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# Surrogate Fuel Modeling and Uncertainty Quantification

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# Outline

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- Component Library Approach for **transportation fuel surrogates**
  - Chemistry reduction techniques
  - Component library approach
  - Application: Jet fuel surrogate
- Chemical mechanism for aliphatic species
- Uncertainty quantification in chemical systems



# Reduction Strategies

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## **DRGEP<sup>1</sup>:** Directed Relation Graph with Error Propagation

- Removes as many species and reactions as possible while retaining the accuracy of detailed mechanism
- Automatic, fast and efficient
- Generates skeletal mechanisms with consistent chemical pathways

## **Chemical Lumping<sup>2</sup>**

- Replaces chemical isomers by one single representative species
- Very efficient for large hydrocarbons oxidation
- Rate coefficients of the lumped reactions estimated accurately through statistical analysis of the detailed results

## **Quasi-steady state assumptions**

- Replaces differential equations by algebraic expressions

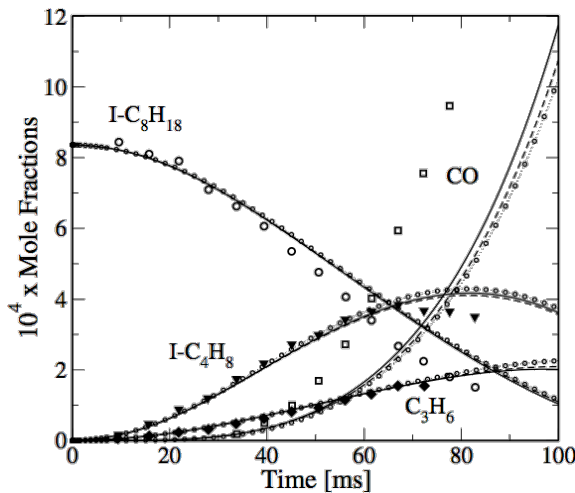
<sup>1</sup> P. Pepiot-Desjardins, H. Pitsch, *Combust. Flame*, 2008.

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# Integrated Approach

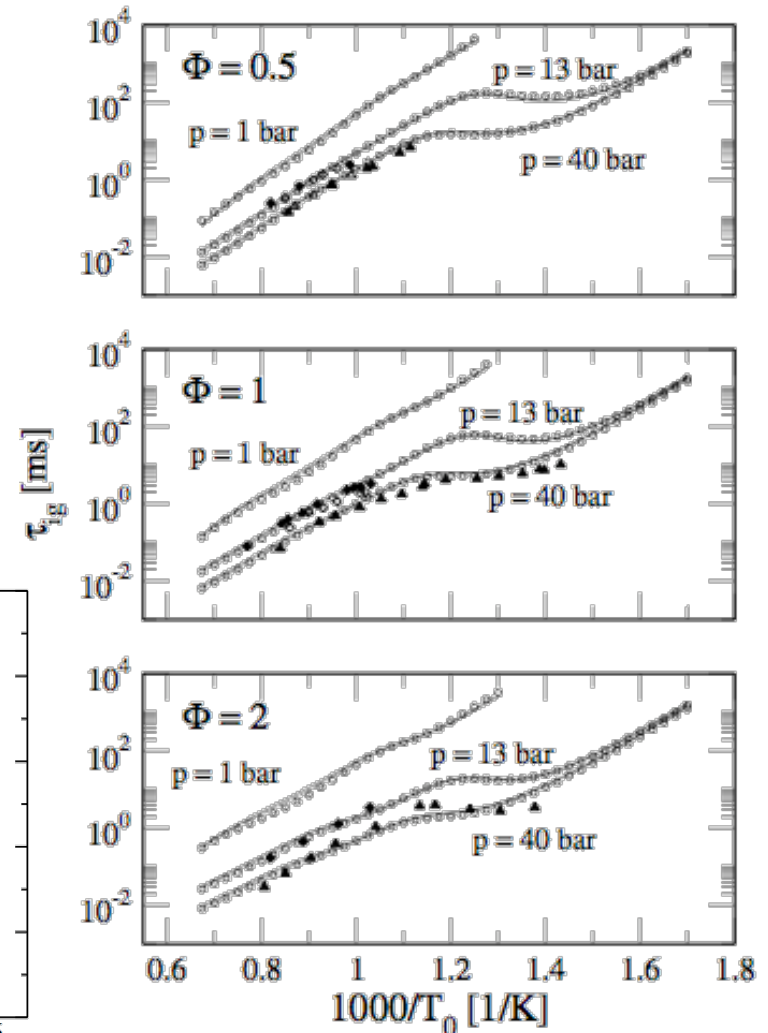
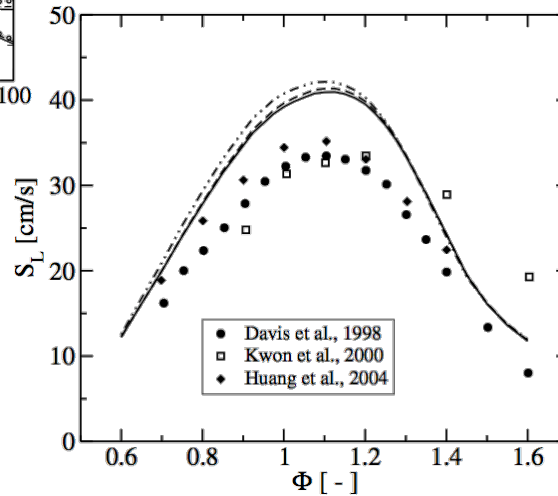


- Highest reduction ratio obtained by combining all techniques
- Example: Iso-octane oxidation mechanism
  - Initial size: 850 species, 7212 reactions
  - Reduced size: 57 species, 504 reactions



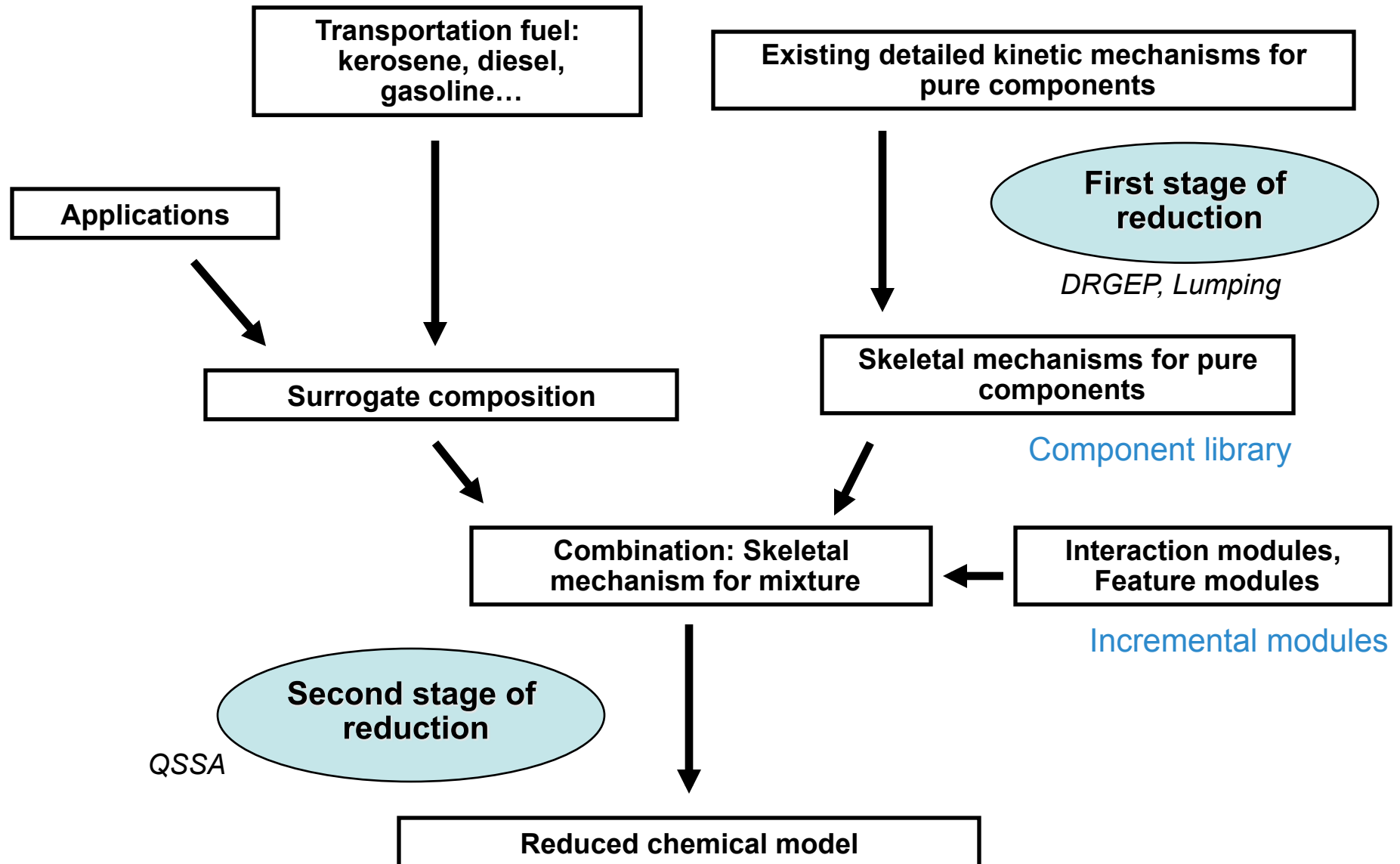
Plug Flow Reactor  
Very lean I-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>18</sub>/air  
T<sub>0</sub> = 945K

Atmospheric laminar  
burning velocities  
T<sub>0</sub> = 298K



I-C<sub>8</sub>H<sub>18</sub>/air ignition delay times

# Component Library Approach



# Individual Components and Detailed Kinetic Models



Class	Molecule	Formula	Structure	Comments
Paraffins	Dodecane	$C_{12}H_{26}$		<b>Mech:</b> 174 species, <i>Wang et al.</i> , 2008 <b>Exp:</b> ST, flames
	Iso-octane	$C_8H_{18}$		<b>Mech:</b> 850 species, <i>LLNL</i> , 2002 <b>Exp:</b> ST, PFR, flames
Naphthenes	Methyl-cyclohexane	$C_7H_{14}$		<b>Mech:</b> 998 species, <i>LLNL</i> , 2005 <b>Exp:</b> ST, PFR
Aromatics	Toluene	$C_7H_8$		<b>Mech:</b> <i>Blanquart et al.</i> , 2008 <b>Exp:</b> ST, PFR, flames
	Benzene	$C_6H_6$		

Base chemistry ( $C_0$ - $C_4$ ) developed for PAH and soot formation

- Extensively validated
- 151 species, *Blanquart et al.*, 2008.

# Possible Jet Fuel Surrogate Compositions



- Automatic composition optimization for any given targets based on group additivity theory

		Average Jet Fuel**	Neat Dodecane	Surrogate 1*	Surrogate 2
Composition [%mol]	Dodecane	N/A	100	73.5	45
	Iso-octane			5.5	
	MCH			10	26.1
	Toluene			10	28.9
	Benzene			1	
H/C ratio		1.91	2.17	2.09	1.91
Formula		$C_{11}H_{21}$	$C_{12}H_{26}$	$C_{10.7}H_{22.3}$	$C_{9.3}H_{17.7}$
Hydrocarbon composition [%vol]	Paraffins	~60	100	88	62
	Naphthenes	~20	0	6.4	20
	Aromatics	~18	0	5.6	18
Cetane Number		~42.7	80	73.4	58
Treshold Sooting Index		~15	5.2	9.3	16.3

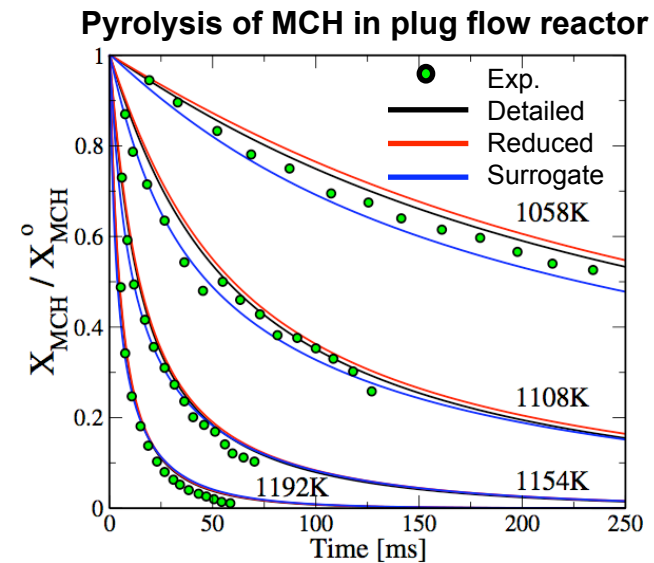
\*Violi *et al.*, Comb. Sci. Tech. 174:11, 2002

\*\* Edwards *et al.*, J. Prop. Pow., 17:2, 2001

# Validation Procedure



- Reduction done for various configurations and over a wide range of pressures, equivalence ratios, and temperatures > 900 K
- Validation performed at each stage of reduction and combination, for each fuel component



Mechanisms		$N_S$	$N_R$
Components	Base Chemistry	151	1658
	Dodecane	174	2625
	Iso-octane	850	7212
	Methyl-cyclohexane	998	8820
Multi-component surrogate		90 + 91 QSS	1197

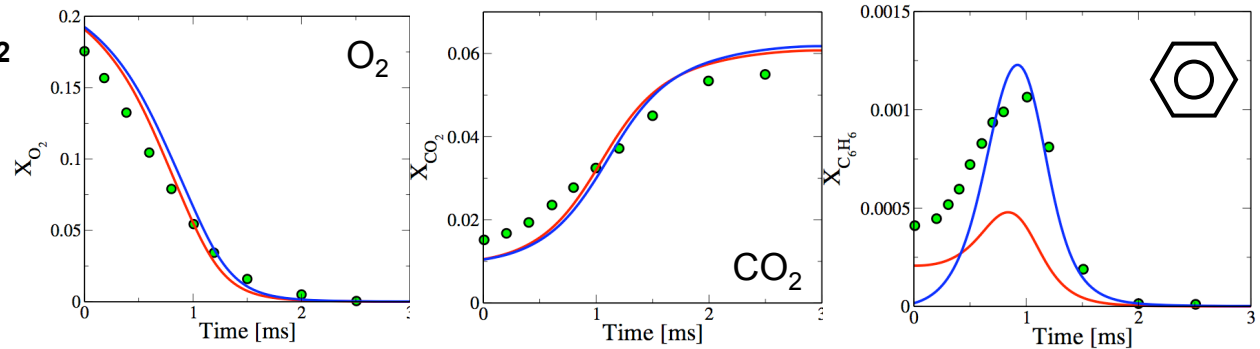


# Comparison with Jet Fuel Experiments

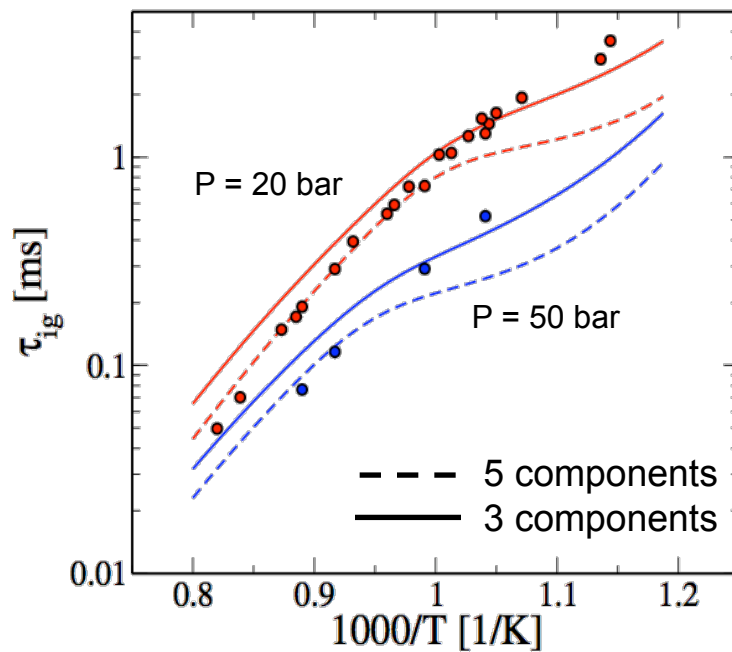


## Kerosene Premixed Flame<sup>2</sup>

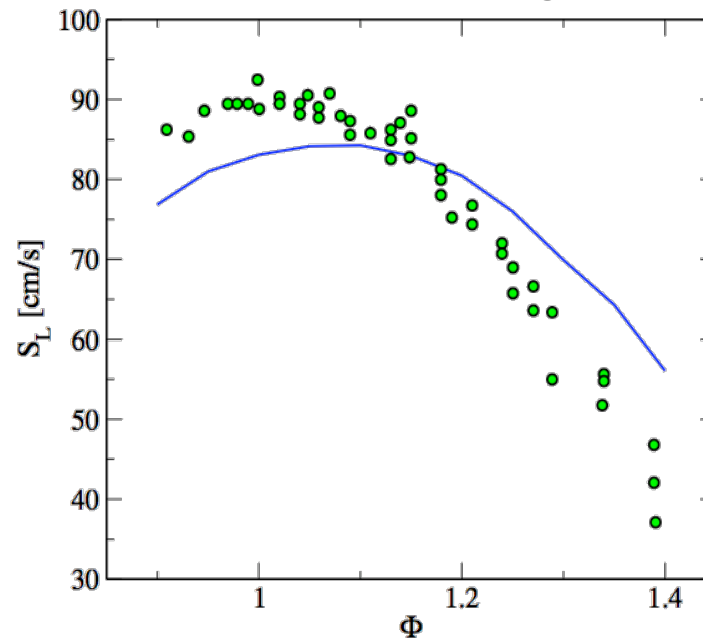
- Experiments
- 5 components
- 3 components



## Jet fuel auto-ignition<sup>1</sup>



## Jet fuel laminar burning velocity<sup>3</sup>



<sup>1</sup> S. S. Vasu, D. F. Davidson, R. K. Hanson - Combust. Flame, 2008

<sup>2</sup> Doute et al, Combust. Sci. Tech. 106, 1995

<sup>3</sup> Eberius et al., 2001

# Component Library Infrastructure

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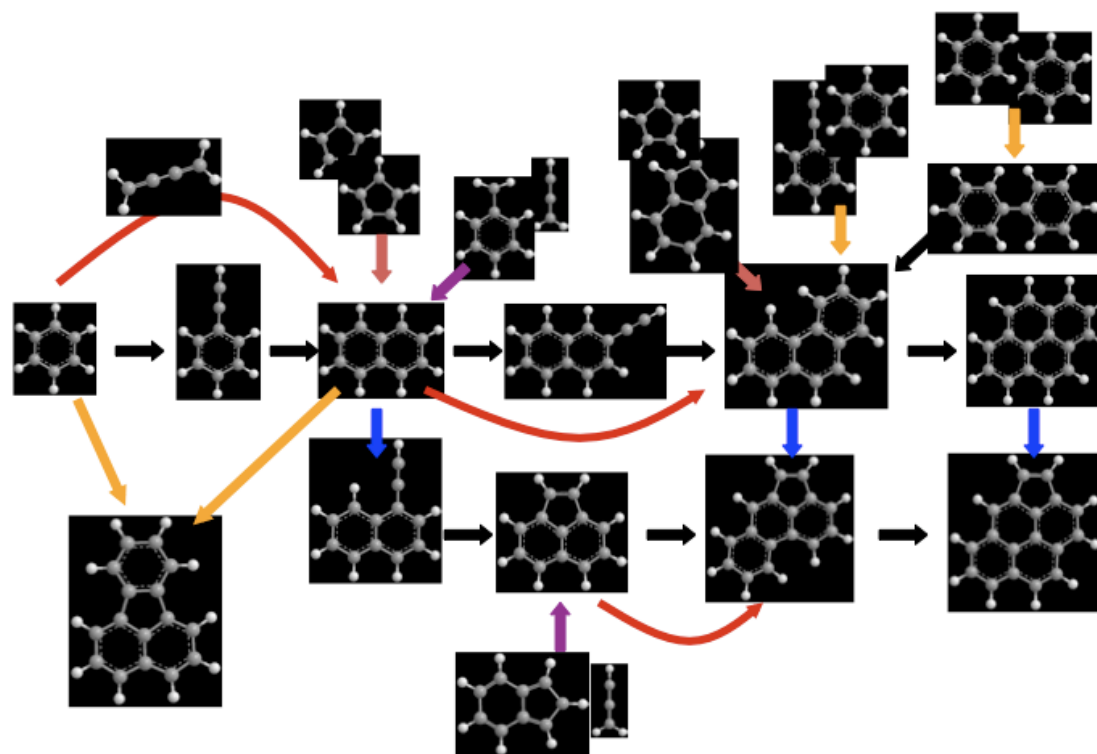
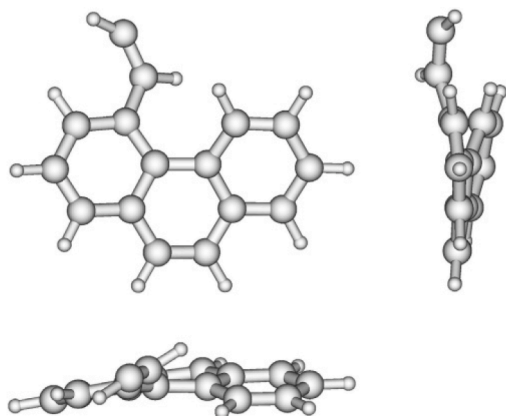


- Fully automatic, multi-stage reduction strategy
- Development of an **interactive framework** for chemical modeling of transportation fuel **surrogates**
  - **Modular and flexible**
- **Future:**
  - Incorporate JetSurF into Component Library
  - Validate multi-component surrogates with experimental data

# Chemical Mechanism Development



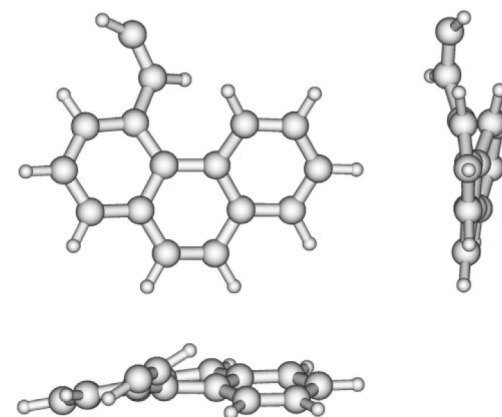
- Objective:
  - Integrate our recent developments for PAH chemical mechanism into JetSurF mechanism





# PAH Thermodynamics

- **Thermodynamic Properties**
  - Describe how **stable** each species are
  - Required for *accurate* modeling of combustion
    - Heat capacity
    - Entropy
    - Heat of formation
- **Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAH)**
  - Formed in *rich premixed* and *diffusion* flames
  - *Intermediates* to soot formation
- **New Database of Thermodynamic Properties**
  - *Ab-initio* quantum calculations
    - G3MP2//B3
  - *Internal degree of rotation*
    - *Hindered* rotors
  - **Group Corrections (GC)**



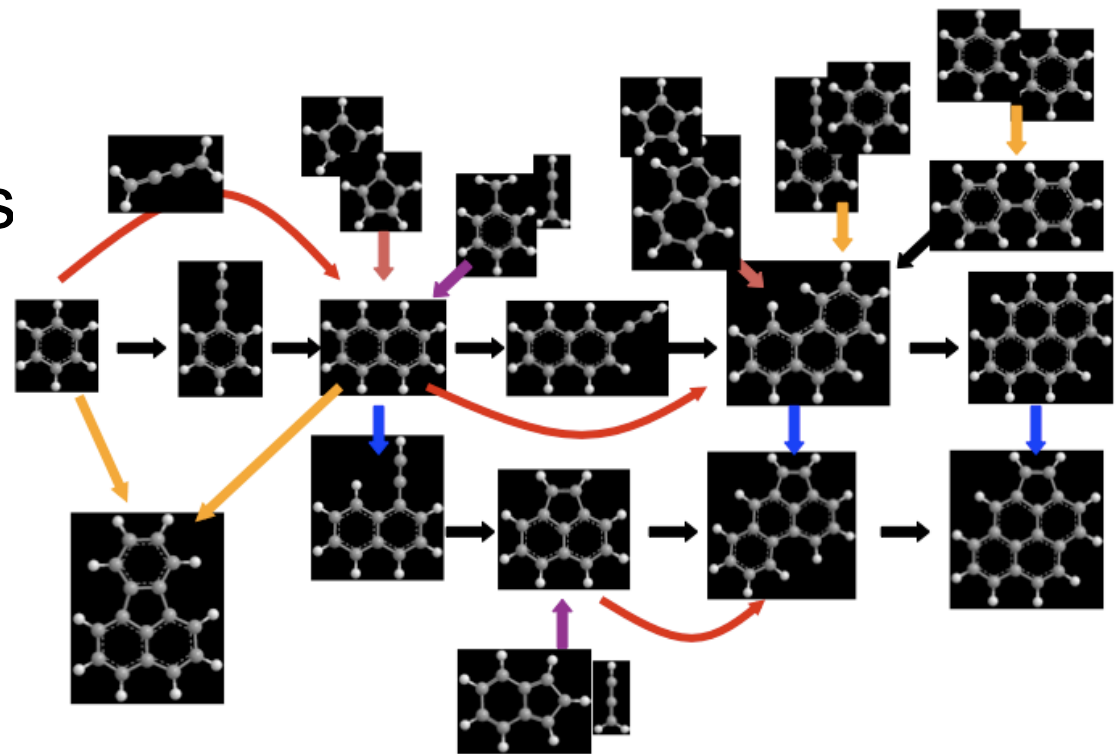
species	exp.	G3MP2//B3	
		orig.	GC
Aromatic Species			
benzene	82.93 ± 0.5	76.95	82.99
naphthalene	150.3 ± 1.5	134.89	148.83
anthracene	226.7 ± 3.5	208.28	230.11
phenanthrene	201.7 ± 2.9	185.18	201.76
pyrene	225.7 ± 1.2	200.69	226.09
chrysene	263.5 ± 4.5	240.64	259.86
perylene	306.0 ± 0.8	283.32	306.11
coronene	302.0 ± 8.0	251.99	292.43
avg. error		22.11	2.34
Substituted Aromatics and Radicals			
phenyl	339.7 ± 2.0	341.14	
phenylacetylene	306.6 ± 1.7	307.97	
styrene	146.9 ± 1.0	138.38	
styryl	393.5 ± 7.0	402.80	
acenaphthylene	259.7 ± 4.6	244.18	
biphenyl	182.0 ± 0.7	163.33	

⇒ Blanquart, G., Pitsch, H. « [Thermochemical properties of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons \(PAH\) from G3MP2B3 calculations](#) » *Journal of Physical Chemistry A* (2007)



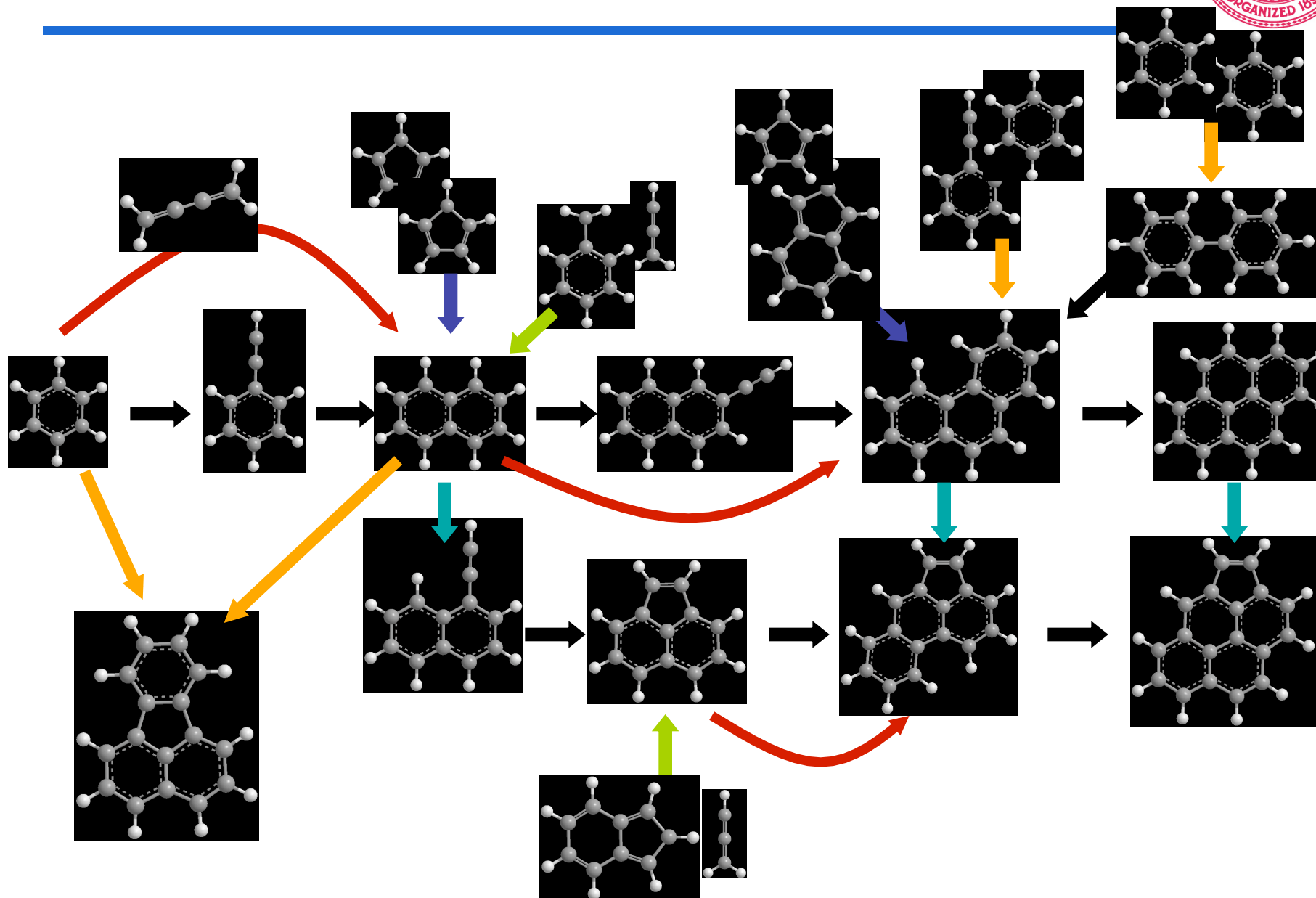
# Chemical Mechanism

- Based Blanquart et al. mechanism
- PAH part starts from Wang, Frenklach mechanism
- Updated with new rates and pathways



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# PAH Growth



# Chemical Mechanism



- **Small Hydrocarbon Chemistry**
- **C3 & C4 Chemistry**
- **Aromatic Chemistry**
- **Chemistry of Alkanes**
- **PAH Chemistry**

## Results

- 1 Detailed chemical mechanism
- 13 fuels
- 149 species
- 1651 reactions



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#  
# Curran, H. J., P. Gaffuri, W. J. Pitz, and C. K. Westbrook  
# "A Comprehensive Modeling Study of iso-Octane Oxidation"  
# Combustion and Flame 129:253-280 (2002).  
#  
#####  
# ----- HIGH TEMPERATURE ----- #  
# ----- 15 Species ----- #  
# ----- 73 Reactions ----- #  
# Reactions of I-C8H18  
IC00 : I-C8H18 -> Y-C7H15 + CH3 { A = 1.02E+49 n = -9.38 E = 404.10 }  
IC01 : I-C8H18 -> I-C4H8 + I-C3H7 + CH3 { A = 5.75E+49 n = -9.66 E = 410.20 }  
IC02 : I-C8H18 -> 2 T-C4H9 { A = 1.94E+57 n = -11.84 E = 414.13 }  
  
IC03 : I-C8H18 + H -> C-C8H17 + H2 { A = 5.15E+01 n = 3.92 E = 10.16 }  
IC04 : I-C8H18 + O -> C-C8H17 + OH { A = 1.25E+04 n = 3.07 E = 5.82 }  
IC05 : I-C8H18 + OH -> C-C8H17 + H2O { A = 1.03E+07 n = 1.99 E = -1.19 }  
IC06 : I-C8H18 + O2 -> C-C8H17 + H2O2 { A = 1.03E+11 n = 0.84 E = 196.29 }  
IC07 : I-C8H18 + CH3 -> C-C8H17 + CH4 { A = 1.14E-18 n = 9.25 E = -8.89 }  
IC08 : I-C8H18 + H2O -> C-C8H17 + H2O2 { A = 9.85E+10 n = 0.73 E = 70.89 }  
IC09 : I-C8H18 + CH3O2 -> C-C8H17 + CH3O + OH { A = 9.85E+10 n = 0.73 E = 70.89 }  
  
# Reactions of C-C8H17  
IC10 : C-C8H17 -> I-C4H9 + T-C4H9 { A = 4.28E+22 n = -2.81 E = 127.70 }  
IC11 : C-C8H17 -> Y-C7H14 + CH3 { A = 2.55E+39 n = -7.47 E = 189.45 }  
IC12 : C-C8H17 -> I-C4H8 + CH3 + C3H6 { A = 4.22E+24 n = -3.34 E = 158.66 }  
  
IC13 : C-C8H17 + H2O2 -> D-C8H17O + OH { A = 7.00E+12 n = .00 E = -4.18 }  
IC14 : C-C8H17 + CH3O2 -> D-C8H17O + CH3O { A = 7.00E+12 n = .00 E = -4.18 }  
  
# Reactions of D-C8H17O  
IC15 : D-C8H17O -> I-C4H8 + CH3 + CH3COCH3 { A = 1.33E+23 n = -2.98 E = 64.44 }  
IC16 : D-C8H17O -> T-C4H9 + I-C3H7 + HCO { A = 7.95E+33 n = -6.00 E = 97.57 }  
IC17 : D-C8H17O -> Y-C7H15 + CH2O { A = 2.69E+20 n = -2.08 E = 62.99 }  
  
# Reactions of Y-C7H15  
IC18 : Y-C7H14 + H -> Y-C7H15 { A = 7.92E+16 n = -1.01 E = 15.98 }  
IC19 : Y-C7H15 -> Y-C7H14 + H { A = 1.83E+17 n = -0.90 E = 165.71 }  
IC20 : Y-C7H15 -> I-C4H8 + I-C3H7 { A = 1.94E+18 n = -1.49 E = 136.77 }  
IC21 : Y-C7H15 -> T-C4H9 + C3H6 { A = 1.12E-44 n = 15.73 E = -65.59 }  
  
# Reactions of Y-C7H14  
IC22 : Y-C7H14 -> I-C4H7 + I-C3H7 { A = 6.53E+59 n = -12.99 E = 394.69 }  
IC23 : Y-C7H14 -> T-C4H9 + A-C3H5 { A = 2.09E+65 n = -14.94 E = 384.52 }  
  
IC24 : Y-C7H14 + H -> X-C7H13 + H2 { A = 2.38E-13 n = 7.67 E = -47.65 }  
IC25 : X-C7H13 + H2 -> Y-C7H14 + H { A = 3.93E+06 n = 2.36 E = 92.29 }  
  
IC26 : Y-C7H14 + OH -> X-C7H13 + H2O { A = 7.76E-09 n = 6.18 E = -41.33 }  
IC27 : X-C7H13 + H2O -> Y-C7H14 + OH { A = 1.92E+05 n = 2.76 E = 159.33 }  
  
# Reactions of X-C7H13  
IC28 : X-C7H13 + H2O2 -> I-C3H5CHO + I-C3H7 + OH { A = 1.00E+13 n = .00 E = .00 }  
  
# Reactions of T-C4H9O  
IC29 : T-C4H9O -> I-C3H7 + HCO + H { A = 1.78E+39 n = -7.30 E = 156.05 }  
IC30 : T-C4H9O -> CH2O + I-C3H7 { A = 7.25E+39 n = -7.59 E = 140.03 }  
IC31 : T-C4H9O -> CH3COCH3 + CH3 { A = 3.09E+13 n = 0.03 E = 58.87 }
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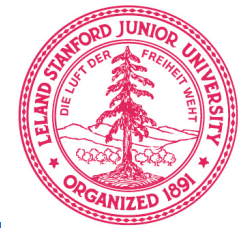
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- **Entire mechanism validated with large database of experimental data**
  - **Ignition** delay times
    - Lean
    - Stoichiometric
    - Rich
  - Laminar **Burning Velocities**
    - Atmospheric
    - Moderate pressure (3bar - 5bar)
    - *High* pressure (up to 25bar)
- **Soot precursors in flames**
  - **Premixed** flames
    - n-heptane
    - iso-octane
  - Counterflow **diffusion** flames
    - acetylene
    - n-heptane

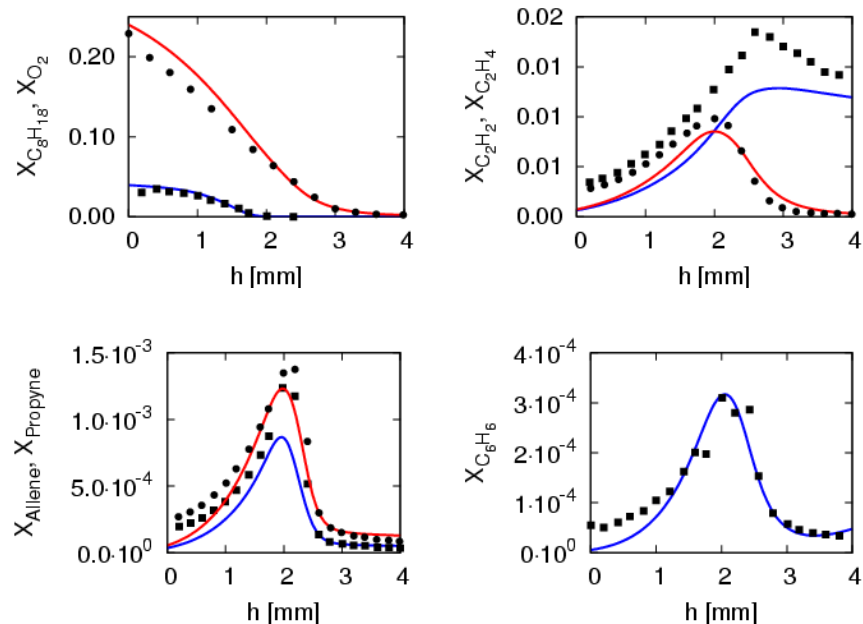


# Soot Precursors



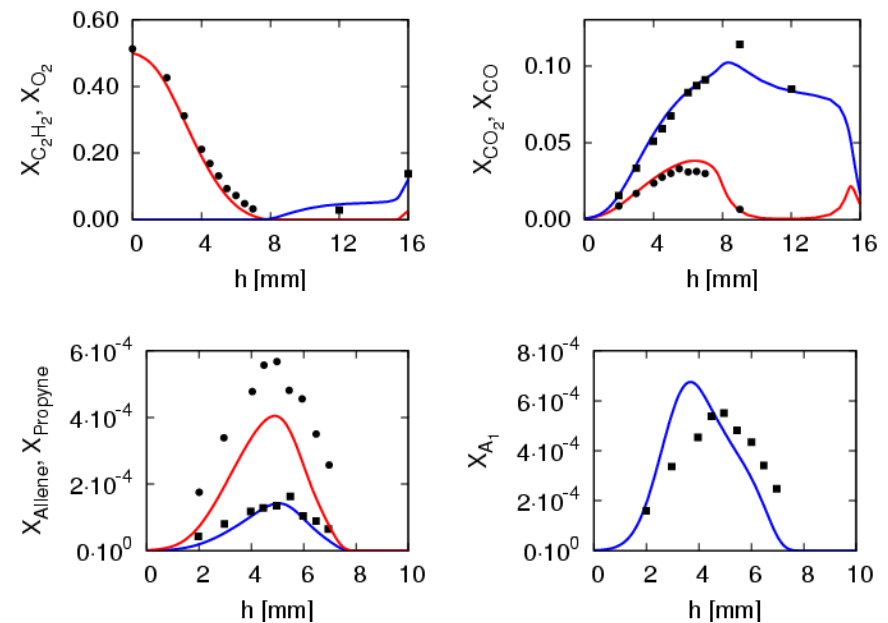
## Laminar Premixed Flames

*Iso-Octane* / Air flame  
 Rich mixture ( $\phi=1.9$ )  
 Atmospheric

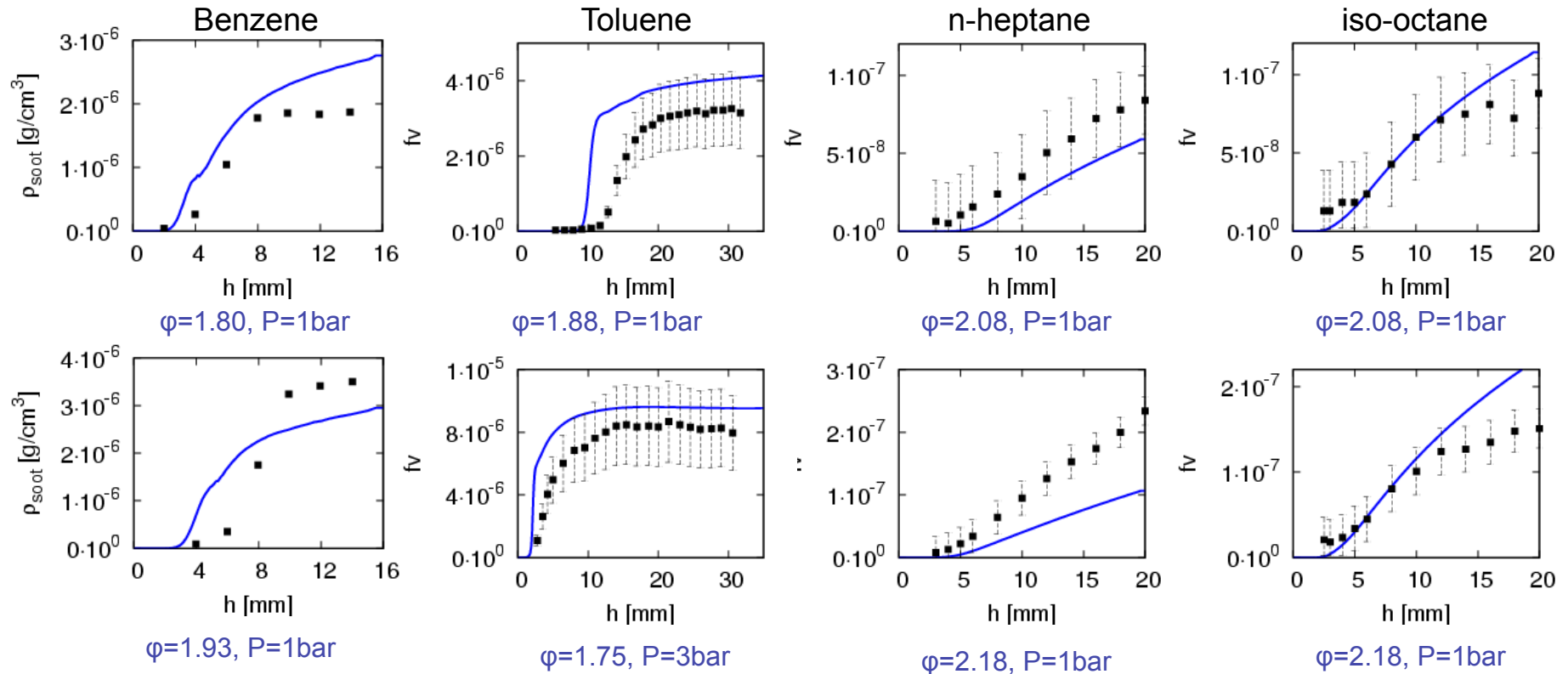


## Laminar Diffusion Flames

*Acetylene* counterflow flame  
 Partially premixed ( $\phi=0.63$ )  
 Atmospheric



# Fuel Components



- **Results Analysis**

- **Accurate prediction** of soot concentration in premixed flames
- Soot volume fraction *increases with equivalence ratio* ( $\phi$ )

# Uncertainty Quantification for Reactive Flow Simulations

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- Uncertainty in numerical solution can be classified into
  - **Aleatory**: Uncertainty due to randomness in system, e.g. uncertainty in operating conditions of system or physical properties
  - **Epistemic**: Uncertainty due to lack of knowledge
- Monte Carlo (MC) simulations can be used for propagation of parametric uncertainty
  - MC simulations for complex models are very inefficient
  - No information about sensitivity of model to parametric uncertainty
- Polynomial chaos (PC) expansions can be used for stochastic representation of uncertainty

# Polynomial Chaos Expansion Approach

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- Uncertain model parameter ( $\alpha$ ) can be represented as spectral expansion given its PDF
- Spectral expansions called Polynomial Chaos expansions can be constructed using
  - Orthogonal polynomials (Hermite, Legendre, Laguerre etc.)
  - Weights associated with PDF

$$\alpha = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \alpha_k \Psi_k$$

- If Hermite polynomials are used then  $\Psi_0=1, \Psi_1=\xi, \Psi_2=\xi^2-1$  etc.

# Non-Intrusive Polynomial Chaos

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- MC sampling of stochastic parameters is done to compute deterministic solution
- Coefficients of PC expansion are computed by projecting solutions onto PC basis
- **Advantage:** No need to modify trusted deterministic codes
- **Disadvantage:** Expensive for computationally intensive problem
- Intrusive method can be used for efficient solution



# Intrusive Polynomial Chaos

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- Variable  $u(x,t,\xi)$  is expressed in form of PC expansion

$$u(x, t, \xi) = \sum_{k=0}^N u_k(x, t) \Psi_k$$

- The expansion is substituted in the deterministic equation
- Orthogonality is used to get  $N+1$  equations for  $u_k$ 's
- Nonlinear models involve operations on multiple stochastic parameters
- Pseudospectral approach is used to simplify function evaluation of stochastic parameters

# Uncertainty Quantification

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- Objective:
  - Uncertainty propagation in LES
    - E.g.: Effect of uncertain rates on NO<sub>x</sub> emissions from aircraft engine
  - Intrusive PC too expensive and complicated
    - ➔ New UQ method with greatly reduced cost based on direct solution of uncertainty PDF equation
    - ➔ New method didn't work!
  - Focus on
    - Intrusive PC in laminar chemistry code
    - Epistemic uncertainty
      - Uncertainty caused by chemistry reduction



# Pseudospectral Approach

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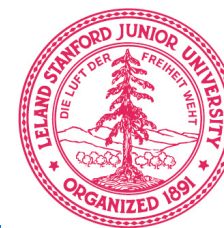
- Intrusive PC leads to high order polynomials in non-linear terms
  - Pseudospectral approach

## Multiplication

- Product of two PC expansions having order  $P$  result in PC expansion of order  $2P$
- Expansion of order  $2P$  is projected on PC expansion of order  $P$
- Thus if  $w = u \times v$  then

$$w = \sum_{k=0}^P w_k \psi_k \quad \text{where} \quad w_k = \sum_{i=0}^P \sum_{j=0}^P u_i v_j \frac{\langle \psi_i \psi_j \psi_k \rangle}{\langle \psi_k^2 \rangle}$$





# Implementation

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- Overloaded mathematical operators and functions were implemented in a library
- Can be used in chemical kinetic calculations to propagate uncertainty in initial conditions, reaction rate parameters, thermodynamic properties etc.
- E.g. Knowing PC expansions of  $A$ ,  $T$ ,  $E_a$ , evaluation of reaction rate  $k = AT^n \exp(-E_a/T)$  can be done as

$$k = A \star \exp(n \star \ln(T) - E_a \oslash T)$$

Where  $\star$  and  $\oslash$  are overloaded multiplication and division operators

# Future Work

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- Incorporation of JetSurF into Component Library
- Validate surrogates based on JetSurF
- Integration of PAH chemistry into JetSurF mechanism
- UQ
  - Intrusive PC in laminar chemistry code
  - Model uncertainty caused by chemistry reduction