

Introducing ChemKED: a new human- and machine-readable data standard for chemical kinetics experiments

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ChemKED: **C**hemical **K**inetic **E**xperimental **D**ata

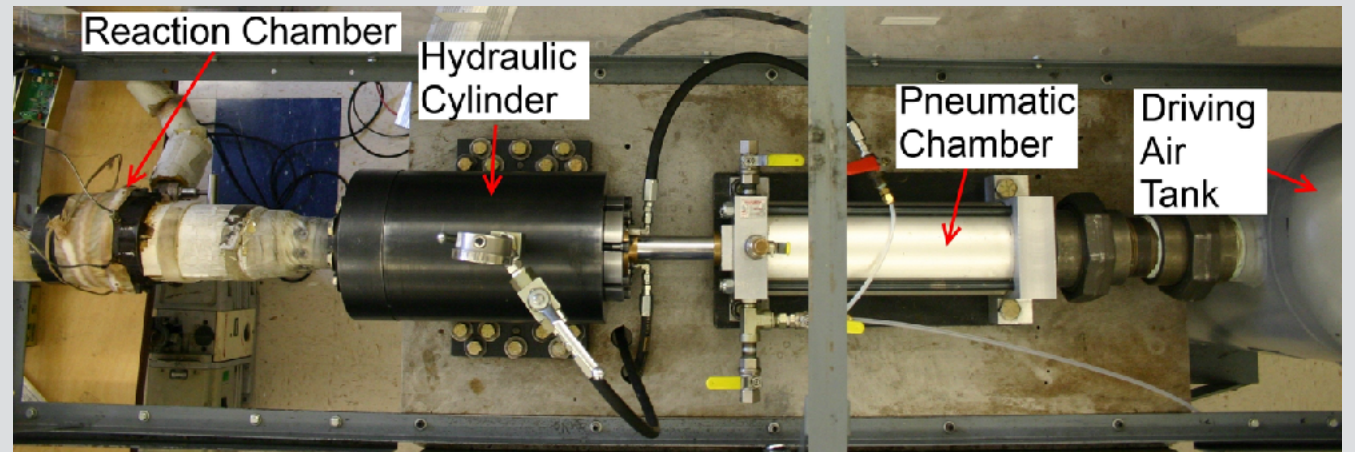
PyKED: **P**ython software
for working with ChemKED



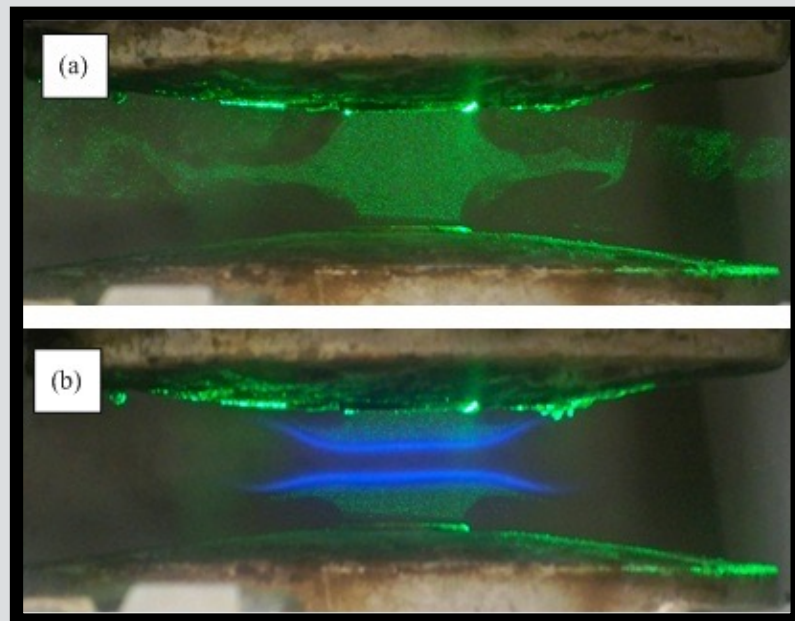
Validation, schmalidation.



Shock tube¹



Rapid compression machine²

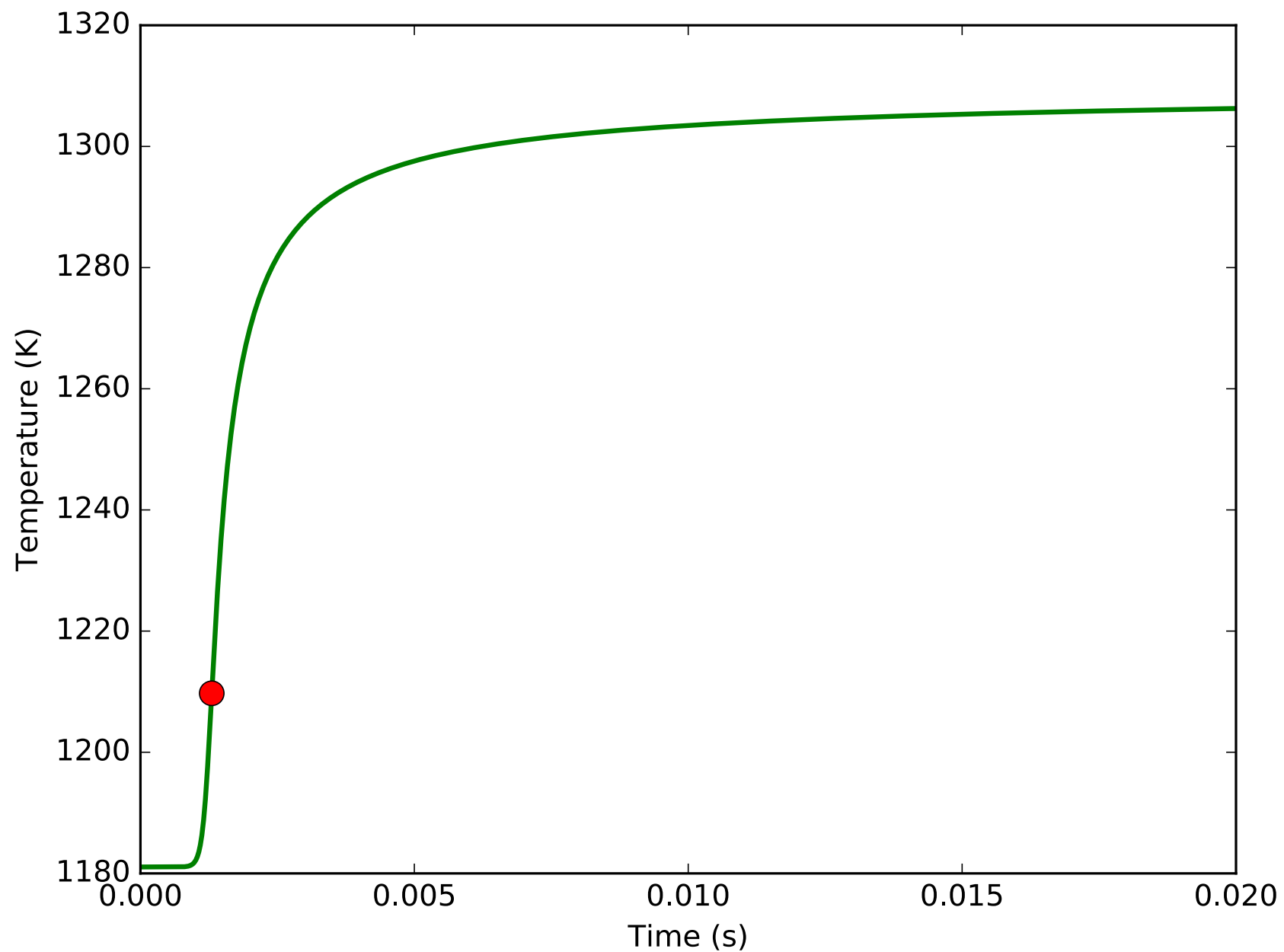


Counterflow flame³



Jet-stirred reactor⁴

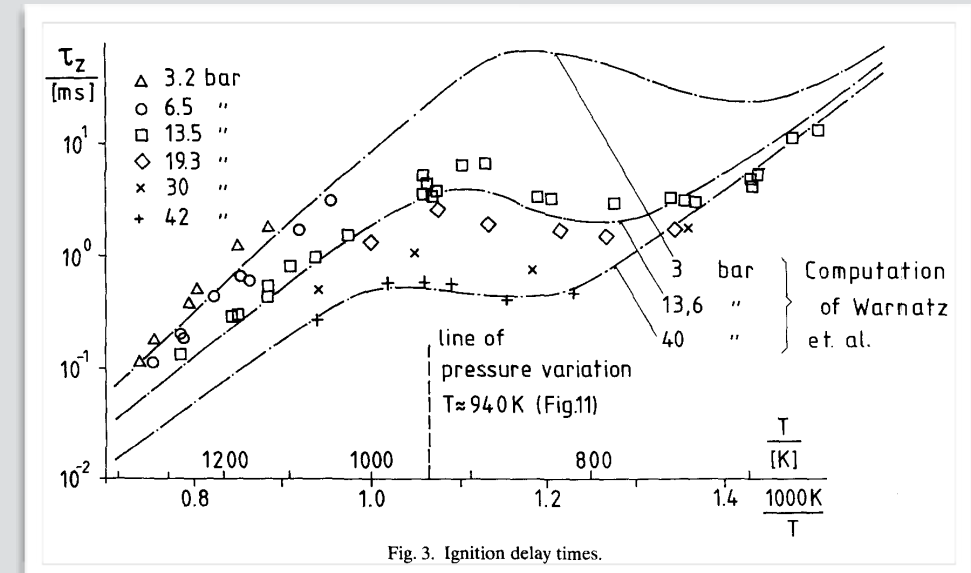
Autoignition



The problem: experimental data

Series	Shock No.	Composition %		P_1 torr	P_5 atm	T_5 K	ρ_5/ρ_1	U_5 mm/ μ sec	τ μ sec
		C_7H_{16}	O_2						
A	6	1	11	116	4.66	1260	7.27	.3778	323
	10	1	11	105	5.17	1410	7.95	.3913	70
	14	1	11	103	4.52	1323	7.56	.3835	170
B	22	1	11	50	2.03	1268	7.30	.3785	647
	29	1	11	70	3.15	1341	7.64	.3851	155
	37	1	11	50	3.08	1602	8.75	.4077	25
C	41	0.5	11	100	3.81	1311	6.62	.4014	200
	45	0.5	11	101	3.51	1245	6.37	.3946	330
	57	0.5	11	100	4.81	1503	7.30	.4206	27

PDF table⁵



Figure⁶

```
# n-heptane ignition delay from Colket and Spadaccini 2001
# P (atm), T (K), Ignition Delay (μs)
# Mole Fraction nC7H16 O2 Ar : 0.00192 0.04224 0.95584
7.72 ,1393 ,85
7.78 ,1299 ,345
7.04 ,1235 ,631
6.38 ,1299 ,348
7.53 ,1372 ,134
6.08 ,1236 ,678
7.35 ,1340 ,148
6.63 ,1328 ,211
6.94 ,1395 ,89
```

CSV file⁷

Kyle Niemeyer

August 19, 2014 at 7:38 PM

To: jeff.bergthorson@mcgill.ca

request for data from 2010 alcohol shock tube paper

Hello,

I'm currently trying to evaluate the performance of various reaction mechanisms for their ability predict ethanol autoignition, and to that end the ethanol ignition delay data from your 2010 *En*

Email plea

Related work

- PrIME (**P**rocess **I**nformatics **M**odel): Frenklach et al. (<http://primekinetics.org>)
 - XML-based standard
 - Problems: XML, reliance on internal identifiers, missing some necessary information, & closed nature
- ReSpecTh: Varga et al. (<http://respecth.hu/>)
 - Evolution of PrIME—now includes more data needed to reproduce experiment
 - Problems: still XML, still closed

Our solution(s)

ChemKED: Chemical Kinetics Experimental Data format

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PyKED: Python software for working with Chem**KED** files

ChemKED

Written in YAML

Human- AND
machine-readable!

Parsers and libraries
for nearly every
programming
language!

```
file-author:
  name: Kyle E Niemeyer
  ORCID: 0000-0003-4425-7097
file-version: 0
chemked-version: 0.0.1
reference:
  doi: 10.1016/j.ijhydene.2007.04.008
  authors:
    - name: N. Chaumeix
    - name: S. Pichon
    - name: F. Lafosse
    - name: C.-E. Paillard
  journal: International Journal of Hydrogen Energy
  year: 2007
  volume: 32
  pages: 2216-2226
  detail: Fig. 12., right, open diamond
experiment-type: ignition delay
apparatus:
  kind: shock tube
  institution: CNRS-ICARE
  facility: stainless steel shock tube
common-properties:
  pressure: &pres
    - 220 kilopascal
  composition: &comp
    kind: mole fraction
    species:
      - species-name: H2
        InChI: 1S/H2/h1H
        amount:
          - 0.00444
      - species-name: O2
        InChI: 1S/O2/c1-2
        amount:
          - 0.00556
      - species-name: Ar
        InChI: 1S/Ar
        amount:
          - 0.99
  ignition-type: &ign
    target: pressure
    type: d/dt max
datapoints:
```


ChemKED components

```
file-author:  
  name: Kyle E Niemeyer  
  ORCID: 0000-0003-4425-7097  
file-version: 0  
chemked-version: 0.0.1  
reference:  
  doi: 10.1016/j.ijhydene.2007.04.008  
  authors:  
    - name: N. Chaumeix  
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  pages: 2216-2226  
  detail: Fig. 12., right, open diamond  
experiment-type: ignition delay  
apparatus:  
  kind: shock tube  
  institution: CNRS-ICARE  
  facility: stainless steel shock tube
```

ChemKED components (2)

```
common-properties:  
  pressure: &pres  
    - 220 kilopascal  
  composition: &comp  
    kind: mole fraction  
    species:  
      - species-name: H2  
        InChI: 1S/H2/h1H  
        amount:  
          - 0.00444  
      - species-name: O2  
        InChI: 1S/O2/c1-2  
        amount:  
          - 0.00556  
      - species-name: Ar  
        InChI: 1S/Ar  
        amount:  
          - 0.99  
  ignition-type: &ign  
    target: pressure  
    type: d/dt max
```

ChemKED components (3)

```
datapoints:  
  - temperature:  
    - 1164.48 kelvin  
    ignition-delay:  
      - 471.54 us  
    pressure: *pres  
    composition: *comp  
    ignition-type: *ign  
    equivalence-ratio: 0.4  
  - temperature:  
    - 1164.97 kelvin  
    ignition-delay:  
      - 448.03 us  
    pressure: *pres  
    composition: *comp  
    ignition-type: *ign  
    equivalence-ratio: 0.4  
  - temperature:  
    - 1264.2 kelvin  
    ignition-delay:  
      - 291.57 us  
    pressure: *pres  
    composition: *comp  
    ignition-type: *ign  
    equivalence-ratio: 0.4
```

Uncertainty

- ChemKED supports specification of uncertainties for **all** quantities in a data point
- Dimensionless: Composition (mole/mass fraction, mole percent)
- Dimensional: temperature, pressure, ignition delay, etc.
- Supports relative and absolute uncertainty

```
datapoints:  
  - temperature:  
    - 1164.48 kelvin  
    - uncertainty-type: absolute  
      uncertainty: 10 kelvin  
  ignition-delay:  
    - 471.54 us  
    - uncertainty-type: relative  
      uncertainty: 0.1  
  pressure:  
    - 220 kilopascal  
  composition:  
    kind: mole percent  
    species:  
      - species-name: H2  
        InChI: 1S/H2/h1H  
        amount:  
          - 0.444  
          - uncertainty-type: relative  
            uncertainty: 0.01  
      - species-name: O2  
        InChI: 1S/O2/c1-2  
        amount:  
          - 0.556  
          - uncertainty-type: absolute  
            uncertainty: 0.002  
      - species-name: Ar  
        InChI: 1S/Ar  
        amount:  
          - 99.0  
          - uncertainty-type: absolute  
            upper-uncertainty: 1.0  
            lower-uncertainty: 0.2  
  ignition-type:  
    target: pressure  
    type: d/dt max
```

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PyKED



- Version control: git & GitHub (github.com/pr-ometh-us/PyKED)
- Validation of files: cerberus (python-cerberus.org)
 - DOI validation: Crossref lookup via habanero (habanero.rtfld.org)
 - ORCID lookup via orcid (github.com/ORCID/python-orcid)
 - Interpreting & converting units (including uncertainties!): Pint (pint.readthedocs.org) & uncertainties (pythonhosted.org/uncertainties/)
- Code unit testing: pytest (docs.pytest.org), with codecov-measured test coverage
- Continuous integration: Travis-CI (travis-ci.org)

Validation

- PyKED validates ChemKED YAML files using our validation schema
- Ensures required data are present, appropriate units, bounded values, etc.
- Ensures reference information is valid and correct if DOI is provided

```
# Common reference for authors' information
author: &author
  type: dict
  required: true
  invalid_orcid: true
  schema:
    ORCID:
      type: string
      name:
        required: true
        type: string
#
# Common reference for value-unit schema
value-with-uncertainty: &value-with-uncertainty
  invalid_uncertainty: true
  items:
    - type: string
    - type: dict
      schema:
        uncertainty-type:
          required: true
          type: string
          allowed:
            - absolute
            - relative
        uncertainty:
          required: true
          anyof_type:
            - string
            - float
        excludes:
          - upper-uncertainty
          - lower-uncertainty
        upper-uncertainty:
          required: true
          anyof_type:
            - string
            - float
        excludes:
          - uncertainty
        dependencies:
          - lower-uncertainty
        lower-uncertainty:
          required: true
          anyof_type:
```

Example: RCM

```
file-author:  
  name: Kyle E Niemeyer  
  ORCID: 0000-0003-4425-7097  
file-version: 0  
chemked-version: 0.0.1  
reference:  
  doi: 10.1002/kin.20180  
  authors:  
    - name: Gaurav Mittal  
    - name: Chih-Jen Sung  
      ORCID: 0000-0003-2046-8076  
    - name: Richard A Yetter  
  journal: International Journal of Chemical Kinetics  
  year: 2006  
  volume: 38  
  pages: 516-529  
  detail: Fig. 6, open circle  
experiment-type: ignition delay  
apparatus:  
  kind: rapid compression machine  
  institution: Case Western Reserve University  
  facility: CWRU RCM
```



```

datapoints:
- temperature:
  - 297.4 kelvin
ignition-delay:
- 1.0 ms
pressure:
- 958.0 torr
composition:
  kind: mole fraction
  species:
    - species-name: H2
      InChI: 1S/H2/h1H
      amount:
        - 0.12500
    - species-name: O2
      InChI: 1S/O2/c1-2
      amount:
        - 0.06250
    - species-name: N2
      InChI: 1S/N2/c1-2
      amount:
        - 0.18125
    - species-name: Ar
      InChI: 1S/Ar
      amount:
        - 0.63125
  ignition-type:
    target: pressure
    type: d/dt max
  compression-time:
    - 38.0 ms
  volume-history:
    time:
      units: s
      column: 0
    volume:
      units: cm3
      column: 1
  values:
    - [0.00E+000, 5.47669375000E+002]
    - [1.00E-003, 5.46608789894E+002]
    - [2.00E-003, 5.43427034574E+002]
    - [3.00E-003, 5.38124109043E+002]
    - [4.00E-003, 5.30700013298E+002]
    - [5.00E-003, 5.21154747340E+002]

```

Example: RCM modeling

```
import cantera as ct
from pyked import ChemKED

# Load the ChemKED file and retrieve the first element of the
# datapoints list, which is an instance of the DataPoint class
ck = ChemKED('testfile_rcm.yaml')
dp = ck.datapoints[0]

T_0 = dp.temperature.to('K').magnitude
P_0 = dp.pressure.to('Pa').magnitude
X_0 = dp.get_cantera_mole_fraction()

# Load the mechanism and set the initial state of the mixture
gas = ct.Solution('h2-co-mechanism.cti')
gas.TPX = T_0, P_0, X_0

# Create the reactor and the outside environment
reac = ct.IdealGasReactor(gas)
env = ct.Reservoir(ct.Solution('air.xml'))

time = dp.volume_history.time
volume = dp.volume_history.volume
ct.Wall(reac, env, velocity=VolumeProfile(time=time, volume=volume))

netw = ct.ReactorNet([reac])

# Integrate for 50 ms
while netw.time < 0.05:
    netw.step()
```

Plans for ChemKED/PyKED

- Add examples to documentation
- Support other fundamental experimental methods: laminar flames and jet-stirred reactors
- Converters to/from other common formats: CSV, NumPy, Excel, etc.



https://cdn.shopify.com/s/files/1/0746/4589/products/Help_Wanted_Sign_1024x1024.jpg?v=1482422422

Prometheus

- Goal: community database for experimental data, models, and calculations
- **Initial** team:
 - Kyle Niemeyer (Oregon State)
 - Bryan Weber (Univ. Connecticut)
 - Richard West (Northeastern)
 - Nicole Labbe (CU Boulder)



<https://pr.omethe.us/>

[https://github.com/
pr-omethe-us](https://github.com/pr-omethe-us)

Thank you! Questions?



<https://github.com/pr-omethe-us/PyKED>

PyKED

DOI 10.5281/zenodo.439716

build passing

codecov 94%

Dependency CI passing

XML vs YAML

```
<?xml version="1.0" encoding="utf-8"?>
<experiment>
  <fileAuthor>Laboratory for Chemical Kinetics, ELTE, Budapest, Hungary</fileAuthor>
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  </ReSpecThVersion>
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  <bibliographyLink preferredKey="Chaumeix, N., Pichon, S., Lafosse, F., Paillard, C.-E., International Journal of
  <apparatus>
    <kind>shock tube</kind>
  </apparatus>
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      <value>2.05</value>
    </property>
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        <speciesLink preferredKey="O2"/>
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    <dataGroupLink dataGroupID="" dataPointID=""/>
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    <property description="" id="x2" label="tau" plotaxis="y" plotscale="log" name="ignition delay" units="us"/>
    <dataPoint>
      <x1>1181.06</x1>
      <x2>560.39</x2>
    </dataPoint>
    <dataPoint>
```

```
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        InChI: 1S/O2/c1-2
        amount:
          - 0.00556
      - species-name: Ar
        InChI: 1S/Ar
        amount:
          - 0.99
  ignition-type: &ign
    target: pressure
    type: d/dt max
```

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3. <http://combdialab.engr.uconn.edu/facilities/atmospheric-pressure-counterflow-setup-for-flame-studies>
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