

SootMaster

in-situ visualization of particulate matter

information



soot map of a propane fan burner with flame emission background



soot formation in a Common Rail 21 diesel engine Non-intrusive laser based measurement system for the quantitative visualization of soot volume fraction. The Laser-Induced Incandescence (LII) signal of laser heated particles is used to measure the particle concentration (volume fraction) with high temporal and spatial resolution. Instantaneous concentration maps are recorded using a fast shutter camera synchronized to the laser pulse. The primary particle size distribution can also be derived from LII signals.

- instantaneous particle concentration fields with statistics (mean and rms values)
- primary particle size distribution



**SootMaster** can be readily upgraded with other light sheet imaging techniques to gain additional information about (reactive) flow fields:

soot	ightarrow LII		
chemistry	$\rightarrow$ LIF,	Raman,	Emission
flow field	$\rightarrow \text{PIV}$		

## features

- on-line soot volume fraction (primary particle size) imaging
- ▶ high sensitivity (low detection limit) with large dynamic range
- ▶ high temporal (<10ns) and spatial resolution
- ▶ light sheet and image correction
- ▶ signal calibration using light extinction or reference sources

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focus on particulate matter emissions: automotive engines flames turbines The laser light sheet imaging system **SootMaster** is designed for in-situ and real-time characterization of soot emissions in diesel and direct injection spark ignition engines, gas turbines, flames and various kinds of metal or ceramic particle flows.



LII light sheet imaging

LII is orders of magnitude more sensitive than standard gravimetric techniques allowing detection of ultra low particle emissions of modern car engines even under transient conditions.

operating principles Laser-Induced Incandescence (LII) is applied using intense laser light sheet illumination slicing the (reactive) particle flow at user defined locations. The particles within the light sheet are heated up to the carbon evaporation temperature (> 4000K). The resultant incandescence (blackbody emission) of the heated particles is detected with a fast shutter camera synchronized to the laser pulse. Appropriate filtering and time-gating of the LII emission assure accurate soot volume fraction measurements. Primary particle size distributions can be derived from LII signal ratios. LII signal calibration is carried out in combination with reference sources of known particle concentrations or in combination with line-of-sight extinction methods. Light sheet scanning can be applied for 3-dimensional measurements. system components The system consists of a high power pulsed laser, a light sheet generator for light sheet illumination, a photometric fast shutter CCD camera system, imaging optics with filter, PC with interface cards and the SootMaster image acquisition, data processing and visualization software.

customized solutions Customized systems and upgrades are offered for applicationspecific measurements.

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