

# **Spatio-temporal Features of Periodic Oxidation of H<sub>2</sub> and CO on Pt/CeO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>**

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# Outline

- Motivation & objective
- Experimental system
- Spatio-temporal features of  $\text{H}_2$  oxidation on  $\text{Pt/CeO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$
- Coupling between oxidation of  $\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{CO}$  on  $\text{Pt/CeO}_2/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$

# Background & Motivation

- CO, H<sub>2</sub> are common constituents in vehicle exhaust
- CeO<sub>2</sub> is common ingredient in TWC, LNT converters
- Understanding oxidation of H<sub>2</sub>, CO on PGM/CeO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> needed to develop predictive models & to design improved catalytic converters
- Low temperature oxidation is particularly important because of ignition challenges, CO inhibition, etc.
- Coupling known to occur between oxidations of H<sub>2</sub> and CO on Pt/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>
  - Advances have been made for steady-state conditions
  - Similar advances needed for transient conditions, especially at low temperature, and with O supplied from CeO<sub>2</sub>

# Pt-Catalyzed Oxidation of H<sub>2</sub> and CO

- Reactions among most studied of all catalytic reactions

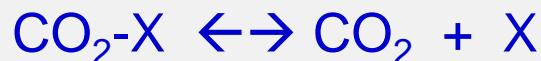
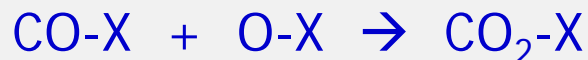
- H<sub>2</sub> oxidation



Positive order w/r H<sub>2</sub> & O<sub>2</sub>

20-40 kJ/mole

## CO oxidation



$$R \sim A e^{-E_d/RT} p_{\text{O}_2}/p_{\text{CO}}$$

$$E_d = 120\text{-}180 \text{ kJ/mole}$$

*Peden and Goodman, J. Phys. Chem. (1988)*

# Co-oxidation of CO & H<sub>2</sub> on Pt: Some Interesting Steady-State Effects

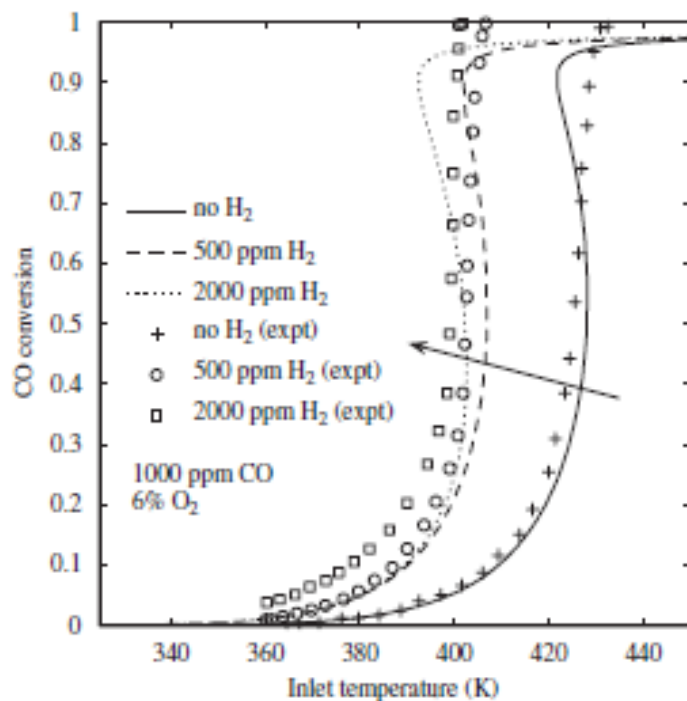


Fig. 10. Comparison of experimental data (Salomons et al., 2006) with simulation results to study the effect of H<sub>2</sub>.

*Enhancement of CO  
oxidation by H<sub>2</sub>*

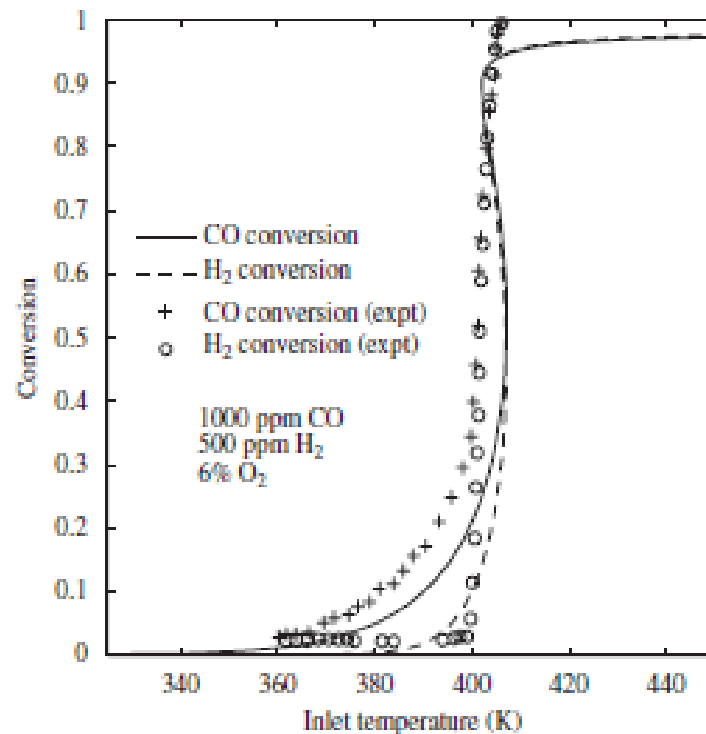


Fig. 12. Comparison of experimental data (Salomons et al., 2006) and modeling results to study the ignition order in a CO-H<sub>2</sub>-O<sub>2</sub> system.

*Ignition of CO before H<sub>2</sub>*

Salomons et al., *Appl. Catal. B.*, **70**, 305 (2007)

Bhatia et al., *Chem. Eng. Sci.*, **64**, 1544 (2009)

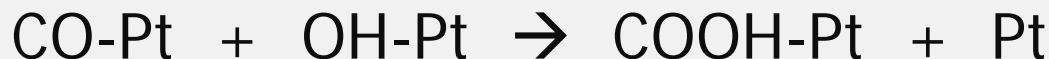
# Co-oxidation of CO & H<sub>2</sub> on Pt

Potential phenomenological effects of H<sub>2</sub> enhancing the rate of CO oxidation at low temperature:

- Enhancement of CO oxidation via HCO-Pt complex, reducing CO desorption energy:  $E_{d,CO} = E_{d,CO} - \varepsilon \theta_H$

*Bhatia et al., Chem. Eng. Sci., 64, 1544 (2009)*

- Possible second reaction pathway involving COOH-Pt:



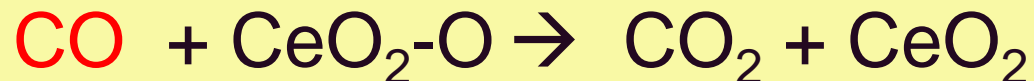
with lower activation barrier than



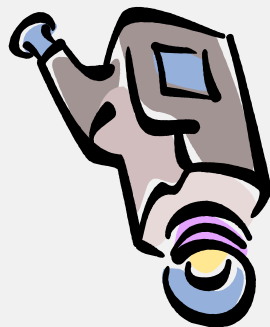
*Hauptman et al., Appl. Catal. A., 174, 397 (2011)*

# Objective of Study

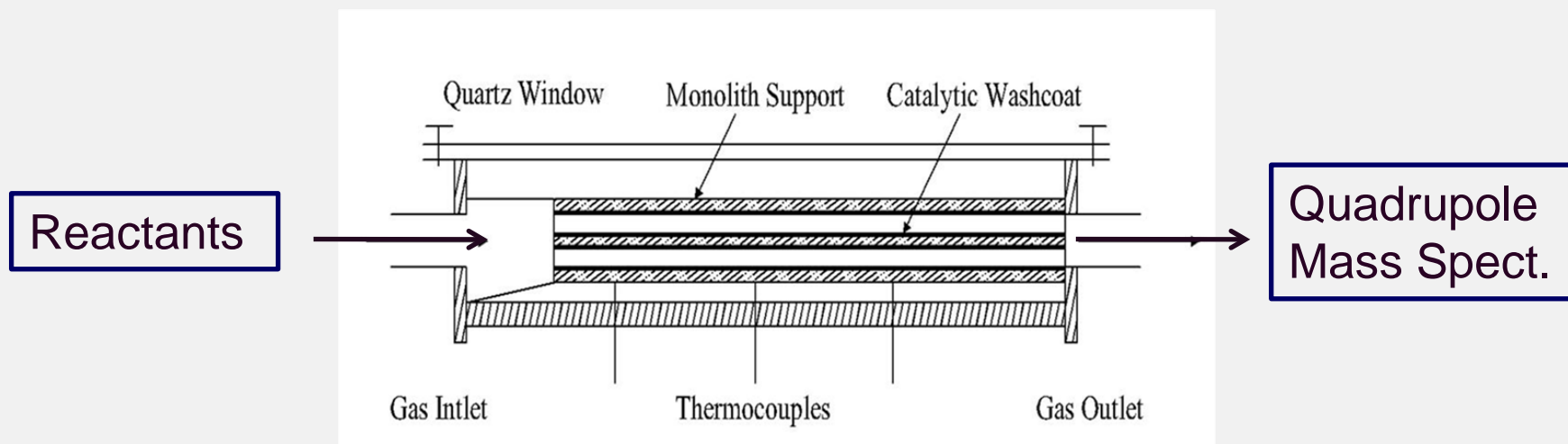
*Carry out the transient oxidations of  $H_2$  and  $CO$  and co-oxidation of  $H_2/CO$  on  $Pt/CeO_2/Al_2O_3$  to elucidate spatio-temporal effects & coupling between the reactions.*



# Reactor with IR Imaging & Product Analysis



*Capture 2-D temperature profile  
& product composition during  
transient reaction*



**Pt/CeO<sub>2</sub>/Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> monolith**

Washcoat: 2.3 g/in<sup>3</sup> (350 mg)

Pt: 2.78 wt%, 50% dispersion

CeO<sub>2</sub>: 15 wt%

W = 2.1 cm; L = 7.6 cm

2- channels thick

16 channels



# Temperature Programmed Reduction

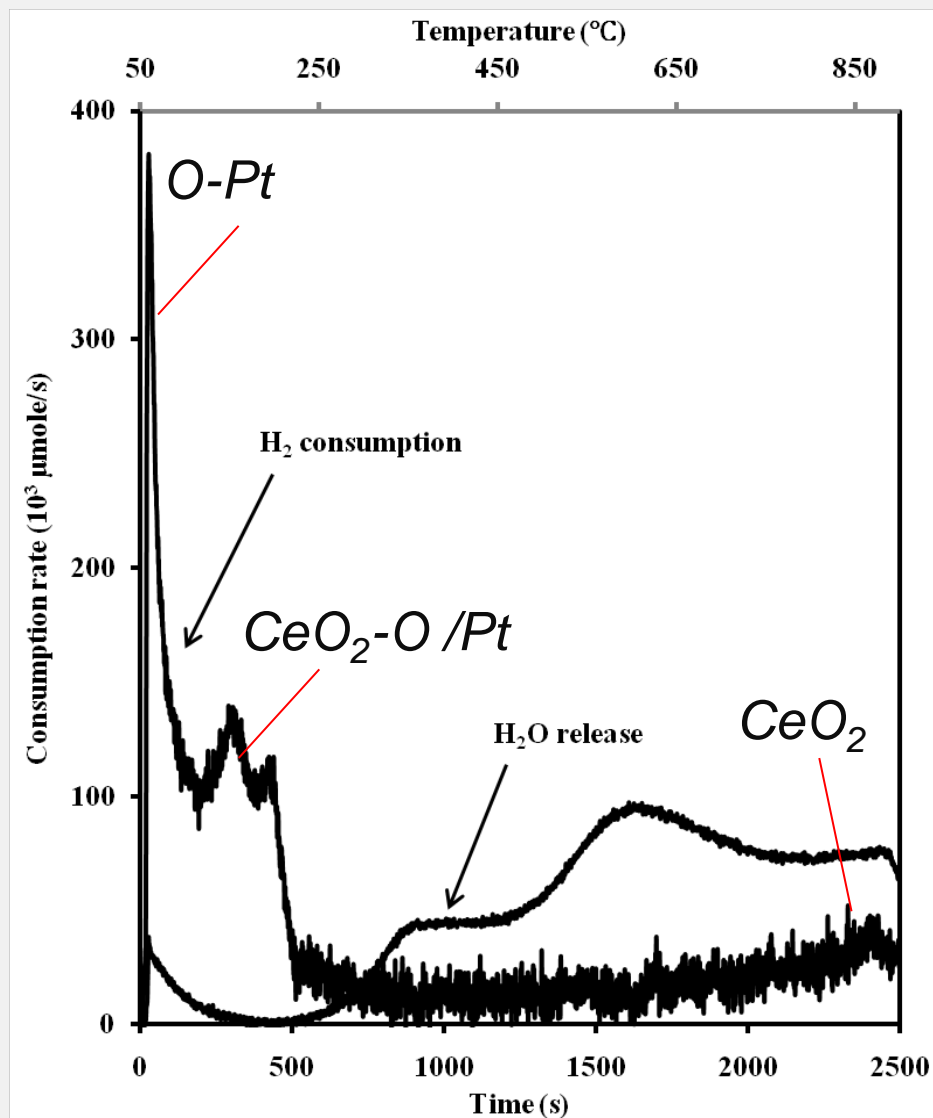
Pre-oxidation: 20% O<sub>2</sub>/Ar (500 °C, 3 hr)  
Sweep with Ar (10 min)  
Reduction in 1%H<sub>2</sub>/Ar

*Several forms of O present:*

*O-Pt (O:Pt ~ 2)*

*CeO<sub>2</sub>-O (O:Pt ~ 2.5)*

*CeO<sub>2</sub> → Ce<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>*



# Co-oxidation of CO & H<sub>2</sub> on Pt

## *Conditions*

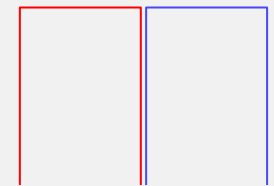
Space Velocity: 100,000 hr<sup>-1</sup>

Lean phase: 5% O<sub>2</sub> in Ar for 100 s

Rich phase: 2% H<sub>2</sub> (or CO) in Ar for 20 s

Temp: 100 to 400 °C

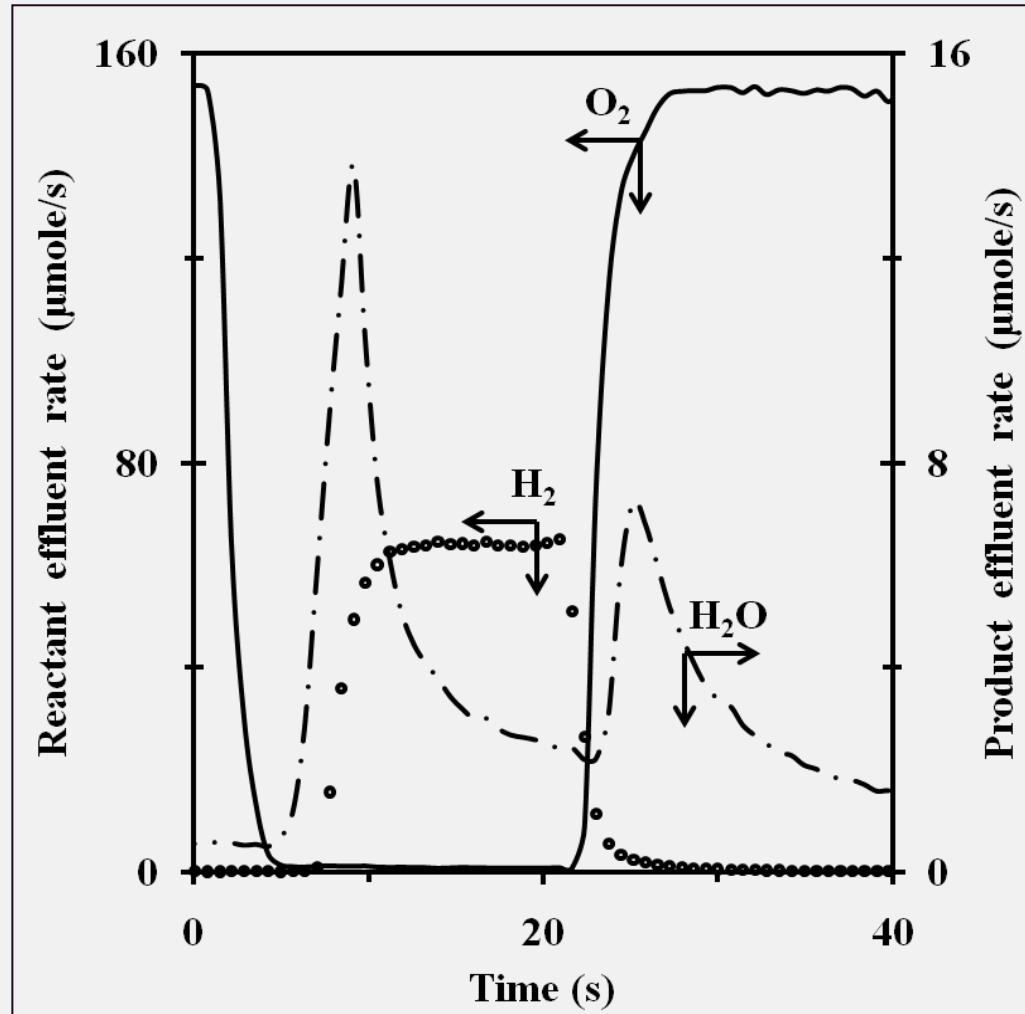
# Transient Effluent Concentrations



$\text{H}_2$   $\text{O}_2$

20s / 20s  
2% 5%

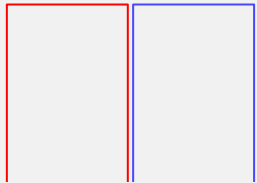
350 °C



*Nothing unusual with transient response?*

# Quantification of H<sub>2</sub> + O<sub>2</sub> Consumption

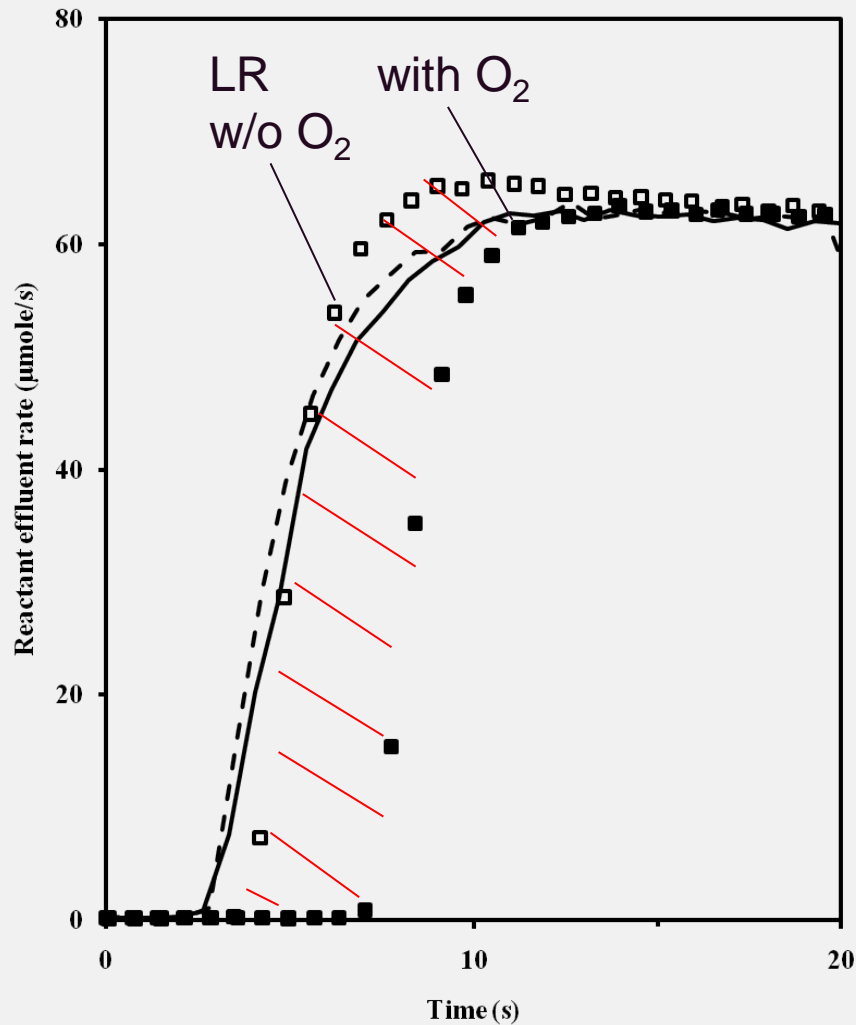
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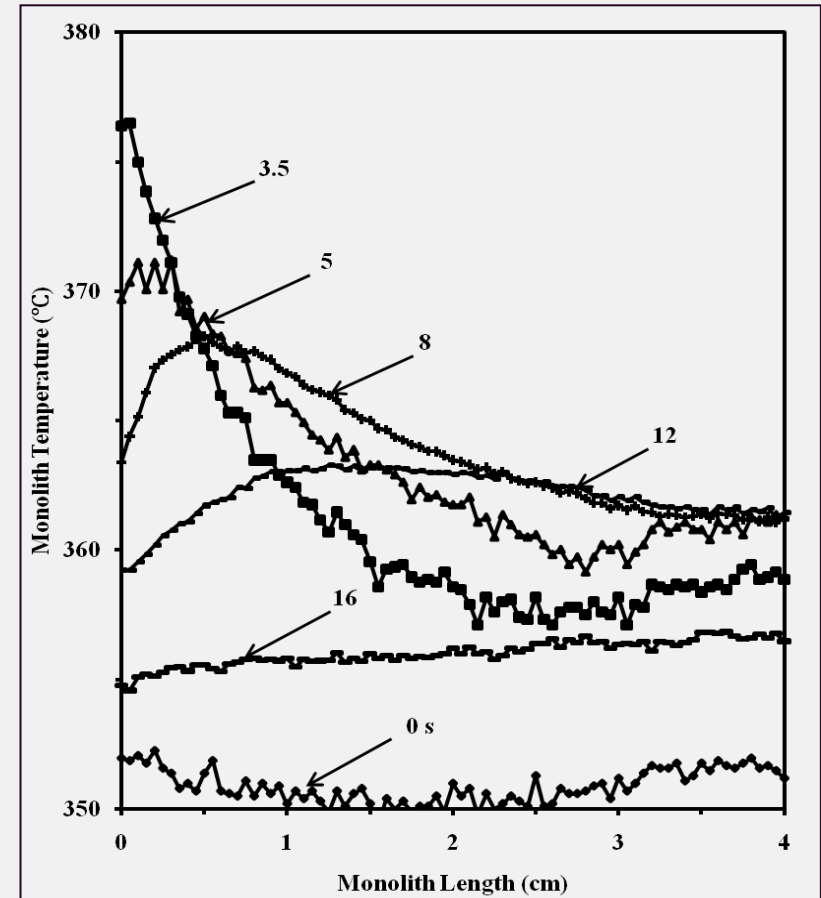
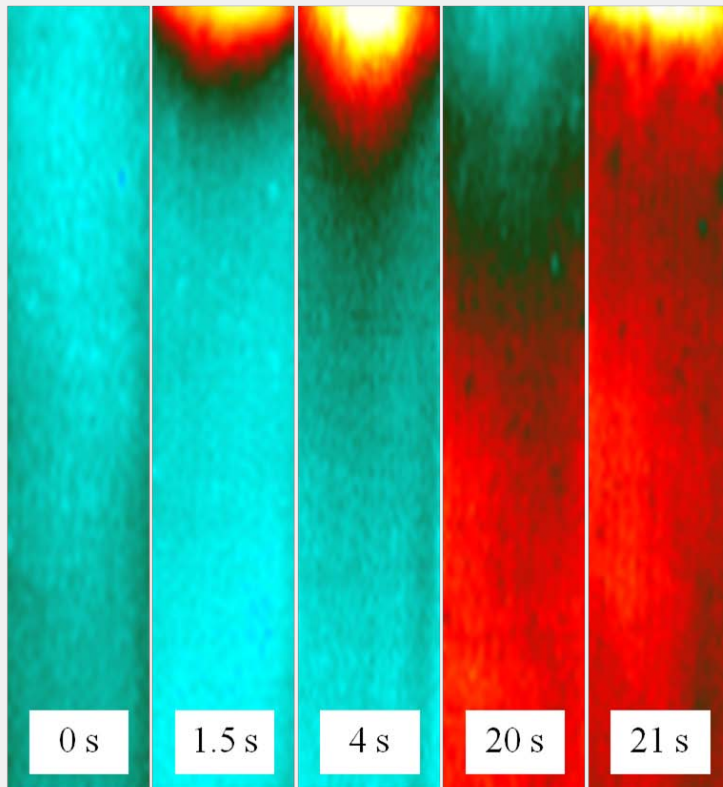
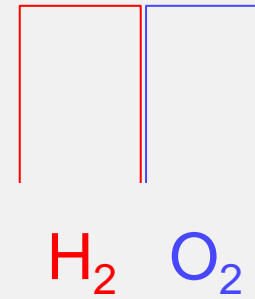
H<sub>2</sub> O<sub>2</sub>

20s / 20s  
2% 5%

350 °C

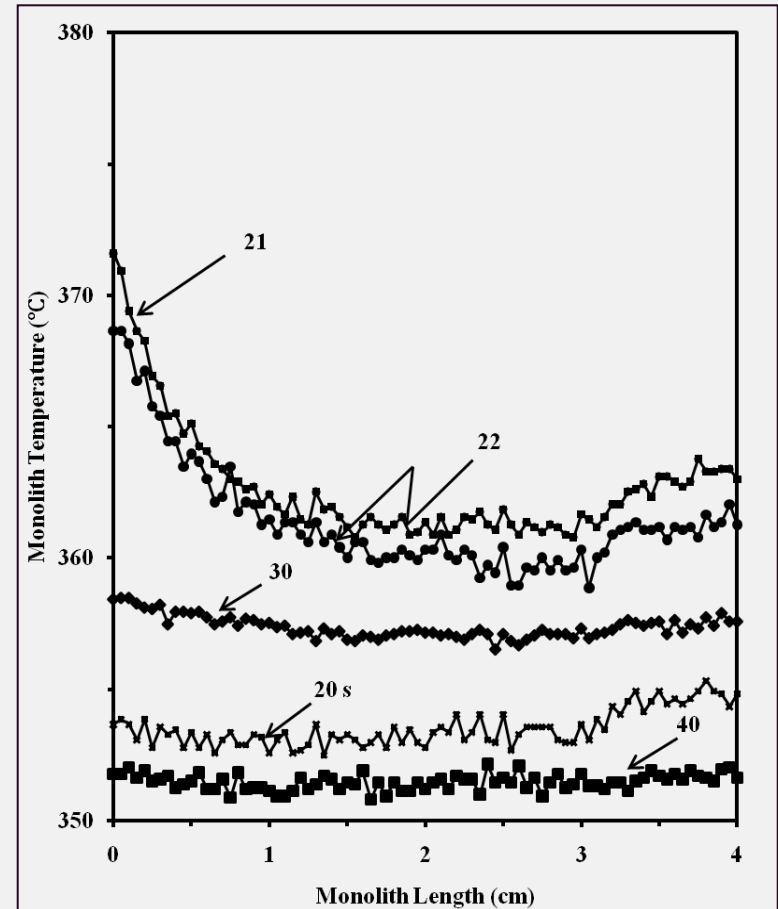
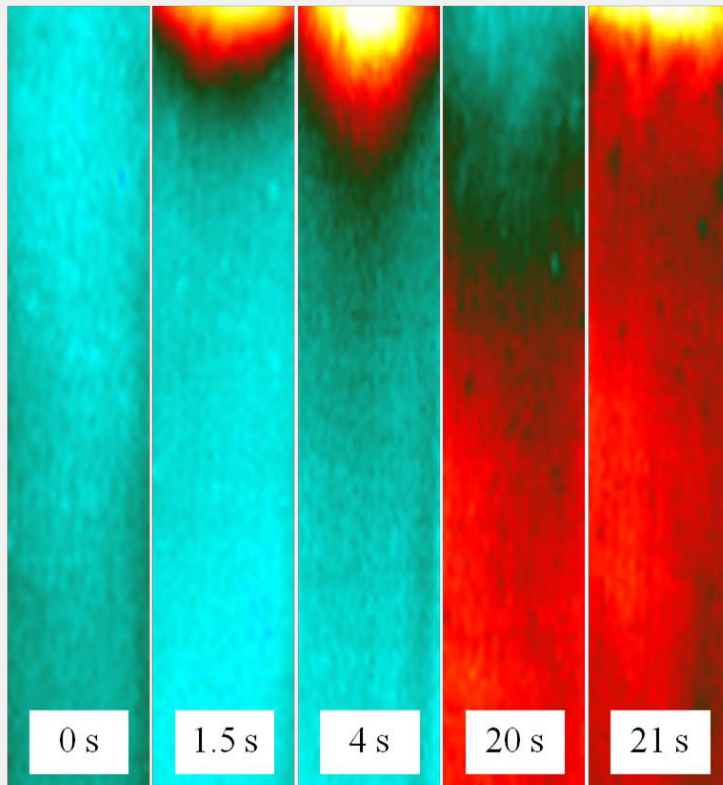
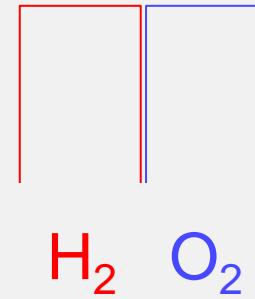


# Transient Temperature




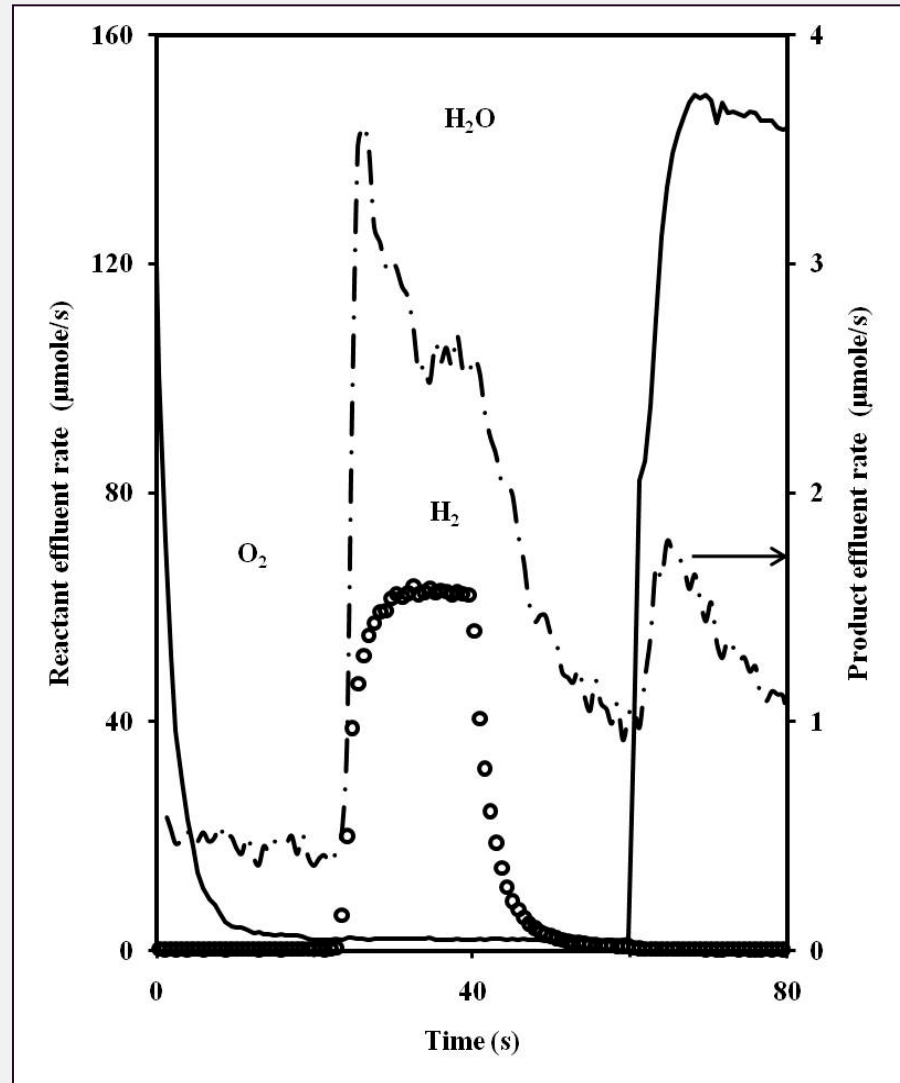
*Appreciable spatial nonuniformity in temperature*

# Transient Temperature

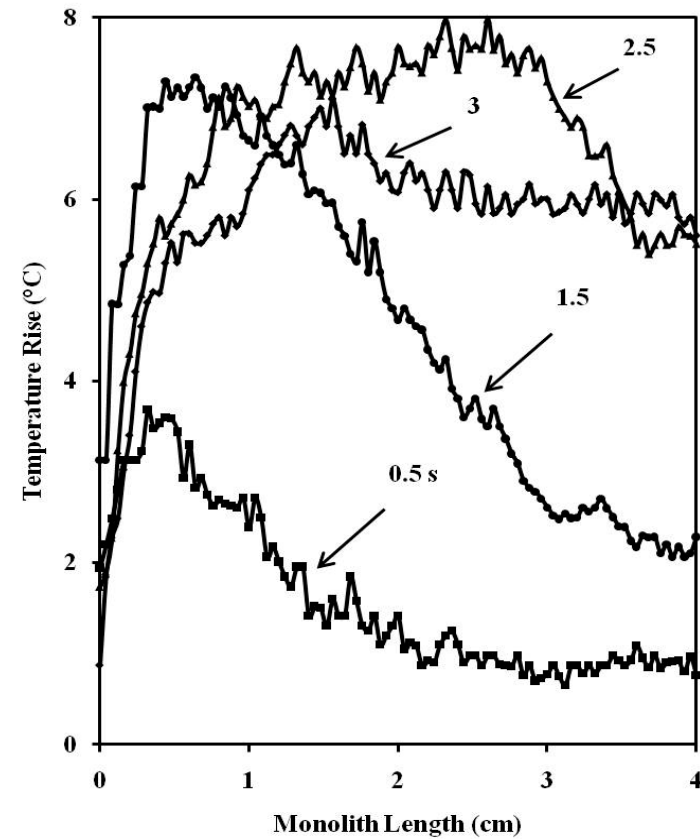
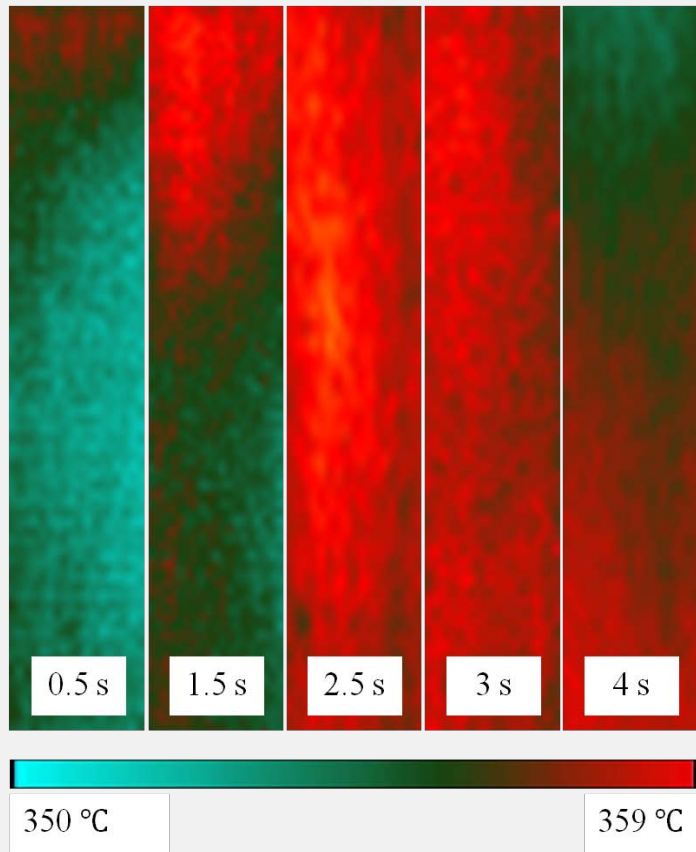
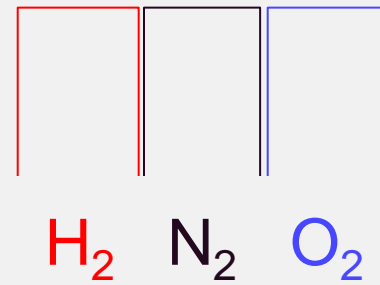


# Transient Effluent Concentrations with N<sub>2</sub> Sweep

  
**H<sub>2</sub>   N<sub>2</sub>   O<sub>2</sub>**  
20s / 20s / 20s  
2%                      5%

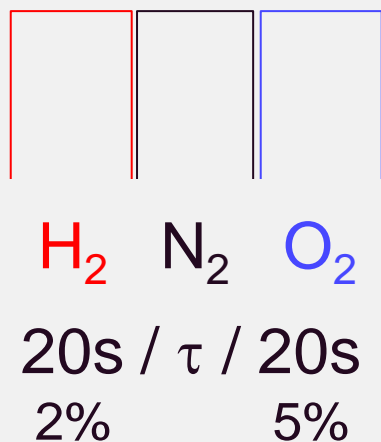


# Transient Temperature with N<sub>2</sub> Sweep





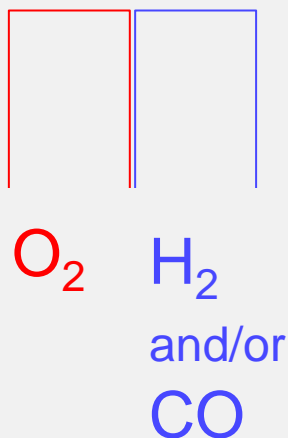
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Pulse time (s) $\tau$	H <sub>2</sub> consumption ( $\mu\text{mol H}_2$ / g washcoat)	H <sub>2</sub> conversion (%)	$\Delta T_{\text{max}}(^{\circ}\text{C})$
0	960	29.5	25.1
5	630	19.4	15.6
10	448	13.8	12.3
15	243	7.5	10.1
20	211	6.5	8.4
300	181	5.6	7.8
600	187	5.7	7.7

*Rcn. with chemisorbed O from CeO<sub>2</sub>*

# Transient Co-oxidation of H<sub>2</sub> & CO



Space Velocity: 100,000 hr<sup>-1</sup>

Temp: 100 to 400 °C

Lean phase: 5% O<sub>2</sub> in Ar (100 s)

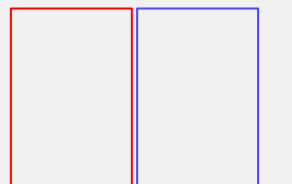
Rich phase: 2% CO in Ar (20 s)

1.5 % CO in Ar (20 s)

1.5 % CO + 0.5% H<sub>2</sub> in Ar (20 s)

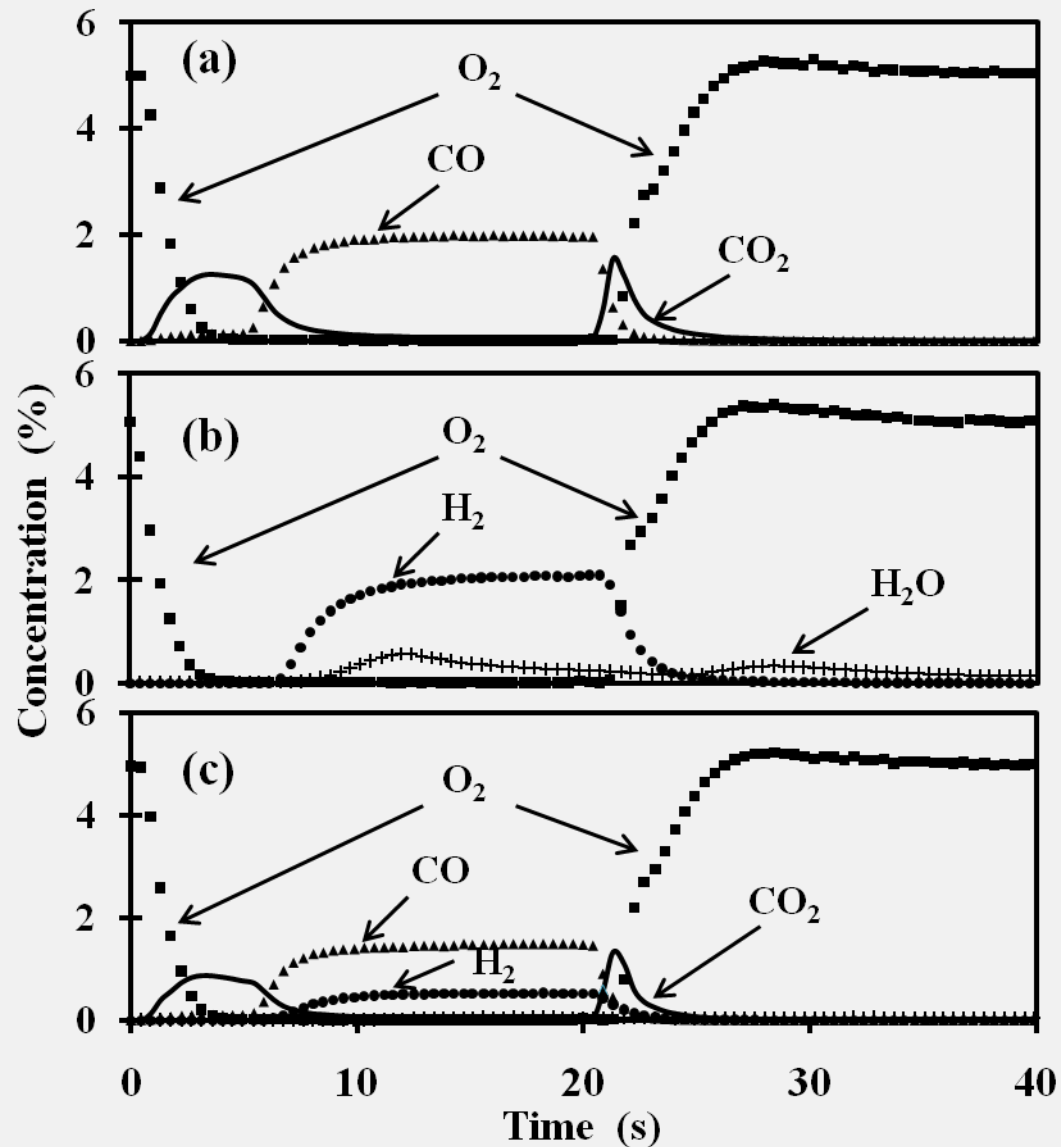
2% H<sub>2</sub> (20 s)

# Transient Co-oxidation of H<sub>2</sub> & CO: High Temperature

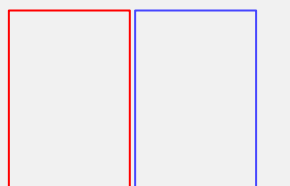


O<sub>2</sub> H<sub>2</sub>  
and/or  
CO

350 °C

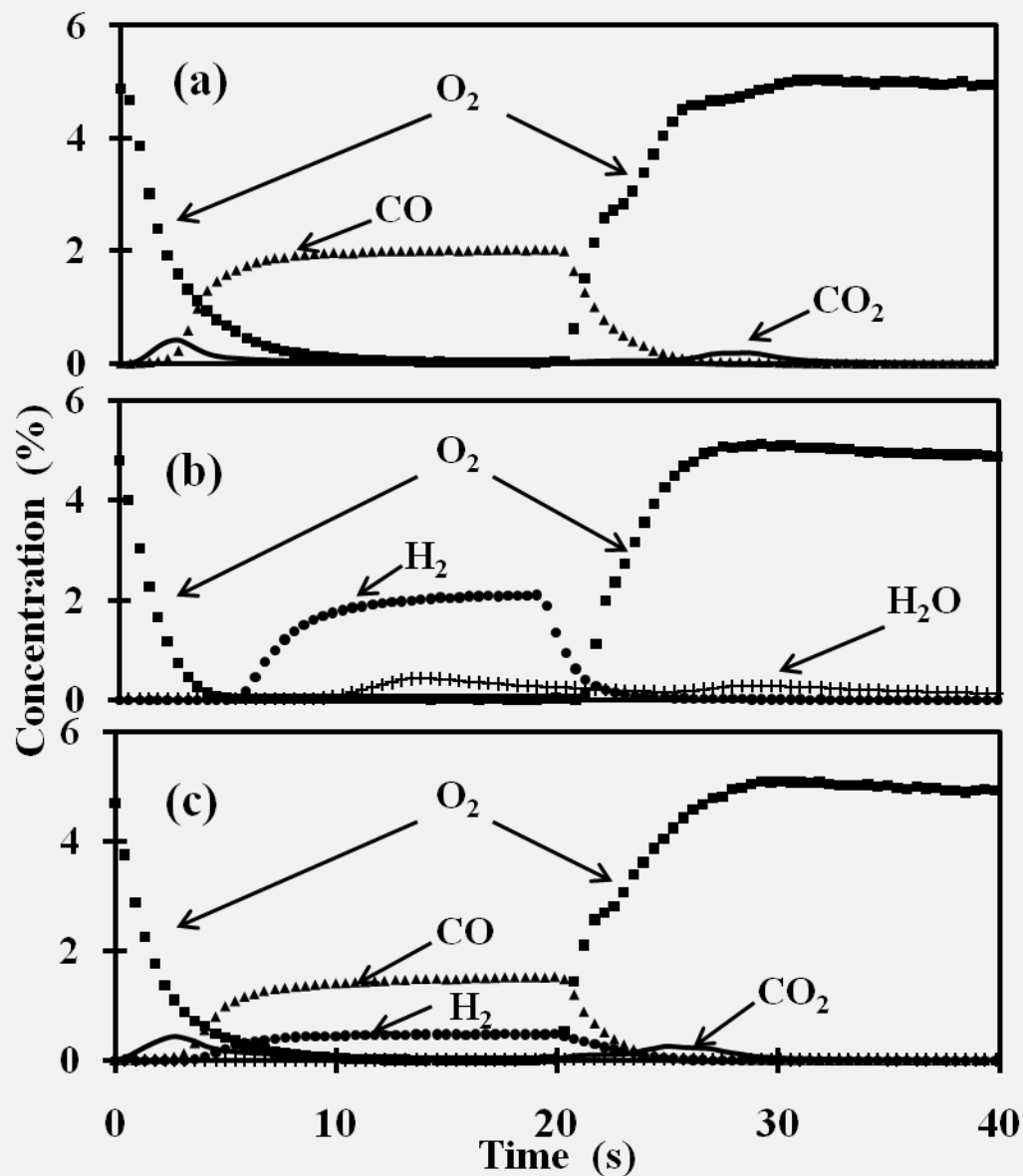


# Transient Co-oxidation of $H_2$ & CO: Low Temperature

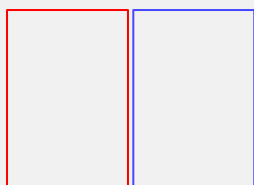


$O_2$   $H_2$   
and/or  
 $CO$

100 °C



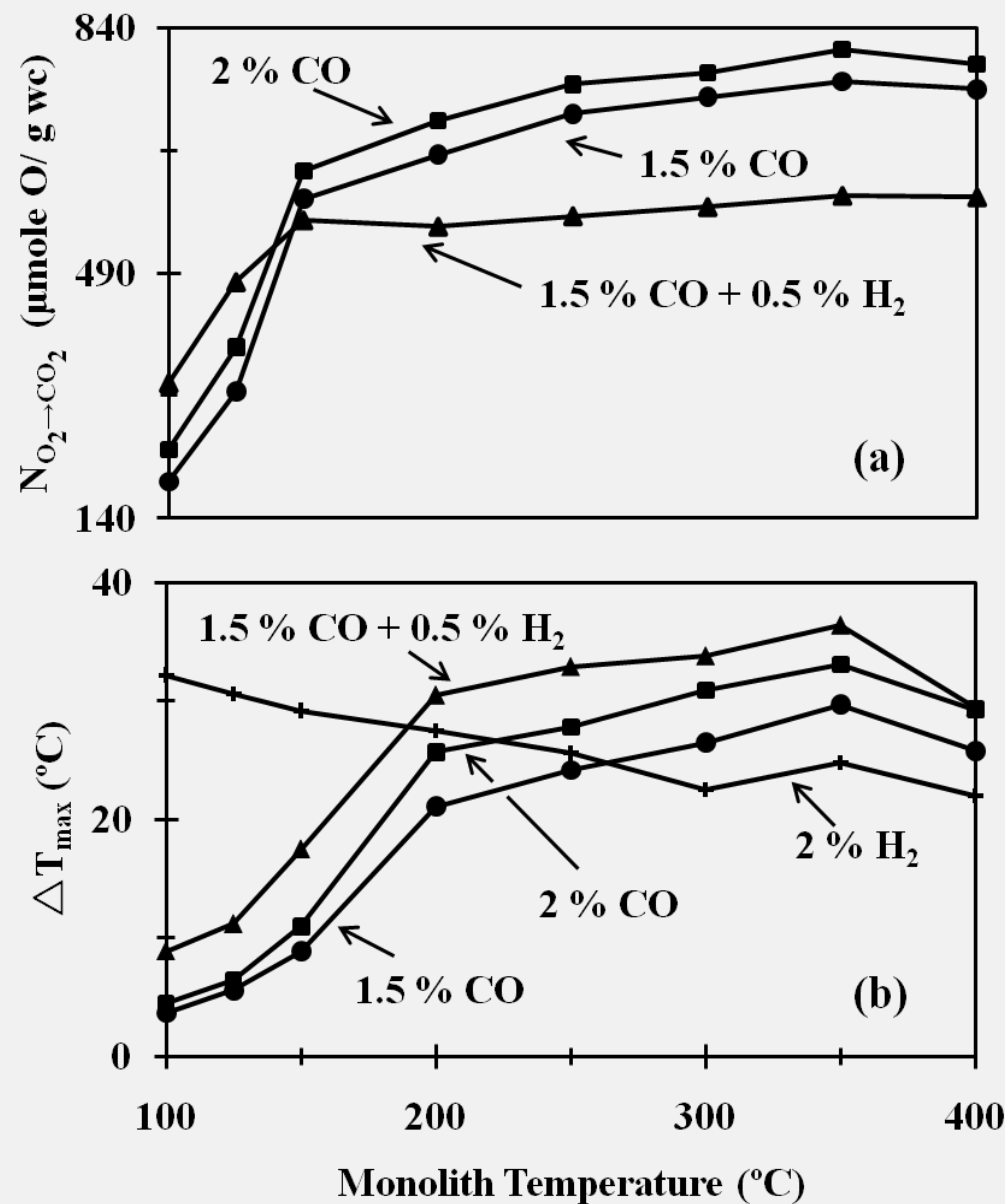
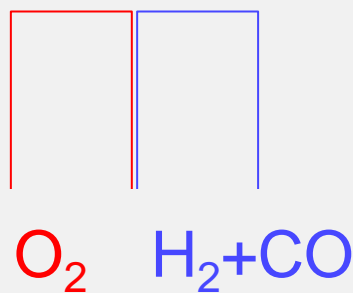
# Transient Co-oxidation of H<sub>2</sub> & CO



O<sub>2</sub>      H<sub>2</sub>+CO

Temp ( °C)		100	125	150	200	250	300	350	400
2 % CO	Delay (s)	2.2	2.5	2.8	4.5	4.7	5	5.2	4.3
	T <sub>max</sub> (°C)	4.5	6.5	11	25.7	27.8	30.9	33.1	29.3
	N <sub>O<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub> (μmole O/ g washcoat)	238	384	635	707	759	776	809	788
2 % H <sub>2</sub>	Delay (s)	5.6	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.4	6.7	6.9	6.8
	T <sub>max</sub> (°C)	32.2	30.6	29.2	27.5	25.6	22.5	24.8	22
	N <sub>O<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O</sub> (μmole O/ g washcoat)	886	934	973	978	972	969	960	929
1.5 % CO + 0.5 % H <sub>2</sub>	Delay (s)	3	3.2	3.5	4.9	5.1	5.2	5.5	5.1
	T <sub>max</sub> (°C)	8.9	11.2	17.5	30.5	32.9	33.8	36.4	29.5
	N <sub>O<sub>2</sub>H<sub>2</sub>O+CO<sub>2</sub></sub> (μmole O/ g washcoat)	477	648	777	824	852	863	876	845
	From H <sub>2</sub>	144	171	212	268	281	279	276	247
	From CO	333	477	565	556	571	584	600	598
1.5 % CO	Delay (s)	2.6	3	3.2	4.7	5	5.2	5.4	4.6
	T <sub>max</sub> (°C)	3.7	5.6	8.9	21.1	24.2	26.5	29.7	25.8
	N <sub>O<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>2</sub></sub> (μmole O/ g washcoat)	192	321	596	659	717	741	763	752

# Transient Co-oxidation of H<sub>2</sub> & CO

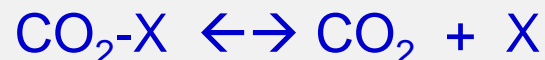


# Mechanistic & Kinetic Implications

## ■ H<sub>2</sub> oxidation on Pt



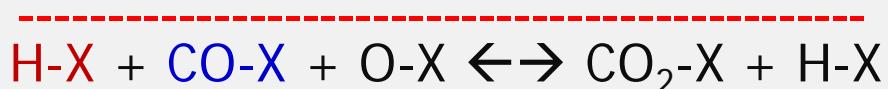
## ■ CO oxidation on Pt



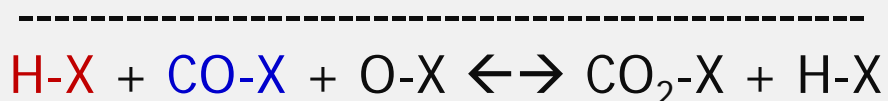
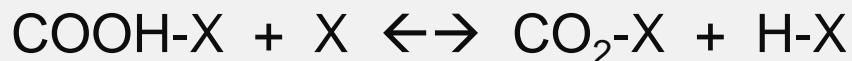
## ■ H<sub>2</sub> + CO co-oxidation on Pt ???

# Proposed Schemes for Co-oxidation

## Scheme 1



## Scheme 2



Hauptman et al., *Appl. Catal. A.*, 174, 397 (2011)



# Conclusions

- Low temperature oxidation remains challenging problem in vehicle exhaust abatement
- Complex spatio-temporal temperature features during transient oxidation of  $\text{H}_2$  on  $\text{Pt/CeO}_2$
- Enhancement of CO oxidation by  $\text{H}_2$  at low temperature requires further development of new kinetic model

***Thank you!***



***Questions ?***

