

# Experimental and kinetic modeling study of the pyrolysis and oxidation of 1,5-hexadiene: The reactivity of allylic radicals and their role in the formation of aromatics

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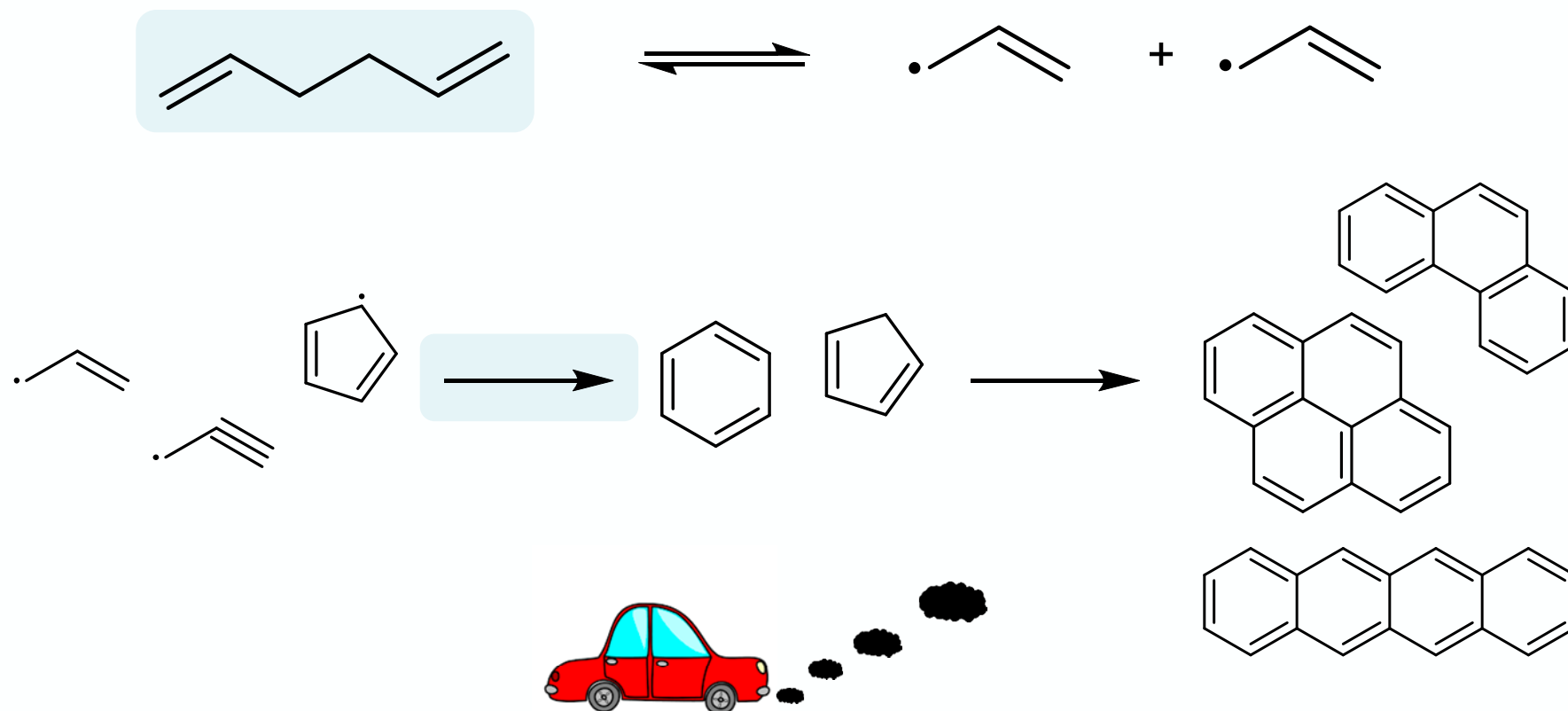
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# Soot formation

Model compound **hexadiene** for the role of allyl radicals in formation of aromatics



# Outline of talk

Experimental procedure - JSR

Kinetic model development – Genesys

Model performance

ROP/sensitivity analysis

Aromatics formation

# Experimental procedure

## Jet-stirred reactor



## Process conditions

$$\phi = 1.0, 2.0, \infty$$

$$F_V = 4.06 \cdot 10^{-5} \text{ m}^3 \text{ s}^{-1}$$

$$t = 2.0 \text{ s}$$

$$P = 1.07 \text{ bar}$$

$$T = 500 \text{ K} - 1100 \text{ K}$$

## Analysis

3 GC's for online quantification:

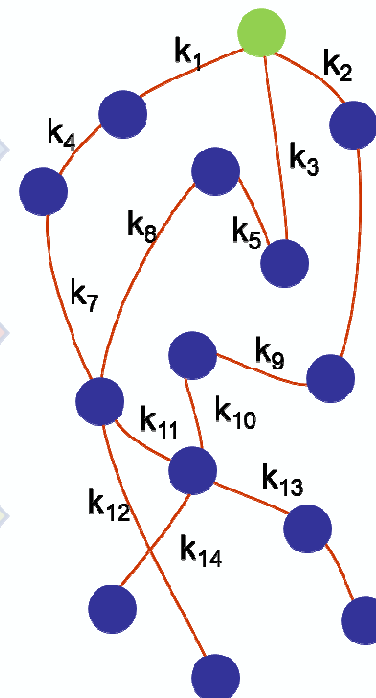
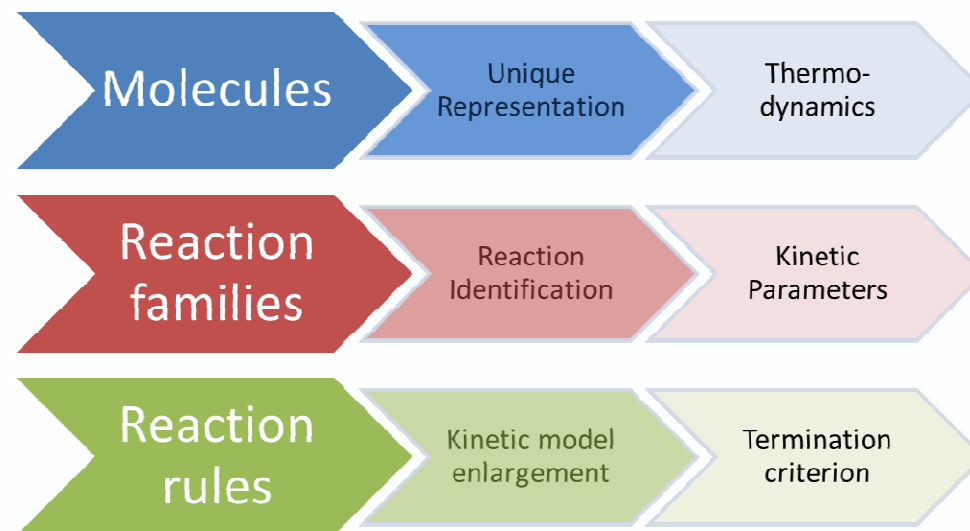
- Carbosphere column and TCD detector
- PLOT-Q column and FID detector (proc. by methanizer)
- HP-5ms column and FID detector

1 GC for on- or offline identification:

- PLOT-Q or HP-5ms column and quadrupole MS

# Kinetic model development

**Genesys**  
Generation of  
reacting systems



## Kinetic and thermodynamic data

Genesys species and group additive value databases for HCs<sup>1,2</sup>

Literature data or analogies for allylic HCs and oxygenates

Literature QM data for key reactions<sup>3</sup>

Propene oxidation mechanism<sup>4</sup> and aromatics chemistry<sup>5,6</sup>

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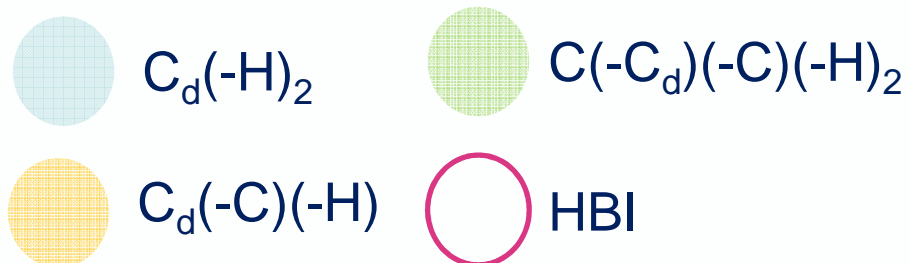
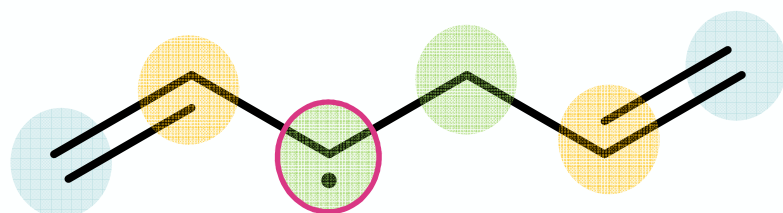
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# GAV for thermodynamic data

Benson's group additivity method  
& Hydrogen bond increment method



GAV database:

$C_p$  at different temperatures

$\Delta H_f^\circ(298\text{ K})$

$S^\circ(298\text{ K})$



NASA polynomials  
(CHEMKIN format)

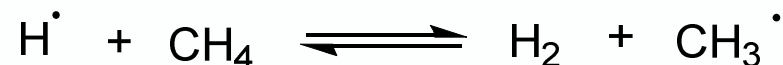
# $\Delta GAV$ s for Arrhenius parameters

## $\Delta GAV$ databases implemented in Genesys

- H abstraction reactions
- addition/ $\beta$ -scission reactions

$$k(T) = \kappa n_e \tilde{A} \exp\left(-\frac{E_a}{RT}\right)$$

## $\Delta GAV$ reference reaction



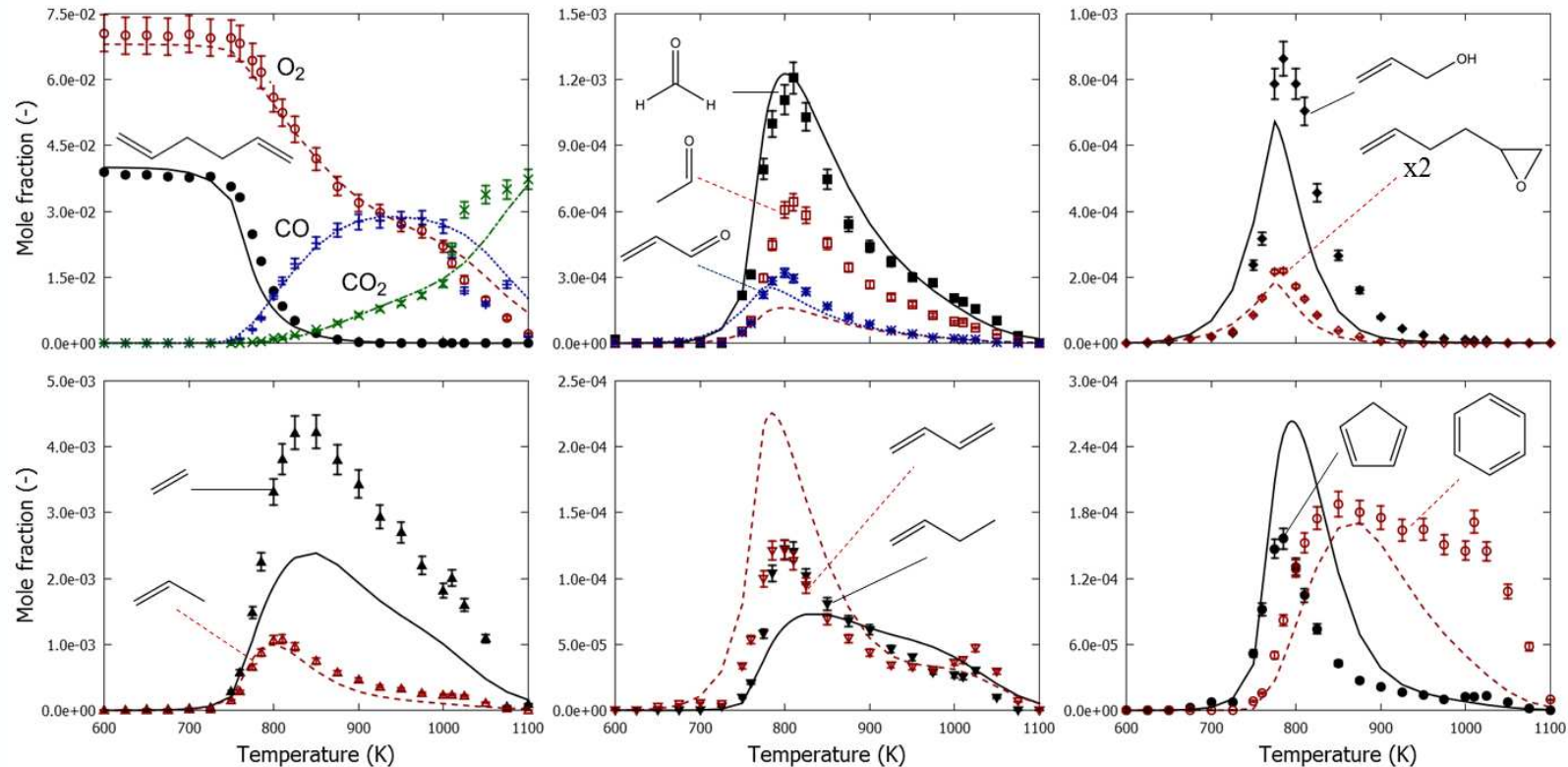
$$E_a = E_{a,ref} + \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta GAV_{E_a}^0(X_i)$$

$$\log \tilde{A} = \log \tilde{A}_{ref} + \sum_{i=1}^n \Delta GAV_{\log \tilde{A}}^0(X_i)$$



# Model performance

$\phi=2.0$



No low temperature reactivity

Acrolein, prop-2-en-1-ol and but-3-enyl-oxiran main oxygenated species

Qualitative agreement between model simulations and experiments

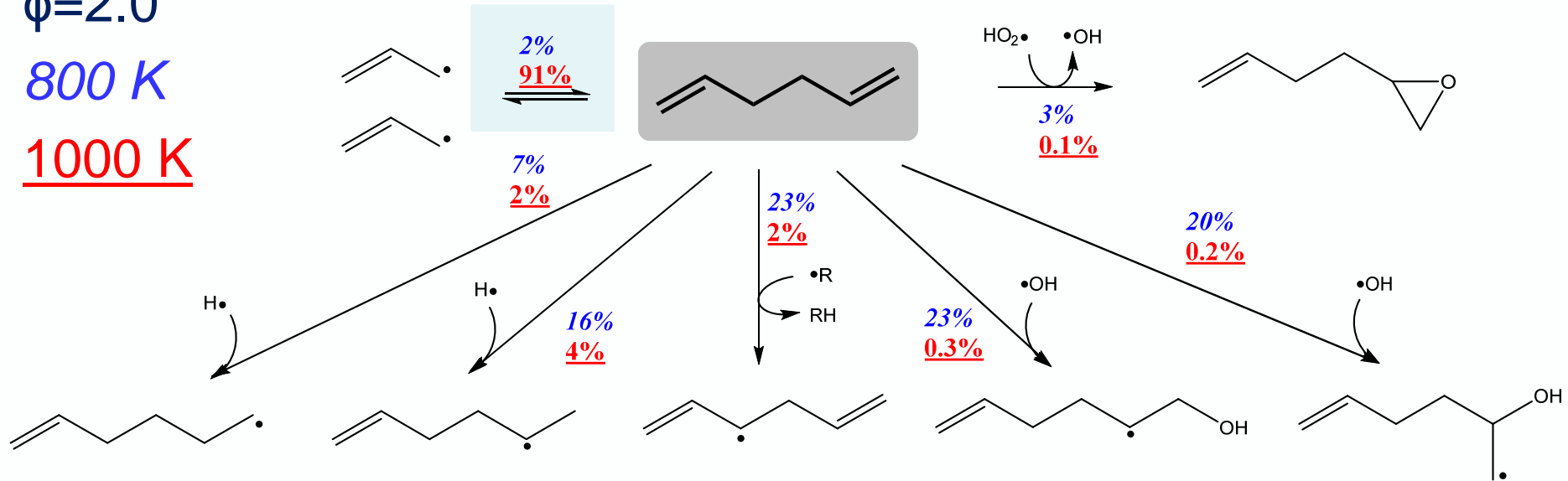
Main discrepancies for ethene and acetaldehyde for oxidation

# Rate of production analysis HXD

$\phi=2.0$

800 K

1000 K



Keto-enol tautomerization of ethenol and oxidation of 1-hydroxy-ε-acetaldehyde formation pathway

Reevaluation of OH addition to improve model performance

HO<sub>2</sub> important in allyl radical addition

30% of ethene production

Revise allyl pathways to improve model performance

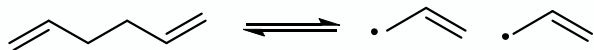
# Sensitivity analysis

Normalized sensitivity coefficients for 1,5-hexadiene mole fraction at  $\phi=2.0$

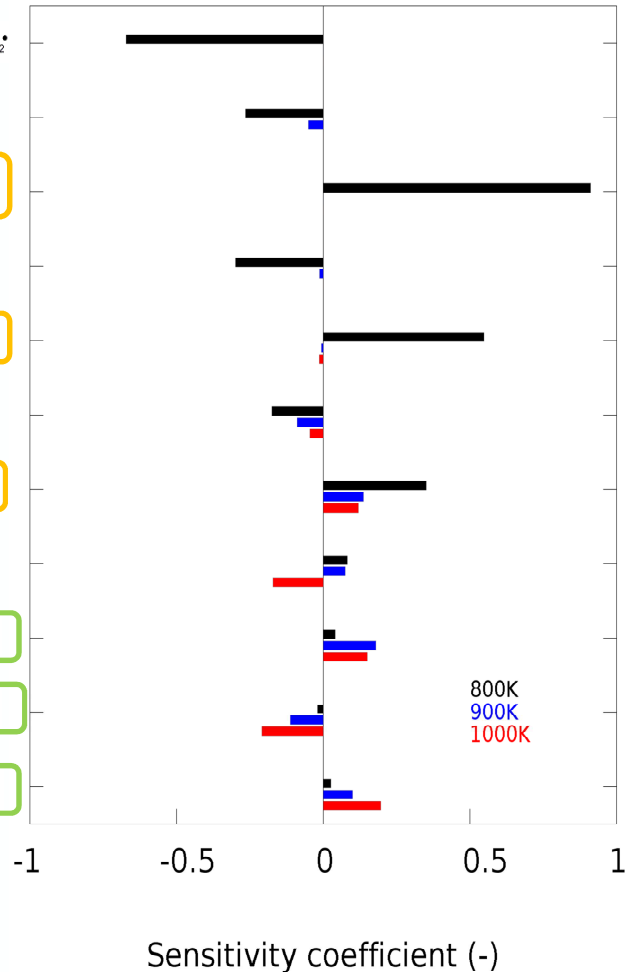
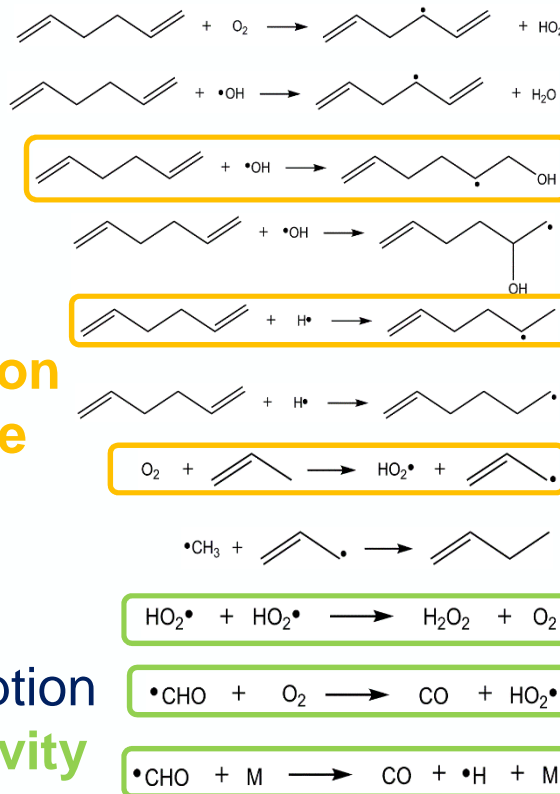
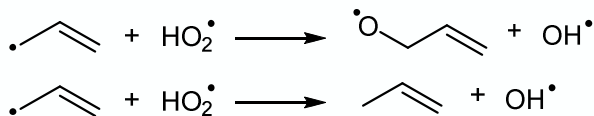
**Lowest T:** Primary 1,5-HXD decomposition

**Higher T:** Secondary combustion chemistry

Reactions that imply **formation** of **allyl** radicals have **positive** coefficients

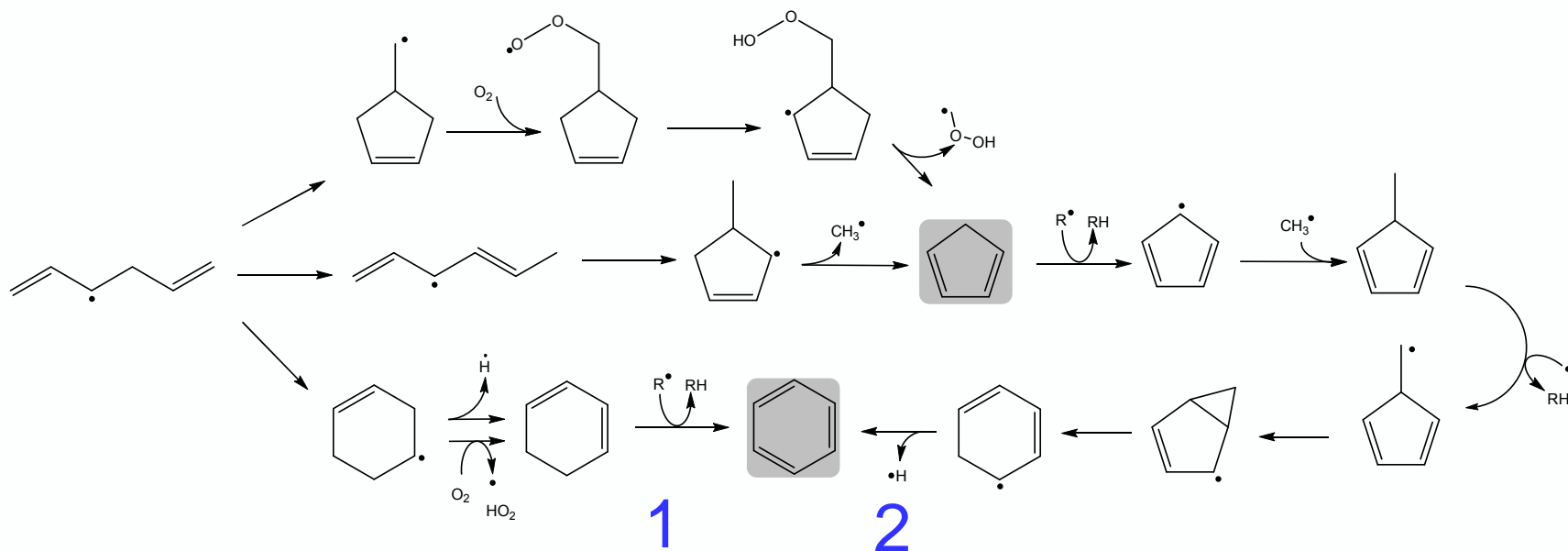


**HO<sub>2</sub><sup>•</sup> radicals** main consumption of allyl radicals, **high sensitivity** for 1,5-HXD mole fraction



# Aromatics formation

## 1,3-cyclopentadiene and benzene starting from 1,5-hexadienyl radical



2 main pathways for benzene formation

Similar pathways for formation of styrene and toluene

# Conclusions

Oxidation and pyrolysis **experiments** in jet-stirred reactor

New developed **kinetic model** with automatic kinetic model generation and literature reported QM calculations

**Qualitative** good model performance

1,5-hexadiene mole fraction **sensitive to allyl** radicals

Main **aromatic formation** pathways unraveled

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