Insights into nitromethane combustion from detailed kinetic modeling – Pyrolysis experiments in jet stirred and flow reactors

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### **Supplement Material**

## 1. Flow reactor - pyrolysis

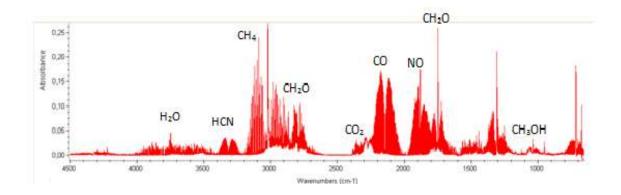
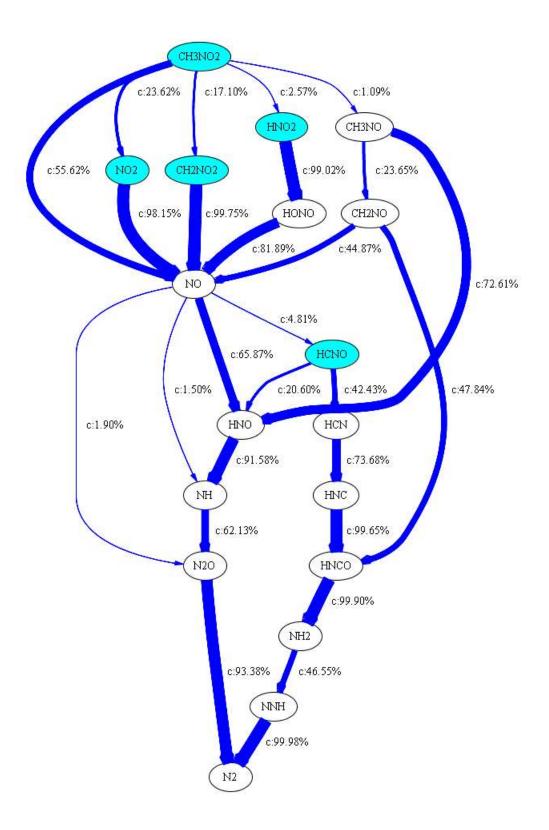
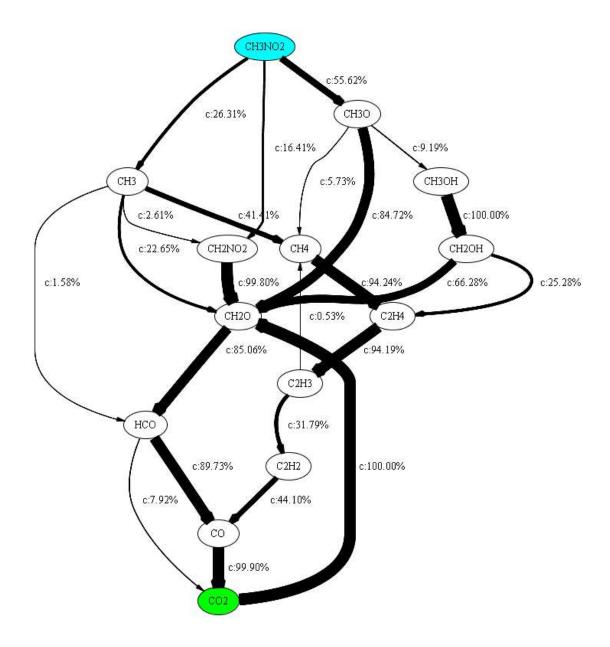


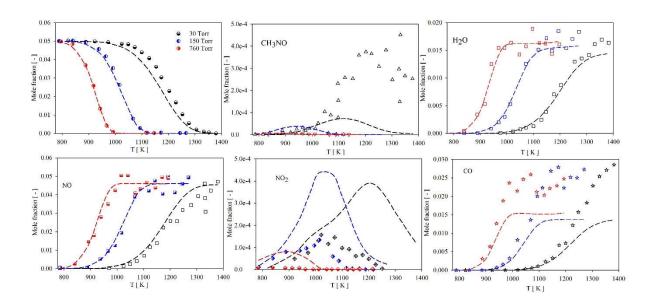
Figure S1: FTIR spectrum obtained during nitromethane pyrolysis.



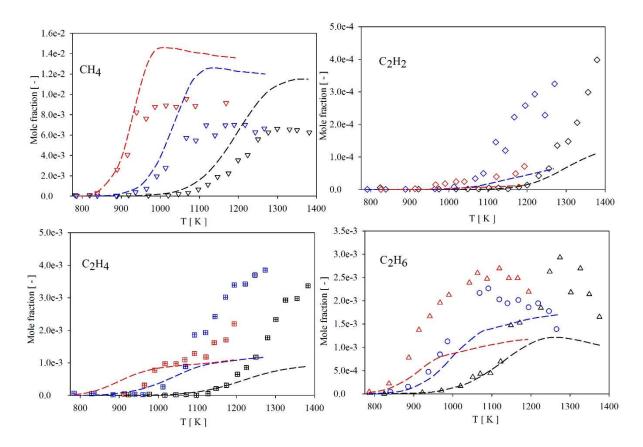
**Figure S2:** Integrated mass flux analysis for the pyrolysis of  $CH_3NO_2/Ar$  in flow reactor shown in Figure 7. Based on the N-atom.  $CH_3NO_2$  5 % / Ar 95 % (on a mole basis) at 5 Torr (= 0.666 kPa) ), 1200 K at 30 %  $CH_3NO_2$  consumption.



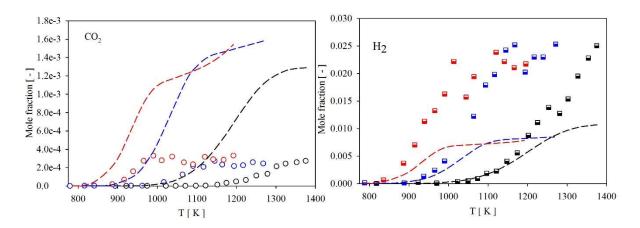
**Figure S3:** Integrated mass flux analysis for the pyrolysis  $CH_3NO_2/Ar$  in flow reactor shown in Figure 7. Based on the C-atom.  $CH_3NO_2$  5 % / Ar 95 % (on a mole basis) at 5 Torr (= 0.666 kPa), 1200 K at 30 %  $CH_3NO_2$  consumption.



**Figure S4:** Pyrolysis of CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> 5 % / Ar 95 % in flow reactor at different pressures and residence times. Symbols: experimental data from [1], dashed lines: this model. Simulation are done using the temperature profile.

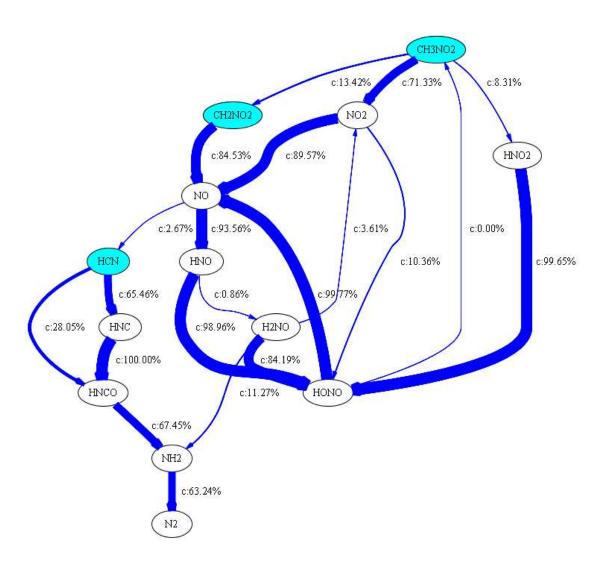


**Figure S5:** Pyrolysis of CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> 5 % / Ar 95 % in flow reactor at different pressures and residence times. Symbols: experimental data from [1], dashed lines: this model. Simulation are performed imposing the temperature profile. Legend information same as in Figure S4.

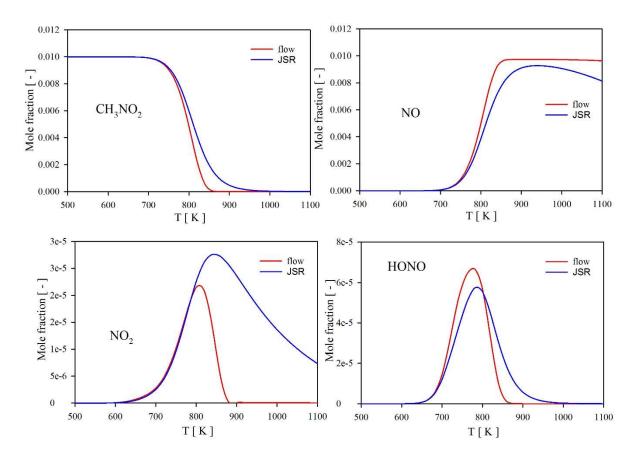


**Figure S6:** Pyrolysis of CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> 5 % / Ar 95 % in flow reactor at different pressures and residence times. Symbols: experimental data from [1], dashed lines: this model. Simulation are performed imposing the temperature profile. Legend information same as in Figure S4.

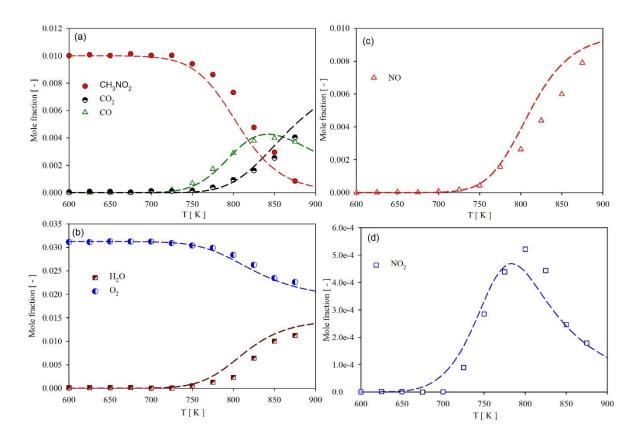
### 2. Jet stirred reactor



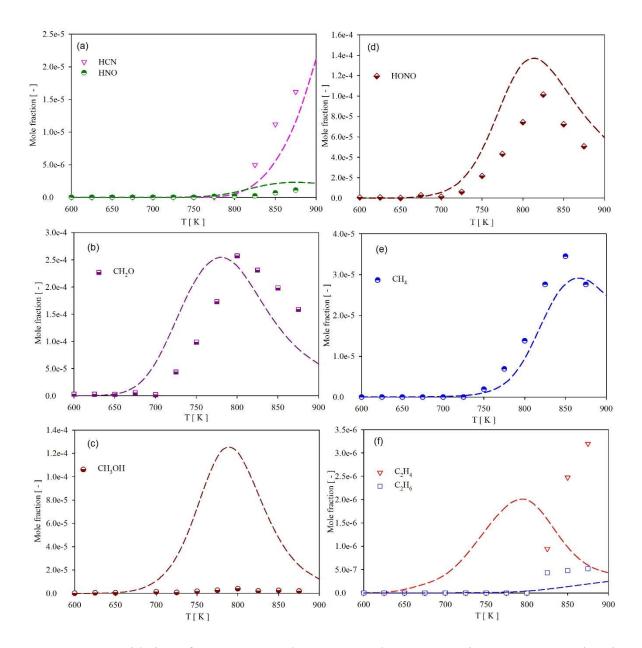
**Figure S7:** Integrated mass flux analysis during the pyrolysis of CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> 1 % /He 99 % in JSR at 1.07 bar,  $\tau = 2.0$  s for the condition shown in Figure 8. Based on N-atom.



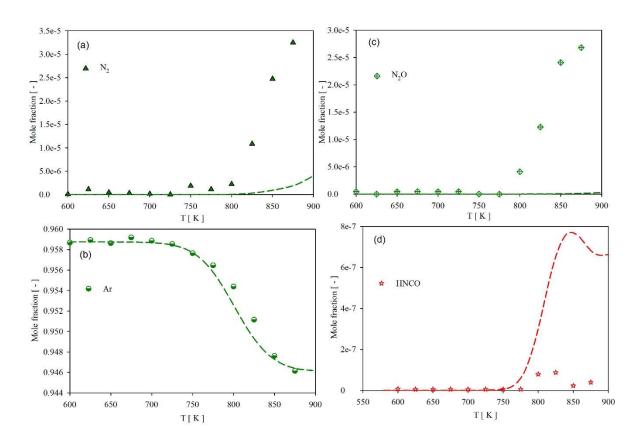
**Figure S8:** Species profile comparison during pyrolysis of  $CH_3NO_2$  1 % / He 99 % in flow reactor and JSR for the condition shown in Figure 3 and Figure 8 respectively. Red line: flow reactor, Blue line: JSR.



**Figure S9:** Oxidation of CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> 1 % / O<sub>2</sub> 3.125 % /Ar at 1 atm,  $\phi = 0.4$ ,  $\tau = 2.0$  s in a jet stirred reactor. Symbols: experimental data from Weng et al. [2]; dashed lines: this model.

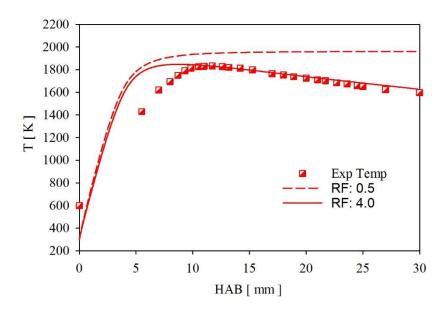


**Figure S10:** Oxidation of CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub> 1 % / O<sub>2</sub> 3.125 % /Ar at 1 atm,  $\phi = 0.4$ ,  $\tau = 2.0$  s in a jet stirred reactor for condition in Figure S9. Symbols: experimental data from Weng et al. [2]; dashed lines: this model.

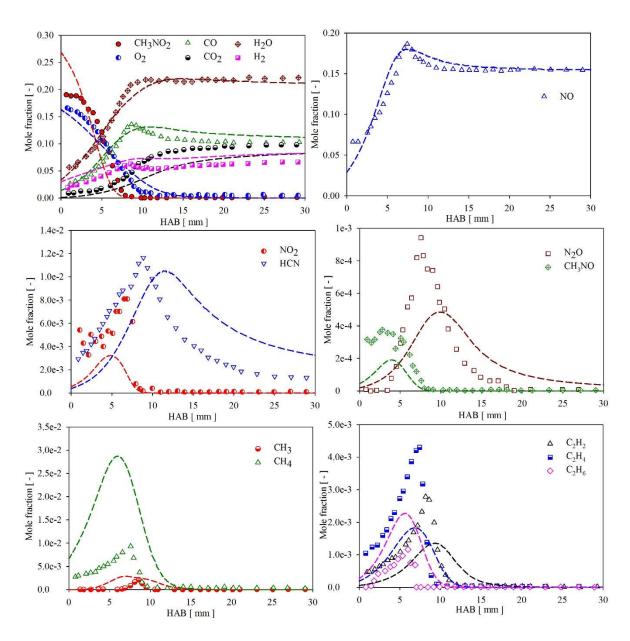


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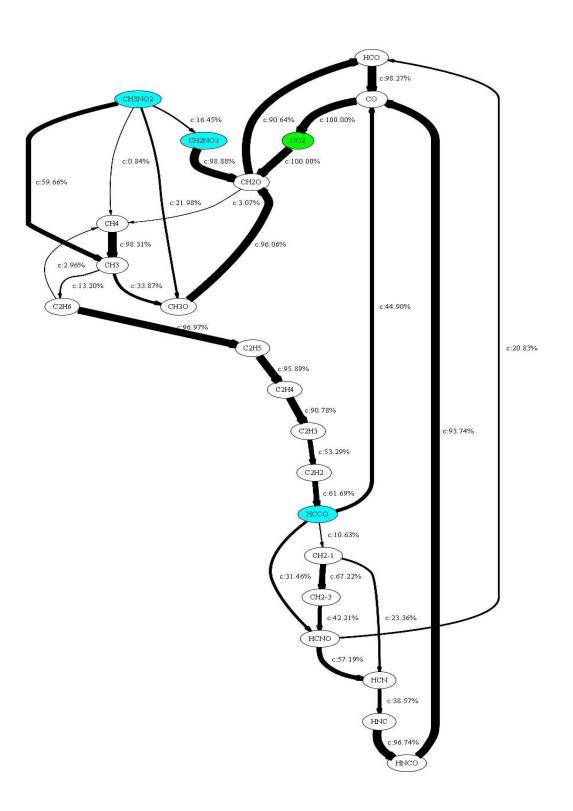
### 3. Burner stabilized flame



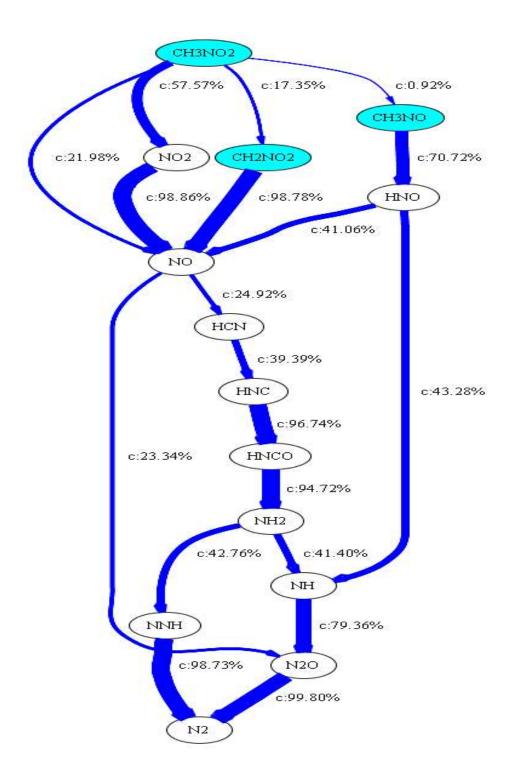
**Figure S12:** Temperature profile for the  $CH_3NO_2/O_2/Ar$  premixed burner stabilized flame at 4.666 kPa, T = 298 K,  $\varphi = 1.5$  shown in Figure 15. Symbols: experiment measurement from [3], lines: calculation solving the energy conservation equation. Dash lines: with radiation factor (RF) 0.5 (standard setting), solid lines: with radiation factor (RF) 4.0.



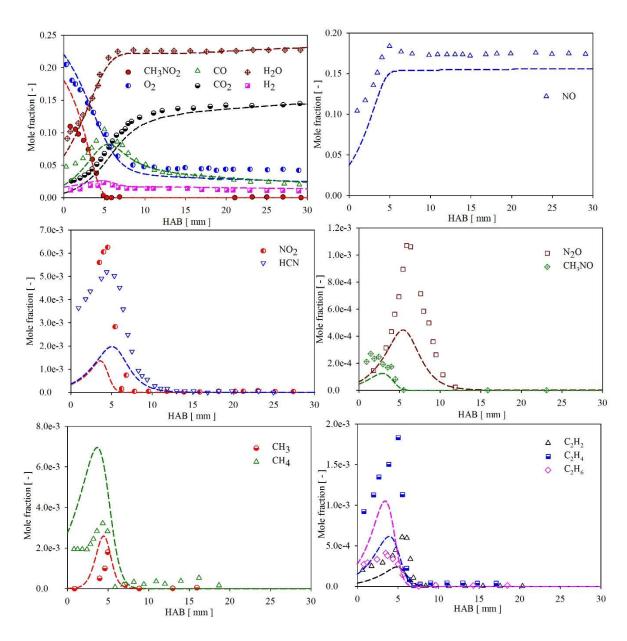
**Figure S13:** Speciation of premixed  $CH_3NO_2/O_2/Ar$  burner stabilized flame at 4.666 kPa, T = 298 K,  $\phi = 2.0$ . Symbols: experiments from Zhang et al. [3]; dashed lines: prediction imposing the experimental temperature profile.



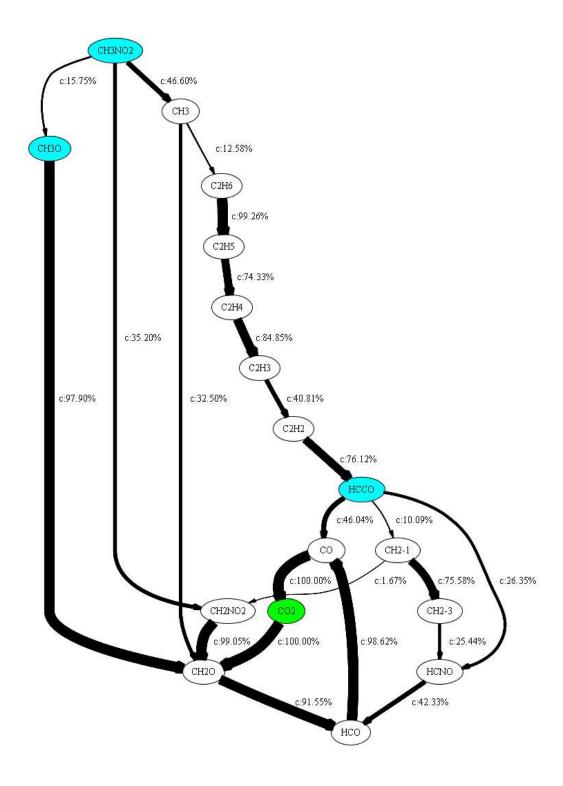
**Figure S14:** Integrated mass flux analysis for  $CH_3NO_2/O_2/Ar$  burner stabilized flame at 4.666 kPa, T=298 K,  $\phi=2.0$  sown in Figure S13. Based on the C-atom.



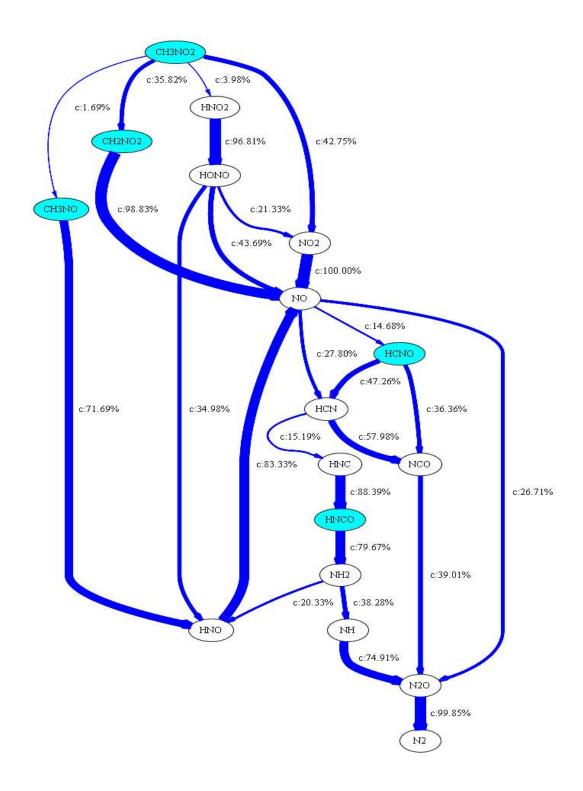
**Figure S15:** Integrated mass flux analysis for  $CH_3NO_2/O_2/Ar$  burner stabilized flame at 4.666 kPa, T = 298 K,  $\phi = 2.0$  shown in Figure S13. Based on the N-atom.



**Figure S16:** Speciation of premixed  $CH_3NO_2/O_2/Ar$  burner stabilized flame at 4.666 kPa, T = 298 K,  $\phi = 1.0$ . Symbols: experiments from Zhang et al. [3]; dashed lines: prediction imposing the experimental temperature profile.

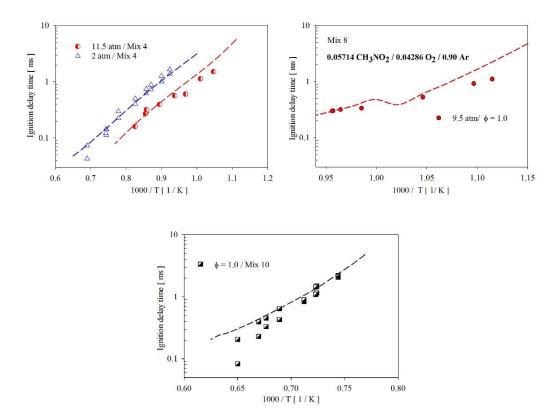


**Figure S17:** Integrated mass flux analysis for  $CH_3NO_2/O_2/Ar$  burner stabilized flame at 4.666 kPa, T=298 K,  $\phi=1.0$  shown in Figure S16. Based on the C-atom.

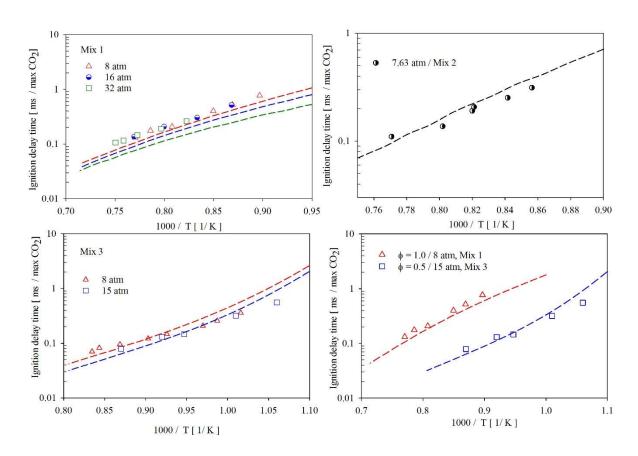


**Figure S18:** Integrated mass flux analysis for  $CH_3NO_2/O_2/Ar$  burner stabilized flame at 4.666 kPa, T = 298 K,  $\phi = 1.0$  shown in Figure S16. Based on the N-atom.

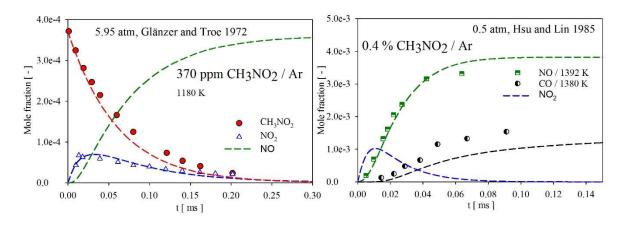
# 4. Shock tube - Ignition delay time and pyrolysis



**Figure S19:** Ignition delay time of CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>/Ar. Symbols: experiment from Mathieu et al. 2016 [4]; lines: this model. Mix: means mixture number, which is same as in [4].

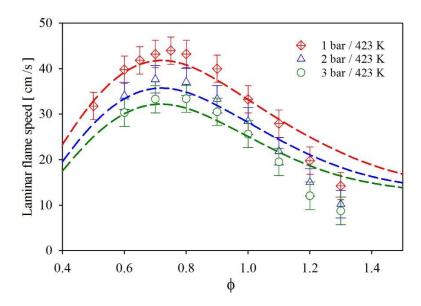


**Figure S20:** Ignition delay times of CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>/O<sub>2</sub>/N<sub>2</sub>. Symbols: experiment from Nauclér et al. 2016 [5]; lines: this model. Mix: means mixture number, which is same as in [5].

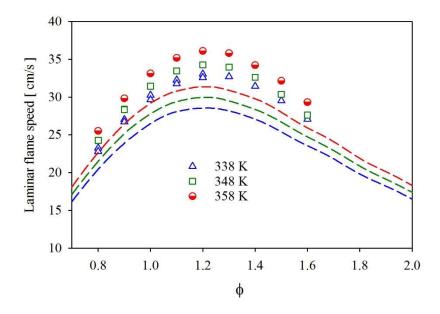


**Figure S21:** Speciation during the CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>/Ar pyrolysis in shock tube, symbols: experiments from [6] (left), [7] (right); lines: this model.

# 5. Laminar flame speed

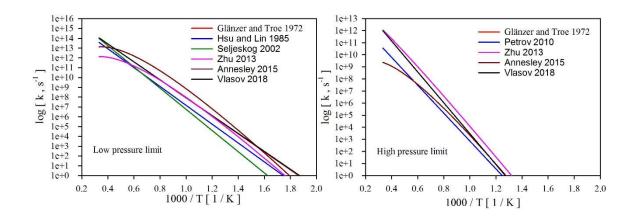


**Figure S22:** Laminar flame speeds of CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>/air at 423 K and three different pressures (1–3 bar). Symbols: experiment from [8]; lines: this model.



**Figure S23:** Laminar flame speed of CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>/air at 1 atm and three different temperatures. Symbols: experiment from [9]; lines: this model.

### 6. CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>(+M)⇒CH<sub>3</sub>+NO<sub>2</sub>(+M) rate constant comparison



**Figure S24:** Rate constant comparison of reaction CH<sub>3</sub>NO<sub>2</sub>(+M) ⇒ CH<sub>3</sub>+NO<sub>2</sub>(+M) from different sources: Glänzer and Troe [6], Hsu and Lin [7], Seljeskog [10], Zhu et al. [11], Annesley et al. [12], Vlasov et al. [13], Petrov et al. [14].

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