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MODEL DEVELOPMENT OF PREFERENTIAL EVAPORATION IN ISO-OCTANE/ETHANOL SPRAYS

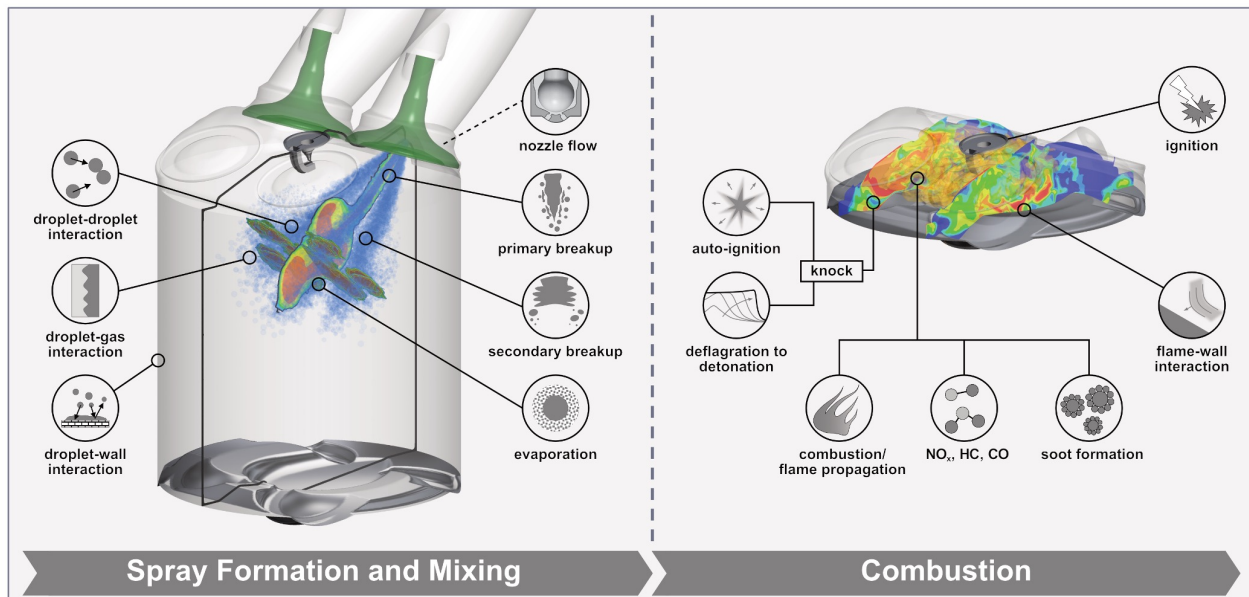
MOTIVATION

Requirements of modern combustion engines:

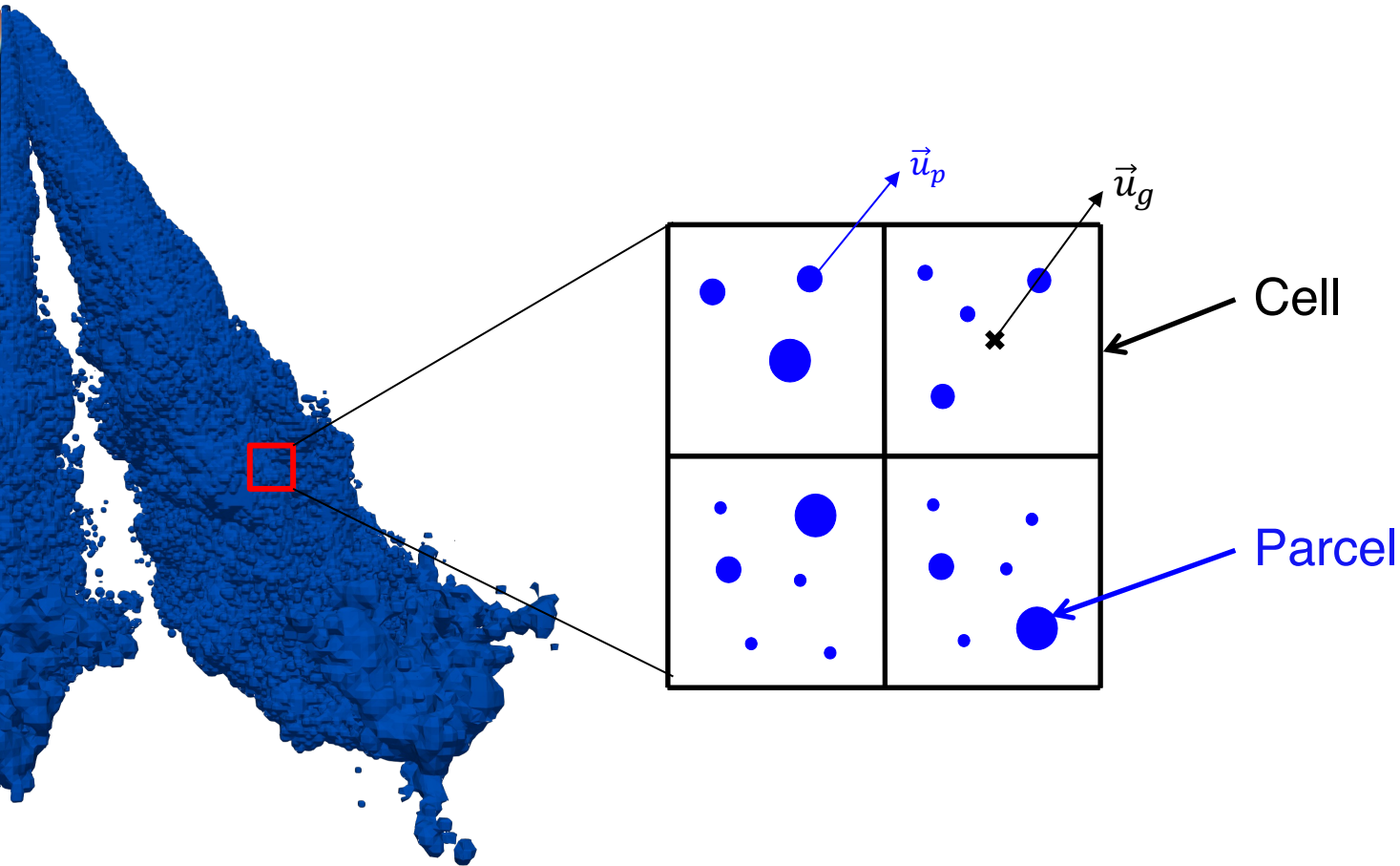
- Low pollutant emission
- Move towards CO₂ neutral fuels
 - Ethanol as promising renewable fuel
- Combustion efficiency

New Challenges:

- Different spray & mixture formation
- Combustion phase cannot be looked at independently (motor-effect chain)



SPRAY MODELING



Particle in cell method/ Euler Lagrange method

- Statistical description
- Follows evolution of parcels
- Each parcel represents collection of identical droplets

PARTICLE MODELING

Transport processes:

- Momentum
- Temperature
- Species

$$\frac{d u_p}{dt} = \frac{3}{4} C_D \text{Re}_p \frac{\mu_g}{\rho_p d^2} u_{rel} + g$$

$$\frac{dT_p}{dt} = \frac{\dot{Q}_s - \dot{m}_F L}{m_d c_{p,l}}$$

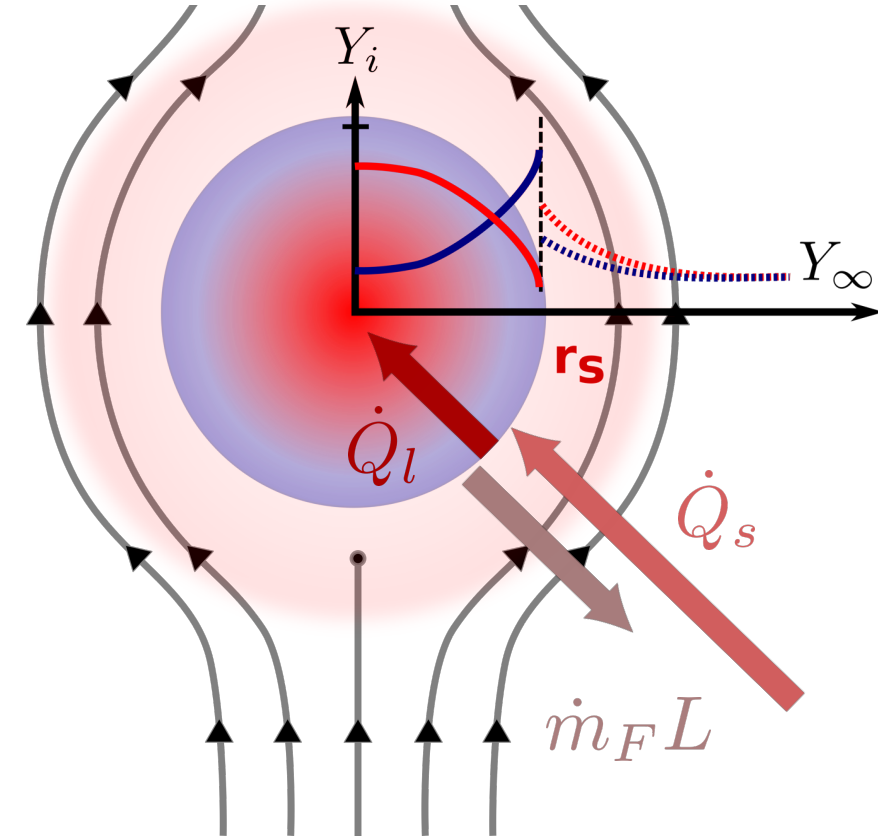
Interface modeling

- Vapor liquid equilibrium (VLE)
- preferential evaporation
- Usually ideal liquid and gas

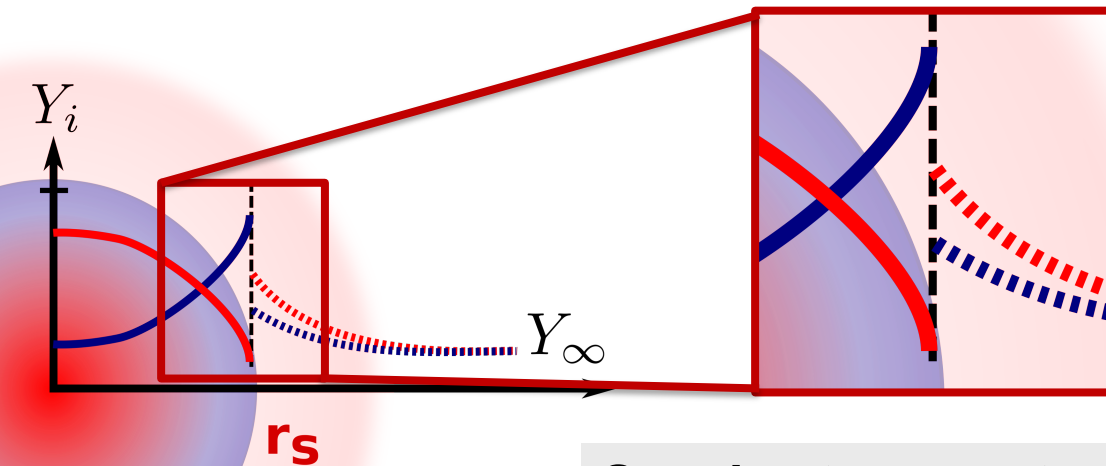
$$\dot{Q}_s = \pi d_p k_g \text{Nu} (T_\infty - T_s)$$

Heat transfer

- Convective heat transfer



EVAPORATION MODELING



Species transport:

$$\dot{m}_{f,i} = 2 \pi \rho_s r_d \text{Sh} \ln(1 + B_{m,i})$$

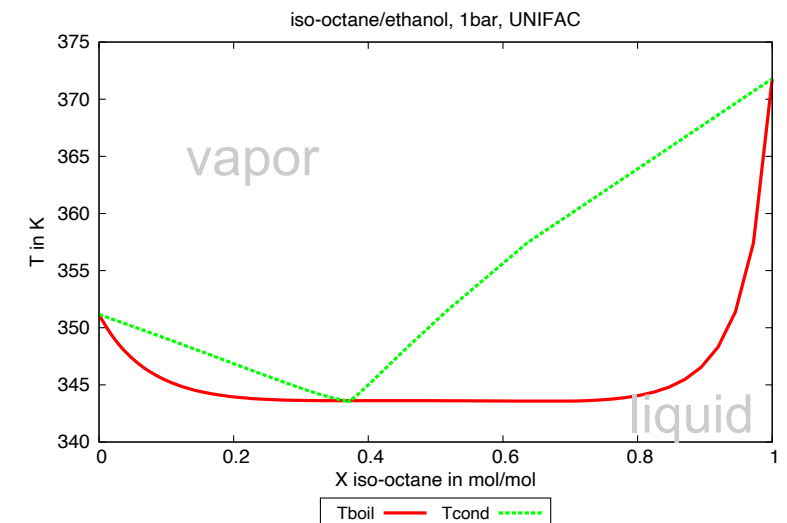
$$B_{m,i} = \frac{Y_{S,i} - Y_{\infty,i}}{1 - Y_{S,i}}$$

Ideal (Raoult's law) :

$$X_{S,i} = X_{l,i} \frac{p_{vap,i}}{p}$$

Real :

- ACMs (e.g. UNIFAC)
- Tabulation



REAL THERMODYNAMIC MODELING

Real VLE :

$$f_i^v(p, T, x_i^v) = f_i^l(p, T, x_i^l)$$

$\Phi - \gamma$ approach:

$$\varphi_i^v X_i^v p = \gamma_i^l X_i^l f_j^{l,0}$$

fugacity coefficient

reference
fugacity

activity coefficient

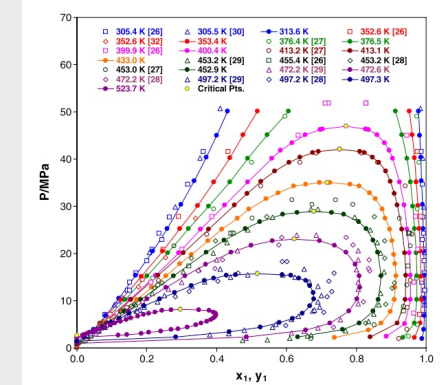
$$X_i^v p = \gamma_i^l X_i^l p_i^{sat}$$

UNIFAC:

$$\gamma_i^l = f(T, X_i^l, X_j^l)$$

Tabulation :

- Obtain VLE Data:



- Generate Table

Input		Output
P_{VLE}	T_{VLE}	$Y_{i,gas}$

- Look up during runtime

$$X_{s,i} = f(p_{cell}, T_p)$$

APPROACH



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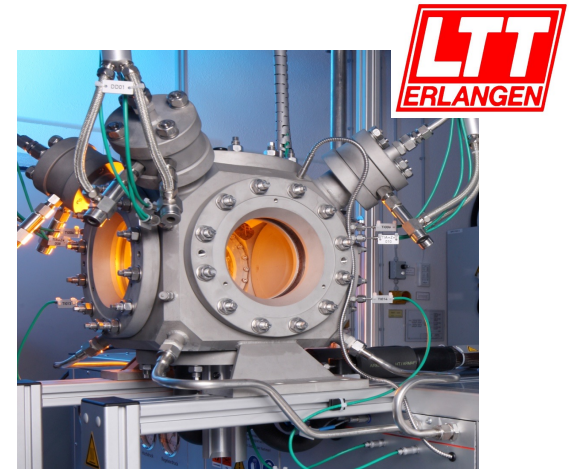
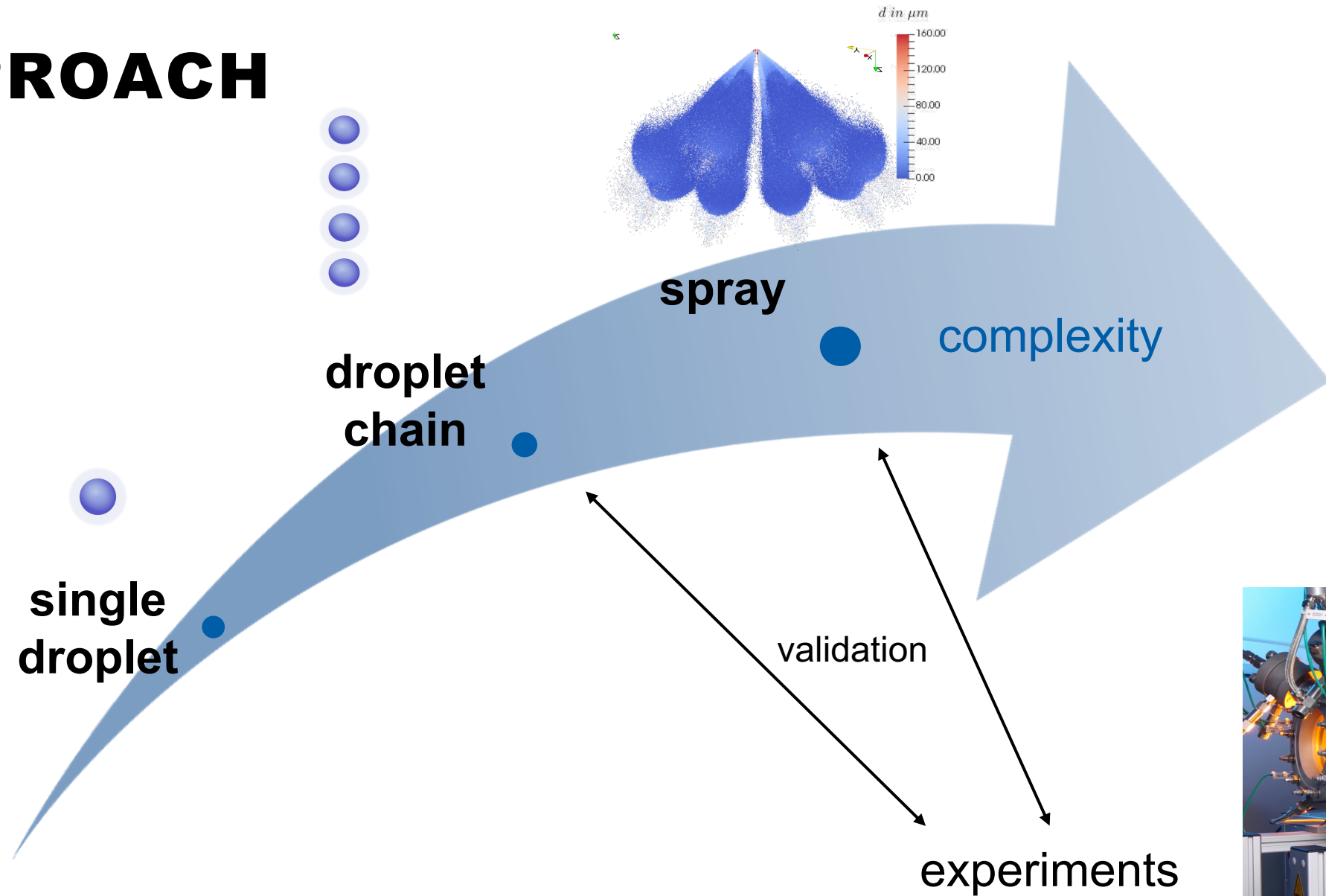
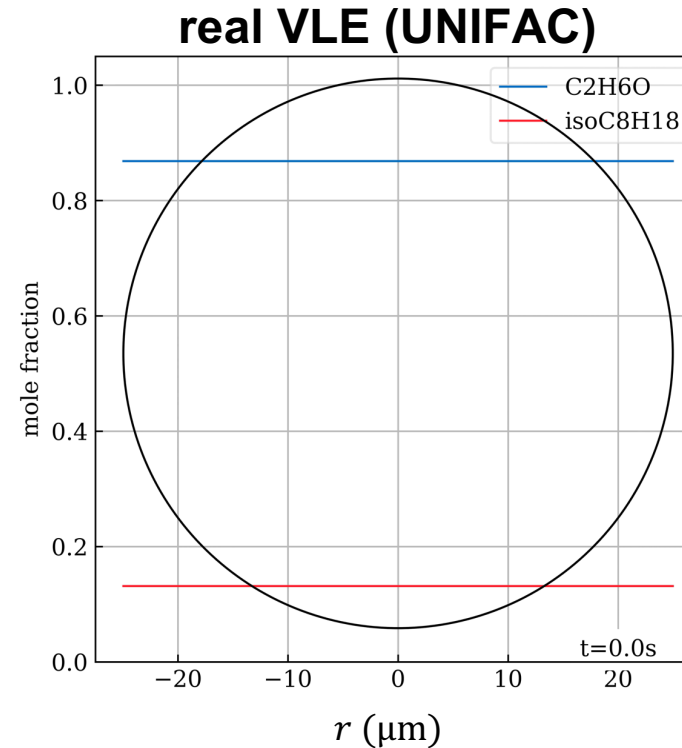
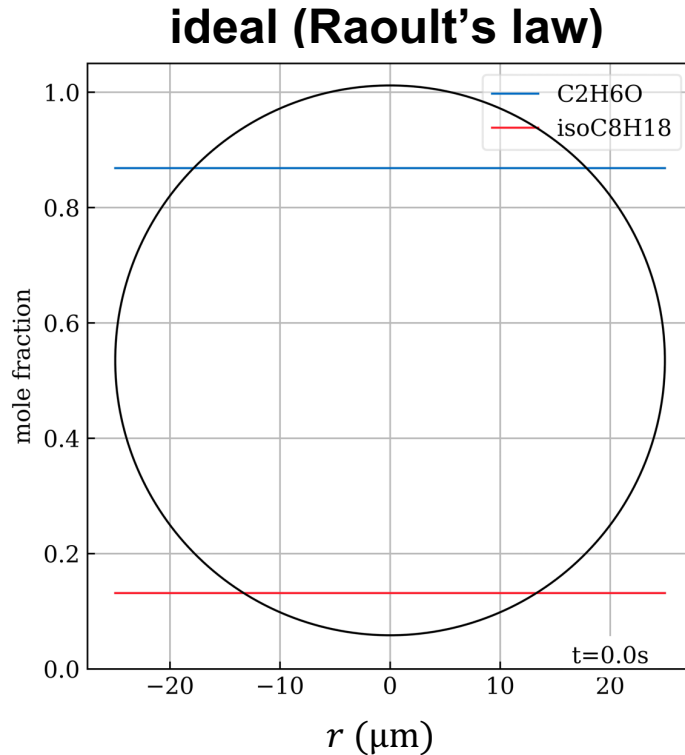
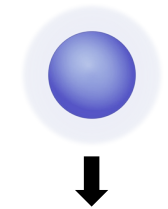


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SINGLE DROPLET MODELING



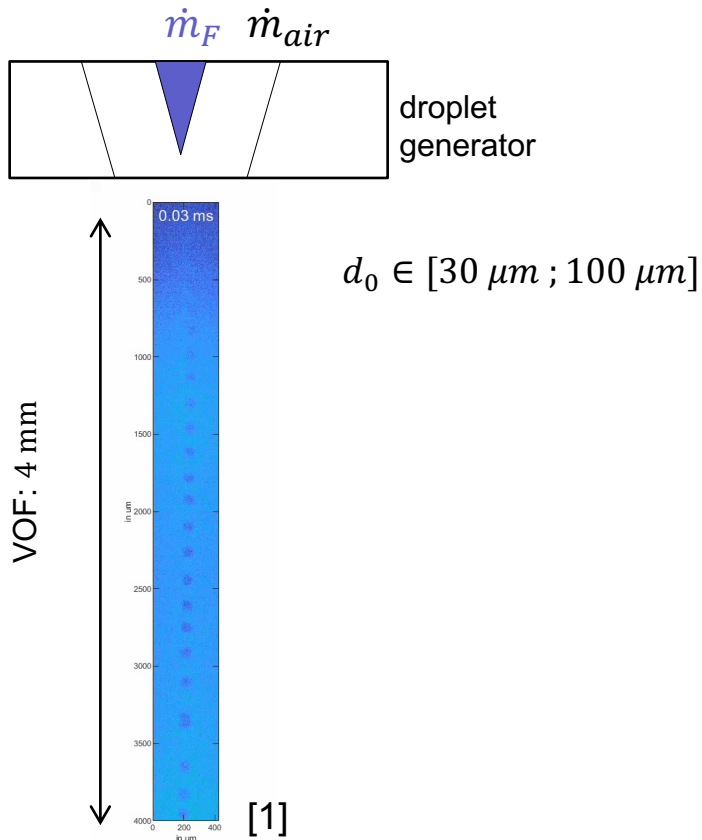
boundary conditions



$$\begin{aligned}T_U &= 297 \text{ K} \\T_d &= 333 \text{ K} \\d_0 &= 50 \mu\text{m} \\v_0 &= 7 \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}} \\\text{vol}\% &= \text{e70}\end{aligned}$$

- Ideal model doesn't capture ethanol accumulation in e70 drop
- Different mixture formation depending on the initial ethanol concentration

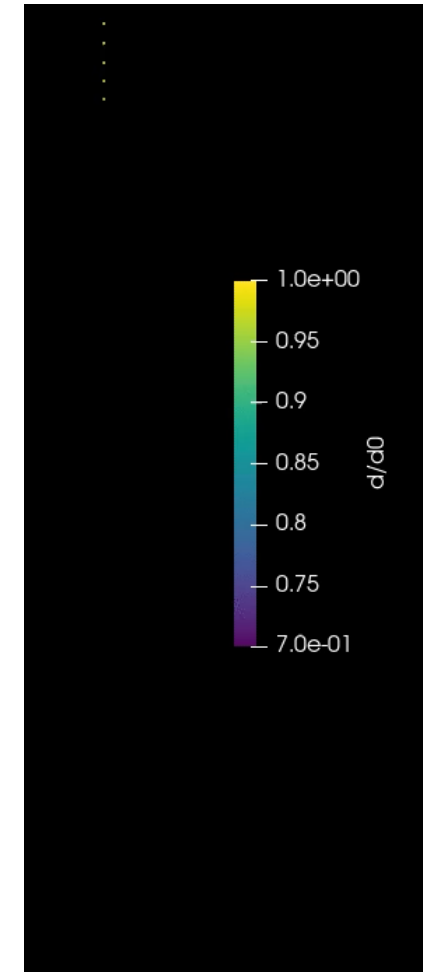
DROPLET CHAIN



Experiment:

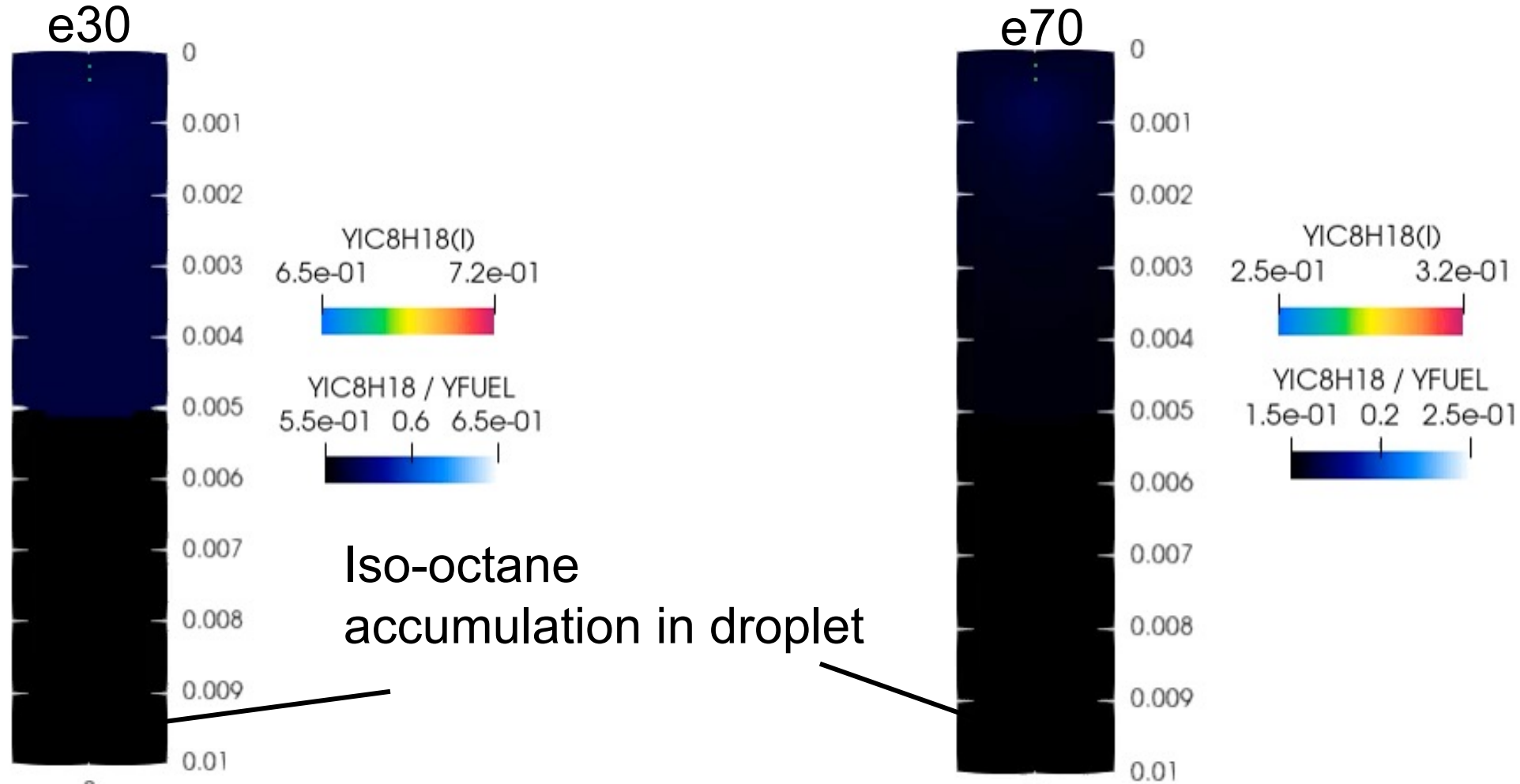
- Measurement of
 - Droplet diameter
 - Iso-octane/ethanol ratio in droplet
- Variation of droplet diameter & initial droplet temperature, fuel composition
- Variation of ambient temperature

Simulation:

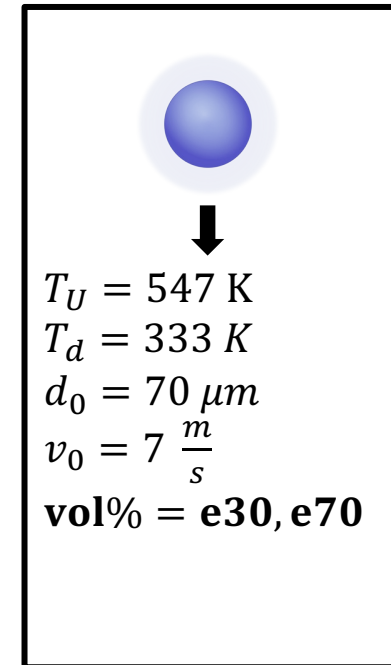


[1] video provided by LTT FAU Erlangen

IDEAL DROPLET CHAIN



boundary conditions



- With real VLE different mixture formation expected

SPRAY – EXPERIMENTAL DATA



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G1 conditions:

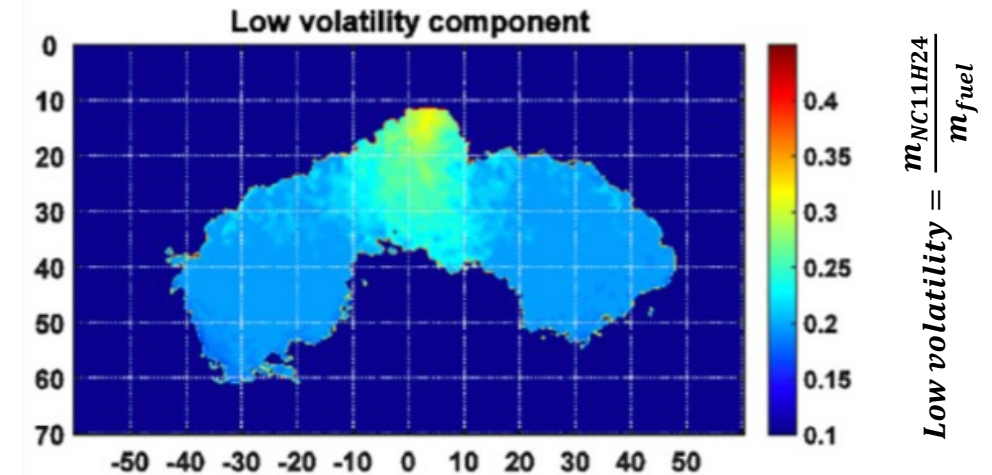
	G1
$T_{fuel}(K)$	363
$T_{ambient}(K)$	573
$p_{ambient}(bar)$	6

2 fuels:

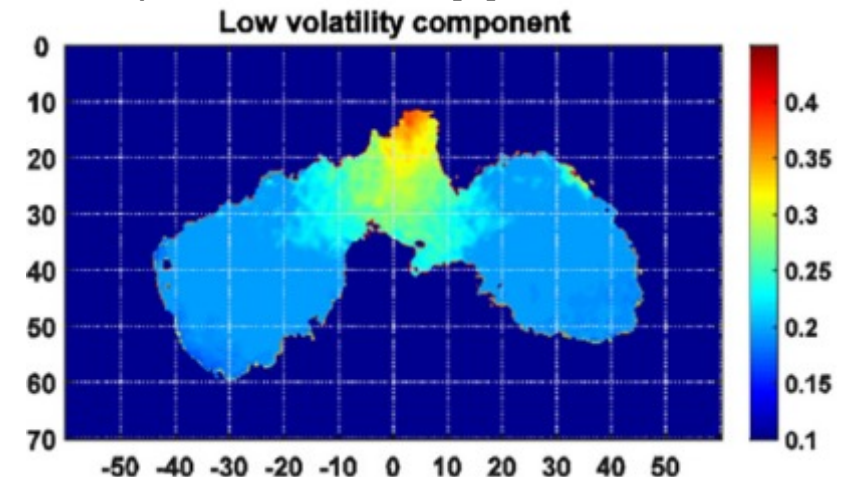
- E00: n-pentane, iso-octane, n-undecane
- Pace 20:

High-volatile fuels		Low-volatile fuels	
iso-octane	1-hexene	toluene	
n-pentane	n-heptane	1,2,4 trimethylbenzene	
cyclopentane	ethanol	tetralin	

Experimental Data [1] with E00

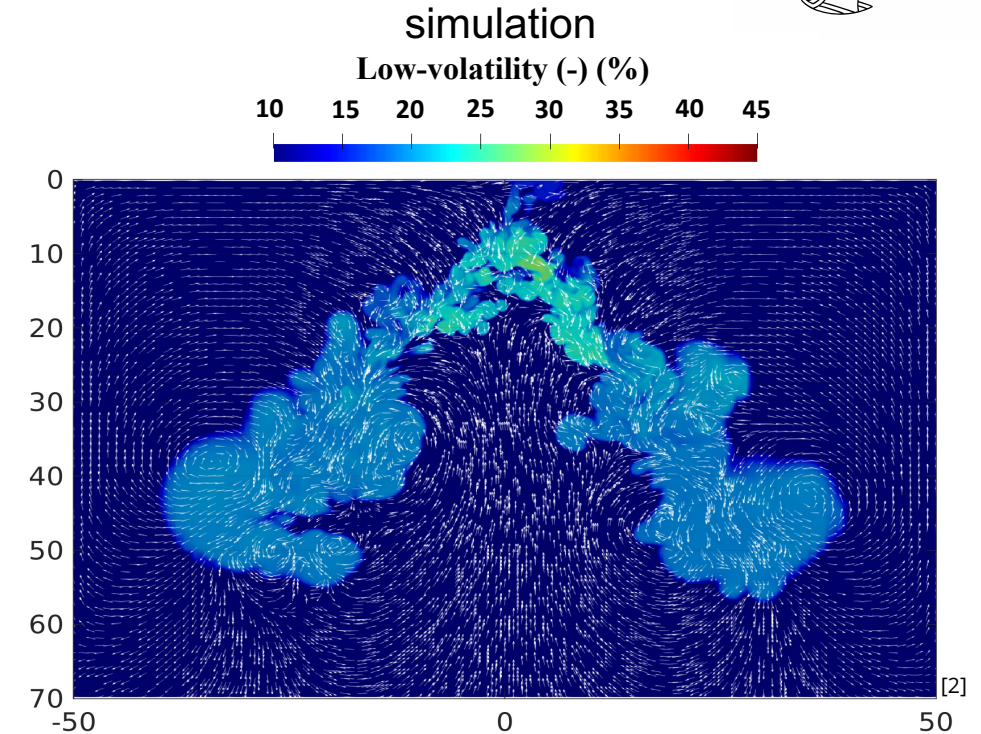
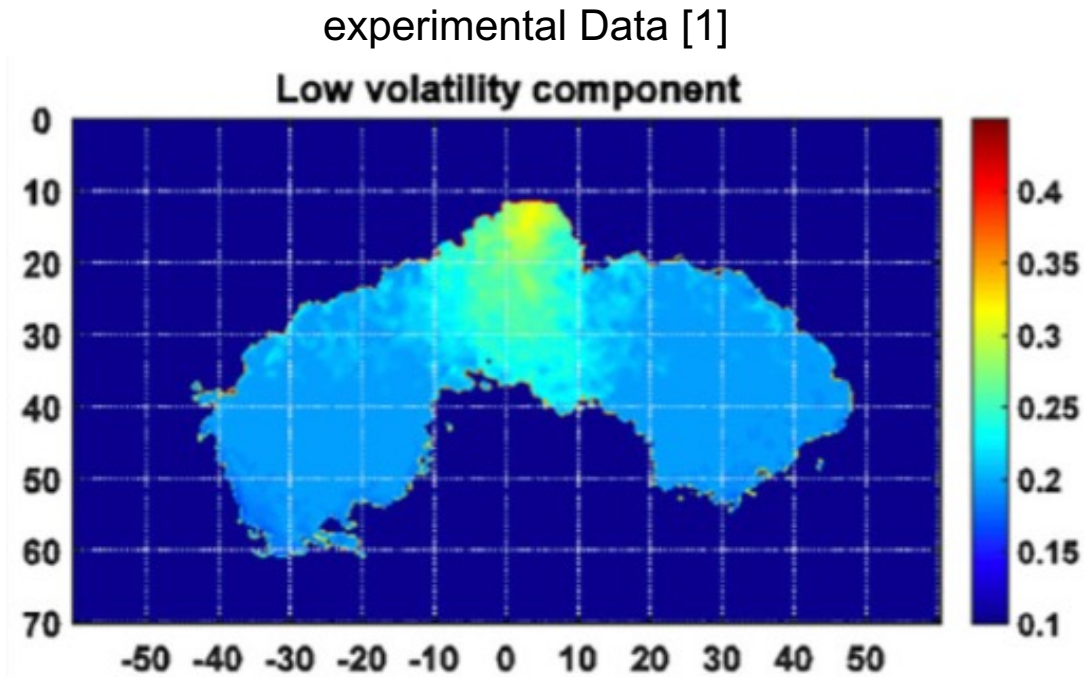


Experimental Data [1] with PACE20



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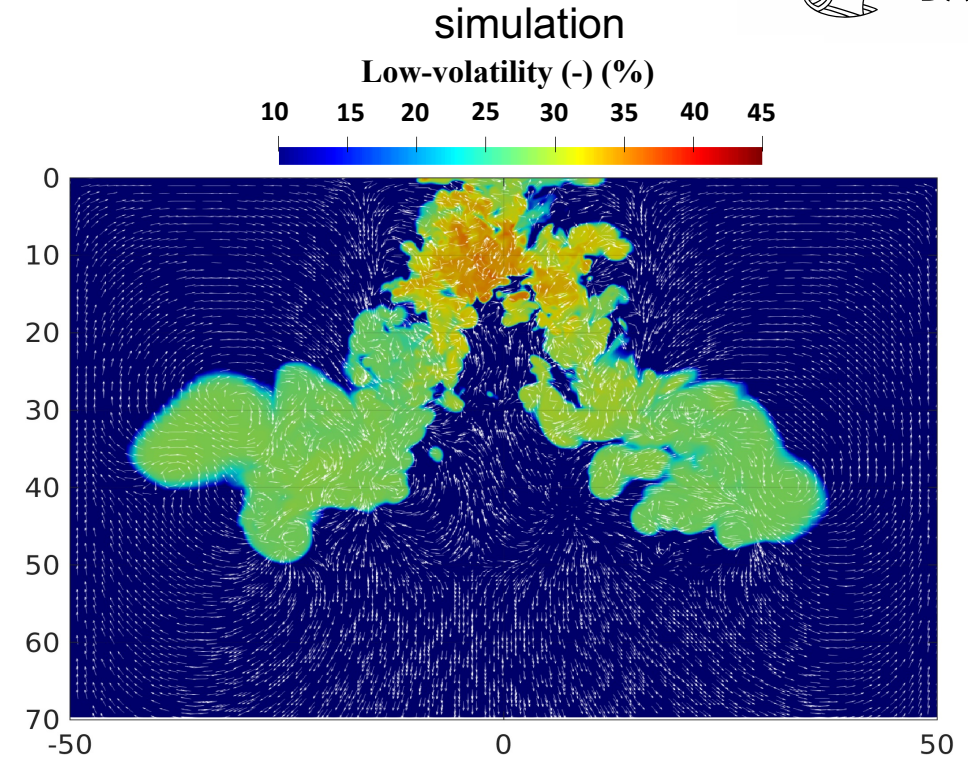
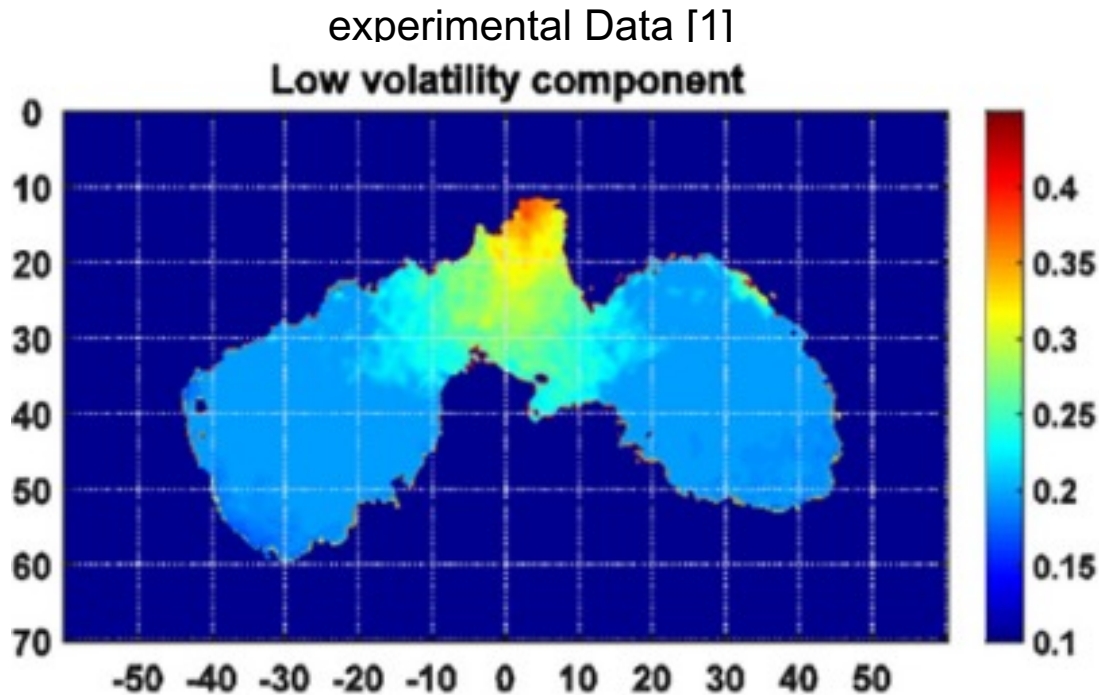
E00 FUEL – SPRAY COMPARISON



- Low-volatility fuels are found towards the nozzle

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[2] Lien, Hao-Pin. Spray-wall-flow interaction within a gasoline direct-injection (GDI) engine using Large Eddy Simulation.. 2023

PACE 20 FUEL – SPRAY COMPARISON



- Addition of ethanol leads to further spatial separation of low- and high volatile components

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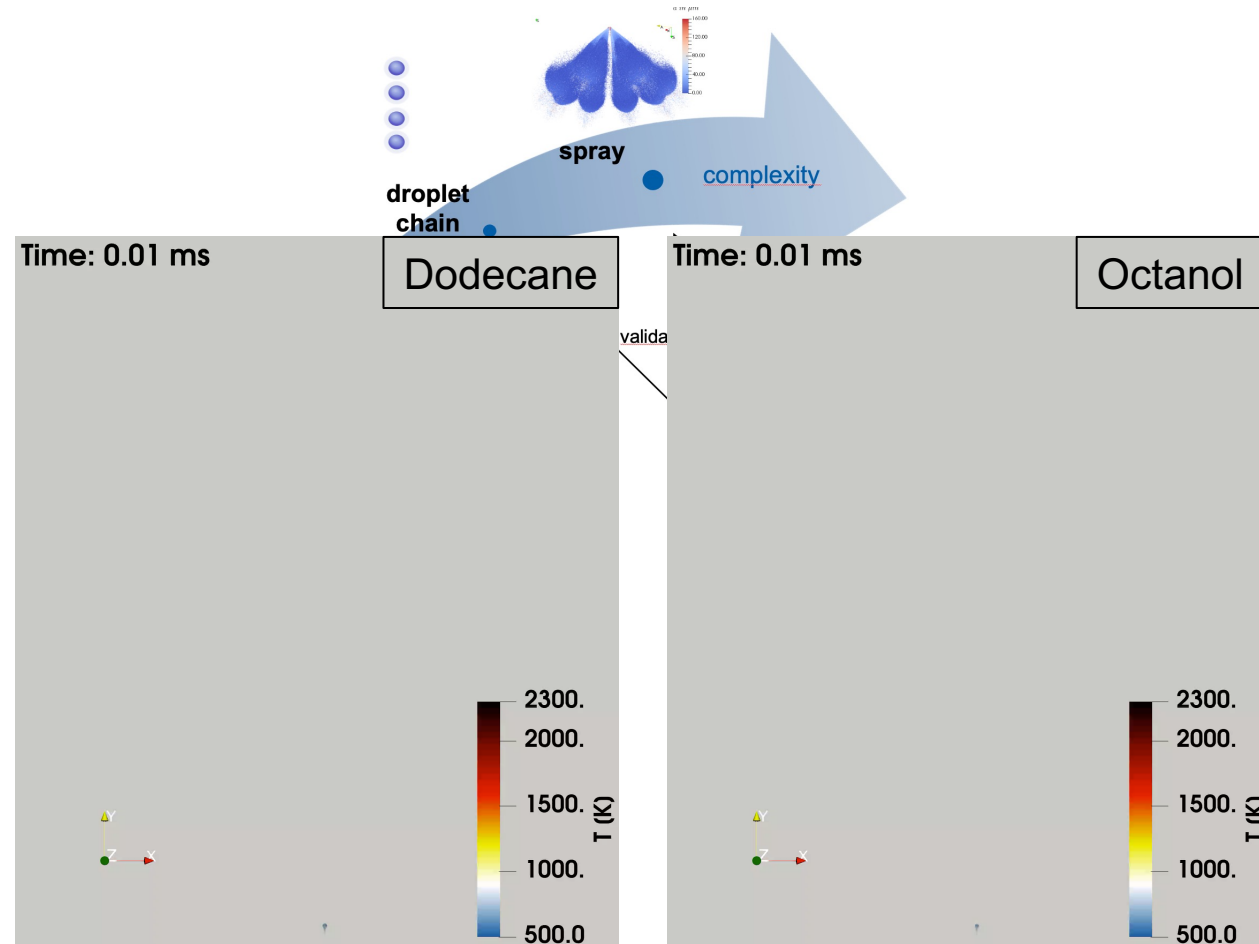
OUTLOOK & SUMMARY

summary:

- Modeling approach of evaporation of a VLE with real thermodynamics
- Increasing complexity accompanied by experiments

outlook:

- Investigation on influence of real VLE modeling in ethanol/iso-octane sprays
- Investigation into the combustion characteristics
 - Alcohol fuels have a higher latent heat of evaporation



[1] Haspel, Philip. Comparison of turbulent reactive spray characteristics of different renewable fuels using Large Eddy Simulation. 2023



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