

Multi-diagnostic soot measurements in a laminar diffusion flame to assess the ISF database consistency

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Fundamental understanding of soot production

Control of soot release is required:

1. Full understanding of soot formation and oxidation processes
2. Accurate modeling of soot

→ Accurate experimental database is needed!



YALE DIFFUSION BURNER (YDB) – ISF workshop

Comparisons of experimental and numerical methods from different laboratories

- Experimental uncertainties
- Extensive experimental database
- Model validation

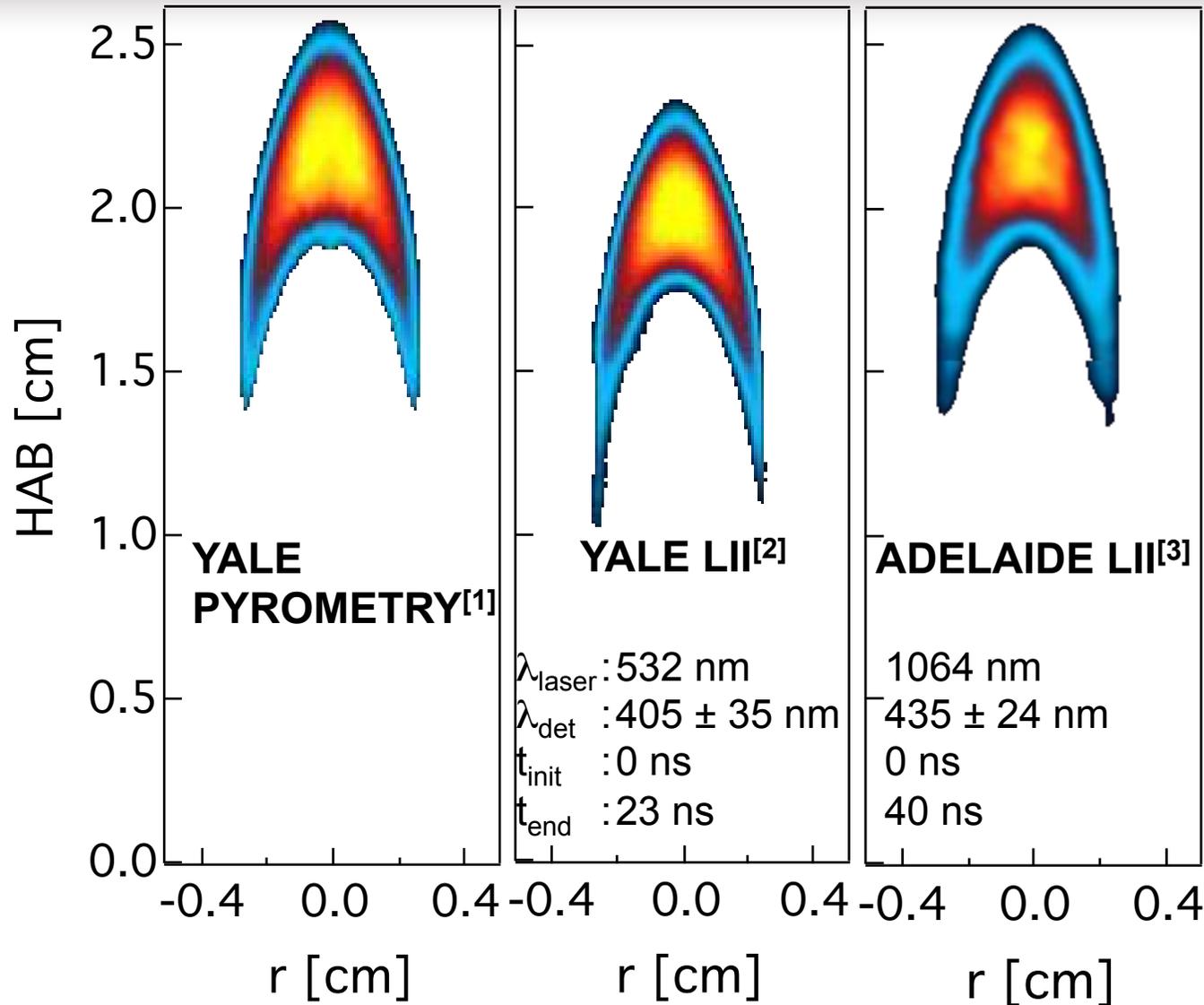
OBJECTIVES

Variability of experimental data on f_v , T and d_p : new measurements vs literature

Sooting Yale Coflow Diffusion Flames, available at <http://guilford.eng.yale.edu/yalecoflowflames/> (2016).

M. Smooke, M. Long, B. Connelly, M. Colket, R. Hall, Combust. Flame 143 (2005) 613–628.

f_v variability observed in literature



Same flame ($X_{\text{N}_2}=32\%$) **BUT** different teams, techniques and optical setups:

- Shorter flame for YALE LII
- Same max f_v value (0.25ppm) BUT Adelaide LII calibrated with YALE LII

What is the variability on f_v , T and d_p ? What are the sources of errors?

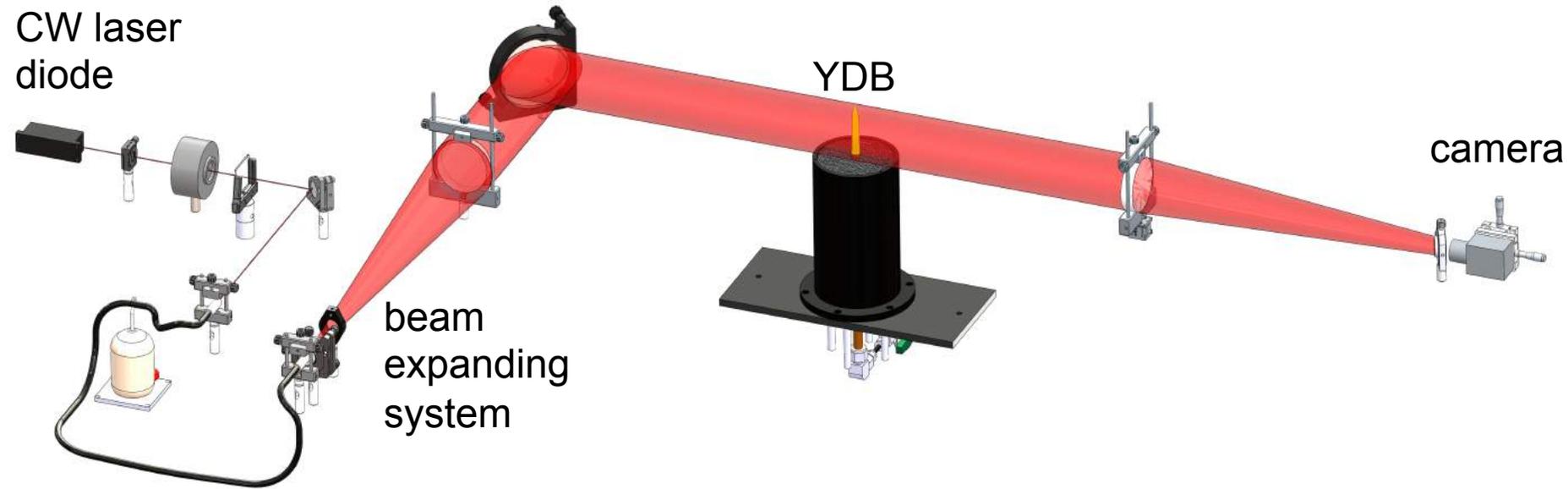
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- **Experimental Setup (LII and MAE)**
- **Soot volume fraction comparison**
- **TiRe-LII results for primary particle diameter**

Modulated Absorption/Emission technique^[1]



Local spectral absorption coefficient from incoming energy with-w/o laser/flame:

$$\kappa_{\lambda} \rightarrow f_v = \frac{\lambda \kappa_{\lambda}}{6\pi E(m)}$$

Operating conditions

$$\lambda = 645\text{nm}$$

$$\text{Filter } 645 \pm 2\text{nm}$$

$$E(m) = 0.38$$

Line-of-sight measurements
In-house deconvolution

Uncertainties

Factor 2: $E(m)$

2.5% (Santoro flame [1])

[1] G. Legros et al., *Combust. Flame* (2015).

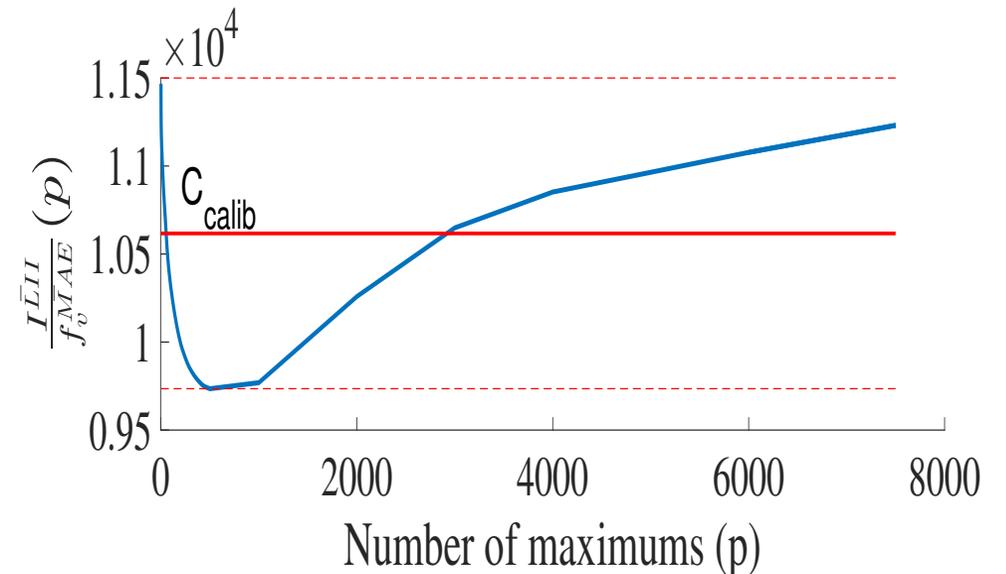
Laser Induced Incandescence (LII)

Operating conditions

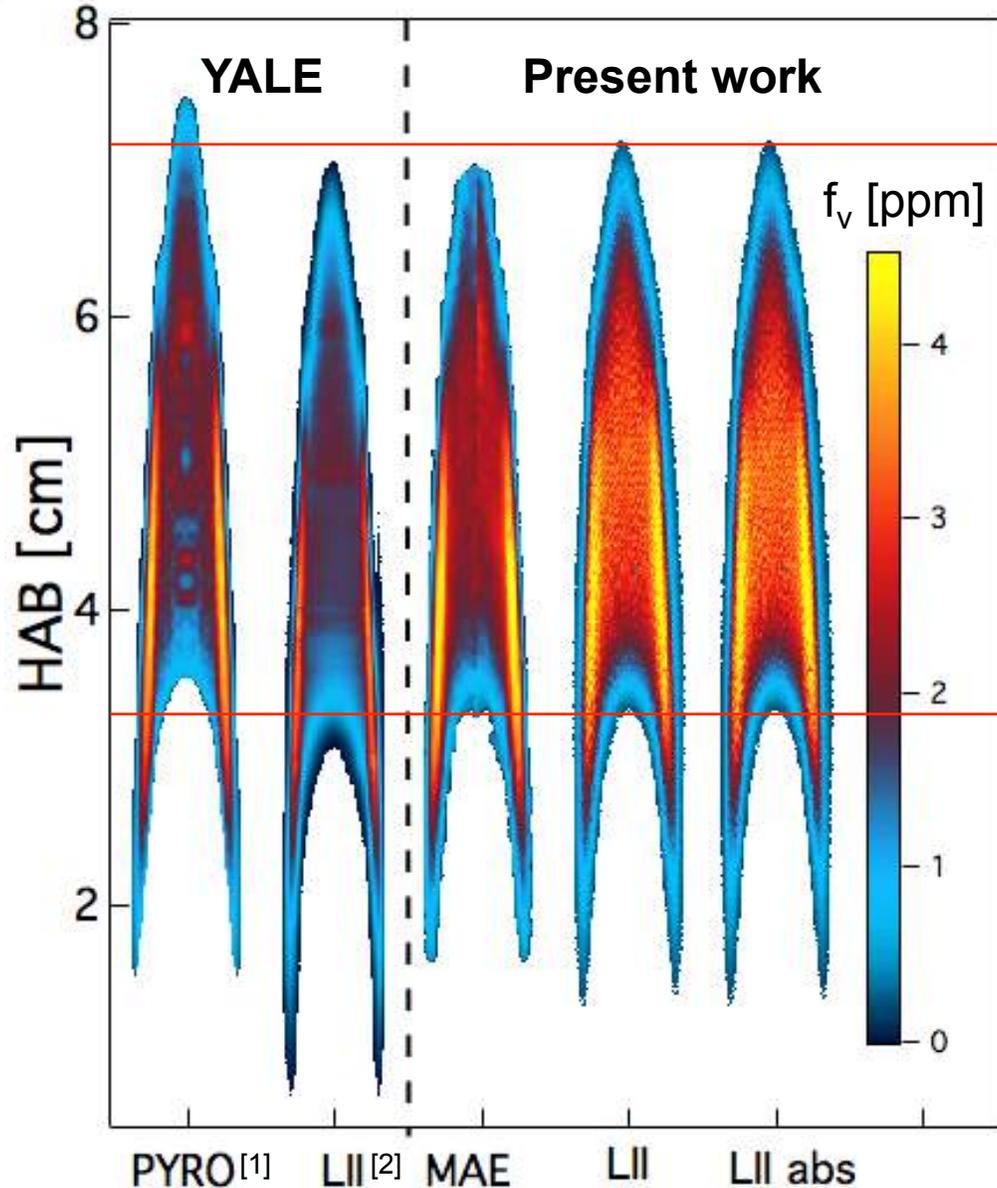
<i>Laser</i>	$\lambda = 1064\text{nm}$ 0.45 J/cm^2 (9ns)	<i>Sheet</i>	$f_1 = +1000\text{mm}$ $f_2 = -50\text{mm}$ $7\text{cm} \times 0.35\text{mm}$
<i>Camera</i>	$t_0 = 0\text{ns}$ $\Delta t = 25\text{ns}$	<i>Filter</i>	$425 \pm 25\text{nm}$

Uncertainties

- **4% of peak LII signal (flame variability)**
- **Laser light absorption**
Only half side of results is considered (laser absorption)
- **Calibration procedure**
How? Considering the first p maximum
How many p ? $p=100$ in the wings of the flame
 $10\% \text{ of } C_{\text{calib}} \quad I^{\text{LII}} = C_{\text{calib}} f_v^{\text{MAE}}$
- **Self-absorption of LII signal**
5% in the middle of the flame



Comparison on f_v with state-of-the-art data^[1,2]



- Flame length variability
Operating conditions effect?

- Similar qualitative trend
High f_v in wings

- Different max. values
YALE-PYRO: 4.3 ppm
YALE-LII: 4.0 ppm
MAE: 4.6 ppm
LII: 5.0 ppm
LII_{absorp}: 5.1 ppm

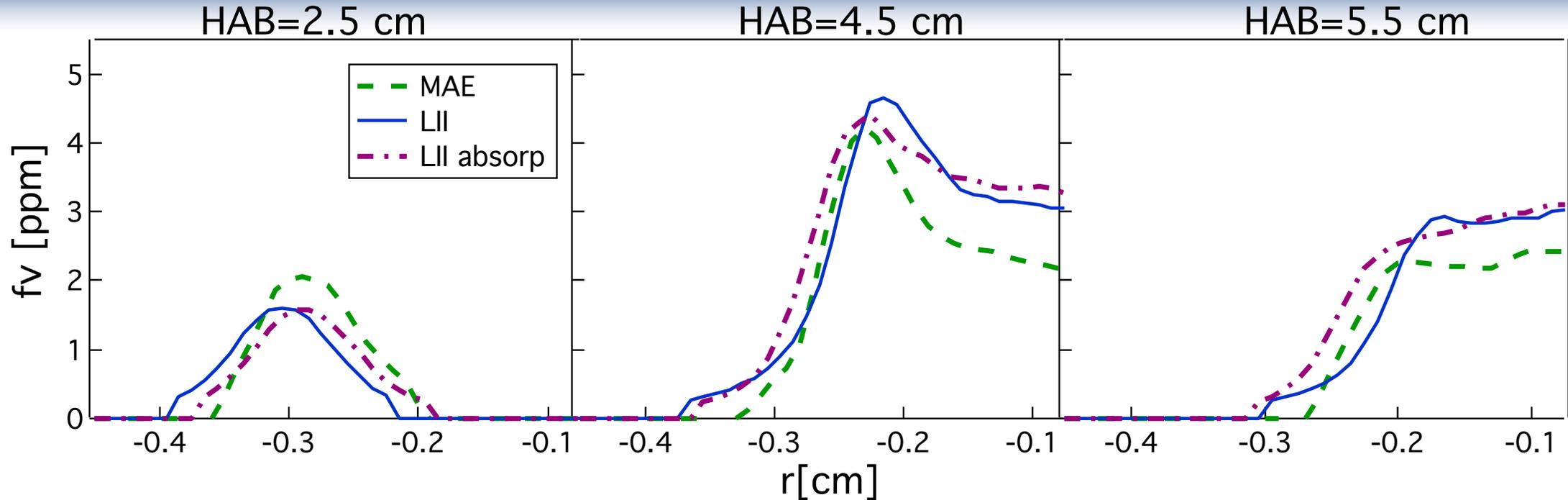
**25 %
difference !!**

→ *Impact of calibration technique
and post-processing?*

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LII VS MAE



FIRST-TIME COMPARISON BETWEEN MAE AND LII

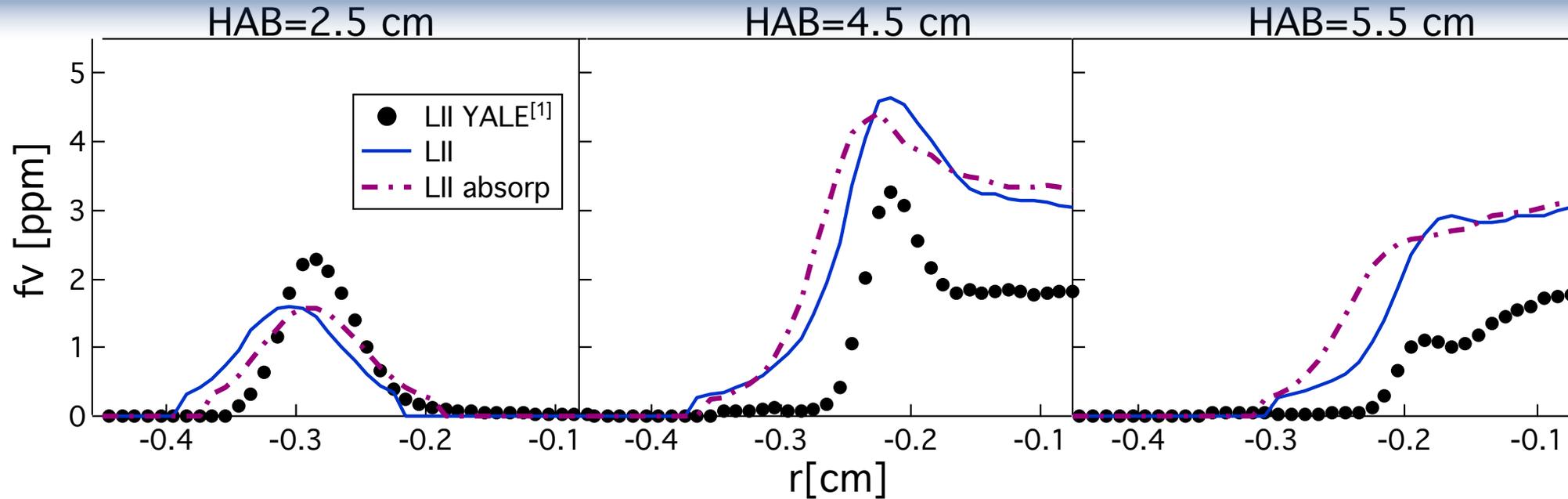
- Similar trends
- Good agreement in wings (calibration zone) but discrepancies on centerline

MAE deconvolution error?

- Small differences between LII and LII_{absorp}

Auto-absorption is negligible here (low optical thickness)

LII VS LII-YALE^[1]



COMPARISON ON LII RESULTS FROM TWO TEAMS

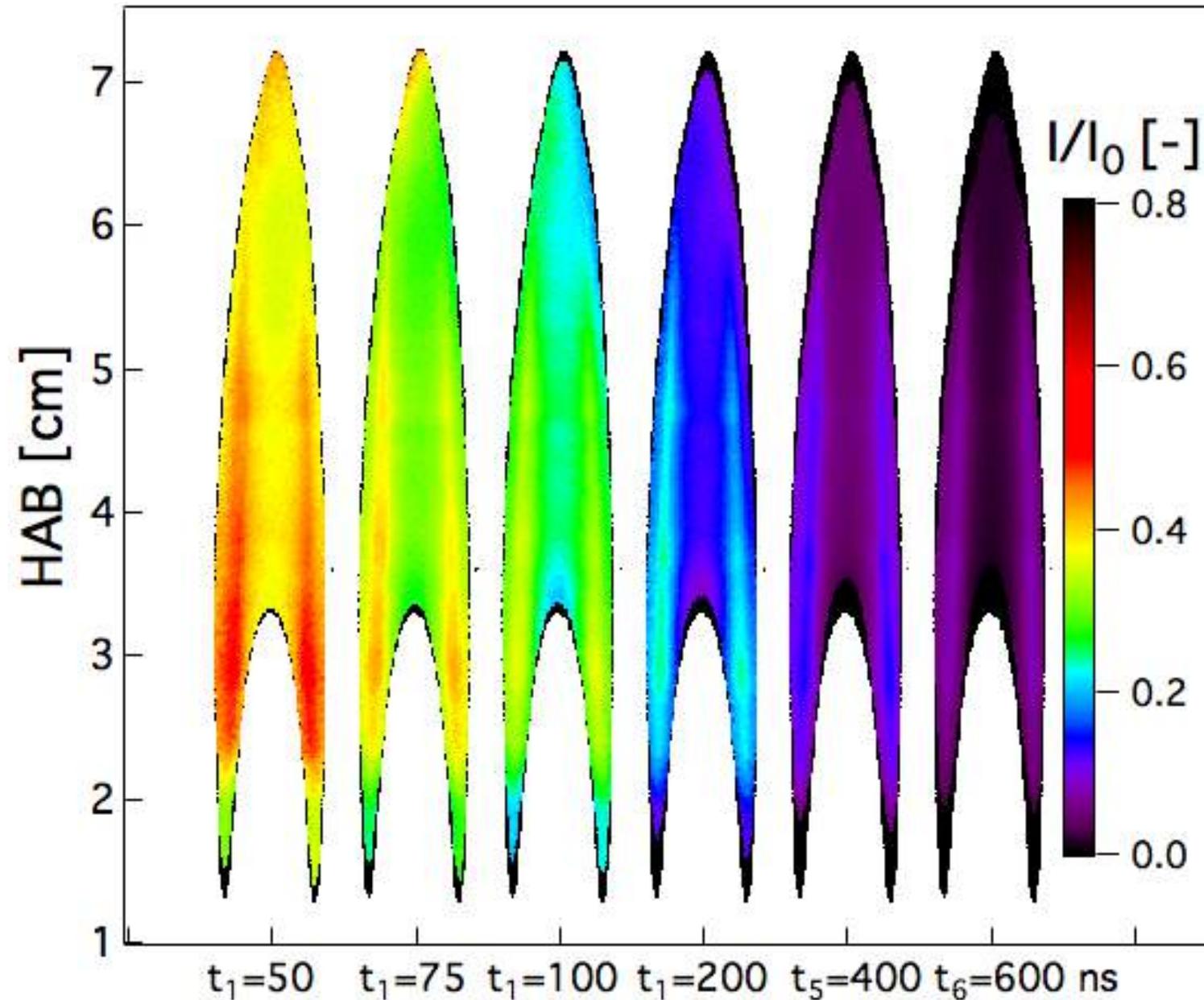
Relevant differences due to:

- Experimental uncertainties?
- Different flame lengths ?
- Choice of laser wavelengths for LII ?
 $\lambda = 1064\text{nm}$ vs $\lambda = 532\text{nm}$
- Choice of $E(m)$? $E(m) = 0.38\text{nm}$ vs $E(m) = 0.45\text{nm}$
- LII filter?
- Calibration technique?

Qualitative agreement among techniques and teams BUT quantitative differences!!!

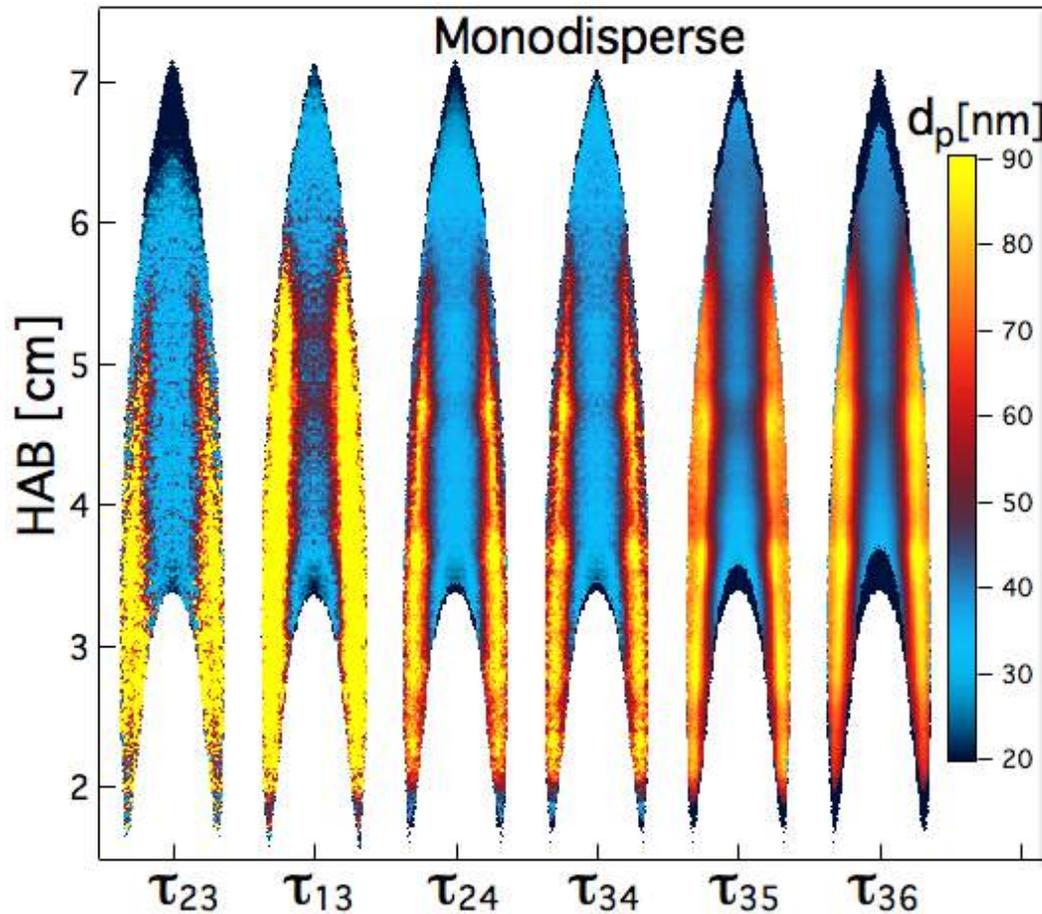
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Time-resolved LI for primary particles d_p



- PPSD (primary particle size distribution) varies in space
- Big d_p particles are expected in the flame outer region

Monodisperse reconstruction



1) Look-up table from LII decay signal simulations (LIISim-Web tool) $\tau_{ij}^{\text{mod}}(d_p)$

Assumptions:

- $T=1700\text{ K}$
- *Spherical particles*
- *Monodisperse*

2) d_p is chosen so that it minimizes

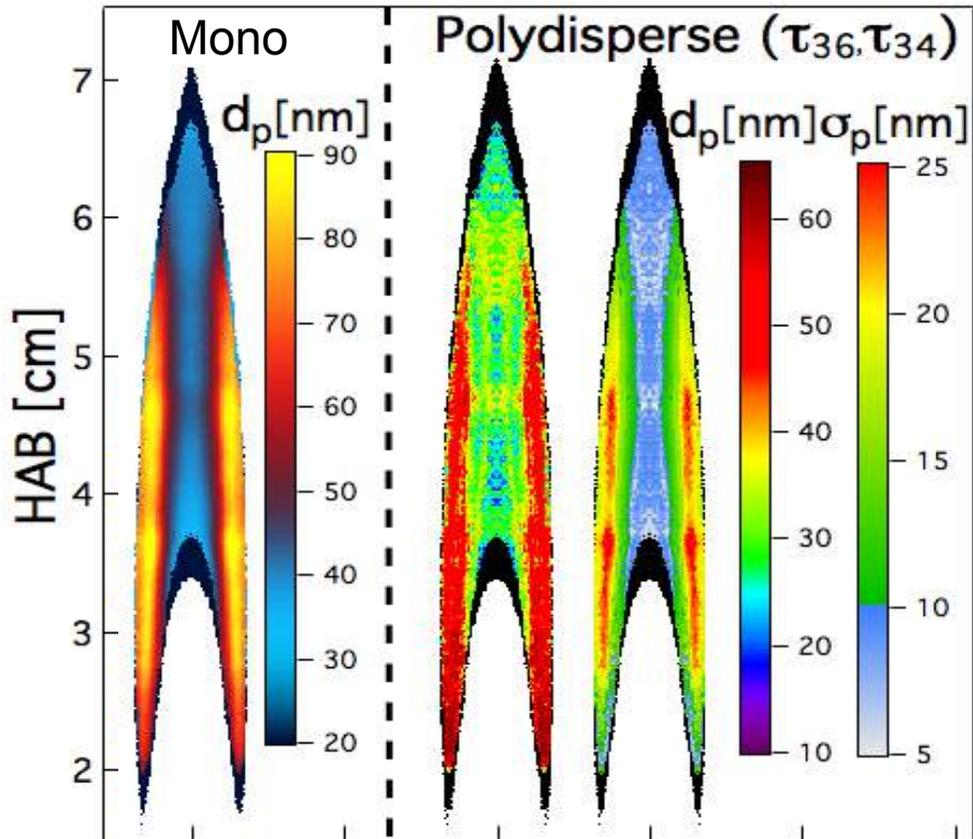
$$\mathcal{F}(d_p) = [\tau_{ij}^{\text{exp}} - \tau_{ij}^{\text{mod}}(d_p)]^2$$

with $\tau_{ij} = (t_i - t_j) / (\ln(I_j) - \ln(I_i))$

- Largest d_p in wings, smallest d_p on centerline.
- Results depend on (i,j): *high gating delays to avoid vaporization effect but information on smallest d_p may be lost (black regions)*

→ this choice depends on investigated PPSD.

Polydisperse reconstruction



1. Look-up table from LII decay signal simulations (LIISim-Web tool)

Assumptions:

$$\tau_{ij}^{\text{mod}}(d_p, \sigma)$$

- $T=1700\text{ K}$
- Spherical particles
- *Presumed log-normal PPSD population*

2. d_p, σ are chosen so that they minimize

$$\mathcal{F}(d_p, \sigma) = [\tau_{ij}^{\text{exp}} - \tau_{ij}^{\text{mod}}(d_p, \sigma)]^2$$

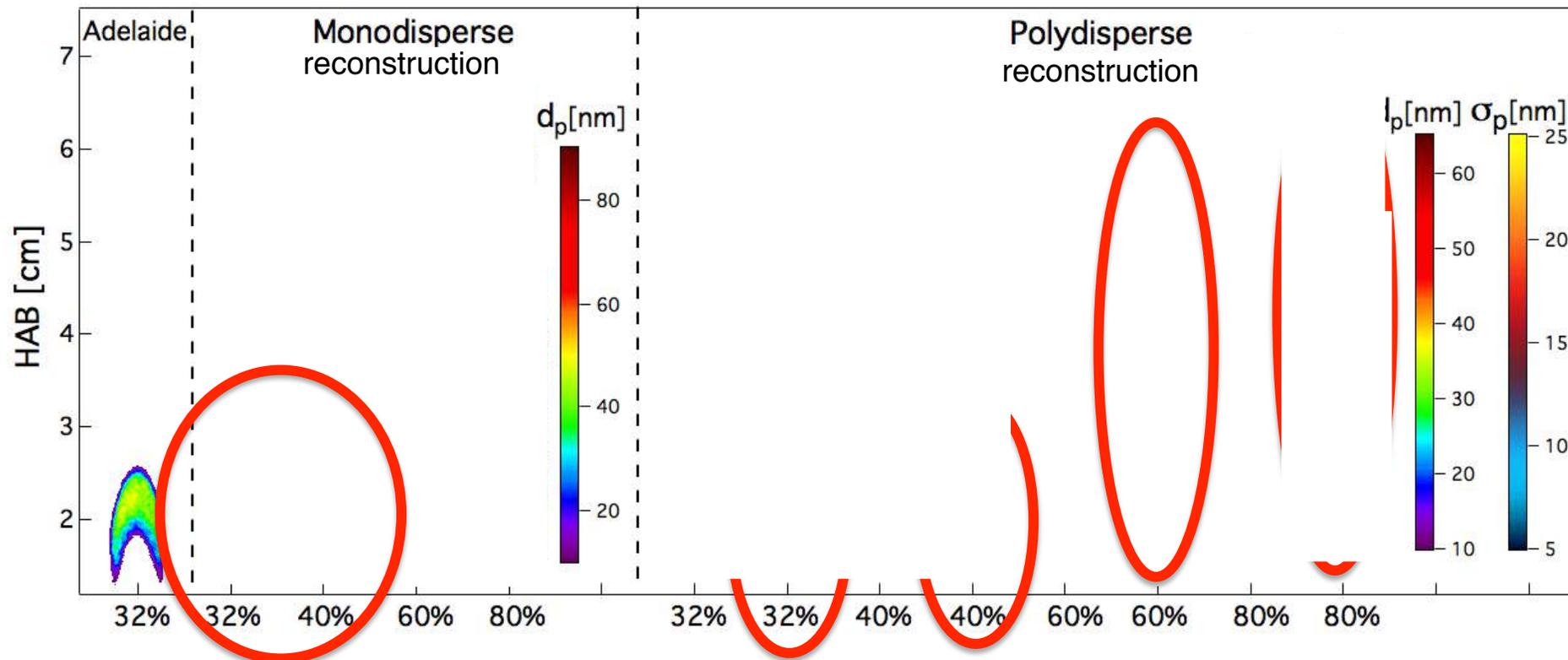
Comparing mono and poly:

- Higher d_p for mono in wings (where σ is high = poly PPSD)
 - Similar d_p in centerline (where σ is small = mono PPSD)
- **Already observed on Santoro flames^[1]**

Uncertainties^[1]:

- Const. temperature: 4% τ
- Shielding effect: 30% d_p and 5% σ

Effect of dilution



- 32%-40%: Homogeneous d_p ,
- 60%-80%: High d_p

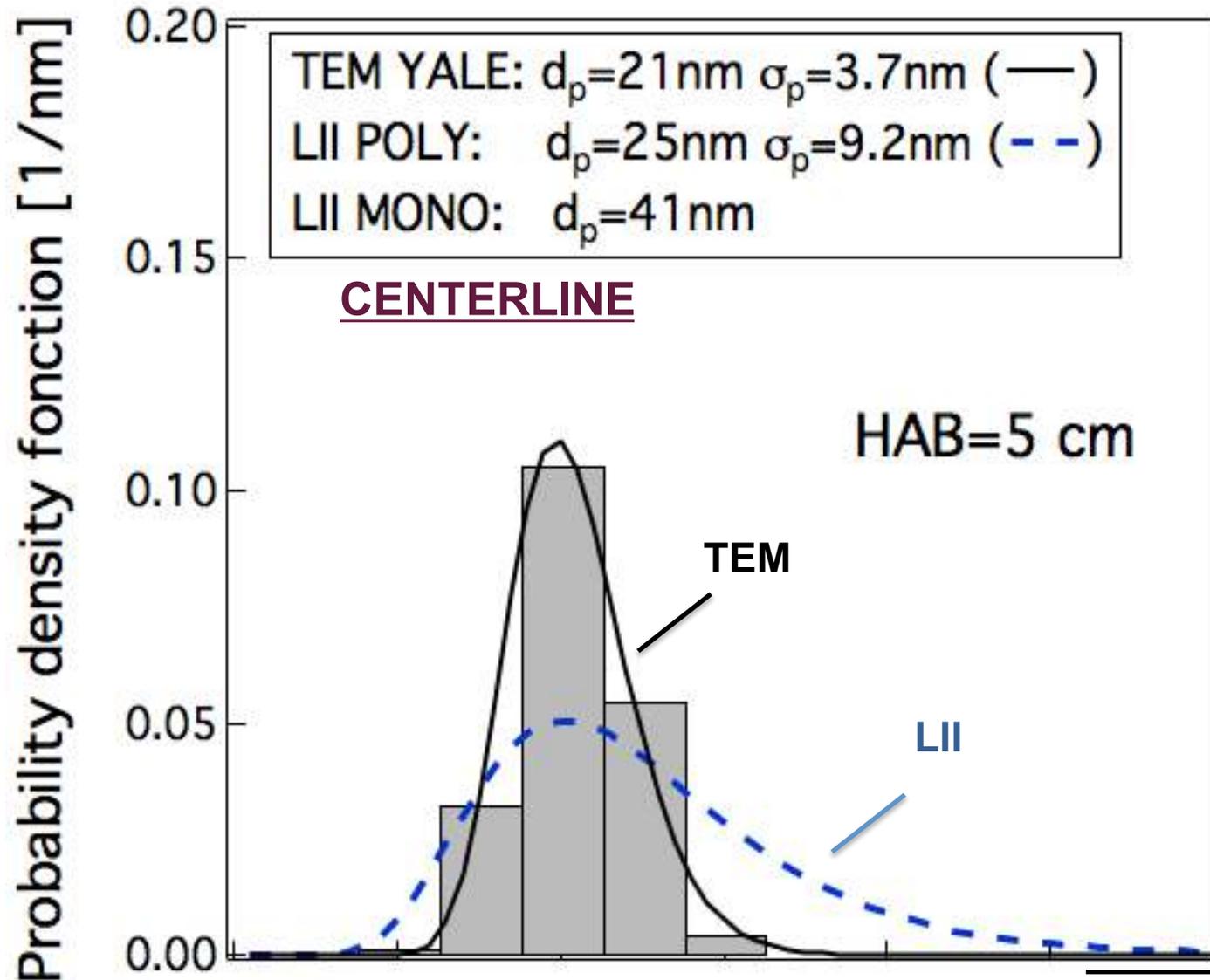
COMPARISON ON 32% CASE

- Adelaide^[1]: 50 nm
 - Here: 30 nm
- TEM (80%): $d_p < 50\text{nm}$
- Measurements?
Post-processing?
LII models for table?

Raw data should always be provided to allow pertinent comparisons

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TR-LII vs TEM (Transmission Electron Microscopy)^[1]



- Qualitative agreement with LII
- LII overestimates d_p and σ vs TEM (better agreement with poly than mono)

UNCERTAINTIES:

- Shielding effect: 30% d_p and 5% σ
- PPSD is log-normal?
- Effective d_p (LII) vs measured d_p (TEM)

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Conclusions



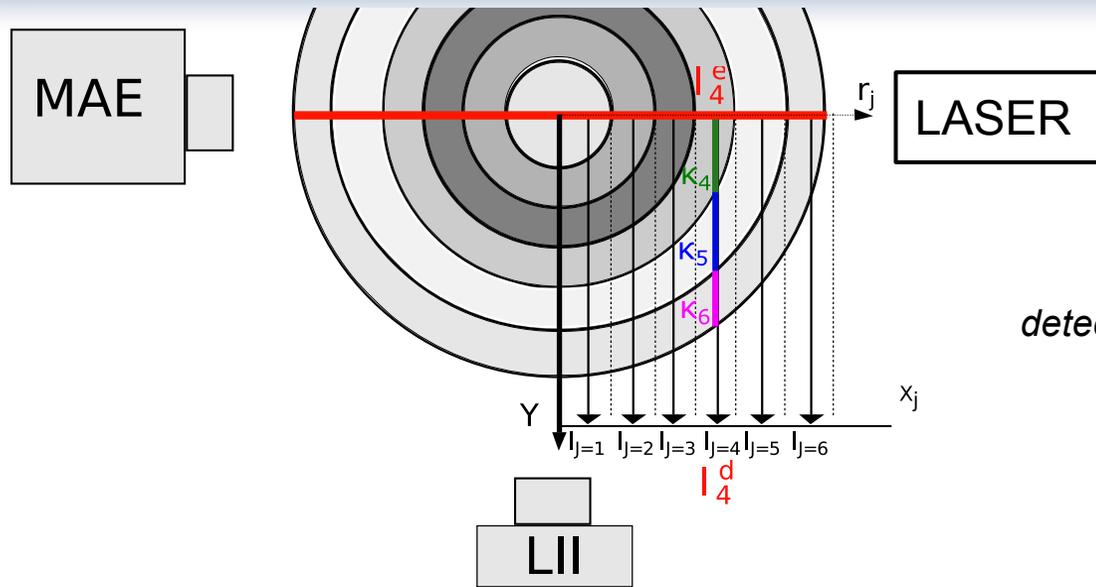
- Qualitative agreement among techniques and results obtained by different research teams for f_v but quantitative differences
- d_p correlates with f_v : by increasing fuel flow rate, d_p and σ increase;
- With monodisperse assumption, d_p field is qualitatively retrieved but its value is largely overestimated;
- High variability of PPSD with diagnostics and post-processing methods.

- Need for a cross comparison between multiple data sets
 - consistent database for sooting flames
- Provide access to measured, post-processed and modeled signals
 - better understanding of the discrepancies

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Accounting for self-absorption of LII signal



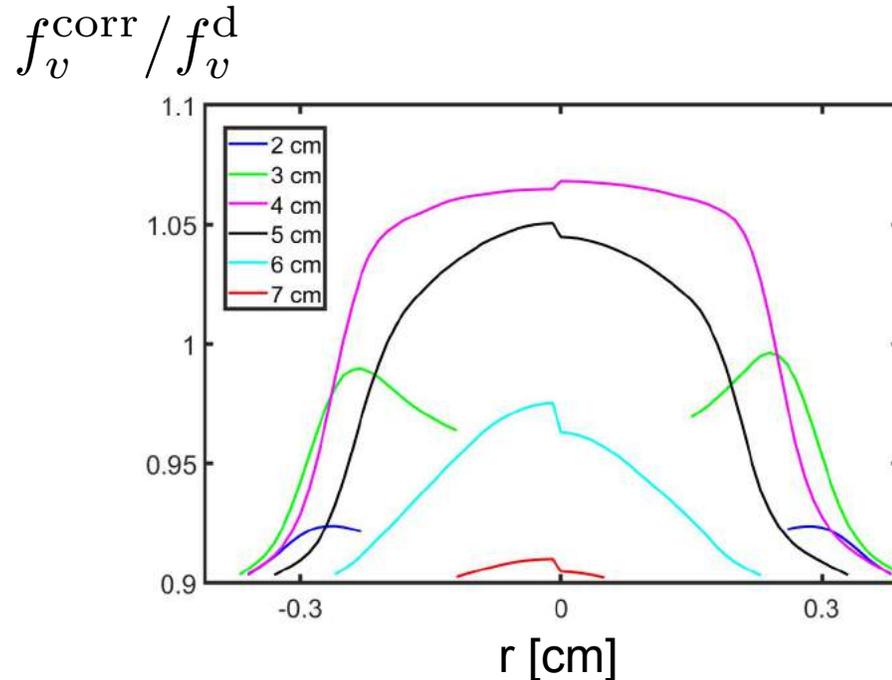
Deconvolution process inspired from MAE technique

$$I_{4l}^d = I_{4l}^e \exp \left(- \sum_{m=4}^6 A_{4m}^{OP} k_{ml} \right)$$

detected I_{4l}^d $=$ *emitted* I_{4l}^e \exp $\left(- \sum_{m=4}^6 \right)$ A_{4m}^{OP} k_{ml}

optical path length A_{4m}^{OP} k_{ml} *absorp. coeff.*

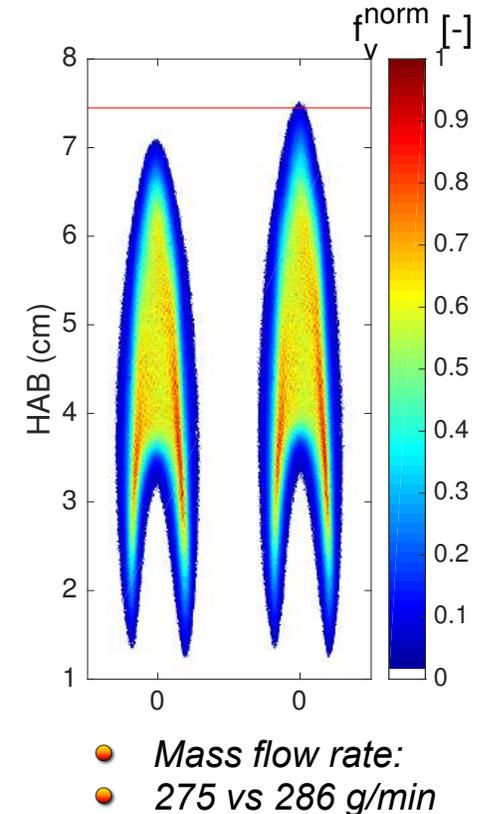
Correcting the detected LII signal knowing the absorption field from f_v with an iterative procedure



- Signal has to be recalibrated (C_{calib} varies of 10%)
- 10% modification of f_v \rightarrow neglected in the following

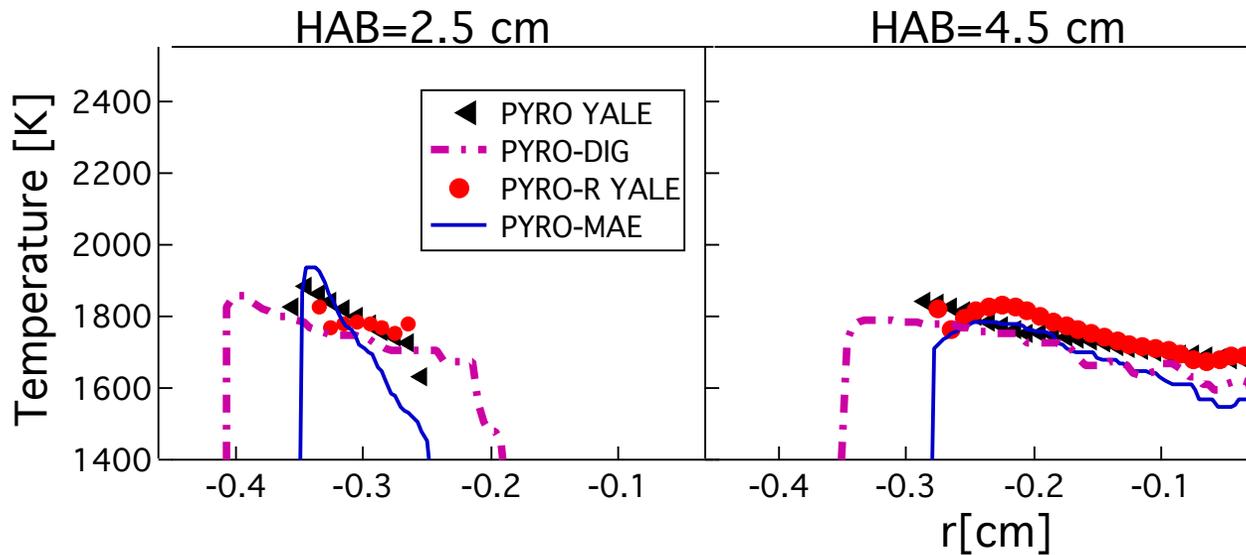
Flame sensitivity is a first source of errors

- **Flame flickering:** 4% flame luminosity
- **Flow rate** uncertainties:
*mass flow rate from inner diameter, bulk velocity
 and mass flow rate controller*
 $d_f^{\text{real}} = 3.9\text{mm} \neq d_f^{\text{nom}} = 4.0\text{mm}$
 4% flow rate \rightarrow 6 mm flame length=10 %
- **Inner tube position** with respect to air co-flow:
Not indicated in the publications (here 0.5 mm)



What about the experimental procedure, associated setup and data post-processing?

Comparison on T with state-of-the-art data^[1]



Color ratio pyrometry using a digital camera

PYRO YALE } *constant*
PYRO DIG } *soot opt.*
R-PYRO YALE } *prop.*

2C-pyrometry from MAE fields

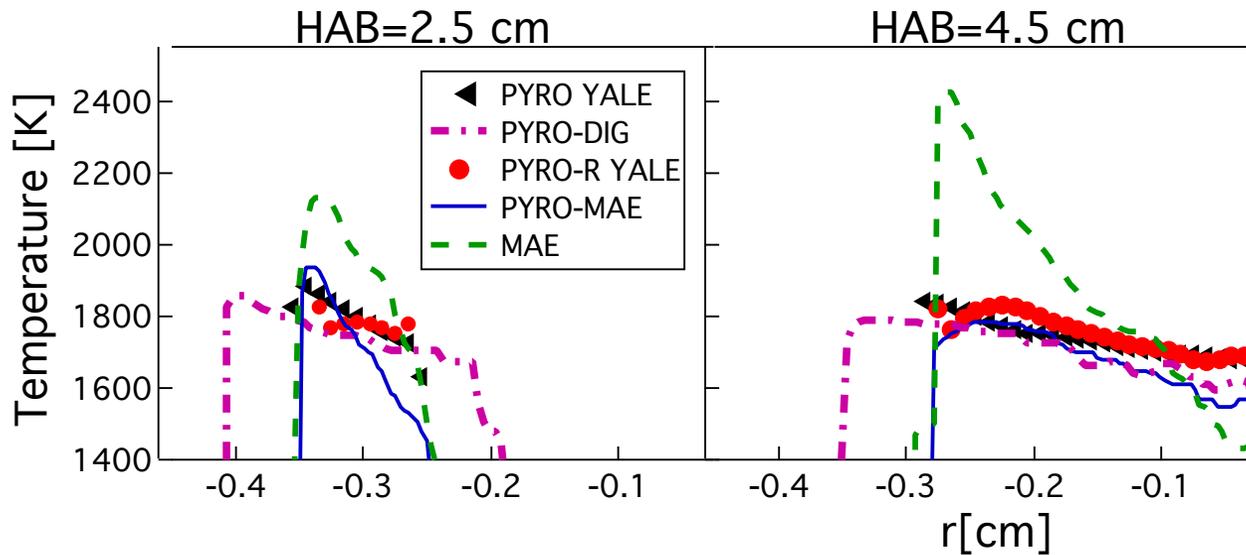
PYRO-MAE

$\lambda_1 = 645\text{nm}$, $\lambda_2 = 785\text{nm}$

It accounts for soot self-absorption

- Similar results with pyrometry (~ 100 K)
- PYRO-DIG on a wider radial region (already observed for new LII)
- PYRO-MAE needs high f_v to obtain $k_\lambda \rightarrow$ smaller detection region

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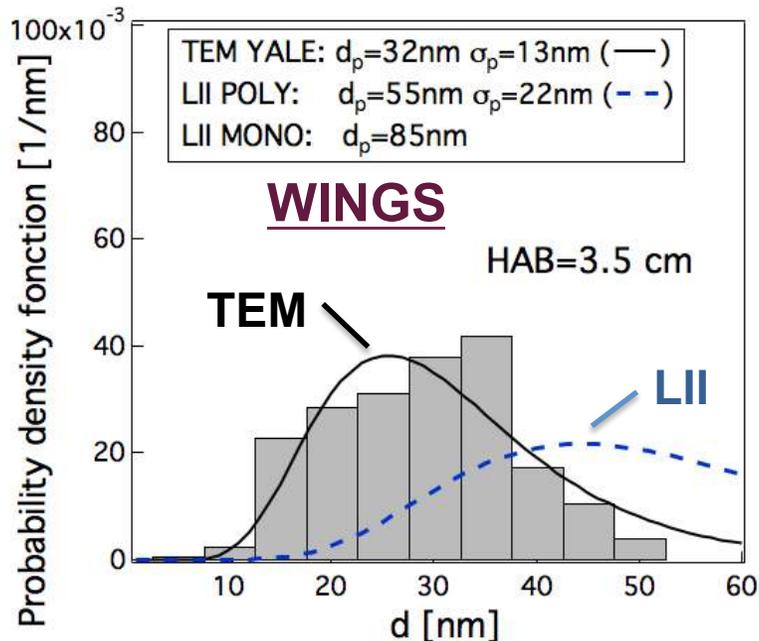
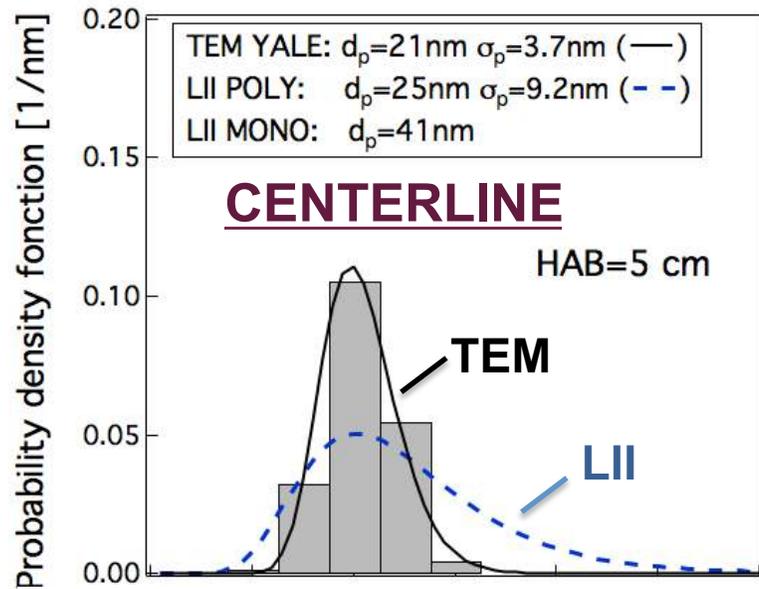
PYRO-MAE

MAE technique

No calibration or modeling to correlate f_v and k_λ

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 - PYRO-MAE needs high f_v to obtain k_λ → smaller detection region
 - MAE: high T in the wings (from simulations $T < 2150$ K)
 - affected by low optical thickness and sharp T gradients here
- (N.B.: MAE validation on Santoro flame → smoother gradients)

TR-LII vs TEM (Transmission Electron Microscopy)^[1]



- TEM: Higher d_p and σ in wings than centerline
-qualitative agreement with LII
- LII overestimates d_p and σ vs TEM (better agreement with poly than mono)
- Similar to results obtained on the Santoro flame^[2]

UNCERTAINTIES:

- Position of TEM probe:
0.5 mm in $r \rightarrow 30\%$ d_p
- Shielding effect: 30% d_p and 5% σ
- PPSD is log-normal?
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