

Fuel Design Approach for Low Emission Spray Combustion

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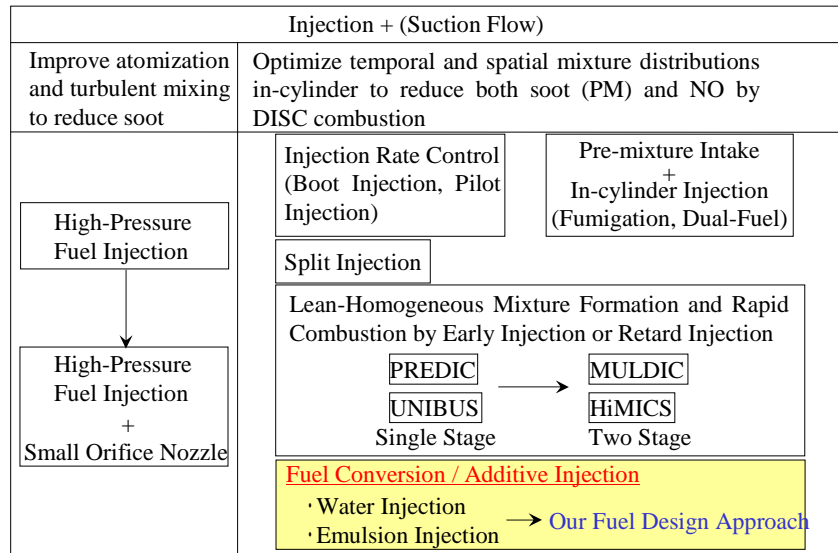
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Background of Our Research Aspect

- Introduction of Several HCCI Approach
- Possibility of HCCI Application into
Diesel Engines for High Load Operation

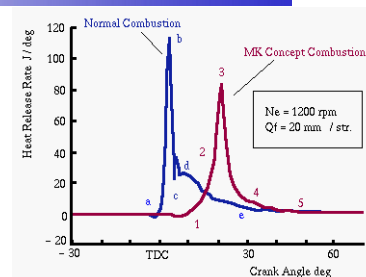
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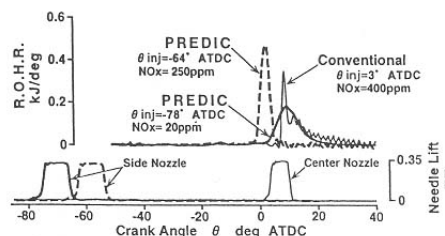
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Development in DI HCCI (1995 ~)

- **MK (NISSAN)**
 - with high swirl, high EGR and retarded injection timing
- **UNIBUS (TOYOTA)**
 - with dividing fuel injection into two stages in order to enable rapid combustion at low temperatures
- **HiMICS (HINO)**
 - with multiple injection system
(early stage inj., pilot inj., main inj., late stage inj.)
- **PREDIC (New ACE)**
 - with two side injectors in order to avoid collision of the spray with cylinder wall



Ref: SAE Paper 1999-01-3681



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PREDIC

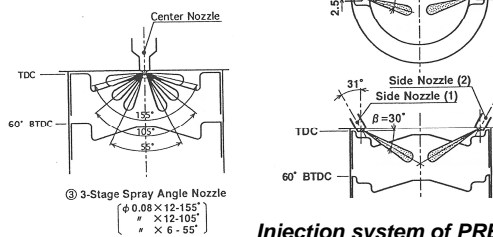
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PREmixed lean Diesel Combustion :

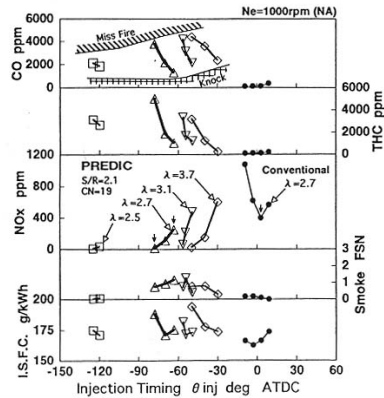
- has an impingement spray system with two injectors
 1. to grow the air/fuel mixture in the center of combustion chamber
 2. to decrease the cylinder wall wetting of fuel

- has a set of advanced injection timing
 1. to promote the fuel and air mixing
 2. to achieve the lean diesel combustion

- provides low NO_x and smoke emissions



Injection system of PREDIC



Emission characteristics of PREDIC

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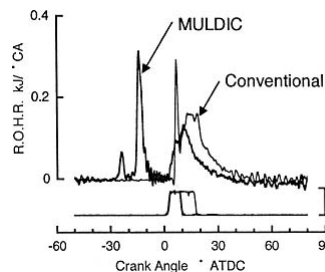
MULDIC

(Ref : SAE Paper 980505)

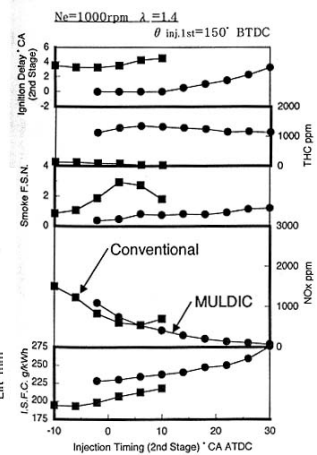
PREDIC achieved the simultaneous reduction of NO_x and smoke emissions. However, this technique can apply only to low and medium load condition. Therefore, MULDIC was developed for NO_x reduction at higher load condition.

MULTiple stage Diesel Combustion :

- adopted a multiple stage injection method
- can decrease NO_x and smoke emissions even at high load condition
- resulted in further improvement in exhaust emissions with EGR
- has trade-off correlation between NO_x emission and fuel consumption



R.O.H.R. of MULDIC

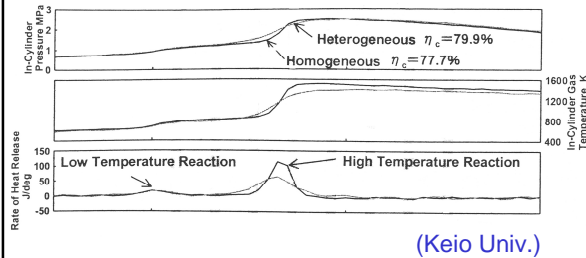


Emission characteristics of MULDIC

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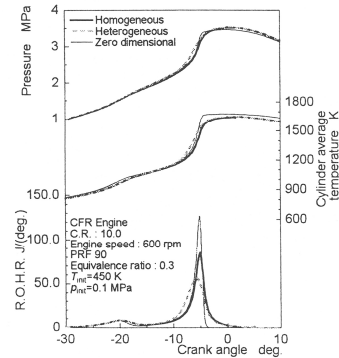
Heterogeneous Charge Compression Ignition (1)

Experiment



- Heterogeneity of fuel distribution can achieve more moderate heat release rate.
- Heterogeneous charge has a possibility to control the occurrence of main ignition.

Calculation



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Heterogeneous Charge Compression Ignition (2)

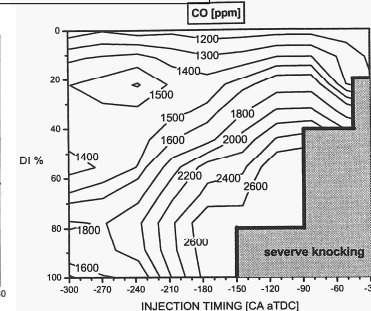
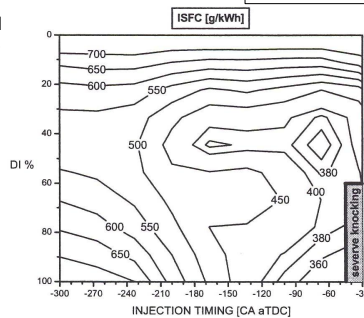
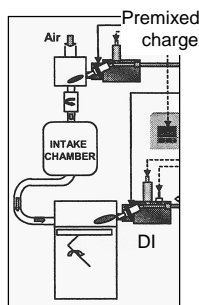
(Ref : SAE Paper 2004-01-1756, Engine Research Center in U of W)

Stratification of the charge was varied 1) by retarding injection timing of DI.

2) by altering the ratio of DI fuel to the total fuel.

- Stratified charge shows potential as a viable enhancement for HCCI combustion at the lean limit.
- At the rich limit, the stratification was limited by the high pressure-rise rate and high CO and NO_x emissions.

$$DI \% = \frac{\text{mass of direct injected fuel}}{\text{total mass of fuel in the charge}}$$

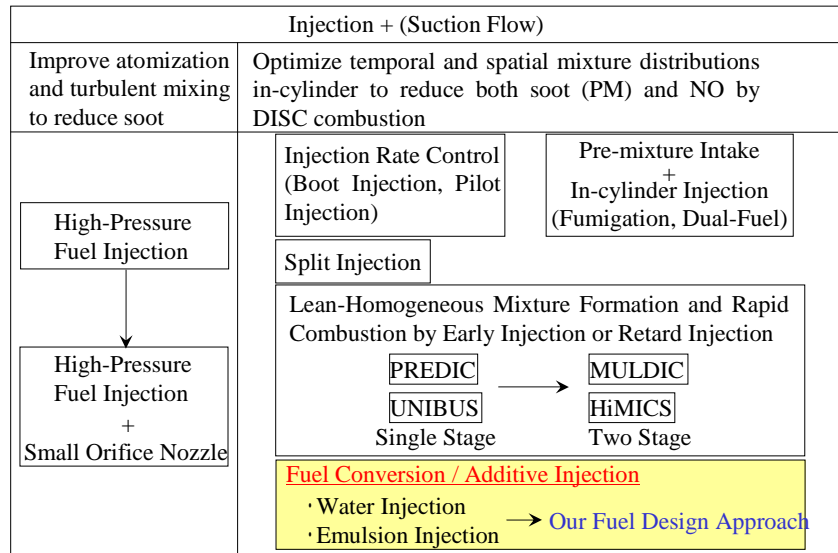


Fuel supply system

600rpm, $\phi=0.15$ (lean limit)

600rpm, $\phi=0.27$ (rich limit)

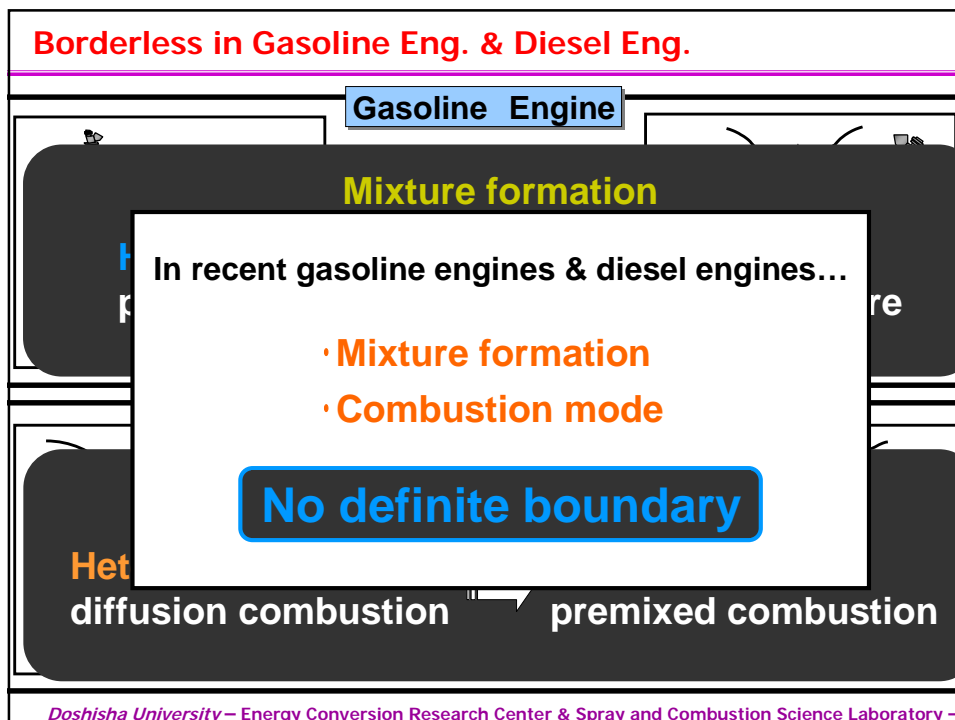
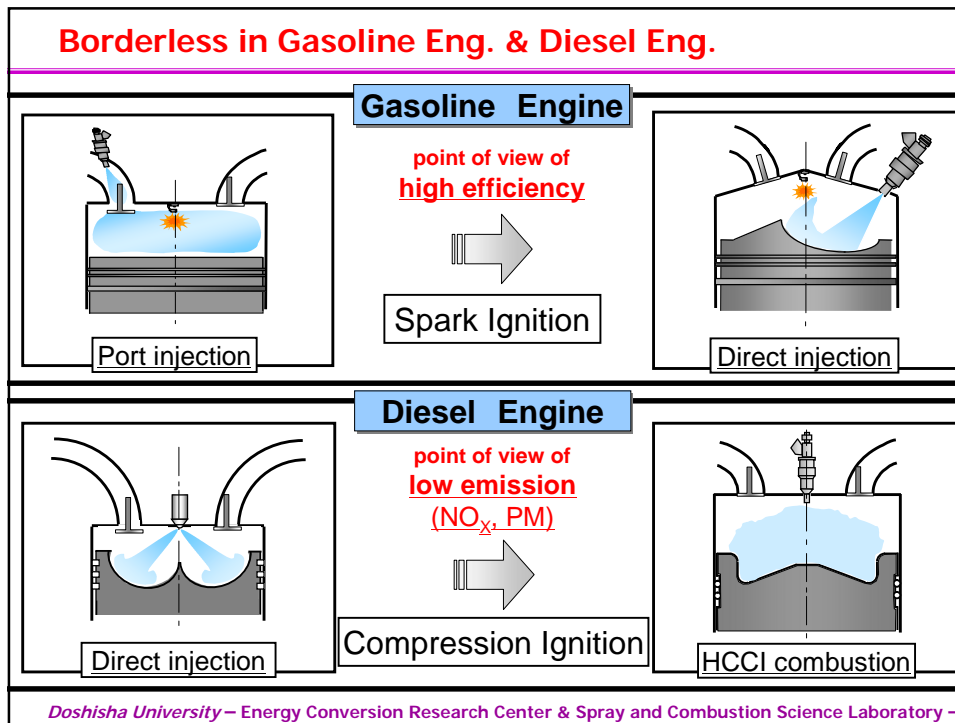
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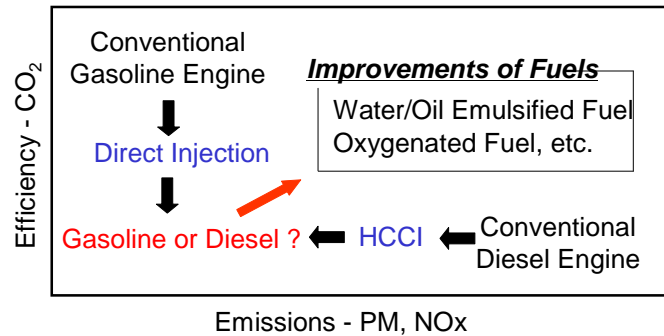
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Trends in Engine Research



Our Proposal on Fuel Design Approach

1. Mixing Fuel with Liquefied CO₂
2. Mixing Fuel with High and Low Volatility Fuel
3. Soot Free Combustion with Oxygenated fuels from kinetic analysis

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Proposal of Fuel Design Approach for Both Engines

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Fuel Design Approach Researches with Focusing Artificial Control of Spray Atomization and Evaporation

- Use of Flash Boiling Spray → Artificial control of Spray Evaporation Process
- Control of Spray Evaporation Process through Two Phase Region in Liquid – Vapor Equilibrium in Mixing Fuels

Mixing Fuel of Liquefied CO₂ and n-Tridecane(gas oil)
→ simultaneous reduction both Soot and NO_x

Mixing Fuel of Gas or Gasoline Component and Gas oil
Component → control both evaporation and ignition

- Future Study

Fuel Conversion by Sono-Chemistry

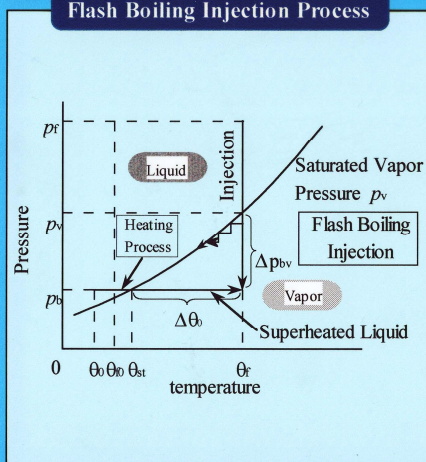
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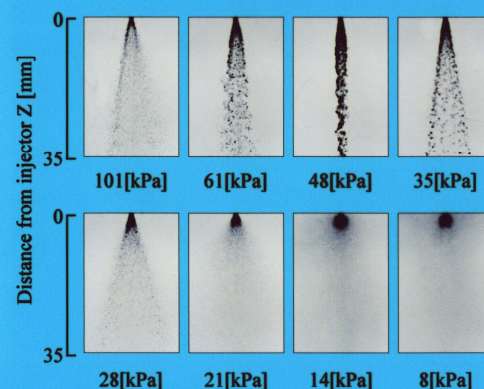
What is Flash Boiling Spray ?

Improvement of Spray Atomization by Flash Boiling

Flash Boiling Injection Process

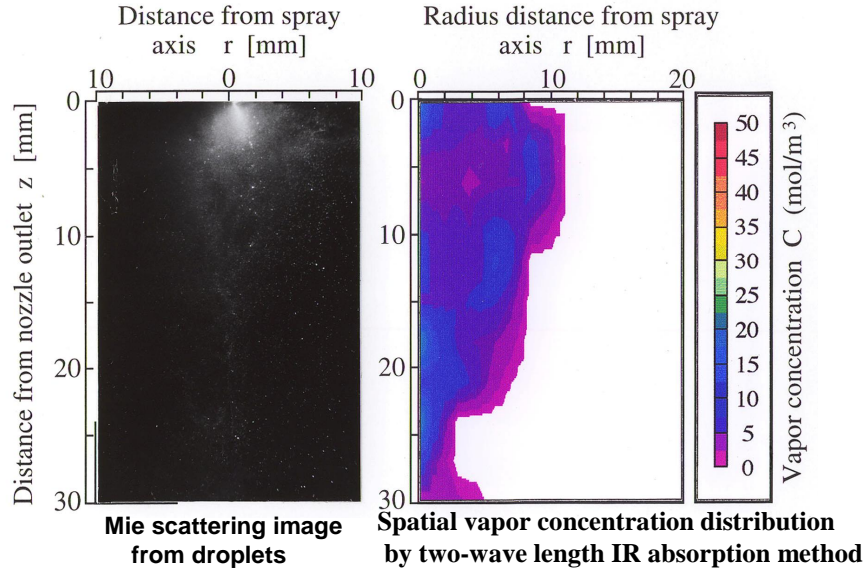


Flashing Spray of n-Pentane ($P_v = 56.5 \text{ kPa}$)



Spray Measurement of Flash Boiling Spray

n-Pentane Spray ($P_v=56.5\text{KPa}$) injected into 21KPa ambient pressure



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Modeling of Flash Boiling Spray

Nucleation process

$$N = 1.11 \times 10^{12} \exp(-5.28/\Delta T_0) \times \left\{ 10^{-4.34 \exp(-5r)} \right\}$$

Initial bubble diameter $2R_0$
 $2R_0 = 20\text{mm}$

Bubble growth process

$$R\ddot{R} + \frac{2}{3}\dot{R}^2 = \frac{1}{r}(P_w - P_r)$$

and

$$P_w = P_v + \left(P_v + \frac{2\sigma}{R_0} \right) \left(\frac{R_0}{R} \right)^{3n}$$

$$-\frac{2\sigma}{R} - \frac{4\mu_l \dot{R}}{R} - \frac{4\kappa \dot{R}}{R^2}$$

Vapor formation process

(1) By cavitation bubbles growth

$$dM_{cb} = \frac{4}{3} \pi N (R_{n+1}^3 - R_n^3)$$

(2) Owing to heat transfer

$$dM_{ht} = \frac{h_{ht} (T_a - T_f') A \cdot dt}{h_{fg}}$$

(3) By superheated degree

$$dM_{sh} = \frac{h_{sh} (T_l'' - T_{st}) A \cdot dt}{h_{fg}}$$

Droplet formation process

$$\varepsilon = \frac{V_{bubble}}{V_{bubble} + V_{liquid}} \geq \varepsilon_{max}$$

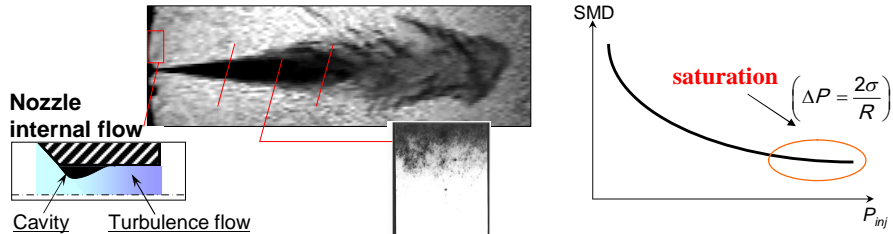
Droplet number = $2 \times$ Bubble number

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Atomization & Evaporation in Pressure atomizer

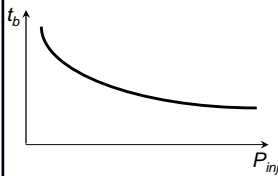
→ Time & Spatial delay depending on P_{inj} , ρ_a , T_a

Aerodynamical Process : disturbance ligament droplets



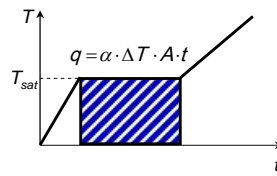
Breakup delay of spray

$$t_b = 28.65 \frac{\rho_l \cdot d_0}{\sqrt{\rho_a \cdot (P_{inj} - P_a)}}$$



Evaporation of droplets

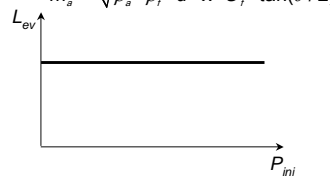
$$Nu = c \cdot Re^a \cdot Pr^b \rightarrow Nu = 2$$



Evaporation length of spray

$$\dot{m}_f \propto \rho_f \cdot d_2 \cdot U_f$$

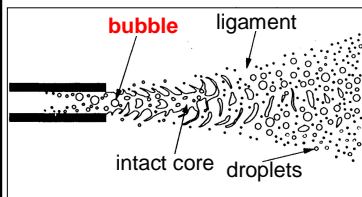
$$\dot{m}_a \propto \sqrt{\rho_a \cdot \rho_f} \cdot d \cdot x \cdot U_f \cdot \tan(\theta/2)$$



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Atomization & Evaporation in Flash Boiling Spray

→ Non Time & Spatial delay depending on Two Phase profile($\Delta P_{bv}(\Delta\theta)$)



Bubble Nucleation rate

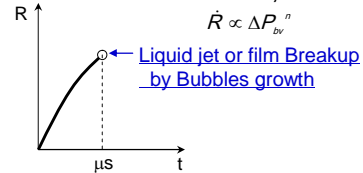
$$N \propto C \cdot \exp\left(-\frac{\Delta A}{k\Delta\theta}\right)$$

$$\Delta A = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^2 \cdot \sigma$$

Evaporation rate = Bubble growth Rate

Rayleigh-Plesset Eq. $R\ddot{R} + \frac{3}{2}\dot{R}^2 = \frac{1}{\rho}(P_w - P_r)$

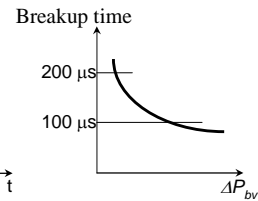
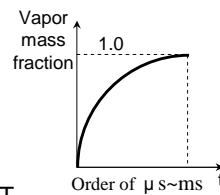
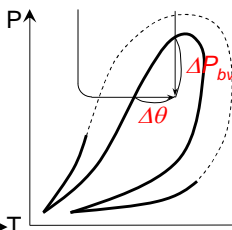
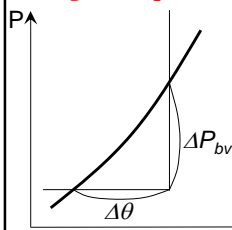
$$\dot{R} \propto \Delta P_{bv}^n$$



Evaporation due to Enthalpy balance of fuels without aerodynamic force

Single Component

Multi-Component



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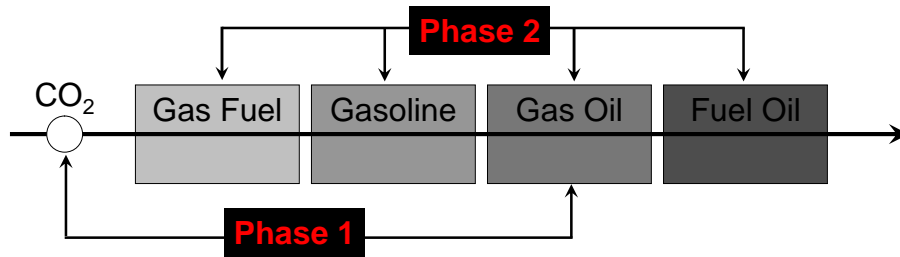
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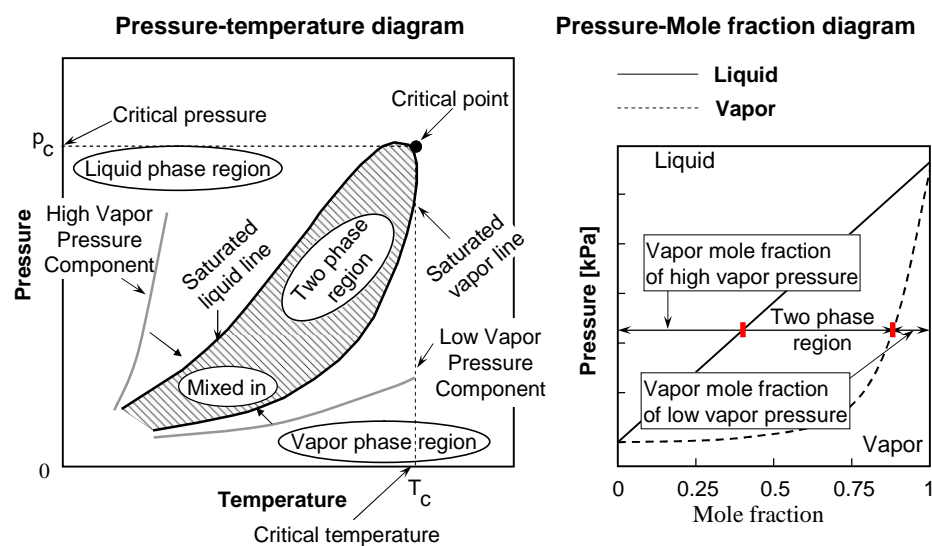
Fuel Combination for Fuel Design



	High Volatility Fuel	Low Volatility Fuel
Phase 1	CO ₂	Gas Oil
Phase 2	Gasoline Gaseous Fuel	Gas Oil Fuel Oil

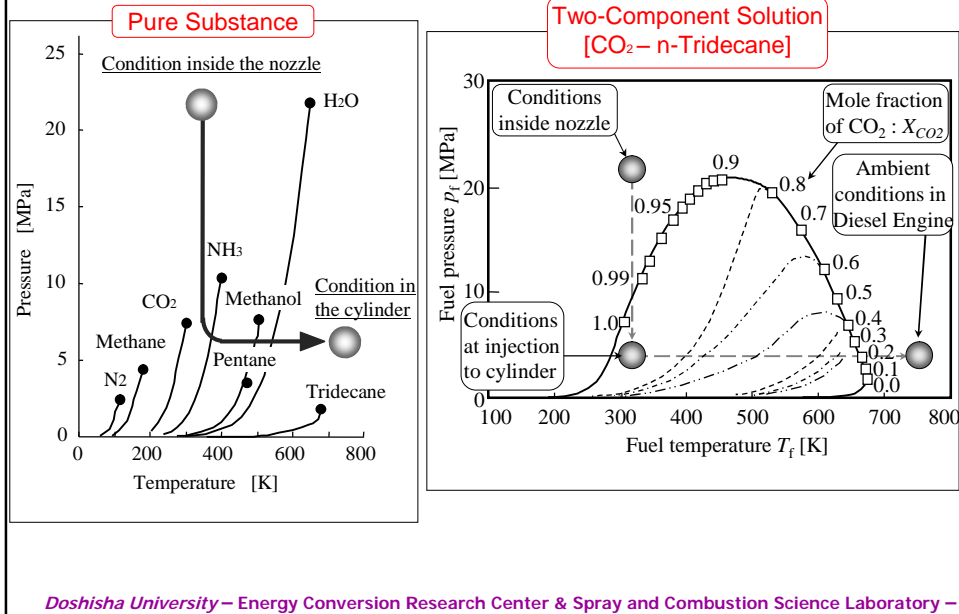
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Two Phase Region Formation in Multi-component Fuel in Phase Change Process



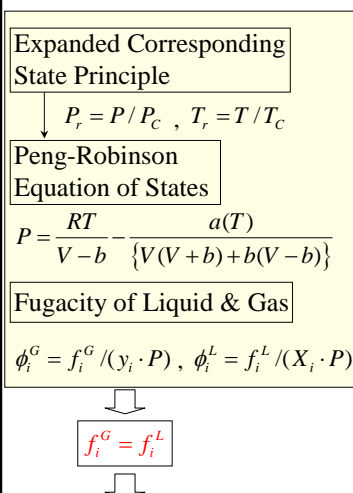
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Phase Change Process in P-T Diagram

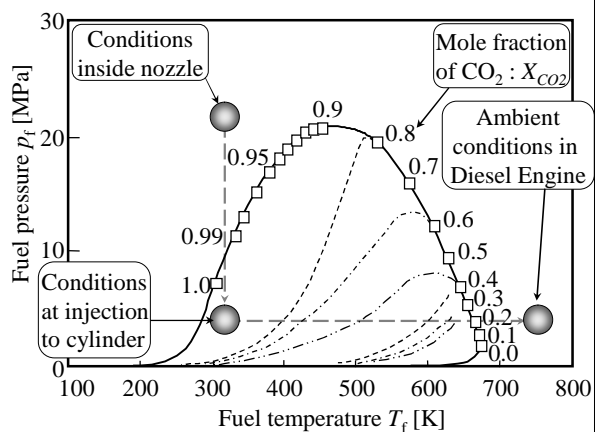


Chemical Thermodynamics and Two-Phase Region

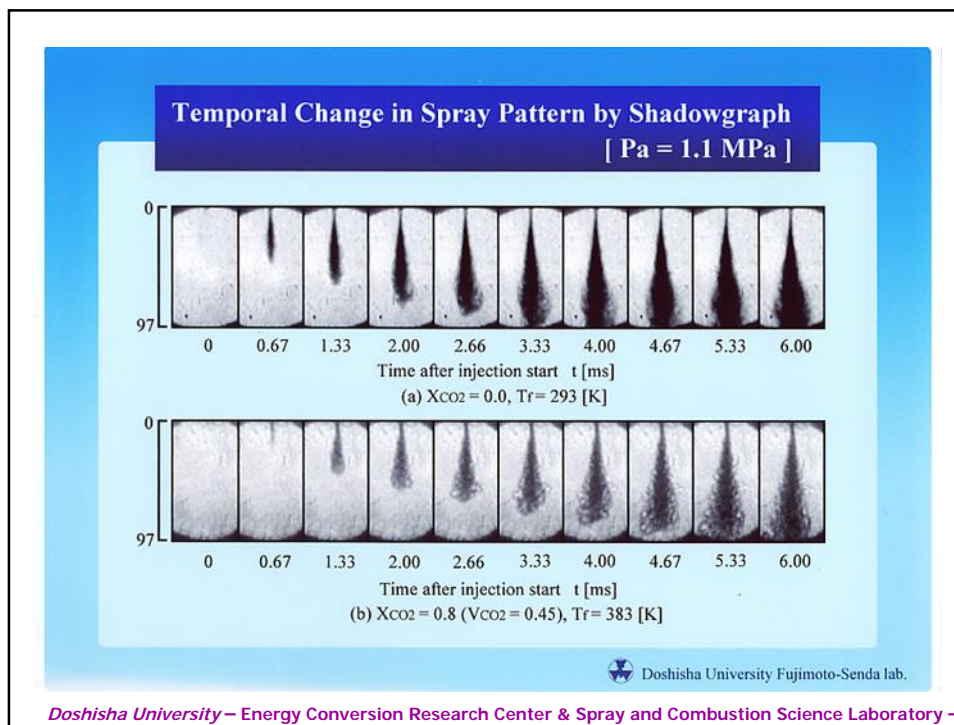
Estimation of Two-Phase Region



P-T Diagram for Mixing Fuel with Liquefied CO₂ & n-tridecane



The prediction of Two-Phase Region

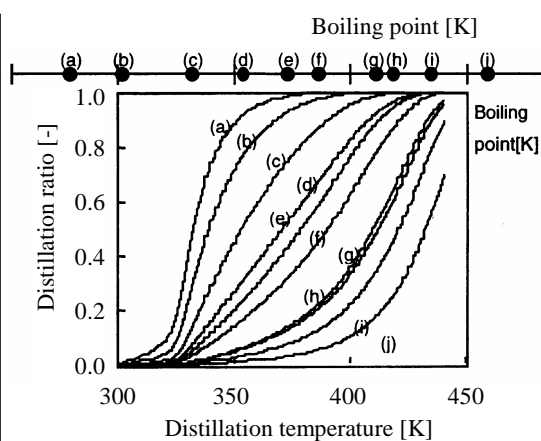


Distillation Analysis for Multi-component Fuel

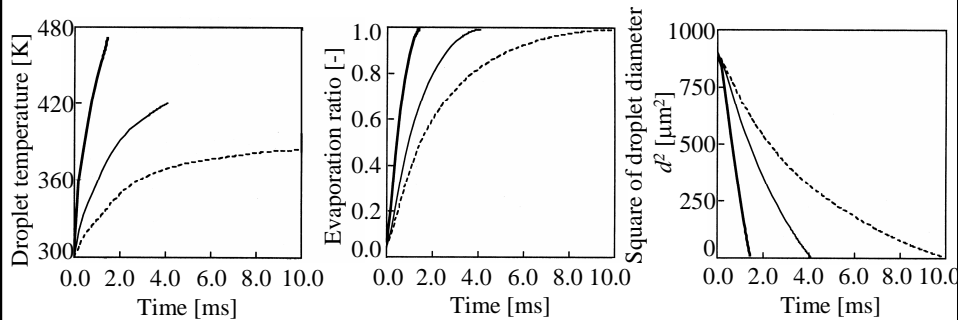
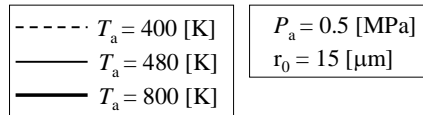
10-components Fuel

Distillation Curve

Component	Boiling Point [K]	Molar fraction
(a)n-butane	272.6	0.04
(b)isopentane	301.0	0.35
(c)2-methylpentane	333.4	0.12
(d)cyclohexane	353.9	0.06
(e)2,2,4-trimethylpentane	372.4	0.12
(f)toluene	383.8	0.06
(g)meta-xylene	412.3	0.06
(h)ortho-xylene	417.6	0.06
(i)propylbenzene	432.4	0.06
(j)butylbenzene	456.5	0.06



Time Dependence of Evaporation Analysis for 10-Components Fuel Single Drop



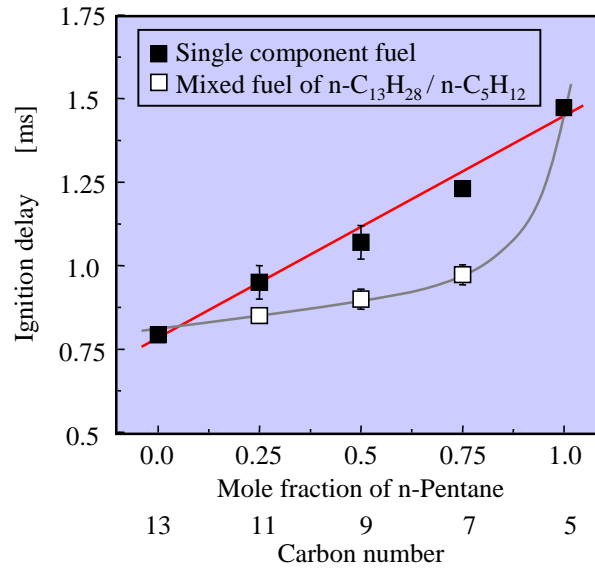
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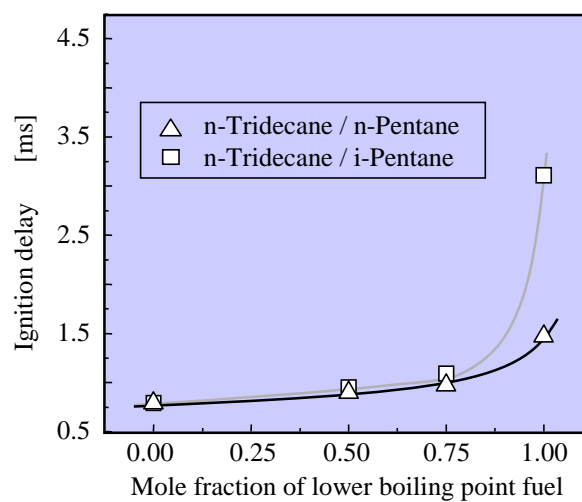
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Ignition delay of mixing fuel of C₅H₁₂ with C₁₃H₂₈ and single component fuel (Experiments)



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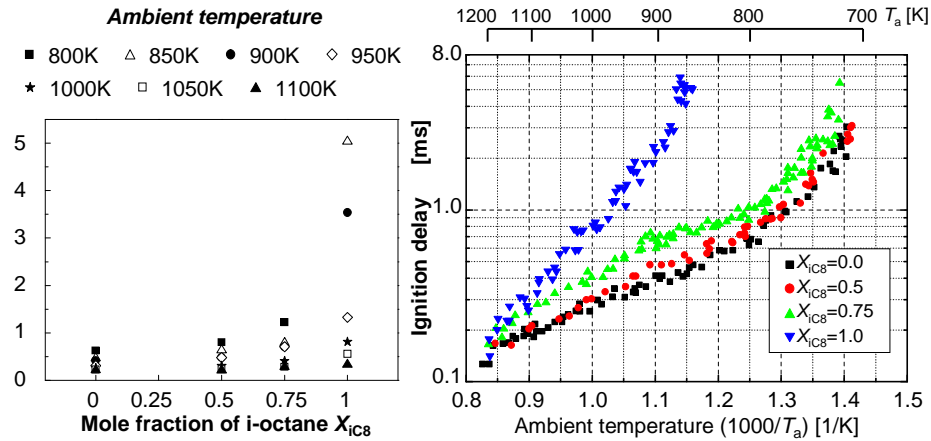
Effect of octane number of low boiling point fuel on ignition delay for mixing fuel (Experiments)



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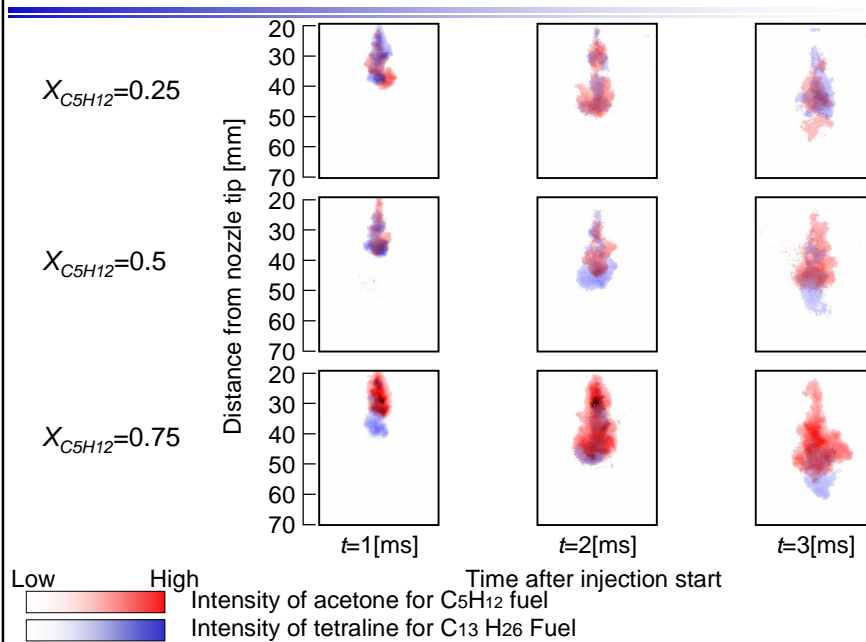
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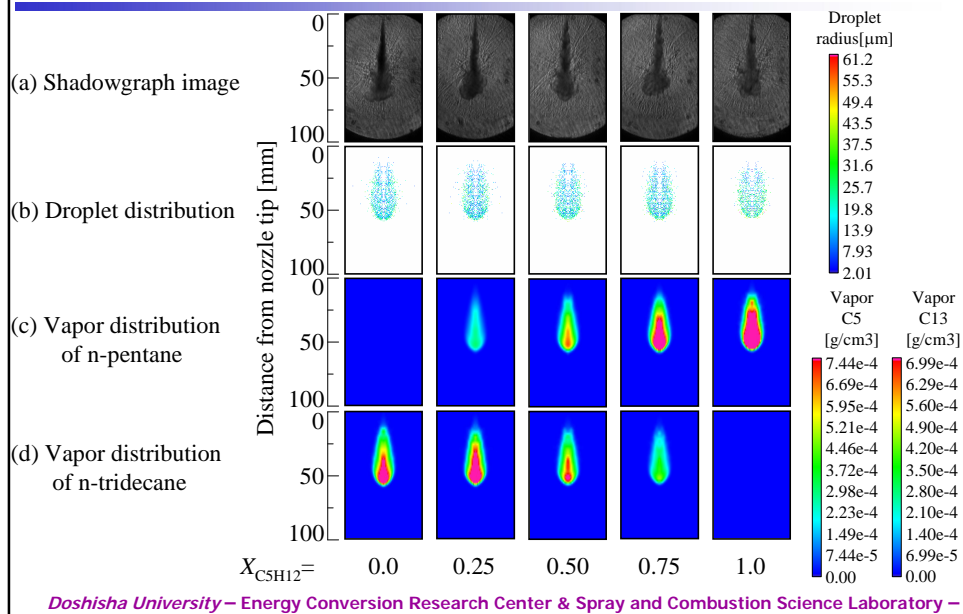
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LIF Images of C5/C13 Mixing Fuels with each Tracer

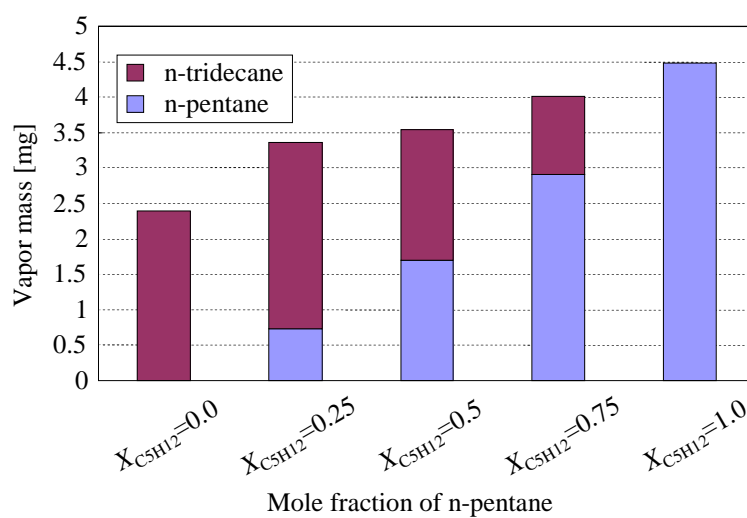


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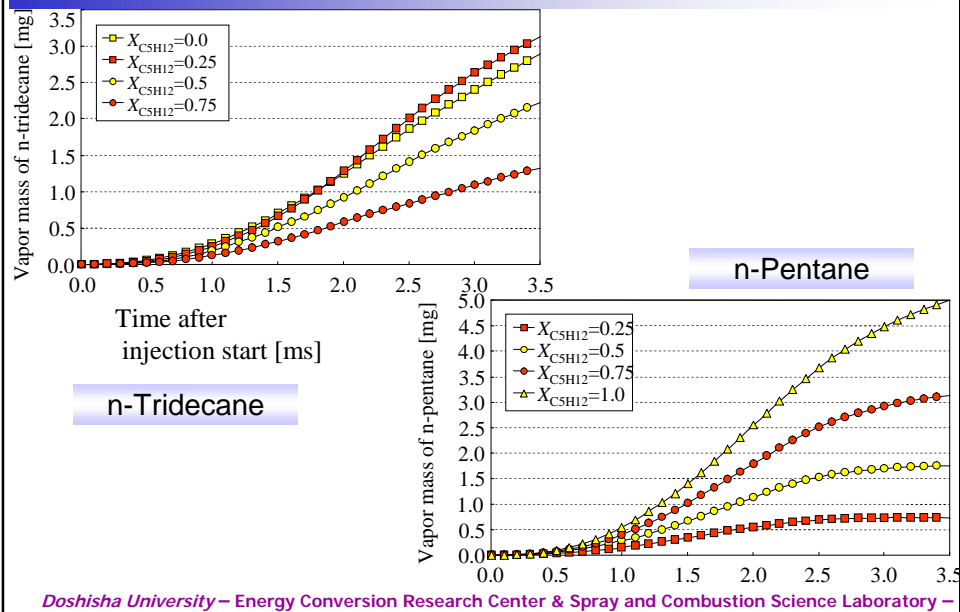
Numerical Spray Dynamics at $t=3.0\text{ms}$ for each Mixing Fuel Spray by KIVA-3 Calculation



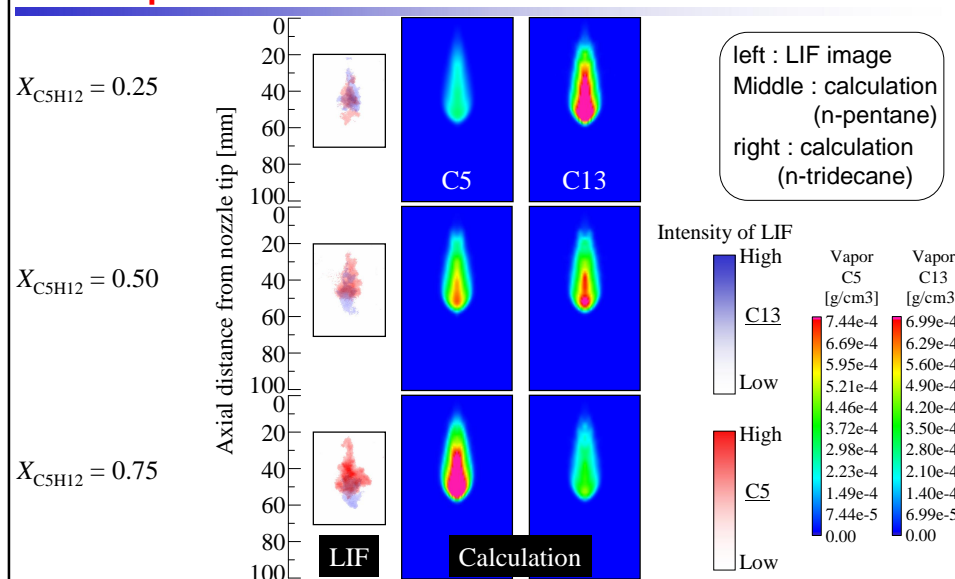
Vapor Mass of C₅ & C₁₃ Mixing Fuel for each Mixing Fraction by KIVA Analysis ($t=3.0\text{ms}$)



Temporal Changes in Vapor Mass for C₅ & C₁₃ Mixing Fuel KIVA Analysis

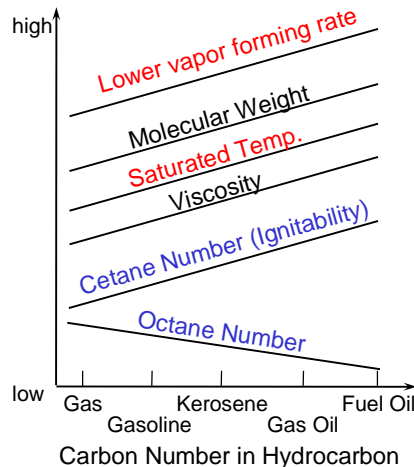


Comparison of Spray Structure –Vapor Spatial Distribution– with Experiments and Numerical Results at $t=3.0\text{ms}$



Multi-component Fuel Spray Behavior in Diesel Combustion Chamber

The chemical & physical properties of n-paraffin Hydrocarbon

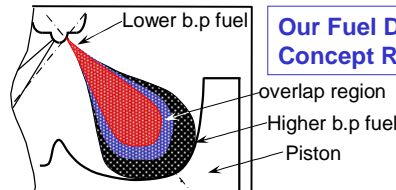


Lower boiling point fuel (gasoline)

- higher evaporation
- higher octane number = poor ignitability

Higher boiling point fuel (gas oil)

- lower evaporation
- higher cetane number = high ignitability



Our Fuel Design Concept Research

- stratified fuel vapor distribution
- ignition at the middle part of the spray
→ balance of physical and chemical
- Disc shaped chamber is selected reasonably through fuel physical and chemical properties

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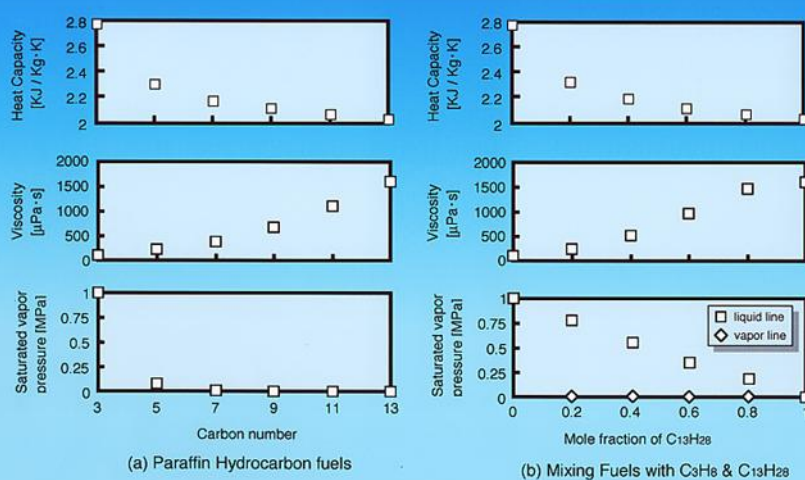
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As a Future Study

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Author's Fuel Design Approach Researches

Mixing Fuel of Liquefied CO₂ and n-Tridecane(gas oil)
→simultaneous reduction both Soot and NO_x

Mixing Fuel of Gas or Gasoline Component and Gas oil
Component →to control both evaporation and ignition

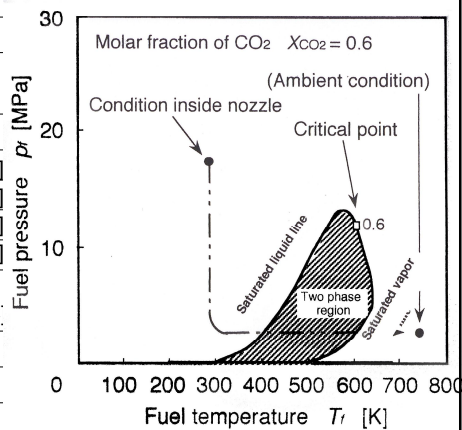
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Combustion Experiments in CO₂ & n-Tridecane Mixing Fuel

Experimental conditions

Equivalent crank speed		200 [rpm]
Water jacket temperature		353 [K]
Compression ratio		15
Injection nozzle dimension		$dn=0.18$ [mm] $ln/dn=4.17$
Injection pressure		16 [MPa]
Injection quantity (n-tridecane + CO ₂)	XCO ₂ =0.0	10.0 + 0.0 [mg]
	XCO ₂ =0.4	10.0 + 1.6 [mg]
	XCO ₂ =0.6	10.0 + 3.6 [mg]
	XCO ₂ =0.8	10.0 + 9.5 [mg]
Injection timing		5.0 ± 0.5 [deg.CA.BTDC]
Excess-air ratio		25
Ambient temperature at injection		750 [K]
Ambient pressure at injection		3.2 [MPa]
Initial cylinder pressure		0.1 [MPa]

P-T Diagram for Mixed Fuel in RCEM



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Scenario of Low Emission Diesel Combustion by Mixing Fuel Injection of Liquid CO₂ & n-Tridecane (gas oil)

Concept

- Low injection pressure
 └─→ to improve efficiency
- Improvement of spray atomization
 &
 Formation of vaporizing spray
 └─→ to form lean & homogeneous mixture
- Control of combustion processes
 └─→ to reduce both NO and soot

Low Emission Scenario

NO reduction

- (1) Thermal dissociation of CO₂
 $2\text{CO}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{CO} + \text{O}_2$
- (2) Improvement of spray atomization and vaporization due to CO₂ separation and flashing

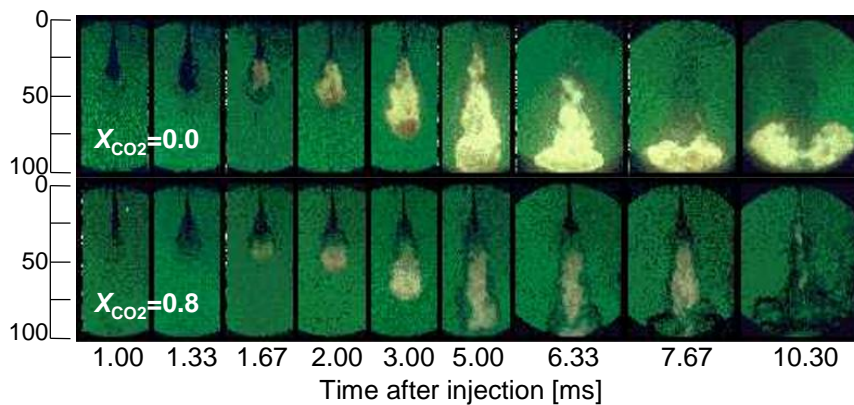
Soot reduction

- (1) Soot formation
 • avoid the fuel rich mixture
- (2) Soot oxidation & reburning
 • Dissociation of CO₂ into CO and O
 • Boudouard reaction $\text{C} + \text{CO}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{CO}$

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Combustion Characteristics of CO₂/C₁₃ Mixing Fuel

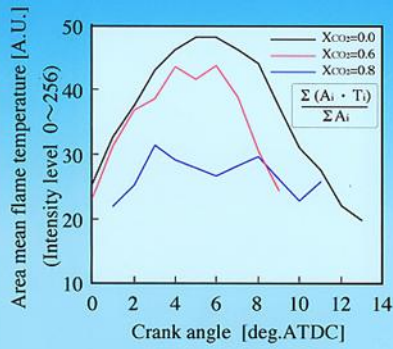
- Low pressure injection → Improve the Thermal Efficiency
- Flash boiling spray by CO₂ component → Promotion of Spray Evaporation
- Spray internal EGR → Reduction of NO_x



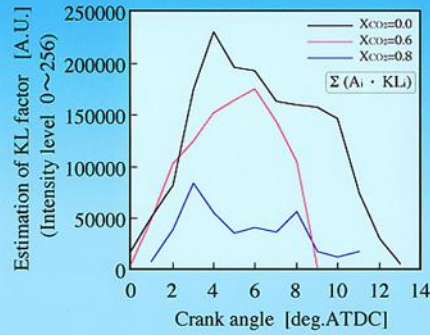
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Two Color Method Results

Flame temperature



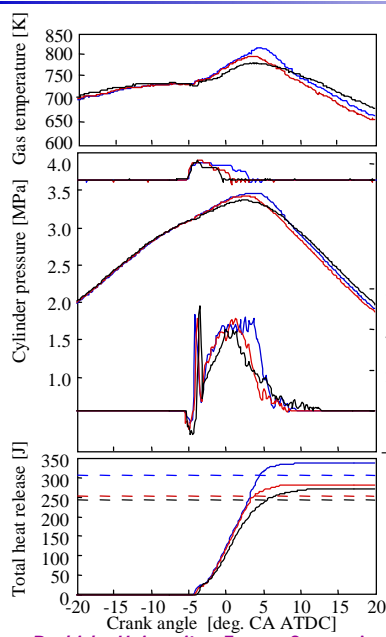
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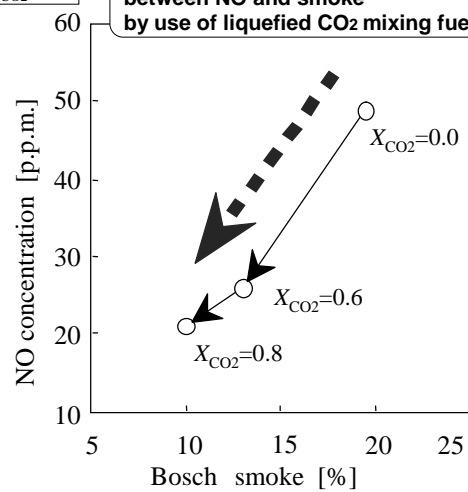
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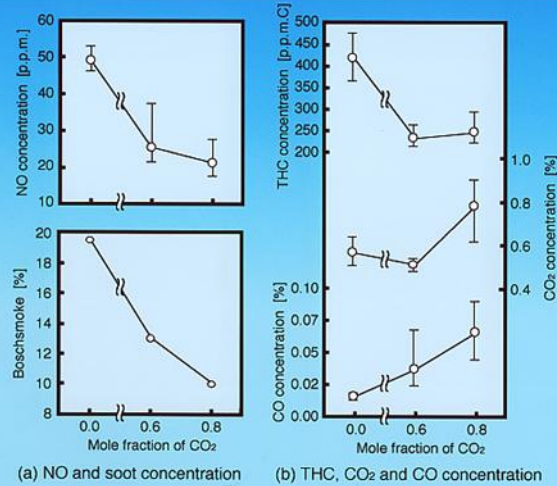


Break through the trade off relation between NO and smoke by use of liquefied CO₂ mixing fuel



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Comparison of exhaust gas concentration at each mole fraction of CO₂ in CO₂ mixed fuel



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Spray Evaporation Experiments in Mixing Fuel of n-Pentane & n-Tridecane

RCEM Condition

Equivalent crank speed	200 r.p.m
Compression ratio	15
Water jacket temperature	353 K

Injection Condition

Orifice diameter	0.20 mm
Injection pressure	15 MPa
Injection velocity	151 m/s
Injection timing	5.0 deg.BTDC
Injection duration	2.0 ms
Injection quantity	10 mg
Excess-air ratio	25
Fuel temperature	353K

Ambient Condition

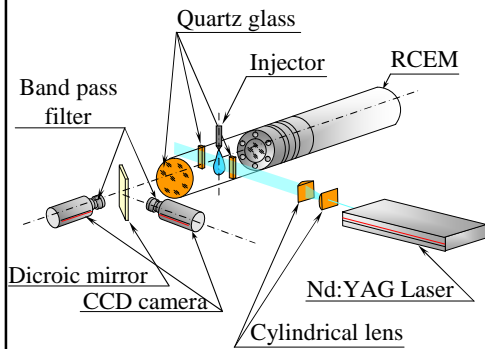
Ambient gas	N ₂ : 100 %
Initial cylinder pressure	0.1 MPa
Ambient pressure*	3.4 MPa
Ambient temperature*	750 K
Ambient density*	15 kg/m ³
Ambient viscosity*	32.9 μPa·s
Ambient specific heat*	1117 J/kg·K

* : at TDC

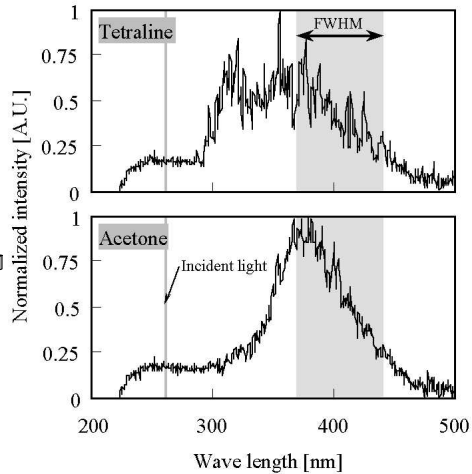
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Mie-scattering and LIF Setup



LIF Signal Excited at 266 nm



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$n\text{-C}_5\text{H}_{12}$: boiling point 309.3 K
 $n\text{-C}_{13}\text{H}_{28}$: boiling point 508.7 K

$X_{\text{C}_5\text{H}_{12}}$: Mixing fraction of C_5H_{12}

Mixing Fuel and LIF Tracer

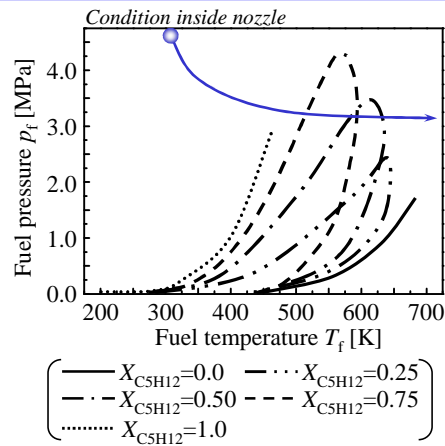
$X_{\text{C}_5\text{H}_{12}}$: Mole fraction of n-pentane
 $V_{\text{C}_5\text{H}_{12}}$: Volume fraction of n-pentane

$X_{\text{C}_5\text{H}_{12}}$	0.0	0.25	0.5	0.75	1.0
$V_{\text{C}_5\text{H}_{12}}$	0.0	0.14	0.32	0.59	1.0
Acetone [vol.%]	-	0.6	1.5	2.8	5
Tetraline [vol.%]	7	5.9	4.6	2.7	-

Acetone : C_5H_{12} Tracer

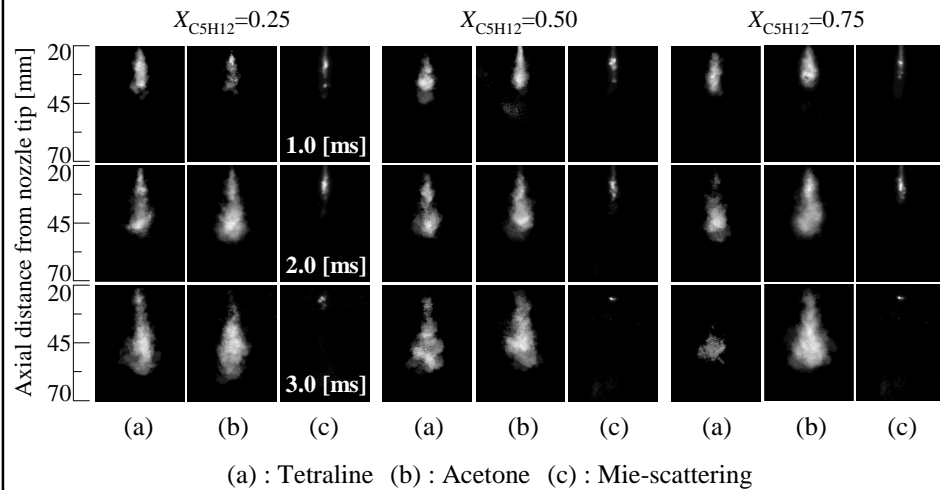
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Two-Phase Region in P-T diagram



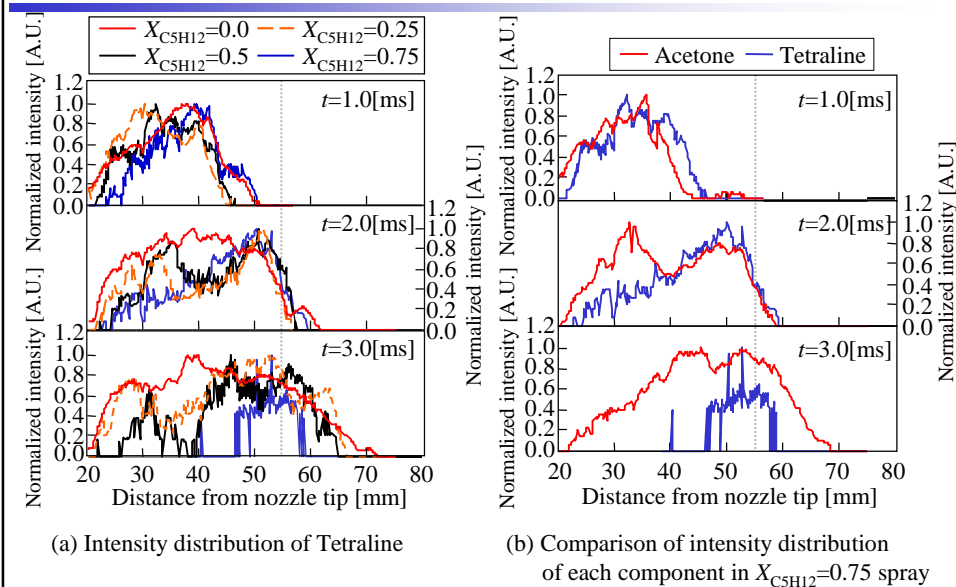
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LIF & Mie scattering Images in Mixing Fuel of C_5H_{12} & $C_{13}H_{28}$



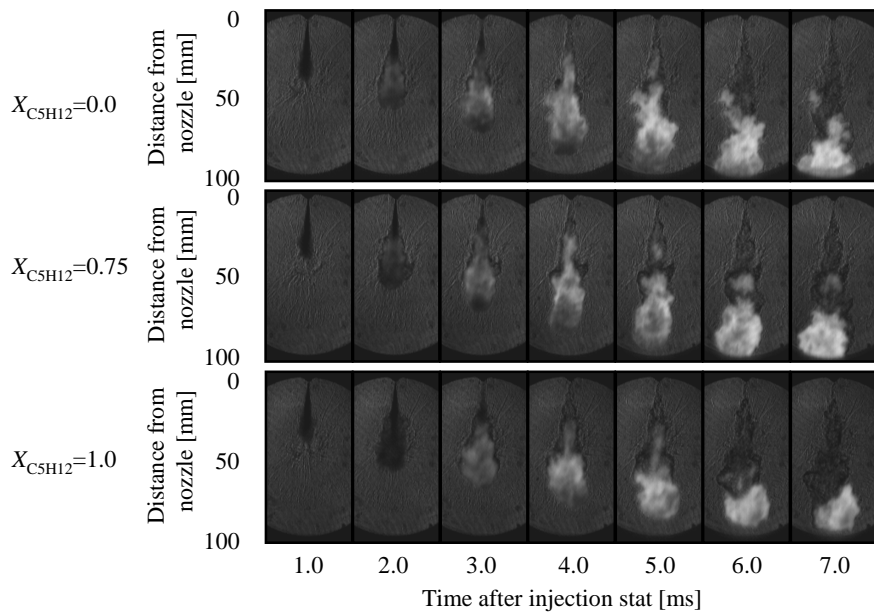
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Spatial Distribution of C_5H_{12} & $C_{13}H_{28}$ Vapors in Transient Mixing Spray by LIF



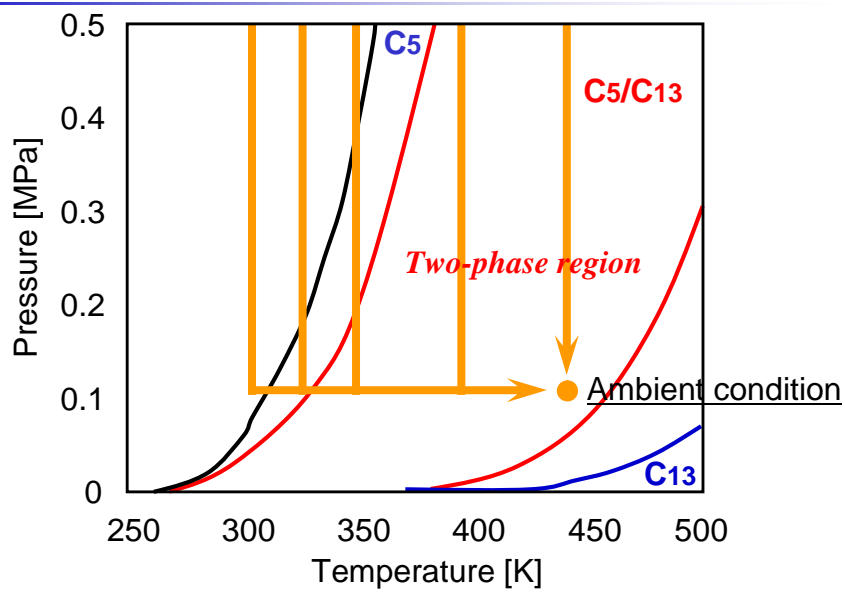
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Shadowgraph Images of Flame for each Mixing Fraction



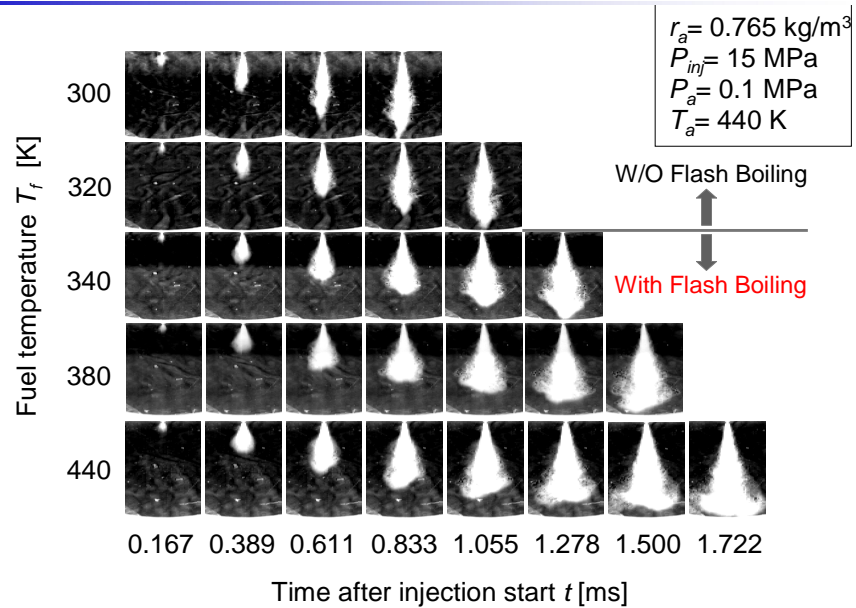
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Experimental Conditions for Heated up Mixing Spray



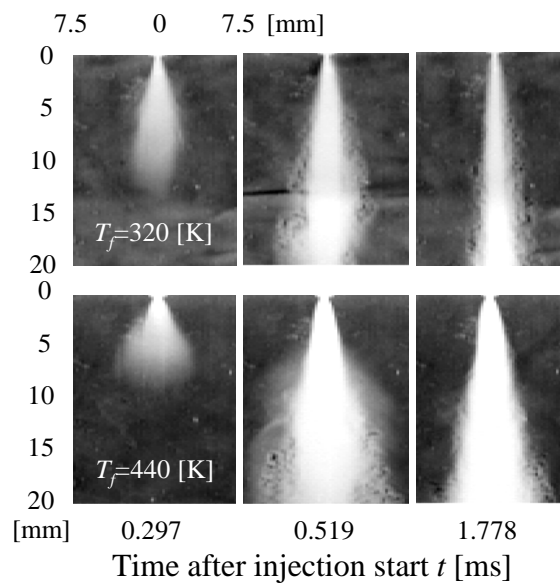
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Shadowgraph Images of Flashing Spray of C5/C13 Fuels



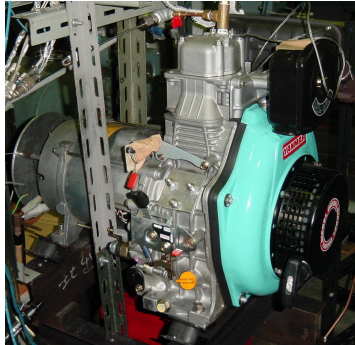
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Enlargement of Shadowgraph Images near Nozzle Tip



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Specification of Test Engine for Mixing Fuel of C5 & C13



Engine type	Air-cooled 4 stroke diesel engine
Bore - Stroke [mm]	ϕ 78 -62
Displacement [cc]	
Combustion chamber shape	Troidal type
Top clearance [mm]	0.6
Compression ratio	19.0
Rated power	6.7kW/3600rpm

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Experimental Conditions for Engine Test

Test fuel

n-C₅H₁₂ + n-C₁₃H₂₈ (C5/C13) $X_{C5H12}=0.0, 0.25, 0.50, 0.75$

Operating condition

Engine speed [rpm] ----- 3600

Engine load [%] ----- 0, 20, 40, 60

Injection condition

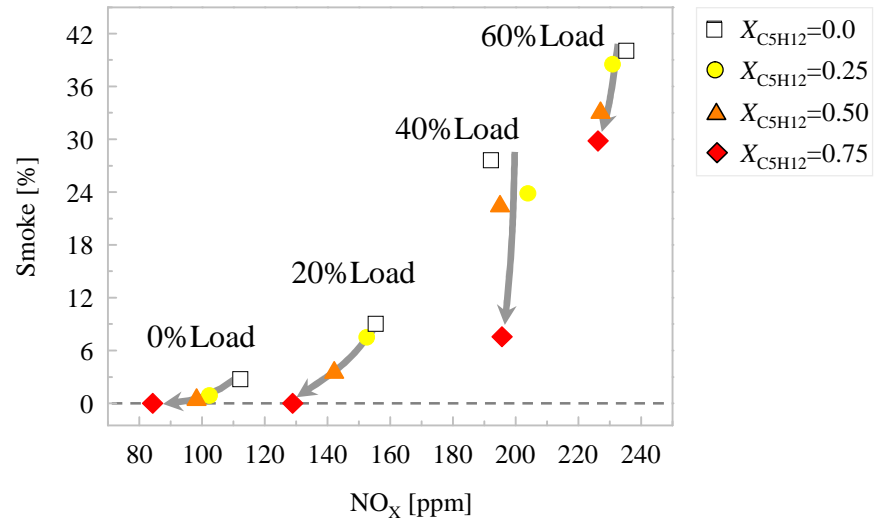
Injection nozzle (n- ϕ d) ----- 4- ϕ 0.21

Injection pressure [MPa] ----- 15MPa

Injection timing [deg.C.A.BTDC] ----- 12

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Effect of Mixing Fraction on relationship between Smoke and NO_x



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Experimental Conditions for Engine Test for Mixing Fuel of LPG

Test fuel

LPG + n-C₁₃H₂₈ (LPG/C13) $X_{LPG}=0.8$

Operating condition

Engine speed [rpm] 3600

Engine load [%] 60

Injection condition

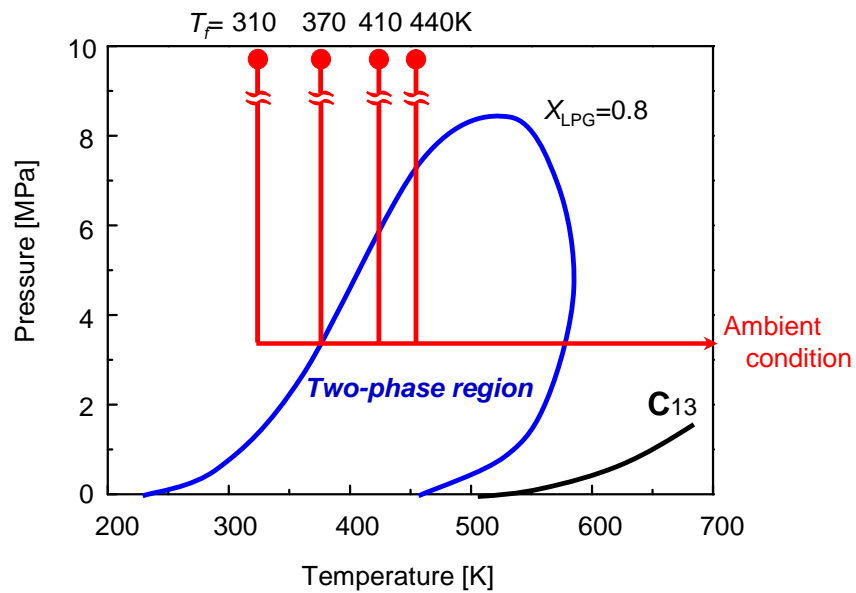
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Injection timing [deg.C.A.BTDC] 12.5

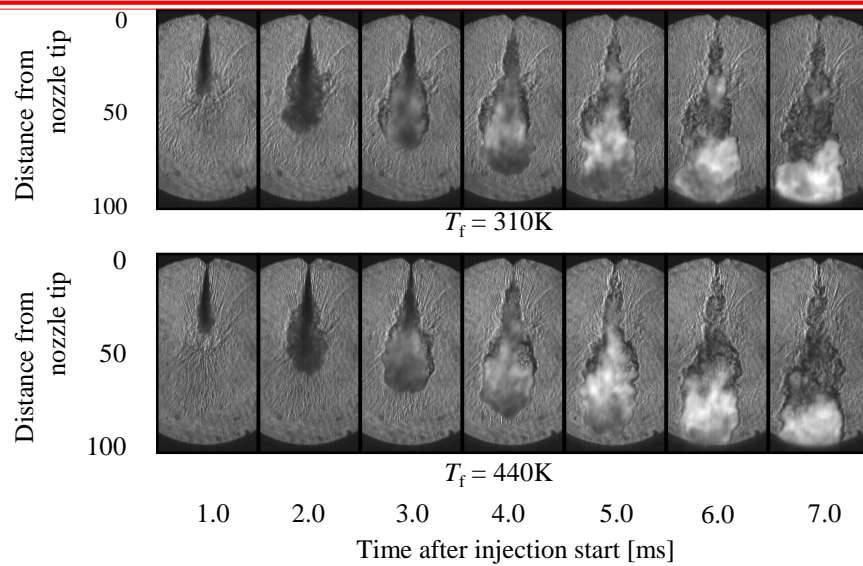
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Experimental Conditions for Engine Test with LPG/C13 Fuel



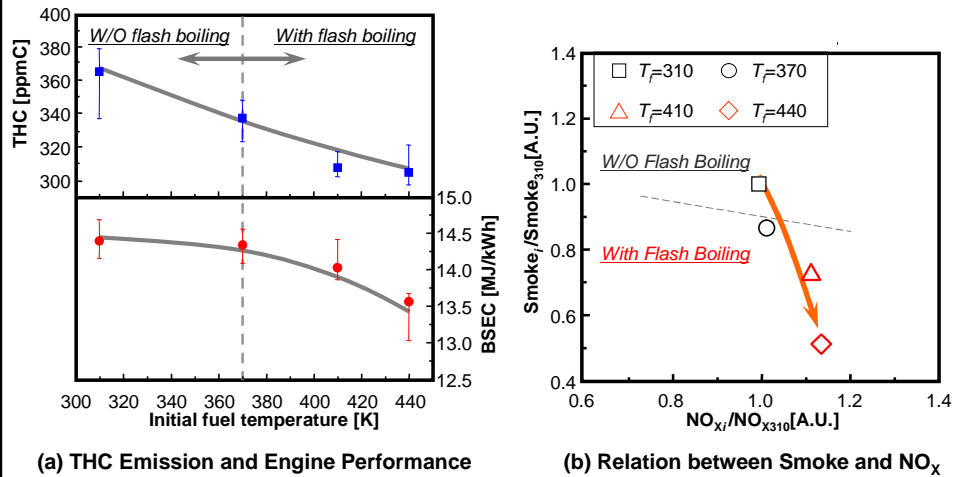
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Shadowgraph Images for each Initial Fuel Temperature for Mixing Fuel of LPG and C13H28



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Emissions and Engine Performance (LPG/C13)



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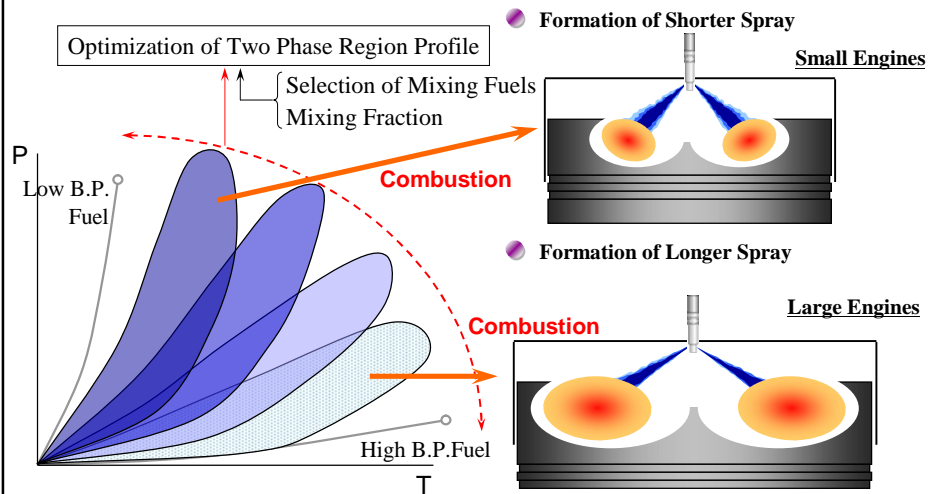
Finally,
We are intending to couple Fuel Design Process
- Two Phase Region Profile -
with Combustion Chamber Geometry Design
considering Fuel Spray Evaporation Process

→ Artificial Control to optimize the Fuel Spray
Evaporation Process for each Engine Chambers

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Optimization of Spray Evaporation Process and Chamber Geometry by adjusting Two Phase Profile of the Fuel

- Spray should be penetrated to near the chamber wall where air mass is enough
- HC and PM should be reduced by avoiding the spray and wall interaction



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Fuel Design Approach for Low Emission Spray Combustion

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