Towards a detailed soot model for internal combustion engines

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Engine model: SRM

Stochastic Reactor Model (SRM)



- Detailed chemical kinetics —
- Turbulent mixing
- Convective heat transfer

Chemical mechanism: PRF + small aromatics (extended by H. R. Zhang) 208 species, 1002 reactions

Computationally cheap (1-2 CPU-hrs/cycle)





PAHs in gas-phase chemistry

- Hongzhi R. Zhang
- Before: PRF+NOx, 157 species
- After: PRF+NOx+ variety of PAHs and highly unsaturated HCs, 208 species
- Validation against fuel-rich flame experiments





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Soot model: site-counting

Describe soot particles by 9+N dimensional state space (ARS-SC-PP model):

$$E = (C, H, S_{a}, N_{ed}, N_{zz}, N_{ac}, N_{bay}, N_{R5}, N_{PAH}, PP_{(1-N)})$$

PP = primary particle list



PAH reaction steps



Frenklach, Schuetz, Ping. Proc. Combust. Inst. 30, 2005



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Soot in engines!



Averaged soot quantities





Rates of soot processes



Aggregate size distributions (I)

Experiment

Simulation







Aggregate size distributions (II)

Experiment

Simulation







Aggregate size distributions (III)

Simulation







Role of EGR







Sampled aggregates (I)

Simulation



49.4 CAD ATDC, 129 primaries, coll. diam. 64 nm



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Sampled aggregates (II)

Experiment, sampled at ~16 CAD ATDC







Aggregate composition pdfs (I)



Aggregate composition pdfs (II)



Inception vs. condensation

large inception rate



large condensation rate





Future engine soot models (I)

- Partially stratified HCCI
- Partially premixed CIDI
- Conventional CIDI
- (Partially stratified) DISI









Future engine soot models (II)

Soot formation in a partially stratified HCCI engine:







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