

# Sooting tendencies of diesels, jet fuels, and their surrogate components

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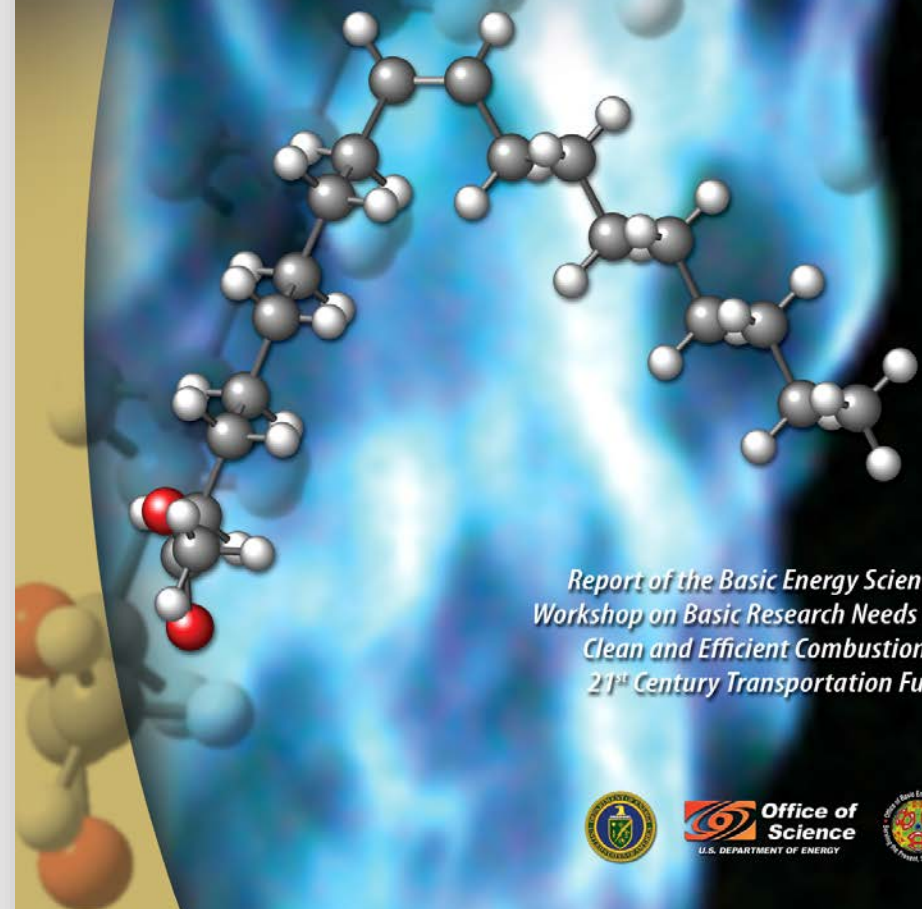


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# Introduction

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# Basic Research Needs for Clean and Efficient Combustion of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Transportation Fuels



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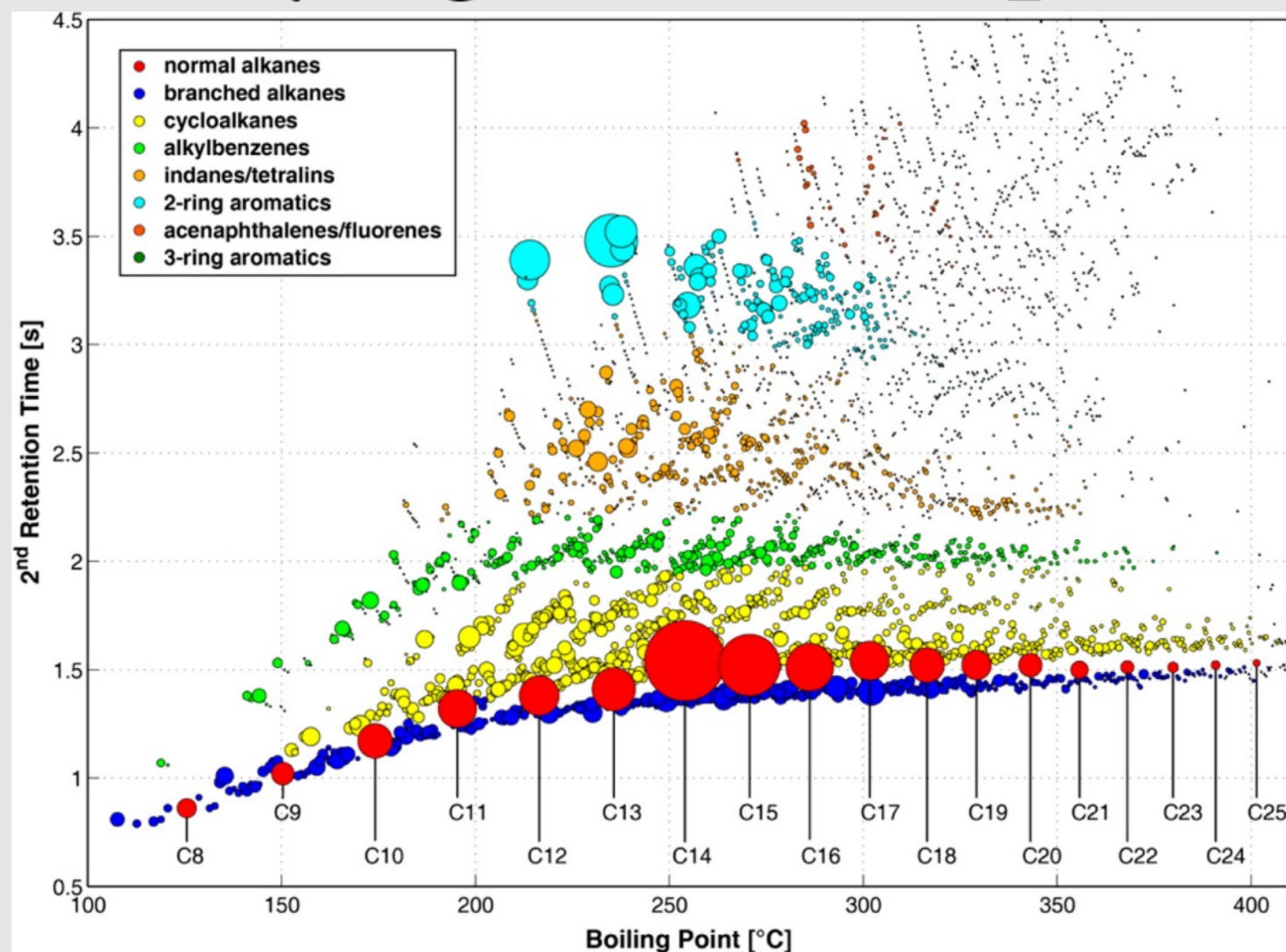
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**One overarching grand challenge: to develop validated, predictive, multiscale, combustion modeling capability**

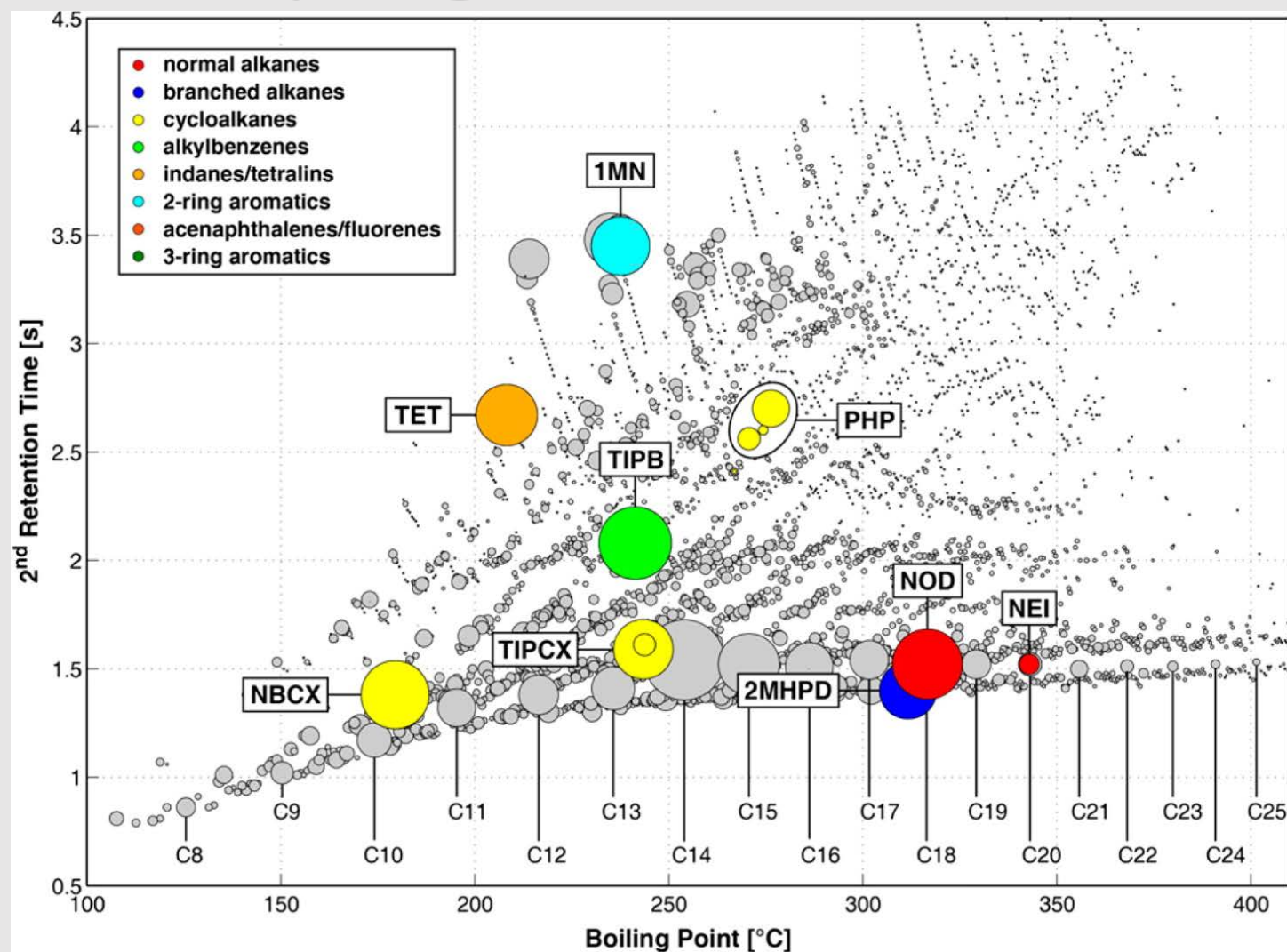
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## Issues

1. Low volatility, difficult to vaporize
2. Highly sooting, causes diagnostic issues
3. Spray flames, complex fluid mechanics

## Doped methane flames

1. Easy to introduce low volatility fuels
2. Methane is simple, well-studied
3. Effective test of rxn. mech. for soot



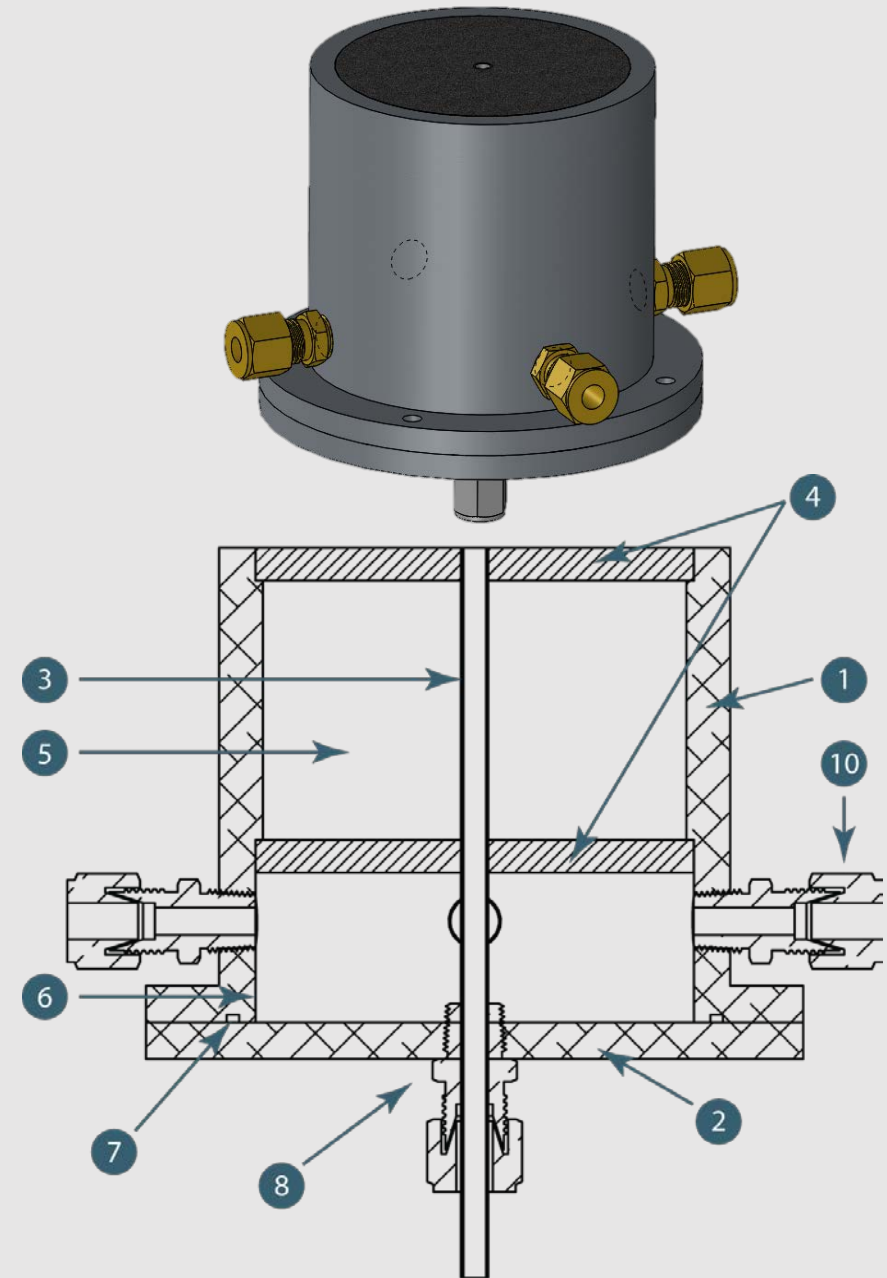
Dopant	0.5% by mass	↑ <b>Fuel</b>	↑ <b>Air</b>
CH <sub>4</sub>	58% by mass		
N <sub>2</sub>	Balance		
Total	19.2 g/hr (~400 cc/min)		

# Experimental Approach

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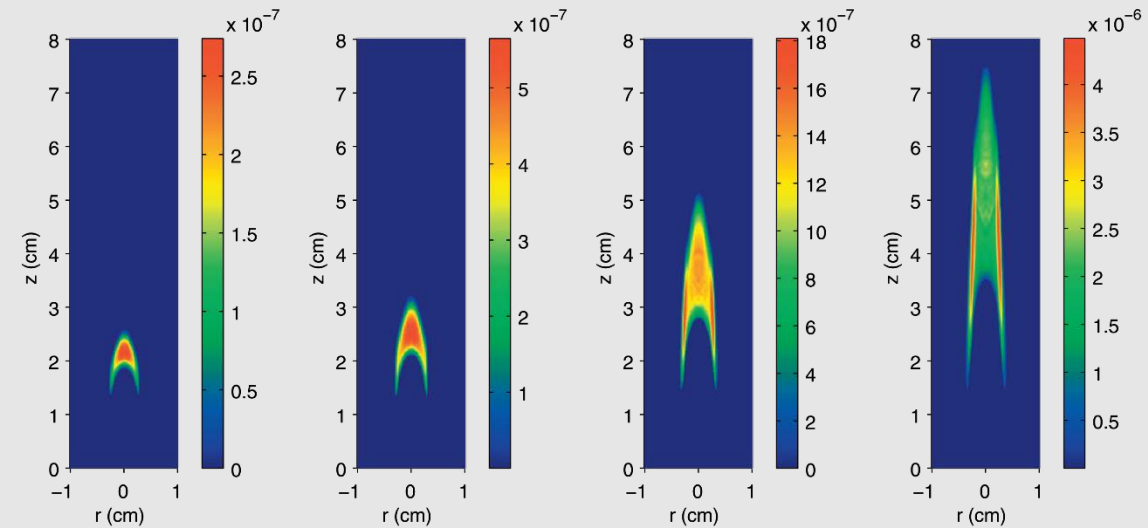
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## Soot color ratio pyrometry

## Soot and thin-filament pyrometry using a color digital camera

Peter B. Kuhn, Bin Ma, Blair C. Connelly, Mitchell D. Smooke, Marshall B. Long\*



*Kuhn et al., Proc. Comb. Inst. 33 (2011) 743–750*

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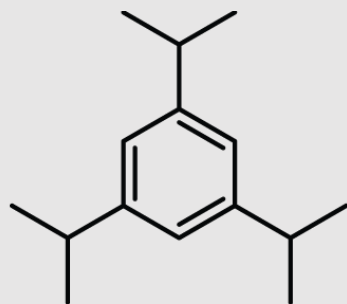
## Soot color ratio pyrometry

- Nikon D90 camera for image capture
- Line-of-sight inversion with Gaussian basis set expansions approach (BASEX)<sup>[1]</sup>
- Soot emissivity modeled as  $\varepsilon(\lambda) = \lambda^{-1.38}$
- Type-S thermocouple for absolute light calibration

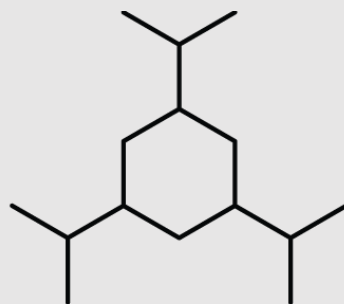


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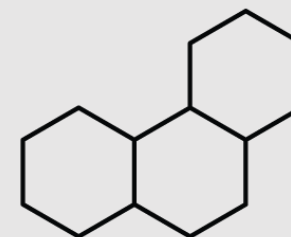
# Compounds and fuels studied



1,3,5-triisopropylbenzene  
(TIPB)



1,3,5-triisopropylcyclohexane  
(TIPCX)



perhydrophenanthrene  
(PHP)

D.D. Das, W.J. Cannella, C.S. McEnally, C.J. Mueller, and L.D. Pfefferle,  
“Two-dimensional soot volume fraction measurements in flames doped with  
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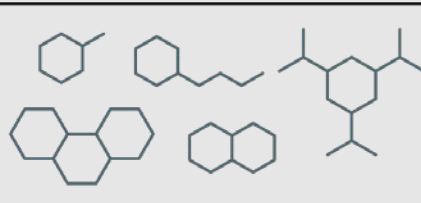
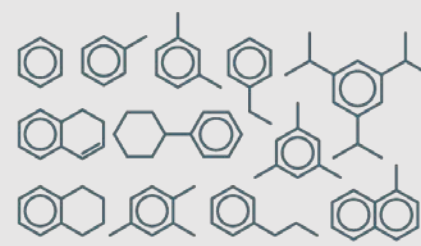
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- Two reference diesels
    - CFA, FD9A
  - Four reference jet fuels
    - POSF 4658, 10264, 10289, 10325
  - Four surrogate diesels ①
    - SDVOA, SDVOB, SDV1, SDV2
  - Five surrogate jet fuels
    - AACHEN, DREXEL, PRINCETON, PENN STATE, UTAH
- 27 pure compounds
    - 10 alkanes, 10 aromatics, 5 cyclic alkanes, 2 cyclic aromatics
    - Size range C<sub>6</sub> - C<sub>20</sub>
    - M.W. range 78 - 282 g/mol
    - B.P. range 68 °C - 315 °C

1. C. Mueller et al., *Energy & Fuels* 30 (2016) 1445-61
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Alkanes	Cycloalkanes
	
	Aromatics
	

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# Results

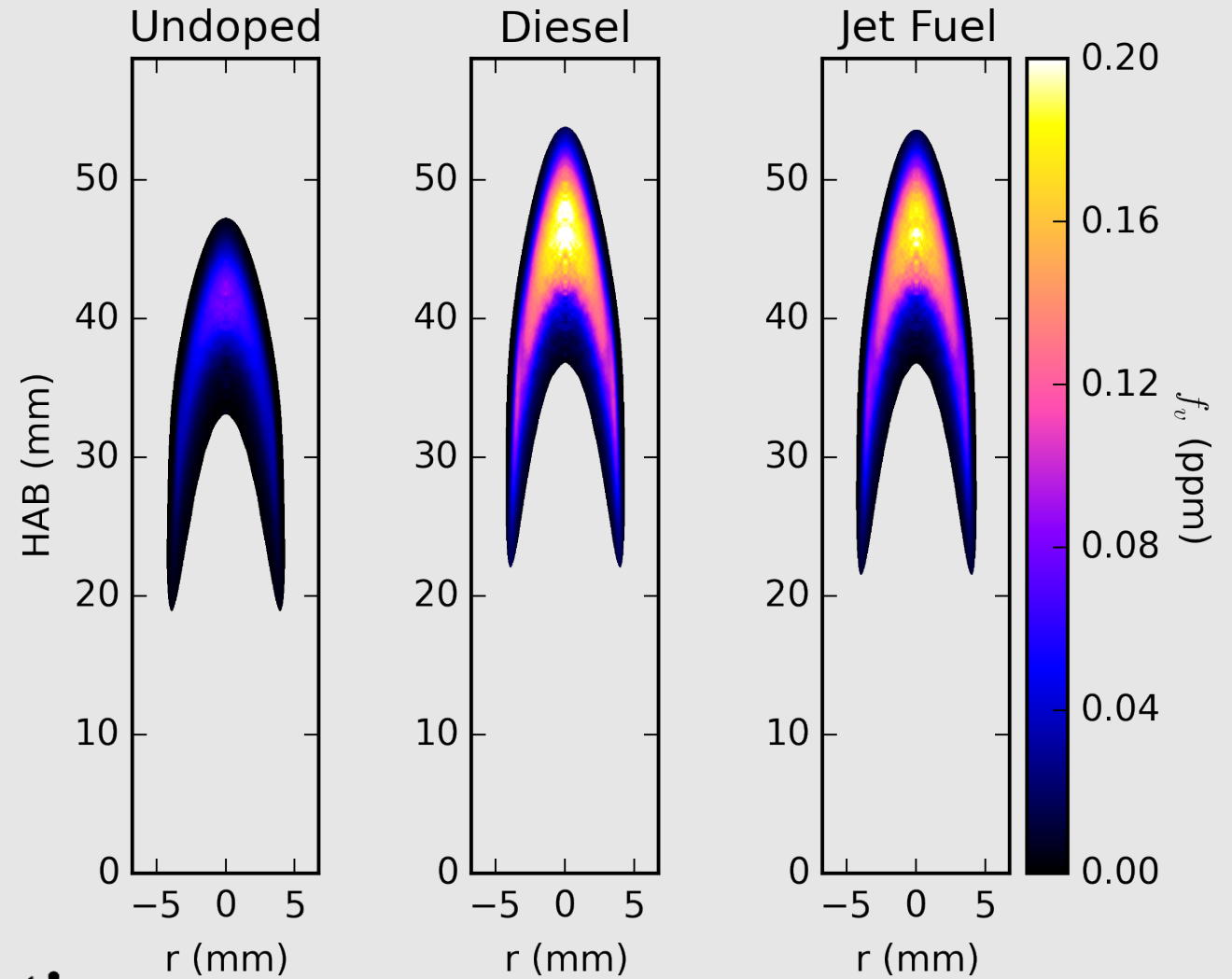
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- Methane flame doped with diesel fuel (CFA)
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**Raw flame image**

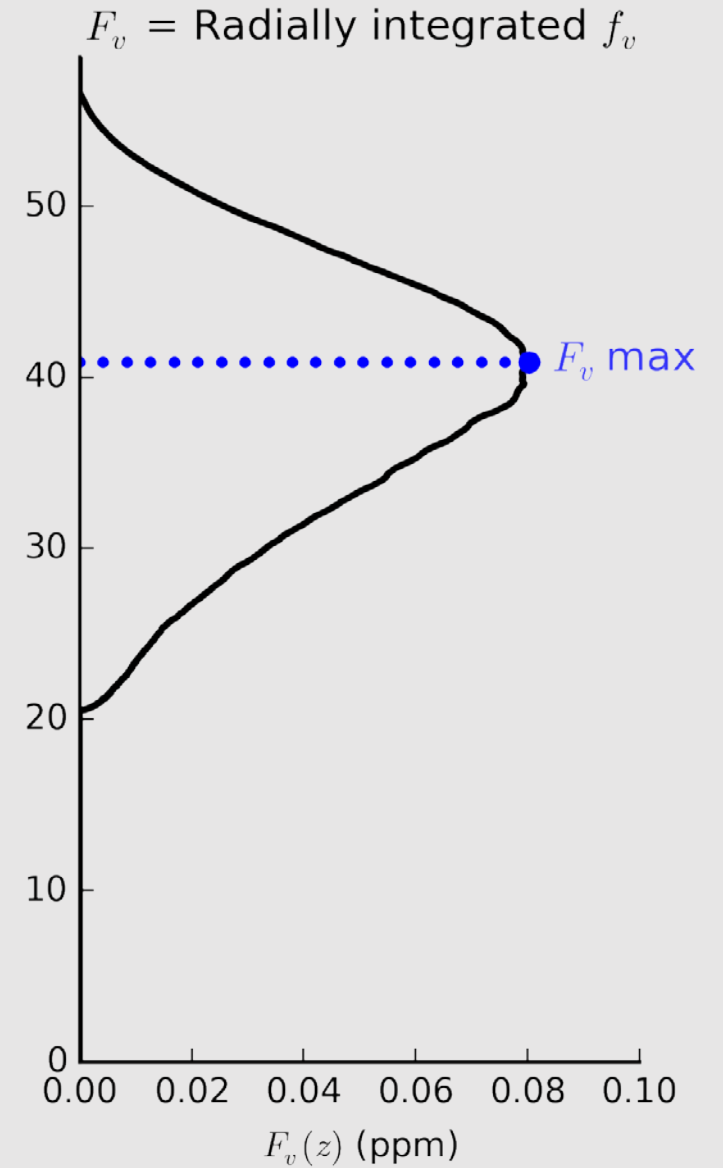
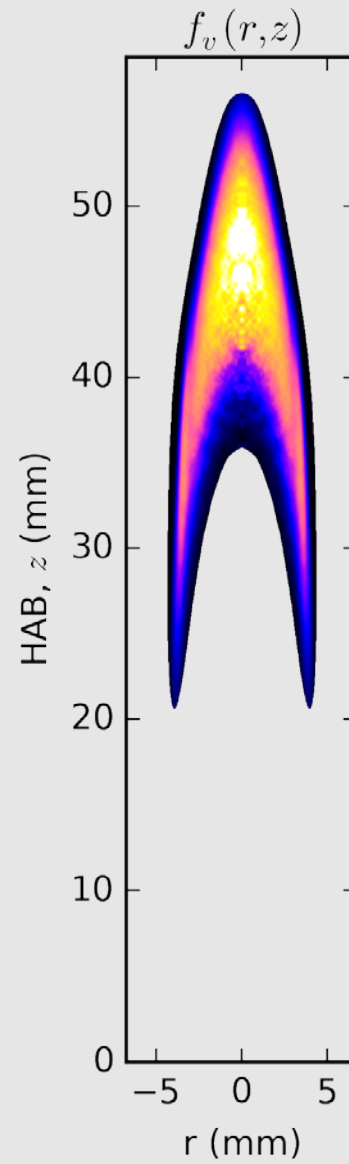


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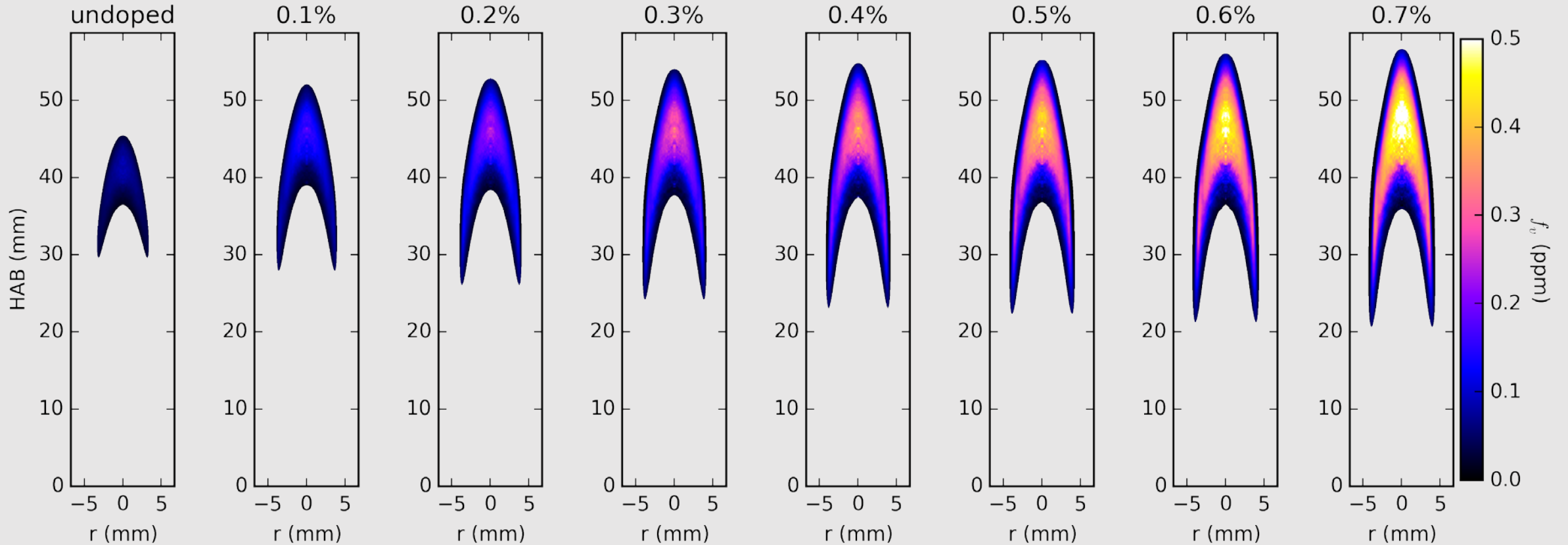
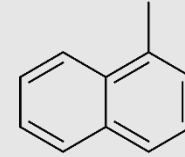


**Soot volume fraction**

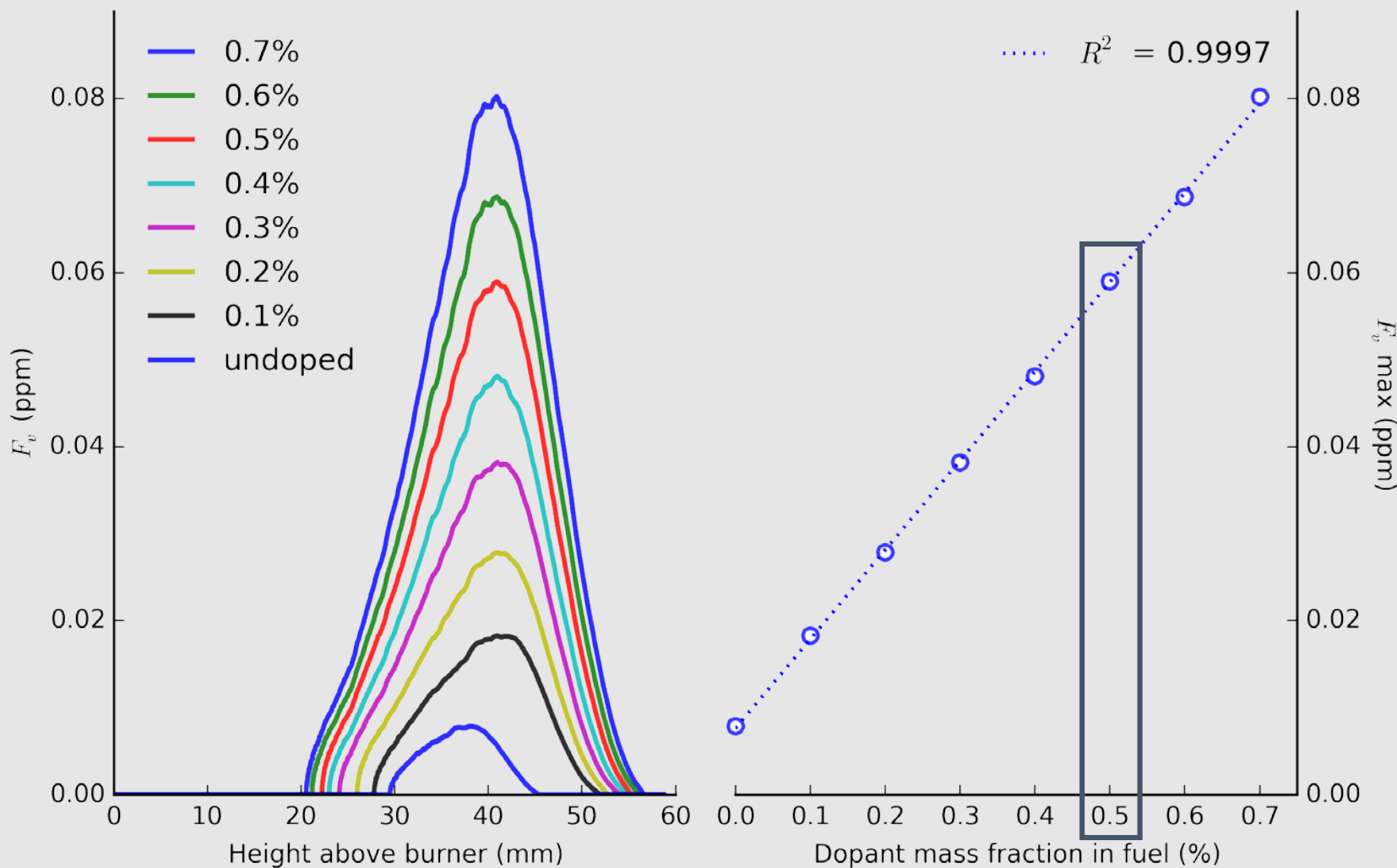
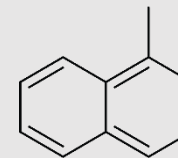
$$F_v(z) = \frac{1}{\pi R^2} \int_0^R 2\pi r f_v(r, z) dr$$



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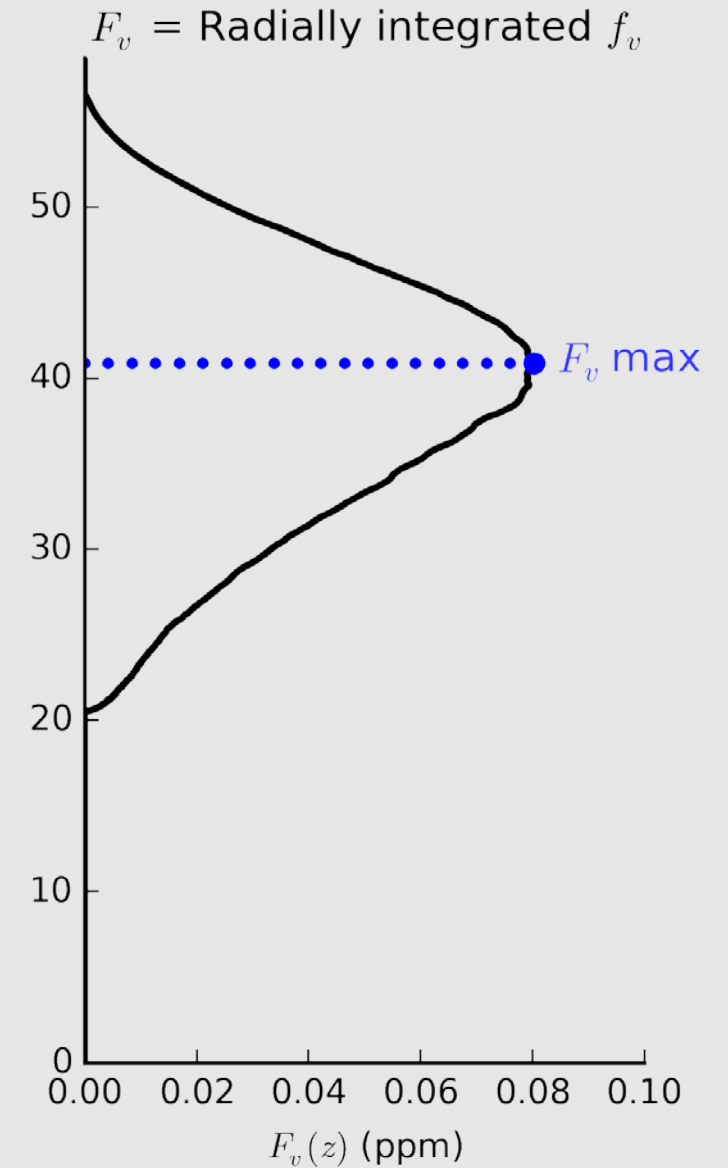
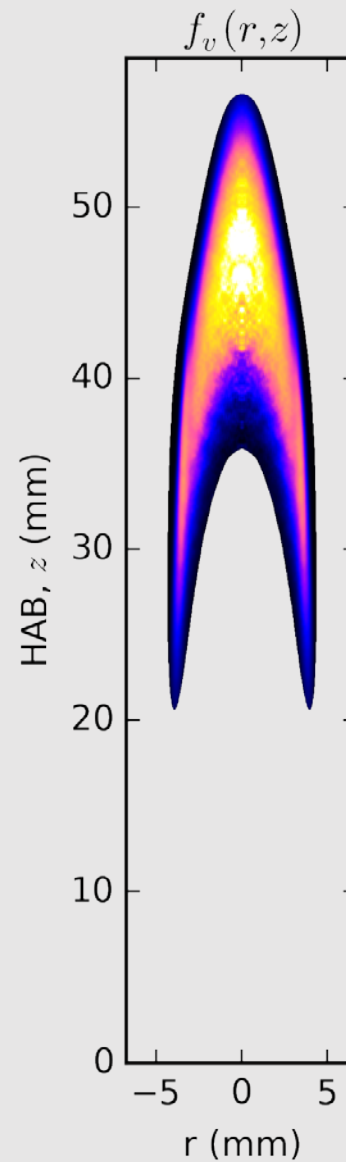
$$\text{YSI} = A \times F_v \text{ max} + B$$

0

100

(hexane)

(benzene)








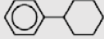







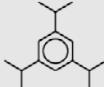

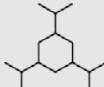

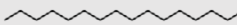









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benzene <sup>a</sup>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	100		<i>n</i> -decane	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>22</sub>	7	
<i>n</i> -hexane <sup>a</sup>	C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	0		1-methylnaphthalene	C <sub>11</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	471	
methylbenzene (toluene)	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	173		cyclohexylbenzene	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>16</sub>	224	
methylcyclohexane	C <sub>7</sub> H <sub>14</sub>	21		<i>n</i> -dodecane	C <sub>12</sub> H <sub>26</sub>	10	
1,3-dimethylbenzene ( <i>m</i> -xylene)	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	193		perhydrophenanthrene <sup>b</sup>	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	76	
ethylbenzene	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	203		<i>n</i> -tetradecane	C <sub>14</sub> H <sub>30</sub>	9	
2,2,4-trimethylpentane ( <i>iso</i> -octane)	C <sub>8</sub> H <sub>18</sub>	24		1,3,5-triisopropylbenzene <sup>b</sup>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>24</sub>	246	
propylbenzene	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	181		1,3,5-triisopropylcyclohexane <sup>b</sup>	C <sub>15</sub> H <sub>30</sub>	46	
1,2,4-trimethylbenzene	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	264		<i>n</i> -hexadecane	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>34</sub>	12	
1,3,5-trimethylbenzene (mesitylene)	C <sub>9</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	243		2,2,4,4,6,8,8-heptamethylnonane ( <i>iso</i> -cetane)	C <sub>16</sub> H <sub>34</sub>	32	
1,2-dihydronaphthalene (dialin)	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	352		2-methylheptadecane <sup>d</sup>	C <sub>17</sub> H <sub>36</sub>	13	
1,2,3,4-tetrahydronaphthalene (tetralin)	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>12</sub>	266		<i>n</i> -octadecane	C <sub>18</sub> H <sub>38</sub>	20	
decahydronaphthalene (decalin)	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>18</sub>	47		<i>n</i> -eicosane	C <sub>20</sub> H <sub>42</sub>	26	
<i>n</i> -butylcyclohexane	C <sub>10</sub> H <sub>20</sub>	18					

## The Effects of Molecular Structure on Soot Formation II. Diffusion Flames

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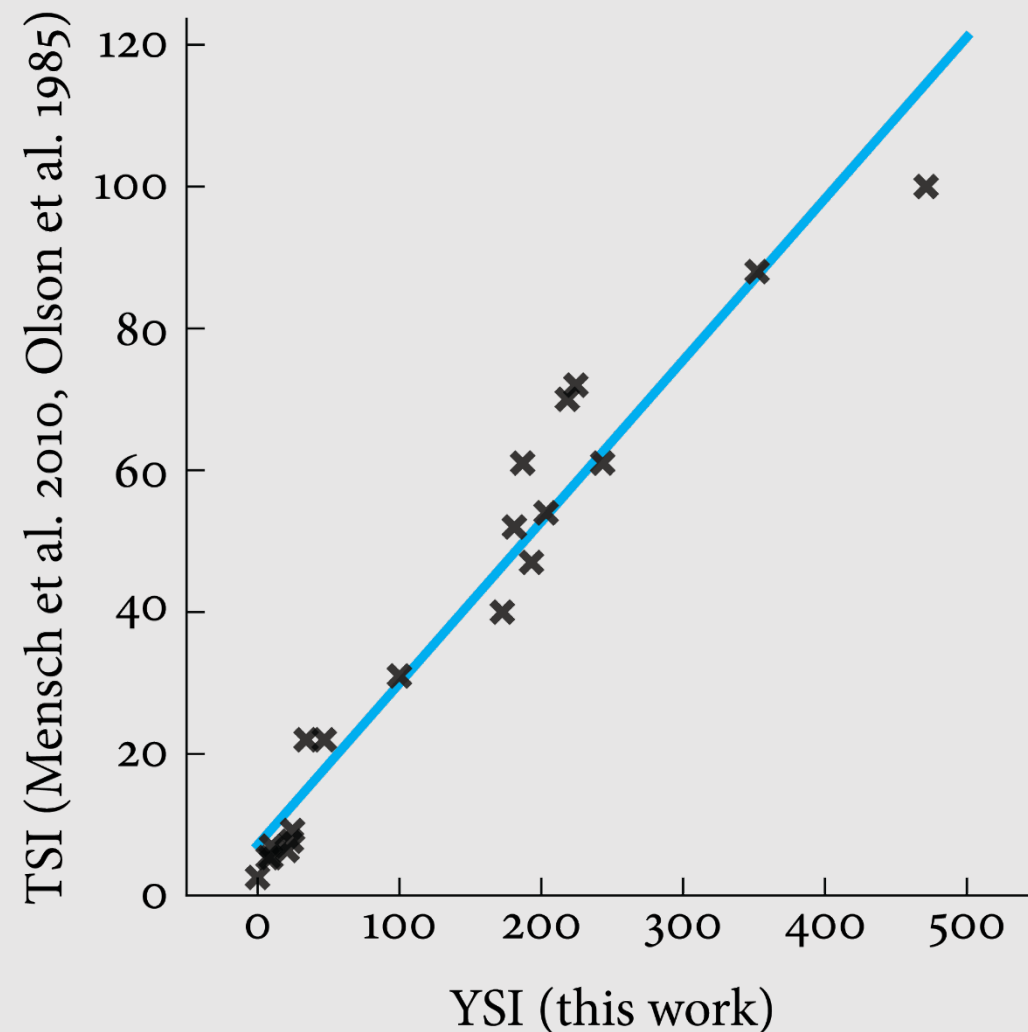


### Sooting characteristics of surrogates for jet fuels

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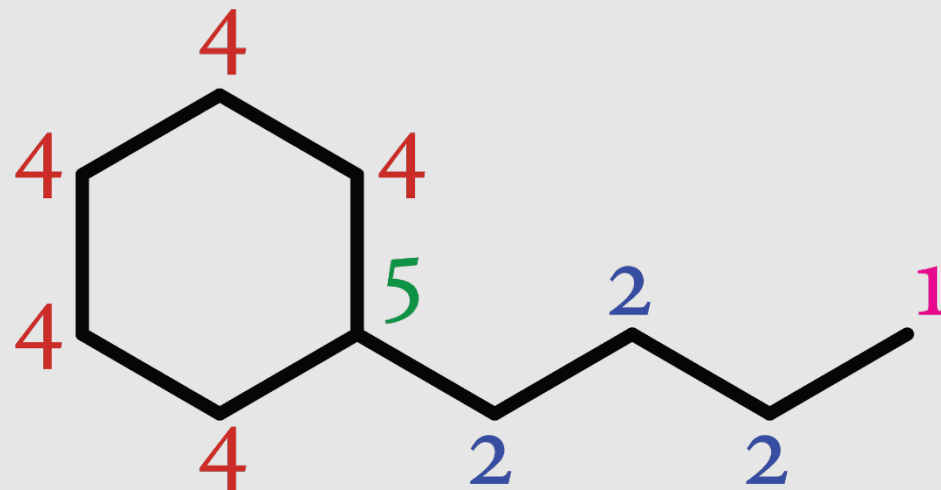
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- Carbon atom types quantified by  $^{13}\text{C}$  and  $^1\text{H}$  NMR-spectroscopy

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cyclo-alkane $\text{CH}_2$	CT4	
cyclo-alkane to alkyl-chain CH	CT5	
cyclo-alkane to cyclo-alkane CH	CT6	
aromatic CH	CT7	
aromatic to alkyl-chain C	CT8	
aromatic to cyclo-alkane C	CT9	
aromatic to aromatic C	CT10	
aliphatic C	CT11	



$$\text{YSI} = [1] + 3 [2] + 5 [4] + [5]$$

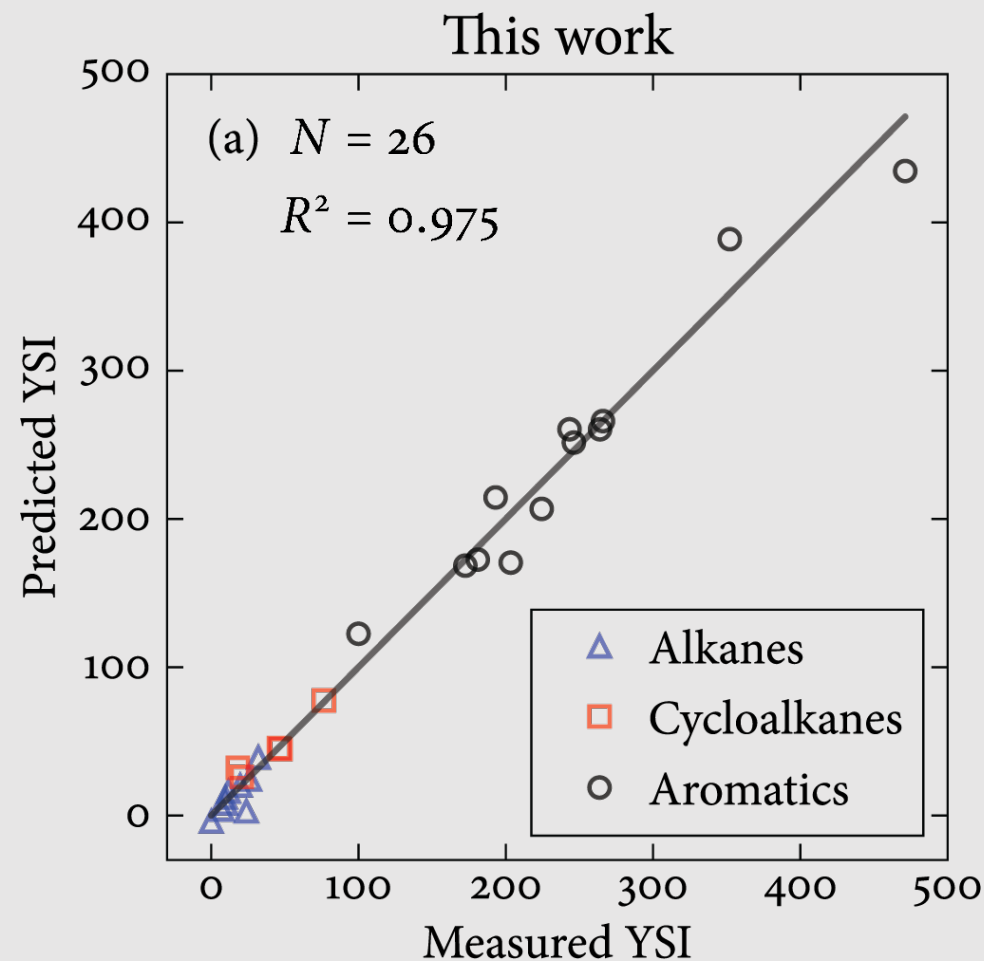
$$\text{YSI}(\text{predicted}) = \sum_j N_{ij} [\text{CT}j]$$

$$\min \chi^2 = \sum_{i=1}^n [\text{YSI}(\text{expt.}) - \text{YSI}(\text{pred.})]^2$$

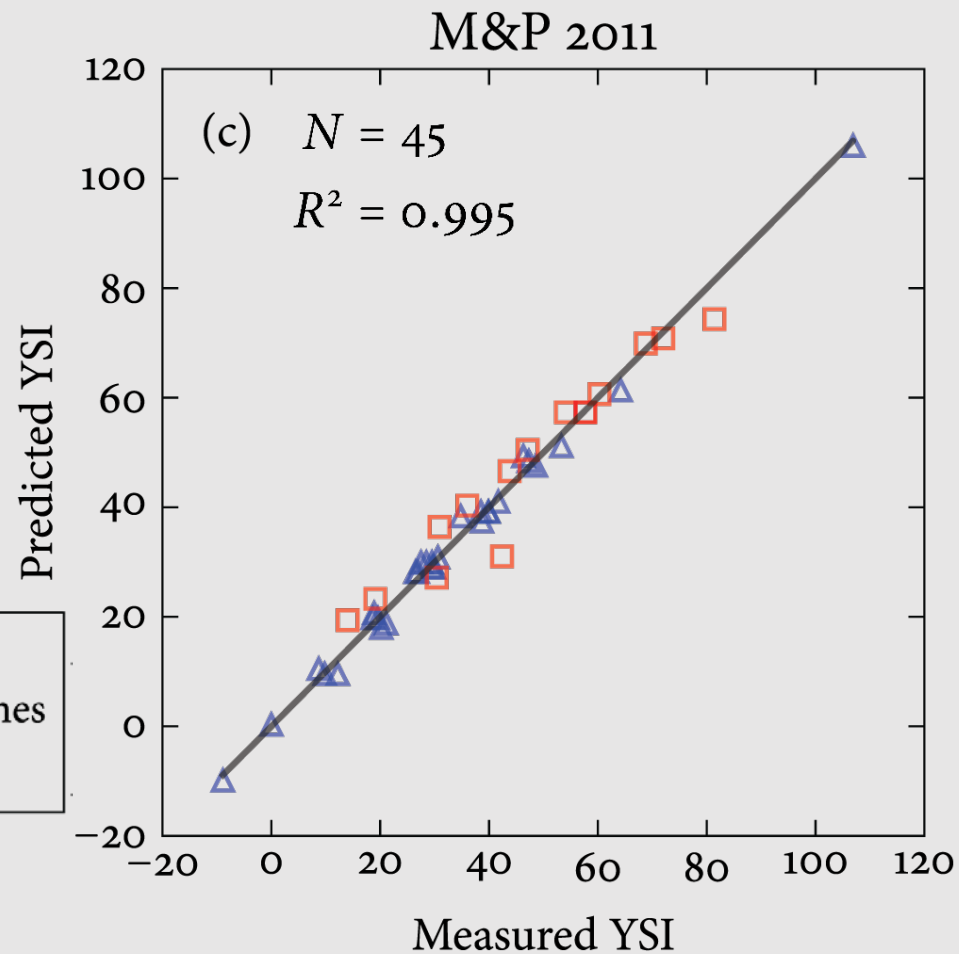
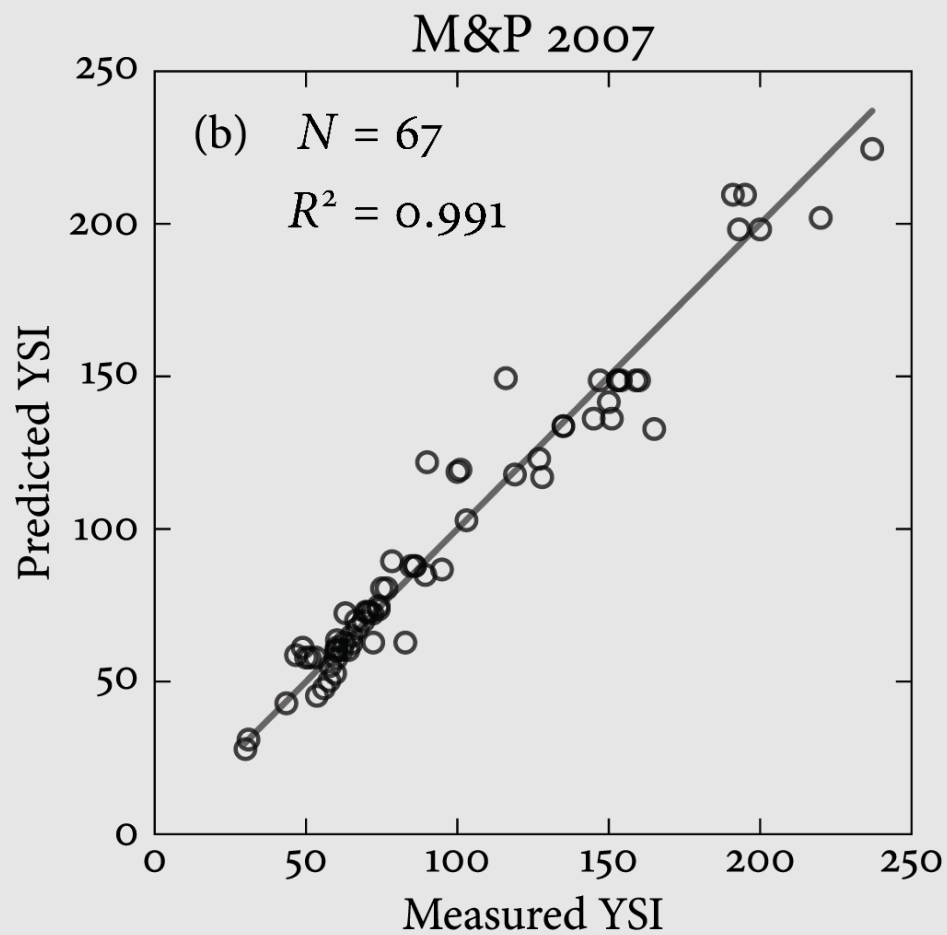


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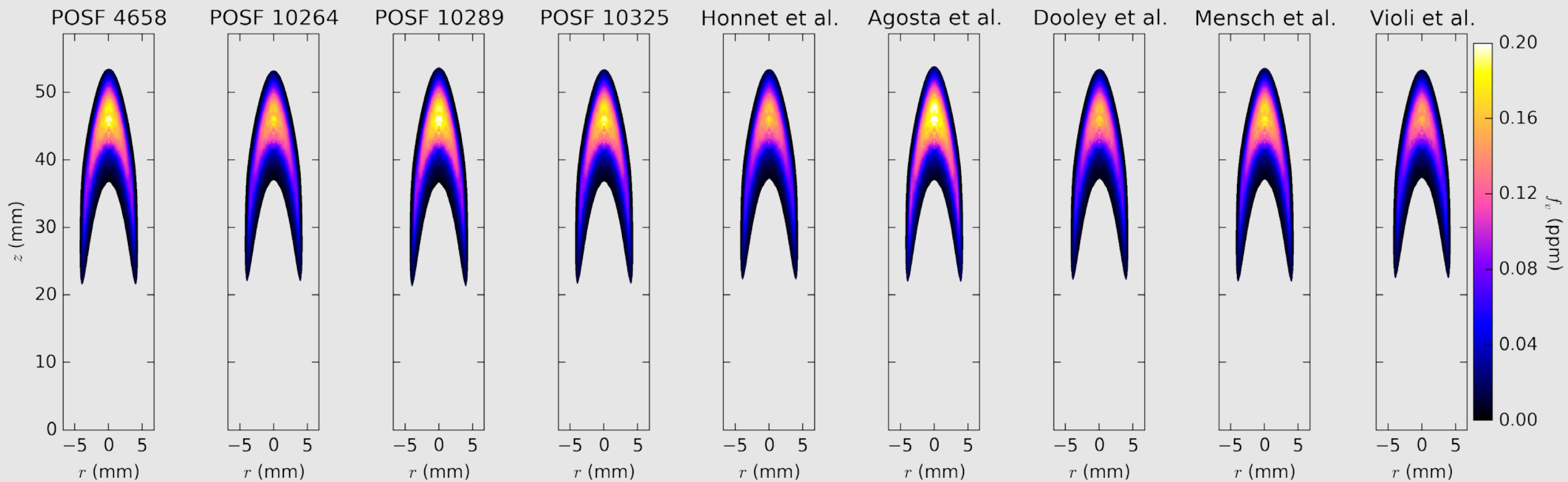


- Predicting sooting tendencies of surrogates

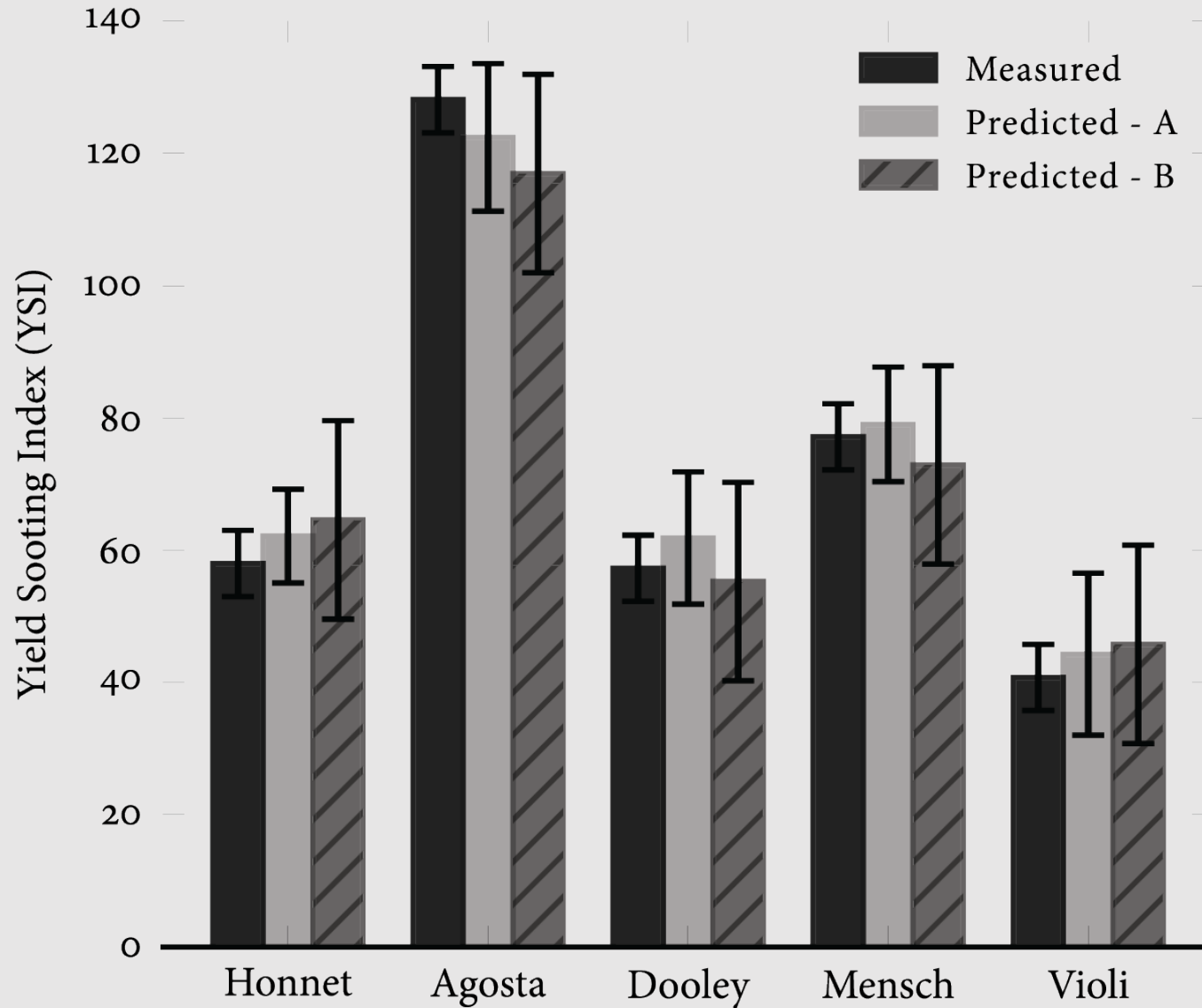
$$\text{YSI}_{\text{SM}} = \sum_{i=1}^M W_i \times \text{YSI}_{\text{PC}} \quad (\text{A})$$

$$\text{YSI}_{\text{SM}} = \sum_{i=1}^M W_i \times \left( \sum_{j=1}^{11} N_j \times \text{CT}_j \right)_i \quad (\text{B})$$

- Methane flame doped with jet fuel and surrogates



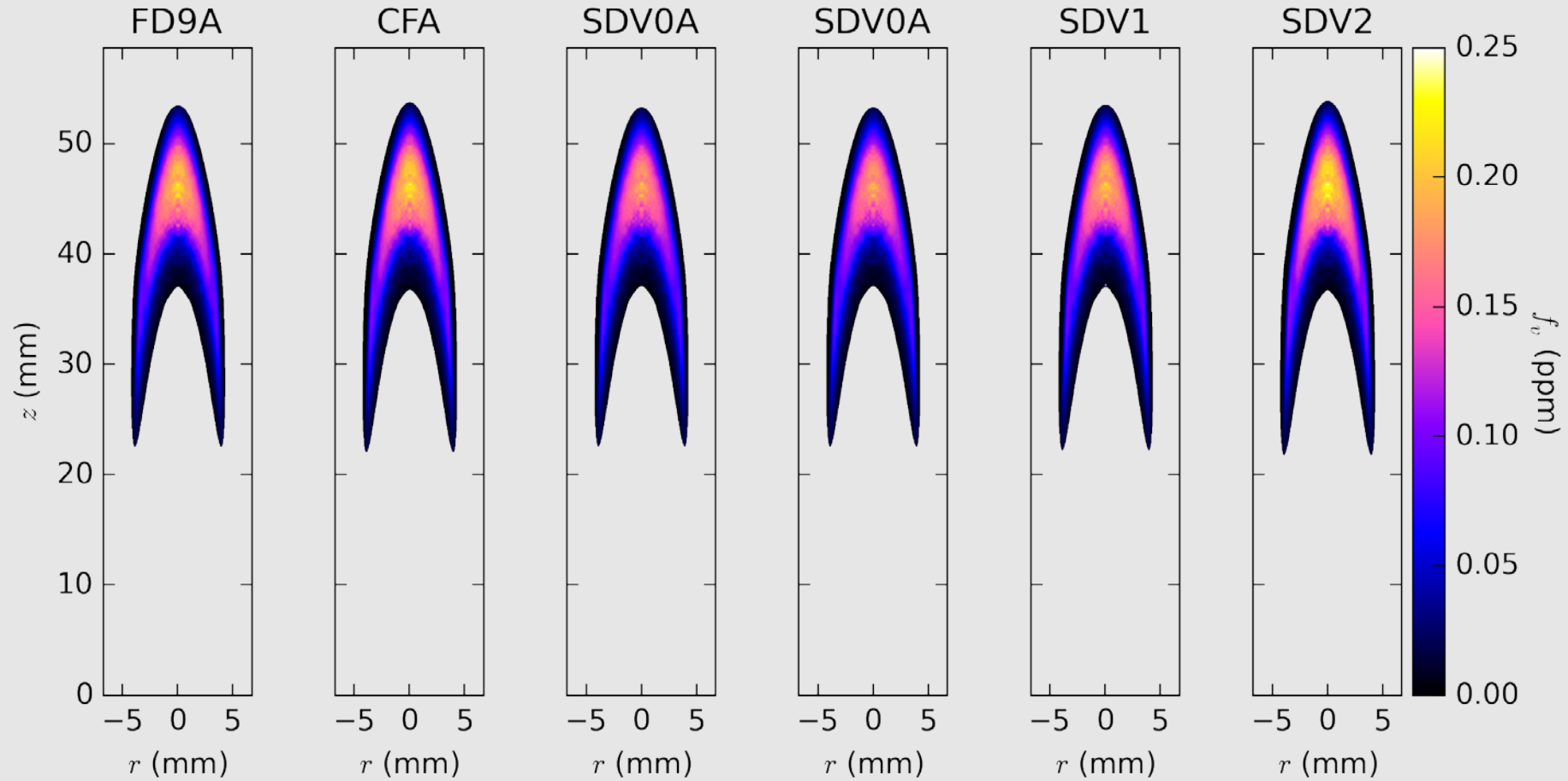
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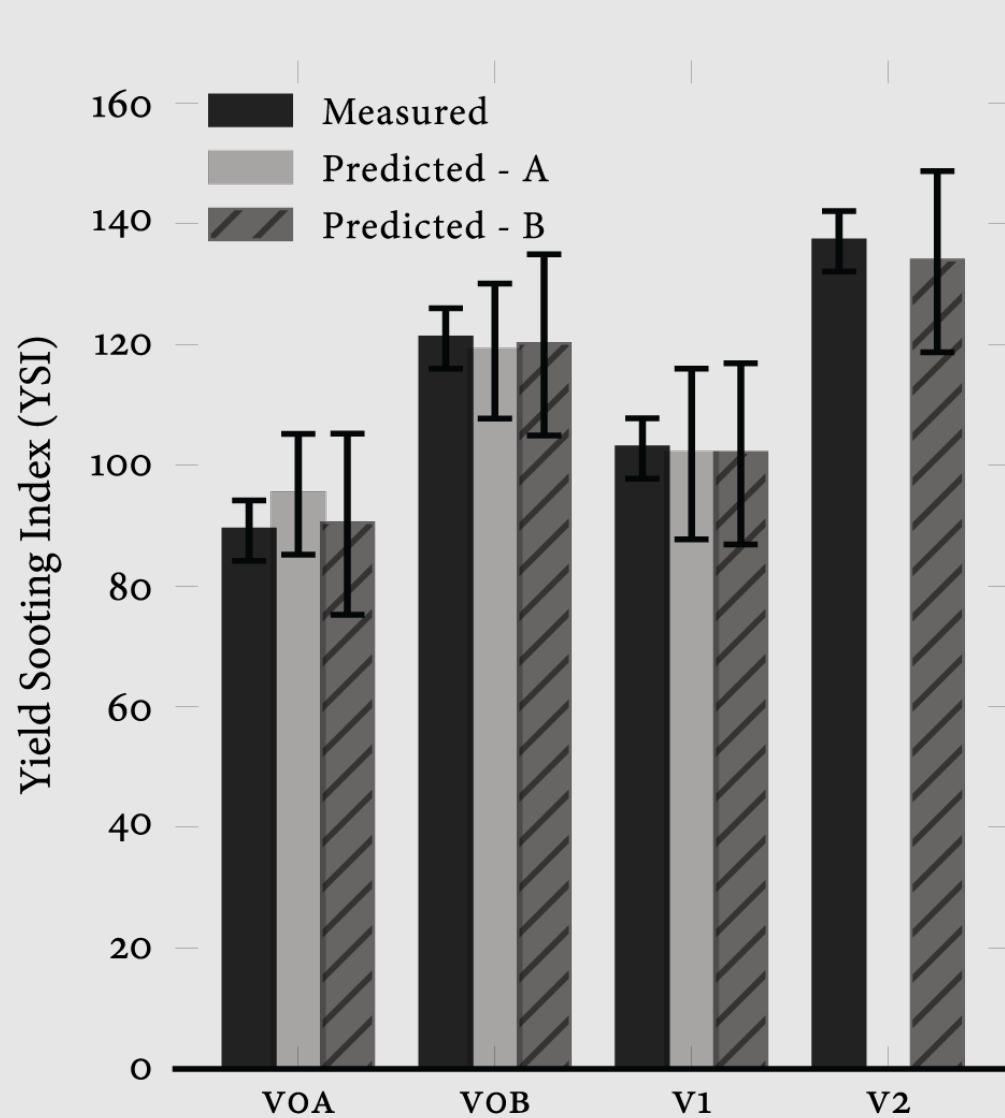
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# Summary

- Experimental technique to measure sooting tendency of low-volatility liquid fuels (~100  $\mu\text{L}$  samples)
- Can measure full two-dimensional soot maps for coflow flames
- Quantified sooting tendencies of pure compounds and real fuels
- Created a 2D  $f_v$  and YSI database, can be used to develop better fuel surrogates and validate numerical soot calculations

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- Diesel palette-compound, surrogate, and target-fuel samples from Coordinating Research Council Project AVFL-18A
- Reference jet fuel samples from Dr. Tim Edwards Air Force Research Laboratory, OH.

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