

Application of big data analytics to fuel property datasets

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- Development of a **fuel screening and optimization platform/framework** incorporating the distributed design tools and generic experiments
- Provide technical data to explore risks and benefits of **near drop-in fuels**
- Development of advanced and **reliable design tools capturing accurately fuel-related effects** on airframe and aero-engine, delivered with low cost small scale experimental and model-based testing
- All require fuel technical data
- Develop and populate searchable database for:
 - Beyond specification physical and fit for purpose properties of fuels
 - Utilize existing public domain data in addition to outputs of JETSCREEN program
- Collaboration with the University of Illinois – ASCENT Alternative Fuel Test Database Team



Issues

Uncoordinated fuel data storage systems

- Coordinate fuel data archiving

Analysis needs time

- Facilitate standardized analysis in common format

Uninformed fuel processing/logistics systems

- Track fuel supply information

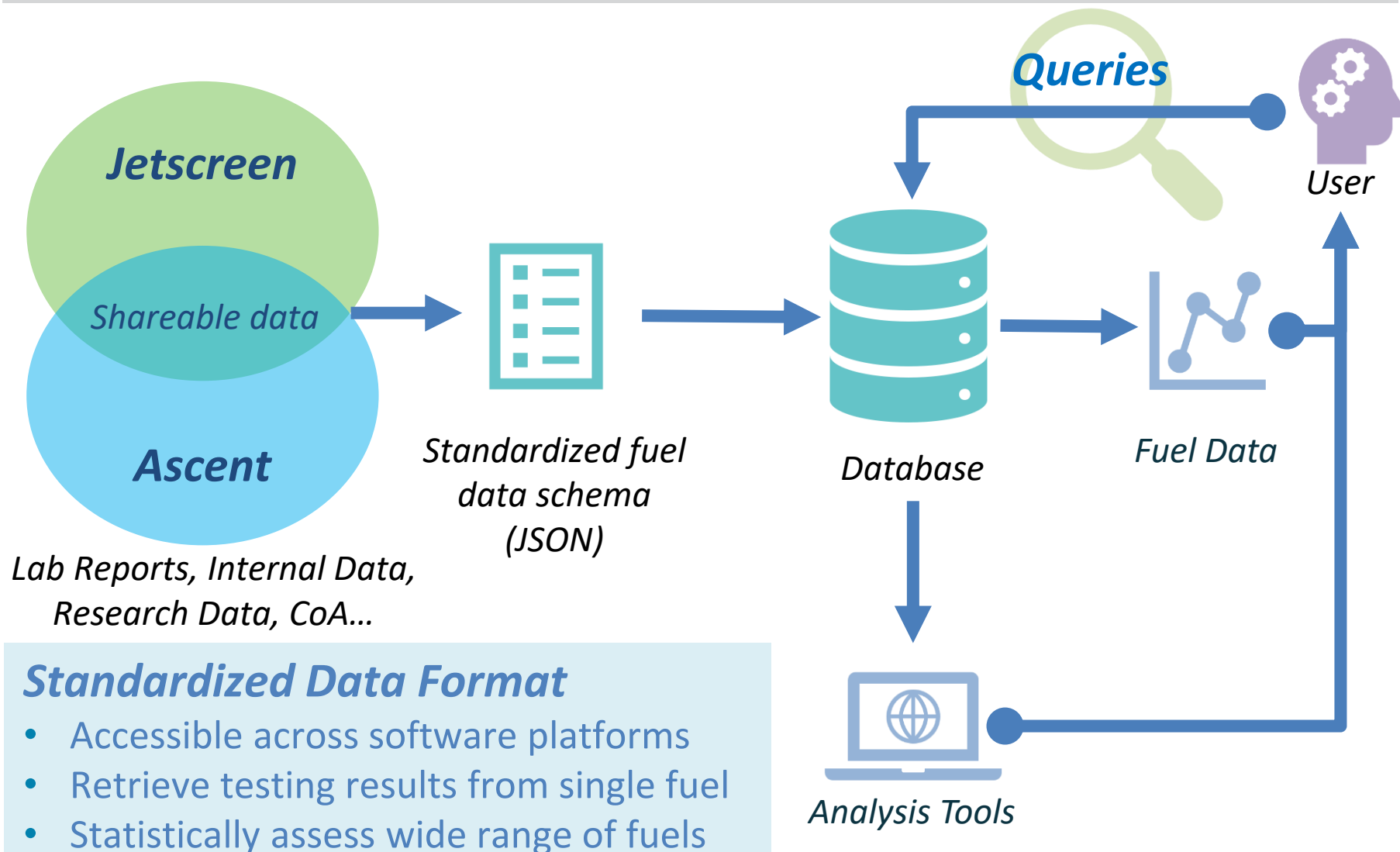
Needs

Increased research **data dissemination**

- Link upstream (feedstock, processing) and downstream (testing, emissions) data

Fuel blending **system impact**

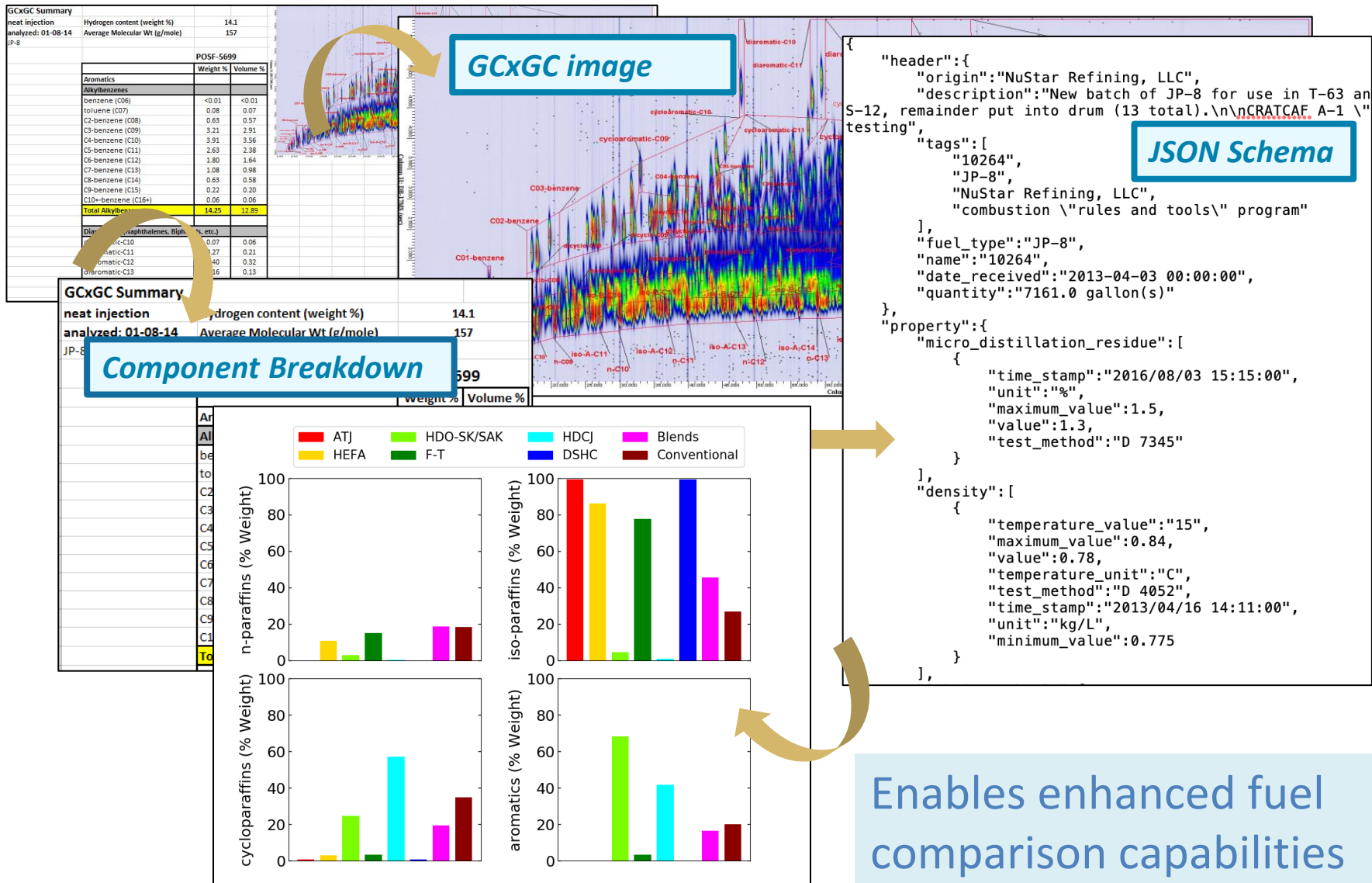
- Determine critical safety roadmap



Standardized Data Format

- Accessible across software platforms
- Retrieve testing results from single fuel
- Statistically assess wide range of fuels

Unify Disparate Data





Develop screening guides to assess new fuels

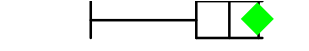
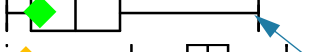
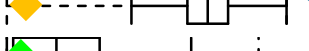


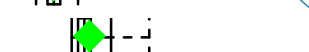
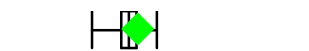
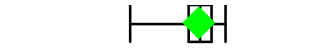

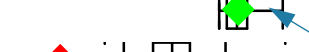





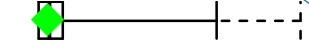
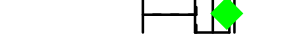


- **Accelerate approval** through early-stage pre-screening
- **Assist fuel producers** with access to AJF property data



Coordinate fuel data with global aviation data

- **Track flight & aircraft system issues** with fuel supply data
- Investigate fuel-related system or component failures

Enhanced fuel screening

Fuel specification	Min	Max	Fuel Sample	Whisker Chart
Colour			30	
Acidity (mg KOH/g)	0	0.015	0.002	
Aromatics IP 156 (%vol)	0	25	1.8	
Sulphur (%mass)	0	0.3	0.018	
Mercaptan (%mass)	0	0.003	0	
IBP (degC)			148.8	
10% (degC)		205	169.8	
50% (degC)			198.7	
90% (degC)			235.1	
FBP (degC)		300	251.9	
Flash point (degC)	38		41.5	
Density @15degC (kg/m3)	775	840	759.6	
Freezing point (degC)		-47	-59	
Viscosity @-20degC (cSt)	0	8	3.885	
Smoke point (mm)	5		50	
Naphthalenes (%vol) if SP > 25mm		3	0	
Specific Energy (MJ/kg)	42.8		44.023	
Existent Gum (mg/100 ml)		7	1	
MSEP	85		99	

A new fuel, some properties within spec, but outside experience:

Solid lines represent distribution of the conventional fuels in the database

Dashed lines represent the limits of the specification

Properties within specification, and within range of fuels already in use

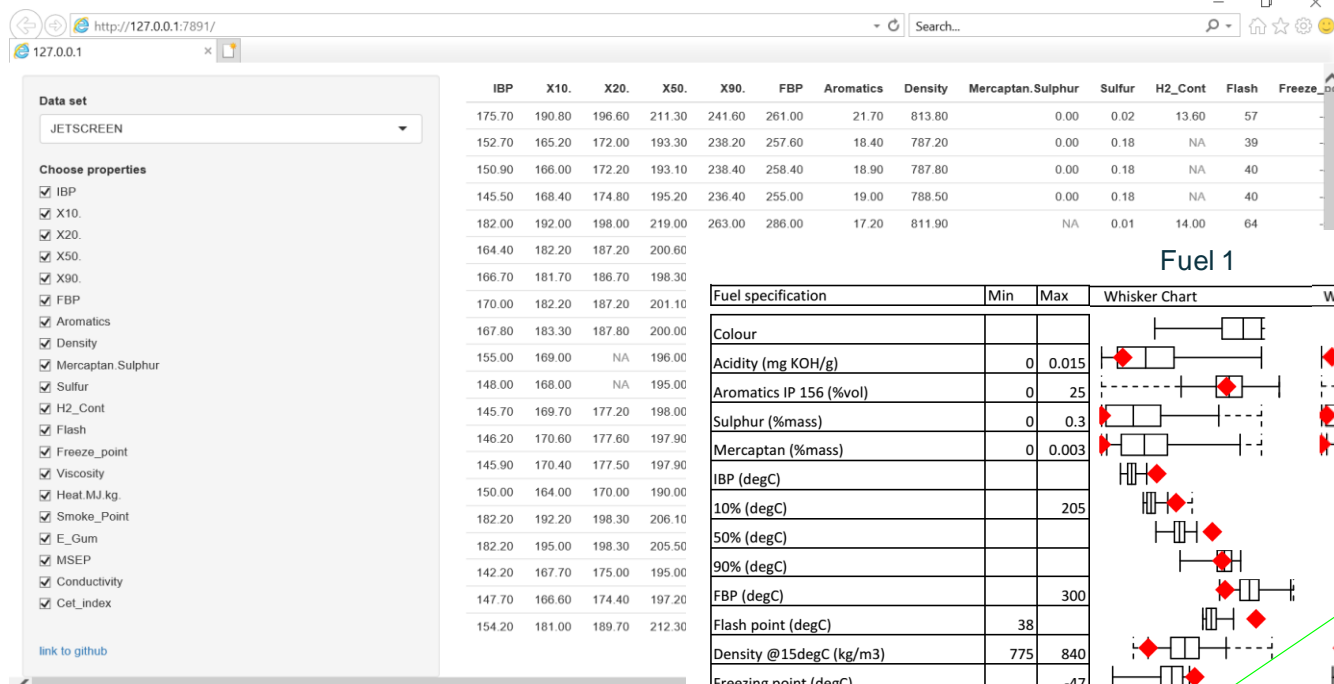
Properties outside of specification

Properties outside of norm, but within specification

Survey data from EI - The Quality of Aviation Fuel Available in the United Kingdom Annual Survey 2014



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simulation and assessment platform for alternative fuels

upload a file with detailed composition
for assessment

Drag and Drop or [Select Files](#)

Select property or composition:

density

Select the models for property computation

- ☐ Discrete Components Model
- ☐ Continuous Thermodynamic Model
- ☒ Machine Learning

computed value:

812.2162170461379

Select reference fuels for comparison:

CRC world survey

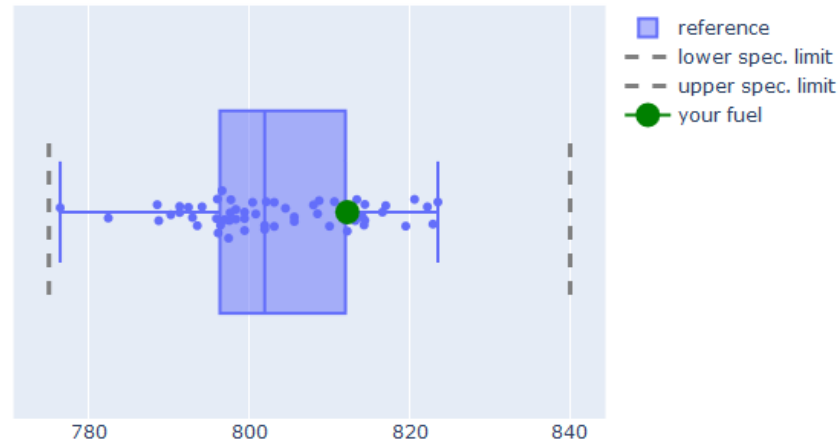
Load a composition file and press show

SHOW

press calculate to calc droplet properties with
SPRAYSIM

CALC.

data:



CRC002_POSF4110_JETA_mass.csv

“[...] Fuel properties are useful as a baseline on which to compare new synthetic fuels that are being developed today. These datasets become our "experience" [...].”

“for example, what is the range of distillation profiles for jetA/A1 throughout the world?

What is the range of viscosities at a specific temperature?

Is fluorocarbon compatible with Jet A?

What is the hydrocarbon distribution of a specific fuel?”

“it would be useful to comment on data and see comments from others”

“Data traceability is important for me in that I must have sound reference sources to make decisions that will likely impact the operation, safety and durability of gas turbine engines and the certification of these engines.”



**Statistical
analysis / feature
detection for
aircraft-related
fuel properties**

- Facilitate design of aircraft components impacted by fuel properties

**Development &
validation of
statistical &
physical-based
models**

- Streamline approval, reduce early stage testing
- Enhance development & production of alternative fuels

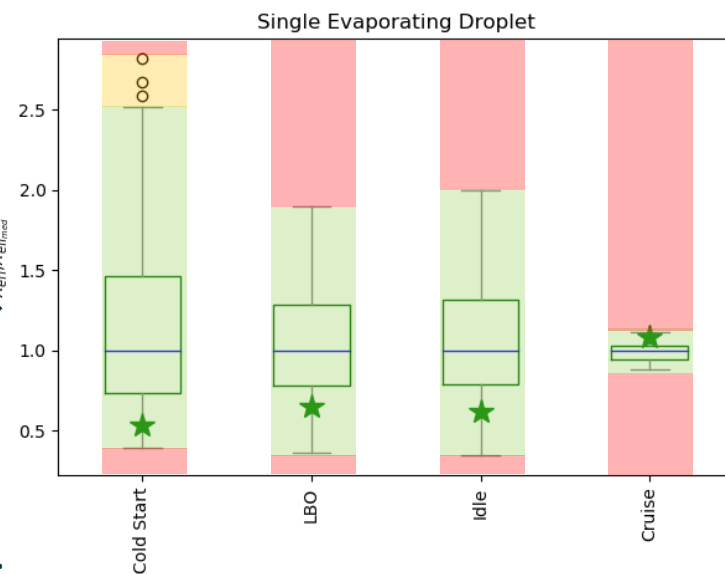
.json files as a flexible storage solution

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Can be read by multiple software using conversion / interpretation script

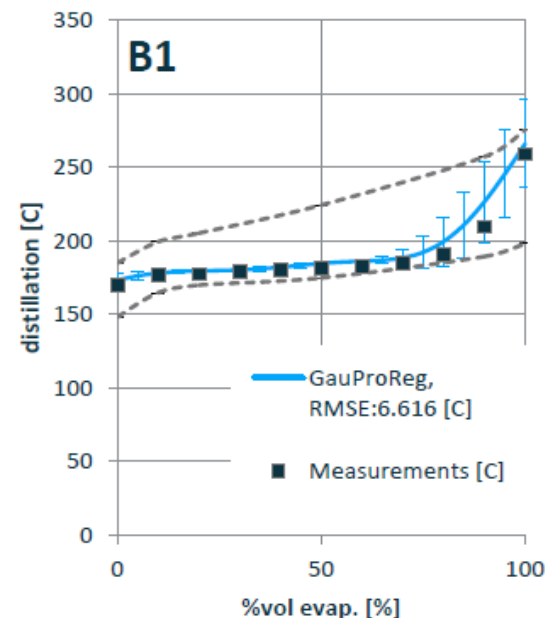
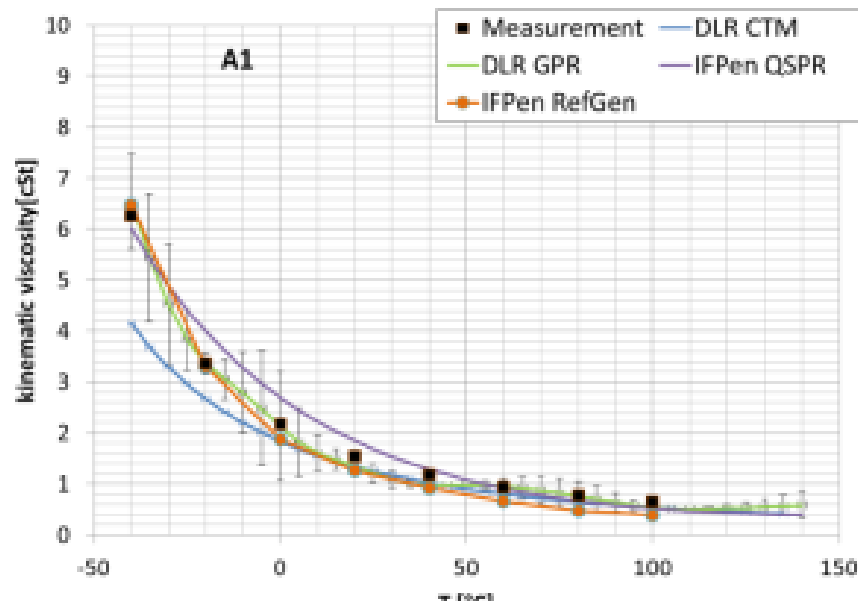


To create tailored, reproducible output



Engine operational conditions

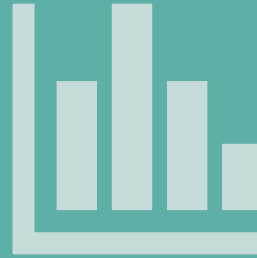
- Building high fidelity models capable of predicting properties for given hydrocarbon “recipe”
 - Thermodynamic theory
 - Machine Learning
- Construction of lower fidelity models
 - Using experimental results from JETSCREEN fuels
- Providing datasets for the design of fuel flexible components





Track properties of fuels in use: processing, supply chain, end use

- Improve quality control in fuel production & supply
- Connect blend and flight data



Increase data access for airports & airlines

- Demonstrate safe usage of AJFs with detailed supply info
- Build trust between producers, suppliers, & consumers

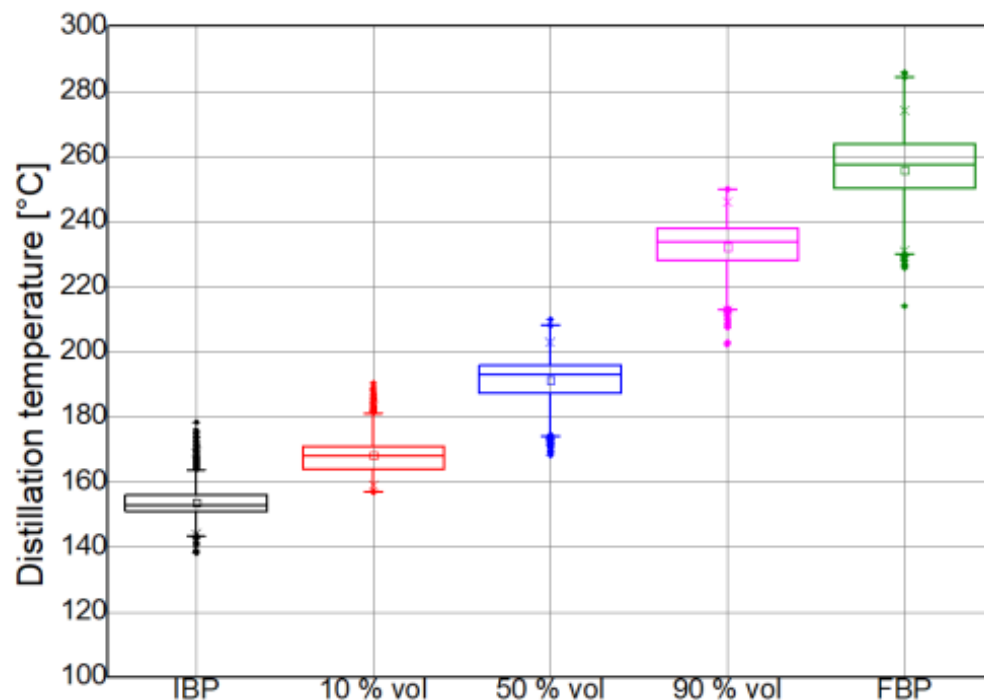


Expand operational data compilation & dissemination

- Increase system optimization across industry



- New direction for JETSCREEN fuels data, already well advanced through the ASCENT programme.
- Avoid using lowest quality or average fuel properties for design purposes
- Can we get benefits from moving the specification away from the lowest common denominator fuels?



- May include CORSIA relevant emissions data
 - CORSIA CERT model doesn't have fuel type specification – however clearly impacts overall emission predictions
 - Tracking fuels within the system
 - Methods for receiving / storing data need to be developed
- May Include fuel production information (where publically available), LCA etc.
- We expect non-CO2 impacts to become increasingly important
 - Storage and information system already in place
- Survey to get your perspectives....
 - Report results at CRC (May 2020)

Survey



Summary

- Developed approach and schema to prepare universal analysis tools for existing fuels data, will in part become publicly available through the JETSCREEN programme.
- Development of further predictive capability using fundamental models
- Contribute to accelerating screening process
- Provide the starting toolset required to optimise the fuel system and engines for a future of increasingly synthetic fuels

Schema



Survey



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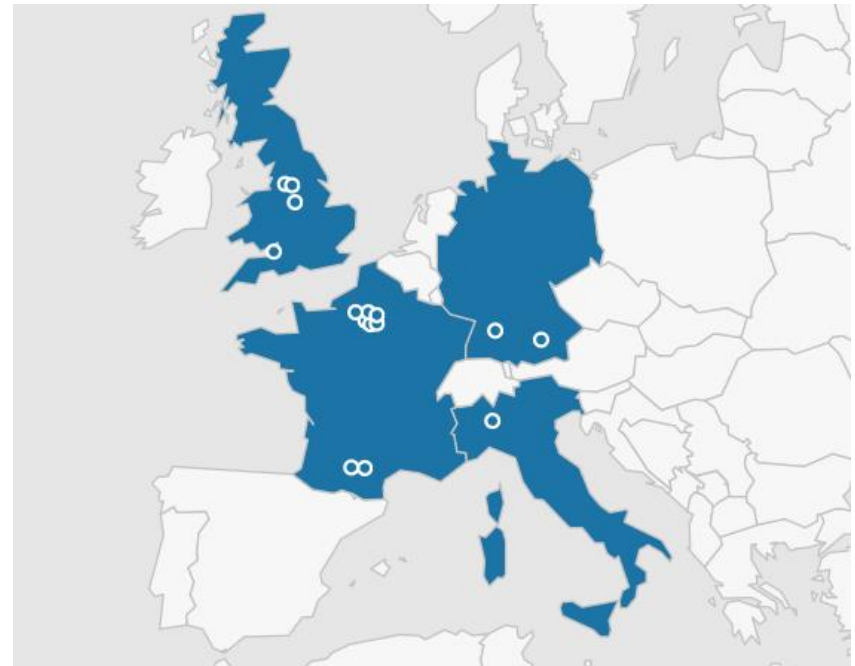
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- High Costs of high standards
 - Credibility gap?
- Conventional Fuels are the lowest common denominator, whilst standard is so high for synthetic products
- Benefits beyond CO2
- Could / Should be included in assessment to create financial incentive for adoption