

Surrogate Composition, Mechanism Development and Reduction

Gasoline Surrogate Model Development

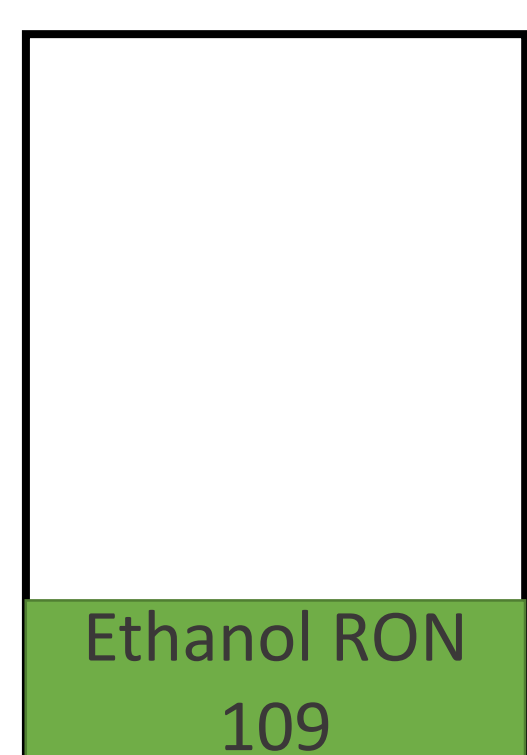
Surrogate combustion needs to capture:

- ▶ Combustion behaviour
- ▶ Physical properties of the liquid

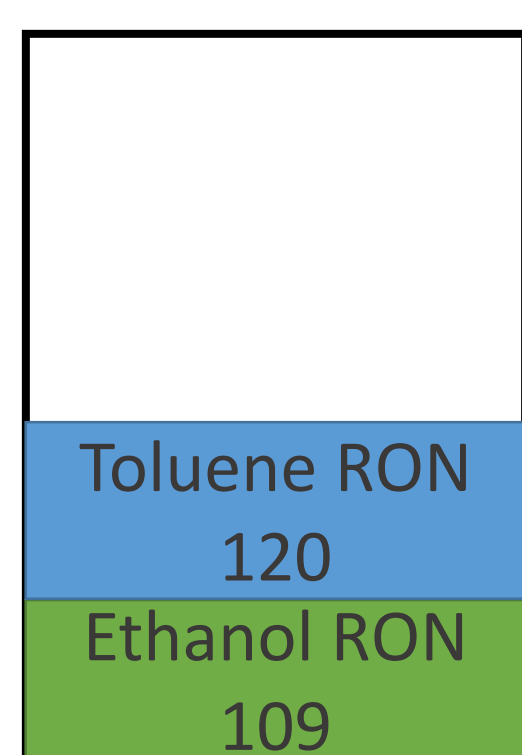
Requirements on surrogate model:

- ▶ Reaction mechanism to predict gas phase combustion
- ▶ Emission prediction (Soot, NO_x, Hydrocarbons)
- ▶ Short CPU times

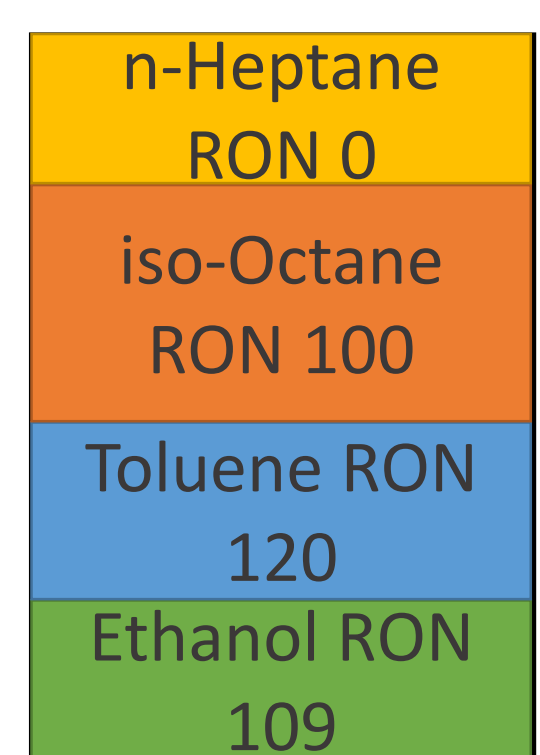
Ethanol Toluene Reference Fuel formulation



1st free component: ethanol fraction taken from gasoline composition

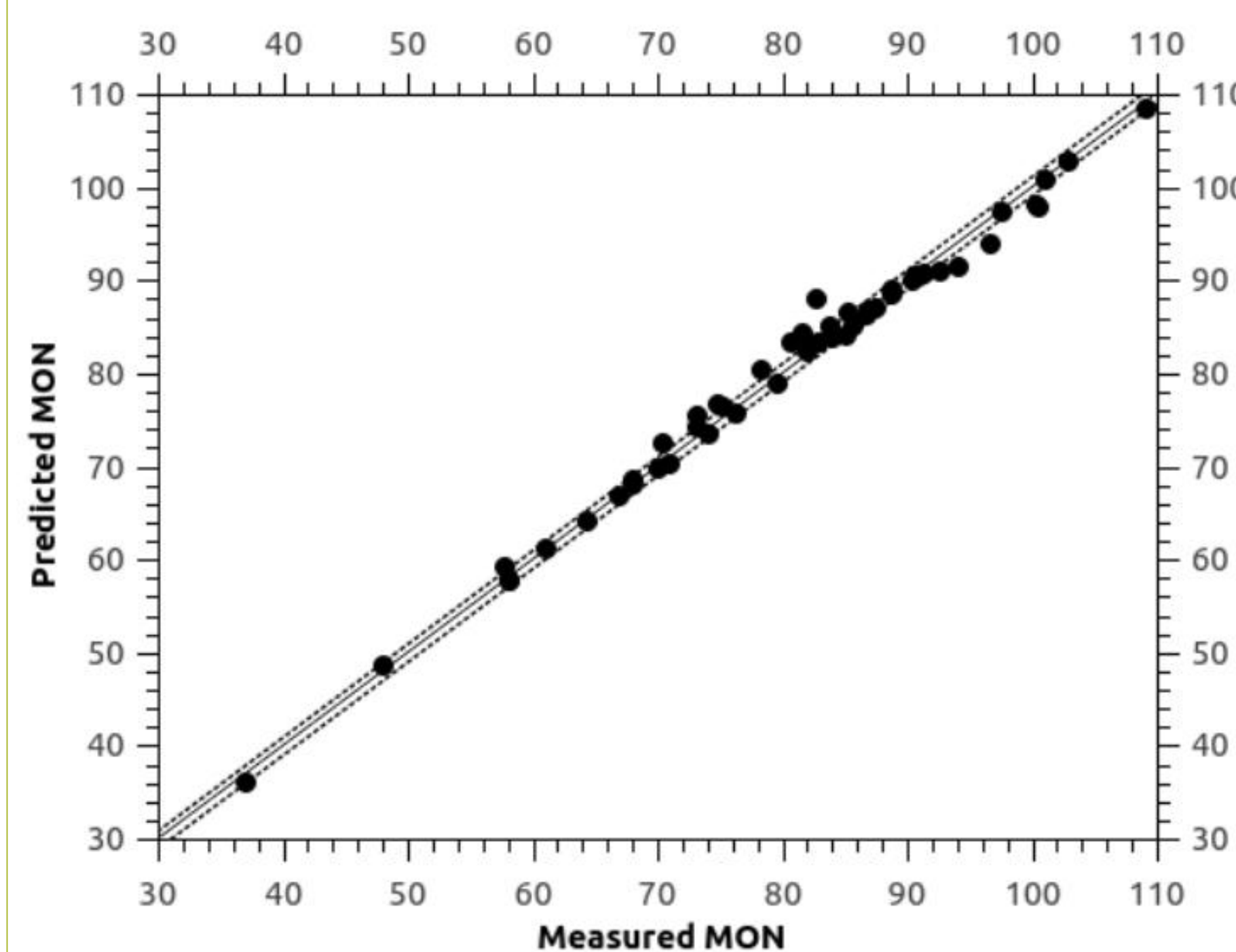


2nd free component: Toluene fraction -> represents aromatic content in gasoline



3rd free component: RON of the gasoline -> calculate n-heptane and iso-octane fraction to match RON [11]

Calculate properties of the surrogate: Density, LHV, C/H/O ratio, Octane rating



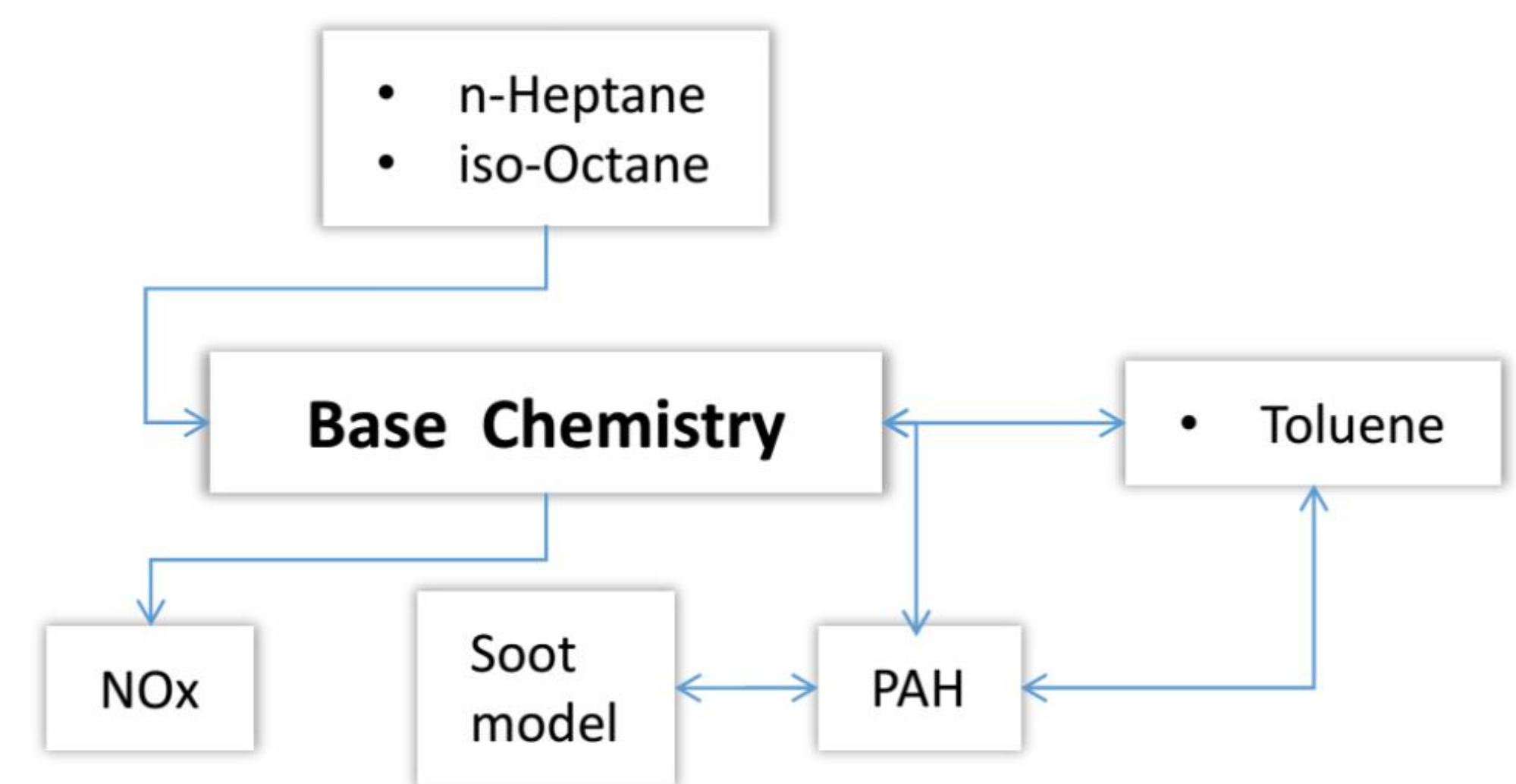
Plot to the left compares the measured motor octane number (MON) of different Toluene, n-Heptane, iso-Octane mixtures against the predicted MON using the procedure above with 0% Ethanol.

Conclusion

A complete tool chain for modelling gasoline combustion using a 4 component surrogate was developed. This enables for efficient and accurate combustion modelling including the prediction of auto-ignition as well as NO_x and soot formation.

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Variable Mechanism Concept



Base chemistry: C₁ to C₆ chemistry based on [1 - 5]

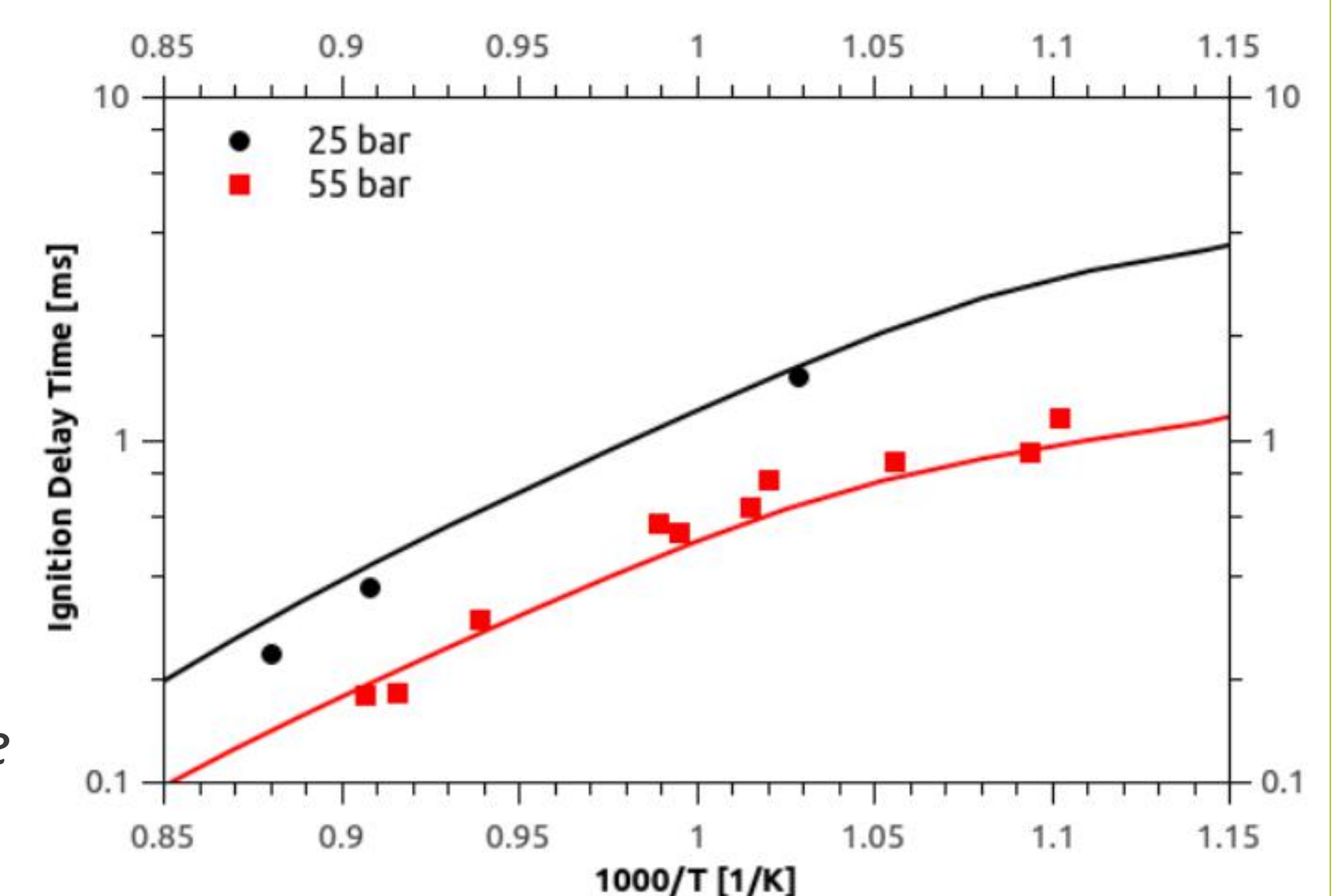
NO_x chemistry: modified model based Lamoureux et al. [6]

n-Heptane model: modified model based on Seidel et al. [7]

PAH model: based on Moshhammer et al. [8]

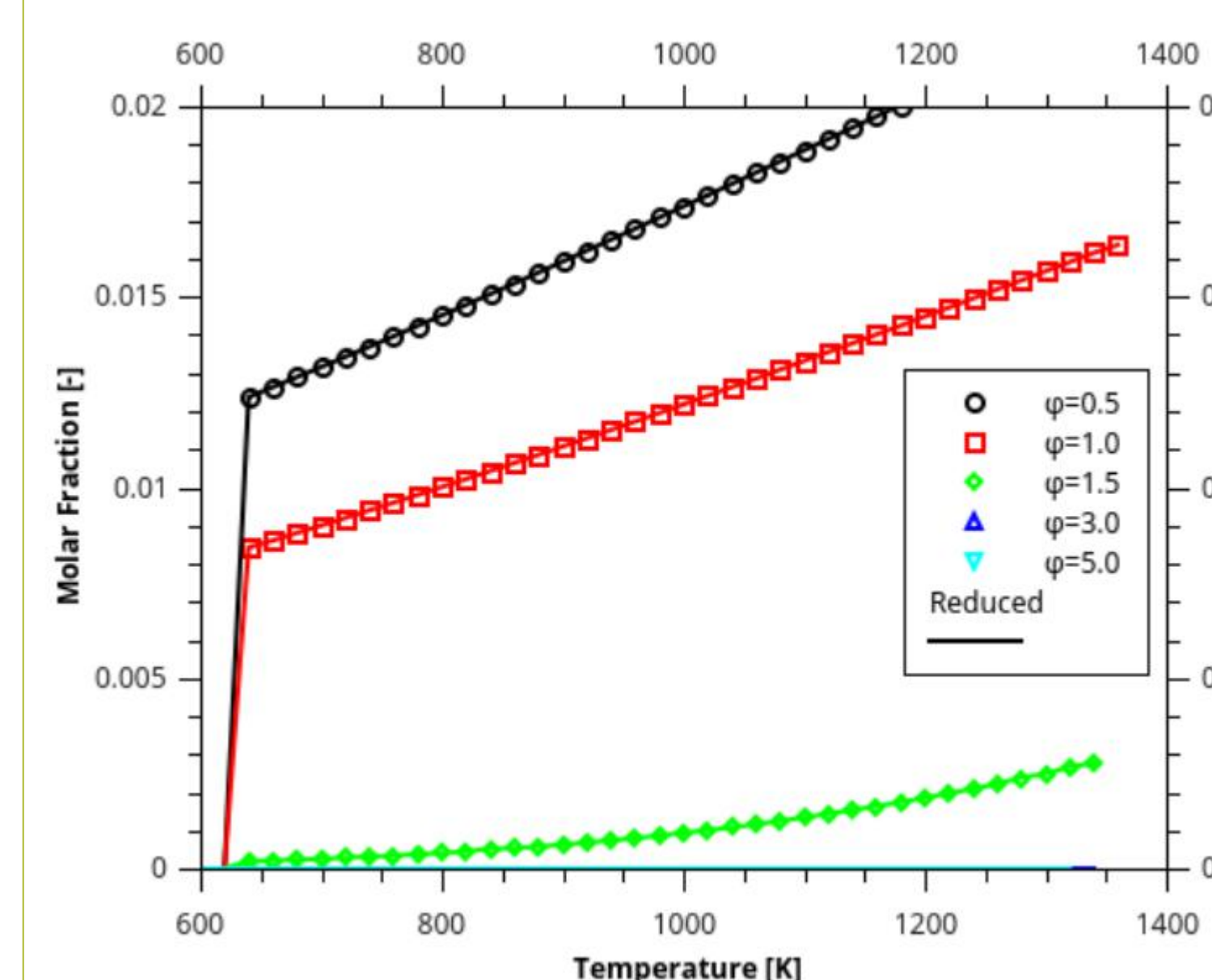
Detailed mechanism size: 476 species / 5160 reactions

Ignition delay time for surrogate of: 0.63 iso-octane, 0.20 toluene and 0.17 n-heptane (mole frac.) with artificial air at $\phi=1.0$. Symbols Experimental data from Gauthier [9]; Line Model prediction



Mechanism reduction

The detailed mechanism was reduced by lumping similar species and then removing unnecessary species as described by Seidel et al. [10]. The mechanism was reduced to 198 species and shows a good agreement with the detailed mechanism for the predicted major emissions, auto-ignition, as well as NO_x and soot formation. The reduction resulted in a speedup of factor 12.



Plot to the left shows a comparison of the predicted NO molar fraction of the gasoline surrogate fuel / air mixtures at different initial pressures, fuel equivalence ratios and temperatures. The solid line represent the reaction mechanism with 198 species and 1124 reactions; symbols detailed.