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RESEARCH INTERESTS

Combustion Engineering: Alternative biofuels including alcohols and biodiesel; design of novel experimental methods for combustion analysis; computational analysis of reaction mechanisms for combustion

EDUCATION

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA
Ph.D., Mechanical Engineering, Planned 2014
Working Dissertation Title: *High Pressure Ignition Chemistry of Alternative Fuels*
Advisor: Chih-Jen (Jackie) Sung

M.S., Mechanical Engineering, August 2010

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, USA
B.S.E., Aerospace Engineering, May 2009
cum laude

JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

2014

B.W. Weber, W.J. Pitz, M. Mehl, A.C. Davis, E.J. Silke, and C.J. Sung. *Experiments and Modeling of the Autoignition of Methylcyclohexane at High Pressure*. Combustion and Flame, Feb. 2014. doi:[10.1016/j.combustflame.2014.01.018](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.combustflame.2014.01.018)

2013

S.M. Sarathy, S. Park, **B.W. Weber**, W. Wang, P.S. Veloo, A.C. Davis, C. Togbé, C.K. Westbrook, O. Park, G. Dayma, Z. Luo, M.A. Oehlschlaeger, F.N. Egolfopoulos, T. Lu, W.J. Pitz, C.J. Sung, and P. Dagaut. *A Comprehensive Experimental and Modeling Study of iso-Pentanol Combustion*. Combustion and Flame, vol. 160, no. 12, pp. 2712-2728, Dec. 2013. doi:[10.1016/j.combustflame.2013.06.022](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.combustflame.2013.06.022)

B.W. Weber and C.J. Sung. *Comparative Autoignition Trends in Butanol Isomers at Elevated Pressure*. Energy and Fuels, vol. 27, no. 3, pp. 1688-1698, Mar. 2013. doi:[10.1021/ef302195c](https://doi.org/10.1021/ef302195c)

2012

T. Tsujimura, W.J. Pitz, F. Gillespie, H.J. Curran, **B.W. Weber**, Y. Zhang, and C.J. Sung. *Development of Isopentanol Reaction Mechanism Reproducing Autoignition Character at High and Low Temperatures*. Energy and Fuels, vol. 26, no. 8, pp. 4871-4886, Aug. 2012. doi:[10.1021/ef300879k](https://doi.org/10.1021/ef300879k)

2011

CONFERENCE
PUBLICATIONS
AND
PRESENTATIONS

B.W. Weber, K. Kumar, Y. Zhang, and C.J. Sung. *Autoignition of n-butanol at elevated pressure and low-to-intermediate temperature*. Combustion and Flame, vol. 158, no. 5, pp. 809-819, Mar. 2011. doi:[10.1016/j.combustflame.2011.02.005](https://doi.org/10.1016/j.combustflame.2011.02.005)

2013

S.S. Merchant (Presenting), W.H. Green, K.M. Van Geem, N. Hansen, **B.W. Weber**, and C.J. Sung. *Combustion of the Butanol Isomers: Reaction Pathways from High to Low Temperature*. 8th International Conference on Chemical Kinetics, University Seville, Seville, Spain, July 2013.

B.W. Weber, W.J. Pitz, C.J. Sung, M. Mehl, E.J. Silke, and A.C. Davis. *Experiments and Modeling of the Autoignition of Methyl-Cyclohexane at High Pressure*. Paper 3A02, 8th US National Technical Meeting of the Combustion Institute, Park City, UT, May 2013.

B.W. Weber, S.S. Merchant, C.J. Sung, and W.H. Green. *An Autoignition Study of iso-Butanol: Experiments and Modeling*. Paper 3A01, 8th US National Technical Meeting of the Combustion Institute, Park City, UT, May 2013.

S.M. Sarathy, S. Park, W. Wang, P. Veloo, A.C. Davis, C. Togbé, **B.W. Weber**, C.K. Westbrook, O. Park, G. Dayma, Z. Luo, M.A. Oehlschlaeger, F. Egolfopoulos, T. Lu, W.J. Pitz, C.J. Sung, and P. Dagaut. *A Comprehensive Experimental and Modeling Study of iso-Pentanol Combustion*. Paper 2A12, 8th US National Technical Meeting of the Combustion Institute, Park City, UT, May 2013.

2011

B.W. Weber and C.J. Sung. *Comparative Investigation of the High Pressure Autoignition of the Butanol Isomers*. Paper A-01, Fall Technical Meeting of the Eastern States Section of the Combustion Institute, Storrs, CT, October 2011.

M.R. Harper, W.H. Green (Presenting), K.M. Van Geem, **B.W. Weber**, C.J. Sung, I. Stranic, D.F. Davidson, and R.K. Hanson. *Combustion of the butanol isomers: Reaction pathways at elevated pressures from low-to-high temperatures*. Paper #84, 7th International Conference on Chemical Kinetics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, July 2011.

B.W. Weber and C.J. Sung. *A Rapid Compression Study of the Butanol Isomers at Elevated Pressure*. Paper 1B13, 7th US National Technical Meeting of the Combustion Institute, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta, GA, March 2011.

B.W. Weber, K. Kumar, and C.J. Sung. *Autoignition of Butanol Isomers at Low to Intermediate Temperature and Elevated Pressure*. Paper AIAA-2011-0316, 49th Annual Aerospace Sciences Meeting, Orlando, FL, January 2011.

CONFERENCE
POSTERS

2011

B.W. Weber and C.J. Sung. *Validation of Kinetic Models of the Butanol Isomers At High Pressure using a Rapid Compression Machine*. Poster T40, 7th International Conference on Chemical Kinetics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA, July 2011.

2010

B.W. Weber. *Autoignition of n-Butanol at Elevated Pressure and Low to Intermediate Temperature.* 1st Combustion Energy Frontier Research Center Annual Meeting, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ, September 2010.

2009

B.W. Weber, K. Kumar, and C.J. Sung. *An Investigation of Hydrocarbon Flames using Probe Sampling and Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry.* Support of Undergraduate Research and Creative Endeavors Symposium and Poster Session, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, April 2009.

OTHER
PRESENTATIONS

2008

B.W. Weber and C.J. Sung. *Analysis of Hydrocarbon Fuels using Gas Chromatography/Mass Spectrometry.* Summer Undergraduate Research in Energy Sciences Program, Dominion Energy East Ohio Branch, Cleveland, OH, August 2008.

RESEARCH
EXPERIENCE

Combustion Diagnostics Laboratory

2007-Present

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA

Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland, OH, USA

<http://combdialab.engr.uconn.edu>

Projects:

- Experimentally and computationally studying the ignition properties of the four butanol isomers, iso-pentanol, methylcyclohexane, and propene over a wide range of pressure, temperature, and fuel-loading conditions
- Designing a species sampling apparatus for time-resolved species measurements in the rapid compression machine
- Characterizing the components of heavy hydrocarbon fuels, including conventional and synthetic jet fuels, using gas chromatography/mass spectrometry

TEACHING
EXPERIENCE

University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT, USA

Spring 2013 – Instructor for "Introduction to Mechanical Engineering"

Supervisor: Kevin Murphy

Lecture notes and sample homework problems are available on request

Fall 2012 – Teaching Assistant for "Combustion for Energy Conversion"

Supervisor: Chih-Jen Sung

Sample project assignments are available on request

PROFESSIONAL
EXPERIENCE

Lead Chair, Junior Associates Committee

2012-Present

Combustion Energy Frontier Research Center

- Coordinate monthly teleconferences for graduate students and post-doctoral researchers in the CEFRC
- Attend PI teleconferences on behalf of the junior members of the CEFRC

2013-Present

- Contributed articles to the newsletter describing recent scientific advances resulting from EFRC research, including:
"Burning Butanol in a Better Engine"
"The Advantage of Renewable Fuels in High-Efficiency Engines"
- Edited articles written by other board members for factual and grammatical correctness

2013-Present

- Energy & Fuels
- Proceedings of the Combustion Institute

2014

Graduate Predoctoral Fellowship Award

2013

University of Connecticut, Department of Mechanical Engineering

First Place, awarded for the best research presentation and poster at the 2013 Mechanical Engineering Graduate Research Competition

Graduate Assistantship in Areas of National Need

2010

University of Connecticut

Awarded in the area of Sustainable Energy Technologies

Fred H. Vose Prize, Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering
2009

Case Western Reserve University

Awarded to the senior showing the most promise for future leadership

Summer Undergraduate Research in Energy Sciences Grant

2008

Case Western Reserve University

Awarded for research to analyze the composition of traditional petroleum-based hydrocarbon fuels using GC/MS

AIAA - Student Member

ASME - Student Member

The Combustion Institute - Student Member

ACS - Student Member