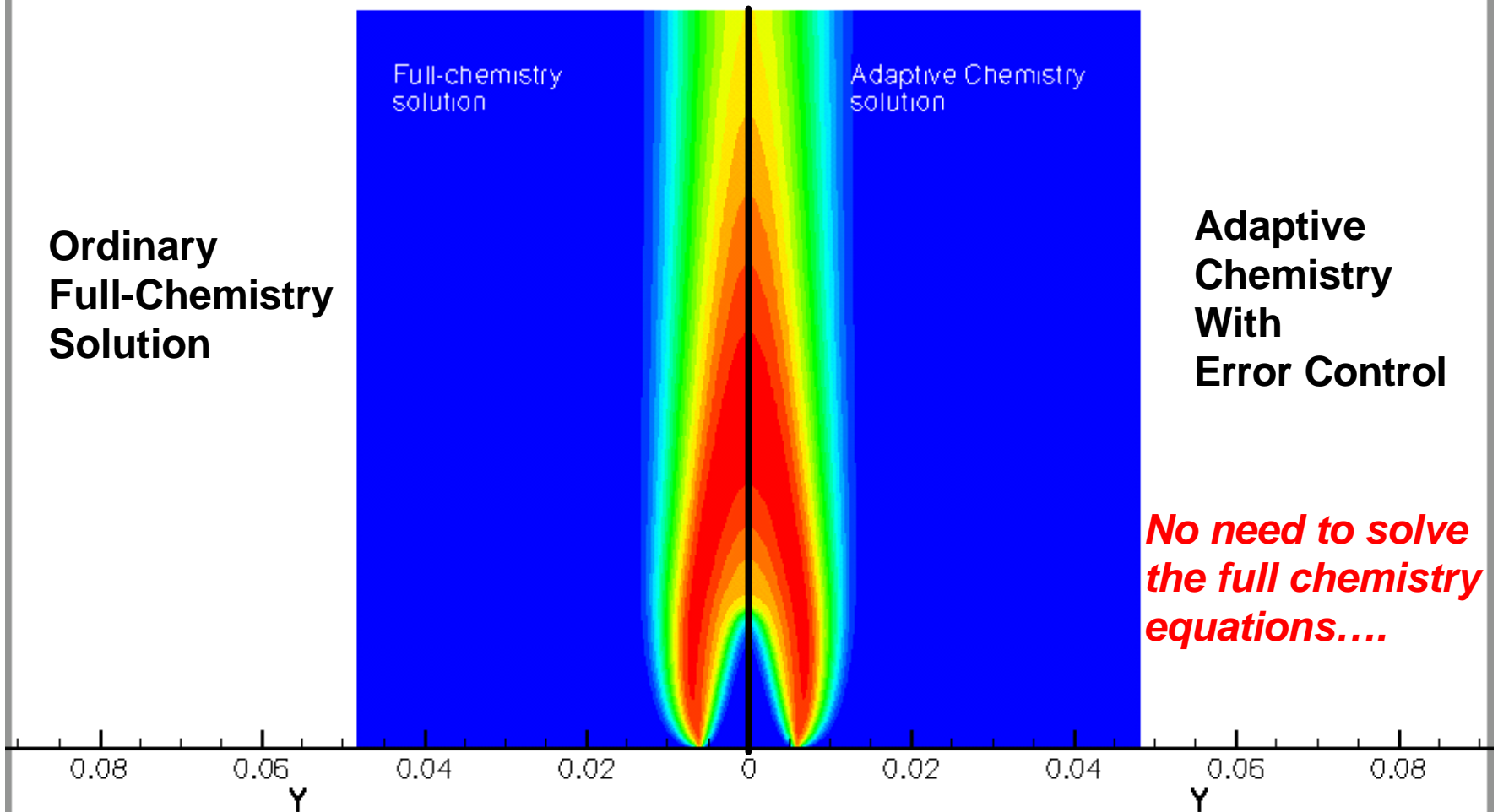


# Controlling the reduced-model error in steady-state CFD

- Conservation equations:  $F_k(\underline{f}) = \frac{\partial \underline{f}_k}{\partial t} = T_k(\underline{f}) + S_k(\underline{f})$   
 $T$  = transport terms  
 $S$  = chemistry terms
- Want to solve full model problem to steady-state  $\underline{f}_{ss}^{\text{full}}$  such that steady state residuals  $|F_k^{\text{full}}(\underline{f}_{ss}^{\text{full}})| \leq d_k^{\text{full}}$  ...but we can't afford it
- Instead, solve Adaptive Chemistry problem (using reduced models) to steady-state  $\underline{f}_{ss}^{\text{red}}$  such that  $|F_k^{\text{red}}(\underline{f}_{ss}^{\text{red}})| \leq d_k^{\text{red}}$
- **If we craftily set model reduction error tolerances so we are sure**  
 $|S_{\text{reduced}}(\underline{C}, T) - S_{\text{full}}(\underline{C}, T)| < \text{tol}$  **at**  $\underline{f}_{ss}^{\text{red}}$  **and set**  $d^{\text{red}} < d^{\text{full}} - \text{tol}$   
**We can guarantee that we'll solve the full problem:**  $|F_k^{\text{full}}(\underline{f}_{ss}^{\text{red}})| \leq d_k^{\text{full}}$

# Error Control Works As Promised

Predicted Temperature Fields for Partially Premixed CH<sub>4</sub> Flame



# A vision for Cyber-Based Combustion Science

